

# Ministers Under Stress

by Hank Whittemore

**M**EMBERS OF ATLANTA'S prestigious Wieuca Road Baptist Church were shocked last year when their long-time pastor, Dr. William L. Self, then 58, announced that he was resigning because the stress of the job had become too much for him. "Unless I quit now," he told them, "my obituary will read, 'Bill Self today sank like a rock—beat up, burned out, angry and depressed, no good to himself, no good to the people he loved.'"

For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Self had been seemingly tireless as a preacher, teacher, minister, counselor, fund-raiser, and administrator. What gradually wore him down, he says, was "subconsciously navigating into the age-old 'walk on water' syndrome—the notion that, because you're a preacher, you can accomplish anything."

"I did not have a crisis of faith, but of emotion and energy," he says. "It's almost impossible for leaders of a congregation to accept that their pastor needs pastoring. So I began to strangle on my anger, finding myself unable to sleep and even losing interest in studies that I love. I was unraveling, collapsing inside and coming to realize that if the church was not going to take care of me, I'd have to start taking care of myself. The church is the only army that shoots its wounded, but I refused to let that happen to me. Instead, I fell on my sword."

Dr. Self, who is now a member of Atlanta's business community, is in demand as a "minister to ministers" who confidentially seek his advice.

A number of Church of God members read the article Ministers Under Stress which was printed in *Parade* magazine in 1991. Several members sent a copy to the General Conference office, expressing their concerns for Church of God pastors. Please give careful consideration to how your church can support and encourage your pastor. —Editor

"I'm out of the system," he explains, "so they'll talk to me. The same kinds of pressures are on them too. All we have to do is look around and see that preachers and rabbis and priests are dropping like flies, leaving their ministries or letting the stress erupt into headlines."

There are 537,379 clergy members of all faiths in the United States, according to The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., with more than 335,000 of them serving churches or synagogues. Roy Oswald, a senior consultant of The Alban Institute—a nondenominational organization based in Washington, D.C., that offers consultation, leadership training and referral services for churches and synagogues nationwide—estimates "conservatively" that 17 percent of the parish clergy he has worked with in more than 20 years of consulting are suffering from long-term stress or burnout. Increasingly, these wounded healers are reaching out for help through counseling and psychotherapy—or "hitting bottom" and winding up at professionally operated treatment centers around the country.

Public scandals involving overstressed clergy often result from sexual misconduct with parishioners—"carnaling out," as ministers refer to it—but prolong stress is also a factor in alcoholism, drug abuse, overeating, and other addictions. It can mean depression, anxiety, heart attacks, or cancer. The Southern Baptist Convention reported last year that, after maternity benefits, the largest portion of the \$64.2 million paid to pastors in medical claims during 1989 was for stress-related illness.

Oswald defines burnout as a "disease of the overcommitted who refuse to come to terms with their limitations." The experience in the 1960's of the Rev. Richard Busch, 58, then a minister of an Episcopalian church in a Los Angeles suburb, is one example. "I allowed my life to become a work  
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binge of giving, giving, giving, until I gradually became aware of my own pain and loneliness," recalls the Reverend Busch. "Over time, I moved from being physically tired to emotionally exhausted and finally wiped out. I was angry with myself and angry at God—just spiritually drained."

Today, as director of the Center for Continuing Education at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, the Reverend Busch runs a six-week residential program for clergy. With group support, ministers are encouraged to "give voice to their pain and brokenness" as a way of beginning the process of healing.

The Rev. Robin Rauh, 40, then an Episcopalian minister at the Church of the Apostles in Fairfax, Virginia, attended the Virginia seminary program. "The accumulated stress and pain of the ministry just piled up until there was a big question about whether I could go on," he recalls. Without a six-week sabbatical, he adds, he wouldn't have known what to do. Instead, he began "a real turnaround," which enabled him to continue in the ministry.

"When stress on the culture rises," says Oswald, "people bring that pressure to their church, along with higher expectations of the clergy. But, at the same time, it's less and less clear what it means to be a pastor. As a result, clergy are trying to live up to these expectations by covering all the bases, but it's never enough. They can't quit at the end of the day and feel they've done everything, because there's always someone else in need.

"It's clear that where a society is in trouble, the pastor will be in trouble," says Peggy Shriver, head of a National Council of Churches group called Professional Church Leadership, which is studying major Protestant denominations. "Today's problems—unemployment, homelessness, broken families and so on—all become burdens on a pastor who really cares. A lot of ministers want congregations to care more about the issues on their doorstep—to become less simply recipients of what the church has to offer and more engaged in providing it to others."

But the result is often conflict that can lead to the pastor being unable to cope or simply being fired. The Southern Baptist Convention reported that, during an 18-month period ending in 1989, some 2100 pastors were fired—a 31 percent increase since 1984. "Other denominations are more discreet in putting out such figures," Oswald says, "but those conflicts and firings are happening in congregational churches of

every kind across the board."

Of about 53,000 Roman Catholic priests in the country, 18,000 are serving parishes. "Expectations are expanding," says Father David Brinkmoeller, director of Priestly Life and Ministry at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. "A priest is expected to be spiritually deep, theologically wise and fiscally clever, while being good at preaching and counseling with young and old. Each person in the congregation expects only a limited something, but the conglomeration can be overwhelming."

"Diversity of expectations is the common factor," agrees Rabbi Paul Menitoff of Boston, director of the National Commission on Congregation-Rabbinic Relations for more than 1800 of the country's 6500 rabbis who serve congregations. "A rabbi must live with the idea that some groups in his congregation feel he's not hitting the mark for them, because one person can't do everything. So I talk to a considerable number who, if not suffering from burnout, are certainly dealing with stress."

Applicants to Catholic seminaries are declining—for every 100 priests now leaving active ministry, only 59 others are replacing them, according to Dean Hoge, a sociologist at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He says the main reason is the Catholic Church's refusal to let women be ordained and to allow optional celibacy. "Because of the loneliness and isolation they feel, the alcoholism rate is just enormous."

But the story of clergy in crisis cuts deeper. As more ministers confront their pain and learn about themselves, evidence shows that many initially became healers because of unresolved problems in their own childhoods.

"I came from a dysfunctional home and had zero self-esteem," says Father Paul Rasmus, an Episcopal priest who left his Florida parish while being treated for alcoholism and going through a divorce. Afterward, he returned to the clergy with new inner strength and now serves as a priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. "The church was a great place for me to try to get those needs met," he says. "I find that a lot of us, growing up, wanted to save our families—but, when that was impossible, we went out to save the world. We're generally workaholics, and we're great at fixing other people, but we don't have the foggiest notion of what to do for ourselves."

Among the experts who agree is Dr. Wayne Fehr, the

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director of spiritual care at Saint Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, an ecumenical treatment facility for clergy established in 1988 by the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee as part of Rogers Memorial Hospital. "A substantial number come from that background," he says, "and they share an excessive, compulsive absorption in work, to the neglect of their personal needs. There's a deeply rooted, overwhelming need to please others, to take care of everybody else, to avoid conflict—but at some point it becomes too hard, and everything breaks down."

"Ministers often go into the field with the expectation of being loved and idealized, of getting from the people of their congregation what they didn't get from their own parents," says Dr. Glen Gabbard, director of the C.F. Menninger Memorial Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, a major referral center for troubled clergy. "They try to be loving to others in hopes of getting love in return—but often, to their surprise, they're met with a host of problems and become the target of complaints, resentment, and disappointment."

A new consumer mentality among church members also contributes to the pressures within, says the Rev. Luther Kramer, president of the Key Pastoral counseling Center in Huntsville, Alabama. "Instead of sticking to a church," he says, "people are shopping around for religious services. Rather than working to resolve issues when they don't get what they want, they go somewhere else. Or they get rid of the pastor—especially if the church isn't gaining members. It's like firing the coach who doesn't have a winning season. Meanwhile, you get power struggles over how much money is spent, what programs are offered, even the sermons that are preached. All that adds up to a lot of insecurity and stress for clergy."

As authority figures, says the Reverend Kramer, ministers become parental substitutes onto whom "people project unresolved needs or angers about Mom and Dad." At the same time, he notes, people today have less trust of authority, along with a lower image of the ministry itself—in large part because of recent scandals involving TV evangelists. Being among the last generalists in an educated society that honors science and specialization, pastors can feel a sense of impotence and irrelevance.

Another factor is financial strain. Many small churches with 200 members or less cannot afford a full-time pastor, and more spouses of clergy are working than ever before. (The Department of Labor estimated a \$23,000 average annual income of Protestant ministers in 1988, citing a \$38,000 figure that included fringe benefits such as housing and insurance.) In addition, men and women leaving semi-

naries with heavy tuition debts are often second-career people who already have families to support.

"We need to install mechanisms for preventive care and guided growth, with procedures for intervention before stress leads to burnout and crisis," says David Richard, a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church who runs a counseling service for clergy in Coral Gables, Florida.

In agreement is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the 92-year-old author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*, who says courses in "stress control" should be given by seminaries as part of ministers' training. "It's impossible to live without stress today," Dr. Peale says. "The issue is whether stress is under control or not. Stress under control is actually a good thing, because it's energy, and without energy no one can do a distinctive job in the world."

As Dr. Self puts it, "Pastors are the preachers, the dream-givers, and the vision-keepers, and they're still the front line in caring for people. But they have a longing for people to turn around and care for them too. Well, that's not the reality of church life. So I tell young men and women starting out in the ministry to create a pattern of taking care of themselves. Nobody else is going to do it."

At treatment centers like St. Barnabas, however, ministers usually arrive too late for self-help. "They've reached spiritual bankruptcy," Dr. Fehr says, "They've become alienated from self, from the people closest to them, from God—and to admit having lost the inner meaning of their own message is a matter of considerable shame." Paradoxically, he adds, "It is often only the experience of their own helplessness that opens them to the discovery of grace." Salvation begins, Dr. Fehr says, "when they start to find an inner source of self-worth that is more basic than trying to be this perfect, Godlike person who blesses and saves everybody else."

The group support at the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1988 enabled the Reverend Rauh to "gain more awareness of my own personality and motivations and to start clarifying my values," he says. Today, as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Huntsville, Alabama, he feels that his ministry is "less of a burden and more of a service to God, with whom I have a much deeper relationship."

"A minister is not a doctor whose primary task is to take away pain," wrote Henri J.M. Nouwen in *The Wounded Healer* nearly two decades ago. "Rather, he deepens the pain to a level where it can be shared." Those who suffer the most and receive the therapeutic help available today are, perhaps ironically, closer than ever to embodying Nouwen's concept of an "authentic" minister, whose service "comes from a heart wounded by the suffering about which he speaks." ●

# College and Conference Update

## ABC Opens Fall Quarter with 39 Students

We rejoice in a sizeable increase in enrollment at Atlanta Bible College this fall. A total of 39 students are enrolled, up considerably from 22 last year.

There is an excellent spirit and ministry involvement by our students. All students are involved in one of five ministry teams. Students are assisting with the Fast Forward Youth Program at New Friends Bible Church which meets on Wednesday evenings; other students are helping with the after-school Bible Club on Fridays;

students staff children's programs on Wednesdays and Sundays; students have been visiting a prison and a nearby nursing home; several of the students have started a home Bible Study for new ladies who have been attending our church; one of our students led a person to Christ recently; other students are pursuing the construction of homes for homeless people.

We praise God for sending a group of dedicated students who are very committed to preparation for ministry and for making their lives count right now.

## Geographical Distribution of ABC students as of September 1992:

### MAP KEY

- 1 - Arkansas
- 1 - Arizona
- 5 - Georgia
- 6 - Illinois
- 6 - Indiana
- 4 - Louisiana
- 4 - Minnesota
- 3 - Missouri
- 2 - Nebraska
- 4 - Ohio
- 2 - South Carolina
- 1 - Virginia



## Board Meets

The Board of Directors met on the campus of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference on October 2 and 3. Before beginning their meeting, the Board joined the students and staff in their chapel service. Pastor Stephen Bolhous was the speaker. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- 1) Reviewed the exciting beginning of the new school year and reviewed a list of prospective students for the 1993-94 school year.
- 2) Discussed progress toward the sale of three remaining Oregon properties. Negotiations continue on the sale of the Women's Dorm.
- 3) Discussed the Board's plans to visit local churches.
- 4) A house that was owned in Colorado Springs has been sold. \$21,000 netted from this sale and from a bank account from the work have been placed in the General Fund to help with expenses in this current fiscal year.
- 5) The telephone fund-raising program was reviewed. There has been a 12% increase in the number of financial supporters from

- 6) The Board met with a group of Atlanta Bible College students who shared a desire to build a home in the area near the campus for needy individuals. The students will continue to develop these plans.
  - 7) Discussed staff goals/responsibilities, organizational chart, combining all staff in Atlanta, and the role and work of the five advisory committees.
  - 8) Reviewed preliminary plans to revise and reprint the Historical Waymarks of the Church of God.
  - 9) Discussed plans for the 1993 General Conference at Purdue University.
  - 10) Reviewed and discussed the pastoral longevity report.
  - 11) Made a list of items for extended discussion at the long-range planning meeting to be held in Atlanta January 28-30, 1993.
- The Board is glad to hear from members regarding any and all aspects of the Conference and College work. Suggestions can be made to any member of the Board or President David Krogh.

## Full Apartment Building

We rejoice in the seventy-five percent increase in enrollment this year over last year. This increase has caused nearly every available space to be used in our apartment building.

In early January two additional apartments will become available because of seniors who will graduate in the middle of the year and other housing changes. This will provide additional space for new students as well as provide additional space for our present students.

As needs arise, we will also be making space available in the duplexes which the college has purchased across the street from the campus.

Dealing with space needs are the kinds of problems that we are glad to have. We will do everything possible to provide adequate facilities for our student body.

## Booster Campaign Report

We are grateful for the many individuals who have provided financial support and have agreed to pray for Atlanta Bible College. As of this writing, 270 adults and young people and 43 children have become boosters. A total of \$7421.10 has been received. We encourage every member family of the Church of God to consider being a prayer partner and/or a financial partner of our Bible College.

## College/Conference Staff Needs

Plans are being developed to move our publishing offices from Oregon, Illinois, to Atlanta, Georgia, in the summer of 1993. We may be filling the following positions at that time:

- Editor of Publications
- Associate Editor—responsible for technical aspects of publishing department
- Part-time proofreader
- Part-time typesetter
- Part-time Mailing Department worker
- Full-time secretary

We would be pleased to hear from individuals who might have an interest in being considered for one of these positions. Contacts will be kept confidential. Please contact the President for more information regarding these positions.

## Wills, Bequests, and Special Gifts

The Church of God General Conference was named as a beneficiary of the estate of Russell Harman who died in December of 1991. Brother and Sister Harman were long-time members of the Church of God and were faithful supporters of the Conference and College during their lifetime. We are grateful for those who have remembered the Lord's work in their will.

There are several ways that wills, bequests and special gifts can be made to the College and Conference for special needs.

- 1) Funds directed to special projects such as our relocation fund, updating equipment, etc.
- 2) Grant and scholarship funds encourage and help students at Atlanta Bible College and help provide trained leadership for the Church of God. Funds can be given for current students or can be set up in trust with the interest earnings funding ongoing grants and scholarships.
- 3) Memorial gifts in memory of a relative or loved one provide lasting recognition. Such gifts can be given for the Memorial Library, or other aspects of College and Conference work.
- 4) Life insurance can be secured or assigned with the General Conference or Atlanta Bible College as the beneficiary. This is an excellent way to provide a tax-free future contribution from your estate.
- 5) Bequests made in one's will assure that part of the estate will be used in the Lord's work as designated. Proper wording for including the College and Conference in your will is: "To the Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference, 5823 Trammell Road, Morrow, Georgia 30260, incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia, I bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in support of the work of said corporation as authorized in its articles of incorporation and by-laws."

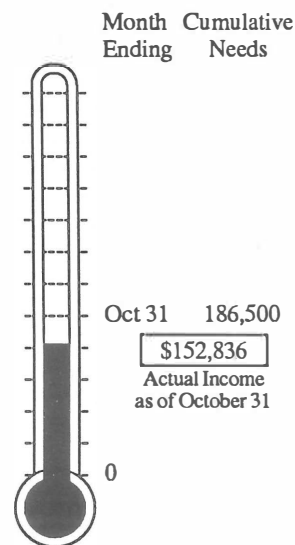
## Financing the Lord's Work

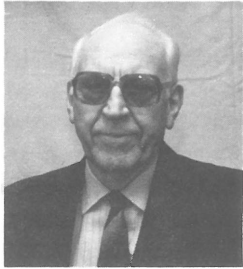
Much of the work of the College and Conference is intangible as is much of church work. We can count the number of students at the Bible College and the number who graduate, but who can estimate the influence of students and graduates in the cause of the Gospel? We can count the number of quarterlies, tracts, and *Restitution Herald*s published, but who can know how many times they are read and how they influence the lives of the readers?

We can tell you precisely the cost of our operations at the end of each month, but who can know the good that is done by the teaching, the preaching, the correspondence, that result from these expenditures?

We continue to sow seeds liberally and are convinced that many of them are taking root now and will take root in the future to bring forth fruit for the Lord. Your contributions have made this sowing possible, and the Lord knows the results of these efforts. Thank you for joining with us as partners in the Gospel.

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## Stan Ross

Stan Ross was born March 30, 1911, to Henry and Anna Ross near Forest City, Minnesota. He was reared in a family of ten children where he learned the joy and love of family, the discipline of hard work, the importance of honesty, and that every person needs to give to others and his community. Active in school, he excelled in academics, sports, and with people. He attended college in Minneapolis and then moved to Litchfield, where his parents then lived.

When a young man, he contracted tuberculosis and nearly died. During the time of his recovery and convalescence he often walked from his parents' home on 4th Street to downtown. On these walks he met Elna (Peggy) Ruhn. They fell in love and were married December 15, 1939. Three children were born to them: Kent, Scott, and Connie. They made their home on 4th Street in Litchfield.

On November 10, 1940, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Pastor Walter Wiggins. This began a life-long walk of commitment to his Lord and Savior. He was always active in church work on a local, state, and national level. In 1947 he helped establish the Litchfield Church of God.

In 1961, at the age of 50, he responded to the call of God and accepted a position with the Church of God General Conference, moving to Oregon, Illinois. He was granted a ministerial license that year, and in 1967 was ordained. While at the General Conference he served in a variety of positions—Superintendent of Missions, college instructor, and office manager. In 1968 he was appointed Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, a position he held until 1980. His work at the General Conference brought him new and dear friends throughout the United States and the world. While Executive Director he and Peggy traveled around the world and met with world leaders.

In 1980 he returned to his home on 4th Street in Litchfield, and at the age of 69 he began a new career

as pastor of the Litchfield Church of God, a position he held until he retired in 1990 when he was nearly 80. While pastoring, he had a regular radio program in the community, served on a number of community boards and committees, and was active in state and national church work. But he especially loved pastoring—caring for and helping people.

He had tremendous and unflinching love for his family. He and Peggy were happily married for nearly 53 years, always caring and sharing with each other. He was proud of and loved his children—Kent, Scott, and Connie—and their spouses—Cheryl, Gayle, and Steve. A special joy to him were his grandchildren—Christy, Seth, Jonathan, Kirk, Sarah, Zachary, and Stephanie and their spouses, Jeff and Julee. He loved family—his brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh and tell jokes. He carefully followed sports and world events. He loved to play games with family and friends. Few nights passed when he and Peggy did not play a hand of Skip-bo, Dominoes, or Rumi-cube.

Stan was always active in public service, seeking to help and build in the communities in which he lived. He really enjoyed people—knowing thousands by name and genuinely caring about those he knew.

Stan loved his Lord and the church, working tirelessly in helping and caring for people with tremendous energy and strength. He was widely respected and loved by people in the community, by people in the Churches of God throughout the world, and by his family. During the past two months when it was learned his illness was terminal, Stan heard from hundreds of friends from around the world. I want to read from one letter received last week—not because it was unusual, but because it was typical of the letters, cards, visits, and phone calls he received. The note said:

“I just wanted to tell you how much you mean to me. You truly are an example of God’s love to everyone you know. Your understanding and support helped to get me through some rough times. You have really made a difference in my life. I love you.”

What better tribute could be given to say to someone—“You have really made a difference in my life.” His example of how to live and love and care and share and help and build is one we all need to remember. Because we have known him we are all a little richer.

Stan Ross has made a difference in our lives.

*(Written by Scott Ross on behalf of the entire family.)*

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# Funeral Sermon for Stan Ross

**M**Y FRIENDS, we are gathered here today for three specific purposes: to pay our respects to Stan Ross; to support his family in their time of sorrow; and to review once again the Scriptures which give us hope and comfort.

First, to pay respect to Stan Ross.

If we were to grant the opportunity, I know that many who have been blessed by Stan's life and ministry would take the opportunity to pay tribute to him today. Those who worked with him in public service here in Litchfield; friends who knew him in this community; members of the Litchfield Church of God which he served; fellow pastors with whom he has associated; Board members and denominational leaders with whom he served; many in the membership of our association of churches which he served for many years; all of these people could speak endlessly of the life and work of Stan Ross.

The presence of so many here today is a testimony of the love, honor, and respect you have had for this loved one, brother in Christ, and friend.

May I please on behalf of all who would like to speak today, recite only briefly some of the ways in which Stan has had an influence on others.

First and most importantly, he was a Godly man who loved God and the Lord Jesus with all of his heart and strength. He demonstrated his commitment to God and his work by responding to God's call much as Abraham did so long ago, by leaving his home and work in Litchfield to move to Oregon, Illinois, where he accepted a position as Superintendent of

Missions for the Church of God General Conference. A few years later he was named Executive Director of the Conference. His leadership, serving 11 years on the Board of Directors of the Conference and 19 years on the staff, moved the Church of God ahead in many ways, and much of what we are today as a group of churches is the result of his vision and leadership.

He was a man of honesty and integrity who was loved and respected by people in this community. He was also loved and respected by members of the Church of God around the country. During the past three months, I have been repeatedly asked by many, "How is Bro. Ross? How is Stan doing?"

He was also a civic-minded individual who worked for the well-being and the benefit of this community as well as the city of Oregon, Illinois, where he and Peg lived for 19 years.

He was a public servant earlier in his

employee of the General Conference he would work five days in the office and then on Saturday he would take off on a weekend trip to visit a church; he would get home late Sunday night, and be the first one back in the office on Monday morning.

After "retiring" from the Conference in Oregon, Illinois, he began another career as pastor of the Litchfield Church of God, and under his leadership the church grew and reached many people for Christ. He also remained active in community affairs and in many General Conference activities, serving as Chairman of the MVRA for 12 years, an organization which he was primarily responsible for organizing 23 years ago; serving on our Christian Conciliation Board; as pastor to our pastors; as President of the Church of God Ministerial Association; as President of the Minnesota State Conference, and after once again retiring as pastor of the church here, he continued as chairman of the Church Board and elder.

I was fortunate to know Stan for most of my life and I always had the greatest respect and admiration for him. I knew him when I was growing up. I knew him as my instructor at Oregon Bible College. I knew him as a mentor, as a boss, as a

friend, and as a colleague in ministry.

Stan always enjoyed hearing and telling a good joke. He looked at the lighter side of life and certainly believed the words of Proverbs 17:22 which says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." He brightened many occasions and many lives with his humor.

Stan was an outgoing, friendly person

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*He was a Godly man who loved  
God and the Lord Jesus with all  
of his heart and strength.*

life, being elected to four terms as Clerk of the District Court of Meeker County.

And as many of you know, he was a type A personality—a take-charge person—a man of action who couldn't hold still—one who wanted to be involved—one who was a good organizer and administrator—one who seemed to be tireless in carrying out his duties. As an

who was a personal friend to so many; a caring man who invested his life in others.

And though we have enumerated some of his many accomplishments, he was also a humble man who perhaps would be embarrassed by this restatement of all that he has done. And if he could speak he would undoubtedly say that the credit did not belong to him, but it was God who accomplished many things through him. He would give God the glory.

And so we have gathered here today, from far and wide because of our desire to show the high esteem in which we held this great man.

Second, we have gathered here to show our support to you Peg, to you Kent, Scott, Connie, to you spouses, to you grandchildren, and all the others of you who feel the deep loss of your loved one. We want to stand with you in your time of sorrow; we want to grieve with you, and we want to surround you with our love. We know the pain that you are experiencing and your sense of loss, because we are experiencing the pain too, though perhaps to a lesser degree, and we want to give you comfort and encouragement.

Third, we have gathered here today to recite once again the beautiful words of Scripture which give us hope and strength. We are here today to review one more time the words of Scripture which Stan so strongly believed, which Stan preached, and upon which he founded his life.

There are actually two sets of Scripture which we wish to recite today: those Scriptures which speak of the hope of the believer; those Scriptures which promise God's comfort in time of sorrow and need. First, those Scriptures which speak of our hope.

The hope offered in Scripture and the hope of Stan Ross is the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead. These thoughts are so beautifully presented in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

The message and the sequence of events are clear:

1. Some believers will fall asleep in death. The Bible often refers to death as a sleep, a place where the dead are not aware of the passing of time. (Psa. 146:4; Eccl. 9:5.) Sleep is a perfectly natural part

of our existence. We do not fear these moments of rest; in fact, we often need them and wish for them. Sleep may break our contact with reality for a time, but we know the morning will follow. We will awaken with renewed strength for the challenges of a new day. In such respects death is just like sleep. For those who have hope in the resurrection, we need not be any more afraid of the close of life's day than we are of every approaching sunset.

2. Jesus will come back to this earth.

3. A loud command, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet call of God—this is not something that is happening in secret.

4. Dead in Christ will rise first. As Dr. Alva Huffer says in his book *Systematic Theology*, "It matters not how long one has been dead nor where he may be buried. God knows the resting place of each saint. One may be buried in some obscure cemetery; his grave may be covered with weeds; his tombstone may have crumbled to dust; men may have forgotten his name. But that matters not. God has not forgotten; He will always remember. At the appointed time, He will raise that believer from the dead to immortality."

5. Those still alive when Jesus comes will rise up into the clouds to meet Jesus as He descends to earth. Those alive when Jesus comes will have no priority over those who have died. In fact the dead have a priority over the living. They will rise first.

6. So shall we be with each other and with the Lord here on the earth throughout eternity.

This is the clear testimony of Scripture—stated not only here, but in many other places of Scripture. This was the clear understanding and belief of Stan. His hope was in the truthfulness of these precious promises. These were not only the guiding principles of his life, but these were the principles which he shared with others so that they too might have hope in Christ.

Our hope and Stan's hope of resurrection are based upon the resurrection of Jesus: 1 Corinthians 15:21-28.

Once again the sequence of events from this passage is clear:

1. Because of the sin of one man, Adam, all men are under the curse of death.

2. Jesus is the first man to be raised to immortal life—He is the first fruits, implying that there is a second fruit.

3. Second coming of Jesus.

4. The resurrection of those who belong to Him.

5. Jesus will bring the whole world into subjection.

6. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

7. Then Jesus turns everything over to His Father, so that God may be all in all.

Is there anyone here today who is confused about what the future holds? If so, the Bible has the answers. The Bible lays out for us God's plan for the future.

For those of us who have lost loved ones, the return of Jesus, and the defeat of death cannot come too soon!

And oh what a beautiful picture we have of God's plan for the future as we see the triumphal return of Jesus as presented in Revelation 19:11-16. Jesus comes as the triumphant Warrior-Messiah-King. And then we have the great promise of a new heaven and new earth presented in Revelation 21:1-4. That is the kind of world God has planned—a world far different from what we know today; a world far different from what the politicians are promising us today.

The hope of the second coming and resurrection is not just a teaching of the New Testament, but it is presented by Old Testament writers as well: Job 19:25-27; by David—Psalm 17:15. It was also the hope of many other men and women of faith.

Not only do these verses of the future give us comfort, but there are so many other Scriptures that assure us of God's love and His help in time of need: 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 91:1, 2; Psalm 23—God knows that many of us must go through the valley of the shadow of death and He promises to go with us.

And then in conclusion, we have the beautiful words of comfort in Romans 8:35-37. Nothing can separate us from the love of God and Christ.

May these words bring comfort to each of you today. —David Krogh.



# Report of Baptisms 2,000 by the Year 2000

Jan. 1, 2000

47
142
170
55

April 1, 1992 - August 31, 1992	47	Total 414
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	142	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	170	
January 1 - May 31, 1990	55	

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### PRAYER AND PRAISE—December, 1992

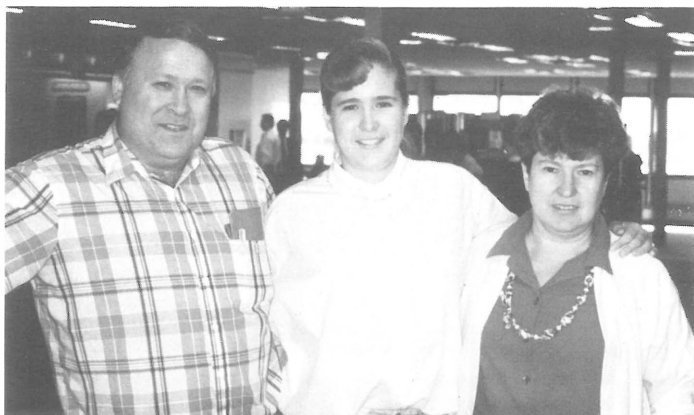
- 1 Pray for Jeff and Becky Bull and their ministry in Litchfield, Minnesota.
- 2 Pray for Tracy Savage and the outreach efforts in St. Petersburg.
- 3 Praise God for the dedicated service of College and Conference staff.
- 4 Pray for the ABC students as they complete this trimester.
- 5 Pray for the Badillos and the believers in Mexico.
- 6 Praise God for the Sunday School curriculum developed to teach our distinctive truths.
- 7 Pray for Ray and Sue Hall and the congregation at Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, MI.
- 8 Pray for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.
- 9 Praise God for the ministries of your local church.
- 10 Pray for those making preparations for the 1993 Christian Workers Seminar.
- 11 Pray that God might lead you in your walk with Him.
- 12 Praise God for the building that has been provided for the Lafayette, Indiana, group.
- 13 Pray for your pastor as he shares God's Word today.
- 14 Pray for the faithful believers in the Philippine Islands.
- 15 Praise God for the students and staff of the College.
- 16 Pray for Ray and Mary Vadnais and their ministry in Champion, Michigan.
- 17 Pray for the believers in India.
- 18 Praise God for the beauty of this holiday season.
- 19 Pray that God will speak to you through the ministries of your church.
- 20 Pray for the pastors throughout the Conference as they lead in worship.
- 21 Praise God for the opportunity to minister in Russia.
- 22 Pray for Tracy Savage as she shares the Kingdom message in St. Petersburg.
- 23 Pray for Hollis Partlowe in his ministry as Interim Editor of *The Restitution Herald*.
- 24 Pray that the true meaning of Christmas will not be hidden in all the hustle of the day.
- 25 Praise God for the gift of His only Son.
- 26 Pray for Scott and Gayle Ross in their ministry to the Jaynes Street Church in Omaha, Nebraska.
- 27 Pray for the teachers in your church.
- 28 Praise God for David Krogh and Kent Ross' leadership of the College and Conference.
- 29 Pray for the members of the Holbrook, NE, church.
- 30 Pray for the St. Charles Community Church and the Magaw family.
- 31 Praise God for the way He has blessed you in 1992.



1992 Summer Missions team to Mexico. Left to right: Sheri McClain, Stephen Myers, Aimee Smith, Judy Myers, Susan Savage, Daniel Smead, Donna Kennedy, Andy Cisneros, Todd Myers, Holly Fincher, Brad Gaspar, and Marcia Hall. (Story on next page.)

**PRAYER AND PRAISE—January, 1993**

- 1 Pray for God to work in a mighty way in your life during this new year.
- 2 Pray for Mario Olcese and Beder Ucañay and the work in Peru.
- 3 Praise God for the faithful leadership of our pastors.
- 4 Pray for the publishing staff of the Conference.
- 5 Pray for Donald and Joyce Ward's ministry in Raymore, Missouri.
- 6 Praise God for the faithful ministry of Roberto, Lupe, Leonardo, and Alice Badillo in Mexico.
- 7 Pray that God might provide you with an opportunity to witness of His love.
- 8 Pray for Vivian and Paula Kirkpatrick and the congregation in Hector, Minneosta.
- 9 Praise God for a recent answer to a prayer.
- 10 Pray for the outreach ministries of your church.
- 11 Pray for the various outreach ministries of the new church in Lafayette, Indiana.
- 12 Praise God for those who give so generously of their time in God's service.
- 13 Pray for Tracy Savage in Russia.
- 14 Pray for the Pine Grove Bible Church congregation and Sydney and Deirdre's ministry there.
- 15 Praise God for financial and prayer supporters of the College/Conference ministries.
- 16 Pray for someone you know who needs to make Jesus Lord of his life.
- 17 Praise God for the freedom to worship that you enjoy.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 19 Pray for Connie Scott's ministry at Pine Grove Bible Church in Minnesota.
- 20 Pray for Jeff and Karen Fletcher and their leadership of the Happy Woods, Louisiana, Church.
- 21 Pray for the Board of Directors as they meet to plan this year's ministries.
- 22 Praise God for the radio ministry in Lima, Peru.
- 23 Pray for New Friends Bible Church as they reach out in Morrow.
- 24 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 25 Praise God for the promise of Christ's soon return.
- 26 Pray for your nation's leaders.
- 27 Pray that we might be led into more areas of ministry.
- 28 Praise God for those who give of their time and talents in serving on Advisory Committees.
- 29 Pray for Lakeshore Bible Church and Greg and Karen Demmitt's ministry.
- 30 Praise God for the direction He provides for your life.
- 31 Pray for isolated members who cannot meet regularly.



Tracy Savage with her parents, Bill and Sharon, as she awaits departure.

**Mexico**

This year's Bible School, "Awesome Adventures with Jesus and David," encouraged the children to choose Jesus to be the shepherd of their lives; to realize that they are special and have been chosen to do things for him; to know that God's power is available to them; to choose Jesus as their faithful friend; to let Jesus be King of their lives; and to look forward to the coming Kingdom on the earth.

We continue to appreciate the Badillo family's willingness to allow teams to visit and gain cross-cultural ministry experience. Their love and hospitality have meant a great deal to each person who has had this opportunity.

The team provided services in Royal and Little Rock, AR, and in Gatesville and Harlingen, TX, as it traveled to and from Mexico. Thanks for the hospitality shown us in each location. Special thanks to the Harlingen congregation and to Dean and Virginia Moore for the use of their facilities.

I believe that through these trips, team members have grown in their spiritual walk and have deepened their commitment to service. It is my prayer that God might continue to bless our efforts and that many of those we work with in Mexico might have seen a glimpse of God and His Son through our lives.

**Peru**

The radio work and the church in Lima continues under the leadership of Mario Olcese and Beder Ucañay.

Recently 10,000 Kingdom of God tracts and 12 Systematic Bible Study Course lessons were printed for distribution.

In July Mario's mother rented her home, making it necessary for Mario to move. His new address is: Pastor Mario Olcese, Sigma F21, Residencial Juan XXIII, Lima 41, Peru.

Beder's address is: Pastor Beder Ucañay, Apartado 717, Lima 100, Peru.

Please pray for God's daily strength for these men as they do His work. Letters of encouragement are also appreciated.

**Russia**

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry" (Psalm 40:1). Many prayers were answered on September 30 as Tracy Savage left on a missions trip to Russia.

Due to Olga's father's health, Tracy could not move in with her as planned. However, God opened other doors. Through a soccer coach that Tracy had met last year, an apartment was provided.

Currently Tracy is working more on her Russian, studying the culture, and building the friendships and trust which will make it possible to share Christ.

I spoke with Tracy by phone on October 19. She is very happy in her new surroundings and is anxious to begin her ministry. Vladi was speaking with a number of his contacts to set up Bible studies. Tracy asked that prayers be offered for additional workers to come to this vast harvest field.

Letters can reach Tracy at the following address:

Russia  
195196 Россия  
Санкт - Петербург  
Ао Востребования  
Есиной Ольге

Please do not put her name on the outside of the envelope. Address labels are available upon request from the Oregon office.

I commend the Pine Grove Bible Church and the Minnesota State Conference for their efforts in opening this mission field and for sending one of their own to ministry. Thanks are also due to all other individuals, churches, and groups which have helped in the translating and printing of materials for their outreach.

—Judy Myers.

**To My Beloved Church Family and Friends:**

There is no way that I know how to express my love and thanks to each one of you for the love you have shown to me and to my family. The letters, the cards, the phone calls, the gifts of money for memorials, the flowers, and on and on.

I would like to write each one of you. Because of numbness in my hands I can't do much writing but I know you will forgive me for that.

We have great and precious promises and God has blessed our church with a special understanding of His Word. We must not let it die, but hold it up high to a troubled world. There is so much need.

My love thanks to each one of you. May God abundantly bless you all.

Peggy Ross and Family.

P.S. Stan read every word of your letters until the very last. He died peacefully without pain, with the kids and me with him. We're so thankful for having had him all those years.



At the beginning of the school year, President David Krogh challenged the Atlanta Bible College students to renew their commitment to God. The sermon was based on Joshua 24:14-27. Please read this passage to see the significance of the rock.

## Continuing Projects in Atlanta

We continue to improve our facilities in Morrow, Georgia, to more adequately meet the needs of our students. Construction has begun this fall on the pedestrian walkway between our campus and the campus of Clayton State College. Additional contributions to help with the walkway and other projects around the campus would be appreciated at this time. Thanks to those individuals and groups who continue to make contributions toward these projects.

