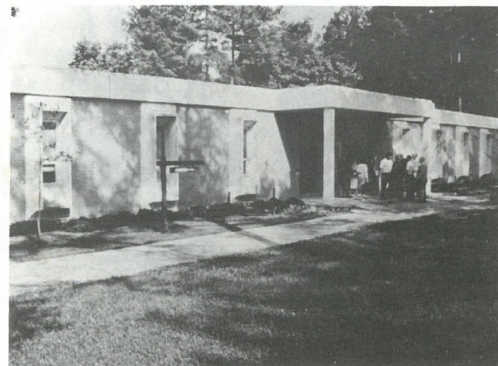


Board Chooses Clayton County, Georgia

The Board of Directors' selection of Clayton County, Georgia, as the relocation site was announced by letter to the membership by Board Chairman, Pastor Scott Ross. The Board met in Springfield, Ohio, September 22 and 23, to consider the two sites of Springfield, Ohio and Clayton County, Georgia. After much prayer and careful deliberation, Clayton County was selected.

Chris Ramsey was appointed by the Board to pursue the acquisition of land in the new location. Following the Board Meeting, Chris visited the area to contact land owners and to pursue zoning, water and sewer availability, and further discussion with Clayton State College officials. Following his visit, a telephone meeting of the Board of Directors was held on October 5. Chris was au-



thorized to make an offer on property with certain contingencies. As this is being written, negotiations continue.

Meetings have been held with architect, David Kizer from the Timberland Church in South Bend, Indiana, regarding the construction of an office—class room building on the new site.

Efforts to sell properties in Oregon, Illinois, continue. The membership is encouraged to pray for God's direction in the sale and purchase of property.

Miracles South of the Border

A Missionary Visit to South America

September 19 through October 4 I made a third visit to Lima, Peru, and a first visit to Caracas, and Maracay, Venezuela. A congregation of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham had been established in Lima in the spring of 1987, when a team of students from Oregon Bible College, accompanied by Anthony and Barbara Buzzard and me, visited Peru at the invitation of Bro. Mario Olcese. Several were baptized at that time, and the new believers initiated weekly worship services and

Bible studies, as well as a weekly radio broadcast that attracted wide attention and brought new members and attenders into the congregation.

Late last year I was privileged to return to Lima for a second visit, which lasted two weeks. This was for the purpose of helping to confirm and strengthen the believers, to answer their questions, and to assist with evangelism via radio and personal witnessing. I bap-

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Pastors seeking 3500 prayer partners . . .

Year of prayer and fasting initiated

At the May, 1989, Pastors' Conference in St. Charles, Missouri, the pastors unanimously initiated a year of prayer and fasting for our churches, the spiritual leaders of our churches, the General Conference, Oregon Bible College, and our Conference Board of Directors.

At the summer General Conference in August, the pastors discussed the need for renewal and revitalization to take place throughout the Church of God. They reaffirmed their interest in calling our people to prayer and fasting during the next 12 months. To carry out the planning of the special emphasis, a task force was

convened at the Brush Creek Church in Ohio on September 21. Pastor Larry Mayberry, President of the Ministerial Association; and pastors Billie Kennedy and Dale Swartz represented the Ministerial Association. Dr. William D. Lawrence represented the Board of Directors; and David Krogh and Kent Ross represented the staff of the Conference and college.

Billie Kennedy was appointed as chairman and Dale Swartz as secretary. Recognizing the importance of prayer in renewal, the meeting was opened and closed

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PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT

1990 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Plans are being made for the 1990 General Conference to be held July 30-August 2 at Brock University, Saint Catherines, Ontario, Canada.

The program committee for the Conference consists of: Pastor Stephen Bolhous, John Bradford, OBC intern Jeff Bull, Ed Goit, Howard Shute, and Conference staff members Judy Myers and David Krogh. The

committee is meeting in Fonthill November 12 to plan the program.

Church of God members are encouraged to combine a family vacation and attendance at this 70th Annual Summer Conference. Many site seeing opportunities are available in the area. Our Canadian members are eagerly looking forward to playing host to our Conference.

BOARD MEETING REPORT

As was reported in a special mailing to Church of God members, the Board of Directors met in Springfield, Ohio, September 22 and 23. Among the items considered by the Board were:

1. Prayerful deliberation regarding the site for relocation. The decision was made to relocate to Clayton County, Georgia.

2. A report from the Revitalization Task Force Chairman, Billie Kennedy. (See article in this issue of Progress Journal for more information).

3. Discussion of General Conference work with the southern Ohio pastors.

4. Accepted the audit report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1989. A sum-

mary of this report will be published with the Annual Giving Report in January.

5. Consideration was given to OBC and General Conference programs in the new location, and personnel needs to operate the programs.

6. Approval of license procedures recommended by the License Board.

7. A review of correspondence received by the Board.

The Board will meet again in Oregon, Illinois, January 19 and 20. Communications to the Board by phone or letter are welcomed from the membership.

STAFF CHANGES

Vickie Cooper has been employed in the business office on a part time basis. Bill Burnham who resigned in August as Controller has agreed to stay on in a part time capacity through next summer.

Pastor Richard Eldred joined the staff October 1. Dick will be involved in teaching evangelism courses at Oregon Bible College, 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.

Michael Gallagher has been employed as

pastor of the North Kent Bible Church, making it possible for Dick Eldred to join our staff. During the fall, Dick will be spending some time in Oregon teaching at the college, continuing to work with North Kent Bible Church in Rockford, Michigan, during their time of pastoral transition, and working with a Bible Study Group that has organized at Morley, Michigan. Morley is about 25 miles north of Rockford. Dick and his wife Carol will be moving to Oregon in January.

We are pleased to welcome Vickie and Dick to our staff.

STAFF CHANGES IN RELOCATION

—Following the Board Meeting in September, each staff member has been contacted regarding future employment when relocation occurs. Staff changes will occur because of: different personnel needs in the new location; spouse employment in the Oregon area; a desire to pursue other ministry opportunities; approaching retirement; etc. At this point several employees are considering their plans for the future.

Effective in the summer of 1990 Kent Ross will become Vice President of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College. Kent brings to this position eight years of experience on the college staff. In addition to administrative duties, he will continue as a primary instructor at the college. Kent is currently completing his Master's degree at North Park Seminary in Chicago.

Ross
Named
Vice
President

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE INTERNS

We are pleased with the successful completion of internship programs for three Oregon Bible College Graduates: Dale Bliss, Mark Cheatwood, and John Guthrie. These three outstanding men have assumed positions as follows: Dale Bliss—associate pastor at Timberland Bible Church, South Bend Indiana; Mark Cheatwood—pastor of New Hope Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; and John Guthrie—pastor of East Oregon Chapel, Oregon, Illinois. We are extremely pleased to have these three capable individuals serving in full-time pastoral ministry.

During the current school year, Gary Turner is fulfilling his internship requirement as pastor of Family Bible Fellowship at Loves Park, Illinois. He is completing his course work at the college while serving as pastor, with supervision provided by the staff of the Conference and college. Jeff Bull is serving as intern at Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill Ontario, Canada under the supervision of Pastor Stephen Bolhous. We are thankful for these two individuals who continue their preparation for full time ministry.

Interns
Assume
Positions

BOOSTER CAMPAIGN

—We are deeply grateful to Church of God members who have become Boosters of Oregon Bible College in our 1989-90 campaign. Many children and adults became Boosters on Booster Sunday in September and many more individuals have

become Boosters through the mail appeal in October. We encourage those who have not yet responded, to do so. Your investment in the preparation of pastors and workers for the Church of God will pay dividends for many years to come if the Lord tarries.

Boosters

STAFF AND STUDENTS TRAVEL

The staff and students of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College have traveled extensively this fall visiting local churches and state youth retreats. OBC Gospel Teams have assisted with retreats in Michigan and Iowa in September and they will be helping with retreats in Minnesota and Ohio in November. Staff members have

conducted preaching services, met with state conferences, attended dedication and anniversary programs, etc. We deeply appreciate invitations to be involved in these many types of ministries and we appreciate the hospitality that has been extended in every area. Please feel free to contact us for assistance in your local church ministry.

Gospel
Teams

CONSTRUCTION IN CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Architect David Kizer of the Timberland Church in South Bend, Indiana, has been working with the staff and Board in the development of plans for new buildings at the relocation site. Tentative plans are to begin construction in February, 1990.

As plans develop we will inform the membership of the construction schedule

and we will invite individuals or groups to provide construction assistance. Several churches have been greatly blessed by the use of volunteer help in construction projects. Donated help can save thousands of dollars of construction costs. We invite the membership to watch for later information.

Construction

Freshmen



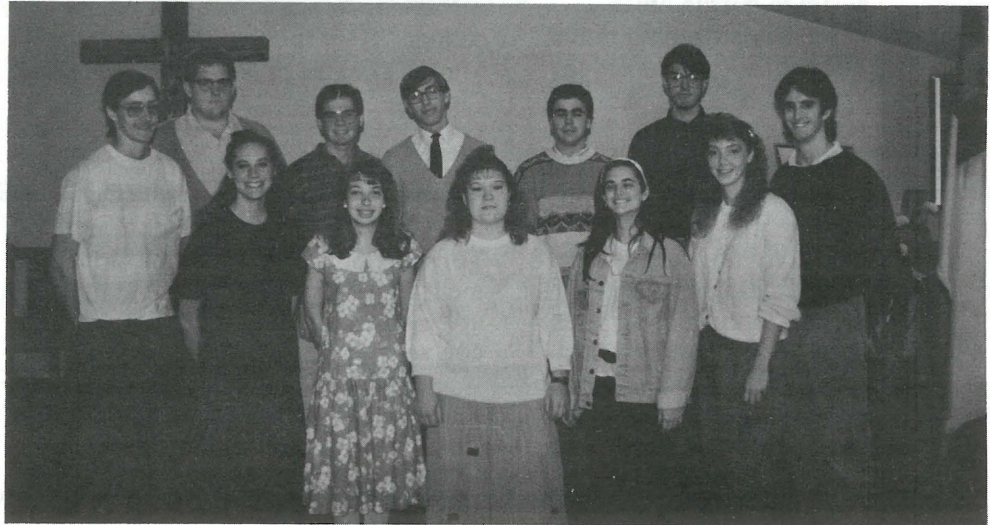
Shawn Yager

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Back row: Shawn Yager, Mark Cain, Daniel Smead, John Demmitt, Jeremy Smith. Front Row: Lorrin Raymond, Debbie Schmidlapp, Marcia Hall, Angie Gerber, Michelle Mattison, Denise Kump, Tony Cheatwood.

■ Hello! My name is Shawn Yager. I am from Omaha, Nebraska. I attend the Jaynes Street Community Church of God. I came to OBC to learn the Word of God. I plan on becoming a pastor. I am thankful to be here. Anyone thinking about coming should try it out.

■ My name is Mark Cain and I'm from Macomb, Illinois. I'm attending OBC to gain the education, friendships, and encouragement needed to become a pastor.

■ Greetings and love. My name is Daniel Smead. I come from Warrensburg, Missouri, and my home church is the Raymore Bible Church. I came to OBC because I want to serve the Lord through ministry (in whatever capacity), and I wanted to learn more to be better able to serve.

■ Hello. My name is John Demmitt. I'm from the Troy View Church in Troy, Ohio. Making OBC a reality in my life has put new

light on some old "problems." I've enjoyed the closeness with God, the great Christian fellowship, and the in-depth classes. I feel I made the right choice in coming, and I don't think I'll ever regret this time.

■ Hi, I'm Jeremy Smith from Timberland Bible Church in South Bend, Indiana. I decided to come to OBC this year because I felt this was the best place for me to grow. I needed—and still need—to build on my spiritual foundation.

■ How y'all are? This is Lorrin Raymond from the Blood River Church of God in Springfield, Louisiana. I came to OBC in preparation to reveal the real world to others. The real world, contrary to popular belief, is life for Christ. To reveal the real world we must first learn God's message. Secondly, "Just do it."

■ Hi there! I'm Debbie Schmidlapp. After being involved with Youth With a Mission for five years, I felt the Lord was saying it was time to step back and get some further training in Bible foundation. The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword and I want it firmly established in my life to go back out and more effectively fight in the war zone.

■ Hello! My name is Marcia Hall and I'm from the Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I'm at OBC this year to develop a firm foundation in Christ and the church for the rest of my life. I feel God's

guidance and providence played a very large role in my coming to OBC. So now I'm just trying to glorify God with my life. I'm not going to tell you OBC is the only place to grow and study God's Word, but I'm confident this is where I belong this year. And it may be the place for you too! We're having a super year!! Thanks for your prayers and support.

■ Hello! My name is Angie Gerber. I am from St. Louis, Missouri. I am very happy to be here at OBC. Keeping busy and working for God is satisfying my life. I came to OBC to learn all I can about the Bible and being a Christian so that I may go out and spread the good news. My life is finally getting in order. Priorities are a major part of organization in fitting in homework, fellowship, ministries, work, and personal time with Christ. Since I found out Christ is first priority everything has been flowing smoothly.

■ Yes, another Mattison! Hi. I'm Michelle Mattison from the Baton Rouge

Church in Louisiana. I love God, and God loves OBC; therefore, I love OBC. I am learning "new and exciting things" here. And I hope to do many good things through Christ. Thanks for all your prayers!

■ My name is Denise Kump. I have lived in Oregon, Illinois, all my life. On March 19, 1989, I was baptized. I decided to come to OBC to learn more about the Bible and grow spiritually. I'm learning a lot, especially in the areas where I am weak.

■ Hi, I'm Tony Cheatwood from the Blessed Hope Bible Church in Rockford, Illinois. When I talk with people and tell them that I'm attending OBC, the common response is that I'm carrying out the family tradition. My family never pressured me into attending OBC. I came here because God has called me here so I would learn more about his Word and his will for my life. I greatly appreciate all the prayers and support. Feel free to write. College students love to receive mail.

Lorrin Raymond

Debbie Schmidlapp

Marcia Hall

Angie Gerber

Michelle Mattison

Denise Kump

Tony Cheatwood



Oregon Bible College Development Foundation

At the 1982 Summer General Conference, the delegates adapted a goal of raising \$1,000,000 by August 1989, to be used as an Endowment Fund for Oregon Bible College. We continue to rejoice in the victory prior to the summer Conference of achieving the goal of having \$1,000,000 in commitments and gifts.

The chart below shows the amount of cash that has been received and the remaining amount of commitments which will be paid over the next two years.

The trustees of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation have authorized the distribution of interest earnings of \$27,000 to the College during this fiscal year. Funds have been designated to

assist in the recruitment of new students, in staff training, and vehicle replacement.

For the 1990-91 fiscal year, the trustees have authorized a distribution of \$60,000 of interest earnings. These funds will be used for library operation: the acquisition of library books and the acquisition and binding of religious journals; the purchase of teaching materials for the instructional staff; staff training; vehicle replacement; recruitment; and basic grants to assist students to attend the college.

The distribution of these funds to the college is a tremendous blessing in supplementing the contributions of donors and the tuition, board, and room payments made by the students. We continue to keep our student charges as low as possible to enable as many students as possible to attend.

Total Cash and Commitments

\$1,012,663

Commitments yet
to be received

\$224,021

\$788,642

Cash received

Development Foundation Investments

The by-laws of the Development Foundation require the preservation of the principle amount with only interest earnings distributed to the college for program use. Currently, Foundation funds are invested in savings accounts, certificates of deposit, a cash management account, stock (which was donated to the Foundation), mutual funds, Government National Mortgage Association Investments, loan to a church, and a mortgage on investment property. Interest earnings range from six to eleven and a half percent excluding the mutual funds. During the past two years, these have increased significantly in value. The trustees of the Foundation desire to have a well-balanced portfolio of investments which will preserve principle and give a good rate of return.

We continue to express our appreciation to each individual and congregation that has participated in the creation of this invaluable fund.

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Pastors seeking 3500 prayer partners

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with a season of prayer asking God to bring renewal to the lives of the Task Force Members as well as to our pastors and members of the Church of God.

The agenda included a discussion of: the mission of the Church, the importance of unity and encouragement of our ministerium; the creation of seven regional Ministers' Meetings to discuss renewal; the preparation of a brochure calling our membership to prayer and fasting; the refinement of goals which focus on securing prayer partners in the Church of God, the making of disciples, the enrolling of more students at Oregon Bible College,

and the training of individuals for evangelism ministry.

Pastors were chosen to lead the seven regional meetings of our pastors: Vivian Kirkpatrick II, David Cheatwood, Larry Mayberry, Billie Kennedy, David Wilsterman, Dale Swartz, and Dennis Baldwin. After regional meetings are held this fall, additional information will be shared through local churches. The Task Force will meet again in Oregon, Illinois, on January 22.

Task Force Chairman, Pastor Billie Kennedy, issues a call for renewal to the members of the Church of God.

— A call for renewal! —

Renewal is first and foremost personal. It is the constant experience of any Christian who wants to "walk in the light."

When we walk in the light it means an altogether new sensitivity to sin, a calling of things by their proper name—sin, pride, hardness of heart, doubt, fear, and self-pity, which we pass over as merely human reaction. It means a readiness to "break" and confess at the feet of him who was broken for us. The precious blood of Jesus does not cleanse excuses, but always cleanses sin confessed as sin. Renewal, then, is just the daily experience of a person full of Jesus and running over.

We must be possessed with a deep hunger of heart. We must be possessed with a dissatisfaction of the state of the church in general, and of ourselves in particular. We must be willing for God to begin his work in us first, rather than in others.

I'm praying and fasting and asking God for renewal. I want to hear "the sound of abundance of rain" in my heart, church, and denomination.

We need revived lives, revived fellowship, and revived churches. We need to let love show.

For years my big problem was this: I was more concerned

with other's spiritual needs than my own. This is a big problem for many of us. We see the need of renewal in "others" when we should be looking in our own lives.

I had to release fitting things into my doctrinal scheme and come humbly to the cross for cleansing of my own personal sins. It was like beginning my Christian life over again. My flesh "came again like that of a little child" as Naaman's did when he humbled himself and dipped himself seven times in Jordan. I have to constantly come to him for the cleansing brought about by his precious blood!

God tells us to do four things:

Humble ourselves

Pray

Seek God's face

Turn from our wicked ways

There is a growing thirst for the message of renewal. Jesus said to the woman at the well, "I will give you living water . . . never thirst again."

How can that "living

water" be yours today? If your desire is strong enough, you will discipline yourself to study, seek, and knock. I know that God will direct you to these. When this discipline becomes effective in your life you move into the pure delight of God's presence.

We need to look at the lost as lost. We need to view those outside of the body of Christ as dead while they live. They need the blood of Christ applied to their lives so they can know the peace that passes all understanding and have that abundant life today and the hope of eternity for tomorrow.

It was out of this deep desire to make a difference that the theme, "Going a Little Further," came to be a reality. At the Ministerial Conference in May a resolution was passed by the ministers that a year of prayer and fasting be called in our denomination. A task force was formed and the members met in Ohio in September. From this meeting came many good ideas. These ideas have been put into motion. The conference has been divided into seven regions. A pastor from each region was chosen to set up retreats with the ministers in their regions. These

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tized two more believers at that time. Bro. Beder Ucañay, assisting Bro. Olcese in the ministry, began sending (and continues to send) detailed monthly reports of attendance and activities to Sr. Judy Myers. The General Conference underwrote the expenses of the radio broadcast and the rental of a meeting place for the congregation.

This year's trip began with a week in Venezuela. Bro. Jorge Pena, a member of the Lima congregation who had experienced a dramatic conversion while the team was there in 1987, moved to Venezuela last year and settled in Maracay, a city about 75 miles southwest of Caracas, the capital. He continued to correspond with me and with other brethren in the United States and Peru. He also sought to spread the kingdom message in his new home. Several months ago he phoned and invited me to visit him and a small group who were meeting with him each week for Bible study. The lady with whose family he was staying also spoke with me on the phone and invited me to stay in their home. "Bro. Wachtel," she exclaimed, "please come to Venezuela and teach us the Word of God!" How could any pastor resist such an invitation?

When I arrived in Caracas, I found Jorge and another young man waiting for me at the airport. Jorge had become acquainted with Humberto just two or three days earlier, when he had prayed that God would provide someone with a car to take him to Caracas and pick me up with my luggage. This prayer was answered in a most unusual way. Humberto was not only willing to pick me up, but also helped us get around while I was in Maracay, attended our Bible studies, brought others, and finally took us back to Caracas at the end of my stay in Venezuela.

Another clear answer to prayer was the strange way a house was provided in Maracay. Carmen, the lady who had invited me to stay in her home, was prevented by circumstances from fulfilling her promise of hospitality; but another lady—a total stranger—offered Jorge the use of her home while she and her husband were away on a trip to Puerto Rico. She felt that God wanted her to let Jorge and me stay there and look after things for them while they were gone. This is simply contrary to the Latin custom which would never trust a complete stranger to come into your house and have access to all your belongings in your absence! It was obvious that God had provided not only our living quarters but also a good place in which to hold Bible study classes.

During my week in Maracay, Bible studies were offered each evening. In regular attendance were Carmen and her children, as well as her friend Fanny and husband. Others also attended from time to time. The major theme was the kingdom of God on earth, the coming restoration, and the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham and David. Study was given to the nature of man and absolute necessity of resurrection and the return of Christ, in God's plan of salvation. These topics awakened great interest, as they appeared to be largely new to Venezuela. There is a great spiritual hunger in Latin America and a new openness to the things of the Bible. The Church of God must catch a vision of the opportunities available to us to carry the gospel message "south of the border."

Several times Jorge and I passed out tracts and talked with individuals downtown and in the city "plaza" (town square). I became acquainted with an Arab from Syria, a shoemaker, a Moslem, who was greatly intrigued with our belief in "one God" (as opposed to trinitarianism). We formed a friendship and promised to correspond. I hope to send him some materials on the kingdom and the one true God. I spent some time alone with Jorge each day, answering his Bible questions, tutoring him in English, and encouraging him in the ministry God has given him. We ask you to pray earnestly for this young man who wishes to devote his life to the Lord's service.

My arrival in Lima on September 27 was the occasion for a joyous reunion with beloved brethren and friends. Nightly services were held, from the day I arrived, and individual Bible studies and personal counseling sessions were held daily. The evening services began with lively singing of gospel choruses, opportunity was given for personal testimonies, and then I would present a gospel message with a question-and-answer period afterwards.

Sr. Maria Paz, whom I baptized in 1988, had been in the hospital for a month with complications of diabetes and heart problems. Bro. Juarez and I visited her there and prayed for her recovery. The next night we were astounded to see her in church! "What happened?" we asked. She said, "The doctors checked me over today and couldn't find anything wrong with me. So they released me." Naturally, this caused great rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for answered prayer. Maria was at every service after that during my stay in Lima, and brought friends and members of her family with her. Praise God! Maria is one who had searched for the truth for many years, asking God to lead her. She heard Bro. Mario on the radio last year and began coming to church while I was there at that time. She became convinced that the kingdom message is the truth and accepted it with all joy. She has been a radiant witness ever since. Her large family, all members of the traditional church, have been impressed with her obvious sincerity and joy in Christ. Please pray for her and her family.

Another high point during my visit was the conversion of Bro. Jaime Salas. Jaime is a trained electrician who has been doing some work for Mario in his restaurant. He confessed to Mario his cocaine addiction and his desire for a new life free from worldly vices. I was privileged to spend some time one afternoon with him, explaining the gospel and the power of Jesus Christ to save and cleanse and transform one's life. I told him that to receive this salvation it was necessary to accept the Lord and his truth. I will never forget how, after I had finished saying this, he looked at me very sincerely and replied very simply and quietly, "I accept." From then on he was at every service, bringing his girlfriend, asking questions, singing with enthusiasm, and happily taking part. After I baptized him a few days later in the Pacific Ocean, I asked him how he felt about his decision to accept Christ. The light in his eyes revealed even more touchingly than his words of confession the new life he had experienced in coming to know the Savior! He now speaks of how the Lord has delivered him from his drug addiction and has given him new hope and purpose in life.

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Proposed name change for Oregon Bible College

In light of the relocation of Oregon Bible College, the Board has adopted the following procedures to select a new name:

1. Suggested names will be solicited from the entire membership of the Church of God between January 1 and April 20, 1990.
2. A committee consisting of the following will review the applications and make a recommendation to the delegates at the 1990 Summer General Conference:
 - a. A pastor selected by the Pastors' Association
 - b. An alumnus selected by the Alumni Association Officers
 - c. A student attending Oregon Bible college in the 1989-90 school year selected by the student body
 - d. A member of the Oregon Bible College/Conference staff selected by the staff
 - e. A member of the Board of Directors selected by the Board of Directors
3. The committee will meet during Ministers' Conference (April 30 to May 4) to review all the suggested names.
4. The committee will recommend one or more names to be proposed to the delegates at the Summer Conference. The recommendation(s) will appear in the May/June Progress Journal.
5. Delegates will vote on the recommendation(s) at General Conference (July 30 to August 2, 1990).
6. The first individual to submit the name that is selected will receive free registration at the 1991 General Conference (probably to be held in the Clayton County area).

Suggested names should be sent to:
Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.
Entries will be recorded as the date of their postmark.
In case of a tie, the winner will be selected by a special drawing.

A call for renewal

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retreats are for the purpose of getting us off on the right foot as a denomination.

We are calling for at least 3,500 prayer partners to call down God's direction on us as individuals, churches, and as a denomination. We are asking you to be a part of this number. We are asking you to make this a commitment between you and God.

There is a principle in 2 Chronicles 7:14 which will work for us as it did for Israel. Here God tells us to do four things:

1. Humble ourselves. We must realize this battle is too great for our own strength. When David faced the giant he knew something we need to learn. "The battle is the LORD'S and he will give you into our hands."

2. Pray
3. Seek God's face.
4. Turn from our wicked ways.

These are our responsibilities. If we want the blessings we must pay the price. I ask you to say, "These things I will do." Then come the blessings. Listen, "I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." It is a principle that will work. If renewal is to come it must be a personal experience. Don't expect it to happen any other way.

Can you not visualize an out-pouring of God's blessings on us as we humble ourselves? Can you not feel that moving and that stirring in your heart right now? You are one of the keys to open up God's blessing on us as we move forward in his work. Just say, "Yes, Lord, here am I; use me, cleanse me."

God is just waiting to bless us if we will only allow him to do so. May God bless you immeasurably as you yield to this calling of renewal in your lives, church, and denomination.

—Billie Kennedy.

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Pastor's Profile

Gary Burnham



— Interview by Jeff Bull —

If you were entering the pastoral ministry today, what is one thing you would do differently?

If I had the opportunity to go through Oregon Bible College knowing what I know now, I would have applied myself in a different way. There are subjects I would have studied more, in a practical sense. I would have observed the local church more closely. I think I would have been more actively involved in the practical application of ministry. That's happening a lot more now at OBC and I think that's great. Also, I think I wouldn't have tried to pursue so much change so quickly early on in my involvement in the church. I was fortunate to have a group here that was very accepting of change and allowed me to make quite a few changes that I don't think most churches would have allowed and I really appreciate that.

What has been your greatest pastoral challenge?

I think the greatest challenge, and this may sound more personal than pastoral, is learning to not expect people to grow too fast. I feel sometimes I expect too much from people; for them to change overnight and become mature Christians faster than they are ready to mature. I have had to change my expectations. I still expect a lot from other people, but have had to learn to allow them to be human and make mistakes and allow them to be less than perfect, including myself.

What has been your most memorable personal victory?

Pertaining to my marital difficulties, I feel that in some way, having to work through the process of a marriage dying and going through a divorce has been my greatest personal victory. Going through that experience and some things that were happening at the church at the same time has really brought me closer to God than I would have been otherwise. I would have to say that the long end result of that whole situation has been my greatest personal victory.

How has being a pastor affected your family/personal life?

Part of my involvement in personal ministry, because of not having priorities right, obviously affected my marriage. To balance ministry and a family is quite a challenge.

What do you like most about the pastoral ministry?

•Age: 29

•Full-time pastor at, Fair Oaks Community Church, (formerly Eternal Hope Church of God), 3309 W Ox Rd, Herndon, Virginia 22071

•7 Years at Present Pastorate

•7 Years in Pastoral Ministry

•Born at Berea, Ohio

•Was a member of the Columbia Church of God (Columbia Station, Ohio)

•Baptized by Russ Magaw

•Interned at Oregon Church of God under Hollis Partlowe, during his senior year at OBC.

•Hobbies and personal interests: racquetball, working out with Nautilus weights, bowling, sports fan of local professional and college teams and enjoys reading religious literature.

I think, and this is not always easy to do, what I enjoy the most is talking with people about a personal concern, need, or problem when they are looking for a biblical or godly answer. I enjoy it when we can talk or pray about it together and try and discover God's perspective on the whole issue. Part of the rewarding experience for me is helping people come to the point where they really do want to seek God's view on their life concerns and needs.

... the least?

When I feel unable to connect with another person. I don't like it when there seems to be some people I'm not able to see eye to eye with or they have a need that I am unable to fill. It's not that I have a Messiah complex, but I think it is difficult to accept the fact that there are some people that I can't help or who will always have a different perspective than I have. It's hard as a young pastor to work through that, but you have to learn that it's okay to have some people with whom you can't connect.

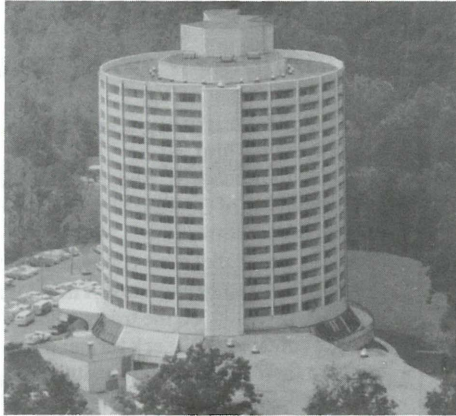
Was there an individual who most affected your decision to become a pastor?

I'm not sure that there was any one person. Until the time that I told my folks that I wanted to attend OBC and be a pastor, I had never talked to them or anyone else about it. I don't remember anyone talking to me about it, either. Perhaps subconsciously, having Russ Magaw as my pastor and the man who baptized me was an influence on me. I just came to the point in my life that I felt and knew that God wanted me to be a pastor. Obviously, there are a lot of pastors that I respect, but I can't say that there is any one of them that influenced me to be a pastor.

If you could change one thing about the church/pastoral ministry with a snap of your fingers, what would it be?

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Financial Update

Contributions to the General Conference play a key role in carrying out the work of the Conference and Oregon Bible College. Below is a list of services provided by the Conference and the benefits that are achieved by the Church of God:

SERVICES	BENEFITS
Operation of OBC	= additional pastors and teachers for our churches.
Consultation to local churches	= a group of people who are equipped for ministry.
Starting new churches	= to bring more people to Christ.
Outreach assistance	= the first step in bringing people to a greater understanding of the gospel.
Foreign missions	= the sharing of salvation with people in many different lands and cultures.
Media services	= the publication and production of Church of God distinctives to educate mass numbers of lost people.
Financial assistance to local churches	= increased effectiveness in reaching out to others for Jesus.

During the first five months of this fiscal year, an average of a little over \$28,000 has been received each month. Contributions needed each month are approximately \$32,000 per month. Therefore we are approximately \$20,000 short of the amount needed through October 31.

We appreciate the consistent giving by churches, individuals, and state conferences which makes it possible for the work of the Conference/College to be carried on.

Miracles south of the border

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Thank God for this young man, and we ask your continued prayers for him.

One afternoon Bro. Beder Ucañay and I took tracts on the kingdom of God and distributed them in Plaza San Martin, in downtown Lima. This gave us an opportunity to discuss the gospel with a number of individuals, some of whom showed real interest. The address of the meeting place is written on the tracts, and we pray that some of those contacted will seek further information from the brethren there. I saw a real spiritual hunger in Peru and a willingness to converse with others about the Bible. The economic crisis has shown the futility of trusting in material things.

I was invited to preach on Sunday at the services of a small sabbathkeeping congregation who have accepted our kingdom message and who would like to call themselves Church of God, Faith of Abraham. They desire to have ongoing discussions with us on the sabbath question. They do not have a contentious spirit, but show much brotherly love toward our people despite their conviction that Christians should keep the sabbath. They seem to have accepted all our doctrines otherwise, and are eager to have the congregations able to work together as one body in one faith. Please remember this matter also in prayer. Their minister, Epifanio Rosales, wished to send greetings to our brethren in the United States.

After the Tuesday evening service, October 3, I was taken to the airport. It was a sad farewell after a week of such joyful fellowship and obvious blessing from God. My plane left at 1:30 a.m. I arrived home in Wenatchee that evening, exhausted but filled with praise to God and his Son for the privilege of my two-week missionary journey to South America.

VIDEO TAPES OF SUMMER CONFERENCE

Excerpts of the 1989 summer General Conference at Western Illinois University are available from the Church of God General Conference.

The tapes are as listed.

The cost of each tape is \$10.00 which includes the cost of the postage. Use the order blank to secure the tapes.

Mail to:
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Tape 1—Monday Evening Musicales, special music from other evening services (former OBC trio, quintet, former chorale members, and Rebecca and Jennifer Swartz), and scenes of individuals and other Conference events.

Tape 2—OBC—The Past Remembered (reenactment of events from the past, and remarks by former Presidents Dr. Charles Pryor and Dr. Alva Huffer).

Tape 3—Skit of Banana Man. Message by President David Krogh, "Looking to the Future;" and the closing Communion Service.

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BUILDING FOR THE 90's

Fourth Annual **Church Builders' Conference**

January 22-24, 1990
Oregon Bible College

Prayer and Praise December, 1989

- 1 Praise God for the faithful ministry of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 2 Pray that God will provide planning expertise for Printing and Publishing services.
- 3 Praise God for your pastor and his family today.
- 4 Pray for Dale Ramsey and Brian Atra as they teach intensives at Oregon Bible College.
- 5 Pray for the License Board of the General Conference as they meet today and tomorrow.
- 6 Pray for a college student that you know who is away from home.
- 7 Praise God for the new work in Hewitt, Minnesota, and ask his blessing on this work.
- 8 Pray for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 9 Pray that God might speak to you during your worship time tomorrow.
- 10 Pray for your Sunday School teacher and class members.
- 11 Pray for the presenters of the January Church Builders' Conferences as they prepare materials.
- 12 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher and their sons.
- 13 Praise God for the leadership of your local church.
- 14 Pray for the Bible study group meeting at Morley, Michigan, about 30 miles north of Rockford, Michigan.
- 15 Praise God for the freedom to worship.
- 16 Pray for Mario Olcese and the work in Lima, Peru.
- 17 Praise God for his faithful servants, S.O. and Peg Ross, as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary today.
- 18 Pray for Bro. Fred Pensyl and the work in Urbana, Ohio.
- 19 Pray for Dick Eldred and his ministry with the Church of God General Conference.
- 20 Praise God for those who teach the Wednesday evening classes in your church.
- 21 Pray for Kent Ross and his role and the college and conference as he continues his study toward his Master's Degree.
- 22 Pray that the true meaning of Christmas will not be lost in your home.
- 23 Pray for the Church of God brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 24 Praise God for those gathering to honor Christ's birth at Christmas eve services tonight.
- 25 Pray that the occasion of Christmas might be used by God to bring peace and joy into our relationship.
- 26 Praise God for his great love for us demonstrated through Christ.
- 27 Pray for the youth ministry of your church.
- 28 Pray for spiritual renewal in your life.
- 29 Pray for Victor Novak, pastor and teacher in the Church of God, Seventh Day, who now teaches and believes that God is one, and Jesus is Messiah. He is running into some opposition but others are supporting him.
- 30 Pray for Roberto, Lupe, Leonardo, and Alice Badillo.
- 31 Praise God for his goodness to you and your family during this past year.

