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College / Conference Updates

Christian Education Advisory Committee Activities

Following General Conference, the Christian Education Advisory Committee met to discuss their work for the coming year. Their primary activity is the revision of the doctrinal distinctives Sunday School curriculum which occurs every three years in the curriculum cycle. Six teams have been appointed to review and rework lessons in each of the six age levels, pre-school through high school. Over thirty individuals will be involved in this project.

The committee continues to produce ideas for inclusion in the "keys notebook" which contains information on Sunday School openings, object lessons, skits, bulletin boards, devotionals, seasonal ideas, and more ideas for successful Christian Education programs.

The committee also has been working on ideas suggested by the Institutional Long-Range Planning Task Force that met in October of 1997. Goals to be accomplished in the next two years, within two to five years, and five to ten years and beyond have been prepared.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on the college/conference campus October 7-9. Two days of the meeting were spent in a discussion of our vision, mission, purpose, core values, and strategic initiatives. Additional discussion will be held on these topics at the January meeting.

Annual Directory

Each fall, a directory of churches is published by the Church of God General Conference. Copies of the directory are available in each church. Additional copies are available from the General Conference. Additions or corrections should be sent to: Directory, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow GA 30260.

Summer Ministries Opportunities

Volunteer workers are needed for the Summer Ministries Program. Workers are needed who would like to spend time working with children and youth next summer. If you are over fourteen, like to travel, and would like to

participate in this exciting ministry opportunity, please contact Summer Ministries, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow GA 30260, or at 800-347-4261. Merry Peterson, who has served as the coordinator for this program for the last couple of years, will continue in that position for the summer of 2000.

Employment Possibilities

Occasionally there are positions at the college/conference that need to be filled due to retirement or resignation. We maintain a file of potential future personnel. We are glad to receive informal communication from those who may be interested in serving on our staff at some point in the future. When vacancies occur, it is helpful to know those who might be interested in serving the Lord in this way.

Please send resumes or expressions of interest in any position to the President at P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow GA 30260.

Goals for Giving Update

During the first four months of this fiscal year, contributions are approximately \$6,000 less than last year at this time. We invite each member family to participate in our current Atlanta Bible College Booster Campaign. Your prayer and financial support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Lending Library

Atlanta Bible College has a large number of video, audio and training resources available to be borrowed without charge. One of the most recent acquisitions is a video series entitled "Margin." This series deals with restoring emotional, physical, financial, and time reserves to overloaded lives. The video series comes with a reproducible study guide.

Another resource on the same general subject is entitled "Burnout" featuring doctors Frank Minirth and Paul Meier.

For a complete lending library catalogue, call 800-347-4261.

100th Anniversary of the Cool Spring Church of God Church Building

The Cool Spring Church of God was organized near Browntown, VA by Elder N. J. Morgan and his wife, Sarah F. Morgan in 1856. Meetings were originally held in school-houses and in homes of the brethren.

In 1899, the congregation built a 30 feet wide by 20 feet long church building. It was dedicated by Bro. Samuel Wilson of New York in the month of August. After the erection of the church, Brothers B. J. and J. D. Boyer held services occasionally. In November of 1900, Bro. J. F. Wagoner, Rochester, IN conducted meetings. Bro. W. H. Wilson of Chicago, IL came in April in 1903 and held services for a time. In 1907 Bro. George Neill of South Bend, IN held meetings. May, 1909 Bro. S. J. Lindsey from Oregon, IL conducted a meeting. In the fall of 1914, Bro. C. C. Maple of North Ridgeville, OH held meetings. In 1915, Bro. J. B. Craton held services for a time. From the fall of 1916 until 1922, Bro. J. H. Anderson pastored the church and also conducted meetings in July of 1924. During May 1925, Bro. F. E. Siple of Oregon, IL held meetings. During the summer of 1925, Bro. Harry Sheets served as pastor until about 1933.

Church records are incomplete from 1933 until 1951. In September 1951 until June 1955, Pastor C. F. Pryor from Hendersonville, NC served as pastor. Successive pastors have been:



Stanley Lawrence – July 1955 - November 1957
 Richard S. Dick – July 1958 - September 1960
 B. E. Holt – February 1961 - June 1963
 Cecil Smead – November 1963 - November 1971
 James Ritch – November 1971 - August 1976
 Stephen Bolhous – September 1976 - August 1984
 Dale Swartz – September 1984 - August 1988
 Gary Smith – September 1988 - May 1995
 Dale Ramsey – July 1997 - present



Wagon Rides

In 1952 the building was doubled in size to 30 feet wide by 40 feet long. Four Sunday School rooms were added in 1954 and a second addition was added to the Sunday School rooms in 1975. In 1989 the social hall and restrooms were added to bring the building to its present size.

The Cool Spring Church, though seemingly located “off the beaten path,” has a rich heritage and legacy of preaching and teaching the unique understanding of the scriptures as the original forefathers believed. Due to the faithfulness of the brethren through the years, the church still stands as a beacon of light to show the wonderful grace of Jesus to those outside the fold of His Kingdom.



Skit of Early Church Service

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Cybersex

Sex on the Internet

By Alfred H. Ells, M.D.

The Internet is filled with marvelous things to see and do. One can get a map of a city, e-mail missionaries in Turkey, chat with special interest groups and even get medical advice. With the advent of cyberspace has come an unbelievable array of benefits ... and problems.

Chief among the problems is cybersex, the use of the Internet for sexual activity. The Internet has become the newest and perhaps easiest way to access pornography or become sexually involved with another person. The technological impact of the web has not just assisted us in accessing information, but has also become a major venue for sin.

A recent study on the impact of the Internet warns that *Internet users who would normally be unlikely to develop sexually compulsive behavior do so as a result of their Internet usage.* The anonymity and instant accessibility of the web has enticed many a curious user into giving in to the temptation of viewing pornography. This is very easy to do given that pornography is the third largest sector on the Internet. Consider the following statistics.

*There are 19,542,710 unique visitors per month on the top 5 pay porn sites.

*There are 98,527,275 unique visitors per month on the top 5 free porn sites.

*70% of all e-porn traffic occurs during the 9 to 5 workday.

*Last year the Internet porn industry generated over \$1 billion.

*In 1998 there were 100,000 commercial porn sites.

*200 new porn sites per day are being added to the Internet.

*All sites offer free "teasers", meaning free viewing of porn pictures that are intended to allure the user to sign up to view more.

*Though all porn sites require the person to say they

are at least 18 years of age, any child can click "yes" and then view the free porn teasers.

Studies indicate that the Internet has had a major impact upon women. Internet usage by women has grown from 25 percent in 1995 to 39 percent in 1997. By next year, women will account for 50 percent of the online population. While men are mainly involved in porn viewing, women have greatly increased their involvement in unhealthy and ungodly relationships. Typically, a woman starts a relationship through "chat room" conversations that quickly become flavored with intimate disclosure. The relationship often progresses to the daily anticipation of hearing the voice box announce that "You have mail." From e-mail interactions comes the exchange of phone numbers, phone sex or even personal meetings. For the bored, unfulfilled or romantically inclined, the instant and confidential nature of the web makes participation too easy to resist.

Each day 37 million Americans sign on to the Internet from home and 32 million Americans use the Internet from work. The repercussions of misuse are staggering to contemplate. Usage of the Internet for sexual activity has already increased the number of referrals to my office of Christian men and ministers who are struggling with Internet pornography. I have also witnessed a number of marriages jeopardized by Internet romances. Family



problems nowadays include teenage porn viewers who have been caught by parents.

What can be done to help stem the tide of cybersex?

Please consider the following suggestions:

1. Make sure everyone in your family and ministry understands the dangers and practices described above. The scripture declares that people perish for lack of knowledgeable foresight (Prov. 29:18). Christians who desire to keep their life pure need to be aware of the potential dangers of Internet misuse, especially related to cybersex.

2. Viewing Internet pornography together as a couple is damaging. Any exposure to porn viewing can be arousal that encourages further viewing and ultimately a problem for one or both partners. Additionally, any introduction of pornography into the bedroom will eventually damage the emotional and spiritual intimacy of the act of marriage.

3. Monitor Internet usage by checking the computer history log. If you have a Windows based program you can check the History file and find out if anyone has been visiting Internet porn sites or chat rooms. Simply go to 'Start' and click with the right hand mouse button. Go to 'Explore' and then to 'All Folders'. Click on the 'History (Hx)' file and it will show you all visited Internet sites.

4. If you have had difficulty being tempted with Internet porn or 'chat room' relationships, confess it to another person. Change starts with open recognition and admission of one's sin and weakness. Accountability to

another, who will pray for you and check on you weekly, will help considerably.

5. If cybersex has become a pattern in your life, seek help. Once these practices become patterns and habits they fall into the category of compulsive or addictive sin bondages. An arousal template is being reinforced so powerfully that the individual needs expert help in order to gain freedom.

6. Restructure your computer and Internet usage. Once an unhealthy pattern has been established, the user will find himself or herself being aroused by just signing on to the net. Have your spouse or a friend help you walk through a different way to sign on or ask them to be present when you do. Anything you do to break the pattern or cycle will help.

7. Get a safe Internet provider. There is more than one net provider that now offers screened or assisted usage in eliminating porn from your address. Safe Access, Safe Net, and Integrity Online are screened net providers that filter objectionable material. If you have America On Line you can get an address from them that forwards all unsolicited porn advertisements to a special mail-box which in turn informs the porn advertiser to take you off their list.

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On November 17, Pradeep K. Das spoke at the weekly ABC Chapel service on the challenge of missions. He is a native of India. He currently serves as librarian for the Beulah Heights Bible College located in Atlanta. He has led a number of short-term mission trips for college students. Students and staff first met Mr. Das at the ACMC Missions Conference held in Atlanta the end of July. His message was challenging and inspiring as he spoke of the fields that are ready for harvest. Pictured is ABC Vice President Kent Ross and ABC Instructor Joe Martin with Mr. Das.



Prayer and Praise

December 1999

Report of Baptisms: 2,000 by A.D. 2000

April 1, 1999 - October 31, 1999*	73	Jan. 1, 2000 Total 1,812
April 1, 1998 - March 31, 1999	156	
April 1, 1997 - March 31, 1998	158	
April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997	194	
April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996	173	
April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995	193	
April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994	149	
April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993	202	
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	196	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	180	
January 1 - May 31, 1990	138	

* More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

- 1 Pray for Seth Ross as he pastors the North Hills, OH church.
- 2 Pray for Francis and Iris Burnett and the Oaklawn Church of God at Koszta, Iowa.
- 3 Praise God for the dedicated service of College and Conference Staff.
- 4 Pray for Pastor Dale and Connie Ramsey and the Cool Spring Church in VA.
- 5 Praise God for your pastor as he share God's Word today.
- 6 Pray for contacts around the world produced by literature.
- 7 Pray for Jason and Marcee Turner and the congregation at Beloit, Wisconsin.
- 8 Pray for David Riley as he leads the Cornerstone Bible Church of God, McDonough, GA.
- 9 Pray for Jon Cheatwood as he serves as Youth/Recruitment Coordinator.
- 10 Pray for Merry Peterson in her internship at Omaha, NE.
- 11 Praise God for the ministries of your local church.
- 12 Pray that God would lead you in the way of righteousness.
- 13 Pray for those who are leading the work in the Philippine Islands.
- 14 Praise God for the changing seasons and the beauty of creation.
- 15 Pray for Dick and Carol Eldred and the New Beginnings Ministry in Michigan.
- 16 Praise God for His word.
- 17 Pray for Pastor Tom and Sheila Schmitt and the Ripley Church.
- 18 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant and their work in the Middle East.
- 19 Pray for the Focus on the Kingdom radio broadcasts that are presenting God's truth.
- 20 Pray for Pastor Steve An and the Korean Church that meets in the ABC chapel.
- 21 Pray for an individual you know who has not accepted Christ.
- 22 Pray for Tracy Savage Zhykhovich as she works in Russia.
- 23 Pray for ABC instructor Joe Martin.
- 24 Pray for encouragement for those who are separated from family and friends at this Christmas season.
- 25 Praise God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.
- 26 Pray for recruitment efforts at Atlanta Bible College.
- 27 Pray for Pastor Stan and Hilda Lawrence and the North Salem, Indiana Church.
- 28 Pray for the work of native workers in Malawi and Mozambique.
- 29 Pray for Pastor Jeff and Terri Moore and their work in Minnesota.
- 30 Pray for revival throughout the Church of God in the coming year.
- 31 Praise God for the way He has blessed you in 1999.

Calendar of Events

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| January 10 | ABC Second Semester Begins |
| February 7-11 | Ministerial Conference, ABC Campus, Morrow, GA |
| February 11-13 | Theological Conference, ABC, Morrow, GA |
| February 16-23 | ABC Holy Land Trip |
| March 4-6 | College Invitational, ABC, Morrow, GA |
| April 9-14 | Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN |
| May 5 | ABC Graduation |
| July 16-21 | RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN |
| July 31-August 3 | 80th Annual Summer Conference, Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, IL |
| September 17 | ABC Booster Sunday |
| November 3, 4 | Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN |

Prayer and Praise

January 2000

- 1 Pray that Jesus will return to the earth soon.
- 2 Pray for ABC students as they return from their Christmas break.
- 3 Pray that our membership will be open to God's work in our churches.
- 4 Pray for the work in Peru.
- 5 Pray for the outreach ministries of your church.
- 6 Praise God that we can be a part of the family of God.
- 7 Pray for anyone in your church who has a health need.
- 8 Pray for Pastor Warren and Irene Sorenson and the Simi Valley, CA Church.
- 9 Praise God for a recent answer to a prayer.
- 10 Pray for ABC students as they begin their second semester today.
- 11 Pray for Kent Ross as he teaches at Atlanta Bible College.
- 12 Praise God for those who give generously of their time to further the Lord's work.
- 13 Pray for Gary and Glenda Turner and the New Life Bible Church of Winnebago, IL.
- 14 Pray for the Today's Good News Television Ministry under the direction of Steve Taylor.
- 15 Praise God for financial and prayer supporters of the College/Conference.
- 16 Praise God for the freedom to worship God.
- 17 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Jesus as Savior.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 19 Pray for Pastor Dan and Amy Kennedy and Jubilee Christian Fellowship Church of God, Sharpsburg, GA.
- 20 Pray for the congregation in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 21 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 22 Pray for teachers in your local church.
- 23 Praise God for those who give of their time and talents in serving on Conference advisory committees.
- 24 Pray for your nation's leaders.
- 25 Pray for Pastor Chris and Jennifer Seiders and their ministry at Blanchard, MI.
- 26 Pray for Gary Burnham as he serves as Controller of the College/Conference.
- 27 Pray for opportunities to start new churches.
- 28 Pray for Pastor Larry and Karen Mayberry and the Pennellwood Church.
- 29 Praise God for the direction He provides for your life.
- 30 Pray for retired Pastor E. Richard and Jeanne Smith.
- 31 Pray for "shut-in" members who cannot meet regularly with other believers.

Annual Ministers Conference

February 7-11, 2000
Campus of Atlanta Bible College
Morrow, Georgia

9th Annual Theological Conference

February 11-13, 2000
Campus of Atlanta Bible College
Morrow, Georgia

Speakers will include:

Dr. Marian Hillar, professor of chemistry and philosophy at Texas Southern University; Dr. Charles Thaxton, lecturer and author in the field of "Intelligent Design"; Richard Hiers, professor at University of Florida at Gainesville; Juan Baixeras, airline pilot from Miami, Florida; Kent Ross, ABC instructor.

Lodging is available at the Red Roof Inn. Reservations can be made by calling 800-843-7663 and referring to the block booking number: B 114000352.

The early bird cost of the Conference is \$29 when registration is received by January 20. The regular rate is \$39. The full time student rate is \$19 early bird and \$29 regular.

27th Annual Christian Worker's Seminar

April 9 - 14, 2000

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* Breakfast on your own

** Early bird registration fee (postmarked by March 3)

Pastor Francis Burnett, Linford Moore, Emory Macy, Cecil Smead, and E. Richard Smith will be honored for their years of ministry.

Returnees who bring a friend who has never been at seminar before will receive a 10% discount off the registration fee.

80th Annual Summer Conference

July 31 to August 3, 2000

Cliffbreakers Convention Center
700 West Riverside Boulevard
Rockford, Illinois

Theme: Fields Ready for Harvest

Beloit New Life 6th Anniversary and Friend Day

The Beloit New Life Church in Beloit, Wisconsin celebrated its 6th anniversary and Friend Day on October 31 with an attendance of 105. The church was started under the direction of Pastor Jason Turner. Jason and others knocked on 1700 doors in the months leading up to October 31, 1993. Services were first held at McNeel Junior High School. Earlier this year, with the assistance of the Church Builders League and special giving from churches and friends, the congregation acquired a 30,000 square foot building. Part of the building is being rented out. Beloit New Life is a growing church with an enthusiastic congregation.

The congregation is made up of many Green Bay Packers sports fans. They presented David Krogh, who was visiting for the day, with a Green Bay Packers sweatshirt and cheesehead.



Beloit New Life Church.



Some of the members and friends on Friend Day, October 31, 1999.



Marcee Turner reading a story to the children.



Worship team members: Arlene Colwell, Marcee Turner, and John Turner.



Pastor Jason Turner and Lonnie Craig at the drums.

Church News

The baptisms in Pueblo West, CO that were reported in the last issue were conducted by Elder Jim Davis.

Baptisms

Canada

Glad Tidings – Alicia Cook, Victoria Payne (10/17/99) by Interim Pastor Edward Goit.

Georgia

Cornerstone – Robin Scheid (9/26/99); Cindy Hargis, Heather Pitchford, Sarah Williams (10/3/99) by Pastor David Riley.

Louisiana

Blood River – Betty Landry (8/8/99).

Happy Woods – Ethan Sullivan (7/11/99); Anne-Marie Sledge, Donald and Sandy Baer (9/19/99); John Dimaggio, Kevin Dimaggio, and Maggie Dimaggio (9/26/99) by Pastor Jeff Fletcher.

Michigan

Garden Park – Jean Schoen (8/22/99) by Pastor Ray Hall.

Ohio

Brush Creek – Phil Quillen, Marcie Supinger (8/8/99) by Pastor Dale Swartz.

North Hills – Andrea Bowman (9/26/99) by Pastor Seth Ross.

Tennessee

Nashville – Judy Stotmeister (6/18/97); Anne Koontz (8/29/99); Judy Hudgens (9/12/99) by Roger Mattus.

Deaths

Arkansas

McGintytown – Cody McWilliams (10/7/99) by Pastor Tom New.

Canada

Lethbridge, Alberta – Betty Haynes McRae, 50, (7/28/99), a member of Digby, Nova Scotia church and an OBC student from 1969-1972.

Louisiana

Blood River – Marion Breeland (6/10/99); Louise Richardson (6/10/99).

Michigan

Southlawn – Tom Palmer (8/27/99), long time faithful member, by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack.

Virginia

Cool Spring – Marie Updike, 86, (9/28/99), long-time faithful member and mother of Hilda Partlowe, by Pastor Dale Ramsey.

Marriages

Canada

Sarnia, Ontario – Aaron Bolhous and Wanda Hibbard (7/17/99) by Pastor Stephen Bolhous.

Georgia

Cornerstone — Jim Cramer and Denise Enyart (10/23/99) by Pastor David Riley.

Ohio

Columbia Station — Steven Kobelka and Brenda Swartz (10/17/99) by Connie Scott.

