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1986 GENERAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Registering for Conference

prayer of the delegates that the renewal which began at the conference will rapidly spread throughout every church and to the lives of every member of the Church of God. This will not be accomplished by our might or power, but by God's Spirit. (Zech. 4:6.)

Morning Worship Services

Tuesday morning the major theme of the Conference was introduced by four speakers who shared their view of the Spirit of God: Francis Burnett, David Cheatwood, Cecil Rademachir, and Eugene Stilson. This session was followed by a round-table discussion when many thought-provoking questions were raised by the audience as they explored and interacted with Scriptural teaching regarding the Spirit of God.

Wednesday morning Pastor Gary Burnham, who pastors in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, emphasized the need for renewal in our urban churches. The focus of his message was that the Church of God must direct much of its future ministry toward meeting the needs of people who live in urban areas. Statistics were cited to show that there is a continuing



Evening Speaker Pastor James Ritch

The 66th annual Church of God General Conference was held at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, July 28—August 1. The Theme, "Lord, Renew Us," was accomplished in the lives of many of the Conference attendants.

The main emphases throughout the week were on prayer, confession of sin, praise for our Heavenly Father, and a seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit, based on the promise of Luke 11:13 and the command of Ephesians 5:18. God's Spirit was seen at work throughout the Conference as the fruit of the spirit was manifested in the lives of those who attended: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

A tremendous amount of prayer was invested in the Conference by hundreds of people, beginning with the first planning meeting last October and leading up to and including the Conference week. God graciously answered the prayers of his people by being present and by bringing about personal renewal during the Conference. It is the continuing



The panel on the Holy Spirit

shift of the population to large metropolitan areas in North America and around the world.

Thursday morning Pastor Greg Demmitt emphasized the significant role that rural churches have and are playing in the work of the Church of God. They were commended for upholding the heritage of the Church of God, their spiritual commitment, and production of candidates for Oregon Bible College.

Evening Services

Monday evening, Pastor E. Richard Smith of the Bethel Church of God in South Carolina spoke regarding renewal in our times. Just as Paul's life was transformed as he met the resurrected Lord on the road to Damascus, our lives must be transformed as the power of God works in us.

Tuesday evening, Pastor James Ritch shared with the Conference 1 Corinthians 2:10-14, regarding the way the Spirit of God works in helping us to have a knowledge of God and a knowledge of his blessings.

Wednesday evening, Pastor Curtis Simpson shared from Psalm 51:10-12 regarding the need for confession if renewal is to take place. He also spoke from Luke 11:13 and at the conclusion of the service invited those who wished to have prayer for the filling of the Spirit to come forward. A time of prayer was held for those who responded to the invitation.

The Thursday evening service was a time of praise and prayer. The Board of Directors were installed by the Vice President of the Ministerial Association, Sydney Kirkpatrick. After appropriate changes to the Board and congregation, Pastors S. O. Ross, Sydney Kirkpatrick, James Mattison, and James Ritch laid their hands on the Board members and offered prayer.

The License Board presented four candidates who have met the requirements for licensure to professional ministry of the Church of God: Jeff Fletcher, Connie Scott, Craig Waggoner, and Jon Welch. The members of the License Board laid their hands upon the newly licensed candidates who were present at Conference and offered prayer for them and for their



Conference Choir at an Evening Service

Pastors and spouses were invited to the front of the auditorium to be commissioned and prayed for by elders Paul Overholser, Howard Shute, and Elmo Gaspar.

Pastors Richard Eldred and Scott Ross offered prayer on behalf of the congregation as they were sent home to assist in bringing renewal to local churches.

The service concluded with communion in recognition of the death, burial, resurrection, and continuing ministry of our Lord Jesus.

Prayer Emphasis

In addition to the prayer emphasis already cited, Pastor James Mattison served as prayer coordinator for prayer sessions that were held each morning. Don Overmyer assisted in this emphasis.



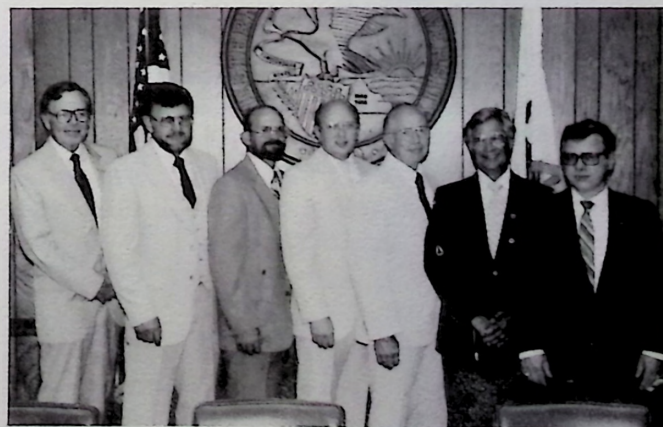
Delegates In Action

spouses. License certificates were presented to them. President David Krogh, on behalf of Oregon Bible College, presented internship certificates recognizing their completion of that phase of their education at Oregon Bible College.

A certificate was also presented to Pastor Stephen Bolhaus, who has served as a cooperating pastor in the internship program for the first time this past year. Howard Shute accepted the certificate in the absence of Pastor Bolhaus.



The next generation



Board of Directors: William Lawrence, Richard Eldred, Robert Coverstone, Joe James, Elmo Gaspar, Don Overmyer, Keith Williams.

Elections

Elmo Gaspar, of the Eden Valley, Minnesota, Church of God, was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors/Trustees.

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Evening service speaker Richard Smith in one-to-one action.

Don Overmyer, Committee on Higher Education; Elmo Gaspar, Media Committee; Joe James, Youth Committee.

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation: The seven members of the Board of Directors also serve on the Foundation Board, and in addition they appointed the following six individuals for a one-year term: Pastor James Graham, Joyce Knapp, Paul Overholser, Pastor Scott Ross, George Sheeley, and Willis Turner.

Budget

A budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1987 - May 31, 1988 was approved by the delegates. It calls for contributions of \$401,170. This compares with \$374,000 for the current fiscal year. Delegates were encouraged to participate personally in contributing to the work of the Conference, as well as encouraging their local churches to be regular supporters of the Goal for Giving.

Presentation of Plaques

As a part of the Outreach and Church Development business, special recognition was given by Vice President Warren Sorenson to three new churches which were started during the last year. Plaques were presented to Hillview Bible Church, Bloomington, Indiana; Chapel on the Hill, Urbana, Ohio; Gospel Church of God (Faith of Abraham), Hilliard, Ohio.



North Kent pictorial display attracted attention.

He replaces retiring Board member and chairman, Scott Ross. The officers of the board for the coming year are: Joe James, chairman; Dr. William D. Lawrence, vice chairman; Keith Williams, secretary; and Robert Coverstone, treasurer.

The following individuals were elected to the Advisory Committees that were created at the 1985 General Conference:

<i>Media Advisory Committee:</i>	<i>Youth Advisory Committee:</i>
Tim Landry, four-year term	Alan Demmitt, four-year term
Dwaine Demmitt, two-year term	Robert Alcumbrack, two-year term

Appointments

During the Conference, the Board of Directors made appointments as follows: Investment Fund Director: William D. Lawrence was reappointed to the Investment Fund Board of Directors.

Advisory committees: The Board appointed the following Board members to serve on the Advisory committees: Keith Williams, Foreign Missions Committee; Dick Eldred, Sunday School Committee;



Evening service speaker Curtis Simpson.

Conference Attendance

Approximately 300 people were registered for the regular sessions of the Conference. Others attended the evening services.

1987 Conference

It was announced that the 1987 General Conference will be held at Calvin College at Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 3-7. The Program Committee consisting of pastors and lay members from the five area churches, along with Board member Keith Williams, President David Krogh, Vice President Warren Sorenson, and Summer Conference Coordinator Judy Myers, will plan the 1987 Conference. The College offers very attractive facilities, and delegates and friends are looking forward to attending Conference in the Grand Rapids area.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Scott Ress

The Church of God of Abrahamic Faith has an important and significant message to share with the world. A study of the Book of Acts shows that the gospel consists of the things concerning the kingdom of God and the things concerning Jesus Christ (8:12; 28:23; 28:30, 31). We offer the world both Biblical and intellectual consistency on these two basic points of the gospel. In contrast, many people's understanding of the things concerning Jesus and the kingdom are confusing and contradictory. We cannot remain silent and passive. There is an urgency that challenges us to greater boldness in our proclamation. We have a message that the world needs to hear.

Because it is important for us to boldly proclaim our Biblical message to the world, and because we recognize that the message can most effectively change lives in the context of a local church, we have set a high goal of planting 75 churches in the next 15 years.

This conference is a call to renewal. Without renewal there will be no effective outreach. We must burn before we can shine (John 5:35); we must abide before we can bear fruit (John 15:5-8); we must receive power by the Holy Spirit coming upon us before we can be witnesses (Acts 1:8). Four things must happen if we are to be renewed and the goal of planting 75 churches by the year 2000 is to be reached:

1. Repentance
2. Vision
3. Commitment
4. Dependency

Real renewal is always preceded by real repentance. We must humble ourselves before God before he will lift us up. We must come to grips with

our sin, honestly confess it, and seek God's forgiveness. Honestly looking at ourselves and having sincere repentance are not pleasant; they are painful. However, they are essential if there is to be renewal.

As we honestly look at ourselves, are we not guilty of a lack of love, the very touchstone of discipleship? Have there not been dissensions and bitterness that divided and weakened us, rather than the sincere love that unites and strengthens? Are we guilty of a failure to forgive? Brethren, let us love one another; let us forgive one another. God will not empower and bless for outreach a group that cannot love one another.

We also are guilty of an absence of evangelism. We are guilty of a selfishness that has made our focus inward, not outward or even upward. We have sat back, almost daring the world to come to us, instead of being obedient to Jesus' commission to go to the world. If our message is important—even essential (and I believe that it is)—we must share it with the world that is dying in ignorance and unbelief. Paul said to the Corinthians, "Some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame" (1 Cor. 15:34, NASB). It is to our shame that many do not know the truths concerning Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God! We need to repent of our sins, confess our sins, and seek the healing of God's forgiveness.

Second, we must have a vision of what God wants us to be and to accomplish. J. I. Parker said: "A task without a vision is drudgery; a task with vision is ministry." I call you to ministry, not drudgery. I want you to catch a dream of the Church of God significantly impacting the world for God. I want you to catch the dream of

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75 new churches being planted by 2000. I want you to catch the dream of a new wave of excitement and renewal sweeping our churches as we see that we are engaged in something significant that will make an eternal difference in many people's lives.

Vision will give focus to our efforts. It is easy to focus on the minor instead of the major. We can be tempted to focus on the differences that divide us instead of the basic gospel that unites us. But if we all share in the vision of significantly impacting the world by planting 75 churches by the end of this century, we can all get behind and support that which is really important.

Third, we need commitment. To plant that many churches we will need money and people. There must be sound and good stewardship by the board and staff so money is used prudently and effectively. And giving must be increased. Like the churches of Macedonia in the New Testament, we must give willingly, cheerfully, and sacrificially (2 Cor. 8:9). The Church of God does not have a money problem, but it may very well have a giving problem. We will not be able to plant new churches unless established churches are willing to look beyond their own borders to share in the financial support of these new works.

Not only do we need a commitment of money, but we also need a commitment of people. The churches in Macedonia not only gave willingly, cheerfully, and sacrificially, "but they first gave themselves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5, NASB). We need people who are willing to give themselves to the vision of church planting. We will need many new pastors in the next 15 years. Oregon Bible College is vital to

the vision of church planting. We need more students at Oregon Bible College who believe in evangelism and are committed to church planting. Are there young people in your church who need your encouragement to catch the vision of church planting and to attend Oregon Bible College to prepare themselves? Are there adults in your church that the Lord is calling to full-time Christian service that ought to be enrolling in Oregon Bible College to prepare themselves? Are you yourself satisfied that you are where God wants you? Are you being called to Oregon Bible College?

As we see the great need for pastors, isn't it time we stop limiting ourselves by looking only at men as potential pastors? In our time and culture, women can effectively serve as pastors, and we need to begin training and calling women pastors.

Also we need to look at the people who have left the pastoral ministry. Have they left because God led them from the ministry or because they discovered that God never intended them for pastoral ministry? Or have they left because they were hurt, discouraged, and disillusioned? Perhaps these people might catch a vision of church planting, and be led back into full-time Christian service as church-planting pastors.

Not only do we need pastors for church planting, we need lay people willing to pull up stakes and relocate in church-planting areas to offer support and stability to new works. Is God challenging you to relocate and share in an exciting and significant ministry?

We need repentance, vision, and commitment. But the bottom line is that we simply do not have the people, talent, resources, or ability to

plant 75 churches by 2000. *We cannot do it!* And it is good that we recognize and acknowledge our inadequacies. For we must come to the end of ourselves before we can come to the beginning of God. Paul spoke of coming to the complete exhaustion of his talents and resources. That was to make us rely not on ourselves, but on God. (2 Cor. 1:9.) We need to recognize and acknowledge our inadequacies so we will learn dependence upon God. It will not be by our might or by our power that we will succeed in planting new churches; it will only be by the Spirit of God. (Zech. 4:6.) With our own strength and efforts we cannot succeed, but with God's Spirit we cannot fail! Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4.) If God is for us, no one can succeed against us. (Rom. 8:31.) God is the God of all flesh, and nothing is too hard for him. (Jer. 32:27.) Let us call on him, and he will answer and show us great and mighty things. (Jer. 33:3.)

The task before us is exciting and challenging. Let us sincerely repent, that we might be renewed. Let us catch the thrilling vision of what God is calling us to do. Let us commit ourselves and our resources to him. And let us fully and completely depend on him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Scott Ross

1986 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Western Illinois University Macomb, Illinois

First Session Tuesday, July 29, 1986

Chairman Scott Ross called the meeting to order and welcomed the delegates to the 66th annual Church of God General Conference. Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick opened the meeting with prayer.

Credentials Chairperson Jan Stilson gave instructions to the delegates regarding use of the delegate cards.

In his opening message, Chairman Ross reminded the delegates that we have an essential message. Citing the theme of the Conference, "Lord, Renew Us," he stated that renewal must be preceded by repentance, vision, commitment, and above all, dependence upon God. Our resources are inadequate, but His are not.

Chairman Ross welcomed those who are new delegates, and the Hillview Bible Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana, was represented at Conference for the first time.

Chairman Ross noted that no written communications have been received, but conveyed a verbal greeting to the Conference from Clarence and Louise Lapp.

The special reports printed on pages 21-22 of the Summer 1986 issue of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* were reviewed. Willis Turner moved to accept the special reports as presented; Robert See seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Robert Coverstone reported on the activities of the Board of Directors for the last year. He emphasized that each meeting is opened with a season of

prayer asking for God's guidance, and also closed with a season of prayer. He described how all action taken by the Board is by consensus, and reported on the special time of prayer and laying on of hands for each other's needs at the last Long-term planning meeting. He gave personal testimony of how this prayer session had affected his own life in a period of personal difficulties.

Bill Burnham reviewed the financial statements in the delegate package, noting that operating and restricted funds are reported separately this year for the first time. Bill informed the delegates that the \$3500 expended for energy controls in the Men's Dormitory had resulted in approximately \$1000 savings in energy costs in the first year alone. Chairman Ross noted that expenditures were less than one percent over the budget adopted by the delegates, so that deficits were the results of lower than budgeted giving, income from tuition, and income from *The Restitution Herald* sales. Charles Graham moved to accept the financial reports as given; Howard Shute seconded, and the motion carried without discussion.

Jack Hearp asked if tithes to the General Conference from churches should go to the Goal for Giving or to the Development Foundation. Chairman Ross replied that both areas are important, and contributions to the Goal for Giving should not be at the expense of the foundation. Russell Johns recommended that each person ask himself what God would have him do.

Warren Sorenson reviewed the Outreach and Church Development Department's activities, and urged the delegates to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers." He reported on



**Keith Williams, secretary,
Board of Directors**

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the establishment of a Christian preschool in Salt Lake City, Utah, by Don and Shari Nunemaker and Ron and Sandy Carr as a church-planting effort. Three new churches were recognized with plaques: Hillview Bible Church of God, Bloomington, Indiana; Chapel on the Hill, Urbana, Ohio; and Gospel Church of God, Columbus, Ohio. Cecil Rademachir reported on progress in Bloomington, and asked for a minute of prayer for a Bible study to be held that evening. Kent Ross reported on National Youth Congress, noting that enrollment at 221 was down from last year, but most of the problem seemed to arise from scheduling, Youth Congress having started on 4th of July weekend. He reported that there were 12 decisions for Christ during the week. Discussion followed on several areas of the Outreach and Church Development report.

Because of the lateness of the hour, review of the Publishing Department report was deferred until the next day's business session.

Pastor Michele Millard closed the first business session with prayer.

Second Session Wednesday, July 30, 1986

Chairman Scott Ross reconvened the delegates for the second business session, and called on Pastor Linford Moore to open with prayer. Chairman Ross expressed his appreciation for the music before the session provided by Dwaine Demmitt, Greg Demmitt, and Theresa Payne.

The minutes from the Tuesday session were read and accepted.

David Krogh reported that the pool amount for this year was \$167.10.

Merle Patrick promoted the History Newsletter published by Jan Stilson, and recommended that the delegates subscribe.

Warren Sorenson announced that Joyce Knapp would be available after the meeting to answer questions regarding prospect calling.

Chairman Ross opened the floor for nominations for Director (one to be elected this year). Stan Ross nominated

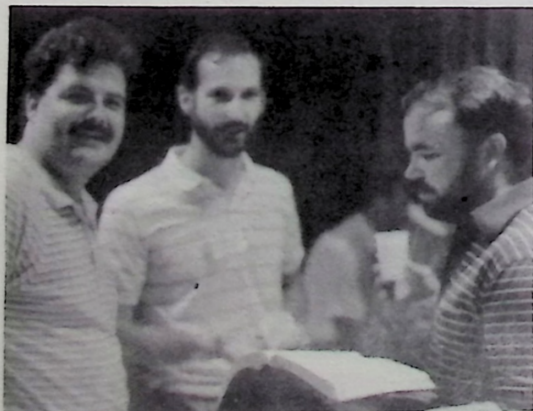
Elmo Gaspar; Arlen LeCrone nominated Carlis Medley; Rex Cain nominated Don Haley; Jack Hearp nominated Hollis Partlowe. Robert See moved that nominations be closed, and Darrell Cardwell seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Ross asked the nominees present at Conference to come to the front to be introduced to the delegates.

Chairman Ross then opened the floor for nominations for members of the Media Advisory Committee. He explained that members elected by the delegates would serve four-year terms, except that this year one would be elected to a two-year term and one to a four-year term, to provide staggered terms, so that both members would not be elected at the same Conference in the future. Bill Lawrence nominated Dwaine Demmitt; Larry Mayberry nominated Tim Landry; Don Ward nominated John Smead; Scott Millard nominated Steve Taylor. Bob Lindner moved that the nominations be closed; Emory Macy seconded. Motion carried. Again Chairman Ross asked the nominees to come to the front.

Chairman Ross then opened nominations for the Youth Advisory Committee. Joe James nominated Jim Graham; Dick Eldred nominated Alan Demmitt; Bob Coverstone nominated Darrell Cardwell; Scott Ross nominated Bob Alcumbrack. Delbert Jones moved that nominations be closed; Marj Overmyer seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Ross called the nominees to the front for recognition, and explained that for each Committee, the person receiving the most votes would be elected to the four-year term, and the person receiving the second largest total would be elected to the two-year term, a majority vote being required in each case.

Russ Magaw reviewed the Publishing Department report. He commented that *The Restitution Herald* subscriptions were down, suggested some possible reasons for the decline, and some measures to reverse the trend. He urged delegates to use the form in the delegate package to subscribe or renew subscriptions to *The Herald*.

Dale Ramsey reviewed the Oregon Bible College report. He commented on



the improvement in student attitudes in the past year; the increase in Chapel services to five per week this year compared to two per week last year, and the spiritual benefits that resulted. He asked the delegates to send their students to OBC for solid Bible training. Dale announced the resignation of Gayle (Reye) Guthrie as Women's Dormitory Director, and the appointment of Becky Roseberry as her successor. He asked the delegates to actively promote Oregon Bible College, especially during OBC Booster month. Kent Ross discussed recruiting programs encountered this year. He emphasized that Oregon Bible College is the only institution in the world teaching the unity of God, conditional immortality, and the Kingdom of God on earth.

Joe James spoke to the delegates about the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, explaining the use of Foundation funds. He reported on the present status of written commitments and cash received. He noted that the approximately \$600,000 raised so far came from 304 members; less than 10 percent of the member families in the Church of God. He reminded the delegates that the 50th anniversary of Oregon Bible College will be in 1989, and urged that the Foundation goal of \$1 million be met by that time. Chairman Ross reported on the agreement with Paul Moore to receive a \$20,000 gift to be placed in the John Lewis Collateral Fund, in exchange for a loan to Paul of a like amount to be invested at a guaranteed 18 percent annual rate of return.

Dick Eldred appealed to the delegates to make new or additional commitments to the Foundation, and to pastors to actively support the Foundation in their home churches.

Delbert Jones moved "that all churches and individuals who wish to contribute to the church planting be encouraged to send their checks to the General Conference headquarters. Funds could be earmarked for a particular church work. Churches who receive such funds should be encouraged to give quarterly reports to the Conference President." Ed Bender seconded the motion. Bro. Jones then spoke to the motion, giving his reasons for presenting it. Chairman Ross ruled that the

preceding is a major motion affecting policy, and will be voted on at the 1987 General Conference.

Dale Ramsey closed the second business session with prayer.

Third Session Thursday, July 31, 1986

Chairman Scott Ross reconvened the delegates for the third business session of the 1986 General Conference, calling on Pastor Michael Hoffman to open the session with prayer.

The minutes from the Wednesday session were read and accepted.

Credentials Chairperson Janet Stilson reported that 82 delegates and 59 ministers and directors were registered for the business session, for a total of 141, and called for a show of delegate cards.

Chairman Ross asked for ballots to be distributed and explained the voting procedure, noting that a majority vote is required for election for each office. After tabulation of the ballots, the following results were announced: for Director, Elmo Gaspar; for the Media Advisory Committee, 4-year term, Tim Landry; 2-year term, Dwaine Demmitt; for the Youth Advisory Committee, 4-year term, Alan Demmitt; 2-year term, Robert Alcumbrock.

Warren Sorenson reported on internal problems in the India work and asked the delegates to pray for Pastor Noel and the Governing Body, that the conflicts be resolved so that the work can go ahead. Bro. Sorenson answered questions which had been submitted regarding missions work at the Outreach and Church Development presentation. Robert Lindner voiced concern about the missions work of the General Conference.

President David Krogh asked the delegates to fill out the evaluation form in the delegate package to help in planning future Conferences, and also encouraged filling out the participation forms to offer help in working at future Conferences.

Leon Driskill announced the centennial celebration of the Nebraska Con-



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ference (now called the Central High Plains Conference) August 13-17, 1986, at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska.

Joe James announced receipt of 12 commitments for the OBC Development Foundation since cards had been passed out the previous day; six repeat commitments and six new commitments.

David Krogh announced that the 1987 General Conference will be held August 3-7, 1987, on the campus of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bro. Krogh passed out brochures on the Calvin College campus and explained which buildings we will be using.

Chairman Ross asked for input from the delegates regarding George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, as a possible site for the 1988 General Conference. He asked for a nonbinding preference vote on the Virginia site vs. a midwest location. A show of hands showed a majority preference for Virginia.

Rex Cain asked if consideration had been given to a business-only Conference, with seminars and workshops scheduled for another time. Chairman Ross replied that consideration had been given to such a proposal. He then asked for a "straw vote" on a biennial Conference as opposed to an annual Conference, and a majority showed a preference for an annual Conference.

Chairman Ross then asked for a similar vote on a business-only meeting vs. our present format, resulting in a majority preference for the present format.

President Krogh moved adoption of the following resolution: "The members of the Church of God General Conference endorse the efforts of 'Christian Leaders for Responsible Television' as they call upon the television networks and advertisers to take immediate steps to reduce incidents of sex and violence and profanity." Delbert Jones seconded. Bro. Krogh also urged dele-

gates to take the petition form in support of decency in television programming in the delegate package back to their home churches for other members to sign. Chairman Ross ruled that the preceding resolution is a major motion, in order to allow the churches time to consider it and instruct their delegates for next year's Conference.

Chairman Ross then opened the floor for other delegate business.

Dale Ramsey asked the delegates to give Bro. Ross a rising round of applause for his service as Chairman of the Board. President David Krogh presented Chairman Ross a plaque in appreciation for his service on the Board of Directors.

Chairman Ross asked President Krogh to present the proposed budget for the 1987-1988 year as shown on pages 16-17 of the Summer, 1986, PROGRESS JOURNAL. After discussion on various line items, Robert See moved adoption of the 1987-1988 budget as presented. Darrell Cardwell seconded. The motion carried with no further discussion.

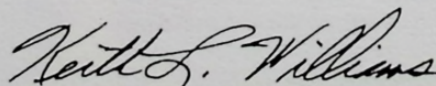
The secretary read the final minutes of the third business session.

Ed Goit moved adoption of the minutes of the 1986 General Conference business sessions. Willis Turner seconded and the motion carried.

Howard Shute moved to adjourn. Scott Millard seconded. Chairman Ross called for those in favor to rise. Motion carried.

Pastor John Railton closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith L. Williams
Secretary



BUDGET

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

October, 1986

June 1, 1987 — May 31, 1988

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

Payroll/Employee Benefits	
Salary & Wages.....	\$302745
Social Security.....	22375
Employee Benefits.....	46450
Guest Instructors.....	3000
General Operations	
Advertising-Recruitment.....	1000
Films, Speakers.....	1000
Foreign Exchange.....	2000
Auto Expense.....	8000
Office & Computer.....	3700
Miscellaneous.....	1600
Royalties.....	1000
Editorial.....	1000
Magazines—Library.....	3000
Periodicals/Books/ Dues.....	2000
Postage.....	16500
Printing/Binding.....	50000
Professional Services.....	3500
Repairs non-plant.....	5000
Staff Education.....	4000
Mailing Supplies.....	1500
Supplies & Expenses.....	6500
Telephone.....	7500
Travel.....	16500
Assistance to Mission Points.....	500
Assistance to Churches.....	33500
Assistance to Church Planting.....	1000
Plant Operations	
Property Insurance.....	3800
Repairs & Maintenance.....	2500
Supplies/Expense.....	3500
Utilities.....	31000
Addition to Plant	
Archives.....	1000
Furniture & Equipment.....	3000
Library Books.....	1500
Vehicle Replacement.....	0
Purchases	
Food.....	20000
Resale.....	16500
Deficit Repayment.....	5000
Contingency.....	10000
TOTAL	\$642670

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Sales.....	\$ 60500
Herald Subscriptions.....	18000
Trust & Endowments.....	12500
Tuition/Room/Board.....	140000
Miscellaneous.....	10500
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$241500

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

JUNE 1, 1987 — MAY 31, 1988 \$401170

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/1986

1. Pray for the Sunday School and Higher Education advisory committees which meet today.
2. Pray for the OBC alumni homecoming and parents' weekend at OBC (Oct. 2-5).
3. Pray for God's presence to be felt in the lives of those attending the activities at OBC today.
4. Praise God for what he has done in your life personally.
5. Read Matthew 9:37, 38. Pray the Lord of harvest that he will send forth workers into the harvest.
6. Pray for persons who will prepare for ministry through training at OBC.
7. Pray for the pastors who have begun their work of ministry this fall following completion of training at OBC.
8. Pray for Richard and Jane LeCrone. Richard is in a rest home and in poor physical health at this writing.
9. Pray that God will open doors for the planting of 75 new churches by the year 2000.
10. Pray for the OBC gospel team going to Arkansas today and tomorrow.
11. Pray for the planning committee which meets today in preparation for next summer's General Conference.
12. Pray for the Indiana State Conference which will meet this month at Country Chapel.
13. Pray for all isolated members of the Church of God, that God will strengthen their faith and give them opportunity for Christian fellowship.
14. Pray for the OBC graduates who are interning in local churches this year.
15. Praise God for a recent answer to a personal prayer.
16. Pray for God to bless the OBC Development Foundation fund-raising efforts. Ask God to bless those who have generously given to this important project.
17. Pray for the North Kent Church of God and the completion of their building project.
18. Praise God for all the pastors' wives and the sacrificial service they have given in ministry.
19. Pray for the Minneapolis congregation in their relocation project.
20. Pray for OBC students and staff who are attending the Youth Conflicts Seminar (Oct. 20-25).
21. Pray for our churches which do not have pastors.
22. Pray for Cecil and Dianne Rademachir and the development of the Hillview Bible Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana.
23. Pray for Pastor Ed Bender. Praise God for the amount of healing which has taken place, and continue to pray for more healing.
24. Pray for the Colorado Springs Church of God, that God will enable Pastor Alan Demmitt to lead the congregation in continued growth.
25. Pray for the mission work in India and Pastor Noel. Pray that God will bring unity to the congregation.
26. Pray for the Don Nunemaker and Ron Carr families in their efforts of developing a Church of God in Utah through the formation of a Christian PreSchool.
27. Pray for Maria Nunemaker, who is afflicted with Cystic Fibrosis.
28. Pray for the representatives of OBC who are attending AABC (American Association of Bible Colleges) in St. Paul, Minnesota.
29. Pray that God will lead us in the development of sending missionaries into missions fields.
30. Pray for the new church which is being developed in Columbus, Ohio.
31. Pray for the Phillips Ranch Bible Church of God and Bobby Lee Partain, pastor.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Items of praise and prayer requests may be mailed to OCD, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 to be included in Prayer & Praise.

November, 1986

1. Pray for your pastor and family that God will use them to accomplish his will through your church.
2. Pray for our mission work in the Philippines and especially for Pastor Javar and his work in the Philippine Conference.
3. If you have lost the joy of your faith, pray that God will give you personal renewal and that your service to him will be a time of rejoicing.
4. Pray for God's presence in governmental elections according to 1 Timothy 2:2.
5. List some of the things which indicate God's working in your church. Praise him for these.
6. Pray for Roberto and Lupe Baddillo and their ministry in Mexico.
7. Pray for Bill Burnham in his work as business administrator for the Church of God General Conference.
8. Pray that God will give you a proper attitude toward his Word and the work he wants you to do in your local church.
9. Pray for the Chapel on the Hill (Urbana, Ohio) congregation in their efforts to build a strong Church of God in their community.
10. Pray for Kent Ross, academic dean and chairman of student recruitment for OBC.
11. Pray for God's Spirit to be in your congregation as he wants it to be manifest.
12. Pray for Warren Sorenson, vice president of Operations, Outreach and Church Development Department.
13. Today is prayer day at OBC. Unite with the staff and students in prayer for OBC and God's leadership in service.
14. Pray for Dean and Virginia Moore that God will use Dean's desire for missions to bring people to salvation through Jesus Christ.
15. Pray for David Krogh, that God will direct him as president of the conference and OBC.
16. Pray for Paul Moore and his prison ministry in Texas.
17. Pray for the youth in your church, that they might be an example to others rather than yielding to peer pressure which leads them away from God.
18. Meditate on what God has done in your personal life. Praise for this.
19. Pray that God will give your church a vision of service and ministry and that he will enable you to carry it out.
20. Pray for members of the Fox Valley Church of God in Aurora and Ron Macy, pastor.
21. Pray for Dale Ramsey, Vice President of OBC.
22. Pray for those in your church whom you think will be good students for OBC; pray that God will lead them to attend OBC.
23. Pray for God to give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone this week.
24. Pray for a spirit of love and unity within your congregation.
25. Praise God for the Sunday School teachers in your church.
26. Pray for Russell Magaw and the staff of the publishing department.
27. Spend time in meditating about God's blessings in your life. Make this day one of sincere thanks and appreciation to God.
28. Praise God for your local church and thank God for what it means to you.
29. Pray for a renewal of zeal to reach out to those outside of the Body of Christ.
30. Pray for the elders of your church that God will work through them in their position of leadership in your church.
31. Praise God for OBC and its leaders and students.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE Progress Report

Maranatha

The 1986 Maranatha is completed and being distributed at this time. Get a full view of life at OBC for a year by purchasing your copy for \$3.00. In past years this was published as part of the PROGRESS JOURNAL, but this year you must order your copy. Mike Montgomery and his staff put together an excellent yearbook. See order form on page 13.

New Staff Member

We are pleased to welcome Becky Roseberry to our OBC staff this year. She will assume the Women's Dorm director's job as well as other responsibilities, especially musical. Becky attended OBC for two years and Wheaton Conservatory of Music for four years. She received her Bachelors in Music in 1985.

We'd Like to Visit

We are presently taking requests for gospel teams and the OBC Chorale this year. We try to get to as many churches as possible and would like to visit yours in our travels. These and other groups offer the student an opportunity to use his talents in ministry and get to meet other believers for mutual fellowship and worship.

1986 Parents Weekend and Alumni Homecoming, October 2-5

We are making an effort to contact all OBC Alumni for our Homecoming and we want to invite parents of current students to participate too. See ad in this publication on page 20. The Committee on Higher Education will meet during this weekend to discuss the future goals of the College and consider other issues to help stimulate growth.

I Appreciate

General Conference was a wonderful "upper" for the OBC staff. The words of encouragement and support were greatly appreciated. I also appreciate the many ideas and suggestions that were shared. The goal to improve the quality of our institution is shared by a broad section of our constituency, thus making our task easier to handle. Thank you; it was a fantastic experience. Truly the Spirit of God was in our midst.

"It's Greek to Me"

I use to wonder what was the reason for that expression. It generally implies that something is not readable or intelligible when we say it. We are thankful that for two weeks in August seven students assembled under the

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capable tutelage of Anthony Buzzard to study the Greek language. Besides having a greater appreciation for the Biblical language, they had opportunity to study the Scriptures in greater depth. And besides that, they will probably be saying, "It's Chinese to me"; hopefully no more, "It's Greek to me."

New Students

On August 16 we were pleased to welcome our new students to Oregon Bible College. We are thankful that God has entrusted us with some very talented young people who have a thirst for a concentrated experience in studying and applying the Word of God. We will introduce our new students to you via the PROGRESS JOURNAL in a later issue.

OBC for You?

It may be impractical for you to attend OBC for four years, or two years, or one year, or even one semester, but how about six days? On December 15-20 we will be offering two six-day intensive courses—the Gospel of

John, taught by Brian Atra, and Old Testament History and Prophets, taught by Jack Hearp. You would find this to be a rich and rewarding experience.

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Front row, left to right: Willis Turner, Joe James, Don Overmyer, Joyce Knapp, Paul Overholser. Back row: Richard Eldred, William Lawrence, Robert Coverstone, Elmo Gaspar, Kelth Williams, Scott Ross. Not pictured: Jim Graham and George Sheeley.

Written Commitments	\$416,308.00
Paid in Full Commitments	190,785.07
Total Written Commitments	\$607,093.07
Verbal Commitments	5,800.00
Tentative Estimates	250,600.00
Cash Received from Paid in Fulls	\$190,193.85
Cash Received from Written Commitments	168,526.67
Stocks:	
Stock Value*	1,728.13
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00
Total Cash to Date:	\$358,720.52*

*Included in Total Cash

**Not Included in Total Cash

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OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

The Church of God in Metairie, Louisiana

A group of faithful Church of God members in Metairie, Louisiana, has been holding Bible-study meetings regularly for several years. In recent months they have been working toward developing a church there. James Raymond, a recent Oregon Bible College graduate, will begin working with the group as temporary pastor.

This emerging congregation would appreciate your prayer support. Also, if you know of any Church of God members or interested persons living in the New Orleans area, please contact Mrs. Pat Vincent, 6104 York St., Metairie, LA 70003 or the OCD Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



Summer Ministry—1986

This summer Beth Weinbaum and Cris Lucas spent six weeks doing prospect calling. They began their summer ministry working with Gary and Janice Burnham and the congregation at Herndon, Virginia. Gary has reported that some of those contacted in the door-to-door calling have already attended at Eternal Hope.

Cris and Beth also assisted the Hillview Bible Church of God, our newest church-planting effort, in finding prospects for follow-up and building a nucleus. Cecil and Dianne Rademachir and their son Keith moved to Bloomington, Indiana, early in June to work with the core group in developing this new church. The group is meeting in temporary facilities at 6th and Washington streets. Cecil reports that he is in contact with those on the prospect list and that several have expressed interest in meeting for Bible study.

Many of you have contributed to these summer ministries and this is greatly appreciated. It is important that we recognize the efforts of those who are willing to give of themselves to minister to others. Thanks, Cris and Beth, for your excellent service. Thanks also to all of you who have supported the summer ministries with prayers and finances.

Is It Time for Your Church to Disturb the Status Quo?

If your church has plateaued or is declining and you want to see a turnaround toward growth, it may be necessary to disturb

the status quo! This alone will not result in growth but it can provide a time to level off and create an environment in which growth can begin.

How can a congregation disturb the status quo? Consider the following suggestions:

1. When members of the congregation experience renewal. The church will never be any different until someone in the church is different. The recent General Conference at Macomb, Illinois, provided opportunities for rediscovering our heritage as the Church of God as well as rekindling God's Spirit in our personal lives.

2. Along with renewal of the congregation is the renewal of the elders and church leaders. Some congregations have a retreat for this purpose. During the retreat leaders spend time in prayer, evaluating the church and planning for the future.

3. An important part of the renewal experience is the renewal of the pastor. A congregation which provides time and opportunity for its pastor to attend a seminar, conference, or a special event related to his ministry does both the pastor and the church a favor. Also, pray for your pastor and family and look for opportunities to encourage them.

4. Have a consultant assist the congregation. Often someone from outside the congregation can see things in a new perspective which can help the church develop appropriate strategies.

5. A special event. Planning and preparation for such an event interrupts the status quo and provides for members to get involved in a project with new zeal and excitement. Pictured is one of these special events. Last spring the OCD Department worked with the Louisiana Conference in conducting a seminar at Blood River. Joyce Knapp, Ron Macy, Russ Magaw, and Warren Sorenson served as staff.



