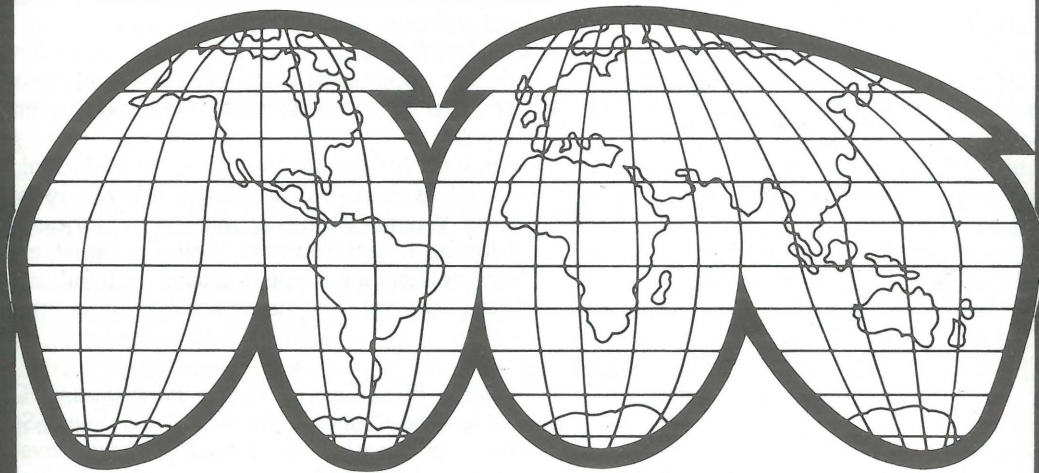


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PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT

THE 1988 GENERAL CONFERENCE will be held August 1-5 at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Program Committee consists of area pastors: Dennis Baldwin, Gary Burnham, Dale Swartz, Jon Welch; representatives of local churches: Debra Fletcher, Ellen Ramsey, Phyllis Ramsey, and Gary Smith; Robert Coverstone, President of the Virginia Conference; Chris Ramsey, member of the Board of Directors; and the President of the General Conference. The committee is meeting November 22 to plan the program and select program personnel.

The 1988 General Conference will follow up the focus of the 1987 Conference as specific plans and strategies are developed regarding church planting and the development of the Church of God ministries through the rest of this century, if the Lord tarries. Every church is urged to make plans now to send delegates to the Conference who are willing to actively participate in planning and implementing our 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.

Eastern Mennonite College is located along the Blue Ridge Mountains in a beautiful setting. It is relatively close to several of our Virginia churches, and it is within easy driving distance of tourist attractions in our Nation's Capital, and throughout the State of Virginia. I would encourage families to consider combining vacation and Conference in August, 1988.

AS A FOLLOW-UP to our 1987 summer Conference, State Conference Caucuses are being scheduled. Specific plans are being developed on the State Conference level to explore sites for new churches. The Illinois Conference met the end of October with the theme: "Who Will Love Them? We Will!" A time for brainstorming and planning was held for the planting of a new church every other year between now and the end of the century.

Staff members Russ Magaw, Kent Ross, and Warren Sorenson traveled to Louisiana in mid-November to assist members in church-planting plans. A Virginia State Conference Caucus is being held November 21 with staff members Russ Magaw, Warren Sorenson, and David Krogh. An Indiana Caucus is being scheduled for after the first of the year.

THE SECOND ANNUAL Church of God Church-Planters Conference is scheduled for January 11 and 12, 1988. The Conference will be held in Oregon, Illinois. Your pastor will be receiving registration information this month. A special invitation is extended to all pastors who are presently involved in

church planting or relocation efforts, pastors who are interested in becoming church planters in the future, and any pastors who would like to know more about church planting. Key laymen from local churches or state conferences who wish to learn more about church-planting efforts are also encouraged to attend.

The program will consist of a pooling of information from present church-planting projects, along with the development of plans for the future. Filmstrips and videos on church-planting techniques will be presented. We believe that this event is of great importance as the Church of God learns new lessons from past experiences.

THE STAFF AND STUDENTS of Oregon Bible College have traveled extensively this fall visiting local churches, becoming involved in state youth retreats, regional ministers' meetings, and doing prospect calling. Our desire is to better understand the needs of local churches, to encourage and uplift pastors and lay members, to recruit students for Oregon Bible College, and to help local churches reach the lost. We appreciate the invitations to be involved in these types of ministries.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS met in Oregon, Illinois, November 5-7. The Board reviewed the audit report for the 1986-87 fiscal year, received updates on the work of Outreach and Church Development and Oregon Bible College, and discussed present strategies to strengthen existing churches and to plant new churches. The Board will meet again January 14-16 to focus on long-range planning. The Board welcomes suggestions and comments from the membership and appreciates prayer support for its meetings.

A PORTION of the General Conference building has been leased to a local business, Spectrum Printing, Inc. This company has been doing an increasing amount of printing of Conference publications. We are enjoying the convenience of "in-house" printing and we are pleased to generate rental income from unused space in our headquarters building.

A SELECTION PROCESS is under way to find church-planting pastors for a second church in Colorado Springs, Missouri, Atlanta, and Illinois. Please join me in prayer that God will raise up leadership for these planting opportunities. Matthew 9:37, 38 instructs us to pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into fields that are ripe. We are confident that God will provide appropriate leadership to meet the needs that he is placing before us.

STUDENTS AND STAFF of the College and Conference continue to commit themselves to spiritual growth and development. All students are involved in 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. Students and staff meet in weekly chapel and devotional periods and staff members recently met for a spiritual retreat. Classes were dismissed one day this month for a day of prayer. As we yield ourselves more completely to God, we are experiencing the filling of his Spirit and strength to do the work that God has called us to do.

RICHARD L. COOPER of Camdenton, Missouri, is being employed to assist in fund raising efforts on behalf of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation and the General Conference. Rick is a grandson of Richard and Jane LeCrone, originally from the Fredericktown, Missouri, Church. He has received education and has work experience in marketing. He and his wife Vickie and their three children will move to Oregon the end of December and will begin work January 1. We believe that Rick's training will be a valuable service to the Lord's work as we attempt to reach our goal of raising one million dollars for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation by 1989. His expertise will also be valuable in student recruitment for Oregon Bible College and in communicating information about the Conference and College to our membership.

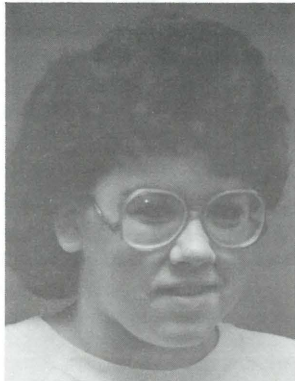
OVER THE PAST several years we have made known to the membership of the Church of God the need for reliable vehicles for staff, gospel-team, and Chorale travel. During this year, we have appreciated the gift of two vehicles which have helped to meet our transportation needs. There is an ongoing need for vehicles ranging in size from small compacts 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.

If you are interested in giving your trade in to the Conference, please contact Bill Burnham, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061; telephone 815-732-7991.

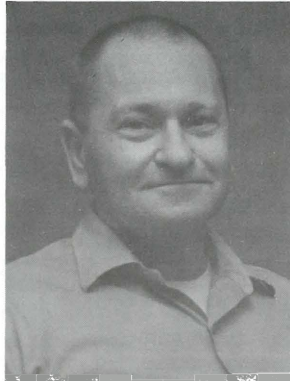
OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

NEW STUDENTS



Hi! My name is Shelly Burnett. I'm from Mt. Sterling, Illinois, and I'm a member of the Ripley Church of God in Ripley, Illinois. I came to OBC to get more knowledge of the Bible and to learn more about our doctrine. I also came to find out more about myself and my faith. Oregon Bible College is a wonderful place to start your first year away from home.

Shelly Burnett



My name is Chuck Currier. Although I've lived in many parts of the U. S., for the last 12 years I've called Oregon, Illinois, home and have been a member of East Oregon Chapel for the last six years. The first 45 years of my life I grew up in and was a member of Baptist churches, so I have had a lot of rethinking/relearning to do. Over the last two or three years I have come to realize that I had been a "passive" Christian—just listening and receiving, never giving—not following God's and Christ's commandments to obey, to live like Jesus, to tell others of the Gospel. The past year God has shown me that I MUST attend OBC. I do not know at this time where I will go or what I will do after graduation, but I do know that at the right time God will tell me.

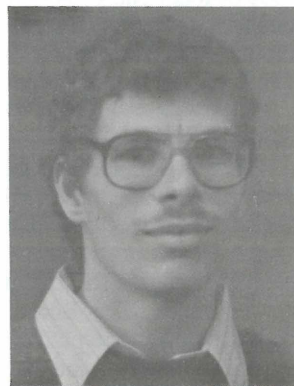
Chuck Currier

My name is Heidi Cooper. I am from Farmington, Missouri, and a member of the Fredericktown Church of God. I came to OBC to gain a stronger foundation in the Bible. I plan to learn everything I can while I'm here. So far, things have been just great! I don't think I could have made a better choice.

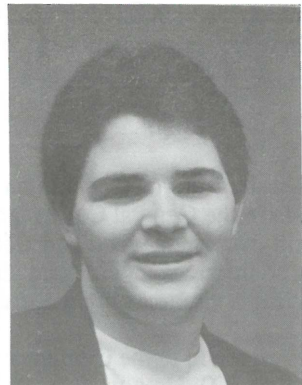


Heidi Cooper

My name is Willy Feary. I'm a member of East Oregon Chapel, Oregon, Illinois. I'm from Leaf River, Illinois. I came to OBC to get a better understanding of God's Word. Upon meeting Mark Mattison, I realized that I was not being taught the full truth of God's Word. I'm realizing that there are many churches that water down the gospel. That's why I'm here. I want to serve God and live my life the way he wants. So far OBC has been a close and special experience for me. I feel the people here are very close and will help out each other any way possible; they are a unique and loving family. I look forward to growing in God's Word and the closeness of this family. It's a good first step for the people who are planning on coming here to OBC.

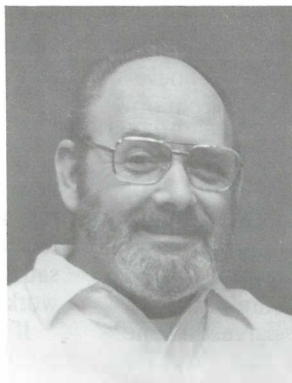


Willy Feary



Hi! My name is David Needham and I'm a member of the Pleasant View Bible Church in Colorado Springs. Having grown up in a Christian home, I've always known how to be a Christian, but I've never actually lived it. In the past month, I've started learning how to live as a Christian, and I love it! I'm looking forward to the rest of the semester; I know there's a lot left to learn. Thanks for your prayers and support!

David Needham



Earl Poland

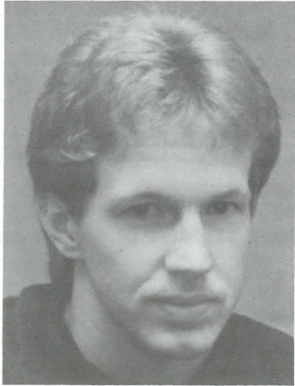
I am Christy Ross from Jaynes Street Community Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska. I am very happy to be spending a year in study at Oregon Bible College. I look forward to learn new ways of ministry and become more familiar with the



Christy Ross

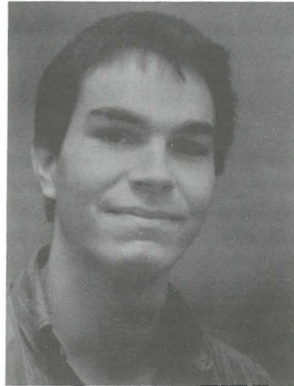
Hello. I'm Earl Poland. I'm here because this is where I believe God wants me to be. Whether that's to pastor a church or not, I'll have to wait and see. But right now I feel this is what he wants me to do. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Church of God doctrines. I'm excited to see God working in the lives of the people here, and I pray he continues to do so.



Hi! My name is Robert Goodrich. I come from the McGinty-town Church of God in Arkansas. I spent a year at another university in Arkansas, but something didn't seem right about it. So I decided to come up here and straighten some things out in my own life. It's a great place for fellowship with Christian friends around all the time. It's really a wonderful place to start getting your bearings on the future and what God has in store for your life.

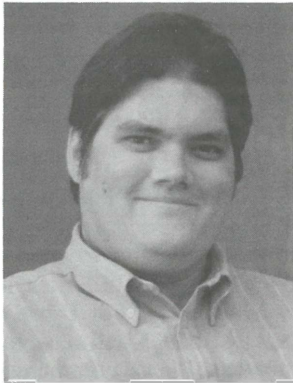
Robert Goodrich



Hello! My name is David Howell. I am from Royal, Arkansas. I attend the Forest Hills Church of God. I had been debating on whether to attend OBC for about the past six months. I finally decided to give it a try because my Christian life was going downhill. I enjoy OBC because I'm in a constant Christian atmosphere which helps direct my life toward Christ; also, I develop good study habits. I never realized how interesting the Bible could be until I came here. For anyone thinking of attending, go for it; it's a good step toward determining your future. Also, I'm proud to be a Rebel!

David Howell

Hi! My name is Lester Koder. I'm from Raymore, Missouri. My home church is the Raymore Church of God. Before I came to OBC, I drove trucks, and I never had a personal Bible study. In fact the only time I did any Bible studying was at church. Then I came to OBC, and I learned several ways to study the Bible. I came to OBC to get my life right with the Lord and to get a more in-depth knowledge of the Bible. I would encourage anyone thinking about coming to do so; it is a good Christian experience.

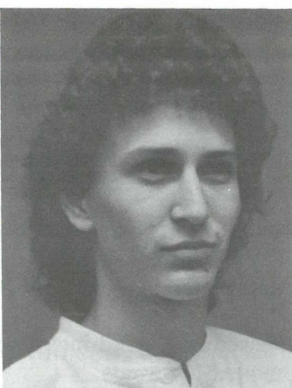


Lester Koder

Hi! My name is Susan Mattus. I attend the Blessed Hope Bible Church in Rockford, Illinois. The reason I came to OBC is to get closer to God and learn more about the Abrahamic Faith doctrines. OBC has so far been a great experience. I'm really glad I came.



Susan Mattus

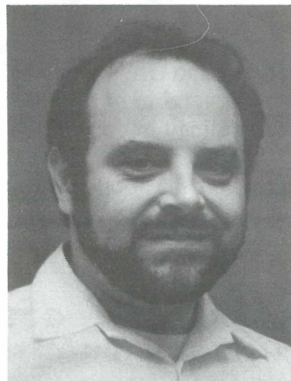


Paul Rankin

Hello. I'm Paul Rankin from Maple Grove, Minnesota. I came to OBC to study the various truths that lie within God's Word. I'm pleased to be here surrounded by so many good people.

Hello! My name is Gary Turner. I'm from Blessed Hope Bible Church in Rockford, Illinois. It has been great to be back at the Bible College this year. God has used many different areas in my life to open my eyes to the pain and suffering that are in the world today. We have a simple message about our Savior and his coming kingdom. If you are thinking about coming to OBC in the near future, my suggestion is to do it now and don't wait. Thanks to all for your encouragement, prayers, and support.

Gary Turner



Vickie Zirkelbach

How y'all doin'? My name is Vickie Zirkelbach. I'm from the Gatesville Church of God in Gatesville, Texas. I enrolled at OBC with the intention of directing my whole attention on learning all I can about the Bible, the wonders it contains, and to get a better grasp on our doctrine. Living in a Christian environment does strengthen my faith and spiritual outlook on life. That was my intention of coming and I love it.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Parent's Weekend

It was our pleasure to have the parents of several of our students on campus September 17—20, for Parent's Weekend. Participating were the Goodrichs from Greenbrier, AR; the Rosses from Omaha, NE; the Coopers from Farmington, MO; the Cheatewoods from Rockford, IL; the Rankins from Minneapolis, MN; Delores Williamson from Weiser, ID; and the Koders from Raymore, MO.

You can come back anytime; we'd love to have you!

Booster Campaign

We made it! As of this moment, November 3, we have inched our way past our goal of surpassing the 1986 campaign. \$12,688.89 has been given by 448 adults and 196 juniors. Just wonderful! It's a good feeling to know that there are many who are partners with us in seeing folks trained at OBC to minister to their world.

The campaign is not over until the end of the year. We would love to hear from you and publish your name in our annual giving report in February.

Rachel Newell Resigns

Rachel Newell, Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President, concluded her ministry to OBC on November 13. Sr. Newell served for nine years in this capacity and was a steady force in the transitions from President John Lewis to President Charles Pryor and to our present administrative structure.

Rachel's ability to think ahead, troubleshoot, and organize was invaluable. We all feel a great loss but wish her well in her next ministry opportunity. God bless you Rachel!

Kathie Rager Hired

Kathie Rager, a member of the Oregon Church of God, has been hired as secretary to the Vice President of Oregon Bible College. She will bring important skills to the position. We are glad to welcome Kathie to our staff.

Intensive Courses

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Wouldn't you enjoy being an OBC student for a week or two in January. This year we will be offering three interesting courses taught by three gifted instructors.

Pastor Brian Atrá of Little Rock, Arkansas will be teaching a course on "Lukan Theology," a study of Luke and Acts, January 4—9, 1988. If you've not sat under the tutelage of Bro. Atrá, you've missed a wonderful experience.

Pastor Jim Graham of Phoenix, Arizona will be teaching a course entitled, "Pastoral Leadership and Administration." This

would be an opportunity for pastors to refresh their thinking in the leadership discipline. This course will run January 11—15, 1988.

A third optional course is being considered. Announcement regarding it is forthcoming.

You could join in with our regular student body and enjoy a feast in the Word of God. The cost is \$125 for one week and \$220 for two weeks.

Can You Help?

This is the time of the year when high school seniors are making decisions regarding what college or job they will be entering or pursuing next fall. Do you have such a person in your family or church family?

Have you challenged them to think about attending Oregon Bible College for at least a year of intense Bible and Ministry training; that will give them the kind of spiritual footing they will need to address the rest of their life? Could there be any action more important in life?

\$400 Incentive!

The Oregon Bible College staff is serious about our mission of bringing the gospel to the lost and discipling. To help promote incentive to attend OBC, we are offering a \$400 grant to the first five students who complete their application process by March 1, 1988. Those who complete their application process by June 1 will receive a \$200 grant. This is for first-time attenders. Please communicate this to any potential prospects of whom you are aware. We must recruit with diligence this year and trust God for his blessing.

Louisiana Alumni/Booster Meeting

Well over 100 persons from four Louisiana congregations attended a special Oregon Bible College Alumni/Booster meeting and fish fry/fellowship at the Blood River church on Sunday, November 15. There were 17 OBC alumni present; several gave testimony of the value of their education in preparation for living.

An Oregon Bible College Boosters offering was received with over \$1,000 given to the Booster campaign. The Louisiana brethren are to be commended for their fine example of faithfulness to Oregon Bible College.

Several high school students expressed continued interest in attending Oregon Bible College in the next few years.

The Louisiana State Conference paid the costs for the fish fry so that the total offering of the people could be given to the OBC Booster campaign.

OBC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION REPORT

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION PROGRESS REPORT 11/6/87

Written Commitments	\$398,988.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	302,113.93	
Total Written Commitments		\$701,101.93
Written Commitments Unpaid		217,602.50
Total Verbal Commitments		3,500.00
Total Tentative Estimates		148,850.00
Cash Received from		
Paid in Fulls		\$302,444.50
Cash Received from		
Written Commitments		181,385.50
Stocks:		
Stock Value*	\$ 541.75	
Estimated Stock Value**	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policies**	35,000.00	
Total Cash to Date		\$483,830.55

*Included in Total Cash
**Not included in Total Cash

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My (Our) commitment to OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN

For \$ _____ over two years

My (our) gift will be given as follows:

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Foundation Report

During the past five years we have pursued the goal of raising one million dollars as an endowment fund for Oregon Bible College. The figures above indicate the tremendous progress that has been made in securing \$700,000 in commitments and \$475,000 in cash toward our goal. Thus far, about 385 individuals have become involved in the Foundation.

We have approximately 20 months to complete our campaign in order to achieve our goal by the 50th anniversary of Oregon Bible College in August, 1989. To assist us in reaching our goal, the Foundation Board has retained Joe Myers and Richard Cooper as representatives of the Foundation. They will be visiting in homes and making church presentations during the next few months.

OUTREACH & CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

A STEP FORWARD FOR THE FOREST HILLS CHURCH OF GOD

The Forest Hills Church of God near Royal, Arkansas, now has a full-time resident pastor. The arrival of Leon and Deloris Driskill to pastor the church is looked upon by the congregation as an important step forward in the development of the church.

This step forward has been made possible by the Church Development financial assistance program provided through the General Conference. The Forest Hills church began receiving aid this past September when the Driskills began their ministry with the congregation. Members of the congregation are excited about the opportunity which has been given to them to draw on the growth potential of the community as a result of the leadership of a full-time pastor. The members realize their opportunity and responsibility to share in the work of outreach to new people along with the Driskills. Warren and Irene Sorenson spent several days working with the congregation and the Driskills in developing a calling and Outreach ministry in the community.

A special service to which the community was invited was conducted the first Sunday in October to welcome the Driskills to the area. The calling campaign directed by the Sorensons preceded this special service. The coming of a full-time pastor provided an excellent means of reaching out to the community with a renewed zeal and helped to acquaint people with the ministry and opportunities offered by the church.

NEWS FROM ARKANSAS CITY

The witness of the Church of God continues in Arkansas City through the lives of some faithful members who live there. The group owns a building in town and maintains a Sunday School and occasionally has worship services when a visiting pastor is available. Staff members from the General Conference have from time to time provided this service.

Warren and Irene Sorenson met with the congregation and held a Bible Study with them on Wednesday night, September 30th. The Sorensons were on their way from Forest Hills to Colorado Springs to attend a seminar on Disciplemaking and to survey the area in preparation of a second church-planting project there.

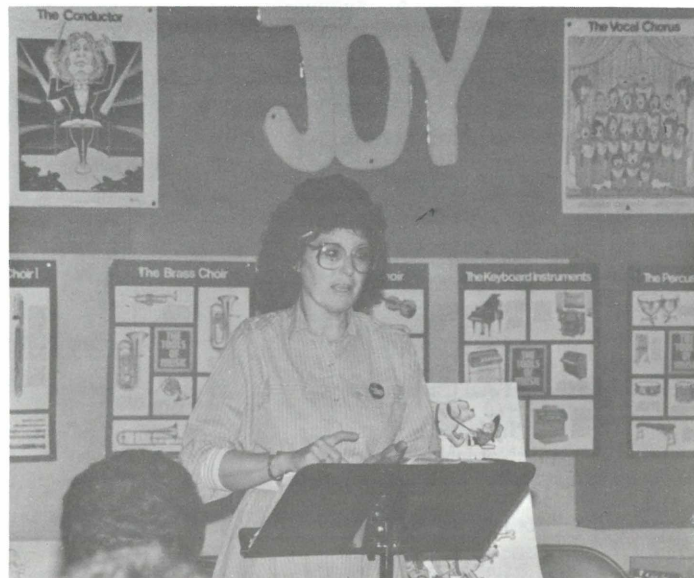
ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Advisory Committee presented four classes at the "Mini" Christian Workers' Conference held at the Raymore Church of God, October 17, 18. The classes were:

- Creative Techniques—New ideas for Sunday School by Carol Ring
- Adjusting the Focus—The importance of establishing objectives by Joyce Knapp
- Making Positives Out of Negatives—How to tactfully share your doctrine by Dr. John Guthrie with videotape by Dick Eldred
- A Close Up View—Developing relationships by Gayle Guthrie

Three of the above classes were repeated at the Illinois State

Conference held at the Oregon Church of God on October 31. At this conference the state of Illinois responded to the question asked at General Conference, "Who will love them?" with a resounding "We will!" Over 100 were in attendance at this rewarding and challenging conference.



**Carol Ring conducting a session at the
Missouri Mini Seminar.**

Future plans of the Christian Education Advisory Committee include working with the Minnesota Conference to plan a Sunday School Convention in the spring with the theme, CHRISTIAN WORKERS' FOCUS. Our aim is to enlarge the ministry of the local church through the active participation of the membership in fulfilling the work that God has called us to do.

FEASIBILITY STUDY AT ASHTABULA, OH

For 10 years three families have conducted Sunday School in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and more recently constituted themselves as a congregation: Grace Church of God. At their request for a feasibility study, Russ Magaw and OBC student Mike Mattus visited the core group for that purpose. Since the early 1980's an economic depression has affected the ministry area; most churches have suffered a decline. But the group has held Vacation Bible schools and special studies, periodically interesting friends in the work. They have committed themselves to hiring a full-time church-planter person for the spring and summer months of 1988 to help discover a larger core. Currently Pastor Michael Brown speaks two Sundays each month. If you have interest in this work, please contact either the Outreach and Church Development Department or Bill Cramer, 1960 Griggs Rd., Jefferson, OH 44047.

REPORT OF PETERBOROUGH MEETINGS

Pastor Stephen Bolhous presented a series of lectures in a downtown hotel at Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, during Octo-

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- (4) Magazine (Clark Chapel), Magazine 72943
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- (3) Royal (Forest Hills), Rt 1, Bx 367A, Royal 71968
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COLORADO

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(6) **Dixon Church**, 221 W Morgan St, Dixon 61021
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(2) North Salem Church, 13263 4th Rd, Plymouth 46563

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(6) Champion Community Church, Rt 1, Bx 41A, Champion 49814

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Mrs Marion Manuel, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 25, Watkins 55329

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 (3) **Fredericktown Church**, 401 S Maple Av, Fredericktown 63645
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(5) **Jordan Church**, Cross Timbers 65634
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 Theresa Goodman, Asst Sec, 5021 Baldwin Hills Dr, Englewood 45322
 Jimmy Weaver, Supt, 7565 Rt 71, West Milton 45383
 Iona Childs, Youth Leader, 16 Reich St, Trotwood 45426
 Ralph Childs/Betty Young, Miss Chair, 4105 Annapolis Av, Dayton 45416
 (12) **Fonthill Church (Glad Tidings)**, 1 Pancake Ln, Bx 293, Fonthill, Ont, Canada L0S 1E0
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 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 Northaven, Welland, Ont L3C 1X1
 John Bradford, Miss Chair, 82 Spruceside Cres, Fonthill, Ont L0S 1E0
 (13) **Grace Church**, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson, OH 44047
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 Cindy Cramer, Sec, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047
 Ginny Cramer, Supt, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047
 Bill Cramer, Miss Chair, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047
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 Margaret Ware, Sec, 5107 Wyandot Pl, Hilliard 43026
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 Robert Lindner, Miss Chair, 9248 Detrick-Jordan Pike, New Carlisle 45344
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 Taylor Crowe, Pastor, 300 Hedonics Rd VH2, Peterborough, Ont K9J 7T1
 (8) Pleasant Hill Church, N Main St, Pleasant Hill, OH 45359
 Scott Deane, Pastor, PO Bx 12, Ludlow Falls 45339
 Evelyn Stine, Sec, 2901 Fair Rd, Sidney 45365
 Bill Stine, Supt, 2901 Fair Rd, Sidney 45365
 Phil Stine, Youth Leader, 240 W Market St, West Milton 45383
 Theresa Deane, Miss Chair, PO Bx 12, Ludlow Falls 45339
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 Steven Fewell, Pastor, 1570 Regent St, Springfield 45503
 Karla Hutson, Sec, 1521 Uplands Dr, Springfield 45506
 Yvonne Hart, Supt, 8101 Goldsmith, Reynoldsburg 43068
 Pat Looney, Youth Leader, 5911 Knollwood Rd, Springfield 45502
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 Michael Hoffman, Pastor-Youth Leader-Miss Chair, 6375 S Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City 45371

Faye Pearson, Sec, 6625 S Troy-Frederick Rd, Tipp City 45371
 Rick Childs, Supt, 16 Reich St, Trotwood 45426
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 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
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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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 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: Robert Ballard, 15 Dacus Dr, Williamston 29697

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
 Terry Ferrell, Pastor, Rt 4, Bx 301A, Easley 29640

Bertha Perkins, Sec, 1817 Kanuga Rd, Hendersonville 28739
 Kaye Hicks, Youth Leader, 307 Lakecrest Dr, Greer 29657
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 Linda Honeycutt, Sec, Rt 2, Bx 366, Hendersonville 28739
 John Fyfe, Supt, 138 Leslie Way, Hendersonville 28739
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 Paul Holden, Supt-Miss Chair, 1244 Delwood Dr SW, Lenoir 28645
 Jerold Brewer, CGC, 303 Blue Ridge Ln, Lenoir 28645
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 Brenda Holt, Supt, 100 Holbert Way, Piedmont 29673
 Martha Mattison, Youth Leader, 250 Stoneybrook Dr, Pelzer 29669

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 Sec: Miss Sarah Kennard, Bx 703, Corsicana 75110
 Treas: Miss Dorothy McCorkle, 301 W Main, Gatesville 75628

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 Tim Trammell, Pastor, 338 State School Rd, Gatesville 76528
 Suzanne Worley, Sec, 107 Hillcrest, Gatesville 76528
 Wilda Hammer, Supt, 208 Leon, Gatesville 76528
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Virginia Conference Churches

(3) Browntown (Cool Spring), Browntown 22610
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Cheryl K Swartz, Sec, Rt 1, Bx 177, Bentonville 22610
 Debbi Smith, Supt, Rt 1, Bx 110-A, Bentonville 22610
 Flo Coverstone, Youth Leader, Ft Valley Rt, Bx 307, Strasburg 22657
 (1) Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains 22653
 Jon Welch, Pastor-Youth Leader, Bx 368, Fort Valley Rt, Strasburg 22657
 Virginia Grim, Sec, Rt 3, Bx 520, Strasburg 22657
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ber and he reports that about a dozen different persons attended the meetings. One attender has potential as a leader of the core group in the future. Another person signed up for the Systematic Bible Study Course. All of the lectures are on audio tape; write to Pastor Bolhous for ordering information: RR 1, Box 293, Ridgeville, Ontario, Canada L0S 1M0.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Specialities Convention in Atlanta, Georgia this past September provided the ideal setting for the General Conference Youth Advisory Committee to meet. In addition to Kent Ross, National Youth Coordinator, Pastors Alan Demmitt (Colorado Springs, CO) and Bob Alcumbrack (Oregon, IL), committee members, along with Pastor Greg Demmitt (Hammond, LA), Pastor Dick Alcumbrack and David Landry (Baton Rouge, LA), and Tom Schmitt (Tempe, AZ) met to discuss the plans for this next year, and future priorities.

A large amount of the time was spent attending the valuable and informative sessions sponsored by the Youth Specialities team (Mike Yaconelli and Wayne Rice) of El Cajon, CA. This is the group that also sponsors the magazine *The Wittenberg Door*, and the 'Grow-For-It' youth one-day seminars. Their expertise and creativity helped make planning for Youth Congress '88 exciting.

Other time was spent evaluating the new Challenge format and its future. Dick Alcumbrack and Greg Demmitt are due our thanks and congratulations for an exciting revival of that magazine.

The group confirmed the decision made at Youth Congress '87 to move the Coins-For-Christ Crusade to the fall of the year, and to move the Church of God Youth Week to the spring. Not all the groups have been able to change yet this fall, and some latitude is being granted. By next year, hopefully, all the groups can have shifted their program to this new format.

RESPONSE TO MISSOURI'S CWS

The weekend of October 17, 18 was exciting for the people of the Missouri Conference and especially the Raymore church. It became a combination Christian Workers' Seminar/Missouri Fall Conference experience.



Gayle Guthrie making a point at the Mini Missouri CWS.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/1987

In August Donna Cooper, wife of Conference president Loyd Cooper, injected the idea of a Mini Christian Workers' Seminar and quickly plans formed around her suggestion.

Practical and inspiring classes were led by expert help imported from the distant states of Illinois and Michigan. Joyce Knapp, James and Carol Ring, and Gayle Guthrie introduced ideas helpful for "Enlarging Your Ministry," the theme of the Seminar/ Conference weekend. That all happened Saturday between 12:30 and 5.00.



Joyce Knapp conducting a session at the combination Missouri Christian Workers' Seminar/Fall Conference. Over 130 attenders were registered for at least part of the many activities during the weekend at the Raymore church.

Kent Ross spoke Saturday evening (and again Sunday morning) following the State Board meeting and lunch. Then a hayride with two wagons full going off into the cool Missouri night followed (the weather for October was lovely).

Oregon Bible College students presented activities Saturday afternoon for the younger set; classes, films, and afternoon volleyball. Many thanks to Heidi Cooper, David Howell, Wendy Williamson, John Humphreys, Lester Koder, William Feary, and Mark Mattison for their great help.

Thanks to all God's people who were involved in this growing weekend. We loved it.

The Raymore Elementary school graciously let us use their facilities for which we are also grateful.

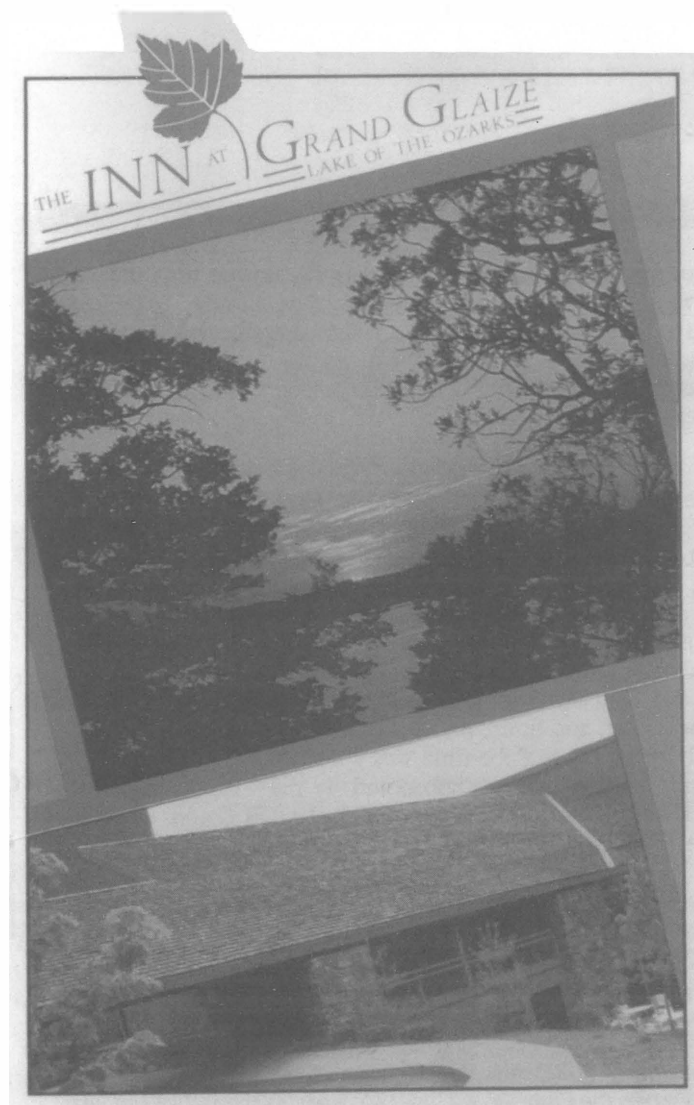
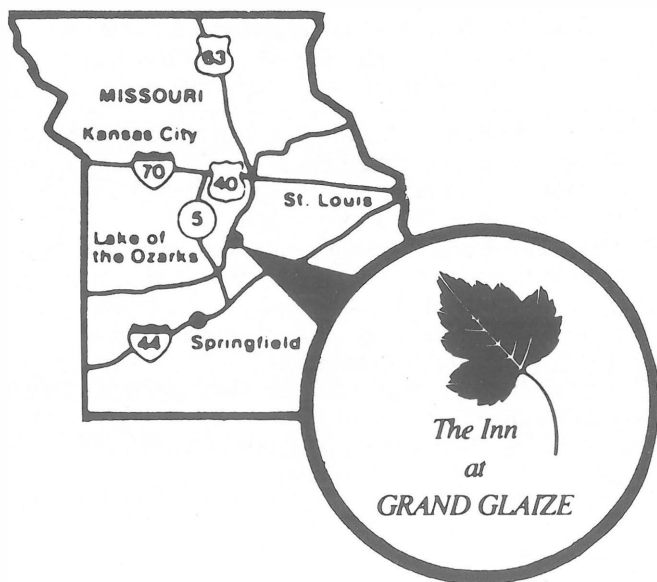
PASTOR ANNOUNCED FOR LONDON

Pastor Jeff Fletcher has been approved as a church planting pastor for London, England, to begin work in September, 1988. Jeff and his wife Karen have felt God's call to this field of service. We are thankful for Jeff and Karen's dedication and desire to serve the Lord in this capacity. We pray God's blessing upon them as they participate in planning and preparation for outreach to London.

1988 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR

at
The Inn at Grand Glaize
Lake of the Ozarks
Osage Beach, Missouri

March 13-18, 1988



Seminar Information

Arrival: Registration will begin at 4:00 Sunday afternoon. The evening meal will be served at 5:30. 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—\$147 "Early Bird"/\$177 Regular per person; 3 persons to a room—\$172 "Early Bird"/\$202 Regular per person; 2 persons to a room—\$192 "Early Bird"/\$220 Regular per person. These costs include meals, lodging, and Seminar classes. "Early Bird" rates apply to all applications postmarked before February 13, 1988.

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

For an application blank, speak to your pastor or write: Christian Workers' Seminar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A Bigger and Better **RESTITUTION HERALD**

Beginning in 1988, *The Restitution Herald* will become bigger and better. We are anxious for you to see and enjoy the first new issue that will be mailed in February, 1988.

Instead of being published 10 times a year, the new *Restitution Herald* will arrive every other month, but it will contain more pages than current issues. Every issue will have 28 to 32 pages with added features.

Our February issue is already being prepared, and it will include major articles on:

- DISCIPLING
- TELEMARKETING
- LEADING YOUR CHURCH TO GROW

In other words, you will continue to receive fine quality material, just more of it in each issue.

The price of *The Restitution Herald* will remain unchanged in 1988 for the third year in a row. Preparing and mailing *The Res-*

titution Herald every other month will be much more efficient, providing savings on staff time and postage and mailing costs. These efficiencies make it unnecessary to raise rates this year, though our costs have continued to rise over the past two years.

The Publishing Department of the Church of God General Conference continues to increase their service to the membership of the Church of God. In the past year, two new quarterlies and teacher's guides have been added to our Sunday School curriculum. Systematic Theology by Dr. Alva Huffer was reprinted. New tracts and booklets emphasizing the distinctive message of the Church of God are being prepared. We believe it is essential to undergird our outreach efforts with doctrinally sound educational material.

By renewing your subscription for three years, you can save \$6.00 of the one-year subscription price. Prices are: one year, \$12; two years, \$21; and three years, \$30.

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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Mark Kuenzi (8-16-87), Rex Cain.
Oregon—Linda Smith (8-29-87), Leona Miller, Hope Miller (8-31-87), Hollis Partlowe.
Rockford—Matthew Staaf, Jacob Taylor, Bronson David (8-23-87) Alan Semenchuck (9-6-87), LuAnn Young and Greg Young (10-18-87), David Cheatwood.

INDIANA

Kokomo—Troy Bishop (8-23-87), Ken Howe.

IOWA

Belle Plaine—Lisa Hubenthal (8-27-87), Darrell Rankin.

Marengo—Robert, Michelle, and Cory Cronbaugh, Charles and Curtis Cronbaugh (10-4-87), Francis Burnett.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Garden Park)—Dorothy Mendricks (3-22-87), Laurel Beeman, Katherine Mendricks (4-26-87), and Brian Hall (7-5-87), Ray Hall.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Holly Anderson (8-23-87), Stan Ross.