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway			
5' section	100	\$40	
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	1 selected by donor
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	5 selected by donors
Patio Furniture	6	\$100	3 selected by donors
Concrete for Patio	20 yards	\$43 per yard	9 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 5' high	10	\$30	5 selected by donors
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	2 selected by donors
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Blacktop	35 units	\$1,000	
Refrigerators for Apt Bldg	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for Apt Bldg	10	\$400	1 selected by donor
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax Machine	1	\$450	\$100 contributed

# CHURCH NEWS

## DEATHS

### OHIO

*Lawrenceville*—Geneva Eldridge (1-19-92), Mary Rowell (9-25-92) Jack Hearp.

*Church of the Open Bible* (Bedford)—Alice Plantner (9-6-92), Rex Cain.

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Rodney Joe Bean (8-24-92), Joseph Dale Gallagher (9-11-92), Richard Alcumbrack.

### MINNESOTA

*Litchfield*—Lillian Ackerman Louisiana, 98, oldest member (9-9-92), Jeff Bull and S. O. Ross; S. O. Ross (10-24-92), David Krogh and Jeff Bull.

### CALIFORNIA

*Church of the Open Bible* (Pomona)—Elizabeth Lichty (8-26-92), Delbert Jones.

## BAPTISMS

### OHIO

*Lawrenceville*—Todd Allison and Martin Kaffenbarger (7-21-91), Kathy Robinson (5-20-92), Jason Clarkson and Elwood Lacey (7-26-92), Jack Hearp.

### VIRGINIA

*Fairfax*—Christie Fletcher (9-27-92), Gary Burnham and Jeff Fletcher.

### MICHIGAN

*Southlawn*—Mamie Burandt and Cecil Oliver (9-20-92), Chuck Jones.

### MISSOURI

*St. Charles Community Church*—Jan Wilson (6-41-92), Carl Hillman (6-28-92), and Tim Gerber (7-4-92), Russell Magaw.

## COURSE COMPLETED

David Richards of Astoria, Oregon, has completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.

## EMPLOYEE NEEDED

The Blanchard Church of God is considering the hiring of a second staff person. This person will function as the Youth Pastor/Christian Education Director for the church, under the leadership of Pastor Richard Eldred.

Anyone that has an interest in this position is invited to send a resume along with a letter stating your experience in this area of ministry to: Pastor Richard Eldred or Blanchard Church of God Elders, P. O. Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310 or telephone 517-561-5021.

## PASTOR NEEDED

We at the Holbrook Church of God at Holbrook, Nebraska, are looking for a retired couple or individual who would be interested in coming to a rural area to live and hold

Sunday services for a small church.

We have a very nice parsonage for you to live in and a place for you to garden and a very nice church. This would help us here at Holbrook and help you supplement your Social Security. Please send correspondence to: Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, Nebraska 69022 or call collect (308) 697-4799 or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, Nebraska 68922 or call collect after 7 p.m. (308) 962-5393.

## PASTOR NEEDED

The Columbia Church of God is seeking a pastor on or after September 1, 1992. Anyone interested in this position should write David Swartz at 5823 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, or call at (216) 327-6816.

## Calendar of Events

<b>Jan. 5</b>	Winter Quarter Begins at Atlanta Bible College
<b>Jan. 8, 9</b>	Midwest Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Mack, Milford, IN
<b>March 5-7</b>	College Invitational at Atlanta Bible College
<b>March 21-26</b>	Christian Worker's Seminar at Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
<b>March 29</b>	Spring Quarter Begins at Atlanta Bible College
<b>April 26-30</b>	Annual Ministers' Conference held at Atlanta Bible College
<b>June 11</b>	Atlanta Bible College Graduation
<b>June 20-26</b>	Midwest Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, IN
<b>July 11-16</b>	1993 Youth Congress at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
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During the fall, Time magazine published a special issue entitled "Beyond the year 2000—What to Expect in the New Millennium?" Two things struck me about this publication:

1. It appeared in the fall of 1992. Though there are still a number of years left in the 20th century, it appears that many people are anxious to see this decade, century, and millennium end so that they can get on with the future.
2. The magazine devoted only one-third page to talking about what Christians believe about "The Millennium." It stated that most Christians believe that the 1000 years mentioned in Revelation 20 is symbolic; however, it did mention that there is an "undercurrent" of Christians who take Revelation 20 literally. It is interesting that we should be described as an "undercurrent."

Aside from these two observations, it is very exciting to think about the turn of not only a century but a millennium in a few years. Very few people in history have ever lived through the turn of a millennium. In fact, this will only be the second time a millennium has changed since the birth of Christ. As Bible believing Christians, we very much look forward to the literal 1000-year reign of Christ here upon the earth. We pray that the return of Christ might be soon so that this new era can begin.

Thoughts regarding the 21st century and a new millennium serve as the backdrop for our review of the accomplishments of 1992 and our projections for Church of God ministry in 1993 and beyond.

## I. God's Faithfulness During 1992

### TO LOCAL CHURCHES

In a recent letter to Church of God pastors I invited them to share how God has been working in their church during this past year. It was very encouraging to read the enthusiastic and exciting reports of ministries and programs that are taking place in our churches.

One church leader wrote: "Six years ago our church was written off as a dying inner-city church. Then something wonderful happened. We all decided to let God lead us in the way He would have us go. Everyone in our church became servants to Him. . . . Our church started growing . . . . Financially we are doing better than we ever have in the history of our church over the past 25 years."

A pastor wrote: "God continues to bless us every day. Three have been baptized over the past nine months and more are expected to come to this point in the very near future. We have experienced some exciting programs that have been prayerfully established."

Another pastor reported: "One of our congregational goals was to foster the growth of each member in personal ministry. Our church voted to conduct a Spiritual Growth inventory of the congregation, using a standardized form, to discover how God has gifted each one. As the surveys were completed in the following weeks, they were scored and returned to the individual with a personal letter detailing areas of ministry where his/her gifts could be used. Saturday morning coffee hours were also held to provide teaching and individual counseling on how one should pursue his/her specific ministry. Our aim has been to bring greater glory to God as we impact our church membership and our contacts in our work and social lives with a ministry of spirit-empowered gifts."

Another report says, "A new class has been started for younger couples with a general title of 'Marriage Enrichment.' The elders have been contacting each family in the church with a shopping list of all the different things that have to be done as well as offices to be filled. The people then have the opportunity to indicate just where they would like to be involved."

"Thus far we have had two home Bible study groups using the 'Growing in Love' curriculum."

One of our churches has been conducting a "farming" exercise where regular contacts are made on the same homes over a period of many months. Small gifts with the church name imprinted are distributed. The goal is to gain name recognition in the area and attract the unchurched.

Several churches dedicated new church facilities or additions during the past year. (Family Bible Fellowship, Rockford, Illinois; Chapel Hill, Urbana, Ohio; Oregon Church of God, Oregon, Illinois; Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, South Carolina; Garden Park, Kentwood, Michigan.)

One church undertook a major effort to explore relocation of its church facility. A new church was started in Lafayette, Indiana, and New Friends Bible Church in Georgia hired a full-time pastor.

One church reported 18 baptisms during the past four months. Other churches paid off a debt through a sacrifice Sunday and special giving.

How we rejoice in God's faithfulness during the year.

## **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO THE CONFERENCE AND COLLEGE**

From my perspective, the most significant thing that happened at our Conference and College during 1992 was the involvement of our students and staff in outreach ministry. One of the important reasons for relocation to a larger metropolitan area was to provide our students with expanded opportunities to be involved in a wide range of ministries with many different kinds of people. This past year has seen phenomenal involvement of our students in ways that we never would have dreamed of in the past. All Bible College students are involved in one of five ministry teams:



Prison and Nursing Home Visitation  
Calling and Visitation  
Children's Ministry

Service/Social Ministry  
Youth Ministry

Ministry groups meet from 1-2 hours on Friday mornings as discipleship groups, where spiritual growth is encouraged and where Bible study, prayer, and accountability are practiced. In addition, the groups discuss their specific ministry and plans for implementation. Ministries then take place at other times during the week through the work of New Friends Bible Church of God. The philosophy of all the groups is based upon loving the lost and leading them to Christ and continued spiritual growth. In addition to planning and implementing programs, students are encouraged to build relationships with unchurched people with the goal of influencing them for good.

We are greatly encouraged by the initiative of our students in working with a multitude of individuals. On a recent Wednesday evening 110 persons were present for the midweek program. The group included 40 high-school-age students who attend the Fast Forward program. It included about 18 children and a number of community adults in addition to the students, staff, and local Church of God members. Attendance at the Afterschool Bible Club ranges as high as 25 to 30 on Friday afternoons. Students regularly go to a local prison where sometimes as many as 100 individuals gather for the special music and preaching. Many people are visited in the local nursing home. The calling and visitation team has knocked on hundreds of doors as well as following up prospects. The Service/Social team has helped to distribute diapers, provide food for needy families, and meet other community needs.

Not only do these ministry groups provide valuable experience for future leaders and workers in the Church of God, but the lives of many people are being touched by these ministries. Life changes are taking place in our community and baptisms are resulting. This of course is the work of the church, to "Go and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19, 20). There is no greater joy than to be in the will of God. There is no greater sense of satisfaction than to know that we are doing what God has called us to do. These things are not reported so that we can boast of our accomplishments, but rather we are mindful of the words of Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" These things are reported to give God the praise and the glory for the accomplishments and also to serve as an encouragement to others to experience the joy of impacting peoples' lives.

We are particularly grateful that our students have had an opportunity to interact with people of different races, different socioeconomic backgrounds, and to minister to people who have many needs in their lives.

## NEW CURRICULUM

In addition to the ministry groups, there were other accomplishments of our Conference and College during the past year. During the fall, our revised Sunday School curriculum was published, culminating a process begun by delegate action in 1990. We are so grateful for the many writers, artists, editors, and other workers who made this curriculum possible. Feedback from those who are using the material will be extremely helpful as we improve our curriculum in the future.

## OUTREACH TO RUSSIA

Another tremendous accomplishment of 1992 was the commissioning and sending of Tracy Savage to St. Petersburg, Russia. It is absolutely incredible to contemplate the tremendous world changes that opened the doors of the former Soviet Union to missionary effort. How grateful we are to God not only for opening this door, but also for laying the groundwork for outreach by the Church of God. The visit of Tracy to Russia as a member of a soccer team in 1991 prepared the way for her to return to St. Petersburg this past fall. We are so thankful for her availability and willingness to teach Bible truths to a field that is ripe and ready for harvest. Many pieces of Church of God literature were translated into Russian and printed for distribution. Bible studies were started in December. Even before we knew that the doors to Russia would be open, God was preparing the way by working in the life of Tracy. God cares about the lost and is not willing that any should perish. He works in miraculous ways to reach the lost.

## OTHER OUTREACH

We also are grateful for God's blessing on outreach efforts in Peru and Mexico. The message of the Kingdom continues to be proclaimed by radio in Peru. Tracts and lessons from the Systematic Bible Study Course have been printed in Spanish. A team of young people conducted another successful Bible School in Mexico during the summer.

## LITERATURE OUTREACH AROUND THE WORLD

Church of God literature continues to find its way into the hands of people all over the world. Contacts have been made in Australia, India, Malawi, Hungary, Poland, England, etc. A recent letter from Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala in Malawi, Central Africa, says, "Thank you for the cassette 'The Kingdom of God.' The cassette has helped us much and is understandable. Many people come to my house to hear the cassette every day, afternoons, and evenings to hear it." The letter goes on to say that in a land where there is much poverty, disease, and famine, there is a much greater yearning for the establishment of the Kingdom of God than perhaps there is among those who have so many material possessions.

We rejoice that God has opened doors for our newest publication, "A Journal from the Radical Reformation." Theological and Seminary libraries have subscribed to the magazine. The editors of New Testament Abstracts have published one of the articles from our publication which has given us additional exposure. Another publication, Religious and Theological Abstracts, has requested a subscription and permission to reprint from our Journal.

When Edward Fudge, the author of *The Fire That Consumes*, visited our General Conference in 1984 he said, "The position you occupy here by heritage is coming also to be held by Biblical scholars across the Christian world. While it will take a few years to filter from the scholars and seminaries through the pulpits to the people in the pews, I do not hesitate to predict that this truth

of man's mortality will before very much longer become the generally accepted teaching of the Christian church, and future students of doctrine will marvel that there ever was a time when it was not so held." It would appear that this might be true not only of the teaching regarding Conditional Immortality but also the teaching regarding the nature of God, Christ, the Kingdom, etc. The publication of our Theological Journal is important to reach the scholars of our land to challenge their thinking and to bring about change in their teaching and writing.

*The Restitution Herald* (now in its 82nd year) and other Church of God publications continue to reach many people with the message of truth and salvation.

The Scriptures say that God's Word will not return to Him void. We rejoice in all of the Church of God publications that are distributed around the world.

As we think back over all that happened in the Church of God during 1992, we pause to rejoice in God's never-ending faithfulness.

## II. Dreams for the Future

It has been said that "the heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future." We have a tremendous heritage in the Church of God and we look back humbly on a very glorious past. Our forefathers built a foundation upon which we can continue to build until the return of Jesus.

The theme of our recent General Conference was "Catch the Dream." Our members were challenged to catch the dream of what we, the Church of God, can become, and what we can do for the Lord in the remaining time until Jesus returns. Our dreams and vision for the future must arise out of our burden to know and to fulfill the will of God. Our vision and dreams must be big enough to be worth giving our entire life to. Our dreams must take place in view of the times in which we live.

A number of pastors and members have shared with me dreams that they have for their local churches and for the Church of God. Let me share just a few of these dreams.

"I guess a dream or goal that I have would be to some day own and/or operate our own Church of God broadcasting studio/production facility. This facility would produce and make available to churches, shut-ins, isolated members, churches without pastors, etc, cable quality programs that can be used by individuals and churches to be broadcast in their area. I feel that the Church of God needs to start producing more cable-ready series on the truth that we feel is so special. Because we are the only organization in the world that specializes in these truths, it our job to broadcast and spread the Word. Today's society revolves around the television and while that may not necessarily be good, it is true. By utilizing video, we can spread the Word to many more people than ever before."

A pastor wrote: "My dream would be to encourage our people in Lifestyle evangelism. It can be a very effective outreach to others, and does not have to involve elaborate ministries in terms of meeting peoples' needs."

Another pastor shared: "Our vision is to 'Reach God's Lost People and With Them Grow Up Into Christ.' Our dream here is to really make a difference in this community and around our area. Our potential is unlimited and we can only accomplish what is needed for God with the power of His Holy Spirit. We also have a dream to continue to build up the body by a strong discipleship program through a network of small groups. We continually want to focus on using the spiritual gifts God has given each believer for the functioning of the body of Christ. A final dream and vision that we have is to continue to let God work through us in beginning new Churches of God in the surrounding areas."

An individual recently called to share his dream of starting a foundation to raise substantial sums of money to help start new churches—something that would generate one million dollars a year specifically for church planting!

Another pastor wrote: "A dream that I have been involved in is that of establishing a lay pastor/speaker course that could help especially in small churches that have no pastors."

"I am looking forward to offering the Navigators 2:7 program."

Others have shared their desire to see the Church of God become more involved in sharing the Word through radio ministry. Others who have dreams are quietly proceeding to implement these dreams and they are becoming realities.

Some are dreaming about the expansion of mission efforts overseas.

I am convinced that we need to continue to contemplate the future with optimism. We need to dream about growing dynamic churches that are meeting people's needs; that are serving communities; that are encouraging and uplifting people who are hurting. I believe that we need to dream big dreams about our association of churches—the growth of existing churches; new churches being planted; the Bible College training growing numbers of students and providing necessary leadership.

I can envision the day when the Church of God is having a much greater impact upon the world. I can envision many new churches in many new places. I can envision significant growth taking place in many of our existing churches. I can envision our Bible College doubling and tripling its enrollment in the next few years.

## III. Challenges

### RENEWAL

Over New Year's weekend, United States President-elect Bill Clinton and 1,500 other people gathered for what was called a "Renaissance Weekend" in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The weekend consisted of informal discussions of many issues facing the United States today.

Perhaps there is a need for an ongoing renaissance in the Church of God. The word "renaissance" means "new birth, renewal, or revival." Certainly the relocation of our Conference and College to

the Atlanta, Georgia, area was a tremendous stimulus for change. However, unless this relocation is accompanied with other changes, it will have been for naught. We must make certain that we of the Church of God open our eyes to the needs of our world. We must make certain that we are carrying out programs and activities which meet the needs of and attract the unchurched. We dare not be caught up in the process of merely moving believers from one church to another church and believe that this is obedience to the Great Commission. A growing segment of our population is totally unchurched and some are a second generation removed from any church contact. Whereas a few years ago the author Francis Schaffer called our times a "Post-Christian Era," some are today calling it a "Neo-Pagan Era." Not only are people in our society apathetic to Christianity, but in many cases there is open hostility and active opposition to our message and practices. We dare not focus our energy and time on unproductive efforts. We must use our time and energy and resources to call those who are lost to repentance and to discipleship.

In his book *A Church for the 21st Century*, Leith Anderson suggests that there will need to be changes made in the church in order to meet the challenges of a changing society. He calls for a paradigm shift—a paradigm is the lens through which we see reality; it is the way we look at things. Anderson suggests we need to shift the way we look at ministry. He believes that such a shift will allow us to view our changing world with new perspectives. Though we may not approve of many of the changes that are happening in our society, we must face the new realities and meet the challenges as they come. Baby boomers (those born after 1945 up to 1964) and Baby Busters (born 1965 to the present) behave and think differently from their parents and grandparents. While the message of Scripture which we claim remains the same, the way we present it and the way our churches are organized may need to change in order to reach those who are lost. Anderson gives a formula for the church today: Diagnosis + Prescription + Hard Work + Power of God = a Changed Church. Change often does not come easily, but faithfulness to God and the Great Commission requires us to meet the challenges of ministry to our generation.

## CHURCH/PASTOR RELATIONS

We continue to face the challenge of cooperation between pastors and congregations. According to Ephesians 4:11 and 12, God has called pastors and other church leaders for the purpose of "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." There is a need for churches and pastors to continually discuss roles and expectations. There is a need for everyone in the body to understand their spiritual gifts and to use their abilities for the good of the church. When problems arise they must be resolved with gentleness and love so that the mission of the church can be pursued without interruption. One of the tests of discipleship is the love that the members of the body have for each other. (John 13:34, 35.) The General Conference Christian Conciliation Board exists to help churches resolve conflicts.

## WORSHIP STYLES

A number of our churches are facing the challenge of designing worship services that meet the needs of current members, young and old, and unchurched individuals. There is a variety of music

available for worship. There are old hymns and gospel songs, and there are worship choruses and the singing of Scripture. None of these types of music is 100% right or 100% wrong. One kind of Christian music is not more spiritual than another. The great tragedy is that when there is controversy over the style of worship, the purpose of the songs—to praise and worship God—becomes lost in the shuffle. Hopefully there is room in our worship services for a variety of music which will meet the needs of a variety of people.

## PERSONAL EVANGELISM

The Church of God continues to make progress in developing a love for the lost and learning how to relate to them. More of us are becoming aware of the need to build relationships with the unconverted so that we may earn the right to share our faith with them. Each local congregation needs to give additional attention to mobilizing our lay people in the mission of reaching out to the lost. The General Conference has a number of resources in its lending library to help teach believers how to be disciple-makers. A very valuable resource recently acquired is called "Living Proof." It is a series of twelve lessons accompanied with a video tape helping believers grow in evangelistic effectiveness. The video series makes us aware of the challenges of reaching the unchurched. We must become more obedient to the task of making disciples.

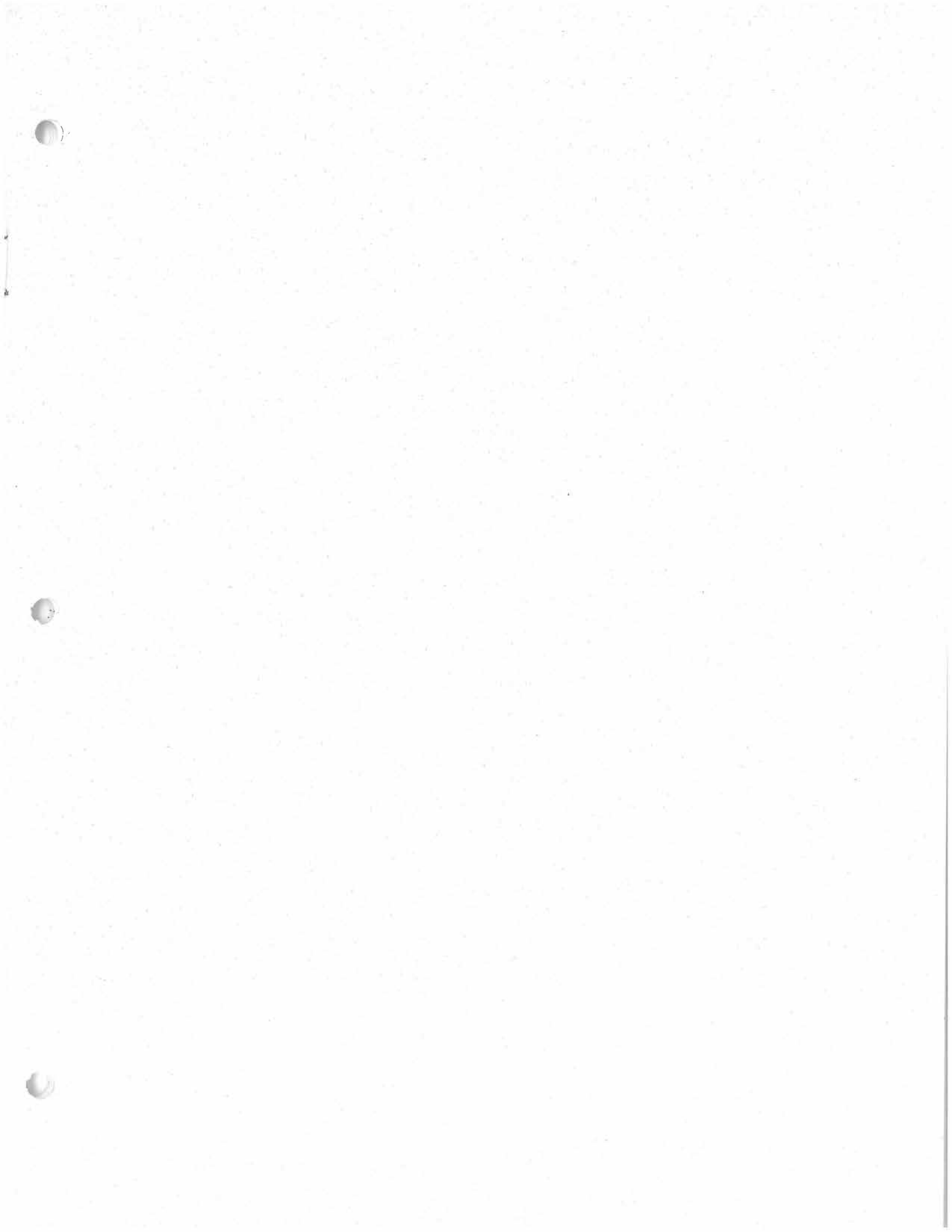
## CONCLUSION

It is imperative for us to continue to have an optimistic attitude about ministry in our times. Yes, we face tremendous challenges, but we also face tremendous opportunities. God continues to be faithful in supporting those who are obedient to Him. (2 Chronicles 16:9.)

We of the Church of God must continue to dream great dreams and have the courage and the willingness to see these dreams become realities. Dr. Benjamin Mays, mentor of Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "The tragedy in life does not lie in not reaching a goal; the tragedy is in having no goal to reach. It is not calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but a disaster to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is the sin."

What is the state of the Church of God today? We are building upon a solid foundation of the past. God has proven Himself faithful during the past year. We have exciting opportunities and challenges in the future. With God's help we can face the future with optimism and confidence. May God bless each of you in your continuing efforts to serve Him.

David Krogh







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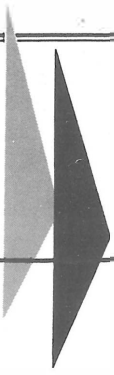
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God has used you during this past year to accomplish many things for His work. Your prayer and financial support and your involvement has made it possible for Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference to carry on its work during 1992.

On the pages that follow are the names of many who made it possible for the college and conference to serve. In addition to those listed there are many others who gave contributions through their local church to our work.

Among the projects funded by your contributions are:

- 1) Financial support for new churches in Lafayette, Indiana and Morrow, Georgia.
- 2) Translation and printing of literature in Russian, and support for Tracy Savage to spread the Gospel in St. Petersburg.
- 3) Financial support for Atlanta Bible College students as they become better equipped for ministry.
- 4) Financial support for building acquisition and building expansion through the Church Builder's League.
- 5) Publishing projects including our new Sunday School curriculum emphasizing Church of God distinctives.
- 6) Adult seminars and the annual Youth Congress.
- 7) Support for the Church of God Ministerial Association.

We rejoice in the support and encouragement of each of you and we want to thank every member, named and unnamed, who has made this work possible.

We are also grateful for the many individuals who volunteer time and energy to help carry on Church of God projects. Hundreds of individuals volunteer time as writers, Youth Congress and Seminar staff members, Board and committee members, etc. Without many willing workers, our work could not be carried on.

Included in this report is a financial statement for the College/Conference, the Investment Fund, and the Development Foundation for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1992. This report is based upon financial statements prepared by the auditor. A complete copy of the audit is available by writing to our office.

Each year as this annual report is issued it is a pleasant experience to look through the contributor lists to see the names of new supporters. It is also a testimony to God's faithfulness as we see many of you increasing the amount of your gifts as God has prospered you during the year.

My sincere thanks to all of you whose financial gifts have enabled us to write an exciting chapter in the history of the Church of God during 1992.

Sincerely In Christ,

David Krogh

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	Number of Donors	Amount
Individuals and Families	836	\$178,348
Churches	61	142,925
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Groups	28	9,803
Bequests	2	32,439
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Church Builders' Appeals	28,497
Missions	6,354
ABC Alumni Chapel	4,516
Relocation Fund	8,742
Russia	12,483
Conference Ministries Fund	6,161
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Total	\$132,861

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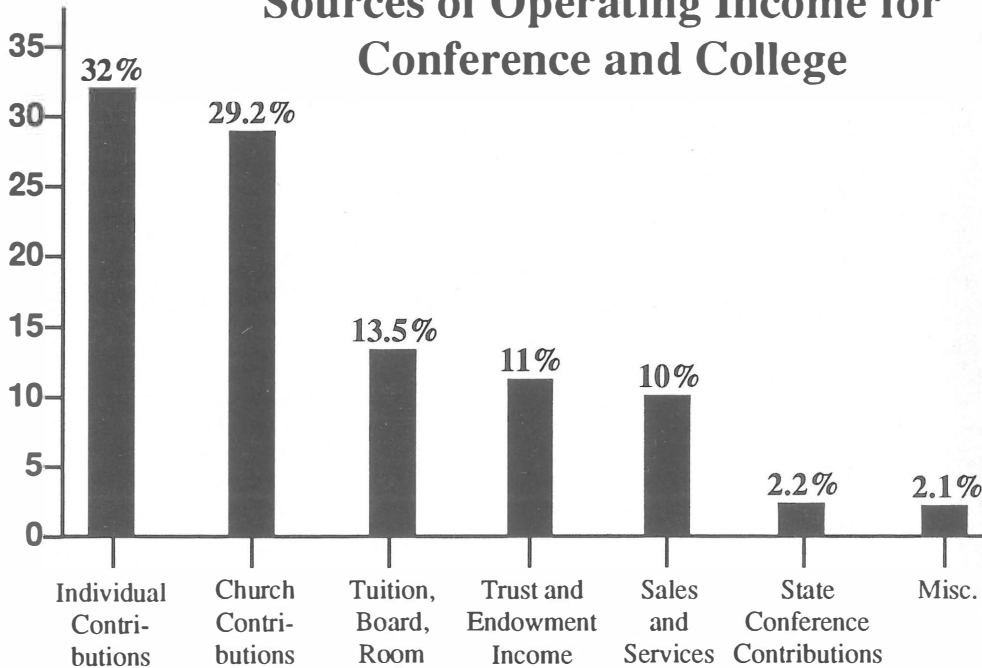
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Bethel Church Senior Youth	Fort Valley Sunday School	Jay Street Church—Kokomo	Oregon Church
Blanchard Church	Fox Valley Church	Jaynes Street Church	Pennellwood Church
Blanchard Dorcas Society	Fredericktown Church	Jaynes Street Dorcas Society	Pennellwood Missionary Department
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Blessed Hope	Garden Park Missionary Department	Jordan Church	Pleasant Hill Church
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Brush Creek Church	Glad Tidings Fonthill Missionary Committee	Lafayette New Hope Community Church	Pleasant Hill Sisters
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Church of God General Conference/  
Atlanta Bible College  
Morrow, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Church of God General Conference/Atlanta Bible College as of May 31, 1992 and 1991 and the related consolidated statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Church of God General Conference/Atlanta Bible College has not presented a statement of changes in financial position as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except for the lack of presentation of a statement of changes in financial position, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Church of God General Conference/Atlanta Bible College as of May 31, 1992 and 1991, and the results of its operations for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Lindgren, Callihan, Van Osdol & Co., Ltd.*

August 19, 1992

**ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE/CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE  
BALANCE SHEET MAY 31, 1992**

	ABC & GEN. = CONF. TOTALS =	INVESTMENT = FUND =	DEVELOPMENT = FOUNDTION =	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>	=	=	=	
Cash	(\$69,535) =	\$9,199 =	\$67,501 =	\$7,165
Petty Cash	\$1,000 =	=	=	\$1,000
Savings	\$23,579 =	\$85 =	\$7,888 =	\$31,552
Investments	=	=	=	
CDs	=	=	=	\$0
GNMAs	=	=	\$261,501 =	\$261,501
Mutuals	\$27,484 =	=	\$208,453 =	\$235,937
Other	\$75,405 =	=	\$47,781 =	\$123,186
Total Investments	\$102,889 =	\$0 =	\$517,735 =	\$620,624
Accts. Receivable	\$5,309 =	=	=	\$5,309
Notes Receiv., current	\$18,226 =	=	=	\$18,226
Mort. Receiv., current	\$6,800 =	=	=	\$6,800
Interest Receivable	\$13,449 =	=	=	\$13,449
Inventory	\$9,579 =	=	=	\$9,579
Prepaid expenses	\$3,676 =	=	=	\$3,676
Other current assets	\$8,973 =	=	=	\$8,973
Total Current Assets	\$123,946 =	\$9,284 =	\$593,124 =	\$726,353
Prop./Equip. (Net)	\$2,596,815 =	=	=	\$2,596,815
Notes receiv. long term	\$44,233 =	\$58,833 =	\$124,267 =	\$227,333
Mort. receiv. long term	\$82,614 =	=	=	\$82,614
Noncurrent inventory	\$14,716 =	=	=	\$14,716
Endowment Receivable	\$400,000 =	=	=	\$400,000
Consolidated Assets	\$3,262,324 =	\$68,117 =	\$717,391 =	\$4,047,831
Inter-Receivables	\$639,924 =	=	\$225,000 =	\$864,924
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,902,247 =</b>	<b>\$68,117 =</b>	<b>\$942,391 =</b>	<b>\$4,912,755</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	=	=	=	
Accts. Payable	\$8,073 =	=	=	\$8,073
Notes Payable	\$526,000 =	=	=	\$526,000
Mort. Pay. current	\$2,900 =	=	=	\$2,900
Accrued RE taxes	\$6,090 =	=	=	\$6,090
Withheld Taxes	\$4,264 =	=	=	\$4,264
Other Liabilities	\$41,182 =	=	=	\$41,182
Deferred Herald Subs.	\$8,212 =	=	=	\$8,212
Accrued Interest	\$4,534 =	=	=	\$4,534
Deposits	\$4,293 =	=	=	\$4,293
Total Current Liab.	\$605,548 =	\$0 =	\$0 =	\$605,548
Mort. pay. long term	\$258,691 =	=	=	\$258,691
Inter-Liabilities	\$864,924 =	=	=	\$864,924
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,729,163 =</b>	<b>\$0 =</b>	<b>\$0 =</b>	<b>\$1,729,163</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,173,084 =</b>	<b>\$68,117 =</b>	<b>\$942,391 =</b>	<b>\$3,183,592</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB. &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$3,902,247 =</b>	<b>\$68,117 =</b>	<b>\$942,391 =</b>	<b>\$4,912,755</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDED May 31, 1992**

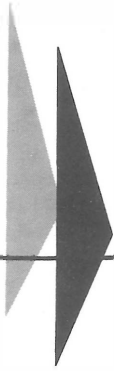
	ABC & GEN. CONF. TOTALS =	INVESTMENT FUND =	DEVELOPMENT FOUNDTION =	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
INCOME	\$2,879,197 =	\$4,911 =	\$104,380 =	\$2,988,488
EXPENSES	\$2,805,964 =	\$1,245 =	\$72,047 =	\$2,879,256
INCOME OVER (UNDER EXPENSE	\$73,233 =	\$3,666 =	\$32,333 =	\$109,232
FUND BALANCES BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$2,108,519 =	\$64,451 =	\$910,058 =	\$3,074,360
FUND BALANCES END OF YEAR	\$2,173,084 =	\$68,117 =	\$942,391 =	\$3,183,592

**SCHEDULE OF INCOME**  
**June 1, 1991 to May 31, 1992**

	ABC & GEN. CONF. TOTALS =	INVESTMENT FUND =	DEVELOPMENT FOUNDTION =	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
Contributions	\$325,884 =	=	\$24,614 =	\$350,498
Devises & Bequests	\$442,903 =	=	=	\$442,903
Tuition	\$120,913 =	=	=	\$120,913
Fees	\$530 =	=	=	\$530
Interest	\$27,754 =	\$4,911 =	\$73,063 =	\$105,728
Conf./Seminars	\$89,307 =	=	=	\$89,307
Misc.	\$10,923 =	=	=	\$10,923
Sale of Assets	\$39,348 =	=	\$6,703 =	\$46,051
Rent	\$53,482 =	=	=	\$53,482
Sales	\$48,298 =	=	=	\$48,298
Lodging	\$17,817 =	=	=	\$17,817
Laundry	\$2,364 =	=	=	\$2,364
Subscriptions	\$14,087 =	=	=	\$14,087
Sub Total	\$1,193,610 =	\$4,911 =	\$104,380 =	\$1,302,901
Transfer In.	\$1,685,587 =	=	=	\$1,685,587
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,879,197 =	\$4,911 =	\$104,380 =	\$2,988,488

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES**  
**June 1, 1991 to May 31, 1992**

	ABC & GEN. CONF. TOTALS =	INVESTMENT FUND =	DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION =	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
Salaries & Wages	\$307,139 =	=	=	\$307,139
Employee Benefits	\$53,714 =	=	=	\$53,714
Films	\$602 =	=	=	\$602
	=	=	=	
Ins. Non Plant	\$4,862 =	=	=	\$4,862
Recruitment	\$3,094 =	=	=	\$3,094
Youth	\$1,798 =	=	=	\$1,798
Camps/Seminars	\$97,214 =	=	=	\$97,214
	=	=	=	
Motor Vehicles	\$8,294 =	=	=	\$8,294
Office Supplies	\$5,688 =	=	\$215 =	\$5,903
Misc.	\$38,484 =	=	=	\$38,484
Royalties/Copyright	\$526 =	=	=	\$526
	=	=	=	
Editorial Gratuities	\$3,100 =	=	=	\$3,100
Library Mags.	\$2,633 =	=	=	\$2,633
Books, Dues, Period.	\$3,308 =	=	=	\$3,308
Postage	\$18,997 =	=	\$208 =	\$19,205
Printing	\$50,827 =	=	=	\$50,827
	=	=	=	
Profess. Services	\$4,518 =	\$1,245 =	\$1,610 =	\$7,373
Repairs & Maint.	\$7,933 =	=	=	\$7,933
Staff Training	\$3,054 =	=	=	\$3,054
Mailing Supplies	\$2,358 =	=	=	\$2,358
	=	=	=	
Supplies & Expense	\$8,624 =	=	\$15 =	\$8,639
Telephone	\$13,076 =	=	\$4 =	\$13,080
Travel	\$26,210 =	=	=	\$26,210
Assist. to Ministers	\$1,700 =	=	=	\$1,700
Assist. to Missions	\$16,388 =	=	=	\$16,388
	\$0 =	=	=	
Assist. to Churches	\$48,201 =	=	=	\$48,201
Program Develop.	\$1,308 =	=	=	\$1,308
Ministers Assoc.	\$5,000 =	=	=	\$5,000
Bad Debts	\$31 =	=	=	\$31
Student Benefits	\$175,052 =	=	=	\$175,052
	=	=	=	
Depreciation	\$51,705 =	=	=	\$51,705
Property Ins.	\$9,111 =	=	=	\$9,111
Real Estate Taxes	\$7,884 =	=	=	\$7,884
Repairs & Maint.	\$5,814 =	=	=	\$5,814
	=	=	=	
Supplies & Expense	\$273 =	=	=	\$273
Interest	\$67,103 =	=	=	\$67,103
Utilities	\$29,130 =	=	=	\$29,130
	=	=	=	
Purchases	\$28,201 =	=	=	\$28,201
Relocation	\$73,369 =	=	=	\$73,369
Annuities	\$4,051 =	=	=	\$4,051
Sub Total	\$1,190,374 =	\$1,245 =	\$2,052 =	\$1,193,671
Transfers Out	\$1,615,590 =	=	\$69,995 =	\$1,685,585
	=	=	=	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,805,964 =</b>	<b>\$1,245 =</b>	<b>\$72,047 =</b>	<b>\$2,879,256</b>



# ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE

5823 Trammell Road • P. O. Box 100,000 • Morrow, Georgia 30260-7000

January 1993

Dear Friends of Atlanta Bible College,

Students of Atlanta Bible College have received financial aid from the Development Foundation through the '91-'92 years of over \$130,000. During the current year additional estimated earnings from Foundation investments will provide additional benefits for:

Basic Grants to Students	\$55,000
Capital Expenditures	8,000
Staff Training	4,500
Recruitment and Public Relations	2,700
Scholarships for Summer Conference	<u>1,800</u>
	\$72,000

The fall in interest rates has diminished the Foundation earnings somewhat in the recent past and we continue to look for safe investments to enhance earnings.