Prayer and Praise January, 1989

- 1 Pray to be recharged by God's Spirit during the new year.
- 2 Pray for Anthony Buzzard as he continues his study towards his Master's Degree and as he teaches at Oregon Bible College.
- 3 Pray for Bill Burnham and Vickie Cooper and their work in the business office.
- 4 Praise God for Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the work in Milton Keynes, England.
- 5 Pray for Rick Cooper and his job as Development Coordinator.
- 6 Praise God for your family.
- 7 Pray for a spirit of love for the lost for those who are making follow-up calls at Loves Park.
- 8 Pray for a spirit of kindness toward those you have contact with this week.
- 9 Pray for David Krogh in his leadership role with the Conference and College.
- 10 Praise God for the promise of eternal life.
- 11 Pray for the faculty and staff of Oregon Bible College.
- 12 Praise God for the new work in Loves Park, Illinois, and for the Turners as they provide leadership.
- 13 Pray for Mario Olcese and Beder Ucañay.
- 14 Pray for God's indwelling in your life this week.
- 15 Pray that God might fill you with compassion for those who are without food and shelter.
- 16 Pray for the students at Oregon Bible College.
- 17 Pray for those who are preparing for classes at Christian Workers' Seminar.
- 18 Praise God for the General Conference Board of Directors and pray his direction on them as they make important decisions concerning our future direction.
- 19 Pray for the Board of Directors as they meet today and tomorrow.
- 20 Praise God for those who generously support the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 21 Pray for wisdom for the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee as they meet.
- 22 Pray for the Task Force on Revitalization meeting being held today and for the Church Builders' Conference as it convenes.
- 23 Pray for those who are leading sessions at the Church Builders' Conference.
- 24 Pray that the attendees of the Church Builders' Conference will return to their home churches and implement what they have learned.
- 25 Praise God for a recent blessing in your life.
- 26 Pray for those who are unable to be in regular church worship because of illness.
- 27 Pray for the opportunity to share Christ with someone.
- 28 Praise God for those who led you to Christ and have nurtured you in your Christian walk.
- 29 Pray for Russ Magaw and the Publishing and Printing staff.
- 30 Praise God for the pastors within the Church of God.
- 31 Pray for renewal in the Church of God—both in its churches and in its members.

Gary Burnham (Continued from page 10)

Generally, I am not the kind of person who loses sleep when I don't have an answer, can't help a person, or don't know what the church ought to do. Usually, I can put it out of my mind, but there are times when I wish I could just snap my fingers and know immediately how God would have me help a person through a problem or exactly how God would want the church to move in a particular direction at a given time. I would like to have a hot line to God so he could tell me exactly what to do in a given situation in the pastoral ministry or in building up the church.

Share your thoughts concerning the church's role in society.

Very philosophical question! I think that the church needs to be a refuge where people can come and find what they don't find in the rest of society. It ought to be a place where they aren't rushed and can build meaningful relationships which they don't do otherwise. Corporately it needs to be a group that equips each other to go out and make a difference in the lives of other people. Ideally, I envision that what God wants of the church is to be an agency that prepares people so that when they go out into the workplace or neighborhood they carry enough of God's love and God's Spirit that they really make a difference in other people's lives. God becomes attractive to the people around them.

Share some of some news/events/developments that are happening at your church.

Fair Oaks is presently being rebuilt after a fire and the office will no longer be in the church. It will be located in my home and the reason for that is that we will be leasing the building out to a small private school for academically-gifted elementary students.

To put the whole situation into proper perspective, last fall, since we had several people moving away because of the transient nature of our area, we had been praying for guidance. We'd decided to either lease or rent the building as it was and go only to home meetings, with no Sunday meetings in the church building since it would probably be leased out to another church group. That's when the fire happened and the building was burned. The Tuesday before the fire, two representatives from the school had come by and shown interest. On the Friday or Saturday before, they brought a couple of others by to look at it again. Then on that Saturday night/Sunday morning, the building burned. I called them back and they said they'd still be interested if we were going to rebuild. Leasing the building has been an answer to our financial needs in rebuilding and also a form of outreach to the community. There will be 30 or 40 students attending the school at the church and they've signed a five year lease with us. It's a perfect opportunity to reach some families we may have never met otherwise. As the months go by I see more and more how God's hand is in this situation and is using it for his glory and purpose.

Church News

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

Forest Hills—Timothy Wunderlin and Leslie Wunderlin (7/16/89). Christi Hill (7/23/89), James Hill and Leon Driskill.

ILLINOIS

Macomb—Bill Barnes and Michelle Phelps (9/24/89), Rex Cain.

IOWA

Kosza—Doris Hawkins, Aaron Cronbaugh, Douglas Madoerin (10/1/89), Francis Burnett.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Michael Davidson (9/24/89), Chuck Jones.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Nicole Wegner (10/8/89), S. O. Ross.

Eden Valley—Lorraine and Melinda Nelson, Anne Hanson (10/22/89), David Richert.

MAINE

Bethany Berkland (9/9/89), Jeff Fletcher.

OHIO

Springfield (North Hills)—Buffy Brown (4/30/89), Amy Brown (8/6/89), Carylton Parson and Robin Parson (8/6/89), Steven Fewell.

Springfield (Lawrenceville)—Donna Lindner and Grace Myers, John Hearp.

VIRGINIA

Herndon—Elaine Mellman (10/8/89), Gary Burnham.

CANADA

Ontario

Fonthill—Sean Chiki (9/24/89), Stephen Bolhous.

WEDDINGS

ARKANSAS

McGintytown—Wanda Williamson and Robert Goodrich (7/28/89), Emory Macy.

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Heidi Cooper and David Richert (3/4/89), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Rochelle—Ranee Mickey and Steven Boll (8/12/89), Francis Burnett.

MINNESOTA

Hector—Amanda Moore and Jeffrey Forcier (8/19/89), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Litchfield—Dawn Allen and Mokhtar Nourelbikri (7/29/89), S. O. Ross.

OHIO

Springfield (Lawrenceville)—Donna Swabey and John Lindner (5/20/89), Kathy Kaffenbarger and Brad Thornton (8/19/89), John Hearp.

Springfield (North Hills)—Neola Hart and John Tullis (7/1/89), Steve Fewell.

DEATHS

IOWA

Kosza—Owen Slaymaker, member (7/31/89), Pauline Kotezy, member (9/2/89), Francis Burnett.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Earl Felix (8/30/89), Ella McLeod (9/6/89), Chuck Jones.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Harold Benson (9/27/89), S. O. Ross.

MISSOURI

Doniphan—Bill Thompson, member (8/26/89), Ken Howe.

OHIO

Springfield (Lawrenceville)—Grace Myers (1/25/89), Frank Rowell (5/8/89), John Hearp.

CANADA

Ontario

Fonthill—Maria McArthur (9/25/89), Stephen Bolhous.

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THANKS

Due to lack of funds, after 13 months of radio preaching on KAIM, Honolulu, Hawaii, we were forced to discontinue at the end of September.

Our thanks to you who gave for this effort. We had excellent relations with the radio station manager and personnel, received two requests for tapes, one crank letter, and a letter from a member of a former congregation I pastored who lives there. We tried to preach the main Bible teachings in a nice way and did our best. We pray some good was done.—Jim Mattison.

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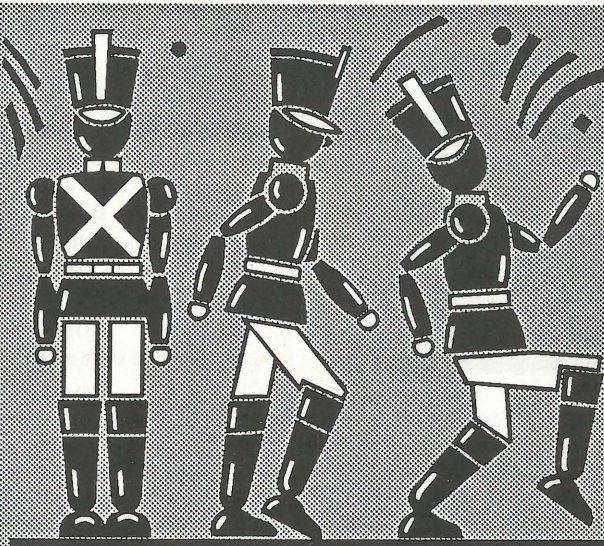


INVITATION

The children of S. O. and Peg Ross would like to invite you to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 17, 1989. There will be an open house from 2-5 p.m. at the Litchfield Civic Center to which you are invited. If you cannot come, but would like to remember them, a card would reach them at 425 E 4th St, Litchfield, MN 55355.

—Kent Ross, Scott Ross, Connie (Ross) Sorn.

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Conference on the Kingdom of God

By Anthony Buzzard

From the 25th-28th of January, I attended a national conference on the Kingdom of God in Washington D.C., organized by the Coalition for Renewal. Oregon Bible College had been invited to send a delegate. This gathering of leading pastors represents the opinion that the Kingdom of God ought to be implemented now by the government, even to the point of putting Old Testament laws on the statute books of the United States. Such theology has a name: "Dominion" or "Reconstructionist" Theology. It is becoming increasingly popular.

As a team invited to raise possible *objections* to this theology, a number of top faculty members from Dallas Theological College were also present. I was delighted that they found congenial my

opposing view of the Kingdom, that it is primarily the event associated with the Second Coming. I was invited to be on their panel of eight theologians during the discussions. This gave me an opportunity to speak of the Kingdom to an audience of some 100 persons. Tim LaHaye was one of those present.

I want personally to thank all those individuals who so kindly contributed to my travel expenses and stay in Washington D.C. I feel that it is important that the Abrahamic Faith be represented at these gatherings—both for our own growth in understanding the world we are supposed to evangelize, and to put the Abrahamic Faith before the public. Editors of the magazine "Christianity

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Board Asks Delegates to Reconfirm Relocation Decision

After prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors has decided to ask the Delegates at this summer's General Conference to reaffirm their support for the relocation of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. The Board believes that relocation will be very significant in aiding us as a people to fulfill the Great Commission. They also believe that relocation will make us more effective in fulfilling our mission in training pastors and leaders.

The Board believes it is important for our membership to be well informed regarding the reasons for relocation and the reasons for selecting Clayton County, Georgia, as the relocation site. Relocation information was mailed to the entire membership recently.

Though a majority of the delegates voted at the 1989 Conference to support relocation, the Board believes that it would be desirable to have at least

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Revitalization Update

Church of God Pastors have unanimously initiated a year of prayer and fasting for our churches, the spiritual leaders of our churches, the General Conference, Oregon Bible College, and our General Conference Board of Directors. Through the first of March, 304 Church of God people from 44 churches have indicated their willingness to participate in this renewal effort. Progress is also being made toward reaching other goals adopted by the Pastors:

1. To reach and win 300 people to Christ. Many individuals have committed themselves to the "each one reach one" campaign to win people to Christ this year.
2. To enroll 28 new students in Oregon Bible College for fall of 1990. Oregon Bible College recently hosted the annual High School Invitational Conference to encourage enrollment at the Bible College. Sixty-eight students and

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PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Included in this issue of *THE PROGRESS JOURNAL* is a statistical report of our churches. Each congregation is important to the work of the Church of God, and we are grateful for the involvement of many

individuals, local churches, church organizations, State Conferences, and others. Working together, we are able to do things that we could not do alone.

ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Pastors of the Church of God will meet in Oregon, IL, April 30 to May 4 for their annual Ministers' Conference. The theme of the Conference is "Pastoral Leadership . . . In the Bond of Peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3). The Pastors of our Virginia churches are serving as the Program Committee. They have explained the theme of the Conference by saying, "Decisions made during the next few months will help shape the future of the Church of God for many years. Change never comes easily—without disagreement or pain. We are finding out that change for the Church of God will be no exception. We

believe that it is a critical time for 'Pastoral Leadership . . . In the Bond of Peace.' For the next few months. For the dawn of a new decade. And on the threshold of a new millenium."

Each church is encouraged to send its Pastor to the Conference and to participate in the mileage pool. This helps to equalize the expense for those living close and those far away from the Conference site. Not only is the Pastors' Conference a time of learning, but also a time of valuable fellowship and the creation of a team effort as we carry out the ministry of the Church of God.

STAFF CHANGES

Russell Magaw, Rick Cooper, and Vicki Cooper have submitted their resignations from the staff of the Church of God General Conference. Russell has faithfully served the Conference during the past eleven years as Editor of publications. Under his leadership, many improvements have been made in the content and format of our publications, as well as in the technology used in producing our printed materials. In the last several years, Russell has played an extremely important role in church planting and the work of our Outreach and Church Development Department. Russ and his wife Joyce have been dedicated workers at

the new Family Bible Fellowship in Loves Park for the past year and a half.

During the two years that Rick Cooper has been a part of our staff, he successfully coordinated the final leg of our campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the OBC Development Foundation. He has effectively helped to disseminate information about the Conference and College through news releases, letters, and onsite visits to many of our churches. He has brought fresh ideas and expertise to our student recruitment and fund-raising efforts. Rick and Vicki have also been active in assisting the work at Family Bible Fellowship. Vicki Cooper

served as women's dorm director in the 1988-89 school year and most recently has been working part time in our business office.

We have accepted these resignations with deep regret. Though we will miss these individuals on our staff, we rejoice in their decision to accept the call to serve as church-planting workers in the St. Louis, MO, area. Russ and Rick have worked with the Missouri Conference over the past four years as they have made plans to replant the St.

Louis Church and become a strong church-planting Conference. Many meetings have been held and specific strategies have been developed over the years for the launching of a major church-planting effort. Their experience in Loves Park will be a tremendous asset as they lead this new work.

The General Conference staff will work with the Magaws and Coopers to assist them in any way possible as they launch this new work.

OUTREACH IN AURORA—NAPERVILLE, IL

The Fox Valley Church of God in Aurora, IL, conducted a telemarketing campaign during February and March. Members of the church and other Church of God members in northern Illinois dialed over 12,000 telephone numbers looking for the unchurched. Over 500 people have expressed an interest in receiving

information about the reopening of the church at a new location in the neighboring city Naperville. Services will be held at Century Memorial Chapel in Naper Settlement. The opening service is being held on April 1. We pray that God will bless this effort in reaching unchurched individuals.

HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL CONFERENCE

Fifty-seven students and eleven sponsors attended the annual High School Invitational Conference the first week-end of March. Students attended from Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Nebraska, Minnesota,

Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Indiana. We pray that many of these individuals will hear God's call to preparation for Christian service.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Contributions during the first nine months of the fiscal year are running approximately \$10,000 more than they were last year at this time. However, contributions have averaged approximately \$3,000 less per month than the goal for giving adopted by the delegates at the Summer Conference.

We are extremely grateful to the Churches, Conferences, groups, and individuals who have made giving commitments for 1990

and/or have given generously during the first nine months of this fiscal year. Our Staff members are good stewards of the gifts that are received. Day by day we wait upon the Lord to provide for the needs of the Conference and College. We are grateful that God is choosing to work through so many of you to carry on the educational and outreach ministries of the Conference and College.

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Where? What?

Where is it we want to go? What kind of college do we want to be?

The future confronts us as we ask again and again not only who and what we are, but who and what we wish to be. Before us is the task to shape our future by holding up an ideal which has roots in the past, grows in the present, and helps shape our future.

It is good to remind ourselves that it is not the function or the nature of ideals to be perfectly realized or fully attainable. On the contrary, ideals sit in judgment of our attainments in the present.

When we contemplate our future we contemplate an ideal which, no matter how precarious in its achievement, guides us by forcing upon us the question: to what standard do we wish to hold ourselves?

What is that ideal? Have we clearly defined it? That remains a job for all of us, and particularly for the leaders to whom God hopefully has granted a great measure of spiritual discernment.

Unfortunately, the ideal in my mind has been colored or influenced by factors that, though they should be weighed, cannot be the final determinants (i.e., personal comfort, tradition, individual desire, economics, etc.).

The questions remain: Where is it we want to go? What kind of college do we want to be?

Our charge is to educate and train those folks who cross the threshold of the Bible College. Only one question remains in my thinking: What is the best environment for that to take place? The student—his needs, his desires, his wishes, his potential for success—must be the determining factor in any change we seek to make. There is no Bible College without students.

Education is a must if we are to compete in, function in, and address a contemporary world. It seems apparent to me that not many students, parents, and influential adults believe OBC has much value in that preparation. If polled, most OBC attendees would likely attest to the fact that the college has addressed significant life issues and that they wouldn't trade that aspect of their preparation. But not many are responding to what the college offers.

Are we achieving the ideal now? Does the ideal need to be changed? Would a different ideal or model bring us into a better position to meet student needs? Let the people speak, young and old. Let's talk about ideals, our future, and our aspirations. Let's be willing to see beyond ourselves.

**Are We
Achieving
The Ideal
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**Jason
Cooper Is
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New Student

We welcomed a new student to our community in January. He is Jason Cooper. Jason finished high school in the middle of his senior year and chose to come and finish the year with us. We also have a couple of new part-time students this semester. Jeremy Smith, Angela Gerber, and Tony Cheatwood, who were students in the fall, chose other pursuits this semester rather than to return to OBC full time.

Adulthostel

Are you looking for a relaxing, slow-paced, refreshing opportunity to study, visit, and enjoy fellowship with other mature adults? Why not attend Adulthostel 1990?

May is a neat and beautiful time to visit northern Illinois. The river valley is alive with renewed creation. Those who have attended this Adulthostel in the past have enjoyed the renewing they receive in their lives. Come and afford yourself this oppor-

tunity. You won't regret it!

The dates are May 7-11. For additional information, ask your local pastor or write us: Oregon Bible College, PO Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Graduation

The 1990 Commencement activities are set for May 4. Gary Turner, who is presently pastoring the new church in Loves Park, will graduate. We are especially proud to present Gary because of the great commitment and sacrifice he has made to get to this point.

He will be completing his academic requirement while at the same time pastoring a new church and fulfilling all the responsibilities of a husband and father of four, along with several foster children he and his wife are caring for.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Oregon Church with Pastor Syd Kirkpatrick as the speaker.

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

**Graduation
Set For
May 4**

Honor Roll

The following students demonstrated academic excellence during the Fall Term, 1989. We are pleased with the commitment each shows to his academic studies.

Honor Roll

Marcee Bolhous
Jon Cheatwood
Jason Turner
Steve Zimbelman

High Honor Roll

Mark Cain
Jim Day
Marcia Hall
Michelle Mattison
Earl Poland
Daniel Smead
Gary Turner

1990 Chorale Schedule

Saturday, March 10	P.M.	Kiwanis Travelogue, Oregon, IL
Sunday, March 25	A.M.	Family Bible Fellowship, Loves Park, IL
Friday, April 6	P.M.	Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown, MO
Sunday, April 8	A.M.	Happy Woods Church, Hammond, LA
	P.M.	Blood River Church, Springfield, LA
Monday, April 9	P.M.	Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge, LA
Tuesday, April 10	P.M.	Gatesville Church, Gatesville, TX
Wednesday, April 11	P.M.	New Hope Church, Little Rock, AR
Thursday, April 12	P.M.	McGintytown Church, Greenbrier, AR
Friday, April 13	P.M.	Raymore Church, Raymore, MO
Saturday, April 14	P.M.	Macomb Church, Macomb, IL
Saturday, April 21	P.M.	Brush Creek Church, Tipp City, OH
Sunday, April 22	A.M.	North Hills Church, North Hills, OH
	P.M.	Timberland Bible Church, South Bend, IN
Sunday, April 29	A.M.	Dixon Correctional Center, Dixon, IL
	P.M.	Oregon Church, Oregon, IL

Missouri Church Planting

God, what are you calling us to do? God, who do you want us to reach? These are the questions the ministry team for the Missouri Church Planting have been asking.

We feel God has given the gift of apostleship (the divine enablement to start churches and oversee their development) to Rick Cooper and Russ Magaw. We feel God is calling these men and some living in the St. Louis area to form a ministry team to share the gospel of the kingdom of God; to the 100,000-plus people living within a five-mile radius of the intersection at Thoele Road and McClay Road in St. Charles County.

Demographic research indicates 30 to 49.9% of the population within this area is unchurched. The average household consists of a married couple between the ages of 25 and 44 with one child at home school-age or younger.

Lifestyle indicators show a strong interest in quality of life for the family with a large amount of time spent watching television, listening to music, and reading.

What does all this mean?

Twenty-two prayer pact members to pray every day for the next year for this church planting

Eight volunteers to help make phone calls August 19 - 24, 1990

Three volunteers to help provide fellowship and food August 19 - 24, 1990

Eight volunteers to help make phone calls August 25 - 30, 1990

Three volunteers to help provide fellowship and food August 25 - 30, 1990

Seven volunteers to help make phone calls September 4 - 9, 1990

Three volunteers to help provide fellowship and food September 4 - 9, 1990

Fourteen volunteers to help make phone calls September 10 - 16, 1990

Four volunteers to help with mailings September 10 - 16, 1990

Fourteen volunteers to help make phone calls October 13 - 26, 1990

Three volunteers to help provide fellowship and food October 13 - 26, 1990

The vision is to reach the target by gathering a critical mass via telephone and continual gathering through small groups for the purpose of bringing God's love in Christ to the target audience so that worship of God, active faith in biblical truth, and continual service to him and Christ will materialize.

The philosophy of ministry is to provide contemporary programming for the target audience at the celebration level; to create need-meeting opportunities at the community level; to provide ministry and service opportunities at the individual level.

The goals are to open October 28, 1990, with an attendance of 125 to 400 people, and to average 150 weekly attenders by the end of the first year with 30 new members.

Help is needed from volunteers within the Church of God to reach these goals. Below is a list of what we need as of this time.

For more information as to when and how you can help, call Rick Cooper or Russ Magaw at 1-815-732-7991 or write to them at Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Help
Needed To
Start New
Church

First Anniversary Service at Family Bible Fellowship, Loves Park, Illinois

On October 30, 1988, Family Bible Fellowship held its first worship service in Loves Park, Illinois. There were 103 people at that service and we were thrilled. During the first year the number of people dropped to a Sunday low of 49, and climbed to a high of 98. We were rejoicing for the baptisms and with our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the summer of 1989, the attendance averaged 62 and we continued to remember and practice Galatians 6:9, 10: God has given us a harvest to reap, and we are doing good to all.

Then when 132 attended our first anniversary service on October 29, 1990, we praised God for the tremendous interest in the ministry of Family Bible Fellowship. Of that number, about 100 came from the Loves Park area. I pray that God will continue to work in their lives and ours as we love one another and share the good news of the kingdom of God.

Please continue to pray for our family of believers and the people God is leading us to. May God bless you as he has blessed us.

Conference on the Kingdom of God (Continued from front cover)

Today" were present. I was able to make my book on the Kingdom available, and a number of writers/theologians/pastors were interested to learn of our denomination and Oregon Bible College.

"Dominion Theology" is post-millennialism in a new guise. The theory is that the Kingdom of God can be established before Jesus' return. Could this theory play into the hands of Anti-Christ?

The Abrahamic Faith is most up-to-date and relevant in the current discussion. The Kingdom of God and the name of Christ (Acts 8:12) remain the two key areas of debate in theology. In Atlanta in October, 1990, there is to be a World Congress on the Kingdom of God. Our Kingdom of God language is being used publicly after years of comparative silence about the Kingdom. But what do *they* mean by Kingdom?

Board Asks Delegates to Reconfirm Relocation Decision (Continued from front cover)

two-thirds of the delegates in favor of relocation before proceeding.

If two-thirds or more of the delegates favor the concept of relocation, the Board is asking the delegates to confirm Clayton County

Georgia, as the relocation site. If two-thirds or more vote in favor of Clayton County, efforts will be made to relocate by the fall of 1991.

Over the past four and a half years the Board of Directors and the Staff have worked together in studying the need for and benefits of relocation. The Staff has attempted to faithfully implement the wishes of the membership and Board of Directors.

Questions about relocation or the actions of the Board can be addressed to members of the Board of Directors.

Revitalization Update (Continued from front cover)

sponsors visited the College. Prayer is being offered for many to enroll in Oregon Bible College for the fall of 1990.

3. To train 100 brothers and sisters in evangelism ministry members are being trained in evangelism ministry both at Oregon Bible College and in several local churches.

We continue to encourage the membership to pray for the following items:

1. For spiritual renewal in my own life.
2. For salvation for my family and friends.
3. For my church.
4. For my Pastor and family.
5. For the General Conference and Oregon Bible College Staff.
6. For Oregon Bible College students.
7. For all members of the Church of God.
8. For opportunities to share my faith.

Church of God Participation Statistics Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1989

Church	Member of Gen Conf	No of Active Members	No of Active Families	No of Restitution Herald Subscriptions	Church Contributed to Goals for Giving	No of Member Families which Contributed to Goals for Giving	Total Contributions to Goals For Giving	**Church Contributed to OBC Foundation	**No of Givers to OBC Foundation	**Amount Given to OBC Foundation	Average SS & Church Attendance	No of Quarterlies Each Quarter	No of OBC Alumni Since 1939	No of Church Builder Members
Arizona														
Lakeshore, Tempe	X	180	104	37	X	7	\$ 8,040	-	20	\$ 13,708	128-166	43	9	29
Valley View, Scottsdale	X	218	-	10	X	6	1,760	-	18	112,477	135-222	-	11	20
Arkansas														
Clark Chapel, Magazine	-	*10	*1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	32-	47	-	-
Cleveland Church, Cleveland	-	14	6	3	X	2	678	-	-	-	11-	25	-	2
Forest Hills, Royal	X	44	23	6	X	2	597	-	2	225	40-41	31	5	7
New Hope, Little Rock	X	*22	-	3	X	3	2,960	X	8	11,715	-	37	4	6
McGintytown, Greenbrier	X	75	32	11	X	3	1,675	-	2	226	47-65	76	1	6
California														
Church of Open Bible, Pomona	X	*46	*33	13	-	10	4,156	-	5	5,987	27-34	35	6	14
San Jose Church, San Jose	X	-	-	-	X	-	757	X	1	100,850	-	-	-	5
Valley Church, Simi Valley	X	23	8	2	X	2	2,038	-	4	1,135	*29-34	-	1	9
Canada														
Glad Tidings, Fonthill	X	87	46	22	X	9	7,560	X	27	20,273	46-93	112	15	11
Illinois														
Blessed Hope, Rockford	X	29	20	12	X	3	875	X	5	14,299	26-29	28	7	10
Dixon Church, Dixon	X	22	17	9	X	3	1,038	X	6	2,765	25-27	49	6	3
East Oregon Chapel, Oregon	X	58	-	11	X	9	6,769	-	7	12,644	56-66	48	5	5
East Peoria, East Peoria	X	36	21	6	-	2	359	-	9	3,653	46-46	48	-	4
Family Bible, Loves Park	X	-	-	2	X	2	1,119	-	1	120	-80	-	-	-
Flagg Center, Rochelle	X	*34	-	12	X	3	928	-	1	200	*30-45	40	6	6
Fox Valley, Aurora	X	-	-	2	X	2	1,936	-	2	1,350	*22-22	55	-	-
Macomb Church, Macomb	X	115	64	20	X	15	4,789	-	17	12,181	88-89	143	13	28
Oregon Church, Oregon	X	210	106	52	X	28	14,772	-	34	28,893	137-160	140	33	43
Restitution Church, Casey	X	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	5-	18	1	3
Restitution Church, Eldorado	X	40	23	10	-	2	35	-	1	125	*30-38	46	-	10
Ripley Church, Ripley	X	77	-	22	X	13	3,540	X	20	6,216	*44-53	115	9	11

*Not Current Statistics

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Indiana														
Burr Oak Church, Burr Oak	X	52	27	37	X	6	5,521	X	16	12,937	62-61	70	1	11
Country Chapel, Michigantown	X	32	16	12	X	6	2,407	-	7	4,780	23-32	22	14	6
Hedrick Church, Hedrick	X	36	23	7	X	8	1,810	-	6	520	33-33	61	2	6
Hillview Bible, Bloomington	X	9	5	5	X	-	919	X	-	311	*12-12	-	-	1
Jay St, Kokomo	X	42	20	7	X	3	166	-	2	1,190	35-44	16	12	11
North Salem, Plymouth	X	29	20	9	-	4	70	-	2	2,620	27-33	41	2	8
Timberland Bible, South Bend	X	108	61	12	X	19	6,373	X	14	6,093	101-136	76	17	27
Iowa														
Conger St Church, Waterloo	X	14	10	4	X	6	566	-	-	-	*21-23	15	4	2
Gladbrook Church, Gladbrook	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	*10-10	-	-	1
Oaklawn Church, Koszta	-	31	18	6	X	3	775	-	2	824	32-38	46	-	3
Restitution Church, Belle Plaine	-	-	-	7	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Kansas														
Hope Chapel, Arkansas City	X	11	4	4	X	1	298	-	-	-	6-	20	-	-
Louisiana														
Blood River Church, Springfield	X	*106	-	8	X	8	4,526	-	10	3,052	75-	67	17	7
Faith Chapel, Metairie	X	7	5	-	-	1	270	-	-	-	4-4	11	-	1
Happy Woods Church, Hammond	X	*52	*37	13	X	3	4,657	X	7	18,312	*50-56	99	8	15
Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge	X	23	11	10	X	4	3,633	-	4	5,560	23-32	10	6	7
Michigan														
Blanchard Church, Blanchard	X	155	75	14	X	13	13,850	X	10	12,349	110-141	21	19	21
Champion Community, Champion	X	*8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8-8	27	-	-
Garden Park Church, Kentwood	X	43	28	16	X	13	4,671	-	6	14,463	45-48	38	5	13
North Kent Church, Rockford	X	55	30	2	X	7	2,257	X	4	3,155	34-59	27	-	3
Pennellwood Church, Wyoming	X	82	56	19	X	13	3,522	X	11	7,221	60-82	26	25	24
Southlawn Church, Wyoming	X	70	44	15	X	13	11,959	-	18	8,980	56-81	69	13	10
Minnesota														
Eden Valley Church, Eden Valley	X	89	65	16	X	15	5,504	X	19	22,522	53-91	69	14	17
Hector Church, Hector	X	27	11	7	X	7	313	-	8	25,927	28-30	43	8	10
Hewitt Church, Hewitt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litchfield Church, Litchfield	X	48	29	20	X	7	1,754	X	7	6,305	25-47	49	6	8
Pine Grove, Minneapolis	X	49	25	11	X	10	1,902	X	7	3,600	*38-49	37	5	22
St Cloud Church, St Cloud	X	*14	*9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11-13	7	3	0

Missouri

Arcola Church, Arcola	-	9	2	2	-	1	50	-	-	-	*11-11	-	-	-
Fairview Church, Doniphan	-	16	9	2	-	2	170	-	-	-	15-	7	1	2
Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown	X	38	18	12	X	1	1,890	-	4	940	30-34	36	6	4
Jordan Church, Jordan	X	*13	*7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	*14-	10	5	-
Lockwood Church, Lockwood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*20-	16	-	-
Morse Mill Church, Morse Mill	X	*26	*12	3	X	1	475	X	2	565	17-19	27	5	2
Raymore Church, Raymore	X	60	22	16	X	7	3,115	X	12	13,459	63-69	51	1	4
Springfield Church, Springfield	X	13	8	6	X	1	275	X	1	1,025	-	29	-	-
St Charles Church, St Louis	X	12	6	9	X	5	2,110	X	2	3,685	11-11	28	3	7

Nebraska

Holbrook Church, Holbrook	X	29	16	12	X	2	1,407	-	5	1,090	22-22	47	4	8
Jaynes Street Community, Omaha	X	83	58	34	X	17	9,445	X	15	25,199	62-65	83	12	20

North Carolina

Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville	X	*18	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	500	12-20	30	-	2
Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir	X	88	50	8	-	1	50	X	1	5,120	47-75	59	1	15

Ohio

Brush Creek Church, Tipp City	X	78	44	24	X	11	11,549	X	9	5,630	80-76	137	23	22
Chapel on the Hill, Urbana	X	10	6	2	-	-	-	-	1	100	19-18	33	-	-
Church of Open Bible, Bedford	X	29	16	10	X	5	2,276	-	8	2,474	26-36	30	4	10
Columbia Church, Columbia Station	X	44	22	6	X	7	1,708	-	4	3,530	*60-70	39	5	11
Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton	X	*22	*14	3	X	1	600	X	4	7,902	19-22	14	10	4
Golden Rule Church, Cleveland	X	21	5	4	X	1	311	X	-	25	*24-24	41	3	2
Gospel Church, Hilliard	X	16	7	2	X	-	418	-	-	-	-	22	-	1
Grace Church, Jefferson	X	*10	*3	-	X	-	1,181	X	1	5,400	*12-12	26	-	2
Lawrenceville Church, Springfield	X	*98	*39	13	X	5	7,691	X	9	73,548	69-90	94	12	12
North Hills Church, Springfield	X	65	38	8	X	9	2,232	X	3	11,350	62-72	45	1	6
Pleasant Hill Church, Pleasant Hill	X	48	11	9	X	4	3,456	-	2	1,061	53-51	56	-	6
Troy View Church, Troy	X	95	51	8	X	4	4,469	X	6	3,080	*80-90	74	15	11

South Carolina

Bethel Church, Pelzer	X	-	-	1	X	6	1,570	X	1	600	146-179	79	-	-
Greenville Church, Greenville	X	*24	*14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	*17-19	26	-	4
Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer	X	216	75	15	X	17	10,089	X	35	28,465	133-157	187	9	49

Texas

Arlington Church, Arlington	X	-	-	2	-	-	-	X	1	600	-	10	1	-
Avondale Church, Harlingen	X	25	-	7	X	2	701	-	-	-	*20-24	26	1	5
Gatesville Church, Gatesville	X	31	20	14	-	5	1,605	-	9	4,204	31-40	51	3	5

Virginia

Cool Spring Church, Browntown	X	33	7	7	X	1	1,307	X	12	6,185	36-40	65	2	5
Fair Oaks Community, Herndon	X	20	15	11	X	11	5,290	-	11	19,340	-11	5	5	10
Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains	X	41	16	10	X	9	4,403	-	9	9,222	37-43	40	11	8
Royal Village Church, Front Royal	X	48	30	16	X	8	5,432	-	9	12,902	53-57	32	1	4

Washington

Bible Faith Church, Bellevue	-	15	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
Cashmere Church, Cashmere	-	-	-	5	-	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
Wenatchee Church, Wenatchee	-	-	-	8	-	3	1,205	-	1	275	47-63	19	11	1

TOTALS (Incomplete)

77	3944	1787	826	64	451	230,804	33	529	757,319	3334-3993	3,707	477	716
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Conferences														
Arkansas State Conference							150	X						
Illinois State Conference							3,650	X		5,000				
Indiana State Conference							1,338	X		500				
Iowa State Conference							150							
Louisiana State Conference							454							
Michigan State Conference							1,209	X		4,000				
Minnesota State Conference							1,502	X		1,000				
Minnesota State Mission Society							74	X		1,000				
Missouri State Conference							516	X		1,000				
Northeast Conference							2,500							
Southeast Conference							960	X		200				
Virginia State Conference							-	X		7,500				
Non-Church of God														
Isolated				275		79	71,793	-	46	38,176		480		50
Herald Bundles to Churches				325								64		
Miscellaneous										23,140				
Grand Total						530	335,721			838,835				
**Total Since the beginning of the Foundation in 1982														

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS & SUBTRACTIONS

ADDITIONS:	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Baptisms	141	155	182	134	130
Inactive-Became Active	48	72	68	37	76
Transfer In	<u>111</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>
	300	280	290	218	254
SUBTRACTIONS:					
Deaths	39	34	34	40	27
Became Inactive	202	163	133	92	102
Transferred Away	<u>73</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>65</u>
	314	267	211	178	194
Net Gain (or Loss)	-14	13	79	40	60

Pastor's Profile

John Railton

— Interview by Jeff Bull —



If you were entering the pastoral ministry today, what is one thing you would do differently?

I really like the internship program. I feel I do pretty good now, only because of experience, but for the first several years I felt so much like I was in the dark. I felt ill-equipped and inexperienced. I loved it when they started the internship program. I was scared to death to have an intern, but it is an excellent program. I guess that is what I would like to do differently, to have an internship before having my own pastorate.