MISSOURI

Fredericktown—Jason Cooper (8-2-87), James Hill.

NEBRASKA

Omaha—Brett Ellis (8-30-87), Scott Ross.

OHIO

Bedford—Sandra Stein (8-15-87), Austin Railton.

Springfield (North Hills)—Sheila Baker (9-27-87), Steve Fewell.

Troy (Troy View)—Ed and Karen Shilt and Allissa Shaw (8-16-87), Craig Waggoner.

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Stacy Currie and Christine Danyliw (8-30-87), Lenora Monteith (9-27-87), and Jeff Danyliw (10-4-87), Stephen Bolhaus.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Valerie Bean and Kevin Roberts (7-25-87), Rex Cain.

INDIANA

Kokomo—Marsha Snyder and Troy Bishop (8-29-87), Ken Howe and Dale Bliss.

OHIO

Bedford—Sandra Koston and James Devereux, Jr. (9-5-87), Austin Railton.

DEATHS

CALIFORNIA

Pomona—Florence Emery (5-16-87), Bobby Parlain.

Richard Rahn (8-8-87), Delbert Jones.

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Joan Cox, member (9-28-87), Rex Cain.

Oregon—Vena Logsdon, 96, long-time member (10-18-87), Hollis Partlowe.

MISSOURI

Morse Mill—Richard Lee, pastor (10-10-87, see prose on this page), Rex Cain.

IOWA

Marengo—Laura Cronbaugh, member (9-5-87), Dena Denzler (9-23-87), Francis Burnett.

OHIO

Hilliard (Gospel Church)—Dale Ware, member (9-13-87), Richard Smith.

VIRGINIA

Strasburg (Fort Valley)—Dorothy Jett, member (6-26-87), Jon Welch.

Canada

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Bette Bell, member (9-16-87), Larry Eggleton (9-21-87), Stephen Bolhaus.

Our Tribute to Daddy (Pastor Richard Lee)

Daddy, if we had one more moment together, we would say these things:

From the moment we were born you were there for us—a tower of strength and stability, never demanding but forever correcting to shape and mold us into the people we are today. Love radiated from you to not only your family, but to everybody you came in contact with. We could hear your messages on Sunday morning, but could see your messages always. Daddy, in your compassion for people we saw you go even beyond your family to give your heart to our school friends, neighbors, strangers, the poor, and the elderly.

You helped us tie our shoes, tried to fix our hair, and played ball with us, but much more than that, you gave us God.

We'll miss you, Dad, more than you could know, but your memories will never leave us. Your grandchildren will know all about your wit, your love of God, your 'coon dogs, and your fiddle.

We do have a hope in us, Dad, bigger than life, that we will see you again at Christ's return. Come, Lord Jesus!

Your daughters,
Susan Lee Cain
Mary Lee McCarty

Systematic Bible Study Course Completions

Demmy U. Emenike, Imo State, Nigeria;
Marseyne Snow, Oregon, IL; Connie Cronbaugh, Belle Plaine, IA.

Tim McGinty Report

Tim is doing well and making great strides in his recovery. He is working with a therapist who tells us that in her opinion he will make a complete recovery. We thank everyone for their prayers and support, and especially thank God for his great mercy and goodness to us and to Tim's family.

McGintytown Church of God
Mary Barnes, Secretary

Prophecy Audio Tape

Which book of the Bible contains an account of World History—in advance?

Which Old Testament book most influenced Jesus' apocalyptic discourse in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21?

The proper understanding of which Old Testament book is essential to a proper understanding of Revelation?

Which Old Testament book did the Jews refer to as "The Book of Antichrist"?

For a 60-minute tape, *The Prophecies of Daniel About Antichrist*, send \$1.00 to: Mark Mattison, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

60th Anniversary

Clark and Margaret Ballentine celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary October 11, 1987. They have served Lawrenceville Church of God all their married life, and Clark served a term on the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors in the 50's.

History Book Available

The Hector, MN, Church of God has compiled a history book entitled "Through the Years with the Church of God Congregation," which details its history back to its beginning over 100 years ago. The book is available for \$6.00 postage paid by writing to the Hector Church of God, Box 636, Hector, MN 55342.

Available for Pastorate

Pastor Steve Fewell is available for a pastoral call as of Sept. 1, 1988. He is presently serving as interim pastor at North Hills. Please contact him at: 2950 Moorefield Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, phone 513-399-4222.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

The Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, IN, is seeking a pastor. For more information contact: James Hamilton, 215 Oakwood Dr., Williamsport, IN 47993, (317) 762-6395, or Frank Taylor, RR 3, Williamsport, IN 47993, (317) 986-2148.

The Morse Mill Church of God, Morse Mill, MO, is seeking a pastor. For further information please contact: Wm. N. Tierney, 705 S. Mansion, Sullivan, MO 63080.

The Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, NE, is seeking a pastor. Please contact for more information: Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2., Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922.

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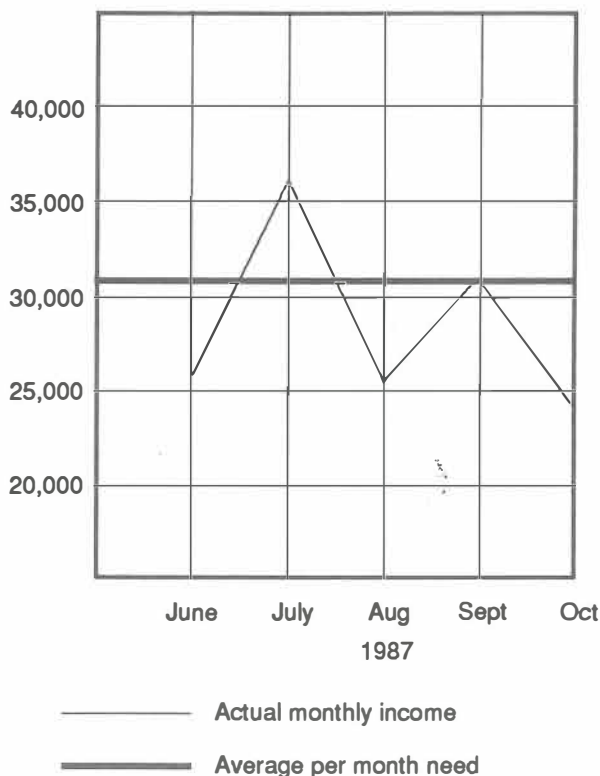
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Prayer & Praise December, 1987

THE GRAPH BELOW shows contributions received during the first five months of this fiscal year. Our Goal for Giving is \$30,667 per month. The amount needed for these five months is \$153,335. The amount received is \$145,350. We are currently \$7,985 short of the amount needed through October 31.

Consistent giving by churches, individuals, and state conferences makes it possible for the work of the Conference/College to be carried on. Never has there been a greater need for leadership to be trained through Oregon Bible College, for assistance provided through the Outreach and Church Development Department. Please join us in prayerful support.



Annuities

Church of God members interested in deferred giving to the General Conference might consider establishing an annuity contract. The program works in this manner: a purchaser sends a certain amount of money to the Conference, and the Conference agrees to pay interest as long as the donor lives. At the death of the donor, the funds become the sole property of the Conference.

Interest rates range from 6 to 8 percent depending on the age of the donor.

During the past year, two new annuity contracts have been set up by members of the Church of God.

For further information, please contact the President, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/1987

- 1 Praise God for the ministry opportunities that come your way this week.
- 2 Pray for a work team to go to Mexico and do needed work on the church facilities.
- 3 Pray for boldness in reaching out.
- 4 Praise God for the Peru Church and for Mario Olcese as he works there.
- 5 Pray for David Krogh as he serves the General Conference as President.
- 6 Praise God for the OBC Development Foundation.
- 7 Pray for the shut-ins of your church.
- 8 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their ministry in Mexico.
- 9 Praise God for those who generously support the ministries of the General Conference.
- 10 Pray for the OBC interns, Dennis Cheatwood and Jimmy Raymond.
- 11 Pray for open doors for planting new churches.
- 12 Pray for the planning taking place for the London church-planting pastor.
- 13 Pray for your pastor as he ministers to you.
- 14 Pray for Russ Magaw and the Publishing Department of the Conference.
- 15 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 16 Praise God for those who committed themselves to being part of the PACT program and for those who generously provide financial support for the conference programs.
- 17 Pray for the OBC students as they take finals today and tomorrow.
- 18 Pray for OBC students and staff members traveling during the holidays.
- 19 Praise God for zeal and enthusiasm of the new OBC students.
- 20 Pray for renewed zeal in evangelism for your church.
- 21 Praise God for Warren and Irene Sorenson's ministry.
- 22 Pray for a church-planting pastor for Colorado Springs.
- 23 Pray for Bill Burnham as he serves the college and conference.
- 24 Praise God for your family.
- 25 Praise God for the beautiful gift of a Savior.
- 26 Pray for those living in countries where they cannot worship openly.
- 27 Praise God for the faithful men and women who provide leadership for your church.
- 28 Pray for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.
- 29 Pray for the instructors of OBC.
- 30 Pray for a church-planting opportunity in Las Vegas.
- 31 Praise God for his blessings on your life during the past year.

Prayer & Praise

January, 1988

ADULTHOSTEL '88

- 1 Pray for God's presence in your life during this new year.
- 2 Pray for your Sunday School teacher.
- 3 Pray for the students who are returning to OBC this semester.
- 4 Pray for your pastor as he prepares for this week's ministry opportunities.
- 5 Pray for the January classes at OBC.
- 6 Pray for Leon Driskill and his work at Forest Hills.
- 7 Pray for all isolated Church of God members.
- 8 Praise God for daily strength.
- 9 Pray for the Missouri Conference as it seeks a church-planting pastor.
- 10 Praise God for the gift of his Son.
- 11 Pray for Dale Ramsey as he serves OBC.
- 12 Pray for the core group in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 13 Praise God for his goodness to you.
- 14 Pray for Mark Cheatwood and Becky Bull as they serve as dorm parents.
- 15 Praise God for salvation through Christ.
- 16 Pray for renewal in your own spiritual walk.
- 17 Praise God for your pastor and his wife.
- 18 Pray for congregations who are without pastors.
- 19 Pray for the youth and youth leaders of your church.
- 20 Praise God for the youth leaders of your church.
- 21 Pray for the follow-up to the outreach of Peterborough.
- 22 Pray for Michael Brown as he ministers to the Ashtabula group.
- 23 Praise God for his forgiveness of your sins.
- 24 Pray that God will speak to you through the message today.
- 25 Praise God for the freedom of worship.
- 26 Pray for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 27 Praise God for his love to you.
- 28 Pray for the pastors of your state or province.
- 29 Pray for the Board of Directors of the General Conference.
- 30 Praise God for the joy your faith gives you.
- 31 Praise God for your church's outreach efforts.

Whether having completed grade school or graduate school, adults will find Adulthostel '88 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 '88 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. Two separate programs will be offered: one for first-year enrollees, and one for advanced enrollees who have experienced a previous Adulthostel. General Conference/Oregon Bible College staff and 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"—Kent Ross.

"Isaiah—the Fifth Gospel Writer"—Anthony Buzzard.

"Your Church Can Be Exciting"—David Krogh.

Advanced:

"Isaiah—the Fifth Gospel Writer"—Anthony Buzzard.

"Utilizing Our Best Resources—Us"—Russell Magaw.

"Our Hope for Missions"—Judy Myers.

Additional activities during the week include the welcome reception; a banquet; sightseeing tours of Blackhawk statue, nuclear power plant, and Rock River Valley; 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 15-21, 1988. Check-in begins Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The cost is \$108 per person, and \$185 for a married couple. Commuters living in the Oregon area will pay \$95, which excludes lodging and breakfasts.

A \$25 registration fee must accompany your Adulthostel registration. The deadline is May 1, 1988.

IMMEDIATE NEED

"Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest" (Matt. 9:38, GNB).

IMMEDIATE NEED

- **COLORADO**

A church planter is needed for a new church in Colorado. The General Conference is sponsoring this project, using staff as consultants, working with the church planter to start the church without a core group. The project begins in September, 1988. Pray for God to call this church-planting pastor.

- **MISSOURI**

The Missouri Conference plans to start a new church in the Golden Triangle (near St. Charles) by September, 1988. A church-planting pastor is needed for this project. See the ad on page 12.

- **ILLINOIS**

The Illinois Conference plans to start seven new churches by the year 2000. Church-planting pastors are needed. State Conference officers are formulating plans for this massive project, praying to launch the first planting in the fall of 1988.

- **FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .**

Write: Outreach and Church Development Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Addition

In the September/October PROGRESS JOURNAL, on page 2 of the 1987 Conference Highlights, the name of Susan Cain was omitted from the list of students receiving internship certificates at the summer Conference. Susan has successfully completed her internship at the Jaynes St. Community Church in Omaha, Nebraska, under the supervision of Pastor Scott Ross. We regret this oversight.

CHURCH OF GOD VIDEOS PUMPKINS FOR MISSIONS

VHS Video Copies Available Church of God Talk Show *Today's Good News*

The Blanchard Church of God, Blanchard, MI, has begun a television ministry this year which is being made available to all who are interested. *Today's Good News*, a Christian talk-show, is hosted by Pastor Steve Taylor. The program series was professionally produced by a television production company. There are eight programs on two tapes, with each program one-half hour in length. Cost is \$15 per tape, which includes postage. Listed here are the program segments:

Tape 1

Secular Humanism in Education with Carol Rard, educator

Successful Family Living with Terry and Diane Kunst
Facing the Issue of Pornography with David Krogh
Abrahamic Faith: What Is It? with Anthony Buzzard

Tape 2

Abrahamic Faith at Work Today with John Railton and Dick Eldred
Maintaining Business Integrity with Bob Smith and Denny Riley
Balancing Home and Work in the Family with Roger and Margie Wood
Tomorrow's Good News Today with Edward Goit

To order write: Blanchard Church of God, Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310.

NOTICE TO CHURCHES

We have been made aware of a nonprofit church furniture and supply company that provides nearly 50 percent reduction in prices for churches. For more information contact Christian Stewardship International, P. O. Box 867, 10914 Janice Dr., Huntley, IL 60142, Phone 312-669-3055; Lee Carter, salesman.

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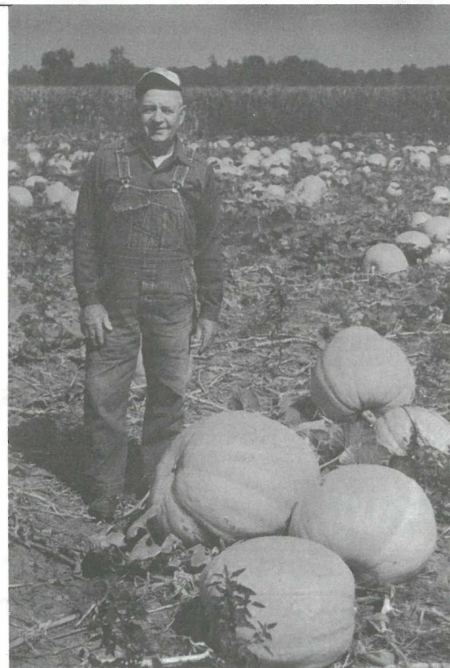
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Gerald Osborn and God's Acre of pumpkins.

God's Acre

Seven years ago Gerald and Wilma Osborn of Culver, Indiana, Church of God members of the Burr Oak congregation, began setting aside one acre of their farmland on which to grow PUMPKINS. The profit from the crop was donated to Church of God missions.

Each year that small plot continued to produce more and more profit until the figure reached \$2,000 last year.

But that's only HALF of how God blessed his acre this year.

When Halloween was over the Osborn's figured the income and couldn't believe it—a whopping \$4,200!

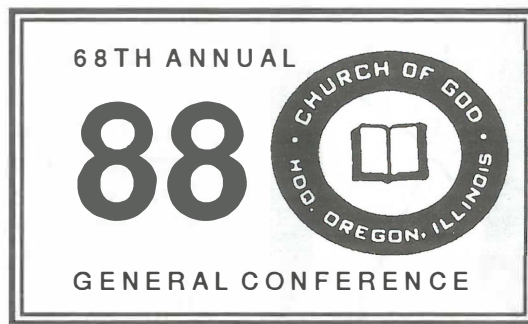
What made the difference? How did God increase the harvest? "I take no praise," Osborn says. "God took care of all the necessary rain—I didn't do any sprinkling. It's all God's acre."

What Osborn did enjoy watching were the many cars that entered his driveway to request pictures of the huge crop. Media types from the area converged, giving coverage on radio, television, and in the newspapers. It wasn't long until folks from all over—some from as far away as California—arrived to buy pumpkins.

Osborn also has the time of his life giving away pumpkins to area businesses (the bank, the grain elevator, the nursing home) and small children of parents who stopped.

May God be praised for the fruit of his acre!

Disciplemaking: Today!



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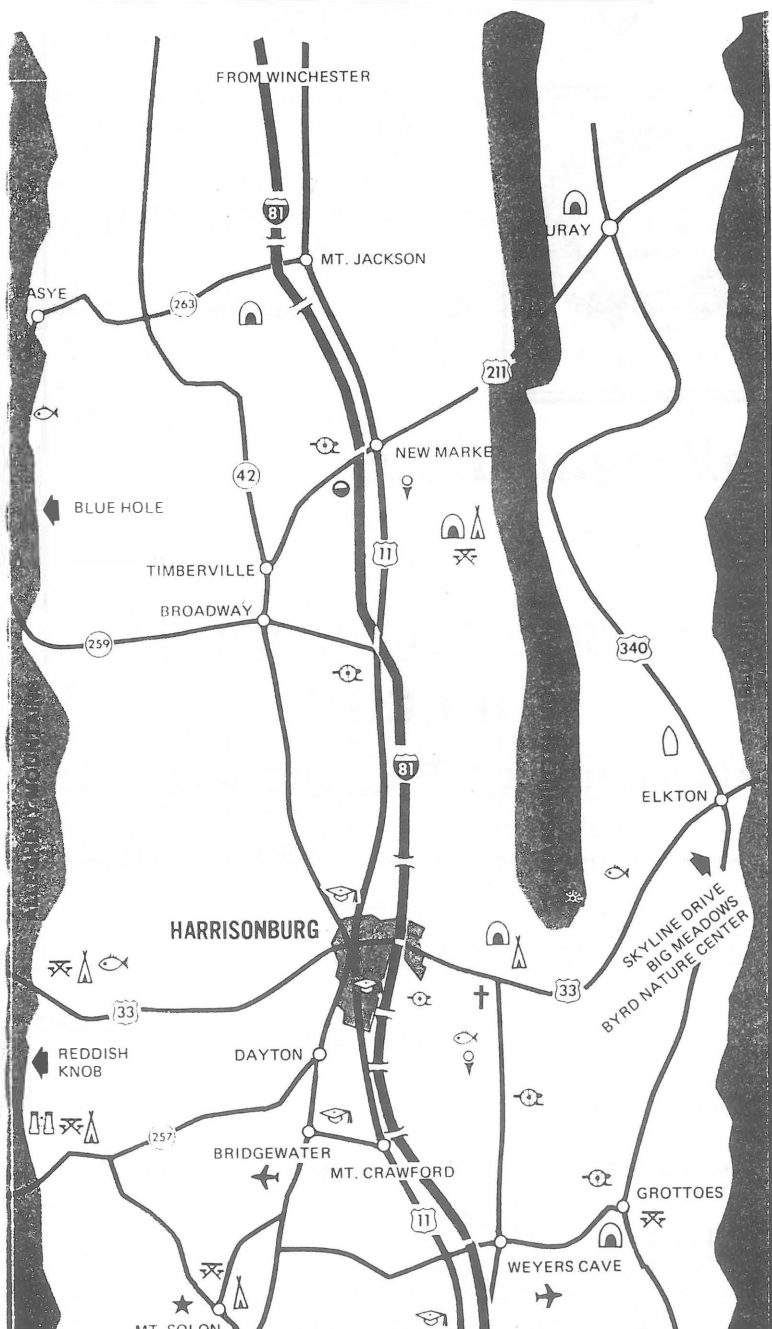
Purpose:

1. To increase awareness of the Church of God vision of revitalizing existing churches and planting new churches.
2. To make evident and utilize opportunities for service and ministry within the Church of God.
3. To provide a plan of disciplemaking for use in the local church.
4. To help Conference attenders become stronger disciples.

SUMMER CONFERENCE '88

SPECIAL FEATURES:

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



Conference Costs: *

Ages 16 and up	105.00
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Under 5	10.00
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Full-time commuters with meals	55.00
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Ideally situated in the crossroads of the Shenandoah Valley, Harrisonburg brings an urban flavor to one of the nation's most valuable rural (agricultural) centers. Convenient to Washington, D. C., Richmond, Roanoke, Williamsburg, and Winchester, Virginia, it is served by key north-south highway networks I-81, US-11, US-340, and scenic Route 42, and east/west routes I-64 and US-33.

Church of God families are encouraged to consider combining vacation and Conference in August, 1988. Tours will be scheduled to Washington, D. C., and Williamsburg, Virginia, on Friday following Conference. Information will be available with the registration forms.

The 1988 General Conference will continue the focus of the 1987 Conference as specific plans and strategies are developed for starting churches and the development of Church of God ministries throughout the rest of this century, if the Lord tarries.

Important issues regarding the frequency of our summer Conference, the location of our Conference/College, Church-planting plans, mission outreach, and other important issues will be discussed and decided by the delegates.

Every church is urged to send delegates to the Conference who are willing to actively participate in planning and implementing our vision for the future. All members of the Church of God are invited to attend the Conference. Your input, participation, and involvement will be appreciated.

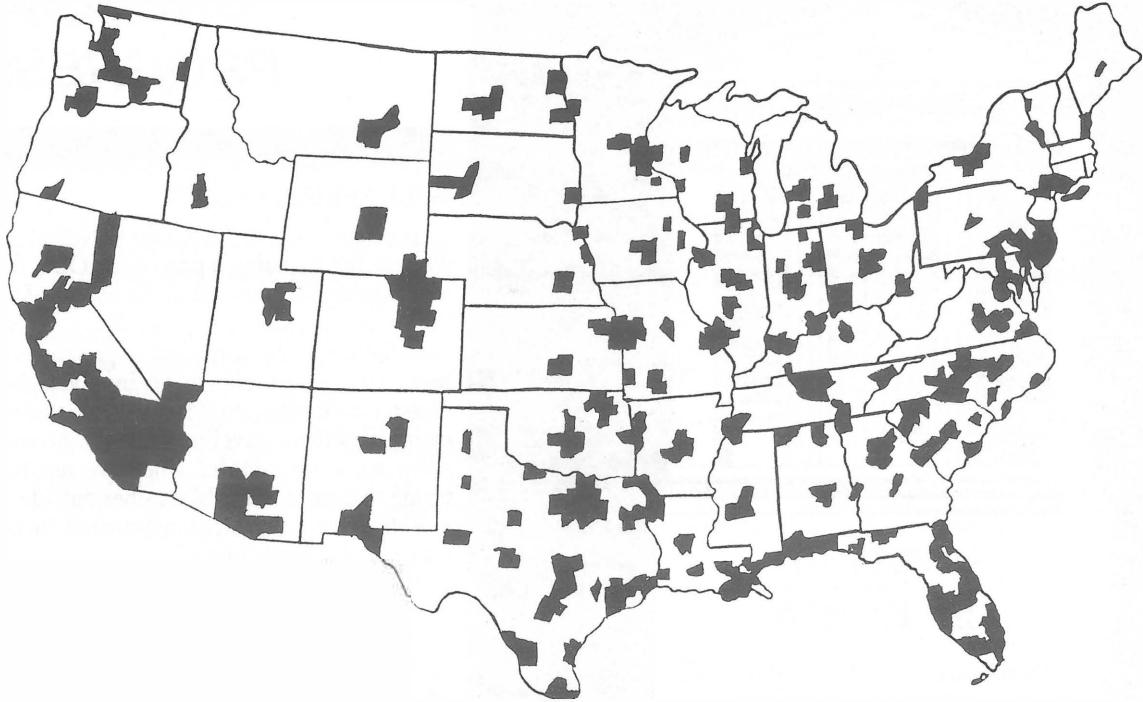
* Costs are based on two people to a room in unairconditioned college dormitories. Off campus lodging in an EconoLodge, competitively priced, will be available. Information and rates will be included with the registration form. The rates listed above are early bird registration rates for applications received by July 10. Regular rates for registrations received after July 10 will be provided in the registration form. Rates for single rooms will also be provided with registration forms.

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

PROGRESS JOURNAL

**There's something the
antichrists
of today don't want you to see . . .**

The Opportunity . . .



There are a large number of people moving into these shaded Metropolitan Areas seeking the Word of God and the fellowship of the Church of God.

Is our goal of 75 new churches by the year of our Lord 2000 enough?

You can help share in the harvest of evangelism or sit back and let these people wander in and out of the ways of sin while you ignore the commission of Jesus Christ.

For ideas how you can share the Word of God and participate in this evangelism program, contact Warren Sorenson, Vice President of Outreach and Church Development, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, or phone 815-732-7991.



Please call 1-815-732-7991

or write

**Church of God General Conference
Warren Sorenson, Vice President
Box 100
Oregon, IL 61061**



Invest in the future

When you invest in the OBC Development Foundation, you're investing in the future of the Church of God and the future of Oregon Bible College.

The profits earned from the invested funds will be used to provide for the ongoing needs of:

- Scholarships/Grants
- Student Recruitment
- Vehicles
- Staff Training
- Equipment

To reach our goal of \$1,000,000, we need your help in securing the following financial commitments:

5 gifts at	\$5,000 =	\$25,000
10 gifts at	3,000 =	30,000
50 gifts at	1,500 =	75,000
100 gifts at	1,000 =	100,000
100 gifts at	500 =	50,000
200 gifts at	100 =	20,000

Total of \$300,000

For more information write to:
OBC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
Box 100
Oregon, IL 61061

OREGON BIBLE PROGRESS

WILL SPRING COME?

It may be cold in the winter in Northern Illinois but the warmth felt by being a part of the OBC family more than compensates. Compared to the winter of a year ago, it has been much colder this year. The cold climate actually contributes to our corporate experiences here at the college. The opportunity to be involved daily in worship, classroom sharing, studies, fellowship of playing together, eating together, traveling, and all the other experiences seem more meaningful when we are huddled together trying to escape the cold weather outside. If the Kingdom is nothing more than a reenactment of the OBC experience, I will not be disappointed.

Every Church of God young person needs to experience OBC for at least a year. The opportunity for intensive spiritual growth by way of Bible study and ministry opportunities is a need of every disciple of Christ. Do you know of a student that you could encourage to be involved in the OBC experience in the Fall of 1988?

ADULTHOSTEL 1988

It does warm up in Illinois and we promise a warm experience for all those who come to our campus May 15-21. Those who attended in 1987 will attest to the rich opportunities experienced in study, fellowship, sightseeing, and just plain relaxing. If you've never experienced life on the OBC campus, afford yourself this opportunity. You won't regret it!

For additional information, ask your local pastor or write us: OBC, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

GRADUATION

The 1988 Commencement activities are set for May 13. We are very pleased to present four very talented and committed students for graduation. They are Dale Bliss, Mark Cheatwood, Alane Schmidlapp, and John Guthrie. We have enjoyed having them as students and have enjoyed watching their growth over the past few years. We have great confidence and faith in what they are going to contribute to the Lord's work.

The Annual Graduation Program will begin at 7:30 with Pastor John Railton, pastor of the Timberland Church of God in South Bend, as the guest speaker.

We welcome any interested people to come and be a part of the celebration.

OBC CHORALE TOUR

The Oregon Bible College Chorale is busily preparing for its 18th concert season. A highlight of this year's tour will be a musical entitled "Surrender." If it's scheduled in your area, please take the opportunity to hear some excellent music and get acquainted with the fine young people who make up the chorale.

March	4	High School Invitational, Oregon, IL
	5	Jaynes St. Community Church, Omaha, NE
	6	Koszta Church of God, Belle Plaine, IA
	27	Blessed Hope Church of God, Rockford, IL
April	1	Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, IN
	3	Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC
	3	Bethel Church of God, Pelzer, SC
	4	Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir, NC
	5	Fort Valley Church of God, 7 Fountains, VA
	6	Royal Village Church of God, FrontRoyal, VA
	8	Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ontario
	9	Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH
	10	Columbia Church of God, Columbia Sta., OH
	23	Blanchard Church of God, Blanchard, MI
	24	North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, MI
	24	Timberland Bible Church, South Bend, IN
May	1	Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL

NEW STUDENTS THIS SEMESTER

We were saddened to lose several students at the semester break. For various reasons several of our students felt they could not continue this semester. We wish God's special blessing on their future ministries.

It did give us joy to welcome two new students on campus for the Spring Term. They are: Steve Zimbelman, a member of the Oregon Church of God, whose daughter will be joining him as a student in the Fall of 1988, and James Wilson from Springfield, LA, a member of the Blood River Church of God. Both of these men have a sincere desire to grow and commit their lives in ministry for the Lord.

HONOR ROLL

The following students demonstrated academic excellence during the Fall Term 1987. We are pleased with the commitment each shows to his academic studies.

Honor Roll

Jeff Bull
Jon Cheatwood
Mark Cheatwood
Earl Poland
Vickie Zirkelbach

High Honor Roll

Heidi Cooper
Christy Ross
Alane Schmidlapp

INCENTIVE REMINDER

Five students have qualified for \$400.00 Incentive Grants by virtue of completing the admissions process for the Fall Term 1988. We are very pleased with the qualifications and the potential of these five students.

We are still offering Incentive Grants of \$200.00 to all new students who complete their admissions process by May 1. I would like to give lots of those away.

THE 1987 BOOSTER CAMPAIGN

It is a fantastic joy and privilege to announce the results of our

1987 Booster Campaign. My desire was to simply surpass the 1986 results, and did we pass the 1986 results! The number of contributors passed the previous year by over 200 and giving surpassed the previous year in excess of \$2,000.00. Praise the Lord!

Adult Contributors	609	\$14,752.35
Junior Boosters	<u>215</u>	<u>262.69</u>
Grand Total	824	\$15,015.04

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Each year OBC awards scholarships at the beginning of the school year for outstanding academic achievement. Many of our other students receive grant-in-aid money.

This second semester we awarded three all-around scholarships to students who excelled in every aspect of their program, but especially their contribution to Christian Ministry. These students went the extra mile in their ministry to various people during the first semester. Three-hundred-dollar scholarships were awarded to Earl Poland, Heidi Cooper, and Dale Bliss. Each of these students demonstrated a real Christian heart for folks in need. They have demonstrated a clear attitude of what Christ expects from his disciples in ministry.

WHY CHOOSE OBC?

A recent survey was done to determine why new students select a particular college to attend. The number-one reason was a good academic reputation. Oregon Bible College has committed itself to building a reputation that the Church of God should be proud of. President David Krogh and former presidents, Dr. Alva Huffer, John Lewis, and Dr. Charles Pryor each supported the goal of having well-qualified teachers instructing at OBC. There are 13 full time and part-time faculty members teaching this Spring Term. Of those thirteen, seven have Master's Degrees or several Master's Degrees, two have college accredited Bachelor's Degrees, one is pursuing a Master's Degree and the other three are graduates of Oregon Bible College and other schools and have a wealth of experience in the pastoral ministry.

In times past, OBC has been accused of not being a serious college. Check the track record! Our faculty has prepared itself to be able to dialogue with the experts in each one's specialty area. The quality of the students who will attend and graduate should reflect the wisdom in pursuing this professional goal.

The misconception that Oregon Bible College is an extension of a Youth Camp or Wednesday Evening Bible Study needs to be laid to rest. Oregon Bible College is a college pursuing all the goals and objectives that any institution of higher learning should be seeking to fulfill. Each will seek to be the best in his field of endeavor.

We want students to be proud that they attended Oregon Bible College and learned the skills that it takes to be effective change agents in a world that needs to change. We will continue to try to be the best that we can be at what we are doing.

OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

STAFF CHURCH-PLANTING PROJECT UPDATE

The announcement was made at General Conference last summer that staff members of the General Conference would get involved in a church-planting project. This project would provide hands-on experience for Conference personnel which would enable them to better understand the process of planting churches. It was also intended that this be a training ground for others who were interested in learning the ins and outs of planting new churches. It was initially intended that Warren and Irene Sorenson would move to Colorado Springs in the fall of 1988 and work with a church-planting pastor in planting and developing this staff church-planting project.

A change has been made as to the location of this first project. There are several reasons why it seemed advisable to move this effort to Rockford, Illinois. The close proximity to the College and Conference staff would make it possible for much greater staff involvement. This would also make it easier for students to be a part of the activities in planting the church.

Gary Turner, who now lives near Rockford and is a student at OBC, felt a sense of God's call to start a ministry for unchurched people in the Loves Park community (North Rockford). At General Conference last summer Gary felt a strong commitment to do more in God's service and especially in churchplanting. Gary will serve as the intern pastor of the church-planting project and work closely with Warren and Irene in planting the church in the Loves Park area. Warren will also organize and administer the involvement of other staff members in the project. Gary will continue his studies at OBC and during this spring will attempt to get some small group Bible studies started. The public launching of the new church is presently planned for sometime next fall.

One of the important questions that needs to be answered is: What effect will this have on the present Rockford congregation? It is our intention that this will have a very positive effect on the present church. During the weeks prior to the launching of the church and after the church has been started we plan to also work with Pastor David Cheatwood and his congregation. It is important that an existing church not be weakened as the result of planting a new church. Every effort needs to be made to strengthen the present church at the same time a new one is being started. Because of this, we encourage the members of the Rockford church to maintain their loyalty to their church. A part of the

strategy for starting the second church in Rockford will be to help the existing church in its outreach ministry as a means of expanding its ministry and membership.

At the present time meetings are being conducted with Illinois Conference representatives to establish a working relationship between this church-planting effort and the Illinois Conference. The Illinois church-planting committee is studying this project to determine how it might fit into their goal of seven new churches in the next 12 years.

When the details of this project have been worked out, we will be notifying the PACT volunteers concerning various opportunities for involvement.

CHURCH-PLANTING SEMINARS

There continues to be an increase of interest in reaching the lost through planting new churches. The fact that 39 people gathered in Oregon, Illinois, January 10, 11 for a Church Planting Seminar indicates the desire among our people to reach out with renewed emphasis in establishing Church of God congregations.

Important issues were presented and discussed at this seminar. Such topics as, facing the need of pastoral leadership, how to effectively teach Church of God doctrine, how to reach people and keep them coming, how to gear up the state conference with a church-planting strategy, what steps to take in actually planting a church, and the latest information about current and future church-planting efforts were discussed.

We have just concluded a Regional Church-Planting Seminar for the Southeast Conference at the Guthrie Grove Church. On February 6 at least 40 people gathered to gain information on reaching the lost through church-planting efforts in the Southeast Conference. The staff for this seminar was composed of Russ Magaw, Rick Cooper, and Warren Sorenson.

They currently have three opportunities for launching new churches: Columbia, SC, Charlotte, NC; and Atlanta, GA. There are interested Church of God people living in each of these areas.

We need your help! *Matt. 9:37,*
38. Pray for workers. God will
honor his Word.

WHAT ABOUT OUR SMALL CHURCHES?

This is a valid question that needs to be answered. We cannot abandon our existing churches. In the process of starting new churches it is essential that we do all that is expedient to strengthen existing churches.

Larger congregations are in a better position to do this without outside help. For the smaller congregation more help is needed.

What are we currently doing as a conference for smaller churches? Assistance is available to help in searching for a pastor. We can't assign one, but we can help in finding one. Church Development financial aid is available on a limited basis. The limitation is determined by the funds available. This is one of the important ministries supported by contributions to the General Conference. Consultation and help in planning outreach strategies is also available through the OCD department of the conference.

In a recent Growth Report, Win Arn listed some strengths of the small church and how they provide a foundation upon which to build.

In a small church there is usually a mixture of various kinds of people in one group. There are not enough people for many groups within the church. This is attractive for some people.

There is a close sense of family which provides a sense of concern and belonging. Since one of the most effective methods of reaching people is through friends and relatives, the "family" atmosphere in the church provides a foundation for this type of evangelism to take place.

Usually there is a common concern; that is, the people in the congregation have a common focus on their task. To build upon this, the congregation needs to clarify this focus and build upon the unity that can be more easily developed in a smaller congregation.

It is easier for people to get involved in the activities and work of the smaller church. Smaller churches provide more opportunity for service since there usually are not enough people to do the work that needs to be

done.

Since it is easier to get involved, new people are able to feel a sense of worth and importance in the church.

The informal atmosphere in the small church allows for flexibility. New people often feel more of a sense of genuine faith in the smaller church.

Researchers have determined that smaller churches usually exhibit more love and care among the members. It is important that this love and care include a focus outward to newcomers.

In developing an outreach focus, examine these dynamics of the smaller church and use them to increase your effectiveness in reaching new people.