The blessings of increased enrollment this year provide more opportunities for use of Foundation funds so we are thankful He has provided through generous givers. We encourage you to remember your local church and the Foundation when you plan for the future through your wills and trusts. Good estate planning will enable you to continue this phase of your work until Jesus returns.

Atlanta Bible College will continue to provide leadership for our churches through education and training as we seek His will in reaching forth to the lost for Jesus.

Thanks for your response to this opportunity to serve Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Don Overmyer  
Foundation President

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Listed are all donors to the ABC Development Foundation during the past year.

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## In Memoriam 1992

During 1992, contributions to the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College were given in memory of the following:

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## In Honor

Gifts were given to the College and Conference in 1992, in honor of the following:

Pastor Francis Burnett  
 Mrs. Rachel Morris

Oregon Bible College Students who  
 assisted work at Flagg Center

## Scholarships and Grants for Atlanta Bible College During 1992

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

<p>Alumni Association            Arlington Church, Texas            Arkansas State Conference            Berean Youth Fellowship            Brush Creek Church            Brush Creek Sewing Circle            Burnham-Stadden            Burr Oak Church            Forest Hill Church            Francis and Lila Van Fleet Memorial            Glenn and Violet Booth Memorial            Harold J. Doan Memorial            Harry and Emily Berry Memorial            Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. Memorial            Helen Overholser Memorial            Illinois State Conference</p>	<p>Indiana State Conference            Iris Elton Memorial            James A. Patrick Memorial            Jaynes Street Church            J.W. Williams Memorial            Jean Elton Fortney Memorial            John and Ruth Lewis Memorial            Lawrenceville/Overholser            Lois Blakely Memorial            Mary Helen Mattison Memorial            Michigan State Conference            Ministerial Association            Minnesota State Conference            Missouri State Conference            Monroe Elton Memorial            Mr. &amp; Mrs. C.D. Shaw Memorial</p>	<p>New Hope Church, Little Rock            Pine Grove Church            Ritenour Trust Fund—In Memory of Eliza              Boyer Ritenour, Virginia Ritenour              Kincheloe, and Seraphine Ritenour Cleek            Simi Valley Church            Southeast Conference            Southwest Members in Memory of Norman              McLeod, S.J. Lindsay, Harold J. Doan, and              C.E. Randall            Steve and Annette Osborn            Troyview/Overholser/Demmitt            Virginia State Conference            Washington Grove Church            William and Rhoda Hanson Memorial</p>
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The Church of God General Conference and Atlanta Bible College Annual Giving Report is published by the Church of God General Conference and circulated without charge to members of the Church of God.

We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted any persons or groups, and if so, we hope you will let us know so we can correct our records.

# CHURCH NEWS

## EMPLOYEE NEEDED

The Blanchard Church of God is considering the hiring of a second staff person. This person will function as the Youth Pastor/Christian Education Director for the church, under the leadership of Pastor Richard Eldred.

Anyone that has an interest in this position is invited to send a resume along with a letter stating your experience in this area of ministry to: Pastor Richard Eldred or Blanchard Church of God Elders, P. O. Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310 or telephone 517-561-5021.

## PASTOR NEEDED

We at the Holbrook Church of God at Holbrook, Nebraska are looking for a retired couple or individual who would be interested in coming to a rural area to live and hold Sunday services for a small church.

We have a very nice parsonage for you to live in and a place for you to garden and a very nice church. This would help us here at Holbrook and help you supplement your Social Security. Please send correspondence to: Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, Nebraska 69022 or call collect (308) 697-4799 or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, Nebraska 68922 or call collect after 7 p.m. (308) 962-5393.

## PASTOR NEEDED

The Columbia Church of God is seeking a pastor as soon as possible. Anyone interested in this position should write David Swartz at 5823 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, or call at (216) 327-6816.

## AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

Pastor Tom Schmitt is available for a pastorate. He can be contacted at 216-963-0614 or 9977 Darrow Park Drive #125 A, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

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## Calendar of Events

- March 5-7** College Invitational at Atlanta Bible College
- March 21-26** Christian Worker's Seminar at Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- March 29** Spring Quarter Begins at Atlanta Bible College
- April 27-30** Annual Minister's Conference held at Atlanta Bible College
- April 30- May 2** Third Annual Theological Conference at Atlanta Bible College.
- June 11** Atlanta Bible College Graduation
- June 20-26** Mid-west Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, IN
- July 11-16** 1993 Youth Congress at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
- July 26-30** Annual Summer General Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN

## Continuing Projects in Atlanta

We continue to improve our facilities in Morrow, Georgia to more adequately meet the needs of our students. Construction is nearly completed on the pedestrian walkway between our campus and the campus of Clayton State College. Additional contributions to help with the walkway and other projects around the campus would be appreciated at this time. Thanks to those individuals and groups who continue to make contributions toward these projects.

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway 5' section	100	\$40	5 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	3 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	5 selected by donors
Patio Furniture	6	\$100	3 selected by donors
Concrete for Patio	20 yards	\$43 per yard	8 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	2 selected by donor
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Blacktop	35 units	\$1,000	
Refrigerators for Apt Bldg	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for Apt Bldg	10	\$400	1 selected by donor
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax Machine	1	\$450	\$100 contributed

# Report of Baptisms 2,000 by the Year 2000

Jan. 1, 2000

April 1, 1992 - Dec, 31, 1992	98
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	142
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	170
Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990	55

Total 465

April 1, 1992 - Dec, 31, 1992  
 April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992  
 June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991  
 Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990

## The Restitution Herald

*The Restitution Herald* is a publication of the Church of God General Conference. It is in its 82nd year of publication. Each issue contains approximately 32 pages. It now includes an extra 4 page insert in the middle containing the Church of God History Newsletter. The magazine is published 6 times per year. The cost is \$12.00 per year. Please use the coupon below to order your subscription.

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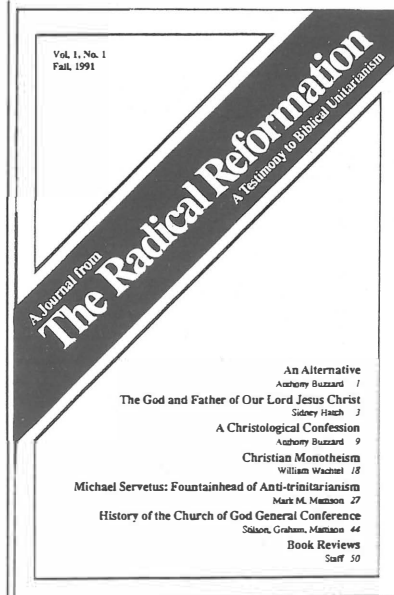
## PRAYER AND PRAISE FEBRUARY, 1993

- 1 Pray for an opportunity to share your faith this week.
- 2 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.
- 3 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 4 Pray for Tracy Savage and the Bible study groups in Russia.
- 5 Pray for the students and staff at Atlanta Bible College.
- 6 Praise God for the ministry of Mario Olcese and Beder Ucañay in Peru.
- 7 Pray for your pastor as he brings God's message to you today.
- 8 Pray for the Badillo family in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 9 Praise God for His daily blessings on your life.
- 10 Pray for the members of your church family.
- 11 Pray for the staff of the General Conference.
- 12 Praise God for the opportunities He has provided for outreach in Russia.
- 13 Pray for the leaders of your government.
- 14 Pray for the ministries of your local church.
- 15 Praise God for the work in Lafayette, Indiana, and for Steve and Jill Taylor's ministry there.
- 16 Pray for those making preparations for the upcoming Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 17 Pray for someone you know who is in need of healing (physical, emotional, or spiritual).
- 18 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 19 Pray for the brethren in the Philippines.
- 20 Pray for the students of Atlanta Bible College.
- 21 Praise God for the work of the quarterly editors.
- 22 Pray for the publishing staff of the Conference.
- 23 Pray for the Atlanta staff.
- 24 Praise God for the Board of Directors and its leadership.
- 25 Pray for the Youth Ministries of the Conference.
- 26 Pray for Advisory Committee members.
- 27 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and earth.
- 28 Pray for the teachers in your local church.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

MARCH, 1993

- 1 Pray that God might raise up missionary candidates.
- 2 Praise God for the faithful leadership of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 3 Pray for the church in Peru and Mario Olcese as he provides leadership.
- 4 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 5 Praise God for all those who are attending College Invitational at ABC this weekend.
- 6 Pray for those considering attending Atlanta Bible College in the future.
- 7 Pray that God will provide safety in travel for those returning home from College Invitational.
- 8 Praise God for those who provide prayer and financial support for the Conference/College ministries.
- 9 Pray for someone you know who is discouraged or depressed.
- 10 Pray that God's Spirit might be felt at the upcoming Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 11 Praise God for the dedicated service of the Conference staff.
- 12 Pray for New Friends Bible Church.
- 13 Pray that God might provide individuals to fill staff needs for the Conference.
- 14 Praise God for all who have dedicated their lives to Christian ministry.
- 15 Pray for churches seeking pastors.
- 16 Pray for a special need in your life.
- 17 Praise God for those who have provided spiritual nurturing for you.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share God's love to someone in need.
- 19 Pray for those who are searching God's Word for answers to life's problems.
- 20 Praise God for the willing ministry of those who will be teaching at Christian Worker's Seminar next week.
- 21 Pray for safety for those traveling to Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 22 Pray that God's presence will be felt by all in attendance at Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 23 Praise God for your Christian friends all over the world.
- 24 Pray for members of your immediate family.
- 25 Pray for eyes to see those who are in need and a heart to reach out to them.
- 26 Pray for safety for those traveling home from Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 27 Praise God for the promise of Christ's soon return.
- 28 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 29 Pray for the ABC students as they begin the Spring quarter.
- 30 Praise God for new attenders or members of your local congregation.
- 31 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



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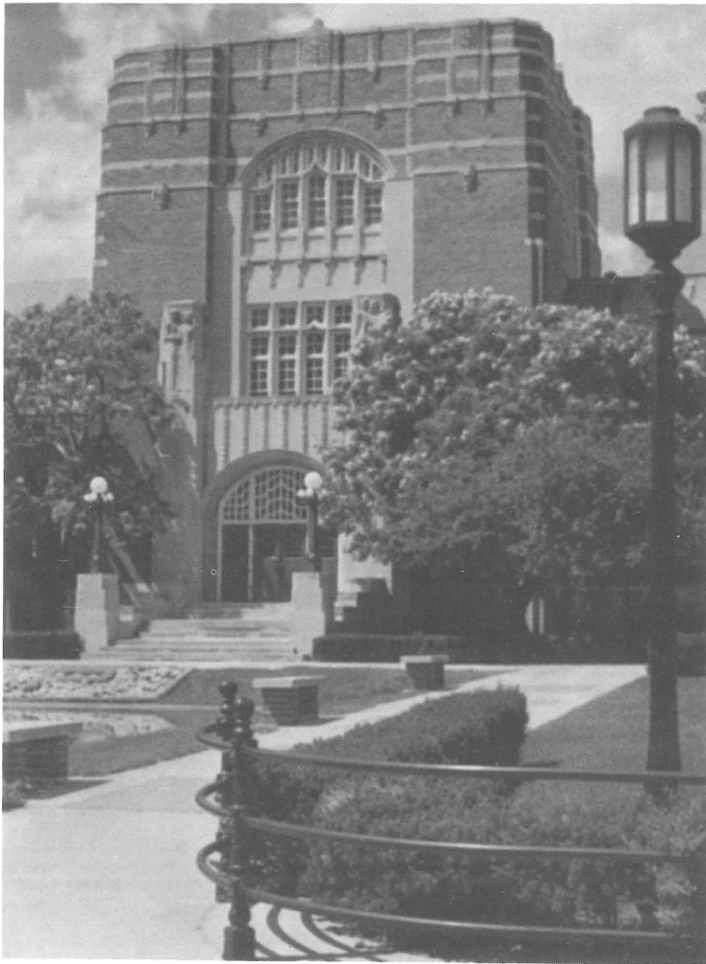
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**T**he Purdue Memorial Union and Steward Center buildings form a multipurpose complex that will serve as the site of our 1993 Summer General Conference. This complex is one of the world's largest college unions, functioning much like a civic center, conference facility, hotel, and welcoming center. The union club is a full service, 200 room hotel located on campus in the Memorial Union.

**Make plans now to attend this year's conference.**

# The 1993 Annual General Conference



**July 26-30, 1993**

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
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## College/Conference Update

### Many New Donors

During 1992 there was a 25% increase in the number of individuals and families who contributed to the College/Conference General Fund Goal for Giving. We are grateful for all who support the ministries of the College and Conference.

### College/Conference Staff Needs

We plan to move our publishing offices from Oregon, Illinois to Atlanta, Georgia this summer. We would like to hear from individuals who might have an interest in being considered for one of the following positions:

Editor of Publications

Associate Editor—responsible for technical aspects of publishing department

Part-time Proofreader

Part-time Typesetter

Part-time Mailing Department Worker

Full-time Secretary

Please contact the President for more information regarding these positions.

### Minister's Conference and Theological Conference

Atlanta Bible College will be hosting the annual Minister's Conference beginning on Tuesday evening, April 27 and continuing through Friday, April 30. All churches are encouraged to make it financially possible for their pastor to attend the Conference.

The Third Annual Theological Conference at Atlanta Bible College will begin on Friday, April 30 and conclude on Sunday, May 2. In addition to pastors who are invited to stay for the Conference, all members of the Church of God and the public is invited to attend this special conference. Guest speakers will be affirming Church of God distinctives and telling their stories of how they came to understand Bible truth.

Additional information will be forthcoming regarding these two conferences.

### Atlanta Bible College Honor Roll

We are grateful for the fine group of students who are enrolled at Atlanta Bible College this year.

Full-time students who maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in any quarter are placed on the honor roll. Students maintaining an average of at least 3.50 are placed on the high honor roll. We are pleased to report the following results for the first quarter:

High Honor Roll: Lee McMinn, John Nelson, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Daniel Smead, and Mark Tschaenn.

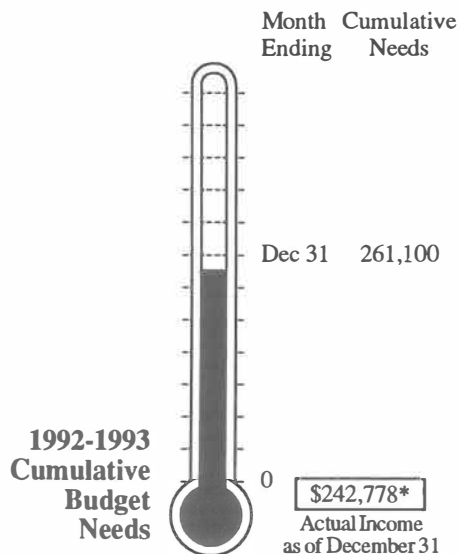
Honor Roll: Brad Gaspar, Vicki Rabenberg, and Carolyn Swartz.

### Bequest to Atlanta Bible College

We recently received a bequest from the estate of Treva M. Williams to be used for financial assistance to students. We are grateful for those who have remembered the Lord's work not only through their lifetime but also in their will.

### Financial Update

The membership of the Church of God is to be commended for faithful giving during 1992. We praise God for His daily provision for the continuation of His work.



\*Includes 2 bequests

## CHURCH NEWS

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### SYSTEMATIC COURSE COMPLETION

Elizabeth Johnson of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Larry Warkins, Dixon, Illinois, Kittie Allen, Rockford, Illinois, and Karl Froehlich, DeKalb, Illinois, have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.

### BAPTISMS

#### NORTH CAROLINA

*Lenoir*—Jimmy Walker (11-8-92), by James Ritch.

#### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Jeff Laurent (11-1-92), by Richard Alcumbrack.

*Oregon*—Pat and Debbie Hammond (11-8-92), by Michael Hoffman.

#### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Kay W. Paulson (9-13-92), Erica Moody, Ernestine Perrien (10-4-92), by Richard Eldred; Collin Farrell (10-11-92) by Robert Farrell and Richard Eldred; Davie Bush and Jamie Bush (10-18-92) by Dan Bush and Richard Eldred; Shawn Nichols (10-18-92) by Steve Nichols and Richard Eldred; Ryan Walkington (10-18-92), Holly Nichols and Carrie Walkington (10-25-92), Gary Chaney (11-1-92), Gerald Briggs, Sandra Briggs (11-18-92) by Richard Eldred; Jennifer Bush (11-8-92) by Ken Bush, Jr. and Richard Eldred; Basil Ervin, Ronda Ervin, and Debbie Baldwin (11-08-92), Duane Jones (12-20-92), by Richard Eldred.

### DEATHS

#### ILLINOIS

*Oregon*—Donald E. Mattison, Member, (1-4-93), by Hollis Partlowe, Michael Hoffman, and Robert Alcumbrack.

*Milledgeville*—O. Jane LeCrone, 82, Member and widow of Pastor J.R. LeCrone (12-25-92) by Gordon Landry. Jane is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Faith) Dittmar of Milledgeville, IL; and Mrs. Donald (Martha) Cooper of Fredericktown, MO; one son, Richard A. LeCrone of Peoria, IL.

#### OHIO

*Dayton*—Alma Marie Stafford (11-9-92), 79, Member, of Starke, Florida by Ralph Childs.

#### CANADA

*Fonthill*—Murtle Helen McClellent, 84, Member (11-30-92) by Stephen Bolhaus.

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Pastor Jeff (Becky) Bull, 706 Estates Ave N, Litchfield, MN 55355 Ph Off 612-693-6391 Res 693-6931.

#### Troy Church

Joyce Demmitt, Secretary, 557 State Route 202, Troy, OH 45373 Ph 513-335-8970.

Pastor Russell (Joyce) Magaw 1020 Autumn Leaf Dr, St. Peters, MO 63376 Ph Off 314-947-7710 Res 447-3120.

#### St. Charles Community Church

Church and Office, 1847 Sherman Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303 Ph 314-947-7710.

# Great Commission Team

1993

You can share in the work of the Church of God General Conference and Atlanta Bible College by accepting a position on our Great Commission Team. You can help by:

- praying daily for pastors, church members, and the lost
- providing financial support at one of the giving levels:

<b>Assistants -</b>	annual gifts totaling \$1 to \$119
<b>Sponsors -</b>	annual gifts totaling \$120 to \$499
<b>Associates -</b>	annual gifts totaling \$500 to \$1,499
<b>Partners -</b>	annual gifts totaling 1,500 to \$2,499
<b>Ambassadors -</b>	annual gifts totaling \$2,500 or more

Many of our team members choose to make monthly payments on their commitments. Others make one-time gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, and property.

Regardless of the method you choose, we would appreciate your taking the time now to accept the Great Commission Challenge by filling out the form on the next page. Please remove the card and mail it postage free.

Your participation in the work and gifts of kindness are greatly appreciated by the Conference/College.

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## “The Board”

by William D. Lawrence, M.D., Phoenix, AZ

**I**N THIS ARTICLE, I would like to speak of Corporate Boards of Directors in business and industry; explain the relationship between our Atlanta Bible College/General Conference Board and delegates; explain the relationship between the Conference Board and the President (formerly executive director); and explain how the Board functions.

Our Board of Directors is similar to boards of most corporations. In industry, the directors are elected by the stockholders, who are owners. The delegates are representatives of the Church of God people who are actually the owners of the ABC/GC. Obviously in corporations, the stockholders elect directors or board members who will run the company the way that they want them to and to make a fair profit. Your delegates, we trust, elect those who can best run the business of ABC/GC and bring about fulfillment of the goals of making converts and disciples and training persons in these tasks.

In industry, if the directors do not perform as expected, they are replaced at the end of their term. When performance is pleasing to the stockholders (delegates), the directors are left in their

positions for many years. I believe the GC has not chosen to operate as effectively as possible by replacing the directors every few years. Our directors cannot be re-elected until they have been off the board at least one year. Many past directors will agree that it took a couple of years to get informed and up to date before they felt effective. I believe this situation is an area that needs more study and possible changes to allow longer terms of service.

In corporations, the chairman of the board is elected from among the directors by the directors. He serves in this capacity to help the directors as they deal with the business of the corporation — ABC/GC — and he conducts meetings of the stockholders/delegates.

A Board of Directors hires a chief executive officer or president or executive director — whatever they choose to call him — to do the day-to-day business of the corporation. He is answerable to the directors for his performance. Obviously, if they hire, they can fire — and in business you have read often that they do fire.

In addition to hiring the president, the Board of Directors also is involved in reviewing candidates for key positions and they also, on an annual basis, review the performance of the employees. The directors tell the president to bring all the big decisions to them for consideration and also all major expenditures of money are to be cleared by the directors. Directors with their expertise and experience set the goals and directions of the corporation (ABC/GC), always keeping in mind the goals of the stockholders/delegates. The purpose of the organization is established by the owners, in business, nearly always to make a fair profit. With our ABC/GC the purpose is to train and assist in making converts to Jesus and disciple to maturity in Christ.

Ideas and programs for ABC/GC are initiated  
*(Continued on page 2)*



Members of the Board of Directors meeting with Atlanta Bible College students in January.

from local churches, individual members, pastors, staff or Board of Directors. All ideas, suggestions, and proposed programs are channeled to the Board of Directors for consideration and coordination with the other activities of the College and Conference. Major programs are put in the form of recommendations for delegate action.

Specifically speaking of the relationship between directors and the president as mentioned above, they hire and they fire depending upon performance. Our directors meet four times a year at which time the president reports on conduct of business in the last 3-4 months, problems to be solved, and plans for near-term and extended goals. The directors approve or disapprove the recent past business and personnel transactions and approve or disapprove of future plans. In addition, the Board receives at least monthly reports from the president of the state of affairs in the College and Conference.

A strong board is not a "rubber stamp" of the president but will have the confidence to stand up to the president and his staff when they are not satisfied with the performance or goals. At each meeting in our ABC/GC Board, the agenda provides a time of review and discussion by the seven board members without the president or any of his staff present, so that an unbiased review and discussion of his performance can be done. In my experience with three different presidents (since 1964), we have been quite frank in our direction to the president and even critical when we thought it appropriate.

In board meetings, all important aspects of management are reviewed and discussed (we usually have about 20 items). "Good" board members think and pray and plan between meetings and come with ideas on problem-solving and ideas and direction for achieving the goals of the organization. "Good" board members have innovative ideas and know how to present them to other board members, the president, and ultimately to the stockholders/delegates. Their knowledge of the ABC/GC recent and past history, their degree of knowledge and experience in the secular world, their sensitivity to persons, their spirituality, and their dedication to the organization are what makes them good board members. They need to be dedicated enough to ABC/GC that they will spend time in prayer for the organization and will set aside time necessary to attend all meetings and conferences.

In industry, members are not chosen on geographic representation and I do not believe that that should be paramount

in our selection of directors. The aforementioned characteristics are much more important than geographic location.

Much of ABC/GC board activity is business (dealing with the secular world) or business decisions relating to our funds, our people, and dealing with the personnel employed at or around ABC/GC. Therefore, it is important to have individuals on the board who are trained and experienced in these activities. Also, persons able to make and carry out "hard decisions." The move to Morrow, Georgia, was an example of a "hard decision." Pressure on the board and staff by those who thought this was not a good move was tremendous. These board and staff persons had to take a lot of "flack" and go ahead with what they believed God was guiding them to do. The strength and support comes from God but the person acting for the organization has to have determination and stick-to-itiveness.

My hope and prayer is that this treatise will be helpful in your understanding the relationship between board members, delegates, and members, and be helpful for you in support of the board and its appointed staff in Morrow and Oregon. This summer at our General Conference meeting in Indiana, I pray wisdom for each of you in selecting board members and that these thoughts may help you in that selection.



Board of Directors, students, and staff enjoying lunch during a recent visit of the Board to the College campus.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## BAPTISMS

### GEORGIA

*Morrow*—Pinky Alford by Susan Savage, Norberto Esteves by Seth Ross, Mary Bailey by David Riley (1-24-93); Daniel Williams (2-7-93), Jasmine Parham (2-14-93), Jeremy Martin (2-21-93) by David Riley.

### ARKANSAS

*McGintytown*—Derek Little (1-3-93) by Mark Good.

### CALIFORNIA

*Pomona*—Helen Nunneley and Vanessa Wells (12-20-92) by Delbert Jones.

## BAPTISM CORRECTION

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—K.W. Paulson (9-13-92), not Kay W Paulson. We apologize for this error.

## DEATHS

### OHIO

*Troy*—Dwayne Demmitt, 62, a charter member, elder, and SS teacher of Troy View Church and former member of General Conference Board of Directors (1-4-93) by Craig Waggener.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

*Pelzer*—Pastor Kenneth Milne, 78. He was a graduate of Pittsburgh Bible Institute and Zarephath Bible Seminary. While a student preparing for ministry, he had difficulty putting together what he was reading in his Bible and what he was being taught. While pastoring for the Pillar of Fire denomination, he continued to have questions.

Kenneth was put in touch with Bro. S. E. Magaw through Casimer Lanowick. After studying with Bro. Magaw he was baptized in 1949. He pastored congregations at Macomb, Rockford, Guthrie Grove, Dayton, and Greenville before retiring. He was an instructor at Oregon Bible College, a Director of the General Conference Board, and a member of the License and Ordination Board. He was a radio speaker and writer for quarterlies and *The Restitution Herald*.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Railton Milne.

Services were conducted at Guthrie Grove on January 13, 1992, by E. Richard Smith, David Krogh, and Wally Winner.

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Chester Pestle, 76, Member (1-23-93) by Jesse Pestle.

MARCH, APRIL, 1993

*Oregon*—Inez Gordon, 87, Member, wife of former Pastor Grover Gordon, former housemother at Oregon Bible College (1-26-93). Service held in Oregon by Pastor Michael Hoffman and service held in Holbrook, NE by Intern Lee McMinn.

## SYSTEMATIC COURSE COMPLETION

Charlotte Y. Allen of Vine Grove, Kentucky has completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.

## PASTOR NEEDED

We at the Holbrook Church of God at Holbrook, Nebraska are looking for a retired couple or individual who would be interested in coming to a rural area to live and hold Sunday services for a small church.

We have a very nice parsonage for you to live in and a place for you to garden and a very nice church. This would help us here at Holbrook and help you supplement your Social Security. Please send correspondence to: Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, Nebraska 69022 or call collect (308) 697-4799 or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, Nebraska 68922 or call collect after 7 p.m. (308) 962-5393.

## PASTOR NEEDED

The Columbia Church of God is seeking a pastor as soon as possible. Anyone interested in this position should write David Swartz at

5823 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, or call at (216) 327-6816.

## PASTOR NEEDED

Pine Grove Bible Church, located in a growing suburb of a diverse metropolitan area, is seeking a pastor on or after September 1, 1993. All those interested in this position should contact Elder Bill Gaspar by phone or mail at: 4895 Vine Hill Road, Excelsior, MN 55331 or (612)474-9535.

## AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

Pastor Tom Schmitt is available for a pastorate. He can be contacted at 216-963-0614 or 9977 Darrow Park Drive #125 A, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

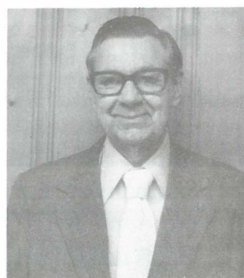
## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

### MINISTERS

Arp, Lee (Janet), 4425 S Juniper Street, Tempe, AZ 85282 Ph Res 602-839-5824  
Magaw, Russell (Joyce), 1020 Autumn Leaf Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376 Ph Off 314-947-7710 Res 447-3120  
Smead, Cecil, 4222 E Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 Ph Off 602-265-4155-952-2823 Res 392-0503

### CHURCHES

Bible Faith Church of God  
Arlen F. Rankin, Pastor, 12744 444th Ave. SE, North Bend, WA 98045



Pastor Kenneth Milne



ABC student Susan Savage baptizing Pinky Alford (January 24, 1993). Pastor David Riley in the background.

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# College and Conference Update

## Meeting of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference met on campus January 28-30. The following is a brief synopsis of items of note from the meeting:

1. Awarded Spring 1993 Church Builder's Appeal to Jay Street Church of God, Kokomo, Indiana.
2. Reviewed proposed program for 1993 Summer General Conference to be held on the Purdue University campus. The theme for the week is "The Family of God."
3. Reviewed status of unsold buildings—discussing offers, pending offers, repairs, etc. An offer of \$257,500 has been accepted on the Women's Dorm. Closing is scheduled to take place on April 12.
4. Discussed personnel needed to move the remainder of our Oregon publishing operations to Georgia.
5. Discussed residency status for Atlanta Bible College Students at Clayton State College. While efforts continue to resolve this issue, the Board has agreed to continue to subsidize the added cost for Clayton State College classes for those who are denied residency status.
6. Appointed Pastor Gary Burnham to fulfill the unexpired term of Pastor Stan Ross as the chairman of the Minister's Voluntary Retirement Association.
7. Alan Demmitt was appointed to the Christian Conciliation Board to complete the unexpired term of Stan Ross.
8. Conducted the Board's Annual review of the work of the President.
9. Considered a number of long-range planning topics including the work of the License Board, Mission work, future church planting, ABC recruitment efforts, publishing, youth work, the efforts of the Christian Conciliation Board, organizational chart and needs for new employees in the future, recommendations of pastoral longevity committee.

The Board will meet again prior to Minister's Conference on April 26 and 27.

## Board Positions to be Filled at Summer Conference

At the 1993 Summer General Conference, two members will be elected to the Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference for four year terms. The terms of Pastor Scott Ross and Dr. William D. Lawrence expire and they may not succeed themselves.

Nominations may be submitted by: 1. State or District Conference Boards of the Church of God 2. Churches that are

members of the General Conference 3. Ministerial Association of the Church of God General Conference.

Nominations should be submitted to the President of the General Conference by May 1 to be printed in the General Conference issue of the Progress Journal.

By delegate action, nominations should be accompanied by additional information for the review of churches sending delegates to the Summer Conference. Nominations should include the following information: 1. A resume of the individual with special emphasis upon the individual's involvement in the Lord's work 2. A statement of the candidate's philosophy of College/Conference 3. Candidate's opinion regarding the purpose of this organization 4. What the nominee would like to accomplish as a member of the Board of Directors.

The constitution requires a minimum of 2 nominations per position.

## Minister's Conference

Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference will be hosting the annual Minister's Conference which will begin the evening of April 27 and conclude on Friday, April 30. The program will include courses for continuing education credit; sessions on helping the abused; handling ministry discouragements, etc. We invite our churches to provide necessary funding for travel, lodging and meals. The Minister's Conference is a time of refreshment and encouragement for all of our pastors.

## Theological Conference

Atlanta Bible College will host the Third Annual Theological Conference on campus immediately following Minister's Conference, April 30 to May 2. The program will contain formal and informal sessions and discussions on several of the distinctive teachings of the Church of God. Both Church of God and non-Church of God participants who share our beliefs will be invited to participate. Among the guest speakers are: Wesley Buchanan (author of the section on Hebrews in Anchor Study Bible), Geoff Davies (Australia), Mark Mattison, Allon Maxwell (Australia), and Pastor William Wachtel.

There will be a \$20 charge per person payable at registration to help cover the cost of meals during the conference. Lodging is available in a nearby Hampton Inn. All pastors and lay members of the Church of God are invited to attend all or part of this special conference. Additional information will be mailed to local churches.

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## Conference Costs

	Early Bird*	Regular
4 to a Room Per Person	\$172.00	\$182.00
3 to a Room Per Person	\$196.00	\$206.00
2 to a Room Per Person	\$227.00	\$237.00
1 to a Room	\$328.00	\$338.00
Ages 17 and under In a Room with Parents	\$99.00	\$109.00
Full-Time Commuter (with all meals)	\$99.00	\$109.00
One Day Commuter (lunch and dinner)	\$25.00	\$35.00

\* Registration postmarked by July 1, 1993

Special Door Prize: The last evening of Conference a special drawing will be held for those who have registered for the Conference. A \$500 grant toward a Holy Land trip will be awarded. (See page 14 for more information on the trip.)

# The 1993 Annual General Conference



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# Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments will be considered at the summer General Conference, July 26-30, 1993.

## Recommendation #1

At the Summer General Conference, Pastor Francis Burnett moved and Pastor Darrell Cardwell seconded a motion to reinstate part of Article 2, Section 1, which would read as follows: "Atlanta Bible College which was established by the Church of God General Conference, August 8, 1939, as Oregon Bible College, exists to educate men and women for Christian ministries on the collegiate level through Biblical and Theological studies, general education in the arts and sciences, and professional studies in pastoral ministry and church vocational areas deemed desirable."

This proposal was tabled to be considered at the 1993 General Conference.

The Board of Directors would like to propose that the delegates adopt this constitutional amendment, and that it be placed in the By-Laws, Article 1, which pertains to the purpose of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference. The Board proposes that the above item become Section 2 and that the present Section 2 be renumbered Section 3.

**Explanation:** This amendment acknowledges the organization of our Bible College in 1939 and states its purpose.

## Recommendation #2

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to the Constitution, Article 2, Section 3, b, to insert the following phrase after the words "the following licensed or ordained ministers":

"authorized under the auspices of the General Conference License Board."

**Explanation:** This amendment was suggested by the License Board. It clarifies which licensed and ordained pastors are eligible to vote at General Conference delegate business sessions.

## Recommendation #3

The Board of Directors proposes the following amendment to the Constitution: By-Laws, Article 2, Section 7, new G: "to employ a president who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the day-to-day business of Atlanta

Bible College/General Conference, for personnel, for planning, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him. The president shall meet the qualifications given in I Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. The president may be either male or female."

The present item G will be changed to H.

**Explanation:** This constitutional change was proposed by members of the Northeast Conference. The Constitution and By-Laws currently do not make any provision for an administrator of the College/Conference other than stating he has voting privileges. This amendment provides for the position, the title, the qualifications, the duties, and the accountability of the administrator.

## College and Conference Update

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### Lay Pastor/Speaker Program

The License Board and Pastor John Hearp have been working on the development of a training program for lay pastors. Material is now available to help equip laymen who would like to become better equipped to assist a local church.

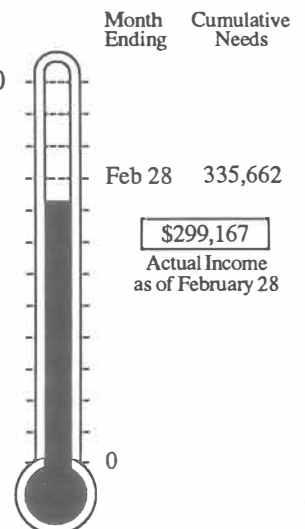
For more information please contact Kent Ross at P O Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260 or 1-800-347-4261.

### Financial Update

Goal: \$447,550

For the first nine months of our fiscal year which began June 1, \$299,167 has been contributed. This is approximately \$36,500 less than our budget needs. We are grateful for churches, conferences, and member families for their faithful support.