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A New Year, Decade, Century, and Millennium

It is a special privilege to be alive at the dawn of the seventh millennium. It is interesting to look back at events that were happening at the turn of each of the previous millennia. One thousand years after Adam, there was a man living who was "righteous, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God" (Gen. 5:9). Noah, "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5) faithfully and obediently served the Lord even though "the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence" (Gen. 6:11). Catastrophic events happened during this millennium, as God dealt forcefully with the arrogance of mankind and his wickedness. God made a covenant with Noah to never again cut off all life by the waters of a flood (Gen. 9:9-11).

At the dawn of the third millennium, we meet Abraham, the father of the faithful. In faith and obedience he left his home to go to an unknown land. The covenant God made with him impacts all believers today as we look for the establishment of God's Kingdom on the earth.

At the beginning of the fourth millennium, we find David, "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22). God made a covenant with David that his throne would be established forever (2 Sam. 7:16).

A thousand years later, Jesus, the promised Messiah, was born in Bethlehem. His life, death, and resurrection forever changed history and impacted the lives of many.

The beginning of the sixth millennium is somewhat obscured, but occurred during the time known as the Dark Ages. This period was known as an age of war and robbery, famine, and pestilence.

As we stand today at the dawn of the seventh millennium, we cannot help but be awed by the tremendous revolution in technology and communications. But we are appalled by the moral decline, the breakup of families, and the increasing secularization of our culture. At the same time, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to us as individuals. What a privilege it is to know God and His Son and to know the message of truth and hope in God's Word!

As we look at the work of the Church of God, we praise God for His faithfulness and His blessing upon our efforts to reach those who are lost. We are thankful that God has provided the leadership and financial resources to bring us to this point in our history. We can truly say with the Psalmist "this was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

The account of ministry in the Church of God can be told with countless stories of men and women who are hearers and doers of the Word. It is told as we look at the dedication of many who day by day reach out in love to the lost; who help to meet the needs of others in the body of Christ; and who serve without fanfare.

As we look to the future, we do so with optimism and confidence, knowing that God will honor His covenants of the past. We eagerly anticipate the soon return of Jesus. While we wait, we enter this new millennium with a renewed zeal to help reach this generation for Christ. Therefore, we faithfully serve, knowing that God will give the increase.

— David Krogh, President

In Memoriam 1999

1999 CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOALS FOR GIVING (For General Operations)

Individuals and Families	518	128,287
Churches	63	161,215
Conferences	9	13,487
Groups	15	3,924
Miscellaneous	1	4,884
Total Contributions to Goals for Giving		\$311,797

W. E. Boyer	Pastor J. Arlen Marsh
Phyllis Burton	Mary Helen Mattison
Jerry Coulter	Thelma Moore
Alva Coverston	Lucian Murphy
Hattie Dimmick	Juell Niles
Pastor Harold J. Doan	Pastor C. F. Pryor
Hannon Durham	Charles Robertson
Awa Huffer	Esta Lansbery Starbuck
Pastor G. E. Marsh	Pastor Dale Ward
Grace M. Marsh	

Scholarships and Grants For Atlanta Bible College During 1999

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

1999 CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

Library Memorials	1,800	
Archives Computerization	2,500	
ABC Foundation	564	
Scholarships	39,684	
Church Builders' Appeals	30,310	
Foreign Missions	4,086	
Russia	19,577	
Summer '98 Russia Trip	11,063	
Miscellaneous	2,900	
Fund the Dream Campaign	16,788	
Radio Ministry	28,125	
Church Planting/Evangelism	2,089	
Total Contribution to Special Funds		\$159,484

**Grand Total to All College/
Conference Ministries** **\$471,281**

ABC/OBC Alumni Association	Michigan State Conference
Atlanta Bible College	Mildred Schroder
Development Foundation	Ministerial Association
Berean Youth Fellowship	Minnesota State Conference
Burnham – Stadden	Missouri Conference
Community Bible Fellowship, Culver, Indiana	Monroe Elton Memorial
Francis and Lila Van Fleet Memorial	New Hope Church, Little Rock
Freedom in Christ Ministries	Ritenour Trust Fund – In Memory of Eliza Boyer
Fulton Ramsey Memorial	Ritenour, Virginia Ritenour
Harold J. Doan Memorial	Kincheloe, and Seraphine Ritenour Cleek
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. Memorial	Simi Valley, California Church
Hattie Bottolfs Memorial	Southeast Conference
Helen Overholser Memorial	Southwest Members in Memory of Norman
Indiana Conference	McLeod, S.J. Lindsay,
Iris Elton Memorial	Harold J. Doan and C.E. Randall
James A. Patrick Memorial – Northeast Conference	Stan Ross Memorial
Jean Elton Fortney Memorial	Troy View/Demmitt/Overholser
John and Ruth Lewis Memorial	Wenatchee Church
Lawrenceville/Overholser	William and Rhoda Hanson Memorial
Lois Blakely Memorial	
Lucian Murphy Memorial	
Mary Helen Mattison Memorial	Zelma Weaver Memorial

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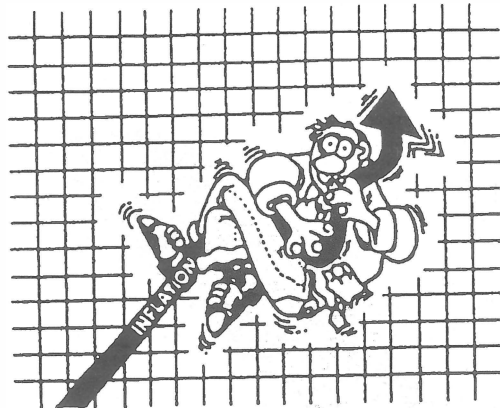
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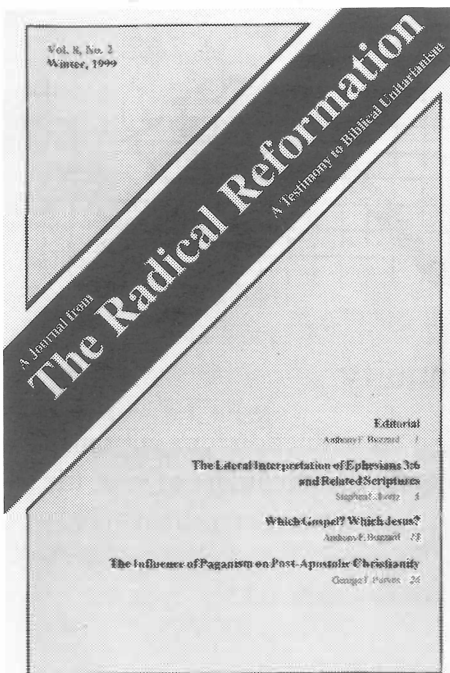
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		Jan. 1, 2000
April 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999*	101	
April 1, 1998 - March 31, 1999	166	Total 1,830
April 1, 1997 - March 31, 1998	156	
April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997	189	
April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996	172	
April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995	188	
April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994	148	
April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993	201	
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	191	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	180	
January 1 - May 31, 1990	138	

* More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

Prayer and Praise February 2000

- 1 **Pray for churches that are seeking pastors.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor Mark and Terri Tschaenn and the Lawrenceville Church in Ohio.
- 3 **Praise God for your family and friends.**
- 4 Pray for Tracy Zhykhovich and her work in Russia.
- 5 **Pray for the students at Atlanta Bible College.**
- 6 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.
- 7 **Pray for those traveling to Ministers Conference being held at ABC this week.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Alan and Susan Cain and the Bethel, SC church and their building project.
- 9 **Pray for the Ministers sessions at ABC this week.**
- 10 Pray for the members of your church family.
- 11 **Pray for the 9th annual Theological Conference that begins today.**
- 12 Praise God for the opportunities He has provided for outreach in Russia.
- 13 **Pray for retired Pastor Vernis Wolfe and his wife Iris.**
- 14 Pray for the ministries of your local church.
- 15 **Pray for youth and youth ministries in the Church of God.**
- 16 Pray for the ABC group that is traveling in the Middle East.
- 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 retired Pastor Richard K. Smith and his wife Dorothy Jean.
- 21 **Praise God for the work of the Sunday School quarterly editors.**
- 22 Pray for a renewed spirit of evangelism and revival.
- 23 **Pray for the staff at the College/Conference.**
- 24 Praise God for the Board of Directors and its leadership.
- 25 **Pray for the church in Magazine, AR.**
- 26 Praise God for the ministry of Pastor Beder Ucanay in Peru and the recent baptisms in Lima.
- 27 **Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and earth.**
- 28 Pray for the teachers in your local church.
- 29 Pray for strength to overcome temptation and for power in the battle against sin in the world.

Calendar of Events

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| February 7-11 | Ministerial Conference, ABC Campus, Morrow, GA |
| February 11-13 | Theological Conference, ABC, Morrow, GA |
| February 16-23 | ABC Holy Land Trip |
| March 4-6 | College Invitational, ABC, Morrow, GA |
| April 9-14 | Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN |
| May 5 | ABC Graduation |
| July 16-21 | RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN |
| July 31-August 3 | 80th Annual Summer Conference, Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, IL |
| September 17 | ABC Booster Sunday |
| November 3, 4 | Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN |

Prayer and Praise

March 2000

- 1 Pray that God will raise up missionary candidates.
- 2 Praise God for the faithful leadership of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 3 Pray for those attending College Invitational at ABC this weekend
- 4 Pray for those considering attending Atlanta Bible College in th future.
- 5 Pray that God will provide safety for those returning home from College Invitational.
- 6 Pray for Pastor Tom and Debbie New and the work at McGintytown, Arkansas.
- 7 Praise God for those who provide prayer and financial support for the College/Conference ministries.
- 8 Pray for Pastor Greg and Kim Shaw in their ministry at Valley View, Arizona.
- 9 Pray for someone you know who is discouraged or depressed.
- 10 Pray for those preparing for the Christian Worker's Seminar next month.
- 11 Pray for Pastor Michael and Diane Brown and the Macomb, IL Church of God.
- 12 Pray for Pastors Kent Ross and Joe Martin and the New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia.
- 13 Pray for Pastor Wally and Peggy Winner and the work at Guthrie Grove in South Carolina.
- 14 Praise God for all who have dedicated their lives to ministry.
- 15 Pray for a spirit of unity in the bond of peace.
- 16 Pray for a special need in your life.
- 17 Praise God for those who have provided spiritual instruction for you.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share God's love with someone.
- 19 Pray for those who are searching God's Word for answers to life's problems.
- 20 Pray for Pastor Earl and Dee Poland and the Tri-County, IN church work.
- 21 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 22 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant and their ministry in the Middle East.
- 23 Pray for the leaders of your government.
- 24 Praise God for your Christian friends all over the world.
- 25 Pray for eyes to see those who are in need and a heart to reach out to them.
- 26 Pray for the work in Malawi.
- 27 Praise God for the promise of Christ's soon return.
- 28 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 29 Pray for Pastor Mike and Myra Montgomery as they serve at the Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ontario.
- 30 Praise God for new attenders or members at your local congregation.
- 31 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

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PART B

Church News

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Fonthill (Glad Tidings) – Terry Byberg and Don Thomson (12/12/99) by Pastor Ed Goit.

Georgia

Cornerstone – Ashley Clark (11/7/99) by Tom Clark and Pastor David Riley.

New Friends – Noel Wilkes (12/19/99) by Pastor Kent Ross.

Illinois

Oregon – Dustin and Devon Buse (11/14/99) by Pastor Michael Hoffman.

Michigan

Garden Park – Travis Reiffer (10/24/99) by Pastor Ray Hall.

Missouri

Countryside Bible – Alexandria Lea Simpson (8/22/99); Lillian Ferry (10/24/99); Jeremy Robert Elkins (1/2/00) by Pastor Don Ward.

South Carolina

Bethel – Hack Hammonds (11/7/99); Ernie and Betty Isley (12/12/99); Tillman Gentry (1/2/00) by Pastor Alan Cain.

Virginia

Fort Valley – Alicia Painter (9/26/99) by Pastor Dale Ramsey.

Deaths

Illinois

Dixon – Lyle B. Drew, 85, (11/6/99) by Pastor Hollis Partlowe.

Ohio

Urbana – Frank E. Peterson, 87, (12/21/99) by Pastor John Hearp.

South Carolina

Bethel – Anthony Burkett, infant son of Terry and Libby Burkett, (10/18/99) by Richard Smith.

Marriages

Illinois

Oregon – Dave Johnson and Tracy Bogey (10/9/99) by Pastor Michael Hoffman.

Pastor Available

Merry Peterson, a 1999 graduate of Atlanta Bible College and Clayton State University, and director of the General Conference Summer Ministries program is completing her internship at the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska at the end of May. She is available for a pastoral position beginning in September after the conclusion of the Summer Ministries program. She may be contacted through the Jaynes Street Church at (402) 571-2537 or 7534 Jaynes Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68134 or at home number: (402) 491-3743.

Directory Additions and Corrections

E-mail address for Dan and Amy Kennedy: DAJAKennedy@aol.com

E-mail address for Michael and Myra Montgomery: MyMiMont@aol.com

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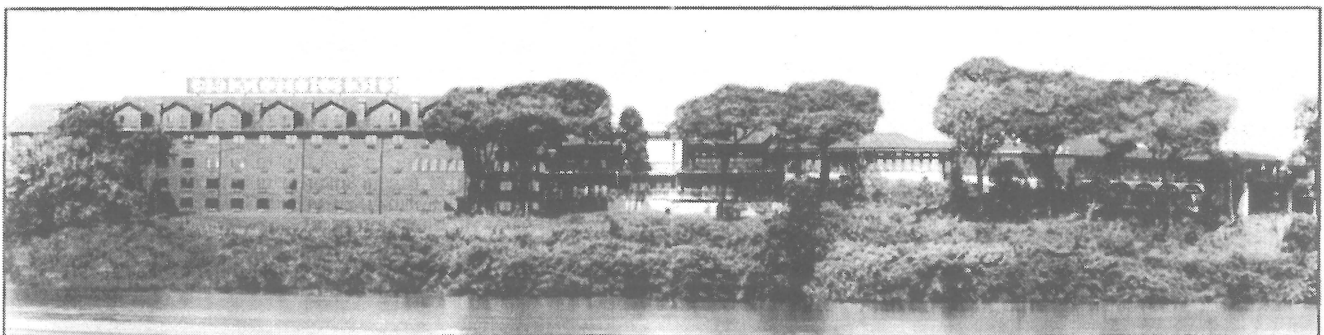
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Children 5 to 10 (assuming at least two others in a room)	\$130	\$150
Commuters (with meals but no lodging)	\$105	\$125
Commuters (no meals and no lodging)	\$25	\$25

*Registration postmarked by June 30, 2000



College/Conference News

Special Events

Atlanta Bible College was pleased to host several special events during February and March. February 7-11, Church of God pastors met for their annual conference. Forty-eight were registered. Pastor Alan Cain was elected to serve on the Minister's Association Leadership Team. Pastor Dale Swartz was re-elected to a full term on the Ministerial Recognition Board. A number of helpful sessions were held on a variety of Biblical and ministry topics.



A group presenting a special number at Minister's Conference: front row, left to right, Janice Jones, Merry Peterson, Francis Burnett, Jon Welch, Gary Burnham; back row, Larry Mayberry and Richard Alcumbrack.

February 11-13, the 9th Annual Theological Conference was held on campus. Approximately seventy-five were registered. The Conference began with a debate between Dr. Marian Hillar, Professor of Chemistry and Philosophy at Texas Southern University and Dr. Charles Thaxton, lecturer and author in the field of "Intelligent Design." This topic on creation versus evolution was very profitable. Dr. Richard Hiers, Professor at the University of Florida at Gainesville, made presentations on "Albert Schweitzer and the Quest for the Historical Jesus" and "The Delay of the Parousia." Kent Ross presented a paper on "The Emergence of the Minority Church in the Midst of the Orthodox Reformation." Kirk Ross presented a paper entitled "Toward a Definition of Radical Reformation: The Case of Theophrastus Paracelsus." Robert Hach of Miami, Florida had a session on "The Righteousness of Faith." Charles Hunting spoke on "Destroy This Temple - Jesus and His Agenda." Anthony Buzzard spoke on "Man and His Immortality: the Purpose of the New Creation." The conference concluded on Sunday morning with a series of faith stories by those who were in attendance and a final worship service at which Pastor Arlen Rankin spoke on "The Abrahamic Gospel."

Each year at the Theological Conference, many are in attendance who have received literature or heard the Focus on the Kingdom radio program. It is a pleasure to meet new truth seekers.

On the weekend of March 2-4, Atlanta Bible College hosted prospective students and sponsors. A total of 44 guests participated in the special weekend activities. Participants visited ABC classes, were interviewed by staff members, toured Clayton College and State University campus, took part in servant evangelism projects, heard presentations about opportunities for ministry and programs of Atlanta Bible College, and participated in two special evening services. We are thankful for all of the churches that sent prospective students to the campus.

Technology Update

An exciting feature of the Minister's Conference and Theological Conference was the filming and streaming of the programs over the Internet. A number of people watched the presentations over their home computers.

We are Internet broadcasting Anthony Buzzard's "Focus on the Kingdom" radio programs on Mondays from 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Approximately twelve fifteen-minute programs per night are broadcast.

We are also broadcasting Today's Good News television programs Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. We broadcast four half-hour programs per night.

To view these programs you will need RealPlayer, which can be downloaded free from www.real.com if you do not already have it. The newest version, Version 7, is recommended.

The address to view our programs, which needs to be entered in the "location" section of RealPlayer, is: rtsp://www.abc-coggc.org:554/encoder/live.rm.



Creation versus Evolution Debate: left to right, Dr. Marian Hillar, Moderator Pastor Jeff Fletcher, and Dr. Charles Thaxton.

If you have any questions regarding Internet broadcasting, please contact Steve Taylor at staylor@abc-coggc.org.

Steve Taylor, Technology Coordinator, has listed several ways that our churches and state conferences could benefit from the services of the Technology Department as follows:

1. Production of a 5-10 minute church promotional video to give to visitors.
2. Production of a 30 or 60 second commercial for a local church to be run on a local cable station.
3. Filming of special events or programs for in-house use or to cablecast on a local cable station (such as children's Christmas program, special anniversary celebrations, etc.).
4. In addition to the services above for specific churches and conferences, ABC courses will be available to our membership and other interested individuals through our Distance Learning Program that will be delivered through videos and the Internet.
5. Also, videos may be made of the Theological Conference, or other College/Conference sponsored events.

Video services for churches and conferences will be available in accordance with the following policies:

1. Travel expenses – will be paid by the local church. (If this would be difficult for the church to cover this expense, we suggest that State/District Conferences be asked to provide a grant to help. Or a State/District Conference could choose to underwrite the expense for all the churches in the state to be filmed at the same time which would be much more cost effective.)
2. Travel time – covered by ABC/General Conference.
3. Filming time – covered by ABC/General Conference.
4. Editing time – 2 hours free per year per church – each hour beyond 2 there will be a charge of \$50.00 per hour (normal commercial rates are \$75.00 to \$100 per hour)



ABC student Dimitri Thornton speaking in chapel.

5. The cost of operating the Technology Department will be subsidized through the sale of videotapes. The Department will sell copies of children's programs, conferences, etc., for \$20 per tape. If multiple tapes are required for longer events, package rates will apply.
6. The college will establish charges for Distance Learning courses.

For additional information or to schedule services, please contact Steve Taylor at 1-800-347-4261.

Mission Trips Planned

Trips to mission fields have been approved by the Lord's Harvest International Board as follows:

1. Dr. William and Mrs. Mardy Lawrence and William Wachtel will go to Peru in April to evaluate and encourage the brethren there.
2. In late July and early August, a trip will be made to Malawi and Mozambique, Africa. Jim Mattison and Joe and Rebekah Martin will lead this team. Plans are being made for five, two to three-day teaching conferences in these two countries.
3. In early August, a trip is being planned to Labor Vieja, Mexico. A Bible school will be held during the day and worship services at night.