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Church of God Participation Statistics Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1987

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Arizona														
Lakeshore, Tempe	X	139	85	29	X	12	\$14,035	-	8	\$12,075	113-160	47	8	29
Valley View, Scottsdale	X	214	-	12	X	7	15,874	-	10	72,542	123-201	41	11	20
Arkansas														
Clark Chapel, Magazine	-	10	-	1	-	1	800	-	-	-	39-	85	-	-
Cleveland Church, Cleveland	-	12	2	3	X	2	968	-	-	-	11-	27	-	2
Forest Hills, Royal	X	37	19	7	X	3	894	-	-	-	43-51	80	4	7
New Hope, Little Rock	X	34	-	3	X	5	2,155	-	5	5,382	-	41	4	6
McGintytown, Greenbrier	X	75	32	7	X	6	1,595	-	-	-	49-69	67	-	6
California														
Church of Open Bible, Pomona	X	46	33	10	X	8	5,789	-	3	3,533	-	58	6	14
San Jose Church, San Jose	X	12	9	8	X	2	840	X	1	850	9-10	39	-	5
Valley Church, Simi Valley	X	29	15	11	X	9	4,552	-	4	3,365	29-34	-	1	9
Canada														
Glad Tidings, Fonthill	X	82	51	24	X	4	3,492	X	25	16,547	55-91	120	15	11
Peterborough Church, Peterborough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado														
Pleasant View, Colorado Springs	X	34	19	7	X	7	9,633	-	1	500	29-31	-	1	6
Illinois														
Blessed Hope, Rockford	X	42	26	12	X	10	3,891	X	4	11,427	50-54	59	6	10
Dixon Church, Dixon	X	18	16	5	X	8	5,712	-	3	1,765	17-21	39	6	3
East Oregon Chapel, Oregon	X	96	-	6	X	10	16,263	-	2	1,582	90-91	61	4	5
East Peoria, East Peoria	X	33	18	3	-	3	755	-	2	1,160	37-38	15	-	4
Flagg Center, Rochelle	X	34	-	7	X	3	1,024	-	1	200	30-45	34	6	6
Fox Valley, Aurora	X	-	-	3	X	4	2,581	-	1	1,000	22-22	41	-	-
Macomb Church, Macomb	X	115	70	20	X	21	6,211	-	10	5,482	90-94	139	13	28
Oregon Church, Oregon	X	211	109	51	X	48	128,156	-	21	32,902	175-187	158	29	43
Restitution Church, Casey	X	18	-	6	-	4	290	-	-	-	6-	-	1	3
Restitution Church, Eldorado	X	43	23	9	-	4	290	-	1	100	30-38	35	-	10
Ripley Church, Ripley	X	77	-	16	X	11	4,629	X	4	3,941	44-53	97	9	11

Indiana

Burr Oak Church, Burr Oak	X	55	30	35	X	16	10,875	X	8	8,980	74-69	62	-	11
Country Chapel, Michigantown	X	42	24	8	X	9	2,782	-	5	3,580	24-38	49	14	6
Hedrick Church, Hedrick	X	40	24	8	X	9	1,613	-	1	150	37-36	56	2	6
Hillview Bible, Bloomington	X	8	2	4	X	6	1414	-	-	-	13-13	-	-	1
Jay St, Kokomo	X	40	-	5	-	3	290	-	1	850	36-40	25	11	11
North Salem, Plymouth	X	28	16	6	X	3	336	-	1	1,500	25-31	64	2	8
Timberland Bible, South Bend	X	114	75	21	X	17	6,056	-	4	360	109-144	83	16	27

Iowa

Albert City Church, Albert City	-	7	5	1	-	1	53	-	1	3,000	9-	4	-	-
Conger St Church, Waterloo	X	17	11	4	-	2	30	-	-	-	25-27	12	4	2
Gladbrook Church, Gladbrook	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10-10	-	-	1
Oaklawn Church, Koszta	-	-	-	7	X	6	1,305	-	1	12	30-36	45	-	3
Restitution Church, Belle Plaine	-	-	-	1	-	2	25	-	-	-	-	20	-	-

Kansas

Hope Chapel, Arkansas City	X	11	4	6	X	3	150	-	-	-	7-	20	-	-
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Louisiana

Blood River Church, Springfield	X	106	-	10	X	13	4,618	-	4	1,670	80-120	84	16	7
Faith Chapel, Metairie	X	12	6	3	X	1	180	-	-	-	8-8	16	-	1
Happy Woods Church, Hammond	X	52	37	11	X	15	10,262	-	5	15,267	50-56	86	8	15
Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge	X	24	15	10	X	9	3,139	-	3	5,230	34-39	8	5	7

Michigan

Blanchard Church, Blanchard	X	150	75	12	X	14	11,790	X	6	9,725	115-141	51	19	21
Champion Community, Champion	X	8	-	1	-	1	15	-	-	-	14-12	16	-	-
Garden Park Church, Kentwood	X	49	26	10	X	8	5,304	-	4	8,973	43-46	33	5	13
L'Anse Church, L'Anse	X	18	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	11-12	-	2	1
North Kent Church, Rockford	X	41	22	1	X	6	2,232	X	2	2,220	33-44	35	-	3
Pennellwood Church, Wyoming	X	107	64	11	X	13	5,892	X	11	5,948	83-110	57	25	24
Southlawn Church, Wyoming	X	73	40	14	X	14	11,518	-	11	7,650	69-83	66	13	10

Minnesota

Eden Valley Church, Eden Valley	X	87	56	15	X	20	6,843	X	15	18,467	68-95	68	14	17
Hector Church, Hector	X	25	8	9	X	8	1,087	-	7	24,377	27-30	44	7	10
Litchfield Church, Litchfield	X	48	24	18	X	13	3,007	-	7	5,375	19-48	43	6	8
Pine Grove, Minneapolis	X	47	23	12	-	9	620	-	5	2,800	38-49	37	5	22
St Cloud Church, St Cloud	X	14	9	2	X	2	245	-	-	-	11-15	7	3	0

Missouri

Arcola Church, Arcola	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	11-11	-	-	-
Church of Open Bible, Farmington	X	3	1	1	-	1	300	-	1	400	8-8	-	-	1
Fairview Church, Doniphan	-	16	10	3	-	1	180	-	-	-	14-	28	1	2
Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown	X	41	20	8	X	2	1,327	-	-	-	31-35	52	6	4
Jordan Church, Jordan	X	13	7	1	X	1	75	-	-	-	14-	20	4	-
Lockwood Church, Lockwood	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	20-	16	-	-
Morse Mill Church, Morse Mill	X	26	12	4	X	4	495	-	-	-	12-20	15	5	2
Raymore Church, Raymore	X	45	23	17	X	7	2,961	-	8	8,843	60-67	56	1	4
Springfield Church, Springfield	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Louis Church, St Louis	X	14	9	7	X	1	1,638	X	1	1,860	16-16	46	3	7

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Nebraska														
Holbrook Church, Holbrook	X	36	23	12	X	6	1,081	-	3	500	19-22	34	4	8
Jaynes Street Community, Omaha	X	75	49	26	X	19	8,833	X	9	17,824	69-	114	12	20
North Carolina														
Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville	X	19	-	2	-	1	150	-	-	-	11-17	34	-	2
Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir	X	96	-	2	-	7	220	X	1	5,120	54-81	58	1	15
Ohio														
Brush Creek Church, Tipp City	X	81	48	22	X	25	9,310	X	8	4,002	88-83	122	23	22
Chapel on the Hill, Urbana	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-
Church of Open Bible, Bedford	X	24	13	10	X	9	1,792	-	3	1,062	23-30	32	4	10
Columbia Church, Columbia Station	X	45	23	9	X	8	4,953	-	4	3,230	60-70	38	5	11
Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton	X	22	14	6	X	9	2,567	X	7	8,252	23-28	26	10	4
Golden Rule Church, Cleveland	X	23	-	4	-	3	518	-	-	-	24-24	58	3	2
Gospel Church, Hilliard	X	20	8	4	X	1	386	-	-	-	43-46	43	-	1
Grace Church, Jefferson	X	10	3	-	X	1	470	X	1	250	12-12	30	-	2
Lawrenceville Church, Springfield	X	98	39	15	X	4	10,700	X	6	57,289	86-102	100	12	12
North Hills Church, Springfield	X	52	-	9	X	11	3,253	X	-	5,076	78-89	45	-	6
Pleasant Hill Church, Pleasant Hill	X	42	5	6	X	14	3,966	-	3	2,530	46-48	46	-	6
Troy View Church, Troy	X	85	46	9	X	11	15,603	-	7	12,525	80-90	68	14	11
South Carolina														
Bethel Church, Pelzer	X	109	-	11	X	3	480	-	-	7,030	80-130	103	10	1
Greenville Church, Greenville	X	24	14	-	-	1	425	-	-	-	17-19	43	-	4
Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer	X	242	-	19	X	13	6,163	-	17	14,812	141-157	168	9	49
Texas														
Arlington Church, Arlington	X	-	-	1	-	1	60	-	-	-	-	12	1	-
Avondale Church, Harlingen	X	25	-	8	X	3	430	-	-	-	20-24	29	1	5
Gatesville Church, Gatesville	X	34	-	13	X	9	5,234	-	6	2,967	33-41	47	3	5
Virginia														
Cool Spring Church, Browntown	X	25	16	7	X	10	4,124	X	5	3,765	29-30	58	2	5
Fair Oaks Community, Herndon	X	22	17	11	X	12	6,007	-	8	13,410	-17	5	5	10
Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains	X	39	16	7	X	9	6,577	-	6	6,962	37-42	54	11	8
Maurertown Church, Maurertown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	2	31,600	-	-	-	-
Royal Village Church, Front Royal	X	57	35	4	X	25	9,530	-	1	2,072	49-58	81	1	4
Washington														
Bible Faith Church, Bellevue	-	-	-	2	-	2	32	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
Cashmere Church, Cashmere	-	-	-	4	-	2	20	-	-	-	-	31	6	1
Wenatchee Church, Wenatchee	-	-	-	7	-	5	1,084	-	1	275	44-54	32	11	1

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Conferences														
Illinois State Conference							2,200							
Indiana State Conference							1,211	X		500				
Iowa State Conference							75							
Louisiana State Conference							600							
Michigan State Conference							1,313							
Minnesota State Conference							599	X		667				
Minnesota State Mission Society							620	X		1,000				
Missouri State Conference							1,081							
Northeast Conference							3,780							
Southeast Conference							283	X		200				
Virginia State Conference							350	X		1,125				
Non-Church of God												453		
Isolated				249		89	23,686	-	23	13,272	-	89		50
Herald Bundles to Churches				325										
State Conferences & Groups									6	9,862				133

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS & SUBTRACTIONS

	1984	1985	1986	1987
ADDITIONS:				
Baptisms	172	141	155	182
Inactive-Became Active	24	48	72	68
Transfer In	<u>103</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>40</u>
	299	300	280	290
SUBTRACTIONS:				
Deaths	51	39	34	34
Became Inactive	149	202	163	133
Transferred Away	<u>58</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>44</u>
	258	314	267	211
Net Gain (or Loss)	41	-14	13	79

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors met in Oregon, Illinois, January 14-16, for its annual mid-winter long-range planning meeting. Among the items discussed and acted upon were:

1. The License Board presented written policies regarding applications and procedures for the licensure of pastors. These policies will supplement the current standards for ministerial recognition.
2. Minor revisions to the church development aid program and Church-Builders League were considered. These programs will be discussed at the summer General Conference by the delegates.
3. Delegates at the 1987 General Conference instructed the Board to study the possibility of having a biannual Conference in the future. This study was conducted by the Board and results of the study will be shared with the delegates at the summer Conference.
4. The issue of relocation of the Conference and College was discussed. It was decided to seek delegate approval at the summer Conference to pursue this effort.
5. The organizational structure of the Conference and College was reviewed.

6. A review was made of Outreach and Church Development Department projects including foreign missions, church planting, the England planting project, and our efforts to assist existing churches.

7. An update on Oregon Bible College programs was received.

8. A thorough financial analysis and report was reviewed, including insurance coverage.

9. The vision of strengthening present churches and starting new churches was reviewed with its implications for all of our Conference activities.

Trust Established

We were informed recently that the General Conference is named as the recipient of a trust fund created by Rhoda Hanson of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sister Hanson died last August, leaving her estate in a trust which will be held for 10 years. The Conference and College will immediately begin receiving the earnings from the trust and at the end of 10 years will receive the principal. The interest earnings, at the request of Sister Hanson, will be used for Scholarships, staff training, pastoral aid, general fund for Oregon Bible College, a revolving loan fund for the General Conference,

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

(Continued)

PRAYER & PRAISE

APRIL, 1988

home missions, foreign missions, and Church Builders Appeals.

We are grateful for this trust created in memory of William and Rhoda Hanson. These members were faithful supporters of the Conference during their lifetime, and their support of the Conference and College will be felt for many years.

Participation Statistics

Included with this issue of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* is a comprehensive report of statistics regarding our association of churches. We appreciate the involvement of many individuals, local churches, church organizations, state conferences, and others in the work of the Church of God General Conference. By pooling our resources, we are able to accomplish things together which we would be unable to do alone.

Personnel File

Over the years, a file has been maintained at the General Conference listing the names of individuals who have an interest in working for the General Conference or Oregon Bible College at some point in the future. We are glad to hear from those who have a definite interest in the possibility of working on the General Conference staff. If you have such an interest, please write to: David Krogh, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, giving a resume and the kind of work you would be interested in doing for us. When needs arise, we will then be able to contact you and perhaps offer you opportunity to work full-time in the Lord's service.

Loan Fund

The Hearp-Delap Memorial Loan Fund, established by Pastor and Mrs. John Hearp in memory of their parents, is available for churches which wish to borrow for church construction or expansion. The fund is administered by the General Conference Board of Directors. Two churches currently have borrowed from the fund. There are additional assets available for loans. For additional information, please contact David Krogh at the Conference address.

Financial Update

As of January 31, contributions for the current fiscal year were approximately \$7,800 above our Goal for Giving. We are deeply grateful for the consistent giving of so many Church of God congregations, conferences, and individuals.

For 1988, we are inviting each Church of God member to be a part of our Great Commission Team by helping to underwrite the day-to-day ministries of the Church of God General Conference at various levels of support. Please see page 19 for additional information about the various levels of support. Your participation in the support of the Conference/College is greatly appreciated.

- 1 We need more pastors for existing churches and Church-Planting opportunities. Pray for the "Lord of the harvest" to send forth workers.
- 2 Praise God for the resurrection of Christ and the hope of life you have as a result of his sacrifice.
- 3 Pray that God's presence will be felt during Easter services today and that the message of resurrection will inspire greater service.
- 4 Pray for the Church-Planting effort in Rockford, Illinois.
- 5 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher as they prepare to go to England to plant a church.
- 6 Pray for the congregations which are seeking a pastor for their church.
- 7 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ. Share this blessing of Christ with a friend.
- 8 Pray that God will motivate persons to contribute to the OBC Development Foundation.
- 9 Pray that God will use this summer's General Conference at Harrisburg, Virginia, to move the Church of God forward.
- 10 Pray for Cecil Rademachir and the development of a Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana.
- 11 Pray for Gary Turner in his preparation as intern pastor for the Rockford, Illinois, Church-Planting project.
- 12 Praise God for persons who support the ministries of the Church of God through the General Conference with their prayer and financial support.
- 13 Pray for the various Church-Planting opportunities throughout the Church of God.
- 14 Pray for Kent Ross as Youth Director in his planning for Youth Congress.
- 15 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their ministry in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 16 Pray for the core group meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, that God will assist them in planting a Church of God there.
- 17 Pray that God will call persons to his service in training at OBC.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share your faith with someone who has not been baptized into Christ.
- 19 Pray for Mario Olcese and the emerging Church of God in Lima, Peru.
- 20 Pray for Dale Ramsey and his work with the students at OBC.
- 21 Pray that God will assist in developing a Church of God in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 22 Pray for the Church of God in Ashtabula, Ohio, as they further develop the church there.
- 23 Pray for the staff members of OBC as they influence the lives of students.
- 24 Pray for board members as they travel to Oregon for a board meeting.
- 25 Pray for members of the Board of Directors of the General Conference as they meet and discuss the ministry of the Church of God.
- 26 Pray for pastors as they meet for their annual Ministerial Conference this week.
- 27 Praise God for your pastor and encourage him in his ministry.
- 28 Pray that God will uplift and strengthen pastors through fellowship and the sessions they attend during the Ministerial Conference.
- 29 Praise God for the hope we have that Jesus is coming and the kingdom will be on the earth.
- 30 Pray for pastors as they return home to their families and the Lord's work.

PRAYER & PRAISE

MAY, 1988

ADULTHOSTEL '88

- 1 Pray for some of the smaller churches in the Conference, that God will strengthen their ministry.
- 2 Pray for the core group of Church of God members who are living in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 3 Pray for the Fox Valley, Illinois, congregation and Pastor Ron Macy as they continue to expand the Church of God in Naperville, Illinois.
- 4 Pray for the isolated members of the Church of God.
- 5 Pray for the Illinois Conference as it moves forward in planting seven new churches in the next 12 years.
- 6 Pray that God will open more opportunity for mission work in Ghana, West Africa.
- 7 Pray for David Krogh and his work as President of the General Conference and OBC.
- 8 Pray for your mother today. Give God praise for the impact your mother has had on your life.
- 9 Pray for churches which do not have pastoral leadership, that God will help them in finding a pastor.
- 10 Pray for Pastor Dick Eldred and the North Kent, Michigan, Church of God.
- 11 Pray for God's guidance in the recruitment of students for OBC.
- 12 Pray for the OBC students as they take final exams.
- 13 Pray for the OBC students who will be graduating tonight, that God will use them in his service.
- 14 Pray for the graduates, that God will lead them into effective ministry for his glory.
- 15 Pray for those who are attending the Adulthostel in Oregon, Illinois, May 15-21.
- 16 Pray that God's love will be experienced in and among those who are attending the Adulthostel.
- 17 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 18 Pray for the development of a Church of God in Columbia, South Carolina, and the core group working in this project.
- 19 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with Jeff and Karen Fletcher in preparation for planting a church in England.
- 20 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to serve him in your local church.
- 21 Praise God for the heritage of the Church of God. Pray that we might remain faithful to God.
- 22 Pray for the Southeast Conference as it moves ahead in planting churches in Columbia, South Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Atlanta, Georgia.
- 23 Praise God for the many workers who have volunteered their services to help in planting new churches.
- 24 Pray for various ministry teams going to mission fields this summer.
- 25 Pray for Pastor Alan Demmitt and his ministry with the Colorado Springs, Colorado, Church.
- 26 Praise God for a faithful member of your church. Thank him for the example of faith this person has demonstrated.
- 27 Pray for Ken Newman and John Cunningham and their work in planting a church in England.
- 28 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson in their ministry of helping local churches and starting new ones.
- 29 Pray for the OBC students who will begin internship training soon.
- 30 Praise God for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 31 Pray for Russ Magaw and the staff of the publishing department.

Whether having completed grade school or graduate school, adults will find Adulthostel '88 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.

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But more than just the learning will be the new friendships that develop, renewing acquaintances, and enjoying the music, food, and rich experiences planned. Two separate programs will be offered: one for first-year enrollees, and one for advanced enrollees who have experienced a previous Adulthostel. General Conference/Oregon Bible College staff and 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"—Kent Ross.

"Isaiah—the Fifth Gospel Writer"—Anthony Buzzard.

"Your Church Can Be Exciting"—David Krogh.

Advanced:

"Isaiah—the Fifth Gospel Writer"—Anthony Buzzard.

"Utilizing Our Best Resources—Us"—Russell Magaw.

"Our Hope for Missions"—Judy Myers.

Additional activities during the week include the welcome reception; a banquet; sightseeing tours of Blackhawk statue, nuclear power plant, and Rock River Valley; 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 15-21, 1988. Check-in begins Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The cost is \$108 per person, and \$185 for a married couple. Commuters living in the Oregon area will pay \$95, which excludes lodging and breakfasts.

A \$25 registration fee must accompany your Adulthostel registration. The deadline is May 1, 1988.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastoral changes

The Oregon Church of God is looking for someone with the gift of Outreach and Evangelism to fill a pastoral position. Please contact, as soon as possible, Bro. Robert Jones, chairman of the pastoral research committee, 708 Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061; Phone 815-732-7525.

Dennis Cheatwood, a 1987 graduate of Oregon Bible College, is completing his internship at Blanchard, Michigan, in May. He will be available for a pastorate at that time. Please contact him at 517-561-5021, or at Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310.

Video Cassette Library

Timberland Bible Church is developing a video cassette library of worship services. The library service is made available to isolated Church of God members or anyone interested. The tapes are in the VHS format and will play on practically all home video cassette recorders. Most tapes will include two or more Sunday morning services and occasionally a special service or musical. These are available free for loan, or \$6.00 for purchase. If interested, please contact: Pastor John A. Railton, Timberland Bible Church, 16623 St. Rd. 23, South Bend, IN 46635.

Long Lake Bible Camp

The Long Lake Bible Camp is owned by the Minnesota State Conference of the Churches of God and is located on Long Lake, five miles north of Eden Valley, MN, just off state highway 22.

This camp is available for use by Church of God families or churches. There is no fee, but a contribution to cover cost of lights and other incidental expenses is encouraged.

There are two dormitories with lavatory and shower facilities, kitchen, dining room, and chapel. The dormitories will accommodate about 60 people. No bedding is provided.

If interested in using this facility, please contact Pastor Stan Ross, President, Minnesota State Conference, 425 E. 4th St., Litchfield, MN 55355 for open dates. Telephone 612-693-7874.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	13-18	Christian Workers' Seminar, Osage Beach, MO
April	24, 25	Board of Directors meeting, Oregon, IL
April	25-29	Ministers' Conference, Oregon, IL
May	13	Oregon Bible College Graduation, Oregon, IL
May	15-21	Adulthostel, OBC, Oregon, IL
July	10-15	Youth Congress, John Brown University, Shiloam Springs, AR
August	1-5	General Conference, Harrisonburg, VA
August	17-21	Iowa State Conference, Waterloo, IA
November	3-5	OBC Parents' Weekend, Oregon, IL
November	11, 12	Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN

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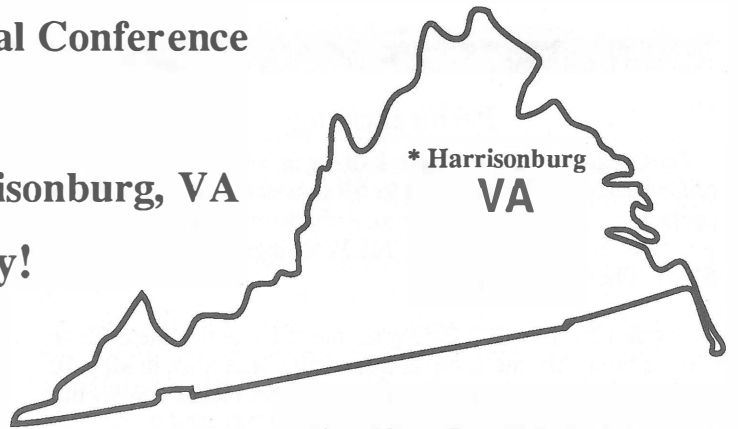
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Washington. The nation's capital city centers on the U. S. Capitol. Take a conducted tour of the Capitol, visit the White House, (ask your Congressman to arrange a VIP tour, which lasts longer and shows more of the mansion). Ride a tour-mobile operated by the National Park Service along the East and West Malls. Take a trip on the new Metro. Near the Capitol are the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court Building, and the U. S. Botanical Garden. On the Mall are Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institution, National Gallery of Art. Near the White House are the U. S. Treasury, Ford Theater where Lincoln was assassinated. The Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts are a few other places that make a visit to Washington, D. C. so rewarding.

VIRGINIA

Alexandria. In George Washington's home town are Christ Church, where he worshiped in

pew 60; Gadsby's Tavern; the Stabler-Leadbetter Apothecary; Carlyle House; and Friendship Fire Co., all of which he knew well.

Arlington. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave site of President John F. Kennedy and that of his brother Senator Robert Kennedy attract millions of visitors every year. The home of Rodert E. Lee overlooks the park.

Ashland. King's Dominion, six miles north on I-95, is the largest theme park in the Middle Atlantic states. Exciting twin roller coaster ride. The 800-acre park includes Lion Country Safari, with almost 100 different kinds of African animals roaming free. Take a monorail through the game park.

Charlottesville. Thomas Jefferson's genius as an architect is expressed in his Monticello home, in Ash Lawn, which he planned for President James Monroe, and the University of Virginia. Monticello also offers fascinating evidence of Jefferson's gadgeting skill.

Fredericksburg. The home of George Washington's mother, Mary Washington, Mercer's Apothecary Shop, and James Monroe's law office are among the historic buildings of the town. Washington's boyhood home Ferry Farm is east of town on State 3.

Hampton. At NASA's Langley Research Center in this oldest of all surviving English settlements in the United States, visitors may see a moon rock, the Apollo 12 spacecraft, and the spacesuit worn by Alan Shepard, first U. S. Astronaut to venture into space.

Jamestown. The site of the 1607 settlement has monuments to Captain John Smith and his beloved Pocahontas and a replica of an early-day Glass House where craftsmen create hand-blown colonial-type wares. Nearby is Jamestown Festival Park, with a re-

creation of James Fort, Powhattan's lodge, and at the dock replicas of the three sailing vessels that brought the colonists to Virginia.

Lexington. An electronic map in the George C. Marshall Research Library and Museum and a voice narration give the highlights of World War II.

Mount Vernon. George Washington's beloved mansion overlooks the Potomac River.

Newport News. Old ship figureheads, model ships, and other nautical displays are in the Mariners' Museum.

Norfolk. The tomb of General Douglas MacArthur, historic houses and museums, and Norfolk Naval Station, the world's largest naval base, are on a self-guided tour.

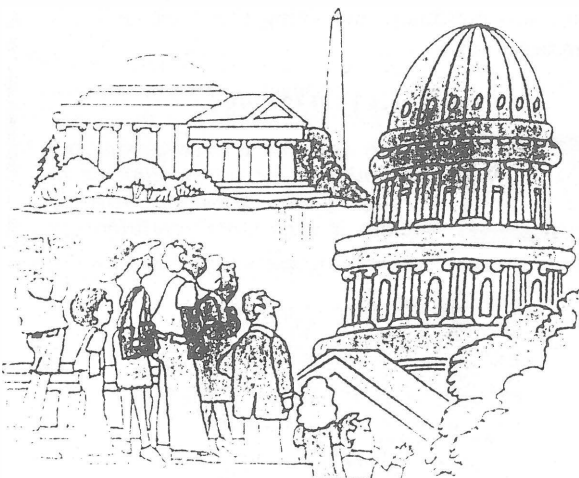
Portsmouth. The U. S. Naval Shipyard Museum and Naval History Museum keep alive the traditions of the sea.

Richmond. The Capitol planned by Jefferson, the Battle Abbey, and the Confederate Museum all fascinate visitors. So does St. John's Church where Patrick Henry gave his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech. Edgar Allen Poe's house is another highlight of the city.

Virginia Beach. Miles of boardwalk, beach-buggy tours, and musical entertainment make this a popular resort.

Williamsburg. Virginia's colonial capital has been restored as one of the great attractions of the New World. Costumed residents ply their trades of metalsmithing, printing, candlemaking, and wigmaking, in fact most of the trades of colonial life. A visit to the colonial Capitol Building and the Governor's Palace are intriguing experiences. A few miles east on U. S. 60 are Busch Gardens. The park is divided into the Old Country, a re-creation of the streets of an Elizabethan England town, Old Germany, and France's LeMans Race course. There is a 1,000-seat replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Outstanding rides and a free-roaming animal display.

Yorktown. Walk on the battlefield where Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington to bring the American Revolution to an end.



CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Tracy Stamper, Mickey Chinouth, Dennis Cline, Judy Cline (11-15-87), John Dickson, Debbie Dickson (12-13-87), Hollis Partlowe.

Rockford—Bronson Davis (8-23-87), David Cheatwood (correction).

IOWA

Waterloo—Shelly Hamlin (9-13-87), Stan Lawrence. Harry Payne via transfer.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Garden Park)—Sue Fales (11-15-87), Ray Hall. Kathy Brown (1-24-88) via transfer.

Grand Rapids (Pennellwood)—Mrs. Gary

Sams, Ben Brown, Chris Brown (1-10-88), Dennis Brown.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Rhonda Schonherr (1-3-88), Darrell Cardwell.

OHIO

Dayton—Mae Dean (1-24-88), Ralph Childs.
Troy View—Becky Robbins, Mary Graham (1-31-88), Craig Waggener.

VIRGINIA

Herndon—Barbara Cooper (11-8-87), Gary Burnham.

ONTARIO

Fonthill—Nancy Bousfield (1-10-88), Stephen Bolhaus.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Jennifer Krist and Timmie Kaffenbarger (11-28-87), Hollis Partlowe.

ARKANSAS

Hot Springs (Forest Hills)—Georgina Watkins and Rex Hill (11-18-87), J. Leon Driskill.

FLORIDA

Auborndale—Rhonda Carol Bliss and Jack Bernard Scott, Jr. (4-14-87).

DEATHS

CALIFORNIA

Pomona—Marilee Biba, 44, member (11-15-87), Delbert Jones.

West Covina—Helene Frebel, 94, member of Oregon (IL) Church of God (11-15-87), Delbert Jones (12-18-87), and Hollis Partlowe (12-23-87).

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Pearl Friemuth, 96, member (12-17-87), Hollis Partlowe and David Cheatwood.

INDIANA

Burr Oak—Dewey Overmyer, 88, member (11-13-87), Warren Sorenson.

Hedrick—Harley Eugene Hurley, member (10-30-87), Edward H. Goit, Sr.

Lafayette—Ronald Lee Scott (11-2-87), Edward H. Goit, Sr.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Pennellwood)—Alvin Ratering, member (12-10-87), Rex F. Cain and Alan Cain.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Frances Annis, friend (12-29-87), Stan Ross.

MISSOURI

Cross Timbers—Chessa E. Driskill, 76 (9-10-87), J. Leon Driskill.

OHIO

Tipp City (Brush Creek)—Donna Kennedy, 65, member (11-2-87), Michael Hoffman.

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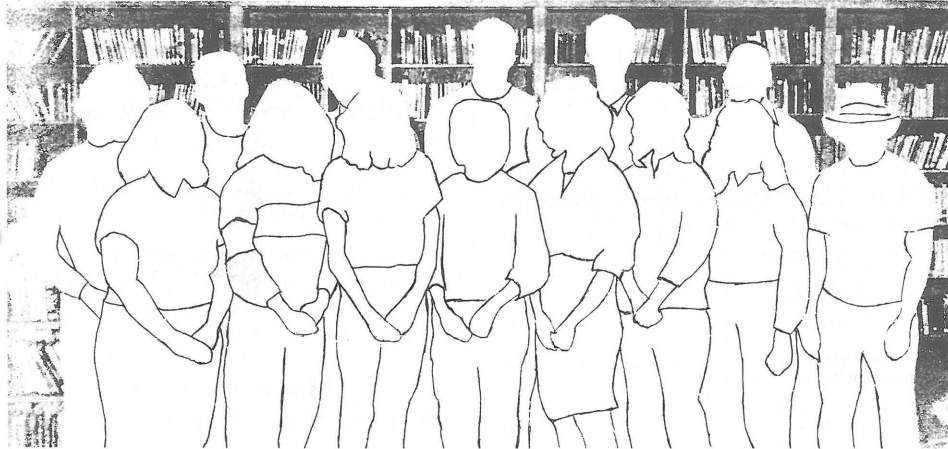
Rockdale—Mae George, 81, member (1-13-88), Jim Raymond.

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CHURCH NEWS

100 Years of Iowa Conference

The 100th anniversary conference held at Waterloo August 18-23, 1987, was a joyous and edifying experience as visitors and members came from as far east as Potsdam, NY, as far west as Pomona, CA, north from Milwaukee, WI, and Minneapolis, MN, and south from Orlando, FL. One hundred fifty-one persons signed the guest book; tables were filled with displays of precious old photographs and mementos.

Ann Patrice Prime Keller brought the thin, worn leather journal in which her grandfather, A. J. Eychaner, had recorded details of his preaching appointments, together with scrupulously detailed accounts of land purchased and lumber for building thereon, such as the church at Gladbrook. Lauretta Cronbaugh had long maintained a thick scrapbook containing a wealth of details about the Iowa work. Many others shared news and photos of their lives since last attending Iowa conference.

Guestspeakers Stan Ross, Russ Magaw, and David Krogh preached and taught, furnishing printed materials to supplement the concepts and insights shared. Louis Cronbaugh taught a very well-received series of lessons on the Israeli-Arab conflict. Interest ran high throughout, and even short messages such as the thoughts on forgiveness shared by Stan Lawrence sparked flurries of questions and comments. Blanche Harland summed it up at the closing communion session when she rose and commented: "This was the best conference we've had for years!"

Two young persons made their good confession of faith at the closing service; Shelly Hamlin and Lisa Hubenthal; their baptisms into Christ followed. Ken Knodle, new to Church of God teachings, confessed his faith in Christ at a special service conducted by Louis Cronbaugh on Monday following conference at Park Hill Church, Gladbrook; he was baptized in Union Grove Lake near Gladbrook.

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"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).



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1986 — 1987

Editorial

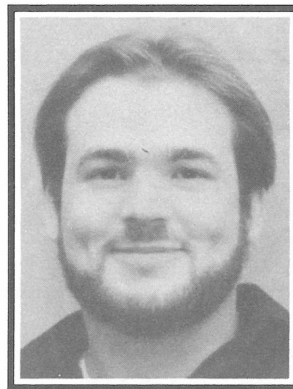
"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" (2 Cor. 2:14, NIV).

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.

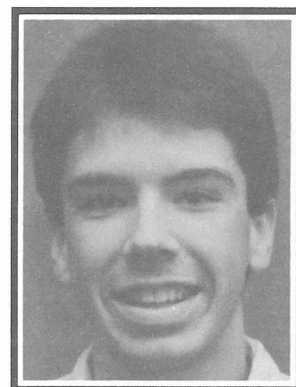
God's leadership and guidance have allowed for us to go into the world and spread the knowledge of himself and his Son Jesus Christ. This is all evident by the works of the Oregon Bible College Chorale, the different calling teams, the Street Theatre, and the many other groups that went out to other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

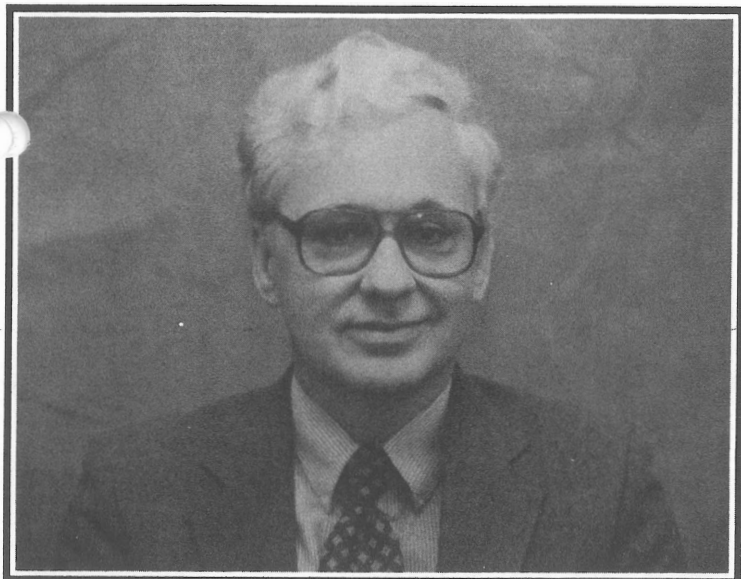


Editor Chuck Svihlik

Theme Text

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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 un-churched.

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

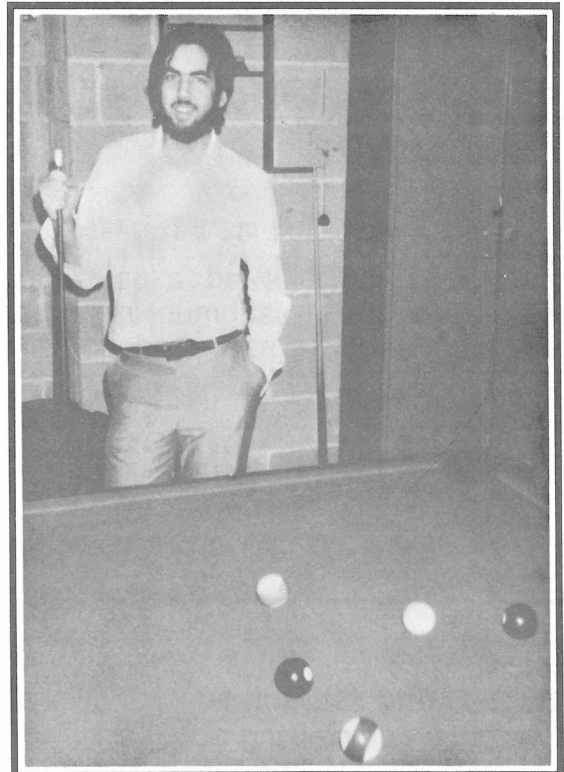
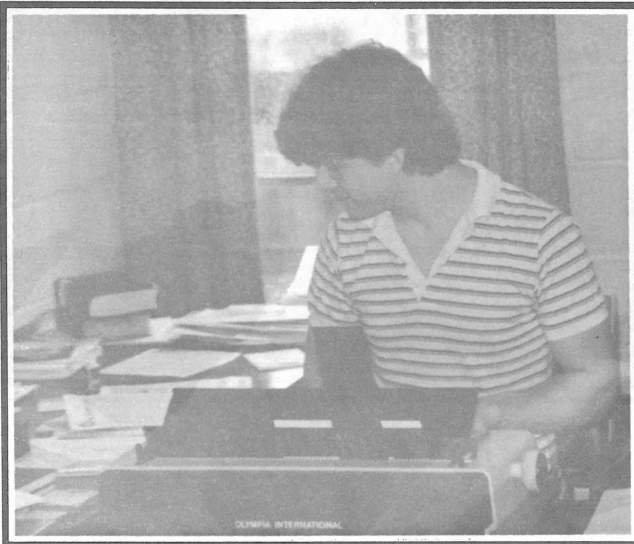
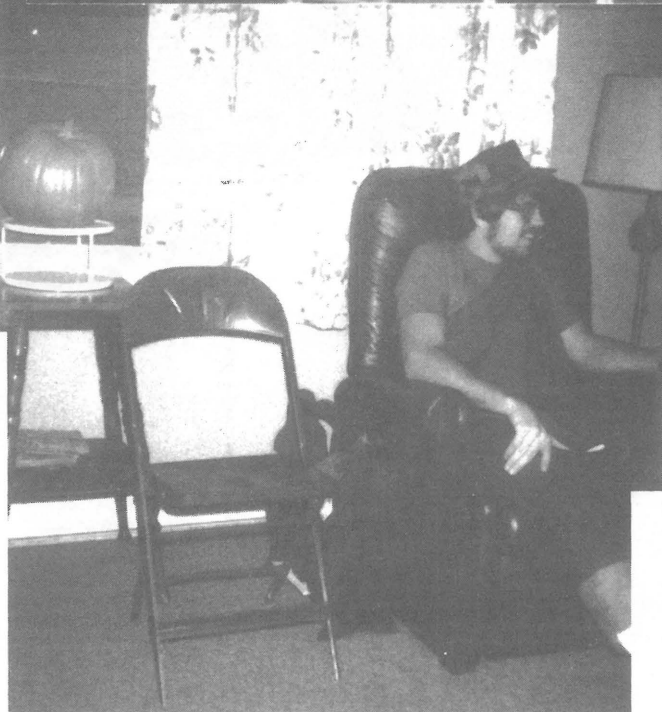
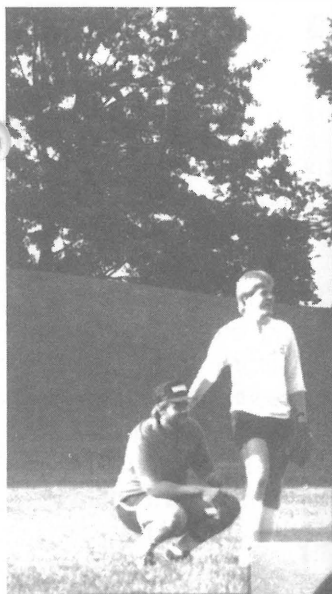


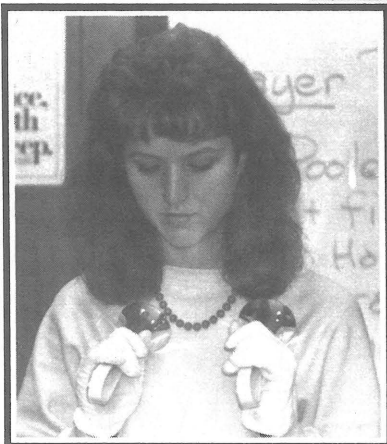
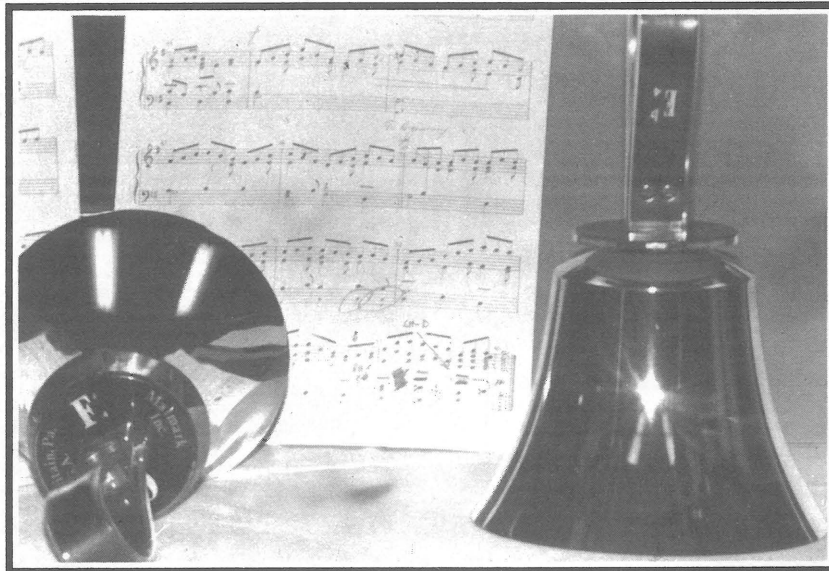
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Top: John Howell, Dennis Cheatwood, Jon Cheatwood, Mark Cheatwood, Jon Poole; Middle: Angie Cheatwood, Wanda Williamson, Alane Schmidlapp, Wendy Williamson; Bottom: Becky Roseberry, Jeff Bull, Beth Weinbaum.