If you want more information or assistance in one of these, please contact the OCD Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

R. Warren Sorenson

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PROGRESS OF THE ABRAHAMIC FAITH

The school year 1985-86 produced a number of fine opportunities for telling the world about the Abrahamic Faith. In November, 1985, Barbara and I were invited to take part in a World Congress of Religions near New York. On arrival we found 800 people gathered from 87 nations—Buddhists, Tibetan Monks, Jews, Christians of many denominations, etc. Almost every world religion was represented. We were divided into study groups of about 20 people. Each person in the group had prepared an essay describing his idea of "spiritual formation" and the essays had been printed in advance of the Congress, so that each participant might become acquainted with the others' views. Amidst enormous diversity, one thing united us: that believers in God should abandon possession of the ghastly weapons which now threaten to destroy us. This is a belief Biblical Christianity shares with other world religions. Christians everywhere can give the lead.

Our week in New York was fascinating. I especially remember the skeptical smile on the face of one of the participants when I told the group that I believed Jesus would return visibly to rule on earth. That great truth is likely to be greeted with some amusement by those who have not immersed themselves in the Scriptures.

In April, Steve Taylor invited us to take part in a World Religions Day at Central Michigan University. Along with representatives of many other faiths, western and eastern, we answered questions, dialogued, handed out literature, and marveled at the diversity—not to say chaos!—of the

different approaches to God. In the evening I took part in a panel discussion in front of a university audience. The experience was stimulating and leads to the belief that religion is at present one of the most confused areas of human activity. The world, and the churches, need desperately to know that God is One, and that Jesus is the Messiah!

Following the school year our family traveled to four New England states to meet families who had corresponded with us over the past year. We had never met these New Englanders, but were welcomed with warm hospitality, and found that there was no difference in Biblical understanding between them and us. The Abrahamic Faith is alive in these families, and some are holding small group meetings at home. These "contacts" were either ex-World Wide Church of God members or ex-Jehovah's Witnesses. Because of their rejection of the trinity they were not welcome in mainstream churches, nor did they feel satisfied with participation in orthodox Christianity. All had chosen to study at home and the rather large quantity of literature, including some *Restitution Herald* reprints we had sent to them, had helped to teach them the essential Abrahamic truths not known to the World-Wide Church of God and Jehovah's Witnesses.

This experience makes me think that the Abrahamic Faith needs plenty of up-to-date literature on the nature of God and Jesus and the kingdom of God. Where people are open minded (which is rare!) and willing to read and study, they will come to share some of the simple Bible truths on which the Abrahamic Faith is based.

If each of us could carry on a correspondence or visiting ministry with one other person, not yet a part of our faith, we could easily swell our numbers. A Christian is supposed to be one who teaches others, not necessarily in an "official" capacity (Heb. 5:12). There is a sense of usefulness to be found in spreading the faith. Why not make this the year where you can embark on a ministry to the unconverted? Ask God for opportunities, and begin to send out good material (there are lots of reprinted articles available). Paul's example in church planting was dialogue from dawn till dusk (Acts 28:23). In our small way we can follow him.

Anthony Buzzard



CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

Magazine—Oneta Hill (6/8/86, Roy Humphreys).

McGintytown—Ezra McAlister, Mandy, Mary Lee, and Jeanie Jolly (7/13/86, Tom New).

COLORADO

Colorado Springs—Scott Mock (2/23/86), Greg Kolberg (6/29/86), Alan Demmitt.

IDAHO

Weiser—Mildred and Jamie Sapp (6/29/86, Emory Macy).

ILLINOIS

East Oregon—Gary and Kim Marth, Lisa Shay, Bill Nesemier, Sal and Tina Cusumano (6/1/86, Jeff Fletcher).

Rockford—David and Jeanette Gray (5/21/86), Elbert Beaver (6/4/85), David Cheatwood.

INDIANA

Burr Oak—Jamie Arnett, Jonathan Schmidt, Sarah Drang, Kelly Weaver (7/2/86), Katarina Kannus (7/22/86), James Mattison.

Hedrick—Ron Merrill, Debbie Simonton (7/12/86, Ed Goit).

South Bend—Bette Emerick (6/1/86), Phillip Osborn (6/29/86), Missi Rohr (7/13/86), John Railton.

MICHIGAN

Rockford—Basil and Lucy Haskell, Joyce Candosa (5/4/86, Richard Eldred).

MINNESOTA

Hector—Tony Moore (6/23/86, Vivian Kirkpatrick II).

MISSOURI

Youth Camp—Elizabeth Mason, Tonya Owsley, David Thomas, Robert Orton,

Sandy Gerber, Loretta Brown (7/86), Scott Thibault, Craig Waggoner, Wally Winner).

OHIO

Brush Creek—Norris Nolan (7/13/86, Bruce Burnside), Cheryl Cupp (7/13/86, Michael Hoffman).

Bedford—Randy and Debbie Cramer (4/27/86, Austin Railton).

Cleveland—Patricia Hall (6/22/86, Floyd Speer), Earl Speer (7/6/86, Rick Phillis).

Lawrenceville—Scott Loveless (3/9/86, John Hearp).

Pleasant Hill—Kyle Berry (6/1/86, Fred Pensyl).

Springfield—Barbara Hull (5/4/86), Jeremy Arp (6/1/86), Ryan Arp, Gloria Larkin, Karl Randolph, Amber and Brock Williams (6/8/86), Lee Arp.

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Jean Woods (6/18/86), Lois Rankin (6/22/86), Stephen Bolhaus.

UTAH

Hill AFB—Robert and Marie Tornblom, Tara Murray (6/14/86, Don Nune-maker).

BY TRANSFER

INDIANA

Hedrick—Earl (Chester) Reynolds (7/6/86, Ed Goit).

OHIO

Bedford—Ellsworth and Eunice Frederick, James and Penny Frederick (4/27/86, Austin Railton).

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Marge Shute, Hazel Bradford (6/22/86, Stephen Bolhaus).

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Dennis Coil and Kelly Mumford (6/26/86, Hollis Partlowe).

IOWA

Marengo—Leane Miller and Alan Gustafson (5/24/86, Francis Burnett).

MINNESOTA

Hector—Lynn Swanson and Scott Hennessey (5/10/86, Vivian Kirkpatrick II).

OHIO

Bedford—Cindy McConnell and Karl Schuld (6/14/86, Jack Hearp, Austin Railton).

Springfield—Gayle Reye and John Guthrie (7/5/86, Lee Arp).

DEATHS

CALIFORNIA

Pomona—Willie Prickett, member (5/17/86, Delbert Jones).

ILLINOIS

Ripley—Dorothy Burnett, member (7/5/86, Francis Burnett, Richard Young).

IOWA

Waterloo—Gladys Cook, member (5/27/86, Stanley Lawrence, Louis Cronbaugh).

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Shawn Wicker (7/15/86), William Coulter, member (7/16/86), Stan Ross.

NEBRASKA

Holbrook—John Harbert, member (6/26/86, Leon Driskill).

OHIO

Dayton—Dellie Smith, member (6/27/86, Bruce Burnside, Michael Hoffman).

Springfield—Doris Reye, member (6/16/86, Lee Arp).

Tipp City—Paul Pearson, member (5/27/86, Michael Hoffman, Bruce Burnside).

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Thomas McArthur, member (5/29/86, Stephen Bolhaus).

WISCONSIN

Glenwood City—Mabel Jesse Hillman, member (7/16/86, Vivian Kirkpatrick II).

COMPLETE SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Mardell, Delores, Wendy, and Wanda Williamson, Olive Beecher, Violette Hovey, Amel Smith, Emory and Mildred Macy, Jamie Sapp, Weiser, Idaho, and Patricia Mathenia, Fredericktown, Missouri.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Illinois Churches

- (3) Oregon (East Oregon Chapel), Rt 2, Bx 45, Oregon 61061
- Jeff Fletcher, Pastor, 509 N 6th St, Oregon 61061
- Donna Enyart, Sec, 116 Red Oak Ln, Chana 61015
- Cindy McGuire, Supt, 6829 Lowell Park Rd, Mt Morris 61054
- Mike Mattus, Youth Pastor, 23 Terrace View, Oregon 61061
- Dan Bliss, Miss Chair, 320 Maple Ln, Apt 4, Oregon 61061



Raymore Church of God float won first place in community parade and enhanced the church's public relations.

1987 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR

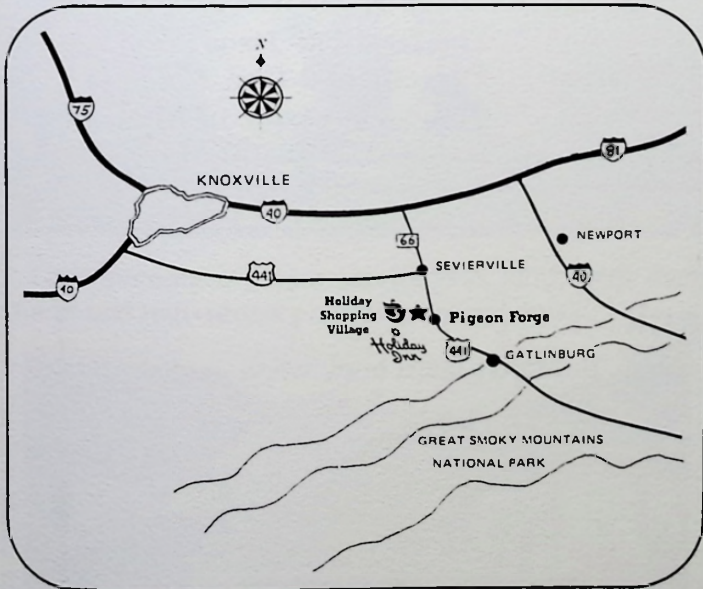
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March 29—April 3, 1987



Schedule:	8:00—Breakfast	10:50—Class	1:45—Electives
	9:00—Class	11:35—Break	2:30—Free Time
	9:45—Break	11:45—Lunch	6:00—Dinner
	9:55—Class	12:45—Class	7:00—Evening Session
	10:40—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—\$142 per person; 3 persons to a room—\$167 per person; 2 persons to a room—\$187 per person. These costs include meals, lodging, and Seminar classes.

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NORTH KENT CHURCH RAISING

The North Kent church raising was a tremendous success. Approximately 75 members from throughout the Church of God came to Rockford, Michigan, to assist with the construction project. People with a variety of building skills pitched in to accomplish many projects during the week. Crews worked on siding, roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. Ladies of the North Kent Bible Church provided meals, and local families provided lodging.



Each evening a praise service was held, with many groups and individuals providing special music.



Sufficient work was completed to hold the first service on June 22.

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Individuals participating felt a sense of accomplishment in their labors during the week. The local congregation saved thousands of dollars from donated labor.



Pastor Richard Eldred is to be commended for providing the leadership in this project which hopefully can be duplicated in other areas in the coming years.

Deadline: September 22, 1986

FINANCIAL UPDATE

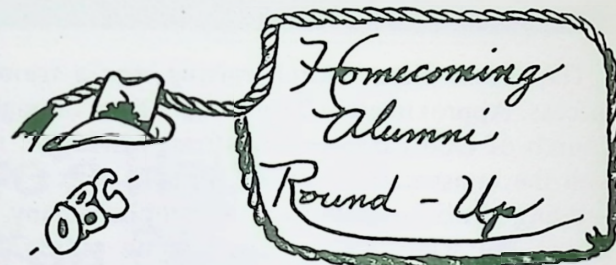
OBC Booster Campaign

The Oregon Bible College Booster Campaign is in progress. Contributions are being received daily. We appreciate the gifts and offers of prayer which are being received. If you have not yet responded to the annual Booster appeal, we urge you to do so immediately.

Current Situation

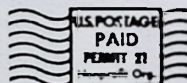
During the first two months of the fiscal year, contributions totaling \$66,242 have been received. To meet the Goal for Giving adopted by the delegates, we must receive \$31,044 each month. We are very grateful for the generous giving of individuals, churches, and Conferences which has slightly exceeded our goal for the first two months of this fiscal year. I trust that the entire membership will continue to make the financial needs of the Conference and College a matter of concern during the coming months.

David Krogh
President



The OBC Alumni Association is looking for all Alumni* in order to invite them to the **FIRST HOMECOMING WEEKEND** at OBC October 2-5, 1986

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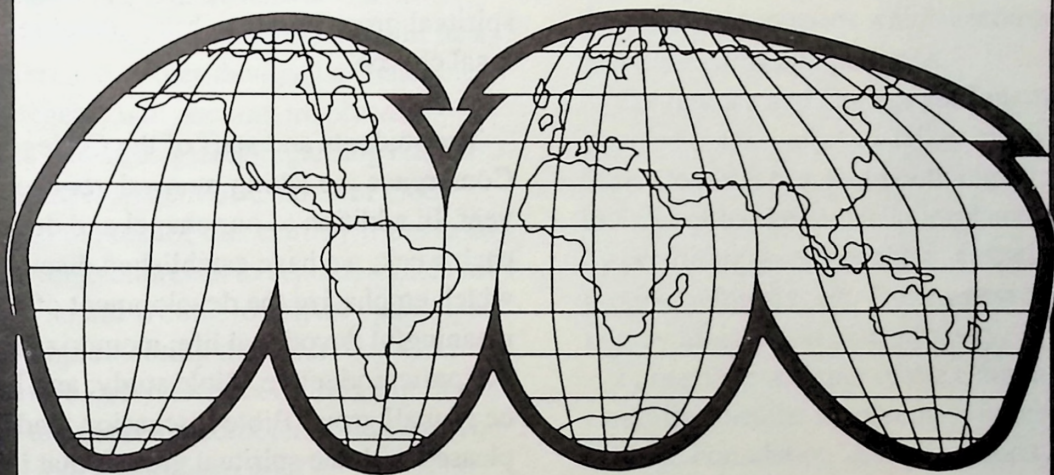
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Please reserve a place for _____ person(s). October 2-5, 1986.

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"Life on the River" \$3.00 per
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President's Progress Report

As a follow-up to the summer General Conference, members of the Conference/College staff are meeting with pastors around the country to discuss spiritual renewal. It is our desire to see the inspiration of the summer Conference spread throughout the entire membership of the Church of God. We recognize the need for spiritual growth and development and the need for the filling of God's Spirit as we face the challenges of Christian service in our generation. We invite you to work with your pastor to strengthen your own life spiritually, to encourage him in his spiritual growth, and to bring about renewal in your local church.

The students and staff of the College and Conference are taking renewal very seriously this year. In addition to our chapel and devotional periods each week, we have established discipling groups which emphasize the development of a consistent and meaningful devotional life; memorization of Scripture; inductive Bible study; and learning how to be a small group Bible discussion leader. We are pleased with the spiritual growth that is taking place among our students and staff.

Our staff is again emphasizing prayer and dependence upon God. At a recent chapel service, I shared that earlier in the day after the mail had been opened and deposits made, that it was necessary to borrow \$2,500 to pay the final bills for the month. Students and staff spent time in prayer asking God to provide for our financial needs. Later in the day, we were handed a check for \$2,540 for the general fund. We rejoice in God's immediate answer to our prayers. We are totally convinced that God touches the hearts of his people which causes them to respond to needs that they may not even be aware of at the time. It is my prayer that our entire membership will be open to God's leading as he convicts or prods us to do those things which will further his work.

We rejoice in the many people who came to the Oregon Bible College campus for our Homecoming Weekend in early October. An enjoyable time of fellowship was experienced by alumni of Oregon Bible College as they met to reminisce, to attend classes, and to take part in Oregon's annual Autumn-on-Parade Festival.

The Program Committee for the 1987 General Conference met in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during October. The conference will be held at Calvin College August 3-7. The 1987 Conference will be a "working" Conference, rather than just a "listening" Conference. Delegates will become involved in specific planning and strategizing regarding church planting and the development of Church of God ministries through the rest of this century if the Lord tarries. We encourage churches to send delegates to the Conference who are willing to actively participate in planning and implementing the Church of God vision for the future. All members of the Church of God are invited to attend the conference whether you are appointed as a delegate from your church/conference or not. Your input, participation, and involvement will be appreciated.

Though I am confident that Church of God members are not overly concerned about the tax implications of their giving to the Lord's work, I encourage each Church of God member in the United States to be aware of the tax reform law that has been passed by Congress. A careful examination of the reform law indicates that there are many attractive reasons to give generously during 1986. In essence, by providing generous tax deductions for charitable gifts, the Federal government makes it financially attractive to give. Of each dollar that you contribute to the Lord's work, your taxes are being reduced in some cases by a sizable amount, depending upon your current tax bracket. Please keep

these thoughts in mind as you plan your giving for the remainder of this calendar year.

Many thanks to all of you who have responded to the membership mailing from my office in early October. Hundreds of Church of God members have signed petitions supporting the effort to improve prime-time television. It is apparent that many Church of God members share my deep concern about network programming. Your words of support and encouragement are greatly appreciated. Thanks also for your contributions which accompanied your response cards and petitions.

Conference and College staff members have traveled extensively this fall to many local churches, State Conferences, and youth retreats. We welcome invitations to participate in local and district meetings by providing guest speakers, gospel teams, musical groups, seminars, etc. Our earnest desire is to serve you by assisting in your ministry.

I urge each member of the Church of God to carefully consider involvement in the Oregon Bible College Foundation. Bulletin inserts have been provided to each of our churches for use this fall. It is our desire to inform all members of the progress that has been made toward our million-dollar goal, and to gain support for this worthwhile project.

Though we are pleased with the quality of students who are attending Oregon Bible College this year, our enrollment is down from the figures that were projected a year and a half ago when our budget was prepared. This will reduce our projected income by about \$50,000. Our staff is doing everything in its power to reduce spending; however, there is an urgent need to increase contributions. (Please see page 9 for additional information regarding our current financial situation.) Please make the financial needs of the Conference a matter of prayer.

David Krogh

Oregon Bible College

New Students



My name is Jon Cheatwood. I'm a member of the Blessed Hope Church in Rockford, IL. I came to OBC hoping to gain a better understanding of the Bible and the doctrines of the Church of God.

me by all the students and staff at OBC. I thank God for blessing me with Gayle, Julie, and Emily. I thank Him and them for the love they give me daily.

Hello; my name is Scott Emerick. I'm from South Bend, Indiana. I grew up in the South Bend Church, although my convictions to God weren't exactly what they should be. During the Spring of '86, I felt I experienced my true conversion. I was depressed, relying on myself for answers and others I put my full trust in. In finding that none of this worked God revealed Himself to me, and I then gave my life to Him. I have always had questions concerning our doctrine as compared to others. Through studying, God has opened my mind and is leading me through my life. God will open all of the doors if you let him. (Read Rom. 8:28.)



Hello! My name is John Howell. I'm from Royal, Arkansas, and I'm a member of the Forest Hills Church of God. The past three years of my life I have just been going through the motions of being a Christian. But now I'm starting to realize what it means to be a Christian (and it's no easy task). I have an interest in working with children and hope to one day possibly be a pediatrician who serves God first. To all people who are thinking about coming to OBC, it's a good first step. Oh yeah! I do not hold a grudge about the Civil War, even though we did win!



My name is John Guthrie. I am originally from Cedarville, Ohio. Upon my marriage to Gayle Reye in July, I moved from Utica, Michigan, where I had been teaching chemistry at Oakland Community College. Since I have just recently become a Church of God member, I am attending OBC to accelerate my understanding of our church and, most importantly, my understanding of God's Word. I appreciate the friendly support given



My name is Tracy Savage. I'm from Maple Grove, Minnesota. My home is the Minneapolis Church of God. I'm very excited to be here and am looking forward to learning much more at OBC this year. I decided to attend OBC to give God a chance to work in my life, so I may be able to serve Him in the way He sees fit. I hope, through this year, that God will lead me in the direction He wants me to go in the years to come. So far, OBC has been an exceptionally *great* experience. I feel the people here have come together this year and have formed a very unique and loving family. I am looking forward to continuing my walk with the Lord and to growing in my knowledge of His Word, and in closeness with this special family.

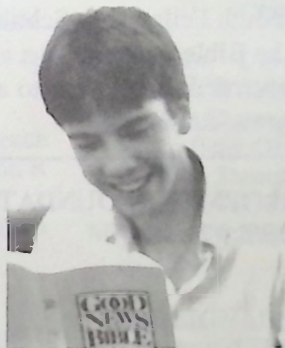




I'm Alane Schmidlapp. Many of you know me well through supporting me on the mission field in Central America the past six years. Now I'm taking a year-long break to concentrate on the study of God's Word and to renew relationships "stateside." It's your prayers that have gotten me this far, so don't stop praying! I can't imagine what all God would do in me this year or have ready at its completion. (Peru, '87!)

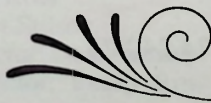


My name is Chuck Svihlik, and I'm a member of the Oregon Church of God. I am really excited about going to OBC because it is allowing me to learn a lot more about God and Jesus Christ and their importance in my life. Throughout this year I have felt the presence of God in me and around me. Because of all the things I have done and accomplished, I know it would not have been possible without God and Christ in my life.



Hi! I am Wanda Williamson. I am from Weiser, Idaho, and am a member of the Advent Christian Church. Attending OBC I feel has been a good start in my life. I used to worry about what my future career would be and if I could make it on my own. OBC has opened many doors to how I can serve God and depend on Him. At first I really did not know why I came here; somehow God has led me here and everything has worked out well.

The fellowship here is so great. I am excited about attending OBC again next year. Who knows, I may be out on the mission field in South America, England, Hawaii, or back home in Idaho.



I'm Wendy Williamson. I'm from Weiser, Idaho, and am a member of the Weiser Advent Christian Church. I came to OBC to learn how to witness to others about Christ and to learn God's will for me in my life. God has already revealed Himself to me in many ways and I know He is guiding me. I love it here and am excited about what this year has in store for me.



Oregon Bible College Progress



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce the awarding of three scholarships at the beginning of the Fall Semester. The chosen student must have attained a 3.5 grade point during his study at Oregon Bible College.

Receiving two-semester tuition scholarships are Scott Deane from Springfield, OH; Dennis Cheatwood from Oregon, IL; and Mike Mattus from Rockford, IL.

We are proud of these young men who have become serious students of the Word of God.

A fourth scholarship was awarded to Jon Cheatwood from Rockford, IL. He won the Berean Youth Fellowship Scholarship for scoring the highest on the Bible Content Test at National Youth Camp. This is awarded every year to an incoming new student. Congratulations, Jon!

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION PROGRESS REPORT 9/22/86

Written Commitments	\$414,788.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	195,490.90	
Total Written Commitments		\$610,278.90
Written Commitments Unpaid		240,840.91
Total Verbal Commitments		5,500.00
Total Tentative Estimates		204,600.00
Cash Received from		
Paid in Fulls		\$195,197.26
Cash Received from		
Written Commitments		174,240.73
Stocks:		
Stock Value*	\$ 2,269.88	
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00	
Total Cash To Date		\$369,437.99*

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Each person called should immediately
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Merle Cronbaugh, Supt, Franklin St, Marengo 52301
Teri Cronbaugh, Miss Chair, Rt 3, Marengo 52301

(3) Waterloo Church (Conger St), 1050 Conger St, Waterloo 50703
Stanley Lawrence, Pastor-Supt-Youth Leader, 1054 Conger St, Waterloo 50703
Mrs Helen Shilling, Sec, 520 Hilltop Rd, Waterloo 50701

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Pres: Dwight Hutchinson, 23747 Blood River Rd, Springfield 70462
Sec: Beth Murry, 18450 Little Prairie Rd, Prairieville 70769
Treas: Carola Landry, 16522 Bristoe Av, Baton Rouge 70816
BYF Dir: Richard Alcumbrack, 2502 Elwick, Baton Rouge 70816
Miss Chair: Carola Landry, 16522 Bristoe Av, Baton Rouge 70816

Louisiana Churches

(1) Baton Rouge Church (Open Bible Fellowship), 15144 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge (Mailing Address: Rt 2, Bx 345N, Baker 70714)
Richard Alcumbrack, Pastor, 2502 Elwick, Baton Rouge 70816
Sheryl Kovalcik, Sec, 944 Birmingham, Baton Rouge 70819
John Kovalcik, Supt, 944 Birmingham, Baton Rouge 70815
David Landry, Youth Leader, 1313 Shadybrook Dr, Baton Rouge 70816
Carola Landry, Miss Chair, 16522 Bristoe Av, Baton Rouge 70816
(3) Hammond Church (Happy Woods), 2703 S Range Rd, Hammond 70401
Greg Demmitt, Pastor, 132 Happy Woods Dr, Hammond 70401
Nelda Harper, Sec, Bx 453, Albany 70711
Eliska Fauntleroy, Supt, 292 Anthon Ln, Hammond 70403

Metairie Church (Faith Chapel), Metairie, Sue Novak, Sec, 6104 York St, Metairie 70003
Kathy Tackett, Supt, Bx 485, Hammond 70404
(2) Springfield Church (Blood River), 29120 Church of God Rd, Springfield 70462
Billie Kennedy, Pastor, 29120 Church of God Rd, Springfield 70462
Marjorie Edwards, Sec, PO Bx 328, Springfield 70462
Catherine Patterson, Supt, 27736 LA 1037, Springfield 70462
Richard Gainey, Youth Leader, 23164 Hutchinson Rd, Springfield 70462

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Pres: Charles E Jones, 207 Walter SE, Wyoming 49508
Sec: Elinor VandePol, 120 Manchester SW, Wyoming 49508
Treas: Howard McClain, 4910 Fuller Av SE, Kentwood 49508
BYF Dir: Ray Hall, 5631 Madison Av SE, Kentwood 49508
Miss Chair: Scott Millard, 3351 Fuller Av SE, Grand Rapids 49508
SS Dir: Charles Jones, 207 Walter SE, Wyoming 49508

Michigan Churches

(5) Blanchard Church, Bx 66, Blanchard 49310
Steve Taylor, Pastor, Bx 66, Blanchard 49310
Sue Phillipson, Sec, Rt 1, South Littlefield Rd, Blanchard 49310
Linda Farrell, Supt, 11500 W Pleasant Valley Rd, Blanchard 49310
Sandy Bellingar, Youth Leader, 303 3rd St, Blanchard 49310
Fran Wood, Miss Chair, Bx 44, Blanchard 49310
(6) Champion Community Church, Rt 1, Bx 41A, Champion 49814
Mary L Vadnais, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 41A Champion 49814
Raymond J Vadnais, Sec-Supt, Rt 1, Bx 41A, Champion 49814
(1) Grand Rapids (Garden Park), 5615 Madison Av SE, Kentwood 49508
Ray Hall, Pastor, 5631 Madison Av SE, Kentwood 49508
Donna Clark, Sec, 3711 Kalamazoo SE, Grand Rapids 49508
Mrs Sue Hall, Supt, 5631 Madison Av SE, Kentwood 49508
Paula Haven, Youth Leader, 1332 54th St SE, Kentwood 49508
(2) Grand Rapids (Pennellwood), 3459 Reiser Av SW, Bx 8182, Grand Rapids 49508
Scott Millard, Pastor, 3351 Fuller Av SE, Grand Rapids 49508
Dolores Williams, Sec, 3250 Vermont SW, Grandville 49418
Miss Pat Warner, Supt, 6206 Kran SE, Grand Rapids 49508
Darwin Bronson, Miss Chair, 636 Ivy Ln SW, Wyoming 49509
(3) Grand Rapids (Southlawn), 3880 Jefferson SE, Wyoming 49508
Charles Jones, Pastor-Co-Youth Leader, 207 Walter SE, Wyoming 49508
Linda Swanson, Sec, 102 Lurie SE, Cutler-ville 49508
Marie Ashley, Supt, 1161 Forest Hills SE, Grand Rapids 49506
Paul Titchenell, Co-Youth Leader, 3880 Jefferson SE, Wyoming 49508
Jane Thorne, Miss Chair, 149 Center Green Meadow SE, Grand Rapids 49508
L'Anse Church, 405 N Main St, L'Anse 49946
Mary Vadnais, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 41A, Champion 49814
Barbara Mantila, Sec, Rt 1, Bx 27, L'Anse 49946
(4) Rockford (North Kent Bible Church), 7210 Courtland, Rockford 49341
Richard Eldred, Pastor, 7000 Northland Dr, Rockford 49341
Cheryl Norwood, Supt, 5032-15 Mile Rd, Cedar Springs 49310

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Pres: S O Ross, 425 E 4th St, Litchfield 55355
Sec: Dolores Sogge, Rt 1, Bx 194A, Eden Valley 55329
Treas: Barbara Johnson, Rt 3, Bx 103, Paynesville 56362
BYF Dir: Vivian/Paula Kirkpatrick, Bx 636, Hector 55342
SS Dir: Bill Gaspar, 4895 Vine Hill Rd, Excelsior 55331
Miss Chair: Larry Gaspar, PO Bx 41, Eden Valley 55329

Minnesota Churches

- (2) **Eden Valley Church**, Eden Valley 55329
Darrell Cardwell, Pastor, Bx 235, Eden Valley 55329
Dolores Sogge, Sec, Rt 1, Bx 194A, Eden Valley 55329
Mrs Marion Manuel, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 25, Watkins 55329
Darrell/Tara Cardwell, Youth Leaders, Bx 235, Eden Valley 55329
Mrs Larry Gaspar, Miss Chair, Bx 41, Eden Valley 55329
- (4) **Hector Church**, 140 Cedar Av E, Hector 55342
Vivian E Kirkpatrick II, Pastor, Bx 636, Hector 55342
Miriam Johnson, Sec-Miss Chair, Rt 1, Bx 8, Hector 55342
Frances Johnson, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 211, Hector 55342
M/M Larry Johnson, Youth Leaders, Rt 2, Bx 251, Hector 55342
- (3) **Litchfield Church**, 501 S Ramsey, Litchfield 55355
S O Ross, Pastor, 425 E 4th St, Litchfield 55355
Laurie McCann, Sec, RR, Eden Valley 55329
Lowell Wegner, Supt-Youth Leader, Rt 3, Bx 9DD, Litchfield 55355
Lilly Wegner, Miss Chair, RR 3, Bx 206A, Dassel 55325
- (1) **Minneapolis Church (Pine Grove Bible Church)**, 8711 85th Av N, North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, (Not Mailing Address)
Sydney Kirkpatrick, Pastor-Miss Chair-CGC 6639 Bryant Av N, Brooklyn Center 55430
Lorraine Gaspar, Sec, 22 E 22nd St, Apt 516, Minneapolis 55404
Mark Ryan, Supt, 436-111th Ln NW, Coon Rapids 55433
Debra Ryan, Youth Leader, 436-111th Ln NW, Coon Rapids 55433
- St Cloud Church**, 1940 4th St N, St Cloud 56301
John Savage, Pastor, 230 11th Av, Waite Park 56387
Mrs J A Maehren, Sec, 401 20th Av, St Cloud 56301
J A Maehren, Supt, 401 20th Av, St Cloud 56301

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Pres: Loyd Cooper, PO Bx 123, Farmington 63640
Sec: Linda Kugler, 2731 Rose Dr, Arnold 63010
Treas: Mrs Leroy Elkins, Bx 505, Raymore 64083
BYF Dir: M/M Scott Thibault, 308 S Adams, Raymore 64083

Missouri Churches

- (5) **Doniphan Church (Fairview)**, Rt 2, Doniphan 63935
James Hill, Pastor, 403 S Maple, Fredericktown 63645
Melvin Rodgers, Sec, Rt 2, Bx 248, Doniphan 63935
William Thompson, Supt, 1007 Lafayette St, Doniphan 63935

- (2) **Farmington (Church of the Open Bible)**, Rt 1, Bx 380, Farmington 63640
Donna Cooper, Sec, 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-Youth Leader, 403 S Maple Av, Fredericktown 63645
Mrs Marvin H Cooper, Sec, Rt 3, Bx 121, Fredericktown 63645
Delores Cooper, Supt, 204 Williams, Fredericktown 63645
Mrs Harold Thomas, CGC, 221 Williams, Fredericktown 63645
- (7) **Jordan Church**, Cross Timbers 65634
Janice Chapman, Sec-Youth Leader, Rt 1, Bx 180, Cross Timbers 65634
Laura Allspaw, Supt-Miss Chair, 542 W McKowan, Buffalo 65622
Eva Driskill, CGC, 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
- (3) **Morse Mill Church**, Bx 146, Morse Mill 63066
Richard Lee, Pastor-CGC, Bx 146, Morse Mill 63066
Alice Lee, Sec, PO Bx 65, Morse Mill 63066
Norman Tierney, Supt-Youth Leader, 705 S Mansion St, Sullivan 63080
- (8) **Raymore Church**, 414 Franklin, Raymore 64083
Don Ward, Pastor, 202 Aspen, PO Bx 413, Raymore 64083
Doris Elkins, Sec, Bx 505, Raymore 64083
George Sheeley, Supt, 501 N Jefferson Av, Raymore 64083
Scott Thibault, Youth Leader, 308 S Adams, Raymore 64083
- (1) **St Louis Church**, 2301 Wallis, St Louis 63114
Linda Merrilat, Sec, 7349 Myrtle #1W, St Louis 63143
George Kugler, Supt-Youth Leader, 2731 Rose Dr, Arnold 63010

EASTERN NEBRASKA CHURCH

- (1) **Omaha Church (Jaynes St Community)**, 7534 Jaynes St, Omaha 68134
Scott Ross, Pastor, 7606 Jaynes St, Omaha 68134
Gayle Beddow, Sec, 167 Glen Av, Council Bluffs, IA 51501
Gayle Ross, Supt, 7606 Jaynes St, Omaha 68134
Clair Rice, Youth Leader, 5804 Browne St, Omaha 68104
Larry Bleich, Miss Chair, 13517 Hascall St, Omaha 68144
Russell Johns, CGC, 129 N Stark, Bennington 68641
(call Holbrook)

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

Pres: Richard Smith, 7100 S Kessler-Frederick Rd, West Milton, OH 45383
Sec: Mary Supinger, 6333 N Troy-Sidney Rd, Piqua 45356

Treas: Mrs Paul Overholser, 2236 Troy Rd, Springfield 45504
BYF Dir: Doug Supinger, 6333 N Troy-Sidney Rd, Piqua 45356
SS Dir: Larry Domigan, 5600 Willow Dale, Urbana 43078
Miss Chair: Paul Overholser, 2236 Troy Rd, Springfield 45504

Northeast Conference Churches

- (7) **Bedford (Church of the Open Bible)**, 689 Adams St, Bedford, OH 44146
Austin Railton, Pastor, 730 Washington St, Bedford 44146
Doris Schuld, Sec, 1572 Bradford Dr, Macedonia 44056
Mary Ellen Jones, Supt-Miss Chair, 7475 Country Ln, Chagrin Falls 44022
- (8) **Cleveland Church (Golden Rule)**, 13905 Diana Av, Cleveland, OH 44110
Alice Plantner, Sec, 29824 Robert St, Wickliffe 44092
Martha Hobbs, Supt, 13813 Diana Av, Cleveland 44110
Edith Speer, Miss Chair, 3149 Goldengate Av, Rocky River 44116
- (9) **Columbia Church**, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028
Joe Fletcher, Pastor, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station 44028 (EFFECTIVE January 1, 1987)
Diane Benton, Sec, 11050 Hawke Rd, Columbia Station 44028
Jeanie Burnham, Supt, 12939 W River Rd, Columbia Station 44028
David/Karen Swartz, Youth Leaders, 5823 Lear Nagle Rd, N Ridgeville 44039
- (3) **Dayton Church (Glad Tidings Chapel)**, 4105 Annapolis Av, Dayton, OH 45416
Ralph Childs, Pastor, 16 Reich St, Trotwood 45426
Theresa Goodman, Asst Sec, 5021 Balebin Hills Dr, Englewood 45322
Jimmy Weaver, Supt, 7565 Rt, West Milton 45503
Iona Childs, Youth Leader, 16 Reich St, Trotwood 45426
- (10) **Fonthill Church (Glad Tidings)**, 1 Pancake Ln, Bx 293, Fonthill, Ont, Canada L0S 1E0
Stephen Bolhous, Pastor, RR 1, Ridgeville, Ont, Canada L0S 1M0
Mrs Reta Harrod, Sec, 5553 Hillsdale, Niagara Falls, Ont L2G 4T8
Ross Anger, Co-supt, 6586 Thorold Stone, Niagara Falls, Ont L2J 1B3
Mark Payne, Co-Supt, 5834 Sunnylea Cres, Niagara Falls, Ont L2C 2R9
Allan Shute, Youth Leader, 18 Northhaven, Welland, Ont L3C 1X1
John Bradford, Miss Chair, 82 Spruceside, Fonthill, Ont L0S 1E0
- (11) **Grace Church**, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson, OH 44047
Cindy Cramer, Sec, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047
Ginny Cramer, Supt, 1969 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047
Bill Cramer, Miss Chair, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047

Hilliard Bible Church (Gospel Church of God),
5107 Wyandot Pl, Hilliard, OH 43026
Carl Roth, Pastor, 804 Heyl Av, Columbus
43206
Brenda Johnson, Sec, 134 Whitethorne,
Columbus 43223
Joe Writese, Supt, 5098 Drivemere Rd,
Hilliard 43026
Duane Johnson, Youth Leader, 134 White-
thorne, Columbus 43223

(4) Lawrenceville Church, 4444 St Paris Pike,
Springfield 45502
Jack Hearp, Pastor, 4005 Willow Dale Rd,
Springfield 45502
Alberta Stevens, Sec, 76 S Main, North
Hampton 45349
Douglas Ellison, Supt, 8545 Zimmerman Rd,
St Paris Pike 43072
Harry Elliott, Youth Leader, 2172 Snyder
Domer Rd, Springfield 45502
Robert Lindner, Miss Chair, 9248 Detrick-
Jordan Pike, New Carlisle 45344

(12) Peterborough Church, 300 Hedonics Rd
VH2, Peterborough, Ont, Canada K9J 7T1
Taylor Crowe, Pastor, 300 Hedonics Rd VH2,
Peterborough, Ont K9J 7T1

(6) Pleasant Hill Church, N Main St, Pleasant
Hill, OH 45359
Fred A Pensyl, Pastor, 3962 E St Rt 36,
Urbana 43078
Dan Stine, Sec, 3183 S Elleman Rd, Ludlow
Falls 45339
Phil Stine, Supt, 240 W Market, West Milton
45383
Russ/Valerie Berry, Youth Leaders, 7425 S
Kessler-Frederick Rd, West Milton 45383
Dorothy Jean Smith, Miss Chair, 7100 S
Kessler-Frederick Rd, West Milton 45483