Anyone interested in being considered for a mission trip to Africa or Mexico this summer, should submit an application to Judy Myers, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 as soon as possible. A packet of applications has been sent to each pastor.

Korean American Church of God

Pastor Steve An, an ABC student who is pastor of the Korean American Church of God in Morrow, Georgia has been granted a provisional license by the Ministerial Recognition Board. Steve will complete his studies at ABC and is training another individual who will become the pastor of the church that meets in the college chapel. His goal is to plant Korean churches in other places in the United States where there are both a Korean community and a Church of God.

Guest Speakers in Chapel

Several students have spoken in chapel recently including Dimitri Thornton (pictured at left), Steve An, and Janice Jones. Jim Cramer and Gary Burnham made a presentation regarding their trips to the Holy Land. Other speakers include Amy Kennedy, former ABC student Elvis Singleton, and Pastor James Mattison.

Eightieth Annual Summer General Conference

The annual Conference will be held at Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois, July 31 – August 3,

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Proposed Constitutional Amendment

The Board of Directors would like to propose the following amendment to the Constitution of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference regarding delegate representation at the Summer General Conference:

Article II Section 1, Current Constitution: "Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Proposed Change: "Each member church which has held at least twenty-four services during the year, and which has made a financial contribution to the operating budget of the College/Conference, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Explanation: Two of our smaller churches have expressed a concern about the Constitutional requirement that a member church must have fifteen or more members in order to be entitled to delegate representation. These two churches both

have weekly services and make financial contributions to the General Conference but they do not have fifteen or more active members. They have requested a revision to the Constitution, which would allow them to have delegate representation.

The Board is suggesting that it is reasonable that a member church have at least twenty-four services through the year, which would be two per month. The term "preaching" services has been deleted because some of our smaller churches may not officially have a "sermon," but they may have singing and a Bible study.

The provision to require a contribution specifically does not say how much that contribution needs to be. It has been a suggestion of the Board in the past, that even our smallest churches should be able to make a contribution of \$100-200 per year. Churches that are sending delegates to vote on a budget and activities that require funding should participate financially in helping to underwrite these actions.

The Constitution can be amended with proper notice to the membership and a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present at any General Conference meeting.

Position Description for Board of Directors

At the 2000 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 Mr. Joe James and Dr. William D. Lawrence will expire at this conference. They may not be re-elected according to the Constitution.

Below is the position description for directors who serve on the Board:

Title

Director, Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference

Summary

The position exists to transact and administer the business of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

Duties

1. Employ a President who is responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the day-to-day business of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference, for personnel, for planning, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned.
2. Serve as a Trustee of the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation (a total of seven members of the Board of Directors and six other members appointed by the Board).
3. Give general (external) supervision to all College/Conference affairs.
4. Engage in long-range planning and evaluation.
5. Make recommendations to Conference delegates regarding:
 - a. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws.
 - b. Major policies or major policy changes.

- c. Creation of major programs.
- d. Budgeting.
6. Acquire and dispose of real and personal property.
7. Approve plans to finance operations.
8. Give of his/her private means to support the College/Conference and be actively engaged in fund-raising activities.
9. Establish controls to protect the rights and interests of contributors, member churches and conferences, and staff.
10. Communicate the purposes and programs of the College/Conference to the Church of God through public relations efforts.
11. Employ a competent auditor.
12. Attend all meetings of the Board and the annual Conference.
13. Take action regarding the admission, discipline, dismissal, and restoration of member churches in the Church of God General Conference.
14. To do any other necessary acts for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of the College/Conference.

Organizational Relationships

Each Board member is accountable to the Conference delegate body for the carrying out of the duties of the office. The Board is accountable for the work of the President.

Qualifications

The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. A director may be either male or female.

Prayer and Praise

April 2000

Report of Baptisms: 2,000 by A.D. 2000

April 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999*	101	Jan. 1, 2000 Total 1,830
April 1, 1998 - March 31, 1999	166	
April 1, 1997 - March 31, 1998	156	
April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997	189	
April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996	172	
April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995	188	
April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994	148	
April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993	201	
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	191	
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	180	
January 1 - May 31, 1990	138	

* More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Ray and Susan Hall and the Garden Park, Michigan Church of God.**
- 2 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's word tomorrow.
- 3 **Praise God for new life in Christ.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Rex and Sharon Cain and their work in Bedford, Ohio.
- 5 **Pray for Anthony Buzzard's correspondence with truth seekers around the world.**
- 6 Pray for those whose eyes are blinded to the Gospel.
- 7 **Praise God for the faithful prayer and financial partners of the College/Conference.**
- 8 Pray for volunteers to be short-term missionaries this summer.
- 9 **Pray for Pastor Craig and Shirley Waggoner and the Troy, Ohio Church of God.**
- 10 Pray for opportunities to witness to those without Christ.
- 11 **Pray for retired Pastor Ed Goit and his wife, Viola.**
- 12 Pray for those attending Christian Workers' Seminar this week.
- 13 **Pray for the churches in your state/district Conference.**
- 14 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.
- 15 **Pray for Bill and Mardy Lawrence and Bill Wachtel as they visit believers in Lima, Peru.**
- 16 Pray for the soon return of Christ.
- 17 **Pray for the New Hope Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.**
- 18 Praise God for dedicated Church of God ministers.
- 19 **Pray for retired Chaplain Orville Westlund.**
- 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 His faithfulness.
- 23 **Praise God for the gift of His Son, and the resurrection of Jesus.**
- 24 Pray for the East Peoria, Illinois Church as they seek a new pastor.
- 25 **Pray that God might use you to lead the lost to salvation.**
- 26 Praise God for the Korean American Community Church of God that is meeting in the ABC facilities.
- 27 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Yung An as they lead the Korean congregation.**
- 28 Praise God for the secretarial staff of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference, Jill Taylor and Amethyst Burris.
- 29 **Pray for the Family of God Fellowship in Maple Grove, Minnesota.**
- 30 Praise God for the ministry and service of your church leaders.

Calendar of Events

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| April 9-14 | Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN |
| May 5 | ABC Graduation |
| July 16-21 | RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN |
| July 31-August 3 | 80th Annual Summer Conference, Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, IL |
| September 17 | ABC Booster Sunday |
| November 3, 4 | Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN |
| 2001 | |
| February 16-18 | 10th Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta Bible College |
| July 15-20 | RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN |

Prayer and Praise

May 2000

- 1 **Pray for the editors of our Conference publications.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor Vivian and Paula Kirkpatrick and the Hector, Minnesota Church of God.
- 3 **Pray for Pastor Charles and Carol Jones and the Pomona, California Church.**
- 4 Pray for the ministry of Pastor Ken and Eva Howe and the Country Chapel, Indiana Church of God.
- 5 **Pray for the planning for mission trips to Mexico and Malawi this summer.**
- 6 Praise God for students who are preparing for service at Atlanta Bible College.
- 7 **Pray for Jim Cramer as he completes his Bachelor's Degree at ABC.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Greg and Karen Demmitt and the work at the Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, Arizona.
- 9 **Praise God for the strength He provides each day.**
- 10 Pray for Pastor Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, Louisiana.
- 11 **Pray for believers who are in nursing homes and hospitals.**
- 12 Pray for the ministry of Pastor Michael and Linda Hoffman and the Oregon, Illinois Church of God.
- 13 **Pray for the congregation at Omaha, Nebraska, and Pastor Scott and Gayle Ross.**
- 14 Praise God for your mother and her influence in your life.
- 15 **Pray for Pastor Mark Good and his work with Arkansas churches.**
- 16 Praise God for new attenders at your local church.
- 17 **Pray for the scattered members of the Holbrook, Nebraska congregation.**
- 18 Pray for those who are responding to the Focus on the Kingdom radio program.
- 19 **Praise God for the faithful work of retired Pastor Leon and Delores Driskill over many years.**
- 20 Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.
- 21 **Pray for Pastor David and Wanda Cheatwood and the ministry at Blessed Hope Bible Church, Rockford, Illinois.**
- 22 Pray for your family and friends.
- 23 **Pray for the ministry of Pastor Scott and Theresa Deane and the Church at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.**
- 24 Pray for those who are preparing for full-time Christian service.
- 25 **Praise God for the work of Pastor Don and Joyce Ward and the Raymore, Missouri Church of God.**
- 26 Pray for the summer ministries program.
- 27 **Pray for Elder Jim Davis and his wife Betty and the New Family Bible Church in Pueblo West, Colorado.**
- 28 Pray for Church of God members throughout the world as they minister to others.
- 29 **Pray for the brethren in India.**
- 30 Pray for Pastor Jon Welch and the Farmington, Missouri Church.
- 31 **Praise God for all that He has done and is doing in your life.**

News (continued from page 3)

2000. The theme of the conference is "Fields Ready for Harvest."

Among the business items to be considered at this year's conference will be action on a Constitutional Amendment (please see page four), the election of two new Directors for the Board (the terms of Mr. Joe James and Dr. William D. Lawrence expire at this conference), an election for a position on the Youth Advisory Committee, and adoption of a budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Each church and conference is encouraged to send delegates to the Summer Conference.

Priscilla Retreat

Nineteen wives of Church of God pastors held a retreat at the Indian Springs State Park south of Atlanta on the weekend of March 10-12. Jogi Mauger, a Christian counselor, spoke during the weekend. Other devotional, sharing, and fellowship times were enjoyed by the group. The membership of the Conference provided \$4,000 of support toward travel and lodging expenses for the retreat.

Golden Rule Church

The Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio has listed its property for sale. A special service was held on Sunday, March 5 which included members from two daughter churches that were started by the Golden Rule Church: Columbia Christian Fellowship, and Bedford Church of the Open Bible. The Golden Rule congregation was formed in 1900 and the present building was constructed in 1927. The congregation has received an offer on the building. The members will meet in homes until decisions are made about finding a new location. The congregation will appreciate the prayers of the membership as they go through this time of transition.

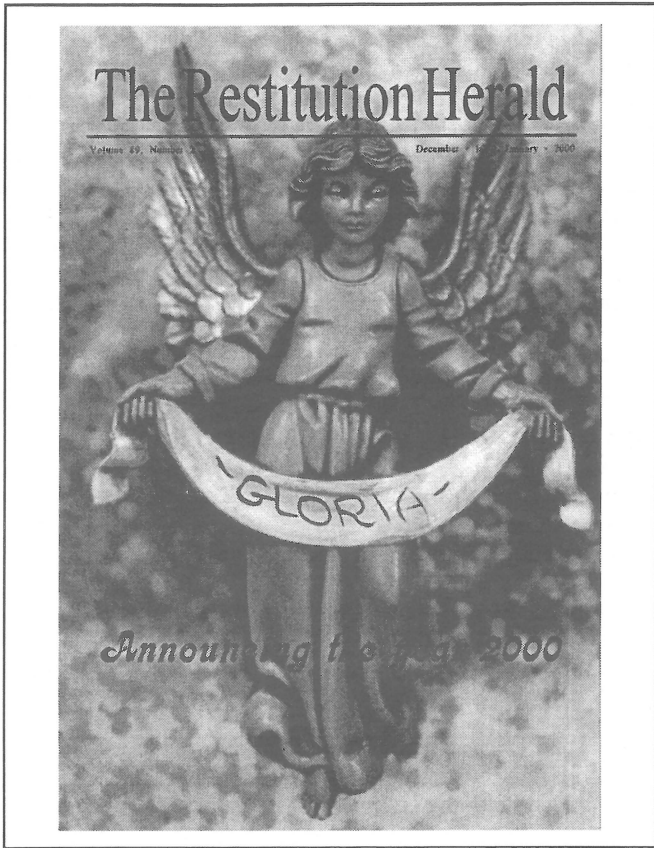
Bible Quizzing 2000

The Bible quiz material for 2000 is Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Practice questions will be furnished upon request to the youth department. Quiz manuals, a newsletter, and quiz catalogs have been mailed to pastors and youth workers.

Bible quizzing has a rich tradition in the Church of God. It is a wonderful way to get young people into the word of God. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing from the word of God." For more information, contact quiz director Tom New at tnew@cyberback.com.

Words of Truth Subject Concordance

The Words of Truth Subject Concordance has been reprinted in a larger format and larger print. This subject concordance concerning God, man, the Lord Jesus Christ, His coming Kingdom, immortality for His people, and the destruction of the wicked, was originally prepared by Pastors Harry Goekler, Emory Macy, Gordon Landry, and James Mattison. Copies are available from the General Conference, Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260 for \$1.95 each plus postage and handling.



The Restitution Herald, now in its 89th year of publication, runs 20 pages an issue with six issues each year.

Subscriptions are \$13 for one year, \$24 for two years, and \$33 for three years.

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Memorial Library

We invite members to make contributions to the Atlanta Bible College Memorial Library in memory of deceased family and friends. A plaque has been placed in the library listing the names of individuals who are being remembered. Along with the contribution, donors are asked to write a brief biography of the person being memorialized. This biography would include a history of the person, including date of baptism, various positions of involvement in the Lord's work, etc. This biographical information will be kept in the library by the plaque. Gifts of \$100 or more are suggested for those who are being listed on the memorial plaque.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

I wish to participate in the memorial program for the Atlanta Bible College Library.

My gift is being given in memory of _____

Amount I am giving (or will be giving) \$ _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Mail to: Atlanta Bible College, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260

The Atlanta Bible College Library is extremely significant in the preparation of leadership. The library consists of reference materials, theology books, ministry books, current periodicals on theological and ministry topics, etc. The library contains computers for student use. It also contains the archives of the Church of God. Many priceless books and records from our past are preserved for the use of students, pastors, and researchers.

Please give consideration to remembering a loved one with a gift to the Atlanta Bible College Memorial Library.

Church News

BAPTISMS

Canada

Fonthill, Ontario – Sandra Thomson (3/5/00) by Pastor Mike Montgomery

Georgia

Cornerstone – Tomas Brakefield and Timmy Brakefield (2/13/00) by Pastor David Riley; Lori Burnham (2/18/00) by Gary Burnham, in the Jordan River

Illinois

Oregon – Josh Grove (1/9/00) by Pastor Michael Hoffman

Michigan

Blanchard – Trent Rogers, Lori Koster, Jennifer O'Callaghan (10/3/99); Mandy Chaney (12/31/99); Brittani Ball (1/16/00) by Pastor Chris Seiders

Ohio

North Hills – Alene Coffey, Rita Allen, Steve Pierce, James Severs (1/30/00) by Pastor Seth Ross

DEATHS

Canada

Fonthill, Ontario – Donald A. Thomson (2/23/00) by Pastor Mike Montgomery and Pastor Edward Goit

Illinois

Oregon – Gertie Carr (12/16/99), long-time member, by Pastor Michael Hoffman

Indiana

Timberland – Edith Duncan, 94, (1/9/00) by Pastor John Railton

Nebraska

Holbrook – Helen J. Holthaus, 96, (12/17/99) member, by Pastor Russ Magaw

Ohio

Brush Creek – Cecil Perry, 62, (12/10/99); Thelma Schleinitz, 87, (1/6/00); Marshall (Bud) Morris, 84, (1/10/00) by Pastor Michael Gallagher

Lawrenceville – Orrin B. Wagner (1/10/00), long-time member, by Pastor Mark Tschaenn and Pastor Jim Graham

Springfield – Lyle Cain, 90, (1/9/00) father of Rex Cain; Gladys Pensyl (2/27/00) by Pastor Jack Hearp

Pastor Mary Vadnais

Mary Vadnais was born July 1, 1918 and died February 4, 2000. She attended Oregon Bible College and pastored the

L'Anse Church of God and the Champion Community Church in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She was a volunteer transporter for the Department of Social Services for over forty-five years.

She is survived by her husband Raymond who she married October 15, 1955 in Baraga, one son Albert (Nancy) Vadnais of Wenatchee, Washington, one sister Grace Grant of Baraga. She was predeceased in death by two brothers, Leonard and Raymond Brown who were both Church of God pastors.

Funeral services were conducted by Kent Ross, Atlanta Bible College Vice President.

We are thankful for Mary's dedicated service to the Lord throughout her lifetime.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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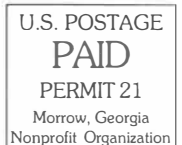
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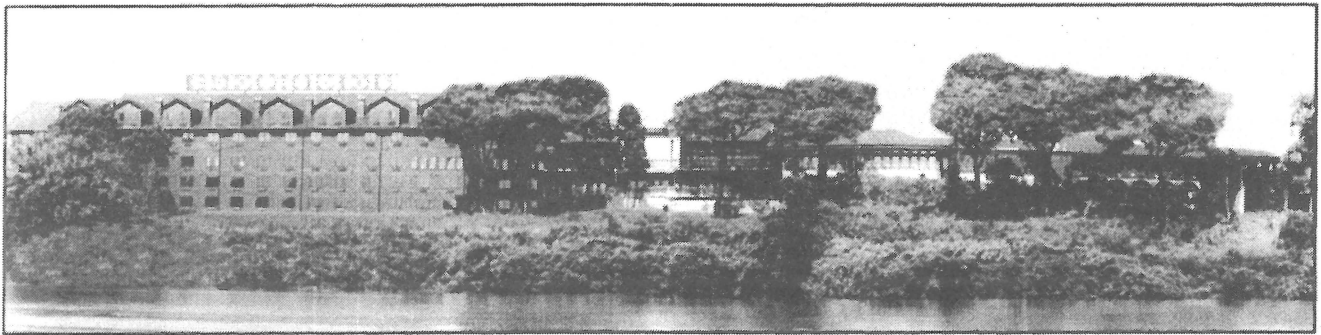


80th Annual Summer General Conference

Cliffbreakers Convention Center –
Rockford, IL

July 31 – August 3, 2000

Fields Ready for Harvest



Church of God General Conference Annual Report 1999-2000

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Eightieth Annual Conference

All churches and conferences are encouraged to select and send delegates to the annual summer conference, which will be held at Cliffbreakers Convention Center, July 31 – August 3 in Rockford, IL. All pastors licensed by the General Conference are also delegates and are encouraged to attend. This issue of the Progress Journal contains information about the conference, a report of college/conference activities during the past year, and items that will be voted upon by the delegates. Please join us for an enjoyable time of fellowship, worship, and participation in decisions about the future of our work.

Holy Land Trip

Atlanta Bible College is sponsoring its seventh trip to the Holy Land, June 6 – 14, 2001. ABC Vice President, Kent Ross, and his wife Cheryl will be the tour leaders. The cost of the basic nine-day trip is \$1,790 from New York City. There is an optional pre-extension trip to Egypt for \$239 per person and a post-extension tour of Greece and an Aegean cruise for \$797 per person. It is a fantastic experience to visit Bible lands. Making this journey with Christian friends is an unforgettable experience. Several Atlanta Bible College students will be making this trip and any member or friend of the Church of God is welcome to join the tour. Call 1-800-347-4261 for a brochure.

Mission Team Members Announced

Team members have been selected for the short-term mission trip to Malawi this summer. They are: Travis Hamilton, Hedrick, IN; James Mattison, Guthrie Grove, SC; Joe Martin, ABC instructor and his wife, Rebekah, from New Friends, GA; Zachary and Zuaquis Ross, New Friends, GA; and Jon Welch, Farmington, MO.

Team members for the Mexico trip are: Judy Myers, Mission Coordinator; Dean Moore, Oregon, IL; Chris Lucas, Troy, OH; and Erin Reichert, ABC student, Morrow, GA.