Is there one thing you know now that you wish you had known when you first entered the ministry?

The first thing that comes to mind is the philosophy of Ephesians 4:11, 12. I mentioned downstairs (in the Missionary Conference at Glad Tidings Church, Fontheil, on 11/18/89), that we were taught at OBC the fundamentals of the pastoral office: hospital calling, baptizing, funerals, and weddings. I don't remember any teaching about equipping and involving the people in ministry, or instruction on administration or leadership. There was a lot of teaching on the Bible, of course, but I really think that's where we missed the boat—not learning the biblical principle of equipping the members of the body of Christ to serve and minister. [Pastor Railton will be teaching a class at the 1990 General Conference based on this biblical principle.]

What has been your greatest pastoral challenge?

I would have to say the merger and building program that we've gone through at Timberland was quite a challenge. That and paying off the building through our bond program. Of course, we were really blessed in that situation through the anonymous gift of \$282,000 that was given to pay off the debt. Now our challenge is to use the building for ministry for the glory of God.

What has been your most memorable personal victory?

Seeing those that I baptized become pastors. Those would be: Steve Fewell, Dale Bliss, Darrell Cardwell, and Dave Richert. I would also say seeing others remain active and busy in the Lord's work with their families. Having a pastor for a father, I grew up in parsonages and I had resigned myself to the fact that I'd probably raise my family

Age: 40

Spouse: Alice Railton, half-time secretary at Timberland Bible Church

Children: Jason, Amy, and Josh in twelfth, eighth, and fifth grades, respectively

Present Position: Full-time pastor at Timberland Bible Church, South Bend, Indiana

Number of Years at Present Pastorate: Ten

Number of Years in Pastoral Ministry: Nineteen

Place of Birth: Winchester, Virginia

Has been a member of the following churches: Mauretown Church in Virginia; Jay St. Church in Kokomo, Indiana; Chappell, Nebraska; Flagg Center, Illinois; Litchfield, Minnesota; and South Bend, Indiana.

Baptized by: Austin Railton

If interned, where and with whom: Did not have an intern program at that time, but served as a student pastor for Flagg Center for two years while at OBC.

Churches and years pastored: Litchfield, Minnesota, for three years; Kokomo, Indiana, for six years; and Timberland for ten years.

Hobbies and personal interests: Watching Notre Dame football, playing volleyball, euchre, and table tennis. Enjoys cooking and food preparation. If he weren't a pastor he'd probably like to be a counselor or a restaurateur.

in a parsonage. It has been a victory for us that we were able to purchase our own home when we moved and the church started the building project. It has given my family more stability, and I think it gives the church more stability. They know I'm not going to pull up roots and move out at the first sign of difficulties. We're here for the long haul.

How has being a pastor affected your family/personal life?

I know one thing that I learned when my father was a pastor: I didn't like the idea of moving from one town or state to another and because of that I didn't think that I wanted to be a pastor. I feel good that we've been able to have longer pastorates as the years have gone by. I think being a pastor is very, very time-consuming. When I am at home, I'm still called upon. I get numerous telephone calls: sometimes for information and sometimes for counseling. It is very time-consuming and it has affected our family's relationship. The children have mentioned that if I weren't a pastor I'd have more time

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John Railton

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for them. There is a price to pay. There is much time spent away from the family and when I am with them I don't always have the energy to spend quality time with them.

What do you like most about the pastoral ministry?

I'm not a people person. I'm task-oriented, but I enjoy working with people on a one-to-one basis. I like counseling and seeing people work through problems, making changes and improvements and surviving a troubling time.

... the least?

I really don't care for the sermon preparation, or that is, the time that it takes. If that was all I had to do, I'd enjoy it, but I'm very slow and it takes me hours and hours to prepare a sermon and I don't like that. I also don't like the time demand. It is very hard to go home and leave work at the office, because you can always be interrupted or reached through a telephone call.

Was there an individual who most affected your decision to become a pastor?

John Lewis was an instructor at OBC and he had quite an impact on me as a teacher. He was very organized; every day we memorized a scripture and we had a quiz on the material. He really challenged us and made us think. I remember during my sophomore year I was discouraged because I realized that I needed to decide what I wanted to do. I had gone to OBC realizing that I didn't know what I wanted to do, but thinking that OBC was a good transition, which I still believe. I knew I either had to quit or keep going and the only training available was for pastoral ministry, so if I stayed I knew I'd end up being a pastor. John helped me make up my mind by telling me that he believed anyone could be a pastor if he improved the gifts he had and excelled at using them for the Lord. Another individual that influenced me was Delbert Rankin. He was a good friend that had a conservative theology. That impacted me by stressing the importance of the truth and gave me a desire to be committed to the Lord and to spreading the gospel.

Share some of your thoughts concerning the church's role in society.

There are passages where Jesus says we are: the light of the world, the salt of the earth, that we have been given the keys to the kingdom, that we are leaven in the bread. In all four of those instances the symbols represent penetration. I believe that we are to penetrate society. I don't think, generally, the church is doing that. I know, specifically, that Timberland isn't doing it. It is always at the back of my mind. I believe as individuals we need to penetrate society, to witness, to bring people into the church, and develop and equip them. I do not feel that the church's role is to save the poor, stop abortions, stop

pornography, etc. I do feel we can have some small influence, but do not think it should be my goal or the church's main goal.

Share some news/events/developments that are happening at Timberland Bible Church.

We are trying to develop small groups: fellowship groups as well as Bible study groups. We aren't finding great success as Bible study groups. We have some that are really wonderful, but we don't find too many people who are eager to join similar Bible study groups. We're anxious to develop social-type activities so that relationships can be started and grow and people can nurture each other.

One thing that I feel real good about is our board of deacons. For the past several years we have had a deacons' workshop at the beginning of our church year in September. We talk about the work of the deacons: what they've been doing, what we can add to that, and what can be done. It has been changed to reflect a more biblical example of the position of deacon with the deacons calling on the sick and visiting people in their homes. It has put more pressure on them, so many will not take the position because they think we expect too much and are demanding too much. On the other hand, those who accept the position do the best they can to live up to those expectations and are doing a good job. I feel good about our deacon program.

We have also purchased a computer which is helping us to better monitor and minister to our people. It is a great help in knowing where they are spiritually and what their needs are. That is a major duty of Dale Bliss, our associate pastor. I feel really good about adding Dale to our staff. His primary responsibilities are in the areas of equipping and outreach. This is one of the major accomplishments of our church this past year.

My personal goals for the church are to grow and add the second phase to the building, which will allow for more classrooms, a fellowship area, and hopefully a space for volleyball/sports activities. I would like to see us continue to grow and make it possible for us to divide into two services that would be entirely different in worship styles. From there, I would like to plant a church by taking one hundred people from our own number and branching off. That wouldn't happen, though, until we had three to four hundred in our congregation. That new group would be, basically, self-sufficient with its own pastor and made up of some strong leaders. Then my hope is that from there Timberland and the new church would continue to grow and plant additional churches in the Michiana area. I believe our time is short and we must be busy spreading the gospel of the kingdom.

YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

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IF THE 1990

Young Adult Weekend is anything like the first one, God's blessing will be in double measure.

Last year's weekend attracted 71 participants. "What's Shaping Your Lifestyle?" was the theme. Young adults looked at how they are managing their time, money, and values in comparison to biblical examples. It was an enriching weekend of fellowship and spiritual evaluation. Those results will be achieved in double measure this year.

Pastor Steve Taylor and the young adults at the Blanchard Church of God, Blanchard, MI, are planning the 1990 Young Adult Weekend. Look forward to hearing more about it soon.

**Young Adult Weekend
October 5, 6, 7**

PRAYER AND PRAISE April, 1990

- 1 Pray for the Oregon and East Oregon churches as they hold a joint service on neutral ground hoping to draw many new people into our churches. Also pray for those attending the first service of the Fox Valley Church of God in Naperville, Illinois.
- 2 Pray for God's guidance in sharing the gospel message with newcomers at the Fox Valley Church.
- 3 Pray for the young people who are considering applying to be part of the the Caravan to England.
- 4 Praise God for your church family today.
- 5 Pray that God will use you to win another to Christ.
- 6 Pray for the Oregon Bible College Chorale as it tours churches in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana, now through the 14th. Pray especially for health and safety.
- 7 Praise God for the young people in your church family.
- 8 Pray that God will convict our bright young men and women to attend Oregon Bible College.
- 9 Praise God for the leadership of Roberto and Lupe Badillo.
- 10 Pray for the brethren in Labor Vieja, S.L.P., Mexico.
- 11 Pray for your pastor as he shares God's message with you today.
- 12 Pray that God's Spirit might be at work in your life this week, making you more in tune to his guidance.
- 13 Praise God for the one who first shared the message of salvation with you.
- 14 Pray that God will challenge mid-career people to seek the pastoral ministry.
- 15 Praise God for those who have agreed to serve on the BYC staff this summer.
- 16 Pray for Mario Olcese and Beder Ucañay and the church in Lima, Peru.
- 17 Pray for someone you know who is lonely or depressed.
- 18 Praise God for the freedom to worship.
- 19 Pray that God will lead you in reaching out in love to someone in need this week.
- 20 Praise God for the Fletcher family and the work in England.
- 21 Pray that God will send his Spirit into the hearts of those meeting for the Missouri State Conference at Springfield.
- 22 Pray for the Missouri State Conference meeting as Russ Magaw and Rick Cooper are "set apart" for church planting. (Acts 13:1-3.)
- 23 Praise God for the lessons he gives us through his Word.
- 24 Pray for healing for someone in need.
- 25 Praise God for the Sunday School teachers in your church.
- 26 Pray for the retired Church of God pastors, wives, or widows. Especially be thankful for their faithful service.
- 27 Pray for a gift of wisdom and knowledge for the ministry team at St. Charles, Missouri.
- 28 Pray for the work in Hewitt, Minnesota.
- 29 Pray that God might raise up leaders for the Church of God.
- 30 Pray for God's wisdom to be at work in the Church of God Ministerial Conference.

PRAYER AND PRAISE May, 1990

- 1 Pray for those attending the annual Ministerial Conference in Oregon this week.
- 2 Praise God for those serving in leadership roles in your church.
- 3 Pray for the BYC staff as they prepare.
- 4 Pray for Gary Turner as he graduates from Oregon Bible College and continues his ministry at Loves Park.
- 5 Pray for the brethren in the Philippines.
- 6 Pray for young people to step forward with a willingness to work in Mexico this summer.
- 7 Pray for a successful Adulthostel at Oregon Bible College. Especially ask God for love and stamina for those who are attending.
- 8 Praise God for the trials which come your way and make you strong.
- 9 Pray for God to speak to your heart as you worship him today.
- 10 Pray for God's direction in the preparation for the Caravan to England.
- 11 Praise God for the England work and the opportunities he has provided.
- 12 Pray for the brethren in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 13 Praise God for salvation through Christ.
- 14 Pray that God might open your eyes to the needs of those around you.
- 15 Praise God for your parents and siblings.
- 16 Praise God for the men and women who are serving him in the pastoral ministry.
- 17 Pray that God will grant continued support and guidance in starting the new church in St. Charles, Missouri.
- 18 Pray for the preparations for the annual summer conference.
- 19 Pray that God might slow you down so that you might enjoy the good things around you.
- 20 Pray for strength to hold fast to God's promises.
- 21 Praise God for the leadership of the Church of God General Conference.
- 22 Pray that God might prepare your heart for the message he will send through your pastor tomorrow.
- 23 Pray for a spirit of unity among the household of faith.
- 24 Pray for David Krogh in his role as President of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 25 Pray for the soon return of Jesus.
- 26 Praise God for the promises of the Kingdom.
- 27 Pray for an extra measure of faith to see beyond the trials of today.
- 28 Pray for Kent Ross and his service to the Conference and College.
- 29 Pray that God might lead someone with a gift, talent, and passion for music to help in the ministry at St. Charles, Missouri.
- 30 Praise God for your pastor and his ministry to you.
- 31 Pray for the Rick Cooper family as it begins the church-planting ministry in St. Charles, Missouri.

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BAPTISMS

CALIFORNIA

Simi Valley—Linda Lane (11/5/89), Warren Sorenson.

CANADA

Fonthill, Ont.—Thomas Saxby (12/24/89), Stephen Bolhous.

INDIANA

South Bend (Timberland Bible Church)—John Layne (12/3/89), Dale Bliss; Amy Railton (12/24/89), John Railton.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Brenda Thomas (10/29/89), Roy & Carol Bonek, Mike Davidson, Jr., Dennis Herp, Scott Persons (1/14/90), Bruce Berry (2/18/90), Chuck Jones.

North Kent—Jennifer L. Jepson (9/24/89), Robert J. & Sally M. Habel

(12/3/89), Dale H. Moore (12/10/89), Richard Eldred.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Gordon Linden (2/18/90), Stan Ross.

OHIO

Troyview—Tina Seidel (11/5/89); Hallie Eubank & Emily Supinger (11/12/89), Doug Supinger.

Lawrenceville—Penny Colvin (10/22/89), John Hearp.

WEDDINGS

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Annette Anderson & Lester Koder (10/7/89), Chuck Jones.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Darlene Lunderby & George Maxson (12/9/89), Stan Ross.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Flagg Center—Gladys Bearrows, member (1/11/89), Gordon Landry.

Chicago—Ted Schuld, small plane crash (10/12/89), services in Northfield, Ohio), Stephen Bolhous; (10/23/89, memorial services in Chicago), Rex Cain.

INDIANA

South Bend (Timberland Bible Church)—Eugene Beauchamp, member (11/14/89); Michelle Klingler, member (2/15/90), John Railton.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids (Pennellwood)—Lucille Ratering, member (1/3/90), Rex Cain.

NEBRASKA

Omaha (Jaynes St. Community)—Richard "Dick" Appleby, member (1/10/90), Scott Ross

OHIO

Cleveland—Ruth Louzecky (9/17/89), J. Arlen Marsh.

HEARP HONORED

On October 15, 1989, Pastor John Hearp was honored at a reception to recognize his 25 years in pastoral ministry. At the morning service the Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God presented him with a beautiful engraved silver tray. The church family then gave a lovely reception in the afternoon. Church family, friends from the community, and clergy from Springfield and other cities made up the over 130 who came to offer congratulations and good wishes on his service to God and his fellow man. To add to this most memorable day, a lady, Penny Colvin, came forward to affirm her faith in Christ and receive baptism.

OBC SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the years, a number of scholarships have been established in mem-

ory of Church of God members. Trust funds have been established to preserve the principal, with the interest earnings being used to fund scholarships each year. These funds have been a tremendous blessing to OBC students in their preparation for Christian Service.

Individuals being remembered through the scholarship funds are: Glen and Violet Booth, Harold J. Doan, Helen L. Overholser, James A. Patrick, John and Ruth Lewis, Francis and Lila VanFleet, Eliza Catherine Boyer Ritenour—Virginia Kincheloe—Serphine Cleek, Harry and Emily Berry, Lois Blakely, Harvey U. Krogh Jr., Norman McLeod, S. J. Lindsay, C. E. Randall, Ivis Elton, Jean Elton Fortney, and Monroe Elton.

Individuals wishing to contribute to these trust funds or to create new funds in memory of other individuals may do so by contacting David Krogh, Oregon Bible College President.

PASTORATE WANTED

Jeff Bull, available Sept. 1, 1990, Box 293, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada LOS 1E0, phone 416-892-1235.

Howard Robinson, 76 Mill St., Welland, Ontario, Canada L3B 4Y2. Call collect 416-734-1834.

PASTOR NEEDED

Fredericktown, MO, Church of God is seeking a pastor beginning after June 1, 1990. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elder Marvin Cooper, 314-783-3291.



FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Church of the Open Bible in Bedford, OH, hosted a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration for Austin and Cecil Railton on March 4, 1990. Their actual anniversary was March 9. Cards may be sent to the Railtons at 15808 Northwood Av., Maple Heights, OH 44137.

Joyce and Steve Bolhous family.
John and Joyce Railton family.

Cecil and Mary Patrick will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 25, 1990. An open house will be held in their honor on May 6 at the Oregon Church of God. You are invited. Cards may be sent to the Patricks at 106 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL 61061.

Gayle Guthrie.

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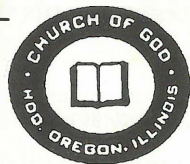
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Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference

THIS ANNUAL REPORT is published to summarize the work of the Church of God General Conference during the past fiscal year. Along with the Annual Giving Report, and the Participation Statistics, this report helps to keep the membership informed regarding the work of our association of churches. It also serves as background information for delegates who will meet at the annual Summer Conference, July 30 to August 2, 1990, at Brock University, St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada.

The Church of God General Conference was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a nonprofit organization, June 3, 1922. "The purpose of the Church of God General Conference is to assist Church of God members, Churches, and Conferences to perform their commission, which is to make disciples by bringing the lost to Jesus Christ, and by leading the believer to maturity by providing leadership, resources, and services." (Article I, Section 1, Bylaws.)

The Church of God General Conference directly serves over 5,000 baptized members of the Church of God, 77 member churches, 15 state and district conferences, approximately 15 nonmember churches, and the public at large.

Delegates and interested members of the Church

of God meet annually in July or August to confer in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches. Each member church of 15 or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, is entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

A member church is a Church of God which adheres to the statement of faith contained in the constitution and which has on record at the General Conference office a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

Voting delegates at the summer conference consist of representatives of local churches, one delegate from each state or district conference, certain licensed and ordained ministers, and members of the Board of Directors.

A seven-member Board of Directors is elected by the delegates for four-year terms. The Board is directly responsible to the delegates for the operation of the General Conference. The Constitution grants to the Board of Directors the "power to devise ways to accomplish the objects of the Conference." (Article II, Section 5.) Therefore, the Board has divided the work into departments and employs

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Preliminary Thoughts for a Visit to Canada

By Pastor Stephen Bolhous

ON THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER separating the State of Washington in the USA from the province of British Columbia, Canada, is an archway monument to the friendships of these two nations. The inscription over the arch reads, "Different Children of the Same Mother." Both children-nations continue to reflect their joint English heritage, but also, like two children in the same family, they have grown at different rates in different ways.

The US flag dates back to 1776; the Canadian flag was designed in 1965. The US Constitution was formulated in 1787; the Canadian in 1982. The US *Bill of Rights* (Constitutional Amendments #'s 1-10) was conceived in the twilight of the 18th

century; the Canadian *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* recently composed, is just beginning to affect the fabric of daily Canadian life. Why the 200-year gap between the US and Canada in the development of nationhood? Americans seized the opportunity for independence; Canadians waited for it to evolve.

This different way of approaching the same problem reflects a very important fact—though both nations have a common heritage and display numerous similarities, there are some subtle but marked differences in outlook and character. The national Canadian psyche tends to be more reserved and less confrontational (with parliament sessions being a notable exception) while the American

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a president who is responsible to the Board for carrying out its directives. The president employs a staff to assist with day-to-day operations.

The organization is guided by: a constitution adopted by the delegates; God's Word; God's Spirit working through delegates, elected leaders, and appointed staff.

Membership in the Church of God General Conference is a voluntary act by the congregation. In affiliating with the General Conference, the local church is manifesting its agreement with the biblical truths set forth in the By-laws, and its desire to participate in the ministry of the Church of God through the General Conference. Membership assumes a moral obligation to support the work of the Conference and to maintain fellowship with other members as a brotherhood in Christ. The church does not relinquish any authority, or compromise its local autonomy. It does, with membership, have an opportunity to assist in the formation of policies and programs through its delegates and through its pastor. It has the opportunity to participate in cooperative outreach and educational efforts. It also benefits by being eligible for Conference programs, and its students benefit by reduced tuition rates at Oregon Bible College.

Perspective

Since the last annual report, major changes have taken place in the world and in the calendar. We have entered not only the last decade of the century, but the last decade of this millennium. The past year has seen dramatic changes in world governments and the balance of political power.

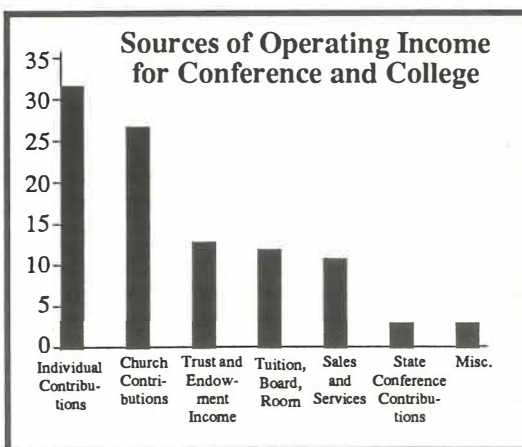
The ministry of the Church of God is undertaken from the perspective of the soon return of Jesus our Savior. The message of the Church of God is relevant as Bible prophecy is fulfilled and the stage is set for the return and millennial rule of Christ. We are living day by day in expectancy of Jesus' return. We also are challenged to "redeem the time" and use our resources to reach as many as possible with the message of truth and salvation.

Relocation

As a result of delegate action taken at last summer's General Conference, the Board and the Staff spent much of the year preparing for the relocation of the Conference and College. Residential properties have been sold in Oregon, Illinois; land has been purchased in Clayton County, Georgia; architectural drawings have been prepared for new buildings; easements for the new property have been secured; curriculum and program changes have been studied. Though much progress has been made, before going any further the Board of Directors has decided to ask the delegates to reconfirm their commitment to relocation and to Clayton County, Georgia. This issue of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* contains additional information regarding recommendations to be acted upon at the summer conference and background information for the decisions to be made.

Financial Report

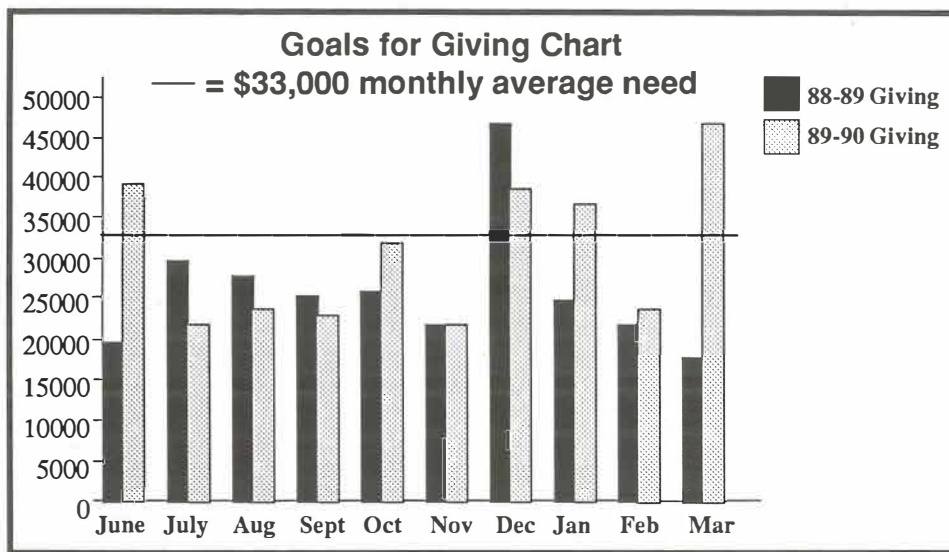
The chart below shows the various sources of income to operate the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. The contributions of individuals, churches, and Conferences are extremely important to the financial health of our organization. Those three sources combined make up 62% of all of our income. Earned income consisting of tuition, board and room, and sales and services, makes up 22 1/2% of our income. Interest earnings generated from the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation and other endowment funds provide 13% of our income.



During the past year, 110 churches, Conferences, and groups contributed. A total of 530 individuals and families made contributions to the Goal for Giving. Individual, church, and Conference contributions will always play a significant part in the financial stability of our Conference and College. Nearly all the services provided by our Conference are subsidized or offered without charge to the recipient. For example, students at Oregon Bible College pay less than a third of the actual cost of their education. The balance is made up through contributions. All

Consistent giving by individuals and churches provides a solid foundation for the monthly needs of the Conference. Those who currently are not supporting the Conference directly are encouraged to send annual or monthly gifts.

The chart below shows the amount of contributions received during the first ten months of this fiscal year. Our Goal for Giving for the year is \$397,000. Contributions of a little over \$33,000 are needed each month. As of April 30, 1990, contributions were approximately \$20,000 short of the Goal for Giving for the year.



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Sunday School quarterlies require a subsidy, except the adult Truth Seeker's quarterly which has the largest circulation. All other quarterlies are sold at less than cost with the difference being made up by contributions.

A growing number of Church of God members has become a part of the Great Commission team which helps to underwrite the day-to-day ministries of the Conference. At the beginning of each calendar year, many Church of God individuals indicate their estimated level of support during the year as follows:

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	

The assets of the Church of God General Conference continue to climb. Though the purpose of our organization is not to accumulate assets, the growth in assets has helped to stabilize the financial foundation of the Conference. Our goal is to utilize all assets in such a way that more people become disciples and experience spiritual growth.

One way our assets can be invested is in loans to local churches. Funds are available for new buildings, expansion projects, remodeling, land acquisition, etc. Funds may be borrowed from the following sources: Oregon Bible College Development Foundation; the Church of God Investment Fund; the Hearp-DeLap Memorial Loan Fund; and other General Conference restricted funds. We currently have a number of outstanding loans with our churches. We would prefer to see funds working for the expansion of

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our work rather than being used for other purposes by banks. Interest rates on our loans are considerably less than those offered by financial institutions.

Staff

The Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College are fortunate to have an extremely dedicated staff that often works unobtrusively on behalf of individual members and churches. In addition to paid staff, many other individuals serve without compensation, including the Board of Directors, members of Advisory Committees, Boards, lesson and article writers, etc. These people are using their spiritual gifts to serve the membership of the Church of God. Our deepest appreciation is offered to all who serve so faithfully.

Revitalization

During the past year, the ministers of the Church of God have promoted a year of prayer and fasting on behalf of the entire work of the Church of God. Thus far, over 500 people from 50 churches have indicated their willingness to participate in this renewal effort.

The revitalization of individuals and churches is extremely important to the mission of the Church of God.

Outreach and Church Development

As an association of churches, we understand it is our mission "to make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19, 20). Through the Outreach and Church Development Department, the General Conference offers assistance to Church of God members, churches, and Conferences to bring the lost to Jesus Christ and to lead believers to maturity.

The work of this department has been coordinated by the President with assistance from Russell Magaw, Richard Cooper, Warren Sorenson, Judy Myers, Kent Ross, and Gayle Guthrie.

Assistance was provided in the following areas during the past year:

1. Two churches received assistance from

the Church Builders' League. The Cool Spring Church, Browntown, VA, received the 1989 Fall Appeal; and Chapel on the Hill, Urbana, OH, received the Spring 1990 appeal.

2. Two churches are receiving assistance from the Church Development Aid Program: Forest Hills Church, Royal, AR; and Family Bible Fellowship, Loves Park, IL.

3. Extensive consultation has been provided to the Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, CA. Through the implementation of outreach activities, new families are attending the church.

4. Consultation, funds, and assistance were provided to the Fox Valley, IL, Church as it conducted a telemarketing campaign during the spring. Sixty-three people attended the special service on April 1 as the reopened church was in a new location.

5. One hundred three people attended the 1990 Christian Workers' Seminar in Gatlinburg, TN. This annual event has provided instruction, inspiration, and fellowship to many people over the years.

6. Assistance has been given to churches seeking pastors.

7. The fourth annual Church Builders' Conference was held in Oregon, IL, January 22-24. The focus of the Seminar was on Reaching Out in the '90's. Over 40 people benefited from these sessions.

8. Outreach continues in Milton Keynes, England, under the direction of Jeff and Karen Fletcher. Contacts continue in an effort to find people who are interested in Bible study and Sunday worship. Plans are under way for a Berean Youth Congress Caravan to England to be held June 20 to July 4. The team will do promotional work, door-to-door canvassing, leading and teaching a children's Bible School, participating in a lecture series, witnessing, and sight-seeing.

9. The Christian Education Advisory Committee continues to produce "Focus" magazine and has offered training classes at the Church Builders' Conference, Christian Workers' Seminar, and the summer General Conference.

10. The annual Youth Congress continues to

provide inspiration and fellowship for Church of God youth.

11. OBC students and staff assisted the Loves Park Family Bible Fellowship with a second telemarketing campaign last fall.

Church-Planting Endowment Fund

Over the past 10 years, bequests and gifts have been given to the General Conference earmarked for church-planting projects. The General Conference Board of Directors has established a Church-Planting Endowment Fund which will preserve the principal and make interest earnings available for church-planting projects.

At its recent meeting, the Board adopted guidelines for the use of this fund. We are grateful to those who had the vision to provide money for church-planting projects. This fund will help to undergird our efforts to plant many new churches between now and the end of this century.

Oregon Bible College

An ancient expression goes: "We do not see things as they are; we see things as we are." This is the point Epictetus, the Greek philosopher, made over 2,000 years ago: "It is not the event, but one's view of the event that is important."

I am sincerely thankful to David Krogh, the Board of Trustees, and my fellow workers for the opportunity to take a leave of absence from OBC in the Fall. If it's true that we see things as we are, then my view of the life and events of Oregon Bible College has a real significant, positive bent to it this year. Not only have I been renewed as a result of the sabbatical, but the general attitude of the college community has been a very growing and positive one this year.

That may seem a bit paradoxical. Considering the struggles that we've had over the relocation issue, it would seem that we could have been affected rather negatively, and though we may have experienced some negative thoughts with regard to the issue, we have experienced the Lord's blessing. That has well compensated for any low points we may have experienced. My view of the life at OBC this year has generally been positive.

Students

In August we were blessed with 12 new students eager to learn and grow in our community. We have continued to be impressed through the year with the freshman class. It's commitment to spiritual values, class attendance, ministry, a spiritual life filled with joy, etc., has been impressive.

When we see a generally stable and serious freshman class, it is a good testimony to our upper classmen. Many of our upper classmen have experienced spiritual renewal and a serious intent in pursuing various ministries. Through conversation and modeling, they have been good influences on our younger students.

We only wish that we had many more.

The smallness of our student body is a continual concern and burden to all of us. We want so much to see the Bible College play a greater role in the lives of students and the Church of God.

One of our students, Angi Zimmerman, accepted Christ and was baptized in February. It was a real celebration and cause for rejoicing in our community.

Highlights of the Year

1. We hosted the first Young Adult Retreat in October with over 60 in attendance. It was an excellent opportunity to draw together the young leadership in our churches and be challenged for the future. We need to build a structured network of young adults in the Church of God.

2. Our students were involved in Autumn on Parade in a variety of ways, chief of which was the Street Theater dramatic presentation. Involvement by the Bible College in the Festival has come to be a tradition.

3. Inspirational Prayer Days were experienced in the Fall and Spring. The Spring Prayer Day was held at the Stronghold Castle.

4. The students and staff enjoyed a varied program of social events. The traditional Fall and Spring Breakfasts were held. The Spring activity saw the staff and students trying their hand at the clergy sport—golf. Fortunately, we did not have any Gerald Fords, so we came back unscathed.

5. The staff and students enjoyed a trip in March to the Museum of Science & Industry and the Oriental Institute in Chicago.

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6. Gospel Teams, primarily prepared and planned by students, participated in Youth Retreats in Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Iowa in the fall.

7. The Oregon Bible College Chorale enjoyed another successful season with it's annual tour to the South-Central part of the United States.

8. A newly instituted chaplaincy program was held this year. This brought E. Richard Smith, Delbert Jones, Steve Taylor, and Dick Eldred to campus for a week each. This program was initiated and encouraged by the Ministerial Association.

9. Rick Cooper and seven students took a trip to Atlanta in January to gain a greater familiarity with the Clayton County College and Atlanta area.

10. The Committee on Higher Education met in November with the relocation issue as its primary agenda item.

11. The OBC students have been more responsive in taking care of their financial responsibilities at the Bible College. More pressure has been brought to bear to make sure that bills are paid on time or communication takes place when a financial responsibility cannot be met. President Krogh has taken a much more active role in financial procedures and counseling. This has helped immeasurably.

12. The staff and students also enjoyed participating in the annual Church Builders' Conference and Ministerial Conference. These are excellent opportunities of diversion from the daily classroom routine.

13. The annual Adulthostel was again held in May and enjoyed by all concerned.

Recruitment

I continue to be concerned about our inability to be more successful in our recruitment effort. The Revitalization Committee has established a goal of 28 new students for Oregon Bible College in the Fall of 1990. For this to be realized it will take a miracle from the Lord and the full attention of all those who are concerned about seeing students at OBC. Various activities have

occurred to help assist the recruiting effort: Gospel Teams, Chorale Tour; a phoning effort; OBC participation in Youth Retreats in Virginia, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, and Indiana; Incentive Scholarships; several mailings to high school seniors, etc.

We had one of our most successful High School Invitationals in March. Over 60 students and sponsors were in attendance. It gave the college an excellent opportunity to introduce itself to perspective students.

Through the encouragement of several at Christian Workers' Seminar, two students committed themselves to attending in the Fall of 1990.

Recruitment must be the work of all who have a vision for the Church of God. It will take trained and prepared leadership to effectively expand the boundaries of the Church of God.

Staff

I continue to be thankful for a dedicated staff of people who sincerely want to disciple those who are placed under our charge. Instructors this year have included Eugene Stilson, Hollis Partlowe, Anthony Buzzard, Gayle Guthrie, Eileen Moore, Kent Ross, Dale Ramsey, David Krogh, Esther Frey, Brian Atra.

Dick Eldred joined our staff this year in the area of instruction in evangelism. His enthusiasm for that area and testimony will be an asset to our students.

We rejoice with Anthony Buzzard in securing his Master's Degree from Bethany Seminary. He graduated June 3. Kent Ross is two courses shy of completing his degree from North Park Seminary. We will be happy to see him complete that program this fall.

We are all thankful for the efficient service and encouraging spirit that Kathie Rager, Administrative Assistant, brings to our work. She always seems to know what, where, when, why, and what's next. She has been assisted by student Marcia Hall.

The whole community appreciates the service of Mary Hoffman in the cafeteria. David Hall keeps our physical plant going. Both of these people do a very professional job in their work.

Dale Ramsey, Vice-President.

Recruitment must be the work of all who have a vision for the Church of God.

Recommendations and Constitutional Amendments

Recommendation Number One

We recommend that the contributions to Church Builder's League assistance be increased to \$25 for each appeal (limit two per year) and that a goal be established to have 1,000 active members in the league by the 1991 Summer Conference.

Explanation:

When the Church Builder's League was started in 1957 by delegate action, the amount was set at \$5 per appeal. This amount was raised to \$10 in 1975 and to \$20 in 1980. Land prices and building costs continue to increase. Presently an appeal produces between \$10,000 and \$13,000. Over the years, membership in the association has declined from over 1,000 members to approximately 600 members who give regularly.

To reach the goal of having 1,000 active members, each local church could appoint an individual to promote the league and to attempt to enroll at least one-third of the local member families. The General Conference can provide to each church a list of current members and a supply of enrollment cards.

Recommendation Number Two

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article II, Section 2c which has to do with delegates entitled to vote at business sessions. The new wording will read: "the President of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College."

Explanation:

The current reading of this item is "the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference and the President of Oregon Bible College." Titles and positions have been changed. Currently there is only a President of Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College. This amendment brings the Constitution in line with the current organizational structure.

Recommendation Number Three

The Board of Directors recommends the delegates rescind the following recommendation which was approved at the 1989 General Conference: "The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the corporate offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services."

Explanation:

The Board of Directors is not asking the delegates to rescind last year's action because they do not believe in relocation. The Board believes that the relocation of the Conference and College is necessary for the further development of our work. However, the Board believes that there is a difference between relocating and relocating successfully. Though last year's action authorized the Board to pursue relocation, the motion to approve relocation at the 1989 General Conference passed with a vote of 56% to 44%. Several churches and individuals have expressed a concern that this vote was too close for an issue that is so important to the work of the Church of God General Conference. Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided to ask the delegates to approve relocation with a two-thirds vote (recommenda-

tion four below). According to Robert's Rules of Order, in order to legally revoke on this issue, the action taken at last summer's General Conference must be rescinded. Approval of a vote to rescind requires a simple majority. If this recommendation is approved, delegates will proceed to vote on recommendations four through six. If this recommendation is not approved by the delegates, recommendation six will need to be voted upon.