(5) Springfield Church (North Hills), 2950
Moorefield Rd, Springfield, OH 45502
Lee Arp, Pastor, 1209 Stanway Av Springfield
45503
Karla Hutson, Sec, 4460 Dayton Rd, Lot 14,
Springfield 45502
Russell Dickerson, Supt, 3601 Mumper Rd,
Springfield 45502
Mitzi Williams, Youth Leader, 3245
Revels, Springfield 45503

(1) Tipp City Church (Brush Creek), 6370 S
Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City, OH 45371
Michael Hoffman, Pastor-Miss Chair, 6375 S
Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City 45371
Mrs Dean Pearson, Sec, 6625 S Troy-Frederick
Rd, Tipp City 45371
Rick Childs, Supt, 16 Reich St, Trotwood
45426
Mary Jo Brewer, Youth Leader, 1121 S Main
St, West Milton 45383

(2) Troy Church (Troy View), 1879 Staunton
Rd E, Troy, OH 45373
Craig Waggoner, Pastor-CGC, 2773 N De-
Weese Rd, Troy 45373
Joyce Demmitt, Sec, 855 S State Rt 202,
Troy 45373
Linda Lucas, Supt, 512 S Mulberry St, Troy
45373
Doug/Mary Supinger, Youth Leaders, 6333 N
Troy-Sidney Rd, Piqua 45356
Paul Burnside, Miss Chair, 709 W Market St,
Troy 45373

Urbana (Chapel on the Hill)
Fred Pensyl, Pastor, 3962 E St Rt 36, Urbana
43078

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Pres: Lanny McAlister, Rt 1, Bx 475, Wil-
liamston, SC 29697
Sec: Libby Epps, Rt 1, Bx 477, Williamston,
SC 29697
Treas: Sonja Smith, Rt 1, Bx 304, Mountain
Springs Rd, Piedmont, SC 29673
BYF Dir: Dewey Phillips, Rt 1, Bx 69AA,
Hudson, SC 28638

Southeast Conference Churches

(2) Bethel Church, Rt 1, Pelzer, SC 29669
E Richard Smith, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 124, Pelzer
29669-9111
Bonnie Parker, Sec-Supt, Rt 1, Bx 66, Pelzer
29669

(3) Greenville Church, 217 White Oak Rd,
Greenville, SC 29605
Kenneth Milne, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 774, Pelzer
29669
Bertha Perkins, Sec, 1817 Kanuga Rd, Hender-
sonville 28739
Mary Milne, Supt, Rt 1, Bx 774, Pelzer
29669
Kaye Hicks, Youth Leader, 307 Lakecrest Dr,
Greer 29657

(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, Hender-
sonville 28739
John Fyfe, Supt, 111 Rugby Forest Ln, Hen-
dersonville 28739

(4) Lenoir (Church of Resurrection Hope),
311 Walt Arney Rd, Lenoir, NC 28645
James D 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
Ned Hedrick, Youth Leader, Rt 2, Bx 837,
Lenoir 28645

(1) Pelzer (Guthrie Grove), 403 Guthrie Grove
Rd, Pelzer, SC 29669
Ed Bender, Pastor, 403 Guthrie Grove Church
Rd, Pelzer 29669
Nancy Holt, Sec, Rt 8, Bx 209, Piedmont
29673
Brenda Holt, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 209, Piedmont
29673
Kerry Pack, Youth Leader, Heatherwood, Rt
13, Bx 336, Easley 29640

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Pres: John Hayse, 1609 E Taylor Av, Harlin-
gen 78550
Sec: Miss Sarah Kennard, Bx 703, Corsicana
75110
Treas: Miss Dorothy McCorkle, 301 W Main,
Gatesville 75628

Texas Conference Churches

(1) Gatesville Church, 338 State School Rd,
Gatesville 76528
Tim Trammell, Pastor, 338 State School Rd,
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
Jeff Smith, Pastor, 2001 Barcelona St,
Harlingen 78550
Mrs John G Hayse, Sec, 1609 E Taylor Av,
Harlingen 78550
Mrs Beryl Williams, Supt, 1601 Rio Hondo
Rd, Harlingen 78550

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Pres: Robert Coverstone, Ft Valley Rt, Bx
307, Strasburg 22657
Sec: Audrey M Simpson, 409 Duncan Av,
Front Royal 22630
Treas: Gary Ramsey, Ft Valley Rt, Bx 382,
Strasburg 22657
BYF Dir: Virginia Ministerial Assoc, Rt 1, Bx
177, Bentonville 22610

Virginia Conference Churches

(3) Browntown (Cool Spring), Browntown
22610
Dale Swartz, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 177, Benton-
ville 22610
Cheryl K Swartz, Sec, Rt 1, Bx 177, Ben-
tonville 22610
Darryl Merchant, Supt, 307 Cherrydale Av,
Front Royal 22630
Flo Coverstone, Youth Leader, Ft Valley Rt,
Bx 307, Strasburg 22657

(1) Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains
22653
Jon Welch, Pastor, Bx 368, Fort Valley Rt,
Strasburg 22657
Virginia Grim, Sec-Youth Leader, Rt 3, Bx
520, Strasburg 22657
Jay Ramsey, Supt, Ft Valley Rt, Bx 353,
Strasburg 22657
Jo Ann Painter, Miss Chair, Rt 1, Toms
Brook 22660

(2) Front Royal Village Church, 1310 Monroe
Av, Front Royal 22630
Dennis Baldwin, Pastor, 1010 Shen Av #1,
Front Royal 22630
Audrey M Simpson, 409 Duncan Av, Front
Royal 22630
Debbie Grove, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 231, Front
Royal 22630
Chris Ramsey, Miss Chair, Fort Valley Rt,
Bx 385, Strasburg 22657

(4) Fair Oaks Community Church (Herndon),
3309 W Ox Rd, Herndon 22071
Gary Burnham, Pastor, 14419 Turin Ln,
Centreville 22020
Carolyn Chapman, Sec, 3800 Richardson Pl,
Fairfax 22030
Janice Burnham, Supt, 14419 Turin Ln,
Centreville 22020

WASHINGTON

(3) Bible Faith Church of God, 14821 SE
16th St, Bellevue (not mailing address)
Arlen F Rankin, Pastor, PO Bx 516, Fall City
98024
Lonna Serrin, Sec, PO Bx 113, Fall City
98024

(2) Cashmere Church, Pioneer Av at Evergreen Dr, Cashmere 98815
James Rankin, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 341, Cashmere 98815
Erma F Dart, 5608 Tigner Rd, Cashmere 98815
Von Corbaley, Rt 1, Cashmere 98815
(1) Wenatchee Church, 1835 Western Av, Wenatchee 98801

William Wachtel, Pastor, 1201 N Brown St, Wenatchee 98801
Mary Davis, Sec, 1814 Mulberry Ln, Wenatchee 98801
Aaron Davis, Supt-Youth Leader, 1816 Mulberry Ln, Wenatchee 98801
Kirby Davis, CGC, 1816 Mulberry Ln, Wenatchee 98801

CHURCHES OVERSEAS

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CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS

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Demmitt, Greg (Karen), 132 Happy Woods Dr, Hammond, LA 70403 Ph Off 504-345-1889 Res 542-1646
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Huffer, Alva G (Awa), 3335 S Pine St, Tempe, AZ 85282 Ph 602-838-0558
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Outreach and Church Development Progress Report

Chapel on the Hill Celebrates First Anniversary

On August 25, 1985, The Chapel on the Hill Church of God in Urbana, Ohio, had its first service. A plaque of recognition was presented at General Conference this past summer to this new congregation. The plaque was delivered by Ruth Overholser and presented to Gilbert Pensyl. Gilbert, who assists the congregation with pastoral duties, is shown with his wife Dotty holding the plaque presented by the General Conference.



On August 24, the first anniversary was held with more than 86 attending. In the last five months three persons have been baptized into Christ.

We praise God for this new congregation and the ministry of the Church of God going forth in Urbana, Ohio.

News From the Church of God, Ogden, Utah.

In early January a small group of Church of God families began meeting for individual Bible Studies with the Don Nunemaker family near Ogden. At the same time Don ran advertisements in the local newspapers concerning the Bible studies. This particular effort soon produced one regular family for the studies, and after six months three of the family members were baptized.

In the spring this group made a bold move and began construction of a church constitution. The main purpose

was to establish a Church of God in the Utah valley. The group faced the perplexing problem of how to make contacts and evangelize the people of the area. In this area, to penetrate the community with the word of Christ is most difficult because 70% of the people are Mormon.

However, the answer to the problem came from within the group. Ron and Sandi Carr own a Not-for-Profit Christian preschool. This school makes it possible for Ron and Sandi to evangelize parents and grandparents of the preschoolers.

Considering the fact that one of the greatest needs of the area is for preschools, the Step-by-Step Preschool provides a good opener to the homes in the area. At present the school has no facilities. It is the intention of the Church of God core group in Utah to help Ron and Sandi construct the needed facilities. Once completed the facility would be beneficial to both the preschool and the Church of God.

Ron and Sandi will refer to the church all those desiring to know more of Christ and the Word. Also, Church of God services will be held in the school.

In order to start this endeavor, financial help is needed from brothers and sisters in Christ. Initial contractor estimates range between \$10,000 to \$20,000 to remodel a garage to house the preschool and provide a facility for Church of God services.

The core group in Utah states, "We confidently predict that eight families a year can be successfully evangelized and incorporated into the Church. We also predict after a period of two to three years it will be necessary to relocate to a larger facility because of anticipated growth. Therefore we make this plea for your assistance."

—Pastor Don Nunemaker & family
Nadine Burke
Neal Bryant family
Ron Carr family
Bob Tomblom family

The Church Obedient to Scripture!

The instruction of Jesus at the close of the Gospels was, to "Go make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19, 20). We turn to the Book of Acts to learn how those who heard it from Jesus responded. What did they do? They com-

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Outreach and Church Development Progress

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municated the message through human witness which resulted in spiritual and numerical growth and *geographic expansion*.

The Church of God, in obedience to Scripture, has the same responsibility and opportunity. It is vital that the Church of God extend its ministry with the message of salvation to more geographic locations. Just how vital this is is underscored by the comments in a letter from Pastor Dick Eldred of the newly planted North Kent Church of God. A man Dick baptized last March died and Dick had his funeral. The man's son said to Dick, "If Dad had not met you, he would be lost today." This, friends, is the heart of why Church planting is a must. The message we believe is important for salvation must be shared with a broader scope of the population than we are reaching at the present. Any *local church, state, or regional conference*, or anyone interested in obtaining more information about getting a new church started can get in touch with Warren Sorenson at the Church of God headquarters in Oregon, IL.

News From Atlanta, Georgia

There are some Church of God families in the Atlanta area which are interested in developing a Church of God. We recently went to Atlanta and met with these folks. We were impressed with their interest and drive to get a Church of God established.

Pray with us that a Church of God will be launched in Atlanta by the spring of 1987.

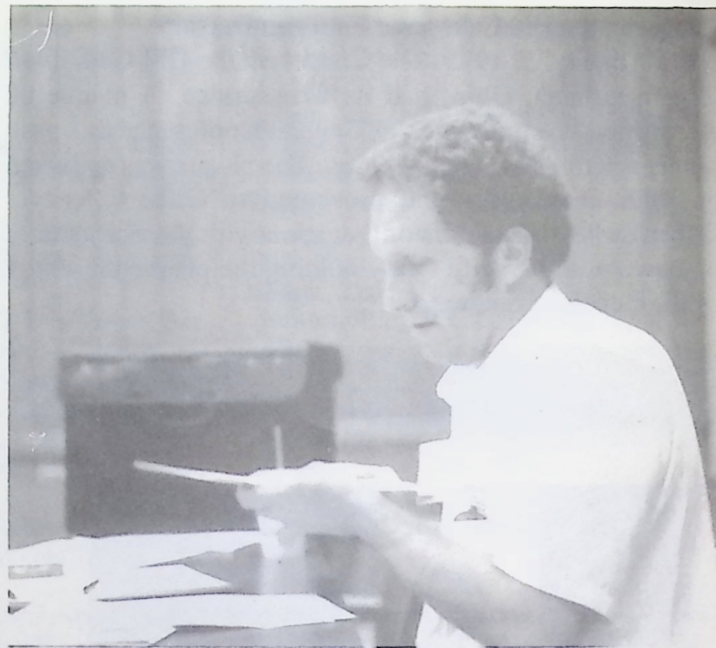
Progress Report From the Fox Valley Church, Aurora, IL

A renewed effort of outreach resulted from the congregation's decision to meet once a week and pray for God's direction using four specific questions:

1. Whom does God want us to reach as a group? as individuals?
2. Does God want us to relocate?
3. Does God want us to minister in a way we are not now doing?
4. What commitments does God want us to make that he will bless?

There was also prayer for the unity of the group and strength to do God's work through outreach.

Pastor Ron Macy states, "There has been a perceptible change in the unity and attitude of the group, especially among those who have committed themselves to meeting at 9:30 every Sunday morning for prayer."



Fox Valley Pastor Ron Macy discusses a discipleship program useful in his work with new people

Renewed efforts of prospecting were started in the Naperville area. Following sample calling in various areas the Springbrook Crossing/Brook Crossing subdivisions were determined as the target area of concentration. Prospect visitation to 175 homes resulted in contacting 106 people, with 13 of these indicating possible interest.

The Robert Clow Elementary School in the center of these subdivisions has been secured for an experimental midweek Bible study. In support of this outreach Bible study, eight of the regular attenders were present and two newcomers.

The Fox Valley members are supporting the effort with an organized prayer program. The members are given updated lists of the prospects for whom they can pray. The list will be divided into six groups. An individual will pray for one group each day of the week and so will be able to pray for all the prospects each week. Each church family will start praying for a different group; thus all prospects will be prayed for daily. Information about the prospects will be provided to the prayer-support people.

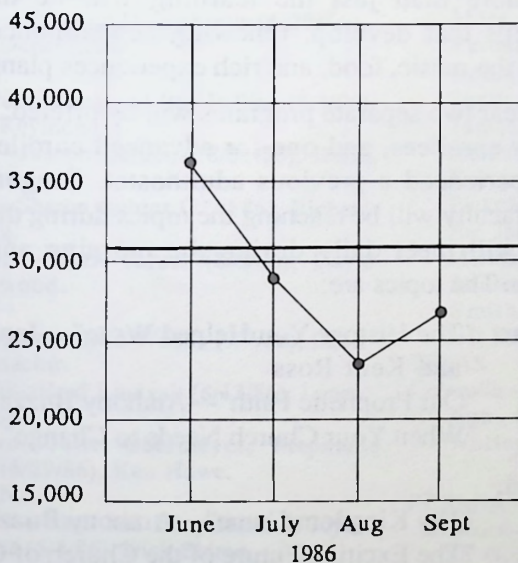
We all have an opportunity to support this effort with our prayers.

Financial Update

Prayer and Praise December, 1986

The graph below shows contributions received during the first four months of this year. Our Goal for Giving is approximately \$31,000 per month. The amount needed for these four months is \$124,176. The amount received is \$116,377. We are currently \$7,799 short of the amount needed through September 30.

Your contributions provide support for future leadership through Oregon Bible College; church development aid for new and growing churches; specific assistance and consultation through the Outreach and Church Development Department; and improved educational material for the Church of God.

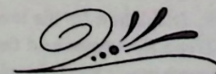


Giving Programs

Many Church of God families have chosen to make a commitment to the operating expenses of the conference/College for 1986. The box below shows the goals for the two giving programs and the results for 1984, 1985, and 1986.

Development Council (\$500 or more)			
Goal	1984 Members	1985 Members	1986
100	95	88	70
Founders' Circle (\$120 - 499)			
225	191	204	165

- 1 Pray for Pastor Noel and the congregation in India—ask especially that God will bring unity to the church.
- 2 Pray that the conflict will be resolved and that God will be praised.
- 3 Pray for Cecil and Dianne Rademachir and the congregation as they continue to develop the Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana.
- 4 Ask God to provide short-term mission opportunities for Church of God young people through the OMC and local churches.
- 5 Ask God to show you how he can use you in his service.
- 6 Pray for Peter Ong in Singapore as he studies in search of the true nature of God.
- 7 Praise God for the faith and heritage of the Church of God.
- 8 Pray for Jan Stilson and her leadership of the OBC Mission Fellowship.
- 9 Pray for those who are preparing special Christmas services. Ask that God will use them to reach people.
- 10 Pray for God to bless the efforts of the OBC Development Foundation in its fund-raising efforts.
- 11 Today and tomorrow OBC students will be taking their finals. Pray that God will help them in this step of their education.
- 12 Pray that the learning during this past semester will result in lives prepared for God's service.
- 13 Praise God for the benefits you receive from your local church.
- 14 Pray for Pastor Javar and the Church of God missions work in the Philippines.
- 15 Pray for the OBC intensive courses which will be taught December 15-20 by Brian Atra and Jack Hearp.
- 16 Pray for OBC students who will be traveling during Christmas vacation.
- 17 Pray that God will work through his people to provide the needed funds to carry on the ministries of the General Conference and OBC.
- 18 Pray that the ministry of the conference and college to local churches will result in God's glory.
- 19 Praise God for your family.
- 20 Pray for the members of the Church of God who are isolated from a local church.
- 21 Praise God for the awakening within the Church of God in fulfilling its mission to the lost.
- 22 Pray for the members of the board of directors as they prepare for the January board meeting.
- 23 Pray for a member of your family who doesn't have Christ as Savior.
- 24 Pray that God will give you and your family a special awareness of the true meaning of Christmas. Pray that God's love will be felt in your family.
- 25 Praise God for the birth of His Son and thank him for the gift of salvation through Jesus.
- 26 Pray for God to provide opportunity to share this blessing of salvation with others.
- 27 Pray for Carlos Callijon in Malaga, Spain, as he searches for the truth of Scripture and a deeper relationship with God.
- 28 Pray for the members of the General Conference advisory committees as they prepare for meetings in January.
- 29 Pray that God will give guidance and wisdom in the development of plans to follow up on contacts in Lima, Peru.
- 30 Praise God for the instruction, guidance, and promises provided in his Word.
- 31 Pray for God to lead you in your life as you enter a New Year.



Prayer and Praise

January, 1987

- 1 Thank God for the opportunities 1987 will bring. Be open to his leadership in your personal life.
- 2 Pray that God will bless the Christian Workers' Seminar (Mar. 29 - Apr. 3) with a large enrollment and that the results will be seen in greater works in the local churches.
- 3 Praise God for the abundant life available through Christ. Thank him for strength in difficult times.
- 4 Pray for those who will be taking the OBC intensives January 5-16 taught by Scott and Shelly Millard.
- 5 Pray for the Advisory Committees as they meet (Sunday School, Media, Youth, Missions, Higher Education).
- 6 Pray for the members of these committees, that God will use them to further his work in the Church of God.
- 7 Pray for the Board of Directors as they meet to discuss and plan the work of the General Conference.
- 8 Praise God for each of the board members and committee members. Ask God to bless them for their voluntary service.
- 9 Pray for the safety in travel for board and committee members on their return trip following their meetings.
- 10 Pray for Alane Schmidlapp and other members of the OBC Missions Fellowship as they communicate the work of missions to local churches.
- 11 Pray for the congregation in Columbus, Ohio in its efforts to develop a Church of God there.
- 12 Pray for Ken Newman and John Cunningham and their Bible study ministry in London, England.
- 13 Pray for God to direct in the establishment of a Church of God in London.
- 14 Pray for God's direction in planning a mission trip to London for this purpose.
- 15 Pray for the core group in Ogden, Utah in its efforts to establish a Church of God in this predominantly Mormon area.
- 16 Pray for OBC students and staff today.
- 17 Pray that students and staff will sense God's leadership throughout this second semester.
- 18 Pray that God will lead in the establishment of a Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 19 Classes begin today at OBC. Ask God to open the minds of the students to his call to ministry.
- 20 Pray for Dale Ramsey as Vice President of OBC.
- 21 Pray for the Church in Colorado Springs and Alan and Darcey Demmitt and their ministry to the congregation.
- 22 Pray for the Fox Valley Church and Ron and Terry Macy and their ministry in Aurora, Illinois.
- 23 Pray for a renewed spirit of evangelism within your church.
- 24 Pray for the General Conference meetings which will be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids next summer.
- 25 Pray for the Phillips Ranch Bible study ministry under the leadership of Bobby and Angle Partain.
- 26 Pray for David Krogh as he leads the General Conference and OBC. Ask God to give him guidance and strength in this important work.
- 27 Pray for the staff members of OBC as they do God's work.
- 28 Pray for the staff of the General Conference. Ask God to lead the Church of God forward.
- 29 Pray for the North Kent Church of God and Dick and Carol Eldred as they lead this church.
- 30 Praise God for your faith. Thank him for his love to you.
- 31 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and their ministry among local churches. Ask God to strengthen our local churches.

Adulthostel '87

Whether having completed grade school or graduate school, people from 35 on up will find Adulthostel '87 an enriching, learning experience beyond their previous education.

Building on the concept of continuing education, Oregon Bible College is offering a unique opportunity to "come to campus" for a one-week experience of learning and living together.

Adulthostel '87 is a "residential experience." Registrants live as college students residing in the dormitories, eating in the cafeteria, and learning in the classroom.

But more than just the learning will be the new friendships that develop, renewing acquaintances, and enjoying the music, food, and rich experiences planned.

This year two separate programs will be offered: one for first-year enrollees, and one for advanced enrollees who have experienced a previous adulthostel. Oregon Bible College faculty will be teaching the topics during the week. Classes will meet daily during the morning and early afternoon. The topics are:

First Year: "The History You Helped Write"—Jan Stilson and Kent Ross
"Our Prophetic Faith"—Anthony Buzzard
"When Your Church Needs to Change"

Advanced:
"Thy Kingdom Come"—Anthony Buzzard
"The Exciting Future of the Church of God"—R. Warren Sorenson
"Living a Life of Faith"—Dale Ramsey

Additional activities during the week include a banquet; sightseeing tours of Blackhawk statue, Nuclear Power Plant, Castle Rock State Park and Rock River Valley; welcome reception; picnic at Lowden State Park; a tour of the General Conference headquarters and service center; group picture; visit to area Church of God facilities; cookout at White Pines State Park; and much more.

The Adulthostel will be held May 24-29, 1987. Check-in begins Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The cost is \$98 per person, and \$175 for a married couple. Commuters living in the Oregon area will pay \$85, which excludes lodging and breakfasts.

A \$25 registration fee must accompany your Adulthostel registration. The deadline is May 10, 1987.

Missions in March

Missions Month will be celebrated in March rather than November. We encourage you to participate in the special emphasis of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation during the month of November. Be watching for more information regarding Missions Month in March.

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

Greenbrier—Michele Diles (9/7/86), Thomas New.
Royal—Stephen Humphreys (6/29/86), John Denchfield.

ILLINOIS

E. Peoria—Jenny and Ben Pulling (8/3/86) John Raymond.
Oregon—Joseph Behrens (8/31/86), Hollis Partlowe.
Ripley—Sharon Robins (7/20/86), Richard Young.
Rockford—Tera Turner (8/6/86), David Cheatwood.

INDIANA

Bloomington—Don Woods (9/7/86), Cecil Rademachir.
Burr Oak—Brad Lindvall (8/13/86), James Mattison.
Kokomo—Julie Obermeyer, Stephanie Hight (6/29/86), Ken Howe.

MICHIGAN

Rockford—Basil and Lucy Haskell, Joyce Candosa (5/4/86), Dick Eldred.
Wyoming—Joel Worst, Jr. (6/22/86), Cindy Fisk (8/31/86), Mark Elzinga (9/7/86), Scott Millard.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Terri Filipi (10/4/86), Darrell Cardwell.
Litchfield—Donald and Lucille Wheeler (8/18/86), Stan Ross.

MISSOURI

St Louis—Linda Merillat (8/17/86), George Kugler.

NEBRASKA

Holbrook—Christena Davis (9/7/86), Leon Driskill.

OHIO

Dayton—Theresa Goodman (1/5/86), Ralph Childs.
Pleasant Hill—Kyle Berry (6/1/86), Jerry Louderback (8/3/86), Clarence, Galen, and Elaine Brubaker (8/17/86), Fred Pensyl.
Troy—Bryan Shaw (7/20/86), Craig Waggener.
Urbana—Karen Scott (4/13/86), Doris Beal

(8/16/86), Jessie Krause (8/24/86), Fred Pensyl.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pelzer—Anita Partain, Kim Sloan, Tracie Moss, Laura Cooper (7/13/86), Bobby Partain.

Robin White, Chris James, Laura Skelton, Tracy Skelton (7/13/86), Joe James.

Matthew Bender (7/20/86), Ed Bender.

Berry Durham, Tedd Epps, Elvin Pickelsimer, Wendy Esuary (7/20/86), Joe James.

Michael Smith (7/20/86), Beth Durham, Andrea Anders (7/17/86), E. Richard Smith.

Jeff Martin (8/17/86), Joe James.

TEXAS

Gatesville—Eddy Martens, Antwerp, Belgium, Ann Gatlin (Summer, 1986), Dick Worley.

By Transfer

INDIANA

Hedrick—Roger, Clara, and Pauline Kidd—Ed Goit.

MARRIAGES

MICHIGAN

Wyoming—Cheryl Underhill and Patrick Miedema (7/19/86), Jackie Root and Brian Williams (8/23/86), Scott Millard.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Martina Lynn Coe and Jeffrey Lyle Meyer (9/9/86), Darrell Cardwell.

Hector—Joyce Shelton and Earl Nordstrom (8/31/86), Emory Macy.

Litchfield—Andrea Swanson and Eric Moore (8/30/86), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

DEATHS

ARKANSAS

Greenbrier—Pete McGinty, member (8/23/86), Thomas New.

Little Rock—Jesse Cheek (9/19/86), Brian Atra.

THANK YOU

To Churches, Conferences and individuals who prayed for and sent best wishes on our 100th year of preaching Good News in Nebraska, we extend our thanks and appreciation.

Central High Plains Conference,
Leon Driskill, President.

ILLINOIS

Rockford—Ruby Stuckey (8/6/86), David Cheatwood.

INDIANA

Argos—Wayne A. Van Der Weele, member (9/13/86), R. Warren Sorenson.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming—Bee Slocum, member (6/5/86), Scott Millard.

MINNESOTA

Hector—Mabel Hillman (7/16/86), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Litchfield—Pastor Harry Sheets (8/31/86), Stan Ross.

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Robert Kirkwood, member (7/19/86), Nellie May Kirkwood, member (7/30/86), Stephen Bolhous.

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HARRY SHEETS

I am writing to report the death of Pastor Harry Sheets, a member of the Litchfield Church of God. He died on August 31, 1986, and his funeral was September 3, 1986, at the Hector Church of God. I had the service, with Bro. V. E. Kirkpatrick II assisting. Bro. David Krogh also gave a brief eulogy.

Bro. Sheets was 87 years of age and had been in the ministry over fifty years. He died in the Buffalo Lake Nursing Home and leaves his wife Ruth and four sisters: Ada Terrigo, Edna Lockwood, Inez Giehm, and Frances Wood.

He received his training in the Bible Training Class (forerunner of Oregon Bible College) and pastored churches in Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, Michigan, California, and Minnesota. His last church before his retirement was the Hector Church of God in Hector, Minnesota, where he and Ruth made their home until he entered the nursing home three years ago.

Bro. Sheets was a very learned man and was dedicated to the Gospel of Christ. He made a great impact on many people.

Stan Ross, pastor.



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.

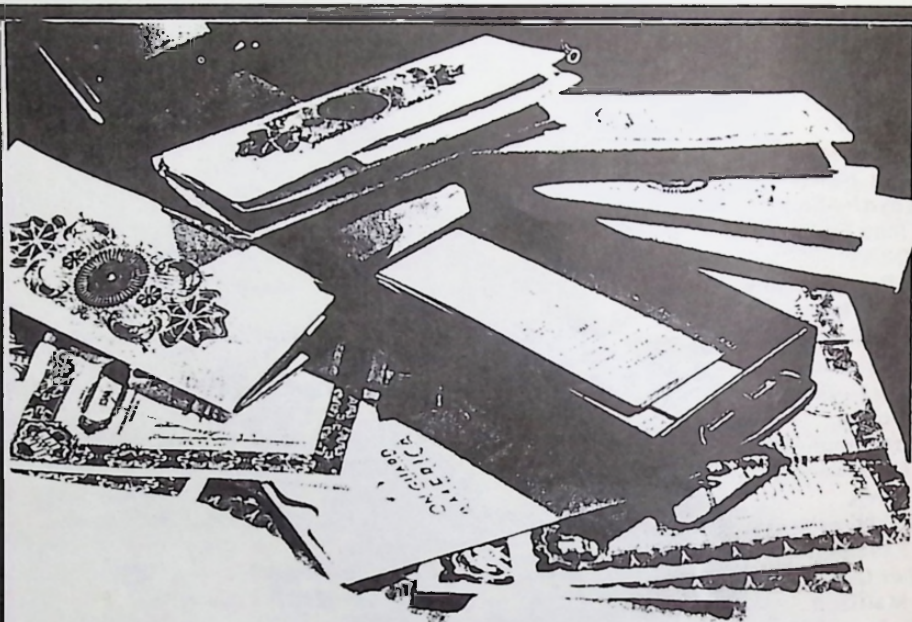
We are in need of dependable automobiles. These can range in size from small compact up to station wagons and vans.

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 President 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.

PROSPECT-CALLING TEAMS

During the past two summers prospect-calling teams have worked with several of our churches in a calling ministry. For the most part the teams have been made up of OBC students. We want to provide opportunity for others to gain experience in this ministry as well as helping local churches. Post-high persons (including older adults) interested in being on a calling team for next summer should contact the OCD Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL. Phone 815-732-7991 for more information. Time commitment to this would vary from one week to all summer according to your availability.



"Then whose shall those things be?"

The Lord's question to the prosperous farmer reveals that accumulation of wealth is not the first priority of life.

It also reminds the faithful steward that now is the time to plan for the eventual distribution of his assets. Land, houses, buildings, money, stocks, bonds, insurance, vehicles, personal property, can be set aside for the Lord's work through bequests in one's will.

Evaluate what the Lord has entrusted to you as a faithful steward. Ask yourself, "Then whose shall those things be?"

Consider including the Church of God General Conference as you make a will or review your will. As a primary or final beneficiary the Church of God General Conference can assure that your bequest will continue to support the world-wide work of the Lord.

Use the coupon to secure a free packet of helpful information about wills and bequests

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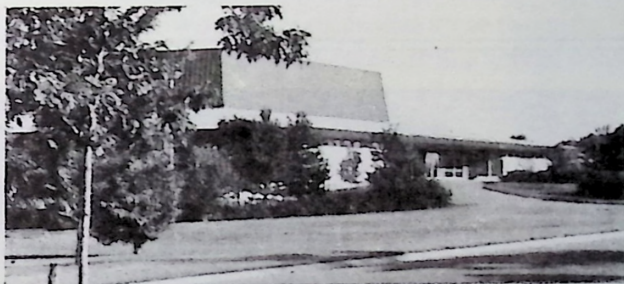
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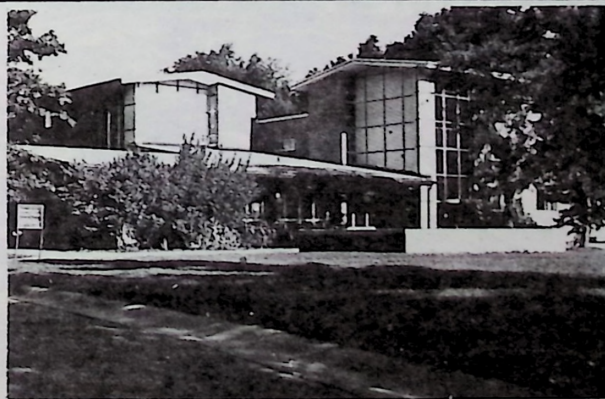
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GENERAL CONFERENCE



Fine Arts Center



Residence Hall

Theme: Who Will Love Them?

Purpose:

- 1. To clarify our motive for evangelistic effort: caring for the lost.**
- 2. To develop a specific strategy for planting 75 new churches by the year 2000.**
- 3. To help each person, local church, District Conference, see their role in achieving our long-range goals.**
- 4. To strengthen local churches and individual members.**

SPECIAL FEATURES:

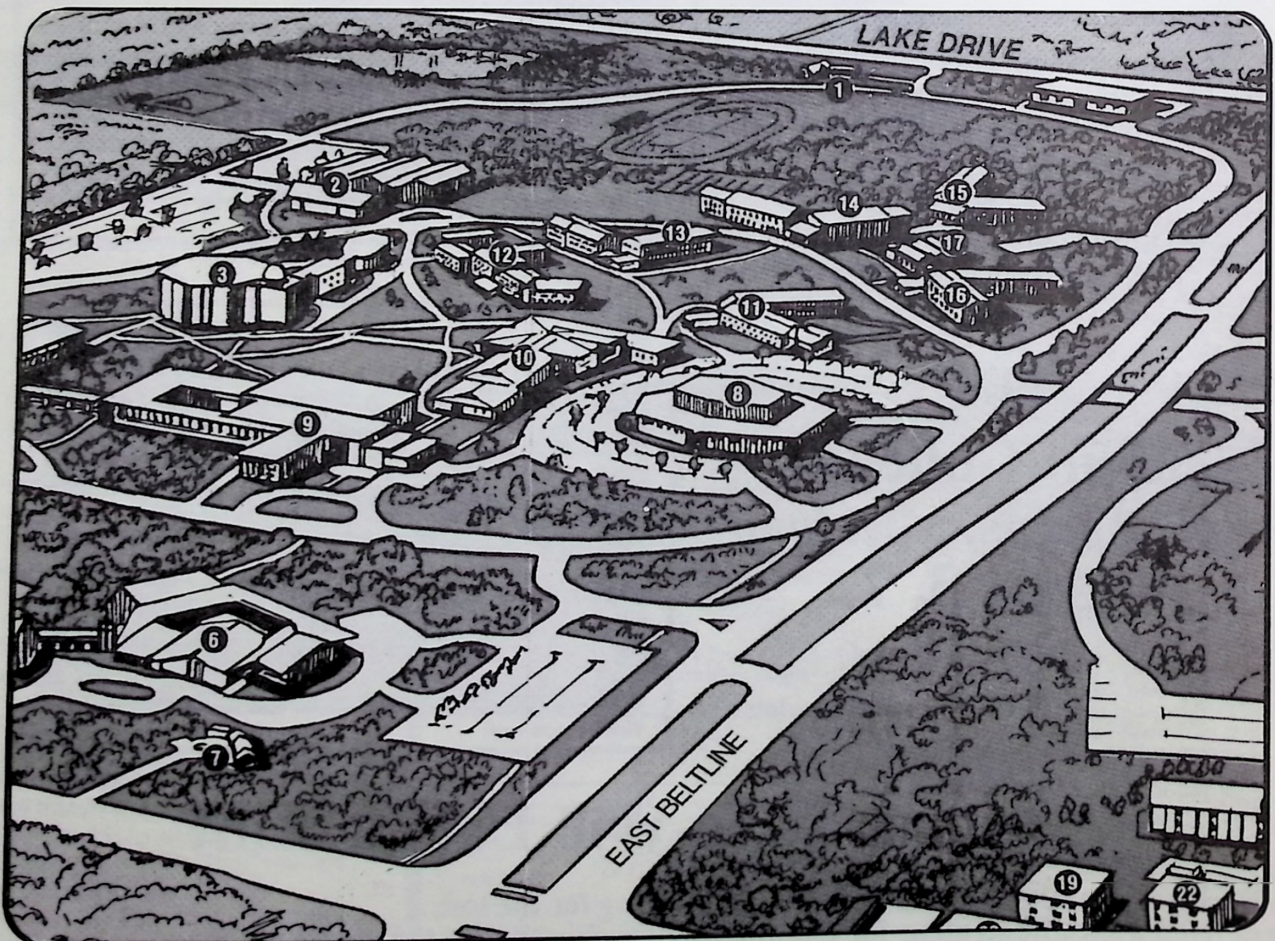
- Bible Study
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- Inspiring Sermons
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- Helpful Seminars
- Business Sessions

CONFERENCE COSTS:*

Ages 13 and up	\$105.00
Ages 5-12	60.00
Under 5	10.00
Full time Commuters	25.00
Full time Commuters with meals	70.00

* Costs are based on two people to a room, four people to a suite—with connecting bath, and linens. Rates for single rooms will be provided with enrollment forms.

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



President's Page

Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College

David Krogh

1987 Summer Conference

The 67th annual Church of God General Conference will meet August 3-7 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dozens of workshops, classes for all ages, sermons, special music, and a variety of recreational opportunities have been planned for this four-day Conference.

Delegates and friends will be taking a close look at the mission of the Church of God through the rest of the 20th century. Attendees will participate in local church and state conference caucuses to develop plans for strengthening existing churches and planting new churches in the coming years.

We urge all of you who have an interest in the future of the Church of God to be present for this pace-setting Conference.

Board of Directors Meet

The Board of Directors met in Oregon, Illinois, January 8-10, for its annual mid-winter long-range planning meeting. Among the items discussed and acted upon were:

1. Review of the financial reports of the Conference/College.
2. Approval of the audit report prepared by Lindgren, Callihan, Van Osdol, and Co.
3. Heard reports from Oregon Bible College regarding the development of a policy manual, further education for staff members, and the relationship of the College to the entire work of the Church of God.
4. Heard a report of the Outreach and Church Development Department regarding church planting, mission trips, publishing plans, and a church-planting conference to be held in January.
5. The organizational structure of the Conference was reviewed.
6. Long-range planning topics relative to relocation, student recruitment, fund-raising strategies, efforts to assist local pastors, and efforts to meet the needs of all segments of the Church of God were discussed.
7. A resolution was unanimously approved expressing appreciation to the entire staff for their faithful service.

Advisory Committees Meet

Five Advisory Committees met before and after the Board of Directors meeting to deal with specific aspects of the work. The five committees are: Higher Education; Foreign Missions; Sunday School; Youth; Media.

Each committee consists of two individuals selected by the delegates, a member of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board, and a member of the staff appointed by the President. The Committees are involved in research and long-range planning, and they serve as vehicles of communication to and from our church membership. They serve as advisors to the Conference/College staff.