Financial Support for Mission Conference

“Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment” (ACMC) Conference will be held in Dallas, TX, July 20 – 22. The cost is \$175 per individual or a group registration of five or more is \$125 per person. Registration forms can be sent to the Church of God General Conference in order to secure the group rate. The Board of Directors will provide the tuition cost for those who need the funds in order

to attend. The amount of funds is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Local churches are encouraged to assist with travel and lodging costs. Funds for the tuition are coming from the Morgan estate. The theme of the conference is “Making a World of Difference Together.” There will be several general sessions as well as a multitude of workshops on various mission topics.

Report on April Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met in Atlanta, April 27-29. The agenda included:

1. A review of the annual report and special reports, which are printed in this Progress Journal.
2. A review of a proposed budget, which will be presented to the delegates at this summer’s conference.
3. A review of and endorsement of a recommendation from the Organizational Task Force which will be presented to the delegates at this summer’s conference.
4. A proposed constitutional amendment regarding nominations for the Board of Directors.
5. Revisions for the ABC catalogue for the 2000-2001 school year. The Board also voted to authorize the granting of a degree of Associate of Arts in Theology and Ministry to those who complete a two-year program consisting of a total of sixty hours with a minimum of twenty-six hours in Bible and theology, fifteen hours in ministry, and nineteen hours in general education.
6. Kent Ross presented the plan for an experimental distance learning course which will be offered this fall (see item below for more information).
7. Voted to hold the 2001 General Conference in Atlanta, July 6-8. This will be a shorter conference and primarily a delegate conference. This is being proposed as an experiment and as an effort to reduce the cost of attending the conference. Lodging will be in a Fairfield Inn near the ABC campus and all sessions will be held in the ABC/General Conference administration building.
8. Appointed Seth Ross to the Youth Advisory Committee to complete the unexpired term of Tom New, who resigned for employment reasons.
9. Reviewed churches receiving financial aid from the General Conference.
10. Approved an application from the Korean American Community Church of God to become a member church of the Church of God General Conference (the

Board joined members from New Friends and the Korean church for a time of praise and worship and a devotional thought by Kent Ross on Friday evening during the board meeting).

11. Approved a request for church development aid for the Chapel Hill Church in Urbana, OH and approved church development aid and church planting aid for the new Korean American Community Church.
12. Approved an increase in interest rates for new charitable gift annuities with the college/conference.
13. Continued a discussion of our mission statement and core values.
14. Approved Freedom in Christ Ministries as the recipient of the spring 2000 Church Builder's Appeal.

Progress at Chapel Hill Church of God in Urbana, OH

The Chapel Hill Church of God, pastored by Pastor John Hearp, has continued to grow during the past year. They recently purchased and installed a lighted church sign replacing a temporary sign that has been in place



Students honored at this year's graduation; (from left to right, Amanda Bormes, Erin Reichert, Steven Davis, Jim Cramer, Jerry Briggs, Amethyst R. Burris.)

since the church was organized. Below is a photograph of the new sign along with a new steeple that was erected on the church recently.

Financial Update

At the end of the first nine months of the current fiscal year which began July 1, \$30,000 has been borrowed to carry on programs authorized by the delegates. Though spending is less than budgeted, contributions are less than the goal for giving. A gift of \$10 per month from each member family in the conference would make it possible for the goal for giving to be reached. We are grateful for those who contribute much more than \$10 per month and extend a special invitation to all families to participate in the worldwide ministries of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference. We also are grateful for churches, state conferences, and groups that consistently send support for the work here.

Students Honored

At the conclusion of the second semester, graduation was held on May 5. ABC instructor, Dr. Joe Martin, was the speaker. Special music was provided by the ABC choir. Jim Cramer received a Bachelor of Theology degree for the successful completion of a four-year program. Steven Davis and Erin Reichert received Associates of Arts in Theology and Ministry. Foundation year certificates were granted to Jerry Briggs, Amethyst Burris, and Amanda Johnson.

We are thankful for these students who have a desire to serve in ministry.

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Church News

Baptisms

Arkansas

McGintytown – Josh Haynes and William Victory (4/23/00) by Pastor Tom New.

Georgia

Cornerstone – Robert McKeown (3/29/00); Yolanda Owens (4/16/00) by Pastor David Riley.

New Friends – Daniell and Leon Powell (3/19/00) by Steven Davis; Doretta Michaels (4/23/00) by Janice Jones; Lisa and Gerren Spain by Pastor Joe Martin; Terrell Whibbey (3/19/00), Julie Conde (4/23/00) by Pastor Kent Ross.

Illinois

Macomb – Jean Purdy (3/12/00) by Pastor Michael Brown.

Indiana

Tri-County – Margaret Jean Hurley (1/2/00) by Pastor Earl Poland.

Michigan

Garden Park – Hope Collins and John Genest (1/30/00) by Pastor Ray Hall.

Pennellwood – Katie Stroop; Eric and Kris Emmorey (1/2/00) by Pastor Larry Mayberry.

Ohio

North Hills – Zach Nelson and Mitch Ashcraft (3/26/00) by Pastor Seth Ross.

Pleasant Hill – Jim Mullins (3/12/00) by Pastor Scott Deane.

South Carolina

Guthrie Grove – Graysen Pack (2/13/00) by Pastors Andy Cisneros and Wally Winner.

New Members

Arkansas

McGintytown – Francis Williams and Rodney Leggitt (3/19/00).

Deaths

Arkansas

Cleveland – Huey Hammond (6/20/99) by Pastor Mark Good.

New Hope – Joe Tull (1/29/00) by Pastor Mark Good and Joe White. He was also baptized on the same day.

Illinois

Macomb – Hildreth Weber, 93, (3/2/00) long-time faithful member, mother of former pastors Richard Worley and Darrell Maddock by Pastor Michael Brown.

Indiana

Tri-County – Harold Everett Hurley (2/26/00). He accepted Christ in the hospital following surgery and was anointed (2/13/00) by Pastor Earl Poland.

Iowa

Waterloo – Helen Shilling, 82, (3/26/00) long-time faithful member, by Pastor Chuck Currier.

Michigan

Garden Park – Charles Knapp, 74, (3/7/00) long-time faithful member, father-in-law of President David Krogh and former member of the General Conference Board of Directors, by Pastor Ray Hall.

Missouri

Jordan – Orville Driskill (1/9/00), long-time faithful member; Lloyd Driskill (2/25/00), long-time faithful member, by Pastor Don Ward.

Ohio

Pleasant Hill – Clarence Brubaker (12/6/99), member, by Pastor Scott Deane.

Texas

New Braunfels – Larry Daniels, 52, (2/26/00) long-time member of the Church of God.

Marriages

Arkansas

Cleveland – Monica Robertson and Chris Zachary (8/7/99) by Pastor Mark Good.

Mississippi

Jackson – Lauren Howie and Jason Catlin (1/15/00) by Pastor Bruce Wimberley.

South Carolina

Guthrie Grove – Jill Stanley and Mark Durham (4/15/00) by Bobby Lee Partain; Kathy Slayton and Mickey Durham (4/22/00) by Pastor Wally Winner.

Pastor Available

Merry Peterson, a 1999 graduate of Atlanta Bible College and Clayton College and State University, and director of the General Conference Summer Ministries program is completing her internship at the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska at the end of May. She is available for a pastoral position beginning in September after the conclusion of the Summer Ministries program. She may be contacted through the Jaynes Street Church at (402) 571-2537 or 7534 Jaynes Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68134 or at home number: (402) 491-3743.

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Work Teams

The General Conference is interested in forming volunteer work teams that will assist churches in our Conference with repair, redecorating, or remodeling projects. If you are interested in

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MONDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00 Board of Directors' meeting
 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:15
 Mini Seminars (see bottom of page)
 2:00 Registration
 5:30 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Service, "The World is
 Needy," David Cheatwood
 8:30 Welcome Reception – Sponsored
 by Illinois Conference

Schedule

2000 Annual Conference

July 31 – August 3

Fields Ready for Harvest

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 7:30 Breakfast
 8:30 Morning Worship, "Believing
 and Living the Truth," Bob
 Huddleston
 Children's Classes
 9:30 Coffee Break
 10:00 Prayer Time
 Youth Classes
 10:15 Business Session
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Workshops
 Youth Activities
 2:30 Break
 2:45 Priscillas/Ministers Sessions
 Workshops
 3:45 Break
 4:00 Travel to Oregon Church
 5:30 Picnic
 7:00 Evening Service, "The Workers
 are Few — But God is Great,"
 Mark Tschann

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 7:30 Breakfast
 8:30 Morning Worship, "Meeting the
 Need for Workers," David Krogh
 Children's Classes
 9:30 Coffee Break
 10:00 Prayer Time
 Youth Classes
 10:15 Business Session
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Workshops
 Youth Activities
 2:30 Break
 2:45 Priscillas/Ministers Sessions
 Workshops
 3:45 Break
 4:00 Workshops
 5:00 Break
 Alumni Dinner / Meeting
 5:30 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Service, "Ask the Lord
 of the Harvest — He Will
 Supply," Jason Turner;
 Communion
 8:30 Bi-annual Meeting of Ministers'
 Retirement Association

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 7:30 Breakfast
 8:30 Prayer Time
 Children's Classes
 8:45 Business Session
 11:00 Check out of hotel

ABC/OBC Alumni
 1:00 Program includes a memory
 walk, river cruise and dinner,
 late night coffee shop and
 concludes Friday morning with
 breakfast at Black Hawk (more
 information is being mailed to
 members of the Alumni
 Association)

Monday, July 31 – Mini-Seminars

10:00 a.m. to noon – Capital Punishment and the Christian View of War – Hollis Partlowe This will be an open discussion on these two issues. Early birds are invited to come and share their opinions on these timely but controversial subjects.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Involving Youth in Leading Worship – Kathie Rager What do you do when you have one youth leader who has 15+ kids grade 5 to 12 who want something deeper than what is offered on the Wednesday night activities? You volunteer to take the older kids and present the Youth Worship Team concept, right!!! Well that's what

we did at the Oregon Church of God four years ago. Come and see how it got started. We will discuss what worked and what didn't and give you some suggested materials to get you started.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Prayer Ministry – Gary Turner An hour with God – how to revolutionize your prayer life.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. – Anthony Buzzard – How did churches get from A to B; from believing in the Messiah, Son of God, to believing that he is the second member of an eternal Trinity? And why has so much fury and bloodshed surrounded this issue?

ANNUAL REPORT OF ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE/ CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

During the past year, the Board of Directors and staff have spent considerable time discussing the mission statement, core values, and strategic initiatives for our organization. These discussions are in response to recommendations from the Organizational Task Force and the Public Relations Task Force. These discussions are still underway and will continue as an agenda item at future Board meetings.

During the past year we have carried out our mission with a number of specific activities. The following pages contain a summary of the work of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference for the time period March 1, 1999 through February 29, 2000 with several updates for more recent activities.

COLLEGIATE SERVICES

ABC Report

Atlanta Bible College is enjoying a year of blessing. We began the fall semester with 32 students. Of that number, 12 have long been associated with the Church of God, 5 are now associated with the Church of God, and 15 are community students involved with and from other churches. We are receiving from our community students enrichment and new insights, and hopefully are giving to them rich biblical truth and encouragement in ministry.

Kent Ross and Dr. Joe Martin continue to teach the bulk of the courses throughout the year, with Anthony Buzzard, David Krogh, Steve Taylor and Jon Cheatwood each teaching in areas of their specialties.

Whenever the Board of Directors has met on campus, we have arranged a luncheon for the Directors, students and staff to give them an opportunity to get to know one another and for the interchange of ideas. Also at the last meeting of the Board, a special joint praise service was held in the chapel with the New Friends and Korean American Community Churches.

Jon Cheatwood and Steven Davis staff the College's Student Recruitment office. They have been in contact with Church of God students, plus other juniors and seniors, who have indicated an interest in ABC through their ACT or SAT tests. Letters go to each of them, often with follow-up phone calls. The office keeps in contact, when possible, through e-mails with the likeliest contacts. Two Community Open Houses were held to inform and explain ABC's programs to members from the area around the college. The Recruitment office has published quarterly news Hi-Lites to tell students of the things happening here. Also this office planned an excellent College Invitational weekend, always the first weekend of March, to which prospective students are invited to come and investigate the college and its programs. Thirty-five students and nine sponsors attended.

The ABC Alumni Association is headed by President David Riley, Vice-President Amy Kennedy and Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Smead, along with College Coordinator Kent Ross. Plans are being made to have an Alumni Reunion following General Conference. It will meet in Oregon, Illinois, August 3, the day the summer General Conference ends in Rockford.

The ABC Committee on Higher Education has not been meeting pending the report on the Mission Statement and Strategic Initiatives from the Board of Directors and Delegates. When that is complete, the Committee, consisting of Kent Ross, Chairperson, Dr. Donna Deane, Dr. John Guthrie and Pastor Scott Deane, will meet to discuss and make plans for the implementation of the Plan for the college.

During this year, in addition to the staff mentioned above, Janice Jones has served as library coordinator; Zachary and Zuaquis Ross have served as apartment managers; Jill Taylor has served as secretary to the President and Amethyst Burris as secretary to the Vice President.

PASTOR/CHURCH SERVICES

Many services were provided to strengthen and assist churches and to facilitate the starting of new churches. Services were offered in the following areas:

Christian Education

The Christian Education Advisory Committee continues to work on improvements for the Doctrinal Distinctive materials. Teams of individuals have been formed to design new student pages for each age level. We hope to incorporate more color into the workpages for the younger children and create interesting, appealing and relevant materials for all ages.

We continue to provide ideas to be added to the KEYS Notebook given to each church and pastor. These mailings contain a variety of Christian Education activities to be shared with teachers and leaders in C.E. and to be cataloged in the notebook for future use. We hope to present "one-a-day" (ideas) at General Conference and Christian Workers' Seminars to demonstrate their use.

A display was prepared for Christian Workers' Seminar to present the work of our committee. It included listings of the workshops we offer to churches and conferences, including 14 new titles. We hope it served as a reminder that we are available to actively serve our churches and members.

Our newest committee member, Myra Montgomery, has developed a series of lessons for adults that accompany episodes of the classic, "Andy Griffith Show" T.V. programs now available on video. She is in the process of compiling them into a lesson booklet and we hope to make them available soon through the General Conference.

We continue to be available for consultation and assistance at your request. We also welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Gayle Guthrie is Coordinator of the Christian Education Department. The Advisory Committee members are Paul Duncan, representing the Board of Directors; Myra Montgomery; and Carol Ring.

Lord's Harvest International

The missions department of the Church of God General Conference, Lord's Harvest International (LHI), directs the mission effort of our association of churches.

Teams were sent to Malawi and Mozambique in the summer of 1999. LHI was involved in organizing the trip; provision of necessary information to each of the team members; publicity for this project. We are thankful for each of the individuals who gave of their time to be a part of that team (Jim Cramer, Travis Hamilton, Paul Madonia, Joe and Rebekah Martin, and Jim Matison). A trip to Mexico was also approved but because of health reasons, it had to be canceled.

Materials were provided for the "March"ing for Mission calendar and *Church of God Around the World* for the March publication. Periodic letters to Pastors and Mission Committee Chairpersons have been sent to share information about the works and contacts that we have in various areas.

The Mission Coordinator, Judy Myers, taught mission classes in the Southeast Conference last May and at General Conference.

The Lord's Harvest Board met twice during the past year. At the meeting during General Conference, deputation procedures were discussed that would take place when Tracy Savage Zhykhovich was able to secure the papers necessary for coming to the States. It was decided to look for a different insurance carrier for her medical insurance, and work began on fund-raising guidelines for mission trips.

At the February meeting in Atlanta, trips to Peru, Malawi, and Mexico were approved for the summer of 2000. A timeline policy for trips was developed and adopted and the fund-raising policy was completed. It was decided to temporarily discontinue having an LHI representative on the ABC campus, and it was requested that the Board of Directors give consideration to making funds available for Urbana 2000 (a missions conference for young people). The Board met with Jon Cheatwood and discussed how the Youth Department and LHI could work together to provide mission service opportunities for our youth, and there was discussion of the Africa work and trip proposal with Joe and Rebekah Martin.

With support from the Morgan Estate authorized by the Board of Directors, the Mission Board encouraged churches to send a representative to the ACMC (Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment) Conference in Atlanta in July 1999. Eight individuals took advantage of that offer. The Board of Directors has approved funding for interested church mission leaders to attend the 2000 ACMC Conference in Dallas, TX, July 20-22.

Tracy Savage Zhykhovich was able to come to the States the first part of August. LHI was involved in developing a deputation schedule for her and assisting her in her travel arrangements. She

visited a number of homes and churches. We are pleased with the response that was given to her report and her fund-raising.

The Lord's Harvest Board continues to maintain contact with individuals who have expressed an interest in missions as well as be available to help local churches in any way possible in the promotion of missions.

The Lord's Harvest Board members are: Judy Myers, Coordinator; Charles Bottolfs, representing the Board of Directors; Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick; Mardy Lawrence; and Pastor Warren Sorenson.

Publishing

Pastor Jeff Fletcher serves as the editor of the *Restitution Herald*, which is in its eighty-ninth year of publication. It is published every other month. The current circulation is 820. An increasing number of churches are ordering bulk subscriptions at a lower cost and distributing them to all the members of their church.

The *Journal from the Radical Reformation* is published four times each year. Anthony Buzzard and Kent Ross serve as senior editors and Scott Deane, Greg Demmitt, and Jeff Fletcher serve as associate editors. The current circulation is 316. It is mailed free to a number of theological and seminary libraries.

Daniel Smead, the Technical Director of Publishing, coordinates all publishing activities, including the publication of our Truth Seekers Sunday School curriculum. Quarterly editors are: Pre-School, Gayle Guthrie; Early Elementary, Irene Sorenson; Elementary and Upper Elementary, Paula Kirkpatrick; Middle School, Warren Sorenson; High School, Terri Moore; and Adult, Daniel Smead.

Senior Ministries

Jack Hearp serves as coordinator for the Senior Ministries program of the General Conference. A quarterly publication is sent to local church Senior Ministry coordinators and pastors of each church. It offers suggestions for organizing a seniors program, and suggested activities and ideas that have been sent from coordinators of our churches.

Jack has also taught classes on Senior Ministry at CWS and the summer General Conference.

Technology Department

Significant advances were made in the Technology Department this year. Among them was the employment of Steve Taylor as an on campus full-time employee. In addition, numerous pieces of equipment were added which allows greater quality in our productions as well as improved efficiency. A Non-Linear Editor with external disk storage has been our most helpful purchase. This device has opened up production possibilities that we otherwise would not have. A portable light kit has also been purchased as well as tripod heads for our new cameras, color TV monitors, and tripod travel cases.

Video projects done this year have been: taping the 1999 Christian Workers' Seminar, 10 new half-hour cablecast-ready programs, ABC Booster Campaign video, Pine Grove, MN Children's Christmas musical, 2000 Theological Conference,

2000 Ministerial Conference, Lawrenceville, OH Church seminar with Anthony Buzzard, and 2000 Bible Quizzing promotional video. Continuing projects include a primary focus on distance learning for the College, an ABC promotional video and Church of God video magazines.

An exciting development during this year has been Internet broadcasting. We now have the ability to webcast live and recorded events. Weekly webcasts of "Focus on the Kingdom" radio go out as does Today's Good News Television programs. Additionally, we were able to webcast sessions from Ministerial Conference, Theological Conference, and ABC Invitational.

Live webcasting offers us a promising avenue for college distance learning. We are inviting feedback from pastors about the possibility of webcasting a Basic Bible Doctrine class on Wednesday evenings this fall. We would also provide interactive capabilities via other computer software. Pastors and churches interested in this project could use this one-hour class as a mid-week Bible study elective.