Recommendation Number Four

The Board of Directors proposes a "suspension of the rules" and that a two-thirds majority vote be required in order to approve relocation and that a two-thirds majority vote be required in order to approve the specific location being recommended.

Explanation:

Several churches and individuals have expressed a desire for greater unity on the relocation issue. This recommendation to "suspend the rules" will permit the delegate body to require a two-thirds majority vote on these issues. This motion requires a two-thirds majority to be approved. If this recommendation is adopted, recommendation five will require a two-thirds majority vote to be approved. If this motion is not adopted, recommendation five can be approved with a simple majority vote.

Recommendation Number Five

The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the Corporate Offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services.

Explanation:

Please see pages 13 to 20 for specific proposals regarding this recommendation. This recommendation is requesting approval only for the concept of relocation. (Recommendation six deals with the specific location being recommended by the Board of Directors.) Approval of this recommendation will be by either a simple majority or by a two-thirds majority depending on the outcome of recommendation number four.

Recommendation Number Six

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 1 of the General Conference Constitution: The General Offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be incorporated in the state of Georgia. (The present reading: "The General offices of the General Conference shall be incorporated in the state in which the offices are located.")

Explanation:

Please see pages 13 to 20 for specific reasons why Clayton County, Georgia, has been proposed by the Board of Directors. The adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds majority vote since it is a constitutional amendment. If this recommendation is not approved, a new study will be made and a recommendation will be brought to the delegates at the 1991 summer Conference as a relocation site.

When Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution was amended at the 1989 General Conference, a motion was made and adopted requiring that a specific location for the corporate offices be inserted in the Constitution. This recommendation is in compliance with the wishes of the delegates at the 1989 General Conference.

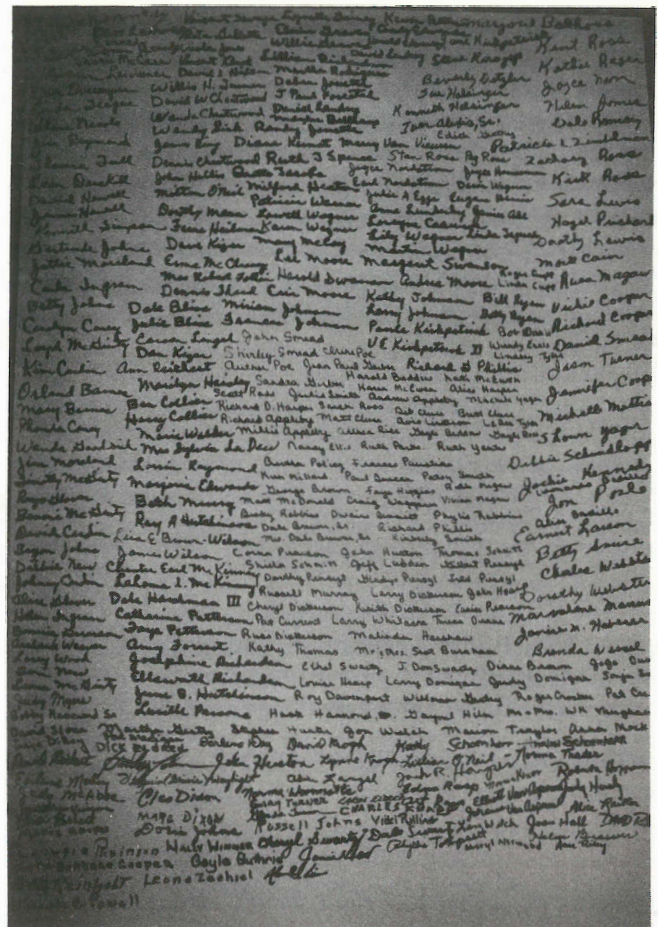
Revitalization Update

Church of God lay members and pastors continue to recognize the importance of prayer in the work God has called us to do. Church of God pastors are promoting the renewal of our membership as a part of our vision for the Church of God. At the recent Ministers' Conference, the pastors voted to continue the work of the Revitalization Task Force during the coming year. This group will work through local pastors and leaders to encourage revival.

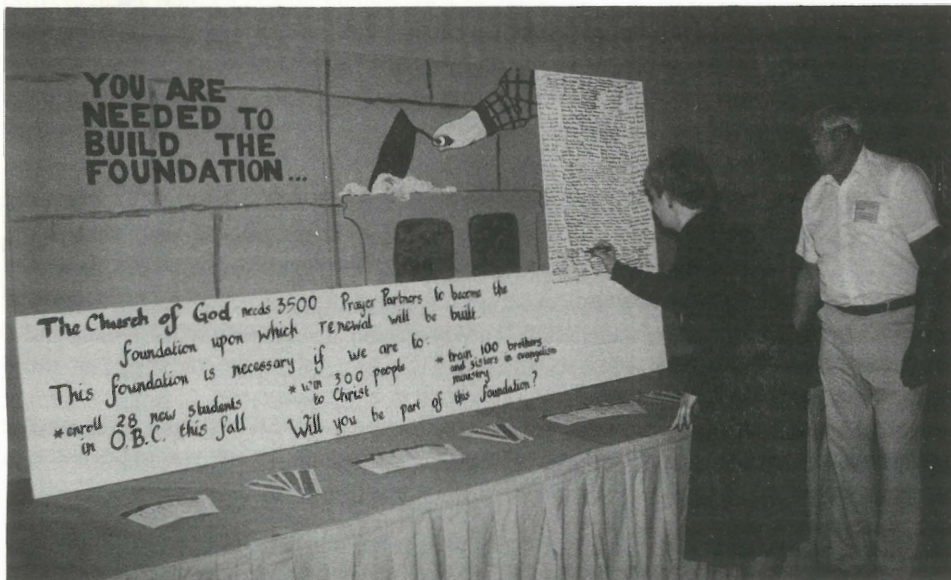
Through the first of May, nearly 400 Church of God people from 53 churches have indicated their willingness to participate in this renewal effort.

Pastor Billie Kennedy, Revitalization Task Force chairman brought the chart pictured below to Christian Workers' Seminar in March where attenders were encouraged to sign their name as a participant in the revitalization effort. Pictured is Darlene Day of the Royal Village Church, Front Royal, Virginia, and Pastor Billie Kennedy. Names will be added to the chart as commitment cards are received by the Revitalization Task Force.

Members are encouraged to pray for: 1) spiritual renewal in my own life, 2) for salvation for my family and friends, 3) for my church, 4) for my pastor and family, 5) for the General Conference and Oregon Bible College staff, 6) for Oregon Bible College students, 7) for all members of the Church of God, and 8) for opportunities to share my faith.



Names of Prayer Partners



Darlene Day and Pastor Billie Kennedy

Preliminary Thoughts for a Visit to Canada

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character is one of openness and being “up front.” Consider the following examples: Americans are intense in their display of patriotism and loyalty to national symbols; Canadian patriotism is no less intense, but it is internalized and less displayed. Americans tend to describe their society as a great “melting pot”—“*e pluribus unum*”—with differences absorbed into the whole. Canadian society is described as a “giant mosaic” where the preservation of individualism is what gives the national fabric its variety and colour. In recognition of this attention to differences, Canada is officially bilingual. Though only 25% of the population is French all federal-government-produced material and, all commercial products bear both French and English.

D. H. Burney, Ambassador of Canada to the United States, observed some of these differences in an address presented to the Economic Club of Detroit on November 6, 1989: “Canada has a parliamentary system with no sharp distinction between the executive and legislative branches. . . . The United States has a presidential-congressional system with a strict division of powers and a wide array of checks and balances.” Later in that same address he stated: “The United States is a superpower and has responsibilities clam-ouring for its attention around the globe. . . . Canada has its own global responsibilities, but our burden tends to be of another kind. A lot of our military effort, for example, is focused on peacekeeping—for which we have the means and the inclination. Meanwhile, it is your muscle that anchors the security of North America and the western alliance.”

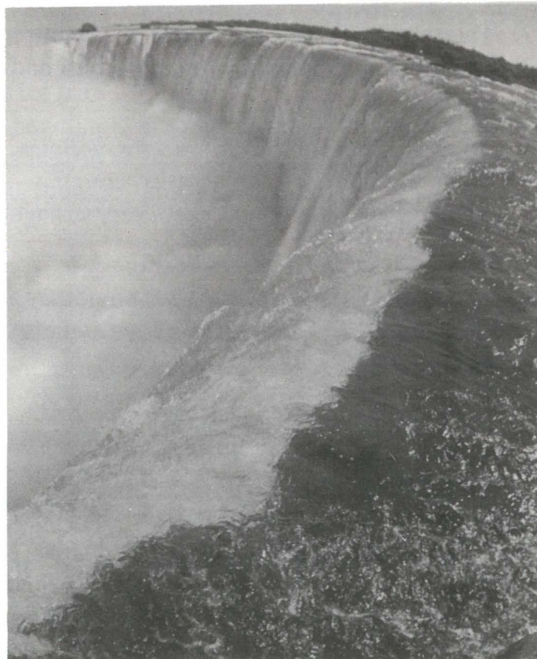
Americans view the Queen of England as a foreign head of state. Canadians view Queen Elizabeth II as their sovereign. (Rather than being called “the State of the Union,” the Prime Minister’s annual policy address is known as “the Speech from the Throne”). Her Majesty’s portrait is on postage and currency, and hangs in all public buildings.

If asked what nation was the greatest trading partner of the United States, most Americans

would respond, “Japan.” The truth of the matter is that Canada is the number one American trading-partner nation. Ours is the largest two-way trade in the world. This enormous but little-known fact illustrates the great bond between the two countries which is so taken for granted that it is unobserved.

Canada is much more than the “American attic.” It is a sovereign nation with its own valid viewpoints, perspectives, and traditions, as illustrated by the above contrasts and differences of outlook. It shares a very real friendship with the United States and a strong goodwill, but it has its own distinctive identity. The visitor who comes to Canada aware of these things will experience an enriched understanding and a broadened outlook of the world God has called us to win.

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Niagara Falls—one of Canada’s natural wonders.

Canada is much more than the “American attic.”

Preliminary Thoughts for a Visit to Canada

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10 Commandments For the Traveler

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou hast them at home . . . for thou hast left thy home to find things different.
2. Thou shalt not let other travelers get on thy nerves . . . for thou art paying out good money to have a pleasant trip.
3. Remember to take only one half of the clothes you think you need . . . and twice the amount of money.
4. Remember thy identification documents so thou knowest where they are at all times . . . for a man without them is a man without a country.
5. Remember if we were expected to stay in one place we would have been created with roots.
6. Thou shalt not worry. He that worrieth hath no pleasure . . . few things are ever fatal.
7. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by the one person with whom thou hast had trouble.
8. Thou shalt not belittle the customs, policies, dress, or currency of another country—remember, thy ways may seem very strange to them.
9. Thou shalt not make thyself too obviously a foreigner . . . when in Rome, do somewhat as the Romans do.
10. Remember thou art a guest in every land . . . and he that treateth his host with respect shall be treated as an honoured guest.

(Courtesy of Conquest Tours)

Helpful Information

Currency Exchange

For maximum value, exchange US currency to Canadian at a bank or currency exchange. Bank charge cards are honoured at most places of business, and proper exchange value will be given on your bill. Most merchants will accept US funds but will not give full exchange value. At present \$1.00 US equals about \$1.16 Canadian.

Proof of Citizenship

If entering the country by plane, a birth certificate or passport will be required by Canada Customs; if entering Canada by car a birth certificate or driver's license is sufficient identification.

Weights and Measures

Canada uses the metric and celsius systems. Here are some common conversions:

100 kmh= 62 mph 1 litre= 0.94 qt (US)
27 C= 81° F 1 kg= 2.2 lbs

Geography

The southernmost point of Canada (Pelee Island in Lake Erie) is on the same latitude as the northern border of California.

Fuel

Gasoline is sold by the litre and presently runs about 50¢ per litre (\$2 Cdn. per US gal.).

Canadian-American Dictionary

serviette	napkin
elastic	rubber band
washroom	restroom/bathroom
tap	faucet
freshie	kool-aid
residence	dormitory
arbourite	formica
chesterfield	couch/sofa
porridge	oatmeal
needle	hypodermic injection
runners	tennis shoes
zed	the letter 'z'

Canadian Spelling

cheque, honour, colour, favour, neighbour, behaviour

Canadian Speech Habits

1. Deletion of article: Meg is in hospital; Ray was released from hospital.
2. Addition of the article: I was driving on the 406. Let's have a coffee.
3. Reversal of terms: The store is located on 20 highway.

COME TO THE WORLD NEXT DOOR!
COME TO CANADA!

Sounds pretty good, EH?

Special Reports

Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association

The Retirement Association of the Church of God General Conference was organized in 1968. Total retirement and withdrawal benefits since the inception of the fund is \$248,000. Under new rules adopted at the 1988 bi-annual meeting, retirees may choose a monthly benefit or a lump sum settlement. Four retirees have chosen the lump sum settlement and currently twelve members and five member spouses are drawing monthly benefits.

The Association currently has assets of over \$350,000. The membership consists of forty-two Pastors/Staff; forty-five Churches; and six Conferences.

The Association will hold its bi-annual meeting at the 1990 Summer Conference, August 1, 1990, at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. The term of Vice Chairman William J. Gaspar expires. The membership of the Association is responsible for the election of the Vice Chairman. The term of office is four years. Officers may succeed themselves.

The Chairman of the Association is a minister appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference from among the members of the Association for a four-year term. S. O. Ross is the current Chairman. The President of the Church of God General Conference serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

We are grateful to the Churches and Conferences for participating in the Retirement Association. Retirement benefits have provided valuable assistance for current retirees and assets are being accumulated to provide benefits in the future for current members.

—S. O. Ross, William Gaspar, David Krogh.

Church of God Investment Fund

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

As of March 1, 1990, the fund has a balance of \$50,225. Over 85% of the fund is currently being loaned at a reasonable rate of interest to five churches.

Churches desiring information on loans may contact the Secretary-Treasurer, David Krogh.

The directors of this fund consist of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference; the President of the General Conference, and three other directors appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. Current Directors are: Bill Burnham, Chairman; Robert Smith, Vice-

Chairman; David Krogh, Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors Dr. William D. Lawrence and Pastor Scott Ross.

—David Krogh, Secretary

Ministers' Fund

The Ministers' Fund exists to assist pastors or their families in times of emergency. The maximum amount of funds available to any one family in any one year is \$1,000. Assistance may be in the form of a noninterest-bearing loan or an outright gift. The fund is supported entirely by special contributions from churches and individuals. We are thankful for those who periodically make contributions to this fund.

The current fund balance as of March 1, 1990, is \$3,777. This compares with \$3,450 a year ago.

This fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon churches, and the President of the Church of God General Conference.

Requests for assistance should be directed to the Secretary of the fund.

—David Krogh, Secretary.

Christian Conciliation Board

The Conciliation Board is a service provided by the Church of God General Conference for the enrichment of our church family. There are situations in which we would like to be of assistance to congregations to help in the resolution of problems.

The New Testament Church and its leadership had problems, and it is from their experience we can learn how to reconcile, forgive, and restore each other. The Conciliation Board members are available as individuals and/or collectively to help anyone in our Conference who requests assistance.

Committee members are:

Dr. Dallas Demmitt, Chairman, 2614 N. 20th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009; 602-256-7652.

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

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

Report of the License Board

The License Board met three times during the past year in the pursuance of our responsibilities. At last year's Ministerial Conference, as in past years, we spent our time

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primarily in interviewing candidates for Licensure, and discussing general needs.

At General Conference this year we interviewed ministers desirous of participating regarding the Divorce/Remarriage Issue. We also prepared the service of Licensing the Ministerial Candidates.

Early in December the Board met for study and planning.

The License Board, in consultation with and approval from the Ministerial Association and the General Conference Board, has instituted a program of Continuing Education for our ministers.

Each minister is asked to log annually with the Licensing Board evidence of at least 1.0 Continuing Education Credit. This may come from an institution of higher education, from a local hospital's or local ministerial group's seminar, from seminars sponsored by the General Conference, or from classes offered during Ministerial Conference and General Conference. Forms are provided to each minister licensed by the General Conference. They are asked to self-report on this involvement in furthering their skill development.

As this program becomes more familiar to our ministers and churches, several further developments are anticipated:

- 1) Our ministers will be more effective in their service;
- 2) Our churches will show evidence by spiritual and numerical growth;
- 3) Our churches will be supportive of their ministers attending such seminars and provide funding for them;
- 4) Our ministers will recognize the value of this increased education and training and continue to be supportive of this program.

In time the requirements for meeting this standard may rise to levels in other professions and callings.

Kent Ross, chairman,
License Board.

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation

The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation was chartered in August 1982 for the purpose of providing financial support for Oregon Bible College. At the 1989 summer conference a victory celebration was held acknowledging \$1,000,000 in gifts and commitments for the Foundation.

The current financial report is as follows:

Total Written Commitment	1,008,883.39
Total Cash Received	851,505.44
Written Commitments yet to be Paid	157,377.95

We are deeply grateful to all Church of God members, churches, conferences, and groups that have participated in our endowment campaign. Funds continue to be received from unpaid commitments. Additional gifts will be appreciated to produce growth in the Foundation to offset the effect of inflation.

Earnings from the Foundation totaling \$25,000 were distributed to Oregon Bible College during the 1989-90 school year. A total of \$60,000 will be distributed during the 1990-91 school year. The bylaws of the Foundation specify that only interest earnings may be distributed. The principle is to be invested and preserved.

Thirteen individuals serve as trustees of the Foundation. The current members are: President: Joe James; Vice-President: Don Overmyer; Secretary: Pastor Delbert Jones; Treasurer: Joyce Knapp; Directors: Pastor Rex Cain, Dr. Donna Deane, Elmo Gaspar, Pastor Vivian E. Kirkpatrick II, Dr. William D. Lawrence, Paul Overholser, Chris Ramsey, Pastor Scott Ross, and Brenda Wessel. The trustees consist of the seven members of the General Conference Board of Directors and six members appointed by the Board of Directors.

Trustees meet two times during the annual summer General Conference. Trustees oversee fund-raising efforts and the distribution of interest earnings to the college.

Joe E. James, President.

BENEFITS OF RELOCATION

As a part of our vision to revitalize the Church of God, the Board of Directors is proposing the relocation of the corporate offices of the Church of God General Conference. There have been many hours of prayer, deliberation, and market research put into this recommendation. The issue has been discussed at various times over the past twenty-five years with a more intense discussion at the last four summer conferences.

The Board of Directors is proposing a course for the future which they believe will enable the Church of God to enter the 21st Century in a strong position, if the Lord tarries.

The Board believes that the following benefits will be achieved by relocating our Conference and College:

1. The educational program of Oregon Bible College will be strengthened from general education course offerings at a community college.
2. An increased number of students will enroll in Oregon Bible College because of our improved program.
3. The increased enrollment will result in more graduates who will become pastors.
4. A growing Metropolitan area will provide many more experiences for OBC students in Outreach, Evangelism, and starting new churches.
5. Annual operating costs will be reduced at least \$50,000 per year. (Savings on food service, maintenance, and utilities.)
6. The vision of students and the membership of the Church of God will be broadened.
7. New churches will be started in a part of the country where we have few churches.
8. There will be a stimulus for new churches to be started across the country.
9. More part-time employment opportunities will be available for OBC students.
10. Greater unity will be experienced by our staff, since all operations will be in one building.
11. OBC will be able to grant a Bachelor degree.
12. OBC students will receive an accredited, transferable associates of arts degree (two-year degree) in general education.
13. Staff will be close to seminaries where they can improve their teaching skills without commuting two hours each way per day.

WHY CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA WAS SELECTED

Volumes of information about relocation sites have been reviewed by the staff and Board. The primary factors for the selection are:

1. Clayton State College offers a quality educational program compatible with the needs of Oregon Bible College. Its focus is on communications and critical thinking.
2. Clayton State College offers associate degrees in forty-five transfer programs and it offers the bachelor of business administration and bachelor of science in nursing programs.
3. Land at a reasonable cost was found adjacent to the college.
4. Three of the counties in the Atlanta metropolitan area are among the fifteen fastest growing counties in the nation.

**Board Lists
13 Benefits**

**18 Primary
Advantages**

Explanation of Recommendations Five and Six

Majority of
Clayton
County
Unchurched

5. Atlanta has been growing by sixty thousand people per year for the last decade, and population projections show continued growth for at least the next twenty years.
6. Atlanta is one of the top five fastest-growing job markets in the nation.
7. The cost of housing is affordable for our employees.
8. Oregon Bible College can grant a degree in Georgia.
9. Food service is available through the Community College.
10. Apartment rent is reasonable for married students.
11. Property taxes are reasonable for our employees.
12. The climate is suitable for year-round door-to-door prospecting.
13. There is a multitude of student employment opportunities near our site.
14. There is a 10% minority population.
15. The unchurched population is 50 to 69.9% of the total population.
16. There is extremely good access to air travel through the world's second busiest airport. (10-15 minutes away.)
17. We have been able to purchase a 12.22 acre site which provides room for future expansion.
18. There are several seminaries and theological schools in close proximity to Clayton County where staff can receive additional training.

Adjoining
Campuses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

1. Ten miles from downtown Atlanta.
2. Home to the world's largest and the nation's second-busiest airport, Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport.
3. Has excellent transportation which includes: I-75, I-85, I-285, I-675, and nearby I-20, providing major North, South, East, West and metropolitan access.
4. The 1990 population is estimated to be 182,000. The county population is expected to grow to 220,000 by the year 2,000.
5. In 1987, the minority population in Clayton County was 9.7%.
6. Ranks seventh in counties in Georgia in per household income.
7. There are 31 institutions of higher education in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Numerous
Educational
Opportunities

CLIMATE AND UTILITY COSTS

Northern Illinois:

Zero-degree days:	7
Freezing days:	119
90-degree days:	21
Heating- and cooling-degree days:	7,052
Clear days:	94
Partly cloudy days:	103
Cloudy days:	168
Precipitation days:	123
Storm days:	40
Relative humidity:	67%
Annual snowfall:	40 "
Annual rainfall:	34 "
Avg. daily high in January:	31.5 degrees
Avg. daily low in January:	17
Avg. daily high in July:	84.4 degrees
Avg. daily low in July:	65

Clayton County, Georgia:

Zero-degree days:	0
Freezing days:	59
90-degree days:	19
Heating-and cooling-degree days:	4,684
Clear days:	108
Partly cloudy days:	111
Cloudy days:	146
Precipitation days:	116
Storm days:	50
Relative humidity:	70%
Annual snowfall:	2 "
Annual rainfall:	48 "
Avg. daily high in January:	51.4 degrees
Avg. daily low in January:	33.4 degrees
Avg. daily high in July:	86.5 degrees
Avg. daily low in July:	69.4 degrees

Climate considerations are important not only for the comfort of students and staff but also to provide for evangelism experiences. A more moderate climate is helpful for students who will be out knocking on doors and being involved in evangelism and prospecting experiences.

The heating and cooling degree days are a third less in Clayton County than they are in northern Illinois. This should translate into substantial savings in utilities each year.

**Climate
Affects
Evangelism
Experiences**

**Substantial
Savings on
Utilities**

INVOLVEMENT OF STAFF IN CHURCH-PLANTING PROJECT

Part of our vision for relocation is to involve students and staff in an on-the-job training experience of starting a new church. Is it possible for our staff to start a new church while maintaining their normal duties? There are several factors that will make this possible:

1. Careful planning will be done by the staff in preparation for the planting effort. There will not be undue haste in starting the new work. Of first importance will be the adjustment of staff, families, and students to the new location. Of equal importance will be the reestablishment and continuation of the programs of the Conference and College.
2. The church-planting project will be a team effort with many staff members having limited areas of responsibility for the church.
3. On-the-job training in the new church will be incorporated into course work and the Christian service program for OBC students. Currently students are involved in major service responsibilities in local churches. This time and effort will be channeled into the new church.
4. Currently our employees and their families are heavily involved in the work of local churches. They have or are currently serving in some of the following positions: pastor, elder, deacon, chairman of the board, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, chairman of church-growth committee, chairman of building committee, member of church-growth committee, member of building committee, mid-week teacher, music director, worship leader, small group leader, junior church worker. Our staff has always recognized the importance of local church ministry and the importance of service above and beyond service provided through employment. The number of hours of local church service provided by staff members now is very large. In the new location, these hours will be channeled into the new work.
5. There are also Church of God members who live in the Atlanta Metropolitan area who are interested in being involved in the new church-planting project.

We believe that adequate personnel resources will be available to launch and maintain a strong and viable church-planting project without detracting from the academic program and services to individual members, member churches, and conferences of the Church of God.

The Atlanta Metropolitan area also projects continued growth which will allow for numerous new church works to be started in the future.

First Church
Started in
Georgia

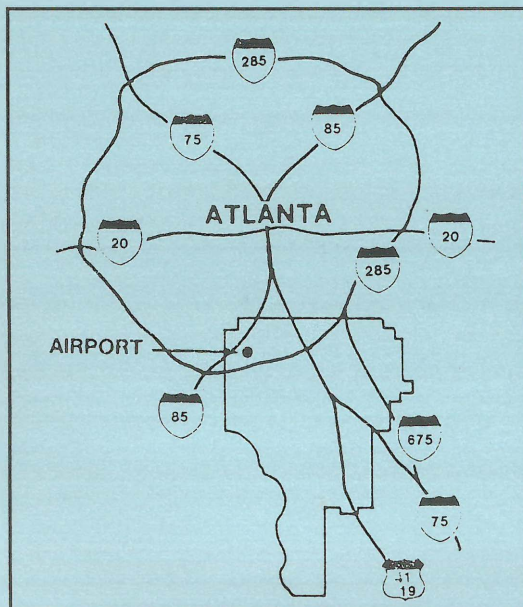
Staff and
Student
On-the-Job
Training

ANTICIPATED STEPS FOR RELOCATION

If relocation is approved and if Clayton County, Georgia, is approved by the delegates at the summer conference, the following possible steps will be taken to implement relocation:

1. August, 1990—negotiate the sale of properties with a lease-back provision through May, 1991.
2. October, 1990—acquire final building permits in Georgia.
3. November, 1990—start construction of administration building.
4. March, 1991—start construction of apartment building for student housing.
5. June, 1991—move offices, staff and families to Clayton County, Georgia.
6. July/August, 1991—hold Summer General Conference in Clayton County, Georgia area.
7. September, 1991—OBC classes will begin in new location.

Construction funds will come from the sale of buildings plus a limited amount of borrowing on present buildings if necessary to construct the Administration building. It is our hope that other buildings will sell by the time funds are needed to build the apartment building. However, if not, relocation would be accomplished in the summer of 1991 and students would be housed in the house that is on the property and apartments would be rented from one of the two complexes adjacent to our property.



CLAYTON COUNTY

Explanation of Recommendations Five and Six

STAFF MEMBERS IN RELOCATION

The staff of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College is extremely important to the work of the Church of God. We are grateful to have a dedicated staff to serve our membership.

Individual meetings have been held with each staff member to discuss future employment in relocation. At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, key staff members were asked to declare their plans regarding relocation.

If the delegates at the summer General Conference approve relocation and Clayton County, Georgia, as the relocation site by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote, the following staff members have agreed to relocate:

1. Anthony Buzzard: OBC instructor (has requested a sabbatical during part of the 1991-92 school year—moving would be delayed for one year).
2. Richard Eldred: OBC instructor and coordinator of evangelistic ministries
3. David Krogh: President
4. Dale Ramsey: OBC instructor
5. Kent Ross: Vice-President and OBC instructor

In addition to these full-time employees, other employees will continue in part-time service or will be secured for new positions:

1. David Riley: Business Office Controller
2. Mark Cain: Publishing Assistant
3. OBC students: maintenance, library, secretarial staff
4. Guest instructors: a number of individuals have served as guest instructors on the campus of Oregon Bible College in the past. Most have expressed their willingness to continue to serve as guest instructors if relocation occurs.
5. Judy Myers: will continue as Missions Coordinator from Oregon, Illinois
6. Others: We are currently in discussion with several individuals who have expressed an interest in being a part of the conference and college staff after relocation occurs. These individuals include potential OBC instructors and secretarial personnel.

In light of the changing needs in relocation, personnel needs will change. Since we will be eliminating our food-service program and reducing the number of buildings, our needs for maintenance and food service personnel will change substantially.

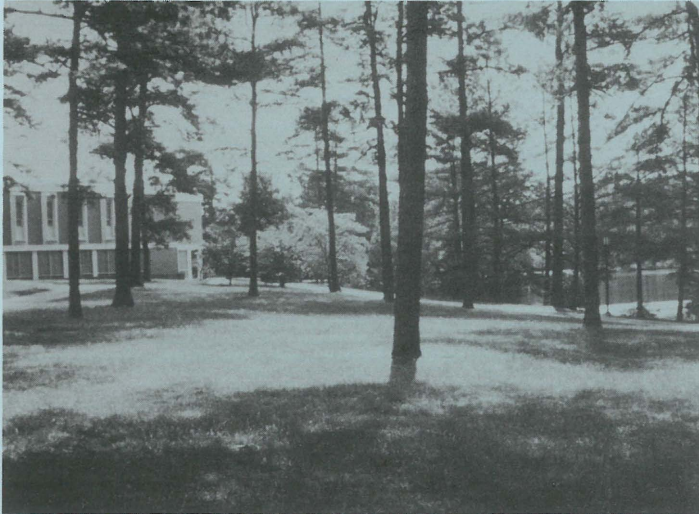
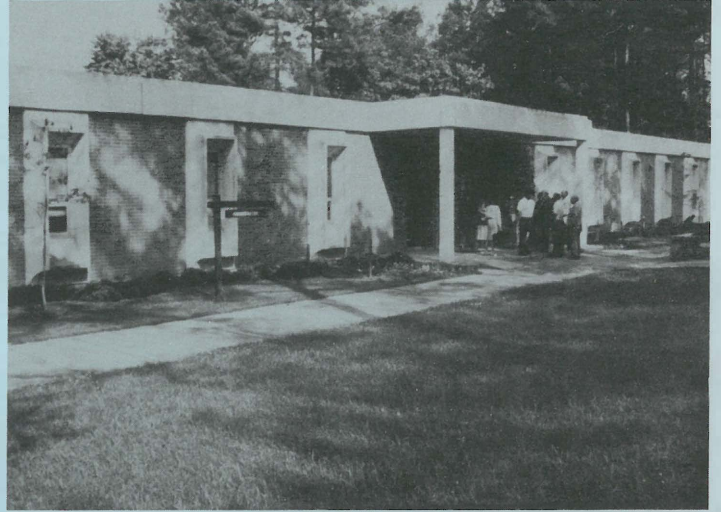
Other staff members are unable to move because of spouse employment in the Oregon area, approaching retirement, etc.

The Board of Directors remains confident that a capable staff will be able to carry out the work of the Conference and College in relocation.

Employees
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Relocate

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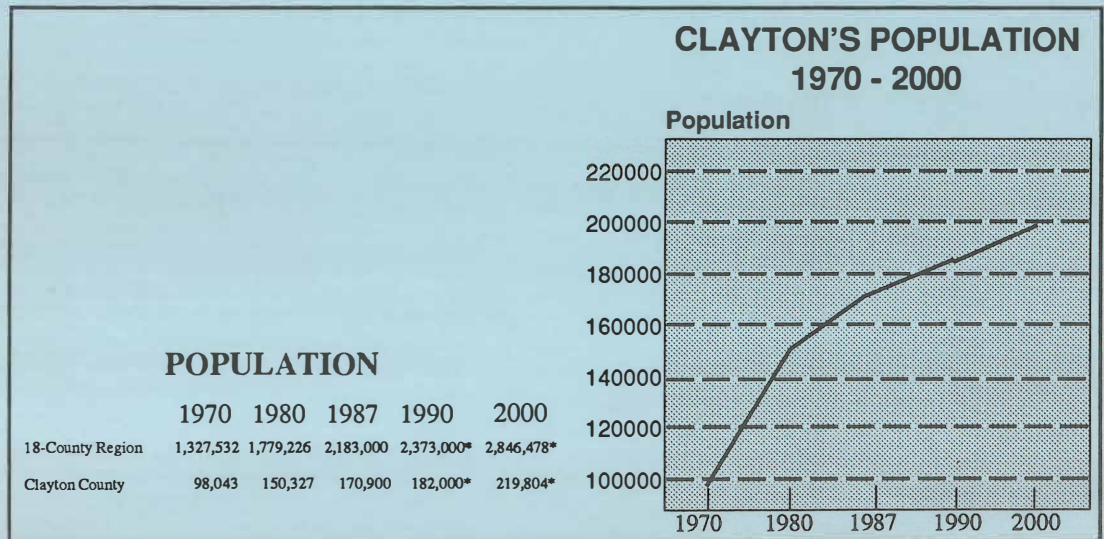
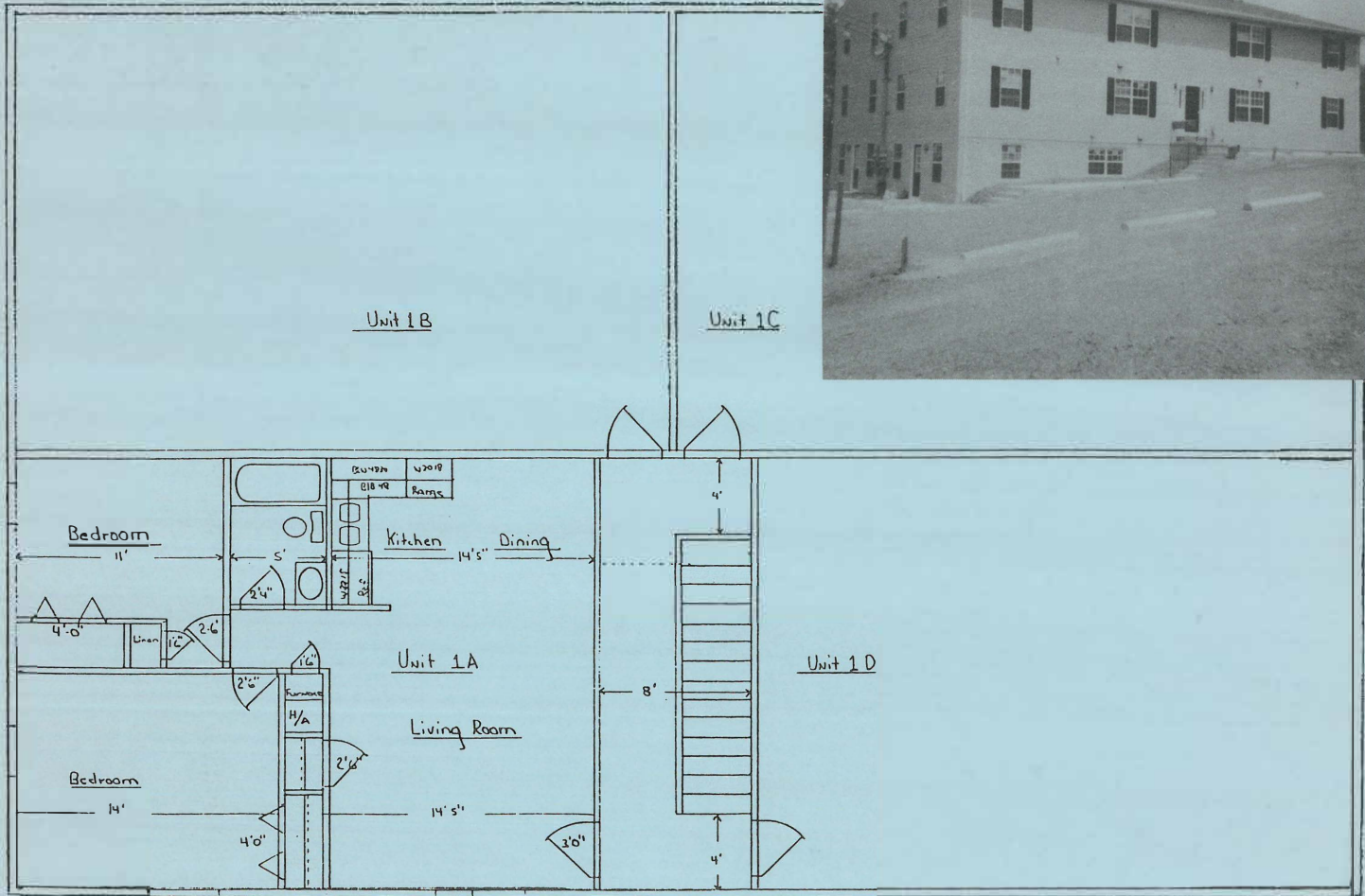
Clayton State College



Property owned by the General Conference, 5881 Trammell Road, Morrow, Georgia.