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**Church of God Participation Statistics**  
**Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1992**

*\*Not current statistics*

	Member of Gen Conf	Active Members	Active Families	Restitution Herald Subscriptions	Church Contributed to Goals for Giving	Member Families which Contributed to Goals for Giving	Total Contributions to Goals For Giving	**Church Contributed to ABC Foundation	**Givers to ABC Foundation	**Amount Given to ABC Foundation	Average SS & Church Attendance	Quarterlies Each Quarter	OBC Alumni Since 1939	Contributing Church Builder Members
<b>Arizona</b>														
Lakeshore, Tempe	X	*113	*74	28	X	7	\$ 9,703	-	22	\$ 15,273	*122-136	55	10	10
Valley View, Scottsdale	X	*212	*62	10	-	6	11,371	-	18	112,527	*135-222	-	10	5
<b>Arkansas</b>														
Clark Chapel, Magazine	-	*10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*28	37	-	-
Cleveland Church, Cleveland	-	*14	*6	4	X	3	1,075	-	-	-	*11	31	-	1
Forest Hills, Royal	X	*42	-	4	X	6	1,953	-	2	225	38-36	64	6	3
New Hope, Little Rock	X	*22	-	3	X	4	2,005	-	8	12,700	-	14	4	3
McGintytown, Greenbrier	X	*53	*20	13	X	9	2,355	X	3	2,343	*49-63	35	1	2
<b>California</b>														
Church of Open Bible, Pomona	X	38	27	14	X	13	12,407	-	6	7,339	16-27	33	6	11
Simi Valley Church, Simi Valley	X	*22	*13	6	X	3	3,586	-	5	2,570	*29-34	19	1	5
<b>Canada</b>														
Glad Tidings, Fonthill	X	85	50	12	X	13	7,698	X	30	22,715	48-85	51	15	5
<b>Georgia</b>														
New Friends Bible	X	39	21	8	X	8	6,937	-	-	-	86	38	6	8
<b>Illinois</b>														
Blessed Hope, Rockford	X	31	32	6	X	5	1,818	-	5	14,299	40-43	48	9	2
Dixon Church, Dixon	X	20	7	7	-	2	15	-	6	3,215	20-22	35	6	4
East Oregon Chapel, Oregon	X	51	30	5	X	7	1,539	-	7	12,644	41-55	66	5	3
East Peoria, East Peoria	X	40	21	4	X	5	1,044	-	9	3,811	*46	37	-	3
Family Bible, Rockford	X	58	48	4	X	5	1,892	-	2	1,330	*80	58	-	2
Flagg Center, Rochelle	X	*30	*18	4	X	3	293	-	1	200	*30-45	31	6	2
Fox Valley, Aurora	X	20	11	4	X	1	1,018	-	2	1,400	*22-22	56	-	1
Macomb Church, Macomb	X	103	*72	22	X	27	4,980	-	17	12,931	73-84	108	13	18
Oregon Church, Oregon	X	150	79	38	X	27	10,756	-	36	29,987	126-152	149	35	22
Restitution Church, Casey	X	*8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	4	11	1	-
Restitution Church, Eldorado	X	43	20	8	-	5	430	-	1	125	*30-38	43	-	3
Ripley Church, Ripley	X	67	-	14	X	17	3,197	-	20	8,380	*32-41	80	9	4
<b>Indiana</b>														
Burr Oak Church, Burr Oak	X	46	20	34	X	8	5,669	X	18	16,187	54-59	68	1	4
Country Chapel, Michigantown	X	22	12	7	X	6	2,623	-	7	4,780	19-22	24	14	3

	Member of Gen Conf	Active Members	Active Families	Restitution Herald Subscriptions	Church Contributed to Goals for Giving	Member Families which Contributed to Goals for Giving	Total Contributions to Goals For Giving	**Church Contributed to ABC Foundation	**Givers to ABC Foundation	**Amount Given to ABC Foundation	Average SS & Church Attendance	Quarterlies Each Quarter	OBC Alumni Since 1939	Contributing Church Builder Members	
Hedrick Church, Hedrick	X	35	21	6	X	13	1,131	-	6	520	34-31	76	2	4	
Jay St, Kokomo	X	*42	-	4	-	10	696	-	3	1,340	31-53	18	12	3	
New Hope Community, Lafayette	-	-	13	-	X	1	145	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	
North Salem, Plymouth	X	33	21	13	-	11	395	-	2	2,720	27-34	66	2	4	
Timberland Bible, South Bend	X	99	55	13	X	24	8,973	-	15	7,178	78-112	42	18	14	
<b>Iowa</b>															
Conger St Church, Waterloo	X	*14	-	5	-	3	60	-	1	180	*20-22	23	4	1	
Gladbrook Church, Gladbrook	-	-	-	1	-	2	115	-	-	-	*10-10	-	-	1	
Oaklawn Church, Koszta	-	*40	*21	4	-	3	535	-	3	1,312	32-37	49	-	2	
Restitution Church, Belle Plaine	-	-	-	7	-	1	20	-	-	-	-	23	-	1	
<b>Kansas</b>															
Hope Chapel, Arkansas City	X	9	4	4	X	4	1,130	-	-	-	4-	18	-	-	
<b>Louisiana</b>															
Blood River Church, Springfield	X	*106	-	11	X	18	5,241	-	10	3,192	*73-	147	18	4	
Faith Chapel, Metairie	X	*4	*1	2	X	1	310	-	-	-	3-3	8	-	1	
Happy Woods Church, Hammond	X	*58	*36	9	X	4	5,417	-	7	18,352	*50-56	56	8	5	
Open Bible Fellowship, Baton Rouge	X	*27	*12	2	X	4	495	-	4	8,670	*27-33	18	7	3	
<b>Michigan</b>															
Blanchard Church, Blanchard	X	*134	*80	7	X	28	12,909	-	11	12,554	110-166	99	19	10	
Champion Community, Champion	X	*8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	*7-7	-	-	1	
Garden Park Church, Kentwood	X	*43	*28	4	X	5	5,558	X	9	17,337	48-49	48	5	7	
North Kent Church, Rockford	X	*53	*27	4	X	4	4,320	X	5	5,885	38-57	17	-	2	
Pennellwood Church, Wyoming	X	61	44	9	X	14	3,251	-	13	7,481	40-66	25	25	10	
Southlawn Church, Wyoming	X	78	45	6	X	11	11,253	-	18	9,480	46-69	52	13	9	
<b>Minnesota</b>															
Eden Valley Church, Eden Valley	X	105	60	13	X	19	5,312	-	19	22,827	54-94	120	14	12	
Hector Church, Hector	X	29	10	9	X	6	1,287	-	8	27,377	28-29	67	8	5	
Hewitt Church, Hewitt	-	-	3	2	-	1	20	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
Litchfield Church, Litchfield	X	40	22	9	X	11	2,073	-	9	6,605	*26-48	43	6	2	
Pine Grove, Minneapolis	X	52	*28	9	X	11	1,604	-	7	3,900	*38-49	49	7	7	
St. Cloud Church, St. Cloud	X	*8	*3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8-10	13	3	-	
<b>Missouri</b>															
Fairview Church, Doniphan	-	*16	-	2	-	4	420	-	-	-	12-	22	1	2	
Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown	X	43	30	4	X	6	5,038	-	4	940	31-32	29	6	3	
Jordan Church, Jordan	X	*13	-	2	X	-	-	-	-	-	*14-	11	5	1	
Lockwood Church, Lockwood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*20-	17	-	-	



Morse Mill Church, Morse Mill	X	*31	*5	4	-	6	5,520	X	4	565	15-17	40	5	1
Open Bible, Cross Timbers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13-13	18	-	-
Raymore Church, Raymore	X	57	33	8	X	20	4,371	-	15	15,961	59-64	54	2	4
Springfield Church, Springfield	X	*16	*8	2	-	1	3	-	1	1,025	-	19	-	1
St. Charles Church, St. Charles	X	37	24	8	X	6	1,892	X	3	5,190	66	21	3	5
<b>Nebraska</b>														
Holbrook Church, Holbrook	X	29	21	13	X	-	-	-	6	1,230	15-16	27	4	3
Jaynes Street Community, Omaha	X	*83	*60	24	X	20	12,329	X	16	27,729	54	101	12	12
<b>North Carolina</b>														
Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville	X	*21	-	3	-	2	60	-	1	1,250	*11-19	34	-	2
Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir	X	84	51	3	X	12	2,393	-	1	5,760	*47-77	59	1	6
<b>Ohio</b>														
Brush Creek Church, Tipp City	X	85	49	23	X	24	12,275	-	12	7,105	82-84	140	23	15
Chapel Hill, Urbana	X	16	11	2	-	4	235	-	1	100	21-23	50	-	2
Church of Open Bible, Bedford	X	34	19	11	X	9	2,583	-	8	2,474	32-42	56	4	6
Columbia Church, Columbia Station	X	20	10	8	X	4	2,061	-	4	3,530	26-34	18	5	4
New Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton	X	*22	-	3	-	2	1,520	-	4	7,902	*16-17	1	10	0
Golden Rule Church, Cleveland	X	*17	*10	4	X	5	752	-	-	25	*24-24	45	3	1
Gospel Church, Hilliard	X	21	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	*12-13	-	-	0
Lawrenceville Church, Springfield	X	*63	*41	11	X	12	5,903	-	9	78,623	56-74	105	12	5
North Hills Church, Springfield	X	52	30	5	X	5	1,416	-	3	11,350	*62-72	46	1	5
Pleasant Hill Church, Pleasant Hill	X	49	16	8	X	7	1,925	-	3	3,061	57-58	64	1	5
Troy View Church, Troy	X	86	50	8	X	11	2,966	-	6	3,280	*80-90	71	17	5
<b>South Carolina</b>														
Bethel Church, Pelzer	X	*110	*46	1	X	18	6,713	-	1	1,060	77-112	85	-	1
Greenville Church, Greenville	X	*24	-	3	-	2	70	-	-	-	*17-19	26	-	0
Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer	X	*216	*75	19	X	25	6,527	-	38	29,828	148-215	191	9	18
<b>Tennessee</b>														
Nashville	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Texas</b>														
Avondale Church, Harlingen	X	*20	*8	7	X	4	465	-	-	-	*20-24	27	1	2
Gatesville Church, Gatesville	X	*58	*32	14	-	6	1,795	-	9	4,204	36-49	59	3	2
<b>Virginia</b>														
Cool Spring Church, Browntown	X	32	9	5	X	2	1,520	-	12	6,185	34-38	61	2	4
Fair Oaks Community, Herndon	X	17	13	7	X	11	5,153	-	12	20,145	-17	29	6	11
Fort Valley Church, Seven Fountains	X	46	16	8	X	13	7,688	-	9	10,162	37-44	35	11	5
Grace Fellowship, Front Royal	X	*45	*30	8	X	12	2,312	-	9	13,052	49-57	2	1	2
<b>Washington</b>														
Bible Faith Church, Bellevue	-	*15	-	2	-	1	1,100	-	-	-	-	38	-	-
Cashmere Church, Cashmere	-	-	-	1	-	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Wenatchee Church, Wenatchee	-	-	-	6	-	6	490	-	1	275	*47-63	71	11	1
<b>TOTALS (Incomplete)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>\$264,129</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>\$692,652</b>	<b>2803-4108</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>366</b>

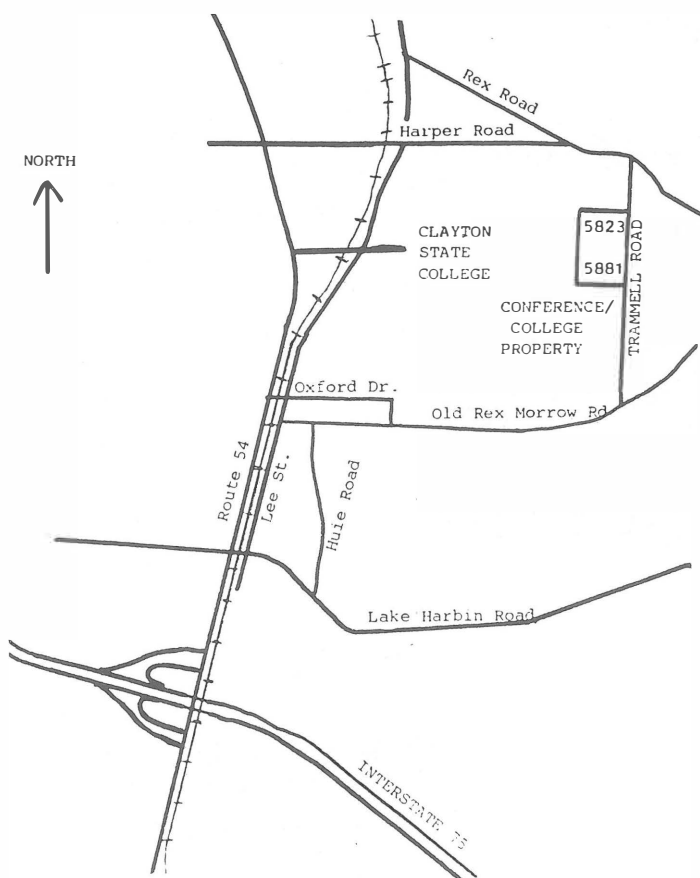
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<b>Conferences</b>								
Arkansas State Conference			200	X		-		
Illinois State Conference			1,225	X		5,000		
Indiana State Conference			723	X		500		
Louisiana State Conference			100	X				
Michigan State Conference			1,220	X		6,000		
Minnesota State Conference			751	X		1,000		
Minnesota State Mission Society			700	X		1,000		
Missouri State Conference			557	X		1,000		
Northeast Conference			2,000					
Southeast Conference			1,037	X		200		
Virginia State Conference			1,908	X		7,500		
<b>Non-Church of God</b>							433	
Isolated Members and Bequests	56	174	101,987	-	3	41,978	125	54
Herald Bundles to Churches	254							
Miscellaneous						259,554		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>376,537</b>			<b>994,184</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>420</b>

**\*\*Total Since the beginning of the Foundation in 1982**

#### MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS & SUBTRACTIONS

ADDITIONS:	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Baptisms	182	134	130	126	168	170
Inactive-Became Active	68	37	76	46	66	82
Transfer In	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>46</u>
	290	218	254	220	311	298
<b>SUBTRACTIONS:</b>						
Deaths	34	40	27	36	37	39
Became Inactive	133	92	102	123	157	132
Transferred Away	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>47</u>
	211	178	194	190	304	218
Net Gain (or Loss)	79	40	60	30	7	80

# Directions to College/Conference Morrow, Georgia



Many visitors from around North America have come to our campus recently. If you are traveling in our area please stop by for a visit and a tour of our buildings.

The College is located in the Southeast part of the Atlanta Metropolitan area near Interstate 75. Exit on State Route 54 (Jonesboro Road) at Exit 76. Turn left and travel north for 1 1/2 miles. Turn right on Harper Road. Harper will be the 4th or 5th light after leaving the Interstate depending upon a north or southbound exit. Continue one mile until Harper Road merges with Rex Road. Continue straight ahead approximately .2 mile to Trammell Road. Turn right. The College is on the right (west) side of the road. The address is 5823 Trammell Road.

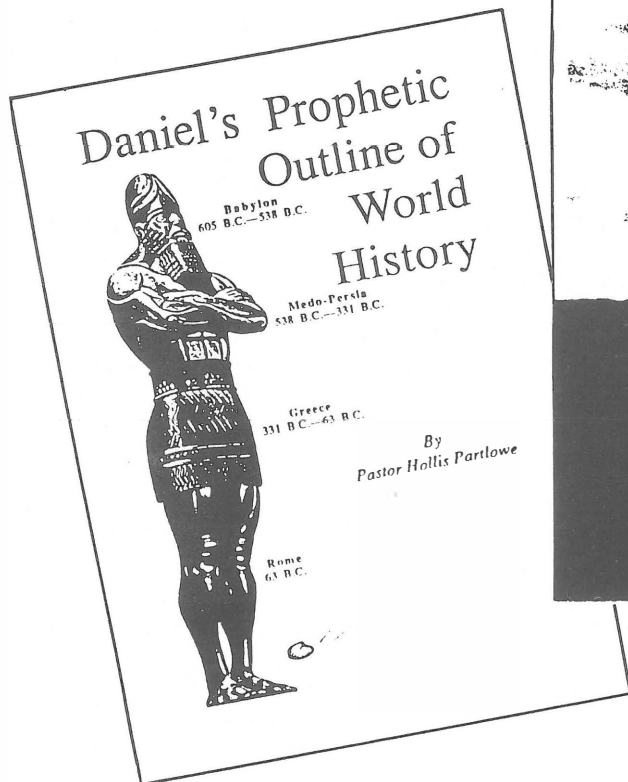
## Calendar of Events

<b>March 29</b>	Spring Quarter Begins at Atlanta Bible College
<b>April 27-30</b>	Annual Minister's Conference held at Atlanta Bible College
<b>April 30- May 2</b>	Third Annual Theological Conference at Atlanta Bible College
<b>June 11</b>	Atlanta Bible College Graduation
<b>June 20-26</b>	Mid-west Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, IN
<b>July 11-16</b>	1993 Youth Congress at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
<b>July 26-30</b>	Annual Summer General Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN
<b>Nov. 19,20</b>	Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN.

## Continuing Projects in Atlanta

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway			
5' section	100	\$40	12 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	5 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	6 selected by donors
Patio Furniture	6	\$100	3 selected by donors
Concrete for Patio	20 yds.	\$43 per yd.	8 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	2 selected by donor
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Refrigerators for Apt Bldg	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for Apt Bldg	10	\$400	1 selected by donor
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax Machine	1	\$450	\$100 contributed

## New Booklets Available



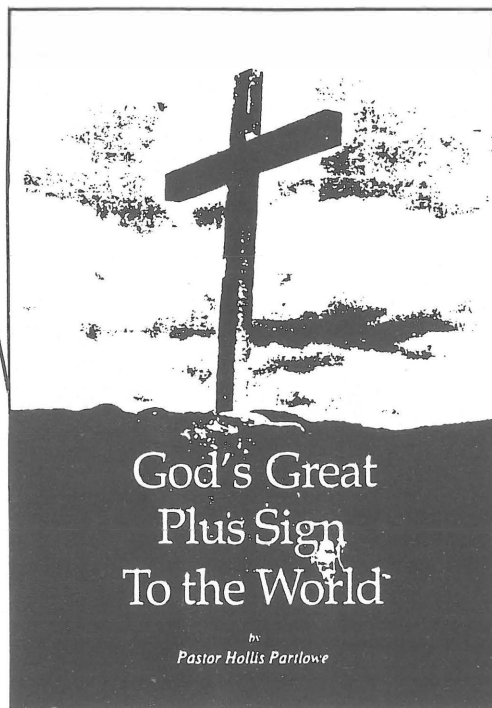
### Daniel's Prophetic Outline of World History

by Hollis Partlowe

Daniel, more than any other book in the Bible, gives an overview of prophecy and "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). Starting in his day, this Hebrew prophet revealed four successive world kingdoms that would come upon the stage of human history. Then finally all kingdoms of men would be replaced by a fifth kingdom, the Kingdom from heaven. The Kingdom of God is the goal or grand climax of world history.

This Kingdom will be established "without human hands" when Jesus returns to earth.

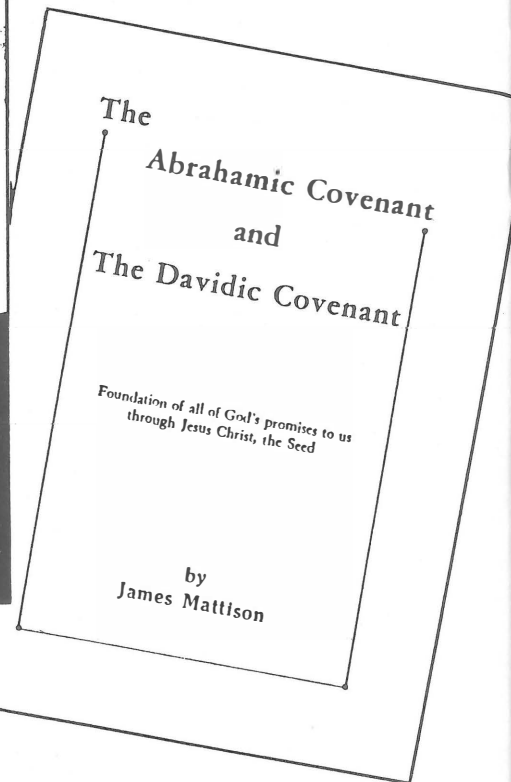
This booklet is designed to give an overview of the fascinating twelve chapters in the Book of Daniel. It could be used as an outline in a study of this major prophet of the Old Testament during Sunday School time, midweek Bible study, home Bible study and/or personal study. The cost is \$.95 (16 pages).



### God's Great Plus Sign to the World

by Hollis Partlowe

This is a salvation tract and could be used to share your faith in our crucified, risen, and coming Savior. Certainly the cross is the center of God's plan of redemption for earth and man. God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). He wants all to have a clear presentation of the good news of salvation which only can be found in Christ. The cross is the center of God's great moral universe. If one is to have a place in God's coming Kingdom, he must come to the cross today. Otherwise he faces the wrath and anger of the Lord in the future. Use this tract to share Christ and His love with your friends and neighbors. The cost is \$.75 (eight pages).



### The Abrahamic Covenant and The Davidic Covenant

by Pastor James Mattison

This booklet (56 pages) is an excellent treatment of the two major covenants of the Old Testament which are eternal in duration and still have great significance today.

Brother Mattison shows clearly that Jesus is a descendant of both Abraham and David. "Christ occupies a unique position in both covenants." God has made it possible "that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ" (Gal. 3:14).

This booklet would be ideal for an elective Sunday School class, midweek class, etc. The cost is \$1.75.

## Report of Baptisms

# 2,000 by the Year 2000

Jan. 1, 2000



April 1, 1992 - Feb, 28, 1993	130	Total 523
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	170	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	168	
Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990	55	

## The Restitution Herald

"The Restitution Herald" is a publication of the Church of God General Conference. It is in its 82nd year of publication. Each issue contains approximately 32 pages. It now includes an extra 4-page insert in the middle containing the Church of God *History Newsletter*. The magazine is published 6 times per year. The cost is \$12.00 per year. Please use the coupon below to order your subscription.

I wish to subscribe to "The Restitution Herald."  
Enclosed is my check for \$12.00.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Church of God General Conference.  
Mail to P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

- 1 Pray for the "foolish" of the world who have rejected Christ as Lord and Savior.
- 2 Pray for opportunities to witness to the lost and dying.
- 3 Pray for the Russian contacts that have been made.
- 4 Praise God for the gift of His Son, and Jesus for His willing sacrifice as we move into this holy week.
- 5 Pray for the faithful brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 6 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.
- 7 Praise God for the leadership of your local church.
- 8 Pray for isolated members who miss regular fellowship with other believers.
- 9 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant, members of Valley View Church, ministering in the Middle East.
- 10 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's message to you tomorrow.
- 11 Praise God for a resurrected, living Savior.
- 12 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 13 Pray for the churches in your regional conference or state.
- 14 Praise God for the new life we enjoy in the spring season.
- 15 Pray for the success of the upcoming Ministerial and Theological Conferences.
- 16 Pray for someone you know who needs to submit his life to Christ's leading.
- 17 Pray that God might use you to lead the lost to salvation.
- 18 Praise God for the dedicated ministers within our denomination.
- 19 Pray for the young men completing internships—Lee McMinn and Jason Turner.
- 20 Pray for the ministry of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 21 Pray for David Krogh in his position as President of our College and Conference.
- 22 Praise God for the students at Atlanta Bible College who are preparing for service.
- 23 Pray for the soon return of Christ.
- 24 Praise God for His faithfulness.
- 25 Pray for Mario Olcese and the brethren in Lima, Peru.
- 26 Pray for renewal for our pastors as they meet together this week.
- 27 Praise God for the faithful prayer and support partners of the College/Conference.
- 28 Praise God for the secretarial staff of the Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference.
- 29 Pray for the safety of pastors who will be traveling home from Ministerial Conference.
- 30 Pray for the Theological Conference taking place this weekend.

- 1 Pray for the editors of our various Conference publications.
- 2 **Praise God for the ministry and service of your church leaders.**
- 3 Pray for God to provide needed Conference employees.
- 4 **Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.**
- 5 Pray for the Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference.
- 6 **Praise God for new attenders to your local church.**
- 7 Pray for those who are preparing for full-time Christian service.
- 8 **Pray for your family and friends.**
- 9 Praise God for your mother and her influence in your life.
- 10 **Pray for the preparations being made to complete the move from Oregon, Illinois, to Morrow, Georgia.**
- 11 Pray for our brethren throughout the world, that they might remain steadfast.
- 12 **Praise God for the strength He provides you each day.**
- 13 Pray for the summer ministries which will be taking place.
- 14 **Pray for the Arizona churches and pastors.**
- 15 Pray for the Arkansas churches and pastors.
- 16 **Praise God for the ministry of our California churches and pastors.**
- 17 Pray for the members of the Arkansas City, Kansas, and Holbrook, Nebraska, congregations.
- 18 **Pray for the outreach ministries of New Friends Bible Church.**
- 19 Praise God for the work of the Illinois churches and their pastors.
- 20 **Pray for the ministries of the Indiana State Conference churches and pastors.**
- 21 Pray for the congregations and pastors of the churches in Iowa.
- 22 **Praise God for the Louisiana pastors and brethren.**
- 23 Pray for the outreach ministries of the Michigan pastors and congregations.
- 24 **Pray for the brethren in our Minnesota State Conference and their leaders.**
- 25 Praise God for the work of the pastors and brethren in Missouri.
- 26 **Pray for the congregation at Omaha, Nebraska, and Scott Ross, the pastor.**
- 27 Pray for the Nashville, Tennessee, brethren and leadership, and the pastors and churches of the Southeast Conference.
- 28 **Praise God for the faithful ministry of the churches and pastors of the Northeast Conference.**
- 29 Pray for the brethren in Texas and Washington and for their pastors.
- 30 **Pray for the congregations and pastors of the Virginia State Conference.**
- 31 Praise God for all that He has done and is doing in your life.

## LENDING CATALOG AVAILABLE

The Church of God General Conference has many resources available for local church use. The resources consist of videos, audio tapes, notebooks, film strips, overheads, films, etc. Resources are available in the areas of Church and Society; Evangelism and Church Growth; Finances; Leadership; Missions; Relationships—Families, Dating, Counseling; Sunday School Training material; Theology and Preaching; and Youth Ministry.

All resources are available without charge to local churches. The borrower is responsible for postage to return the materials.

To secure a copy of the Lending Catalog, please write to: Lending Catalog, P O Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

## HOLY LAND TRIP PLANNED

Atlanta Bible College is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land September, 1993. Kent Ross and Dr. Alva Huffer will be the tour leaders. The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation is providing grants of \$500 for up to ten ABC students who register for the trip. Upperclassmen will be given priority. The eight-day trip will cost approximately \$1,500 with departure from New York.

Church of God members and friends are invited to join the tour group at their own expense. Also, a special drawing will be held at the summer General Conference on July 30 for those who have registered for the Conference. A \$500 grant toward this trip will be awarded.

For more information or registration form, please contact Kent Ross, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260 or 1-800-347-4261.



Members of the Missouri Conference met at Morse Mill October 18 to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Morse Mill Congregation.



Students and staff clearing a path for the walkway to Clayton State College.

# Supplies Order Form

Prices effective January 1, 1993

Quantity	Part A	COST
<b>BOOKS AND BOOKLETS</b>		
...	Christ or Confusion (Gospel Pub League)	.95
...	Concerning the Nations (Gospel Pub League)	.95
...	Daniel's Prophetic Outline of History (Partlowe)	.95
...	Daring to Differ: Adventures in Conditional Immortality (Hatch)	9.95
...	Emphatic Diaglott (Wilson)	4.95
...	"Except" (baptism, Bilton)	1.15
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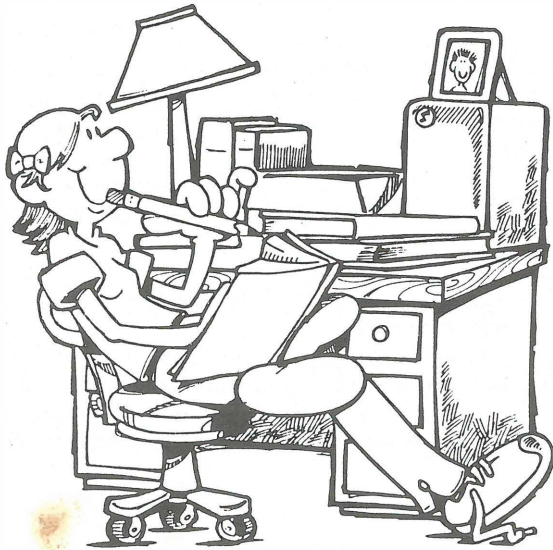
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# College/Conference Update

## Summer Conference and Annual Reports

This issue of the Progress Journal contains information about our Summer Conference to be held July 26-30 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Included in this issue is information about the program and a registration form on the back cover. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Staff Changes

Daniel Smead has been hired to work in our publishing department when it moves to Atlanta during the summer. He will be taking the place of Gordon Landry. Daniel graduates from Atlanta Bible College this Spring. He has been employed as a part-time employee in the Church of God archives during the past several years and has also volunteered as a proofreader for the Journal from the Radical Reformation. He will be in Oregon, Illinois during the summer to work with Gordon Landry during the transition.

We are very grateful for the work that Gordon Landry has done for the past 19 years as a member of the General Conference staff. He has brought professionalism and dedication to the publication of Church of God literature.

Harry McMinn has resigned as controller effective June 1. He is resigning for personal and family reasons. We have reluctantly accepted Harry's resignation. He has helped to bring about many improvements in the computerization of our accounting system. He has made a very valuable contribution to our staff.

Chris Seiders, a first-year student at Atlanta Bible College has been employed as a publishing assistant. He is replacing Mark Cain who has served in this position for the past four years. Chris comes to this position with three years experience on Macintosh computers and the Pagemaker program as the editor of his high school newspaper.

Amy Berry, a first-year student at Atlanta Bible College has been employed as a part-time typesetter. She will replace Becky Hall who has been filling the position in Oregon, Illinois. Becky has been a faithful employee for 18 years.

We are very grateful for each member of our staff and we look forward to welcoming new employees who will work with us in service for the Lord and our membership.

## Guests on Campus

Pastor Francis Burnett served as campus chaplain

the last week of January. Pastor Leon Driskill served in this capacity in March. The Ministerial Association provides financial support to send several pastors to the campus each year. We appreciate the willingness of the Association to sponsor this worthwhile project.

Tracy Savage came to the College following Christian Worker's Seminar to show slides of Russia and to speak to the students about mission work.

Pastor Stephen Bolhous will serve as a guest instructor in May. His intensive course is Difficult Texts. Our students and staff have appreciated the ministry of each of these individuals.

## College Invitational

Sixty-two students and 18 sponsors visited the campus of Atlanta Bible College during the weekend of March 5-7. Students attended classes, participated in personal interviews, did sightseeing, and experienced other aspects of college life. A number of students have expressed an interest in attending the College in the future.

## Holy Land Trip

Atlanta Bible College is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land September 8-15, 1993. Kent Ross and Dr. Alva Huffer will be the tour leaders. The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation is providing grants of \$500 for up to ten ABC students who register for the trip. Upper classmen will be given priority.

The eight-day trip will cost \$1,544 with departure from New York City.

Church of God members and friends are invited to join the tour group at their own expense. Brochures providing details of the trip are available from David Krogh, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

A special drawing will be held at the Summer General Conference for those who have registered for the Conference. A \$500 grant toward this trip will be awarded. The \$500 will be non-transferable but may be used at a later time. It is our plan to sponsor a trip each year.

## Atlanta Bible College Honor Roll

We continue to be thankful for the fine group of students who are enrolled at the college.

Full-time students who maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in any quarter are placed on the honor roll. Students maintaining an average of at least 3.50 are placed on the high honor

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roll. We are pleased to report the following results for the second quarter:

**High Honor Roll:** Dale Harshman, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, and Chris Seiders.

**Honor Roll:** Amy Berry, Jason Brown, John Nelson, Daniel Smead, Mark Tschaenn, Aaron Wells, and Steve Zimbelman.

### Prepaid College Tuition

Tuition to Atlanta Bible College may be prepaid up to four years in advance of actual enrollment. Tuition payment will be made on the basis of hourly tuition rate in effect at time of payment. No additional charges will be made when the student enrolls. If the student chooses not to enroll, 50% of the tuition paid will either be refunded or the total paid may be transferred to another member of the immediate family.

This program permits tuition to be locked in at today's rates. A monthly payment plan can be set up. For additional information, please contact David Krogh.

### New Churches

St. Charles Community Church has moved into new rented facilities which gives them access to meeting rooms seven days a week. Their previous location was rented for only several hours on Sunday morning.

The new church at Lafayette, Indiana has selected a name: New Hope Community Church. Attendance has been running in the mid-twenties. Steve Taylor and the members of the church are working on video programs which will be broadcast in their area. They are also doing door-to-door prospecting, as well as inviting their neighbors and friends.

New Friends Bible Church recently observed Scout Sunday. Several Brownie and Girl Scout troops use classroom space in the College/Conference Administration building in the evenings. Counting the visiting scouts and parents, 159 were present for the morning service. In conjunction with the Ministry groups of the Bible College, classes for all ages are held on Wednesday evenings and the Afterschool Bible Club continues to draw children from the community.

Family Bible Fellowship in Rockford, Illinois is giving consideration to launching a daughter church in the Beloit or South Beloit area.

### Photos of Churches

Last year, the Fair Oaks Community Church presented a framed 8x10 color picture of their church to the College and Conference staff. The picture will be placed in the Administration Building. We would welcome receiving pictures of all of our churches. The 8x10 photograph should be sent to the General Conference office. We will have the photograph framed and a name plate of the church engraved. We would like to include all of our churches in this special collection.

### College Graduation

Six students will graduate from Atlanta Bible College at a special commencement program on June 11. The graduates are: Lee McMinn, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Daniel Smead, Jason Turner, and Aaron Wells. Pastor William Wachtel, a former President of Oregon Bible College, and current pastor of the Wenatchee, Washington Church of God will be the graduation speaker.

### Chorale Travels

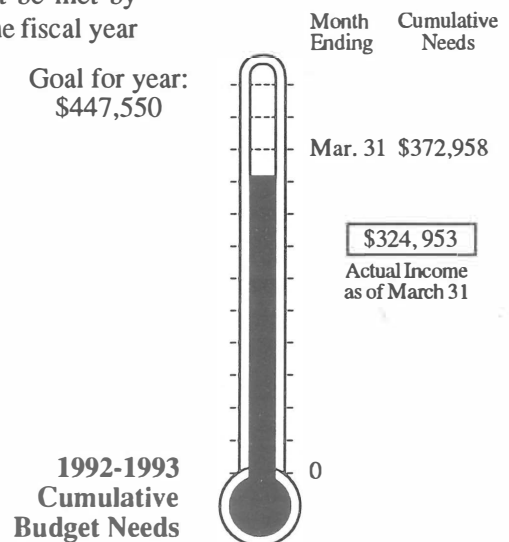
The 1992-93 Atlanta Bible College Chorale has traveled extensively during the past two months. They left Atlanta on March 19 for their Spring concert tour which included presentations at Eldorado, Illinois; Morse Mill, St. Charles, and Raymore, Missouri; McGintytown, Magazine, and Royal, Arkansas; Gatesville, Texas; Hammond, Louisiana; and back to New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia. In April, they visited the Virginia Conference, Church of Resurrection Hope in Lenoir, North Carolina; Second Hope Advent Church, Monroe, North Carolina; and Bethel Church of God in South Carolina.

Those participating in the Chorale are Brent Bengtson, Amy Berry, Jason Brown, Brad Gaspar, Dale Harshman, Melinda Nelson, John Nelson, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Chris Seiders, Carolyn Swartz, Julie Vance, and Michelle Yager.

Dale Ramsey has directed the Chorale since its inception in 1970.

### Financial Update

For the first ten months of our fiscal year which began June 1, \$324,953 has been contributed. This is approximately \$48,000 less than our budget needs. We invite each member family of the Church of God to join our family of supporters. We are grateful for each gift, large and small, toward our ongoing needs. We ask for special prayer that our needs might be met by the end of the fiscal year on May 31.



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# Correspondence Course Available

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

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

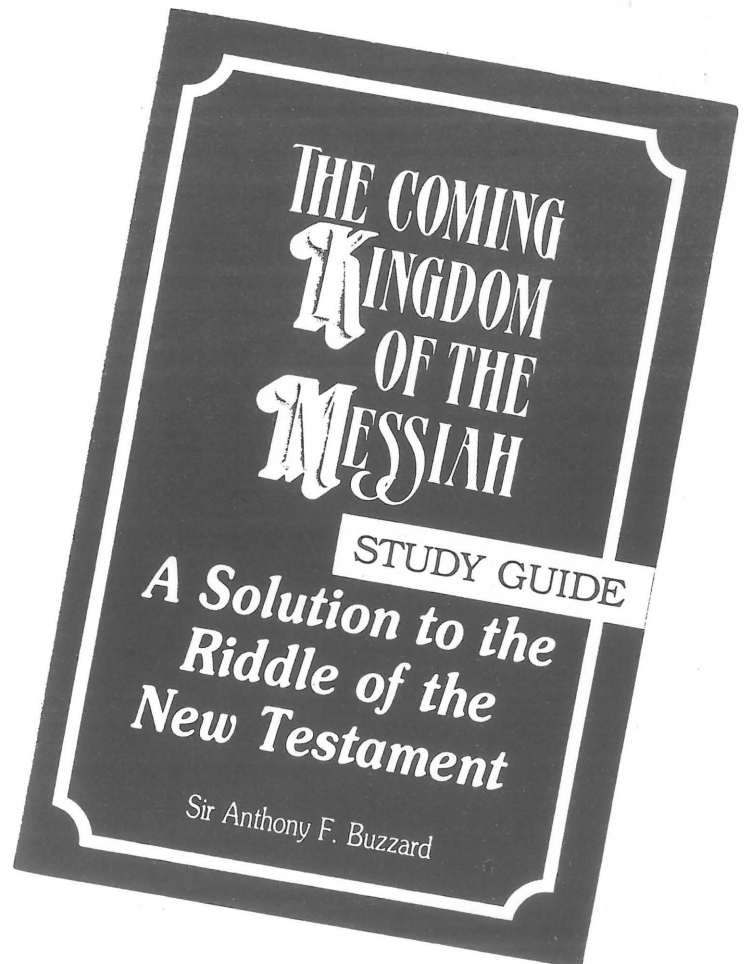
Those taking the course for college credit should send study guide answer sheets to be graded to: Correspondence Course, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

Use the order form to secure materials and/or to enroll in the course.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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August 1-7	Cleveland, Ohio
August 8-14	Pleasant Hill and Urbana, Ohio

The Summer Ministries Program is looking for people of ALL AGES to join a team in one of these locations to experience a week of intensive, hands-on ministry. Ministry opportunities will include Bible Schools, Habitat for Humanity projects, Revival-type meetings and other social-service projects. To find out more about this project or to apply to be on a team write to:

ABC Summer Ministries  
Box 100,000  
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or call 1-800-347-4261 and ask for the Summer Ministries Coordinator, Christy Ross.

Youth groups, young adult groups, retired folks and families all welcome!



\* Some project locations are still tentative. If you are interested in having a team visit your community during one of these weeks please contact the Summer Ministries Coordinator.