An area that we are exploring is the development of 30-second or 15-second commercial spots to be placed in various areas via the Turner television network. Through our research we have cost projections for several U.S. cities where we have churches. We believe the cost for some markets is financially feasible. Commercials for those cities could be placed from Atlanta, the home of Turner broadcasting – a distinct advantage in having the College/Conference located in this area. With the financial cooperation of various individuals and state conferences we have the potential to impact a significantly larger audience than ever before through this means. Individuals or groups interested in exploring this possibility should contact us.

We are grateful for the opportunities this new Department provides to reach out to our world with the message of truth and salvation.

Youth

Jon Cheatwood began working full time as the Youth Coordinator for the Church of God General Conference in August 1999. Prior to assuming the position he conferred with many youth leaders, workers, and pastors, listening to what Church of God people wanted to see in the National Youth program, especially RYOT.

Jon continues to speak to Church of God people about their needs and wants in our program. He has traveled to Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia, and Arkansas representing both the national youth program and Atlanta Bible College at retreats, conferences and seminars.

During the fall semester, Jon taught an ABC class on *Christian Education* with a focus on Youth Ministry. This course work is being revised and will be offered as *Purpose Driven Youth Ministry* for the fall 2000 semester. In the spring 2000 semester he taught a class on *Practical Youth Ministry*.

In November, more than 30 Church of God youth workers met in Cincinnati, Ohio for the National Youth Specialties Youth Worker Convention. Most of the costs of this Convention were paid with a grant from the General Conference from the Morgan

Estate. The Youth Advisory Committee (consisting of Joe James, Tom New, David Riley, and Jon Cheatwood) met to discuss plans for RYOT and other youth ministry efforts. A group meeting was held for all those who wanted to talk about RYOT and the national youth program. This was a good opportunity to get to hear from many workers at once.

The RYOT leadership team has been assembled. Team members are Pastor David Riley, Pastor Seth Ross, and Jon Cheatwood. The program at RYOT will pursue a Purpose Driven Youth Ministry model. The Purpose Driven model sees that God has set forth the following purposes for the church: fellowship, evangelism, worship, discipleship and ministry. We believe that any work we do should aim to fulfill one or more of these purposes. Our planning for RYOT takes these into consideration so that we can offer a well-balanced program.

Pastor David Riley was appointed last fall to the Youth Advisory Committee to fill the position vacated by Pastor Dale Bliss. Due to an employment change, Pastor Tom New has recently resigned his position on the Youth Advisory Committee, as well as his position as Bible Quizzing Director. Seth Ross has been appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Advisory Committee.

Jon appreciates the opportunity to serve the Church of God in the area of youth ministry.

BUSINESS

During the past year we have continued to learn about and expand our new computer system. We've been learning how best to make it assist in our work as a college/conference. We've also been adding software to further assist us. Most specifically we have nearly completed a new membership database and the incorporation of new financial software.

Our web-site has just recently been completely redesigned. We encourage you to visit us on the web — www.abc-coggc.org.

We have scanned into computer files several volumes of older issues of *The Restitution Herald* from the 1920's and 1930's. Later this year they will be available on CD-ROM — two CD ROMs per volume.

All of our technology doesn't change the foundation of the business office. We still record contributions, pay bills, invest funds, etc.; and we do so at every turn with the desire to be faithful with and efficient in the management of the assets with which God blesses us.

Gary Burnham is the Controller. Marcy Cly is Assistant to the Controller and Mailroom Supervisor. Jim Wood is Coordinator of the Maintenance Department and is assisted by Jerry Briggs.

Finances

The College and Conference depends upon contributions from churches, individuals, conferences, and groups to fund 51% of our operating budget. The balance of our income is generated from interest earnings, college tuition, fees and rent, and sales.

During the past year, there was a slight decline in the number of individuals and families who contributed as compared to the previous year. Sixty-three churches provided support along with nine conferences, and fifteen other groups.

At this point in the fiscal year, contributions to the Goals for Giving are running less than last year at this time. A larger enrollment at Atlanta Bible College has provided increased revenue from tuition fees and rent.

In 1996, a bequest was received from the estate of Troy and Geneva Morgan. Nearly \$550,000 of the bequest was used to pay off re-location loans. Since then, funds have been used for a number of projects including: support for a number of training opportunities: Youth Specialties Convention last fall; a missions conference in August 1999; providing Crossroads Youth Ministry material to all of our churches requesting it; support for pastors/wives retreat; travel for long range study and task force meetings; \$60,000 was transferred to the General Fund in 1998-99 and \$90,000 has been transferred in 1999-2000 to help fund programs initiated from the Institutional Long Range Planning Study and recommendations adopted by the delegates. These funds have underwritten additional staff for the College and Conference as well as an upgrade to the computer hardware and software to make our system Y2K compliant.

As of March 31, there is a balance of \$428,451 in the Morgan Fund. Of this amount, delegates have approved a \$90,000 distribution to the General Fund to carry on programs during the 2000-2001 fiscal year, and the proposed budget contained in this Journal for the 2001-2002 fiscal year contains a proposed additional \$90,000 distribution to the General Fund. The Board has authorized funding for persons who wish to attend a Missions Conference, Christian Education Seminars, and the Pastors/Wives Retreat in 2001. The Board has also authorized funding to complete the upgrade of computer hardware and software. With commitments made, the balance of the estate will be \$183,951 by June 2002 not including anticipated interest earnings.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The 26th Annual Christian Workers' Seminar was held at Pigeon Forge, TN in April 1999. One hundred sixty-nine persons were in attendance. This is the second highest attendance at seminar. The April 2000, the attendance reached an all time high of 229. Kent Ross is seminar coordinator.

Summer Ministry teams conducted Bible schools and assisted various churches during the summer of 1999. Merry Peterson served as Summer Ministry coordinator. Teams served the following churches: Southeast Youth Camp, North Hill, OH; Cool Spring, VA; Arkansas Youth Camp; Freedom in Christ Ministries, Canada; Summer General Conference; New Friends, GA; Timberland, IN; Washington State Camp. Those assisting with one or more events were: Kristin Creecy, Denise Enyart, Mary Amanda Johnson, Michelle Turner, and Natalie Whibbey.

A new church was started in the past year, the Korean American Community Church of God. The congregation is pastored by Steve An who is a student at Atlanta Bible College. He has been granted a license by the Ministerial Recognition Board. The congregation meets in the ABC chapel Sunday afternoons. They

also have a mid-week service on Wednesday nights and a program for children on Saturdays. This church was recently approved as a member of the Southeast Conference and the General Conference.

Financial aid has been given to several churches during the past year through our Church Development Aid program. The following churches received aid during 1999-2000: Farmington, MO; Winnebago, IL; Blessed Hope, Rockford, IL; North Kent, MI; Litchfield, MN; Freedom in Christ Ministries, Welland, Ontario. Church planting financial aid was provided to the following churches: Farmington, MO; Winnebago, IL; and Freedom in Christ Ministries, Welland, Ontario. Both aid programs are on a schedule of payments that decline at the end of each year. The Church Development Aid is spread over six years and Church Planting Aid is spread over four years. With both programs, a church can begin with financial support of \$1,000 per month. Aid was discontinued during the year to: Troy View, OH – their associate pastor, Michael Montgomery, resigned to become pastor of the Glad Tidings Church in Fonthill, Ontario; Jubilee Christian Fellowship, Sharpsburg, GA – services were cut back and Pastor Dan Kennedy assumed full-time secular employment.

Two churches received assistance from the Church Builders League. They were: Beloit New Life, WI and Grace Fellowship, Front Royal, VA. A campaign continues to increase the number of individuals and groups that contribute to the Church Builders League to 1000. Currently, about 800 contributors participate in each appeal. A maximum of two appeals is issued each year and a gift of \$25 for each appeal is requested.

The Focus on the Kingdom radio program continues to be broadcast on nine stations, as well as on shortwave and the Internet. We continue to receive enthusiastic responses from listeners. We are thankful for the generous individuals, churches, and conferences that sponsor these broadcasts.

CONCLUSION

We praise God for His faithfulness in directing the work of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference during the past year. The Board and the staff regularly seek God's direction for our work. Our desire is to serve you, our constituency, to the best of our ability. We continue to be optimistic as we look to the future. Our confidence is in the God that we serve and as long as our churches are faithful in reaching out to those who need to hear the message of truth and salvation, we will be blessed.

We are thankful for those who faithfully serve the Lord in so many ways and we are thankful for those who support this work with their finances and prayers.

(This report was prepared by the staff of the College and Conference. It was reviewed by the Board of Directors at their meeting, April 27-29. It is presented to the membership of the Church of God for your review.)

SPECIAL REPORTS

Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation

The ABC Development Foundation continues to provide financial support for the ongoing programs of Atlanta Bible College. Monthly distributions are made from interest earnings from the Foundation.

During the 1999-2000 school year, interest earnings have been allocated as follows:

- \$30,000 – Basic grants for students
- 10,000 – Capital expenditures for library and equipment
- 3,000 – Library periodicals
- 5,000 – Holy Land grants
- 5,000 – Computer grants (pays rent for computers for ABC/Clayton students)
- 2,500 – Staff education
- 3,000 – Periodicals, books, and dues for staff
- 15,000 – Recruitment
- 2,000 – Grants for students to attend summer Conference and Christian Worker's Seminar
- 1,000 – Program development
- 2,000 – Clayton College general education grants
- 3,000 – Vehicle replacement fund
- \$81,500 – Total Distribution to College

In addition, \$10,000 of interest earnings will be added to the Foundation principle and \$2,000 is allocated for operating expenses for the Foundation, which consists primarily of an annual audit.

At the last Foundation Board meeting, Charles Bottolfs was elected as President and Wanda Gerullis as Vice President. The Secretary and Treasurer of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference Board of Directors serve in these same positions for the Foundation board. The Secretary is Greg Demmitt and the Treasurer is Bob Huddleston. Other members of the Foundation board are: Ms. Andrea Anders, Pastor Scott Deane, Mrs. Sue Lapp, Mr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gaye Wood, Mr. Rob Helenburg, Mr. Joe James, and Dr. William D. Lawrence.

Trustees of the board meet each year during General Conference to review investments, act upon spending requests, and elect officers.

Christian Conciliation Board

The Conciliation Board is a service of the Church of God General Conference for the enrichment of our church family. The New Testament church and its leadership had problems, and it is from their experiences that we can learn how to reconcile, forgive, and restore each other. The members of the Conciliation Board are available individually and/or collectively to help churches and pastors. The members are glad to provide assistance over the telephone, or when necessary one or more members can travel to a church to provide on-site assistance.

The Conciliation Board also provides some educational services related to its mission. Members of the board taught classes at the 2000 Christian Workers' Seminar. Presentations will also be included in the 2000 General Conference Program. The three board members last July attended an Alban Institute Seminar on

managing and resolving church conflicts. This learning opportunity enhanced the board's ability to serve churches and conferences.

We encourage churches and pastors to contact the board before a problem or conflict gets out of hand and beyond conciliation.

The services of the Christian Conciliation Board may be secured by contacting a board member directly or through the President of the General Conference.

Joe E. James, Chairman; Michele Millard, Michael Hoffman

Church of God Investment Fund

The Church of God Investment Fund exists to make loans to churches for the purchase of property, remodeling, construction of buildings, purchase of parsonages, etc. The fund balance is currently \$84,101. The Trustees of the fund are: Mr. Clarence Jones, Mr. Keith Williams, Mr. Joe James, Mr. David Krogh, and Mrs. Terri Tschaenn.

Ministerial Recognition Board

The Ministerial Recognition Board serves as the committee given the responsibility, by the General Conference, for ascertaining which individuals should hold Ministerial licenses from the General Conference. It is chaired by Pastor Ray Hall, of the Garden Park, Michigan Church of God. Other members of it are Pastor Dale Swartz, of the Litchfield, Minnesota Church of God, Mr. Charles Bottolfs, Elder in the Happy Woods, Louisiana Church of God, and Kent Ross representing ABC.

The Board monitors the Continuing Education credits for the Ministerial Association. One CEU or 10 hours of continuing education is required each year to maintain ministerial recognition.

The Board has met at General Conference and it again met prior to this year's Ministerial Conference in February. At this meeting, Steve An, of the Korean-American Community Church of God, was interviewed and granted his Provisional License. Kent Ross and David Krogh installed him with his congregation on February 27, 2000. Kent Ross, on behalf of the MRB, preached and participated in the Installation of Pastor Mike Montgomery at the Glad Tiding Church in Fonthill, Canada.

The MRB has both live and phone interviews with pastors with the intent of encouraging them in their ministries. They seek to work in conjunction with the Ministerial Association and the Christian Conciliation Board for the betterment of our ministers and for the glory of God. – Kent Ross

Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The Retirement Association provides retirement benefits for Church of God pastors and employees of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference and their families. There are thirty-four participating pastors/staff members, one non-participating pastor, forty churches, and state conferences. Total assets connected with the retirement program are \$1,389,285.

Members of the association will meet at this summer's Conference to review the work of the association and to take action on a proposed amendment to the rules and regulations.

The Trustees of the association are Gary Burnham, Bill Gaspar, and David Krogh.

Cost Centers by Function

Below is the proposed general operating budget for 2001-2002 classified by function.

ABC:	Expense	Income	Covered by Contributions
<i>Instruction</i>	\$100,772	\$23,000	\$77,772
<i>Student Service</i> – admissions, counseling, financial aid administration, registration, student organizations	38,015	23,000	15,015
<i>Student Grants</i>	39,000	33,250	5,750
<i>Academic Support</i> – library, lending library, audio visual services	22,547	0	22,547
<i>Institutional Support</i> – board, investment, alumni relations, audit, fund raising, printing, public relations, purchasing, telephone, transportation, reception, recruitment, staff training, gospel teams, vehicles	172,090	133,150	38,940
<i>Plant</i> – maintenance, utilities, property insurance	63,490	40,600	22,890
<i>Business</i> – housing, rental property, book- keeping, mailing, sales, computer	40,547	14,000	26,547
<i>Totals for ABC</i>	\$476,462	\$267,000	209,461
Church/Pastor Services:			
<i>Youth</i>	\$22,208	0	\$22,208
<i>Christian Education</i>	7,732	0	7,732
<i>Missions Administration</i>	7,902	0	7,902
<i>Outreach</i> – Church Builders, Church Aid, Church Planting, Summer Ministries	75,254	10,900	64,354
<i>Media</i> – Publishing, Radio/TV	124,005	74,500	49,505
<i>Senior Ministry</i>	2,377	0	2,377
<i>Pastor Support</i> - aid to Ministerial Associa- tion, Licensing, Retirement	11,900	0	11,900
<i>Conciliation</i>	2,810	0	2,810
<i>Institutional Support</i> – board, investment, audit, fund raising, printing, public relations, purchasing, telephone, transportation, recep- tion, staff training, vehicles	67,180	45,300	21,880
<i>Plant</i> – maintenance, utilities, property insurance	21,098	0	21,098
<i>Business</i> – bookkeeping, mailing, computer	27,763	0	27,763
<i>Totals for Church/Pastor Services</i>	\$370,228	\$132,900	\$239,529
Grand Totals	\$846,690	\$397,700	\$448,990

Explanation of Budget

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

STAFF:

Salary and Wages	\$429,800
Social Security	\$9,800
Employee Benefits	\$35,000

SERVICES:

Assist. to Churches	\$34,190
Ministerial Assoc.	\$6,000
Youth Ministry	\$5,000

SALES EXPENSES:

Printing and Binding	\$58,000
Postage	\$23,000
Purchases – Book Store	\$9,000
Purchases – Cook Material	\$13,000
Royalties	\$200

ABC:

Basic Grants	\$36,000
Clayton Rebates	\$3,000
Advertising-Recruitment	\$3,000
Library Periodicals	\$3,000
Library Books	\$3,000
Period., Books, Dues	\$3,000
Staff Education	\$2,500
Program Development	\$1,000

ADMINISTRATION:

Travel	\$38,000
Motor Vehicle Exp.	\$6,000
Office Supplies and Expense	\$8,000
Professional Services	\$4,000
Telephone	\$17,000
Insurance – non-plant	\$1,500
Supplies and Expense	\$12,500
Repairs/Maintenance – non-plant	\$6,000

PLANT EXPENSES:

Utilities	\$25,000
Property Insurance	\$7,500
Repairs & Maint.	\$7,500
Furniture and Equipment	\$8,000
Supplies and Expense	\$4,500

MISCELLANEOUS:

Other	\$3,700
Contingency	\$20,000

TOTAL \$846,690

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

SALES:

S.S. Material	\$51,000
Books, Tracts	\$10,000
Subscriptions	\$8,500

ABC:

Tuition	\$115,000
Housing	\$32,000
Laundry	\$1,400
Late Fees/Rent	\$1,500
Fees	\$1,000

MISCELLANEOUS:

ABCD Interest	\$66,500
Interest	\$1,200
Rent	\$7,200
Other	\$1,500
Transfers In	\$6,000
Bequest Distribution	\$4,900
Transfer from Morgan Fund	\$90,000

TOTAL EARNED INCOME \$397,700

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

Contributions approved for 00-01

The proposed budget for July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 will fund the following programs and activities of the College/Conference in accordance with our mission.

Anticipated Expenses

- Salaries and Wages – compensation is provided for 22 employees (6 part-time editors, 2 part-time coordinators, 2 part-time student workers, 1 ten-month instructor, 1 five-month instructor, and 10 full-time workers. This category also includes support for Summer Ministry team members.)
- Social Security – amount matched by the employer
- Employee Benefits – health insurance, workmen’s compensation, conference premium for Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, and registration fee for summer General Conference.
- Assistance to Churches – funds provided for eight churches on a declining scale of payments each year.
- Ministerial Association – support for programs and other expenses of the Church of God Ministerial Association.
- Youth Ministry – funding to help subsidize the cost of the annual R.Y.O.T.
- Printing and Binding – includes all materials printed by the College/Conference and the binding of permanent materials for the Library.
- Postage – Shipping charges for the *Progress Journal*, the *Restitution Herald*, *A Journal from the Radical Reformation*, tracts, books, and all correspondence.
- Purchases - Bookstore – textbooks and other materials, which are purchased for resale.
- Bookstore – Cook material – Creative Teaching Aid Packets and other Cook material that is resold as a part of our Sunday School Curriculum.
- Royalties – fees paid for the use of the David C. Cook curriculum and copyrighted material used in our publications.
- Basic Grants – assistance to ABC students in the amount of up to \$110 per semester hour to subsidize their tuition at ABC.
- Clayton Rebates – during the first three semesters of education, ABC students who attend Clayton College and State University are eligible for a rebate to offset the out of state tuition until they can establish residency.
- Advertising - Recruitment – includes travel, telephone calls, printing, and postage primarily to promote ABC.
- Library Periodicals – religious and theological journals and other magazines for the Library collection.
- Library Books – newly published books are acquired to keep the Library collection up-to-date.
- Periodicals, Books, Dues – a small allowance is provided to professional staff to purchase resource material for classes and to participate in professional organizations.
- Staff Education – professional staff members are encouraged to attend at least one seminar each year to remain current in their field of study.
- Program Development – the purchase of resources to enhance teaching programs at ABC and for the Lending Library.
- Travel – includes travel for Board members, advisory committees, special boards and committees, Gospel Teams, Summer Ministries, and staff.
- Motor Vehicle Expense – license plates, insurance, and maintenance for three vehicles.
- Office Supplies – paper, printer cartridges, stationary, envelopes, etc.
- Professional Services – cost of an annual audit and annual fees to accrediting association.
- Telephone – basic and long distance service, including the cost of all “800” number calls which are provided toll free to the caller.