Oregon Bible College Chorale



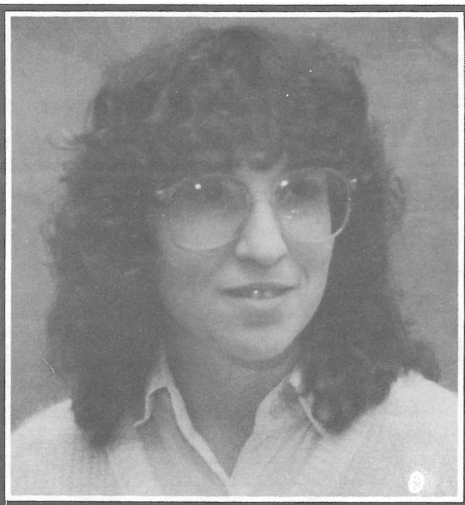
Autumn on Parade

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.

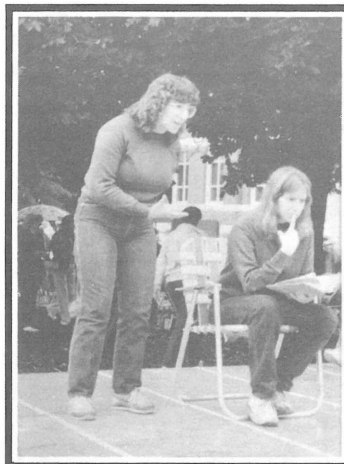
This year, Mary Cheatwood organized a resurrected drama troupe called Street Theatre to minister via skits and pantomime to the crowds gathered in the town square. Alane Schmidlapp added much to the creativity and ideas of Street Theatre due to her experience in street ministry in the foreign missions 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.

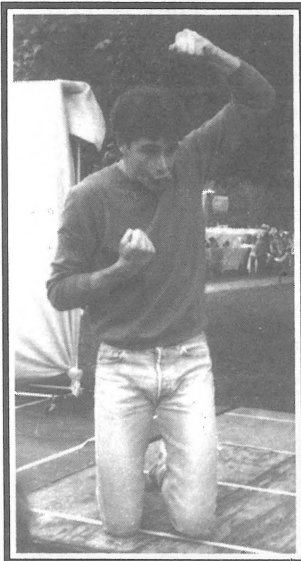


Wendy Williamson and Scott Emerick in the Machines skit.





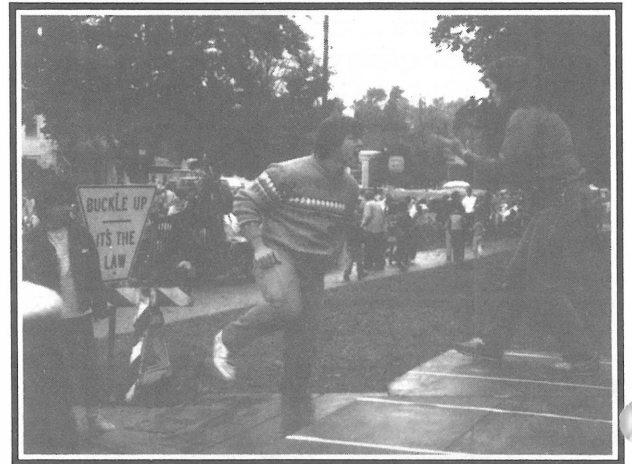
Some other animals made an appearance!!



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



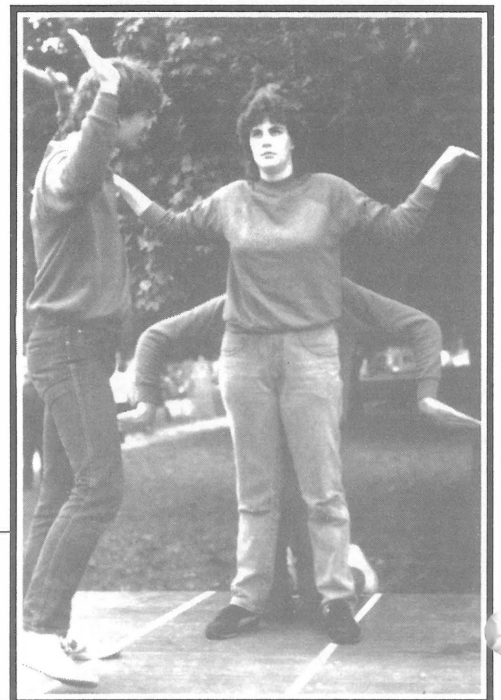
The crowd watches as Scott performs in "Doors."



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.*

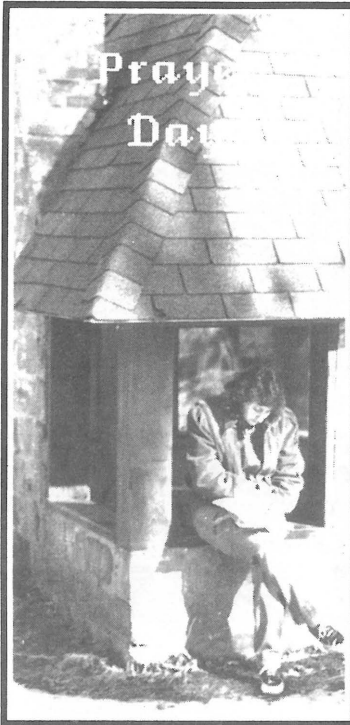
Rappin' Jon, the one-man band . . . Actually, it was more like Rappin' Jon, the one-man ham! We all were hams that weekend in Greenbrier, Arkansas. We had to be! We participated in a Mid-South youth retreat with an "Out of this World" theme (beam us up, Scotty!). We worshiped, taught classes, played 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.

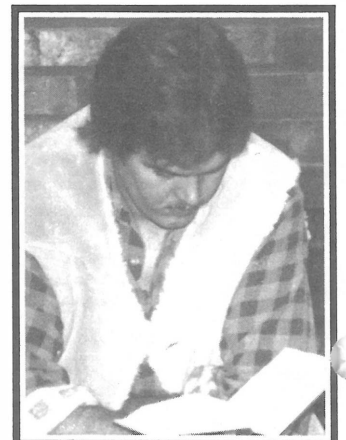
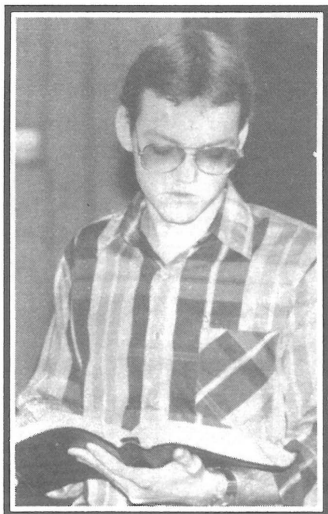
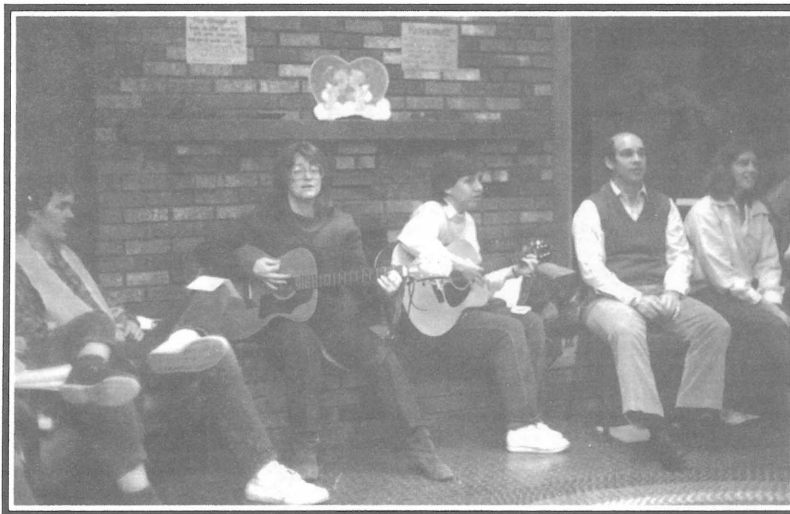


Prayer Day will always hold a special place in everyone's heart. It was a time of gathering, fellowship, and, most of all, a time for all of us to worship God together.

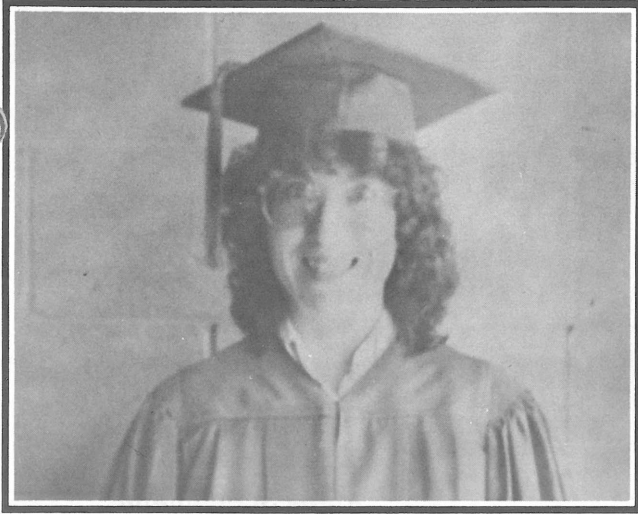
Prayer Day gave us a chance to pray with our fellow Christians about things that concern us; a chance to pray for the different problems going on around the world, and a chance to pray for each other.

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.

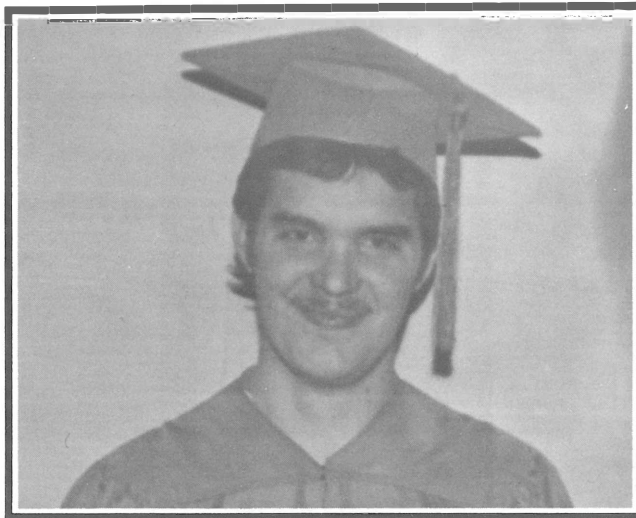
Prayer Day brought us all closer to God, Christ, and each other. There was no way anyone could have left Prayer Day without feeling the power of God's Holy Spirit within.



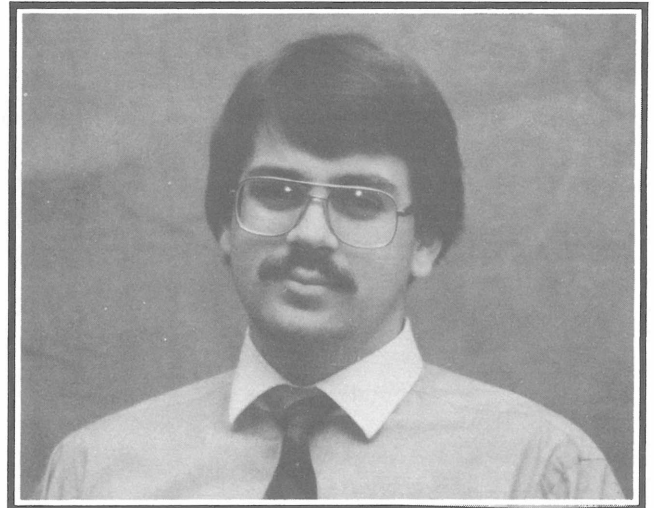
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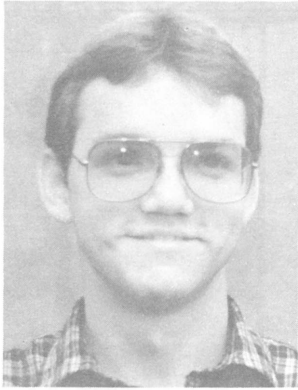


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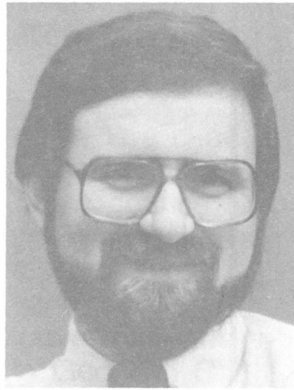


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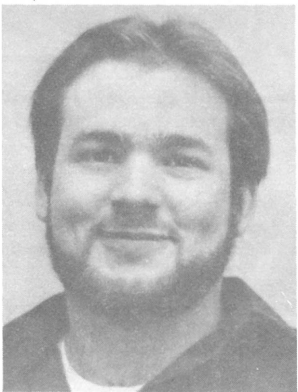


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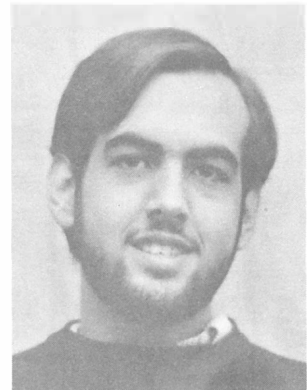
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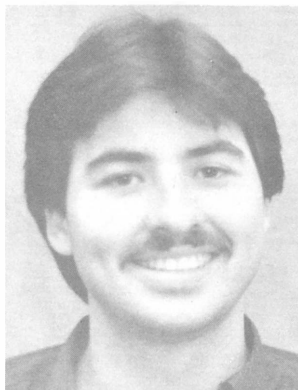
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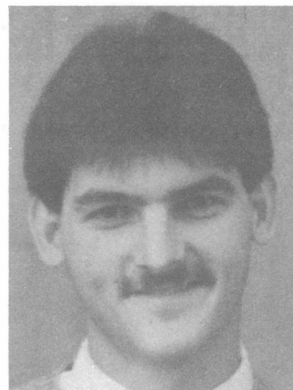
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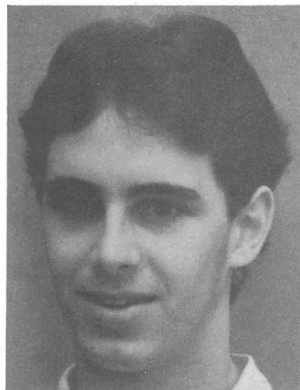


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El Monte, CA*

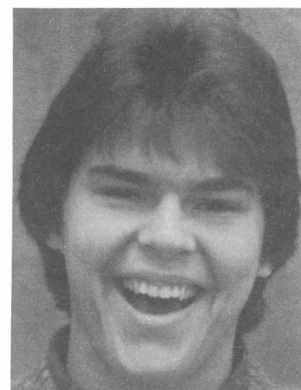
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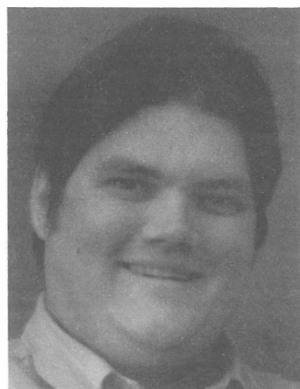
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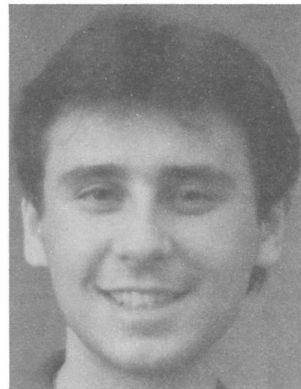
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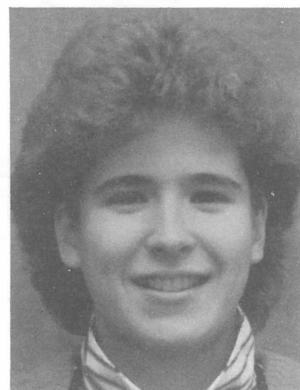
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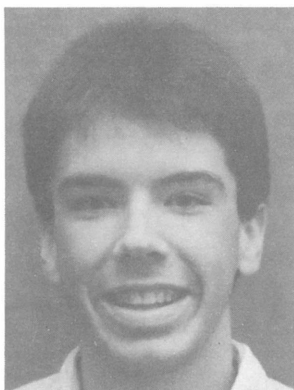
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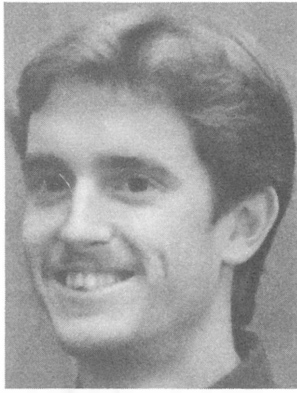


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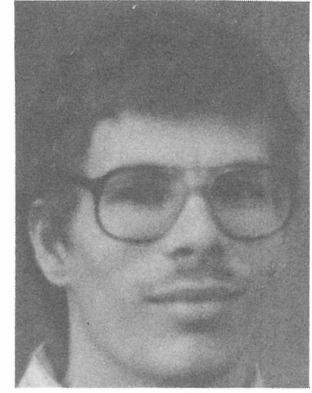
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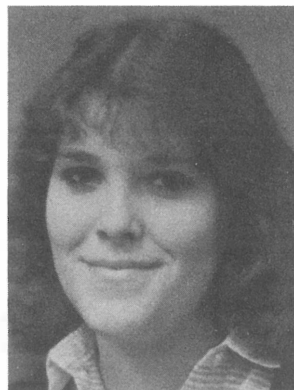
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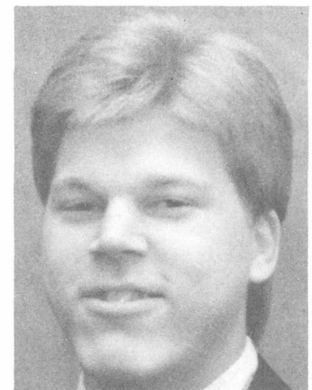
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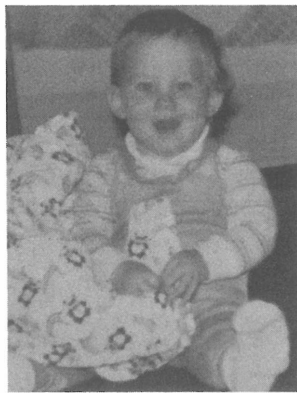
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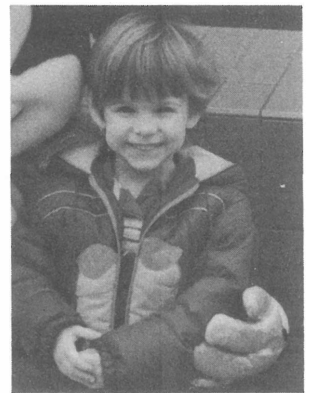


Dawnee Feary



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



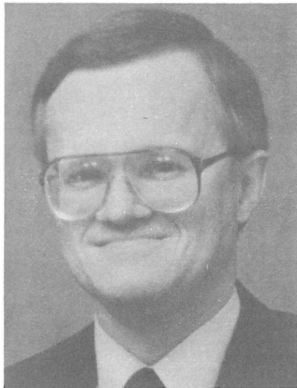
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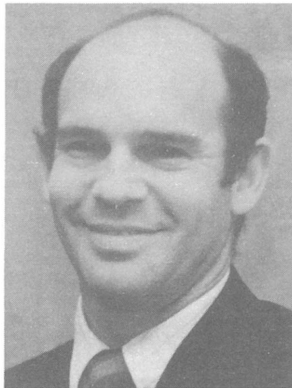


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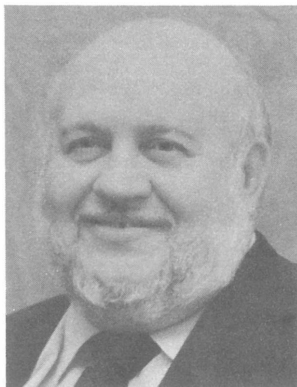
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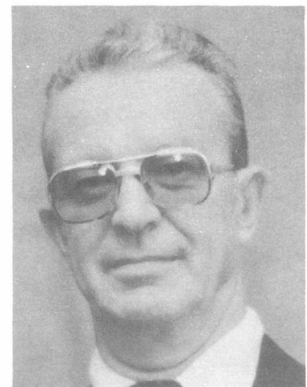
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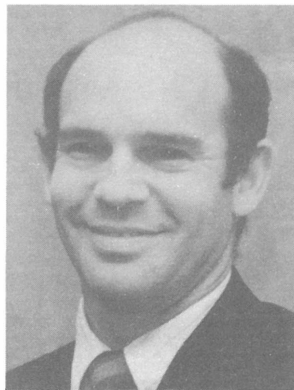


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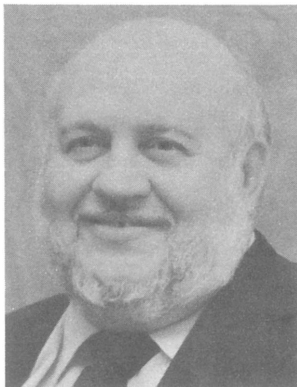
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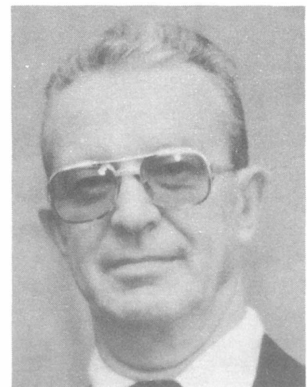
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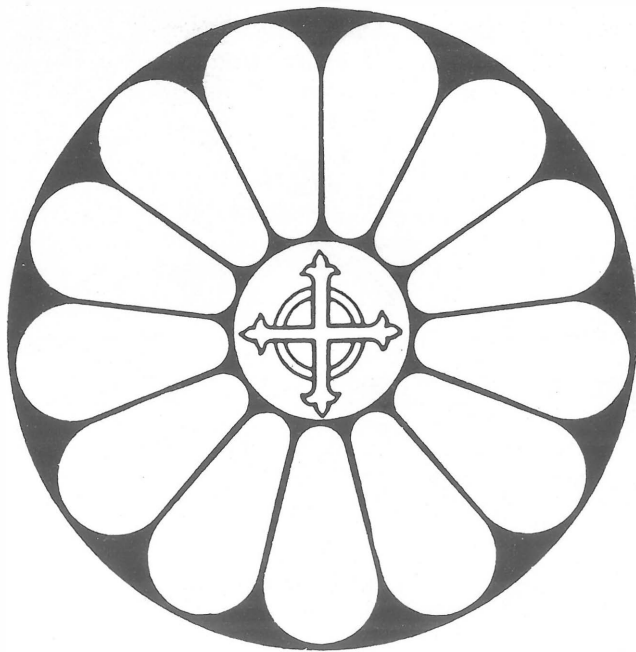
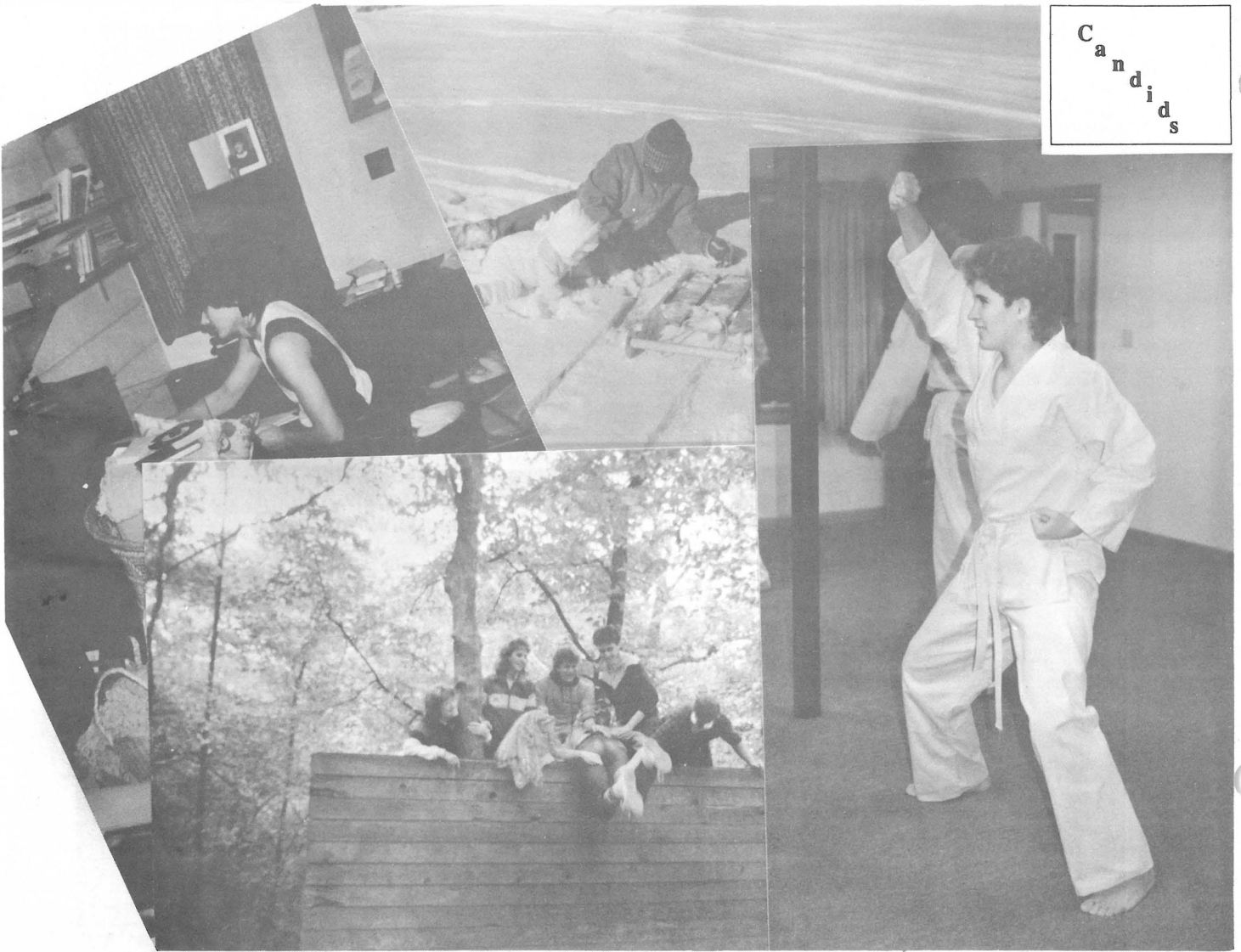


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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 16, 1988, WILL MARK the 100th anniversary of the first national gathering of the Church of God General Conference. This first General Conference was held at Philadelphia, PA. Thirty-three churches and thirteen conferences and states were represented. The actions taken by the delegates at that Conference provided the framework for the incorporation of the Church of God General Conference as we know it in 1921.

The Church of God has a proud heritage. Our people have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and they have kept the flame of truth burning brightly in a world that is lost in darkness, ignorance, and sin.

While we recognize and honor the glories of the past, God calls us to service in the present and the pursuit of a vision for the future. The Church of God is challenged by a two-fold vision, consisting of:

1. Revitalization of our existing churches.
2. Starting 75 new churches between now and the turn of the century.

Obedience

God calls us as his people to a life of obedience to his Word and to his will. Samuel told King Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams" (1 Sam. 15:22b). God not only places a high value on obedience, but he promises blessing as a result of obedience.

What does obedience mean for the people of the Church of God? As believers, God has challenged us with the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19, 20, when he said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Church of God has been called to make disciples. We will accomplish the task by going, baptizing, and teaching. Our mission to make disciples includes making disciples who will in turn make disciples. Paul's challenge to Timothy was, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Tim. 2:2). In the ministries of Jesus and Paul we see the making of disciples demonstrated. They serve as models for our ministry today.

Obedience means accepting the challenge not only of the Great Commission, but also of the Great Commandment which is to love God and to love our neighbor as ourself. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment go hand in hand.

Our Vision

Is it possible for our existing churches to be revitalized today? Is it possible for 75 new churches to be started between now and the turn of the century? These may indeed be valid questions, however, even more valid questions are: Is the Church of God willing to be obedient to the Great Commission? Is the Church of God willing to obey the Great Commandment? Is the Church of God willing to become involved in disciple making? Is the Church of God prepared to produce disciples who will multiply in the production of other disciples? If the answers to these questions are "yes," then we will see revitalization, the multiplication of disciples, and the starting of many new churches.

Motivation

What shall be our motivation for being involved in evangelism and discipling ministries? Our motivation must spring from our desire to be obedient to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. Our commitment to disciple making must spring from the spiritual commitment of our membership. It must not come from guilt.

Focus on People

When we refer to revitalizing existing churches, we are talking about existing members experiencing spiritual renewal and spiritual growth. We envision individuals in existing churches who develop love and compassion for those who are without Christ and who begin building relationships and friendships which will provide opportunity to share the Gospel.

When we refer to planting 75 new churches, we are talking about reaching new people in new areas. We are not necessarily talking about buying land and constructing 75 new buildings. We are envisioning outreach to lost people and drawing them together into groups where they can be disciplined, taught, and baptized.

The Vision in Action

In the following pages you will read reports of how the Church of God vision is being translated into action through the efforts of Oregon Bible College and the Outreach and Church Development Department.

Oregon Bible College is committed to raising up spiritual leadership that is equipped with Bible knowledge and the ability to minister not only to existing members, but to those who are lost. Our leadership is being trained not only in evangelism and disciple making, but also in how to train present members to be skilled in evangelism and disciple making. Students are learning theory from textbooks and they are learning by doing through on-the-job training.

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Our attempt to raise up spiritual and effective leadership rests upon local churches who provide students. Future leaders will arise out of local churches. Each church must recognize its strategic role in raising up students who will be leaders. Is your church an environment conducive to raising up leadership? If not, it is my hope that you will take appropriate steps to begin preparing students who will hear God's call to service.

The Outreach and Church Development Department is committed to providing services, resources, consultation, and materials to assist local churches in evangelistic outreach, youth ministries, media, church development, Sunday school ministries, and foreign missions. The employees of this department are working in partnership with local churches, state conferences, and individuals who want to be revitalized and who want to help start new churches.

Employees of the Outreach and Church Development Department attend seminars where they learn from the experiences of others. As information is shared with local Church of God congregations, adaptations are made to fit the needs of our own churches. Through this educational process, our employees keep on the growing edge of local church ministry.

Publishing and Business Services

In addition to the two main departments of the Conference: Oregon Bible College and Outreach and Church Development, we have two internal departments that support our organization: Printing and Publishing Services and Business Services. These two departments make it possible for the work of the Conference to be carried on in an effective way.

Employees

The entire staff of the Church of God General Conference is made up of dedicated Christians who look at their work as a Christian ministry. They believe that their support ministry makes it possible for individuals and local churches to be more effective in carrying out their ministry tasks.

All of our employees are active members of local Church of God congregations. They make a significant contribution to the work of area churches.

Our employees go beyond the minimum requirements of their jobs to see that the Lord's work goes forward.

Financial Support of Conference/College Ministries

The following graph shows contributions received during the first 11 months of this fiscal year. Our Goal for Giving for the year was \$368,000. Contributions of \$30,666 are needed each month. As of March 31, 1988, contributions were approximately \$14,000

less than the Goal for Giving for the year.



Earlier this year, members of the Church of God were invited to become a part of the Great Commission Team to help underwrite the day to day ministries of the Church of God General Conference. We are seeking individuals who will provide support at the following levels:

Assistants	Annual Gift of \$1-\$119
Sponsors	Annual Gift of \$120-\$499
Associates	Annual Gift of \$500-\$1499
Partners	Annual Gift of \$1500-\$2499
Ambassadors	Annual Gift of \$2500 or more

We are very grateful for those who have supported Conference ministries during this fiscal year. We encourage more individuals and families to help undergird the work. 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.

The Future

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 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. As we await the return of our Savior, may we join together in effective ministry.

OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Department Objectives:

The Apostle Paul said, "Have a clear goal before you, and run to win" (1 Cor. 9:24, 26). The objectives which clarify the work of the OCD Department is expressed in the following four statements.

1. To provide assistance to local churches, helping them improve the internal working of their church. The church grows as those who grow up in the church are baptized and remain active.

2. To assist the local churches in implementing an outreach program that attracts and keeps individuals and families. The church grows by converting new people to Christ.

3. To implement a strategy of starting new churches as a means of reaching a broader population and extending the ministry of the Church of God.

4. To work toward an effective cross-cultural missions program which provides opportunity for involvement in missions.

The closer a goal fits with God's purpose for his church the greater is the chance for success. I believe that God makes it exceedingly clear in Scripture that his will is that the lost be found and brought to salvation in the name of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This expression of God's love and purpose through Christ ought to be a governing philosophy within the Church of God.

Factors Which Help Or Hinder

Providing assistance to existing local churches is an important part of the framework of the OCD Department. It is a recognized fact however, that it is difficult for an established church to make the adjustments which are necessary to put the church on a path for growth.

A second major contributing factor to non-growth in our local churches is the fact that at least one third of our existing churches have a location problem. One of the most significant factors which contributes to the growth of a church is the number of first-time visitors. One of the most important factors which directly affects the number of first-time visitors is location. It is difficult to experience growth in a local church without a significant number of first-time visitors. It is also true that it is difficult to attract first-time visitors if the church has a location problem. Therefore the church with a location problem limits the number of visitors.

This means that some of our local churches need to face the relocation decision. A decision to relocate in essence offers the church an opportunity to become a new church and to take on many of the characteristics of a new church. When we recognize and accept the fact that many of our churches are in a non-growth situation because of location and attitudes which exist in the congregation that hinder growth, it becomes clear that we are in a situation which requires that we take bold steps of faith to move the Church of God forward.

It is my conviction that the Church of God has two significant opportunities to move forward in growth.

1. Plateaued or declining churches with a location problem need to go through a relocation decision process, and as a result take the necessary steps which will promote growth.

2. We need to continue to implement the vision of planting 75 new churches. When this course is followed the Church of God begins to focus on tomorrow rather than yesterday.

The Church of God is at a dividing point in time. We are beginning to build for the future rather than resting on the past. The Church of God has a rich heritage. With a vision of establishing new congregations we also have a bright future. We have all of the heritage of the past and all of the opportunities of the future.

It is easier for a new church to grow than to change an older established church. A new church is more effective in evangelism. While I was attending Fuller Theological Seminary one of my instructors in a Church-Planting class made the statement, "It's easier to have babies than raise the dead." His comment was made in reference to a comparison in starting new churches and reviving older established churches and creating the necessary changes which would result in a growing church. What we have learned from experience in recent years confirms the fact that it is not easy to change the attitudes and traditions in older established churches that keep these churches from growing.

Planting new churches will provide an opportunity for the Church of God to be more faithful in obedience to the great commission. The Church of God presently reaches a limited population. These are some of the reasons why we have put a major emphasis on church planting during this past year.

The vision of planting 75 new churches by the year 2000 is an ambitious goal for the Church of God. This bold step of faith is also very important to the future of the Church of God. Thus a significant amount of planning and time has gone into working toward the achievement of planting new churches.

The theme of the 1987 General Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, focused on our vision of church planting. In preparation for the conference, regional pastoral retreats were conducted during which the church-planting vision was discussed. The purpose of these retreats was to allow pastors opportunity to have their questions answered regarding this effort. It is important that we have our local churches behind the project. At General Conference state and regional caucuses were held to help prepare these groups for goal ownership and participation in achieving the goal. Following General Conference, regional seminars have been offered as a means of assisting state and regional conferences in implementing a church-planting strategy.

Thus far a Church-Planting regional seminar was conducted for the Louisiana Conference at the Happy Woods Church, for the Virginia Conference at Front Royal, and for the Southeast Conference at the Guthrie Grove Church in South Carolina. Three basic components were covered in each of these seminars.

1. The initial steps to get a church-planting strategy organized.
2. The steps in planting a church.
3. How to develop the church after it has been started.

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A Church-Planting seminar was also conducted at Oregon, Illinois, in January, to which pastors and interested lay persons were invited. This seminar covered reports of current Church-Planting churches, an update on projected church-planting efforts, and detailed instruction in Church Planting and church development.

Church-Planting Projects

The two major Church Planting projects planned to be launched this year, are Rockford, Illinois, and London, England.

Rockford, Illinois. Gary Turner, a student of Oregon Bible College will become the Church-Planting pastor and continue his training at Oregon Bible College. I will direct the project and work with Gary and other members of the conference and college staff. The Rockford Church-Planting project will include staff participation and involve Oregon Bible College students as a means of helping them learn Church-Planting techniques and procedures through personal experience. This project will be in cooperation with the Illinois Conference and will also provide an opportunity for a training ground for persons in Illinois. The Illinois Church-Planting committee is working through the OCD Department regarding their involvement in the project. Preliminary meetings are now being conducted with Gary, the staff, and the Illinois Church-Planting committee. I have also met with Pastor David Cheatwood and the elders of the Blessed Hope Church of God in Rockford, offering assistance in helping the church expand its ministry as well as preparing their congregation for the launching of the new church in Rockford. It is our intention to launch the new church without a core group of Church of God members. We are not intending to take any members from the present church except Gary and his family as Church-Planting pastor.

Various members of the staff will be given specific areas of responsibility and involvement. Three methods will be used to build a nucleus of people for the launching of the first public worship service which is planned for October 30, 1988. Gary will begin this spring in developing home Bible-study groups in the Loves Park area (North Rockford). In addition to these cell groups, a prospect finding effort will be conducted. The third method will be to launch a telemarketing project on August 22, which will culminate with the first worship service. This project will involve staff, students, PACT members, and interested persons from the Illinois Conference. See the article by Gary Turner concerning the Loves Park Church-Planting project in the next issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

London, England. Jeff, Karen, and J. J. Fletcher will move to England following General Conference in August of 1988, and begin to build a nucleus of interested people and believers. Housing has been secured for the Fletchers in the city of Milton Keynes. See the article written by Jeff about the London project in the next issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Other Church-Planting Projects

The Missouri Conference is still actively pursuing a pastor to lead their Church-Planting project. They are ready to launch the church as soon as a pastor is secured. This new church would be started in the St. Louis area. Another group of believers is meeting in Springfield, Missouri, and intend to develop a church.

The core group in Atlanta, Georgia, is taking further steps to see a new church come to reality. I have met with them twice this year and have had phone conversations with them regarding the progress being made. They have had preliminary discussions with a potential Church-Planting pastor. The Southeast Conference has offered to work with this group in seeing a church come into being.

A core group of believers are meeting near Nashville, Tennessee, and intend to launch a church there. I have met with Roger and Sharon Mattus who are now living in the area and with Jay Smith who along with his wife Donna plan to move to Nashville this summer and assist the group in developing a church.

On site assistance was given to the church-planting effort in Bloomington, Indiana. Irene and I spent the month of June working with Pastor Cecil Rademachir. We also did prospect calling and several follow up calls on contacts. In addition to Bloomington, time was spent at the Forest Hills Church of God near Royal, Arkansas, helping the congregation and Pastor Leon Driskill initiate a calling ministry. Two weeks were spent working with Pastor Larry Mayberry and the Simi Valley congregation outlining various ministry opportunities.