**MONDAY**

8:00 Board of Directors' Meeting  
 2:00 Registration  
 5:30 Dinner  
 7:00 Musical Program  
 8:30 Welcome Reception

**THE FAMILY OF GOD****Schedule****1993 Annual Conference****July 26-30, 1993**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
7:00 Prayer Session—Ruby McCaslin, Leader (concludes at 7:30)	7:00 Prayer Session—Joyce Knapp, Leader (concludes at 7:30)	7:00 Prayer Session—Christy Ross, Leader (concludes at 7:30)
7:15 Breakfast/Fellowship	7:15 Breakfast/Fellowship	7:15 Breakfast/Fellowship
8:30 Worship Service, "Awake, Arise, O Church of God"—David Riley, Speaker	8:30 Worship Service, "Awake, Arise, O Church of God"—Lonnie Bennett, Speaker	8:30 Worship Service, "Awake, Arise, O Church of God"—John Railton, Speaker
Children's Bible School	Children's Bible School	Children's Bible School
Youth Classes	Youth Classes	Youth Classes
9:30 Coffee Break	9:30 Coffee Break	9:30 Coffee Break
9:45 Mini-Courses	9:45 Mini-Courses	9:45 Mini-Courses
10:45 Break	10:45 Break	10:45 Break
11:00 Mini-Courses	11:00 Mini-Courses	11:00 Mini-Courses
12:00 Break	12:00 Break	12:15 Lunch
12:15 Lunch	12:15 Lunch	1:15 Workshops
1:15 Business Session	1:15 Workshops	Ministers' Meeting
Welcome by Chairman Scott Ross	Ministers' Meeting	Priscillas' Meeting
Chairman's Message	Priscillas' Meeting	Children's Bible School
Preliminary Business	Children's Bible School	2:30 Business Session
Nominations for two positions on Board of Directors	2:30 Business Session	Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
Recommendation #4	Reading of Tuesday's Minutes	General Business
Nominations for one position on Missions, Higher Education, and Christian Education Advisory Committees	Election of two Directors	Adoption of Budget
Review Reports	Election of Advisory Committees	Reading of final Minutes of 1993 Conference Business Sessions
1:15 Children's Bible School	3:30 Free Time	3:30 Free Time
3:30 Free Time	3:45 Board Meeting	3:45 Special Activities
3:45 Special Activities (conclude at 4:45)	Special Activities	ABC Development Foundation Board Meeting
5:30 Dinner	5:30 Dinner	5:30 Dinner
7:00 Evening Service, Licensing of New Pastors	7:00 Evening Service, Installation of Board	7:00 Evening Service, Dick Eldred, Speaker
Kent Ross, Speaker	David Krogh, Speaker	Communion Service
Junior Church, ages 3-12	Junior Church, ages 3-12	8:30 Special Events
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# 1993 General Conference Workshops

## Wednesday 1:15 p.m.

### 1. Christian Parenting—Gayle Guthrie

What is involved in discipling your own children? Recognizing the importance of the family role of training their children in the Lord, how can we support, encourage and equip our parents for this task?

### 2. Church History—Kent Ross

Our History and Heritage - Join us in a visual journey back to earlier General Conferences. Remember, and then be challenged for the future.

### 3. Confessions of a Former Pew Potato—Jon Lippert

Do you know exactly where you will be sitting in church on Sunday morning because you have been sitting there perhaps for years? Has Sunday morning in God's house become predictable? Do you sometimes think that there should be something more? Don't sit and vegetate! There is a ministry for you!

We will look at how the worship service can be a time to evaluate the needs of those you worship with. We will talk about how to get beyond, "Hi. How are you?", and ask the kind of questions that Jesus would ask. We will learn to communicate during the service without saying a word. We will learn to be more like Jesus.

### 4. Contemporary Issues In Christian Education—Gayle Guthrie

This workshop will present and discuss current issues in Christian Education, including current literature, recent technology, wholistic learning, etc.

### 5. Drama in the Church—Marj Overmyer

Is there a place for drama in the church? It can be used to emphasize a point, stimulate thinking, and provide an outlet for energies.

### 6. How to Minister to Non-Christians—Video - Living Proof

By watching this real-life drama, you'll learn how to develop relationships with unbelievers, model the Christian message in your life, and eventually present the Bible's claims in a nonthreatening manner.

### 7. Lay Pastor Ministry—Jack Hearp

For people committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication; and willing to improve his/her skills for service.

### 8. Racism in the Church, Loving our Neighbor—Jon Cheatwood

*Declared racism* is somewhat rare. *Practical racism* is much more common, and it makes reaching people in this multi-racial world very difficult.

## Thursday 1:15 p.m.

### 1. Recovery From Grief Caused by Death—Emory Macy

You deserve an academy award for your recovery from your broken heart. Your yearning, searching and finding the way to lift yourself is remarkable. We will discuss how to minister to those experiencing grief.

### 2. The Church of God in the 21st Century—Jim Graham

Many changes are happening in the world. These changes have an impact upon how our churches carry on ministry. This workshop will help us prepare our churches for future ministry.

### 3. The Government of Jesus Christ in the Millennial Kingdom—Hollis Partlowe

This workshop will present an overview of God's plan of redemption for earth and man from eternity past to eternity future with special focus on the 1000 year reign of Christ on David's throne from Jerusalem. What conditions will exist during this time period? How will the government of Jesus function? Who will be involved in it?

### 4. The Kingdom of God—Anthony Buzzard

What is the Kingdom of God announced by Jesus as the object of belief (Mark 1:14, 15)? What has happened to make the Kingdom of God an unclear concept for many? How can we experience the Kingdom now? What will the Kingdom be like when it appears worldwide?

### 5. The Merry-Go-Round—Elaine Poole

If your church is looking for an effective outreach to hurting people, this workshop is for you. It will present information about

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a program for families of recovering alcoholics. The 12-step program will be presented which is practical for anyone who wants to help in getting along with people.

**6. TV Ministry—Steve Taylor**

New video programs will be shown and the use of cable programming will be discussed.

**7. Workhorse or Wonder Women, Who Are We?—Jodi Lawrence Werhanowicz**

Women's roles in the church is an area of continuing controversy among Christians. We are told in Scripture that the church is the body of Christ, that each member has a purpose and is vital

to its functioning. Are women's roles in the 20th century church different than the first century? This workshop will explore biblical precedents and prescriptions and how they do (or don't) apply to today's woman and her role in the church.

**8. Working Women's Stress—Myra Hamilton**

In this workshop we will be discussing the unique stress that women who work outside the home have to deal with. We will search Scriptures to find the wisdom that God has given us concerning stress, prioritizing, and becoming a woman of excellence. We will deal with the matter of making this stress work for us, not against us.

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## Mini-Courses

# 1993 General Conference

### Wednesday 9:45 a.m.

**1. Christian Marriage Development—Joe James**

Church of God marriages often experience the same problems and stresses of non-believers. This session will focus on principles and suggestions for developing stronger marital relationships in accordance with God's expectation.

**2. Where Have All the Pastors Gone—Gary Burnham**

(Each church is encouraged to have a representative attend this mini-course.)

In the Spring of 1991, the Ministerial Association charged a committee with the task of: 1) studying why pastors leave active pastoral ministry, and 2) suggesting specific ways this concern might be addressed.

The two-fold purpose of this mini-course is: 1) to share the data and recommendations compiled, and 2) to promote constructive dialogue about the role of pastors and their relationship with the congregations they serve. Those in leadership in local churches are especially encouraged to participate.

**3. How to Enjoy Living and Working with Impossible People—Jodi Lawrence Werhanowicz**

Do you find it difficult living and working with certain people in your life? If so, this workshop is for you. Every day people hurt people. It's almost impossible to escape relational problems. God in His Word, has shown us how we can deal with the hurt and pain of relationships. This workshop will show you how you can be free by practical application of Biblical principles to the difficult relationships in your life.

**4. Computers and Desk Top Publishing—Greg Demmitt**

This seminar will present how computers can be used in church ministry with special focus on desk top publishing.

### Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

**1. Music in the Church—Dale Ramsey**

The ministry of music is such a significant part of the church program. This mini-course will focus on its importance and discuss various elements of the music program with the goal to encourage each participant in his role in the music ministry.

**2. Talking Together—Joe Martin and Mardy Lawrence**

Good communication facilitates good relationships. We're all constantly communicating. Are you sending the message you really desire? Are you receiving other's messages correctly? Come and learn how to communicate more effectively for better understanding and enhanced relationships.

**3. Youth Ministry—Jim Graham**

"The world that many pastors prepared for is no more!" No where is this more true than in ministry to the youth culture of the 90's. This workshop will deal with the values, attitudes, and needs of youth today.

**4. Computer Word Processing Instruction—Sydney Kirkpatrick**

Participants will learn how to use Word Perfect version 5.2 in DOS. This class will be for beginners. Some work will also be done in graphics.

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

This annual report is published to summarize for you, the membership of the Church of God, the work of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference during the past 12 months.

You, as a member of the Church of God, are a "stockholder" of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference. You own this work. You make it possible for this corporation to operate. Therefore we seek to be accountable to you by keeping you informed and by seeking your input.

One way you provide input as a "stockholder," is to select delegates from your church who meet each summer to conduct the business of our association of churches. Delegates from churches, delegates from state/district conferences, and licensed/ordained pastors, meet each summer to conduct the business of our association of churches.

Delegate business consists of reviewing reports, electing a Board of Directors, electing advisory council committee members, acting upon Constitutional amendments and recommendations, adopting an operating budget, and initiating programs.

Following their election, the Board of Directors meets to elect officers. The duties of the Board consist of overseeing the work of the College/Conference; overseeing the assets of the corporation, and fund-raising; selecting a president who manages day-to-day operations; and taking any other action for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference.

Membership in the College/Conference is a voluntary act by a local congregation. In affiliating, the local church is expressing agreement with the Biblical truths set forth in the By-Laws, and its desire to participate in the worldwide ministry of the Church of God. Membership assumes a moral obligation to support the work and to maintain fellowship with other members as a brotherhood in Christ. The church does not relinquish any authority, nor compromise its local autonomy. With membership, it has an opportunity to assist in the formation of policies and programs through its delegates and its pastor.

The work of the College/Conference is governed by a purpose statement contained in Article 1, section 1 of the By-Laws, "The purpose of Atlanta Bible College/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."

In carrying out its purpose, the College/Conference has a vision of renewing and strengthening all existing churches; starting many new churches; and training leaders and workers through Atlanta Bible College. This vision is in line with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20) and the purpose statement of the College/Conference.

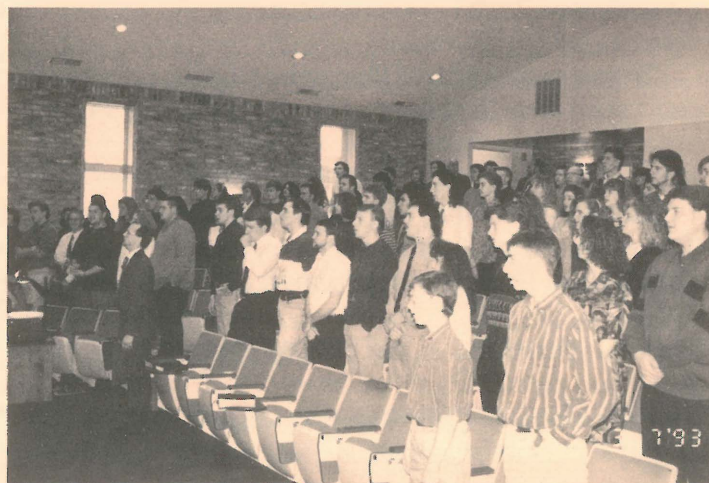
To achieve its purpose, our corporation focuses its attention on education and evangelism. Work is organized around Atlanta Bible College, Media, and Outreach and Church Development. 1992-93 was a good year in each of these areas.

## Atlanta Bible College

Atlanta Bible College had a 75% increase in enrollment over the previous year. We are grateful for an excellent student body and for all who encouraged our students and staff.

Atlanta Bible College graduated two students in June of 1992: Jeff Moore and David Riley. Six students have completed their work during this school year and will graduate in June of 1993: Lee McMinn, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Daniel Smead, Jason Turner, and Aaron Wells.

Jeff Moore completed his internship under the supervision of Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and now serves as the pastor/leader of a house church in Minneapolis called House Light Ministry. David Riley completed his intern-



College Invitational March 5-7, 1993 in ABC Chapel.



ship under the supervision of Atlanta Bible College staff and is serving as a church planting pastor of New Friends Bible Church of God. Lee McMinn who completed his campus program in December is currently serving his internship under Pastor Scott Ross in Omaha, Nebraska; Jason Turner is an intern under the supervision of Pastor William Wachtel of Wenatchee, Washington.

Our 1992-93 Booster campaign was the most successful ever. We are thankful for each booster who contributed financially and with prayer support during this school year.

Atlanta Bible College hosted the 1993 Annual Minister's Conference the last week of April. We appreciated having the conference in Atlanta so students could participate in the sessions.

Minister's Conference was followed by the Third Annual Theological Conference. Guest speakers in addition to College/Conference staff were Allon Maxwell, Geoff Davies, George Buchanan, William Wachtel, Mark Mattison, and Charles Hunting. Sessions were held on Church of God distinctives as well as Bible topics that need more study and research.

The highlight of the past school year has been the involvement of students and staff in ministry groups. We have become convicted that in order to earn the right to share the message of truth and salvation we many times need to meet some basic humanitarian needs. In March, a local company donated an additional \$3,000 of disposable diapers which have been used for community outreach. Students have continued to be involved in prison and nursing home visitation, calling in the community, children's ministry, youth ministry, and providing food and resources to needy people. Two Atlanta Bible College students had the opportunity to lead people to Christ as well as be involved in their baptism and follow-up.

The College hosted its largest College Invitational Conference ever. Approximately 62 students and 18 sponsors visited



ABC Chorale singing at New Friends Bible Church of God.

the campus on the weekend of March 5-7. We are grateful to sponsors who made it possible for students to come to the campus.

The College Chorale had an opportunity to visit many churches during Spring Break as well as on other weekends.

The Bible College program stresses Bible content, the development of character, competencies in ministry, and commitment to God. The program includes classroom instruction as well as practical on-the-job training. Each student is part of a ministry and discipling group. Our staff is committed to helping our students grow as disciples so they can effectively minister as disciples. Atlanta Bible College provides a life-changing experience for those who attend.

We continue to put forth great effort to recruit students. We welcome one-year students who can become better grounded in the Bible. We welcome two-year students who are eligible to earn a Church Leadership diploma which will help them to be effective in ministry in their local church. The Bible College continues to encourage students to prepare for full-time ministry by completing the four-year program with a fifth year of internship. We welcome those who have just completed high school, those who have already started their college education, those who have just completed their college education, as well as mid-career individuals. The cooperation of parents, pastors, and lay people is needed in order to attract students.

## Outreach and Church Development

The College and Conference continue to encourage an outward focus in our membership and local churches. All believers are salt and light and each is challenged to be a disciple-maker. Churches are encouraged to reach out to the lost by initiating ministries outside the walls of the church.

Outreach and Church Development is promoted in the following ways:

1. The outreach department has endorsed the ministry of Tracy Savage in Russia. She was commissioned by the Pine Grove Church, Minneapolis, and the Minnesota Conference. Church of God literature has been translated into Russian and has been used in Bible studies and distribution in St. Petersburg. We encourage more Church of God members to listen to God's call to mission service. The call to service also includes the call to preparation.
2. Financial assistance has been provided to new congregations in St. Charles, Missouri; Rockford, Illinois; Lafayette, Indiana; and Morrow, Georgia. We encourage State/District Conferences, local churches, and individuals to consider praying and planning to start new churches.
3. Two churches received Church Builder's Appeals during the past year: Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, South Carolina received the Fall, 1992 appeal; Jay Street Church of God, Kokomo, Indiana is the recipient of the Spring, 1993 appeal. The Guthrie



Gayle Guthrie, Christian Education Coordinator for Church of God General Conference leading a workshop for the Southeast Conference hosted by New Friends Bible Church of God and Atlanta Bible College.

Grove Church added a large sanctuary, freeing up space for a fellowship hall. The Jay Street Church is acquiring property to relocate into a growing section of the city. We encourage churches who are committed to discipling-making to expand or relocate facilities to better reach those who are lost.

4. A mission trip was made to Labor Vieja last summer by Judy Myers and the following team members: Andy Cisneros, Holly Fincher, Brad Gaspar, Marcia Hall, Donna Kennedy, Sherry McClain, Steve Myers, Todd Myers, Susan Savage, and

Aimee Smith. In addition to conducting a Bible School in Mexico, the group visited several U.S. churches. We encourage participation in short-term mission projects which not only help the mission effort, but also provides a growth experience for participants.

5. Youth Ministry is supported by the annual Youth Congress at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Youth are challenged and encouraged spiritually and local youth leaders are trained for effective ministry through the year. Two hundred twenty were in attendance at the 1992 Congress.

6. Christian Education seminars have been conducted by members of the Christian Education Advisory Committee in Minnesota, Indiana, Southeast, and Illinois Conferences. Well-trained Christian Education workers are essential for an effective growing church.

7. The annual Christian Worker's Seminar was held in March at Gatlinburg, Tennessee with 110 in attendance. Classes on various aspects of church ministry were presented. Kent Ross coordinates the Seminar.

### Media

An additional emphasis of the College/Conference is in media. Some of the projects of the past year are:

1. The Today's Good News Television program directed by Steve Taylor has relocated to Lafayette, Indiana where Steve is planting a new church. New programs are being developed which will help to expose the Lafayette church to the community.

2. Jason Railton has used his video expertise by preparing a promotional video of last summer's Youth Congress and a video to promote this summer's General Conference.

3. The truth of Scripture is being presented through Church of God literature. The Restitution Herald is in its 82nd year. Several new tracts and booklets have been published during the past year: Daniel's Prophetic Outline of World History, God's Great Plus Sign to the World, and The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ. Our Sunday School curriculum is used by most Church of God congregations as well as 13 other church groups. A Journal from the Radical Reformation has a growing subscription list. Neglected and rejected truths of Scripture are being promoted in Bible Colleges, seminaries, and in the academic community.

4. In conjunction with Atlanta Bible College, a study guide has been published to accompany the book written by Anthony Buzzard on "The Coming Kingdom of the Messiah." This material may be used for a home Bible study or with payment of a \$50 tuition fee, one quarter hour of credit will be granted by Atlanta Bible College.

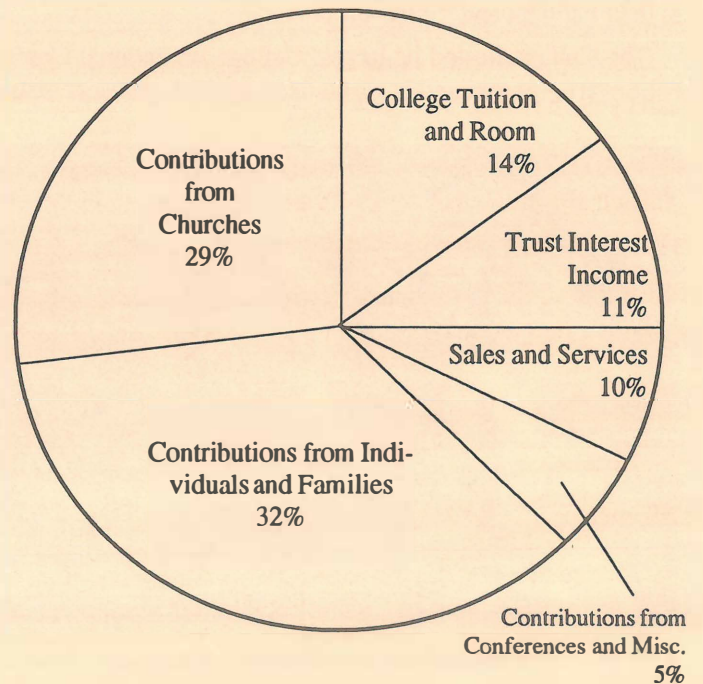
5. We continue to receive communications from around the world from people seeking literature that presents the truths of Scripture.

6. A revised Sunday School curriculum was published which included lessons on Church of God distinctives.

### Finances

To carry out the vision of the College/Conference, we depend very much upon the contributions of members, churches, and conferences. The graph shows that 33% of our income is earned through tuition, room charges, items that are sold, and interest.

## SOURCES OF INCOME



Myers is Missions Coordinator; and James Graham is Youth Coordinator.

Seth Ross is library coordinator; secretaries are Carolyn Swartz and Christy Ross.

Aaron Wells is in charge of computer operations; Glyn Craig is in charge of the maintenance department with assistance by Steve Zimbelman, Mark Tschaenn, and Dan Kennedy. Dan is also manager of our apartment building.

Our bookkeeping is done by Terri Tschaenn. Chris Seiders is doing layout and design. Daniel Smead will join our staff this summer as the technical coordinator of publishing. Amy Berry will join our staff as typesetter.

The following students work part-time in the library: Brad Gaspar, Dale Harshman, and Melinda Nelson.

Hollis Partlowe is interim editor of *The Restitution Herald*.

In addition to the paid employees, we rely very much on a large number of volunteers who serve as members of the Board of Directors, Advisory Committee members, as members of the License Board, Christian Conciliation Board, Ministers' Retirement Association Board, Directors of Church of God Investment Fund, Trustees of Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation, officers of the Ministerial Association, Priscilla Association, and Alumni Association. Other volunteers serve as editors of our quarterlies; writers for various publications; teachers and workers at Youth Congress, Christian Worker's Seminar, Ministers' Conference, and Theological Conference. Others serve as good will ambassadors promoting the College/Conference and serving on special committees.

We are very grateful for all who serve with a willing heart to assist our work.

## Properties

The General Conference building in Oregon, Illinois was sold August 1, 1992. The Women's Dorm was sold on April 12, 1993. We continue to pursue the sale of the Men's Dormitory and the Golden Rule Administration Building. The Board is considering the possibility of turning these two buildings into apartments to generate revenue until sales occur as well as to make them more salable. The General Conference building was sold for \$123,000; the Women's Dorm was sold for \$257,500. We are asking \$250,000 for the Men's Dormitory and \$150,000 for the Golden Rule Building. Five houses were sold previously with a net gain of over \$50,000. We encourage the membership to pray for a speedy sale of the remaining properties in Illinois.

The College/Conference operates in a 15,000 square foot Administration building in Morrow, Georgia. This building houses the library, classrooms, chapel, and offices. The ten-unit apartment building on our 12 1/2 acre site has been full during this school year. The College/Conference also owns four duplexes across the street from the campus. Two of the eight units

have been used by students during this school year. Work has been completed on the pedestrian walkway between our campus and Clayton State College. The access/locking mechanism will be installed soon.

We continue to rejoice in the beauty of the buildings and campus. We are grateful to all who continue to provide contributions to finish special projects around the campus.

## Exciting New Projects

Two new projects are currently in the planning stages. One is a Summer Ministries Program sponsored by Atlanta Bible College. The goal is to secure volunteers from churches who will travel to other churches to be involved in ministries that will help to strengthen the local church. Teams are scheduled to assist at Urbana, Ohio; Pleasant Hill, Ohio; Columbia Station, Ohio; Golden Rule, Cleveland, Ohio; Lafayette, Indiana; and Morrow, Georgia. Teams will participate in Bible Schools, calling, construction projects, etc. Christy Ross is coordinating this project.

The second event being planned is a trip to the Holy Land sponsored by Atlanta Bible College. The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation is providing scholarships of up to \$500 toward the expense of the trip for students. The cost is \$1544 from New York City. The tour will be September 8-15. For an additional charge of \$200, participants on the tour can receive up to four-quarter hours of credit at Atlanta Bible College. This Holy Land intensive will help the Bible to come alive for our students, staff, and other Church of God members who wish to participate in the tour.

## Conclusion

As we bring another fiscal year to a close, we do so acknowledging God's faithfulness during the year. We realize that we are doing God's work and it will accomplish little of lasting value without His blessing and help. The future is bright because of God's faithfulness, however, the future success of the work of the Church of God is also dependent upon the obedience of God's people. As more of our members grow as disciples; as more of our members become disciple-makers; as more of our churches experience renewal; as more of our churches develop an outreach focus; as additional leaders are trained at Atlanta Bible College; we are confident that unbelievable things can be achieved.

We stand upon a solid foundation laid by our forefathers in the faith; we are surrounded by needy people and a multitude of opportunities. We must have the willingness to accept the challenges of ministry and move forward doing God's will until Jesus returns.

(This report was prepared by David Krogh. It was reviewed by the Board of Directors and is presented to you as a report of the Board to the membership of the Church of God.)

# Recommendations for Delegate Business Sessions

## Recommendation #1

At the Summer General Conference, Pastor Francis Burnett moved and Pastor Darrell Cardwell seconded a motion to reinstate part of Article 2, Section 1, which would read as follows: "Atlanta Bible College which was established by the Church of God General Conference, August 8, 1939, as Oregon Bible College, exists to educate men and women for Christian ministries on the collegiate level through Biblical and Theological studies, general education in the arts and sciences, and professional studies in pastoral ministry and church vocational areas deemed desirable."

This proposal was tabled to be considered at the 1993 General Conference.

The Board of Directors would like to propose that the delegates adopt this constitutional amendment, and that it be placed in the By-Laws, Article 1, which pertains to the purpose of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference. The Board proposes that the above item become Section 2 and that the present section 2 be renumbered section 3.

**Explanation:** This amendment acknowledges the organization of our Bible College in 1939 and states its purpose.

## Recommendation #2

The Board of Directors proposes an amendment to the Constitution, Article 2, Section 3, b to insert the following phrase after the words "the following licensed or ordained ministers":

"authorized under the auspices of the General Conference License Board:"

**Explanation:** This amendment was suggested by the License Board. It clarifies which licensed and ordained pastors are eligible to vote at General Conference delegate business sessions.

## Recommendation #3

The Board of Directors proposes the following amendment to the Constitution: By-Laws, Article 2, Section 7, new G: "to employ a president who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the day-to-day business of Atlanta Bible College/General Conference, for personnel, for planning, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him. The president shall meet the qualifications given in I Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other Scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. The president may be either male or female."

The present item G will be changed to H.

**Explanation:** This constitutional change was proposed by members of the Northeast Conference. The Constitution and By-Laws currently do not make any provision for an administrator of the College/Conference other than stating he has voting privileges. This amendment provides for the position, the title,

the qualifications, the duties, and the accountability of the administrator.

## Recommendation #4

The Board of Directors recommends the creation of a Church of God Mission Agency with the authority to supervise the mission activities (promoting, recruiting, training, sending) of the denomination. Such agency will supersede the current Foreign Mission Advisory Committee. This agency will be comprised of 5 qualified members: the Church of God Mission Coordinator (who will serve as chairperson), one member of the Board of Directors, one pastor (appointed by the Church of God Ministerial Association), and two members appointed by the Board of Directors.

### Explanation:

This recommendation was prepared by the Minnesota pastors and supported by the Minnesota State Mission Society and the Minnesota State Conference. The reasons for this recommendation are:

1. God has called us to be faithful to the Great Commission! (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
2. The harvest requires laborers. (Matthew 9:37, 38). While financial support is necessary, teaching, nurturing, discipling, and training of indigenous people can only be accomplished by individuals. To be successful in mission efforts we need to be training and sending full-time missionaries. The success of Church of God missions depends on sending individuals into the fields as career missionaries to develop reproducing Christians.
3. We believe in the importance of our distinctives as set forth in our statement of faith. No other agency can oversee the training in our distinctives nor are they concerned with this unique message. Therefore, it becomes impossible for us to work with already established mission agencies.
4. Several individuals have expressed a desire to labor in God's mission vineyard and are seeking avenues in which to be obedient without compromising doctrinal truths. This agency would provide that opportunity. We are not comfortable in sending promising candidates through other agencies who do not adhere to our statement of faith.
5. The importance of Christ's command to go into all the world and the urgency of the times makes it imperative to develop a mission agency with the authority to take decisive action on mission issues. Funding will continue to be under the auspices of the Board of Directors as established in Philosophy of Missions for the Church of God General Conference (Section E, Financial Policies, adopted by the delegates in 1983).
6. This agency would have decision-making authority in the areas of promoting, recruiting, training, and sending as well as assuming the duties and functions of the current Foreign Missions Advisory Committee.

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# Special Reports

## Ministers' Fund

This fund provides emergency assistance to pastors and their families.

The current fund balance as of April 1, 1993 is \$1,886.97. This compares with a balance of \$1,286.97 a year ago.

This fund is supported entirely by special gifts. We would encourage Sunday School classes, missionary societies, and other groups to contribute to this fund.

Up to \$1,000 is available to any one family in any one year.

The fund has provided valuable assistance to ministers in the past.

David Krogh, Secretary

## Minister's Voluntary Retirement Association

This Association was founded in 1968 for the benefit of Church of God pastors and families. In 1984 the program was extended to include non-pastor employees of the General Conference and Bible College staff.

Due to the death of Pastor Stan Ross, the Board of Directors appointed Pastor Gary Burnham to complete his unexpired term as chairman. Stan was one of the founders of the Retirement Association and had served as a trustee for 24 years. The last twelve, he served as chairman. We will miss his strong leadership in the Association.

The Association currently has assets of approximately \$500,000 invested in stocks, bonds, money market accounts, real estate, and annuities. The fund continues to grow from

7. The makeup of the agency board was selected to be representative of our leadership and to allow input from more individuals.

### Recommendation #5

We recommend the following amendment to the standards for churches applying for Church Builder's League Assistance: Item IX, B:

In event that no church request is approved for Church Builder's League assistance, *the appeal will be used for capital expenditures for Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference or*, the money will become a part of the assets of the Church of God Investment Fund, or one of the General Conference Endowment Funds as designated by the Board. (Italic portion is recommended addition)

### Explanation:

In light of the relocation of the College and Conference, there are a number of unmet needs for the buildings on campus. Churches will still have first priority for appeals. This recommendation provides one additional alternative if no church request is approved.

premiums paid by pastors, churches, and conferences, and from investment earnings.

Since its inception, \$351,000 has been distributed in monthly benefits or lump sum settlements.

The Association consists of 37 active and 2 inactive pastors/staff; 45 churches; and 6 conferences. Sixteen pastors and spouses are currently drawing benefits. Twenty-one members have withdrawn from the Association and received lump sum settlements.

Member pastors and churches pay 2% of their gross income into the program. Conferences pay an amount which is based on the average of all churches paying into the Association. Pastors can pay in more than 2% if they wish. Contributions from pastors are invested in a 403b annuity which is tax sheltered. They may choose from a number of different types of investments.

The chairman of the Association is a minister appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. William J. Gaspar, the Vice President is elected by the membership of the Association. His term continues until 1994. The President of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference serves as Secretary/Treasurer.

Newly licensed pastors and churches not currently enrolled are invited and encouraged to participate in this worthwhile program. Enrollment forms can be secured from the Secretary.

David Krogh, Secretary

## Church of God Investment Fund

The Investment Fund was created in 1982 to make loans to churches for the purchase of property, remodeling, constructing buildings, purchase of parsonages, etc.

Currently, nine loans have been made to churches. As of April 1, 1993, the fund balance is a little over \$70,000.

The trustees of the Fund are Bill Burnham, Chairman; Robert Smith, Vice Chairman; David Krogh, Secretary/Treasurer; and Directors, Dr. William D. Lawrence and Pastor Scott Ross.

David Krogh, Secretary

## Report of the License Board

At the completion of last year's General Conference, Pastor John Hearp fulfilled his term on the License Board. His position was assumed by Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick who was elected to a four-year term by the Ministerial Association at last year's Ministerial Conference. We offer our thanks to Pastor Hearp for his excellent service, which included a year as the Chairman of the Board. Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick joins Kent Ross (a General Conference staff member appointed by the President), Pastor Ray Hall (elected by the Ministerial Association), and Howard Shute (an Elder from the Fonhill Church, appointed by the General Conference Board of Directors) as members of the Board. Pastor Kirkpatrick was appointed by the License Board as their Chairman, with Pastor Hall serving as Secretary.

The duties of the Board go beyond merely examining candidates and granting license. We are also charged with maintaining our Standards for Ministerial Recognition and ministerial ethics, monitoring continuing education for pastors, maintaining pastoral records, and adjudicating cases of ministerial misconduct. We continually work on policies and procedures for accomplishing each of these duties. In addition, we occasionally take on study projects that are assigned to us by the Board of Directors, and we work on projects that will contribute to the well-being and betterment of those that carry Church of God license credentials.

Our Board meets extensively during both Ministerial Conference and General Conference. This past December we also met at Atlanta Bible College for three days of meetings. During these meetings we interviewed Jason Turner and Lee McMinn, and granted both of these young men licenses. Under our new operating guidelines, this license covers their internship and first two years of ministry. After that time we will interview them again to evaluate their ministerial experiences, and serve as counselors and a "sounding board" for any difficulties they might have encountered, or any questions they might have developed. Upon a satisfactory interview, candidates are then granted ordination.

During his tenure on the Board, Pastor John Hearp worked hard to develop a Lay Speaking course that could be taken by lay people to help them gain proficiency in preaching the Word and a Lay Pastors course to help them learn how to do pastoral work. These courses could be especially helpful in churches that are unable to secure pastoral leadership. We encourage inquiries from individuals who might be interested in taking such a course. We offer our thanks to Pastor Hearp for his ongoing interest and work in developing these courses.

One trend that has developed in our nation is the proliferation of sexual abuse lawsuits aimed at professionals, including the clergy. Our court system appears to look favorably on these suits, and they are usually successful. This litigation is not only aimed at the pastor who might be involved (there is usually little to gain by suing him), but also at local churches, state conferences, and especially denominations that granted them their credentials. Our Board has spent considerable time studying and discussing this subject. Our work in this area is ongoing.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for their dedication to this ministry, for the time commitment they make, and for the hard work they contribute. I would also like to express our thanks to David Krogh who has given us many hours of his time to answer our questions and to give us guidance in our deliberations.

Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick, Chairman

## Christian Conciliation Board

The Christian Conciliation Board is composed of three members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Conciliation Board lost its senior

member through the death of Pastor S.O. Ross. The wisdom, experience and respected guidance of Bro. Ross will be greatly missed. Bro. Alan Demmitt was appointed to fill Bro. Ross' position on the Christian Conciliation Board.

There have been phone discussion with several churches and pastors which have been helpful to them, and individual members of the Board have made some visits on request. The Christian Conciliation Board is scheduling requested visits to some churches this spring. The goal is to help congregations and pastors to work effectively and harmoniously in the Lord's work.

The Conciliation Board conducted a workshop at the 1992 General Conference. It has been our desire in recent years to do more by way of education on the things to look for to "head off" problems and also how to more properly handle the problems if and when they do occur.

We encourage churches to use the board and urge that the Board be contacted before the problem or conflict gets out of hand and beyond conciliation. We ask for the prayers of the membership as we deal with these church-relationship problems from time to time.

Michele Millard, Joe E. James, Alan Demmitt

## Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation

Due to your generous support, the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation has been able to provide significant assistance to programs and students of the College. To date the status of the Foundation is as follows:

Total cash received to date	\$993,740
Unpaid Written Commitments	<u>101,675</u>
	\$1,095,415

### Earnings distributed to date

Previous years	\$157,000
Current year	<u>72,000</u>
	\$229,000

The Trustees of the Foundation and their addresses are as listed in the fall 1992 Progress Journal. If you have any personal questions concerning the Foundation, please contact me or any of the Trustees. We will be meeting as usual during the summer General Conference.

Please remember the College and Foundation as you consider long range financial plans and the distribution of the blessings God has provided you. To include your local church or the Foundation in your will or trust would be a meaningful testimony of your faith in Him and your gratitude for His goodness.

Don Overmyer, President.

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# Nominations for Board of Directors

## Ruby McCaslin

Ruby McCaslin, a member of the Simi Valley Bible Church, is nominated for the Board of Directors by the California churches.

Ruby McCaslin who was raised near Hot Springs, Arkansas is the daughter of the late Jessie L. Humphreys who pastored Arkansas and Oklahoma churches. Her grandfather, Richard J. Humphreys, was a minister who attended some of the early Church of God conferences. Ruby's roots are indeed deep in the Church of God.

One of Sr. McCaslin's visions for the Church of God is to have each member develop a "hospitality urgency," the urgency to welcome each person who enters the church. She knows that friendly smiles and loving handshakes not only build bonds of affection but also mend fences. She states, "It is the responsibility of each member of the congregation to have a 'hospitality urgency' in addition to the pastor and his wife." Ruby added, "I would like to feel a kinship across this country. I want to see the day come when our people who have left the church for whatever reason will return for a visit and will be so moved by the love and friendship offered that they will return to the fold."

Ruby went on to say, "I would like to see an ambassador who could visit every church once a year and could give news of the college, the conference, and local churches. I would like to see a concerted effort made to bridge any differences that might exist. This would lift up local congregations. It is time that we feel a burden not only for the college and conference, as important as they are, but for each and every local congregation. We can see the day of the Lord's return rapidly approaching.

"I want to see the college grow to become an influence in the academic community. The college is an important instrument in educating men and women to become ministers, church workers, and to take pride in the Church of God and its teaching. Even though we are small in number, we are rich in faith.

Ruby is married to Ralph McCaslin. She has served on local church boards and various community boards

## Don Overmyer

The Valley View Bible Church Board of Elders is pleased to present Don Overmyer to the membership of the Church of God as a nominee to the General Conference Board of Directors. Don is an active member of Burr Oak Church of God in Burr Oak, Indiana and the Valley View Bible Church in Paradise Valley, Arizona. His talents, spiritual gifts and experience make him a positive contributor to the work of the Church of God.

Involvement in Ministry . . .

1. Member of Church of God since 1947.
2. Served as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, SS Superintendent, SS teacher at the Burr Oak Church.
3. Treasurer of the Indiana State Conference for many years.
4. Two terms on the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors.
5. Two terms on the Oregon Bible College Board of Education.
6. Co-hosted, with his wife Marj, the annual meetings of the General Conference at Camp Mack for 14 years.

7. Initiated the annual Men's Retreat at Camp Mack.

8. Currently President of the Trustees of the ABC Development Foundation.

9. Is active in the Valley View Bible Church during the winter months where he serves as a member of the Finance Ministry and in other capacities.

*His Philosophy for Training Christian Workers . . .*

Don was serving on the Board of Directors when the decision was being made to locate the Bible College adjacent to Clayton State College in Georgia for the purpose of expanded educational opportunities. He is supportive of this and other efforts to provide the very best education for pastors and workers within the Church of God.

*On the Purpose of the General Conference . . .*

"'Doing together what we cannot do alone' is a good summary of the purpose of ABC/GC. Together we can operate the College to prepare pastors and workers for our churches and unite in creating programs to reach the lost for Christ, establish new churches, and proclaim the Good News. There is a special fellowship among those who unite and work together in harmony to accomplish His work."