8-unit apartment building which has an approximate cost of \$200,000.



Budget Revisions for Current Fiscal Year

June 1, 1990-May 31, 1991

The budget for the fiscal year which begins June 1, 1990 was adopted by the delegates in August, 1989. The budget was drafted with the possibility of relocation occurring during this fiscal year. Since relocation is being reconsidered at this summer conference, the Board of Directors is requesting that the delegates at this summer's conference review and vote upon an amended budget for the 1990-'91 fiscal year.

Printed to the right is the budget as approved by the delegates and the proposed revisions for this fiscal year.

Relocation Fund Established

During the past year contributions in the amount of \$14,500 have been received to assist the Conference with relocation. These funds have been extremely helpful in covering expenses for: travel to the proposed relocation site; options for walking easements to Clayton State College; architect's fees, etc. Since these funds have already been received, the Board has officially established a relocation fund which will be used to cover additional relocation expenses if relocation is approved by the delegates.

If all present properties in Oregon, IL, can be sold at the appraised price, there will be sufficient funds to buy land and construct buildings in the new location. However, until buildings are actually sold, it will not be known what the actual sale price will be. Also, there are other relocation expenses that may not be covered by the sale of present properties such as: moving expenses for offices and household belongings of employees; grants to employees who are asked to move to assist them with relocation expenses; severance pay for employees not moving; and other miscellaneous expenses.

	Revised 4/90	Total Approved by delegates
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:		
Payroll/Employee Benefits	363,000	313,500
General Operations		
Advertising-Recruit	3000	3000
Films, speakers	300	300
Insurance-nonplant	1000	0
Foreign Exchange	1500	2000
Auto Expense	7500	9000
Office Supplies	3000	3000
Miscellaneous	200	500
Royalties	1000	1600
Editorial	3000	3000
Magazines - Library	2000	2000
Periodicals/Book/Dues	3500	3500
Postage	19000	19000
Printing/Binding	52000	52000
Prof. Services	6000	7000
Repairs nonplnt	6500	7500
Staff Education	1500	1500
Mailing Supplies	1000	1000
Supplies & Exp.	7500	7500
Telephone	8000	8000
Travel	25000	20000
Assist. Miss Pts	30000	30000
Assist. Churches	10000	10000
Plant Operations and Moving Expenses	39500	81250
Additions to Plant	7000	3000
Purchases:		
Resale	17000	14000
Food	14000	0
Vehicle Replace.	15000	15000
Contingency	15000	25000
TOTALS	663000	643250
ANTICIPATED INCOME:		
Sales	55000	55,000
Herald Subs	8000	12000
Trust & Endow.	71500	73500
Tuition & Housing, Bd.	90000	58750
Miscellaneous	14000	41500
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	238500	240750
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED June 1, 1990-May 31, 1991	424500	402500

Nominations for Board of Directors

Gary Burnham

At the 1989 General Conference the delegates amended the Constitution to establish the Ministerial Association as an official nominating body for positions on the Board of Directors. At its recent annual spring meeting, the Ministerial Association voted to submit the name of Gary Burnham as a nominee for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

Gary graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1982. He was President of the student body in both his Junior and Senior years. He completed his Internship program under Pastor Hollis Partlowe.

Following graduation, Gary assumed the Pastorate of Fair Oaks Community Church, formerly Eternal Hope Church of God. Gary is familiar with the struggles of ministering in a transient urban setting, an issue of critical importance for the future of the Church of God. During the past year, the Fair Oaks building was destroyed by an arsonist and Gary has overseen the reconstruction and improvement of the building. Gary has also been a key player in coordinating the lease of the church facilities to a private school for use during the week. Through this arrangement, the local congregation has had an opportunity to have an impact upon new families through these contacts.

Gary is active in the Virginia Conference and is President of the Virginia Conference Ministerial Association. He is aware of and involved in the work of the General Conference. He has participated in various workshops and seminars, and supplied articles for *The Restitution Herald* as well as the Sunday School curriculum. Gary has continued his education through classes/workshops/seminars on subjects dealing with counseling, grief recovery, pastoral ministry, evangelism, church planting, leadership, and various other aspects of church ministry.

Larry Mayberry, President
Ministerial Association

Joe E. James

The Southeast Conference and its Board of Directors would like to nominate Joe E. James to fill the vacancy on the General Conference Board of Directors.

Joe, his wife Carol, and their three chil-

dren—Susan, Lynda, and Chris—are all active in the Guthrie Grove Church of God.

Joe received his Bachelor's Degree from Furman University and his Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina. Since 1977 he has served as the Executive Director of the Piedmont Center for Mental Health. He has been an Elder of the Guthrie Grove Church of God since 1970. He has served as Chairman of the local Church Board since 1968. He has been a Sunday School teacher for the past 30 years. Joe has served on the staff of the Berean Youth Congress 10 years; on the staff of the Southeast Youth Camp for several years; and he has been a local BYF teacher for 20 years.

Joe has served four previous terms on the General Conference Board of Directors for a total of 13 years between 1970 and 1989. He has served as President of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation since its incorporation in 1982. He currently serves as a member of the Higher Education Advisory Committee for Oregon Bible College.

The Board of the Southeast Conference feels that Joe meets the qualifications of a Director of the Conference. He has an excellent background in God's work and would serve the General Conference well. Brother James is a blessing to the Southeast Conference and contributes much in the way of time and talent.

Faye R. Higgins, President,
Southeast Conference.

Tom New

The Arkansas Conference submits the name of Tom New as a nominee for the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors.

Tom was born and raised in Frankfort, Indiana and attended both the Country Chapel Church of God and the Lafayette Church of God while he was growing up. As a youth he was very active in both the state and national Berean youth work.

He attended Oregon Bible College from 1974 to 1978. After graduation he served his internship under Pastor Don Needham at the Blanchard Church of God in 1978-79.

For the past eleven years he has pastored the McGintytown Church of God near Greenbriar, Arkansas. While there, the church has experienced growth and improvements to its building. He enjoys the ministry very much.

In 1983 he graduated from Central Baptist

Gary
Burnham

Joe E.
James

Tom New

Don
Overmyer

College in Conway, Arkansas, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Theology.

He has also served the Arkansas State Conference as State Youth Director and Camp Director. He has served on the Arkansas State Board for eleven years. He has worked on the National Youth Congress staff for the past ten years and is serving presently as the National Quiz Director. He has conducted special meetings in Texas, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

He has been married to his wife Debbie for ten years and they have three children: Craig (6), Scott (5), and Ashley (2).

Larry Wood, President,
Arkansas Conference.

Don Overmyer

The Burr Oak Church of God nominates Don Overmyer for a position on the General Conference Board of Directors.

Don has been a member of the Burr Oak Church since March, 1947. He was baptized by Brother Sydney Magaw.

He has served as Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, Trustee, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher. He served as Treasurer of the Indiana State Conference for many years.

He has served on the Oregon Bible College Board of Education for two terms and on the Board of Directors of the General Conference for two terms. He and his wife Marj served as Host and Hostess for General Conference meetings at Camp Mack for 14 years. Don started the Men's Retreat that has been held in the midwest for many years. He is currently a Trustee of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

Don recently retired after 44 years with a manufacturing company serving in Production Management, Labor Negotiator, and was serving as Controller at the time of his retirement.

Don and Marj have a keen interest in the work of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. The members of the Burr Oak Church believe that Don would be a valuable addition to the Conference Board.

Marilyn Kelly, Secretary
Burr Oak Church of God

Board of Director's Position Description

At the 1990 General Conference, one member will be elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference for a four-year term. The term of Elmo Gaspar will expire at this Conference. He may not be reelected according to the Constitution. Nominations appear on the previous page.

Below is the position description for Directors who serve on the Board.

Title

Director, Church of God General Conference.

Summary

The position exists to transact and administer the business of the Church of God General Conference in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws.

Duties

1. Serve as a Director of the 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 a 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.

Pastor's Profile

Introduction

This is the third in a series of articles about Church of God Pastors. The articles have been provided by Oregon Bible College Intern Jeff Bull. Jeff is a relatively new member of the Church of God who has a desire to get better acquainted with our pastors. This series of interviews will help each member of the Church of God to know our pastors better. The individuals interviewed have been selected at random by Jeff.

James Graham

Interview by Jeff Bull
on January 21, 1990



If you were entering the pastoral ministry today, what is one thing you would do differently?

I find it really difficult to narrow this down just to one thing. I think I would try to be myself, with caution. Some people might say that Graham's never had a problem with that, but I think I would say, I would be myself. I would not have played the game of being what others expected of me or expected me to be in the ministry. But I think I'd be very comfortable in using my distinct gifts in my temperament, in my passions. If I were going to start all over again I would be more comfortable with who I am. I think that at first I attempted to be what others wanted me to be. In some respects I compromised my strengths. Now that I'm 42 and I know my strengths a little better. I think I held back my creativity, which is one of my strengths, because I had to be maintenance oriented; I had to be an organizer. I'm not a bean counter. I couldn't be an accountant; that's not one of my strengths. I'd rather be looking at the big picture, dreaming dreams about where we can go.

Is there one thing you know now that you wish you had known when you first entered the ministry?

That it's okay to not be a success. Again, that sounds almost contradictory to what I keep talking about all the time. I think it should be combined with this issue of faith. It's okay to fail; it's okay to be average if you're being faithful. Being faithful means you serve the Lord with all your heart and all your mind. But we create a sense of guilt in our ministry when we start judging ourselves, and we can always find someone doing something better. Sometimes it robs you of the satisfaction that comes in ministry. So as long as I'm being faithful, it's okay. It's a very important lesson to learn.

What has been your greatest pastoral challenge?

Dealing with the naive perception—or maybe the idealistic

Age: 42

Spouse: Charleen Graham, 1st-grade teacher

Children: Amy-20, Jeff-19, Heather-14

Present Position: Full-time pastor at Valley View Bible Church (previously Phoenix Bible Church)

Number of Years at Present Pastorate: 13 1/2

Number of Years in Pastoral Ministry: 20

Place of Birth: Springfield, Ohio

Has been a member of the following churches: Lawrenceville Church of God, Hedrick Church of God, Hope Chapel (now named Timberland Bible Church)

Baptized by: E. Richard Smith

Churches and years pastored: Hedrick, Indiana, for two years; Hope Chapel, Indiana, for five years; Valley View, Scottsdale, Arizona for 13 1/2 years

Hobbies and personal interests: Reading, skiing, raising roses, computer

perception—that if a person's a Christian, he will always treat you as Christ would treat you. Sometimes we start believing what we preach and expect that's the way it's going to be all the time. Well, it sometimes takes a heavy toll because we're dealing with people that are imperfect, people who don't always reflect Christ, people who need to be growing in that area. And that's what we're here for.

Share an amusing personal/pastoral anecdote.

One was at Hedrick, which was a unique situation. I look back at Hedrick, and at the time, I was chomping at the bit. There were a lot of good, good people there, and I must have scared them to death. The attendance ran from 25 to 50 in a town of 48 people in the middle of the prairie where there were two churches. I had gone to Jack Hyles' pastor school and he preached a "hell fire, lambast, go get 'em" type of sermon. He screamed, hollered, snorted, and spat, and boy, it got me all excited. So I got one of his tapes and brought it back and I played it for the folks. Looking back on that, they must have wondered what in the world this kid was doing, and just shook their heads. In the sermon, they were talking about reaching the world and having bus ministries and there we were sitting in Hedrick, Indiana! I just can't imagine what they thought. They were very, very patient. I look back on that with a lot of embarrassment, especially at how I must have come across.

What has been your most memorable personal victory?

I don't know if I have what I would call a memorable victory, because I've thought about this. I'm especially proud of my wife and children. I'm cautious to see that my kids are properly raised; they live in an imperfect world. The enemy has the potential of attacking them as well and it's been a blessing that my wife and children are children of the Lord. They serve him. Charleen chose a school district that is the poorest district in the city of Phoenix, in the inner city. The kids are just terribly needy people and she's taking this on as

her ministry. I'm very proud of that. I see her weeping with the kids and that brings a lot of contentment to me. Our kids are also sensitive to what Christ wants them to do with their lives. They're active here in the church and in campus ministries at college; they're attending Intervarsity and things of that nature. That has brought me a lot of peace and contentment. I am personally in a constant battle. I know where and what I want to be, but also how far away I am from being there. I guess my personal victory would be that I feel very comfortable with my family and what we've done, and at the same time I'm very aware personally of where I need to be.

How has being a pastor affected your family/personal life?

You know, from the very start I've tried very hard to keep this positive. My children are not "PK's." I've never referred to them that way. In fact, the first time they heard it was at their Christian high school. I've tried very hard to keep my kids from being "pastor's kids." I don't have my family stand at the back of the church with me. Valley View is a unique church where we have people just coming for church, and in a city there's not always the social need of the fellowship. There are some who wonder who my kids are. And that's sort of funny; they ask me, "Which ones are yours?" So we try very hard. I've not put a lot of pressure on Charleen or the kids to be perfect. I've heard of ministers who did this. In fact, I went to a seminar where the speaker said that you have to give your family freedom to do what the laity does. Don't set them up on a pedestal. If your wife's tired, tell her to stay home from Wednesday night Bible study. At the time, I thought, "Gee, I can't do that." But I think, looking back at the pastorate, often many families have had a negative impact. I've sometimes allowed the imperfection of the church to generate feelings of inadequacy and failure in me, and I sometimes project that onto my family. They have the right to be themselves and live their own lives. They should not be held up to a different standard simply because I have a profession in the church.

What do you like most about the pastoral ministry?

The sense that what we're doing has an eternal, lasting effect. This past week I got two letters. One was from an old friend, an elder at the Lawrenceville Church, Larry Domigan, just saying that he appreciated an article and wanted me to know that good things are happening and shared some things about the ministry. The other was from Nancy Kirkpatrick, telling me about her own spiritual life, where the Lord was leading her, and some of her favorite verses. I find those things tremendously encouraging on bad days! Through our work with Habitat for Humanity, the church has built seven homes. I sat down with one man, Hector, for whom we'd built a home and thanked him for allowing us to minister to him. He put his arm around me and began to cry. Those are the things that bring real satisfaction. Every time I see Hector, he hugs me. I don't get that kind of satisfaction out of bulletins! Charleen and her school kids really help me to get things back in perspective. Whenever I'm feeling down, I'll help her carry her materials into her first-grade class

and stick around for another half hour or so. The children have crowded around me saying, "Mr. Jim, Mr. Jim!" These are the people that the world despises and that Jesus died for. It really helps to put the proper perspective back in place. This is why we're here.

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Politics, tradition, hypocrisy, lack of commitment, and the tension between the doctrine of our heritage and evangelical tradition.

Was there an individual who most affected your decision to become a pastor?

There were several. Obviously, E. Richard Smith; Dick is still my pastor. I have a tremendous admiration for what he did and the relationship he had with my family and with me personally. Harold Doan had a tremendous impact on my life. He was a positive representation of what a pastor could and should be. Lee McQuinn, who was pastoring in Lombard at a time when I really needed someone to talk to. Lee gave me some real strong direction. My father's sense of integrity had a definite effect on me as well. Every day I learned that there was nothing worse than misrepresentation. He taught me to be who you really are. There probably wasn't anyone that I battled with more during my years at OBC than Bill Wachtel, but I was impressed with his scholastic abilities. As well as Bill's challenging intellect, my classmates were a group of good thinkers that helped me develop my own mind.

If you could change one thing about the church/pastoral ministry with a snap of your fingers, what would it be?

That the sheep we lead would become radically committed to being disciples, to seeking truth, and to seeking the lost. It would be very, very exciting to pastor a group of Kamikaze pilots! I can't imagine telling people to climb up, strap in, and let's go and actually have them do it and start their engines. As long as we live in this imperfect world where the powers of the world have impacted the church, we won't see that very often.

Share some of your thoughts concerning the church's role in society.

I think the church is fighting over issues that our society could care less about. I don't even know if we (the church) know what society's issues are. We're fighting over doctrines, worship styles, and things of that nature. We're not really addressing the needs of society. For example, we spend hours planning a sanctity-of-life service in response to the abortion issue and I think all we succeed in doing is further convincing people in the congregation of something they already believe. I don't think we're addressing the needs of our society: fear, aging, loneliness, failure, depression. I don't know that we're being very relevant to the people that we're ministering to when we ignore these needs and go on with our "church topics." I also think we're using some of the weapons of the world, instead of the weapons of God. We're trying to change worship when I

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Proposed Budget

June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits	
Salary & Wages	300000
Social Security	23000
Employee Benefits	43000
General Operations	
Advertising-Recruitment	5000
Films, speakers	400
Insurance-nonplant	1000
Foreign Exchange	1500
Auto Expense	7500
Office Supplies	3500
Miscellaneous	600
Royalties	1000
Editorial	3500
Magazines - Library	2000
Periodicals/Books/Dues	3500
Postage	21000
Printing/Binding	55000
Professional Services	7000
Repairs nonplant	7500
Staff Education	14000
Mailing Supplies	1000
Supplies & Exp.	7500
Telephone	8500
Program Develop.	5000
Travel	28000
Assist. Miss Pts	30000
Assist. Churches	12000
Plant Operations	
Property Insurance	2000
Repairs & Maintenance	1000
Supplies & Expense	1500
Utilities	10000
Addition to Plant	
Library Books	2000
Furniture & Equip.	5000
Purchases:	
Resale	18000
Assistance to Min. Assoc.	5000
Vehicle Replacement	5000
Contingency	20000
TOTALS	661500
Anticipated Income:	
Sales	55000
Herald Subs	8000
Trust & Endow.	90500
Tuition & Housing	71000
Miscellaneous	2000
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	226500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED	
June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992	435000
Contributions needed June 1, 1990-May 31, 1991	424500

Explanation of Budget

The proposed budget for June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992, summarizes the mission and direction of our Conference and College. It is more than dollars and cents. It represents in concrete terms the programs and activities of our Association of Churches. The list of anticipated expenses is our best estimate of the cost of carrying out the programs and activities authorized by our membership and the Board of Directors.

This proposed budget reflects spending for the following:

1. Salaries and wages - Compensation is provided for nine full-time employees; ten part-time employees; and four part-time student employees.
2. Social Security - The Social Security tax rate is 7.65%.
3. Employee Benefits - Life and Health Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association premiums, registration fee for Summer General Conference.
4. Advertising, Recruitment - travel, telephone calls, printing, and postage to promote Oregon Bible College.
5. Films, Speakers - Honorariums paid to non-staff speakers at Chapel and Graduation.
6. Foreign exchange - Foreign currency expense to convert other currencies into U.S. dollars.
7. Auto expense - license plates, insurance, and upkeep for Conference vehicles.
8. Office supplies - paper, ribbons, stationery, envelopes, etc.
9. Royalties - fees paid to use copyrighted material for our publications.
10. Editorial - A small honorarium paid to Editors of our Christian Education curriculum.
11. Magazines, Library - Religious and Theological Journals for our Library collection.
12. Periodicals, books, dues - A small allowance is provided to professional employees to purchase resource material for classes and to participate in professional organizations.
13. Postage - charges to mail the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *The Restitution Herald*, quarterlies, and all correspondence.
14. Professional services - an annual audit is required by our Constitution.

15. Repairs, non-plant - Maintenance contracts on office equipment.
16. Staff education - professional Staff members are encouraged to attend at least one Seminar each year to remain current.
17. Mailing supplies - envelopes, boxes, etc.
18. Supplies and expense - printing supplies, piano tunings, towel and paper products, and other small expense items.
19. Telephone - basic and long distance service.
20. Program development - writers, secretarial services, and printing costs for the development of correspondence courses in Bible and Theology.
21. Travel - includes travel for Board of Directors, Advisory Committees, special Boards and Committees, and Staff.
22. Assistance, Missions - support of overseas mission projects.
23. Assistance, Churches - church development aid for two churches.
24. Property insurance - also includes liability insurance.
25. Repairs and maintenance - includes upkeep on two buildings.
26. Supplies and expense - includes cleaning and building supplies.
27. Library books - a limited number of volumes are purchased each year to keep our collection current.
28. Furniture and equipment - a reserve fund to replace equipment as necessary.
29. Purchases, resale - textbooks and other materials which are resold.
30. Transfer to Ministerial Association - these funds will be given to the Ministerial Association to be used by the Ministers for programs or other expense.
30. Vehicle replacement - the Conference owns several vehicles which are used for visits to the churches, Gospel teams, and other business travel. Gifts of vehicles have helped to minimize this cost in the past.
31. 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, 1991.

Anticipated Income

1. Sales - this includes income from the sale of quarterlies, tracts, books, etc.
2. Herald subscriptions - subscriptions are \$12 per year.
3. Trust and Endowment - includes transfers from the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation and other endowment funds.
4. Tuition and housing - income is based on a projected enrollment of 25 students in the 1991-92 fiscal year.
5. Miscellaneous - this includes income from interest and washers and dryers installed in the dormitories.

Contributions Needed

To accomplish the program goals of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College for 1991-92, churches, Conferences, and individual families will need to contribute \$435,000. This is \$36,250 per month.

This projection compares with \$402,500 approved by the delegates for the current fiscal year.

Budget adjustments if we do not relocate by 1991-92

Budget additions:

Salaries:	
Maintenance	\$15,350
Kitchen	12,000
Other	3,000
	\$30,350
S.S. tax	2,400
Utilities	18,000
Plant Insurance	4,000
Repairs/Maintenance	9,000
Supplies & Expense	3,500
Food	15,000

Total additions	\$82,250
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Additional income from student board payments	27,000
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Net addition to budget if we do not relocate	\$55,250
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President's Progress Report

Staff Changes

I am pleased to announce that David Riley has accepted the position of Controller in the Business Office effective in early August. David graduated in 1987 from Ferris State University with a B. S. in Business. Since graduation he has been employed as a sales representative and most recently as a region manager/territory representative for a major food distribution company. David will be enrolling in Oregon Bible College to prepare for pastoral ministry. He and his wife Anne are currently members of the North Kent Bible Church in Rockford, Michigan.

David will replace Bill Burnham who resigned his full-time position in the Business Office last August. Bill agreed to remain on a part-time basis during this year. We appreciate Bill's service in the Business Office since June of 1983.

Effective immediately, Judy Myers has been promoted to become part-time secretary to the President and part-time assistant in the Business Office. She will continue in her duties as Mission Coordinator for the conference. She will be replacing Carol Eldred who has served on our secretarial staff during the past five months and Vickie Cooper who has worked part-time in the Business Office since September of last year. We appreciate the service of Carol and Vickie. We are grateful for Judy's years of service in our mailing department and are thankful for the skills that she brings to her new positions.

Julie Reye who has worked part-time in the mailing department will assume those responsibilities on an interim basis.

Hollis Partlowe has been employed as an interim editor of the Restitution Herald for the coming year beginning with the October/November issue. Hollis is well known and respected as a Bible student of the Church of God. He served as a pastor for 30 years and since his semi-retirement in 1988 he has spoken in many churches for special meetings and as a guest speaker. Currently he is preaching regularly two Sundays a month at the Dixon, Illinois Church of God. We are pleased to have Hollis serve in this important conference position.

Relocation Site

While traveling through the Atlanta metropolitan area, a number of Church of God people have recently visited

Clayton State College and the property purchased by the General Conference on Trammel Road. All members, and especially delegates to the summer conference are invited to visit the area prior to the summer conference. Touring the facilities will provide helpful background information as decisions are made at the summer conference. Staff members are tentatively planning to be in the area several times between now and Conference: June 4-6; June 19 and 20; July 17 and 18. Staff would be glad to serve as a tour guide for the area. Please contact Judy Myers if you are able to be in the area one of these times. Or if another time would be more convenient, please let Judy know.

To reach Clayton State College and the property purchased by the General Conference, visitors should travel to the southeast section of the Atlanta metropolitan area on Interstate 75. Exit on route 54 (Jonesboro Road) going north. Turn right on Oxford Drive. After crossing railroad track, turn immediately left on Lee Street. Clayton State College is on the right side of the street at 5900 North Lee Street. To reach General Conference property, continue past Clayton State College going north to Harper Street. Turn right for one quarter mile connecting with Rex Road. Travel approximately one quarter mile further to Trammel Road. Turn right. The property is on the right side of the road at 5881 Trammel Road.

Financial Update

We praise God and rejoice in the faithful giving of Church of God members to the work of the General Conference during the first eleven months of the fiscal year. As of the end of April, contributions were \$37,000 more than they were last year at that time. The entire membership of the Church of God is to be commended for their faithful and consistent support.

Contributions are, however, running a little over \$20,000 less than is needed to meet our goal for giving at this point. Each day we trust God to provide for his work through individual members, member churches, and member conferences.

By the time this PROGRESS JOURNAL is received by most of the membership, a new fiscal year will have started. Additional contributions of about \$2,000 per month will be needed in order to meet the new goal for giving.

Summer Conference Information

The 1990 Church of God General Conference will be held at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, July 30 through August 2. Enclosed with this issue of the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* is a program booklet, and registration form.

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

Those who plan to attend only the evening services are not required to pay a commuter charge. Active and retired pastors and family members living at home 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 10 years and under. Babysitting service is available for children two 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 11 cents.

Boycott of Clorox Ends

The Executive Committee of CLear-TV has voted to end the boycott of Clorox, originally scheduled to end in July. Last year, Christian Leaders for Responsible Television decided to ask Christians to stop using products sold by Clorox because of its policy of advertising on TV programs that had a high amount of sex, violence, and profanity.

Recent monitoring has indicated that there has been a 57 percent drop per 30 seconds in the incidents of sex, violence, and profanity sponsored by the Clorox Corporation.

Those who have participated in this boycott are urged to resume their purchases of Clorox products. The boycott of Mennon products, however, will be continued since it has made no change in its advertising policy or practice.

PRAYER AND PRAISE June, 1990

- 1 Pray for the preparation being completed for planting the new church in Missouri.
- 2 Pray for an open heart to receive God's message as it is brought to you tomorrow.
- 3 Praise God for the freedom of worship which you enjoy.
- 4 Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 5 Pray for the new church work in Hewitt, Minnesota.
- 6 Praise God for the beauty of his creation.
- 7 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the work in Milton Keynes, England.
- 8 Pray for the summer ministries of your local church.
- 9 Pray that God might raise up future leaders for his church.
- 10 Praise God for the leadership of your local church and the Church of God General Conference.
- 11 Pray for boldness to share Christ with someone in need this week.
- 12 Pray for the brethren in the Philippines.
- 13 Pray for Barth Gorby of the North Kent Bible Church as he leads a Bible study in his home.
- 14 Praise God for the gift of salvation through his Son.
- 15 Pray for the Rick Cooper family as it moves to St Charles, Missouri, to begin full-time Church Planting.
- 16 Pray for those preparing for the upcoming Youth Congress.
- 17 Pray for your pastor as he brings God's message to you today.
- 18 Praise God for the healing he provides—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- 19 Pray for the Youth Caravan members as they leave for England today.
- 20 Pray for Rick Cooper as he meets with local businesses, service clubs, and churches in St. Charles, Missouri, for the purpose of sharing information regarding the upcoming church planting.
- 21 Pray for a successful Bible School outreach in England.
- 22 Praise God for your parents, brothers, and sisters.
- 23 Pray for the Fox Valley Church as the members continue to reach out in their neighborhood.
- 24 Pray for your Sunday School teachers today.
- 25 Pray for the isolated members of the Church of God.
- 26 Pray for the England Caravan members as they minister today.
- 27 Praise God for his Word which guides your life.
- 28 Pray for the elderly members of your local congregation.
- 29 Pray for our upcoming General Conference, that our people will unite in the direction God wants to bless.
- 30 Pray for those preparing for the summer General Conference.

PRAYER AND PRAISE July, 1990

- 1 Praise God for your church family.
- 2 Pray that God will provide helpers to make phone calls in St Charles, Missouri.
- 3 Pray for Pastor Gary Turner and the work in Loves Park, Illinois.
- 4 Pray for safe travel for members of the Youth Caravan as they fly home today.
- 5 Praise God for your family and for his constant watchcare over you.
- 6 Pray for the Sunday School Quarterly editors as they serve God in this way.
- 7 Praise God for David Krogh and the leadership he provides.
- 8 Pray for the staff and participants at Youth Congress as it begins today.
- 9 Pray for Kent Ross and his work at the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 10 Pray for the receptivity of those in commercial establishments in St Charles, Missouri, who will be receiving a flyer, "Help Needed."
- 11 Praise God for the leaders and youth who are growing together this week at Youth Congress.
- 12 Pray for the "support staff" of the General Conference.
- 13 Pray for safety for those returning home from Youth Congress.
- 14 Praise God for the promise of a coming kingdom.
- 15 Pray for the selection of office space and phone bank for the St Charles, Missouri, church planting.
- 16 Pray for the faculty and staff of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 17 Pray for the Fonthill congregation as it works toward planting a new church in Canada.
- 18 Pray for the Pine Grove Bible Church and Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick as they work to reach their community with the good news of the kingdom of God.
- 19 Praise God for the ministers within the Church of God.
- 20 Pray for Russ and Joyce Magaw as they move to St Charles, Missouri, to begin church planting.
- 21 Praise God for those who have committed themselves to preparing for full-time Christian service.
- 22 Pray for the final preparations of mailers and arrangement for phoners for the St Charles, Missouri, church planting.
- 23 Praise God for the opportunities he will give you this week to share his love with others.
- 24 Pray for Mario Olcese and his work in Lima, Peru.
- 25 Pray for the leadership of the Church of God General Conference.
- 26 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 27 Praise God for providing office and meetings space for the church work at St Charles, Missouri.
- 28 Pray for the Board of Directors as it meets today.
- 29 Pray for safety for those traveling to General Conference today and tomorrow.
- 30 Pray for God's Spirit to be felt as people from all over the world gather for the annual General Conference.
- 31 Pray for a spirit of unity at General Conference.

James Graham

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think we ought to be trying to change hearts. We've walked right into a trap when we try to use the world's weapons because we've been told not to use its methods. We're supposed to be the salt of the earth, yet we hire lobbyists to go to Washington to pass laws. That's the way the world operates, not the way Christians are to do battle. If we get prayer back into school, I think we've got another problem. We'll have nonsaved people whose prayers can't be heard praying for our children. Instead, we ought to be praying for the teachers so they'll be saved. The church is just many times a reflection of society.

Share some news/events/developments that are happening at Valley View Bible Church.

We've made some major changes in focus with the Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. The Sunday morning service has been changed to be more nonchurched oriented. We've cleaned it out by removing things that the unchurched may not understand, like the prelude, postlude, benediction, and invocation. We've removed the "foreign" language, just cleaned it out. They are told during the offering that they shouldn't feel obligated to give if they're a guest. We even went so far as to remove the pulpits from the front. Now anyone who is involved in the services sits in the pews with the congregation. We have a lectern up front and have brought in trees and shrubs for the open area to make it warmer.

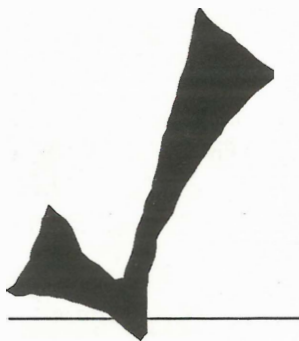
We've taken communion out of Sunday morning and put it in Wednesday night because of the tension that communion can cause when you have believers and guests together. Moving it to Wednesday night made it possible to relieve that tension and guarantee that people understood what they were doing through communion. We've tried to make Sunday morning more "unchurched conscious" and be more sensitive to their understanding. We use less hymns and more contemporary choruses and praise-type songs. We sing less, too, because the unchurched aren't as comfortable singing as are the churched. At the same time, I changed my preaching style to more closely address their needs. I started a "How can I . . . ?" series. My sermons were on "How can I overcome loneliness, change, overcome depression, etc." I learned to preach to the needs of the congregation based on a questionnaire we'd given them.

On Wednesday night we have a dinner at 5:30 preceding the service. We have a gathering as a family. It is a combination of a worship service and expository teaching. It is a time when we really get down to the nitty-gritty of being a Christian body. We've had public testimonies, reconciliations, and prayer time. We've been very frank about what is expected of a believer; we can say things on Wednesday night that we can't say on Sunday morning when we've got visitors. It has helped us to give better instruction about what a disciple ought to be.

Checklist For Summer Conference Delegates

Delegates to the annual Summer Conference play a very strategic role in the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Delegates should be selected with great care. They should be active members of the Church of God and have an interest in the work of the Conference and College.

To the right is a checklist of tasks that should be performed by each delegate.



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

Before Attending Conference:

- _____ 1. Carefully read the reports, recommendations, proposed budget, and other information regarding the Summer Conference.
- _____ 2. Meet with the State/District Conference, Church Board, or the congregation, to "get a feel for" the wishes of those being represented.
- _____ 3. Check with the local Church Secretary to be certain that a delegate form listing active members and the names of the delegates has been submitted to the General Conference.
- _____ 4. Send your personal registration form to the General Conference to make reservations for attendance prior to July 10.

Duties to Perform While 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 to serve.
- _____ 4. Take careful notes on decisions that are made and information that is shared.
- _____ 5. Be prepared to make a financial commitment to support the work of the Conference and College.

Duties Upon Returning Home:

- _____ 1. Present a report to those being represented, sharing information from the Conference, and decisions that were made.
- _____ 2. Encourage participation of local members in General Conference programs and activities.
- _____ 3. Contact local church families to encourage them to make a commitment to support the work of the Conference and College.

Church News

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Cool Spring Church of God in Browntown, Virginia, is deeply grateful and appreciative of the wonderful support from our church family. It was our greatest prayer that, with the help of God and our church family, Cool Spring could complete our addition and add indoor plumbing.

Without the Builder's Appeal our dream of expansion and modern plumbing facilities would not have been realized as quickly. It is our prayer that these improvements to our building will make our church a better tool to do God's will in spreading His truth throughout a growing community.

The love and support that are obvious from this appeal are overwhelming and most graciously appreciated. The entire congregation of Cool Spring thanks everyone for all of their prayers and support during this time.

In deep appreciation and Christian love,
The entire congregation of
Cool Spring Church of God,
Browntown, VA.

MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE MEETS

The Missouri State Conference held its Spring Conference meeting at Springfield, MO, on April 21, 22. There were 96 people in attendance. The com-

missioning service for Rick Cooper and Russ Magaw as church planters for St. Charles, MO, was conducted by pastor Don Ward.

SERVICES START AT NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

The Fox Valley Church of God had 63 in attendance, 30 of which were visitors, for their first public service in the Memorial Chapel at the Napre Settlement, IL, with Ron Macy, Pastor.

The telemarketing campaign conducted during the months of January and February resulted in 10,935 dial-ups and 20 families visiting within the first six weeks.

Ron Macy said that the church has had very good support, and the people have worked very hard.