—Warren Sorenson, Vice-President.

MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Media Advisory Committee continues to anticipate the production of several projects and thanks God for the fine work of Pastor Steve Taylor and the Blanchard, Michigan, Church of God in producing two tapes which include eight programs.

The work of Taylor and his congregation is an outgrowth of a television ministry: *Today's Good News*, which is a Christian talk show hosted by Taylor. The program series was professionally produced by a television production company. There are eight programs on two tapes, with each program one-half hour in length. Cost is \$15 per tape, which includes postage. Listed here are the program segments:

Tape 1

Secular Humanism in Education with Carol Rard, educator

Successful Family Living with Terry and Diane Kunst

Facing the Issue of Pornography with David Krogh

Abrahamic Faith: What Is It? with Anthony Buzzard

Tape 2

Abrahamic Faith at Work Today with John Railton and Dick Eldred

Maintaining Business Integrity with Bob Smith and Denny Riley
Balancing Home and Work in the Family with Roger and Margie Wood
Tomorrow's Good News Today with Edward Goit

Taylor has since produced other programs which will soon be available. For more information and to place an order write: Blanchard Church of God, Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310.

Anticipated activities of the Media Advisory Committee include:

- A multimedia presentation telling the story of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College.
- Illustrating the celebration of Oregon Bible College's 50th anniversary in 1989.
- Production of "How To" packages relating to special media needs for local churches.
- Assisting in contemporary graphic design for Printing and Publishing Services.
- Establishing a Media Department with functions in (a) graphic design consultation (b) scripting (c) archival/librarial/editorial consultation (d) photography and production.

The Media Advisory Committee has discussed many other concepts, ideas, and activities. However, time allotments and scheduling has limited its effectiveness.

Members: Russ Magaw, Chairman; Dwaine Demmitt, Elmo Gaspar, and Tim Landry.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

As National Youth Coordinator, it has once again been my pleasure to work with an outstanding group of Youth Workers and pastors from around the country. Their efforts make my job immeasurably easier when they show the deep care and concern that our young people need.

Youth Congress '88 has been moved to a new location. For many years people from the outlying states, away from the Midwest, drove many miles to come to Camp Mack, and the other locations we've used. This time some of us who have been closer will get to drive . . . all the way down to Arkansas to the campus of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, in the northwest corner of the state. We're anticipating a large enrollment as reports begin to filter in from around the country.

Youth Quizzing has a new Quizmaster this year. Greg Demmitt has retired after many years of service, and we deeply appreciate his efforts. Now the task belongs to Pastor Tom New, of the McGintytown, Arkansas Church of God. Being a former All-Star Quizzer, Bro. New is making fresh and innovative plans for our Quizzing Program.

This is a transition year in which we're moving Youth Week

from the fall to the spring, and moving Coins-For-Christ from the spring to the fall. The reason for this is that many of our youth groups need to raise funds in the spring and summer for kids to attend Youth Congress.

Challenge continues to be an exciting, renewed connection for our young people. Thanks to Pastor Dick Alcumbrack, of Baton Rouge, and Pastor Greg Demmitt, of Happy Woods, for their terrific work. Their ideas, month-after-month, continue to be bizarre and weird . . . and just right for our kids!

God has blessed our national youth work in the past and He continues to do so today. We face new challenges that call for fresh directions, but with your encouragement, and God's direction and blessing, we will continue to help direct our kids into a living and vital relationship with Christ.

—*Kent Ross, chairman, Robert Alcumbrack, Alan Demmitt, Joe James.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee has met on three occasions to discuss and plan for the future foreign outreach of the Church of God.

We are excited about the opportunities that are presenting themselves to us.

Lima, Peru

Last summer a team went to Lima, Peru, to work with Mario Olcese in calling and in further developing the church there. Since that time, the work has continued with a weekly radio ministry and weekly worship services. At this time there are 8 baptized members of the church. A house in which to meet has been leased for 6 months. This will also serve as the home for Alane Schmidlapp-Day and Jim Day when they are sent to Lima from May to August to work with Mario. While there they will do follow-up on the radio contacts and have Bible studies with the people. Mario has also made contact with some people in Mexico City and has made three trips to study with them. He believes very firmly that we are all called to spread the gospel and he is being obedient to that call.

Mario came to the United States in January and we were able to get acquainted with him and hear of the plans that he has for his ministry.

Mexico

Two trips will be made to Mexico to help with the work there. One trip will be a work trip and will be from May 21-29. At that time we will be building bench/table units, installing a ceiling fan, painting the interior of the church, and finalizing plans for the summer-ministry trip.

The ministry trip will be from August 8-21, and will be made up of those selected through application from churches throughout our entire membership. The focus of this trip will be on ministry. We will help with a Vacation Bible School and work at developing a youth program as well as hold evening services.

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Missions Coordinator Judy Myers teaching at Christian Workers' Seminar.

England

Jeff, Karen, and J. J. Fletcher will be leaving in August to move to the London area to plant a new church. This will be a slow process as it must begin with developing friendships and holding Bible studies in the home. We are anticipating many good things from this effort.

"March"ing for Missions was used this year as a means of drawing our people together in prayer and study for outreach work. The calendar project raised support for these projects which we have listed. We are thankful to all who participated in this program.

March will continue to be the month that the General Conference puts emphasis on missions.

It is our belief that we must work toward being a sending agency for missions in the Church of God. We believe that we must not only plant the seed, but that we must water and harvest it. The ultimate goal for our outreach must be to produce reproducing Christians and to establish churches. This cannot be accomplished through other agencies and thus it becomes necessary for us to be our own agency. We will continue to work toward this goal.

We ask that you continue to support through prayer the work of the Missions Department of the Church of God General Conference. With your help and God's help, we can accomplish much.

Judy Myers, chairperson, Brenda Wessel, Mardy Lawrence, Alane Schmidlapp-Day.



Class at Christian Workers' seminar.

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The Sunday School Advisory Committee joined with the Missouri Conference in planning a "Mini" Christian Workers' Conference which was held at the Raymore Church of God on October 17, 18. Four classes were presented by members of this committee: "Creative Techniques" by Carol Ring; "Adjusting the Focus" (establishing objectives) by Joyce Knapp; "A Close Up View" (building relationships) by Gayle Guthrie; and "Making Positives Out of Negatives" (teaching our distinctives) with a videotape of Dick Eldred. The Conference was well attended (over 100) and well received.

Later that month, three of the classes were repeated at the Illinois Conference. Dr. John Guthrie assisted us by leading the class on teaching our distinctives with the aid of Dick Eldred's videotape. Again, there were over 100 in attendance and the response was good.



Christian Ed Committee member Carol Ring teaching at Missouri Conference in Raymore, MO.

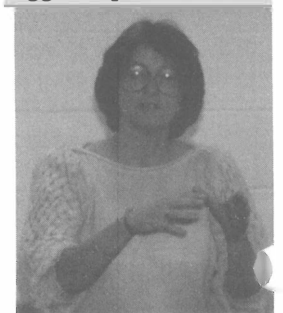
Plans for a fall Sunday School Conference in Minnesota are presently being worked out and interest in similar Sunday School conventions has been expressed by the Southeast Conference and Louisiana. It is our desire to promote these future conventions and serve the churches in any way that we can to assist the growing work and ministry of Christian Education in our churches.

The "FOCUS" newsletter continues to be printed and sent to Sunday School teachers and workers on a bi-monthly basis. A special 8-page edition was prepared with a family emphasis and was sent to the entire church membership in January.

The committee discussed General Conference and Christian Workers' Seminar as gatherings where Sunday School workshops would be appropriate. It is our intent to suggest topics for each to be considered by the committees planning the schedules.

Suggestions for future consideration centered around curriculum materials. With the direction of our attention to evangelism, we feel that there may need to be some adjustments in our present Sunday School publications and there is a need for the development of materials to assist in the teaching of new converts.

Gayle Guthrie, chairperson, Richard Eldred, Joyce Knapp, Carol Ring.



Gayle Guthrie.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT

A Year of Optimism

As I stood before the delegates at the 1987 General Conference, I was filled with hope and optimism as I reflected on the past summer's activities and the prospects for this school year. A team of staff and students had spent three very successful weeks in Lima, Peru, testifying of the Messiah and his coming Kingdom. It had been a splendid opportunity to meet Mario Olcese and help encourage the establishment of a new church in Lima. The team members had talked excitedly about witnessing their faith and seeing people decide to enter the waters of baptism and become part of the body of Christ. As I spoke, a team was preparing to go to Mexico for a short term mission project. Involvement in several youth camps by our staff had resulted in a fair measure of success in recruitment.

I communicated to the delegates that it was my hope and prayer that we would have 30 students registered for the Fall, 1987. Our whole college community felt a sense of satisfaction when 30 full time and part-time students registered for the Fall term. The feeling of greater numbers in our Chapel services, our classes, our field trips, in the dining hall, etc., gave us all a greater sense of joy in our mission. To summarize the year, we have had both highlights and serious testings.

Highlights include a very successful field trip by David Krogh's Church-Growth class to Bloomington, Indiana for a prospect-calling experience. Various teams of students and staff traveled to Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Arkansas, Illinois, Minnesota, and Nebraska, to share in worship and communicate the joy of the Christian discipleship experience at Oregon Bible College.

Another highlight of the year was the Oregon Bible College Chorale trip to the East coast in early April. They performed over 20 concerts in all during the Spring Semester.

OBC also hosted the most successful High School Invitational that it has experienced in over a decade. Fifty-six 9th through 12th graders "experienced" Oregon Bible College on March 3-5. It was great to see so many students visit the college and show an interest in attending, but more impressive was the number of 11th and 12th graders who attended and showed interest. Many times there seems to be a lot of 9th and 10th graders but so few 11th and 12th graders. If the High School Invitational is an indication of our future we have good cause for optimism.

It is also gratifying to observe our students and staff spreading the "Kingdom" message. Our students have had many opportunities to share the joy of their faith in prisons, nursing homes, schools, churches, in their work places, and in the community. No task in life is more important than ministering to the world around us. It's a joy to witness this process daily at Oregon Bible College.

Those students who fail to choose and attend OBC miss out on some fabulous opportunities to be a part of a truly significant experience.

With the ups comes the downs. I believe that this past year has

seen a very serious time of testing for our staff and students. The pressure of living in the OBC environment forces students to make serious choices about what will be of value in their lives. A typical church goer can easily side step ever having to make a total commitment to ministry. At Oregon Bible College, living in a 24 hour a day environment of spiritual influence and training it is difficult to avoid making a lifestyle choice. An insincere individual is soon discerned. Some students aren't able to surrender their lives wholeheartedly to the Lord, even we, the staff, struggle with total commitment. But, it is my hope that this pressure is what refines us, challenges us, and it's of tremendous importance to the Church of God.

Our students struggle daily with the application of Christian values. We had conflict in the fall over our discipling program. I believe the root cause of our conflict can be traced directly to the enemy. We are in a direct battle for the minds of our young people. Satan is not pleased with our emphasis upon prayer, Bible study, Bible reading, Scripture memorization, emphasis on the Lordship of Jesus, training in evangelism, and just plain spiritual emphasis and growth.

We have sensed victory during the second semester as our students have committed themselves to pursuing spiritual growth and education. We pray that God, through the power of his Holy Spirit, has allowed us to overcome. Our students still struggle though with the flesh and all the sin that is inherent there. They also struggle with learning what it means to live responsibly. A student who has not learned how to manage his money well will have the same difficulty here. A student who had a messy room at home will probably have a messy room here. As a staff we seek to model and show a lifestyle of what it truly means to be a disciplined Christian. Though we've had our ups and downs, we believe that all things have been of benefit to cause us to spiritually mature.

As a Christian community, our struggle is to manifest the "present kingdom" and get a glimpse of the glorious "future kingdom."

Staff Evaluation

We have a gifted team of workers, each performing in his discipline with a good degree of credibility. Rachel Newell, our very capable Administrative Assistant, resigned after nine years of service to Oregon Bible College and the Church of God. Though Rachel is not with us anymore, the marks of her professional approach to her job made the transition to a new person very efficient. Kathie Rager, a member of the Oregon Church, accepted this position in November and has done a very admirable job of learning and serving in the months that she has been working. She is a very capable and efficient individual in her work.

Anthony Buzzard continues teaching in the Bible and Theology area with specific emphasis in eschatology and on our distinctive understanding of Scripture. He continues to find and locate sympathizers to the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Anthony

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has done much to encourage and support the new work in Lima, Peru. He constantly gets positive feedback about his teaching style and enthusiasm for his courses. I very much appreciate Anthony's contribution to our staff and feel that he is a blessing to the Church of God.

Kent Ross continues to play the Renaissance man who is able to do a multitude of things. He serves as an instructor, as Academic Dean, in the Internship Program, as the National Youth Coordinator, has played a very significant part in gaining new technology in regards to church growth and planting, is very active in the local church, as well as being involved as a student at North Park Seminary. He is two-thirds the way through his program which will lead to a Masters in Divinity. He is truly a blessing to Oregon Bible College and the Church of God.

Eugene Stilson has assumed part-time duties in the OBCLibrary as well as teaching a course or two each semester. He continues to serve as a resource person to all the staff but particularly in the Bible and Theology department. As president of the Illinois State Conference he is providing leadership in church planting. He is doing a good job of raising the awareness level for church planting in the State of Illinois.

Gayle Guthrie has continued another year as a part-time instructor, director of our Christian Service program, and serving in various capacities. She is always willing and cooperative to do whatever is asked of her.

David Krogh has also taught classes in evangelism, discipleship, church growth, and personal finance. Our students respond favorably to David's commitment and knowledge of these specific areas. I appreciate David's willingness to push aggressively in areas where we have been deficient in the past.

I very much appreciate the very capable and experienced help of Mary Hoffman in the kitchen, David Hall in maintenance, and Bill Burnham in our financial affairs. They are all well prepared and skilled in their work.

Becky Roseberry Bull serves the college in various capacities as we have need. I very much appreciate her flexibility and proficiency in each task that she performs. She has done a very admirable job as Women's Dorm Director and assisting in our musical program. Mark Cheatwood served as our Men's Dorm Director for this year. Mark has a very sincere interest in the men and for their personal growth.

Our instructional staff has been complemented by various guest instructors. They are: Brian Atra, Hollis Partlowe, Alane Schimdlapp-Day, Janet Stilson, Warren Sorenson, Jim Graham, Bob Jones, and Judy Myers. We've been privileged to have a number of visiting pastors speak in chapel and contribute to our classes.

The Committee on Higher Education met in October and May. They are a very beneficial team for the purpose of recruitment, fact finding, public relations, counsel on programs, and support for our

staff.

I have just completed my 18th year in Oregon. I have found great satisfaction and fulfillment serving the Lord in this capacity. With each succeeding year, I am gaining a little better grasp of the Vice President's job. I am also serving as leader in Student Services, Recruitment, Chapel programs, Instruction (including my musical duties), chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, and other committee responsibilities.

Student Life

Though we started out with 30 students for the first semester, we lost 7 students at the semester break and gained 2 new students for a total of 25 students for this second semester. It's difficult to determine the size of the student body for the Fall of 1988. At this point it appears we may have 13-16 returnees and 10-12 new students. We are continuing to put forth a good effort in our recruitment.

Graduates this year are Dale Bliss from Kokomo, Indiana, Mark Cheatwood from Oregon Illinois, John Guthrie from Oregon, Illinois, and Alane Schimdlapp-Day from Argus, Indiana. We are very proud of these four students and the giftedness that they so ably show. Dale is entering an internship at South Bend, Indiana. John Guthrie and Mark Cheatwood are yet undetermined and Alane Day is planning on spending the summer with her husband, Jim in Lima, Peru, with the probability of spending next year in Oregon while Jim goes to the Bible College.

Highlights for the year were Parents Weekend in September, Homecoming—Autumn on Parade Weekend in October; well planned Prayer Days in the fall and winter; Chorale Tour (to churches in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Ohio, and Fonthill); Ontario, High School Invitational; Street Theater for various events; Graduation; and other exciting activities that took place through the year.

1987 Booster Program

It was exciting to witness the support manifested through our Booster Program for this past year. Over \$15,000 was contributed by over 800 individuals and families. This reflects more than 200 more contributors than the previous year which was the all time best.

Praise the Lord! It's exciting to feel and sense the support of our Church of God constituency. It motivates the staff to want to work harder to serve the needs of our local churches and push on towards our vision for the future. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Alumni Program

It's been a real privilege to have a number of Alumni Get-Togethers around the country. So far events have been held in

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California, Arizona, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Louisiana, and Ohio. We very much appreciate the alumni who have responded to these get togethers.

In the Spring of 1987 a very successful Phone-a-thon to alumni was staged. The purpose of the Phone-a-thon was to build a Scholarship Fund for Children of Alumni. Over \$4,300, surpassing our goal of \$4,000, was given. Ten children of alumni benefited from that campaign when they registered for school this past Fall.

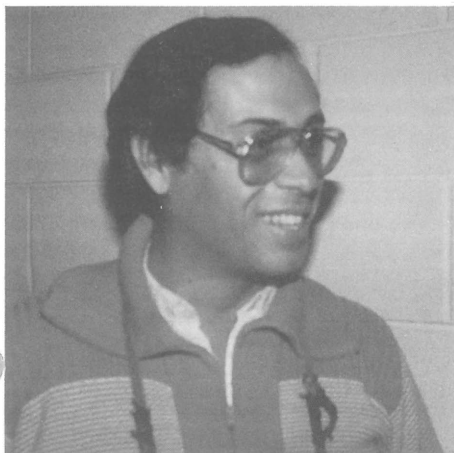
The goal for this year's Phone-a-thon is \$5,000. We are praying and hoping that it will be as successful as the previous years and that much needed scholarship money will be available for future students of Oregon Bible College. The greatest need that the church has is for more trained workers to assist the Lord of the Harvest.

Recruitment

Attempting to encourage future students to enroll early, we introduced a \$400 Incentive Scholarship to any student who would complete registration by March 1 and a \$200 Incentive Scholarship to any student who would complete his registration by May 1. Thus far about six or seven students have taken advantage of this help. 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.

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!

—Dale Ramsey,
Vice-President.



**Mario Olcese
visited Oregon Bible College.**

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation

Oregon Bible College will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1989. We praise God for his leadership over the past 49 years and for the vision of a Bible College he gave our people in 1939. God's leadership and our service to him regarding the College did not end in 1939. A foundation was laid. Many faithful servants have sought to build upon that foundation as God has directed. These prayerful efforts continue as Oregon Bible College is programmed to produce pastors and lay workers for existing churches and for the new churches that will be planted in the years ahead. The General Conference has established the goal of planting seventy-five new churches by the year 2000. The accomplishment of this goal requires an effective training program in our Bible College and the recruitment of able and committed students. Our entire membership has an opportunity to participate in providing a strong financial base for Oregon Bible College through the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. The Foundation was chartered in August, 1982, and the goal was set to establish an endowment program for the College with a Foundation goal of \$1,000,000. Our membership continued to support the Foundation during the past year. Let us pray, work, and give to reach the \$1,000,000 goal in gifts and commitments by August, 1989.

The Foundation board members, conference and college staffs and many volunteers have worked hard this past year to carry the message of the Foundation to our membership. The services of Rick Cooper were obtained to intensify these efforts during the two years prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary. The Board requests that all members make the Foundation a matter of prayer and support this endowment program as the Lord leads.

The Foundation has, as of May 1, 1988, received \$526,807.90. Another \$176,294.65 has been pledged through written commitments for a total of \$703,102.55 in receipts and commitments. This leaves a balance of \$296,897.45 needed in order to reach the \$1,000,000 goal. We truly believe that it is God's will that this goal be reached. We have faith that God will lead us and use us, his people, to accomplish this goal.

Gifts may be made in cash, commitments to be paid over a period of time, stocks, bonds, or insurance policies. Gifts and commitments may be sent to: Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. —Joe E. James, President.

Ministers' Fund

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference provides loans or gifts to ministers or their families in times of emergency. The fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon 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 support for this fund.

The current balance in the fund as of April 1, 1988, was \$3,179. This compares with \$2,776.22 a year ago.

—David Krogh, Secretary.

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Christian Conciliation Committee

The Christian Conciliation Committee is ready to be of assistance to anyone who requests our help. We are available to give information and provide counsel and assistance which will prevent and/or help in the resolution of problems. Please contact anyone on the committee so we may be able to serve you.

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Mr. Joe E. James—Rt. 1 Buck Drive, Piedmont, SC 29673—803-269-2964

Pastor Stan Ross—425 E. 4th St., Litchfield, MN 55355—612-693-7874

License Board Annual Report

Membership of the License Board has remained intact for the past year. As Board Chairman, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Board members Kent Ross, Jack Hearp, and Russell Johns for their conscientious effort in service. Bro. Johns currently serves as our secretary.

We have met three times during the year. Our customary meetings at Ministerial Conference and General Conference were augmented by a special January meeting to do some additional planning.

During the 1987 Ministerial Conference, and the 1987 General Conference, Alan Cain, Susan Cain, Steven Fewell, Mark Good, Ralph Childs, and Scott Deane were interviewed for licenses. These were approved. Alan Cain, Steven Fewell, Ralph Childs, and Scott Deane were granted licenses and commissioned for service at a license presentation service conducted by the Board at General Conference. Adhering to Board policy, Mark Good and Susan Cain will be granted licenses upon entering ministry.

The License Board appointed a committee to study licensure of women to aid us in formulating future policy. They will report at the 1988 Ministerial Conference.

Considerable time has been spent in writing operating guidelines for our Board to insure consistent action in our deliberations. We have made two presentations to the Board of Directors for its input regarding these guidelines, and a presentation to the Ministerial Association at the 1988 Ministerial Conference.

—Sydney Kirkpatrick, Chairman.

Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association

The Church of God Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association of the Church of God General Conference provides a retirement program for ministers and lay employees of the Conference. The Association is administered by S. O. Ross, Chairman; Dean Urish, Vice Chairman; and David Krogh, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association has assets of over \$300,000. Retirement benefits are being paid to 12 pastors and five pastors' widows.

The present membership of the Association is 40 pastors, 42 churches, and six conferences.

Major changes are being proposed in the Association in the

areas of financing, investments, and benefits. The biannual meeting of the Association will be held at the summer Conference, August 3, 1988, at 8:30 p.m. All member ministers, churches, and conferences are urged to have representation at the meeting.

—S. O. Ross, Dean Urish, David Krogh.

Church of God Investment Fund

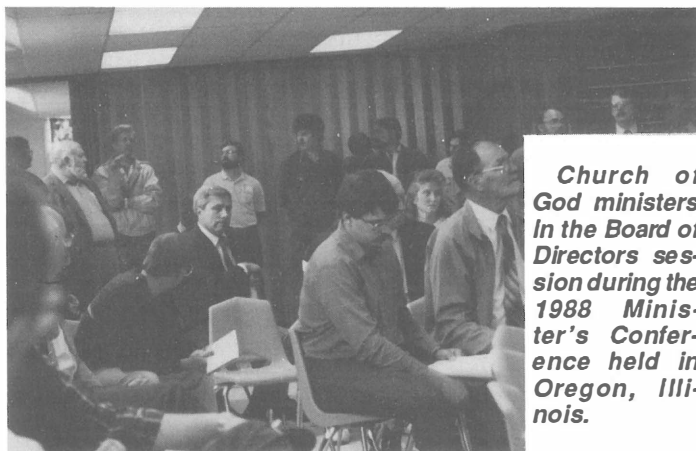
The Church of God Investment Fund provides funds to churches that wish to borrow funds to purchase property, remodel or construct buildings, purchase parsonages, etc.

The fund currently has a balance of \$40,683.91. This compares with \$25,015.62 a year ago. The fund continues to grow from interest earnings, the return of Church Builders gifts when buildings have been sold, and two Church Builders Appeals have been issued on behalf of the Fund.

Currently there is one outstanding loan to a church at a reasonable rate of interest.

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.



Church of God ministers in the Board of Directors session during the 1988 Minister's Conference held in Oregon, Illinois.



Special guest Roger Knight providing instruction regarding ministering to the small church at the Minister's Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION ONE

The Board of Directors recommends the following revisions in the Church Development Assistance Program:

Addition to purpose statement (underlined portion is added)—“The purpose of the Church Development Assistance Program of the Church of God General Conference is to provide financial assistance, consultation, and training where needed to churches which are unable to support a full-time ministry and those churches which are unable to financially expand their staff and ministry to utilize their growth potential.”

Add to the procedure for granting financial assistance: “Church Development Aid may be granted to churches whose size and growth potential merit additional staff and whose financial condition is such that the aid is necessary. The growth potential, financial need, and the specific ministry function of the additional staff person will need to be clarified in detail to qualify for Church Development Assistance.”

Add to the second paragraph under procedure for granting financial assistance (the underlined portion is to be added)—“The number of churches eligible will be determined by the budget allocations for this financial assistance, with provision made for additional churches, which have a significant opportunity and growth potential, as funds are available. All other conditions being equal, financial assistance will be granted to churches in the order in which applications are received, with primary consideration given to those churches without a pastor.”

Add to item 9 under conditions to be considered in granting Church Development Financial Assistance (the underlined portion is to be added)—“9. Reporting: The pastor and elder of the recipient church will make a monthly report to the Department of Outreach and Church Development of the Church of God General Conference. They will keep in communication with the Director of Outreach and Church Development. Regular reporting will be required as a condition of continued aid. Support may be withdrawn at any time for failure to report.”

Explanation: Being good stewards means allocating money, time, and personnel in a way that will produce the best results. Growing churches located in strategic areas need to be encouraged to put forth every effort to tap the potential for making disciples. Churches that reach 150 to 200 in size need multiple staff in order to break through the 200 barrier and continue a growth pattern.

This proposed revision to the Church Development Assistance Program rules makes it possible to assist with the financial support for additional staff. Usually, churches that are large enough to require additional staff also have the financial resources to hire additional staff. However, there may be times when a limited amount of aid is needed to get a church into a growth mode.

Also in the interest of good stewardship, it is necessary to receive reports of progress from churches who are receiving aid. This proposed revision provides additional incentive to make timely reports.

RECOMMENDATION TWO

The Board of Directors recommends the revision of Standards for Churches applying for Church Builders League Assistance as follows: Addition to Article IX. Priority: B. (underlined portion is added)—“In an event that no church request is approved for Church Builders Assistance, the money will become a part of the assets of the Church of God Investment Fund, or one of the General Conference endowment funds, as designated by the Board.”

Explanation: Thus far, 59 appeals have been made through the Church Builders League. Recently there have not been applications for assistance which have met the requirements for an appeal. Therefore, several appeals have been used on behalf of the Church of God Investment Fund.

The Board feels that there may be times when an appeal could more effectively be used in one of the other endowment funds of the Church of God General Conference. In addition to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, there are three other endowment funds that have been created over the years: A Church-Planting Endowment Fund, a Mission Endowment Fund, and a Conference Ministries Endowment Fund. These three funds are used as follows:

Church-Planting Endowment Fund—this fund can be used to acquire land or buildings in strategic areas; the interest earnings can be used for start up costs for new churches.

The Foreign Missions Endowment Fund—is used to provide additional support for mission travel, and for start up costs for new fields.

The Conference Ministries Endowment Fund—provides a pool of money to be borrowed to cover shortfall in cash flow on a monthly basis.

These endowment funds were created by the Board of Directors in response to donors who specified that their gifts were to be preserved for future use in the Lord's work.

RECOMMENDATION THREE

The Board of Directors recommends that the summer Conference be held on a biannual basis rather than annual. If this recommendation is approved, the necessary Constitutional amendments will be presented to the delegates at the 1989 summer Conference.

Explanation: The following motion was made at the 1987 General Conference: “Stan Ross moved that the Board of Directors give study to the possibility of a biannual 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.”

During the past year, the Board of Directors has studied this issue and below is a compilation of some pros and cons regarding a change to a biannual Conference.

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Pros

1. Substantial savings of the cost of Conference attendance for members.
2. Christian Workers' Seminar could be strengthened without competing with General Conference.
3. Savings of staff time used for:
 - a. Planning, preparation, implementation of programs.
 - b. Travel expenses.
 - c. Conference offices closed the week of Conference while staff salaries continue.
 - d. Preparing follow-up reports for PROGRESS JOURNAL.
4. Conference employees could spend more time visiting local churches in the alternate years.
5. Ministers could plan a Family Retreat on off year.
6. Less competition with State Conference meetings and programs.
7. Increase time for staff education.
8. The amount of business presented does not appear to warrant an annual Conference.
9. The Church-Planters Conference, Christian Workers' Seminar, Adulthostel, Alumni Weekend, and Ministers' Conference are offered yearly and provide educational and fellowship opportunities.

Cons

1. Some feel this would reduce the overall interest in the Conference.
2. Possible drop in financial support from those who attend the summer Conference faithfully each year.
3. Would require Constitutional changes and changes in election in terms of directors.
4. Would require presenting a two-year budget instead of one year at each Conference.
5. Some important programs and actions might be delayed.

After conducting the study, it is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that a change be made from an annual Conference to a biannual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION FOUR

The Board of Directors recommends that the delegates of the Church of God General Conference support at this time the relocation of the corporate offices of the Church of God General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services.

We recommend that the delegates support the sale of present properties in Oregon, Illinois, and the development of plans to secure a new location based on the criteria in accord with the mission of the Church of God General Conference.

Explanation: See the next column for a complete explanation.

THE ISSUE OF THE LOCATION of Oregon Bible College and the Church of God General Conference has been discussed for more than 25 years. During the past several years, the Board of Directors has focused on the issue of location as it relates to the mission of the Church of God. There is a growing awareness that we must strengthen our emphasis on evangelism and church planting as an act of obedience to the Great Commission. The Board of Directors feels that we must use our total resources in a way that will best serve the membership of the Church of God.

The following questions and answers explain the details of this recommendation.

Question: "Why are you proposing relocation at this time?"

Answer: The basis of this decision is based on obedience to the Great Commission. If the Church of God is to be obedient, there is an urgent need for us to have:

1. More trained pastors.
2. More churches.
3. More conversions.

Question: "How will relocation accomplish that?"

Answer: These issues are relational—as we have more conversions and more churches, there will be more pastors. As we have more pastors, it will be possible to start more churches where more people can be converted. We believe that being located in a growing metropolitan area our students will have more opportunities to be involved in ministry field experiences in:

1. Church planting.
2. Church growth.
3. Evangelism.
4. Nurture.
5. Service.

In addition to classroom instruction, our students will be involved in real life field experiences, learning by doing.

Question: "Where will you relocate?"

Answer: No specific location has been selected. The following criteria will be considered in selecting a site:

1. Proximity to present Church of God congregations.
2. Availability of potential students.
3. A central location in relationship to the population of the United States.
4. Current and projected population growth of the new area.
5. Population large enough to sustain ongoing church planting projects.
6. Economic considerations:
 - a. Availability/cost of housing.
 - b. Availability/cost of office space—purchase/rent.
 - c. Employment opportunity for students.
 - d. Cost of living.
7. Proximity to seminaries, universities, community colleges, trade schools.
8. Transportation: access to air travel, mass transit, Interstate highways.

9. The direct cost of moving.
10. Ethnic groups in the area.
11. Access to Bible bookstores, publishing houses.

Question: "How will locating close to universities, seminaries, community colleges, and trade schools help us?"

Answer: In order for professional growth to take place among the staff of the Conference and College, it is necessary and desirable for employees to pursue additional educational opportunities. Proximity to such facilities would make it possible to experience professional growth as an integrated part of employee's work experience.

For Oregon Bible College students, currently 37 credit hours out of a total of 129 hours needed for graduation are required in the area of general education. If we were located close to a community college or university, students could be enrolled currently in our Bible College and the institution where they could receive their general education credits. This would eliminate the need to secure academically prepared individuals to teach general education courses at our facility.

Students enrolled concurrently in our college and another training institution would enable some to develop both a secular profession and ministry skills. Such bivocational individuals would be a tremendous help to small churches unable to afford a full-time pastor.

Question: "How much will it cost?"

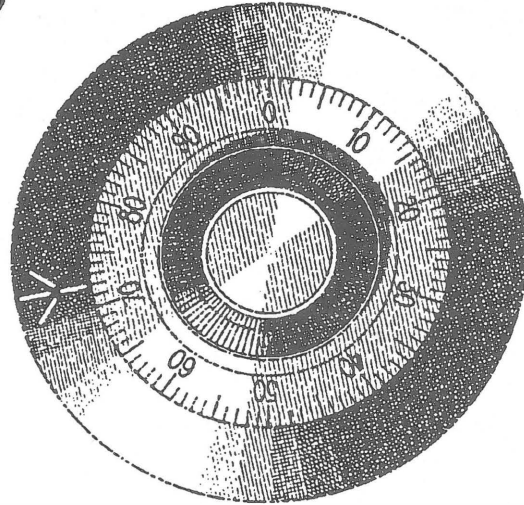
Answer: There are many variable factors which will affect the cost. If it is possible to relocate in an area where we already have an existing church, it would be possible to use the local church for classrooms and chapel. It is our intention to lease office space. The cost of leasing will vary widely, depending upon the metropolitan area and the location within each metropolitan area. The cost will also be dependent upon the selling price of current properties and the rate at which these funds can be invested. Interest earnings from the sale price would be used to offset the lease. Preliminary studies indicate that the cost might add less than 10% to our present operating budget, or in the neighborhood of \$50,000. As student enrollment increases, these expenses would be offset with additional revenue.

Question: "When will you relocate?"

Answer: It would seem desirable to proceed with relocation as soon as a site can be determined and an orderly plan developed. The sooner relocation takes place, the sooner we can benefit from the improved ministry and educational opportunities.

Question: "Can the Conference offices remain in Oregon when the College relocates?"

Answer: During the past several years there has been complete integration of the College and Conference staffs. Most employees are involved in both departments. Therefore, it seems desirable for our entire operation to relocate in order



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to cut down on overhead costs.

Question: "How do you know relocation is God's will?"

Answer: For the past two years, the Board of Directors and the staff have immersed the study of relocation in prayer. We have sought God's direction, and we believe that he has worked through the planning process. Our knowledge of God assures that he blesses obedience and faith. This relocation proposal is being proposed as an act of obedience to what we understand to be God's will in reaching the lost, and it is truly a step of faith. We call ourselves the Church of God of the *Abrahamic Faith* and so it is not unusual that we should step out in faith though at this time we do not have all of the answers to all questions.

Question: "Why has the Board brought this proposal to the delegates without all the details being worked out?"

Answer: The Board is bringing this matter to the delegates at this time to secure input and to seek support before all the details have been finalized. The Board feels that the delegates should be informed and their support should be sought along the way as this major decision is made.

Question: "Have you really counted the cost?"

Answer: Jesus suggested that it is customary for builders to count the cost before beginning construction. The Board believes that there are many costs that need to be considered in relocation. Not only must financial cost be considered, but the costs of failing to take this action at this time must also be weighed. The costs of failing to act at this time are: missed opportunities and a lesser outreach to the lost. The Board and the staff have weighed many alternatives in an attempt to find ways to be most obedient to the Great Commission. After weighing all the costs, the Board believes that relocation is essential.

Question: "What will this do for the Church of God?"

Answer: Relocation will mark a decisive turning point in the history of the Church of God as we focus our ministry upon God's will for the church. New churches will be started by the students and staff of Oregon Bible College and the General Conference; pastors will graduate from Oregon Bible College equipped to train local members in evangelism and discipling techniques; many graduates will be equipped to strengthen existing churches and to help start new churches. Relocation will help us achieve our vision between now and the turn of the century.

Question: "How will relocation help existing churches now?"

Answer: Many of our rural churches have experienced a loss of young people who have gone to larger metropolitan areas to attend college and to seek employment. Since we have few churches in metropolitan areas, Church of God young people are being lost to the secular society or to other churches. As we focus on starting new churches in larger cities, Church of God young people will become a part of the new churches.

Therefore, starting new churches in larger cities should be viewed as an extension of the ministry of our existing churches.

Existing churches will experience joy and spiritual growth as they participate in the birth of new congregations. (Psa. 126:5, 6.)

Relocation and an emphasis on outreach will help to revitalize existing churches as we focus on ministry opportunities that God is presenting to us.

Question: "How will relocation answer the leadership needs of existing churches?"

Answer: Graduates will be more adequately trained in prospect calling, bridge building, visitor follow-up, ministry to newcomers, leading individuals to conversion, assimilation of new members, discipleship training, leading small groups, etc. These abilities will enable graduates to lead churches in these vital areas.

Relocation will contribute to the available number of pastors. We believe that more students will be attracted to ministry as we focus on obedience in the area of outreach. While some students will be interested in starting new churches, many students will prefer to serve as pastors of existing churches.

Our plan is to relocate close to universities, community colleges, and trade schools where some students may pursue secular training at the same time they are securing their ministry training. This may result in bivocational pastors who will be able to earn a living from their secular employment while serving smaller congregations who are unable to provide a full-time pastoral wage.

Question: "What long-range benefits will come to existing churches?"

Answer: Half of all existing churches in the Church of God today are located in cities and towns of 10,000 people or less. Starting churches in larger metropolitan areas where there are more people to draw from, there is a much greater likelihood that the Church of God will grow and develop. In the life cycle of churches, churches are born and some churches die. Some of our churches will be victims of the decline in population in rural America. Those who want to see the Church of God prosper will want to see new churches started that will continue into the 20th century, if the Lord tarries.

As more churches are started, the burden of support for the Conference and College will be spread among a larger base.

Question: "Why can't our vision be pursued from our present location?"

Answer: Officials of the City of Oregon indicate that the city will grow by 79 people during the decade of the '80's. There are a limited number of new people moving into the area to provide learning opportunities for our students. There is a need for our students to experience a variety of attitudes, cultures, and problems associated with sociological pressures caused by urbanization.

Question: "What Scripture principles apply to this issue?"

Answer: The Parable of the Sower in Luke 8 infers the need to sow seed on good ground which will produce a harvest.

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25 indicates that God is pleased with those who invest resources in a way that will produce a gain for the Master. He is not pleased with those who hide their

talents in the ground.

Relocation will enhance our sowing and reaping possibilities and enable us to be good stewards of what God has given to us.

Question: "How would our forefathers have responded to the challenges we face today?"

Answer: Going back to our forefather, Abraham, we observe from his actions that he was a man of faith. He accepted God's call to go into an unknown land, trusting God for leadership.

As we look back to the founders of the Church of God, they were men and women of faith who were committed to reaching people with the true gospel. They were prepared to make any sacrifice for this cause. They moved with faith and boldness to create our association of churches. In the face of what some considered insurmountable obstacles, they created Oregon Bible College to train leadership for the Church of God.

At various times throughout our history, the leadership of the Church of God has been faced with major decisions. On each occasion, they sought God's direction and then challenged our membership to take bold steps of faith.

It is our desire today to follow the example of our forefathers and to lead our membership in obedience to God's will for us as a body of believers.



Baptisms happen on a regular basis in revitalized local churches and in newly planted churches. God be praised for the opportunity of reaching more lost people as we become more obedient to him.

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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRANCIS BURNETT

The Iowa State Conference of the Church of God in Christ Jesus would like to nominate Francis Burnett as a candidate for a directorship of the General Conference Board of Directors.

Francis grew up in the Ripley Church of God, and was baptized in 1930. He was a graduate of Oregon Bible College in 1943 and has pastored churches in Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, and now in Iowa. He taught in Oregon Bible College four years and continued to be on the General Conference staff for an additional four years. He was a director on the General Conference Board from 1960 to 1963.

He has been very active in the Iowa State Conference work and has helped with the youth work in the state.

He has a broad vision for the future, is capable, and a willing worker, always ready to go the extra mile. He would be an asset to the Board and to the church work.