On what He would like to see accomplished . . .

1. Promote increased enrollment at Atlanta Bible College.
2. Promote revival of our people to a vision of reaching the lost for Christ. Growth is a necessary alternative to de-

cay.

3. Strengthen the Ministerial Association and enhance the pastor's position in the conference and within our churches.

4. Find ways to overcome the disputes that divide local churches and prevent growth. The present arbitration system does not seem to be acceptable or is not utilized early enough to resolve differences. Encourage use of problem-solving techniques in this regard.

5. Work for the disposal of properties in Oregon, Illinois or convert them into income producing properties until they can be sold.

6. Review organization of ABC/GC to strengthen good programs and eliminate nonproductive ones.

7. Budgeting process should be reviewed to more closely reflect expected income. The Conference is in a dangerous practice of operating in a deficit system requiring consistent borrowing from restricted funds.

8. Expedite and complete consolidation of Conference activities to Morrow, Georgia.

### **Billie Kennedy**

The Church of God Ministerial Association nominates Billie Kennedy as a member of the Board of Directors.

He was born April 21, 1934. He attended Oregon Bible College from 1952-1957, graduating with a Bachelor of Theology degree. During his 36 years of ministry he has pastored churches in Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, and Louisiana.

He has served on the General Conference Board of Directors, the License and Ordination Board, and many committees of the General Conference. He has also served as a staff member for the International Berean Youth Congress, as well as many local and state camps.

In addition to his work with the General Conference, he has been very active within the local community. He has worked with the Springfield (Louisiana) elementary school system developing a P.T.A. organization. He also worked with the Boy Scouts for many years.

He feels the purpose of the General Conference is that of a service organization. It offers direction and support to the churches of our denomination. It also offers encouragement to the ministerial body.

The operation of Atlanta Bible College is also one of the main responsibilities of the General Conference. The primary focuses there are the instruction and encouragement of the student body. The students are being trained to share our distinct doctrinal belief, locally and in the mission field. The teaching and training of these future leaders is an indispensable arm of our denomination. It is through our General Conference and Bible College that our missionary hopes can and will become reality. There are many things he would like to accomplish if elected to the Board. One of the most pressing matters would have to be instilling within the student body the need and desire to plant new churches. Other goals would be to increase Atlanta Bible College's enrollment to 100 within the next four years, as well as strengthen the unity among pastors, churches, and the conference. The advancement of our missionary effort to the lost people of the world, through the

radio, T.V., or whatever means possible, is of great concern.

Finally, Billie says, "as we face the days before us, let us do so with zeal and enthusiasm, because the Spirit of God has anointed us to preach the truth in love. Thank you for this opportunity to serve."

### **Additional Nomination Needed for Board**

According to the constitution of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference, nominations shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship. Churches and State/District Conferences are urged to consider making a nomination for the Board of Directors. Nominations received by June 15 will be printed in the July Journal. Nominations should be accompanied by additional information for the review of churches sending delegates to the Summer Conference. Nominations should include the following information: 1) a resume of the individual with special emphasis upon the individual's involvement in the Lord's work; 2) A statement of the candidate's philosophy of College/Conference; 3) Candidate's opinion regarding the purpose of this organization; 4) What the nominee would like to accomplish as a member of the Board of Directors.

### **Straw Vote**

Members from California have suggested that the 1995 Summer General Conference be held in California. It was announced last year that a straw vote would be taken at the 1993 Conference to determine interest in having Conference in California.



## Afternoon Activities

### Tuesday 3:45 P.M.

1. Tracy Savage - slides - outreach to Russia
2. Adult Quiz Competition - Jeff Smith, Coordinator
3. Discussion of Recommendation #3 - Minnesota Pastors
4. Living Proof - Evangelism video - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

### Wednesday 3:45 P.M.

1. Soap Box - anyone who wants to speak on any topic may do so for up to seven minutes.
2. Adult Quiz Competition (if sufficient teams available to compete), Jeff Smith, Coordinator
3. Through Gates of Splendor - Mission Video - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

### Thursday 3:45 P.M.

1. Hidden Keys to Successful Parenting - Video by Gary Smalley - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
2. Master Your Money - video by Ron Blue - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
3. Renewal - First Love - video by Mike Slaughter - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
4. How to Help Your Child Say "No" to Sexual Pressure - Video by Josh McDowell and Dick Day - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

## Special Evening Activities

### Monday 8:30 P.M.

Welcome Reception

### Tuesday 8:30 P.M.

1. Worship and Praise Time - Greg Shaw, Leader
2. The Wait of the World - Mission Video - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
3. Building a Christian Family - A Guide for Parents - Video by Kenneth and Elizabeth Gangel - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

### Wednesday 8:30

1. Worship and Praise Time - Tim Eldred, Leader
2. Pilgrim's Progress - Video - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
3. Sid Hatch - Video of 1992 Theological Conference at Atlanta Bible College - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

### Thursday 8:30 P.M.

1. Worship and Praise Time - David Riley & Seth Ross, Leaders
2. 2:7 Series - Video introducing Navigators spiritual growth and discipling series; and Howard Hendricks on Lifestyle Evangelism - review of resources available from General Conference Lending Catalog.
3. How People Learn - Christian Education Video - review of resource available from General Conference Lending Catalog.

## Proposed Budget

Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference  
June 1, 1994 - May 31, 1995

### Anticipated Expenses:

<b>Payroll/Employee Benefits</b>	
Salaries & Wages	\$335,000
Social Security	25,500
Employee Benefits	50,000
<b>General Operations</b>	
Advertising-Recruitment	4,000
Films, Speakers	1,000
Foreign Exchange	2,000
Insurance non-plant	2,000
Youth Expense	5,000
Motor Vehicle Exp.	10,000
Office Supplies & Expense	8,000
Miscellaneous	1,000
Royalties	1,000
Library Periodicals	3,000
Editorial	4,000
Periodicals, Books, Dues	3,500
Postage	24,000
Printing & Binding	62,000
Professional Services	8,000
Repairs & Maint. (non-Plant)	8,000
Staff Training	3,000
Mailing Supplies	2,000
Supplies & Expense	7,500
Telephone	15,000
Travel	30,000
Assist. to Churches	18,000
Ministerial Assoc.	5,000
Program Development	1,000
Basic Grants	140,000
<b>Plant Operations</b>	
Property Insurance	7,000
Repairs & Maint.	3,000
Supplies & Expense	2,000
Utilities	15,000
<b>Addition to Plant</b>	
Furniture & Equip.	4,000
Library Books	3,000
Purchases - Book Store	18,000
Contingency	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,500</b>

### Anticipated Income:

Sales	65,000
Herald Subscriptions	12,000
Trust & Endow.	70,000
Tuition	220,000
Housing	34,000
Rent	2,600
Laundry	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,000
<b>Total Earned Income</b>	<b>407,600</b>
<b>Total Contributions Needed</b> <b>June 1, 1994 - May 31, 1995</b>	<b>442,900</b>
Contributions needed for '93-'94	428,050

## Explanation of Budget

The proposed budget for June 1, 1994 to May 31, 1995 states in dollars and cents the programs and activities of the College and Conference which will enable us to carry out our mission.

1. Salaries and wages—Compensation is provided for 24 employees (seven full-time employees, two 10 month instructors, four part-time coordinators and a supervisor, and 11 part-time student employees).
2. Social Security—7.65% of salary which matches employee withholding.
3. Employee benefits—Health Insurance, Workman's compensation, Minister's Voluntary Retirement Association premium, and registration fee for summer General Conference.
4. Advertising, recruitment—Includes travel, telephone calls, printing, and postage to promote Atlanta Bible College.
5. Films, speakers—Honorarium paid to graduation speaker and films used in classes and chapel.
6. Foreign exchange—Expense to convert other currencies into US dollars.
7. Insurance non-plant—Liability insurance for employees and directors.
8. Youth expense—Provides a subsidy for youth events. (Other support for youth ministry falls under other items such as salary, printing, postage, travel, telephone).
9. Auto expense—License plates, insurance, and maintenance for four College/Conference vehicles.
10. Office supplies—Paper, ribbons for typewriters and printers, stationery, envelopes, etc.
11. Royalties—Fees paid for copyrighted material used in our publications.
12. Editorial—A small honorarium paid to Editors of our Christian education curriculum.
13. Magazines-Library—Religious and Theological Journals for our Library collection.
14. Periodicals, books, dues—A small allowance is provided to professional staff to purchase resource material for classes and to participate in professional organizations.
15. Postage—Shipping charges for The PROGRESS JOURNAL, The *Restitution Herald*, *Journal from the Radical Reformation*, quarterlies, tracts, books, and for all correspondence.
16. Printing, binding—Includes all materials printed by the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College, including the binding of permanent copies of The *Restitution Herald*, The PROGRESS JOURNAL, quarterlies, and Theological Journals for the Library.
17. Professional services—Fees for the annual audit and legal expense as needed.
18. Repairs, non-plant—Maintenance contracts on office and library equipment.
19. Staff education—Professional staff members are encouraged to attend at least one seminar each year to remain current in their field of study.
20. Mailing supplies—Envelopes, boxes, padded bags, sealing tape, etc.
21. Supplies and expense—Printing supplies, piano tunings, towel and paper products, and other small expense items.
22. Telephone—Basic and long distance service including the cost of all 800 number calls which are provided toll free for the caller.
23. Travel—Includes travel for Board of Directors, Advisory Committees, special Boards and Committees, Chorale, and staff.
24. Assistance, Churches—Church Development Aid for 3 churches.
25. Ministerial Association—Support for programs and other expenses of the Church of God Ministerial Association.
26. Program development—The purchase of resources to enhance teaching programs of Atlanta Bible College.
27. Basic grants—Students from churches that are members of the General Conference receive \$115 per quarter hour to subsidize their tuition at Atlanta Bible College.
28. Plant operations—Includes all expenses for buildings and property.
29. Addition to plant—Provides for the replacement of old equipment and furniture and the acquisition of books for the Library.
30. Bookstore—Text books and other materials which are purchased and resold.
31. Contingency—This budget is being prepared 14 months before the fiscal year begins. This item provides a cushion for adjustments when the fiscal year begins on June 1, 1993.

## Anticipated Income

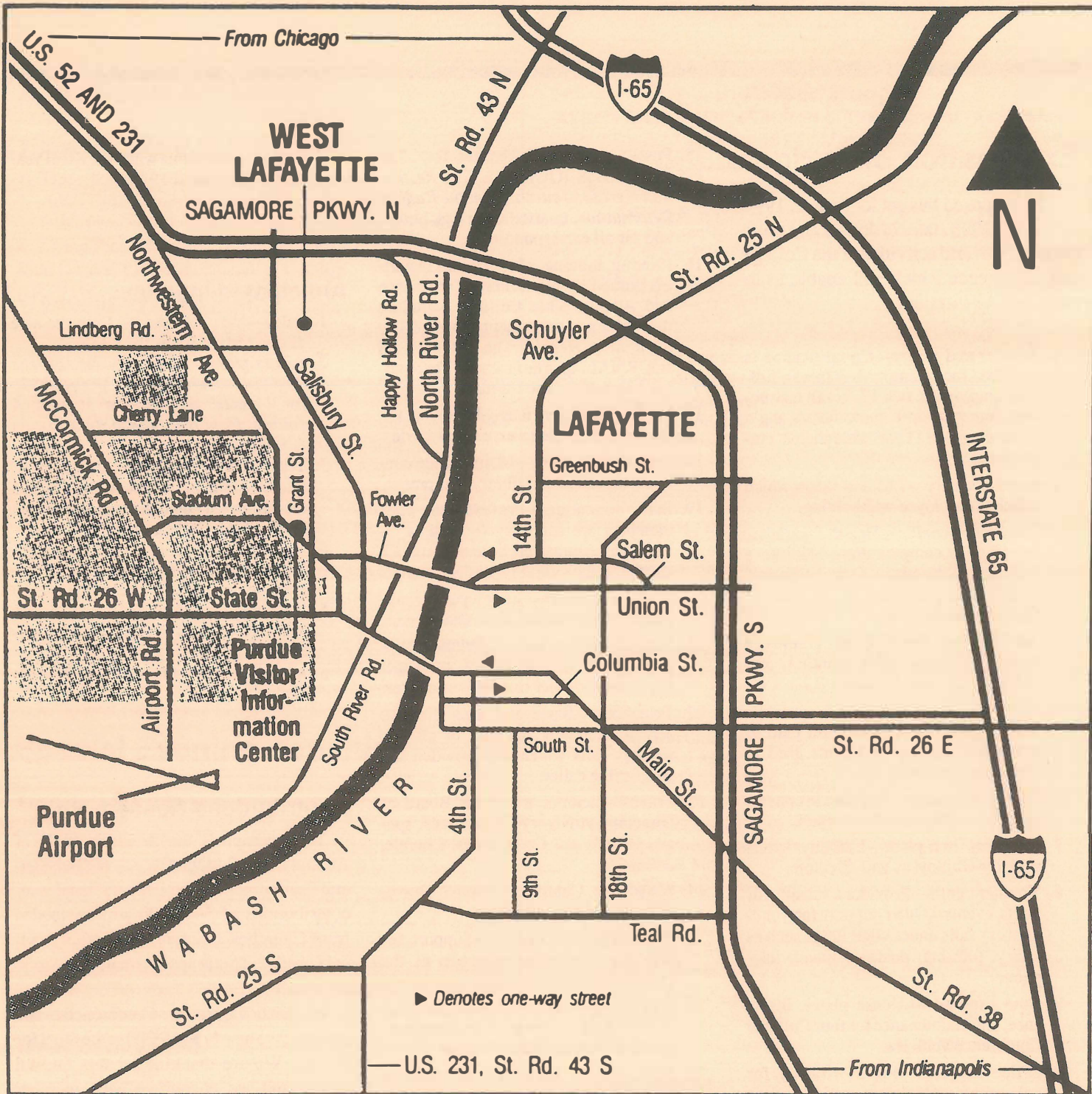
1. Sales—Includes income from the sale of quarterlies, tracts, books, etc.
2. Subscriptions—Subscriptions for *The Restitution Herald* are \$12 per year; \$21 for 2 years; and \$30 for 3 years; *A Journal from the Radical Reformation* is \$20 per year.
3. Trust and Endowment—Transfer of interest from the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation and other trust funds of the College and Conference.
4. Tuition—Income is based upon projected enrollment of 35 full-time students in the 1994-95 fiscal year.
5. Housing—Rent received from 10 apartments from Atlanta Bible College students.
6. Miscellaneous—Primarily interest income.

## Contributions Needed

To accomplish the program goals of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference for the 1994-95 fiscal year, contributions of \$442,900 will be needed from Churches, Conferences, and individual families. This is approximately \$37,000 per month.

In 1992, Churches, Conferences, and groups gave nearly \$166,000 to the Goal for Giving. We are thankful for this faithful giving and we encourage each member church to designate a portion of their income to assist with the work of the College/Conference.

To close the gap between contribution needs and the amount provided by Churches, Conferences, and groups, we rely upon faithful giving of individuals and families. During 1992, 836 individuals and families gave an average gift of \$215. We invite additional individuals and families to help underwrite the work of the College and Conference.



## Directions to Purdue University

- Purdue University is located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Traveling on Interstate 65 it is 65 miles northwest of Indianapolis (use exit 172, which is Highway 26). It is 120 miles southeast of Chicago (use exit 178, which is Highway 43).
- For those flying into Indianapolis, a Conference vehicle will shuttle from the airport to the campus Sunday evening, July 25, at approximately 7:30 and Monday afternoon at approximately 3:30. Friday morning, July 30, at the end of Conference a shuttle will leave at 7:30 a.m. from Purdue to go to the airport. If transportation is needed, please call the General Conference office 800-347-4261 to indicate flight numbers and time of arrival and departure.
- Registration will be in Stewart Center which is immediately west of Memorial Union-Union Club. Parking will be in the garage across Grant Street from the Union Club entrance. Parking in the garage is free for the guests of the Union Club.
- Rooms in the Union Club have a private bath, color television, radio, telephone, and central air-conditioning. Employees are not authorized to accept tips.
- Meeting rooms are immediately adjacent to the Union Club.

# Book Offered

S.O. Ross served the Church of God General Conference nineteen years from 1961-1980. During those years he developed a close and loving relationship with people through our churches. After serving the Conference, he "retired" to his old home in Litchfield, Minnesota where he became their pastor for the next ten years, before really retiring in 1990.

Over the last years of his life, S.O. Ross gave over 1100 brief messages on his radio program. When he knew that his ministry was ending, he wanted to leave something of his work for others. This small book contains 34 of those messages he selected to be his legacy.

The book may be ordered through the Church of God General Conference offices at Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260. A donation of \$4 is suggested. This will be added to the S.O. Ross Memorial Scholarship at Atlanta Bible College.

## TRUTHS FOR TODAY



**BY PASTOR STAN ROSS**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE—June, 1993

- 1 Pray for the work in Lafayette, IN and the ministry opportunities in that area.
- 2 Pray for the brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 3 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 4 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.
- 5 Pray for the ministry of your local church.
- 6 Praise God for your pastor and his family and their dedication to ministry.
- 7 Pray for boldness to share your faith this week.
- 8 Pray for David Krogh and Kent Ross in their leadership roles for the Conference and College.
- 9 Praise God for those who regularly remember our Conference and College with their prayers and contributions.
- 10 Pray for the Atlanta Bible College students as they complete their studies and make decisions for the future.
- 11 Pray for the graduates of Atlanta Bible College—Lee McMinn, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Daniel Smead, Jason Turner, and Aaron Wells.
- 12 Praise God for your family and circle of friends.
- 13 Pray that God might speak to you through the services of your church today.
- 14 Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Mexico.
- 15 Praise God for the promise that if we overcome we will inherit all things.
- 16 Pray for a smooth transition of the publishing department from Oregon to Morrow.
- 17 Pray for new staff members as they assume responsibility.
- 18 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 19 Pray for the brethren in Peru.
- 20 Praise your Heavenly Father for the love and guidance of your earthly father.
- 21 Pray for the St. Charles Community Church and its witness.
- 22 Pray for churches and pastors who are making changes this year.
- 23 Praise God for the editors of our Sunday School curriculum and our printed publications.
- 24 Pray for the Grant family, members of the Valley View Bible Church, serving in the Middle East.
- 25 Pray for God's direction in future missions efforts.
- 26 Pray for the Pomona brethren as they call in their community.
- 27 Praise God for your church family.
- 28 Pray for God's direction in the final preparation for Youth Congress.
- 29 Pray for the Board of Directors as they make Conference/College ministry decisions.
- 30 Praise God for the dedication of the Conference and College staffs.

PRAYER AND PRAISE—July, 1993

- 1 Pray for the special summer ministries taking place throughout our churches.
- 2 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.
- 3 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 4 Praise God for the freedoms you enjoy.
- 5 Pray for the wisdom to carry your burdens to the Lord and stop carrying them alone.
- 6 Pray for healing for someone in need.
- 7 Praise God for the assurance that He hears and answers prayers.
- 8 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 9 Pray that God might lead many into full-time Christian service.
- 10 Praise God for His daily provision for all your needs.
- 11 Pray for safety for those traveling to Youth Congress today.
- 12 Praise God for the youth of our church as they prepare their lives for the future.
- 13 Pray for the staff of Youth Congress and the influence they are making on the Congress participants.
- 14 Pray that God might lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.
- 15 Praise God for your parents and their guidance in your life.
- 16 Pray for the staffs of our Conference and College.
- 17 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's message tomorrow.
- 18 Praise God for the leadership of your church family.
- 19 Pray for those making final preparations for our annual summer conference.
- 20 Pray for the New Friends Bible Church leaders and members.
- 21 Praise God for efforts being made to plant new churches.
- 22 Pray for a clear understanding of God's leading in your life.
- 23 Pray for the soon return of Jesus.
- 24 Praise God for His great love shown to us by the sacrifice of His only Son.
- 25 Pray for your pastor as he shares a message from God to you today.
- 26 Pray for a spirit of unity among the attenders of the summer Conference.
- 27 Praise God for the bond we share in Christ.
- 28 Pray for God's leading in the decisions that will be made at Conference.
- 29 Praise God for the willing teachers and leaders who have ministered to the Conference attenders this week.
- 30 Pray for travel safety for those traveling home from Conference today.
- 31 Pray that God might move the Church of God forward in new areas of ministry this year.

Report of Baptisms

2,000 by the Year 2000

Jan. 1, 2000

April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993*	148	Total 541
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	170	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	168	
Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990	55	

\* More Complete figures are being collected with delegate information.

Calendar of Events

- June 11 Atlanta Bible College Graduation
- June 20-26 Midwest Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, IN
- July 11-16 1993 Youth Congress at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
- July 26-30 Annual Summer General Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN
- Sept. 8-15 Holy Land Trip sponsored by ABC
- Nov. 19, 20 Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN

Continuing Projects in Atlanta

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway			
5' section	100	\$40	13 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	5 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	10 selected by donors
<del>Patio Furniture</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>\$100</del>	6 selected by donors
<del>Concrete for Patio</del>	<del>20 yds.</del>	<del>\$43 per yd.</del>	20 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	2 selected by donor
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Refrigerators for Apt Bldg	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for Apt Bldg	10	\$400	1 selected by donor
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax Machine	1	\$450	\$108 contributed

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**1993 Annual General Conference**  
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY • JULY 26-30**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr Mrs Miss      First      Middle      Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City                      State                      Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Age if under 18

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Name

**2. Mini-Course Preferences**  
 9:45 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Preferences**  
 Wednesday 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Lodging—Number per room \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
 Name(s) of person(s) sharing room \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Meals** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Other Fees** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Babysitting Service** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Option 1       Option 2  
 Children's names and ages \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Total of lines 3-6** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Pastor Discount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Fees (line 8 minus line 9)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Sunday Night Lodging** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Alumni Banquet** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**12. TOTAL FEES DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**14. BALANCE DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**15. I wish to help with special music.**

**Early-bird fees apply July 1 or before.**

**HOW TO REGISTER (use one form per person)**

1. Enter the name and address information for yourself and your church. Please include age if under 18.
2. Indicate your mini-course and workshop preferences by number from the chart found on pages b and c of the JOURNAL.

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

Standard Room:	Early-Bird*	Regular
1 to a room, per person	\$229	\$239
2 to a room, per person	128	138
3 to a room, per person	97	107

(several rollaway beds are available for 4th person with no additional room charge)

**Deluxe Room:** (only 10 rooms available; assigned to first 10 registrations requesting these arrangements)

1 to a room, per person	\$299	\$309
2 to a room, per person	172	182
3 to a room, per person	128	138
4 to a room, per person	106	116

**Family Suites:** (only 5 suites available; assigned to first 5 registrations requesting these arrangements)

2 to a room, per person	\$141	\$151
3 to a room, per person	106	116
4 to a room, per person	88	98
5 to a room, per person	78	88

There is no room charge for children under 18 staying in same room or suite as parents.

4. **Meals** will begin with the Monday evening meal and end with Thursday evening meal. \$69 \$79
5. **Other fees** (facilities, insurance, program) \$30 \$30
6. **Babysitting service.** Service will be provided for children two years and under Monday from 7:00-8:30; Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30-12:00, 1:15-3:30 and 7:00-8:30. Two options are being offered: **Option 1** is \$12.00 per child and work for two time segments in the conference. **Option 2** is \$20.00 per child and no work. Please note your preference.
7. Add fees due (lines 3-6).
8. Active and retired pastors and their families (children living at home) may subtract 10% of the amount on line 7. Enter this amount on line 8.
9. Fees due (line 7 minus line 8).
10. Rooms are available at the rate of \$75.00 per room for early arrivals on Sunday July 25. Please indicate your need and the amount due. (No discounts.)
11. Alumni of OBC/ABC will have a banquet Wednesday evening. If meals included above, add \$3.00. If not included above, add \$12.00.
12. Fees due (add lines 9, 10, and 11.)
13. Please indicate the amount sent with registration. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is required.
14. Balance due if any.
15. Please check box if you wish to help with special music.
16. Send your check with completed registration form to:  
 Church of God General Conference, Box 100, 000, Morrow, GA 30260
17. Any special meal or housing requests need to accompany your application.

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

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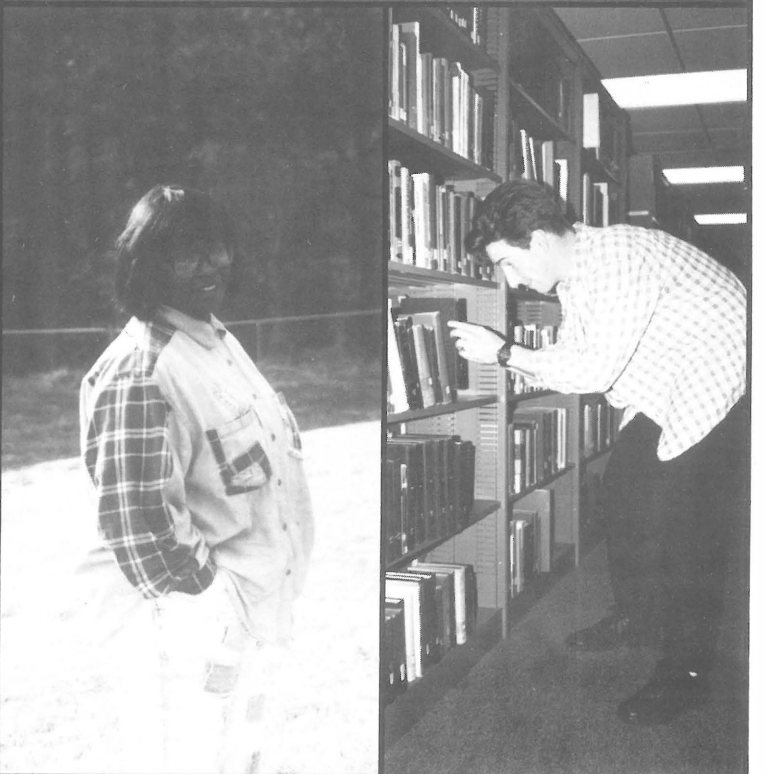
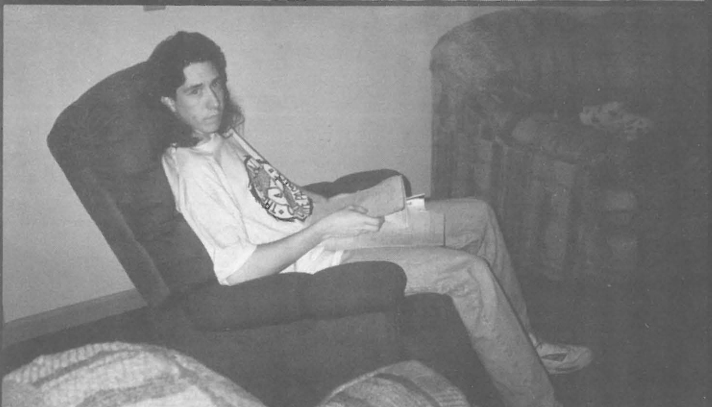
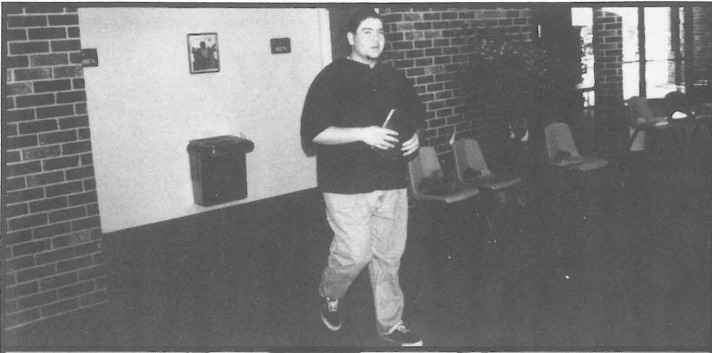
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## 1993 Graduates

The faculty and staff of Atlanta Bible College are extremely pleased to present the 1993 graduates of ABC. On the evening of June 11, Oregon/Atlanta Bible College observed its 50th commencement.

Our outstanding graduates are prepared to take their place in the Church of God as leaders and workers.

Lee McMinn is planning to accept a pastorate this fall.

Christy Ross and her husband are moving to Omaha, Nebraska to pursue Master's Degree programs.

Seth Ross is continuing his education in Atlanta to receive a second Bachelor's Degree.

Daniel Smead has been employed by the Church of God General Conference to be the technical supervisor of the Publishing Department.

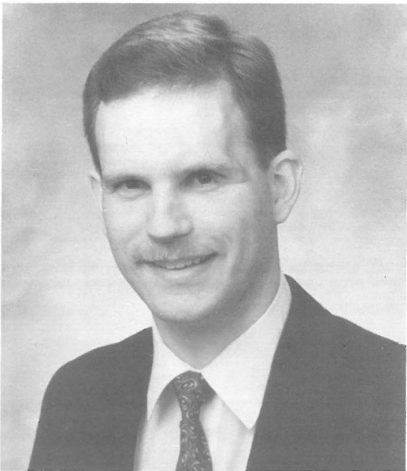
Jason Turner is interested in serving as a pastor this fall. He is exploring the possibility of starting a new church in the Beloit, Wisconsin area.

Aaron Wells will continue as an employee of the Church of God General Conference in charge of computer operations.

We are grateful for the dedication of each of these individuals. They are a credit to the Lord, to themselves, to Atlanta Bible College, and to the Church of God as a whole. As faculty and staff we are pleased with their spiritual development, their academic performance, their present involvement in ministry, their plans for future ministry, their love for the Lord, and their love for God's truth.

We pray God's richest blessings upon them in their future ministry.

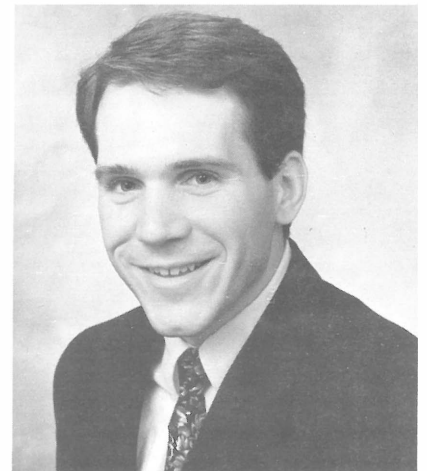
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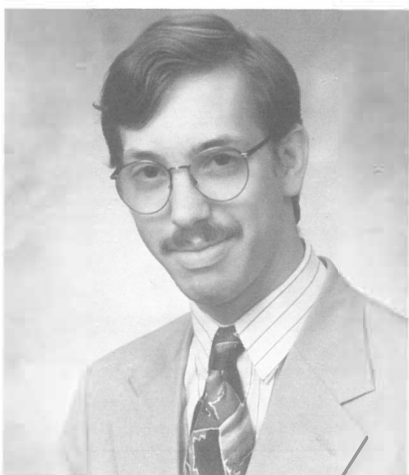
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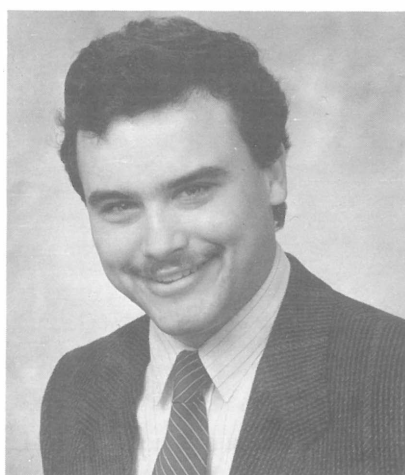
Christy Ross



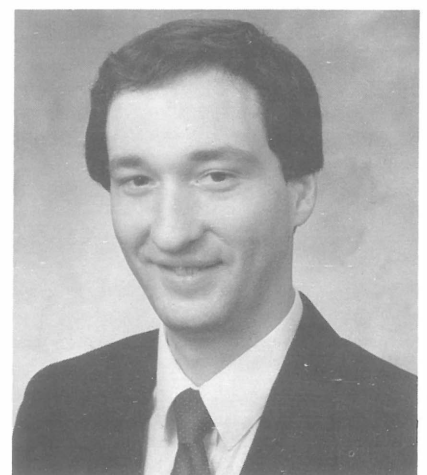
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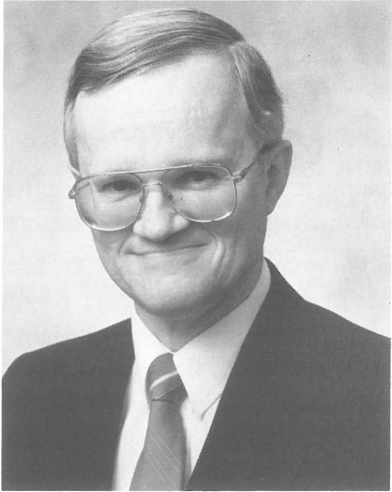


Returning students include (front row l to r): Carolyn Swartz, Christy Ross, Julie Vance; (back row): Steve Zimbelman, Lonnie Bennett, Seth Ross, and Dan Kennedy. Not pictured: Jason Cooper, Aaron Wells, Lee McMinn, Tim Driskill, Jason Turner, Daniel Smead, Mark Cain, Jeremy Smith, Susan Savage, Lonnie Craig, Ryan Smith, and Shawn Yager.

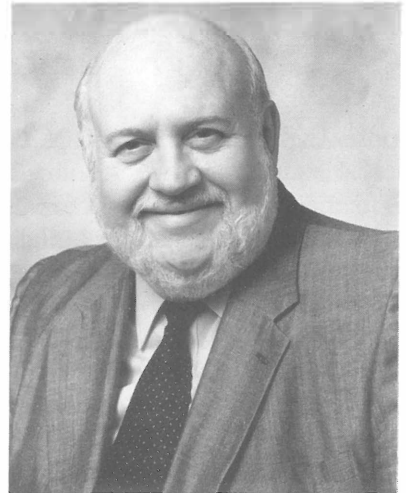


First-year students include (front row l to r): Christopher Seiders, Greg Landry, Andy Cisneros, Melinda Nelson, Mark Tschaenn, Bradford Gaspar, Dale Harshman; (back row): Amy Berry, Brent Simon, John Nelson, Jeff Zimbelman, Brent Bengtson, and Mark Louderback. Not pictured: Carol Bonek, Roy Bonek, Jason Brown, Jeff Graham, David Holmes, Phil Osborn, Vicki Rabenberg, Joshua Ward, and Michelle Yager.

# STAFF



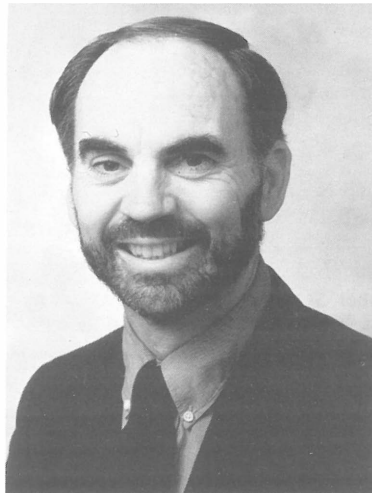
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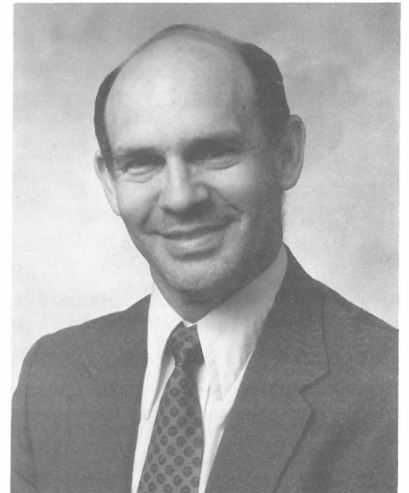
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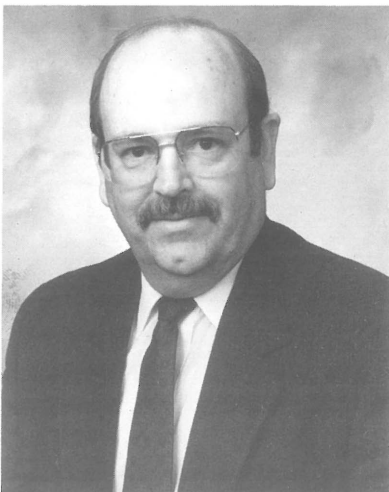
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Our Controllers:  
Old and New  
Harry McMinn  
and  
Terri Tschaenn



# Chorale '93 Tours

The 1992-93 Atlanta Bible College Chorale has traveled extensively during the past two months. They left Atlanta on March 19 for their Spring Concert Tour which included presentations at Eldorado, Illinois; Morse Mill, St. Charles, and Raymore, Missouri; McGintytown, Magazine, and Royal, Arkansas; Gatesville, Texas; Hammond, Louisiana; and back to New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia. In April, they visited the Virginia Conference, Church of Resurrection Hope in Lenoir, North Carolina; Second Hope Advent Church, Monroe,

North Carolina; and Bethel Church of God in South Carolina.

Those participating in the Chorale are Brent Bengtson, Amy Berry, Jason Brown, Brad Gaspar, Dale Harshman, Melinda Nelson, John Nelson, Christy Ross, Seth Ross, Chris Seiders, Carolyn Swartz, Julie Vance, and Michelle Yager.

Dale Ramsey has directed the Chorale since its inception in 1970.