25. Insurance - non-plant – liability insurance for employees and directors.
26. Supplies and Expense – printing supplies, piano tuning, towel and paper products, and other operational expenses.
27. Repairs/Maintenance - non-plant – maintenance agreements and repairs for office and library equipment.
28. Plant Expenses – includes all expenses for buildings and property.
29. Contingency – this budget is being prepared 15 months before the fiscal year begins. This item provides for adjustments when the fiscal year begins on July 1, 2001.
30. Vehicle Replacement – money is set aside in a restricted account to be available when a vehicle needs to be replaced.

Anticipated Income

1. Sunday School Materials – includes all sales of Sunday School Curriculum.
2. Books, Tracts – sale of textbooks as well as other materials to the membership and the public.
3. Subscriptions – subscriptions for the *Restitution Herald* are \$13 per year, \$24 for two years, \$33 for three years; *A Journal from the Radical Reformation* is \$24 per year.
4. Tuition – income is based upon projected enrollment of the equivalent of twenty-five students at ABC taking an average of 12 credit hours (students are also enrolled for additional hours at Clayton College) and 20 extension students taking an average of 3 semester hours during the year.
5. Housing – rent received from ten apartments on the College Campus.
6. Laundry – income from laundry facilities in apartment building.
7. Late Fees/Rent and Fees – interest income and registration fees from students.
8. ABCDF – transfer of interest income from the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation.
9. Interest – money earned on checking account through the year.
10. Transfers In – funding for Church Planting is supplemented by restricted trust funds.
12. Bequest Distribution – the College/Conference is the recipient of annuity payments on a contract of a deceased member.
13. Transfer from Morgan Fund to subsidize budget.
14. Contributions Needed – to accomplish the goals of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, contributions of \$448,190 will be needed from churches, conferences, and individual families. This is approximately \$37,000 per month.

In 1999, churches, conferences, and groups gave over \$183,000 to the Goal for Giving. We are thankful for this faithful giving and encourage each member church to designate a portion of its income to assist with the work of the College/Conference.

To close the gap between contributions needed and the amount provided by churches, conferences, and groups, we rely upon faithful giving of individuals and families. Approximately \$265,000 is needed in contributions from individuals and families. In 1999, 518 giving individuals/families contributed an average of \$248 during the year. There is a need for additional support from an additional 500 individuals/families to help underwrite the work of the College and Conference in order to reach the Goal for Giving for 2001-2002.

NOMINATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Roger Crocker was born in Spartanburg, SC in 1949. He is a member of the Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC and has been a member since 1963. He graduated from Draughtons Business College with studies involving business administration and accounting. Roger has retired from the life insurance industry after 24 years. He served as secretary treasurer, vice president and then president of the National Association of Life Underwriters. He also served on the Board of Directors for the same organization.

His civic activities included serving as a youth baseball coach a scout master with Blue Ridge Council BSA, and an Eagle Scout. He served on the board of directors of the Carolina High School Athletic Booster Club for 5 years; and served a term as President for 2 years.

Roger has been married to Patricia for 30 years, and is the father of Matthew who is 24 years of age. Roger's parents were V.M. and Leila Crocker, both long-time members of the Bethel Church of God. He is the grandson of William J. & Emma Hammond; who were charter members of Guthrie Grove, Church of God.

Roger has been involved as a Sunday School teacher for 10 years, and a S.S. Superintendent for five years. He has served as a Trustee and as Deacon for a total of 23 years. In that time he also served a term as board chairman. He has been involved on a weekly basis with the Pastoral Prayer Team for 9 years. Roger is consistently involved with the outreach programs of the local church and supports them with his time, talent and resources. He has worked at the southeast camps and is currently a member of the Southeast Conference Board, as Vice President. Roger also is serving as Chairman of the Church planting & renewal committee for the South East Conference.

Roger feels the work of the College and Conference is crucial to our bonding together to reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. He sees the role of the General Conference as giving the leadership and vision necessary to encourage the local churches with their work of ministering the love of God. He sees their role as providing opportunities and planning for reaching the lost in ways that we could not do alone or individually.

Roger sees the work of the Bible College as training men and women for ministry and equipping them to share our unique and important message with the world. He believes the doctrines of the Church of God, those things commonly believed among us, are crucial and should be taught, defended and maintained with integrity.

Roger would like to see more students being trained for ministry such as, music, lay ministry, children's ministry and counseling. He also sees the need for instruction and education for those who will be in bivocational ministries.

Recruitment for the Bible College is a priority with Roger as well as creating opportunities in the local churches for those who cannot attend the College.

He sees the need for the General Conference to support small and/or isolated churches and members to keep them alive and active with their particular gifts and callings. All churches, no matter how big or small, isolated or not, can be of great service to the work of the Lord.

Roger is excited about the opportunities we are experiencing overseas with our missions work, and is looking forward to supporting them as well as seeking out new mission fields through the Lord's Harvest International.

— Southeast Conference

Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Recommendation

Action will be taken by the delegates at the Summer Conference on the following items:

Constitutional Amendment, Article II Section 1

The Board of Directors would like to propose the following amendment to the Constitution of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference regarding delegate representation at the Summer General Conference:

Article II Section 1, Current Constitution: "Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Proposed Change: "Each member church which has held at least twenty-four services during the year, and which has made a financial contribution to the operating budget of the College/Conference, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Explanation: Two of our smaller churches have expressed a concern about the Constitutional requirement that a member church must have fifteen or more members in order to be entitled to delegate representation. These two churches both have weekly services and make financial contributions to the General Conference but they do not have fifteen or more active members. They have requested a revision to the Constitution, which would allow them to have delegate representation.

The Board is suggesting that it is reasonable that a member church have at least twenty-four services through the year, which would be two per month. The term "preaching" services has been deleted because some of our smaller churches may not officially have a "sermon," but they may have singing and a Bible study.

The provision to require a contribution specifically does not say how much that contribution needs to be. It has been a suggestion of the Board in the past, that even our smallest churches should be able to make a contribution of \$100-200 per year. Churches that are sending delegates to vote on a budget and activities that require funding should participate financially in helping to underwrite these actions.

Constitutional Amendment, Article IV, Section 5

The Board of Directors proposes the following change in Article IV Section 5: Current Constitution: "Nominations printed in the Progress Journal will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship."

Proposed Revision: "Nominations printed in the Progress Journal will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than *one more nomination than the number of directorships.*"

Explanation: Several times in recent years, there have been insufficient nominees to meet the Constitutional requirement. This proposed revision reduces the number of candidates required to close nominations. If approved by the delegates, this

amendment will take effect immediately and will apply to nominations at this summer's Conference.

Recommendation

An Organizational Task Force was created by delegate action at the 1998 Summer Conference. The Board of Directors appointed Larry Johnson, Hector, MN, Chairman; Norman Chandler, Anderson, SC; Donna Deane, Springfield, OH; Tim Jones, Tempe, AZ; and Jim Ring, Metamora, IL to serve on the task force.

At the 1999 Conference, the task force presented a draft of a report that called for a restructuring of the College/Conference. At the April 2000 meeting of the Board, the Task Force presented a revised plan that was endorsed by the Board and is hereby presented as a recommendation to the delegates:

Revise the current organizational chart. Revisions include a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and a change in the title of Vice President of the College to President of the College. In addition there will be an Implementation Team for two (2) years which will help facilitate an expedient change in the work of the College and Conference.

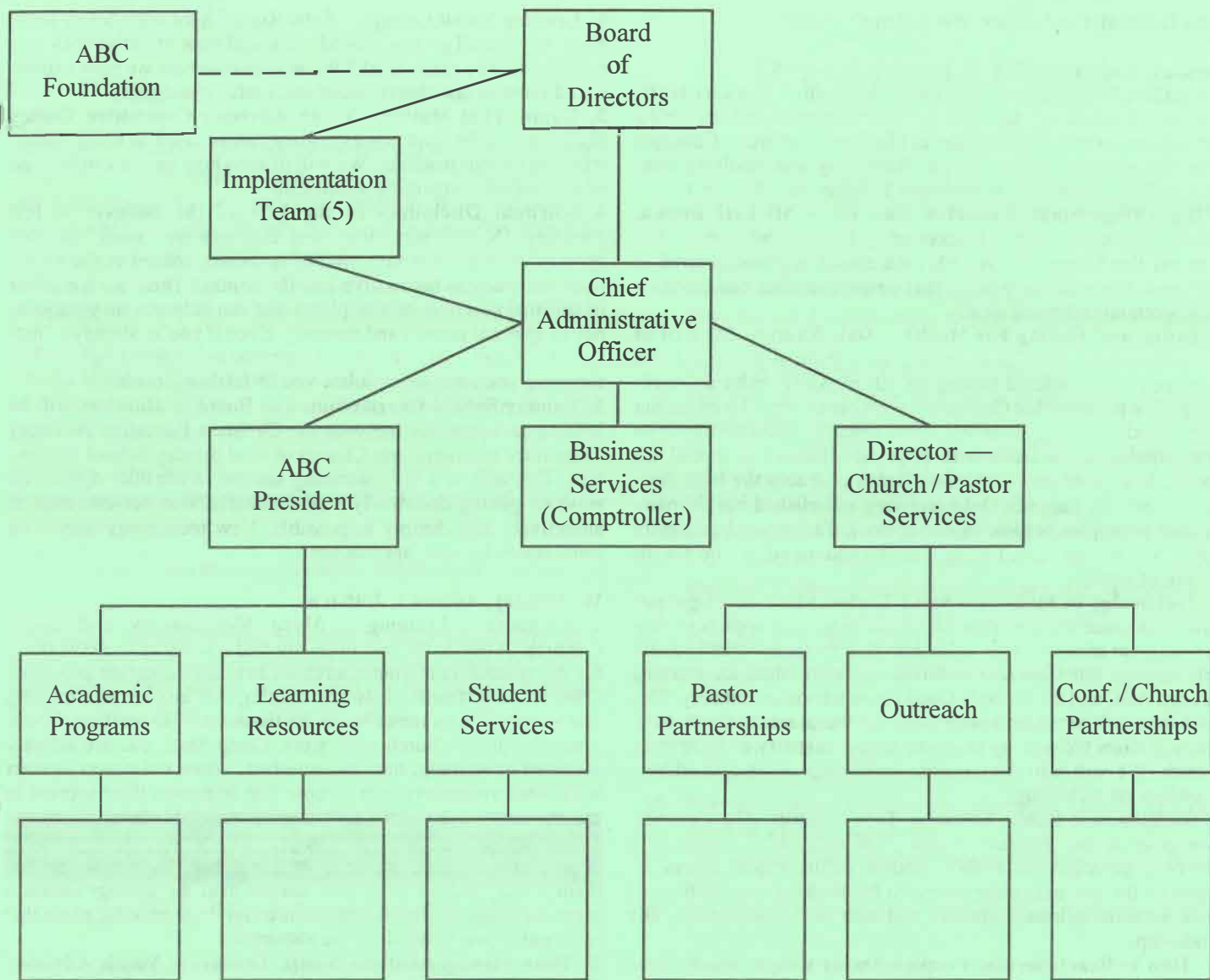
Rationale for Changes in the Organizational Structure

The recommended changes reflect a major reorganization. The current structure has not been entirely effective in facilitating forward movement in the Church of God. The results of the work of the Conference and College were briefly reviewed by the task force. We do not have a sufficient number of leaders being prepared, our churches have not grown significantly, and reportedly there is general apathy toward the work of the Conference among the churches, pastors, and membership. An organizational structure cannot be held totally responsible for all that happens in the College and Conference and the Church of God. However, the organizational structure and the personnel responsibilities can certainly reflect the placement of priorities. A change in the structure can provide us with a sharpened focus and a renewed vigor in our need to fulfill the Great Commission. The leadership of the College and the Conference must be in a position to initiate change and be held responsible for the outcomes of College/Conference initiatives. We need to explore radical re-design to assure change.

A major shift is recommended in order to increase the focus on preparation of leadership for the Church of God. The focus of the shift will be on expanding the College, its work of preparation of leadership, and its visibility. In order to fulfill any of our purposes noted in the constitution and to follow through on the recent recommendations approved by the delegates, there needs to be a shift in our priorities and the way in which we expend resources.

The proposed organizational chart is being presented to the delegates for consideration. The task force is not making any recommendations for people to the positions – we've focused on building a structure that will best meet the purposes of the Church of God. Notes on the proposed organizational chart:

- A triumvirate would provide the leadership for the College and Conference: A Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the President of Atlanta Bible College, and the Director of Church/Pastor Services. The CAO will provide the coordination for all leadership responsibilities and will report directly to the Board of Directors. The President of the College and the Director of Church/Pastor Services will report to the CAO and will attend all



Board meetings and will also submit a report to the Board in relation to their set of responsibilities.

- The Comptroller will report directly to the CAO.
- An Implementation Team will be appointed for a period of two (2) years to assist with the organizational change. The purpose of the implementation team is to provide a panel of experts from outside of the current College/Conference staff who can augment staff changes and who can bring additional ideas to the table for change. Members of the Implementation Team will include the Board Chairperson, one other Board member and three (3) individuals from the current organizational task force who have expertise in organizational change and administration. Over the two years they will work closely with the CAO as well as the College President and the Church/Pastor Services Director to provide extra resources for making the change and to develop and expand the College, its work and its visibility.
- Right now approximately 50% of the expended resources are for the College. In order to institute change and place a priority on the development of leadership, it is estimated that 70% of the resources over the next three years should be allotted to the College.
- It is estimated that the budgetary impact of the proposed change would be approximately 10% of the total budget. After

the first two years when the Implementation Team is finished with its work, the costs would be further reduced. It is also assumed that approval of this recommendation would supersede action by delegates at the 1998 Summer Conference in which they voted to create a full or part-time Spiritual Life/Evangelism Coordinator position. With additional leadership included in the new organizational structure, this area could likely be handled by the Director of Church/Pastor Services, which would also reduce budgetary impact. The expected outcomes would be increased student enrollment, increased leadership preparation, and church growth.

Action To Be Taken

If approved by the delegates, the Implementation Team will immediately initiate plans for change in the organization. At this time, no names have been confirmed on any part of the organizational chart. All personnel and personnel additions, as well as their job titles would be identified and recommended to the Board by January 2001. The CAO and the Implementation Team along with the President of the College and the Director of Church/Pastor Relations would immediately begin to develop the strategies for change and the implementation of change.

2000 General Conference Workshops

Tuesday, August 1, 1:30 p.m.

1. Conflict Resolution in the Small Church – Michael Hoffman and Joe James. The Christian Conciliation Board attended a seminar on conflict resolution in the small church. Concepts from that seminar will be shared. Preventing and resolving conflicts will be considered. (Continued Tuesday, at 2:45 p.m.)

2. Big Things Small Churches Can Do – Michael Brown. Church smallness does not necessarily indicate inferiority. Experts say that being small is a plus if a church capitalizes upon its strengths. We will study ways that small churches can discover their potential and build on it.

3. Eating and Fasting For Health – Dale Ramsey. Most of us are aware of the benefits of fasting as a spiritual discipline; but have we ever considered fasting for our physical health and well-being? Is it possible that God may have a better way of treating our high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, etc.? Our first impulse, when faced with physical ailments, is to call the doctor. In an emergency situation that is probably the wise decision. However, James 5:13-16 and long established health maintenance principles get lost in our options. Fasting and eating for health will be considered in light of the command to care for the temple of God.

4. Technology in Ministry – Steve Taylor. Many developments have been made this past year with technology as it applies to ministry and our mission. This workshop will focus on what is available through our General Conference website, distance learning through ABC and the Today's Good News television ministry. This workshop will assist you with some of the practical "how-to's" that will allow technology to enhance your ministry and Christian growth. We will also demonstrate technology tools and address questions on technology.

5. Religion in a Public School – Tom Schmitt. *The Constitution gives people freedom of and from religion.* A pastor who serves as principal for a 480+ student public school shares insights on the law and public access to the students and facilities of OUR schools. Ministry options will also be highlighted in this workshop.

6. How to Reach Secular People – David Krogh. Much of the growth in churches today is transfer growth – people moving from one church to another. This class will present highlights from a book by George Hunter on reaching secular people.

Tuesday, August 1, 2:45 p.m.

1. Conflict Resolution in the Small Church – Michael Hoffman and Joe James. (This is a continuation from 1:30 p.m. See explanation above.)

2. Following in His Shoes – Lord's Harvest International. We exist to bring glory to God through our worship. Missions exist because true worship does not. God's desire is that all mankind worship Him. That will only exist if and as we take the Kingdom message to them. We will look at the life of Jesus and see through His example how to be a discipler.

3. Sunday School Superintendent/Workers Forum – Carol Ring. Making the most of Sunday morning ... Discussion/sharing time, take-home ideas to use and share, plus a "freebie table" of useable items.

Wednesday, August 2, 1:30 p.m.

1. Seven Habits of a Visitor Friendly Church – Chris Seiders. Is my church visitor friendly? How do I know? If you don't know or don't like your answers to these questions, this workshop will discuss ideas for becoming better equipped to minister to your guests.

2. Leading Small Groups – Seth Ross. There are a lot of ideas about how small groups should work and how effective they are, but how do they really work? We will discuss how we have experienced them in our church, both successfully and not.

3. Games That Matter – Youth Advisory Committee. Games don't have to be time wasters. They can be used to bring understanding to your teaching. We will discuss how games can be used to accomplish something significant.

4. Spiritual Disciplines in the Life of the Believer – Jeff Fletcher. Do you sometimes feel that you are "stuck" in your spiritual growth? Are you tired of splashing around in the kiddie pool and ready to take a dive into the depths? There are a number of spiritual practices or disciplines that can help you on your journey to spiritual growth and maturity. Even if you're already a "mature" Christian, this overview of Spiritual disciplines might be just the thing you need to stimulate you to further growth.

5. Sunday School Curriculum. The Board of Directors will be holding an open meeting with the Christian Education Advisory Committee to discuss our Church of God Sunday School curriculum. This will be a brainstorming session to consider options on ways of getting doctrinally sound material into our churches as attractively and cheaply as possible. New technology may open some doors for new approaches.

Wednesday, August 2, 2:45 p.m.

1. Shepherd's Training – Myra Montgomery and Gayle Guthrie. When is the last time you had a training or networking for the volunteers in your church's Christian Education program? What is the difference between training that inspires and training that simply fills up time? When SS teachers, VBS workers, Youth Leaders, Junior Church volunteers, Camp Staff, etc. are actively involved in learning, they are enriched. When volunteers interact with other volunteers over a topic that improves their success in the classroom NEXT WEEK, they're enriched. When Christian Education Staff is consistently shown a better way through meaningful, life-changing training, we keep them longer, we stretch them wider, and we feed them deeper than the average commitment they sign up for. Come learn triumphant training plans that will enable you to do all of the above!

2. Time Management for Youth Leaders – Youth Advisory Committee. Youth workers rarely have enough time. Handling what time you have wisely will increase your effectiveness in youth work.

3. Christology Issues – Anthony Buzzard. A discussion of the nature of Jesus and the Bible vs. orthodoxy.

Wednesday, August 2, 4:00 p.m.

1. Senior Ministries – Jack Hearp. An excellent book "THE AGE WAVE WAKE UP CALL!" stresses how vital it is for the church to recognize the need to reach this fastest growing segment of the population. It is currently growing at THREE TIMES THE POPULATION RATE! The purpose of this class will be to explore: 1. How to start a Senior Ministry program at your church, and "reach out" to neighbors and friends 2. The "Biblical basis" for a Senior Adult Ministry 3. Suggested ideas and program ideas that have been used very successfully by our churches and others.