The Iowa State Board is very happy to place his name for your consideration.

Iowa State Conference

Ella Cronbaugh, Corresponding Secretary

DONNA M. DEANE

Dr. Donna Deane was baptized at the North Hills Church of God, Springfield, Ohio, in 1973. She has served in various ways in her local church, including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher for Junior High and Senior High classes, in charge of special programs, and conducting teacher-training classes.

In 1985, the delegates to the summer Conference elected her to a position on the Higher Education Advisory Committee for Oregon Bible College. She has been a valuable member of this committee, bringing to this position an extensive background in education.

Her degrees include B.S.N., Nursing 1961, M.S., Nursing 1973, and Ph.D., Higher Education Administration, 1978 from Ohio State University. Her professional experience includes Public Health Nurse; Instructor at Mt. Carmel School of Nursing; Staff Nurse at Mercy Medical Center; Senior Instructor at Clark Technical College, and Springfield/Clark County Joint Vocational School; Acting Dean; Associate Dean, Undergraduate program; Associate Professor and Professor at Wright State University; Consultant, Administrative Associate, Nursing Administration, for Ohio State University Hospitals; and she presently serves as Associate Dean Research and Development, at Wright State University, and a Consultant, Nursing Research, Good Samaritan Hospital.

She belongs to a number of professional organizations, including Ohio Nurses' Association, American Association of Committee Diabetes Educators, Research and Grants Committee, American Nurses' Association, American Association of Higher Education, Midwest Nursing Research Society, and the National League for Nursing.

Donna has served with distinction in many community service organizations. Twice she has been awarded a Presidential award for outstanding faculty member (nursing), at Wright State University. She is listed in Who's Who in American Nursing. She has made many scholarly and workshop presentation, and has been involved in research. Many of her writings have been published.

Her son, Scott, graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1987. He was a recipient of the Silver Disc Award, the highest recognition granted by Oregon Bible College. He is presently serving as pastor of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Church of God.

Donna has many talents and background experiences, which will make a positive contribution to the work of the Church of God General Conference. Therefore, the Board of the Northeast Conference is pleased to present Dr. Donna Deane to the delegates as a nominee for a four-year term on the Board of Directors.

Northeast Conference
David Swartz, President

VIVIAN E. KIRKPATRICK II

Vivian E. Kirkpatrick II has pastored the Church of God in Hector, Minnesota, for the past three and a half years. He is a 1970 graduate of Oregon Bible College, and has served pastorates in Graytown, Wisconsin; Lafayette,

Indiana; and Fredericktown, Missouri.

Vivian is married to the former Paula Bolhaus of Oregon, Illinois. They have two children: Vivian Paul, 14, and Melissa Linde, 10. Vivian's heritage in the Church of God goes back several generations. His grandfather, H. Scott Smith, was a circuit-riding minister in Arkansas. His parents, V. E. and Walcie Rhea Kirkpatrick, served in several pastorates and at Oregon Bible College. This background has given him a deep love and commitment to the Church of God.

In addition to his local ministerial duties, Vivian has just completed a term as president of the Hector-Buffalo Lake Ministerial Alliance and presently serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Church of God Ministerial Association.

Vivian and Paula presently serve as state youth leaders for the Minnesota Conference. One of the main duties of this position is directing the week-long state youth camp each summer as well as overseeing youth retreats and editing a youth newsletter. Over the years Vivian has worked in many of our youth conferences in several states.

Last spring, Vivian taught two classes at the Christian Workers Seminar in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. He writes for the adult Sunday School quarterly and has written articles for *The Restitution Herald*.

Vivian's life experiences have not been limited to the church. While serving the pastorate in Missouri, he managed an automotive machine shop and for the past 11 years has operated a home-based small engine and bike repair shop.

In his spare time, Vivian enjoys visiting with people around the world through his ham radio hobby. His experiences in this area have included setting up portable communications for simulated natural emergencies and serving as an information liaison for a local radio station during a flood emergency.

The Minnesota State Conference will place the name of Pastor Vivian E. Kirkpatrick II in nomination for the Board of Directors/Trustees at the General Conference in August. For a good balance there is a need for a pastor to be elected to the Board. We feel that Bro. Kirkpatrick would be a valuable asset to that Board.

Minnesota State Conference
S. O. Ross, President

DON WARD

The Missouri Conference of the Church of God would like to nominate Don Ward as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

Don grew up in the Blanchard, Michigan Church of God where he was baptized. In 1958, he graduated from Oregon Bible College. He married Joyce Driskill, of Cross Timbers, Missouri, in 1961. The Wards have two daughters, Gayle and Robin, who are married and active members of the Raymore Church along with their husbands, Glen Williams and Jim Simpson.

Don has pastored churches in Aurora, Illinois; and Bosworth, Kansas City, and Jordan, Missouri.

Don presently pastors the Raymore, Missouri Church. The congregation relocated from Kansas City to Raymore in 1962 where they have built a building and enjoy a vibrant ministry with attendance in the mid 60's.

Don is excited about the prospects of a much greater harvest that God is calling us to as the Church of God. He is anxious to see our churches and Conferences continue to direct their programs toward greater effectiveness in reaching the lost.

Don believes that the Church of God must continually reaffirm the message of truth in a dark world and strengthen what is good in our churches. He believes that the Church of God must be open to change when change is needed in our methods and approach. He is confident that God wants us to reach our 20th century neighbors with whatever means will work in the times in which we live.

The Missouri Conference believes that Don has demonstrated a progressive spirit in leading his congregation and that he would make an effective member of the General Conference Board as progressive steps are taken in these coming years.

Missouri State Conference
Lloyd Cooper, President

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Board of Directors

At the 1988 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 Richard Eldred and William D. Lawrence will expire at this Conference. They may not be reelected according to the constitution. Nominations appear on page 18.

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.



Present Board of Directors: L to R Joe E. James, Chris Ramsey, Don Overmyer, Brenda Wessel, Elmo Gaspar, Dick Eldred, and William D. Lawrence.

PROPOSED BUDGET

June 1, 1989 - May 31, 1990

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits:

Salary & Wages	\$318000
Social Security	24200
Employee Benefits	34000
Guest Instructors	5000

General Operations:

Advertising-Recruitment	3000
Films, speakers	300
Foreign Exchange	3000
Auto Expense	8000
Office & Computer	3000
Miscellaneous	500
Royalties	1000
Editorial	3000
Magazines—Library	2000
Periodicals/Book/Dues	3200
Postage	18000
Printing/binding	49000
Professional Services	5500
Repairs nonplant	7500
Staff Education	2000
Mailing Supplies	800
Supplies/Expense	7000
Telephone	8000
Travel	22000
Assistance—Mission Points	30000
Assistance—Churches	24000

Plant Operations:

Property Insurance	5500
Repairs & Maintenance	4500
Supplies/Expense	4000
Utilities	30000

Addition to Plant:

Library Books	1000
Furniture & Equipment	3000

Purchases:

Resale	18000
Food	14000

Vehicle Replacement

Contingency	5000
	16000

TOTALS

683000

Anticipated Income:

Sales	55000
Herald Subscriptions	15000
Trust & Endowments	50500
Tuition/Room/Board	100000
Miscellaneous	12500

TOTAL EARNED INCOME

241000

PACT Faith Promises

40000

TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

JUNE 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1990

402000

The proposed budget for June 1, 1989 - May 31, 1990, represents an investment in people, programs, and facilities. This proposed budget reflects spending for the following:

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

2. Social Security—the social security tax rate for 1989 is 7.51% and for 1990 it is 7.65%. 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.

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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.

22. Assistance, Mission Points—funds provided in support of overseas mission projects—London, etc.

23. Assistance, Churches—Church Development aid will be available for five churches.

24. Repairs and Maintenance—includes upkeep on four 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 College classes.

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, 1989.

Projected Income

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

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

3. Trust and Endowment—these are designated 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 '89-'90 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 1989-'90, churches, conferences, and individual families will need to contribute \$402,000. This is \$33,500 per month.

This projection compares with \$387,000 required for the 1988-'89 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 the successful outreach to children and their families through Vacation Bible Schools.

2 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher as they make final preparations to move to England to start a church.

3 Pray for their congregation, the East Oregon Church, as they continue in their ministry with a new pastor. Pray especially that the transition will be smooth and God will be glorified.

4 Pray that God will call students to OBC in preparation for ministry.

5 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.

6 Pray for Gary and Glenda Turner as they reach people in the Loves Park area of Rockford to begin home Bible-study groups.

7 Pray for Kent Ross and the staff of Youth Congress as final preparations are made for this very important youth activity.

8 Praise God for the pastors and their wives who have served in the Church of God faithfully and are now retired.

9 Pray for God's Spirit to be in your life and in your congregation.

10 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo in Labor Vieja, Mexico.

11 Praise God for the Badillo's faithful leadership.

12 Pray for the young people in your congregation.

13 Pray for the church in Lima, Peru.

14 Pray for Jim Day and Alane Schmidlapp Day as they work in Lima.

15 Praise God for Mario Olcese and pray for his ministry.

16 Pray for the core group in Atlanta, Georgia, that God will continue to lead them in the development of a Church of God.

17 Pray for Cecil Rademachler and the core group in Bloomington, Indiana, that God will continue to lead them in the growth of the church there.

18 Pray for the pastors and congregations who will be making pastoral changes this year.

19 Pray for the core group in Nashville, Tennessee, that God will lead them as they begin Bible study groups as a beginning for starting a church.

20 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.

21 Praise God for those who are giving themselves for summer short-term missions work.

22 Pray for the Church-Planting project in Rockford, Illinois, that God will work through the members of the General Conference staff to plant a Church of God.

23 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant.

24 Pray for the Media Committee of the General Conference that God will open doors of opportunity to communicate the gospel through media.

25 Pray for your church as delegates are selected to represent your church at General Conference, in Virginia.

26 Praise God for the heritage of faith you have in the Church of God.

27 Praise God for the faithful members of your congregation and lift these members up in prayer before God.

28 Pray for Ken Newman and John Cunningham as they prepare for the arrival of Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the beginning of a church there.

29 Pray for Debbie Schmidlapp's work with Youth With a Mission.

30 Praise God for the new contacts in Mexico City and for Mario Olcese as he works with them.

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- 1 Praise God for the opportunity of salvation which you have received through Jesus Christ.
- 2 Praise God that you have been given the opportunity to know the truth.
- 3 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith with another person.
- 4 Pray for the churches which as yet do not have a pastor for the coming year.
- 5 Pray for the Sunday School Advisory Committee of the General Conference as they work with local churches in helping to improve the work of the Sunday School.
- 6 Pray for your Sunday School staff as they work in the Sunday School of your church.
- 7 Pray for Leonardo and Alice Badillo as they work with Roberto and Lupe in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 8 Praise God for those who are generously supporting the foreign missions outreaches.
- 9 Pray for the contacts made through the radio ministry in Peru and for Jim and Alane as they do follow-up.
- 10 Pray for those preparing to be a part of the August ministry team to Mexico.
- 11 Pray for the delegates who will represent your church at General Conference this year in Virginia.
- 12 Pray for all of the workers who give of themselves for the work of the General Conference.
- 13 Praise God for your pastor and family. Encourage him in his ministry.
- 14 Pray for the North Kent Michigan Church of God as they continue to build a church in that community.
- 15 Pray for the Board of Directors as they prepare for important decisions at General Conference this year.
- 16 Praise God for the 8 baptized members of the Lima, Peru Church.
- 17 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with Gary Turner in planting a church in Rockford, Illinois.
- 18 Pray that God will raise up men and women with the gifts to serve cross culturally.
- 19 Pray for Dean Moore as he continues to visit and uplift the Mexican workers.
- 20 Pray for David Krogh in his important position as President of the General Conference.
- 21 Pray for the isolated members of your congregation and others of your acquaintance.
- 22 Pray for those of your congregation who are shut-ins and are not able to attend services regularly.
- 23 Pray for the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee as they plan future outreaches.
- 24 Praise God for open doors to witness of the coming Kingdom of God.
- 25 Pray for those who will soon be traveling to General Conference in Virginia.
- 26 Pray for Russ Magaw and his responsibility in the publishing department of the General Conference.
- 27 Pray for Dale Ramsey as Vice President of Oregon Bible College.
- 28 Pray that the fall enrollment at Oregon Bible College will produce pastors for our local churches and for future church-planting efforts. Ask God to send forth laborers for the harvest.
- 29 Pray for the delegates who will be voting on the recommendations at General Conference in a few days.
- 30 Praise God for the faithful brethren in the Philippines and India.
- 31 Pray that General Conference in Virginia will be a time of inspiration for those who attend and that our local churches will be moved to greater outreach ministries.

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 15.

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

The 1988 Church of God General Conference will be held at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, August 1-5. Enclosed with this issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL is a program booklet, registration form, brochure of the area, and map of the location of our churches in Virginia.

Additional copies of the registration form are available in local churches or may be secured by writing to: Conference Registration, PO Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Those who plan to attend only the evening services are not required to pay a commutercarge. Active and retired pastors and families will receive a 10% discount off the standard rates.

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.

A full schedule of activities is planned for all children 8 years and under. Babysitting service is available for children 2 years and under.

Each year delegates from the various churches and conferences have opportunity to pool their expenses and thus equalize the cost of travel for those far away and those who live nearby. Delegate expense pool application forms are being 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. Mileage rate this year is 9¢.

Proposed Transportation to Conference

Consideration is being given to chartering a bus from Oregon, Illinois, to Harrisonburg, Virginia. The cost will be \$50 per person. Plans are to depart early on the morning of July 30, and return on Saturday, August 6.

Anyone living west of Oregon who wishes to drive to Oregon to board the bus is welcome. Also individuals in Indiana and Ohio could possibly be picked up on the way to Virginia.

Reservations must be made by June 15. Please contact staff member, Betty Hall, by letter or phone if you wish to be considered for transportation. The bus will be chartered only if there are sufficient riders.

ANNUAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Pastors of the Church of God met in Oregon, Illinois, April 25-29, for a time of instruction and fellowship. The program was planned by the Louisiana State pastors. Two guest speakers addressed the Conference: Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, Professor of Religion at Andrews University. He spoke on the certainty of the advent hope, the imminence of the advent hope, living the advent hope, and the role of women in the church. Mr. Roger Knight of the United Church of Christ led a discussion of small churches—their ministry and importance today.

At the business session, the pastors created the position of a pastors' pastor to serve the association. The title given to this position is Bishop. Pastor S. O. Ross was selected to serve in this capacity. Additional information will be available at a later time from the Pastors Association regarding ways that Bro. Ross will serve our pastors.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

CANADA

Glad Tidings (Fonthill)—Gladys Eggleton (1/24/88), David Dagenais (2/14/88), Stephen Bolhous.

PERU

Lima—Mario Olcese (6/1/87), William Wachtel.

Franco Olcese (3/20/88), Luis and Carmela Raposo de Oliveira (6/10/87), Jorge Luis Pena Flores (6/19/87), Carlos Gonzales Hajar, Jose Sotelo Guerrero (6/22/87), Beti (2/88).

COLORADO

Colorado Springs—Portia Guy (2/15/87), Mike Bishop, Vicki Bishop (6/14/87), Andy Boroff (11/22/87), John Petty, Susan Petty (1/31/88), Alan Demmitt.

INDIANA

Bloomington—David Douglas (2/28/88), Cecil Rademachir.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard—Chris Fisher (1/24/88), Steve Taylor.

Kentwood (Garden Park)—Shannon Prak (4/3/88), David Krogh.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Clayton R. Wood (3/20/88), Stan Ross.

Clint McCann (4/20/88), Billie Kennedy.

OHIO

Hilliard (Gospel Church)—Geffery Gulick (2/21/88), Richard K. Smith.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Betty Lou Waligroski and Jean Lagrange (2/27/88), Rex Cain.

Oregon—Sharon Magaw and Michael McGlinn (3/26/88), Russell Magaw, Hollis Partlowe.

OHIO

Urbana—Sue Marie Jester and Todd Gregory Cook (2/6/88), Fred Pensyl.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Roy T. Grobe (3/18/88), Hollis Partlowe.

INDIANA

South Bend—Ed O'Neil, member, John Railton.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard—George DeForest, member, Steve Taylor.

Silva Diehl, 92, friend (2/12/88), Steve Taylor, Dan Shaw.

Ralph Helmer, 64, friend (2/13/88), Steve Taylor, Dennis Cheatwood.

Albert J. Kohler, 63, member (2/20/88), Steve Taylor, Dan Shaw, Dick Eldred.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Oral H. Hoskins, member (3/30/88), Darrell Cardwell.

Edwin Lincoln Thoms, 101, (3/18/88), Darrell Cardwell.

OHIO

Dayton—Vesta Wood, friend (2/29/88), Ralph Childs.

VIRGINIA

Front Royal—Nina G. Hicks, 72, member (4/2/88), Dennis Baldwin.

PASTORAL SITUATIONS

The Fredericktown Church in Missouri is seeking a pastor September 1. For more information please contact Marvin Cooper, 314-783-6491; or Walter Thal, 314-783-3437.

Pastor Howard Robinson is available for a pastorate. Please call him at 219-936-4855.

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There are over 5,000 General Conference members. If each one were to give \$1 a week for the next 56 weeks, the income would total \$280,000 and reach the goal of \$1,000,000 for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation on the 50th Anniversary of Oregon Bible College.

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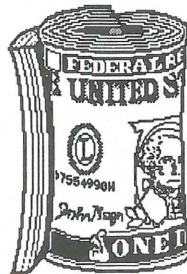
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Oregon Bible College Helps with Your Future

Got some ideas about your future? Or are you wondering what the future holds?



Take a moment; kick back and think through your place in the future. Try to answer some crucial questions:

- What people-type activities really turn you on?
- How does a collegiate atmosphere impact your preparation for your future?
- What part does God play in your future?

Oregon Bible College can be a starting-off place for clarifying answers to these questions. Classes, activities, ministry opportunities, and social interaction are all geared to assist you in discovering answers to your future.

Want to see evidence? Glance through the following pages in this *Maranatha* to see what Oregon Bible College has done for this year's students as they quest their futures. Thank God for the ministry

and purpose of Oregon Bible College. Pray for the staff and students as the future impacts us all together.



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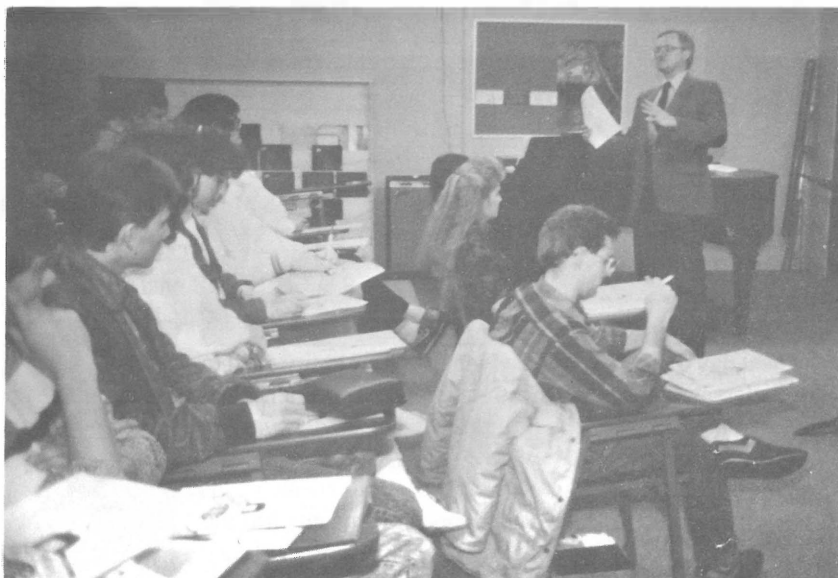
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Classes in 1987—1988

Classes at Oregon Bible College are divided into three areas: the first and primary area is Bible and Theology; the second area of classwork is in Ministry; and the third area is in that of General Education. The emphasis in past years, as in this year, has been Bible and Theology. The Ministry classes assumed a larger portion of time and emphasis than they did in the past.

In this last year the focus of the Ministry classes has changed a bit and zeroed in on two emphases: 1) that of personal discipleship; and 2) church growth and evangelism. The Navigators' 2:7 material has been utilized with all student levels as a way of encouraging personal devotions and prayer. In addition to having to complete a regular personal devotional schedule, each student meets in a small group setting each week to deepen and enrich his or her devotional life. David and Lynne Krogh, Dale Ramsey, and Gayle Guthrie were leaders of the groups this year.



President Krogh instructing a Ministry class.

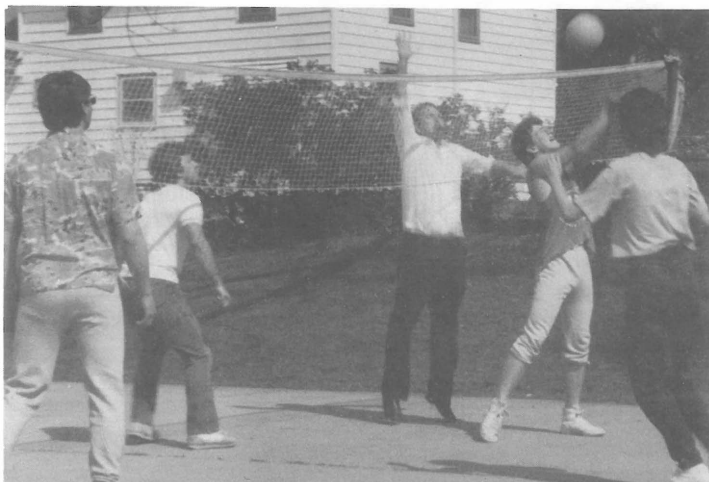
A shift was already happening in the existing Ministry classes as the emphasis was shifting toward a focus on new churches, church planting, and evangelism. There is a deep concern that over the years the Church of God has not emphasized evangelism and planting new churches like it did in its history. Classes in church planting, church growth, and even the pastoral classes sought to emphasize this need.

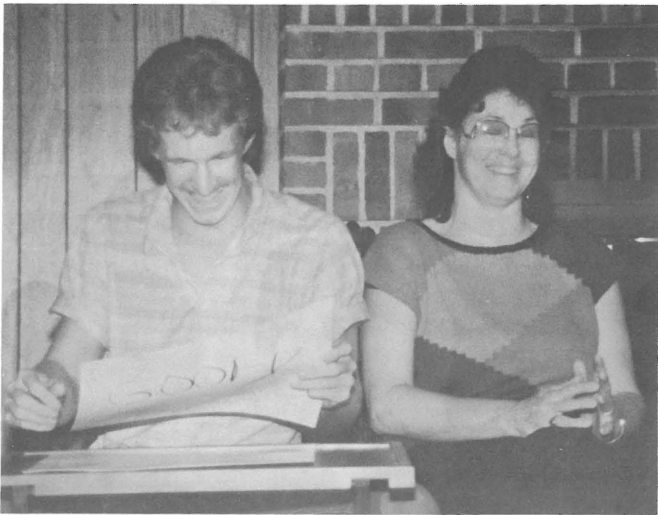
PICNIC

The Labor Day picnic took place after two weeks of exhaustive intensives were over. Anderson's Farm, about five miles out of town, was the sight of this joyous get-together. Returning students, freshmen, and faculty members attended. Fellowship fun began with a game of touch football between the men students. Later a game of softball was played which included everyone—even the girls.

The best part came with the call to dinner. Immediately following the blessing, lines were formed on each side of the tables. Lots of laughing and joking took place between students and faculty concerning the past school year and the summer months. Old friendships were renewed and new ones were formed as everyone sat down to good food and fellowship.

There is nothing to compare with a good picnic with lots of food, fine companionship, and, of course, a million mosquitoes. Everyone had a good time at the picnic and, if the Lord doesn't return first, we will enjoy another one next year.





The next day the parents were given the opportunity to sit in on some classes. Those who chose Kent's Old Testament class got to take one of his fun map quizzes. Chapel service was fun and exciting as we filled a few more seats with parents. We were also honored with Pastor Scott Ross as our speaker. The afternoon was a relaxing one as parents and students had the opportunity to rest and visit. The evening was an enjoyable one as each student with his or her parents was invited to a faculty member's home for supper. Lots of fun and fellowship was reported back.

Many tearful goodbyes took place on Saturday morning. The 1987 Parents' Weekend was an enjoyable one. Students whose parents did not attend got a chance to visit with other parents.



As everyone can imagine, all of the members got to know one another very well on this trip, either by riding like sardines in the van for hours on end, or even sleeping with one of those same persons after a long day. Our patience was tried with each other quite often during those 10 days. Even though we had very many good times performing and sightseeing, we also had to learn how to deal with others' bad moods and attitudes as well as our own. As in life—chorale tour is not an exception—the not-so-good comes with the good.

It was great to be able to present our message to these people and to spend a brief time with them. On behalf of all the chorale members, we would like to thank everyone for taking us in and accepting us throughout the tour. We would also like to thank God for giving us a safe and healthy trip.

Parents' Weekend

Parents' Weekend began on a Thursday afternoon with parents arriving at various times. After eating supper in the college dining hall, we gathered in the women's lounge for an evening of food and fun. The students and their parents participated in a parent-child version of the Newlywed game. After the students left the room, their parents were asked various questions about the student's childhood. For example, one of the questions asked of the parent was: "What type of baby food did your son/daughter most dislike?" After the students returned to the room, the question was asked again. If the parent's answer matched the student's answer, a point was made. The evening was a great success as everyone talked and laughed at some of the questions and answers.



Chorale Tour

The 1988 Eastern chorale tour was everything from wonderful scenery, tired bloodshot eyes, jackets and sweatshirts up in New York and Canada, to shorts and T-shirts in Virginia. The 10-day tour of Indiana, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Canada, Ohio, and all the states we traveled through to reach our destinations, was a great experience for everyone who had this opportunity to go.

This year the chorale performed the musical cantata "Surrender," which consisted of individual characters dressed in attire to fit their role in the play. The main intent of the cantata was to encourage people to examine the things in their own individual lives that may be hindering them from fully giving themselves to Christ.

Autumn On Parade

The air got a little crisper, the leaves began to turn, and the days grew shorter. These were all the signs of autumn, with winter close behind. These were also signs that Autumn On Parade was close at hand. It was quite a celebration with a significant number of people turning out. The little town of Oregon experienced a quick influx of people who curiously inspected the booths that popped up all over the town square. There were a couple of booths that were sponsored by the faculty as well as one by the Missions Committee. On top of all that the Street Theatre performed various skits throughout the weekend.

Street Theatre was organized by a group of students from OBC and led by Alane Schmidlapp-Day. The purpose of it was to witness to people through the performing arts, whether it be by pantomime or short skits.

Members of the Street Theatre set up their stage on the north side of the



courthouse. They performed several times out of the two days that the festival lasted, with audiences that numbered between five and 30 people. Some of those who participated in Street Theatre also helped in the booth sponsored by the Missions Committee which sold crafts and baked goods. Most of these proceeds went to Missions. One of the other booths was sponsored by faculty members. They sold items not only for themselves, but for the Peru church also. The proceeds for the Peru project were sent to help with their radio program and other ministries.

Everyone who participated in Autumn On Parade seemed to enjoy themselves. A lot of money was raised for missions and a lot of weight was gained between the candy apples and the bratwurst. I'm sure I speak for most of the people who participated when I say that I'm looking forward to this coming autumn. It was an excellent way not only to have fun, but to profess our Christian faith.



Prayer Day

The Oregon Bible College second semester Prayer Day was held in March in the Great Hall at Stronghold Presbyterian Retreat Center. Dale Bliss, student body president, worked with Anthony Buzzard

to arrange a full morning of prayer and worship for faculty and students. Time was designated for private meditation and group prayer. Our main concerns were church planting, the work in Lima, student recruitment, and the possible relocation of the college. Students were able to explore the beautiful grounds surrounding the castle and refreshments were provided by Heidi Cooper and David Richert.



Graduation

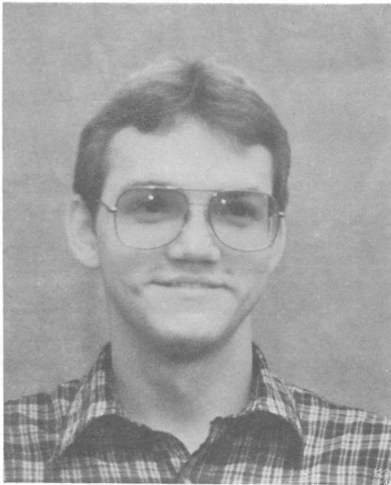
The annual Oregon Bible College graduation exercises were held in the Oregon Church on May 13. Graduating were John Guthrie, Mark Cheatwood, Dale Bliss, and Alane Schmidlapp-Day. Two-year



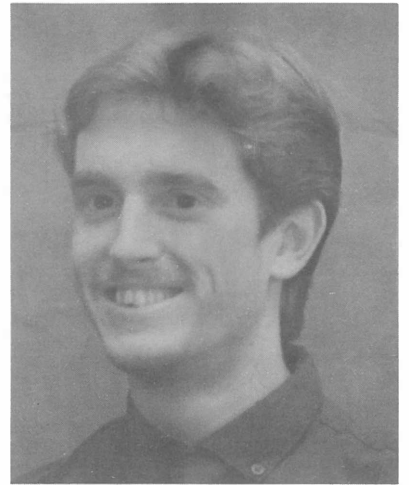
Graduates Guthrie and Bliss chatting at the reception.

certificates were awarded to Mark Mattison and David Richert. John Railton, as guest speaker, urged students to seek a double portion of the Spirit, following the example of Elisha. A plaque was awarded to Anthony Buzzard for his stimulating work in the classroom, and Mark Cheatwood expressed his appreciation for the valuable encouragement given by the graduates' parents. The evening concluded with prayer and laying-on-of-hands for the graduates. God's blessing was asked for their future in ministry.

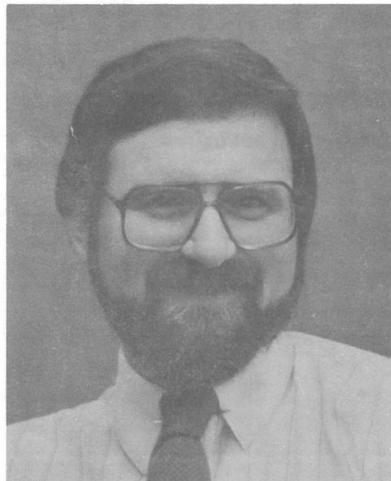
Seniors



Dale Bliss



Mark Cheatwood



John Guthrie

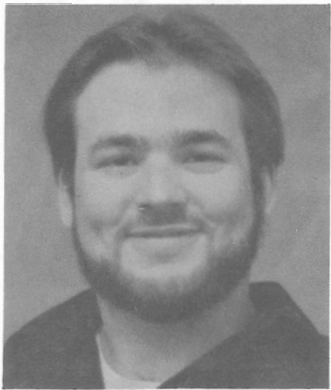


Alane Schmidlapp-Day

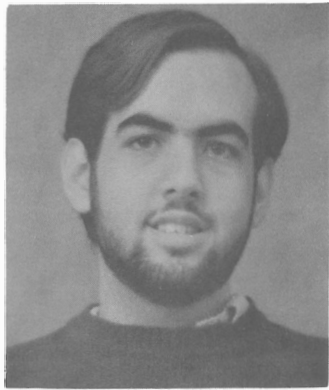
There were four graduating seniors this year at Oregon Bible College. Although they each came from different walks of life, their goal to serve God remains the common denominator. Three of the four students came after a number of years in the work field. Dr. John Guthrie had taught courses in the sciences. Alane Schmidlapp-Day had been a missionary for several years. Dale Bliss had managed a parts store in Florida. Mark Cheatwood came straight out of high school.

Dale Bliss is currently involved in the internship program with Pastor John Railton at the Timberland Bible Church. Alane is in Lima, Peru, where she and her husband, Jim, are involved in missionary work. Dr. John Guthrie and Mark Cheatwood are both living in Oregon with their families. At the time of this writing neither had any certain plans for the fall.

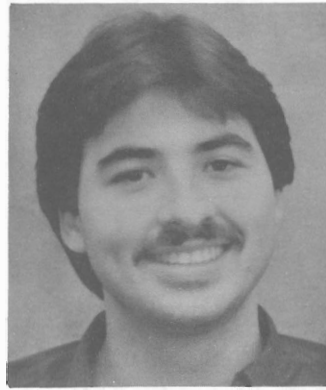
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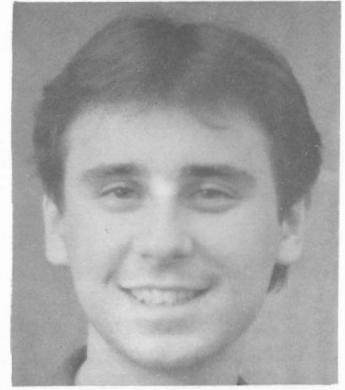
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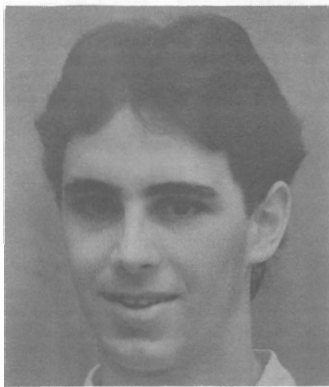


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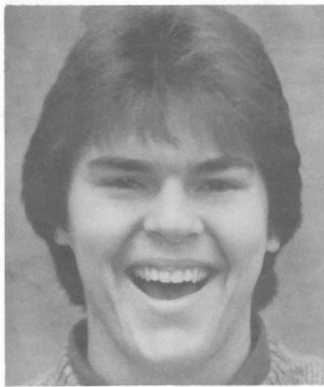


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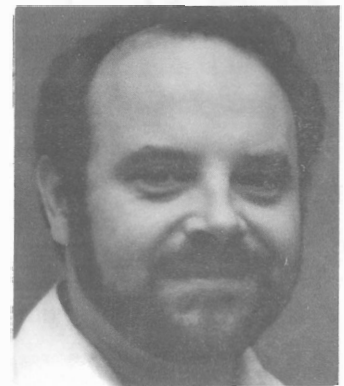
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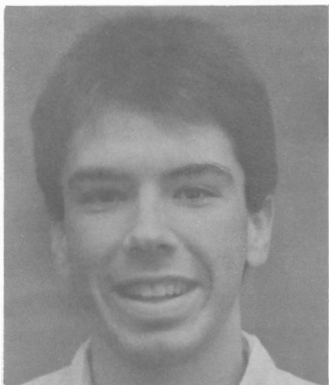
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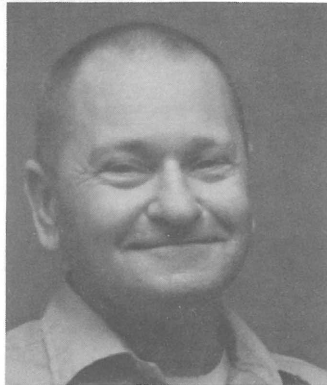
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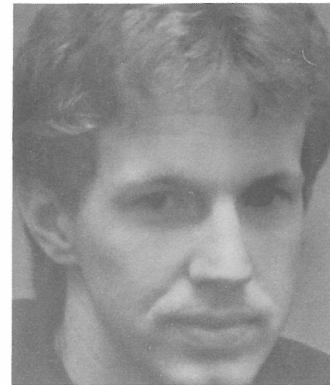
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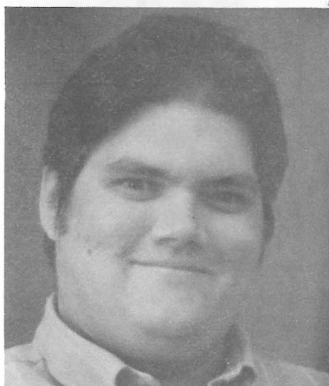
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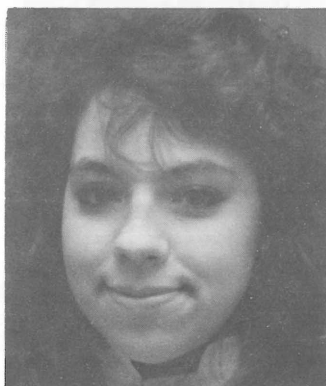
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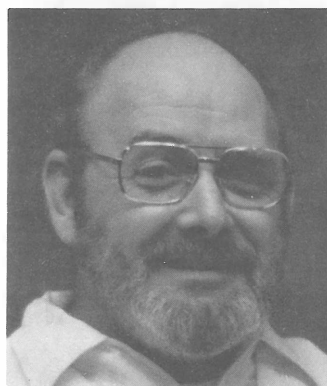
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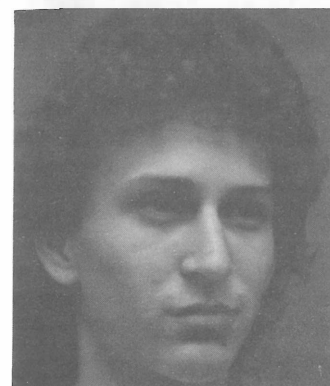
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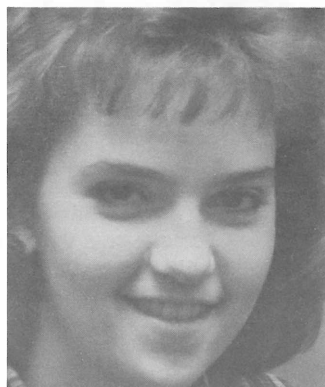
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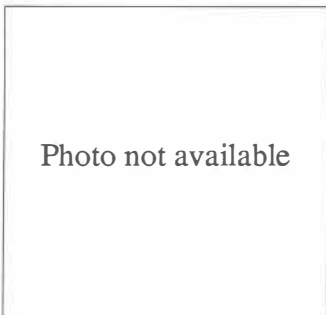
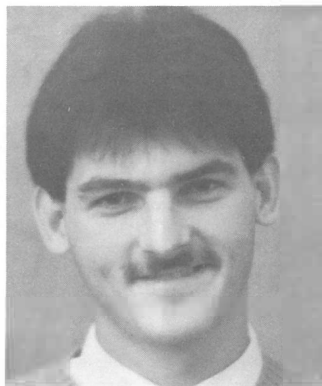


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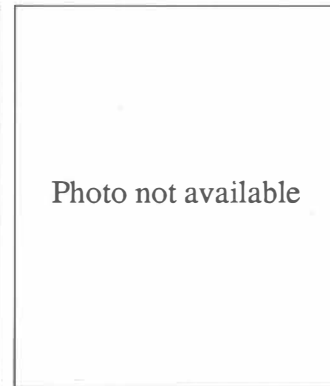


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOSTEL

It was refreshing to have 15 eager adult learners at the fourth annual Adulthostel, hosted by Oregon Bible College. Classes on the book of Isaiah, Utilizing Our Best Resources—Us, and Our Hope for Missions, were presented. There was good fellowship, food, and learning. Make plans now to attend next year's Adulthostel in May, 1989.

OBC BOOSTER CAMPAIGN

You will be receiving information soon about our annual Oregon Bible College Booster Campaign. Booster Sunday will be observed in our churches on September 11. We urge every member of the Church of God to be a booster of our College by providing prayer and financial support. The future of Oregon Bible College is inseparably linked to the future of the Church of God. Lay and professional leaders must be trained for the revitalization and church-planting ministries of the Church of God.

Last year was our most successful booster campaign in memory. Your participation will make it possible to exceed our 1987 involvement.