## ABC CHORALE SCHEDULE

- March 19 ..... Restitution Church, Eldorado, IL
- 20 ..Morse Mill Church of God, Morse Mill, MO
- 21 ..St. Charles Comm. Church, St. Charles, MO
- 21 .....Raymore Bible Church, Raymore, MO
- 22 .....McGintytown Church, McGintytown, AR
- 23 .....Clark Chapel Church, Magazine, AR
- 24 .....Forest Hill Church, Royal, AR
- 25 .....Gatesville Church of God, Gatesville, TX
- 26 Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, LA
- 28 .....New Friends Bible Church, Morrow, GA
- April 2-4 ..... Virginia Conference
- 17 ..... Church of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir, NC
- 18 ..... Second Hope Advent, Monroe, NC
- 18 ..... Bethel Church of God, Bethel, SC



High atop Mount Magazine, the chorale prepares to take off for another blessed destination along the almost 3,000 mile trek.



# The Worst Storm in a Century!

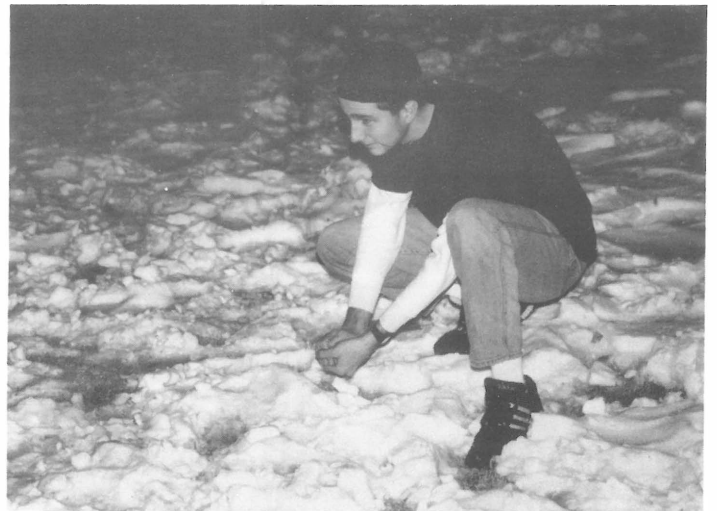
In what meteorologists claim to be the worst storm to hit the southeast in a century, the students of Atlanta Bible College (especially those from the northern part of the United States) enjoyed a break from the extreme southern heat and humidity. Students awakened one Saturday morning and found that the sky had dumped a beloved four inches of snow on the ground. Students participated in an early morning football game as well as a late afternoon snowball fight.



**Above: The volleyball court is empty but there is snow on the ground!  
Below: The main building closed for the weekend because of the storm and look at how viciously the flags were treated by the storm.**

In the end, the students contracted no illnesses but received no time off from school. Every student that participated in any of the days events claimed that they had a good time. Even some of the students from the southern part of the United States claimed to enjoy the experience.

First year student Brent Simon commented, "As far as I am concerned it can stay above the Mason-Dixon line!"



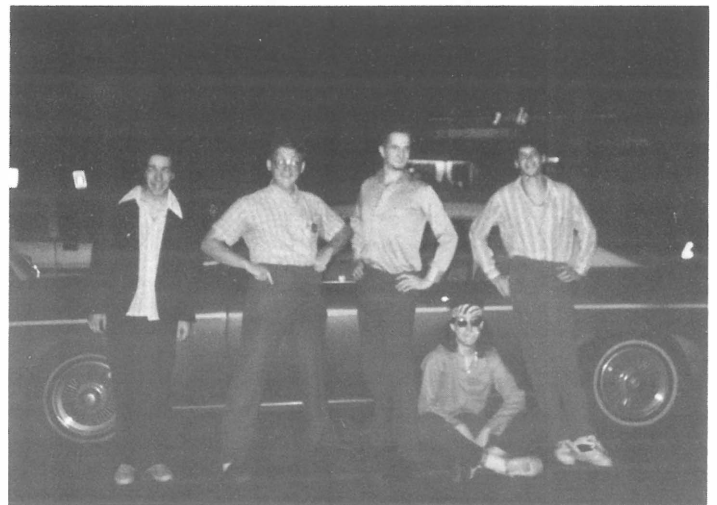
**Freshman Brent Bengtson prepares a snowball for the First annual "SnowFest" of Atlanta Bible College.**



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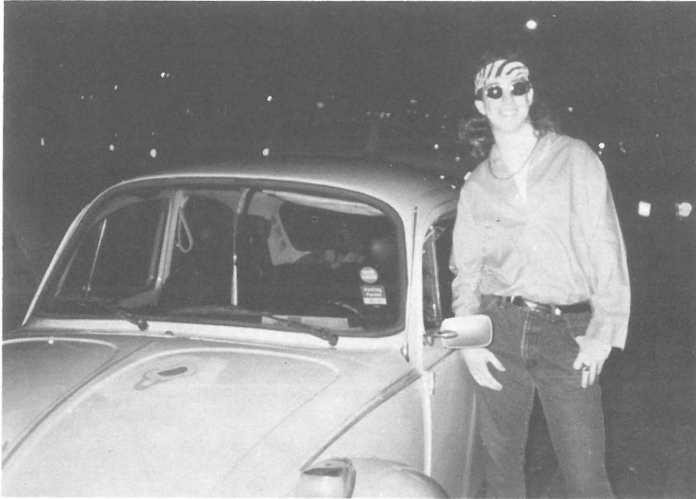
# A MISSION TO THE MALL!

To save the fearless Joe Martin,  
five Atlanta Bible College  
students went undercover



to retrieve the Fearless Martin  
from the clutches of the Evil HIP  
Force.

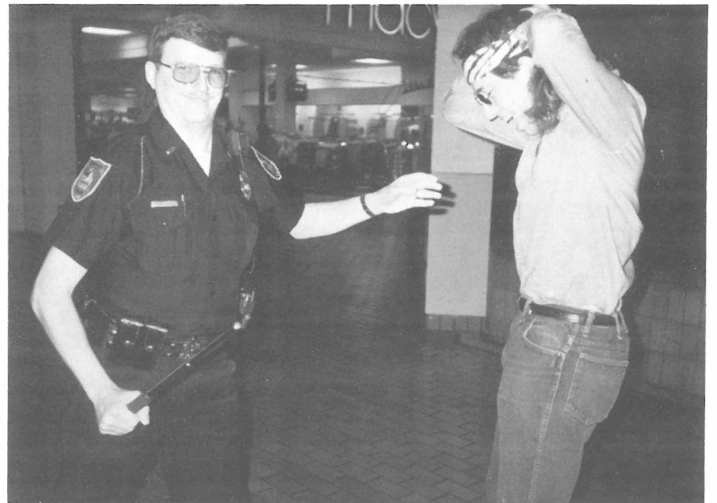
Along the way our five fearless students encounter wonderful babes,



police officers (who had developed a case of disgruntled mall security syndrome).

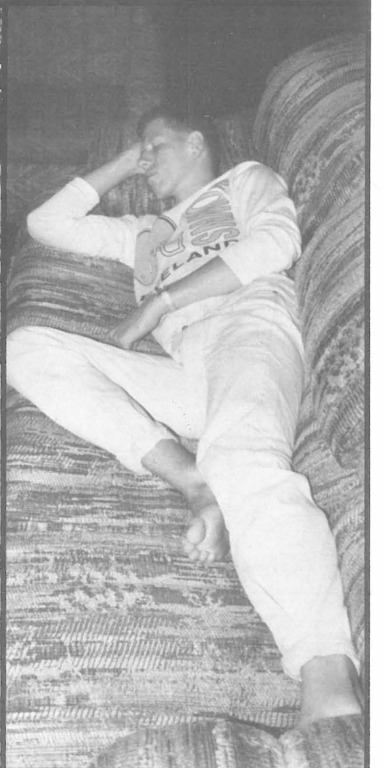
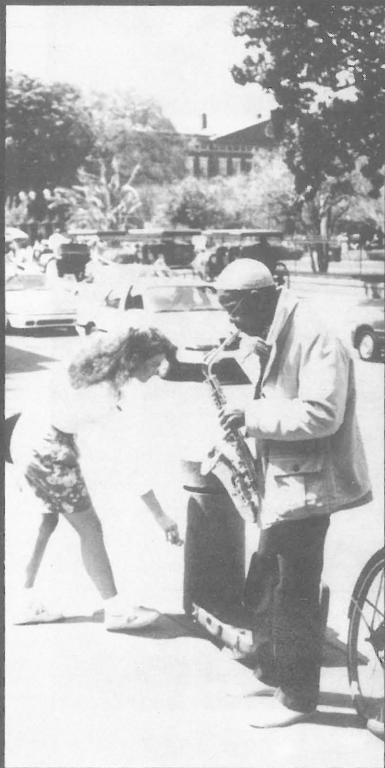
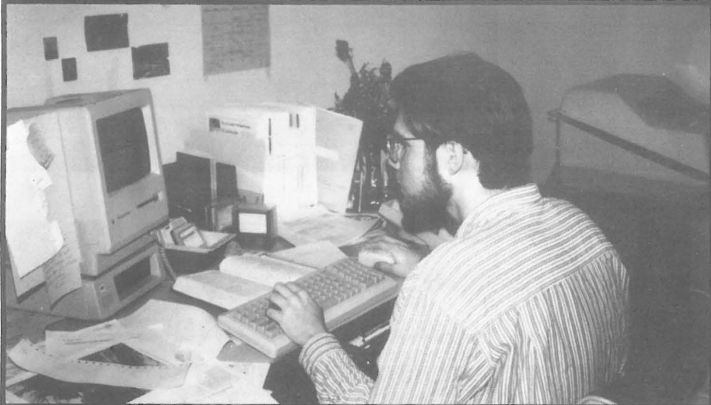
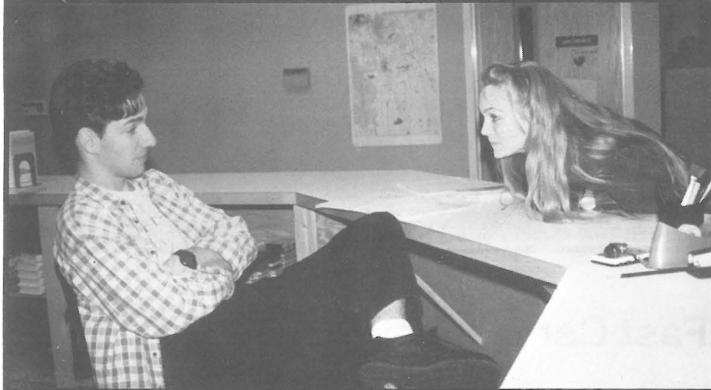


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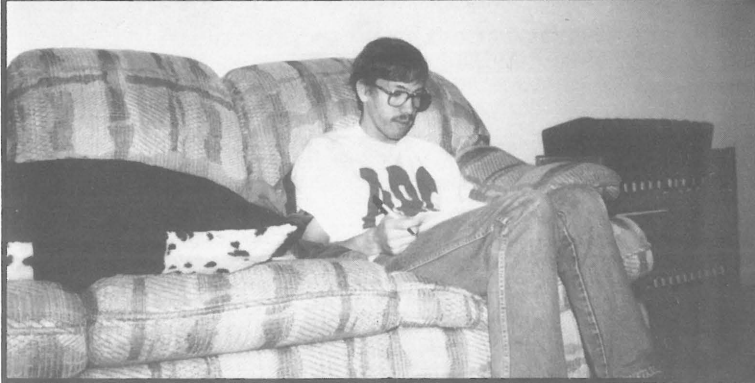
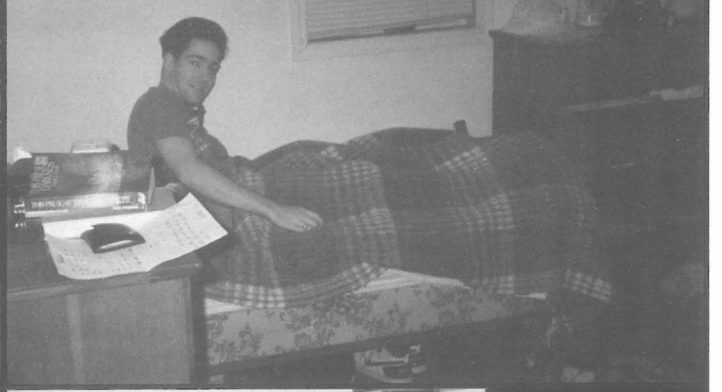


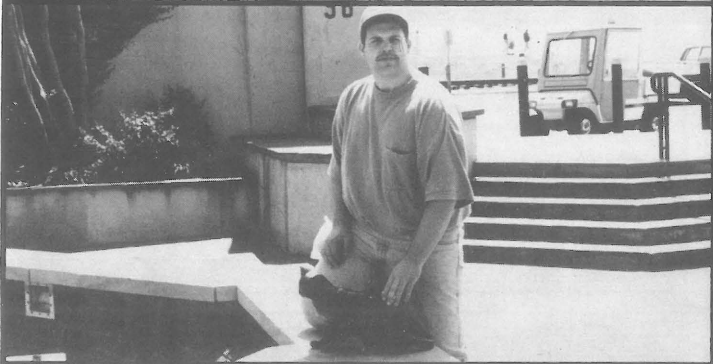
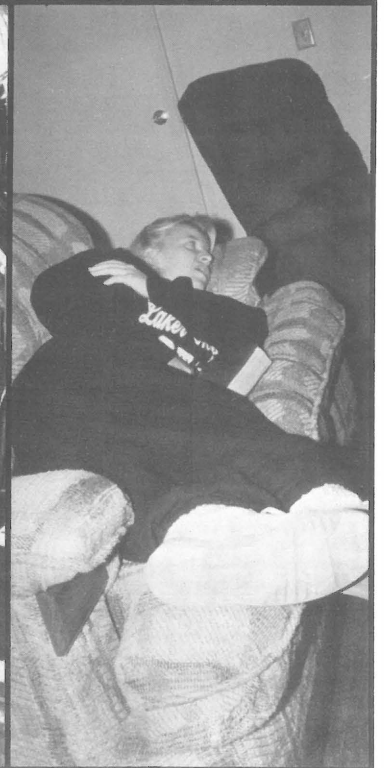
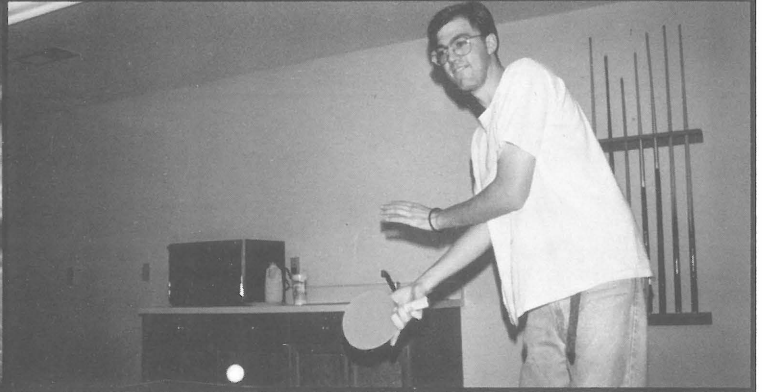
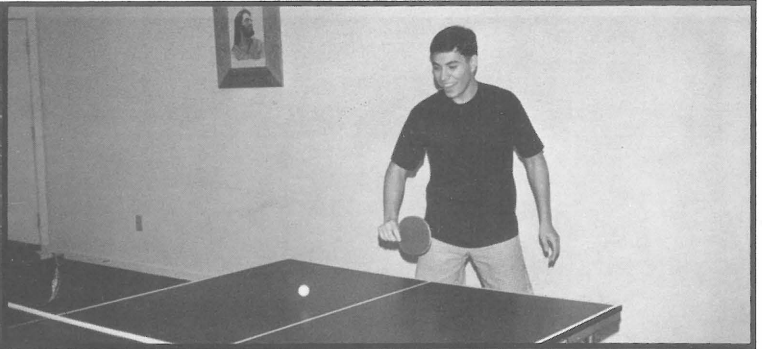
After useful evasion tactics, the five amigos rescued Fearless Joe from the forces of HIP and also scored a few phone numbers along the way. But there was a tragedy. Daring Brad Gaspar developed a strange case of mononucleosis a short time later (it happened to be after a date with a mystery babe).











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# The Official ABC Scavenger Hunt

To compete in this wonderful, heart-warming, and disgusting mayhem; all you need to do is get a group of people together and take a picture of each item on the following list. Finish the list and return the results to the Maranatha staff before Dan Kennedy graduates. (So don't worry! you have a lot of time!)

- 1) one fresh roadkill from Trammell Road
- 2) the same roadkill three warm summer days later (must be up close and personal)
- 3) someone from the college milking Bertha
- 4) Daniel Smead in shorts
- 5) someone else's laundry while resting in dryer (most wanted is the underclothing)
- 6) one apologetic letter to anyone in the apartment building
- 7) one staff member's car toilet papered
- 8) one live insect from within the apartment building
- 9) one unexploded firecracker
- 10) one patched hole in an apartment building wall

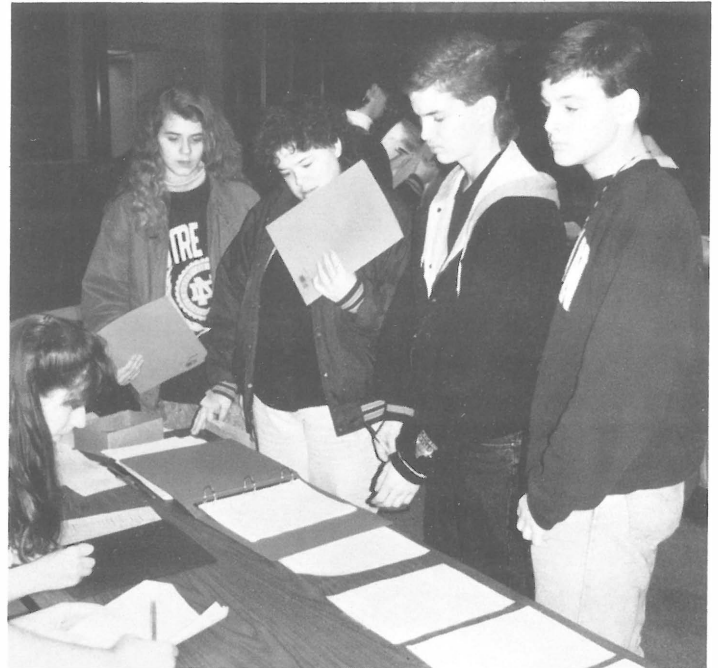
Once completed hand in all pictures to the Maranatha staff. Prizes will be rewarded to the most creative photographers!



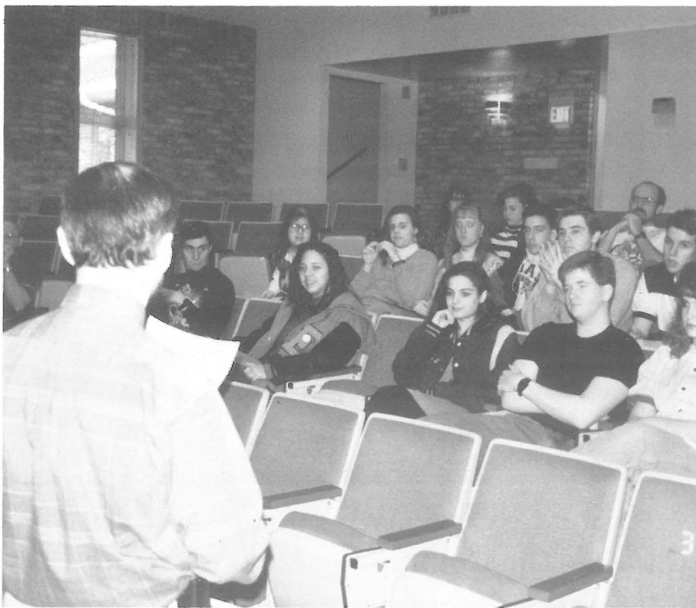
OOPS!



ABC is ready for the almost seventy students that attended this year.



Students register for the next morning's classes and tours.



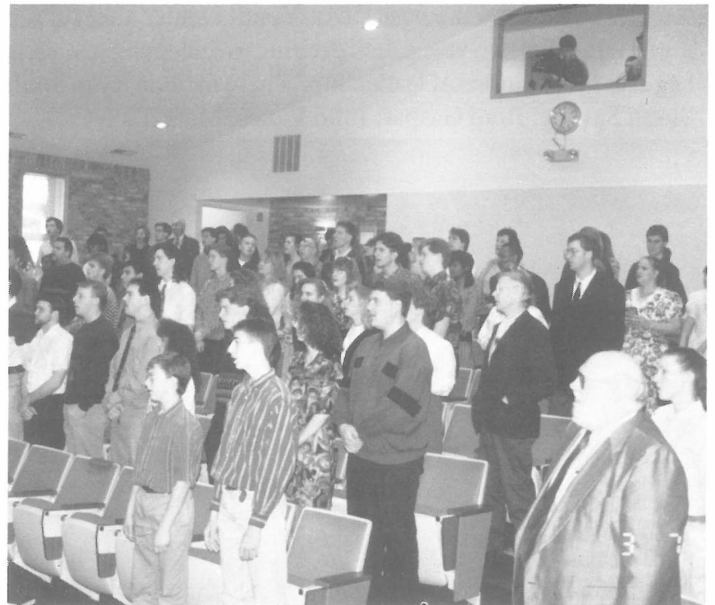
Invitational students sit and listen intently to the instruction of Joe Martin.

## High School Invitational '93

The College hosted its largest College Invitational Conference ever. Approximately 62 students and 18 sponsors visited the campus on the weekend of March 5-7. We are grateful to sponsors who made it possible for students to come to the campus.

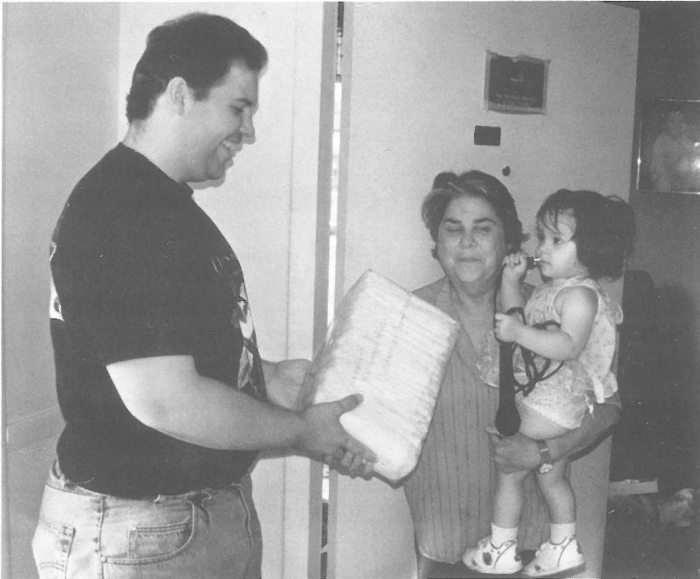
The students that attended Invitational seemed to really enjoy the time that they spent on campus. The students were able to hear the sounds of "Abe's Offspring", a band that originated here at the Bible College. They were also able to participate in a choir concert on Saturday evening.

Students also took part in an expedition to Cyclorama and an excursion to Stone Mountain.



The end of an eventful weekend is spending worship time with the members of New Friends Bible Church.

# Ministry Groups



## Calling and Visitation Ministry Group

Students and Staff have ministered to many individuals by calling in homes and in the hospital, as well as distributing leaflets in the neighborhood to invite people to church. Follow-up calls have been made on people who have received diapers. Individuals who telephone New Friends Bible Church to ask for assistance are visited and invited to church. Members of this ministry group have also provided transportation to church services and to grocery stores.

God has made us aware of many needy individuals. Our ministry group has worked to meet physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

## Fast Forward

The Fast Forward ministry program was in its second year and underwent some changes from its first year. In the fall we went to an Atlanta Braves game. We broke into small groups and went through a six week series of "On Sight" lessons where each group would go to a designated place to have their lesson. We also had fund-raisers such as car washes and egg sales to raise money for summer camps.

Mark Cain left the ranks at the end of winter quarter after more than 1 1/2 years of service to Fast Forward, and Seth Ross stepped down from the position of Youth Leader after running the program for two years. It is exciting to see younger students begin to fill positions of leadership. These include Ryan Smith, Susan Savage, Brad Gaspar, Julie Vance, Mark Tschaenn, and others who have helped. The program has a bright future.



## C.M.G. - The Community Ministry Group

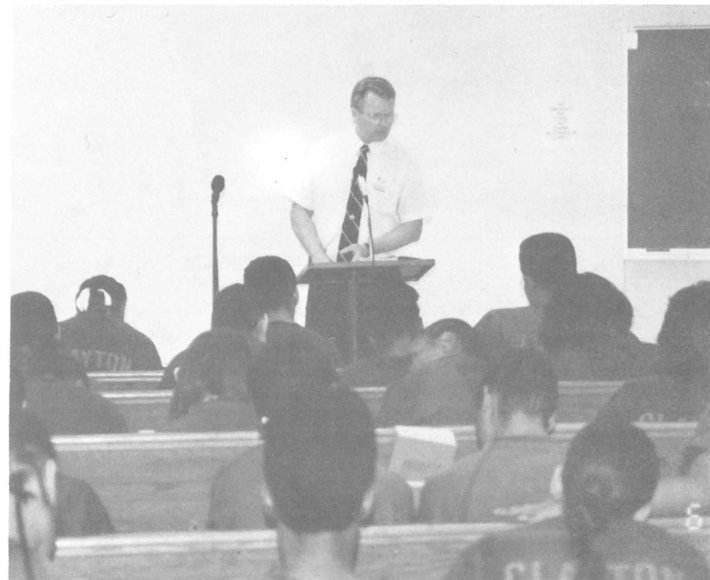
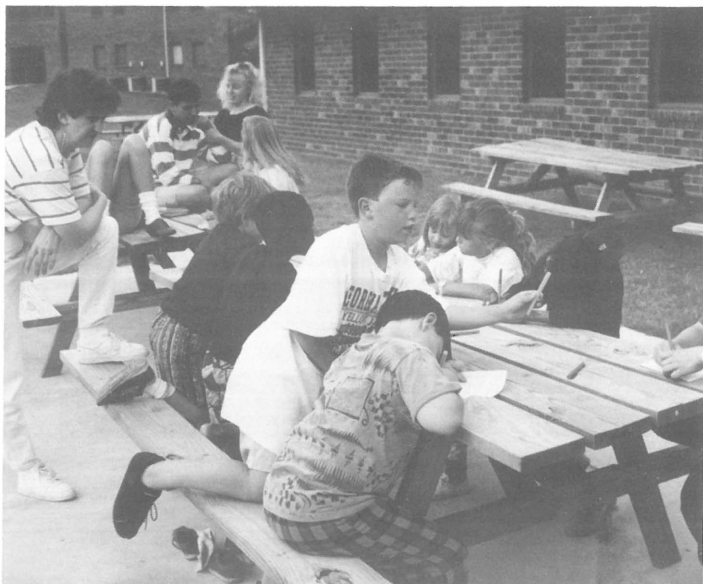
If grace is meeting a need with a gift, the C.M.G. attempts to find the needs of our immediate community and then show God's grace. We have done this in several ways. First, is the diaper ministry. Through ABC and New Friends Bible Church, we continue to service the community of young families who are in desperate need. A large diaper manufacturing company generously calls us on occasion with overruns and test packages. Second, we have a food pantry! Members of the C.M.G. built shelves to be prepared in meeting community food needs. On cold (30°!) nights in winter, C.M.G. members drive downtown to feed the homeless. One night about 50 people were fed! Finally, anything that a young college student can do to meet a need in our community we have tried or might try! We've done tutoring, given rides, baby-sat, etc.! All in the name of Jesus! Matthew 25:35, 36 is our guiding scripture. "You did it for me!"



## Prison and Nursing Home

The members of this ministry group have been visiting the area nursing home, Health Care of Lake City on Sunday afternoons, and Clayton County Detention Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. At the nursing home, individuals walk around the hallways and sing choruses in various rooms to some of the residents. At the prison, students and staff lead the men and women in their worship services. Each week, one student brings the inmates the message, which is very uplifting and encouraging to them.

Through this ministry, we have realized how vital this ministry is to the men and women who cannot get to a church for services, but who still wish to worship God.



## Children's Ministry Group

The members of this ministry group have had the opportunity to reach out to the younger children of the community surrounding Atlanta Bible College. Involvement in this ministry group requires dedication from the student toward the development of the children of our community.

The Children's Ministry Group is responsible for the instruction of the younger aged children and nursery care during Wednesday and Sunday services. This group is also responsible for the Friday Afternoon Kid's Club that is held at New Friends Bible Church. The group plans a time of games, snacks, and Bible stories for those that attend.



## ABC/ New Friends Softball Ministry

New Friends Bible Church and Atlanta Bible College added a new twist to our list of activities by forming a Softball team which was involved in a local city league. We purposely chose not to be in a 'Church league' in order to be "Salt and Light" in our community. God has truly blessed us in this area. We were able to involve several men who did not previously attend New Friends Worship Services and God is allowing bridges to be built in this area.

Best of all, great fun was had by all, and we were one of the best teams in the league which was really surprising. Softball was a great opportunity to enjoy recreation, each other, and provided evangelistic outreach. We praise God for allowing us this enjoyment.



SGA members (l to r): Julie Vance, Bradford Gaspar, President Seth Ross, Christy Ross, and Mark Tshaenn.

## SGA

The Student Government Association was busier this year than it has been the past several years, and much was accomplished over the year. A lot of activities and changes prompted by the SGA that had significant impact on the campus. The SGA made a large financial commitment to the student body by deciding to subsidize any apartment wanting to install a phone, and every apartment took advantage of the offer. Also, a candy machine was purchased for the downstairs lounge in the apartment building, and it has proven to be a valuable addition.

One chapel a month was given to the SGA as student forums,



Pastor Dave Riley presents God's Word to the students of Atlanta Bible College.

## New Friends Bible Church

A great year is behind us here at New Friends Bible Church of God. We've been used by God in awesome ways and we praise Him for counting us as part of His plan. As you are aware, New Friends is a relatively new church which meets at the Atlanta Bible College in which both students, staff families, and those from the local community worship together. This past year has been a year of "Vision" as we have been involved in "Reaching God's Lost People and Growing Up Into Christ With Them."

We praise God for the many baptisms throughout the year, the

and T-shirts were designed and printed for sale. The SGA also voted to give some financial assistance to an ABC student to go on a missions trip to the Philippine Islands in the summer. Through SGA committees, student activity fees were hard at work all year long.

This year a number of positive discussions have taken place between the SGA and the Staff, and staff/student relations have been very good. In fact, the college staff approached the SGA and asked for recommended changes for the Student Handbook which were typed up and presented to the staff by Seth Ross. Any changes that are accepted by the staff will not take effect until the fall of '94.



The third annual Steak Fry that concludes the school year was once again sponsored by the SGA Social Committee.

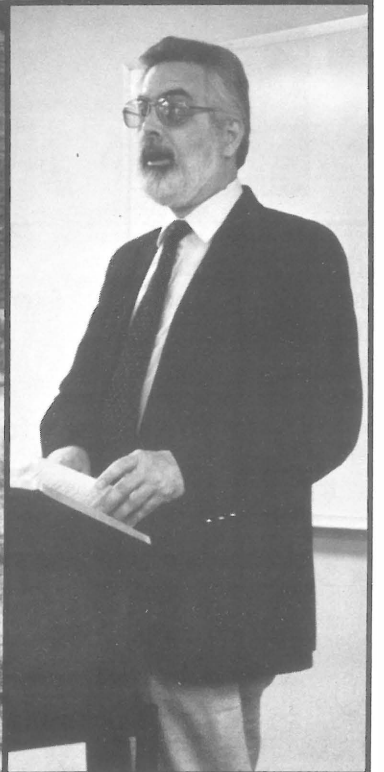
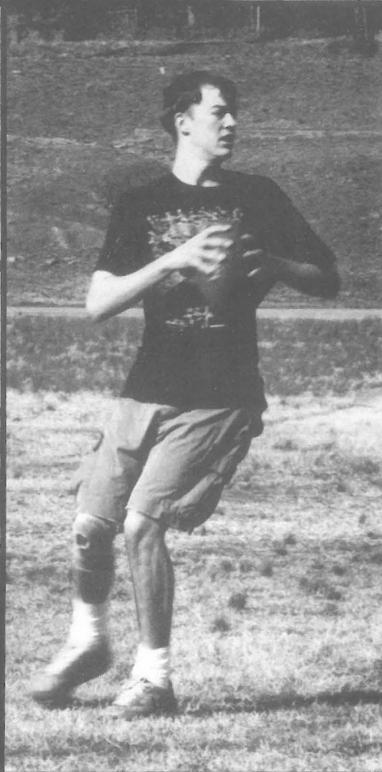
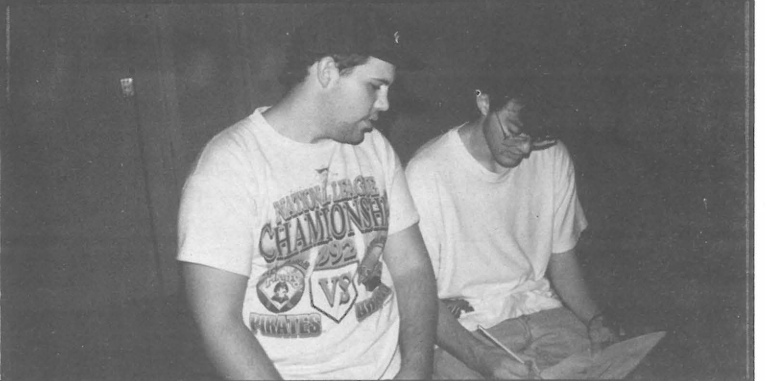
outreach opportunities that he has given to us, and the chance to grow closer together. We've experienced God's Spirit work through the Afterschool Children's Club, Prison Ministry, Fast Forward Youth Ministry, Community Outreach, and of course, weekly Worship to our Creator and His Son.

We look forward to the many opportunities God will give us in the future as well and we thank Him for them. New Friends Bible church exists to be a church where God's people are free to exalt Him, be involved in the use of individual Spiritual Giftedness, and of course, proclaim the truths of God's Word as we await the blessed return of Jesus Christ to this Earth and the establishment of God's Kingdom.



Seth Ross baptizes Norberto Esteves into the body of New Friends and Christ.





# Two Years in Atlanta

With the largest incoming group of students in years, one can see the effectiveness of the move to the Atlanta area. With students and faculty reaching out to the community, touching the lives of those surrounding us with the love of Jesus Christ, you can see our ability to effect people. Students now receive hands-on training in ministry that was never quite available in Oregon, Illinois. Come and see what possibilities the Bible College could have in store for you. You never know what the future holds for Atlanta Bible College!



The ground breaking by Kent Ross and Dick Eldred at the present day site of Atlanta Bible College. The school has grown in such a short time.

## See How We Have Grown!



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## The Family of God

The seventy-third annual Church of God General Conference was held at Purdue University, July 26-30. Approximately 300 people attended all or part of the Conference. The theme was "The Family of God." The privileges and responsibilities of being a part of the Family of God were presented through music, sermons, workshops, and classes.

The Conference began with a musical program conducted by Dale Ramsey. The service was fol-

lowed by a welcome reception hosted by the Indiana Conference. Evening messages were presented by Kent Ross, David Krogh, and Dick Eldred. Morning worship services were presented by David Riley, Lonnie Bennett, and John Railton. Daily prayer sessions were led by Ruby McCaslin, Joyce Knapp, and Ray Hall. There were many classes, mini-courses, workshops, and special activities for all ages.

## Elections and Appointments

Dr. Donna Deane and Don Overmyer were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors. Retiring Board members Dr. William Lawrence and Pastor Scott Ross were presented plaques of appreciation by President David Krogh.

The Board of Directors selected Pastor Stephen Bolhous, Chairman; Joe James, Vice Chairman; Pastor Gary Burnham, Secretary; Frank Johnson, Treasurer; and Pastor Rex Cain, Dr. Donna Deane, and Don Overmyer, Directors.

The following individuals were elected to four-year terms on advisory committees: Higher Education Advisory Committee—Dr. William D. Lawrence; Christian Education Advisory Committee—Carol Ring.

The Board of Directors appointed Paul Overholser to the unexpired year of Don Overmyer's term on the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation Board of Trustees. (As a member of the Board of Directors, Don is automatically a member of the

Foundation Board.) Pastor Don Ward was reappointed to a three-year term on the Foundation Board, and Pastor Billie Kennedy was appointed to a three-year term on the Foundation Board.

Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Mardy Lawrence were appointed to the newly created Church of God Mission Agency. The Ministerial Association elected Joe Martin to the Agency Board; Judy Myers as Mission Coordinator will serve as Chairperson; and Joe James was appointed to serve as the Board representative.

Board representatives on the Advisory Committees are as follows: Higher Education—Donna Deane; Christian Education—Frank Johnson; Media—Rex Cain; Youth—Gary Burnham.

The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation Board elected Don Overmyer as President and Billie Kennedy as Vice President. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors automatically serve in those capacities for the Foundation Board.

## Mission Sending Agency Created

Delegates to the Summer Conference took a bold step forward in our foreign mission effort by creating a sending agency with the authority to supervise mission activities of the Church of God. This agency will supersede the current Foreign Mission Advisory Committee.

The Lord is opening many doors of opportunity for the message of truth and salvation to be proclaimed in other lands. We pray that God will raise up individuals who will be willing to serve in other countries.



Board of Directors for 1993-1994: Left to right seated, Pastor Rex Cain, Dr. Donna Deane, Don Overmyer; Back row, Pastor Stephen Bolhous, Joe James, Pastor Gary Burnham, and Frank Johnson.

# 1993 Chairman's Message

[Delivered by Chairman of the Board Scott Ross at the 1993 General Conference; Lafayette, Indiana.]

As we stand here at the beginning of yet another session of our General Conference, we pause to thank God for the abundant blessings He has poured down upon us as a people. God, in His mercy and love, has worked in and through our people to bring us to where we are today. The Church of God can go forth from this place successfully only to the degree that we continue dependent upon God, trusting His leading and guidance, seeking His will, and relying on His Holy Spirit.