Putting Your Wheels to Work

In the past two years, we have encouraged the donation of vehicles to the Conference/College to assist with our transportation needs. We are very grateful to the Valley View Bible Church, Scottsdale, AZ, for the gift of a used 15-passenger van. We also appreciate the gift of a used Volkswagon from Dean and Shirley Vance, West Milton, Ohio. We greatly appreciate these two gifts. We continue to encourage others to consider this way of contributing to our work.

Financial Update

As of January 31, contributions for the current fiscal year were approximately \$21,000 above those received at this same point a year ago. We are very grateful for the consistent giving of so many Church of God congregations, conferences, and individuals.

We are particularly grateful for many end-of-the-year gifts which permitted us to reach the Goal for Giving.

Many of you contributed funds during the past year to purchase a replacement van for the Conference/College. In light of the donated van from Valley View, the funds will be held in escrow and will be used for future vehicle replacement. Thanks to all who contributed to this special fund.

Participation Statistics

To some extent, the success of any organization depends upon the services provided, and the participation of members who belong to the organization. On the following pages is a comprehensive report of statistics regarding our association of churches. In the past this report has been mailed only to church leaders.

We encourage your continued participation as individual members and as churches and conferences in the ministries of the Church of God General Conference. By pooling our resources, we are able to accomplish things together which we are unable to do alone.

If there are errors or omissions in this statistical report, please notify the business office so our records can be corrected.

Oregon Bible College

Dale Ramsey, Vice President

Who Wants \$300?

Will you, or your child, or a relative, or a young person in your church, qualify for a \$300 incentive grant for the 1987-88 school year?

Oregon Bible College wants to enlist the future church leaders and workers today. Will you come and be a part of the OBC experience in the fall of '87?

All prospective students who complete the application process, except for the ACT test, by May 1, and are among the *first ten* to do so will receive a \$300 reduction in their tuition. That is almost half of the tuition for a whole semester! **Please take advantage of this great opportunity.**

Booster Campaign

A real joy for me this year was to witness the growth in the number of participants in our annual Booster Campaign. Our final count was 444 adults and 199 Junior Boosters. Six hundred forty-three gave \$12,729.01 to the campaign. Ten Junior Boosters that failed to get their names in the Annual Giving Report were: Eddie DeGroot, Jayne DeGroot, Beth Hall, Brian Hall, Mike Holsinger, Pam Holsinger, Jennifer Knapp, Kevin Knapp, Sara Knapp, and Shari McClain. Thanks to everyone who believes in and supports Oregon Bible College.

Scholarships Awarded

It was our pleasure at orientation activities on January 19 to award John Guthrie and Alane Schmidlapp full-tuition scholarships for the spring semester. Both attained a perfect 4.00 average. Dennis Cheatwood continued a full scholarship by also achieving high honor.

High School Invitational

It will be our pleasure to host high school students on campus the weekend of April 9-11. This is an annual event held to introduce prospective students to Oregon Bible College. The atmosphere is always exciting with youth being involved with OBC students in various activities.

This year an up-and-coming, nationally known, Christian contemporary group, *Surrender*, will perform on Friday night during our invitational. We are also inviting all the teens from the community to attend.

Won't you come or encourage your young people to come and experience OBC for two days?

Guests on Campus

Guests on campus always enliven our spirits and contribute to the uniqueness of OBC life.

Recent guests include Intensive Instructors Jack Hearp, Brian Atra, and Scott and Shelly Millard. Chuck Jones was on campus February 9 and 10, to preach and participate in several activities.

Out-of-town participants in our Intensives were John Railton and Gary Roepke.

When and if you are ever in the area, drop in and we'll enjoy some time together. It's a pleasure to know what is going on in the lives of those we serve.

Chorale Itinerary

I really enjoy traveling and visiting with friends and new acquaintances. In the next couple of months the Oregon Bible College Chorale will be performing in the following areas. Please come and support the group.

- March 1—East Oregon Chapel
- March 6—Fredericktown, MO
- March 8—a.m. Happy Woods; p.m. Blood River, LA
- March 9—Baton Rouge, LA
- March 10—Beaumont, TX
- March 11—Gatesville, TX
- March 12—Forest Hills, AR
- March 13—McGintytown, AR
- March 14—Eldorado, IL
- March 15—Danville Correctional Center (1:00 p.m.)
- April 11—Hillview Bible Church, Bloomington, IN
- April 12—Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, IN
- April 13—Yellow Bird Senior Citizens Center, Oregon, IL
- April 24—Macomb Church of God, Macomb, IL
- April 26—Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL
- May 2—Lawrenceville Church of God, Springfield, OH
- May 3—Troy View Church of God, Troy, OH
- May 3—North Salem Church of God, Plymouth, IN

New Students

We welcome Will Feary from Leaf River, IL, Lester Koder from Raymore, MO, Camille Miller from Sacramento, CA, and David Richert from South Bend, IN, as new students at OBC this semester. My prayer is that they will have needs met and enjoy a growth experience this semester.

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress Report, 2/3/87

Written Commitments	\$397,808.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	246,944.57	
Total Written Commitments		\$644,752.57
Written Commitments Unpaid		222,482.81
Total Verbal Commitments		3,500.00
Total Tentative Estimates		202,600.00
Cash Received from Paid in Fulls		\$245,514.13
Cash Received from Written Commitments		175,325.19

Stocks:	
Stock Value*	\$ 541.75
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00
Total Cash To Date	\$420,839.32

*Included in Total Cash

**Not Included in Total Cash

Church of God Participation Statistics Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1986

Church	Member of Gen Cont	No of Active Members	No of Active Families	No of Restitutions Herald Subscriptions	Church Contributed to Goals for Giving	No of Member Families who Contributed to Goals for Giving	Total Contributions to Goals for Giving	**Church Contribution to OBC Foundation	**No of Givers to OBC Foundation	**Amount Given to OBC Foundation	Average SS & Church Attendance	No of Quarterlies Each Quarter	No of OBC Alumni Since 1939	No of Church Builder Members
Arizona														
Lakeshore, Tempe	X	140	-	30	X	14	\$15,472	-	8	\$11,390	107-154	44	8	29
Valley View, Scottsdale	X	214	-	18	X	9	13,647	-	13	60,161	123-201	52	10	19
Arkansas														
Clark Chapel, Magazine	-	10	-	3	-	1	800	-	-	-	38-	96	-	-
Cleveland Church, Cleveland	-	12	2	4	X	2	547	-	-	-	11-	27	-	2
Forest Hills, Royal	X	37	19	8	X	2	1,624	-	-	-	44-54	65	4	7
New Hope, Little Rock	X	40	-	3	X	1	1,805	-	1	1,000	-	39	4	6
McGintytown, Greenbrier	X	76	32	9	X	3	1,517	-	-	-	-66	77	-	6
California														
Church of Open Bible, Pomona	X	46	33	7	-	6	6,140	-	3	3,142	-	57	6	12
San Jose Church, San Jose	X	12	9	8	X	2	2,485	-	1	100	9-10	37	-	5
Valley Church, Simi Valley	X	28	15	12	X	6	5,320	-	7	6,659	-30	-	1	10
Canada														
Glad Tidings, Fonthill	X	75	46	23	X	4	6,777	X	24	10,482	59-94	121	15	12
Peterborough Church, Peterborough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado														
Pleasant View, Colorado Springs	X	34	19	9	X	6	4,307	-	1	500	29-31	-	1	5
Illinois														
Blessed Hope, Rockford	X	46	20	14	X	11	2,703	-	4	11,170	48-51	50	6	8
Dixon Church, Dixon	X	19	14	7	X	1	1,167	-	2	1,020	22-25	27	6	3
East Oregon Chapel, Oregon	X	96	-	11	X	10	4,279	-	2	2,427	90-91	60	4	7
East Peoria, East Peoria	X	51	18	11	-	1	325	-	2	130	42-45	17	-	4
Flagg Center, Rochelle	X	34	-	8	X	6	1,313	-	1	200	30-45	34	6	6
Fox Valley, Aurora	X	-	-	3	X	3	2,403	-	1	1,000	22-22	46	-	-
Macomb Church, Macomb	X	120	69	24	X	24	6,874	-	9	4,982	90-91	142	12	27
Oregon Church, Oregon	X	214	111	57	X	44	35,523	-	22	30,651	175-187	132	29	43
Restitution Church, Casey	X	18	-	7	-	3	335	-	-	-	5-	-	-	3
Restitution Church, Eldorado	X	31	11	11	-	6	160	-	1	100	36-39	-	-	7
Ripley Church, Ripley	X	78	-	17	X	16	3,895	-	2	2,645	44-53	92	9	9

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Indiana													
Burr Oak Church, Burr Oak	52	27	17	X	12	7,457	X	9	8,673	75-57	76	-	12
Country Chapel, Michigantown	39	20	12	X	7	2,427	-	5	2,570	29-41	53	14	7
Hedrick Church, Hedrick	33	17	8	X	5	1,113	-	1	150	43-40	52	2	5
Hillview Bible, Bloomington	8	3	2	X	3	539	-	-	-	13-13	27	-	1
Jay St, Kokomo	40	-	3	-	2	400	-	1	850	28-30	16	11	11
North Salem, Plymouth	23	15	5	X	4	1,554	-	1	1,000	26-35	64	2	8
Timberland Bible, South Bend	114	75	22	X	12	6,566	-	4	310	111-140	102	14	27
Iowa													
Albert City Church, Albert City	7	5	1	-	1	297	-	1	3,000	9-	10	-	-
Conger St Church, Waterloo	13	-	-	-	2	88	-	-	-	16-19	11	4	2
Gladbrook Church, Gladbrook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10-10	-	-	-
Oaklawn Church, Koszta	-	-	5	X	2	1,050	-	1	12	24-35	49	-	3
Restitution Church, Belle Plaine	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
Kansas													
Hope Chapel, Arkansas City	9	-	6	X	2	1,445	-	-	-	5-	21	-	-
Louisiana													
Blood River Church, Springfield	94	-	12	X	6	4,464	-	4	1,670	-83	98	16	7
Faith Chapel, Metairie	-	-	-	X	5	700	-	-	-	9-10	-	-	-
Happy Woods Church, Hammond	55	36	13	X	2	4,736	-	5	15,078	50-56	104	8	15
Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge	23	13	10	X	7	2,835	-	1	5,000	34-39	57	5	7
Michigan													
Blanchard Church, Blanchard	175	96	16	X	11	13,258	X	4	8,150	116-139	50	18	20
Champion Community, Champion	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14-12	27	-	-
Garden Park Church, Kentwood	48	25	14	X	9	5,344	-	4	5,985	39-33	40	5	13
L'Anse Church, L'Anse	18	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	11-12	-	2	1
North Kent Church, Rockford	36	18	3	X	6	3,118	X	1	1,815	34-42	27	-	4
Pennellwood Church, Wyoming	110	74	17	X	9	6,835	-	9	4,892	80-115	57	25	24
Southlawn Church, Wyoming	71	48	15	X	11	12,828	-	11	7,650	69-83	55	13	10
Minnesota													
Eden Valley Church, Eden Valley	79	-	15	X	18	5,409	X	13	17,885	51-77	66	13	18
Hector Church, Hector	24	8	9	X	3	388	-	7	11,677	27-29	30	7	10
Litchfield Church, Litchfield	48	24	18	X	8	2,923	-	9	5,175	18-46	34	6	8
Pine Grove, Minneapolis	47	23	11	X	8	2,178	-	5	1,250	38-49	92	5	23
St Cloud Church, St Cloud	14	9	6	X	1	240	X	1	1,010	11-15	42	3	7
Missouri													
Church of Open Bible, Farmington	3	-	1	X	1	1,375	-	1	400	8-8	-	-	-
Fairview Church, Doniphan	23	-	5	X	2	210	-	-	-	14-	28	1	2
Fifth Avenue Church, Ferrisburgh	38	19	9	X	4	1,322	-	-	-	25-33	34	6	4

Jordan Church, Jordan	X	15	7	1	3	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-
Lockwood Church, Lockwood	X	26	12	4	4	865	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20-	2	2
Morse Mill Church, Morse Mill	X	60	17	10	9	3,445	-	-	9	7,639	-	-	-	12-20	5	5
Raymore Church, Raymore	X	14	9	6	3	1,804	-	X	1	1,010	-	-	-	56-60	1	4
St Louis Church, St Louis	X	34	23	15	4	1,772	-	-	2	300	-	-	-	18-18	3	7
Holbrook Church, Holbrook	X	78	45	28	23	7,018	X	X	12	13,611	-	-	-	18-21	4	8
Jaynes Street Community, Omaha	X	101	60	2	2	140	-	-	1	4,600	-	-	-	61-76	11	20
Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville	X	22	-	3	2	650	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	12-17	-	2
Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir	X	72	42	24	21	9,350	X	X	8	3,112	-	-	-	56-84	1	14
Ohio																
Brush Creek Church, Tipp City	X	25	14	11	7	2,347	-	-	3	1,062	-	-	-	81-78	23	17
Chapel on the Hill, Urbana	X	38	-	6	6	3,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-
Church of Open Bible, Bedford	X	22	14	17	6	3,124	X	X	5	7,602	-	-	-	22-29	4	10
Columbia Church, Columbia Station	X	23	-	3	1	394	-	-	4	3,030	-	-	-	78	5	10
Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton	X	-	-	-	-	299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26-26	10	3
Golden Rule Church, Cleveland	X	9	3	2	2	525	X	X	1	450	-	-	-	24-24	3	2
Gospel Church, Hilliard	X	93	38	17	6	9,292	X	X	6	47,208	-	-	-	54	3	2
Grace Church, Jefferson	X	52	-	13	10	4,021	X	X	-	2,227	-	-	-	10	-	-
Lawrenceville Church, Springfield	X	37	5	6	4	4,597	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12-12	-	2
North Hills Church, Springfield	X	90	43	16	12	5,491	X	X	6	1,925	-	-	-	94-109	11	11
Pleasant Hill Church, Pleasant Hill	X	24	14	2	1	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75-85	44	6
Troy View Church, Troy	X	256	-	24	20	8,149	-	-	16	13,400	-	-	-	46-48	-	5
South Carolina														77-88	14	14
Bethel Church, Pelzer	X	24	14	2	3	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-
Greenville Church, Greenville	X	256	-	24	20	8,149	-	-	16	13,400	-	-	-	17-19	44	5
Guthrie Grove, Pelzer	X	25	-	8	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151-177	158	48
Texas																
Arlington Church, Arlington	X	34	-	9	5	4,720	-	-	5	2,650	-	-	-	12	1	-
Avondale Church, Harlingen	X	25	-	8	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20-24	1	5
Gatesville Church, Gatesville	X	22	17	7	4	7,167	X	X	5	3,315	-	-	-	33-40	3	5
Virginia																
Cool Spring Church, Browntown	X	24	16	10	12	6,527	-	-	8	12,850	-	-	-	29-30	2	4
Fair Oaks Community, Herndon	X	33	15	8	5	4,033	-	-	6	6,639	-	-	-	17-25	5	11
Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains	X	-	-	6	5	2,869	X	X	2	8,700	-	-	-	40-	11	9
Maurertown Church, Maurertown	X	53	32	5	5	1,912	-	-	1	2,072	-	-	-	13-	1	4
Royal Village Church, Front Royal	X	2	-	2	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49-60	-	3
Washington																
Bible Faith Church, Bellevue	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Cashmere Church, Cashmere	-	-	-	5	-	1,185	-	-	1	275	-	-	-	31	6	1
Wenatchee Church, Wenatchee	-	-	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	11	1

**Total Since the beginning of the Foundation in 1982

Conferences	Member of Gen Conf	No of Active Members	No of Active Families	No of Restitution Herald Subscriptions	Church Contributed to Goals for Giving	No of Member Families who Contributed to Goals for Giving	Total Contributions to Goals For Giving	**Church Contributed to OBC Foundation	**No of Givers to OBC Foundation	**Amount Given to OBC Foundation	Average SS & Church Attendance	No of Quarterlies Each Quarter	No of OBC Alumni Since 1939	No of Church Builder Members
Arkansas Conference					147									
Illinois State Conference					2,200									
Indiana State Conference					1,385									
Louisiana State Conference					650			X						
Michigan State Conference					1,206			X						
Minnesota State Conference					818			X						
Minnesota State Mission Society					719			X						
Missouri State Conference					363									
Northeast Conference					2,620			X						
Southeast Conference					245			X						
Virginia State Conference					107			X						
Non-Church of God												428		50
Isolated												127		
Herald Bundles to Churches		249				72	31,225		16	6,147				
State Conferences & Groups		325							5	7,324				133

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS & SUBTRACTIONS

ADDITIONS:	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Baptisms	203	201	172	141	155
Inactive-Became Active	57	44	24	48	72
Transfer In	95	94	103	111	53
	355	340	299	300	280
SUBTRACTIONS:	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Deaths	35	39	51	39	34
Became Inactive	219	119	149	202	163
Transferred Away	70	50	58	73	70
	324	208	258	314	267
Net Gain (or Loss)	31	138	41	-14	13

**Outreach and Church
Development Department**
Warren Sorenson, Vice President

Feasibility Study in London, England

The possibility of starting a Church of God in London has been under consideration the last couple of years. We have two men in England, John Cunningham and Ken Newman, who are very interested in the Church of God. A literature distribution of *The Restitution Herald* produced more contacts in the area. It now seems necessary to take further steps in developing a work in London and to followup on the contacts secured there.

Warren and Irene Sorenson plan to conduct a feasibility study in London March 9-19, 1987, to accomplish the following objectives. 1) To conduct a sample door-to-door survey as a means of evaluating the receptivity of the people and to determine appropriate methods for building a nucleus to start a church in London. 2) To meet with John Cunningham and Ken Newman and followup on as many contacts as possible to determine their interest and possible involvement in starting a church. It is planned to meet with these contacts individually and to arrange for a group meeting if possible. 3) To evaluate the feasibility of starting a church in London. To interview clergy of various churches as a means of gathering data to assist in planning appropriate strategies for planting a church there. 4) To evaluate if it would be appropriate for a ministry team to go to London, and if so, to determine the area best suited for its work in starting a church, and what would be the best approach for a team ministry.

Your prayer support will be greatly appreciated. The approximate cost will be \$2500. Designated contributions can be made to the London church-planting project.

Cross-Culture Mission Trips

Lima, Peru

Early in January Anthony Buzzard made a trip to Lima, Peru. The purpose of his trip was to meet with Mario Olcese who lives in Lima and discuss the possibilities of working with him in establishing a Church of God mission field there. He also investigated the advisability of sending a ministry team to Lima to assist in this work.

Mario is already preaching to a small group. During the four days which Anthony spent there he met with Mario for intensive Bible study (seven hours each day). Occasionally

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PRAISE AND PRAYER CALENDAR

April, 1987

- 1 Pray for the Churches of God in Bangalore, India, especially that there would be genuine conversion to those that are causing turmoil in the work there.
- 2 Pray for the congregations which are seeking a pastor for their church.
- 3 Pray for God's protection over those who will be traveling home from Christian Workers' Seminar.
- 4 Pray that God will work through those who attended Christian Workers' Seminar, that through their work in the local church there will be a blessing.
- 5 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ. Share this blessing of Christ with a friend.
- 6 Pray for the Missions Advisory Committee of the General Conference and Judy Myers as chairman.
- 7 Pray for David Krogh as he leads the Church of God in its ministries.
- 8 Pray that God would use the opportunities in London to develop a Church of God there.
- 9 Pray that God will call persons to his service in training at OBC.
- 10 Pray for the pastors who are leaving the active pastoral ministry, that God will work through them in their new work.
- 11 Pray for Kent Ross as Youth Director in his planning for the Youth Congress.
- 12 Pray that God will work through Mario Olcese in Lima, Peru, in the development of a Church of God ministry.
- 13 Pray that God will direct in the lives of those who plan to go to Peru to help in this ministry.
- 14 Pray for God to motivate persons to contribute to the OBC Development Foundation.
- 15 Pray for OBC students who are on Easter break, that God will minister to them through this special season.
- 16 Pray that God will use this summer's General Conference to move the Church of God forward.
- 17 Pray for the churches in Michigan as they prepare for the General Conference in Grand Rapids.
- 18 Pray for Cecil Rademachir and the development of a Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana.
- 19 Thank God for the resurrection of Christ and the hope of life you have as a result.
- 20 Pray that God's power of life will enable you to witness to your friends.
- 21 Praise God for persons who support the ministries of the Church of God through the General Conference with their prayer and financial support.
- 22 Pray for Alan Demmitt and his ministry with the Colorado Springs Church of God.
- 23 Pray for the North Kent Church of God and Dick Eldred as they seek to bring others to salvation through Jesus.
- 24 Pray for the staff members of OBC as they influence the lives of students.
- 25 Pray for the Macomb Church of God as it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary with special services.
- 26 Pray for the Board of Directors as it meets in planning sessions today and tomorrow.
- 27 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their ministry in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 28 Pray for your pastor and others who will be participating in the Ministers' Conference in Oregon, Illinois.
- 29 Pray for the pastors as they meet in fellowship and study sessions, that they will be enriched for their service in the local church.
- 30 Praise God for the hope we share in the return of Jesus and the coming kingdom of God on the earth.

PRAISE AND PRAYER CALENDAR

May, 1987

- 1 Pray for pastors as they return to their ministry in their local church following Ministers' Conference.
- 2 Pray for the graduating OBC students who plan to go into internship training following their graduation.
- 3 Pray that God will give you a specific opportunity to serve him in your local church.
- 4 Pray for those from your church who will be delegates at General Conference in Grand Rapids this summer.
- 5 Praise God for a faithful member of your church. Thank him for this person's example of faith.
- 6 Pray for effective evangelism through your local church, that people will be brought to salvation because of this.
- 7 Pray for church-planting opportunity in your area.
- 8 Pray for Dale Ramsey in his leadership role at OBC.
- 9 Pray for John Cunningham and Ken Newman in their work in London, England.
- 10 Pray for your mother today. Thank God for her influence in your life.
- 11 Pray for the churches which do not have a pastor, that God will provide one for them.
- 12 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson in their ministry in helping local churches.
- 13 Pray for the staff of OBC in their work of training students.
- 14 Pray for various ministry teams going to mission fields this summer.
- 15 Pray for Russ Magaw in his work in the publishing department of the General Conference.
- 16 Pray for Gordon and Barbara Landry and their work with the publishing department.
- 17 Pray for you pastor and family today.
- 18 Pray for OBC students as they take their final exams this week.
- 19 Pray for the Fox Valley Church and Ron Macy as they develop a Church of God congregation in the Aurora, Illinois, area.
- 20 Pray for God's Spirit to work within the Church of God, especially in your congregation.
- 21 Pray for isolated members of your congregation and those you know of from other congregations.
- 22 Pray for OBC students who will be graduating tonight, that God will use their abilities to his glory.
- 23 Pray for those who will be traveling to attend the Adulthostel in Oregon, Illinois, May 24-29.
- 24 Pray for God's presence to be felt in the lives of those attending the Adulthostel.
- 25 Pray for the instructors as they teach those who are attending the Adulthostel, that God will speak through them to touch lives.
- 26 Pray for the OBC graduates who will begin internship training soon.
- 27 Pray that God will call persons to his service and into training at OBC next fall.
- 28 Pray for someone who has not yet been baptized into Christ.
- 29 Pray for an opportunity to share your faith with this person.
- 30 Thank God for the heritage of the Church of God. Pray that we might be faithful to his calling.
- 31 Praise God for the secretarial staff at OBC and the General Conference. Thank God for their service in this ministry.

OUTREACH . . .

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Mario's brothers were present for these studies which concentrated mainly on the nature of God and Jesus.

Plans are continuing to have a ministry team go to Peru this summer and Mario is cooperating with this effort. The mission committee of OBC with Jan Stilson as advisor, Judy Myers as the General Conference Missions Coordinator, and Anthony Buzzard are working on the plans for this trip.

Labor Vieja, Mexico

The Oregon Church of God Missions Committee, Jan Stilson chairman, sponsored a ministry survey trip to Labor Vieja, December 30—January 3. The purpose of this trip was to work with Roberto and Lupe Badillo in planning how to best use ministry teams to Mexico in the future. Trips to Mexico provide opportunity for young people to get exposure in cross-cultural missions. It is necessary to evaluate the effect of these teams on the work in Labor Vieja, and how to accomplish the most good while there. The Badillos expressed interest in having people go door to door with them to witness to their neighbors.

Judy Myers representing the Missions Department of the General Conference, Bob Alcumbrack from the Oregon Church, and Alane Schmidlapp from OBC met Dean Moore in Harlingen, TX. Dean accompanied them to Labor Vieja.

Judy reports that, "It was a fruitful trip and we were able to begin the process of making good and constant friends with the people in the church in Labor Vieja." Pictured from left to right are Wilma Osborn, Harlingen, TX—Alane Schmidlapp, Dean Moore, Judy Myers, Bob Alcumbrack.



CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

CANADA

Fonthill—Merry Peterson (12/14/86), Aaron

W Bolhous (10/26/86), Stephen Bolhous.

ILLINOIS

Flagg Center—Ron Smith (1/18/87), Gordon Landry.

Macomb—Lance Gaddis and Robert Loring (12/28/86), Rex Cain.

Oregon—Debbie Lea Grove (1/4/87), Hazel Haynes and Mary Patterson (1/25/87), Hollis Partlowe.

INDIANA

Timberland—Andrew Cisneros (12/28/86), Julie Haisley (1/4/87), John Railton.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Donald and Lucille Wheeler (8/18/86), Stan Ross.

Minneapolis—Jack and Sheri Jones (12/14/86), Sydney Kirkpatrick.

OHIO

Bedford—Robert Hopperton (11/30/86), Austin Railton.

Brush Creek—Bud Morris (1/18/87), Michael Hoffman.

Hilliard—Carl Richard Roth II and Ronda Sue Roth (1/11/87), James Kinser.

North Hills—Ms Sharon Pritchard (12/9/86), Frank Frock (12/21/86), Mrs Frank Frock (12/24/86), Lee Arp.

BY TRANSFER

OHIO

North Hills—Teresa Jenkins (12/7/86), Donald and Lydia Stratton (1/25/87), Lee Arp.

ILLINOIS

Rockford—Connie Froehlich (10/12/86), Cathy Cave (11/9/86), David Cheatwood.

MARRIAGES

COLORADO

Colorado Springs—James Dimmick and Donna Kirkpatrick (8/16/86), Gary Smith.

ILLINOIS

Macomb—William DeJong and Jennifer Pestle (9/13/86), Rex Cain.

MICHIGAN

North Kent—Bruce Fyfe and Wendy Kennedy (9/20/86), Dick Eldred.

OHIO

North Hills—Homer Engle and Glenna Davis (12/20/86), Lee Arp.

Troy View—Brian Baird and Robin Hollopeter (11/1/86), Craig Wagganer.

DEATHS

ARKANSAS

Little Rock—Dewey B Stevens (12/1/86), Brian J Atra.

CANADA

Fonthill—Robert McClellenc (11/15/86), Stephen Bolhous.

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Eldon Lucas, member (1/24/87), Rex Cain.

Rockford—Mabel Johnson (11/20/86), David Cheeatwood.

INDIANA

Timberland—Scott Salyers (2/2/87), John Railton.

MICHIGAN

North Kent—Basil Haskell (9/24/86), Dick Eldred.

NEBRASKA

Holbrook—Welles Erton Story, member, (11/1/86), Leon Driskill.

OHIO

Brush Creek—Berlin Hail (11/6/86), Michael Hoffman.

North Hills—Harold Ault, (1/17/87), Lee Arp.

Troy View—Hazel Gallagher, Member (11/21/86), Craig Wagganer and Michael Hoffman.

TEXAS

Amarillo—Lola Faye Reed, member (9/26/86).

COMPLETE SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Bette Lee Emerick, South Bend, Indiana; Earl R. Hagbom, Deltona, Florida; Mrs Elwood Casey, N Little Rock, Arkansas; Robert Loring, Little Ferry, New Jersey; Mrs Susie Morrison, Brenda Tesreau, and Amanda Wagganer, Fredericktown, Missouri; and Bobby G Dudley, Marquand, Missouri.

Media Department Wants Your Help

The Media Department of the Outreach and Church Development Department is in need of all types of audio-visual material which depicts important celebrations of your church. This material will be collected in a library from which copy will be used from time to time to tell the story of the Church of God General Conference and its churches.

Here's a list of the type of material we can use:

- 16mm movie film of events
- Beta and VHS video tapes
- 35mm slides
- Color and black-and-white prints
- Audio tapes of significant events
- Slide-sound presentations

Please send submissions to: Media Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Accepted submissions will become the property of the Church of God General Conference.

Thank you.

Registration

If you would like to participate in this year's Adulthostel at Oregon Bible College:

- 1) Complete the Registration form.
- 2) Enclose your \$25 registration fee. The remainder is due at the time of check-in . . . or you may pay the entire amount with this registration.
- 3) Mail Registration form and check to:
Adulthostel '87
Oregon Bible College
Box 100
Oregon, IL 61061

Registration Form

(Please type or print)

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Name _____

Name of spouse attending _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____

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Sally Ebeling, Sec, 2121 N Center, #138, Mesa 85201
Frank Unger, Youth Leader, 646 W Strahan Dr, Tempe 85283
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Colorado

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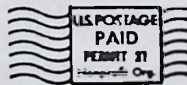
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Coming this spring . . .

Adulthostel '87

During the week of May 24-29, 1987, the Third Annual ADULT-HOSTEL at Oregon Bible College will convene.

This year's program is filled with exciting events and fellowship, with fascinating class times and wonderful memories.

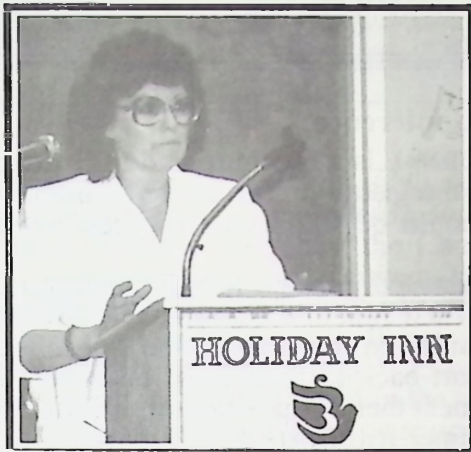
Leaders include Anthony Buzzard, Warren Sorenson, Dale Ramsey, Jan Stilson, David Krogh, and your host, Kent Ross.

The attendance has grown each year, and we anticipate that this year will be even better. It's a joy to welcome back alumni from the first two years, and an equally great delight to greet first-time attenders.

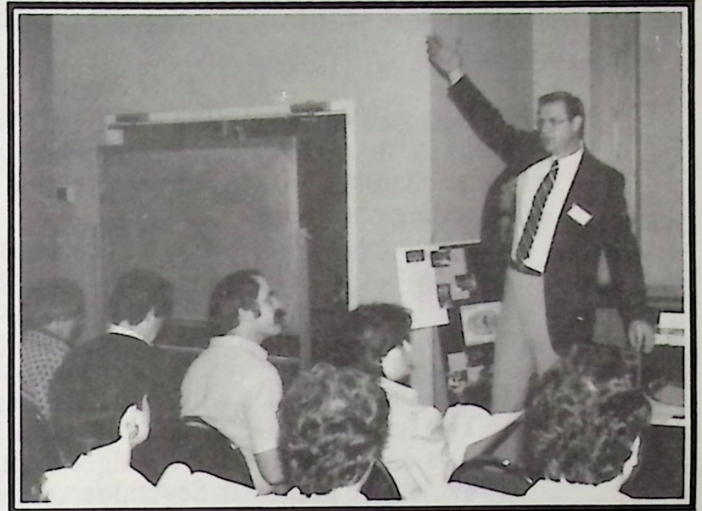
This year's program has two levels, with special classes for first-timers and a second level of classes for returnees. You'll enjoy the comfortable accommodations and delicious meals.

Use the registration blank on the inside page and be one of the first to register for ADULTHOSTEL '87.

Don't Miss It!



Carol Ring was in charge of evening sessions.



Intense response to Cecil Rademachir's class on the Holy Spirit.



High enthusiasm for the church-planting class taught by Warren Sorenson.



Group singing after an evening session.

Workers'
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1987

Church of God General Conference Oregon Bible College

1987 Annual General Conference

Enclosed with this issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL is a brochure and registration form for the 1987 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. 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 and help to implement them. A position description for Conference delegates will be included in the summer JOURNAL.

The summer PROGRESS JOURNAL will contain reports of departments and special boards and committees. A budget draft for the fiscal year June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989, will be proposed. Several recommendations will be presented. Nominations for two positions on the Board of Directors-Trustees will be included. After being reviewed by the membership, delegates should be instructed how to accurately reflect the wishes of the congregation.

Concerted prayer by delegates and members should accompany the preparation for the General Conference and the business sessions. As we focus upon those who are lost and our evangelistic effort, we must experience God's direction.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors is meeting April 26-28 to finalize plans for the summer Conference and to conduct other business of the Conference and College. Your prayer support for our Board members will be appreciated. Board members contribute many hours in service to the work of the Church of God each year.

Ministerial Conference

Church of God pastors are meeting in Oregon, Illinois, for the annual Ministerial Conference, April 27 - May 1. The theme of the Conference is, "First Aid for Wounded Soldiers." The program will focus on uplifting and encouraging pastors of local churches. The program is being planned by ministers from the southwest.

Financial Report

The end of March marked the conclusion of 10 months of our fiscal year. Contributions are approximately \$12,108 short of our Goal for Giving. The amount needed for 10 months is \$310,440; the amount received for 10 months is \$298,332. Since contributions have been less, and less income has been received from tuition, board, and room because of the small college enrollment this year, it has been necessary to borrow \$26,300 to carry on our work this year.

We continue to invite Church of God families to become members of the Development Council, which includes a commitment of \$500 or more during the calendar year; or to become a member of the Founders' Circle with a commitment of \$120—\$499 per year. We appreciate those who have made commitments thus far, and we appreciate the faithful support of many individuals, families, churches, and conferences.

David Krogh, President

Oregon Bible College

OBC Chorale

With spring comes the yearly ritual of going on the road to present concerts at various churches in our fellowship of churches. Besides churches, the Chorale has also sung at a couple of local senior citizens clubs.

A very memorable experience was a concert at the Danville Correctional Center in Danville, Illinois. We felt like our ministry in the prison on March 15 was a fruitful one. Many of the men participated in the singing and sharing aspects of the concert and were openly vocal in their support. We were able to visit Bro. Jim Lippert and another resident with whom we have been corresponding.

The brethren of our southern churches in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri, as well as those in Illinois were overwhelming in their hospitality and support of our coming to sing and fellowship. Thank you! It was great!

Graduation

We are thankful for three students who will be graduating at our annual exercises on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. Dennis and Mary Cheatwood, who have persevered through a period of six years, have been a joy to have in our community. It's been exciting to observe their growth and now to watch them leave to continue their pursuit of a pastoral ministry. They will be in the internship program next fall under the guidance of Pastor Steve Taylor. Scott Deane, who finished his course work in December, is presently involved in the internship program under the supervision of Pastor Richard Smith in South Carolina.

It is our joy to graduate these three very gifted students, who have excelled in their studies at OBC. We pray God's guidance and protection on their lives.

High School Invitational

Many students from our churches got a "Preview" of what it's like to be an OBC student for a couple days at our recent High School Invitational. It was held the weekend of April 9-11.

The highlight of the weekend was a concert by a young up-and-coming Christian contemporary musical group, *Surrender*, a six-man band from Warsaw, Indiana. We had it in the local high school to help attract young people from the local schools.

We appreciated the effort of students, sponsors, and all who contributed to make the weekend a suc-

cess. Students from as far away as Texas and Arkansas were in attendance.

Adulthostel

We are anticipating the excitement of our third annual Adulthostel. Over 20 attended last year and experienced the opportunity to be students for a week. But more than the learning will be the new friendships that develop, renewing acquaintances, enjoying the music, food, and rich experience planned.

If you are an adult, you qualify. Please come and experience a neat week of renewal.

Recruitment

What is the primary motivator when a senior in high school comes to the point of decision regarding his vocation and career? I imagine most are like I was at that age. I wanted to be successful, and have sufficient resources to have a nice car, house, and material items that would give me the comforts others had. After all, what else is there to life? I wanted happiness and that was the key to achieving it (I thought).

Parents, pastors, grandparents—what message are you giving your young people? Is a year's intensive study of Scripture of any value to those young people you influence? During a short year your youth learn to share the gospel through Evangelism Explosion training. They discover what it means to be a minister, find a way of life that says materialism is not the answer to life's questions, and experience an ethical framework that contributes to solid value choices. They also memorize Scripture, learn how to develop worship services, and travel the country to share the gospel through music and the spoken word. And they know that God is working out his desires through them; and they may possibly meet their partner for life.

Why aren't young people knocking our doors down to get in? Probably because OBC really is a waste of time and money. If I go to OBC, I may have to give up a scholarship, or a jump on the competition to get that good job. After all, what's really important?

Well, if learning and doing all of that is wasting a year at Oregon Bible College, then I am failing to communicate well Jesus' commands: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:33, 20, 21.)

Dale Ramsey, Vice-President

Outreach and Church Development

Warren Sorenson, Vice-President

London Survey Trip

When Irene and I boarded a 747 Jumbo Jet at Newark International Airport bound for London, England, we did so with some degree of apprehension. We had conducted feasibility surveys several times previously. This was our first attempt in another country, and the unknown usually produces some nervousness.

When we boarded the plane for the return trip on March 19th we were filled with optimism and expectation of what God can do through the Church of God in England. The reasons for this came from our experiences during the nine days we spent in the London area.

We very much enjoyed our association and conversations with Ken Newman and John Cunningham, our contact persons in England. Ken and John are dedicated faithful men who love the truth. Their interest in the gospel and desire to see others come to understand it is refreshing. They have conducted Bible studies with various individuals from time to time. Presently they are the two who share our doctrinal views.

The prayer support which many of you gave us was greatly appreciated. Irene and I could sense the prayers of God's people on our behalf. We were very much aware of God's presence and assistance as a result of this support in prayer. We experienced God's protection in several ways—especially while driving in unfamiliar territory and in strange traffic patterns. It's difficult getting used to steering from the right side of the car and traveling on the left side of the road.