2. Trinity Issues – Anthony Buzzard. A discussion of the nature of Jesus and the Bible vs. orthodoxy.

3. Finding The Way Back to Mayberry – Myra Montgomery. Upon first glance, "The Andy Griffith Show" is extremely funny. The comical interaction between the characters of Mayberry will never be duplicated. But if you look a little closer, you begin to see some deeper values. This show routinely portrayed some of the basic principles and morals that we as Christians hold very dear to our hearts. Learn how to use videos of episodes to conduct a very meaningful, applicable Bible Study for all ages!

Prayer and Praise

June 2000

placing your name on a list, we will notify you when a church has a need for a work team. Please call 800-347-4261, or e-mail info@abc-coggc.org, or send your name to Work Teams, Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260. For more information about the work team concept, contact Board Member Robert Huddleston at tbcbob@juno.com or at 16440 Fairfield Lane, Granger, IN 46530 Phone 219-272-4586.

Position Available

Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference needs to fill a full time position in our Maintenance Department. For additional information call Gary Burnham at 800-347-4261.

Directory Correction

E-mail address for Gatesville, TX Church of God - kb5czh@htcomp.net

Pastor Dennis Baldwin — gracetou@Q-Express.net

Scholarship Correction

The Delbert Jones Memorial Scholarship was inadvertently omitted from the list of scholarships and grants for Atlanta Bible College during 1999 which were listed in the January/February PROGRESS JOURNAL. We regret this oversight.

- 1 **Pray for the Atlanta Bible College students as they make decisions for the future.**
- 2 Pray for believers in the Philippine islands.
- 3 **Praise God for the beauty of His creation.**
- 4 Pray that God might speak to you through the services of your church today.
- 5 **Pray for boldness to share your faith.**
- 6 Pray for John Nelson in his work as Youth pastor at Blessed Hope Bible Church, Rockford, IL.
- 7 **Pray for Pastor Dan and Charlotte Fyfe and their work at Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville, NC.**
- 8 Praise God for His power and knowledge.
- 9 **Pray for the ministry of your local church.**
- 10 Praise God for those who regularly remember our Conference and College with their prayers and contributions.
- 11 **Praise God for your pastor and his family and their dedication to ministry.**
- 12 Pray for Pastor James and Linda Hill and the work at Royal, AR.
- 13 **Praise God and your family and circle of friends.**
- 14 Pray for final preparations for the summer General Conference next month.
- 15 **Pray for Pastor Gordon and Barbara Landry and the work at Flagg Center, IL.**
- 16 Pray for those who are listening to the Focus on the Kingdom Radio Program.
- 17 **Pray for Pastor Sydney and Deirdre Kirkpatrick and the work at Pine Grove, MN.**
- 18 Praise God for your father.
- 19 **Pray for the Midwest Family Camp at Camp Mack this week.**
- 20 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 21 **Pray for Pastor Beder Ucanay and the believers in Lima, Peru.**
- 22 Pray for 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, who are serving in the Middle East.
- 25 **Pray for God's direction in future mission efforts.**
- 26 Pray for God's direction in the preparation for R.Y.O.T. (Youth Congress).
- 27 **Praise God for your church family.**
- 28 Pray for the Summer Ministries teams as they work in churches this summer.
- 29 **Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the College/Conference.**
- 30 Praise God for the dedication of the College/Conference staff.

Calendar of Events

June 18-23	Midwest Family Camp, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
July 16-21	RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN
July 31-August 3	80th Annual Summer Conference, Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, IL
August 16	ABC students arrive on campus for fall semester
September 17	ABC Booster Sunday
November 3, 4	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
December 11, 12	ABC Final Exams
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January 8	ABC registration for second semester
February 16-18	10th Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta Bible College
April 1-6	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
May 4	ABC Graduation
July 6-8	81st Annual General Conference, Atlanta, GA
July 15-20	RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN

Prayer and Praise

July 2000

- 1 **Pray that God might move the Church of God forward in new areas of ministry.**
- 2 Pray that many will hear God's call into full-time Christian service.
- 3 **Pray for the soon return of Jesus.**
- 4 Praise God for the leadership of your church family.
- 5 **Praise God for His great love shown to us by the sacrifice of His Son.**
- 6 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.
- 7 **Pray for Pastor Dan and Amy Kennedy and the work at Sharpsburg, GA.**
- 8 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's message tomorrow.
- 9 **Praise God for efforts being made to plant new churches.**
- 10 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 11 **Pray for Pastor Russell and Joyce Magaw and the work at Eden Valley, MN.**
- 12 Pray for Pastor James and Rebecca Ritch and the work at Lenoir, NC.
- 13 **Praise God for the continuing opportunities to present the Gospel of the Kingdom over the radio, short wave, and the Internet.**
- 14 Pray for a great hunger and thirst for righteousness in your church.
- 15 **Praise God for the many people in our churches who have been baptized recently.**
- 16 Pray for safety for those traveling to RYOT (Youth Congress) today.
- 17 **Pray for Pastor Michael Mattison and the work at Baton Rouge, LA.**
- 18 Pray for workers in Ghana who first had contact with the Church of God through Pastor Oliver Amani.
- 19 **Pray for the staff of RYOT and the influence they are having on the young people.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Emory Macy and his work in Weiser, ID.
- 21 **Pray for the safety for those traveling home from RYOT today.**
- 22 Pray for Pastor Hollis and Hilda Partlowe and the work at Dixon, IL.
- 23 **Pray for those who have enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course over the Internet.**
- 24 Pray that God will lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.
- 25 **Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Mexico.**
- 26 Pray for new students to enroll at Atlanta Bible College this fall.
- 27 **Pray for Pastor John and Alice Railton and the work at Timberland, IN.**
- 28 Pray for the Bible schools being conducted by the Summer Ministries teams.
- 29 **Pray for Freedom in Christ Ministries and Pastor Stephen and Joyce Bolhaus.**
- 30 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 31 **Pray for those traveling to the summer General Conference today.**

ADDITIONAL SUMMER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The telephone number of Cliffbreakers Conference Center in Rockford, Illinois is 815-282-3033.

For those flying to Conference, there is bus service between Chicago's O'Hare Airport and Rockford. The Peoria Rockford Bus Company has a bus that leaves from the bus/shuttle center at O'Hare at the following times: 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.; noon; 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. Passengers should exit the bus at the Sweden House in Rockford. Members of the Winnebago New Life Church will provide transportation from Sweden House to Cliffbreakers Conference Center. The bus arrives in Rockford about two hours after departure from O'Hare. On the registration form, please indicate your estimated arrival time at the Sweden House.

Following Conference, there are bus departures from the Sweden House at 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 a.m.; and 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:55, 8:55 p.m. The bus arrives at O'Hare approximately two hours after departure from Sweden House. An additional hour and a half should be allowed between arrival at O'Hare and the departure of your flight.

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

For those arriving early, the Family Bible Fellowship in Rockford extends a special invitation to their services on Sunday morning. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served following the morning service.

In the afternoon, early arrivers are invited to travel west of Rockford to Winnebago to see the site of the new building for Winnebago New Life Church.

The Beloit Wisconsin New Life Church will host a meal at 5:00 p.m., followed by a time of praise and worship at 6:00 p.m.

On Monday, July 31, pre-conference mini workshops will be held (see page A for list).

Extra rooms are available at the hotel for Saturday and Sunday nights, July 29 and 30, for those who arrive early. The flat rate is \$84 per room (1-4 persons in the room). A continental breakfast is included in the room rate.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Nursery

A free nursery will be provided for children three years of age and younger, Monday evening 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:45 a.m.; 1:30-3:45 p.m.; 7:00-8:30 p.m.; and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please check the box on the registration form to schedule this free service.

Four Years Through Sixth Grade

Classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:45 a.m.; 1:30-3:45 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include singing, story time, crafts and play time.

A Junior Church program will be offered during the evening services.

Seventh Grade Through High School

A limited number of youth activities are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Young people will participate in the regular Conference schedule when they are not involved in their own special programming.

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Distance Learning Program

Atlanta Bible College will offer a distance learning program this fall. Each Wednesday evening, August 23, 30, September 6 and 13, Anthony Buzzard and Kent Ross will be teaching a basic Bible doctrine class from 7:00-8:30 p.m. eastern daylight time. This course will be streamed over the Internet and can be received on a computer. For this initial experimental project, a maximum of ten churches are being invited to participate in this course. By downloading real player and instant messenger, participants will be able to watch the live lecture, to ask questions of the instructor, and be fully involved in a dynamic study of basic teachings of the Bible. This experimental course will be offered without charge.

Churches interested in this initial offering should contact Kent Ross at 800-347-4261. For individuals who may miss the live streaming, the lecture will be archived and will be available for up to one week following the lecture.

College Choir

A choir concert was held the evening of May 3 in the college chapel. Choir director Paul Cook combined the ABC choir with the Morrow Presbyterian Church choir to present a beautiful concert. A number of attenders were present from the Morrow Presbyterian Church, New



Friends Church, Cornerstone Church, and the Korean American Community Church.

Youth Workers Seminar

General Conference Youth Coordinator, Jon Cheatwood, and Youth Advisory Committee member Seth Ross, held a seminar for youth workers who work with young people seventh grade through post high. The seminar was hosted by the Timberland Church in South Bend, IN.

Women's Seminar

The Winnebago New Life Church in Winnebago, IL sponsored a women's conference the last weekend of April. The theme of the conference was "Awaken My Heart, O Lord!" Approximately one hundred women attended. Shelly Spickler directed the event.



Pictured at the left are ABC Staff members who participated in graduation. (Left to right, Paul Cook, Jon Cheatwood, Kent Ross, Dr. Joe Martin, Steve Taylor, Anthony Buzzard, David Krogh, and Gary Burnham.)

REGISTRATION FORM
 2000 Annual General Conference
 Rockford, IL – July 31 – August 3

1. _____
 First Last Name

 Street

 City State Zip

 Phone

 Age (if under 18)

2. Workshop Preferences
 (1:30 p.m.) Tues. _____ Wed. _____
 (2:45 p.m.) Tues. _____ Wed. _____
 (4:00 p.m.) Wed. _____

3. Fees — Number per room _____ \$ _____
 Name(s) of person(s) sharing room

4. Babysitting Service FREE
 Children's names and ages

5. Pastor Discount, if applicable \$ _____

6. Fees (line 3 minus line 5) \$ _____

7. Extra Lodging Sat. Sun. \$ _____

8. Amount Enclosed \$ _____

9. BALANCE DUE \$ _____

10. I wish to help with special music

11. I am flying and will plan to arrive at Sweden
 House: _____ at _____
 (day) (time)

Early-bird fees apply June 30 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 workshop and adult preferences, by number, from the chart found on page L of the JOURNAL.
3. Conference Fees: (all inclusive)
Housing is in air-conditioned rooms with private bath. Please indicate the number of occupants per room and *name* the persons sharing your room. If the names of those in the room are not listed, we cannot guarantee the desired arrangements.
Meals begin with the Monday evening meal and end with breakfast Thursday. Continental breakfasts only for those staying at Conference Center.

	Early-Bird*	Regular
4 to a room	\$170	\$190
3 to a room	\$190	\$210
2 to a room	\$230	\$250
1 to a room	\$356	\$376
Children under 5, no charge		
Children 5 to 10 (assuming at least two others in a room)	\$130	\$150
Commuters (with meals but no lodging)	\$105	\$125
Children 5 to 10	\$55	\$65
Commuters (no meals and no lodging)	\$25	\$25
Children 5 to 10	\$10	\$10

* Registration postmarked by June 30, 2000

4. Free babysitting service. Service will be provided for children two years and under Monday from 7:00-8:30; Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:45, 1:30-3:45, and 7:00-8:30; and Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please list children's name(s) and age(s).
5. Active and retired pastors and their families (children living at home) may subtract 10% of the amount on line 3. Put this amount on line 5.
6. Fees due (line 3 minus line 5).
7. Extra lodging is available. The flat rate is \$84 per room for 1-4 persons.
8. Please indicate the amount sent with registration. *Note: A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is required.*
9. Balance due (if any). **Visa or Mastercard accepted at Conference.**
10. Please check this box if you wish to help with special music.

Send your check with completed registration form to: Church of God General Conference, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

Any special meal or housing requests need to accompany your application.

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College / Conference News

Bequests Received

Earlier this year, a bequest was received from the estate of William Enoch Boyer (1900-1999) who was a long-time member of the Church of God in the Virginia Conference. W. E. Boyer attended the Fort Valley Church for many years and was also active in the Virginia Conference.

A bequest was also received from the estate of Elmo J. Gaspar (1919-1999), a long-time leader and faithful member of the Eden Valley Church of God in Minnesota. Elmo was also a former member of the Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference.

We are so thankful for the support these individuals gave to our work during their lifetime, and we also are grateful for their decision to remember our work at the time of their death.

ABC Scholarships Offered

Atlanta Bible College will offer a \$1,000 scholarship to each individual who is a member of the All-Star Quiz Team at this summer's RYOT. Atlanta Bible College wants to encourage and support the Bible quizzing program of our national youth department.

If not used immediately, the scholarship will be available through two years following the student's graduation from high school. The scholarship will apply to the fall semester the first time a student enrolls at the Bible College. It will be granted in addition to other scholarships and grants normally available to first-time students. Only one all-star quizzing scholarship will be available per student.

Positions to be Filled

At the summer Conference, two positions will be filled on the Board of Directors. Additional nominees are needed for these two positions.

There will also be an election for a position on the Youth Advisory Committee. The term of Pastor David Riley expires. Advisory Committee positions have a term of four years. Incumbents may succeed themselves.

Appointments

Gary Burnham has been appointed by the Board of Directors to another term as chairman of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. This is a four-year term.

Travis Hamilton has been appointed to serve on the Lord's Harvest International Mission Board. His term will begin following the summer General Conference.

Ken Millard has been appointed to serve on the Investment Committee of the College/Conference. Members of the Investment Committee provide consultation on the investment of College/Conference restricted funds.

Recognition for Outstanding Initiatives

The Church of God General Conference has a policy of recognizing outstanding local church initiatives in the area of evangelism and outreach. Such projects must be bold and aggressive, having a degree of risk. Recognition will consist of a monetary grant. Only one such award will be made annually. The granting of the award will not necessarily be based on the project's success. Please contact President David Krogh with reports of projects that might qualify for this recognition.

Staff Retreat

Members of the College/Conference staff met recently for an all-day retreat at a nearby farm/retreat center owned by members of the Cornerstone Bible Church. Gary Burnham, Kent Ross, and David Krogh led sessions during the day. A variety of topics were covered including a discussion of our vision, customer service, creating a good work environment, commitment to excellence, a review of the past school year, retention of students, and an assessment of our work to determine ways we can be more effective. The retreat provided a good time of staff interaction.



Church of God Progress Journal

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following two Constitutional Amendments are being published for consideration by delegates to the 80th Annual Church of God General Conference. The Constitution of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference requires that proposed amendments to the Constitution be published three times in *The Restitution Herald* and/or the PROGRESS JOURNAL prior to the summer Conference. The Conference will meet in Rockford, Illinois, July 31 to August 3.

Action will be taken by the delegates at the Summer Conference on the following items:

Constitutional Amendment, Article II Section 1

The Board of Directors would like to propose the following amendment to the Constitution of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference regarding delegate representation at the Summer General Conference:

Article II Section 1, Current Constitution: "Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Proposed Change: "Each member church which has held at least twenty-four services during the year, and which has made a financial contribution to the operating budget of the College/Conference, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

Explanation: Two of our smaller churches have expressed a concern about the Constitutional requirement that a member church must have fifteen or more members in order to be entitled to delegate representation. These two churches both have weekly services and make financial contributions to the General Conference but they do not have fifteen or more active members. They have requested a revision to the Constitution,

which would allow them to have delegate representation.

The Board is suggesting that it is reasonable that a member church have at least twenty-four services through the year, which would be two per month. The term "preaching" services has been deleted because some of our smaller churches may not officially have a "sermon," but they may have singing and a Bible study.

The provision to require a contribution specifically does not say how much that contribution needs to be. It has been a suggestion of the Board in the past, that even our smallest churches should be able to make a contribution of \$100-200 per year. Churches that are sending delegates to vote on a budget and activities that require funding should participate financially in helping to underwrite these actions.

Constitutional Amendment, Article IV, Section 5

The Board of Directors proposes the following change in Article IV Section 5: Current Constitution: "Nominations printed in the Progress Journal will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship."

Proposed Revision: "Nominations printed in the Progress Journal will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than *one more nomination than the number of directorships.*"

Explanation: Several times in recent years, there have been insufficient nominees to meet the Constitutional requirement. This proposed revision reduces the number of candidates required to close nominations. If approved by the delegates, this amendment will take effect immediately and will apply to nominations at this summer's Conference.

Nominations for Board of Directors

Roger Crocker

Roger Crocker was born in Spartanburg, SC in 1949. He is a member of the Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC and has been a member since 1963. He graduated from Draughons Business College with studies involving business administration and accounting. Roger has retired from the life insurance industry after 24 years. He served as secretary treasurer, vice president and then president of the National Association of Life Underwriters. He also served on the Board of Directors for the same organization.

His civic activities included serving as a youth baseball coach a scout master with Blue Ridge Council BSA, and an Eagle Scout. He served on the board of directors of the Carolina High School Athletic Booster Club for 5 years; and served a term as President for 2 years.

Roger has been married to Patricia for 30 years, and is the father of Matthew who is 24 years of age. Roger's parents were V.M. and Leila Crocker, both long-time members of the Bethel Church of God. He is the grandson of William J. & Emma Hammond; who were charter members of Guthrie Grove, Church of God.

Roger has been involved as a Sunday School teacher for 10 years, and a S.S. Superintendent for five years. He has served as a Trustee and as Deacon for a total of 23 years. In that time he also served a term as board chairman. He has been involved on a weekly basis with the Pastoral Prayer Team for 9 years. Roger is consistently involved with the outreach programs of the local church and supports them with his time, talent and resources. He has worked at the southeast camps and is currently a member of the Southeast Conference Board, as Vice President. Roger also is serving as Chairman of the Church planting & renewal committee for the South East Conference.

Roger feels the work of the College and Conference is crucial to our bonding together to reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. He sees the role of the General Conference as giving the leadership and vision necessary to encourage the local churches with their work of ministering the love of God. He sees their role as providing opportunities and planning for reaching the lost in ways that we could not do alone or individually.

Roger sees the work of the Bible College as training men and women for ministry and equipping them to share our unique and important message with the world. He believes the doctrines of the Church of God, those things commonly believed among us, are crucial and should be taught, defended and maintained with integrity.

Roger would like to see more students being trained for ministry such as, music, lay ministry, children's ministry and counseling. He also sees the need for instruction and education for those who will be in bi-vocational ministries.

Recruitment for the Bible College is a priority with Roger as well as creating opportunities in the local churches for those who cannot attend the College.

He sees the need for the General Conference to support small and/or isolated churches and members to keep them alive and active with their particular gifts and callings. All churches, no matter how big or small, isolated or not, can be of great service to the work of the Lord.