Last year at this delegate session I laid out for you the three goals or directions the Board has set for our Conference and College. We believe that we exist as an organization for these three purposes: 1. To encourage and strengthen our local churches. 2. To encourage the planting of new churches. 3. To build the strongest educational institution possible at Atlanta Bible College for the purpose of training men and women to establish those first two goals. Those three goals are the measure we should use to review our progress and to plan our future.

What is the state of our local congregations, and what has the General Conference done to help, and what can it do? The status of local congregations vary widely. Some are healthy and vibrant, others are struggling. Some have a clear sense of mission and purpose, and others are stuck in the status quo. We, of course, desire all of our churches to be strong, united forces proclaiming the magnificent truths we love so much. We rejoice over each and every baptism that is reported, and over the evidence that people are growing and maturing in Christ.

This past year our General Conference has tried to encourage and strengthen the local church in a number of ways. We continue to provide needed literature, including the special quarterly emphasizing our distinctive truths that was published this past winter. The annual Christian Worker's Seminar provided training and a spiritual uplift for the many who attended it. In addition a number of General Conference sponsored seminars were held in a variety of our states and churches. We continue to provide training materials for churches to use in their local programs, including audio and video tapes. A successful Youth Congress was held again this year. The Theological Conference challenged and blessed those who attended. *The Restitution Herald* continues as a beacon of truth in its 82nd year. This past year you have helped local churches through pastoral and church aid, and through the two Church Builders appeal: for Guthrie Grove, in South Carolina; and Kokomo, Indiana. A correspondence course has now been prepared and is available from Atlanta Bible College. The General Conference provides the

Christian Conciliation Board to work with churches suffering internal struggles to bring about reconciliation. Realizing that pastors are keys to strong local churches, the Board has authorized special funding to help the Ministerial Association have a Pastor's Pastor, and to provide counseling when needed for our pastors.

We realize that the strength of our General Conference and Bible College lies in the strength of our local churches. The Board of Directors and our General Conference staff is fully committed to continue doing all we can to help our local churches. We stand available to you, to serve you and assist you in any way we can. We welcome your calls and inquiries. If there are things we can and should be doing to help your church or other churches, please let us know.

The second purpose that the Board sees for our General Conference and Bible College is to encourage the planting of new churches. Certainly God is not pleased with the few number of Churches of God that there are. We have an important understanding of Biblical truth that tragically escapes so much of Christianity. We must be bold in proclaiming this important message. We need many more churches from which the important, lifesaving, Word of Truth can go forth. We need to plant more churches. The General Conference is committed to this goal. Our Staff stands ready and desiring to assist in any way we can as new churches are planted. It is encouraging to me that at least two of this year's graduates from Atlanta Bible College feel led to try to plant new churches. It is encouraging to me that two of our recently planted churches—New Friends in Morrow, Georgia and Family Bible Fellowship in Loves Park, Illinois—are making plans now to mother new churches in their areas. The Board sees no conflict between goals one and two. We believe we can both minister to our existing churches and encourage the planting of new churches. We must not allow a rivalry to be created between existing churches and new churches.

Third, the Board is committed to building as strong an educational institution as we possibly can, with the help of God, to train men and women to be leaders in both our established churches and in our newly planted churches. This past year at Atlanta Bible College has been truly exciting. We had a 75% increase in enrollment over the 1991-1992 school year. This past fall saw one of the largest enrollments in recent years at our Bible College. This year six excellent graduates are going forth to serve in a variety of ways. Our students are not only studying about ministry, they are experiencing ministry while students at

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ABC. Every student is actively involved in a ministry group. This past year has seen students sharing their faith so that others have accepted Jesus as Savior, and our students have had the joy and privilege of baptizing these individuals. Our students have developed a Summer Ministry Program where they are leading young people and adults from throughout the Church of God in exciting weeks of "hands on" ministry at a number of our churches.

We are strongly committed to our students and the program of our college. God has blessed us much these past two years since relocation. We look forward with great anticipation to what He has in store for us and our college if, and as, we remain faithful to Him.

There is a fourth area where the delegates will be asked whether or not they want the College and Conference to put a strong emphasis. That area is foreign missions. This is not to say or imply that we have not been interested in or involved in foreign missions, because we have. We continue to maintain contacts and encourage outreach in a variety of foreign fields. However, there has been a proposal brought before the Board from the Minnesota Conference that if enacted and passed by the delegates, would set up the framework for a much greater outreach into foreign fields.

I do want to update you on the progress of the sale of our campus in Oregon, Illinois. This past year we have sold the Women's Dormitory for \$257,500 and the General Conference building for \$123,000. We continue to seek buyers for the Men's Dormitory and the Golden Rule building, and ask that you make this a matter of prayer.

I also want you to know that there has been considerable cost in the relocation of our campus, that has required the Board to borrow a great deal of money. Fortunately, we have had funds available so that most all of the money borrowed has been borrowed internally from ourselves, with only small amounts borrowed from individuals who have chosen to make some of their personal funds available to the Conference. We have not had to borrow any money from banks or lending institutions for the purchase of our campus. The worth of our campus in Georgia far exceeds in value the indebtedness we have, so I can report to you that we are sound financially. However, the Board is very concerned with this indebtedness and is working diligently to clear it up. Some estates that have been left to the Conference may be put toward this debt. Also there will probably be a fund drive for these capital improvements that have been made. It is hard to put together a final plan for this indebtedness until all of the buildings in Illinois have been sold. But we are not trying to cover anything up. We want you to be fully aware of this situation. Once we find just how much more will have to be raised to pay off what we have borrowed from ourselves, the delegates will be fully informed and given a chance to share in this opportunity.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express three heartfelt thank yous. First, to you the delegates and the churches you represent. You have been so supportive of the College and Conference these past few years. I am happy to report that again



**Pastor Scott Ross,  
delivering his  
Chairman's Message  
to the delegates.**

this year we were able to finish our fiscal year without borrowing any funds. You have been generous in your giving, and we are very appreciative. But not only do we thank you for your financial support, but also for the prayers and encouragement you have offered as we and staff members and students have visited you and your churches, and as you have visited our campus in Georgia. The Board and staff and students feel you are behind us and our goals, and for that we are very thankful.

Second, I want to express mine and the Board's thanks to our staff. We are blessed with a group of fully committed, hardworking, diligent, caring, spiritual men and women. These people work long hours, often going far beyond what is reasonable to expect, to carry out the work of the College and Conference for us, the people of the Conference. Of course, these people are not perfect, just as the Board is not perfect, nor our churches perfect. Nor are they above criticism. But they are deserving of our thanks and support. May we be as faithful in thanking them for the many, many times they do things so well as we are in criticizing them for the few times when they don't do things just as we think they should be done. Staff—we love you and appreciate you.

Finally, I want to express the Board's thanks, and indeed the thankfulness of all of us, to our God who has so richly blessed us. Without God, we could do nothing. It is only as He works in and through us that anything of significance can be accomplished. Why God is so patient and forgiving is indeed a mystery, but it is the wonderful mystery of His mercy and grace. May we in all the sessions of this week, in all that we do in our individual churches and lives, and all that we do as a College and Conference, be totally dependent upon God, upon His power, upon His leading, upon His blessing. And may we as a Conference and College and as a people always seek to glorify God in all we say or do or even think. And indeed this God of all miracles will do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

—Scott Ross

# 1993 General Conference Delegate Business Sessions

## Purdue University; Lafayette, Indiana

**Tuesday, July 27, 1:15 P.M.**

I. The 1993 business sessions were called to order by Chairman Scott Ross and opened with prayer by Pastor Michael Hoffman. Pastor Jason Turner was recognized as a newly licensed pastor. In addition, several first time delegates were recognized.

II. Chairman Ross presented his message to the delegates.

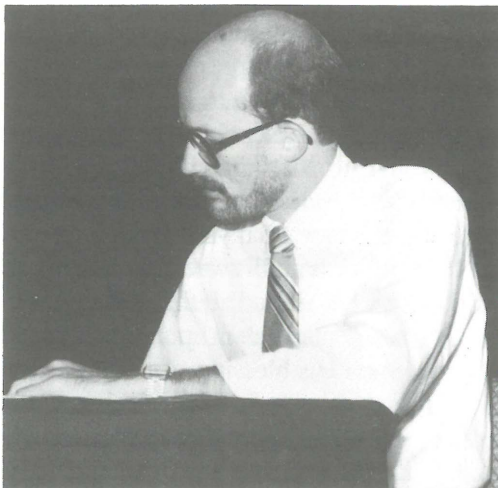
III. Credentials Committee Chairperson Judy Myers gave directions to the delegates and reported a total of 126 delegates registered—7 members of the Board of Directors, 76 church delegates and 43 pastors.

IV. The Annual Report printed in the *May/June Progress Journal* was reviewed.

V. The Special Reports printed in the *May/June Progress Journal* were reviewed. These reports included: Minister's Fund, Minister's Voluntary Retirement Association, Church of God Investment Fund, License Board, Christian Conciliation Board, and Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation. Robert Coverstone moved and Pastor David Cheatwood seconded acceptance of these special reports. The motion passed.

VI. President David Krogh reviewed, and fielded questions on, the general operating fund and restricted fund reports for the 1992-1993 fiscal year. Pastor Delbert Jones moved and Pastor Richard K. Smith seconded acceptance of these two financial reports. The motion passed.

**Pastor Gary  
Burnham,  
Secretary of the  
Board of  
Directors.**



VII. The floor was opened for nominations for two, four-year terms on the Board of Directors. The terms of Pastor Scott Ross and Dr. William Lawrence are expiring, and they are not eligible to be renominated. Brenda Wessell nominated Dr. Donna Deane. Pastor Warren Sorenson nominated Ruby McCaslin. Theresa Deane nominated Pastor Richard K. Smith. Pastor Dale Swartz nominated Pastor Billie Kennedy. Dr. William Lawrence nominated Don Overmyer. Delbert Jones moved and Elmo Gaspar seconded that nominations be closed. The motion passed.

VIII. Pastor Ed Goit moved and Francis Burnett seconded the adoption of recommendation #4 regarding the creation of a Church of God Mission Agency. During discussion, Joe James moved and Joyce Knapp seconded to amend the recommendation by inserting the words, "operating under the auspices of the Church of God General Conference," after the word "Agency" in the first sentence. This motion to amend passed. During further discussion, Pastor Ed Goit moved and Ed Schroth seconded to amend the recommendation by inserting the words, "Home and Foreign," after the word "God" in the first sentence. The motion to amend failed. The amended motion to adopt recommendation #4 passed.

IX. The floor was opened for nominations for a four-year term on the Higher Education Advisory Committee. Dr. Donna Deane's term is expiring and she is eligible to be renominated. Pastor Delbert Jones nominated Dr. Donna Deane. Pastor Greg Demmitt moved and Pastor David Cheatwood seconded that nominations be closed. The motion passed.

X. The floor was opened for nominations for a four-year term on the Christian Education Advisory Committee. Carol Ring's term is expiring and she is eligible to be renominated. Joyce Knapp nominated Carol Ring. Pastor Delbert Jones moved and Pastor Earl Poland seconded that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Carol Ring. The motion passed.

XI. This business session was closed with prayer by Pastor Jon Welch at 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 28, 2:30 P.M.**

I. The Wednesday business session was called to order by Chairman Ross and opened with prayer by Pastor David Cheatwood.

II. The minutes of Tuesday's business session were read, with no corrections being noted.

III. The Credentials Committee reported a total of 131 delegates registered—7 members of the Board of Directors, 81 church delegates and 43 pastors.

IV. Dr. Donna Deane and Don Overmyer were each elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors.

V. During the voting process, several miscellaneous items were addressed. These included:

a. Viewing a video review of the 1993 Berean Youth Congress.

b. Noting that estate gifts have become a valuable component of the financial stability of our College and Conference.

c. Taking a straw vote on the timing of the 1994 General Conference to be held in Atlanta. A majority preferred the dates of July 1-5.

d. Hearing Anthony Buzzard share details of his recent trip to Malawi, Africa.

e. Presenting plaques to honor Oregon, Illinois employees who will not be moving to Morrow, Georgia. Becky Hall and Hollis Partlowe were present and recognized. Gordon and Barbara Landry could not be present but were also recognized.

f. Presenting plaques to honor outgoing Board of Directors members Pastor Scott Ross and Dr. William Lawrence.

g. Announcing staff changes as a result of moving remaining Oregon, Illinois operations to Morrow, Georgia:

1. Kent Ross will be interim editor of The Restitution Herald.

2. Daniel Smead will be Technical Director of Publications.

3. Amy Berry will be Typesetter.

h. Learning from Pastor Steve Taylor about a Long Distance Telephone Service through which subscribers can save money as well as help to support the "Today's Good News" Television Ministry.

VI. Having been elected to a term on the Board of Directors, Dr. Donna Deane asked that her name be removed as a nominee for a term on the Higher Education Advisory Committee.

VII. This business session was closed with prayer by Pastor John Railton at 3:40 p.m.

### Thursday, July 29, 2:30 P.M.

I. The Thursday business session was called to order by Chairman Ross and opened with prayer by Pastor Fred Pensyl.

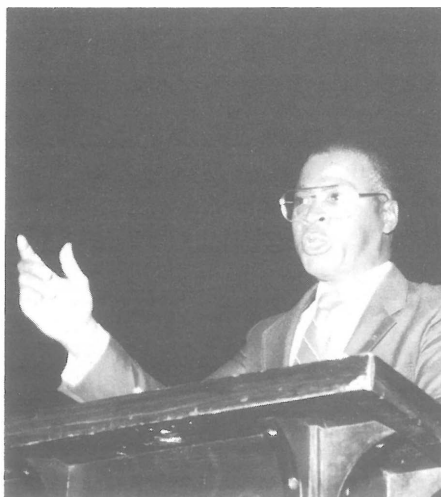
II. The minutes of Wednesday's business session were read, with no corrections being noted.

III. Chairman Ross announced July 1-5, 1994 as the dates for next summer's Conference. Chairman Ross also announced the Board of Directors had appointed Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick and Mardy Lawrence each to a one-year term on the newly created Church of God Mission Agency.

IV. The Credentials Committee reported a total of 131 delegates registered—7 members of the Board of Directors, 81 church delegates and 43 pastors.

V. The floor was reopened for nominations for a four-year term on the Higher Education Advisory Committee. Joe Martin nominated Dr. William Lawrence. Joyce Knapp moved and Pastor David Riley seconded that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. William Lawrence. The motion passed.

VI. Pastor Francis Burnett moved and Charles Webster seconded to remove from the table Recommendation #1 which amends Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution to identify the establishment of, and the purpose of, our Bible College. John Smead moved and Pastor Jim Raymond seconded to amend the



Lonnie Bennett, ABC student, presenting morning worship message.

amendment by inserting the words, "provide for" before the words "general education". The motion to amend passed. The amended amendment passed by the required 2/3 majority.

VII. Robert Coverstone moved and Ruby McCaslin seconded the adoption of Recommendation #2 which amends Article 2, Section 3, b of the Constitution to further define which pastors are eligible to be delegates. During discussion, Pastor Greg Demmitt moved and Pastor Earl Poland seconded to amend the amendment by adding the words, "and the recognized pastoral leadership of member congregations." The motion to amend failed. The original amendment passed by the required 2/3 majority.

VIII. Pastor Earl Poland moved and Ed Schroth seconded the adoption of Recommendation #3 which amends Article 2, Section 7 of the By-Laws to provide for an administrator of our College/Conference. The amendment passed by the required 2/3 majority.

IX. Pastor Richard K. Smith moved and Pastor Jon Welch seconded the adoption of Recommendation #5 which amends the Church Builder's League Assistance Standards, Item IX, B to allow College/Conference capital expenditures as an additional appeal option. The motion passed.

X. For consideration at the 1994 Business session, the Southeast Conference proposed an amendment to Article II, Section 6 of the By-Laws, concerning the duties of the Board of Directors, to add Section (G): "To take action regarding the admission, discipline, dismissal and restoration of member churches in the Church of God General Conference."

XI. Joyce Knapp moved and Pastor Greg Demmitt seconded that the Board of Directors research the advantage of holding biannual Conference meetings and take the necessary steps for action at the 1994 annual Conference. The motion failed: 48 votes for and 61 votes against.



A delegate business session at the Summer Conference.

XII. David Graham addressed the delegates concerning positive developments in the availability of historic documents of interest in the study of Church of God history. The delegates gave a rising vote of appreciation to David for his work in studying Church of God history.

XIII. President David Krogh presented and explained the proposed 1994-1995 budget printed on pages 14-15 of the May/June *Progress Journal*. Clarence Jones moved and Ruby McCaslin seconded adoption of the budget. Pastor Michael Hoffman moved and Pastor Earl Poland seconded that the Ministerial Association line item expense be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The motion passed. The original motion to adopt the budget passed.

XIV. The minutes of Thursday's business session were read. Pastor Ed Goit moved and Charles Webster seconded the acceptance of the minutes of the 1993 General Conference business sessions. The motion passed.

XV. Pastor Earl Poland moved and Charles Webster seconded that the 1993 General Conference business session be adjourned.

XVI. This final business session was closed with prayer by Pastor Dale Swartz at 3:15 p.m.



Jason and Marcee Turner being commissioned for ministry by the License Board and Jason's Father, Pastor Gary Turner.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gary Burnham*

Gary Burnham  
Secretary



# College/Conference Update

## Two New Churches Being Organized

Two of the six 1993 graduates of Atlanta Bible College are undertaking church planting projects this fall. Lee McMinn is organizing Friendship Bible Church of God in Columbia, South Carolina. Meeting facilities have been secured and the first service will be held in October. Bible studies are currently being held with a core group and other interested people.

Jason Turner is beginning a new work in the Beloit, Wisconsin area as a daughter church to Family Bible Fellowship of Rockford, Illinois. Door-to-door calling is taking place. Bible studies are being held and Sunday services will begin in late October.

We are grateful for the commitment of these two young men and for the vision of those who want to see new churches started. Please remember these new works in your prayers. Financial contributions for these works can be directed to the General Conference.

## Atlanta Bible College Honor Roll

The following students achieved high honor for their academic performance in the spring quarter. They achieved an average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale: Christy Ross, Seth Ross, and Chris Seiders.

The following students were placed on the honor roll with a 3.00 or better average: Amy Berry, Brad Gaspar, Carolyn Swartz, Mark Tschann, Julie Vance, and Steve Zimbelman.

## Bequest to Conference

We recently received a bequest from the estate of Hattie Bottolfs, a long time faithful member of the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, Louisiana. We are grateful for Church of God families who remember the Lord's work not only during their lifetime but also at their death.

## New School Year Begins

The third school year for Atlanta Bible College is starting with orientation for freshmen September 16-18. Testing and registration at Atlanta Bible College and Clayton State College are being held on September 20. Classes officially begin September 21.

At this writing, it appears that we have 16 new students and 20 returning students for a total of 36 in this fall quarter. We are grateful for a fine group of students who have come to prepare for ministry.

## Holy Land Tour

Nine individuals are traveling to the Holy Land September 8-15. The tour is sponsored by Atlanta Bible College and directed by Kent Ross and Dr. Alva Huffer. The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation provided scholarships toward the costs of four ABC students.

The name tag of Bernedene Jones was drawn at General Conference to receive a \$500 grant toward the Holy Land Tour. Bernedene chose not to make the tour this year.

Another Holy Land Tour is being scheduled for the fall of 1994. The tour is open to all members of the Church of God.

## New Interim Editor

Kent Ross has been appointed as interim editor of the Restitution Herald to replace Hollis Partlowe. We are grateful for Hollis' service as interim editor for the last three years. We are thankful for Kent's willingness to add these duties to his other staff responsibilities.

## Terrific Youth Congress

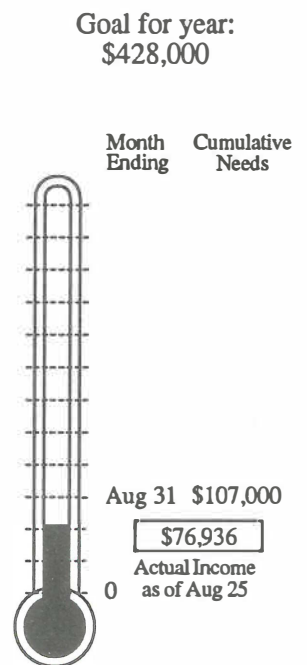
A total of 224 youth, youth workers, college workers, and staff attended the 1993 Berean Youth Congress at John Brown University in Arkansas. The Congress was filled with classes, a presentation by a drama group, and the Acapella Vocal Band, fellowship, and recreation. The Conference climaxed on Thursday with a program entitled, "Love Expressed Through the Cross." Both the message about the cross, and the communion service, involved the young people being challenged to consider barriers to their relationship to Christ. These barriers were then nailed to a cross. The service has been described as one of the most inspiring that has been held at a youth congress in the past twenty years. Ten decisions to accept Christ were made, and twenty-five rededications. Since Youth Congress more decisions have been made at home churches.

We are grateful to our Youth Coordinator, Jim Graham, the Youth Advisory Committee, and the entire staff for their commitment to Church of God youth.

## Financial Update

Contributions for the first three months of our fiscal year, which began on June 1, are approximately \$30,000 less than our budget needs. Contributions during the summer months are normally less than needed. Our expenses are also less during the summer months, but we encourage the membership to remember our financial needs in prayer. We also encourage each Church of God member to become a Booster of Atlanta Bible College during the current Booster Campaign.

**1993-1994  
Cumulative  
Budget Needs**



# 1993 Atlanta Bible College Summer Ministries Program

It was an old idea but it took on a new shape and form as young people from throughout our churches signed up to be a part of a 1993 Summer Ministries Team and travel to five of our churches to lead Vacation Bible School programs. I kept a picture of Verna Thayer on my desk as Amy Berry, who co-coordinated this project with me, and I planned, fundraised and recruited volunteers for this summer's many ministry opportunities.

We set up a partnership with and enjoyed wonderful hospitality from five different churches: New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia; St. Charles Community Church in St. Charles, Missouri; the Hedrick Church of God in Hedrick, Indiana; Columbia Church of God in Columbia Station, Ohio; and Pleasant Hill Church of God in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. These churches agreed to provide financial support as they were able, housing and meals for out-of-town volunteers, and Bible School staff support from members of their congregation. They also took on much of the responsibility for publicizing the Bible Schools in advance of our arrival and collecting craft supplies. Our primary role was to provide curriculum and leadership during the week of Bible School. The team, which varied at each location, ranged from three to seven members. These individuals filled key leadership positions, including VBS director, and worked with volunteers from the local congregation to staff the Bible School.

Our first week of VBS was at New Friends Bible Church. Cindy Grim and Lisa Marie Zimmerman from the Fort Valley Church of God in Virginia joined us as volunteers. They, along with a number of terrific volunteers from the staff and students of Atlanta Bible College, led a five-day Bible School that culminated with over 100 people in attendance the last night. New Friends Bible Church provided outstanding staff support as well as great hospitality to the out-of-town volunteers. During the week of Bible School we did a lot of work in the community recruiting children, in part turning to diaper contacts made through one of the college's ministry teams. We had a large number of children come to the New Friends Bible School who had never stepped foot into the church or college building previously. It was exciting to work in a mission field so ripe for harvest!

Next a team travelled to St. Charles, Missouri to do a three day weekend Bible School there. Amy Berry led this team and was accompanied by Chris Seiders, a student at Atlanta Bible College; Peter Krogh, from New Friends Bible Church; and Lisa Marie Zimmerman and Cindy Grim were also a part of this team. Again, they enjoyed great hospitality from the St. Charles church and they ministered to an average of 25 people each night.

Our next Bible School took place the week after International Youth Congress. A team of seven volunteers left Siloam Springs,

Arkansas to lead a week of VBS in Hedrick, Indiana. Amy Berry and I were joined by Pastor Jon Cheatwood from the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, California; Rebecca Savage, also from the Church of the Open Bible; Kristi Barker from the Blood River Church in Springfield, Louisiana; Sarah Ross from the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska; and Holly Fincher from the Gatesville Church of God in Gatesville, Texas. We again enjoyed terrific hospitality from the people of the Hedrick Church and we were privileged to work with children from a variety of surrounding communities. We were very pleased to make our goal of 75 people by the last night of Bible School!

The last two Bible Schools took place in Ohio. Amy Berry was accompanied by Cindy Grim and Aimee Smith of Virginia; and Carolyn Swartz of New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia; to the Columbia Station Church where the four of them, as well as dedicated volunteers from the Columbia Church of God, conducted a Bible School the first week of August. Again, the church exceeded their goal of 60 people with 76 in attendance the last night.

Our final week of Bible School was in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Amy Berry again led this team and was joined by Dan and Amy Kennedy of New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia; and Jennifer Swartz from Brush Creek, Ohio. At Pleasant Hill they averaged 65 people per night. As well as having a program for children, Dan Kennedy also taught a special class for adults.

If your church would be interested in becoming a partner in this program for next summer by hosting a team and providing staff support for a Bible School in your community, please contact Christy Ross at the Jaynes Street Community Church of God (402-571-2537). We would like to see this program expand and grow. The summer's opportunities were valuable experiences for the team members who volunteered their time and energy as well as a great opportunity for churches to expand their children's ministries. In order to begin planning and scheduling for next summer, please assist us by contacting us with your church's interest as soon as possible. Although it seems early to be thinking about Bible School for the summer of 1994, early planning is a key to the growth of this project as it gives us plenty of time to recruit volunteers.

Finally, a very special and warm thank you is extended to church groups, missionary societies and individuals who financially supported this project. Donations to help offset the cost of this summer's projects are still being accepted. Any money received in excess of expenses incurred this summer will go toward seeding a fund for next year's program. Your prayers and financial support are very much appreciated!

— Christy Ross

## Africa—The Unforgettable Experience

by Anthony Buzzard

From 29th June for eight days I tasted life as millions in the third world know it. The villages of Malawi provided the setting. There was no electricity in the house of Pastor Ferdinand Sakala and his wife Margaret, and no plumbing. At eight o'clock we lit our tiny paraffin lamps and activities were reduced to talking as we looked at each other across the eerie half-light.

Four planes got me to my destination—Blantyre in Malawi, located in central East Africa. Twenty-two hours in the air made me realize how big is our earth.

Ferdinand Sakala was waiting to greet the plane. He was raised as a Roman Catholic but his uncle's influence led to his transferring his spiritual allegiance to the Assemblies of God, in whose Bible college he studied from 1982-1984. During those days of instruction, Ferdinand had numerous unresolved questions about the state of the dead. In good conscience, Ferdinand was not able to take over the pastorate of an Assemblies church, a choice which would have promised a much easier life, with house and car, etc.

Instead Ferdinand and Margaret felt a call to return to their original homeland and to start a ministry among Malawians. They began in 1984 and since that time, mostly through open-air evangelism, they have built a congregation of some 2,000 divided into 17 groups. Ferdinand ordained some 23 pastors to work with him, and he registered his group as the "Faith Gospel Church."

In June 1992 an Englishman resident of France visited Malawi on a trip to contact former Jehovah's Witness friends. By "chance" (?) this man, Robert Hamilton, spotted Ferdinand at the Blantyre bus depot. He looked like a good prospect for evangelism since he was reading an English Bible. After some discussion, Hamilton passed on to Ferdinand two of my booklets: "Who is Jesus?" and "What Happens When We Die?" Hamilton did not share the understanding presented in the Jesus booklet but nevertheless recommended some of its insights—warning Sakala, however, not to contact its author!

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Ten mile walk through tea plantation to Margaret's Father's House. Mulanje Mountain in the background. Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE—October 1993

- 1 Prayer for the Board of Directors as they meet today and tomorrow in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2 Pray that the Gideon Society will provide Bibles in hotels in Turkey.
- 3 Pray for plans for a new church to be planted in the Atlanta area.
- 4 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College as they enter the third week of classes.
- 5 Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.
- 6 Pray for the new church that is being started in Beloit, Wisconsin by Jason Turner.
- 7 Praise God for the promise of a new heavens and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 8 Pray for the new church that is being started in Columbia, South Carolina by Lee McMinn.
- 9 Pray for Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala as they preach the truth in Malawi.
- 10 Praise God for the ministry of your local church.
- 11 Pray for Tracy Savage as she ministers in St. Petersburg, Russia,
- 12 Pray for a church planting vision for isolated Church of God members.
- 13 Pray for Beder Ucanay as he works in Lima, Peru.
- 14 Pray for Kent Ross as he assumes additional duties as interim editor of *The Restitution Herald*.
- 15 Pray for new subscribers to *The Restitution Herald*.
- 16 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking for the truth around the world.
- 17 Pray for the work that is being done in India to proclaim God's truth.
- 18 Praise God for His Word that guides you in your daily life.
- 19 Pray for your pastor and his leadership.
- 20 Pray for Mario Olcese as he starts a second church in Lima, Peru.
- 21 Praise God for those who have supported Atlanta Bible College through the Booster Campaign.
- 22 Pray for Today's Good News television ministry in Lafayette, Indiana, led by Steve Taylor.
- 23 Pray for Russell Magaw and the work in St. Charles, Missouri.
- 24 Praise God for the freedom to worship God as you choose.
- 25 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant in their ministry in the Middle East.
- 26 Pray for any guests who worshipped at your church today.
- 27 Praise God that He is our constant source of strength.
- 28 Pray for Steve Taylor as he leads New Hope Community in Lafayette, Indiana.
- 29 Praise God for His constant care.
- 30 Pray for Sunday School teachers in your local church.
- 31 Pray for 2,000 baptisms by the year 2000.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE—November 1993**

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

Jan. 1, 2000

**Report of Baptisms  
2,000 by the Year  
2000**

April 1, 1992 - Aug. 30, 1993	49	Total 606
April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993*	164	
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	170	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	168	
Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990	55	

\* More Complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Nov. 19, 20</b>	Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
<b>April 10-15</b>	Christian Workers Seminar, Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN
<b>April 26-29</b>	Annual Minister's Conference, Atlanta, GA
<b>April 29-May 1</b>	Fourth Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta, GA
<b>July 1-5</b>	74th Annual Summer Conference, Stouffer Concourse Hotel, Atlanta, GA

**Continuing Projects in Atlanta**

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway			
5' section	100	\$40	17 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	6 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	10 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	3 selected by donor
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Refrigerators for Apt Bldg	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for Apt Bldg	10	\$400	1 selected by donor
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax Machine	1	\$450	\$183 contributed

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Sakala was impressed with the doctrine of the sleep of the dead—this being an idea which he had already toyed with in the Bible college, though his teachers had vigorously tried to steer him away from it. Sakala also then accepted Jesus as the human Messiah. When he took his new understanding to his flock six of his groups seceded from him, while 17 pastors remained with him. These were all baptized into God as a single person and Messiah as the Son of God. The Gospel of the Kingdom then became the major focus of Sakala's preaching as Atlanta Bible College supplied him with materials he requested, to deepen his grasp of the faith of Abraham.

After one night in Ferdinand and Margaret's house we set out together for the south—a bumpy bus journey of three hours. There we met a group of some 180 men, women and children who convened in their own mud-built church, with seats formed as "humps" of clay on the floor. I was able to speak to them about the coming Kingdom of God and the Messiahship of Jesus, the true heir to the promises made to Abraham.

We returned to the area of Blantyre and then took another long bus ride east to the Mlanje district. The journey from the bus to the house was a three-hour walk along narrow pathways across tea-plantations. We waded through two rivers, and arrived at our destination on Friday evening. Again the Gospel was presented to eager hearers.

The world is indeed a crazy and yet wonderful place. In their deep poverty those Malawians, with their beautiful faces, are able to rejoice in the hope of the Kingdom. I did not hear an angry word from anyone during my stay, nor any grumbling over their pathetic lack of a reasonable standard of living. Divorce is apparently almost unknown and homosexuality is regarded as ludicrous and impossible. Malawi has no television and so escapes the dangerous influence of the soap-opera. Some

Malawians have small radios and they use tape-recorders whenever they can find enough money to buy batteries. The President, Hastings Banda, is 97 years old and has ruled with an iron fist since 1964, not always, allowing foreign aid, it seems, to go for the purposes for which it was given.

I believe that Africa is waiting to hear the Gospel about the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus (Acts 8:12). Africans know how to respond joyfully to the promise of a coming New



Sunday morning services at Margaret's Father's house, East of Blantyre. Pastor Mavanda, with hand raised (on extreme left) had walked some 20 miles to visit.

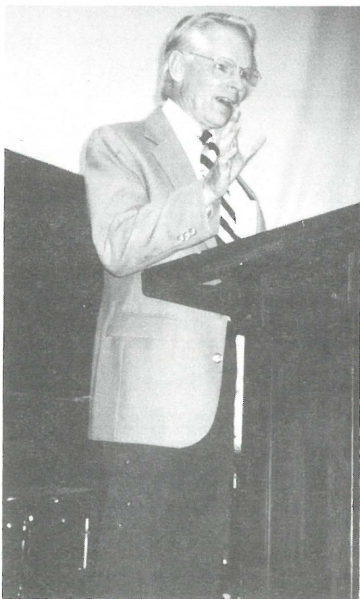
Society on earth when Jesus returns. May God and the Messiah prepare the hearts of many to dedicate themselves to the important task of the end-time preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom which must precede the coming of Christ to rule in His Kingdom (Matt. 24:14). I am convinced the Gospel of the Kingdom must go beyond our backdoors. It is to be preached "in all the world." There is a vast world beyond the shores of America. What is needed is well-instructed Christians with a dedication to the cause of Jesus and the salvation of people of all races.

James reminds us that God has chosen "the poor as heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him." This saying takes on new meaning for me as I have seen what real poverty can be. The Malawians have so much less than we do in terms of "things," but I find myself asking whether they might not teach us in the west something about loving God without the distraction of all of our possessions and about having a whole-hearted love for Jesus and his precious Gospel of the Kingdom.

I shall not easily forget those black faces among whom I was able to speak of the Good News of the Kingdom with freedom and approval. Some came 25 miles on foot in the pouring rain to hear about the faith of Abraham. One was Pastor Mavanda who is 70 years old and gave up a previous denominational attachment for the precious biblical faith. He requested, along with the other pastors, rebaptism upon learning about the God of Abraham. It is an overwhelming experience to stand before so many open-minded members of God's creation and to teach them the song "From the Rising of the Sun to the Setting of the Same," complete with movements. The three basic chords needed for the song were easily negotiated by their musicians, playing with confidence on guitars which they had built themselves.

Malawians have so very little. How can I forget those little ones, whose clothing was so tattered, whose toys were sticks, but who celebrated on Sunday with infectious excitement, with their characteristic shuffling body movements, executed with subtle rhythms and enhanced by small tins filled with sand—an improvised form of percussion. Truly the human spirit is capable of worship under the most unpromising conditions. Perhaps that is what is meant by faith—faith in a God who has promised a great and glorious Kingdom for those who love Him.

Please pray for the progress of Jesus' message in Malawi and throughout the vast continent of Africa.



Anthony Buzzard, instructor at Atlanta Bible College sharing his experiences in traveling to Malawi, East Africa.

# CHURCH NEWS

## BAPTISMS

### GEORGIA

*Morrow*—Peter Krogh (8/15/93) by David Riley.

### ILLINOIS

*Oregon*—Hannah Hoffinan (7/4/93) by Michael Hoffman; Nicholas Kereven and Wesley Kereven (7/4/93) by Robert Alcumbrack; Angela Bolhous (8/1/93) by Michael Hoffman.

### LOUISIANA

*Springfield*—Jerry McKinney, Linda McKinney, Peggy Wilson, and Robert Wilson (5/2/93); Edward Bertus, Elizabeth Foster, Fred Foster Sr., Ethel McKinney, Sidney Storz Jr., Donald Toulson Jr., Donald Toulson Sr., Linda Toulson, Debra Wilson, and Ernie Wilson (5/9/93); Veronica Foster, Joyce Kemp, Kathring McKinney, Toney McKinney, and Cathrine Nuccio (5/16/93); Kenneth W. Dennis and Ocean B. Dennis (6/13/93); Beth McKinney and Wallace Alvin McKinney (6/27/93); Shelia Wilson (7/4/93) by Billie Kennedy.

### MICHIGAN

*Grand Rapids*—Doug Osborn (2/16/92); Beth Hall, Jennifer Knapp, and Sara Knapp (4/19/92); Jo Ann Straight (6/6/92); Richard Straight (6/14/92); Ray Helmer and Treva Helmer (9/17/92); Ed DeGroot, Kevin Knapp, Dustin Malone, Mike Manning, and Rainey Manning (2/28/93); Trena Bultinck, Karla Bultinck, Samantha Lake, Sadie Thacker, and Samantha Thacker (3/14/93) by Ray Hall.

### MINNESOTA

*Hector*—Michelle Maehren (9/13/92), and Kelly Schwarz (5/23/93) by Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

### MISSOURI

*St. Charles*—Matthew Hillmann (5/23/93) by Russell Magaw.

### OHIO

*Bedford*—Sarah Cain (6/20/93) by Rex Cain; Jennifer Koryta (8/8/93) by Arlen Marsh.

## DEATHS

### CANADA

*Ontario*—Jack Bunn, 88, (6/4/93), by Stephen Bolhous and Steven Taylor.

### ILLINOIS

*Oregon*—Donald Eugene Gruber (7/15/93) by Michael Hoffman.

### IOWA

*Kosza*—Frances Slaymaker, 82, (5/29/93), long time and faithful member of Oaklawn Church of God, by Francis Burnett.

### MINNESOTA

*St. Cloud*—John Savage, lay pastor of St. Cloud Church of God, (7/13/92) by Vivian Kirkpatrick II.

### OHIO

*Trotwood*—Ruby Hissong (5/5/93), Clara B. Winkle (5/21/93), and Harold Berner (5/29/93) by Ralph Childs.

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