EVANGELISM EMPHASIS

We continue to shift the focus of our attention to evangelism and disciple making as an important part of our educational program at Oregon Bible College, and as a part of our emphasis throughout our General Conference ministries. We feel it is imperative for our pastors to be equipped more effectively in sharing the gospel and leading people to conversion. Our goal is to revitalize our existing churches and help present pastors and present members to witness of their faith, build relationships with the lost, lead them to Christ and to responsible membership in the church.

At Oregon Bible College over the past 10 years, we have gradually added more ministry courses, especially in the area of church growth, evangelism, church planting, and discipleship. We see a continuing need to improve our ministry curriculum by providing opportunities for our students to have more field experience, calling, prospecting, and involvement in church planting.

During the past several months, the staff and Board of Directors have discussed the possible addition of a staff member who would focus upon evangelism instruction and additional involvement in field work. The Board of Directors has granted approval for the addition of Pastor Richard Eldred to our Conference and College staff.

At this point, our primary concern is for a replacement pastor at North Kent. Brother Eldred will not be joining our staff until we are sure that the needs of the present congregation will be met. We are committed to the ongoing growth and development of this new thriving congregation. The congregation is meeting to begin pursuing a replacement and it is possible that no change will be made until 1989.

Our new evangelism employee will be involved in teaching evangelism courses, leading our students in on-the-job

training, assisting with church-planting projects, working with receptive pastors in the area of evangelism, and providing on-site assistance for recently planted churches.

Dick Eldred is strongly committed to reaching the lost and we believe that the skills he will bring to this position will be a value to our students and the Church of God as a whole.

There is an urgent need in the Church of God to multiply workers who are involved in evangelism. Though we are reluctant to take a pastor from a local church, it is our belief that this action will help produce many effective evangelists between now and the turn of the century. Dick's ministry on staff could eventually produce 50 to 100 effective pastors and lay people who will be reaching the lost with the message of salvation in the coming years.

It is my prayer that the Church of God will catch the vision of the multiplication of disciples. The Biblical principle of multiplication is found in 2 Timothy 2:2: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

It seems essential for us to invest resources in places where the most good can be achieved. The effective preparation of future pastors to be involved in church planting and evangelism is an urgent need in the Church of God today. The addition of staff in this critical area has the potential to reap major results in the coming years if the Lord tarries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the conclusion of our fiscal year on May 31 we were approximately \$16,000 short of our goal for giving for the past 12 months. Our deepest heartfelt thanks are extended to each individual, church, conference, and group that contributed to the ministries of the Church of God during that time. I have deep confidence that as we get more in step with God's program for the church, he will provide the necessary resources to accomplish his will.

We continue to invite Church of God families to support the essential ministries of the Church of God as a member of our Great Commission Team in one of the following categories:

- Assistants—annual gift of \$1 to \$119
- Sponsors—annual gift of \$120 to \$499
- Associates—annual gift of \$500 to \$1,499
- Partners—annual gift of \$1,500 to \$2,499
- Ambassadors—annual gift of \$2,500 or more

In addition to our ongoing preparation of leadership, publishing education materials, and outreach and evangelism efforts, God has opened doors for us to plant a new church in Great Britain, in Loves Park, Illinois, and seeds are being sown in other places. We rejoice in God's blessing on us to this point, and we solicit your prayer and financial support as we begin a new fiscal year.

OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Church Planting in London and Illinois

The Church of God came into existence through a search for truth and sharing that same truth with others. As a result Church of God congregations came into existence. It is imperative that we continue to build upon this foundation.

Two new Churches of God will be launched this fall. Both of these mission projects need the unified support of all Church of God members. Both need to be bathed in prayer. Both are bold steps of faith, worthy of the connotation, "Abrahamic Faith."

It is exciting for the Church of God to commission Jeff and Karen Fletcher and family to start a church in Milton Keynes, England. Through this effort the gospel can be taken to another country, a country that today is truly a mission field.

The second church will be started in the Loves Park area of Rockford, IL. Gary Turner and family in cooperation with General Conference staff, the Illinois Conference, Pact volunteers, and Oregon Bible College students will launch an all-out effort to see this church come to reality.

Jeff, Karen, and J.J. will leave for England soon after General Conference in Virginia. They are now in the process of selling their house, car, furniture, etc. in preparation for the move. Their new address will be 16 Parsley Close, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes, England.

Gary Turner is in the process of getting group Bible studies started. A major telemarketing project involving OBC students, Pact Volunteers, Illinois Conference workers, General Conference and OBC staff will launch on August 22 and will culminate with the first public worship service on October 30.

These church-planting projects provide opportunity for your participation in missions. First, pray earnestly for God's leadership, that he will provide receptive people, for the pastors, for effective results, and that people will come to know Jesus as Savior. Second support these efforts, in your conversations with others, share the vision and ministry, encourage the pastors, and claim to be a part of these exciting efforts. Third, support these efforts financially. "Where your treasure is, their will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). The importance of expanding the ministry of the Church of

God deserves our all out effort. Contributions can be designated to either of these projects specifically or to PACT, (Planting Additional Churches Today).

Peru

Jim Day and Alane Schmidlapp-Day have safely arrived in Lima, Peru, to work with Mario Olcese for the summer. On May 29 a dedication service was held for the newly rented room. We have recently accepted an opportunity to extend the room rental for the next six months at a reduced rate.

Please pray for Mario, Jim, and Alane as they reach out to the lost of Lima. Pray for the continued effectiveness of the radio ministry. Pray for strengthening of the current membership.

Mexico

On May 21 a work team left Oregon to go to Labor Vieja to build bench/table units, install a ceiling fan and paint the interior of the church building. This trip was a success and we thank all who participated by providing the necessary materials for this effort. The people there are very appreciative of what was done to help them in their ministry. On the last night that the team was there, slides of last summers' team were shown. There were over 75 people in attendance.

While in Mexico, plans were also finalized for the ministry team that will go in August. The Vacation Bible School will focus on promises. Team members are Alicia Boroff of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Heidi Cooper of Fredericktown, Missouri; Heather Gaspar of Excelsior, Minnesota; Kim Johnson of Hector, Minnesota; Amanda Moore of Buffalo Lake, Minnesota; Phillip Osborn of New Carlisle, Indiana; and David Richert of North Liberty, Indiana. Dean Moore and Judy Myers will accompany them.

The Badillo family is very appreciative of the interest shown in the work in their village. It is very uplifting to them to know that people here in the states are praying for them.

Please pray for the Badillo family, the summer ministry team members, and the success of the outreach to the people in Labor Vieja. Also, please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the successful work trip.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

AUGUST, 1988

- 1 Pray for General Conference as it begins today. Ask for God's Spirit to be present during this week.
- 2 Praise God for the Board of Directors of the Conference, who give of their time and talents to serve in this way.
- 3 Pray for God's leading in the decisions that will be made at General Conference today.
- 4 Praise God for the people who serve on advisory committees.
- 5 Pray for those traveling home from General Conference today or traveling in sightseeing tour groups.
- 6 Praise God for your church family.
- 7 Pray for your pastor and family today.
- 8 Pray for the Mexico team gathering in Harlingen, Texas, today.
- 9 Praise God for the work in Lima, Peru, and for Mario Olcese as he pastors this group.
- 10 Pray that God might be planting seeds of desire for the truth in the hearts of the people of Labor Vieja, Mexico; Lima, Peru; and Milton Keynes, England.
- 11 Praise God for Jim Day and Alane Schmidlapp-Day and their missions ministry in Peru this summer.
- 12 Pray for the Mexico team as it travels to Labor Vieja today.
- 13 Pray for the Gary Turner family as it begins the new work in Loves Park, Illinois.
- 14 Praise God for the freedom of worship we enjoy in this country.
- 15 Pray for a successful vacation Bible school in Mexico this week.
- 16 Pray for Jeff, Karen, and J. J. Fletcher as they fly to England today to begin the church-planting ministry.
- 17 Praise God for our heritage of faith and the faithful men and women who gave of themselves for it.
- 18 Pray for our churches without pastors and for those who are holding these churches together.
- 19 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant and their ministry in the Mid-East. Praise God for the new son in their family.
- 20 Pray for students traveling to Oregon to begin studies at Oregon Bible College.
- 21 Praise God for the senior citizens you worship with today and ask his blessings upon them.
- 22 Pray for the faculty and students of Oregon Bible College as they begin the fall semester today.
- 23 Pray for the Fletchers as they establish their new home in England.
- 24 Praise God for the faithfulness of Roberto and Lupe Badillo in Mexico.
- 25 Pray for Cecil Rademachir and the work in Bloomington, Indiana.
- 26 Pray for David Krogh in his role as President of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 27 Pray for the group meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, and for Roger Cupp as he works with them.
- 28 Praise God for the pastor and for the Sunday School teachers of your church.
- 29 Pray for the various ministries of Ralph Childs and the Childs-Ford Foundation.
- 30 Praise God for open doors of ministry.
- 31 Pray for the pastors who will be beginning new pastorates tomorrow.

SEPTEMBER, 1988

- 1 Pray for a spirit of cooperation between pastors and local congregations.
- 2 Pray for Richard K. Smith and his ministry to the people in Hilliard, Ohio.
- 3 Praise God for a special promise he has given you through his Word.
- 4 Pray that someone might be drawn closer to God through the services of your church.
- 5 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 6 Praise God for the new members of your congregation and ask God's blessing on their walk with him.
- 7 Pray for the new group in Nashville, Tennessee, and for Roger Mattus as he ministers there.
- 8 Pray for Debbie Schmidlapp's outreach ministry with Youth With a Mission.
- 9 Praise God for the financial supporters of the work of the General Conference.
- 10 Pray for the faithful brethren in India and the Philippine Islands.
- 11 Praise God for the leaders of your church.
- 12 Pray for the radio ministry in Peru.
- 13 Pray for Russ Magaw and the Publishing Department of the Conference.
- 14 Praise God for the youth of your church and for the youth leaders.
- 15 Pray for John Cunningham and Ken Newman as they work with the Fletchers in England.
- 16 Pray for Oregon Bible College students and staff as they work in the Loves Park, Illinois, church-planting program.
- 17 Pray for Warren Sorenson and his work in the Outreach and Church Development Department.
- 18 Pray for your pastor as he ministers to you today.
- 19 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 20 Pray for Leonardo and Alice Badillo as they work toward being full time in Mexico to work with the church.
- 21 Praise God for your family.
- 22 Pray for Jacinto and Maythe as they teach in the Labor Vieja church.
- 23 Pray that Jeff, Karen, and J. J. Fletcher will not become discouraged and homesick.
- 24 Pray for Bill Burnham and his work as controller of the Conference and College.
- 25 Pray for a spirit of love and unity in your local congregation.
- 26 Pray for the staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 27 Pray for the North Kent church as it continues to reach out to the lost.
- 28 Praise God for salvation through his Son.
- 29 Pray for Dale Ramsey's leadership as Vice-President of Oregon Bible College.
- 30 Pray for the students at Oregon Bible College as they study and grow.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Rockford—Julie Halcom, Null Halcom, Sara Halcom (4-3-88), Gary Turner.

Membership by letter: Wendy Sisk (4-14-88), Russell Conley (5-15-88).

Oregon—Scott Leifheit (5-8-88), Timothy Stauffer, Susan L. Andrew, Dante Flores, Barbara Travis, Dean Kruger, Loa Kruger, Kelli Kruger, Paul Alvey (6-12-88), Hollis Partlowe.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Jan Ahl, Crista Ahl, Scott Ahl (5-25-88), S. O. Ross.

VIRGINIA

Browntown (Cool Spring)—Gary Scott Smith (3-27-88), Gary Smith, Jennifer Kay Swartz (4-3-88), Dale Swartz.

Fort Valley—Cynthia Grim (5-15-88), Jon Welch.

Herndon (Fair Oaks)—Rebekah Venezia (3-6-88), Gary Burnham.

CANADA: ONTARIO

Fonthill (Glad Tidings)—Tawnya Stasiak (5-29-88), Marcus Paura (6-5-88), Stephen Bolhous.

WEDDINGS

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Tanya Withers and Scott Leifheit (6-4-88), Hollis Partlowe and Bob Alcumbrack.

DEATHS

INDIANA

South Bend (Timberland)—Ed O'Neil, long time member, 82 (4-13-88), John A. Railton.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln—Norma Frans, member (4-29-88).

OHIO

Pleasant Hill—Charles W. Hollopeter (2-23-88), Scott Deane and Fred Pensyl. Blaine W. Hollopeter (4-24-88), Fred Pensyl.

CORRECTION

In the May/June/1988 PROGRESS JOURNAL the death of George DeForest was listed under the Blanchard Church of God with Steve Taylor officiating. Mr. DeForest was not a member of the church and his funeral was not officiated by Pastor Taylor. We regret the error.

COMPLETE SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Jeff Forcier, Amanda Moore; Buffalo Lake, MN. John Reichert, Ann Reichert, Kelly Talcott; Granger, IN. Nancy Craig, Julie Craig; Polo, IL.

AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

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Total	\$712,645.85

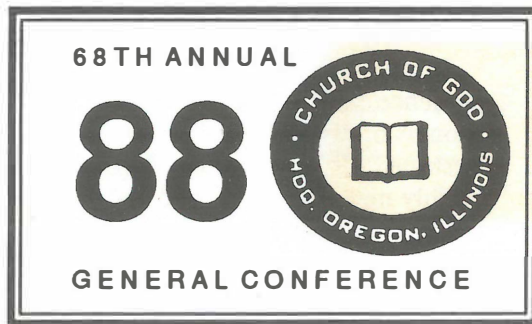
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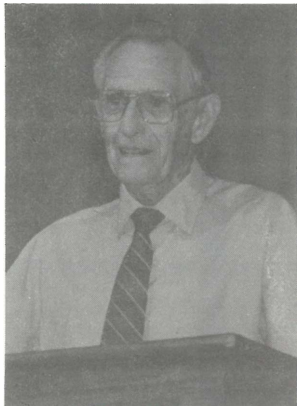
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1988 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THE 68TH ANNUAL Church of God General Conference was held at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, August 1-5. The theme of the Conference was "Disciplemaking: Today!" The purpose of the Conference was to increase awareness of the Church of God vision of revitalizing existing churches and planting new churches; to make evident and utilize opportunities for service and ministry within the Church of God; to provide a plan of disciplemaking for use in the local church; and to help Conference attenders become stronger disciples.

As the Conference progressed, it was obvious that those in attendance were catching the vision of the way disciplemaking fits into the strengthen-



Paul Overholser Issuing a challenge to the congregation to contribute \$25,000 to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

ing of existing churches and the starting of new churches. The theme was skillfully woven into the sermons, workshops, business sessions, and informal discussions. Attenders returned home with new information and a commitment to grow stronger in God's family personally, to assist others in the local church to grow spiritually, and to be involved in outreach activities.

Evening Services

Monday evening, Pastor Robert Alcumbrack provided the link between the 1987 conference and this year's conference by speaking on the subject, "Who Will Love Them?—We Will!"

He pointed out that *agape* love must be the motivating force as we develop compassion for those who are lost.

Speaking from Matthew 28:19, 20, on Tuesday evening, Pastor Joseph Fletcher challenged the congregation to see "opportunities for service" as



Jeff and Karen Fletcher being commissioned for service in England by Jeff's father, Joseph.

they reach out to make disciples of all nations. At the close of the message, Jeff and Karen Fletcher, and Gary and Glenda Turner and their families were commissioned for special church-planting ministries beginning this fall.

Pastor John Railton challenged the audience on Wednesday evening in the process of disciplemaking. Jesus demonstrated disciplemaking during his earthly ministry. Jesus modeled for us the ministry which he expects all believers to follow. At this service President David Krogh presented internship certificates to Dennis Cheatwood and James Raymond. The License Board commissioned them for ministry and granted ministerial licenses to these two candidates and Thomas Schmitt, who could not be present at Conference.

On Thursday evening, the President of the Ministerial Association, Larry Mayberry, installed the Board of Directors for the coming year. In an impressive show of support for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, Paul Overholser, Rick Cooper, and Joe James challenged the

congregation to make commitments toward the million-dollar goal for the Foundation. Nearly \$52,000 was committed by those in attendance at Conference. Pastor Dennis Baldwin concluded the Conference by challenging the membership to grow strong in God's family. He asked the congregation to commit themselves to their own spiritual growth, to the growth of others in their churches, to outreach, and to participation in the PACT (Planting Additional Churches Today) program. Nearly 100 individuals made written commitments, including 94 who indicated their willingness to pray for church-planting projects; 48 who made faith promises totaling \$8,500; and 22 people who said they would like to participate in future church-planting projects.

The evening services were enriched with beautiful music under the direction of Karla (Macy) Biggar. Many individuals cooperated to uplift and encourage the entire membership.

Classes and Workshops

Bible studies, children's and youth classes, and many workshop topics were offered during the Conference. The workshops included the following topics: Prophecy, Family, Personal Spiritual Growth, Disciplemaking

License Board Chairman, Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick, presenting challenge to newly licensed candidates.

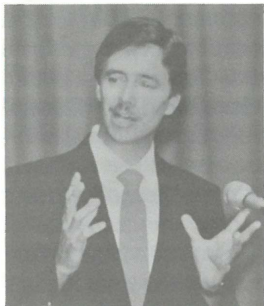


Techniques, Evangelism, Television Ministry, and other practical ministry topics.

Delegate Caucuses

Again this year delegates and mem-

bers met in state/district conference caucuses to make plans for revitalizing existing churches and planting new churches. Several state conferences have made commitments to plant new churches, having appointed study committees, task forces, prayer committees, and fund-raising commit-



Pastor Robert Alcumbrack, "Who Will Love Them? —We Will!"

tees. Considerable progress has been made since last year's caucuses.

Elections

Dr. Donna Deane of the North Hills Church in Springfield, Ohio, and Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II, of Hector, Minnesota, were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors. They replaced retiring Board members Pastor Richard Eldred and Dr. William Lawrence, who were presented plaques of appreciation by President David Krogh. The officers elected for the coming year are: Joe E. James, Chairman; Don Overmyer, Vice Chairman; Brenda Wessel, Secretary; Elmo Gaspar, Treasurer; and Donna Deane, Vivian Kirkpatrick II, and Chris Ramsey, Directors.

The following individuals were elected to four-year terms on the Advisory Committees: Media—Dr. John Smead, Raymore, MO, Church; Youth—Lanny McAlister, Guthrie Grove, SC.

Appointments

The Board appointed the following six individuals to continue to serve on the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation for a one-year term: Pastor Delbert Jones, Joyce Knapp,

Paul Overholser, Pastor Scott Ross, George Sheeley, and Willis Turner.

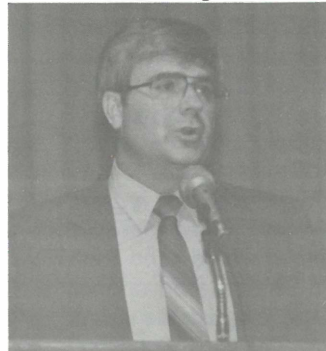
Recommendations

Recommendation One regarding minor changes in our church-development aid program was approved by the delegates.

Recommendation Two, which provided additional alternatives for the Church Builders League, was approved by the delegates.

Recommendation Three regarding a biannual summer conference was defeated after considerable discussion.

Recommendation Four was withdrawn by the Board of Directors. An open session with the Board of Directors provided delegates and members opportunities to express their views regarding this recommendation. During the business session, President David Krogh spoke to the relationship of this recommendation to the vision for the Church of God. (See his address to the delegates on page 6.) The Board of Directors requested a straw vote



Pastor John Rallton speaking on "The Process of Discipling."

with opportunities for those present to express their views at this time.

Following Conference, the votes were retabulated and the official results are as follows:

Yes—Relocate now	123
Yes—Relocate, but would like additional information	41
Wish to receive more information	30
No to relocation at this time,	

but would like more information	11
No to relocation	23

The straw vote indicates a 72 percent majority who favor relocation and 10-15 percent who are opposed to reloca-



Pastor Dennis Baldwin challenging the congregation to grow strong in God's family.

tion at this time. On the basis of this expression from those present, the Board requests input from the entire membership as our future course is charted. Board members are available to discuss individual views with any members; letters from the membership are encouraged. The Board will be meeting on October 28 and 29 to discuss input received from the membership, develop more comprehensive plans regarding the restructuring and revitalization of the Church of God, and gather additional information regarding how relocation can help us pursue our vision. The entire membership is encouraged to pray for the Board of Directors and staff as proposals for our future ministry are prepared for next year's General Conference.

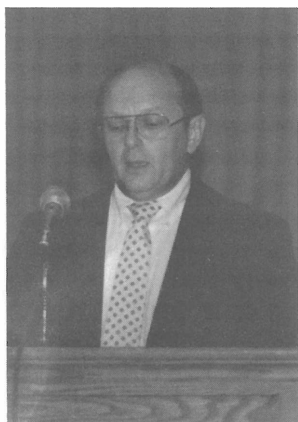
Budget

A budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1989 - May 31, 1990, was approved by the delegates. It calls for contributions of \$402,000. This compares with \$387,000 required for the 1988-89 fiscal year. (See page 16 for a copy of the budget.)

Conference Attendance

Nearly 350 people were registered
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Board Chairman Joe James addressing the delegates at the first business session.

BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND FRIENDS, welcome to this 68th Annual General Conference of the Church of God headquartered in Oregon, Illinois. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, I extend a special welcome to those attending General Conference for the first time, those serving as church or conference delegates for the first time, delegates from churches represented for the first time and new pastors. We are very grateful to the churches of the Virginia Conference for the pre-conference picnic, the welcoming reception, and the planning and other efforts to make this a successful conference. We are especially appreciative to those who served on the program committee of this 1988 General Conference. We are always thankful to the General Conference staff who go beyond the call of duty to get everything organized for General Conference. We also wish to express our gratitude to all of you for coming. Our enrollment this year is greater than that of most conferences in recent years.

The theme for our conference, "Disciplemaking: Today!" is very timely in relation to our goals of witnessing, evangelism, planting new churches, and building up existing churches. Disciplemaking—developing true followers of Jesus Christ who will submit to the Lordship of Christ and follow the examples set by him—is the central theme of the Great Commission as given in Matthew 28:19, 20. This work of disciplemaking was not given to the twelve only, but is the responsibility of all of us who know the Gospel of Salvation. We are to be disciples ourselves and pray as Jesus admonished in Luke 10:2, "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." We are the workmen by whom the Master will accomplish the task of developing more laborers. The New Testament Church followed the command of Jesus by making disciples and we see tremendous growth recorded in the book of Acts. Men and women allowed the Spirit of God to work in their lives and many unbelievers were converted to the good news of salvation through Jesus. This same fire of zeal must burn within us and our local churches today if the lost are to be reached, new churches planted, and existing ones revitalized.

You as delegates will make important decisions at this Conference. There are four recommendations to be voted on, two directors to be

elected, and two advisory committee members to be elected. We pray that God will lead us in making these decisions and electing these officers. I ask that everyone be in prayer as we consider these business items this week. Our own wisdom is too lacking—we need God's wisdom and leading to approach the issues and to come to consensus on the matters.

A major recommendation concerns the frequency of our General Conferences. The pros and cons of holding biannual conferences are outlined in your delegate packages. This issue is placed before you as requested at the 1987 General Conference. Delegates will offer additional information and insight into this issue. The wishes of you delegates will determine further action in this matter.

The matter regarding relocation of our college and conference is foremost in the thinking and prayers of most delegates as we enter these business sessions. That the Board of Directors placed the recommendation to relocate before you should come as no surprise. We have had open board sessions on the topic at recent conferences. This has been discussed with pastors in Ministers Conferences. The Board of Directors, after much prayer and discussion, voted unanimously to place this recommendation before the 1988 delegate body. It is our desire that you have major input into this process. The opportunities for input will continue. We are considering these matters related to your conference and your college. I ask each of you to make this a topic of private prayer in the hours preceding our consideration of relocation. Please read the material in the May/June PROGRESS JOURNAL and review the time table outlined in your delegate package.

Let us keep sight of our desire to carry out the Great Commission as we consider relocation of our Bible College and Conference. We are a small body of believers committed to the doctrinal truths of God's Word. We must never depart from nor compromise those truths. We have, however, floundered and fallen short in sharing this gospel with others and leading them to Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God. God's Word tells us to commit the gospel to faithful people who will then teach others (2 Tim. 2:2). We must develop more lay and professional workers for this ministry. As we look at the population of our country, we see masses of human beings living in and near metropolitan areas. These human beings by and large do not know God or Jesus Christ or the way

of salvation. It is to these areas where many of our Church of God young people are moving for career purposes. Suburban areas throughout the country contain isolated Church of God people who in many cases are leaving the church. I believe if Jesus were to look upon these locations throughout this country, he would say, "The field is white already unto the harvest but the laborers are few." We believe that a more metropolitan location for our training center will provide a better setting for training and developing disciples for the ministries of church planting, evangelism, and other Christian services. Relocation is not the answer for all our problems. We must first have a burden and compassion for the lost. Then we must be willing to step out in faith to reach the lost. Accompanying relocation must be an ongoing assessment of our recruitment and training programs. We must be willing to change the structure of our Bible College training if such changes will be progressive in carrying out the Lord's work. We must be open to making programmatic changes in curriculum if such changes will enhance our effectiveness. Changes in these areas can be made without compromising Biblical truths.

Church-planting projects, evangelistic efforts, and relocation do not mean that existing churches and their needs are forgotten. Preparation of pastors and lay workers for existing churches can take place concurrently with our focus on evangelism and outreach.

Oregon, Illinois, has a special place in my heart. I have been to Oregon more frequently in the past twenty years than to any other town outside the state of South Carolina. I can say with Brother Scott Ross, "I love the Church of God!" Our heritage is rich. God has greatly blessed us. He has entrusted to us as stewards the Gospel Message. We cannot live in the past. We must not sit complacently recollecting our heritage. Our heritage provides a foundation for building. Let us who are assembled in this 1988 General Conference be determined to move the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham forward "like a mighty army." Let us fondly cherish our heritage, the memories of a conference building on 3rd Street in Oregon and all the Christian relationships for which our headquarters location has provided a setting. Let us be determined that our memories and attachments do not deter us from moving forward with God's leadership.

We have had a weakness in our training for pastors and lay workers. God has provided us an opportunity to add to the training program a

minister gifted in evangelism and witnessing. Evangelism will be taught to the students in an experimental practice setting. We will produce workers who will have had real life experiences in evangelism under a trainer gifted in this area. We see the hand of God working to bring all these pieces together into a meaningful and purposeful whole. This will augment our present program and can be made available to pastors in the field.

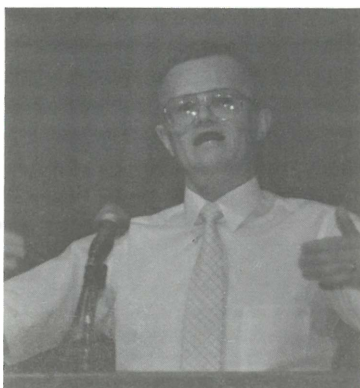
God has given us a vision for the future—he is leading! Is not this exactly what we have prayed for? What will we do with these opportunities?

As we evaluate the past several years, all of us have much for which to be thankful. Our Bible College will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next summer. We plan to really celebrate that occasion. The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation is within \$185,000 of reaching the goal of \$1,000,000 in gifts and commitments. In 1989 we will celebrate the achievement of that goal. We have planted new churches and other plantings are about to be initiated. The P.A.C.T program is really catching on. Let us continue this momentum of service to God.

I was privileged in the 1970's to serve on a General Conference Study Committee chaired by Brother Harold Doan. It was the vision and dream of that committee and Brother Doan to see the Outreach and Church Development Department with its plans, visions, and services for developing existing churches and planting new ones become the focal part of our total General Conference operation. We see this coming to fruition. There are no better ways of praising and honoring God than becoming alive to service in our local churches and in reaching out to the lost. Let us go forth committed to "Occupy Until Jesus Comes."

Joe E. James, chairman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President David Krogh speaking to the delegates regarding the future of our conference and college.

The historian Arnold Toynbee, after long years of studying human history, came to the conclusion that new civilizations come to birth and proceed to grow by successfully responding to challenge.

I believe that this principal applies not only to civilizations, but to organizations as well. Though we, as the Church of God, are not a new organization, our ministry depends upon our ability to successfully respond to challenge.

We live in a changing world. We may not approve of the changes that are happening around us, but there are many things beyond our control that are going to change whether we want them to or not. Our challenge in the Church of God is to understand the times in which we live and know how we can minister in these times.

Perhaps you will remember that the men of Issachar, who came to help David when he was first crowned king of Israel, were men who "understood the times and knew what Israel should do" (1 Chron. 12:32). There is a desperate need in the world today for us to understand our times and to understand how we can minister most effectively.

Our society presents many challenges to us today. Since we live in a secular and materialistic society, we must explore new ways of reaching our society. We must determine how we can reach people who are different from us.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Without a vision, the people perish." The word "vision" refers to a revelation from God. We have a revelation of the second coming of Christ and the establishment of God's kingdom here upon the earth. Our vision for the future is based on the great and precious promises of Scripture. We have the vision of being the people of God and the custodians of distinctive truths which have been neglected by others down through the centuries of time.

As we have considered our mission, we have developed a specific vision in light of our understanding of God's will for the Church of God in these last years of the 20th century. We have come to see that our vision must consist of:

1. The revitalization of existing churches
2. The starting of 75 new churches between now and the turn of the century

Today we are seeing many Church of God people "catching the vision."

Local churches have caught the vision as they have made their worship services more meaningful and worshipful. They have become revitalized as they focus on reaching the lost and making disciples of Christ.

State Conferences have caught the vision as they focus on starting new churches. Committees and task forces have been appointed to select sites, secure church-planting pastors, and provide time and money to launch new works.

Many individuals have caught the vision as they grow spiritually, as they build relationships with the lost, and as they become more active in ministry.

Jeff Fletcher has caught the vision of starting a church in England that could become the beachhead for spreading the message of truth and salvation to all of Europe.

After last summer's General Conference, Gary Turner caught the vision of starting a church in Loves Park, Illinois, and that church is now being started.

Our people realize that we worship a great God who is "able to do exceeding abundantly more than we could possibly think or ask" (Eph. 3:20).

Our people are coming to recognize the tremendous potential of multiplying disciples as described in 2 Timothy 2:2. This is the key to phenomenal results in the Church of God. Last year at General Conference it was noted that if 5,000 Church of God members became serious about making reproducing disciples, it would result in 81,920,000 disciples by the year 2000.

No, every member in the Church of God will not catch the vision of being a reproducing disciplinemaker, but what if 1,000 catch the vision? What if only 100 people in the Church of God caught the vision of making reproducing disciples? By the year 2000, there would be 409,600 total disciples. Do you know how many churches it would take to serve 409,600 people? At 500 per church, we would need 819 new churches between now and the turn of the century.

My friends, the Church of God indeed has a bright future if we will step forward in obedience and faith to do the work that God has called us to do.

An integral part of our dream for the future is the relocation of our Conference and College. Recommendation Number Four offers the Church of God a tremendous opportunity to make a difference in the world today. Relocation is a vital part of our plan to help revitalize existing churches and to start new churches. It is a vital part of our plan to better equip pastors and leaders in how to make disciples by going, baptizing, and teaching those who are lost.

Actually I regret that the focus of Recommendation Four is on relocation. Relocation is only a fraction of the change that must take place in the Church of God if we are to be obedient to the Great Commission.

Relocation by itself will accomplish little without changes in attitudes, curriculum, program, behavior, and the spiritual development of our people. I believe that by combining relocation with these changes great progress will be made.

As our people have caught the vision of revitalization and church planting, they are seeing the need for attitudes to change, for behavior to change, and these changes must be meshed with a location change for the Conference and College. If these elements can all be brought together, we will see a synergistic effect take place. Synergism says that $1 + 1 = 3$; in other words, the combined strength is greater than the sum of the items individually.

Some have asked, "Why don't you make changes and then move?" It is the combination of change that will make a difference. Change in location is a major key to changing attitudes and behavior.

We are bringing this issue to you as delegates at this time because we want your input and participation in shaping the future of the Church of God. We feel very strongly the need for partnership and a team effort if we are to accomplish God's work in the church today.

The General Conference is a service organization—the Board and the staff are servants of the membership. The delegates are the decision makers. And in fact, you delegates, along with the

Conference board and staff, are subject to the grass-roots members.

This is a volunteer organization; the membership volunteers the time to keep this movement going. The membership provides the prayer support; the membership provides the financial support. Without the membership, this organization cannot exist.

Though we are servants, we have been assigned leadership responsibilities. I believe that a leader needs to be in front of the sheep, showing the way—not in back driving the sheep forward. Shepherds are to lead by example; they are to be looking ahead to find the green pastures, to find the water, to find the best way, and to chart the course for the flock.

The relocation of the Conference and College has been discussed for 27 years. This recommendation is being brought to you today to seek your approval to go from the talking stage to the doing stage. There comes a time for action, and I believe that now is the time.

We are bringing this recommendation to you at this time so that we can discuss it with you before decisions are made.

Some of you remember when the property north of Oregon known as Maxson Manor today, was sold by the Board of Directors in the winter of 1950. The property was sold and a few weeks later it was announced in *The Restitution Herald* that it had been sold. The sale was announced along with a picture of a new building that was about to be built in Oregon.

Some of you remember the sale of the print shop back in August, 1967, just two or three weeks after the General Conference had assembled. The Board acted alone without notification or input from the delegates.

Whether these were right decisions or not is not the question. The issue is that many delegates wish they could at least have been informed of pending decisions.

By the way, I wasn't personally involved in making those decisions, even though some may think that I was. I was only five years old when Maxson Manor was sold, and I lost my job in the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

print shop when it was sold in 1967.

We want everyone to catch the vision—to sense the excitement and experience the joy of being involved in meaningful ministry. For the past three or four years we have made you aware that the issue of relocation was being discussed and studied in more detail. This was announced and discussed at several General Conference sessions and also at Ministers' Conference.

Our leadership wants to make sure that you as delegates and the membership are with us—we want your public support. We all have a stake in this ministry.

We are constantly reading the pulse of our membership. And as we read that pulse:

1. We sense a desire on the part of our membership to be obedient in evangelism and disciple-making. I don't know of anyone who believes that evangelism is wrong.
2. We sense a desire to uphold our distinctive message and to be faithful to our heritage.
3. We sense a desire for meaningful ministry.
4. We sense a desire for lives to count for the cause of the gospel.
5. We sense a desire to be good stewards and invest in things that God is blessing.
6. We sense your sadness when churches die.
7. We sense your apprehension when your church can't find a pastor.

These are common threads that bind us together as a people. And our future depends upon our unity as we face the challenges of the future.

Today I ask for a unity of purpose and direction as we leave this place. Recommendation #4 charts our course for the future. It is an integral part of our vision for the future. On the other hand, my greatest fear is possible fragmentation. Each delegate may have his own idea of where we should go from here. But we need unity; we all need to be going in the same direction. If we leave here without a clear sense of direction it will leave

our staff hanging in limbo; and it will leave us where we have been for 27 years; talking about an issue, but never doing anything about it.

I am not asking you as delegates to give a blank check to me or the Board of Directors to do whatever we please. You, the people, literally have the blank check. You are the ones who write checks to support this movement. Communication will not end at this Conference. We seek a working partnership with you. Please be assured, this Board is not reckless with our assets; it is not careless with our heritage. It wants to continue to cultivate our grass roots and make everyone aware of our vision and the challenges and the opportunities that await us in the future.

I ask you to give us sufficient support that we can move ahead with confidence as we leave this Conference. These are momentous times; tremendous opportunities are before us.

Second Timothy 1:7 says that God did not give us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and of self-discipline. God is faithful, and when we step out in faith he will bless us. He places a high premium on faith and obedience. And I very much believe that the Church of God today is on track with God's plan for the future. When we develop a compassion and a heart for those who are lost, and we devote our time and energy to bringing them to conversion and to responsible membership in the church, I believe that God is well pleased. I believe that God is pleased when we place ourselves in a vulnerable position where we must draw on his resources instead of only on our own. Our prayer must not be, "God bless what we are doing," but we must pray, "God help us to do what you are blessing." God blesses faith and obedience.

Our staff is prepared to make great sacrifice for the future of this movement. Moving to a new location will be a major upheaval in our lives, but I have not talked to a single member of our staff who wishes to selfishly block what is best for the work of the Church of God.

Our overriding concern must be reaching those who are lost. Please join me in furthering the ministry of the Church of God as we pursue a vision for the future.

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION— Tuesday, August 2, 1988

Chairman Joe James called to order the first delegate business session of the 68th Annual General Conference of the Church of God at 1:55 p.m.

Chairman James recognized and welcomed first-time delegates; Bethel Church of Pelzer, South Carolina, represented for the first time; first-time Pastor Representative Dennis Cheatwood; those attending the conference for the first time; and new staff representing the Church of God General Conference or Oregon Bible College for the first time.

Pastor Stan Ross opened the session with prayer.

Chairman James extended thanks to the Virginia Conference churches for the picnic held on Sunday afternoon. He also expressed thanks to the program committee, the General Conference staff members for their work in organizing the conference, and to all those in attendance—noting that this is the largest attendance in many years.

In his opening message, Chairman James pointed out that we are to be following the discipling example given to us by Jesus himself, and stated that the commandment to go and make disciples found in Matthew 28:19, 20, was given not only to the disciples but to each one of us as well. We are the tools that God will use to develop new workers for his harvest. We must each be filled with a burning zeal as we seek to restructure and revitalize. He reviewed the importance of the decisions to be made this week regarding the frequency of future conferences and relocation and asked that these issues and decisions be bathed in prayer. We are asked to keep in sight our desire to obey the Great Commission which is an area in which we have fallen short as a denomination.

Chairman James pointed out that we will continue to remember our older existing churches concurrently with our focus on outreach and evangelism. As stewards of the gospel message, we must determine to move forward, committed to occupy until Jesus comes.

Judy Myers, credentials chairperson, reported the following delegate count: 96 conference or church delegates, seven directors, and 56 ministers, or a total of 159 as compared to the 1987 count of 81 conference or church delegates, seven

directors, and 46 ministers.

Chairman James directed delegates' attention to the special reports printed on pages 11 and 12 of the May/June, 1988, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, and asked for questions or comments. Since there were none, motion to accept the reports was made by Robert Coverstone and seconded by Robert See. Motion carried.

Bill Burnham, Controller, reviewed with delegates the financial report in the delegate packet and called their attention to items he felt would be of special interest. David Krogh explained that the house in Milton Keynes, England, was purchased by the General Conference for the Fletchers. The General Conference will retain a 25% ownership in that house. Fletchers will be buying the other 75%. Bob Lindner asked if the General Conference would also be responsible for 25% of the upkeep and David Krogh explained that this would be the Fletchers' responsibility. Motion to accept the financial report made by James Mattison and seconded by Robert See. Motion carried.

Warren Sorenson, Vice President in charge of the Outreach and Church Development Department, reviewed the purposes and programs of that Department. He called on staff persons from each Advisory Committee—Judy Myers from the Missions Committee, Russ Magaw from the Media Committee, Gayle Guthrie from the Christian Education Committee, and Kent Ross from the Youth Advisory Committee, asking them to report on their respective committees, and expressed thanks to each for the work of their committee. Kent Ross called on Tim Eldred and Jon Cheatwood, who spoke concerning the recent Berean Youth Congress held at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Bro. Sorenson introduced Pastor Richard Eldred who will be the Evangelism Employee of the Church of God General Conference. He shared his conviction that God has called him to a life of service in the area of evangelism based on 1 Timothy 4:14, 15.

Gary Turner introduced his wife Glenda and spoke of his return to OBC and his involvement in the Loves Park, Illinois, church-planting project and the progress thus far. First worship service is anticipated to be in October, 1988.