We also felt God's leadership in helping us to accomplish our purpose. Certainly if God answered prayer regarding a preliminary survey about the possibility of establishing a church in

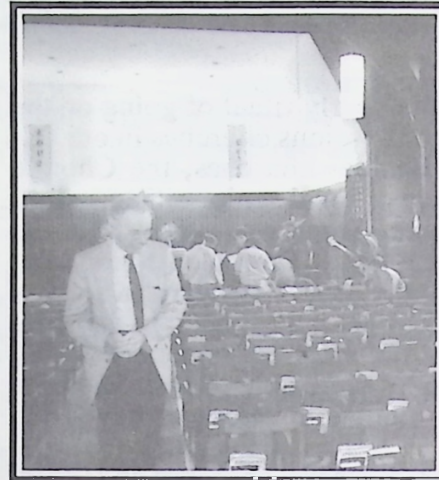


The Cuddeford's neighborhood.



Mr. and Mrs. Cuddeford with Irene.

England, he will continue to answer as we carry through with the reality of a Church of God in England. Specific prayer is needed for these:



Rehearsal for Youth Sunday in the church.

• John Cunningham and Ken Newman, who continue to hold the truth in England.

• That God will call someone to be a Church Planter in England.

• That God will provide the needed resources for the Church-planting project.

• That there will be unity of purpose among Church of God people in this mission effort.

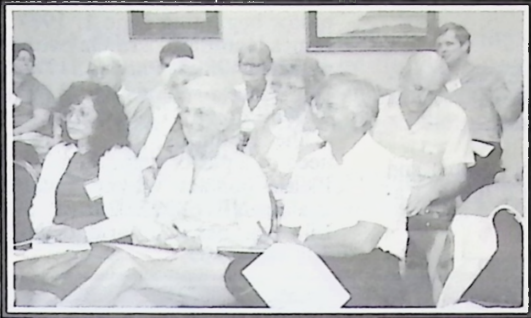
One question regarding the potential of establishing a church in the London area was:

How would people there respond to strangers? We soon discovered that England is a land of people with a heart. We met people who were very open, friendly, and kind. Irene and I drove into a neighborhood just to talk to people. We were invited into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cuddeford and spent the entire afternoon with them. They graciously served tea and biscuits (cookies) and talked freely about themselves and their church affiliations.

Another point of interest in our survey was to learn something about the churches in England and the attitudes of people concerning the gospel. We visited a small church which has been growing since returning to a more Bible-based ministry. This congregation had many young families in its membership. The service on the Sunday we attended was conducted by the youth group. We learned through conversations that some churches in England are growing and that growth results when the church uses the Bible and allows God's power to work. There are few of these churches in England. Thus the opportunity is there to plant a Bible-based spiritual church. It is challenging to realize that people are interested in a church with a Bible message. The Church of God certainly has an important Bible message to share.

The conviction that there is potential for establishing a Church of God in England is based upon the dedication and zeal of John and Ken, who provide a doctrinal stability; the openness of people in the area to respond; and the fact that people are interested in a Bible-based spiritual church (for many years the Church of England has provided a "decorative cathedral religion" without substance or meaning). Irene and I met a couple from the Baptist denomination who were in England for the purpose of starting a church; we met a couple of men from the Seventh Day Adventist Church who were doing the same thing; and we talked to a couple of J.W.'s who were going door to door. We have the vision that God wants the voice of the Church of God to be heard there also. If we as his church respond in faith, it will become a reality. Faith is not only believing God can—it is believing God WILL.

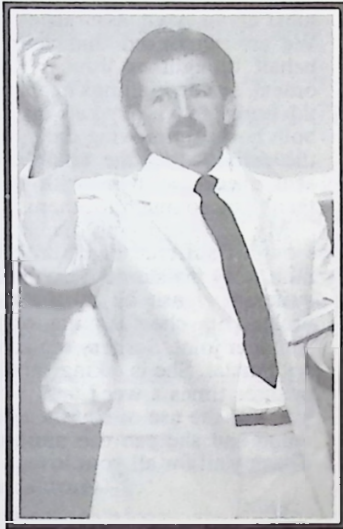
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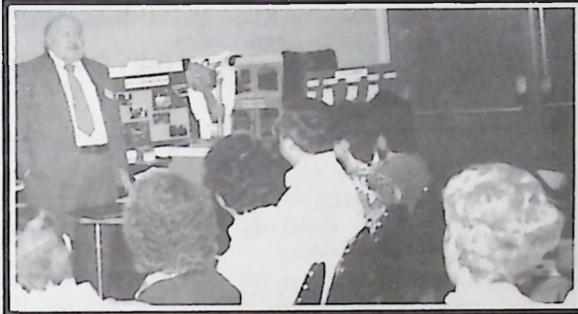
Joyful interaction in spiritual gifts session.



Vivian Kirkpatrick's workshop.

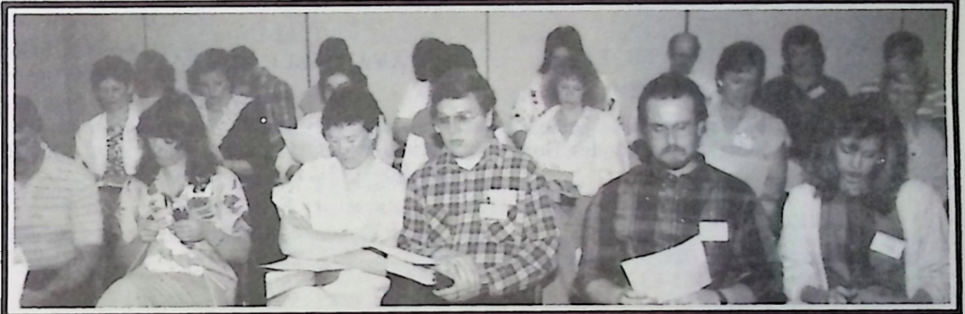


Curt Rowden, evening session leader.

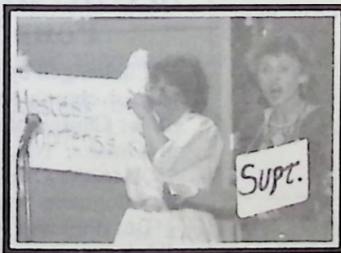


Kent Ross's workshop.

Pigeon Forge, TN
Mar. 29 - Apr. 3, 1987



One responsive class of the 134 total seminarists.



Birthday/Anniversary celebrants.

Another evening session skit.

Poppa Ben and prodigal Joe Cart-wrong (and "friend"); an evening session skit.



Workers' Seminar 1987



Typical "family" group.

Church News and Progress

MARRIAGES

ARKANSAS

Royal—Trina Kay Inglett and Christopher John Davis (12/19/86), John Denchfield.

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Carol Lynn Campbell and Steven Ray Rosenberry (11/8/86), Dennis Baldwin.
Shannon Marie Tharpe and Ernest Fisher Glascock (1/10/87), Dennis Baldwin.

DEATHS

ARIZONA

Tempe—Gerald Miller, member (4/20/86), Joe Myers.

FLORIDA

Bradenton—Mariane Miller, member (3/14/87), Ralph Childs.

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Ethel A. Johnson, member (3/22/87), Hollis Partlowe.

INDIANA

South Bend—Zachary Klingler (3/13/87), John Railton.

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Mrs. Julia Lillard, member (12/29/86), Dennis Baldwin.

BAPTISMS

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INDIANA

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OHIO

Brush Creek—Becky Elleman (2/15/87), Mary Leonard (3/1/87), Bobby Crider, Sr., Bobby Crider, Jr. (3/8/87), Michael Hoffman.

Dayton—Jon Klepinger, Michelle Mann (2/1/87), Ralph Childs.

Hilliard—Patrick Allen Garry (2/8/87), Carl Roth.

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Gatesville—Gary McCombs, Tim Trammell.

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Front Royal—Mrs. Ruth Durham, Dennis Baldwin.

PASTORS NEEDED

The Hedrick Church of God is in need of a pastor beginning June 1, 1987. Please contact James Hamilton, 215 Oakwood Dr., Williamsport, IN 47993, Phone: 317-762-6395 or contact Frank Taylor, RR 3, Williamsport, IN 47993 Phone: 317-986-2148.

The Holbrook, NE, Church of God is in need of a pastor beginning September 1, 1987. Please contact Wayne Ewald, Box 93, Arapaho, NE 68922 Phone: 308-962-7782 or Lila Gardner, Cambridge, NE 69022 Phone: 308-697-4397.

OUR THANKS FROM OUR HEARTS

TO THE MANY FRIENDS and Churches that have remembered us after our accident of the 21 of September, 1986, we thank you for cards of encouragement, the phone calls, and most of all, your assurances of your prayers. We are convinced that your prayers on our behalf brought us through the worst of our ordeal. So many things happened that revealed the Lord's touch in what was going on. We are both home, improving daily, and back into all the activities of the church. Several of you sent checks to help with expenses and we thank you so much for them.

My heart and lung damage cleared up. Although I suffered eight broken ribs and sternum, only my sternum troubles me now. Cecil suffered a gash on the back of her head, a broken rib, chest trauma, and a ruined right shoulder joint. Surgery replaced part of a bone with metal. She is taking shoulder therapy two or three times a week and is slowly regaining much of the use of her shoulder. It will take a while and she can use more of your prayers. Thank y'all for all your love.

—Austin and Cecil Railton.

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The following has completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Mr. David Rhodes, South Bend, Indiana.

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Steve Fewell, 3696 Troy Rd., Apt. B1, Springfield, OH 45504, Telephone: Office: 513-964-1441, Home: 513-390-2207.

Sept. 1, 1987

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION PROGRESS REPORT

Written Commitments	\$385,108.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	263,250.57	
Total Written Commitments		\$648,358.57
Written Commitments Unpaid		218,083.30
Total Verbal Commitments		3,500.00
Total Tentative Commitments		202,600.00
Cash Received from		
Paid in Fulls		\$261,957.44
Cash Received from		
Written Commitments		167,024.70
Stocks:		
Stock Value*	\$ 541.75	
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00	
Total Cash To Date		\$428,982.14

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Youth Groups Pledge to OBC Development Foundation

Challenged by the need for well-trained church leaders, the Jaynes Street Church of God youth group in Omaha, NE, recently pledged \$500 to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

But the fine youth of Omaha didn't stop there. They sent a letter to each youth group in the Church of God, challenging others to join them in a like commitment. Because of that spark, the youth of the Browntown, VA, Church of God also made a \$500 pledge.

May God be praised for the example of these youth. Their interest in the purpose and work of the college is to be commended. For more information, write to OBC Development Foundation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Church News

Church Dedication Service

The North Kent Bible Church at Rockford, Michigan, is planning a dedication service to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 2, at 2:00. A pre-conference rally and pork roast hosted by the Michigan Churches will also be held on the grounds at North Kent later in the afternoon.

We would like for all who are coming to General Conference and all who helped in the construction of our building to join us for this special day.

Macomb Church Celebrates 50 Years

The Oregon Bible College Chorale, other musical programs, and great preaching featured the fiftieth anniversary of the Macomb Church of God on the weekend of April 24-26, 1987. Former pastors of the church were guest speakers throughout the celebration.

Video at South Bend Church

Timberland Bible Church, South Bend, Indiana, is considering video taping its worship services for those who are isolated across the country, or for some reason are unable to attend services. At present they are trying to determine need and interest. A VHS video cassette recorder would be necessary in order to play the tapes. If you would have interest in borrowing these tapes, please complete the coupon below and send it to Timberland.

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APRIL/MAY/1987

PRAYER AND PRAISE for June

- 1 Praise God for the heritage of truth we share. Thank God for the leaders of the church in the past.
- 2 Pray for the successful outreach to children which will be going on this summer through the Vacation Bible Schools.
- 3 Pray for the ministry team going to Peru this week.
- 4 Pray for Mario Olcese in Lima, Peru, that he will come to clearer understanding of the truth.
- 5 Pray that God will give the Peru Ministry Team opportunities to share the gospel.
- 6 Pray for the church-planting effort and Cecil Rademachir in Bloomington, Indiana.
- 7 Praise God for your pastor's wife and the supportive ministry she performs.
- 8 Uplift your pastor and family in their ministry.
- 9 Pray that God will call a church planter to develop a Church of God in England.
- 10 Pray for Ken Newman and John Cunningham as they hold fast the truth in London, England.
- 11 Pray for our fellow Christians in Bangalore, India, and their mission to their countrymen.
- 12 Pray for the pastors and congregations who will be making pastoral changes this summer.
- 13 Praise God for a prayer he has answered for you this week.
- 14 Pray for Kent Ross and the staff as they make final preparations for Youth Congress.
- 15 Pray for the missions work in the Philippine Islands.
- 16 Pray that God will call students to Oregon Bible College in preparation for ministry.
- 17 Pray for the North Kent Church of God members as they continue to develop the church in Rockford, Michigan.
- 18 Pray for Leonardo and Alice Badillo. Especially that Alice's health will improve and that they will be able to return to Mexico soon.
- 19 Pray for God to give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone this week.
- 20 Pray for the Peru Ministry Team as it prepares for the return trip.
- 21 Praise God for the Christian influence your father has had in your life.
- 22 Pray for the Bible Study group in Ashtabula, Ohio, that God will call a pastor to lead this faithful group of believers.
- 23 Pray for your young people and their participation in youth retreats and activities this summer.
- 24 Pray for God's Spirit to be in your life and in your congregation.
- 25 Pray for the Badillos and the mission work in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 26 Pray for Alan Demmitt and the congregation at Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 27 Praise God for the pastors who have served God in local churches faithfully who are now retired. Lift them up in special prayer.
- 28 Pray for someone in your congregation who has a special need.
- 29 Pray for the ministry team which will be going into Mexico later this summer.
- 30 Pray for the Youth Advisory Committee of the General Conference, that God will assist them in planning for the youth work of the Church of God.

Prayer Changes Things

PRAYER AND PRAISE for JULY

- 1 Pray for those churches which do not have a pastor.
- 2 Pray that God will help your church to be effective in its ministry and faithful to God's Word.
- 3 Pray for the church-planting project in London, especially that God will call forth a pastor for this work.
- 4 Pray for the congregation of the Fox Valley Church and Ron Macy their pastor.
- 5 Praise God for the ministry opportunities he has put before your congregation.
- 6 Pray for Russ Magaw and the staff of the Publishing Department of the General Conference.
- 7 Pray for the Church of God in Hilliard, Ohio, that God will aid them in continuing to develop a church there.
- 8 Pray that the work done in Peru will continue to bear fruit.
- 9 Pray for those who want to see a Church of God established in Atlanta, Georgia, that God will bless those efforts.
- 10 Praise God for a special person in your congregation.
- 11 Pray for the Sunday School Advisory Committee members who assist the General Conference in preparing Sunday School work for the Church of God.
- 12 Pray for those who are traveling to Youth Congress today.
- 13 Pray for God's leadership in the classes and activities of the Youth Congress this week.
- 14 Pray for a special blessing upon the staff as they work with the young people.
- 15 Pray that God will call students to Oregon Bible College to prepare for the ministry.
- 16 Pray for Dale Ramsey and the staff of Oregon Bible College as they prepare for the fall semester.
- 17 Pray for the Media Committee of the General Conference as they consider ways to promote the message of the Church of God.
- 18 Pray for the congregation in Metairie, Louisiana, that God will provide a pastor for them.
- 19 Pray for God's direction to be with the Board of Directors of the General Conference.
- 20 Pray for a unity of faith and spirit among the people of the Church of God.
- 21 Pray for the ministry team which will be going into Mexico this August.
- 22 Pray for the continued enthusiasm for those returning from the Youth Congress.
- 23 Pray for Bill Burnham and his work as business administrator for the General Conference.
- 24 Pray for the Church of God in Urbana, Ohio, that God will bless the efforts to develop a strong Church of God in that city.
- 25 Pray for the Committee on Higher Education and their work for the General Conference for this purpose.
- 26 Pray for David Krogh as he leads the Church of God General Conference in his ministry.
- 27 Pray for your delegates who will represent your church at General Conference next week.
- 28 Pray for the Missions Advisory Committee of the General Conference and their planning of mission activity for the Church of God.
- 29 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and the Outreach ministry of the Church of God.
- 30 Pray for God's blessing to be on the conference that will be conducted at Waterloo, Iowa, in August.
- 31 Praise God for the work of the Church of God and ask him to use you in a special way in that ministry.

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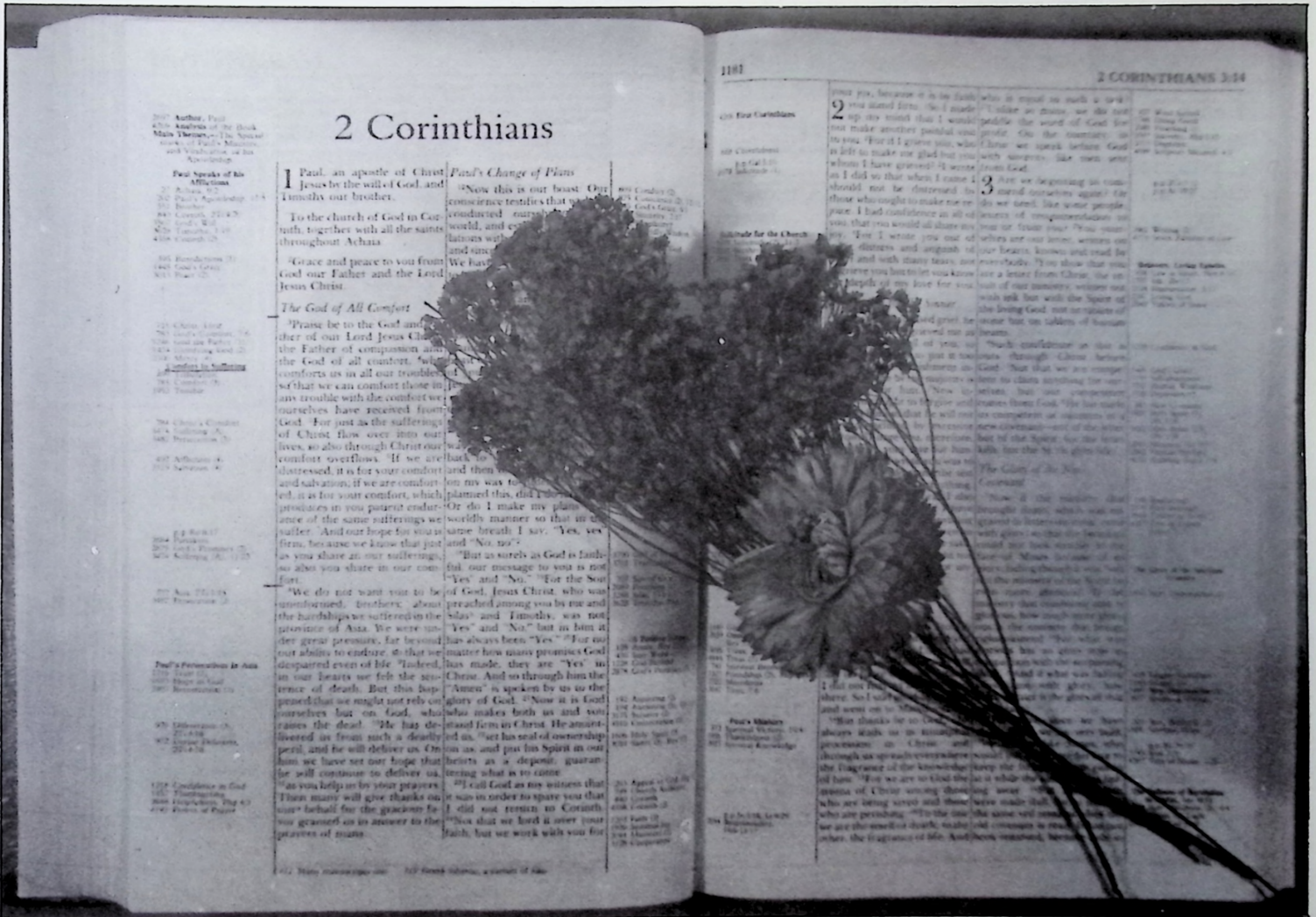
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1986 — 1987

Editorial

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" (2 Cor. 2:14, NIV).

Everyone at Oregon Bible College would have to say that most of their memories and activities are focused upon God. God and his Son Jesus Christ are the main focus of everything that happens at OBC, and with that focus God seems to have touched us all with his Holy Spirit and has led us all in triumphal procession in Christ.

God's leadership and guidance have allowed for us to go into the world and spread the knowledge of himself and his Son Jesus Christ. This is all evident by the works of the Oregon Bible College Chorale, the different calling teams, the Street Theatre, and the many other groups that went out to other churches and countries to tell others about God and Christ.

The memories of the good times here at Oregon Bible College will long be remembered by all of us. May God continue to lead us in triumphal procession in Christ so that we may proceed further into the world to spread the gospel. We give a big "thank you" to all those who have helped the 1986-1987 school year go so well. God bless you all.

—Jeff Bull and Chuck Svihlik.




Editor Jeff Bull



Editor Chuck Svihlik

Theme Text

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" (2 Cor. 2:14, NIV).

JESUS  **changed**
christ  **my life**



Eugene Stilson



Jan Stilson

Dedication

Eugene and Jan Stilson have given Oregon Bible College many years of smiles and services. Never once complaining about a job to do and always going out of their way to help someone whenever possible, the Stilsons have undergirded many college programs. Eugene has taught numerous classes at the college, including Old Testament Survey, Systematic Theology, Non-Pauline Epistles. Jan has taught a Christian Writing class and Missions class. She is also the librarian and historian. We thank Jan and Eugene Stilson for their many years of work.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The 1986-1987 school year was full of a lot of challenges and fun times. It allowed all of us to make new friends, meet new people, and gave us the opportunity to spread the gospel in many situations.

The OBC Street Theatre gave different plays and skits at many different places. The OBC Chorale went south to spread the good news of God and Christ through song. And many different calling teams went out to try to reach the unchurched.

There was Prayer Day, Spring and Fall Breakfasts, the High School Invitational, several trips to our churches, talent shows, Friday night basketball and volleyball games, and everyday fellowship.

This school year was filled with many things—all of which we will hold dear forever.

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Several times during the year small teams of students and interested persons traveled to Naperville, IL, to participate in prospect finding for the Du Page Valley Bible Fellowship. Close to 750 calls were attempted, creating much-needed experience for the callers.

The results? On Easter 1987, six new families worshiped with Church of God members and many follow-up and web contacts were created for Pastor Ron Macy.

Serious Work

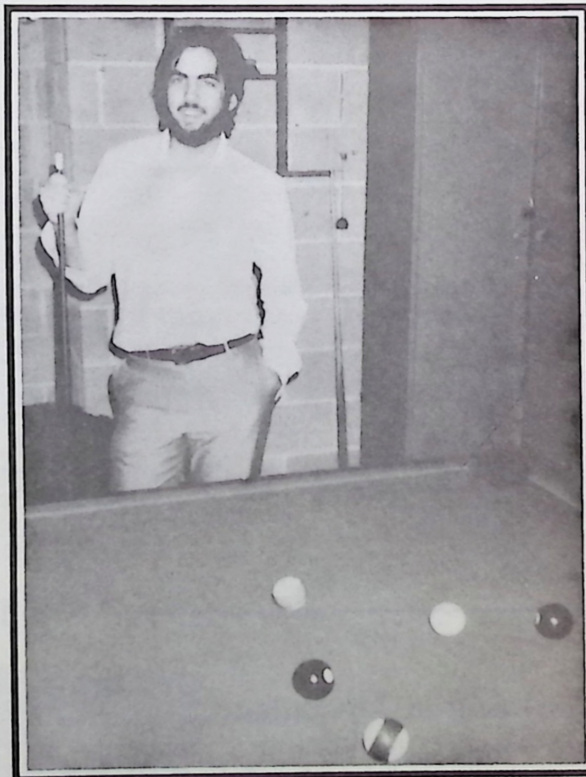


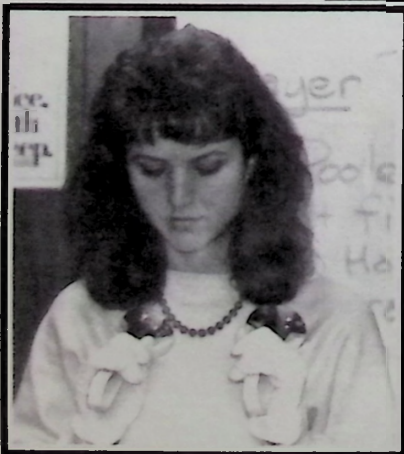
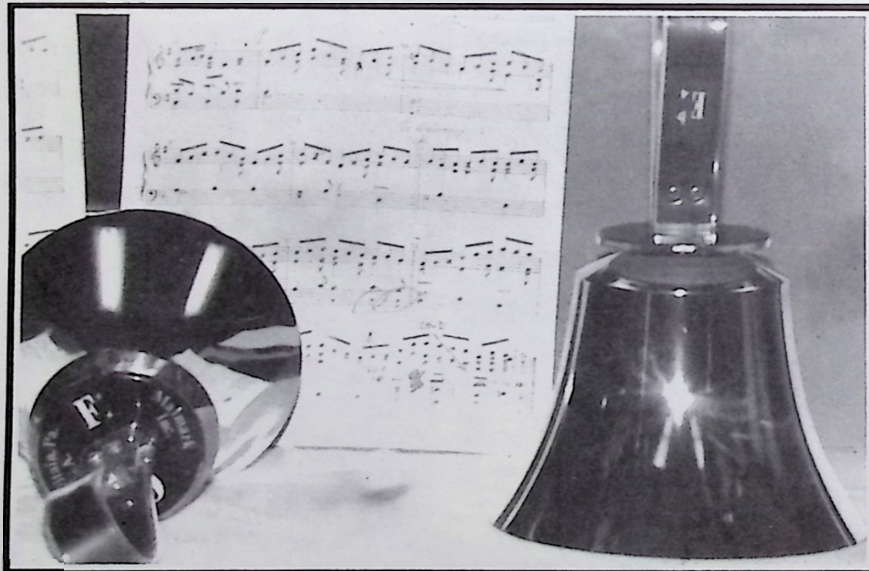
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES





Top: John Howell, Dennis Cheatwood, Jon Cheatwood, Mark Cheatwood, Jon Poole; Middle: Angie Cheatwood, Wanda Williamson, Alane Schmidlapp, Wendy Williamson; Bottom: Becky Roseberry, Jeff Bull, Beth Weinbaum.

Oregon Bible College Chorale



Autumn on Parade

Every year, during the first week of October, the city of Oregon organizes one of the largest events in the area—Autumn on Parade. This annual celebration is a weekend of crafts, shows, home-made goodies, and, of course, the parade. It is also an excellent time for the young Christians at OBC to minister to the people in the community. People come from miles in all directions just for this event, and Oregon Bible College urges and promotes participation by the students.

This year, Mary Cheatwood organized a resurrected drama troupe called Street Theatre to minister via skits and pantomime to the crowds gathered in the town square. Alane Schmidlapp added much to the creativity and ideas of Street Theatre due to her experience in street ministry in the foreign missions field in the last six years. The troupe spent many valuable hours practicing and praying and were well tuned, although nervous, for their first appearance.

Although rain forced cancellation of the first show, their spirits were not dampened and they continued with the other performances in a light drizzle. Music attracted a crowd and the troupe acted out the skits they had been practicing so hard: The Chicken; Christian Heart; Machines; David and Goliath; and Doors.

The whole experience brought the group closer to one another and to God. Performances were given to Church of God congregations and nursing homes the second semester. Street Theatre consisted of Jeff Bull, Dennis Cheatwood, Jon Cheatwood, Mark Cheatwood, Mary Cheatwood, Scott Emerick, John Howell, Cris Lucas, Jon Poole, Tracy Savage, Alane Schmidlapp, Donna Smith, Beth Weinbaum, and Wendy Williamson. We acknowledge financial and spiritual support from Byron Mckinstry, Dr. Lovelace, Student Government Association, Oregon Bible College, Jon Poole, Mary Cheatwood, and Alane Schmidlapp.



Mary Cheatwood, player-coach of the Street Theatre group.



Mary Cheatwood tempting Alane Schmidlapp in the missionary skit.



President Lincoln made a guest appearance.



Wendy Williamson and Scott Emerick in the Machines skit.

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Some other animals made an appearance!!



Jon Cheatwood at his best in the David and Goliath pantomime.



The crowd watches as Scott performs in "Doors."



John Howell and Mary Cheatwood as "The Boss" and a tempter in the missionary skit.



Scott, Cris Lucas, and Jon performing in "Doors."



Gospel Teams

This year's gospel teams went to Cleveland, Ohio, and Greenbrier, Arkansas. They led worship services, performed skits, and assisted with a youth retreat. Both teams reported the trips as being productive and exciting, a time of growing closer together by singing, laughing, and praying together.

What made the gospel team visit in Cleveland so exciting? Prayer. The outreach was grounded in prayer. Unity. We were a unified team with one purpose of uplifting the church there. GOD. His Spirit was tangibly present. Forget American Express. Don't leave home without GOD. He ordered and orchestrated the entire weekend program. He showed himself powerful to change lives. He led strangers in from the street. He condescended to use us. Pray that God will nurture the seeds planted and will renew a right spirit in his church. Golden Rule, we love you.—*Alane Schmidlapp.*

Rappin' Jon, the one-man band . . . Actually, it was more like Rappin' Jon, the one-man ham! We all were hams that weekend in Greenbrier, Arkansas. We had to be! We participated in a Mid-South youth retreat with an "Out of this World" theme (beam us up, Scotty!). We worshiped, taught classes, played football, began and renewed friendships, and were encouraged by possibilities of future OBC students and ministers of the gospel. Pray for the young people in the south that they may have a vision of their place in the kingdom. —Becky Roseberry.



At Oregon Bible College we offer you a taste of the spiritual life which comes close to that which we found in the South.



Some folks never get the South out of their system.

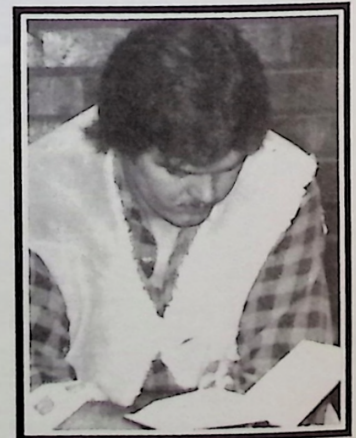


Prayer Day will always hold a special place in everyone's heart. It was a time of gathering, fellowship, and, most of all, a time for all of us to worship God together.

Prayer Day gave us a chance to pray with our fellow Christians about things that concern us; a chance to pray for the different problems going on around the world, and a chance to pray for each other.

Prayer Day gave everyone a chance to get closer to God and Christ and to see that the power of prayer really works just as long as you have faith and believe.

Prayer Day brought us all closer to God, Christ, and each other. There was no way anyone could have left Prayer Day without feeling the power of God's Holy Spirit within.



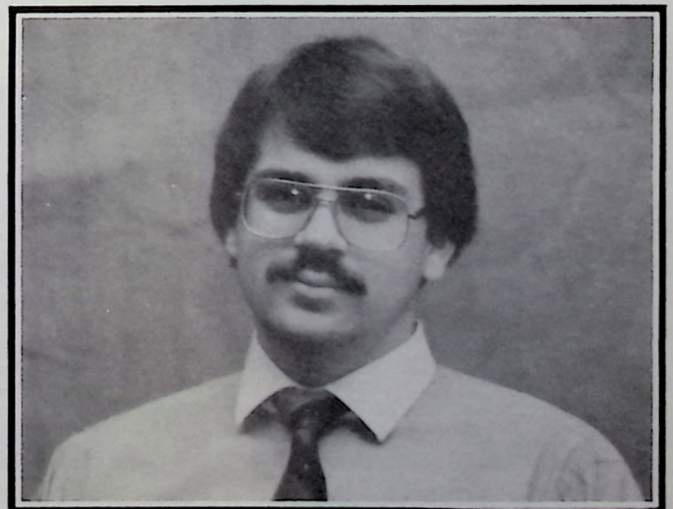
1987 Graduates



Mary Cheatwood
Oregon, IL



Dennis Cheatwood
Oregon, IL



Scott Deane
Williamston, SC

Juniors



*Dale Bliss
Oregon, IL*



*John Guthrie
Oregon, IL*



*Alane Schmidlapp
Argos, IN*

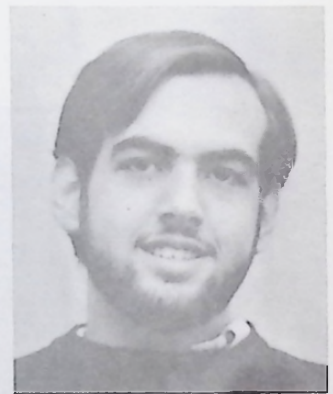
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*Jeff Bull
Mt. Morris, IL*



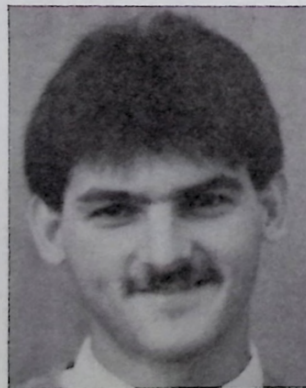
*Cris Lucas
Troy, OH*



*Mark Mattison
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*Mike Mattus
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*Jon Poole
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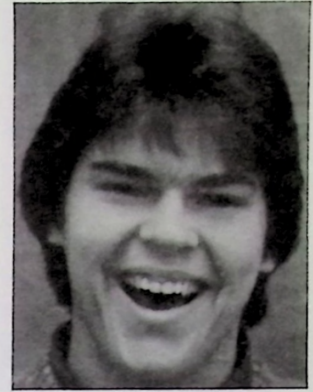
Freshmen



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*Scott Emerick
Osceola, IN*



*John Howell
Royal, AR*



*Lester Koder
Raymore, MO*



*Camille Miller
Olivehurst, CA*



*David Richert
Lakeville, IN*



*Tracy Savage
Maple Grove, MN*



*Charles Svihlik
Mt. Morris, IL*



*Wanda Williamson
Weiser, ID*

Part Time



*Mark Cheatwood
Oregon, IL*



*Angie Cheatwood
Oregon, IL*



*William Feary
Oregon, IL*



*Wendy Williamson
Weiser, ID*



*Theresa Deane
Williamston, SC*



*Jay Smith
Oregon, IL*



Dawnee Feary



Jaymin Cheatwood

Children of Students
"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these'" (Luke 18:16, NIV).



Michele Bliss



Jereme Bliss

Staff



Standing: Eugene Stilson, Warren Sorenson, David Krogh, Dale Ramsey, Dennis Cheatwood, David Hall, Kent Ross, Russ Magaw, Anthony Buzzard; Seated: Jan Stilson, Becky Roseberry, Rachel Newell, Gayle Guthrie.

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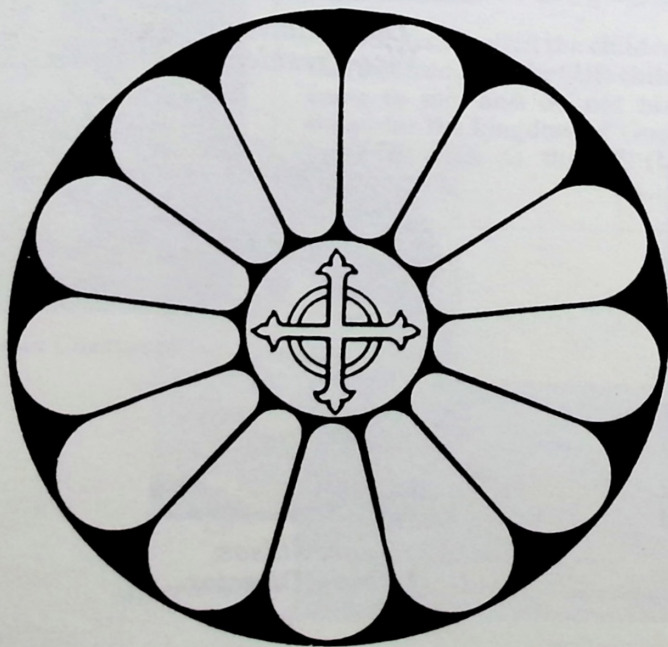


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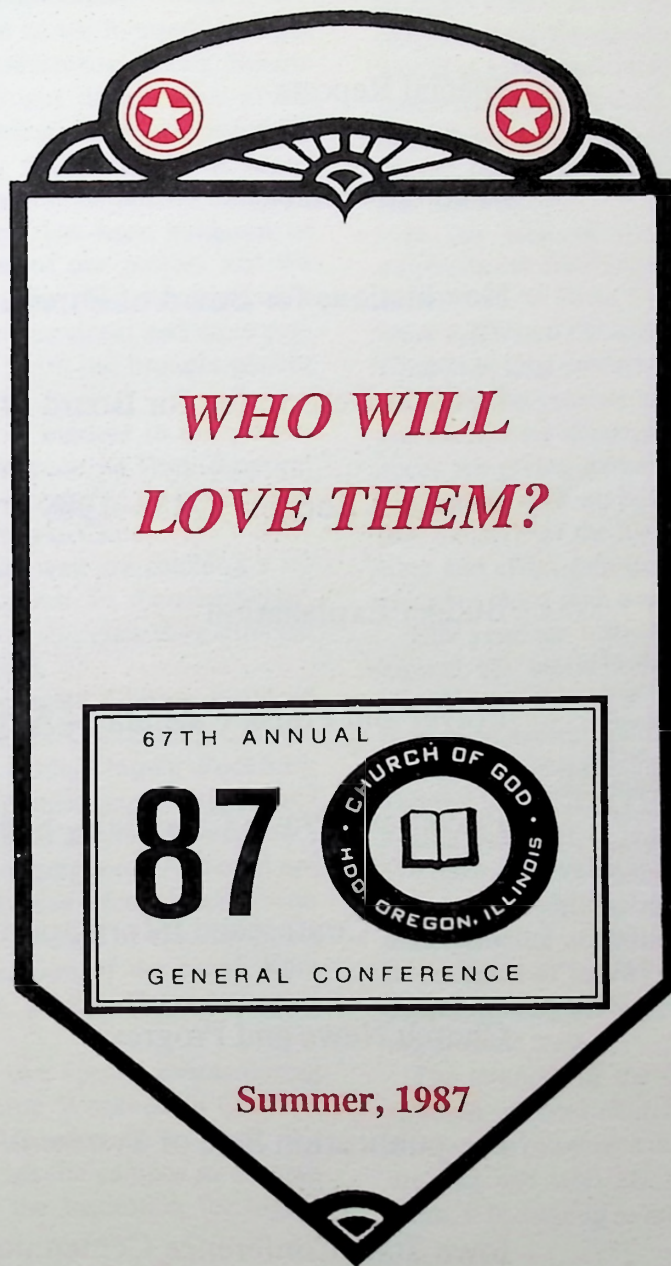
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PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT

As we conclude the 67th year of operation of the Church of God General Conference, we praise God for his sustaining hand and direction. In many ways, the past year has yielded rewarding results, while at the same time presenting significant challenges to our membership.