OAKLAWN TO CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Oaklawn Church of God, Koszta, IA, will be having a 50th Anniversary for its present sanctuary and a dedication of a new addition.

The church is located about halfway between Marengo and Belle Plaine on Highway 212. The service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, 1990.

One and all are invited to join with us to celebrate the Lord God's many blessings to those who serve him.

OBC SCHOLARSHIPS

The family of Mary Helen Mattison recently established a scholarship in her

memory. Their desire is to create a sizable endowment fund which will provide a full-year scholarship for a female student on the basis of scholarship and Christian service.

Those wishing to donate to this or other scholarship funds may do so by contacting President David Krogh.

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Matthew Etnyre, Jim and Jill Corcoran, George "Buzz" Rundlett (3/25/90); David Cook, Nathan Laurent (5/13/90), Michael Hoffman.

WEDDINGS

MINNESOTA

Hector—Susan Kenney & Davis Johnson (1/13/90), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

Litchfield—Lynn Terese Olson & Mark Paul Wood (4/6/90), Stan Ross.

VIRGINIA

Fort Valley—Stacy Johns & Roscoe Sager (3/17/90), Jon T. Welch.

DEATHS

ARKANSAS

Hot Springs (Forest Hills)—Delia P. Stanton, member of the New Hope Church of God, 84 years old (3/10/90), J. Leon Driskill.

ILLINOIS

Oregon—Dennis Cline, member (4/15/90), Michael Hoffman.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Lenna Pidgen (4/14/90), Chuck Jones.

MINNESOTA

Hector—Anna Johnson, 99, charter member (4/4/90), Vivian Kirkpatrick II, S.O. Ross assisting.

Litchfield—Lester Haines, friend of the church (4/25/90), Stan Ross.

VIRGINIA

Fort Valley—Fulton A. Ramsey, member since 1940 (3/12/90), Jon T. Welch, Warren Tamkin, Dale Ramsey.

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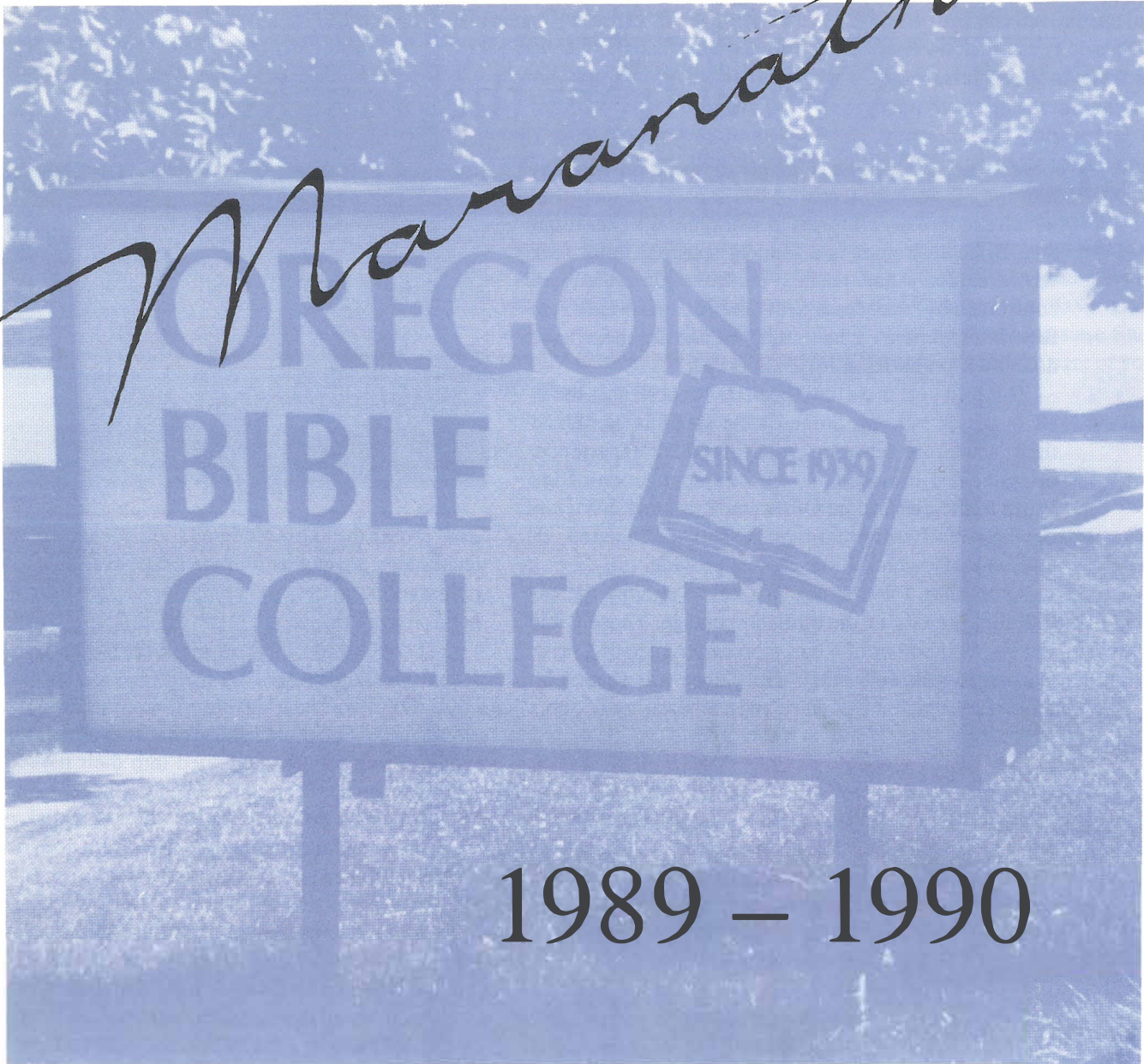
Fonthill—Vivian Zavitz, 79, member (4/4/90), Stephen Bolhaus.

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Much prayer preceded the 1989-'90 school year: prayer from the churches, the staff, and the students. These prayers were answered and a notable change took place in the college. In the past the students bonded quickly but tended to grow apart. This year we grew together slowly, and achieved a more

spiritual bond. The staff grew right along with us. The result: a year of unity that has prepared us for the future.

Thanks to the parents who raised our fine students and to the staff that gave their best. This year was a joy and a turning point.

A View from the Blackboard

I count it a great privilege to go to work on Monday morning. Certainly, teaching has aspects of the grind which accompany all forms of work, but the classroom of a Bible instructor is a kind of spiritual think tank where students and teacher confront (or rather, are confronted by) the Message of God in Christ. There are few dull moments when students and teachers have done their preparation for class properly.

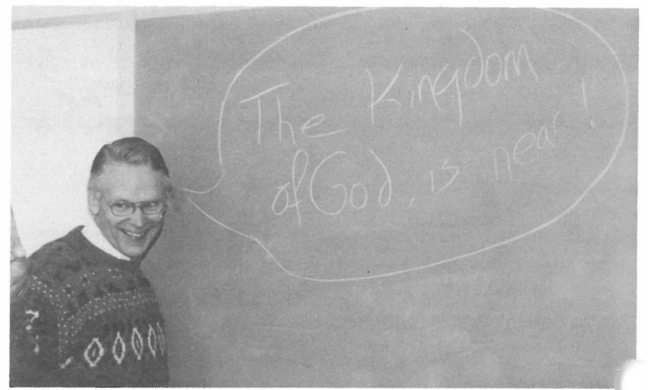
This past year there have been rich experiences for us all in the classroom. Some of the students combined their academic learning with practical experience, bringing real-life accounts of their application of the Word to the discussion. Other students were discovering their own heritage through the sort of structured, intensive study which Bible classes provide.

As teacher, I was struck in a new way with the extraordinary unity of the biblical message. Those Bible writers worked out of a common experience of Christ. But—note this well—their experience was shaped by the living Word of Scripture and the teaching of Jesus which they had heard at first- and, in some cases, second-hand.

One of the great perils for the modern believer is that he should be lured into an experience which is not based on the word of Jesus. Man is naturally religious and is capable of all kinds of religious experience. The deception occurs when these experiences are thought to come from the true God without being based on worship according to the spirit of truth (John 4:24).

That's where the Bible classroom is most valuable. It provides an opportunity for reflection on our relationship to God. It enables us through our library resources to tap the life-work of those who have preceded us in the quest for Truth. It enables us to interact with others who hold different points of view from ours and to test the strength and logic of our own belief system.

Did not Jesus himself "learn His trade" by dialogue with the doctors of the law and by prolonged meditation on the prophets' writings? Does not "iron sharpen



iron"? With the unprecedented sophistication of modern technology we can call on the finest available tools for preparation for life-ministry. Never before has the Bible been so available to the reading public.

Yet for all that there is mass confusion over what Jesus' Message was!

At OBC we must develop a team of bright young exponents of Scripture, whose character shows that their knowledge has been integrated into their lives. Let no one miss the connection between knowledge and faith. "The Apostles do not recognize any essential antagonism between faith and knowledge. Faith does not arise from ignorance . . ." (Dictionary of the Apostolic Church).

Did anyone notice that the "righteous who shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom" are "those who have insight"? (Compare Dan. 12:3 with Matt. 13:43.) Insight is a product of the intellect. And the Bible College, where students and teachers labor with text and chalkboard, should be a center of character-building Truth which leads to salvation. May many talented young Truth-seekers join us 'round the classroom table. Their lives will be changed "for ever,"—or, as we learned from the original text of the Bible, "for the coming of the Kingdom"!

—Anthony Buzzard.

Graduate



Gary Turner

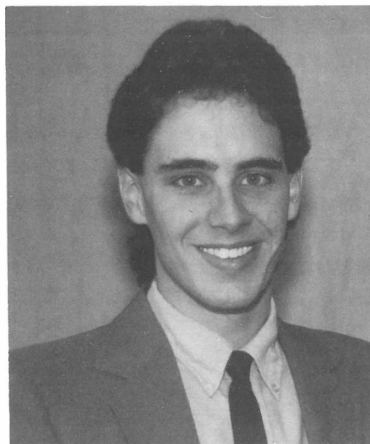
Sometimes it is hard to find enough courage to trust God to care for our needs. Twenty-five years ago I graduated from high school, but the thought of going into the ministry scared me to death. After resisting God's call for a long time I decided to give in and trust him for the courage and strength to go back to Oregon Bible College. He not only gave me the way to go back and get the education I needed for the practical experience, too. Family Bible Fellowship, Loves Park, Illinois, was launched two years ago this July and I was selected to be the church-planting pastor. God knew that I needed practical experience with dedicated men and women around me

to help through the rough times. Once I gave in and submitted to his will, at just the right time he supplied the answer to what I feared most. When I graduated from Oregon Bible College in May of 1990, instead of just starting out in a whole new line of work, I already had two wonderful years of great practical experience in spreading the gospel message. My only regret is that I didn't experience trusting him completely twenty-five years ago when I first graduated from high school.

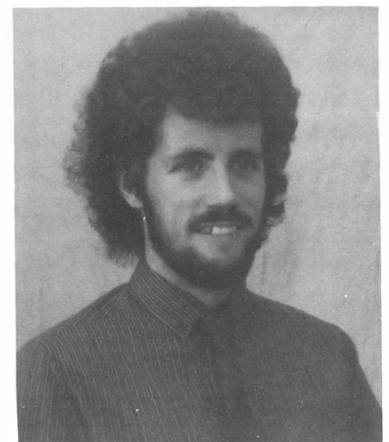
What about you? Are you thinking that maybe you should go to OBC once you have graduated? Why waste a long time finding out that God will take care of you? Do it now!

—Gary R. Turner.

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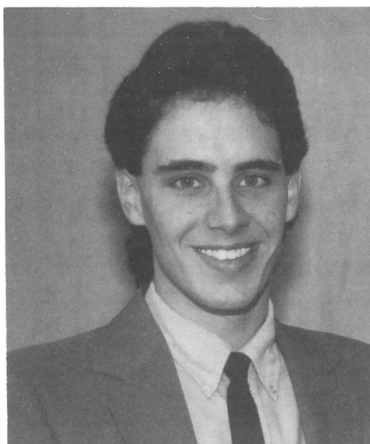
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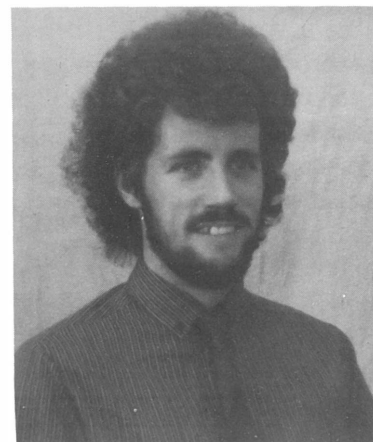
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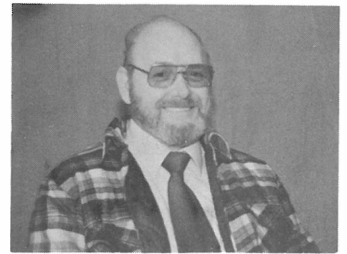


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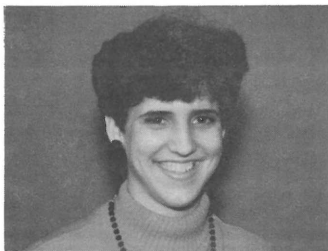


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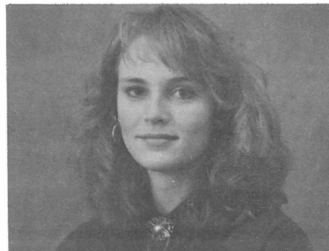


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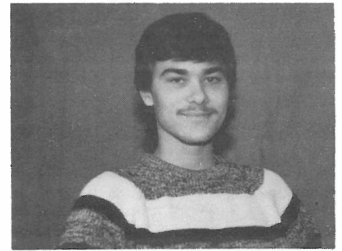
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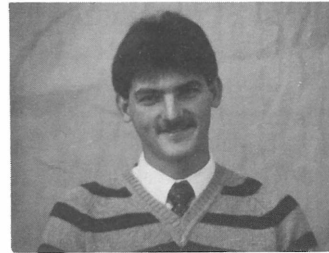
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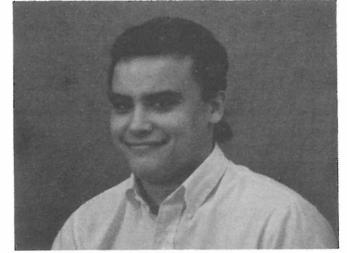
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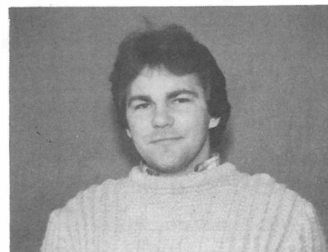
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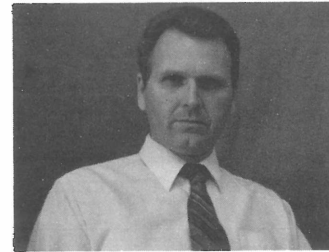
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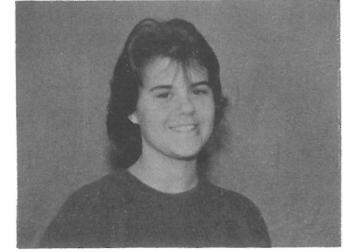
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Another Year of Service for Christ and the Kingdom of God

For more than fifty years Oregon Bible College has stood as a unique institution of higher education. It stands as the only college on the face of the earth to prepare men and women for Christian service in the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith.

Oregon Bible College is committed to excellence in all that it does. We believe that God calls us to give our very best to him in service. We seek excellence in:

Teaching Church of God Distinctives. Our instructors are second to none in their understanding of the distinctive teachings of the Church of God. Our faculty and staff believe these truths; they know why the Bible teaches these truths; they are committed to excellence in teaching these truths to our students. Our faculty has prepared themselves through personal study; through academic preparation at institutions of higher education; spiritually; and through experience. Oregon Bible College students are well served by dedicated faculty and staff.

Christian Service. Oregon Bible College is committed to the principle of learning by doing. Students are not at Oregon Bible College preparing for service in the future. They are at Oregon Bible College to prepare for service now. Their experiences now will equip them to continue to be effective in service throughout their lives.

Students who have on-the-job training gain much more from their classroom experiences than those who focus only on academic preparation. All students are required to be involved in Christian service activities in addition to many on-the-job training experiences related to specific classes. Students are involved in local church ministries: music, Christian education, youth, worship, visitation, evangelism. In addition many students are involved in gospel teams, chorale, telephoning to find prospects, etc. Students gain extremely valuable experience through our Christian service program.

Spiritual Maturity. Oregon Bible College is committed to the spiritual growth of its students and staff. Weekly chapel services are planned for the spiritual nourishment of the College family. All students are involved in weekly discipleship groups which emphasize the spiritual disciplines of daily Bible reading, prayer, personal Bible study, Scripture memorization, and witnessing. The effectiveness of our spiritual growth programs is observable in the lives of our students and staff.

The product that Oregon Bible College produces is two fold: lay leadership and professional leadership. Both lay and professional leaders are produced for service in the Church of God. With one or two years of training at Oregon Bible College, students are prepared to make a difference in local churches as dedicated lay workers. With the completion of our four-year academic program and our fifth year of internship, students are equipped to step into full-time positions of Christian service. Some students who complete our five-year program are best equipped to pastor existing churches. Other students may sense God's call to be involved in church-planting projects. Both types of workers are needed in the Church of God today. Oregon Bible College wants to produce sufficient workers to serve our existing churches and additional leadership to start new churches. The College recognizes that we must not neglect existing churches, nor must we close our eyes to the need to start new Church of God congregations in areas where we do not have churches. Our motivation is to proclaim the truths of Scripture with the result of leading people to salvation in Christ.

Your Help Needed

Oregon Bible College is committed to serve the membership of the Church of God. This commitment, however, is based upon what people of the Church of God will do for the College. There are several things you can do:

Pray. We urge all members of the Church of God to pray the prayer found in Matthew 9:38. We believe that the Lord of the Harvest is concerned about those who are lost. Those who pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send forth workers will see their prayers answered in a dramatic way. The only way the leadership needs in the Church of God will be met is for earnest and concerted prayer for God to raise up leaders sufficient to meet the needs.

Financial Support. Oregon Bible College intentionally keeps its costs reasonable and competitive for its students. As a private college which receives no government support, and because of our small size, the cost per student is very high. However, over the years our membership has expressed its willingness to subsidize the training of leaders who will serve

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President's Report

Elections at Summer Conference

In addition to filling one position on the Board of Directors at the summer General Conference, positions will also be filled on two Advisory Committees. The term of Tim Landry expires on the Media Advisory Committee and the term of Alan Demmitt expires on the Youth Advisory Committee. Delegates should come prepared to place nominations for these two important positions. Incumbents may be nominated and re-elected.

Gift Annuity

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, improvements were made to the Charitable Gift Annuity Program of the General Conference.

Those who participate in this program receive a guaranteed life income, a portion of which is tax free, as well as an immediate income tax reduction when the annuity is established. Gift annuities provide immediate benefits for the donor and future benefits to the Conference.

Interest rates are on a sliding scale depending upon the age of the donor and they range from 6.5% to 11% per year.

For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities, please write for a brochure or call 815-732-7991 and ask for planned giving.

Staff Changes

Effective June 1, Kent Ross became Vice President of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College. Kent will continue as Academic Dean and an instructor at the College.

Dale Ramsey continues as an employee of the Conference/College as Director of Student Services, Director of the Christian Service Program, and an instructor.

At the end of August, Eugene Stilson will complete his duties as part-time librarian. Gladys Keebler, an assistant librarian at the Public Library will supervise the Oregon Bible College Library during the coming year. We are thankful to Eugene for 23 years of service to Oregon Bible College.

Completes Degree

Anthony Buzzard has completed his Master's Degree from Bethany Theological Seminary in Chicago. Graduation ceremonies were held on June 3. Oregon Bible College is committed to providing continuing education for faculty and staff.

England Caravan

As this is being written, a team is visiting Milton Keynes, England, to assist with the work there. Team sponsors are Kent and Cheryl Ross, and team members are Marcia Hall, Karen

Hollis, Julie Reye, Seth Ross, and Jake Vassar. While in England, the team will be conducting a short Bible School, advertising and participating in a lecture series, presenting street theater, and knocking on doors to find prospects. We pray that the efforts of this team will be an encouragement to Jeff and Karen Fletcher and that contacts will be made for further follow-up.

Mexico Trips

During June, William Wachtel, Mark Mattison, and the Cesar Rocha family traveled to Labor Vieja to assist with the work.

Immediately following General Conference, Judy Myers and a team of students will be traveling to Labor Vieja to conduct a Bible School. Team members are: Andy Cisneros, Brad Gaspar, Dyan Rhodes, Susan Savage, and Kevin Schoenherr.

Missouri Church-Planting Project

Early in June, the Rick Cooper family moved to St. Charles, Missouri to prepare for the Church-Planting effort. A meeting place and church offices have been secured. Russell and Joyce Magaw have moved their household furnishings to St. Charles and will relocate following General Conference.

The San Jose Church which closed last year has sent a gift of \$5,000 to help with the launching of this new work. The Missouri Conference is providing substantial financial resources for this project. Church Development Aid has been approved by the General Conference Board of Directors for the next year.

Volunteers are needed to help with telephoning and other aspects of the work between August and opening Sunday on October 28. For additional information on how you can help, please call Rick Cooper at 314-447-6221.

Financial Update

The 1989-90 Fiscal year ended May 31 with contributions up \$43,000 over giving for the previous year. Though giving was extremely generous during the year, they were short approximately \$32,000 from the Goal for Giving adopted by the delegates. Because of a smaller-than-anticipated College enrollment, earned income was approximately \$26,000 less than anticipated.

As we begin a new fiscal year, we do so with a spirit of optimism based upon our confidence in the God we serve. We call on the membership to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth students to prepare for Christian service. We also pray that God will raise up additional individuals who will support the work of the Conference and College with gifts beyond the tithe to their local church. Hundreds of Church of God families have supported the Conference in the past and we encourage all member families to consider financial participation in the Conference and College during this new fiscal year. Contributions of approximately \$35,000 are needed each month to meet our Goal for Giving.

Future Ministers . . .

What Should They Be Like?

By Kent Ross

“Are we giving them all they need?” was the question posed for those of us sitting around the table that day. Because it is our responsibility here at the Bible College to prepare students for pastoral ministry among our churches, that question is one that we try to constantly ask ourselves. To ensure that in the years they spend with us, each ministerial student, with God’s blessing, becomes the best he can be, we try to evaluate our courses in light of suggestions and information that comes to us.

In the early 1980’s, a major study was made of “Ministerial Competency.” The study was undertaken by Steven Clapp of C-4 Resources. The study included interviews with over one thousand people from 22 denominations. These people consisted of church clergy, active members of local churches, inactive members of local churches, denominational executives, and seminary professors. Also included were interviews with 100 people who considered themselves Christians, but who are not members of any local church. The interviews were supplemented with two written surveys, which were completed by 2,117 people.

The first question asked in the interviews was: “How would you explain or define ministerial competency?” The following 12 statements were the most frequently mentioned:

A competent minister:

1. Has the necessary education and does the necessary weekly preparation to be at least a fair preacher and teacher.
2. Is a person of complete integrity who keeps promises and confidences.
3. Genuinely likes people in all their diversity and can communicate warmth and concern.
4. Is patient with people and does not display unwarranted or unproductive anger. There are times and places to let others know that one is upset, but those occasions are few in number.
5. Takes seriously the need for pastoral calling on prospective members, in hospitals, and in the homes of members.
6. Is not afraid of conflict and can deal constructively with it.

A competent minister will help bring people together in Christian community and avoids becoming a part of factions and feuds within the church.

7. Is committed to Christ and will choose loyalty to Christ over popularity with the congregation or with denominational executives, knowing that the minister who is disloyal to Christ is ultimately disloyal to the institution which is Christ’s body.
8. Knows how to share the Christian faith with others and knows how to equip church members to share their faith.
9. Should know and accept the basic polity, beliefs, and heritage of the particular denomination.
10. Knows how to give comfort and guidance in times of crisis, such as the death of family members, serious illness, divorce, and other personal problems.
11. Has adequate administrative skills to insure the reasonably smooth function of the church as an institution. A competent minister sees administrative work as a part of ministry, rather than as an intrusion on ministry.
12. Is clearly in the process of growth as a professional person and as a Christian person.

As observed by the author of this study, there is a problem in measuring these areas. “Good preaching in a university church is not the same as good preaching in a rural congregation. Adequate administrative skill in a church of 200 members is not the same as in a church of 2,000 members.”

As we went over the above survey results, we began to wonder how our own churches might respond to the same question. We felt that perhaps the above responses left out some aspects that are vitally important from our church’s perspective. We also thought it possible that our people might want to re-order some of the above responses.

In order to help us prepare men and women who will be ministering in our churches in the future, we would like to have your input. How would you answer the question, “How would you explain or define ministerial competency?” In your mind,

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The Challenge of Changing Times

As we approach the end of this century and the end of this millennium, we are living in an era of rapid social change. Though this change may cause us to be uneasy or even fearful, we have confidence in our God who is able to sustain us at all times. Actually, times of change provide opportunities for ministry. And as believers, we look forward to dramatic changes when Jesus returns and the kingdom is established upon the earth.

In the meantime, we can each be agents of change for good. We must recognize, that by action or by inaction, each of us influences the future.

Over the past twenty-five years, the Church of God membership has grappled with the issue of changing the location of our Conference and College. Those who have served on the Board of Directors during the past several years have brought this issue before our delegates for further prayer and consideration.

We must make certain that we do not have a false sense of security in the status quo. That sense of security can sometimes be deceiving and often promotes inaction until it is too late.

The Board of Directors has proposed that relocation is only one of many pieces of a puzzle that is necessary for us to be all that God wants us to be. The Board has proposed that relocation must be accompanied with personal renewal of the membership; the revitalization of all churches; an openness to consider new approaches to ministry to meet our changing society; greater focus on outreach; a commitment to personal evangelism; individual initiative; a renewed emphasis upon the doctrinal teaching of the Church of God.

All of the pieces of the puzzle mentioned above are things that are never finished. They are ongoing processes. As individuals we must always be growing and changing if we are to meet the new challenges and new opportunities that come our way.

What Will Be Achieved by Relocation?

The relocation proposed by our Board cannot, by itself, solve the problems that face us. But it is a vital key to help unlock new doors and new opportunities for the future. Our Board believes that important goals can be achieved in our relocated setting:

1. OBC students will obtain new skills: in evangelism—door-to-door prospecting and telemarketing; and in discipling—how to lead a person to Christ and to help him mature in the Christian life and become a reproducing discipler.
2. OBC students will develop new attitudes. Involvement in practical ministry will develop within our students a greater

love for the lost. They will develop a new understanding of how urban and suburban people think and act.

3. Students and staff will be involved in each phase of the process of starting a new church. Many new churches will be started as a by-product of our on-the-job training.
4. More students—relocation to another setting where students will be involved in on-the-job training—will help prospective students realize that they can be a part of significant ministry. Our curriculum will be designed so that the students can be concurrently enrolled at OBC while taking general education courses at Clayton State College. We believe that this will attract many students who desire to pursue a secular career while at the same time receiving Bible and theology and ministry training. During this experience, we believe that God will lead many Church of God students into full-time ministry. Or we may develop bi-vocational pastors who will be able to support themselves while starting new churches or help support themselves while pastoring small existing churches.
5. More churches started in the future in larger cities—as our students become trained in urban ministry we believe they will start new churches in some of the larger metropolitan areas of the United States. At the present time, many Church of God young people go to the cities for work and education. Starting new churches in these areas will provide opportunities for our young people to be involved in our ministry. Many young people are leaving the Church of God because they are migrating to the metropolitan areas where we have no congregations.
6. Broaden the vision of the Church of God. Relocation to a larger metropolitan area will help our membership focus on reaching people where they live. We will be exposed to ministry to people of varying cultural backgrounds in numerous settings. The suburbs of a large growing metropolitan area with international influence will awaken our membership to the need to reach lost people in all corners of the earth.

Why Can't We Achieve These Goals in Our Present Location?

1. During the past several years, studies have been conducted in Northern Illinois to pinpoint locations for evangelism projects. There are limited favorable locations for such projects within a reasonable driving distance of Oregon, Illinois. Time restraints make it difficult to maintain classroom instruction and on-the-job training if the practical experience takes place a considerable distance from the campus.
2. There are very limited opportunities to do prospect calling within a reasonable driving distance of our campus. The most

responsive neighborhoods are those where new homes are being built and people are in transition.

3. The telephone has been used successfully in church-planting projects. In order to achieve good results, large numbers of people must be contacted. There are very limited opportunities in our present location to contact large groups of 20,000 or more people.
4. There are no colleges or universities close to Oregon, Illinois. It is extremely difficult to schedule classes for our program while at the same time incorporating travel time into the program for our students to travel to other schools for their general education courses.

Many alternatives have been reviewed to solve these problems at our present location. However, the Board has repeatedly come to the conclusion that relocation is the best and most reasonable alternative.

Prayerful Consideration

Thoughtful members are giving prayerful consideration to the concept of relocation and the accompanying changes. Many times it is easy to oppose new ideas or proposals. It is especially easy for those who do not bear responsibility for outcomes. And yet, all who are members of the Church of God bear responsibility for the outcomes of our ministry. We are all in ministry together and together we must look to the future with optimism and faith and take the bold steps necessary to accomplish the task that God has given to us.

Achieving relocation will require time, effort, and sacrifice. Yet, there is certainly no greater legacy that existing churches

and members could leave to the next generation in the Church of God than a model of sacrifice, a model of obedience to the Great Commission, a group of strong, growing churches, and a strong association of churches.

It is essential for all members of the Church of God to take the long view. We must not look at short-term gains or a temporary fix that will solve problems only for a short time. Our goal must be to look to the future until the time when Christ returns. We do not know how soon that will be, but we must plan for the future while looking for his soon return. Each year that we postpone dealing with our long-range needs delays the results that must be achieved for the sake of the gospel.

Our Board has proposed a course for the future which it believes will enable the Church of God to enter the 21st Century in a strong position, if the Lord tarries. The Board continues to believe that our churches and our Conference/College have a bright future as we obey Scripture and submit to God's leading.

We continue to pray that God will bring our people together in unity at our summer Conference. Regardless of the course that we pursue, we need the cooperation and support of all of our churches and all of our members.

As a body of believers, let us accept the challenge of the changing times in which we live. We live in exciting times which are filled with wonderful opportunities. As the people of God, let us seize these opportunities. We have a unique message to proclaim to a world that is lost in sin. Together we can do much to influence others for good that God might be glorified.

—David Krogh.

OBC— Another Year of Service

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the Church of God. During the past fiscal year, over \$110,000 in basic grants were awarded to students and over \$20,000 in supplemental grants were provided. This averages out to \$6,500 per student. If students were required to pay their entire cost at Oregon Bible College, we believe that very few students could afford to attend. If we are to continue to provide this amount of support to our students, we must rely upon churches, families, and conferences which believe in Oregon Bible College. We must rely on those who care about the future of the Church of God. Without your help, Oregon Bible College cannot provide subsidies and grants to our students. Your help is extremely important.

Recruitment. Though an active recruitment program is operated from Oregon Bible College, the most effective recruit-

ment is provided by parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and local members who speak words of encouragement to prospective students. The challenge of ministry must be laid before prospective students regularly. From a very early age, children need to be encouraged to consider God's call to Christian service. The challenge of ministry must also be presented to mid-career individuals who may have skills that could be effectively used in Christian service. Each person who reads this page can be used of God to raise up future leaders. Will you accept the challenge?

Oregon Bible College has a bright future. Our leadership seeks to be submissive to God's leadership, responsive to the needs of our members and churches, and committed to providing quality education for our students. The fields are ripe for harvest. With your help many workers can go forth into those fields in the years ahead until Jesus comes.

—David Krogh.

Recommendations and Constitutional Amendments

The following recommendations and constitution revisions will be acted upon by delegates to the summer Conference, July 30 to August 2, at Brock University St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Recommendation Number One

We recommend that the contributions to Church Builder's League assistance be increased to \$25 for each appeal (limit two per year) and that a goal be established to have 1,000 active members in the league by the 1991 Summer Conference.

Explanation:

When the Church Builder's League was started in 1957 by delegate action, the amount was set at \$5 per appeal. This amount was raised to \$10 in 1975 and to \$20 in 1980. Land prices and building costs continue to increase. Presently an appeal produces between \$10,000 and \$13,000. Over the years, membership in the association has declined from over 1,000 members to approximately 600 members who give regularly.

To reach the goal of having 1,000 active members, each local church could appoint an individual to promote the league and to attempt to enroll at least one-third of the local member families. The General Conference can provide to each church a list of current members and a supply of enrollment cards.

Recommendation Number Two

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article II, Section 2c which has to do with delegates entitled to vote at business sessions. The new wording will read: "the President of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College."

Explanation:

The current reading of this item is "the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference and the President of Oregon Bible College." Titles and positions have been changed. Currently there is only a President of Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College. This amendment brings the Constitution in line with the current organizational structure.

Recommendation Number Three

The Board of Directors recommends the delegates rescind the following recommendation which was approved at the 1989 General Conference: "The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the corporate offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services."

Explanation:

The Board of Directors is not asking the delegates to rescind last year's action because they do not believe in relocation. The Board believes that the relocation of the Conference and College is necessary for the further development of our work. However, the Board believes that there is a difference between relocating and relocating successfully. Though last year's action authorized the Board to pursue relocation, the motion to approve relocation at the 1989 General Conference passed with a vote of 56% to 44%. Several churches and individuals have expressed a concern that this vote was too close for an

issue that is so important to the work of the Church of God General Conference. Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided to ask the delegates to approve relocation with a two-thirds vote (recommendation four below). According to Robert's Rules of Order, in order to legally revoke on this issue, the action taken at last summer's General Conference must be rescinded. Approval of a vote to rescind requires a simple majority. If this recommendation is approved, delegates will proceed to vote on recommendations four through six. If this recommendation is not approved by the delegates, recommendation six will need to be voted upon.

Recommendation Number Four

The Board of Directors proposes a "suspension of the rules" and that a two-thirds majority vote be required in order to approve relocation and that a two-thirds majority vote be required in order to approve the specific location being recommended.

Explanation:

Several churches and individuals have expressed a desire for greater unity on the relocation issue. This recommendation to "suspend the rules" will permit the delegate body to require a two-thirds majority vote on these issues. This motion requires a two-thirds majority to be approved. If this recommendation is adopted, recommendation five will require a two-thirds majority vote to be approved. If this motion is not adopted, recommendation five can be approved with a simple majority vote.

Recommendation Number Five

The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the Corporate Offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services.

Explanation:

This recommendation is requesting approval only for the concept of relocation. (Recommendation six deals with the specific location being recommended by the Board of Directors.) Approval of this recommendation will be by either a simple majority or by a two-thirds majority depending on the outcome of recommendation number four.

Recommendation Number Six

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 1 of the General Conference Constitution: The General Offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be incorporated in the State of Georgia. (The present reading: "The General offices of the General Conference shall be incorporated in the state in which the offices are located.")

Explanation:

The adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds majority vote since it is a constitutional amendment. If this recommendation is not approved, a new study will be made and a recommendation will be brought to the delegates at the 1991 summer Conference as a relocation site.

When Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution was amended at the 1989 General Conference, a motion was made and adopted requiring that a specific location for the corporate offices be inserted in the Constitution. This recommendation is in compliance with the wishes of the delegates at the 1989 General Conference.

Future Ministers . . .

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what aspects of ministerial training are most important to you, and that you think should definitely be included in our training programs here at Oregon Bible College?

Please use the form below to offer us your input on the top five characteristics you believe are most important in helping a minister be all God wants him to be. List more if you would like. We'd like to hear from you by September, 1990. Thanks for your help.