Jeff and Karen Fletcher expressed thanks for prayers and financial support and reported on



Brenda Wessel, Board Secretary.

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Conference Choir.

their call to be involved in the church-planting project in England where they will move in two weeks. Spring, 1989, is the targeted first worship service.

Cecil Rademachir gave an update on the work in Bloomington, Indiana, and shared some experiences he had had with those to whom he is ministering.

Anita Howell expressed objection to the statement on page five of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* regarding existing churches and pointed out that existing churches have produced many fine pastors and students for OBC, and that local churches have many who are willing to work diligently in support of the church, Conference, and Oregon Bible College.

Willis Turner moved to accept Recommendation #1. Seconded by Jeff Fletcher. Delbert Jones expressed concern for supporting multiple pastors when there will be new churches in addition to existing churches without pastors, while there are few students graduating as pastors from OBC. Warren Sorenson responded that churches without pastors would have first consideration. It will not be an either/or situation between existing and newly planted churches. Reaching the lost and bringing people to salvation continues to be our main objective.

Pastor Jack Hearp asked for clarification of "status quo" churches who show no growth potential with regard to their eligibility for these monies. Anita Howell expressed concern that, with limited funds available for this assistance and 75 new churches anticipated, these churches would be considered before those churches without pastors. Bro. Sorenson responded that churches without growth potential would not be eligible for these monies. He also explained that this change in language would not alter or change the policy as currently stated but would add another category to those who could be helped. On vote by show of delegate cards, motion carried.

John Huston moved to accept Recommendation #2, seconded by Delbert Jones. Chairman James explained that this change is not restrictive but, rather, gives another alternative if no church applies for the Church Builders Appeal. Robert See asked if this is a contrast from normal use of

designated funds, to which Chairman James responded that destination of the funds would be announced when the appeal is sent out. On vote by show of delegate cards, motion carried.

After announcements, session was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Clarence Lapp.

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION— Wednesday, August 3, 1988

Chairman Joe James called the session to order at 2:00 p.m. Kent Ross opened the session with prayer.

Minutes of the Tuesday session were read, noting a correction of 1987 ministers as delegates to 46. Anita Howell clarified her remarks made in the Tuesday session and apologized to Warren Sorenson.

Chairman James noted that the terms of two Board members—Bill Lawrence and Dick Eldred—expire, and opened the floor for nominations for these positions. Pastor Hollis Partlowe represented the Iowa Conference in nominating Pastor Francis Burnett. Pastor Lee Arp represented the Northeast Conference in nominating Donna Deane. George Sheeley represented the Missouri Conference in nominating Pastor Don Ward. Pastor Stan Ross represented the Minnesota Conference in nominating Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Robert See moved that nominations cease, seconded by Rick Cooper. Motion carried. Chairman James asked the nominees to come forward and introduce themselves to the delegates. Election of Board members will be during the business session on Thursday. Nominees were asked to be available at 6:30 Wednesday evening on the first floor of the Campus Center to converse with delegates and anyone who wishes to meet them.

The four-year term of Robert Alcumbrack on the Youth Advisory Committee is expiring. John Huston nominated Lanny McAllister for this position. There were no other nominations. Robert See moved that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for Lanny McAllister for this position. Seconded by Ron Macy. Motion carried.

The four-year term of Dwaine Demmitt expires on the Media Advisory Committee. Dwaine Demmitt nominated John Smead for this posi-

tion. There were no other nominations. Robert Coverstone moved that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for John Smead for this advisory committee position, seconded by Rick Cooper. Motion carried.

Chairman James asked Bro. McAllister and Bro. Smead to come forward to be introduced to the delegates.

Before entering into discussion on the relocation issue. Chairman James asked Pastor Richard Eldred to offer prayer for a unity of spirit and an open-mindedness to issues within the group.

David Krogh spoke uplifting words of encouragement and challenge to all present regarding the sensitive issues facing the Conference and College—in particular, the relocation issue. Chairman James then offered thanks to all present for their questions and input and the fact that all had given much thought and prayer to the issues before us. He then announced that the Board, after discussion and prayer, had voted to withdraw Recommendation #4 with the intent to come back with a more complete package of information at the 1989 General Conference.

The chairman stated that the Board has asked for a straw vote of those present as an indication of the delegates' position in the concept of relocation, which would give direction to the Board for preparing for further action. He stressed that this is not a binding vote. Pastor Jack Hearp suggested the vote be by ballot so that a more accurate vote might be possible. There were several suggestions from Pastor Joe Fletcher, Pastor Dick Alcumbrack, and Sue Lapp as to votes that might be cast, those suggestions as follows:

1. Not in favor of considering a move.
2. In favor but want more information.
3. Yes, in favor of move.
4. Would support the leadership in whatever it decides.

Pastor Lee Arp expressed the fact that since the Board has already withdrawn the recommendation, a straw vote with so many choices seems somewhat inappropriate.

Board member William Lawrence asked that votes indicate, based on David Krogh's message, if they are in favor of the concept of the move or opposed. Anita Howell noted that she hated to see the vote delayed for an entire year and asked if

there was any way to expedite this. Pastor Jim Graham asked that results of the straw vote be made available to delegates at this conference. Pastor Scott Ross stated that even though the vote on relocation would be delayed, his hope would be that the changing attitudes, curriculum, and the strengthening of our thrust toward evangelism and restructuring would begin immediately, with which Pastor Don Ward concurred.

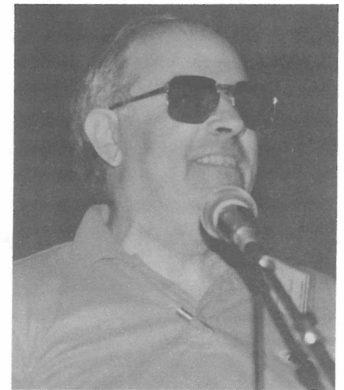
Chairman James referred to the issue of property sales that had been brought up and reported that the sale of the General Conference building has been in the works for about four years. The men's dorm and the General Conference building would be our hardest properties to sell. The Board of Directors has already voted that if a buyer should come along for these buildings who would be willing to pay fair market value, we would sell. Warren Sorenson reminded all present that the sale of the General Conference building has not been a part of the relocation issue. Chairman James agreed and stated that it has been decided that this building is not the place for the General Conference business location.

The chairman reported that the youth have been meeting this date, and their representative—Jon Cheatwood—was recognized. Jon reported that a group of 16 youth had met for two hours regarding several issues. Their conclusion is that the issue of relocation may or may not be important, but relocation is not what they are looking for. They would like to see revitalization and restructuring of current programs before relocation.

Chairman James reported that the meeting of the OBC Development Foundation members would follow at 3:30 p.m. in the Strite Auditorium in the Campus Center. Dale Ramsey announced alumni would meet for their meal at 5:15 p.m.

James Mattison shared information regarding a new radio ministry he will begin soon through a radio station which serves islands in the Pacific Ocean—Hawaiian Islands and many other countries we are not presently in contact with. The charge is \$48 for each set of two programs.

Results of the straw vote regarding relocation were as follows: 115 yes; 89 wanted more information; and 23 no, or a total of 227 votes. (A recount of the ballots shows: 123 yes; 41 yes, but want more information; 30 want more information; 11 no, but want more information; 23 no, for a total of 228 votes.) The chairman expressed



*Glad Tidings Church
delegate John Bradford,
Fonthill, Ontario.*

BUSINESS SESSION

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One of 28 workshop sessions.

thanks for participation in this vote.

Delegate count for this date is 96 conference or church delegates, 57 ministers, and seven directors.

Approximately 345 are registered for conference, which is the largest number in five years.

Chairman James reported that Canadians have offered their area for a summer conference and asked for show of hands of those who would consider going if conference was held there. A huge majority was in favor of a conference in that area.

Ed Schroth expressed thanks to the Virginia churches and admiration for the beautiful scenery of the area and a special thanks to Chris and Phyllis Ramsey.

Don Overmyer closed the meeting with prayer.

DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION— Thursday, August 4, 1988

Delegate session called to order by Chairman Joe James at 1:50 p.m. Bill Lawrence opened the session with prayer.

Chuck Jones, pastor of Southlawn Church in Wyoming, Michigan, spoke regarding a book, "The Coming Kingdom of the Messiah," written by Anthony Buzzard and soon to be published. He asked those present to send names of 10 bookstores in their area to him before the end of August. Each person who does this will receive a free copy of the book.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and minor corrections made.

Nominees for the two Board of Directors positions were called to the front of the auditorium for introduction, ballots were passed out, and voting procedures explained.

While ballots were being counted Judy Myers was recognized for her hard work in the organization and administration duties performed during this conference. She then shared instructions for checking out of the college campus.

Pastor Syd Kirkpatrick spoke regarding his church's building program—in particular its

bonding program—and introduced Michael Holmquist of Investors Group and David Bormes, chairman of the building committee. Mr. Holmquist shared information regarding his company and the bonding program and indicated he would be available for questions. Syd also expressed thanks to all for past and future support.

Delegate count for 8-4-88 is: 96 conference or church delegates, 58 ministers, and seven directors, or a total of 161.

Dale Ramsey called attention to the Navigators display that has been set up and introduced John Sackett, Director of Church Discipleship, who shared information regarding the Navigators program and upcoming seminars.

Larry Mayberry shared his excitement in his new position as President of the Ministerial Association, and reported that Delbert Jones has been elected by the Association to the Committee on Higher Education. He gave some announcements regarding the Association and committees appointed within the Association. He introduced Kevin Demmitt, chairman of the Professional Committee of the Association, who spoke regarding that committee.

President David Krogh made several announcements regarding information in the delegate packets, the PACT program, the generous evening offerings, and the 1989 Christian Workers' Seminar. He asked each person to complete the Conference evaluation and participation sheets.

The chairman asked that staff members of Oregon Bible College come forward and be recognized.

Pastor Ed Goit asked if the location of the 1989 General Conference has yet been determined. That information is not yet available.

President Krogh presented plaques to retiring Board members Bill Lawrence and Dick Eldred and expressed appreciation for their dedication and service.

Dale Ramsey, Vice President of Oregon Bible College, commented on the OBC report in the PROGRESS JOURNAL and clarified the goals and desire of the college to train effective pastors and workers by maintaining a good balance of classes on Bible and Theology, general education, and ministry. He stressed the continued need for funds for student scholarships, and reported on

staff changes. Sue Lapp asked how many students are presently enrolled for fall and was advised that there are 27 with two still in question.

Donna Deane and Vivian Kirkpatrick II were elected to the Board of Directors.

Dale Bliss asked about a new men's dorm director. Dale Ramsey reported that no director has yet been found. Scott Deane inquired regarding criteria used to determine whether a student should be allowed to advance to the junior-senior years. Dale reviewed current criteria used and stressed that this area is being developed.

Marj Overmyer requested information from Alumni of OBC be given to her for use by the committee for the 1989 General Conference.

Chairman James directed delegates' attention to Recommendation #3 on page 13 of the PROGRESS JOURNAL. Robert Coverstone moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Robert See. The following were recognized to speak regarding the recommendation: James Mattison, Stan Ross, Gayle Ross, Joe Fletcher, Larry Mayberry, Anita Howell, Emory Macy, Tim Jones, Robert See, John Bradford, Bob Lindner, and Darlene Day. Steve Taylor called for the question, seconded by Kevin Demmitt. Motion carried. On vote by delegates, Recommendation #3 was defeated.

Ron Macy spoke regarding the roles of leadership in local churches and the lack of training for these positions and the possibility of a training class for these leaders. He moved that the Oregon Bible College staff begin immediately upon passage of this motion to prepare the Foundation Year and Church Leadership courses for study by correspondence/extension. Each teacher involved in teaching these courses should be responsible for preparing one course per year until all courses are completed. Initial emphasis should be put on leadership and Christian education courses. Seconded by Jeff Fletcher. Ed Schroth, Joyce Knapp, Joyce Demmitt, Scott Ross, Jay Ramsey, David Krogh, and Chuck Jones were recognized to speak to this motion.

Scott Ross moved to amend the motion by striking the second sentence. Motion will now read, "that the Oregon Bible College staff begin immediately upon passage of this motion to prepare the Foundation Year and Church Leadership courses for study by correspondence/extension. Initial

emphasis should be put on leadership and Christian education courses." Joyce Knapp seconded. Ron Macy spoke against the amendment. Motion to amend the motion carried. Donna Deane called for question on the motion as amended, seconded by Tim Jones. Motion carried.

Charles Knapp spoke regarding the possible need to make changes in the annual conference programs. Chairman James asked that attenders record their thoughts on these changes on the evaluation sheet in their packets. Jack Hearp suggested that if the conference program were to change to business only every two years, that the years in between could be more like a Christian Workers' Seminar.

Gary Burnham expressed his hope that feelings spoken by many that money should not be a question when considering our programs would carry over to next year if it is decided to relocate the Conference/College.

Bob Lindner suggested a raise in salary of Conference/College staff members might be appropriate.

President Krogh reviewed the budget printed on page 20 of the PROGRESS JOURNAL and entertained questions and comments.

Don Overmyer commended staff members for their dedication and hard work, noting that they have many opportunities to improve themselves financially in a local church.

John Huston moved to adopt the proposed budget, seconded by Dennis Baldwin. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Thursday session were read. Delbert Jones moved to approve the minutes from all three delegate sessions, seconded by Russ Magaw. Motion carried.

Peggy Winner asked that the secretary be commended for her work in recording session minutes. Secretary received a round of applause.

Robert Coverstone moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Lindner. Motion carried.

Pastor Hollis Partlowe closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Wessel, Secretary.



Special music provided by Vickie Pulling, East Peoria, IL, Church.

HIGHLIGHTS, MACY 50TH CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR

Conference Highlights (Continued from page 3)

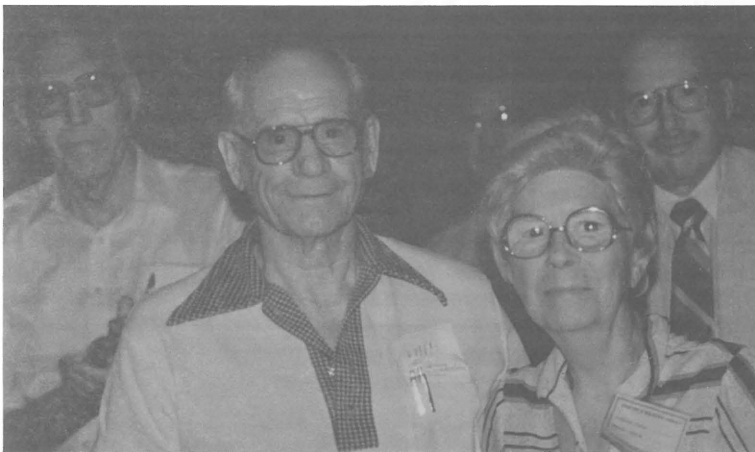
for the regular sessions of the Conference. Many others attended the evening services or other portions of the Conference.

1989 Conference

Plans are being made to have the 69th annual General Conference in Illinois. This conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Oregon Bible College, and our plan is to have a victory celebration upon reaching the one-million dollar goal of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. The entire membership, and especially members of the Alumni Association of Oregon Bible College, are urged to attend this historic conference. A special anniversary program committee has been working on plans for several months and additional information will be available soon.



Virginia ladies serving at General Conference Chairman's Reception Monday Evening.



At the Thursday evening service at the summer Conference, Emory and Mildred Macy were honored. On November 13 of this year, Brother Emory will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first sermon that was preached at the Brush Creek, Ohio, Church of God. A special celebration will take place on that day at which time Bro. Macy will refer to the same sermon notes that he used 50 years ago. The congregation at the General Conference gave the Macys a standing ovation for their dedicated service over so many years.

Needed

One computer, monitor, printer, and disk drive for an Oregon Bible College senior who is planning on entering the pastoral ministry. It will be used for sermon preparations, filing, editing, accounting, record-keeping, homework, and other miscellaneous church/pastor business.

If you or someone you know has a computer that is not being used to its potential and would like to sell it for low monthly payments (or even donate it), please contact Jeff Bull, 8 1/2 E. Main, Apt. 4, Mt Morris, IL 61054, phone 815/734/6740.



**Christian
Workers
Seminar**

**April 2-7,
1989
at the
Park Vista,
Gatlinburg,
Tennessee**

TAPES; 1989 CONFERENCE

Tapes of Summer Conference

A videotape of the special music and sermons at the summer conference, August 1-5, was produced by Bob See. All the services are on one tape. The tape may be ordered by sending a check for \$8 to: Bob See, 18535 Bellorita, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.

Audiotapes of the evening services were also produced. The unedited tapes are available from the Church of God General Conference. Please indicate which service(s) you wish to receive.

Monday evening—"Who Will Love Them?—We Will!"—Robert Alcumbrack (2 tapes, \$4 ea.)

Tuesday evening—"Opportunities for Service"—Joseph Fletcher (1 tape, sermon only)

Wednesday evening—"The Process of Disciplemaking"—John Railton (1 tape, sermon only)

Thursday evening—"Growing Strong in God's Family"—Dennis Baldwin (2 tapes, \$4 ea.)

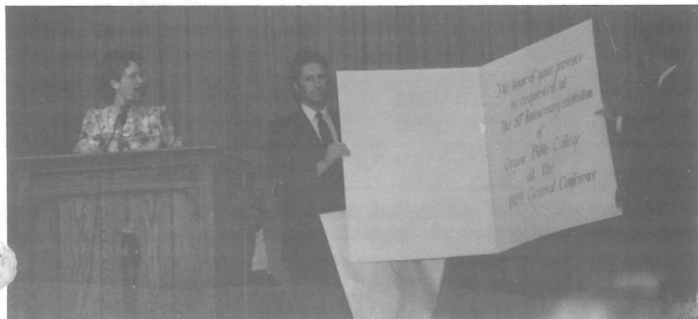
The cost per tape is \$4. This covers the cost of the tape and postage.

Mail to: Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



OBC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

At the summer Conference, Rachel Carr, representing the OBC 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee, extended an invitation to attend the 1989 General Conference. Not only will Oregon Bible College celebrate its 50th anniversary, but we plan to celebrate victory in our campaign to raise one million dollars for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. All members, especially members of the Alumni Association of Oregon Bible College, should plan to be present for this historic conference. Additional information regarding the time and place will be available soon.



PRAYER AND PRAISE October, 1988

- 1 Pray for the OBC Alumni Homecoming Weekend in Oregon today and tomorrow. Pray also for those who will be travelling to and from Oregon.
- 2 Pray for God to send more laborers into the ministry and, as a step in preparation for ministry, more students to attend Oregon Bible College.
- 3 Pray for the safe delivery of Jeff and Karen Fletcher's second child.
- 4 Praise God for the number of prospects gained through the telephone evangelism program in Loves Park, IL, during August and September.
- 5 Praise God for the PACT volunteers who helped in the project of planting a new church in Loves Park, IL.
- 6 Pray for the OBC students who are taking part in the Loves Park church-planting project.
- 7 Pray for Gary Turner, the intern pastor of the Loves Park Church and for Warren Sorenson as they work together in supervising this effort.
- 8 Pray for Rick Cooper and Warren Sorenson as they meet today with representatives from four Advent Christian churches in Oklahoma.
- 9 Pray for the brethren in Arkansas City, KS, who are without a pastor. Praise God for the faithfulness of this group of believers.
- 10 Pray for Pastor David Cheatwood and the congregation of the Blessed Hope Church of God in Rockford, IL, that the church will grow during the church-planting effort in Loves Park.
- 11 Praise God for providing a meeting place for the worship services of the new church in Loves Park, IL.
- 12 Pray for Oliver Amani and his work in Ghana. We lost contact with him in 1983 and have now established communications with him again.
- 13 Pray for OBC students who will be attending a Christian Living Seminar today and tomorrow.
- 14 Pray for John and Gayle Guthrie and their new ministry in East Oregon. Pray also for members of the congregation as they work together in the further development of East Oregon Chapel.
- 15 Pray that God will work in the lives of the people in Loves Park who will be receiving mailings inviting them to the first worship service on October 30.
- 16 Pray for Kent Ross and Gary Turner as they work together in preparation for this first public worship of the new church.
- 17 Pray for Dick Eldred and the North Kent Bible Church of God as they work through a change of pastors.
- 18 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their work in Labor Vieja, Mexico. Pray especially for Lupe's complete healing following surgery on her foot.
- 19 Pray for the mission work in India, that God will continue to work through those who have learned the truth of the gospel.
- 20 Pray for and with OBC students and staff today. This is a special day of prayer at OBC.
- 21 Praise God for Jim and Alane Day's ministry in Peru this past summer.
- 22 Pray for Mario Olcese and his ministry in Lima, Peru. Pray that contacts made through the radio broadcast will result in conversions to Christ.
- 23 Pray for pastors who are in their first pastorate this fall, that God will give them a good experience and a fruitful ministry.
- 24 Pray for Tom and Sheila Schmitt as they prepare to move to Peachtree City, Georgia, to start a new Church of God.
- 25 Praise God for the fine student body at OBC this fall.
- 26 Pray for all isolated members of the Church of God, that God will strengthen their faith and give them an opportunity for Christian fellowship and Bible study.
- 27 Pray for the OBC graduates who are interning in local churches this year.
- 28 Pray for the Board of Directors of the General Conference who will be meeting today and tomorrow.
- 29 Pray for the final preparations for the first public worship service at Loves Park, IL.
- 30 Today is to be the first public worship service of the new Loves Park Church of God; pray that God will bless the service and provide an opportunity to share the gospel with many new people.
- 31 Pray for Gary Turner and Warren Sorenson as they begin the follow-up work in Loves Park.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

November, 1988

BUDGET

June 1, 1989 — May 31, 1990

- 1 Pray that God will call forth a church planter to work with the Missouri Conference in its church-planting efforts.
- 2 Praise God for the growing interest among the members of the Church of God to reach the lost.
- 3 November 3-6 is Parents weekend at OBC. Pray that this will be a time for parents and students to share together in the development of their lives in ministry.
- 4 Praise God for all the pastors' wives and the sacrificial service they have given to ministry.
- 5 Pray for our churches which do not have a pastor.
- 6 Pray for Dale Ramsey and the staff at OBC.
- 7 Remind yourself of what God is doing in your personal life and praise him for this.
- 8 Pray that God will continue to work with the contacts made in the development of the Loves Park Church of God.
- 9 Pray for Judy Myers and the work of the Missions Advisory Committee, that through their efforts the cause of missions will be expanded.
- 10 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher, that their ministry of reaching people for Bible studies will bear fruit.
- 11 Use this day to bring a personal request to God in prayer.
- 12 Pray for David Krogh and his responsibilities as president of the Church of God General Conference.
- 13 List the names of three people you want to see accept Christ as Savior. Begin a regular time of prayer for these persons.
- 14 Pray that God will continue to promote the zeal of evangelism among and through the students at OBC.
- 15 Praise God for what he is doing in your local church.
- 16 Thank God for your pastor and family. Uplift them in special prayer today.
- 17 Pray for the fund-raising efforts of the OBC Development Foundation.
- 18 Pray for a spirit of love and unity to be experienced within your church.
- 19 Pray for Kent Ross and the Youth Advisory Committee as they plan for the development of the youth ministry in the Church of God.
- 20 Praise God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 21 Pray for the outreach efforts within the Church of God through radio, television, letter writing, church planting, and evangelism in the local church.
- 22 Pray that God will bless your congregation in reaching out to those who do not know Jesus as Savior.
- 23 Pray for Russ Magaw and the Media Advisory Committee and their efforts to expand the work of the Church of God through this means.
- 24 Meditate on the greatness of God and how he has blessed your life. Take time to praise him today. Thank him also for your family.
- 25 Pray for those who are in positions of leadership in your church. Give them your prayer support. Let them know you are praying for them today.
- 26 Pray for Gayle Guthrie and the Sunday School Advisory Committee as they work in the development of the education ministry of the Church of God in local churches.
- 27 Pray for the young people in your church and their youth leaders.
- 28 Pray for the Committee on Higher Education and thank God for their efforts in making Oregon Bible College a glory to God and a blessing to the Church of God.
- 29 Praise God for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Give thanks for their faithful service.
- 30 Praise God for your church family and the privilege you have of working together.

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits:

Salary & Wages	\$318000
Social Security	24200
Employee Benefits	34000
Guest Instructors	5000

General Operations:

Advertising-Recruitment	3000
Films, speakers	300
Foreign Exchange	3000
Auto Expense	8000
Office & Computer	3000
Miscellaneous	500
Royalties	1000
Editorial	3000
Magazines—Library	2000
Periodicals/Book/Dues	3200
Postage	18000
Printing/binding	49000
Professional Services	5500
Repairs nonplant	7500
Staff Education	2000
Mailing Supplies	800
Supplies/Expense	7000
Telephone	8000
Travel	22000
Assistance—Mission Points	30000
Assistance—Churches	24000

Plant Operations:

Property Insurance	5500
Repairs & Maintenance	4500
Supplies/Expense	4000
Utilities	30000

Addition to Plant:

Library Books	1000
Furniture & Equipment	3000

Purchases:

Resale	18000
Food	14000

Vehicle Replacement

Contingency	16000
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TOTALS 683000

Anticipated Income:

Sales	55000
Herald Subscriptions	15000
Trust & Endowments	50500
Tuition/Room/Board	100000
Miscellaneous	12500

TOTAL EARNED INCOME

241000

PACT Faith Promises

4000

TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED JUNE 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1990

402000

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

50TH YEAR BEGINS

Oregon Bible College opened its doors for the 50th time on August 19. The 1989 General Conference will be a celebration of the 50 years. We welcomed 17 new students and 14 returning students: 26 full-time and five are part-time. After three days of getting settled, discovering new surroundings, and getting acquainted with new friends, school began on August 22nd.

The first block of classes lasted two weeks. The students were involved in evangelism training, church-growth principles, church-planting principles, and practical participation in telemarketing and prospect calling. The first two weeks stretched staff and students into new experiences that will better prepare us for subsequent evangelism projects.

We will introduce our new students to you in our November-December PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Staff Changes

We say thanks to Becky Bull for her support and fine work the past two years. She has resigned to pursue opportunities for applying her degree in the area of public education. She is a very talented person who has contributed much. We wish her well!

David and Betty Hall have taken the Men's Dorm Director's job for the third time. We just can't keep them away. They have taken over from Mark and Angie Cheatwood, who have accepted an internship opportunity in Lawrenceville, Ohio. Vickie Cooper,

with the help of her husband Rick, has assumed the Women's Dorm Director's job. The close personal involvement our Dorm Directors have with our dorm students has significant possibilities for discipleship training.

Eileen Moore, a graduate of OBC and Wheaton College Graduate School, has joined our staff in a part-time position in counseling, Christian education, and discipleship training. We look forward to an improvement in our counseling ministry because of Eileen's work.

Booster Sunday

Almost all the staff and student body vacated Oregon September 10th and 11th to testify, witness, share, and report to various churches in the Church of God. Including the previous Sunday, September 4, over 20 churches were visited in the surrounding areas in Illinois and neighboring states.

The purpose of the trips was to share the OBC experience and meet many prospective students for future years. Seniors in high

school are making plans now for next fall and many have declared their intent to attend OBC.

Thanks also to all those gracious people who hosted us. God bless you!

New Approach

It has been the policy of Oregon Bible College to admit any Church of God person for at least one year. Much can be learned by being involved in the programs and activities. Many experience changes in values and attitudes that transform their lives. We continue to encourage all Church of God young people, and older ones too, if they wish to come.

However, evaluation and greater selectivity will be applied to returning students, especially those entering the junior year. Those who stay on beyond the sophomore year generally have determined that they want to concentrate on preparation for pastoral ministry. Our primary course offerings and emphasis in our upper levels is on preparation for pastoral ministry.

We will not withhold the uncertain student from the junior-senior year if he has performed well as a student and shown a cooperative attitude and spirit. There are many related ministry fields besides the pastoral ministry that an OBC grad could pursue. We will be more cautious in advancing students who have not performed well academically and have not adjusted well to the goals and objectives of OBC.

Many OBC supporters and benefactors promote the pastoral ministry with money that supports

our scholarship funds. We will allot more of these funds to the promotion of those quality students who have a strong desire to enter the pastoral ministry and have proved their academic and spiritual potential. We feel a responsibility to be good stewards of the resources God has given us by his people.

It is not the intent of this approach to our policy to quench or discourage pastoral prospects, but to encourage higher standards in the persons who will serve as our future leaders.

Third Annual Alumni Homecoming

The Third Annual Alumni Homecoming weekend will be held in conjunction with Oregon's Autumn-on-Parade. Many have enjoyed the previous two years and this promises to be an enjoyable experience.

All you alums come on back to revive some wonderful, and maybe a few not-so-wonderful, memories. One thing is for sure; the weekend will produce some positive memories.

For information call Kent Ross (815) 732-7991.



OBC Academic Dean Kent Ross meets with pastors Lee Arp, Larry Mayberry, and Kevln Demmitt at General Conference.

OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Peru Report

For two and a half months this summer Jim and Alane Schmidlapp-Day were actively involved in mission work in Lima, Peru. They assisted Mario Olcese with services, radio broadcasts, distributing tracts, and witnessing to people about the things of Scripture.

The radio broadcast, "The Voice of the Kingdom," has drawn a good response from people. It is a good way to make contact with people in that culture. Several of those who listened to the broadcast also attended some of the church services.

Jim and Alane met resistance on the part of many people. The tract distribution resulted in four persons coming for a Bible study lesson. Some of those who had been contacted last year had fallen away. In their words, "Sometimes the rejection and lack of response was very difficult." We need to support Mario with a great deal of prayer in his continued effort to share the gospel of truth.

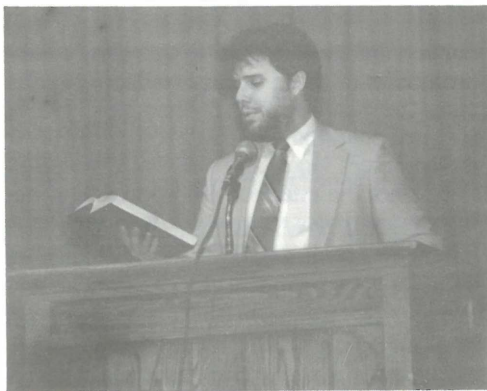
Jim and Alane observed that "three major problems limit the advance of the gospel in Lima. 1. The Roman Catholic Church is strong and domineering. Twisted doctrine is proclaimed in the newspapers, on billboards, and in bulletins. 2. There is a preoccupation with the political/economic situation. Those who can are fleeing Peru; those who can't think of nothing else. Threats of terrorism, inflation, and encroaching communism have nearly paralyzed the people. 3. There is also an unwillingness to take responsibility for one's own problems. Either it's the U.S.'s fault, the president's fault, the communists' fault, or the neighbor's fault."

The radio broadcast, "The voice of the Kingdom," has been an effective means of making a first contact with many people. Jim and Alane recommend continued support of this ministry.

News From the United Kingdom (England)

Over 75% of the U.K. is suffering from a mail strike. No communication by mail is going in or coming out of Milton Keynes. Now for the good news: Jeff has met a lot of nice neighbors and has found the English people to be very friendly.

When Jeff went to make arrangements to use the neighborhood community building for Bible studies and other activities in launching the church, he was given much cooperation and will be able to use the building during the day at no cost. Evening meetings will have a minimal charge. The person in charge of community activities is overworked and has accepted Jeff's offer to help in



England Church-Planting pastor Jeff Fletcher at Conference

planning various community activities. This appears to be an excellent opportunity to work into the life of the community.

Loves Park Church Planting

Telephone contacts are being made at this time. Oregon Bible College students, staff, and volunteers from local churches have helped in the calling. Thus far more than 12,000 calls have been made, resulting in adding more than 700 families to our mailing list. These families will receive regular mailings in preparation for the first worship service which will be October 30. Your prayer support is needed. Pray that many of these will attend this first service and eventually become a part of the Loves Park Church of God.

Mexico Report

On August 8 and 9, team members Alicia Boroff of Colorado, Heidi Cooper of Missouri, Heather Gaspar, Kim Johnson, and Amanda Moore of Minnesota, Phillip Osborn and David Richert of Indiana, and Judy Myers met in Harlingen, Texas, with Dean Moore for team orientation and final preparations for the summer ministry trip to Mexico. Bro. Moore had purchased a used van and was preparing it for the trip while the team put the finishing touches on the handwork, lessons, music, and testimonies which would be presented.

The Harlingen people generously provided us with the use of the parsonage, a phone, and stocked cupboards and refrigerator. We are very thankful to them for all the kindnesses they showed to us.

Alice Aldrich Badillo traveled by bus from the village to accompany us back into Mexico and to take some of her personal possessions. On Saturday the 13th we went into Mexico and began the five-day Bible School the next day. Attendance went from 88 to 99, 105, 121, and 111. The theme for the school was "A Walk Through the Land of Promise." Even though it rained on us each day except for Sunday, God truly blessed this week together.

In the evening, worship services were held. Dean Moore spoke on Sunday and Thursday evenings, Roberto Badillo on Monday, David Richert on Tuesday, and Jacinto Montalvo led a Bible study on the Holy Spirit on Wednesday. Team members provided special music and gave testimonies of how God was working in each of their lives.

The team returned to Texas on Friday, August 19. On Sunday they provided services for the Harlingen congregation before half of the team left for home. The other members remained for the next day or two.

The Badillos commented that they believed this team was the best that had ever come to help them with a Bible School. They appreciated the way everyone worked together as a "team" and how they got along with each other. I too believe that this was a "super" group of young people and thank each of them for the dedication and cooperation they showed. The entire team extends thanks to the Harlingen congregation, their local churches and conferences, and families and friends who made this experience possible for them.

Judy Myers, Missions Coordinator.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

ARIZONA

Tempe (Lakeshore Bible)—Jane May (11/22/87), Roberta and Fred Mitchell (11/29/87), Lois Mulch (2/28/88), Phebe Blocker (3/13/88), Linda Whipp, Robert Poskie (3/20/88), Kelly and Trish Bradley (5/22/88), Loe Arp.

INDIANA

Bloomington (Hillview Bible)—Bette Harrelson (4/24/88), Cecil Rademachir.

ILLINOIS

Dixon—Colleen Slain, Dorothy Webster, (4/17/88), Jesse Manus (transfer, 4/24/88), Michael Mitchell (7/3/88), Linford Moore.

Ripley—Aaron Young, Richard Laning (8/28/88), Richard Young.

Rockford (Blessed Hope)—Antonio Hayes (6/26/88), David Cheatwood.

Julie Halcom, Sara Null (4/3/88), Gary Turner.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Garden Park)—Diane Vance, Sara Lake, Jayne DeGrost (6/5/88), Elliott Van Asperen (7/24/88), Ray Hall.

MINNESOTA

Hector—Jeff Forcier, Melissa Kirkpatrick, Andrea Moore (7/3/88), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Litchfield—Lorayne Caauwe (7/24/88), Stan Ross.

MISSOURI

Fredericktown—Cora Cooper (7/16/88), David Richert.

NEBRASKA

Holbrook—Tina McRoy (7/31/88), Wayne Ewald, Annette Ewald (8/20/88), Gordon Landry, James Davis (9/11/88) Howard Robinson.

OHIO

Columbia Station—Geneva Heimbury (7/19/87), Sandy Panter, Michael Swartz (3/27/88), Joseph Fletcher.

Plesant Hill—Tracy Clevenger (5/8/88), Scott Deane.

Springfield (North Hills)—Kenny Jones, Karen Jones, Eric Fraizer (5/29/88), Paul Burkhardt (8/21/88), Steve Fewell.

THE PHILIPPINES

Balangsay—Simplicio Talicuad, Lolita Talicuad, Emelia Talicuad, Atilano Talicaud, Mateo Capsula, Romy Galletes, Raul Gal-

letes.

Macabo—Leonida Salibad.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Lana Davis and Mark Kuenzi (6/11/88), Rex Cain.

Rockford (Blessed Hope)—Kate and Mike Staaf (7/30/88), David Cheatwood.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Garden Park)—Jill Marie Hall and Richard Alan McClain (6/11/88), Ray Hall.

OHIO

Columbia Station—Dawn Davidson and Rick Swartz (7/23/88), Joseph Fletcher.

DEATHS

INDIANA

Hedrick—Mrs. Grady (8/19/88).

South Bend—Jacob Scott McAllister-Langel, 4 weeks, (7/9/88), Labon A. Gonder, 77, member, (7/15/88), John Railton.

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Ruth Miller, 94, charter member (8/1/88), Jesse Pestle.

Rockford (Blessed Hope)—Muriel Menzies (8/22/88), David Cheatwood.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Lilla Coulter, 88, member, (8/16/88), Stan Ross.

OHIO

Dayton—Robert Harris, member (5/25/88).

OREGON

Eugene—Harvey D. Hathaway, member, 93, (7/14/88).

Clyde M. Long

Clyde Long, a faithful member of the Holbrook Church of God, died at the age of 87 on August 17, 1988, in the Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Bro. Long served as a lay minister with Church of God congregations in Arkansas City, Kansas, and San Jose, California for four years in the 1970s. He had a steadfastness for the gospel and loved the truths of God's Word. Holbrook Church of God pastor Howard Robinson officiated funeral services August 22. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Cambridge.

Abrahamic Faith." These letters are available to a church that can use them. The letters are about 5 inches high. For more information, call evenings 816-331-6648.

Seeks Pastor

Pennellwood Church of God in Grand Rapids, MI, is seeking a pastor starting September, 1989, or earlier. Interested pastors should contact Mrs. Keith Williams, Secretary, 3459 Reiser Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI 49508.

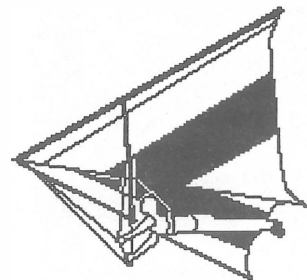
Complete Systematic Bible Study Course

The following have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded their certificate; John and Pam Neighbors, Royal, AR; Aldolfo Saenz, Corpus Christi, TX; Donnie and Linda Diggs, Royal, AR.

Lettering Available

The Raymore Church has available aluminum letters that say, "Church of God

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1988 Men's Retreat

November 11, 12,
1988
Camp Alexander
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Milford, IN

- Curt Rowden in concert
- Sexual Morality discussion
- DISC personality profile
- Personal identity

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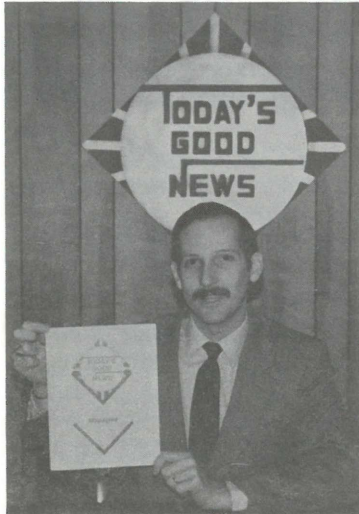
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TODAY'S GOOD NEWS



*Today's Good News host
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Today's Good News is the most unique television ministry in the world, and it is available to the Church of God. Here's what it is, and how YOU can use it:

Today's Good News began as a ministry of the Blanchard Church of God in 1986. A series of eight one-half hour talk-show programs covering a variety of Christian topics was produced. The series was done by a professional television production company. Programs were broadcast in the Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, area. Written and telephone responses

from the viewer audience indicated a minimum guaranteed viewer audience of 200 people.

In 1987 seven one-half hour talk-shows were recorded in a specially constructed studio at the Blanchard church. Focused on unique biblical understandings of the Church of God, these programs are of broadcast quality with literature published to support them. Incriptions, quotes, and graphics have been added to round out each program.

All 15 programs may be purchased or borrowed for local church use in

- A community evangelism effort
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