The year began on a high note as we focused attention on the theme of the summer Conference, "Lord, Renew Us." The Conference helped to focus the attention of the Church of God upon prayer, confession of sin, praise for our heavenly Father, and a filling with God's Spirit, based on the promise of Luke 11:13 and the command of Ephesians 5:18. During the year there has been evidence of God's Spirit at work in the lives of our pastors and the membership. Many of our members have experienced a deeper spiritual life; God has become closer and more personally real. The filling of God's Spirit has brought greater peace and joy to many lives.

The renewal of our members is evident in the greater emphasis upon prayer and dependence on God. Renewal has been evident as members have shared their faith and experienced the joy of leading others to Christ.

Churches that have become renewed are catching a vision for new ministry in the church, in their neighborhoods, and in the world. Renewed churches have directed their focus outward to needy persons.

Two worthy churches were granted Church Builders' appeals during the year: Pine Grove Community Church, Minneapolis, MN; North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, MI. Church of God members responded generously to provide financial assistance to buy land and to help construct a building for the Minneapolis congregation. A second appeal for the North Kent Church was used to assist with building costs. Hopefully, many Church of God members will be able to attend the dedication of the North Kent Church on August 2 at 3:00 p.m., prior to General Conference in Grand Rapids.

Oregon Bible College hosted two special events during the year: an Alumni Homecoming Weekend in October, and a High School Invitational Conference in April. We were delighted to have guests visit the campus to observe the programs and activities of the institution for higher education for the Church of God.

Additional highlights at Oregon Bible College include: evangelism calling and lifestyle evangelism practiced by our students. There has been a tremendous sensitivity to ministering to the unconverted by our students. Practical experience in ministry is an essential part of the program

of Oregon Bible College.

Students at Oregon Bible College experienced a new emphasis on discipling techniques. Second Timothy 2:2 is a classic text on the principle of equipping followers of Christ to equip others to be equippers. The things that Paul had taught to Timothy were to be passed on by him to men who would in turn teach others. The principles of discipling are based upon a multiplication of followers of Christ. Spiritual growth took place as students encouraged each other in prayer, devotional Bible reading, Scripture memorization, and Bible study.

In the area of outreach, we have seen continued emphasis on reaching lost people in other lands. Visits were made to Peru, London, Mexico, and other contacts were cultivated through correspondence. The vision of the Church of God extends to the four corners of the earth.

During the year we have seen a ground swell of support and excitement about planting new churches. State Conferences are giving attention to church planting; Oregon Bible College students have been assisting with prospect calling; the staff of the Conference and College are investing time and effort into the strengthening of recently planted churches along with exploration of sites for new churches.

This year we have seen a growing number of people around the world express an interest in the distinctive teachings of the Church of God. A recent exciting contact is from an author in Boise, Idaho, who is writing a book on conditional immortality. He found our name in Edward Fudge's book, "The Fire That Consumes." He wrote to us asking our staff to review his book prior to publication. We have discovered that not only does he share a common belief on conditional immortality, but he also shares our understanding of the nature of God and Jesus. We rejoice in the spirit of inquiry which is causing large numbers of people to study the Scriptures and to come to an understanding of Bible truth.

The strength of the Church of God is based upon the strength of local churches. We rejoice with the churches who are developing a deep love and concern for those who are lost and who are willing to pay any price to reach them. It is exciting to see people involved in ministry.

An Outreach Focus

Looking back on the 67-year history of the Church of God General Conference, we recognize that there have been many changes in programs and activities as the Conference has attempted to serve the needs of Church of

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God members, churches, and conferences. As society has changed, the ministry of the Church of God has changed to meet new needs.

As we face the future, there is a continuing need for us to be submissive to God's will and follow his direction. As you read the reports contained in this PROGRESS JOURNAL, you will observe our emphasis on the salvation of the lost, based upon a foundation of Scriptural truth. It is God's will that no one perish, but that everyone come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9.) Therefore, the entire ministry of the Church of God must be focused upon finding the lost, responding to their need for salvation, assimilating them into our churches, and nurturing and equipping them for ministry.

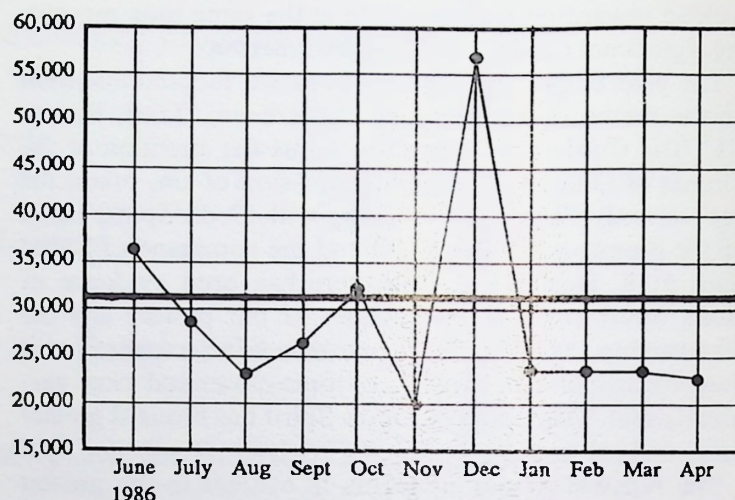
The Bible Church of God stands in an enviable position today, with a solid foundation on the Bible, a proud history, and a bright future. As a body of believers, we must make Jesus Christ the Lord of our lives; we must make evangelism a part of our lifestyle; and we must go forth with joy to proclaim Bible truth to the world.

The Church of God can make a difference in the world through the rest of this century, if the Lord tarries. The local church, with Jesus Christ as its head, is at the center of God's plan for this world.

The leadership of the Conference and College is committed to training future professional leaders for the Church of God who have an outreach vision. Courses are being redesigned to equip our students, not only for ministry to existing churches and existing members, but ministry to new churches and new people. Students are being exposed to the challenges of ministry in our contemporary, secular society, along with ministry to Biblically illiterate individuals. Students will be gaining first-hand experience in church-planting, discipling, and evangelistic ministries. Additional information regarding improvements in our training programs will be shared at the summer General Conference.

Support of Conference/College Ministries

The following graph shows contributions received during the first 11 months of this fiscal year. Our Goal for Giving is \$31,000 per month. Contributions in December marked an all-time high of nearly \$57,000. However, giving was below our needs eight of the past 11 months. As of April 30, 1987, contributions were \$20,000 less than the Goal for Giving for the year.



We are very thankful for the many new families who have helped to support the Conference work during the past year. The giving levels for 1986 compared to 1985 are as follows:

Category	Goal	1985	1986
Development Council (\$500 or more)	100	88	111
Founders' Circle (\$120-\$499)	225	204	165
Givers (\$1-\$119)	300	155	349

As a result of a very successful Booster campaign, the number of supporters increased considerably in 1986. We encourage more individuals and families to help undergird our work in 1987. The General Conference exists at the will of the membership, and its purpose is to serve Church of God members, churches, and conferences. The General Conference seeks to be in partnership with all those who are committed to upholding the truths of Scripture and who have a burden for those who are lost.

We feel confident that God will provide for his work through the generosity of his people. We need your financial and prayer support as we carry out the work that God has given us to do through the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

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Warren Sorenson, Vice-President,
Outreach and Church Development

The Church of God is in a very important period of time in its history. Significant issues and decisions need to be considered. A time of transition has been taking place within the Church of God and it is important that we intelligently evaluate the long-term effects. We also need to keep in mind the importance of following through with projects which have been started.

Some specific areas which involve the Department of Outreach and the transition taking place include:

1. An assertive church-planting effort.
2. An emphasis on evangelism as an essential ministry of the local church.
3. The need for more involvement of the members of the local church in the ministry of the church and the role of the pastor as an equipper and leader of congregational mobilization.
4. The need to become more directly involved in missions by preparing Church of God people for mission service.
5. The need to put a focus on a "harvest theology."
6. Striving for qualitative and quantitative growth.
7. The need to allow God's Spirit to work in personal lives and in the life of the church.

As change begins to take place our "comfort zone" is challenged, and perhaps threatened. Personal growth takes place when we are willing to stretch ourselves. There is some degree of discomfort but it is important to reach forward. The Church of God is in the process of stretching beyond its comfort zone. The maintenance mentality which had crept into our churches has had a damaging effect on our effectiveness and has created many problems with

which we now have to deal. It is crucial that we continue to move forward with an emphasis on spiritual commitment, adhering to the truth, and obedience to the great commission.

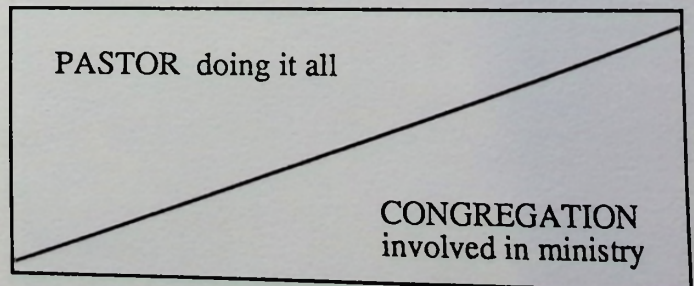
There are some barriers which have to be crossed if this forward movement is to continue.

One of these is a defensive resistance to growth concepts and this usually comes to the surface when growth isn't taking place in the local church. It appears that an emphasis on growth produces some guilt if growth hasn't been taking place in the church.

A second barrier is the tradition that the "paid professional" does the work of the ministry; that's what he's paid to do. The mobilization of the congregation for ministry must take place if the church is to become effective.

A third barrier is a lack of leadership which puts a focus on evangelism. Some pastors are uncomfortable with personal evangelism and one-to-one contact with people. This discomfort in evangelism is part of our history. Our heritage is to "preach truth," and we have found comfort in preaching that truth to those who already believe it. This is within our comfort zone. This emphasis on evangelism must begin in Oregon Bible College and permeate all of our congregations.

The process of development is for the pastor to take the lead. The second phase is to train and equip his people to follow that lead. As the people grow in ministry the pastor gradually gives more responsibility over to the congregation. As this takes place the pastor is leader of ministry and evangelism but not the only doer. The following diagram illustrates this principle. Note the increase of congregational involvement in the work of ministry.



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CHURCH-PLANTING PROGRESS

Bloomington, Indiana

The Hillview Bible Church of God in Bloomington has been in the emerging stage since June, 1986, when pastor Cecil Rademachir and his family moved there to direct the church-planting effort. Two families, formerly from Ohio, and two young people attending Indiana University, make up the core group. A summer ministry team from OBC went to Bloomington to assist in developing a list of prospects. Irene and I have made various visits to provide consultation to the group. Russ Magaw has also provided on-site assistance as well as helping in prospect calling. Various methods including prospect calling, contacting new arrivals in the community, and mass mailing have been used to generate prospects. They have had some response from these efforts and presently one new couple is attending services.

Fox Valley, Aurora, Illinois

The church has been meeting in a rented facility in North Aurora. During the past year Ron Macy and calling teams from OBC did some prospect calling in the Naperville area. As a result a Bible study was started. Interest generated through the study led to renting a school in the area for Easter worship services. There was good response from the community with six new families attending on Easter. Because of this response Sunday services were moved to the new location. The school is no longer available and the group is looking for a new location in the Naperville area.

North Kent, Rockford, Michigan

North Kent is finishing its building project and good things are happening in the congregation. Early in the North Kent work three families were lost due to doctrinal differences. Recently two of these along with a friend contacted Dick expressing interest in renewing discussion on some of these differences. At least one discussion has taken place thus far. During General Conference at Grand Rapids, Dick will be conducting a workshop on how to teach Church of God doctrines in a positive manner.



Early activity at North Kent—before construction of the present facility.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Alan Demmitt reports a renewed interest in outreach evangelism taking place throughout the congregation. New families have started to attend and the congregation has worked through some transitional problems. It is encouraging to see a growth pattern taking place in the Colorado Springs Church.



Members of the Colorado calling team chatting at the door during prospect-finding calling.

Hilliard, Ohio

Richard Smith, a member of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, congregation, has been helping this new church by going once a month and holding services. It is intended to increase this to twice a month. The group meets regularly for services even though it does not have a pastor.

Urbana, Ohio

Fred Pensyl is continuing to work in the developing of the new church at Urbana. He plans to resign his work with the Pleasant Hill Church as a means of spending more time with the new group in Urbana.

Other Opportunities

Two small congregations, Metairie, Louisiana, and Ashtabula, Ohio, are very much interested in finding pastoral leadership to continue the development of establishing a church.

The group in Louisiana has a small building and worships on a regular basis. James Raymond served as pastor for a short time following his graduation from OBC.

Members of the group in Ohio have been meeting faithfully for Bible study for several years. They want a pastor to help lead them in developing beyond the Bible-study stage.

Prospective Church Planting Opportunities

Prospective church-planting opportunities include: London, England—a detailed report appeared in the last issue of the JOUR-

NAL; Atlanta, Georgia—there is still a great deal of interest in establishing a church there. Contributions have been made and a fund established for this purpose; Missouri Conference—several meetings, which included representatives from the General Conference, have been conducted to organize this project. They are actively seeking a church-planting pastor to launch this work in September, 1988; Peterborough, Ontario—the Fonthill congregation and the Bible-study group in Peterborough are planning a lecture series to take place in October, 1987. A facility has been rented for this purpose and plans are under way to launch this project.

State Conferences and local churches are important parts of our church-planting strategy. During General Conference at Grand Rapids, time will be devoted to meet with representatives of state conferences and all those interested in church planting.

A major problem in our church-planting effort is the lack of pastors to lead various projects. We have more opportunities than pastors to fill the leadership role in seeing these opportunities come to reality. The solution rests within our local churches. Our people need to unite in prayer for God to send forth workers into the harvest and at the same time support the training of these workers through Oregon Bible College.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Advisory Committee consists of Joe James (representing the Board of Directors), Bob Alcumbrack, Alan Demmitt (elected), and Kent Ross (representing the staff). Its most recent meeting was in January, prior to the Board of Directors' meeting, but there have been several consultations throughout the intervening months.

Plans are being finalized for Berean Youth Congress, this year being held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. Kent Ross continues as program director of the Congress program, but Pastor Greg Demmitt is functioning as coordinator of the program for youth workers, Pastor Jim Graham is coordinator for the post-high participants, and Pastor Tom New is coordinator for the high-school program. We anticipate a good representation from around the country.

One of the concerns has been the *Challenge* magazine. The Youth Advisory Committee felt it was needed as a way of communication between kids from all of our churches. With the low state of the Conference finances, and the low number of subscribers, it was not possible to publish until just recently. But the kids have contributed generously through Coins-for-Christ and our first issues are now coming out. The first is already in the hands of our young people and the second is in the works. Pastors Dick Alcumbrack and Greg Demmitt are functioning as editors for the next issues, and have exciting plans for the magazine.

Plans for next year include making Fall the time for our Coins-for-Christ Crusade, and putting the Youth Week emphasis in the Spring.

The committee solicits your prayers and active input regarding the program that will enable us to better serve our young people. Feel free to write and give us your advice and suggestions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Foreign Missions Advisory Committee met on January 10, 1987, to discuss the work of missions within the Church of God and to clarify the role the members are to play in missions.

The trip Judy Myers made to Mexico and ways we could be supportive of the Badillos in their ministry were discussed. The Badillos have suggested areas they would appreciate help in by teams coming down in the summertime. These were discussed at length. They are willing to work with us in providing cross-cultural experience for anyone interested in mission work.

The India work was discussed and what role we could play considering the distance separating us from the work in India. It was felt that we could not run a mission work by remote control and that until we are able to provide personnel on the field our hands are tied.

We also discussed the trip the Sorensons would be taking to London and the hopes for a future church there.

The Outreach Newsletter will be published three times each year.

We spent time discussing what each member considered to be his/her areas of expertise and how these could aid the mission work of the Church of God.

This committee is to advise, and provide information to, the people of the Church of God. We are willing to go to any church to provide seminars or to assist in any way we can. It is the local church that provides the needed persons for missions. Neither the General Conference nor the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee is responsible for world evangelization. That is the job for the local church. The committee is only a resource center. Without the local church doing its part, we can do nothing.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The initial action of the Christian Education Advisory Committee was one of determining our purpose and establishing our objectives.

Purpose: As a Christian Education Advisory Committee, we view our purpose as one of assessing the needs of the Church of God educational ministries, directing our attention to solutions for those needs, and providing assistance and motivation for impacting life transformation changes through these educational ministries.

Objectives: 1. To send a letter to all pastors and S.S. Superintendents introducing ourselves as a committee, presenting our initial objectives, and inquiring as to how we can best serve them. 2. To promote the spiritual development of those in teacher/leadership positions. 3. To publish a quarterly Christian Education Newsletter to be sent to all workers in Christian Education. 4. To develop workshops pertaining to all aspects of Christian Education to be presented in local churches or conferences upon request. 5. To establish and continue to expand a resource center for the distribution of Christian Educational materials. 6. To request that one member of our committee meet with the

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curriculum committee to coordinate our efforts. 7. To request at least one workshop on a Christian Education topic be presented each year at Christian Workers' Seminar and General Conference. 8. To attend workshops on Christian Education topics (including the National Congress of Christian Education). 9. To strengthen the role of the S.S. Superintendent. 10. To promote the involvement of the family unit in Christian education ministries.

A review of the responses to the survey sent to Pastors and S.S. Superintendents revealed items of major interest to them. The top five were: 1. Follow-up and visitation. 2. Teaching materials. 3. Sunday School openings. 4. Teachers' Meetings. 5. Audiovisual materials.

A quarterly newsletter, the "Focus," was created having each of the above topics as the central theme for a quarter. These were distributed with S.S. quarterly orders in November, 1986, February, 1987, and May, 1987.

Workshops on S.S. topics were conducted throughout the year by members of the advisory committee as follows:

Carol Ring—Christian Workers' Seminar and Brush Creek, Ohio.

Joyce Knapp—Virginia Conference; Gayle Guthrie—North Hills, Ohio.

We are prepared to conduct further workshops, and plans are being made for a S.S. convention to be held in the fall. The following are considered to be the individual strengths of the members of the committee: Dick Eldred—Personal Spiritual Growth; How to Tactfully Share Your Doctrine. Carol Ring—S.S. Openings; Award Systems; Teachers Meetings. Joyce Knapp—After School Programs; Follow-Up Visitation; Teaching Methods; Objectives—How to Write and Accomplish. Gayle Guthrie—Lesson Organization; Teaching Methods; Audiovisual Materials; Nurturing Your Students.

Joyce Knapp was appointed to represent the committee on the Curriculum Committee. She also attended the National Congress of Christian Education and reported that experience at our January meeting.

We continue to pursue our purpose and strengthening and developing the educational ministries of the Church of God General Conference and respectfully submit this report for your information and approval.

MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Media Advisory Committee had its first meeting January 6, 7, 1987, and discussed an 11-point agenda, arriving at some startling results.

Meeting notes have been condensed to cover the following 15 observations:

1. The best advertisement of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College takes place in the lives of those in ministry who have been trained by the institution. Multimedia materials should be gathered of these persons in their ministry setting, showing the results of their ministry.

2. A multimedia presentation using some of the material noted in number 1 can be utilized in a presentation which staff

will take on the road, telling the story of the institution.

3. The Media Advisory Committee must contribute to the celebration of Oregon Bible College's 50th anniversary in 1989.

4. The Minneapolis Building Project scheduled for August, 1987, should be documented with media techniques.

5. Several "How To" packages relating to special media needs for local churches will be developed. The package will include ideas for use of the following:

- Direct Mail
- Church Introduction Packets
- Print Ads

6. Be responsible for contemporary graphic design in all products produced by Printing and Publishing Services.

7. Assist in the production of an outreach publication as often as twice a year.

8. Establish a Media Department with the following functions:

- Graphic Design consultation
- Scripting
- Archival/Librarial/Editorial consultation
- Photography

9. Supply consultation for Oregon Bible College audio cassette correspondence courses.

10. Secure part time media consultation for special projects.

11. Establish a general philosophy of media for Printing and Publishing Services.

12. Urge a consistent ministry flow chart which might be indicated by the following:

- a. All ministry begins at the personal, one-to-one level.
- b. The local church is the front-line of ministry.
- c. The General Conference supplies tools for local church needs.
- d. Media interests only package the message of ministry. It is not a panacea to solve ministry problems.

13. The message of the church must be pitched to Baby Boomers who ask, "What's in it for me?"

14. Media provide communication that creates consciousness and enthusiasm for the ministry of the church.

15. In response to the above observations, assignments were designated as follows:

- a. Investigate video production of Church of God recent history. Tim Landry estimated costs at \$20,000.
- b. Empower a staff member to produce audio cassette OBC correspondence courses.
- c. Create tools for church planting. Russ Magaw and Warren Sorenson in charge.
- d. Request multimedia documents from local churches for future productions. Russ Magaw in charge.
- e. Prepare "How To" materials (see number 5). Tim Landry in charge.
- f. Investigate production of Christian music video using Church of God youth music. Youth Advisory Committee in charge.

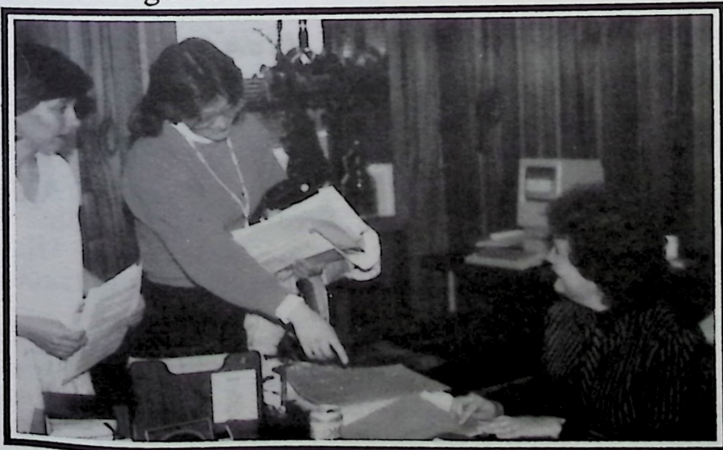
The committee's next meeting is August 1, 1987, at Calvin College.

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Oregon Bible College

Another year has come and gone; for me, the 17th as a student and instructor at OBC. I have always been content that I am where I am supposed to be.

To define growth seems easy when I observe that which is specific and measurable. Kent Ross and Anthony Buzzard continue their studies in graduate school and the fruits are evident in new insights into Theology and the depth of content in the classroom. Janet Stilson took a group to South Bend to work in Hope Rescue Mission for a couple of days. The OBC Chorale performed over 20 concerts in churches, at organizations for the elderly, and in a state correctional center. A new student and his wife were led to Christ, baptized, and he came to OBC as a student second semester. Judy Myers and Alane Schmidlapp went to Mexico to minister at Christmas. Another student is corresponding and encouraging an inmate in a state prison. Several weekends students volunteered to do prospect calling. Frequently faculty and students present the names of friends and co-workers whom they have witnessed to and would like to see won to Christ. A significant sum of money was collected from the college community to help a student buy new contacts and glasses. Two teams have been organized to go to Lima, Peru, and Mexico this summer to witness the gospel to those who haven't heard. Add to these the beautiful attitude of servanthood demonstrated daily and it warms my spirit. I could go on and on, for it is a pleasure to participate in this environment. We continue our struggle to manifest the "present kingdom" and get a glimpse of the glorious "future kingdom."



We have a gifted team of workers, each performing in his discipline with a good degree of credibility. Rachel Newell is our right-hand woman and many times our left hand as well. She is very adept in the skills that are required for her job. Her insights, fore-

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sight, skills in organization, and general perceptiveness are an advantageous blessing to us in leadership. As time goes by, she is perceived more and more as an individual who is giving more and more of herself in service to the Lord's work at OBC. She is growing.

Anthony Buzzard continues teaching in the Bible and Theology area with emphasis in Eschatology and on our distinctive understanding of Scripture. He spends significant time in correspondence and writing. Anthony visited Peru at Christmas and along with Bill Wachtel will lead a team back there in June. We pray that fruit will be born from this trip. In the fall, he continued his graduate education from Northern Baptist in Naperville, IL. He has helped restore a pride in our heritage for which I am thankful.



Kent Ross continues to play many roles and is involved in several programs: instructor, Academic Dean, various committee assignments, the Internship Program, National Youth Work, student at North Park Seminary, etc. He is a very strong and significant part of the foundation of our program. His gift of teaching is enjoyed by the students at OBC and all those who sit under his tutelage.

Eugene Stilson taught a couple of courses each semester, continues to develop an extension course in Old Testament Survey, and served on various committees. He served as a resource person to all the staff, but particularly in the Bible and Theology department.

Janet Stilson served as librarian and led a very active Outreach and Missions Committee. She resigned her librarian position which will then be filled by Eugene Stilson. Gayle Guthrie taught part time and served on various committees. David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, and Russell Magaw served as instructors.

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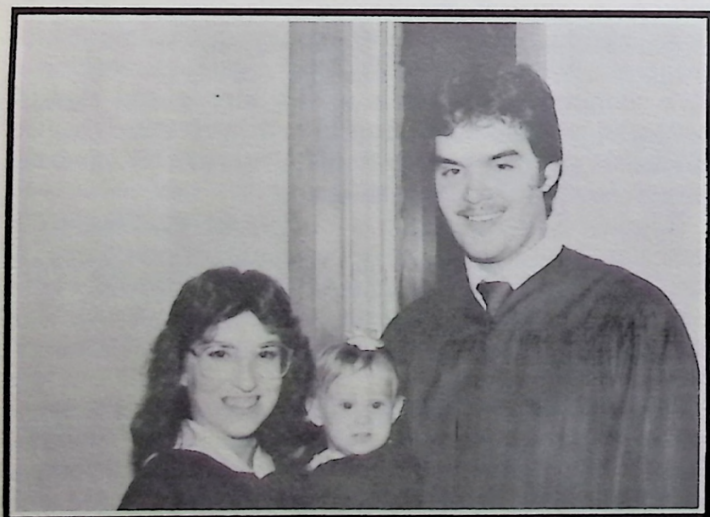
I very much appreciate the very capable and experienced help of Mary Hoffman, David Hall, and Bill Burnham in their respective disciplines. Each is well prepared and skilled at what he/she does. Dennis Cheatwood served as Men's Dorm Director for the second year. He is completing his time at OBC, will graduate, and go into the Internship Program.

Becky Roseberry joined our staff this year as Women's Dorm Director, musical associate and performed in a variety of functions as needed. She will be getting married in June to Jeff Bull. We are happy for her.

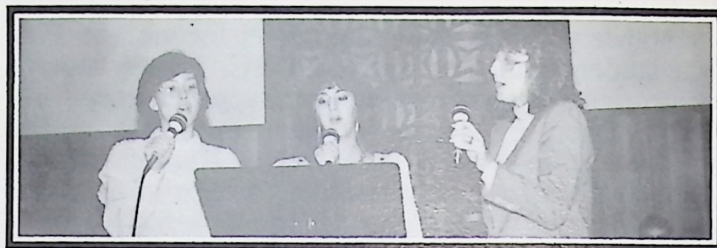
Our instructional staff has been complemented by various guest pastors. They are: Brian Atra, Jack Hearp, Scott and Shelly Millard, teaching intensives. We've been privileged to have a number of visiting pastors speak in Chapel and contribute to classes.

We began the year with 24 students which was down from the previous year. I hope and pray that next year I can say the opposite. We have tried to make contact and encourage young people to come to OBC. We are having some success in recruitment but it is not easy. For various reasons a Bible College education doesn't appeal to many. We were very much encouraged by the High School Invitational in April. Over 40 students came and "previewed" us. It was a neat weekend. I am praying and hoping for at least 30 students in the fall.

The task of recruitment must be the task of the whole staff, board, pastors and constituency. Our vision demands quality leadership: people who will dedicate themselves to train and lead others into a discipling relationship with Christ.



Though our enrollment was low, we felt a goodly measure of success in the growth of the students and



their desire to reach out with the message contained in the gospel. Most are very sincere in their desire to grow and see others join in our work. Morale was generally good with few exceptions.

Graduates this year are Dennis Cheatwood, Mary Cheatwood from Oregon, IL and Scott Deane from Springfield, OH. Scott achieved the Silver Disc Award given for high achievement scholastically, exceptional character, and service to the Body of Christ.

Scott Deane, president, and Mary Cheatwood, vice-president, led the Student Government Association very capably. Also serving as officers were Cris Lucas, Mike Mattus, Jon Cheatwood, and Alane Schmidlapp.

I was very pleased with the growth in our annual Booster Campaign. Over 600 adults and children participated in the drive which really helped to financially support our program. Thanks to all! Can we beat it this year? We also tried a Phone-a-thon to Alumni to encourage support for our student scholarship funding. It was modestly successful and surely will provide additional help to students next school year.

Attempting to entice future students to enroll early, we introduced a \$300 incentive scholarship to any student who would complete registration by May 1. At this point about five have taken advantage of the help. This will help give us a little better indication of potential enrollment for the fall.

Highlights for the year were Parents-Homecoming-Autumn on Parade Weekend; well-planned Prayer Days in the fall and winter; Chorale Tour to Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas; High School Invitational; Street Theater for various events; and Graduation.

OBC has much to offer those who participate in this environment. For most it is a life-changing experience for the good that will enrich and bless their total lives. I believe we are addressing the important issues of living that will pay dividends for eternity. It will continue to be my job, with help from those who agree with me, to persuade prospects that what we are doing is significant and worth investing their lives in, and that we have some of the keys to what life is all about. God be praised!

SPECIAL REPORTS

Christian Conciliation Board

The Conciliation Board is a service the Church of God General Conference provides for the enrichment of our church family. There are situations in which we would like to be of assistance to congregations but must await your invitation. Consultation has been provided to several churches and pastors during the past year.

Oftentimes the principles of Scripture to resolve problems are not quickly applied to situations which will arise. The New Testament church and its leadership had problems and it is from their experience we can learn how to reconcile, forgive, and restore each other. The Conciliation Board members are available as individuals and/or collectively to help anyone in our conference who requests our assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of the conference and pray for God's leadership in all matters.

Dr. Dallas Demmitt, Chairman—602-256-7652

Joe E. James—803-269-2964

Pastor Stan Ross—612-693-7874



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.

Because of a rapidly fluctuating interest market over the past several years, the trustees have agreed to delay accepting funds from depositors.

However, the Investment Fund has been designated as the recipient of Church Builders funds that have been re-

turned when church properties were sold. Also a Church Builders Appeal was issued on behalf of the Investment Fund to raise money to be loaned to churches.

Funds are currently being loaned to two churches for building projects, at a reasonable rate of interest.



The fund currently has a balance of \$25,015.62 as of April 1, 1987. The fund will continue to grow from interest earnings, and the return of any Church Builder gifts that have been made over the years.

The present directors of the fund are: Bill Burnham, Chairman; Robert Smith, Vice Chairman; David Krogh, Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors Dr. William D. Lawrence and Joe E. James.

David Krogh, Secretary.

Ministers Fund

The Ministers Fund of the Church of God General Conference was established more than 20 years ago to be used for loans or gifts to ministers, or their families, in times of emergency. The maximum loan or gift is \$300 during a fiscal year. The fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon churches, the Director of Student Services of Oregon Bible College, and the President of the Church of God General Conference.

This fund is supported entirely by special contributions from churches and

individuals. We appreciate those who continue to provide contributions for this fund.

During the past fiscal year, four gifts of \$300 each were given to pastors who had special needs.

The current balance in the fund as of April 1, 1987, was \$2,776.22. This compares with \$3,494.59 a year ago.

David Krogh, Secretary.

Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association has made steady progress since it was formally organized in 1968. It has been updated, improved, and benefits increased steadily since that date. Assets have been growing steadily as well.

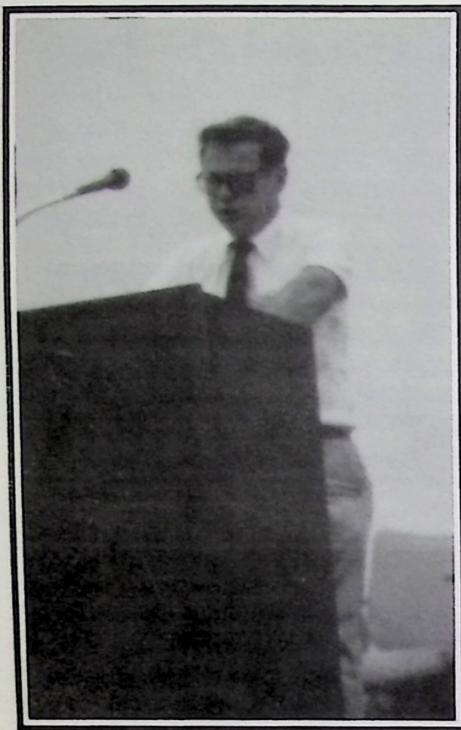
Benefits are now \$100 per month for



the pastor upon retirement and \$50 for the widow; these amounts have doubled from the starting benefits in 1968.

The Board of Trustees at the next Bi-annual meeting in 1988 will propose changes in the Rules and Regulations of the Association that will make it possible for the individual pastor to make larger contributions and reap larger benefits upon retirement. In recent years all funds were invested with Aetna Insurance Company. We are now using other areas of financing and investments as well to our benefit. The proposed changes in the

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License Board

During the 1986 Ministerial Conference, Jeff Fletcher, Connie Scott, Craig Waggener, and Jon Welch, having finished the Oregon Bible College Internship program, were interviewed and approved for licensing.

At the 1986 General Conference, Ralph Childs was granted a temporary license to expire May 1, 1987. Bro. Childs will apply for permanent license, and will be interviewed at Ministerial Conference in 1987.

Bro. Kevin Demmitt requested that his license, which had lapsed while he was continuing his education, be renewed. His request was granted.

At the 1986 General Conference the Board conducted a license presentation service in which the newly approved licensees and their spouses were commissioned for service.

The terms of Pastor David Cheatwood and Bro. Gary Smith expired last year. Pastors Sydney Kirkpatrick and Jack Hearp were elected to the Board, joining Kent Ross and Russell Johns. At a later



organizational meeting, Pastor Kirkpatrick was elected chairman, and Bro. Johns was elected Secretary of the Board.

We express our thanks to the retiring members of the Board for their service.

Sydney Kirkpatrick, Chairman.

Rules will be shared with the MVRA delegates at a special meeting during the 1987 General Conference. (Wednesday August 5 at 8:30 p.m.)

At present the membership is 39 Pastors, 42 Churches, and seven Conferences. Twelve Pastors and five Pastors' widows are currently receiving monthly benefits from the Association.

The Board of Trustees consists of a Pastor appointed by the Board of Directors of the General Conference as chairman. The vice-chairman is elected by the MVRA delegates, and the President of the General Conference is automatically secretary-treasurer. The current Board is S. O. Ross, chairman; Dean Urish, vice-chairman; and David Krogh, secretary-treasurer.

May God's blessings continue with the work of the Retirement Association.

S. O. Ross
Dean Urish
David Krogh

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation

The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board and the General Conference and Oregon Bible College Staffs have continued the efforts to reach the goal of \$1,000,000 endowment fund for Oregon Bible College. Since July, 1985, each board member has been given assignments of making new and follow-up contacts with prospective participants in this vital program. Staff members have also graciously added Foundation calls in their busy travel schedules when going out to churches and state conferences.

The Foundation has, as of May 15, 1987, received \$436,032.07 in cash contributions plus some gifts of stock. The Foundation is also named as beneficiary in several life insurance policies. Contributions continue to be received toward commitments.

Oregon Bible College will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1989. Reaching the \$1,000,000 Foundation goal in gifts

and commitments by 1989 would be an added celebration for our membership. All churches, conferences, and members are encouraged to rally to the support of this Foundation goal. Contributions or commitments over a period of several years may be made by writing to: The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061-0100.

Those serving on the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board for 1986-87 are: Joe E. James, President; Scott Ross, Vice-President; Don Overmyer, Secretary; Elmo Gaspar, Treasurer; Robert Coverstone, Richard Eldred, Jim Graham, Joyce Knapp, William D. Lawrence, Paul Overholser, George Sheeley, Willis Turner, and Keith Williams. Bill Burnham serves as Executive Secretary and Rachel Newell as Coordinator.

Joe E. James, President.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation One

The following motion was presented at the 1986 summer Conference. The Chairman ruled that it was a major motion and that it would be presented to the delegates at the 1987 General Conference for action.

"Delbert Jones moved 'that all churches and individuals who wish to contribute to the church-planting be encouraged to send their checks to the General Conference headquarters. Funds could be earmarked for a particular church work. Churches who receive such funds should be encouraged to give quarterly reports to the Conference President.' Ed Bender seconded the motion."

Explanation: On the floor of the Conference last summer, it was expressed that implementation of this motion would make it possible for accurate records to be kept of how much money is being received by each of the new churches.



Recommendation Two

At the 1986 summer General Conference, the following resolution was offered for consideration by the delegates. The Chairman ruled that it was a major motion and will be presented to the 1987 General Conference.

"President Krogh moved adoption of the following resolution: 'the members of the Church of God General Conference endorse the efforts of Christian Leaders for Responsible Television as they call upon the television networks and advertisers to take immediate steps to reduce incidents of sex, violence, and profanity in television programming.' Delbert Jones seconded."

Explanation: Christian Leaders for Responsible Television is an organization of denominational leaders who

are taking the initiative in dealing with immorality on television. President Krogh represents the Church of God General Conference in this organization. The adoption of this resolution will provide a public statement of our concern as a group of believers regarding immorality on network television.