Send to: Preaching & Pastoral Instructor
Box 100
Oregon, Illinois 61061

For our ministers to be the most competent that they can be, I believe they should:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

PRAYER AND PRAISE August, 1990

- 1 Pray that God might lead in the decisions made at General Conference today.
- 2 Pray for those traveling home from Conference today. Pray that all may go home better equipped for service.
- 3 Praise God for the newly licensed pastors of the Church of God.
- 4 Pray that God might lead many others to train for Christian service.
- 5 Pray for your pastor today as he brings God's message to you.
- 6 Praise God for the promise in Psalm 29:11—"The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace."
- 7 Pray for the Mexico Ministry team as it travels to Texas today.
- 8 Praise God for all of the people who have given of their time to serve him on foreign soil this summer.
- 9 Pray for Mario Olcese and the radio work in Peru.
- 10 Praise God for the new meeting place and attenders of the Lima church.
- 11 Pray for the Oregon Bible College faculty and staff as they complete plans for the coming school year.
- 12 Pray for the leadership of your local church.
- 13 Praise God for his plan of salvation and ask him to help you share it with others this week.
- 14 Pray for the work in Labor Vieja, Mexico, and for the Badillo family as it provides leadership.
- 15 Pray for the youth of your church and those who minister to them.
- 16 Praise God for the members of your family and express your love to them today.
- 17 Pray for safety for the Mexico team as it travels back to Texas today.
- 18 Pray for the new work in St. Charles, Missouri, and for the Cooper and Magaw families.
- 19 Pray that God might speak to you through your pastor today.
- 20 Praise God for those who so generously support the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 21 Pray for David Krogh, President of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 22 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 23 Praise God for the leadership of the Board of Directors and Advisory Committees.
- 24 Pray for the OBC students as they begin the new school year.
- 25 Pray for the college staff.
- 26 Praise God for your church family.
- 27 Pray for the Fletchers and their ministry in England.
- 28 Pray that God might open the hearts of the English people to hear his message.
- 29 Pray for David Riley in his new role as Controller.
- 30 Praise God for the faithful service of Bill Burnham over the past several years.
- 31 Pray for the willingness to make Christ the Lord of your life.

PRAYER AND PRAISE September, 1990

- 1 Pray for Pastor Ron Macy and the congregation in Fox Valley, Illinois.
- 2 Praise God for the new students at Oregon Bible College.
- 3 Pray for the new students at OBC who are embarking on career changes.
- 4 Pray for the brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 5 Pray for Kent Ross in his role as Vice President of the Conference/College.
- 6 Praise God for those individuals who faithfully edit our Sunday School materials.
- 7 Pray for Hollis Partlowe in his role as Interim Editor of *The Restitution Herald*.
- 8 Pray for those preparing tomorrow's services for your congregation.
- 9 Praise God for the heritage passed to you through your parents and grandparents.
- 10 Pray for the Publishing Department staff of the General Conference.
- 11 Pray for the Coopers and Magaws and the church-planting work in St. Charles, Missouri.
- 12 Praise God for his love for you demonstrated through the death of his Son.
- 13 Pray for all pastors throughout the General Conference.
- 14 Pray for the Fletcher family in England.
- 15 Pray for Pastor Gary Turner and the work in Loves Park, Illinois.
- 16 Praise God for the faithful witness of your congregation.
- 17 Pray for the brethren in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 18 Pray for the Oregon Bible College student body.
- 19 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.
- 20 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 21 Pray for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.
- 22 Pray for a spirit of unity within our church denomination.
- 23 Praise God for the beauty of the autumn season.
- 24 Pray for an extra measure of patience in waiting on the Lord to supply your needs.
- 25 Pray for the churches within your state or conference.
- 26 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 27 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- 28 Pray for those you work side-by-side with each day.
- 29 Pray for a forgiving heart.
- 30 Pray for the ability to see those lost in sin with God's eyes.

Church News



OPEN HOUSE

In commemoration of 50 years in the Lord's service, the daughters of Francis E. Burnett and the Oaklawn Church of God would like to invite you to an open house on Sunday, September 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oaklawn Church of God, Koszta, Iowa.

If you cannot come, but would like to remember him, a card would reach him at Rt. 2, Box 13, Belle Plaine, Iowa, 52208.

—Martha, Mary, Miriam and Michal.

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Dixon—Richard E Lowery (5/27/90), Earl Poland.

INDIANA

Newburgh—Shawn Lee Medley (5/6/90), Roy Humphreys.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley—Carrie Piram (6/2/90), by her grandfather, Dale Rumsey; Michael Nelson (6/2/90), David Richert.

MISSOURI

Fredericktown—David Cooper (5/27/90), Heidi Richert.

OHIO

Troy—Magda-Lynn Vance, Donald Lee Vance (3/11/90), Scott Deane.

WEDDINGS

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Kim Wegner & Kenneth Walters (5/25/90), Stan Ross.

DEATHS

CALIFORNIA

Simi Valley—Jay Overholser, member (3/20/90), Warren Sorenson.

ILLINOIS

Eldorado—Mary K. McDaniel, member (4/19/20—5/3/90), Roy Humphreys.

Macomb—Virgil Weber, member (5/21/90), Richard Wooley.

Freshmen



Back row: Shawn Yager, Mark Cain, Daniel Smead, John Demmitt, Jeremy Smith. **Front Row:** Lorrin Raymond, Debbie Schmidlapp, Marcia Hall, Angie Gerber, Michelle Mattison, Denise Kump, Tony Cheatwood. **Not pictured:** Jason Cooper

Part-time

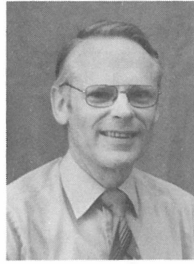


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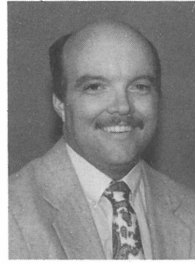
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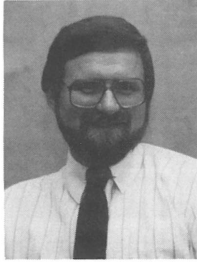
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David Krogh



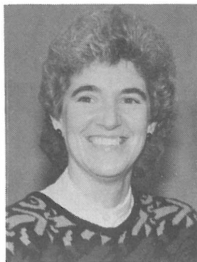
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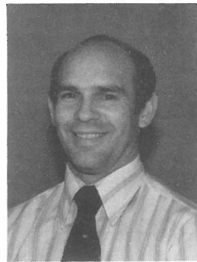
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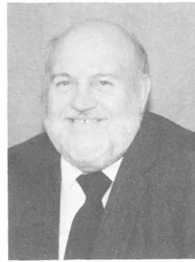
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Kathie Rager



Dale Ramsey



Kent Ross

Not pictured:
Debbie Schmidlapp
Eugene Stilson

The OBC Chorale

Every year Dale Ramsey rounds up a group of fine students and, after long hours of practice, takes them on the road. This year the Chorale ministered in song to nine churches on its route to the deep south, and to five others during weekends.

The highlight of the trip was a Louisiana swamp tour on air-boats. We saw a new and fascinating side of God's creation, and even got some hands-on experience.

Debbie Schmidlapp added a visual dimension to this year's Chorale as the choreographer for several of our numbers, and Dan Kennedy



Debbie Schmidlapp, Marcia Hall, and Daniel Smead demonstrate the bondage of sin during a Chorale intermission.

added musically with his excellent drumming. Julie Reye and Lori Dick, both seniors from our Oregon churches, also joined us with their talents. Julie and Dale performed the accompaniments.

In all, the tour was exciting and uplifting. Our prayer is that those we ministered to were blessed as much as we were.

Our thanks to Dale for the patience that became success—all to the glory of God.

Julie Reye and Lorrin Raymond—two prime catches from Louisiana.



The Chorale:

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| Sopranos: | Altos: |
| Amy Chandler | Lori Dick |
| Marcia Hall | Michelle |
| Debbie Schmidlapp | Mattison |
| | Julie Reye |
| | Angi Zimmerman |
| Tenors: | Basses: |
| Jon Cheatwood | Mark Cain |
| Jason Cooper | Daniel Smead |
| Dan Kennedy | Shawn Yager |
| Lorrin Raymond | |

Social Committee

The OBC Social Committee is organized to provide regular recreational activities for the students and staff to help sustain a healthy balance between work and play throughout the year.

The highlights of this year include: Fall and Spring Breakfast, Fall and Spring Progressive Dinners, Cartoon Film Festival, Costume Party & Scavenger Hunt, Thanksgiving Dinner, Nursing Home Caroling, Christmas Party, Toboggan Party, a field trip to two museums in Chicago, and the Golf Spectacular OBC Open.



Angi Zimmerman on the follow-through.

Shawn Yager, golf extraordinaire, expounds the fundamentals before the game begins.



A Moment of Excitement for Marcee

Marcee B is blessed with a naturally bubbly personality which serves as a valuable tonic for all of us here at OBC. But one morning shortly before the end of the school year something happened to create within her a special moment of enthusiasm!

"Kent! Anthony!" I heard Marcee's voice resounding throughout the lower floor of the Golden Rule building. Obviously some big news had broken and we were to be its first recipients.

"You've got to hear what I just heard on WQFL" (the local religious station). "They were talking about us! I mean, us non-Trinitarians . . . ! I mean, they didn't mention us by name, but they were saying that anyone who does not believe that Jesus is God is a member of a cult and cannot be saved!"

There are moments of satisfaction for teachers. Not that anyone can be happy to be labeled a cultist, but that what is taught in class in an "academic" setting suddenly becomes highly relevant and real in the life of a student. This was one of those times.

Marcee was breathless as she related the shocking news that we had been lumped with the cultists. What added to the intensity of her reaction to the radio was that a lady had called in saying that some of her own friends did not believe that Jesus was God. Marcee had been ready to grab the phone and join forces with that lady.

The stark facts of centuries of church history were becoming vividly real for Marcee as they do for all of us when we realize that the religious system calling itself "Christian" has for so long condemned as ignorant cultism the belief that God is a single, not a triune Person. The fact that God, the Father, is "the only true God" (John 17:3) remains "a belief of the fringe, fit for fanatics and unschooled cultists." And a prominent anti-"Cult" authority in Rockford was making its stand known on the air. The same organization provides the public with information by phone on all the possible "cults" it might encounter.

It never occurs to the "cult"-hunt-

ers, who believe in the immortality of the soul and a triune God, that they might themselves be the biggest cult of all. What a masterpiece of deception that would be!

For Marcee, that morning, truth became a live issue!

—Anthony Buzzard.



When Marcee is not serving as a valuable tonic, she spends time tuning her musical skills.

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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

Relocation Approved By Delegates

Relocation of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College from Oregon, Illinois, to Clayton County, Georgia, was approved by a sizeable majority.

The relocation issue was handled through a series of four recommendations as follows:

1. The motion to rescind last year's vote on relocation was approved 140 to 24.
2. A motion to suspend the rules so that a 2/3 majority vote could be required to approve relocation and the specific location was approved with a vote of 152 to 13.
3. The motion to approve the concept of relocation was approved 117 to 49.
4. The motion to amend the constitution to specify



Part of the 12.2 acres owned by the General Conference in Clayton County, Georgia.

Clayton County, Georgia, as the relocation site was approved 122 to 42.

The Board announced plans to borrow up to \$300,000 from restricted accounts to cover the cost of constructing the administration/classroom/library building and to cover mortgage payments for the land purchase.

A committee of the Board of Directors and staff will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on September 7 to
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Alumni Association Sets Goal of \$100,000

Members of the Oregon Bible College Alumni Association met at the Fonthill Church of God at the conclusion of the summer General Conference. After a fine banquet served by the members of the Fonthill Church, a business meeting was held. Those in attendance spoke with enthusiasm about the proposed move to Clayton County, Georgia. The Association

then voted to adopt an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 over the next three years to provide an alumni chapel for the college. This is a tremendous and exciting step of faith for the nearly 500 members of the Alumni Association. (See page 13 for additional alumni information.)

Youth Caravan to England Finds Prospects

June 19 - July 4, Kent and Cheryl Ross led a team of five young adults to Milton Keynes, England. Members of the team were: Marsha Hall from Michigan; Karen Hollis from Indiana; Julie Reye and Seth Ross from Illinois; and Jake Vassar from Washington.

The team worked with Jeff and Karen Fletcher delivering 20,000 pieces of literature around Milton Keynes; knocking on approximately 800 doors; conducting a two-day Bible school; and participating in three evening lectures.

As a result of the efforts of the team, over 30 new individuals or families have expressed an interest in knowing more about our church.

Special thanks is offered to all who financially supported the team and also provided prayer sup-

port. We continue to seek God's blessing on this effort to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God to a very needy culture.



Members of the England Caravan: (left to right) Jake Vassar, Marcia Hall, Seth Ross, Julie Reye, Karen Hollis.

Relocation

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finalize floor plans for the Administration Building. Application for a building permit will be made in October and plans are to begin construction by November 1.

Many individuals have offered their skills to assist with construction. (See page 14 for additional information on the construction schedule and an application form to help with construction.)

Buildings in Oregon, Illinois, have been listed with a realtor. Plans are also being developed to construct an apartment building to house students. As funds are available, construction will begin on this facility.

With special contributions received during the past year, the Board of Directors has established a Relocation Fund. \$14,500 had previously been received. An additional \$5,000 was received for the Fund at the end of General Conference. Other contributions have also been received. These funds are being used for: travel to relocation site; architect's fees; and any construction costs not covered by the sale of buildings in Oregon, Illinois.

We are grateful to God for the spirit of unity which prevailed during the summer conference. Many issues pertaining to relocation were discussed thoroughly at the business sessions and a special open meeting of the Board of Directors. The prayers of the entire membership have been appreciated as this important decision was made.

Team Visits Mexico

On August 7, 1990, five members of the Mexico Summer Ministry Team met with me in Harlingen, Texas, to complete preparations for the trip. The team members were: Andy Cisneros from Timberland; Brad Gaspar from Pine Grove Bible Church; Dyan Rhodes from Timberland; Susan Savage from Pine Grove Bible Church; and Kevin Schoenherr from the Eden Valley Church. Richard, Carol, and Tim Eldred met us there on the 9th. We entered Mexico on the 10th and came out again on the 17th.

The theme for the Vacation Bible School which was held August 12-16 was "Choose You This Day." Lessons focused on choices that we are called upon to make if we "choose" to live the Christian life and be a part of God's coming kingdom. Average attendance for the week was 99. I would estimate that of this number, 2/3 had

perfect attendance. We praise God for the way he worked through us and the Badillo family during this time.

On Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, worship services were held. Dick spoke each night and team members gave specials and testimonies. The attendance ranged from 35-80 at these services.

My very special thanks to Dick and Carol for agreeing to go along as drivers; to Dyan for going along to help us with translation; and to five very fine young people who shared Christ in a very loving way with lots of children. I also offer my thanks to all of you who contributed financially and prayerfully to make this trip a possibility. It is my prayer that in years to come we will see much fruit from the seed that is being planted.

—Judy Myers

Foreign Missions Coordinator

Conference Highlights

The 70th Annual and 1st Canadian Church of God General Conference was held at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, July 30 - August 2. The theme of the Conference was "Making Kingdom Citizens From Every Nation." The purpose of the Conference was to: cultivate and enlarge the world-wide perspective of the Church of God so that we can see ourselves as the agent to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom to all cultures; motivate and equip our members for outreach; reaffirm our commitment to the Kingdom message; exalt the King; and stimulate our members to Kingdom living.

Evening Activities

The Conference was launched with an inspiring parade of nations ceremony and sermon by Stephen Bolhous on "the Gospel of the Kingdom." The Christian flag along with flags from Canada, England, Liberia, Mexico, Peru, and the United States were placed on the stage to call attention to the international ministry of the Church of God General Conference.

The service was followed by a welcome reception hosted by Howard and Rosemary Shute.

The Tuesday evening message was delivered

by Pastor Billie Kennedy on the subject of "Renewed for Service." The Ministerial Association continues to spearhead an effort to encourage renewal throughout the Church of God. Pastor Billie Kennedy serves as the Chairman of the Revitalization Task Force.

Pastor Jeff Fletcher of Milton Keynes, England, delivered the Wednesday evening challenge "To the World." Based upon the missionary story of Jonah, Jeff challenged the Church of God to be obedient to the Great Commission.

Classes and Workshops

Adult Bible classes were taught by Willis Turner, Ed Goit, and Pastor James Graham. Youth activities were directed by Pastor Jon Welch. Pastor Ralph Childs was the director of the Bible School and Junior Church. Kathie Rager directed the Nursery Staff. Approximately 30 workshops were offered on a variety of topics.

Elections

Pastor Gary Burnham of the Fair Oaks Community Church of God in Herndon, Virginia, was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors. Gary replaced retiring Board member Elmo Gaspar who was presented a plaque of appreciation by President David Krogh. The officers elected for the coming year are: Pastor Scott Ross, Chairman; Dr. William D. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Donna Deane, Secretary; Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II, Treasurer; and Pastor Gary Burnham, Chris Ramsey, and Brenda Wessel, Directors.

The following individuals were elected to four-year terms on the Advisory Committees: Media Committee—Pastor Steve Taylor; Youth Advisory Committee—Pastor Richard Alcumbrack; Foreign Missions—Larrie Gaspar. Appreciation is extended to retiring Advisory Committee members Tim Landry, Alan Demmitt, and Alane Schimdlapp-Day.

Appointments

The Board of Directors appointed the following six individuals to serve on the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term: Joe James, Delbert Jones, Joyce Knapp, Paul Overholser, Don Overmeyer, and Don Ward.

Robert Smith of Blanchard, Michigan, was reappointed to the Trustees of the Investment Fund.

Concluding Service

The conference concluded on Thursday afternoon with a special service. Members of the Board of Directors were installed by Pastor Larry Mayberry, President of the Ministerial Association. Members of the License Board, Pastor Ray Hall, Pastor John Hearp, Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick, and Kent Ross conducted the license service. Jeff Bull, David Richert, and Richard K. Smith were licensed. Certificates of internship completion were awarded to Jeff Bull and David Richert by David Krogh, President of Oregon Bible College. The Communion Service was led by Pastors Francis Burnett and Ed Goit. Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II concluded the conference with a commissioning service for all who were present.

Business Sessions

The complete minutes of the business sessions appear on pages 6-10 of this JOURNAL. In addition to action on the recommendations, a major motion was proposed to return to the free literature campaign no later than January 1, 1992. Action on this motion will be taken at the 1991 summer conference.

A motion was adopted authorizing the Board of Directors to consider publishing the instructional material that we use as teaching material for all age groups and that qualified people be employed to write such material. This study will be undertaken during the coming year.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to members of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College staff by Chairman Ross.

Budget

The revised budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1990, to May 31, 1991, was approved by the delegates. It calls for contributions of \$424,500. A new budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1991, to May 31, 1992, was adopted with contributions needed of \$435,000. (See page 11 for a copy of the '91-'92 budget.)

Conference Attendance

Approximately 450 people attended the summer conference. More than 350 were registered for attendance at all of the regular sessions. This is approximately a 25% increase over the attendance last year.

Chairman's Message

THIS IS AN HISTORIC and significant General Conference. It is historic because it is the first time our General Conference has met outside of the United States. This reminds us that our mission is global. Jesus said: "Go ye into all of the world." We want to thank the Fonthill Church for their gracious hospitality.

This is a significant General Conference because we are in the midst of a time of change and transition that will impact the Church of God for many years to come. Change can be difficult, even painful, but sometimes it is necessary. There was a time when it was right for us to have our College and Conference in Oregon, Illinois, but things have changed. I have come to believe that now the time has come to relocate.

Events of this Past Year

Last year the delegates considered and passed a motion to relocate our College and Conference to either Springfield, Ohio, or Clayton County, Georgia, in the greater Atlanta area. The vote was by a narrow margin: 56% to 44%. Following a vote there seemed to be a coming together. A number of you stood on the conference floor and said, although you opposed the move, now that the decision was made you would get behind it and support it. There seemed to be an excitement as we viewed the move with anticipation.

The Board was given the authority by you the delegates to decide between Springfield and Atlanta. A team was sent to Springfield, Ohio, to gather data just as had been done with the other cities that had been considered earlier by the Board. The Board was furnished with all this information. They then met in Springfield to pray about this, discuss it, and vote upon it.

This was not something that could be defini-

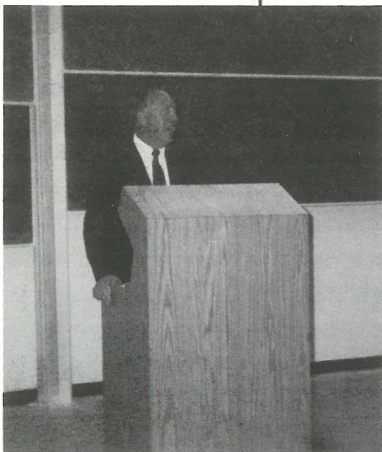
tively weighed and measured. It was a subjective decision. Given all the information and considering all the factors, the Board chose Atlanta believing it was the best choice for the future growth of our College and Conference. Because this was a "subjective" decision, some of you may weigh the same evidence and come to a different conclusion.

Following the publication of this decision, there was an outpouring of concern. We heard from many individuals and from some entire church bodies. Although there were a few letters written in the heat of anger, most letters expressed an honest and sincere concern that this decision, without greater support of the people, would cause our College and Conference to go backward, not forward.

The Board met again in January, considering all of the letters, spent much time in prayer, and tried to analyze the situation from every angle. We believe there were three areas where delegates had important questions unanswered and where there was confusion and misinformation.

First, people were concerned as to what staff was willing to relocate and who would be asked to relocate. In an organization the size of ours, it is very difficult to separate the organization from the staff. Last year we did not know. Now we do. David Krogh, Kent Ross, Dale Ramsey, Dick Eldred, and Anthony Buzzard have been asked, and all have agreed to relocate if the delegates approve relocation by a 2/3 majority vote.

Second, at the time of last summer's conference the Board believed that we could relocate for the same price that we could sell our campus in Oregon. By January we realized that was probably not so. It will cost us something to relocate. It will not be a "wash." Also, some had the perception that we would not and could not relocate until all the buildings in Oregon were sold. The Board believes that is not reasonable since we will probably not be able to sell our campus in one "chunk." We want to clarify that



Chairman Scott Ross delivering Chairman's message.

if the delegates support relocation, it will cost us something and we will proceed before we have sold every building.

If the delegates approve relocation and select Atlanta as the site, we will borrow \$300,000 from our own restricted funds to construct the administration building and to cover payments on the Atlanta property until it is paid off in July, 1991. We will actively pursue the sale of all of our buildings in Oregon through a commercial broker. People will be given an opportunity to contribute to the construction by participating in the construction and by contributing financially. As the buildings in Oregon sell, we will proceed with construction of the dormitory and pay off the money that we have borrowed from the restricted funds. We will plan to begin school in Atlanta in the fall term of 1991.

Third, the merging of questions of relocation and a particular site confused some delegates. Some said, "I voted for relocation but was sure you would select Springfield." Others said, "I favor relocation but did not like either Springfield or Atlanta and did not know how to vote."

Also, circumstances made it impossible for us to move by this fall anyway. Securing land, permits, etc., was taking longer than we had anticipated. At the time we met in January, the only staff we knew for sure would relocate were two.

Given all of those circumstances, the Board decided to come back to the delegates this summer and ask for a confirmation as to indeed how you want us to proceed. Do not be confused. **THE BOARD FAVORS RELOCATION.** Why then go back to the delegates, some have asked, since we did have the authority to and instruction from the delegates to move? But we recognize there is a big difference between moving and moving successfully. We want to move, but we want to move successfully!

Following January, we heard from many of you expressing your displeasure or pleasure at the Board's decision. We were told that we had the wisdom of Solomon and we were told we were idiots. I assure you, the truth is somewhere in between! For those who strongly favored relocation, I understand your disappointment. But if the idea is sound (and I believe it is) it will again be passed by the delegates and this time

with a strong majority.

The Board has sent out all the data. We are not trying to hide anything from you the delegates.

We need to catch the vision of what relocation can accomplish. Let me share with you my vision for relocation.

First, we will produce better pastors because

we will be able to "piggy-back" our program on that of Clayton State College, and that in turn will reach more people for Christ. We will remain a separate and unique institution. But our students will take their general education courses at Clayton State. This will

free our instructors to concentrate on Bible, theology, and ministry. It will open up much greater options for our students than we have ever been able to offer them.

Second, we will be able to lay out a brand new campus that will better be able to meet the needs of our students, that will be more economical to operate, that will attract new students. All of this will produce more and better pastors which will reach more people for Christ.

Third, we will produce better pastors because they will be trained in an urban environment, trained to reach out to people of the 90's, that in turn will reach more people for Christ.

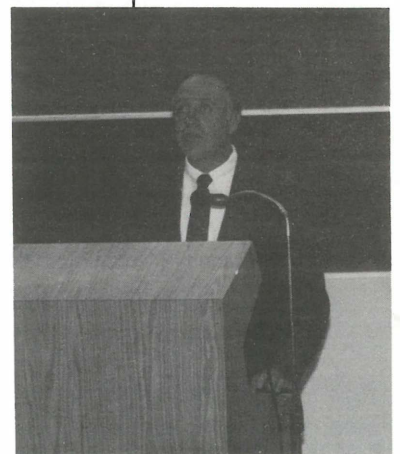
Fourth, we will be in a situation where new churches can be started continually so all our students can experience church planting which will produce better pastors which will reach more people for Christ.

Now is the Time to Decide

We have had a year of prayer and fasting for the goal of revitalization. Now is the time to decide. We have distributed all of the information we have. We don't need more information. Now is the time to decide. While this matter remains undecided, we are kept from the more important work we are called to do.

We need to focus our attention on the task at hand and resolve it so that the Gospel of the Kingdom will go forth, people will believe, repent, be baptized, and become disciples, so God will be glorified.

We are in the midst of a time of change and transition.



Chairman Scott Ross leading Business Sessions.

Business Session Minutes



Secretary of the Board of Directors, Brenda Wessel.

Monday, July 30, 1990

The first delegate session of the 70th Church of God General Conference was called to order at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, by Chairman Scott Ross. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Dennis Baldwin.

The chairman welcomed all attenders including 83 delegates, 46 pastors, and seven Board members, and reported that 350 have thus far registered for this conference. First-time delegates were recognized.

The chairman delivered his opening message to the delegates.

Special reports of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, Church of God Investment Fund, Ministers Fund, Christian Conciliation Board, License Board, and Oregon Bible College Development Foundation had previously been reviewed by delegates. Robert Coverstone moved to accept all reports as printed, seconded by Pastor Delbert Jones. Motion carried.

Bill Burnham presented financial reports explaining that even though contributions were greater than the previous year, they were still approximately \$30,000 short of the delegate-approved budget. He also explained criteria for restricted funds and their use. After discussion, Pastor Lee Arp moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Pastor Warren Sorenson. Motion carried.

Since the term of Board member Elmo Gaspar expires with this conference, the floor was opened for nominations to fill this position.

- 1) Pastor Warren Sorenson, on behalf of the Burr Oak Church of God, nominated Don Overmyer.
- 2) Pastor Larry Mayberry, representing the Ministerial Association, nominated Pastor Gary Burnham.
- 3) Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II, on behalf of the Arkansas Conference, nominated Pastor Tom New.
- 4) Pastor Wally Winner, representing the Southeast Conference, nominated Joe James.
- 5) Pastor Jack Hearp, representing the Northeast Conference, nominated Dwaine Demmitt.

Pastor Ron Macy moved to close nominations, seconded by Pastor Alan Cain. Motion carried. All nominees were introduced to the delegates and will be available at 6:30 this evening to talk with delegates in front of the Playhouse Theater.

Pastor Delbert Jones nominated Tim Landry for a position on the

Media Advisory Committee; however, after David Krogh reported that Tim Landry does not wish to be renominated, that nomination was withdrawn. Lyle Walkington then nominated Pastor Steve Taylor. Joe James moved that the nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Pastor Steve Taylor to serve a four-year term on the Media Advisory Committee, seconded by Joyce Knapp. Motion carried.

For the four-year term on the Youth Advisory Committee, Charles Jones nominated Pastor Tom Schmitt, and Jim Snyder nominated Pastor Alan Demmitt. Pastor Dave Cheatwood moved to close the nominations, seconded by Pastor Alan Cain. Motion carried.

Alane Schmidlapp-Day has resigned from the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee with one year left on her term. The chairman asked all delegates to consider this position prayerfully and nominations will be accepted during the Tuesday session.

The chairman announced that voting on all recommendations will take place during the Wednesday delegate session; however, discussion will be entertained during the Tuesday session and the Board session also scheduled for Tuesday.

Pastor Greg Demmitt, who is serving as parliamentarian for the business sessions, closed the meeting with prayer.

Tuesday, July 31, 1990

The delegate session was called to order by Chairman Scott Ross. The opening prayer was offered by Pastor John Railton.

Delegates present on this date were 99, pastors 58, and seven Board members, or a total of 164.



Flag ceremony at Monday evening service.

Minutes of the Monday session were read with no corrections noted. All minutes will be formally approved at the end of the final business session.

Pastor Greg Demmitt moved to reopen nominations for the Youth Advisory Committee, seconded by Pastor Larry Mayberry. Motion carried. Pastor Dick Alcumbrack's name was added to the previous nominations by Pastor Tom New. Pastor Greg Demmitt moved to close nominations, seconded by Pastor Alan Cain. Motion carried. Pastor Dick Alcumbrack was elected to the four-year term.

Paula Kirkpatrick nominated Larrie Gaspar for the Foreign Missions Advisory Committee. Pastor Delbert Jones moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Larrie Gaspar to fill the remaining one year of Alane Schmidlapp-Day's unexpired term, seconded by Chuck Currier. Motion carried.

The chairman recognized Pastor Wally Winner who moved that the Church of God General Conference return to the "Free Literature" campaign as instituted from January, 1973, to January, 1982, beginning as soon as it can be implemented, but not later than January, 1992; seconded by Pastor Gordon Landry. The chairman ruled this to be a major motion to be acted upon at the 1991 General Conference delegate sessions.

Kent Ross reported on the activities of the England Caravan in June of this year. Several good contacts were made and will be followed up by Pastor Jeff Fletcher upon his family's return to England.

President David Krogh presented plaques to Pastor Russ Magaw and Bill Burnham in appreciation of their years of faithful service to the General Conference. Plaques will also be presented to Eugene Stilson and Rick Cooper who were not present at the conference.

Chairman Ross advised delegates that at the request of Mrs. Hattie Bottolfs, the land she previously gave to the General Conference has been returned to her. The Happy Woods church was given clear deed to the seven acres on which the church sits.

It was also announced regarding the Digby, Nova Scotia, property, that approximately \$71,000 has been collected thus far from the sale of that property with \$20 - \$30,000 left to collect. These monies are being left in Canada at this time with the exception of \$7,375 which is the total of two Mission Builders appeals directed to Digby plus interest on this principal from the five years since the sale. This money will be returned to the Investment Fund as dictated by the rules governing the Mission Builders monies. The chairman expressed thanks to Howard Shute for his good stewardship in investing and handling this money.

Pastor Hollis Partlowe, recently appointed interim editor of *The Restitution Herald*, was introduced. Circulation goal for the com-



A General Conference delegate business session.

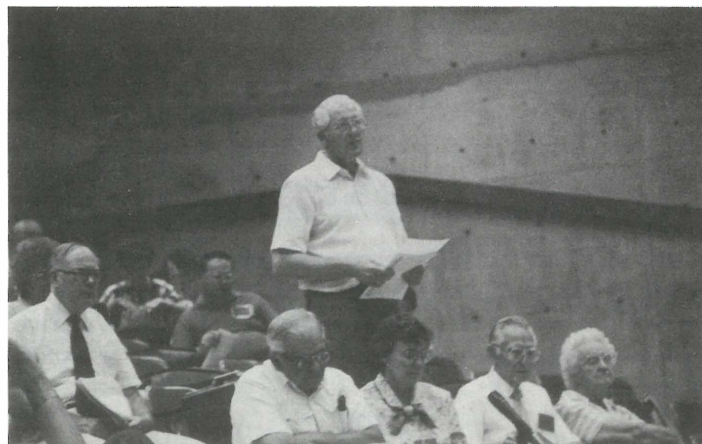
ing year is 1,000. He encouraged all to subscribe, distribute, and use *The Herald* in gift giving and requested Bible-related articles, church bulletins, and newsletters be sent to him.

Pastor Gary Burnham was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors.

David Riley, who will be a student at OBC this fall, has been hired as comptroller for the General Conference. He and his wife Ann will be moving to Oregon.

Pastor Russ Magaw was asked to share information regarding the new work in St. Charles, Missouri. Marcee Bolhous will be joining Russ and Joyce and Rick Cooper and family in this work. Helpers are needed for telemarketing August 19-30 and September 4-16. Volunteers may call 314-928-1221.

Pastor Steve Bolhous spoke regarding Concordia Seminary and its interaction with Brock University in much the same arrangement as envisioned by the Board of Directors for our College. Anyone who wishes may tour Concordia between 4 p.m. and the supper hour today.



Pastor John Hearp speaking at a delegate business session.



Members of the Board of Directors: (left to right) Scott Ross, Brenda Wessel, Vivian Kirkpatrick II, Donna Deane, Chris Ramsey, William Lawrence, Gary Burnham.

Dwaine Demmitt moved that the Board of Directors consider publishing the instructional material that we use as teaching material for all age groups and that qualified people be employed to write such material; seconded by Pastor Ed Goit. Motion carried.

Delegates were reminded that Recommendations 1-6 will be voted on in the Wednesday session. The floor was then opened for relocation discussion. Major issues of concern were 1) possible classes through Rock Valley College offered in Oregon, IL, 2) schedule for building dormitory, 3) out-of-state tuition/residency requirements, 4) possible financial aid for students, 5) the need to strive for accreditation and upgrading of our curriculum.

It was announced that the Delegate pool is \$203.36.

The meeting recessed with prayer by Pastor Warren Sorenson.

Wednesday, August 1, 1990

The session was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Pastor Michael Brown. Minutes of the previous session were read and noted corrections made. The credentials committee reported a total of 166 registered delegates including 101 delegates, 58 pastors, and seven Board members.

The following action was taken on Recommendations 1-6:

Recommendation #1: We recommend that the contributions to Church Builders League assistance be increased to \$25 for each appeal (limit two per year) and that a goal be established to have 1,000 active members in the league by the 1991 summer conference.

Pastor David Cheatwood moved to adopt, seconded by Steven Knapp. After discussion, verbal vote was taken and motion carried.

Recommendation #2: The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article II, Section 2c which has to do with delegates entitled to vote at business sessions. The new wording will read: "the President of the Church of God General Conference/Oregon Bible College."

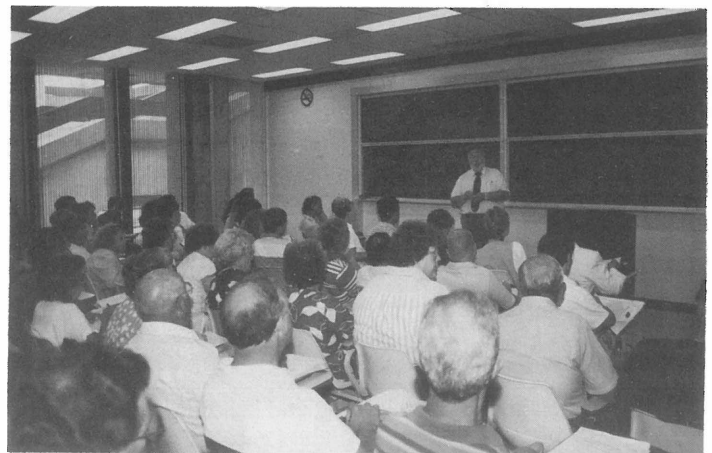
Joe James moved to adopt, seconded by Pastor Warren Sorenson. In discussion it was noted that reference to the Constitution stated in the recommendation is incorrect. Connie Scott moved to amend the recommendation which will now read, "The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article II, Section 3c [rather than 2c] which has to do with delegates entitled to vote at business sessions. . . ." Results of the ballot vote were 95 yes and 71 no. Since the recommendation did not receive the necessary 2/3 vote, this amendment to the Constitution will not be made.

It was pointed out by the the chairman that for recommendations requiring a 2/3 vote, this would mean 2/3 of the delegates voting rather than 2/3 of those registered.

Recommendation #3: The Board of Directors recommends the delegates rescind the following recommendation which was approved at the 1989 General Conference: "The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the corporate offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services."

Pastor Ron Macy moved to adopt; seconded by Pastor Michael Gallagher. After considerable discussion, Pastor Ron Macy called for the question. Results of the ballot vote were 140 yes and 24 no. Motion carried.

Recommendation #4: The Board of Directors proposes a "suspension of the rules" and that a two-thirds majority vote be required in order to approve relocation and that a two-thirds majority vote be



Kent Ross, instructor at Oregon Bible College, teaching a Church of God history class at the summer conference.

required in order to approve the specific location being recommended.

Marion Burnham moved to adopt, seconded by Hazel Shaw. After discussion, Pastor Dave Cheatwood called for the question. Results of the ballot vote were 152 yes and 13 no. Motion carried.

Recommendation #5: The Board of Directors presents for the approval of the delegates of the Church of God General Conference, the relocation of the Corporate Offices of the General Conference, including Outreach and Church Development, Oregon Bible College, Printing and Publishing Services, and Business Services.

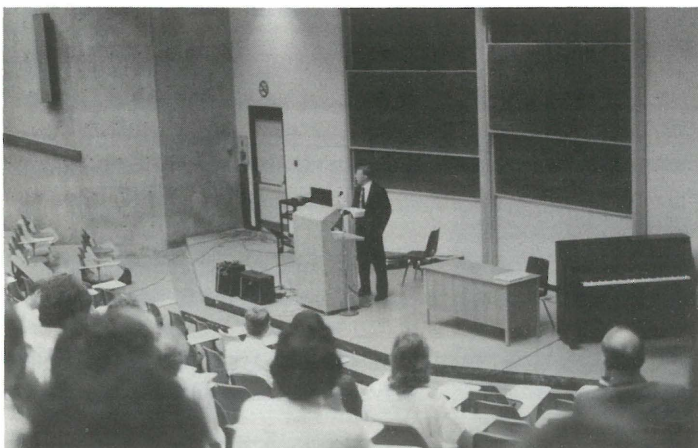
Joe James moved to adopt, seconded by Pastor Tom Schmitt. After considerable discussion, the chairman called for a time of silent prayer. Ballot vote revealed 117 yes and 49 no. Motion carried.

Recommendation #6: The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 1 of the General Conference Constitution: The General Offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be incorporated in the State of Georgia. (The present reading: "The General Offices of the General Conference shall be incorporated in the state in which the offices are located.")

After considerable discussion, the chairman again led in a time of silent prayer. Results of ballot vote were 122 yes and 42 no. Motion carried.

The chairman recognized Nola Jones who gave an update on the health of her mother, Muriel Hass, who recently had open heart surgery.

David Krogh called attention to the PACT pamphlet found in the registration packet and asked that prayerful consideration be given to additional contributions for this area of ministry.



Pastor Tom New presenting the message at an afternoon worship service at the summer Conference.



An evening barbecue held at the 70th Annual General Conference.

A videotape of numerous evangelistic meetings was presented to Pastor Francis and Iris Burnett by Kent Ross on behalf of the Burnetts' four daughters in celebration of their 50 years in the ministry. A standing ovation was given to the Burnetts.

Pastor Steve Taylor from the "Today's Good News" TV ministry announced there would be a Young Adult Weekend held at OBC October 5-7, 1990.

Pastor Alan Cain spoke regarding the need for parents and churches to begin recruiting OBC students by encouraging them at a very young age. He also expressed concern over retirees who also retire from the Lord.

David Krogh recognized the wives of those staff members who are leaving Conference employment for their support and encouragement. Recognized were Joyce Magaw, Marion Burnham, as well as Janet Stilson and Vickie Cooper who were not present.

Everyone was asked to complete the Conference evaluation form and the participation sheet found in each packet. These assist in evaluating this year's Conference and in planning for next year.

The chairman expressed appreciation to the delegates and praise to God for the spirit of love with which business had been conducted given the weighty matters of the day and the differences of opinions. Pastor Russ Magaw led in a standing ovation for Chairman Scott Ross as the primary catalyst in the promotion of unity during the session.

After a prayer for continued unity offered by Pastor Ed Goit, the meeting was recessed until Thursday, August 2.

Thursday, August 2, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Ross and opened with prayer by Pastor Michael Gallagher. Minutes of the

Wednesday session were read and corrections made. The Credentials Committee's final report was 101 delegates, 58 pastors, and seven Board members.

Chairman Ross commended President David Krogh for his service and excellent leadership, especially over the past two years, noting that the plan to rescind last year's relocation recommendation and bring the vote back to the delegates was his. He also expressed thanks to Lynne Krogh for her support of David and the General Conference.

Delegates considered the annual report of the General Conference printed in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. No questions or comments were noted.

Pastor Steve Taylor of the "Today's Good News" TV Ministry spoke regarding his work. He thanked all who have contributed financial and prayer support and spoke of his vision for this ministry. He is looking for resource people to write creative scripts.

Board member Chris Ramsey spoke to the group regarding opportunities to help in the construction phase of relocation. There will be two phases of construction. Participation sheets were handed out for any who want to sign up for this project. Further information will be available soon and will be dispersed.

David Krogh again discussed the PACT brochure.

A plaque was presented to Elmo Gaspar by President Krogh recognizing him for his faithful service and unique contributions in his four years on the Board of Directors.

The chairman gave information to those present regarding the possibility of having the 1991 summer conference in Atlanta. The Hyatt Regency Hotel has offered special rates for this conference over the week of July 1-5, 1991. A straw vote was taken regarding the possibility of Atlanta as opposed to other areas. A majority was in favor of Atlanta. Another straw vote was taken for meeting over the week of July 1-5 as opposed to meeting over a weekend. Fifty-seven preferred the week of July 4. Sixty-four preferred to meet over a weekend. Possible dates will be explored.

A straw vote was taken regarding the site for the 1991 Christian Workers' Seminar, choices being Atlanta or Gatlinburg. Twenty-two preferred Atlanta; 18 preferred Gatlinburg.

The chairman announced that the church in Harlingen, Texas, does not have a resident pastor and is looking for someone to come on a temporary



Pastor Steve Taylor of Blanchard, Michigan, reporting on Today's Good News television ministry.

basis to fill the pulpit.

Gayle Guthrie spoke regarding the *Focus* magazine published by the Christian Education Advisory Committee. These magazines are available to local churches.

Hazel Shaw suggested those planning retirement retire to the Atlanta area.

Chairman Ross presented certificates to the Conference staff for their years of outstanding service as General Conference workers and

expressed appreciation for their faithfulness.

Willis Turner representing the Illinois Conference requested an update on the status of preparation of extension or correspondence courses. Kent Ross responded to the question. To date, courses are not developed but some research has been done in this area. Pastor Ron Macy asked if the Board has placed a definitive time estimate on the production of the extension/correspondence course. The chairman stated that no time has been set. Pastor Ron asked the Board to pursue this actively. Others also spoke to this issue.

Charles Knapp asked all to consider in their local church the possibility of funding some preventive health care for their pastor.

Budget revisions for the current fiscal year were reviewed by President Krogh. When approved, the budget reflected relocation in 1990. Since the move did not take place, additional contributions of \$22,000 are needed. Pastor Delbert Jones moved to adopt the revisions to the June 1, 1990, through May 31, 1991, budget previously approved; seconded by Robert Coverstone. After discussion of budget items, the motion carried.

President Krogh spoke regarding the June 1, 1991, through May 31, 1992, fiscal budget and explained the implications of the free literature campaign, publishing of our own teaching materials, and other changes on this budget. Pastor Dave Wilsterman moved to adopt the proposed 1991-1992 budget as printed; seconded by Joe James. After considerable discussion, Don Overmyer called for the question. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Thursday session were read. Jim Snyder moved to approve all minutes of the 1990 delegate sessions; seconded by Ed Schroth.

Following announcements, Pastor Dick Eldred moved to adjourn, seconded by Pastor Russ Magaw. Motion carried. Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Dave Wilsterman.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Wessel, secretary.



Chairman Scott Ross presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Conference/College staff members.

Budget Adopted by Delegates

June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits	
Salary & Wages	\$300000
Social Security	23000
Employee Benefits	43000
General Operations	
Advertising-Recruitment	5000
Films, speakers	400
Insurance-nonplant	1000
Foreign Exchange	1500
Auto Expense	7500
Office Supplies	3500
Miscellaneous	600
Royalties	1000
Editorial	3500
Magazines - Library	2000
Periodicals/Books/Dues	3500
Postage	21000
Printing/Binding	55000
Professional Services	7000
Repairs nonplant	7500
Staff Education	14000
Mailing Supplies	1000
Supplies & Exp.	7500
Telephone	8500
Program Develop.	5000
Travel	28000
Assist. Miss,Pts	30000
Assist. Churches	12000
Plant Operations	
Property Insurance	2000
Repairs & Maintenance	1000
Supplies & Expense	1500
Utilities	10000
Addition to Plant	
Library Books	2000
Furniture & Equip.	5000
Purchases:	
Resale	18000
Assistance to Min. Assoc.	5000
Vehicle Replacement	5000
Contingency	20000
TOTALS	661500
Anticipated Income:	
Sales	55000
Herald Subs.	8000
Trust & Endow.	90500
Tuition & Housing	71000
Miscellaneous	2000
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	226500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED	
June 1, 1991 - May 31, 1992	435000
Contributions needed	
June 1, 1990 - May 31, 1991	424500

PRAYER AND PRAISE OCTOBER, 1990

- 1 Praise God as the Psalmist David did in Psalm 9.
- 2 Pray for the Fletcher family and the work in England.
- 3 Pray that God will lead Jeff and Karen to those whose hearts he is preparing for the message of truth.
- 4 Praise God for the ones who introduced you to Christ.
- 5 Pray for the instructors at OBC as they minister to the students.
- 6 Pray for OBC students as they perform Street Theater today and tomorrow for Oregon's Autumn on Parade.
- 7 Praise God for the ministry of your church and the leadership he has sent to you.
- 8 Pray for the Fletchers this month as they anticipate the arrival of a new baby.
- 9 Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Labor Vieja, S.L.P., Mexico.
- 10 Praise God for the youth of your church and for those who work with them.
- 11 Pray that God might be actively leading many toward full-time Christian service.
- 12 Pray for the students of OBC.
- 13 Pray for ministers throughout the conference who daily give their all in service.
- 14 Pray for your pastor today as he brings you God's message.
- 15 Praise God for the heritage of faith passed down through the years by faithful men and women.
- 16 Pray for the brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 17 Pray for the Gary Turner family and the work they are doing at Family Bible Fellowship in Loves Park, Illinois.
- 18 Praise God for the church in which you were raised and received your early Bible training.
- 19 Pray for the following OBC students today: Jon Cheatwood, Earl Poland, Mark Mattison, Jason Turner, Aaron Wells, and Steve Zimbelman.
- 20 Pray today for these OBC students: Mark Cain, Michelle Mattison, Lorrin Raymond, Daniel Smead, and Shawn Yager.
- 21 Pray for your local church leadership today.
- 22 Pray for the following OBC students today: Angi Zimmerman, Sarah Buzzard, Seth Ross, and Lee McMinn.
- 23 Praise God for the promise of eternal life through his Son.
- 24 Pray today for OBC students David Riley, Jeff Moore, Jason Cooper, Robert Farrell, and Lee Hammonds.
- 25 Pray for OBC students Lonnie Craig, Karen Hollis, Maude Hunter, Amy Jett, and Kevin Schoenherr.
- 26 Praise God for each of the students he has sent to OBC this year to train for ministry.
- 27 Pray for David Krogh as President of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 28 Pray for the new St. Charles church which has its first service today.
- 29 Pray for Russ and Joyce Magaw, Rick and Vickie Cooper and family, and Marcee Bolhous as they provide leadership at St. Charles, Missouri.
- 30 Pray for Kent Ross and his role as Vice President of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 31 Praise God for the editors of our Sunday School materials.

PRAYER AND PRAISE NOVEMBER, 1990

- 1 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 2 Pray for Hollis Partlowe and his work as interim Editor of *The Restitution Herald*.
- 3 Praise God for your family and the way he blesses you daily.
- 4 Pray for the St. Charles services today and for the OBC students who are participating in them.
- 5 Pray for members of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference as they serve us.
- 6 Pray for the Advisory Committees of the Conference as they advise in their areas of expertise.
- 7 Praise God for the beauty of his creation.
- 8 Pray for the opportunity to boldly share Christ with someone this week.
- 9 Pray for the ministry efforts in Milton Keynes, England.
- 10 Pray for the staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 11 Praise God for the ministry of Oregon Bible College on this Booster Sunday.
- 12 Pray for the ministry team and core group at St. Charles, Missouri.
- 13 Pray for the preparations being made for relocating the Conference and College.
- 14 Pray for the leaders of the Church in Labor Vieja, Mexico, as they minister in the village.
- 15 Praise God for the faithfulness of the Badillo family.
- 16 Pray for the Family Bible Fellowship in Loves Park, Illinois, and for the Turner family as they serve there.
- 17 Pray for the Sunday School teachers of your church as they prepare for tomorrow.
- 18 Pray for your pastor and his family today.
- 19 Praise God for your friends and business associates and ask him to help you share Christ with them.
- 20 Pray for the OBC students as they take their final exams today.
- 21 Pray for OBC students who will be traveling home for Thanksgiving and for break.
- 22 Praise God for all his bountiful blessings to you and your loved ones.
- 23 Pray for a spirit of unity among all the brethren of the Church of God.
- 24 Pray for your pastor as he finishes plans for tomorrow's services.
- 25 Pray for the Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and music leaders of your church.
- 26 Pray for Christ's soon return.
- 27 Praise God for the promises of everlasting life through acceptance of Christ as Savior.
- 28 Pray for the secretarial staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 29 Pray for David Riley and his role as comptroller of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.
- 30 Pray for someone today who needs salvation.

President's Report

Church Builders Appeal #65

The Board of Directors has designated the Fair Oaks Community Church of God at Herndon, Virginia, as the recipient of Church Builders Appeal #65. The church building has been restored and improved following a massive fire in February, 1989. It was necessary to bring the building up to building and fire codes and improvements were made to the parking and landscape. The church is located in rapidly growing Fairfax County, 16 miles outside of Washington, D.C. There is an average daily traffic volume past the church site of 24,000.

A small private school is currently using the facilities Monday through Friday. This provides an outreach ministry for the church.

The cost of the rebuilding and remodeling was approximately \$160,000. Of this amount \$102,000 was covered by insurance. This Church Builders Appeal will assist toward the additional expense.

The Appeal will be issued in September.

Staff Addition

We are pleased to have Terri Moore join the Conference and College staff as a secretary and supervisor of the mailing department. Terri's husband Jeff has enrolled at Oregon Bible College. They are from the Pine Grove Church in Minneapolis. Terri brings skill, experience, and education to her position. We are glad to have her as a part of our staff.

Church-Planting Aid

For the past ten years, bequests and gifts have been given to the General Conference earmarked for church-planting projects. The General Conference Board of Directors has established The Church-Planting Endowment Fund which will preserve the principle and make interest earnings available for church-planting projects.

At its meeting in August, the Board of Directors approved applications from the St. Charles Community Church in Missouri and the Family Bible Fellowship in Loves Park, Illinois, to receive aid of \$400 per month during the next year. Our goal is for new churches to become self-supporting within three to five years. Until that time comes, there is a need to help underwrite these outreach efforts.

In addition to this aid, new churches are also eligible for Church Development Aid. The Board of Directors has also approved St Charles Church to receive \$500 a month for the coming year.

In addition to General Conference resources, we appreciate the individuals, local churches, and state conferences that also help to underwrite church-planting projects.

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Oregon Bible College

Kent Ross



Last Year in Oregon

It's with a mixture of both sadness and anticipation that we begin this 1990-1991 school year here at Oregon Bible College. With the vote of the delegates at our 1990 General Conference to relocate to Georgia, this will be both our fifty-second and final year as Oregon Bible College.

And yet there is also a sense of anticipation as we look forward to the changes both in location and program as we prepare to head for Morrow, Georgia. While it won't be Oregon Bible College (for

a new name will be chosen), it will continue to hold and teach those same truths that have been advocated down through those 50+ years as Oregon Bible College.

Along with the decision to relocate to Georgia, the delegates also instructed the Board to plan on holding the 1991 General Conference sessions there in the vicinity of our new location. Thus we hope you will plan now to be our guest as we will look forward to welcoming you to our new campus.



New Year and New Faces

Each fall we welcome back returning students and also welcome a new freshman class. This year we not only have a talented freshman class coming in, but we also have some outstanding students coming in with advanced standing, having done collegiate work at other schools.

Entering as freshmen are: Lonnie Craig (Illinois), Bob Farrell (Michigan), Lee Hammonds (South Carolina), Karen Hollis (Indiana), Maud Hunter (Virginia), Amy Jett (Virginia), Kevin Schoenherr (Minnesota).

Those entering with advanced standing

include: Sarah Buzzard (Illinois), Mark Matison (Louisiana/Michigan), Lee McMinn (South Carolina), Jeff & Terri Moore (Minnesota), David & Ann Riley (Michigan), Seth Ross (Illinois), Aaron Wells (Illinois).

Returning students include: Mark Cain (Illinois), Jon Cheatwood (Illinois), Jason Cooper (Missouri), Michelle Mattison (Louisiana), Earl Poland (Maryland), Lorin Raymond (Louisiana), Daniel Smead (Missouri), Jason Turner (Illinois), Shawn Yager (Nebraska), Steve Zimbelman (Illinois), and Angi Zimmerman (Illinois).

Alumni Organization

The OBC Alumni Association sponsored its annual Banquet and Meeting this summer at Glad Tidings Church in Font-hill, holding it in conjunction with General Conference.

The newly elected officers for the future are: Pastor Jon Welch ('85), President (1990-1993); Roger Cupp ('69), Vice-President (1990-1992), and Cheryl Ross ('66), Secretary-Treasurer (1990-1991). After this election, future elections will be for three years.

The Alumni Association, responding to the vision of a revitalized Bible College, decided to make a bold statement and set a goal of raising \$100,000 for the new Bible College Chapel over the next three years. Our thanks to the vision of the Alumni in setting this bold step of faith!

When members of the Alumni Association decide to send contributions it is very important that they clearly designate those contributions for the Alumni Chapel Fund.

Booster Sunday

It's planned for later this year . . . for Sunday, October 28, 1990. Dale Ramsey is in charge of it, and he'll be sending complete information soon.

We're deeply appreciative of the help

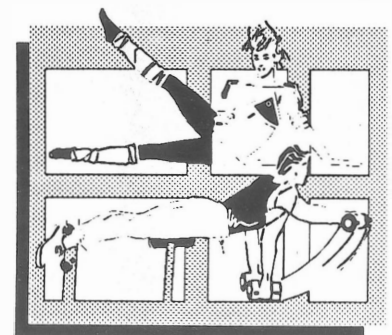
given the Bible College by members of the Church of God year after year. These funds have been used in many ways around the college—from the library to student financial assistance—and it is always a blessing.

Young Adult Weekend

Plans are well under way for the Second Young Adult Weekend. Pastor Steve Taylor (Blanchard, Michigan), and Pastor Dale Bliss (South Bend, Indiana) are planning the event. Already the initial advertisements have drawn a lot of interest.

Shortly a further brochure and registration form will be sent to the churches and the expectation is that more than 60 will be here in Oregon for this special time of enjoyment and spiritual enriching.

The dates are October 5-7, 1990, during Oregon's Autumn-on-Parade. Here at the



college we're preparing to act as your hosts. We look forward to your being here on campus with us.

Construction of Buildings

Plans are being finalized for the construction of an Administration Building and Student Housing in Clayton County, Georgia. Many Church of God members have expressed a willingness to volunteer time and talent to construct the buildings. Below is a tentative schedule for

construction. If you are willing to offer your help, please fill out the form on the back page of this JOURNAL and send it to Church of God General Conference, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Volunteer help will stretch our construction dollars.

JOIN THE WORK FORCE

SAVE \$ \$ \$

BUILD UNITY

INVEST YOUR TIME AND TALENT

RALLY BEHIND YOUR BIBLE COLLEGE

	Sept/Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	Secure permits/ Build Driveway/ Prepare site			Framing, set trusses, sheathing roof decking, shingles, install doors & windows			Hang drywall, finish drywall, prime & paint		Move from Oregon to Morrow, GA	
	Pour footings & walls, backfill & compact, Mech. rough-in (heat, plumbing, etc.)			Interior studs Electric wiring Plumbing Insulation			Hang interior doors, trim doors & windows, carpeting, set stools, sinks, etc.			
				Sofit Gutters & down spouts Brick (both buildings)						
WORK ON STUDENT HOUSING GROUNDS	TRIMMING AND REMOVING TREES FOR WALK WAY . . . SIDEWALKS/ BLACKTOP/SEEDING YARD/ LANDSCAPING/RECREATION AREA									
	SAME AS ABOVE				Framing, set trusses, sheet- ing, roof decking, shingles Install doors & windows			Hang drywall Finish drywall Prime and Paint		
	SAME AS ABOVE				Interior studs Electrical wiring Plumbing Insulation		Hang drywall Finish drywall Priming & painting Staining & varnishing		Trim doors & windows Carpeting	

Proposed Name Change for Oregon Bible College

In light of the relocation of Oregon Bible College, the Board has adopted the following procedures to select a new name:

1. Suggested names will be solicited from the entire membership of the Church of God from now until April 15, 1991.
2. A committee consisting of the following will review the applications and make a recommendation to the delegates at the 1991 summer General Conference:
 - a. A pastor selected by the Pastors' Association.
 - b. An alumnus selected by the Alumni Association Officers.
 - c. A student attending Oregon Bible College in the 1990-'91 school year selected by the student body.
 - d. A member of the Oregon Bible College/Conference staff selected by the staff.
 - e. A member of the Board of Directors selected by the

Board of Directors.

3. The committee will meet during Ministers' Conference (April 29 to May 3) to review all the suggested names.
4. The committee will recommend one or more names to be proposed to the delegates at the summer conference. The recommendation(s) will appear in the May/June PROGRESS JOURNAL.
5. Delegates will vote on the recommendation(s) at General Conference (July 3-7, 1991).
6. The first individual to submit the name that is selected will receive free registration at the 1992 General Conference.

Suggested names should be sent to:

Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Entries will be recorded as the date of their postmark.

In case of a tie, the winner will be selected by a special drawing.

Fathers and mothers, the grandest book in the world is the Holy Bible. Your sons and daughters will soon, of necessity, be the Bible teachers in the Church of God. The Church of God cannot be strong to fulfill its mission in the world unless our youth is well trained in the Book of Books and in Christian leadership.

Nations conscript youth to fight and kill. The Lord invites youth to study and serve that men might be saved unto everlasting life.

These words appeared in *The Restitution Herald* on October 3, 1939 before the first year of The Bible Training School in Oregon, Illinois. Fifty-one years have passed and now the time has come to move. As Oregon Bible College begins its final year in Oregon, it prepares for its relocation to Clayton County, Georgia.

Yet the call of then remains the call of now.

Youth of the Church of God, your service must be a part of this progressive feature of our national work. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

For more information contact: Kent Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, Ph. (815) 732-7991.

1990 Men's Retreat

The Annual Men's Retreat will be held November 9, 10, 1990, at Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana. The theme is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." The program is being planned by Pastor Chuck Jones.

The program begins with registration at 7:00

p.m. on Friday, November 9, and concludes at 2:45 on Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$25. Please send entire payment to Pastor John Railton, 16623 State Rd 23, South Bend, Indiana 46635. The payment is refundable if you are unable to attend.

Caribbean Cruise

The Pine Grove Bible Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is sponsoring a Caribbean cruise in January or February, 1991. We would like to invite you to join us on this fun-filled cruise as an old Camp Mack friend. It has been a long time since Camp Mack so we would just like to get together for some fun in the sun and good Christian fellowship with old friends.

If you are interested in joining old Camp Mack friends or you never went to Camp Mack but would also enjoy some fun in the Caribbean with Christian people just send a note to: Vicki Bormes, 19512 Country Circle East, Rogers Mill, MN 55374, phone 612-420-3107.

We need to hear from you by October 1, 1990, at the very latest if you would like to join us. The travel agent has booked several cabins for us so it is imperative for us to hear from you right away. We anticipate the cost of this cruise to be between \$799 and \$1,200 per person. This includes round-trip airfare and cruise for seven days in the Caribbean. We already have several couples who are interested in the cruise and the more we have going the less the cost will be per person.

As soon as we know how many will be joining us, we will send you more details regarding exact cost and date of the cruise.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

—Vicki Bormes.

Christian Workers' Seminar

The 1991 Christian Workers' Seminar has been scheduled for April 5-10 at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1900 Sullivan Rd, College Park, Georgia 30337. The hotel is located several minutes from the airport and several miles from the new Conference/College property in Morrow, Georgia.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, and will conclude with the Tuesday night lodging, April 9.

Rates are as follows: Early Bird Regular

Four Persons to a room	\$185	\$205
Three Persons to a room	\$205	\$225
Two persons to a room	\$245	\$265
One person to a room	\$370	\$390

Additional program information will be available later.

1991 General Conference

Plans are being made to hold the 1991 General Conference at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport Hotel at College Park, Georgia. It will be at the same facility as the 1991 Christian Workers' Seminar. The conference will be held from July 3-7. The program will begin with registration on Wednes-

day afternoon and will conclude with a worship service following breakfast on Sunday morning, July 7.

The program committee is being appointed and additional information will be available on the Conference at a later time.

Church News

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Eldorado—Shawn Medley (5/5/90), J. Roy Humphreys. Kristin Wetzel and Jennifer Wetzel (7/1/90), elders.

INDIANA

South Bend—Jeffery Osborn (7/1/90), John Railton.

MICHIGAN

Wyoming (Southlawn)—Wayne Wilmsen (8/19/90), Chuck Jones.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield—Nicholas Jerome Dilley and Timothy William Madigan, Jr. (7/15/90), S. O. Ross.

Hector—Bethany Sandifer (6/26/90), Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

MISSOURI

St. Charles Community Church—Edith Miller (8/25/90), Russ Magaw, George Kugler.

OHIO

Springfield (Lawrenceville)—Peggy Alison (6/19/90), John Hearp.

Urbana (Chapel Hill)—Mary Ludden and Russell Murray (6/17/90), Jimie Fryar (7/8/90), Fred Pensyl.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Eldorado—Mary McDaniel, member (5/5/90), J. Roy Humphreys.

INDIANA

South Bend—Evelyn Perry, member, (7/13/90), John Railton.

OHIO

Springfield (Lawrenceville)—Clark Ballentine, member (5/19/90). He served the Lord faithfully as a Sunday School teacher and elder, president of the Northeast Conference, and member of the Board of Directors, Church of God General Conference, John Hearp.

AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

Leon Driskill, RR 4, Bx 945, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

October 5-7 is the time the Northeast Conference will meet at the Lawrenceville Church of God in Springfield, Ohio.

The Conference was organized here 50 years ago in 1940.

E. Richard Smith will be the guest speaker. There will be classes and activities for all ages.

Please join us for this celebration.

For more information write or call the Lawrenceville Church of God, 4444 St. Paris Pike, Springfield, Ohio 45504; Telephone (513) 964-1441.

—John Hearp.



BUILDING DEDICATION

Members of the congregation of Pine Grove Bible Church are happy to announce completion of their building project. While finishing touches need to be done, the build-

ing has been granted final approval, and they have had occupancy for a few months. The dedication services of the new church facilities have been scheduled for September 15th and 16th. They invite all to join in their celebration as they dedicate their building to God with the hopes of bringing others to know Christ Jesus.



The completed Pine Grove Bible Church at Minneapolis, Minnesota.



A group meeting for Bible Study at Lima, Peru.

President's Report

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Bottolfs Property Returned

In 1967, Carl and Hattie Bottolfs donated approximately 52 acres of land to the General Conference in Hammond, Louisiana. The act of donation required that the property be developed and used solely for religious and ecclesiastical purposes by the General Conference. In 1975, 6.4 acres was leased to the Happy Woods Church for the construction of a new building.

Over the years, several studies have been made on how this property could most effectively be used to further the Lord's work. No appropriate plans were developed which were financially feasible for the General Conference.

Recently, Sister Bottolfs requested the return of the property since it had not been developed. The Board of Directors has complied with her request and the property has been deeded back to her.

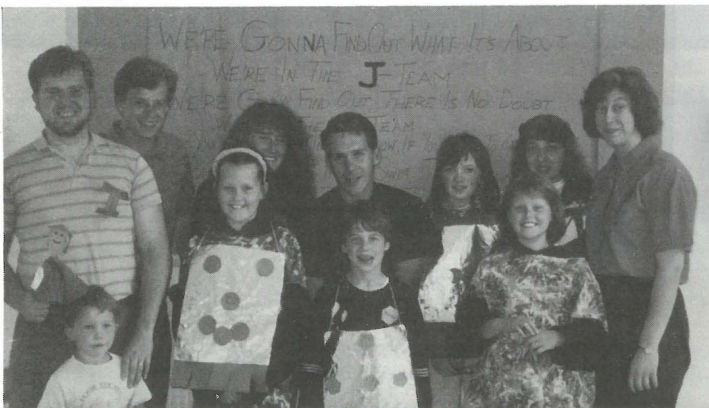
The Board of Directors regrets that this property could not be fully used in compliance with the wishes of the donors. However, we are grateful for the benefit which has accrued to the Happy Woods congregation as the site for its building.

Canadian Development Foundation

Several years ago, the church and parsonage in Digby, Nova Scotia, were deeded to the General Conference when a decision was made to close the work there. The property was rented for a time and was later sold on contract. Proceeds from the rent and contract payment have been held in Canada in the Church of God Canadian Development Fund. This fund was created by the Board of Directors in anticipation of the starting of additional churches in Canada. Pastor John Hearp managed the fund for several years and currently Howard Shute of the Fonthill Church is serving as manager of the fund.

There is currently over \$60,000 in cash in the fund. In accordance with the rules of the Church Builders League, funds advanced by the Church (Mission) Builders League to the Digby Church have been returned to the General Conference and placed in the Church of God Investment Fund.

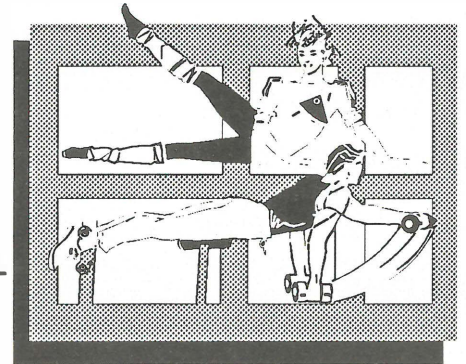
Consideration is being given to exploring church-planting opportunities in Canada.



England Caravan along with Pastor Jeff Fletcher and children from the Bible School.

Shaping Our Church Commitment

- Social
- Time
- Service
- Spiritual



Second Annual Young Adult Weekend October 5-7, 1990 at Oregon Bible College

Special Feature:

Music Concert Featuring John Reichert

John Reichert is a talented musician and songwriter from the Timberland Bible Church in South Bend, Indiana. John, a husband and father of three children, has felt a call from God to a music ministry. He has written approximately 50 songs, each with a strong Bible message and many focusing on the vital theme of the Kingdom of God.

We will be blessed by John's music ministry on Saturday evening, October 6.

CHURCH BUILDERS LEAGUE

Goal: 1000 Members

The Church Builders League is a plan for sharing the cost of providing facilities for new and existing churches from which the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God can be preached.

Members of the Church Builders League agree to contribute \$25 to each appeal. Two appeals are sent each year. The Church (Mission) Builders League was organized in 1957 by action of General Conference delegates. Since its inception, 65 appeals have been issued.

Delegates to the 1990 Summer Conference adopted a goal to have 1,000 active members in the League by the 1991 Summer Conference. There are currently approximately 600 active members of the League.

Requests for assistance are submitted to the General Conference Board of Directors. The Board reviews each application on the basis of standards for churches applying for League assistance as adopted by the delegates.

Individuals, youth groups, Sunday school classes, families, men's groups, women's groups, missionary societies, or anyone interested in the expansion of the Lord's work may be a member of the Builders League.

Church Builders assistance is used primarily for these congregations:

1. Buying or constructing church buildings which have not owned a building previously
2. Which are meeting in a building of their own which is not specifically suitable for worship and are buying or constructing church buildings
3. Relocating to a more desirable site
4. Those which are purchasing land for a new building
5. Which have outgrown their present facilities and are enlarging, buying, rebuilding, or exchanging

In the event that no church request is approved for Church Builders League assistance, an appeal will be issued on behalf of the Church of God Investment Fund or one of the General Conference endowment funds as designated by the Board. The Investment Fund exists for the purpose of making loans to churches at a reasonable rate of interest.

CHURCH BUILDERS LEAGUE

The growth and development of the Church of God is important to me. To help to do my part I will participate as a member of the Church Builders League. Contributions of \$25.00 are suggested for each appeal (2 per year).

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Conference/College Building Project

I would like to help with the construction of the new Conference/College buildings in Clayton County, Georgia

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Type of work able to do _____

Dates available to work _____



House located on the property owned by the General Conference in Clayton County, Georgia.

CHURCH BUILDERS APPEALS

Appeal			Appeal		
#	Church	Year	#	Church	Year
1	Dayton, OH	1958	35	Blanchard, MI	1975
2	San Jose, CA	1959	36	Litchfield, MN	1976
3	Digby, Nova Scotia	1959	37	Eldorado, IL	1976
4	Bedford, OH	1960	38	Kokomo, IN	1977
5	Peoria, IL	1960	39	Valley Church— Van Nuys, CA	1977
6	Hector, MN	1961	40	Gatesville, TX	1978
7	Troy, OH	1961	41	Greenville, SC	1978
8	Digby, Nova Scotia	1962	42	Forest Hills, AR	1979
9	Whitnel, NC	1962	43	General Conference Repairs	1980
10	Denver, CO	1963	44	Blood River, LA	1980
11	Omaha, NE	1963	45	General Conference Repairs	1980
12	Columbia Station, OH	1964	46	McGintytown, AR	1981
13	Minneapolis, MN	1964	47	East Oregon, IL	1981
14	Uddaiwan, Philippines	1965	48	Little Rock, AR	1982
15	Raymore, MO	1965	49	Omaha, NE	1982
16	Lombard, IL	1966	50	Brush Creek, OH	1983
17	St Louis, MO	1966	51	South Bend, IN	1983
18	Eternal Hope, VA	1967	52	Blanchard, MI	1984
19	Phoenix, AZ	1967	53	Colorado Springs, CO	1984
20	Macomb, IL	1968	54	North Kent, MI	1985
21	L'Anse, MI	1968	55	Investment Fund	1985
22	Pomona, CA	1969	56	Baton Rouge, LA	1986
23	Happy Woods, LA	1969	57	Minneapolis, MN	1986
24	Graytown, WI	1970	58	North Kent, MI	1987
25	Garden Park, MI	1970	59	Investment Fund	1987
26	Columbus, OH	1971	60	England House	1988
27	Royal Village— Front Royal, VA	1971	61	Southlawn, MI	1988
28	India	1972	62	Oregon, IL	1989
29	Rockford, IL	1972	63	Cool Spring, VA	1989
30	Pleasant Hill, OH	1973	64	Chapel on Hill— Urbana, OH	1990
31	Philippines	1973	65	Fair Oaks, VA	1990
32	North Hills, OH	1974			
33	Flagg Center, IL	1974			
34	Lafayette, IN	1975			

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