Recommendation Three

The Board of Directors recommends a revision of the Higher Education Advisory Committee for Oregon Bible College.



We recommend that the Higher Education Advisory Committee consist of one member of the Board of Directors, selected by the Board; a staff member selected by the President; one Church of God lay member elected by the delegates for a four-year term; and one Church of God pastor chosen by the Ministerial Conference Association for a four-year term.

Explanation: At the present time, the Advisory Committee consists of a Board member, a staff member, and two individuals selected by the delegates.

The primary purpose for Oregon Bible College is to train pastors for the Church of God. It is important to have at least one active pastor serve as an advisor to Oregon Bible College to represent the concerns and experiences of our pastors. Though it is possible that some of the other individuals elected or appointed to this committee may be active pastors, this recommendation will guarantee representation by the Ministerial Association on this important advisory committee.

If this recommendation is adopted by the delegates, the Ministerial Association will be asked to select its representative during this General Conference.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BRENDA WESSEL

The Illinois State Conference is hereby proposing the name of Brenda Wessel of Frederick, Illinois, as a nominee for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. Brenda has been a life-time member of the Ripley Church of God in Ripley, IL.

Brenda is the mother of two sons, ages 13 and 18, and is married to Jon (Tony) Wessel. Brenda is employed by the Illinois Department of Public Aid. She has been employed by them for over 20 years. She is now a caseworker determining eligibility of clients for assistance programs offered by the Department and maintaining case files for clients.

Brenda has served her church by holding several Berean offices, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Leader, Church Treasurer, and Vacation Bible School Director. She is currently serving as organist for the church and teacher of the young adult Sunday School class. She has also served as a delegate to the General Conference representing her local church, spoken for worship services, and was speaker at the Illinois Women's Retreat. She has written several articles for *The Restitution Herald* magazine.

We of the Illinois State Conference find that Brenda meets all the qualifications set out in the position for Board of Directors. We find her to be honest and sincere in her Lord's work. We feel that she would be an excellent member of the Board of Directors. We submit her name for consideration and will place her name in nomination at the 1987 General Conference in August.

Richard L. Young, Pastor
Arlen LeCrone, President
Illinois State Conference

CHRIS RAMSEY

The Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, Virginia, proposes the name of Chris Ramsey as a nominee for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

Chris, his wife Phyllis, and their four-year-old son Nathan, reside in Fort Valley, Virginia. They attend the Royal Village Church of God in Front Royal. Chris teaches Sunday School; serves on the Board of Deacons; serves as Director of Missions; sings in the Church Choir; and assists Phyllis in leading the youth program of the church.

Chris graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Economics and Finance. Phyllis also graduated from James Madison University as well as from OBC. She teaches school. Chris is owner and active operator of Ramsey Construction Co. His expertise in the field of business would be a big plus in his understanding the complexities confronting the General Conference of today.

Chris is a man with a wide variety of qualities to contribute to the General Conference Board of Directors. He was nurtured in the faith. He is a man of faith; a man of stability; and a caring individual. I have found him to be a person who promotes the Gospel of the Kingdom. It doesn't take one long to see the integrity of the Fulton Ramsey family preserved in Chris. He is prone to reserve his conclusion until he has sufficient information from which to draw his conclusion.

Dennis J. Baldwin, Pastor
Royal Village Church of God
Virginia Conference Ministerial Association

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Board of Directors

At the 1987 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 Robert Coverstone and Keith Williams will expire at this Conference. They may not be reelected according to the constitution. Nominations appear on page 14.

Below is the position description for directors who serve on the Board. As nominations are considered, the following information should be taken into consideration.

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 a President who is responsible for the administration of the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
2. Serve as Trustee 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 be actively engaged in fundraising 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 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.



Proposed Budget

June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits:

Salary & Wages	\$ 273000
Social Security	18600
Employee Benefit	42000
Guest Instructors	5000

General Operations:

Advertising-Recruitment	750
Films, speakers	250
Foreign Exchange	2500
Auto Expense	6800
Office & Computer	3500
Miscellaneous	500
Royalties	1000
Editorial	1500
Magazines—Library	2000
Periodicals/Books/Dues	2000
Postage	18000
Printing/Binding	47000
Prof. Services	4800
Repairs nonplant	6000
Staff Education	2000
Mailing Supplies	800
Supplies & Expenses	7000
Telephone	7500
Travel	19000
Assistance—Mission Points	500
Assistance—Churches	18000

Plant Operations:

Property Insurance	5000
Repairs & Maintenance	4000
Supplies/Expense	4000
Utilities	30000

Addition to Plant:

Library Books	1000
Equipment	3000

Purchases:

Resale	18000
Food	13000
Contingency	10000

TOTAL EXPENSES \$578000

Anticipated Income:

Sales	50000
Herald Subs	12000
Trust & Endowments	27500
Tuition/Rm/Bd	85000
Miscellaneous	16500

TOTAL EARNED INCOME \$191000

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

JUNE 1, 1988 - MAY 31, 1989 \$387000

Explanation of Budget

The proposed budget for June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989, represents an investment in people, programs, and facilities. This proposed budget reflects spending for the following:

1. Salaries and Wages—compensation is provided for eleven full-time employees; two full-time employees who work only during the school year; four half-time employees who work 12 months; and five part-time employees who work during the school year.

2. Social Security—the social security tax rate for 1988 and 1989 is 7.5%. We are not required to match social security taxes for our student employees.

3. Employee Benefits—this includes the life and health insurance, workmen's compensation, participation in the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, and miscellaneous fringe benefits.

4. Guest Instructors—all honorarium and travel expenses are paid for guest instructors who teach during intensive courses.

5. Advertising, recruitment—in addition to this amount funds for recruitment are included in printing, travel, and telephone line items below.

6. Films, Speakers—honorariums are paid to non-staff speakers at chapel and graduation.

7. Foreign Exchange—when foreign currency is converted into U.S. dollars, there is an expense to cover the difference in value.

8. Auto Expense—license plates, insurance, and upkeep are provided for Conference vehicles.

9. Office and Computer Supplies—paper, ribbons, stationery, and envelopes.

10. Royalties—a small fee is used to secure use of copyrighted material for our Sunday school curriculum.

11. Editorial—a small honorarium is paid to editors of our Sunday school curriculum.

12. Magazines, Library—a collection of religious and theological magazines are a part of our library collection.

13. Periodicals, Books, Dues—covers expenses incurred by staff as support for classes and their participation in professional organizations.

14. Postage—includes the mailing of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *The Restitution Herald*, quarterlies, and correspondence.

15. Professional Services—an annual audit is required by our Constitution.

16. Repairs, Nonplant—this item covers maintenance contracts on computers and other office equipment.

17. Staff Education—staff members are encouraged to attend at least one seminar each year to remain current in their field.

18. Mailing Supplies—includes envelopes, boxes, and miscellaneous items.

19. Supplies and Expense—includes printing supplies, piano tunings, towels and paper, memorial plaques and flowers, and a multitude of other small-expense items.

20. Telephone—includes basic service and long-distance calls.

21. Travel—includes staff travel on behalf of the Conference and College, along with travel for advisory committees and Board of Directors.

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22. Assistance, Mission Points—a small amount of money is provided in support of overseas mission projects.

23. Assistance, Churches—Church Development Aid will be available for three churches.

24. Repairs and Maintenance—includes upkeep on buildings.

25. Supplies and Expense—includes cleaning and building supplies.

26. Library Books—an attempt is made to make a few acquisitions each year to keep our collection current.

27. Equipment—a reserve fund to replace equipment as necessary.

28. Resale—includes all items purchased which are resold—including textbooks for the College students.

29. Food—purchases for cafeteria.

30. Contingency—since this budget is being adopted 10 months before the fiscal year begins, this item provides a cushion for adjustment when the new budget begins June 1, 1988.

Projected Income

1. Sales—this includes income from sale of all quarterlies, tracts, books, etc.

2. *Herald* Subscriptions—subscriptions are \$12 per year.

3. Trust and Endowment—these are undesignated funds given to the Conference and College that are invested and earning interest which can be used for general operations.

4. Tuition, Board, and Room—this income is based on a projected enrollment of 30 students at Oregon Bible College in '88-'89 school year.

5. Miscellaneous—this includes income from washers and dryers installed in the dormitories, miscellaneous rental income, and interest earnings that are generated during the year.

Contributions Needed

To accomplish the program goals for the General Conference and Oregon Bible College for 1988-'89, churches, conferences, and individual families will need to contribute \$387,000. This is \$32,250 per month.

This projection compares with \$368,000 required for the 1987-'88 fiscal year.

For additional information on programs which will be funded by this budget, please review department reports included in this JOURNAL.

- 1 Pray for all of those who will be traveling to Grand Rapids to attend General Conference, August 3-7.
- 2 Pray for God's presence to be experienced during the dedication of the North Kent Church in Rockford, Michigan, today.
- 3 Pray for God's presence to be felt as General Conference opens today at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.
- 4 Pray that God will send a church-planting vision through the Church of God as a result of the sessions at General Conference.
- 5 Pray for a greater awareness of Oregon Bible College through the sessions at General Conference today. Especially that God will send students to prepare for ministry.
- 6 Pray that during the election today for Board of Directors that God will place those persons in position that will best serve him through the General Conference.
- 7 Pray for God's watch care to be with all of those traveling home from General Conference.
- 8 Pray for the ministry of the mission team going to Mexico, which has been organized by the Missions Committee of the Oregon Church and including team members from other churches.
- 9 Pray for the Blanchard congregation and the services of dedication that will be conducted for their new facility today.
- 10 Pray that God will work through those who attended General Conference, that the results will be experienced in the local church.
- 11 Praise God for the fellowship enjoyed, and the inspiration and challenges received by those who attended General Conference this year.
- 12 Praise God for the hope we have in the return of Jesus and the coming of the kingdom of God.
- 13 Pray for the mission team as it works in Labor Vieja with Roberto and Lupe Badillo.
- 14 Pray for church planters who are working to establish new Churches of God.
- 15 Pray for the Minneapolis congregation, that God will bless its building project.
- 16 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their work in Labor Vieja.
- 17 Pray that the ministry of the team to Mexico has produced results for God and that God will give them safety in their traveling home.
- 18 Pray for the Iowa Centennial Conference which begins at Waterloo, Iowa, today.
- 19 Pray for God's blessing on the work started in Lima, Peru.
- 20 Pray that God will cause a revival to take place in your church.
- 21 Pray for a friend or relative who has not yet put on Christ in baptism.
- 22 Pray for a renewed zeal of evangelism to reach the lost through your church.
- 23 Pray for your pastor today as he leads the worship service. Pray for an exciting and spiritual celebration in worship.
- 24 Oregon Bible College starts today. Pray that God's Spirit will lead during this school year.
- 25 Pray for the members of the staff of Oregon Bible College, that God will use them this year to create a spirit of dedication in ministry.
- 26 Pray for John Cunningham and Ken Newman, that God will give them direction and assistance in planting a Church of God in England.
- 27 Pray that God will call a pastor to lead a church-planting ministry in England.
- 28 Praise God for recent baptisms which have taken place in your church. Pray for someone you know who has not yet taken this step of faith.
- 29 Pray for Ron and Sandy Carr and the Bible study group meeting in Ogden, Utah.
- 30 Ask God to fill you with his Spirit.
- 31 Pray for your isolated members. Ask God to strengthen them in the faith.

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- 1 Pray for our brethren in India, especially that a renewal of spirituality will come into the church and that conflicts will be resolved.
- 2 Praise God for a specific blessing which you have received.
- 3 Pray for God to direct in your state conference regarding a church-planting opportunity.
- 4 Pray for Dale Ramsey in his leadership role at Oregon Bible College and the staff of the college.
- 5 Pray for Kent Ross and the Youth Advisory Committee.
- 6 Pray for the Board of directors of the General Conference, that God will work through them for the advancement of his church.
- 7 Pray for the pastors who are assuming responsibilities this fall in a new pastorate.
- 8 Pray for members of the freshman class at Oregon Bible College, that they will feel God's presence as they study. Pray especially for God to lead this class to pastoral ministry.
- 9 Pray that God will give your church a vision of 75 new Churches of God by the year 2000.
- 10 Praise God for those who faithfully and generously support the ministries of the Church of God through the General Conference.
- 11 Pray for the senior class at Oregon Bible College, that God during this closing year of school will lead them into active ministry following graduation and internship.
- 12 Pray for the Oregon Bible College interns who are assuming pastorates this fall for the first time.
- 13 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith this week.
- 14 Pray for Gayle Guthrie and the work of the Sunday School Advisory Committee.
- 15 Pray for Pastor Leon Driskill and the Forest Hills congregation as they begin a full-time ministry.
- 16 Pray for David Krogh in his role of leadership in the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 17 Pray that God will send renewal to your church and that there will be a greater involvement of the members in the ministry of your local church.
- 18 Pray for Judy Myers and the work of the Missions Advisory Committee.
- 19 Pray for your pianist and organist, that God will bless them for their service.
- 20 Pray for a renewed spirit of personal involvement in missions.
- 21 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 22 Pray that God's Spirit will be at work in your life and your church.
- 23 Pray that God will show you how you can best be used in his service.
- 24 Pray for Russ Magaw and the Media Advisory Committee.
- 25 Pray that God will work in your church to bring people to salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 26 Pray for persons you are concerned about because they are not in Christ.
- 27 Pray for the members of the Fonthill church and those from Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, as they embark upon an outreach work in Peterborough this fall.
- 28 Pray for Pastor Stephen Bolhous in his leadership role in this ministry.
- 29 Pray that God will send people to attend the meetings to be conducted in Peterborough.
- 30 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson in their outreach ministry within the Church of God.



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, 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.

Summer Conference Information

Site: The 1987 Church of God General Conference will be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 3-7.

Registration: Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Enter from the west side of the building. At registration, registration fees will be paid and housing assignments made.

Reservations and Conference Costs: A program and reservation form were mailed with the April/May PROGRESS JOURNAL. Additional copies may be ordered by writing to: Conference Registration, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Those who plan to attend only the evening services are not required to pay a commuter charge. Pastors and families will receive a 10 percent discount off the standard rates.

Youth: Youth must be accompanied to the Conference by a parent or 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 eight years and under. Babysitting service is available for children two years and under. Junior church will be conducted each evening at 7:00 p.m. for those three 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 the travel for those far away and those who live nearby. Delegate expense pool application forms have been mailed to each church and conference secretary, and each is urged to enter the pool. This is a fair means of assuring general delegate representation. The mileage rate this year is 10 cents.

NEWS

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BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Hulda Davis (4/12/87), Rex Cain.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard—Tammy Smith (3/8/87), Staci Bush, Jason Walkington, Autumn Nichols, and Matt Paulsen (4/19/87), Steve Taylor.

OHIO

Cleveland—David Monaco (5/3/87), Rick Phillis.
Lawrenceville—Mark Patrick (4/5/87), John Hearp.
Pleasant Hill—Julie Vance (3/29/87), Fred Pensyl.

CANADA

Fonthill, Ontario—Mrs Theresa Gaboury (5/3/87), Stephen Bolhous.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Ripley—Luci Beth Welch and Wynn Travis Winner (4/25/87), Gordon Landry.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Diane Solmonson and Keith Housman (4/11/87), Stan Ross, Gregg Hall.
Gina Marie Ruhn and Mark Alan Bashans (4/25/87), Stan Ross.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Mary Mercer Jarvis, member (5/17/87), Jesse Pestle.
Oregon—Walter L Bolhous, member (4/24/87), Hollis Partlowe; assisted by Francis Burnett.
Ripley—Lee Mathewson (3/7/87), Richard Young.

NEBRASKA

Holbrook—Daniel Dovenbarger, member (4/9/87), Leon Driskill.

TEXAS

Goldthwaite—Belle Evans, member (4/27/87), Richard Worley.

VIRGINIA

Alexandria—Philena M Davis, member (4/15/87), Gary Burnham.

CANADA

Fonthill, Ontario—Mrs Sarah Roberts, member (5/12/87), Stephen Bolhous.

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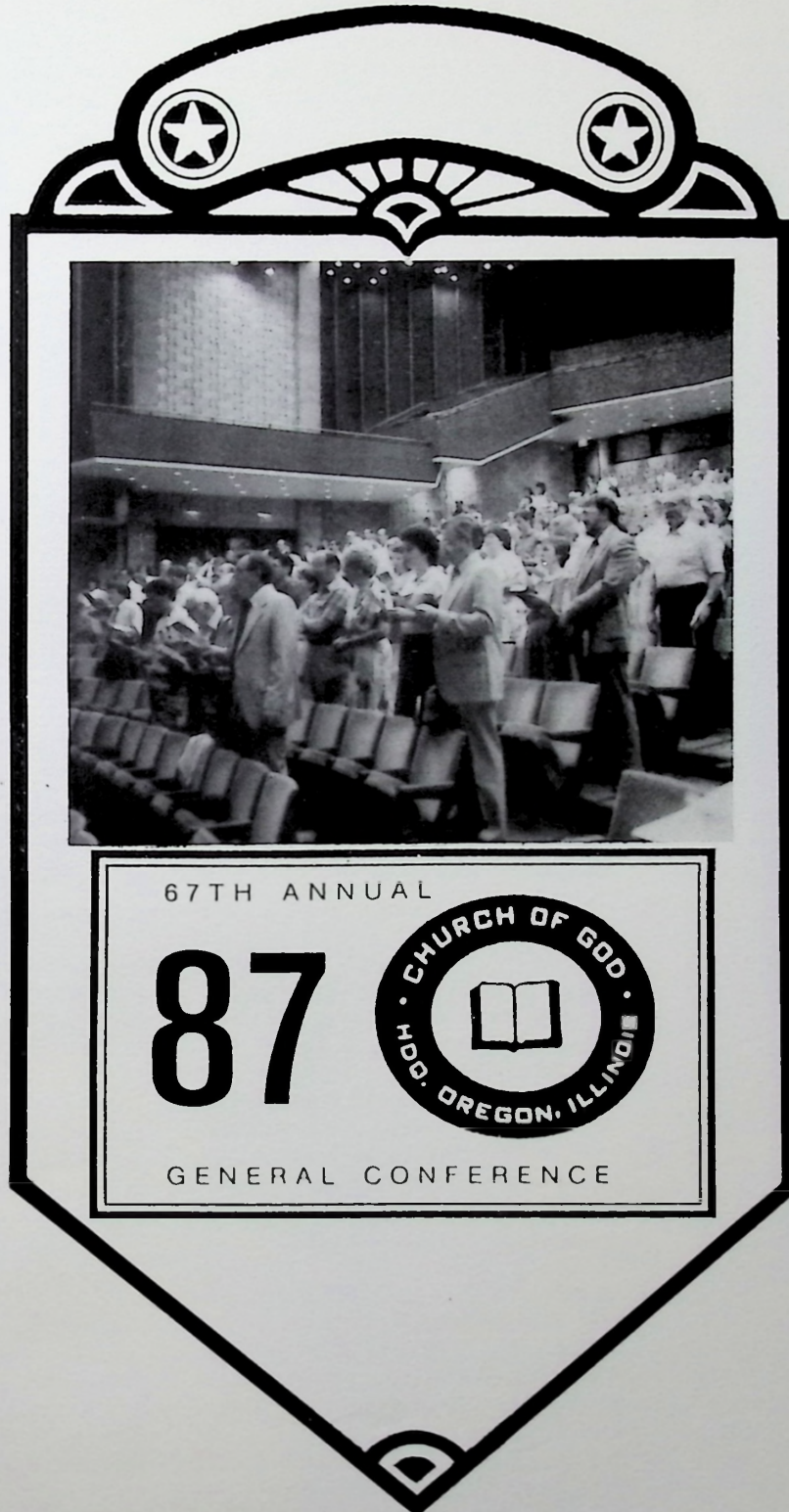


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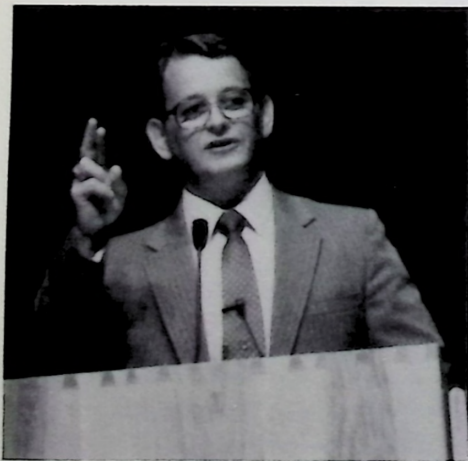
1987 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 67th annual Church of God General Conference was held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 3-7. The theme of the Conference was "Who Will Love Them?" The purpose of the Conference was to clarify our motive for evangelistic effort: caring for the lost; to develop a specific strategy for planting 75 new churches by the year 2000; to help each person, local church, and district conference see their role in achieving our long-range goal; and to strengthen local churches and individual members.

Delegates and members arrived at the Conference with a sense of anticipation, and excitement and enthusiasm continued to build through the climax of the final service.

Evening Services

Monday evening, the Conference/College President, David Krogh, spoke on the subject, "A New Beginning." He discussed the reason for the existence of the Church of God: our distinctive message; and the mission that God has called us to: the redemption of the lost. He shared a dream for the Church of God in which the church is built upon the foundation of truth, and consists of com-



Pastor Chuck Jones speaking on Tuesday night.

posts of evangelism, discipling, action, and commitment. The roof of the building is love for God and for all men. He shared a vision of revitalizing our existing churches and planting 75 new churches between now and the turn of the century.

(Excerpts of the sermon will be printed in future issues of *The Restitution Herald*.)

Tuesday evening, Pastor Charles Jones spoke on the subject, "Does Our Heart Beat with the Heartbeat of God?" He spoke from 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; and Luke 15:7, 10. He expounded from these texts to show that cravings, lusts, boasting, and carnality will keep us from having hearts that beat with God's heart. He pointed out that one



Conference choir members representing six states.

sinner who repents brings joy to God's heart. In order to be obedient, one's personal prayers must be constructed with confession and repentance. Prayer coupled with obedient action changes things. The service concluded with communion.

Wednesday evening, a choir of Michigan members, directed by Michele Millard, presented the cantata, "Endless Praise," and Willie Hale of Minneapolis, Minnesota, presented a short concert.

Thursday evening, Kent Ross, Academic Dean of Oregon Bible College, presented the challenge, "For Such a Time As This." The Conferees were asked to make a commitment to help revitalize existing churches by loving the lost and/or to help with Planting Additional Churches Today (PACT) with prayer and/or financial support and personal in-

volvement. (See page 5 for a report of the commitments made.)

Also on Thursday evening, the Board of Directors was installed by the Vice President of the Ministerial Association, Greg Demmitt. The License Board presented ministerial licenses to Alan Cain, Ralph Childs, Scott Deane, and Steve Fewell. President David Krogh presented internship certificates to Alan Cain, Scott Deane, Steve Fewell, and Tim Jones.

Other students completing the internship program not present at conference were: Mark Good, John Raymond, and Thomas Schmitt. Certificates were also presented to cooperating supervisors, who participated in the internship program for the first time during the past year: E. Richard Smith, Lynne Krogh, Tom New, and the elders of the East Peoria Church of God (Roy Alexander, Arlen LeCrone, and Oral Miller).

Delegate Caucuses

Delegates and members from various state and district conferences met to discuss ways to revitalize existing churches and to plant new churches in their area. Specific steps to be taken during the coming year were discussed, and plans were made for follow-up regional meetings to



Ray Hall presenting morning devotions.

make further plans. Vision and enthusiasm was evident in each of the caucuses.

Classes and Workshops

Bible studies, children's and youth classes, and a wide range of workshop topics were offered during the Conference. Workshops centered on personal topics, family topics, church ministries, and ministry to the unchurched. Guest instructors



Newly licensed Pastor Scott Deane expressing thanks to staff and relatives.

from Pinerest Hospital in Grand Rapids assisted Church of God pastors and lay members as workshop leaders.

Prayer Emphasis

Pastors Ray Hall and Chuck Jones served as prayer coordinators for the Conference. Prayer and devotional periods

were held each morning, and prayer sessions were held each afternoon prior to the business sessions. God graciously answered prayers in providing a very encouraging and uplifting General Conference.

Elections

Chris Ramsey of the Royal Village Church in Front Royal, Virginia, and Brenda Wessel of the Ripley, Illinois, Church were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors-Trustees. They replaced retiring Board members Robert Coverstone and Keith Williams, who were presented certificates of appreciation by President David Krogh. The officers of the Board for the coming

individuals to serve on the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board for a one-year term: Pastor Delbert Jones, Joyce Knapp, Paul Overholser, Pastor Scott Ross, George Sheeley, and Willis Turner.

Budget

A budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1988, through May 31, 1989, was approved by the delegates. It calls for contributions of \$387,000. This compares with \$368,000 for the current fiscal year. (See page 13.)

Conference Attendance

Approximately 275 were registered for the regular sessions of the Conference.



Newly elected General Conference Board of Directors (from left): Elmo Gaspar, Richard Eldred, William Lawrence, Brenda Wessel, Joe James, Don Overmyer, and Chris Ramsey.

year are: Joe James, Chairman; Don Overmyer, Vice Chairman; Brenda Wessel, Secretary; Elmo Gaspar, Treasurer; and Richard Eldred, Dr. William D. Lawrence, and Chris Ramsey, Directors.

The following individuals were elected to four-year terms on the Advisory Committees: Christian Education Committee—Joyce Knapp; Foreign Missions Advisory Committee—Alane Schmidlapp.

Appointments

The Board appointed the following six

Many others attended evening services or other portions of the Conference.

1988 Conference

Plans are being made to have the 68th annual General Conference in Virginia. Final plans are being made and the location and dates will be announced soon.

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1987 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Implementation of the Vision

To assist in the effort to revitalize existing churches and plant new churches, it was announced during the Conference that in the fall of 1988, Warren and Irene Sorenson will move to Colorado Springs for a year to plant a second church. This project will become a laboratory site and an extension branch of Oregon Bible College where students will be involved in the planting project. A church-planting pastor will be sought to work with the Sorensons and students to plant the new church.

It is anticipated that a number of similar church-planting projects will be undertaken in the coming years. These experiences will give our college students on-the-job training in ministering to new people in a new church setting.

As plans continue to unfold in the use of students and staff in planting new churches, the Board of Directors is giving prayerful and careful consideration to the eventual relocation of the Conference and College. It is essential for our college and headquarters to be located in a place that represents the best

opportunity for outreach to the society in which we live. As the world population shifts



President Krogh, Chairman James, and Board members discussed at length the new church-planting thrust in the open session with the Board of Directors.



to urban and suburban areas, it is necessary to have the best possible environment for the education of future leaders of the Church of God.

As plans are made, recommendations will be brought to the delegates for consideration and action.

REPORT OF COMMITMENTS

A challenge was issued to attendees of the summer General Conference to be involved in achieving the vision of revitalizing existing churches and planting 75 new churches. During the Conference and at the conclusion of the Thursday evening message, a specific commitment was requested.

There was an overwhelming response by the conferees:


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| Revitalization — Loving the Lost: | 110 commitments to love the lost by identifying, praying for, becoming friends with, witnessing, and discipling the lost |
| Planting Additional Churches Today (PACT): | 111 commitments to be prayer partners |
| | 111 commitments to be financial partners: Faith promises totaling \$27,131 were received. Conference offerings were designated for church planting; \$2,627.01 was received, making a total of faith promises and offerings of \$29,758.01. |
| | 38 commitments to serve as a volunteer for church planting from two weeks to two years |
| | 11 individuals expressed an interest in becoming a church-planting pastor. |

Those who were not present at the summer Conference are urged to make a commitment to revitalize existing churches and help plant new churches. Faith promise commitments are above and beyond present giving. Fill in the response card below, cut out, and send to Church of God General Conference, P. O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Response Card

"For Such a Time as This . . ."
 Church of God General Conference
 Thursday Evening, August 6, 1987

My Name _____



Revitalization

Loving the Lost

I will love the lost by:

- Identifying the lost
- Praying for the lost
- Becoming friends with the lost
- Witnessing personally to the lost
- Discipling the lost

PACT

Planting Additional Churches Today

I want to be a Prayer Partner

I want to be a Financial Partner

I will give:

- \$1,000
- \$ 500
- \$ 100
- \$ 50
- \$ 25

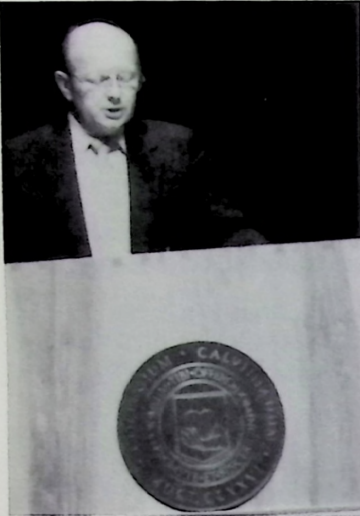
I will participate as a Church Planting volunteer for:

- One year
- Six months
- Three months
- Six weeks
- One month
- Two weeks

I have interest in becoming a Church Planting Pastor for:

- Colorado Springs
- Missouri
- Atlanta
- England
- Other

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Chairman Joe James opening the business meeting of the 67th annual General Conference.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to this 67th Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference. You as delegates are meeting here in conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to represent the total membership of the Church of God General Conference in acting on the annual business agenda of this conference. You have been empowered as delegates of local churches, state or regional conferences, pastors, staff members, or members of the board of directors, to express yourself and vote on issues which come before this body.

You as delegates have great responsibilities. First, as stewards of God's work, delegates are responsible for acting according to the leading of God's Spirit and for the glory and honor of God. Secondly, delegates have the responsibility to make decisions and take actions that are in the best interest of all our members and churches, especially as the membership endeavors to carry out the Great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ, the head of God's church.

We enter this conference seeking God's leadership and direction and we also wish to express our thankfulness to God for the rich heritage of our people. The study, teaching, faith, and steadfastness of our foreparents make possible the celebration of faith and worship at this annual conference. We can look back in a spirit of thanksgiving and humility while praising God for entrusting the truths of his Word to us and allowing us to share in the covenants of promise made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and other heroes of faith. We are thankful to God that the gospel of salvation has been shared with us. We are ever grateful that faithful servants of God have brought to us the hope of the second coming of Jesus, of eternal life and resurrection, and of living forever in the kingdom of God—the earth restored.

What tremendous responsibilities this places on us; 2 Timothy 2:2 tells us that we have the responsibility committing to others the message of salvation that has been shared with us. The world about us is in need of forgiveness, redemption, and salvation which only comes through Christ. We have the message that is needed by everyone. Mark 3:14 explains to us that Jesus set this process in motion as he chose his disciples, prepared them, and sent them forth to repeat what they had learned and experienced.

Yes, we have the heritage, the foundation of

Biblical truths, and the promise of God's power as described in Acts 2:38. The difficult responsibility of committing these to others is a major challenge before us today. It is imperative that we examine our mission in relation to the times in which we live and the needs of those about us. Jesus was not kidding when he gave the Great Commission. It is time for us to approach God through earnest prayer, asking that he give us a vision of the mission he would have us accomplish during these final years of the twentieth century. I sincerely believe that God has approached us through our conference leadership with the burden of reaching the lost by planting 75 new churches by the turn of the century. Can each of us grasp this vision and make it our own vision? Can we pray individually for God to use us as he sees fit in carrying out this mission?

A goal must be ambitious if it is to be stimulating and challenging. The goal of 75 new churches by the year 2000 is indeed ambitious and challenging. To meet this goal we must constantly seek God's power and leadership by consistently using the medium of prayer. Last Sunday we shared in the praise and celebration of the dedication of the North Kent Church. The work of the Lord accomplished there gives all of us hope and encouragement that this success can be repeated over and over. God is powerful enough to accomplish the task of planting 75 new churches. We have access to the same power of God that produced the missionary and evangelistic zeal of the church during the days of the apostles. We are not in this work alone with only our own resources. Jesus gave the mission and added in Matthew 28:20, ". . . lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." First Corinthians 3:5-8 promises us that as we plant and water, God will bless our efforts with the increase.

Fellow delegates, the vision and goal of 75 new churches by the year 2000 is an ambitious goal for the foreseeable future. Many new persons will be brought to a saving knowledge of the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. The vision and the goals are only the beginning. How do we get there? We have already discussed prayers and God's power in this regard. I would now challenge each local church and state or regional conference to begin planning strategic moves toward achievement of church-planting goals. During this conference you will be told of the plans for the Gen-

eral Conference to plant a new church with a conference staff person relocated to the mission area. This project will not only be a church-planting effort, but will provide training opportunities for future church planters. Local congregations and conferences can duplicate this process. It will not be done unless we move from the talking phase to the planning and implementation phases.

Training and consultation are essential to the work of evangelism. We have outstanding consultation and training resources in David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, Russ Magaw, and others.



A large crowd gathered for the dedication of North Kent Bible Church of God, August 2, 1987.

Make use of their services in your local efforts. The regional caucuses on church planting and evangelism are beginnings. Continue to utilize all the resources of our General Conference. After this conference we in our local areas must develop strategic plans for reaching local evangelistic goals.

Establishing goals and designing plans to reach those goals can be both rewarding and frightening experiences. As we commence the process we do so with strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and barriers to overcome. That we are few in number, have limited resources, and live in a spiritually complacent society are perceived weaknesses. That we are God's workmen, that we have the truths of God's Word and the message of hope and salvation needed by the lost, that we have many dedicated and excited people, and that we have men and women who can train us to do evangelistic work are strengths. That there are communities of people everywhere in need of the message God has given us provides opportunities. That so many of these people are unconcerned with

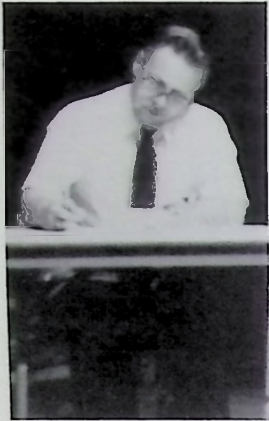
spiritual matters or that they accept error in doctrines represent barriers to church planting. In our local planning we must focus on the strengths and opportunities rather than allowing weaknesses and barriers to overcome us. David, the young shepherd lad, provides us a good example of this positive approach as he approached the Philistine giant. First Samuel 17:45 relates how David focused on his greatest asset and the opportunity of the moment as he exclaimed to the giant, "I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts." That he was small and the giant huge and that he only had a sling and stones while the giant had a sword and

shield were not the main components of David's strategic plan. It is a challenge for us to realize that we approach the Great Commission in the name of the Lord of hosts.

The overall goal for our conference has been established. Planned and written evangelistic goals must now be developed by each local church and conference. These plans should have the input of as many local members as possible. The plans should include specifically defined objectives with targeted times for accomplishment. How do we reach the goal of 75 new churches by the year 2000? We accomplish this through our visions, our planning, and our efforts while relying on God through faith, prayer, and obedience and by adjusting our attitudes to know that we "come . . . in the name of the LORD of hosts."

Fellow delegates, the challenge is ours. If not us, who will the Lord send forth today to do his work? May God richly bless and empower each local body of disciples as we commit ourselves to the work that Jesus started in his earthly ministry and then committed to us.

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES



Keith Williams, Secretary

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION— Tuesday, August 4, 1987

Chairman Joe James called the first delegate business session of the 67th Annual General Conference of the Church of God to order at 1:40 p.m. Pastor Greg Demmitt opened the session with prayer.

Credentials Chairperson Janet Stilson instructed delegates regarding seating and the use of the delegate cards.

Chairman James then introduced the other members of the Board of Directors. In his opening message, he reminded delegates of their responsibilities as delegates and as Christians: That we must constantly seek God's power through prayer and study to be obedient to the Great Commission and to meet our goal of 75 new churches by the year 2000. He urged state and regional conferences to begin planning ways to meet the goal, reminding us that planning must focus on our strengths, rather than using our weaknesses as a barrier. He emphasized that the goal can only be met through planning and reliance on God's help.

There were no new churches represented for the first time, but Chairman James recognized delegates serving for the first time, and Pastor Craig Waggoner serving as a minister-delegate for the first time.

President David Krogh requested the delegations to turn in their pool expense forms no later than this evening's service.

Secretary Keith Williams read letters from the Pleasant View Bible Church in Colorado Springs, CO; Hillview Bible Church in Bloomington, IN; and Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge, LA.

Chairman James directed delegates to the Special Reports given on pages 11 and 12 of the Summer PROGRESS JOURNAL, and asked for questions or comments. None being received, Robert See moved to accept the Special Reports as given. Seconded by Joe Myers. Carried.

Robert Coverstone reported on activities of the Board of Directors for the last year. He reported that some of the major concerns of the Board were budgetary problems. He expressed his enjoyment at serving on the Board, and thanked the delegates for giving him the opportunity to serve.

Chairman James called on Bill Burnham to review the financial statements in the delegate package. Bro. Burnham called the delegates' attention to various items in the statements of special interest. Robert See asked about allow-

ances for depreciation. Bro. Burnham replied that those items not budgeted for were acquired either as gifts, or by donations of money specifically for their purchase.

Robert See moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Russell Johns. Carried.

Chairman James reported that the Board of Directors had reviewed the organizational chart at the January meeting, as directed by the delegates at the 1985 General Conference, with no changes being deemed necessary.

Warren Sorenson was called upon to review the Outreach and Church Development report as presented on pages 5-8 of the PROGRESS JOURNAL, and in turn called on Staff members Judy Myers, Gayle Guthrie, Kent Ross, and Russ Magaw to review the reports of the Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Youth, and Media Advisory Committees, respectively. Bro. Sorenson then called on Pastors Sydney Kirkpatrick, John Railton, and Ron Macy to report on church works in Minneapolis, MN; South Bend, IN; and the Aurora, IL area.

Chairman James then declared that Recommendation One, presented by Delbert Jones and seconded by Ed Bender at the 1986 General Conference, was on the floor and open for discussion. Charles Knapp moved to amend the last sentence of the Recommendation to read, "Churches who receive such funds *will* give quarterly reports to the Conference President." Robert See seconded. Joe Myers and Dick Eldred spoke against the motion. The motion to amend the Recommendation lost on a voice vote.

There being no further discussion on the Recommendation, Chairman James called for a voice vote, which was inconclusive. Upon a call by the Chairman for a vote by show of hands, the Recommendation passed by a vote of 53 yes to 39 no.

Chairman James announced that a straw vote would be taken at the Thursday session as to how many would attend the 1988 General Conference, tentatively scheduled to be held at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Pastor Stan Ross closed the first business session with prayer.

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION— Wednesday, August 5, 1987

Chairman Joe James called the session to order at 1:40 p.m. Pastor Hollis Partlowe opened with prayer. The minutes of the Tues-

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Rapids, Michigan

day session were read.

President David Krogh announced that an additional showing of the Peru slides will be held on Thursday, at a time and place to be announced. The Pool amount this year is \$125.54. President Krogh then directed the delegates' attention to the "PACT" booklet (Planting Additional Churches Today) and asked members to pray how they may be involved in church planting. He described how the General Conference and Oregon Bible College plan to be involved. He announced that Warren and Irene Sorenson will be moving to Colorado Springs in the fall of 1988 to plant an additional church there. President Krogh also reviewed the paper in the delegate package on relocating the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

Chairman James directed delegates to the position description for Directors found on page 15 of the summer PROGRESS JOURNAL, and described the commitment of time and energy by Directors; he then opened the floor for nominations for Director. Two are to be elected, the terms of Robert Coverstone and Keith Williams expiring at this Conference.

Vickie Pulling represented the Illinois Conference in nominating Brenda Wessel. Dennis Baldwin, representing the Royal Village Church of God and the Virginia State Conference Ministers' Association, nominated Chris Ramsey; Stan Ross nominated Willis Turner. Don Overmyer spoke in support of the nomination of Willis Turner. James Ritch nominated Jerold Brewer; Scott Ross nominated Ron Macy; Robert Coverstone nominated David Cheatwood; and Scott Millard nominated Joe Myers. Robert See moved that the nominations be closed; John Huston seconded; motion carried. Chairman James asked the nominees to come forward for presentation to the delegates. He announced that nominees will be available for discussion at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby.

Chairman James directed delegates to Recommendation Three on page 13 of the PROGRESS JOURNAL, and opened the floor for discussion. John Hearp moved adoption of Recommendation Three as presented. Seconded by Eunice Pearson. Charles Knapp questioned how the Ministerial Association member of the Committee would be chosen. John Hearp replied that it would be by election of the members of the Association. Gary Burnham noted that the explanation mentioned an active Pastor, but the Recommendation itself did not so specify.

Gary Burnham moved to amend the Recom-

mendation to specify an active Pastor. Seconded by Ron Macy. Gary Burnham and John Hearp spoke supporting the amendment. Scott Ross asked if other members of the Committee should be specified as "active." The amendment carried.

Ron Macy moved to amend the Recommendations to change "chosen" to "elected." Seconded by Ray Hall; carried. Following discussion, the Recommendation as amended carried.

Chairman James opened the floor for nominations for Foreign Missions Advisory Committee member. Jeff Fletcher nominated Alane Schmidlapp.

Francis Burnett moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Tim Jones; motion carried.

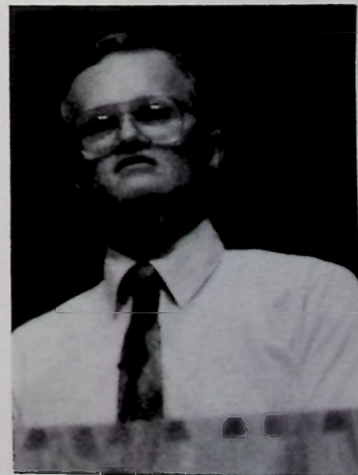
Chairman James then opened the floor for nominations for the Sunday School/Christian Education Advisory Committee. Dick Eldred nominated Joyce Knapp. Robert See moved that nominations be closed and that Joyce Knapp be elected by acclamation. Second by Tim Jones; carried.

Francis Burnett moved that Alane Schmidlapp be elected to the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee by acclamation. Seconded by Tim Jones; carried.

Dale Ramsey reported on Oregon Bible College progress. He announced that the OBC Alumni Banquet would be held at 4:45 p.m. OBC Booster Sunday will be August 30, and he especially urged promotion of Junior Boosters. Over 600 people participated in the Booster program last year (triple the previous year), and over \$12,000 was raised. He estimated 14-16 returning students this fall and 12 new students, which includes five older students with life experience. He emphasized the need for student funding, and asked for continued support in recruitment. Dale encouraged the delegates to come and hear Donna Deane as she spoke at the Alumni Banquet. He expressed his appreciation to the staff, and especially to Jan Stilson, who will be leaving the Staff. The delegates gave her a round of applause.

Linford Moore expressed pleasure at the increased enrollment, and asked Dale for his opinions on the reasons for it. Dale credited increased recruitment efforts and a more optimistic attitude. Dianne Rademachir challenged members in the Oregon area to send students to Oregon Bible College.

Eunice Pearson inquired about availability of correspondence courses. Bro. Ramsey acknowledged the need for more such courses, mentioned the Old Testament Survey Course.



President David Krogh preaching Monday evening; "A New Beginning."

BUSINESS SESSION

MINUTES (Continued from page 9)

Oral Miller asked about recruiting efforts in northern Illinois high schools. James Mattison encouraged sending students for one or two years to OBC before going to other colleges. Willis Turner commented that many of our recruiting efforts come too late. Joyce Knapp reported on the Garden Park Church's scholarship fund. Charles Currier noted that the Church of God needs trained lay leaders as well as pastors, and encouraged one or two years at Oregon Bible College.

Bro. Ramsey announced that the Berean Youth Fellowship scholarship has been awarded to Christy Ross.

Chairman James directed the delegates to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Fact Sheet, on the back page of the Conference booklet, and recognized Rachel Newell for her work on the Foundation.

Chairman James commented that 373 members have contributed \$468,000 in cash, which is part of a total of over \$690,000 in written commitments. In addition, the Foundation is the beneficiary of a \$20,000 life insurance policy. He encouraged delegates to make a commitment to the Foundation.

Francis Burnett asked if the 373 had committed the \$690,000. Richard Smith asked if earnings are supporting OBC yet. Chairman James replied that earnings are being used at present to repay startup expenses. These should be repaid in 1989, and the fund should be generating income to the College in 1990. He asked for recognition of Rachel Newell's efforts, and she was given a round of applause by the delegates.

Stan Ross moved that the Board of Directors give study to the possibility of a bi-annual Church of God General Conference (one every two years) instead of the present annual Conference, and that they report back to the 1988 General Conference. Seconded by Dale Ramsey. Bro. Ross then spoke in support of the motion. James Mattison and Robert Lindner spoke in favor of an annual General Conference. Joe Myers commented that the motion was for a study only. Robert See asked for clarification whether a report or recommendation was stated. Chairman James replied that the motion stated a report was required. Motion carried.

Lynne Krogh closed the second business session with prayer.

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION—Thursday, August 6, 1987

Chairman Joe James called the third business

session to order at 1:45 p.m. Pastor E. Richard Smith opened with prayer.

The Ministers' Association has elected Joe Fletcher as a member of the Higher Education Advisory Committee.

Credentials Chairperson Jan Stilson asked for the names of alternates voting in place of regular delegates. She reported that 81 delegates, 46 ministers, and seven directors were registered, for a total of 134.

Pastor Joe Astolfi reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the members, the proceeds of the sale of the Maurertown Church building have been given to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation and the Outreach and Church Development Fund, in the amount of \$22,250 each.

Chairman James read the constitutional provisions for election of Directors and instructed delegates on the voting procedures.

During the counting of the ballots, President David Krogh announced that ushers would be at the doors at the closing of the session to receive commitment cards from the "PACT" booklet, and would also receive them after the evening service. President Krogh gave instructions on checkout procedures from Calvin College, and asked delegates who had not settled with the Pool to do so.

Chairman James asked how many had attended General Conference as children, and over 50 percent raised their hands. He noted that costs for next year's Conference would be approximately 20 percent higher, and asked how many would still attend. A majority responded affirmatively.

Kathy Tackett reported on the medical progress of her daughter Carolyn, who was injured in an automobile accident, and asked for additional prayers. Pastor Darrell Cardwell offered prayer for Carolyn Tackett.

Pastor Emory Macy thanked the Conference for their recognition of his church's homecoming activities.

Chairman James directed the delegates to Recommendation Two on page 13 of the summer PROGRESS JOURNAL. David Cheatwood moved to remove Recommendation Two from the table. Seconded by Mardy Lawrence. President Krogh called the delegates' attention to the paper concerning Recommendation Two in the delegate package, and spoke in support of the Recommendation. Robert See called for the question. Recommendation Two carried.

Chairman James commented on the relocation of the General Conference and Oregon



Warren Sorenson,
Vice-President, Outreach and
Church Development

Bible College as brought up in the Open Board Meeting. He emphasized that the Colorado Springs project with Warren and Irene Sorenson in 1988 is a laboratory and learning project and is not related to relocation.

Russell Magaw described the Nazarene Church's church-planting project in the state of Oregon, and that the course on church planting at the Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs would be available to our students. Discussion followed.

Joe Myers asked that his name be withdrawn as a nominee for Director.

Chairman James asked how many would attend General Conference regardless of location. Approximately half raised their hands.

Arlen Rankin reported on the Bible Faith Church of God, a new work in Bellevue, Washington.

Brenda Wessel and Chris Ramsey were elected to the Board of Directors.

President Krogh announced that the Peru slides will be shown in Room 101, and a report on the India work will be given in the room in back of the stage at 3:30 p.m. The new Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Commons Building. President Krogh then presented plaques to Robert Coverstone and Keith Williams as outgoing Directors for their services on the Board.

Scott Ross moved to express appreciation to the outgoing Directors. David Cheatwood seconded. Carried.

Robert Lindner asked with regard to Recommendation One if contributions earmarked for a work would be applied to the amounts already targeted for that work. President Krogh replied that the first \$500 of contributions would be applied to General Conference budgeted funds for that work. Robert Lindner then asked who would be surveyed to determine the preference for or against a bi-annual Conference.

Robert See explained Delbert Jones's intention in Recommendation One was to enlarge members' focus from just one work to all churches needing aid.

Chairman James then opened the floor for items of general business.

James Mattison expressed concern that *The Restitution Herald* does not have wider circulation, and suggested that churches subscribe for their members.

Don Overmyer moved to express appreciation to the Maurertown Fellowship for their gifts to the General Conference and their concern for the continued outreach of the Con-

ference. Seconded by Francis Burnett and Stan Ross. Carried.

E. Richard Smith expressed concern for "dying" churches and asked what pastoral support would be available to pastors of such churches. Warren Sorenson responded that the situation depends on whether pastors are available who are willing to serve such churches. General Conference funds are limited and need to be used where the needs are greatest.

Chairman James opened the floor for discussion of the proposed 1988-89 budget. President Krogh directed delegates to page 16 of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Discussion followed. Robert Coverstone moved to adopt the 1988-89 budget as proposed. Seconded by Jerold Brewer. Carried.

Chairman James asked for a show of hands on approval of moving the Conference around. A majority raised their hands. Robert See mentioned the possibility of contracting for several years at one location to fix costs.

Ed Schroth supported moving the Conference around. John Hearp asked for comparative enrollment figures. President Krogh replied that actual enrollments are down, but the total number of people involved at Conference is up due to local attendance.

Credentials Chairperson Jan Stilson gave the final Credentials Committee report. The delegate count is down only two from last year. She encouraged more representation from State Conferences.

President Krogh reminded delegates once more of the commitment cards from the "PACT" booklet, and encouraged them to complete the evaluation form and volunteer forms for next year's Conference.

Secretary Keith Williams read the minutes of the final business session. Chairman James asked for any corrections. Darrell Cardwell moved to approve the complete minutes of the Conference as read. Seconded by Larry Mayberry. Carried.

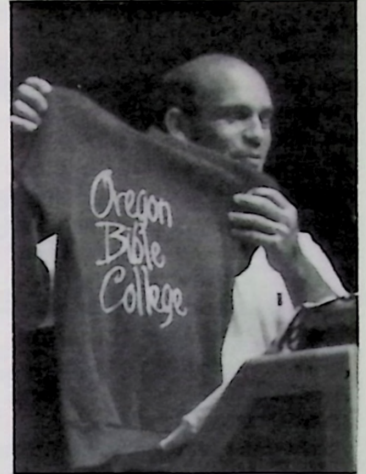
Chairman James reminded Board members of the meeting immediately following the delegate session.

Jerold Brewer moved to adjourn. Carl Heiser seconded. Carried.

Chairman James recognized Cecil Smead as the oldest active minister in the Church of God, who then closed the business session with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith L. Williams
Keith L. Williams.



Dale Ramsey, Vice-President,
Oregon Bible College

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TOTAL TAPES _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Mailing (add 25¢ per tape plus
\$1.00 per order for handling) = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Check services requested:

- Monday Evening: "A New Beginning:" David Krogh (2 tapes)
- Tuesday Evening: "Does Our Heart Beat with the Heartbeat of God?" Charles Jones (2 tapes)
- Wednesday Evening: Willie Hale; Michigan Choir Cantata: Endless Praise (1 tape)
- Thursday Evening: "For Such a Time as This:" Kent Ross (2 tapes)

Mail To: Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



BUDGET

PRAYER AND PRAISE OCTOBER, 1987

June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits:

Salary & Wages	\$273000
Social Security	18600
Employee Benefits	42000
Guest Instructors	5000

General Operations:

Advertising-Recruitment	750
Films, speakers	250
Foreign Exchange	2500
Auto Expense	6800
Office & Computer	3500
Miscellaneous	500
Royalties	1000
Editorial	1500
Magazines—Library	2000
Periodicals/Book/Dues	2000
Postage	18000
Printing/Binding	47000
Prof. Services	4800
Repairs nonplant	6000
Staff Education	2000
Mailing Supplies	800
Supplies & Expenses	7000
Telephone	7500
Travel	19000
Assistance—Mission Points	500
Assistance—Churches	18000

Plant Operations:

Property Insurance	5000
Repairs & Maintenance	4000
Supplies/Expense	4000
Utilities	30000

Addition to Plant:

Library Books	1000
Equipment	3000

Purchases:

Resale	18000
Food	13000
Contingency	10000

TOTAL EXPENSES

578000

Anticipated Income:

Sales	50000
Herald Subs	12000
Trust & Endowments	27500
Tuition/Rm/Bd	85000
Miscellaneous	16500

TOTAL EARNED INCOME

191000

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

JUNE 1, 1988 - MAY 31, 1989

387000

- 1 Pray for the OBC Alumni Homecoming, which starts today in Oregon.
- 2 Praise God for the interest which is growing among Church of God members to reach the lost.
- 3 Pray for God to send forth more laborers into the field of ministry.
- 4 Pray for Leon Driskill and family and the Forest Hills, Arkansas, congregation as they conduct special services today in recognition of their first full-time pastor.
- 5 Pray for the Grace Church of God near Ashtabula, Ohio, and Pastor Michael Brown, that God will bless their efforts to expand their ministry.
- 6 Praise God for the faithful response of his people in the Church of God in the efforts of church planting.
- 7 Pray for the teachers in your Sunday School. Thank God for their faithfulness.
- 8 Pray for those who are attending a discipling seminar in Colorado Springs.
- 9 Pray for the core group in Atlanta and for Warren Sorenson as they work together in planning for the launching of a Church of God there.
- 10 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with Pastor Mayberry and the congregation of the Simi Valley Church.
- 11 Pray for Cecil Rademachir and the congregation in Bloomington, Indiana, as they seek to build a church.
- 12 Pray for the Christian Education Advisory Committee as it works to further Christian education within the Church of God.
- 13 Please join in prayer with the group in Peterborough, Ontario, which is meeting in prayer tonight in preparation for a series of Bible lectures which begins tomorrow night.
- 14 Pray for Pastor Stephen Bolhous and the Peterborough project.
- 15 Pray for Mario Olcese and the group of believers in Lima, Peru.
- 16 Pray for the special promotional weekend at OBC.
- 17 Pray that God will call forth a church planter to lead the church-planting project in the Missouri Conference in the fall of '88.
- 18 Praise God for the fine student body which is attending OBC this fall.
- 19 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and the work of the Labor Vieja congregation in Mexico.
- 20 There is someone in your congregation with a special need. Lift this person up in prayer.
- 21 Pray that God will call forth a church-planting pastor to work with Warren and Irene Sorenson in Colorado Springs next fall.
- 22 Pray that God will bless the closing service tonight in the Peterborough lecture series.
- 23 Pray for Ken Newman and John Cunningham, that God will continue to use them in sharing the gospel in England.
- 24 Pray that God will continue to lead in the launching and development of a Church of God in England.
- 25 Pray for the OBC graduates who are interning in local churches this year.
- 26 Pray for all isolated members of the Church of God, that God will strengthen their faith and give them opportunity for Christian fellowship.
- 27 Praise God for all the pastors' wives and the sacrificial service they have given in ministry.
- 28 Pray for our churches which do not have a pastor.
- 29 Pray that God will bless the church-planting efforts in various state conferences.
- 30 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone.
- 31 Pray that God will open doors for the planting of 75 new Churches of God by the year 2000.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE NOVEMBER, 1987

- 1 Pray that God will bless the efforts of the Board of Directors as the Board meets this month.
- 2 Pray for the work of the Missions Advisory Committee, that through its efforts Church of God missions will effectively reach the lost.
- 3 Pray for your pastor and family as they minister among you.
- 4 Pray for God's Spirit to be in your congregation as he wants it to be.
- 5 Pray for a spirit of love and unity to be within your congregation.
- 6 Pray for Dale Ramsey and the staff of OBC.
- 7 List the names of five people you want to accept Jesus as Savior. Begin praying for each one of these.
- 8 Praise God for your local church. Thank him for the privilege you have to be a part of that congregation.
- 9 Pray for our mission work in India.
- 10 Please join with the staff and students of OBC in a special emphasis in prayer.
- 11 Praise God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 12 Pray for Kent Ross and the Youth Advisory Committee.
- 13 Pray for Alan Demmitt and the congregation of the Colorado Springs Church of God.
- 14 Use this day to bring a personal prayer request before God.
- 15 Pray for Warren Sorenson and the outreach ministry of the Church of God.
- 16 Remind yourself of what God is doing in your church and praise him for this.
- 17 Pray for Russ Magaw and the publishing department staff.
- 18 Pray for Ron Macy and the congregation of the Fox Valley Church of God as they reach out to new people.
- 19 Pray that God will continue to promote the zeal of missions through the students at OBC.
- 20 If you have lost the joy of your faith, pray that God will give you personal renewal and that your service will be a time of rejoicing.
- 21 Praise God for the way he is working in the Church of God at the present time.
- 22 Pray for the Advisory Committee on Higher Education.
- 23 Take time to meditate on God's working in your personal life. Thank him for personal blessings.
- 24 Pray for the elders in your church.
- 25 Praise God for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and OBC. Thank him for their qualified and dedicated service.
- 26 Pray for the Media Advisory Committee of the General Conference.
- 27 Pray for God to bless the fund-raising efforts of the OBC Development Foundation.
- 28 Pray for David Krogh in his position of leadership for the General Conference and OBC.
- 29 Pray for the youth in your church, that they might be examples of faith to other young people.
- 30 Praise God for the forgiveness of sin. Thank him that righteousness comes through the redeeming work of Christ.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Opening of School

Oregon Bible College began a new school year with a convocation at the Oregon Church on August 23. President David Krogh presented a challenge to all who were in attendance that the Church of God and Oregon Bible College are going to move forward in response to the Great Commission.

There were over 100 in attendance which included new students, returning students, parents, and supporters of the Bible College. The excitement of the evening was evidenced by the robust singing of "Awake! Arise! O Church of God."

Included in the service were the presentations of three scholarships. Alane Schmidlapp and John Guthrie received full tuition scholarships for the present school year based upon high academic achievement during the past school year. Christy Ross received a \$500 scholarship for having won the BYF Scholarship test at National Youth Congress. Our congratulations go to these outstanding students.

The evening was concluded by a watermelon fellowship.

New Students

We were very pleased to welcome 13 new students to Oregon Bible College for the beginning of the fall semester. There are seven men and six women. These along with 16 returning students gave us a total of 29 beginning the fall semester. We are anticipating a couple more possible students in January. We are thankful that God has entrusted us with some very talented and serious people who have a thirst for a concentrated experience in studying and applying the Word of God. We will introduce our new students to you via the PROGRESS JOURNAL in a later issue.

Fantastic!

During the recent spring semester, the Alumni Association conducted a phone-a-thon to solicit funds for children of alumni who attend Oregon Bible College. The goal was established at \$4,000.

At the recent General Conference \$605 was committed, which brings the total monies committed to the project to over \$4,500. So far, over \$4,000 has been given.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Alumni, for your response. At the beginning of the semester we were able to award over \$2,500 in grants to children of alumni attending OBC this fall.

The rest of the money will go into a permanent fund to build for future scholarships and grants.

Alumni Homecoming, October 1-4

We are making an effort to contact all OBC Alumni for our second annual Homecoming. Our first Homecoming last year, held in conjunction with the annual Autumn-on-Parade in Oregon, was a great success.

This year's Homecoming will also be held in conjunction with the annual Autumn-on-Parade in Oregon, Illinois.

The Committee on Higher Education will also meet during this weekend to discuss the future goals of the College and consider other issues to help stimulate growth.

Visitor on Campus

It was the pleasure and privilege of the College community to have Dr. Alva G. Huffer on campus again. Dr. Huffer taught an

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Art History and Appreciation course to our upperclassmen and conducted a general session for the whole college community each day for two weeks at the beginning of the fall term.

I always enjoy and appreciate Dr. Huffer's contributions to the OBC program. It is a rich and stimulating educational experience. Thank you, Dr. Huffer.

Would You Like To?

Would you like to continue the remembrance of a deceased family member who had a significant spiritual impact on you and your family's life?

Many folks establish scholarships at Oregon Bible College in the name of such family members. It is a wonderful way to remember such people and assist OBC students who are preparing for the ministry.

Such family members who were spiritual giants should be remembered and this is one way to sustain that memory in the Church of God.

Issue of Accreditation

A favorite question often posed to me is, "Have you given up on seeking accreditation for Oregon Bible College?" Without giving me time to respond the inquisitor usually will proceed to state, "If you were accredited you would gain more students." My instinct is that, yes, they are probably right; however, my response is usually, "There are a lot of colleges (I think) in the land that aren't accredited and it doesn't seem to be hindering their ability to carry out the purposes for which they exist."

There is little question in my mind that accreditation is a very valuable status to achieve. The process of achieving accreditation checks and encourages financial soundness, academic credibility, legitimate goals, purposes, and understanding of mission. Recruiting I assume would be easier. From the viewpoint of a normal human it would appear to be a desirable goal to achieve.

With everything we could know and see, believing it a wise venture, we pursued accreditation with fervor in the '70's and first half of this decade. I believe the pursuit was a valuable exercise. We now have a faculty with graduate degrees, a library with recognition from and part of the Northern Illinois Library System, a financial foundation under construction, and a physical plant that is adequate in many respects. The goals of accreditation have been good for us. Whether we pursue accreditation again or not, we should continue to pursue many of the goals of accreditation.

Is accreditation necessary to carry out the mission of Oregon Bible College and the Church of God General Conference? Of course, there is no way of knowing unless we were there, so my thoughts are somewhat speculative at this point. We are gradually streamlining and narrowing our focus to better define our mission and achieve it. The typical model of an accredited college by the American Association of Bible Colleges would be an enlarging focus to provide more of a Liberal Arts education and majors other than Bible and Theology. We certainly want to address the whole individual, which Liberal Arts seeks to do, but our emphasis is becoming more technical in nature. If the student can get most of his general education at a local community college, we can expend our training more specifically.

Since our focus is aimed at training students to do specific tasks of the Christian Ministry, our courses will more reflect that aim. This means that, with less traditional general education courses being offered, there are less transferable courses that other institutions would accept. Generally speaking, this means a student would not come to OBC to get what he can get elsewhere. At OBC he will immerse himself in study of the Word and an understanding of the context in which it was written, learning and applying practical ministry skills, experiencing a lifestyle not understood by the secular world, and enjoying the OBC "family experience." This does not mean that our courses will not be transferable, because many have been, but the direction which we are going and which we feel God may be pleased with, denies the need to be recognized by an Accrediting Agency.

I want to emphasize that we are pursuing, and will continue to pursue, academic excellence, but accreditation may not be a present need. It is vital for prospective students and the parents of those students to believe that what's offered at Oregon Bible College is a worthy investment. I hope they would not feel that it is wasted money if it does not transfer into a program aimed at developing a specific job skill to earn a living.

We are charged with being the best stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We are trying to be responsible with the financial gifts given us so that our posture is pleasing to God. Regarding this aspect of the issue, pursuit of accreditation would not seem to be the wisest at this point in our history.

I have not covered all the ramifications, but have tried to touch some key issues. Oregon Bible College is not my college; it is yours, the Church of God; and I want to be responsible to the desires of our constituency. The subject of accreditation is certainly not closed, and I welcome the opinions and thoughts of each person who has a concern about the future of Oregon Bible College.

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress Report, 8/24/87

Written Commitments	\$397,338.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	294,009.93	
Total Written Commitments		691,347.93
Written Commitments Unpaid	218,809.00	
Total Verbal Commitments	3,500.00	
Total Tentative Estimates	151,200.00	
Cash Received from		
Paid in Fulls	\$291,964.93	
Cash Received from		
Written Commitments	178,529.00	
Stocks:		
Stock Value*	\$ 541.75	
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00	
Total Cash to Date		\$470,493.93

*Included in Total Cash

**Not Included in Total Cash

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OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS (Warren Sorenson, Vice-President)

God has called the Church of God to a ministry of sharing his message with the intended purpose that those who are lost will find Jesus Christ as the way to eternal life. An important part of our response to God is learning to be submissive and obedient. The following testimony by Pastor Kevin Demmitt provides some lessons we all need to learn. As you read this testimony let it speak to your personal response to God. The insights which Kevin shares with us are valuable for effective service.

My Spiritual Journey

By Pastor Kevin Demmitt

"They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all'" (Mark 9:33-35).

The most basic lessons Christ taught are often the ones which can only be learned through experience. Like the disciples in the passage above, I entered the ministry with the ambition that I was going to make a name for myself through the preaching of the gospel. Starting with just two teen-agers at the church where I accepted the position of youth pastor, I set out to build a large youth group which would be a sign of my success. Thanks to a large family that chose to attend our church shortly after I arrived, our numbers began to grow. I catered to the needs of our young members, not out of a desire to serve, but because their presence on any given Sunday made me look good. However, I soon learned that this type of success easily crumbles. All it took was a couple of families to move away, and I was right back where I started. After one year in the ministry I had not achieved a single goal. I knew it was time to call it quits.

Pastor Demmitt thanks God for his fine family which assists him in the ministry. Shown here are his wife Audrey and son Andrew Dwaine.



Several years have now passed, and I am once again in the ministry. I am serving at a church which breaks all the former measures I had set for success. But never have I felt more successful and prepared for the task at hand. I believe there are several lessons which God taught me during my leave of absence from the pastoral ministry which has better prepared me for such a task.

First, I learned that God never abandons his children. God opened the door for me to do graduate work at Arizona State University. He led me to Christian instructors who helped me take my eyes off myself and focus instead on the needs of others. He gave me a Christian wife who revived my vision of the lordship of Christ. In every way, God recognized my distress and he provided relief.

Second, I learned that I love to preach the gospel. Teaching at ASU, selling electronic equipment, and fixing tires all put bread on my table, but they all left me with a yearning for something more. It is rare that one finds an occupation which is also a ministry, such as a pastoral position. Never again will I take another job which does not allow me ample opportunity to teach from the Scriptures.

Third, I have learned that God will measure my success according to my service. God is more interested in my motive than my results. Efforts to bring others to Christ must be based on a love for the lost. Any other motive will lead to certain failure, regardless of the numerical results.

"Whoever wants to be first must be last" is a difficult but necessary lesson to learn. I am thankful for my years of study at OBC. They provided me with a foundation for studying the Scriptures which I hope to build on the rest of my life. But my training is far from complete. God is continually calling for me to apply what I teach. And some lessons, like the meaning of "servanthood," take a long time to learn.

Please Pray for Church Planting



God is blessing the church-planting vision of the Church of God with several opportunities. You can help by praying for God to raise up pastors and leaders.

Pray for a pastor:

- To plant a church in England
- To work with the Missouri Conference in its church-planting project near St. Louis to begin in the fall of 1988
- To work in the Colorado Springs project with Warren and Irene Sorenson beginning in the fall of 1988
- To work with the core group in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Peru Report

By Anthony Buzzard

Lima, capital of Peru, is an exciting place in more ways than one. Bill Wachtel, Barbara and I, and a team of four from Oregon Bible College—Alane Schmidlapp, Mike and Jackie Mattus, and Mark Mattison—experienced the nervousness of a country threatened by Communism. In Lima a nightly curfew demands that all citizens be at home by 1:00 a.m. The penalty for noncompliance is death by machine gun—no questions asked. There was a five-on-the-Richter-scale

town squares. We had only to appear in the center of town for a sizeable crowd to form around us (all quite legal until 4:00 p.m). The Limans wanted to know what we were up to. Quite simply, the Americans were in town. What had they to offer?

Three of us—Mario, Alane, and Bill—were fluent Spanish-speakers. The rest of us were able to convey the gist of our message by pointing to our Spanish Bibles—Matthew 5:5 "Bienaventurados

world coming when Jesus returns makes an immediate appeal. What's more, they have never heard anything like that and have no inkling of the great promises of God in the Bible.

From hundreds we spoke to, some gladly agreed to come to our hotel from 7:00 every evening to study the Bible. There in the conference room provided by the (Jehovah's Witness) proprietress of the hotel we opened up the Santa Biblia and told the "old, old story"—God's promise through Abraham, David, and the Messiah Jesus to bring peace to our earth and salvation for individuals and for the world.

The majestic simplicity of this great biblical story is irresistible when people are humble, childlike, and hungry to know the meaning of life. After a month, six were baptized and others were beginning to attend. We left a house-church of dedicated disciples of the Word, led by Mario Olcese (you may remember his article in a recent *Herald*).

A short article can only give a glimpse of our exciting time in Lima. Our slides are available for any who want more detail. We ask you to join us in prayer for those young excited converts (Mario, an attorney; Carmela, his wife; Jorge, Jose, Carlos, and others), your associates in the Abrahamic Faith. And please pray for our weekly radio program reaching a potential audience of ten million people through Radio Star. We want the gospel of the kingdom of God to be announced world wide (Matt. 24:14). Our program, *La Voz del Reino* (The Voice of the Kingdom), is a small contribution to the massive heralding of God's coming intervention in world affairs when Jesus the Messiah will involve true believers in restoring the earth (Acts 3:21; Rev. 2:36; 3:21).

Your hopes are now shared by a small group of dedicated Peruvians. Such is the continuing aim of evangelism. What an unforgettable experience!



earthquake one night which had us all wondering whether the hotel was going to fall about us in ruins.

Our greatest excitement, however, stemmed from our month-long effort to speak of the gospel of the kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Messiah (Acts 8:12), basing ourselves on the wonderful heritage of the Church of God, Abrahamic Faith. Here is what happened.

Armed with thousands of tracts challenging people of all classes to examine the Bible, we set out into the streets and

los mansos: porque ellos reciben la tierra por heredad" (Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth). What an attention-getter that verse is—so unlike what most have been taught!

Bit by bit we pieced together God's wonderful plan for our distracted world. Limans know much about the hardships of life, as they eke out a living of a few intis, selling at the street side, shining shoes, or just begging. (There are of course wealthy Peruvians, too.) The prospect of God's kingdom and the wonderful

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

Greenbrier—David Meeks (7/26/87), Tom New.

Little Rock—Irene Lovercheck, Melanie Perry (6/28/87), Brian Atra.

INDIANA

Plymouth—Robert D Miller, Jason T Carrigan, James R Kite, Chad E Carrigan (6/28/87), Howard Robinson. Dorothy J Haisley (7/5/87), Allan Ramsey.

South Bend—Matt Berry, Jason Railton (6/28/87), John A Railton.

MICHIGAN

North Kent—Kathy Ann Friske (5/1/87), Dick Eldred.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Kelly Sogge, Jason Berthiaume, Marcie Wadsworth, Alan Wadsworth (7/12/87), Darrell Cardwell.

Hector—Deron Johnson (7/1/87), V E Kirkpatrick II.

Litchfield—Darin Lowell Wegner, James Patrick Madigan (7/1/87), Stan Ross.

MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP—John Nelson

(7/3/87), Wally Winner.
Joanna Georgevich, Tony Gerber (7/3/87), Craig Wagganer.

OHIO

Dayton—Jaimie Balsbaugh (4/12/87), Ralph Childs.

Springfield—Ann Brown (5/3/87), John Tullis (5/10/87), Shirley Anderson (5/24/87), Harold K Jones, Mrs Deann J Jones (8/2/87), Lee E Arp.

Tipp City—Kathy Hornbeck (3/29/87), Rita Burnside (5/3/87), Michael Hoffman. Ruth Schuld (6/14/87), Ellsworth Zizert.

Troy View—Janet Lutz (4/26/87), Craig Wagganer.

Urbana—Martha and John Tourangeau (7/25/87), Fred Pensyl.

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Christopher Danyliw (6/14/87), Steve Bolhaus.

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Mrs Chris Atwood, Amy

Jett, Shawn Ellifritz (5/24/87), Dennis J Baldwin.

TRANSFERS

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Ruth Fogle, Georgia Thayer (5/10/87), Bea Frame, Mildred Mathews (5/31/87), Dennis J Baldwin.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

East Oregon—Michelle Seebach and Richard Eldred (4/4/87), Dick Eldred.

Oregon—Susan Andrew and Jon Lapp (7/11/87), Hollis Partlowe and C E Lapp. Katherine Davoren and David L Johnson (8/1/87), Hollis Partlowe.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids—Kristin Anne Kelly and Craig Alan Fyfe (8/1/87).

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Joy Loveland and Thomas Housman (5/4/87), Stan Ross and M Cordes.

DEATHS

INDIANA

South Bend—Jackie Brundage, member (6/4/87), John A Railton.

IOWA

Albert City—J Arthur Johnson, member (6/6/87), Francis E Burnett.

Belle Plaine—Ruth Hinkle (7/29/87), Francis E Burnett.

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge—Justin Keith Landry, infant son of Barry and Tabitha Landry (6/19/87), Dick Alcumbrack.

NEBRASKA

Omaha—Valura Karnett, member (6/16/87), Scott Ross and Alan Cain.

OHIO

Springfield—Velda Weber (2/25/87), Lee E Arp.

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Shirley Ann Compton, premature daughter of Bobby and Christine Compton (4/21/87), Dennis J Baldwin.

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Ven. S. A. Oyenyim Kwara, Nigeria; Debbie McCoy, Byron, IL; David Rhodes, South Bend, IN; Bobby Dudley, Fredericktown, MO; Mrs Janet Dennis, Macomb, IL.

OBC SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Students carrying 12 hours or more, and who maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.00 in any semester, are placed on the Honor Roll. Students maintaining an average of at least 3.50 are placed on the High Honor Roll. *Congratulations to the following students for their high grade averages for the Spring, 1987, semester:* Honor Roll: Mark Mattison, David Richert, Wanda Williamson; High Honor Roll: Dale Bliss, Dennis Cheatwood, John Guthrie, Camille Miller, Tracy Savage, Alane Schmidlapp.

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North Kent Dedication Rockford, MI



Pastor Richard Eldred welcomed over 300 persons to the North Kent Bible Church of God dedication service Sunday afternoon, August 2. An address, "It is Finished," delivered by Timberland Bible Church (South Bend) Pastor John Railton was followed by the dedication itself. Many guests joined in the pork roast supper. May God grant his powerful influence in the congregation as they continue reaching the unchurched in their community.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Bequests

We are so grateful for two recent bequests to the General Conference from the estates of Sr. Ethel Johnson and Bro. Dan Dovenbarger. These faithful individuals who contributed to the Lord's work during their lifetimes, chose to make a final gift by making the General Conference a beneficiary of their will.

Many Church of God individuals have indicated that they have included their local church and/or the Conference, Oregon Bible College, or the Development Foundation, in their estate planning. If you would like information on wills, deferred giving, and estate planning, please write to: Wills, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Brochures will be sent.

We also have available a wills clinic which can be conducted in local churches. A film and information regarding estate planning can be presented. Please contact the General Conference President for more information.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors has scheduled a meeting for November 5-7 in Oregon, Illinois. Any items to be brought to the Board should be submitted to any Board member or the President two weeks prior to the meeting for inclusion on the agenda.

Volunteer Help

I wish to thank members of the Board of Directors, Advisory Committees, License Board, Christian Conciliation Board, Directors of the Investment Fund, Trustees of the College Foundation, Trustees of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, and others who volunteer their time and effort for the work of the Church of God General Conference. These individuals serve unselfishly without remuneration. Countless hours are invested in carrying out the important work of our Conference and College.

Financial Update

The Oregon Bible College Booster Campaign is in progress. We are thankful to all who are making special gifts to this annual campaign. Those who have not yet contributed are invited to send gifts for the education of future leaders for the Church of God.

Contributions received during the first two months of the fiscal year (June and July) totaled over \$63,000. Monthly needs are \$30,667. Thank you for this generous giving during these summer months. Gifts are needed regularly to support the work of the Outreach and Church Development Department, Oregon Bible College, Publishing, and Business Services.

Systematic Theology

Two books for the price of one!
Both by the same author, Dr. Alva G. Huffer.
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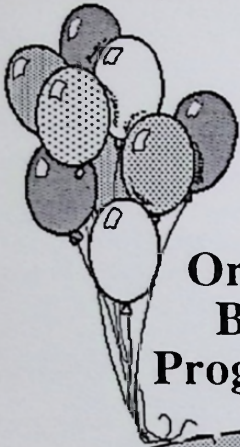
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Response to our mail appeal has been \$6,294, which represents 126 individuals. We anticipate a "real" boost in our Booster Campaign with Booster Sunday, August 30, from all of our churches.

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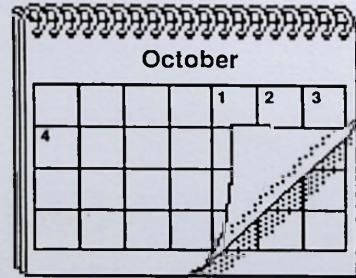
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