Roger is excited about the opportunities we are experiencing over-seas with our missions work, and is looking forward to supporting them as well as seeking out new mission fields through the Lord's Harvest International. — Southeast Conference

Keith L. Williams

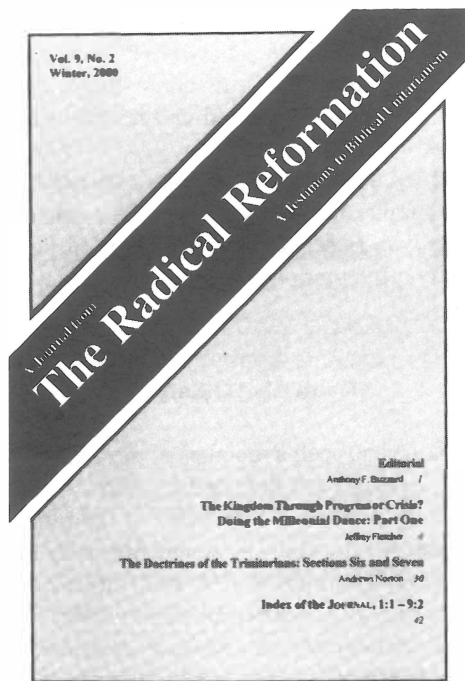
Keith Williams has been a member of the Church of God for over 45 years, having been baptized by Bro. Harold Doan in 1954. He has been married for 38 years to the former Dolores Heaton. Because of relocation in connection with his employment, he has served churches in Kokomo, Indiana and Dayton, Ohio. He has been a long-time member of the Pennellwood Church of God, serving as deacon, choir director, maintenance chairman, Sunday school teacher, elder, chairman of the congregation, and chairman of the Church Council. He is a former Vice-President and the present Secretary of the Michigan State Conference. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Investment Fund of the General Conference. He has previously served a term on the General Conference Board of Directors, including two years as its Secretary, and a term on the Atlanta Bible College Foundation Board.

Keith's philosophies for the College/Conference are:

The College/Conference exists solely as a resource center for the Church of God. It has two primary responsibilities: 1) Training the future pastors and lay leaders for the Church; and 2) publishing biblically-oriented materials for instructing and discipling members of the local churches. These two areas are vital for the survival of the Church. Along with these two priorities, it is important that the College/Conference provide encouragement and support to the pastors of the local churches and their families.

Keith feels that the Board of Directors is perceived to have a certain lack of credibility among the churches. He believes that part of this perception is possibly due to the fact that some of the same people keep being elected again and again to the Board. These people have certainly proven themselves qualified to serve, but there are others who could bring fresh ideas, and may be just as qualified, but who feel it is futile to run against the establishment.

If elected, Keith would like to help change this perception of the Board by actively recruiting talented people from our membership to be candidates for the Board. — Michigan Conference.



A Journal from the Radical Reformation is in its eighth year of publication. It is scheduled for quarterly issuance and an average of fifty pages per issue. The price is \$24 per year, with a six dollar annual fee for foreign delivery. Back issues are available for seven dollars apiece, and an index of our past articles can be found at our website at www.abc-coggc.org.

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Charitable Gift Annuities

Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference offers a charitable gift annuity program. In exchange for a gift of cash, stock, or other assets, the donor receives a guaranteed life income, a portion of which is tax free. The donor also receives an immediate income tax deduction for a portion of the gift. If the gift is appreciated property, capital gains tax may be avoided.

Recently the Board of Directors increased the interest rates for new annuity contracts based upon the age of the donor at the time of the gift. The new rates are as follows:

Age	Interest Rates
55-56	5.5%
57-58	5.6%
59-60	5.7%
61-62	5.8%
63-64	5.9%
65-66	6.0%
67-68	6.1%
69	6.2%
70	6.3%
71	6.4%
72	6.5%
73	6.6%
74	6.8%
75	6.9%
76	7.2%
77	7.4%
78	7.6%
79	7.9%
80	8.0%
81	8.02%
82	8.04%
83	8.06%
84	8.08%
85	9.0%
86	9.2%
87	9.4%
88	9.6%
89	9.8%
90+	10%

For more information on charitable gift annuities, contact David Krogh at 800-347-4261 or dkrogh@abc-coggc.org.

Tapes Available

The 9th Annual Theological Conference was held on the campus of Atlanta Bible College in February. The sessions were videotaped. Tapes may be ordered from ABC, Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260 or by telephone at 800-347-4261 or by e-mail at info@abc-coggc.org.

The complete set of all four tapes is \$50 plus postage and handling. Individual tapes can be order for \$20 each plus postage and handling.

Tape #1 - sessions 1-3 – presentations on Creation/Evolution by Marian Hillar and Charles Thaxton followed by a dialogue between Marian Hillar and Charles Thaxton moderated by Jeff Fletcher.

Tape #2 - sessions 4-6 - Richard Hiers – Albert Schweitzer and the Quest for the Historical Jesus; Kent Ross – The Emergence of the Minority Church in the Midst of the Orthodox Reformation; Kirk Ross – Toward a Definition of Radical Reformation: the Case of Theophrastus Paracelsus

Tape #3 - sessions 7-9 - Richard Hiers – The Delay of the Parousia; Robert Hach – The Righteousness of Faith; Charles Hunting – Destroy This Temple – Jesus and His Agenda

Tape #4 - sessions 10-11 - Anthony Buzzard – Man and His Immortality: the Purpose of the New Creation; Pastor Arlen Rankin – The Abrahamic Gospel

Calendar of Events

July 16-21	RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN
July 31-August 3	80th Annual Summer Conference, Cliffbreakers Convention Center, Rockford, IL
August 16	ABC students arrive on campus for fall semester
September 17	ABC Booster Sunday
November 3, 4	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
December 11, 12	ABC Final Exams
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January 8	ABC registration for second semester
February 16-18	10th Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta Bible College
April 1-6	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
May 4	ABC Graduation
June 6-14	ABC sponsored Holy Land trip, including extensions to Egypt, Greece, and an Aegean Cruise
July 6-8	81st Annual General Conference, Atlanta, GA
July 15-20	RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN

Prayer and Praise August 2000

- 1 Pray for those attending the 80th annual summer Conference in Rockford, IL.
- 2 **Pray for a spirit of unity at the summer Conference.**
- 3 Pray for safety for those traveling home from General Conference today.
- 4 **Pray for Joe and Rebekah Martin, Jim Mattison, Travis Hamilton, Zachary and Zuaquis Ross, and Jon Welch as they work in Malawi, East Africa.**
- 5 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 6 **Pray for your church family as you join together in worship today.**
- 7 Praise God for His faithfulness in your life.
- 8 **Pray for Connie Scott and her ministry at Pine Grove in Minnesota.**
- 9 Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the ministries of the College/Conference.
- 10 **Pray for your pastor and his family today.**
- 11 Praise God for the faithful ministry of the ABC/General Conference staff.
- 12 **Pray for students who are making plans to attend Atlanta Bible College this fall.**
- 13 Pray for the Focus on the Kingdom radio ministry.
- 14 **Pray for Jon Cheatwood in his work as Youth/Recruitment Coordinator for ABC and the General Conference.**
- 15 Praise God for the faith of the brethren in the Philippines.
- 16 **Praise God for the challenges He sends your way.**
- 17 Pray for the Grant family, members of Valley View Church, who are serving in missions ministry.
- 18 **Pray for ABC students and staff as they participate in orientation for the fall semester.**
- 19 Pray for individuals who feel led by God to pursue mission careers.
- 20 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God.**
- 21 Pray for ABC classes as they begin today.
- 22 **Pray for the leadership of your local church.**
- 23 Praise God for His love and faithfulness.
- 24 **Pray for Steven Taylor as he works for ABC/General Conference in the area of Distance Learning and Technology.**
- 25 Pray for spiritual renewal for yourself and your church.
- 26 **Praise God for Pastor Cecil Smead's many years of service for the Lord.**
- 27 Praise God for your heritage of faith.
- 28 **Pray that God might speak through you to someone who is hurting.**
- 29 Pray for someone you know who needs to make Christ Lord.
- 30 **Pray for an opportunity to share your faith this week.**
- 31 Pray for Pastor Steve and Pat Zimelman and their work at Family Bible Fellowship, Rockford, Illinois.

Prayer and Praise

September 2000

- 1 **Pray for the youth of your local church and the General Conference.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor John and Gayle Guthrie and their work at East Oregon, Illinois.
- 3 **Pray that God might be praised through your worship today.**
- 4 Praise God for Tracy Savage Zhykhovich and her ministry to Russia.
- 5 **Pray for Pastor Dale and Cheryl Swartz and the congregation at Litchfield, MN.**
- 6 Praise God for the faithful ministry of Pastor Emory Macy in Weiser, ID.
- 7 **Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor David and Karen Swartz and their work at Columbia Station, Ohio.
- 9 **Praise God for the gift of His Son.**
- 10 Praise God for His daily mercies.
- 11 **Pray for the outreach of Beder Ucanay in Lima, Peru.**
- 12 Praise God for the beauty of each season.
- 13 **Pray for Pastor Jack Hearp as he serves as Senior Ministries Coordinator for the General Conference.**
- 14 Pray for spiritual renewal and growth for ABC students and staff.
- 15 **Praise God for the prayer partners and financial supporters of the Conference and College.**
- 16 Pray for your church family and for spiritual growth.
- 17 **Pray for Atlanta Bible College on this Booster Sunday that is being observed by many of our churches today.**
- 18 Pray for your own personal desire to love God more.
- 19 **Pray for Sergey and Lucya as they continue in Bible Study in Russia.**
- 20 Pray for your family and your friends.
- 21 **Pray for ABC students as they prepare for ministry.**
- 22 Pray for all the faithful pastors and workers in Malawi.
- 23 **Pray for those who are seeking God's will for their lives.**
- 24 Pray for church workers in India.
- 25 **Pray for Pastor Dale and Connie Ramsey and the Cool Spring Church in VA.**
- 26 Praise God for His Word which provides guidance for your life.
- 27 **Pray that you will let your light shine for Christ.**
- 28 Praise God for new believers in your church family.
- 29 **Pray for the faith to stand firm when temptation comes.**
- 30 Pray for the soon return of Christ and that you will remain faithful.

Mid-West Family Camp

The Mid-West Family Camp was held at Camp Alexander Mack near Milford, Indiana, June 18-23. Approximately 140 were in attendance. Participants came from several mid-west states and from Florida and Georgia. Pastor John and Alice Railton of the Timberland Bible Church were camp directors.

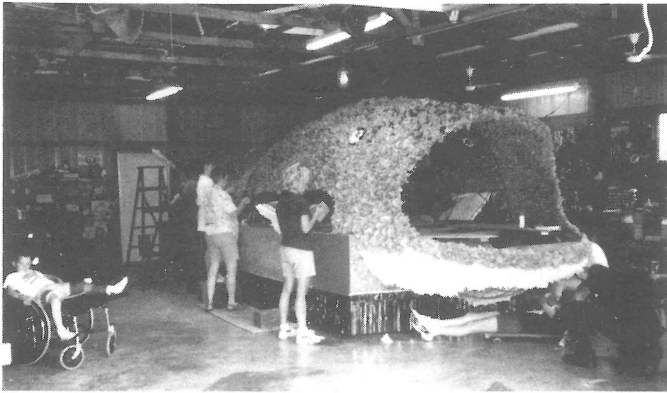
The theme was: God's Great Get-Together: 2000 Ark Avenue. Classes and sermons were based on the life of Noah.



Church News

Church of the Open Bible Float

The Church of the Open Bible in Farmington, Missouri entered a float in the 2000 Country Days Parade in Farmington, Missouri. The float won the "Best in Parade" prize. Along with a certificate of recognition, the church received a check in the amount of \$500.



Pictured below are those recently baptized at the Church of the Open Bible, Farmington, Missouri.



Baptisms

Georgia

Cornerstone – Chris Hawkins; Angela Papalia (6/18/00); Bonnie Boatfield; Mandy Collier (6/25/00) by Pastor David Riley.

New Friends – Ivorie and Candyce Wilkes; Larvetta Hinton (5/21/00) by Pastor Kent Ross.

Illinois

Oregon – Stephanie McGlenn (3/26/00) by her grandfather, Pastor Russ Magaw.

Missouri

Countryside Bible – Mark Kline (3/12/00) by Pastor Don Ward.

Farmington – Elizabeth Beeson; Mitch Crowell; Kim Crowell; Brandi Crowell; Lindsey Kemp; Codi Mayberry; Samantha Worley (5/21/00) by Pastor Jon Welch.

Nebraska

Omaha – Lisa Anderson (1/6/00); Jack Kmiecik (2/6/00); Rachel Bleich and Rebecca Bleich (2/13/00); Sara Smith and Joshua McNew (5/14/00) by Pastor Scott Ross; Brandee Goulette and Terry Goulette (5/21/00) by Pastor Merry Peterson.

Ohio

Chapel Hill – Sylvia Snyder (6/4/00) by Pastor John Hearp.

Pleasant Hill – Jim Mullins (3/12/00) by Pastor Scott Deane.

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Cornerstone (McDonough, Georgia) Pastor David Riley and Angela Papalia.

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South Carolina

Pelzer (Bethel) – Janice Stephens (5/28/00); Lee Henderson and Whitney Barton (6/11/00) by Pastor Alan Cain.

Deaths

Illinois

Effingham – Roy V. Thomas (4/20/00) by Pastor Jon Welch (grandson) in Fredericktown, MO.

Indiana

South Bend – Thelma Duncan, 85, (5/19/00) long-time member by Joe Duncan; Erma McChesney, 89, (5/20/00) long-time member, by Pastor John Railton.

Michigan

Blanchard – Verna Riley, 89, (6/9/00) long-time member, by Pastors Dick Eldred, Tim Eldred, David Riley, Paul Riley, and Chris Seiders.

Garden Park – Dorothy Siple, 98, (6/5/00) long-time faithful member, by Pastors Richard Alcumbrack, Ray Hall, and David Krogh

Missouri

Countryside Bible – Iva P. Elkins, (3/21/00) long-time faithful member by Pastor Don Ward

Ohio

Pleasant Hill – Belle Van Zant (4/17/00) by Pastor Scott Deane.

Marriages

Indiana

South Bend – Matthew Kiel and Casey Kizer (6/10/00) by Pastor John Railton

Ohio

Toledo – Kirk Ross and Katie O'Leary (6/17/00) by Pastor Kent Ross

South Carolina

Pelzer (Bethel) —Bryan Bogwell and Stacey Coker (5/20/00); Budd Allison and Wanda Smith (5/27/00) by Pastor Alan Cain.

Pastor Needed

Effective September 1, 2000, the congregation of the Ripley Church of God in Ripley, Illinois, will be in need of a pastor. If any pastors are interested in moving to a small community to pastor a small congregation of believers, please contact Brenda Wessel at R. R. #1, Box 100, Frederick, Illinois 62639. Brenda may be reached by phone during the evening hours at 217-323-2553 or by e-mail at grammab@cityscape.net.

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80th Annual Summer Conference

The 80th Annual Summer General Conference was held at the Cliffbreakers Convention Center in Rockford, Illinois. There were 151 registered for the Conference and 121 others attended evening services or other events. The theme was "Fields Ready for Harvest" based upon the words of Jesus in John 4:34 and 35. Sermons and classes emphasized the needs and opportunities for service.

On the Sunday prior to Conference, Family Bible Fellowship hosted guests for the morning service and lunch. The Beloit New Life Church provided an evening meal and a worship and praise service.

Pastor Mark Tschaenn of the Lawrenceville Church in Springfield, Ohio and Keith Williams of the Pennellwood Church in Wyoming, Michigan were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors to replace Joe James and Dr. William Lawrence whose terms expired.

Pastor David Riley of Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, Georgia was re-elected to a four-year term on the Youth Advisory Committee.

The Board of Directors elected officers as follows: Chairman, Charles Bottolfs; Vice Chairman, Greg Demmitt; Secretary, Keith Williams; Treasurer, Scott Deane.

During Conference, the Board of Trustees of the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation met. They re-elected officers as follows: President, Charles Bottolfs; Vice President, Wanda Gerullis. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors (Keith Williams and Scott Deane) automatically serve in the same capacity for the Foundation Board.

During the business sessions, two proposed constitutional amendments were approved. One amendment permits each member church which has held at least twenty-four services during the year and which has made a financial contribution to the operating budget of the College/Conference, to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. In regard to nominations, the constitution was amended to permit nominations to be closed with one more nomination than the number of directorships being voted upon.

The Organizational Task Force recommendation to restructure the College and Conference was approved. An Implementation Team will be made up of three members of the Organizational Task Force: Dr. Donna Deane, Larry Johnson, and Tim Jones. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Charles Bottolfs will serve on this team and Robert

Huddlestun was appointed by the Board to represent the Board on the team.

A budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year was adopted by the delegates. It calls for contributions of \$478,990.

During the business session, Youth Coordinator Jon Cheatwood reported on a very successful RYOT held at Taylor University in July. Gayle Guthrie, Christian Education Coordinator reviewed progress on updating the Doctrinal Distinctives Sunday School curriculum. Chairman James announced that the 2001 will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 6-8. Other dates for 2001 were announced as follows: Christian Worker's Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, April 1-6; RYOT will be held at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, July 15-20; and the Theological Conference will be held on the ABC campus, February 16-18.

During Conference, \$2,000 was received in offerings to be used for an emergency fund by the Lord's Harvest International Board.

This issue of THE PROGRESS JOURNAL contains additional information about the summer conference.



Board of Directors being installed by Pastor's Pastor Russell Magaw representing the Ministerial Association. Board members are (l to r): Pastor Greg Demmitt, Pastor Scott Deane, Charles Bottolfs, Pastor Mark Tschaenn, Robert Huddlestun, Paul Duncan, and Keith Williams.

Church of God Progress Journal

Chairman's Message to Delegates

Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ to the Year 2000 Annual Church of God General Conference and to the first business session of this Annual Conference. I trust that many of you attended and benefited from the Mini-Seminars yesterday. Although this is a brief conference, we believe the planning committee has outstanding workshops, worship services, Bible study sessions and social events in the Conference program. The Board of Directors and staff certainly welcome your feedback on this conference and suggestions for future conferences. Please join me in expressing appreciation to the planning committee.

We are very grateful to the Illinois conference and local Illinois and Wisconsin churches for their gracious hospitality. We look forward to visiting the Oregon church this evening. It is indeed wonderful to be back in Rockford, Illinois where many of our past conferences were held.

This is the first annual Conference of the 2000's. The Church of God General Conference and our Bible College can look back to the 1900's and recall many important events and accomplishments – the formation of the Church of God General Conference, the establishment of our Bible College in Oregon, Illinois, the successful establishment of the Bible College Development Fund, the move of our Conference headquarters and College to the Atlanta area, the beginning and continuation of the Annual Theological Conference, the beginning and now institutionalization of the annual Christian Workers' Seminar, very successful annual Youth Programs, a focus on church planting, the establishment of mission fields, the implementation of the Church Builders League, the publication of major works by Alva Huffer, R. H. Judd, and Anthony Buzzard, the planting of a number of new churches, and the beginnings of our various publications. In all these endeavors, members and churches have provided tremendous support. I am sure that the local churches represented here can look back to the 1900's and recall many significant events and accomplishments. Many world events had impacts on our movement – World Wars, Israel becoming a nation, industrial and technological advancements and social movements. We have lived through and continue to experience major changes. A number of years ago the General Conference in collaboration with the Illinois Conference met for two weeks to carry out busi-

ness, worship, study, and fellowship. Times and techniques have changed.

While we should honor our heritage and recall the accomplishments of the past and reclaim the foundation laid in our past, the past is not where we are. We cannot relive the past. Our hopes and challenges are before us. Can we live up to the challenges and expectations of many of our forefathers that "the greatest days of the Church of God are ahead of us?" We see world events, such as the focus of the world government on Israel and the Middle East in general, pointing toward the soon return of Jesus Christ to this planet to resurrect the dead, change the living in Christ, and establish the wonderful Kingdom of God. Will we commit to prepare for the day of the Lord's return, help others to become prepared – to "occupy until the Lord comes?" We are members of the Church of the Living God, the Body of Christ, "the called according to His purpose." We must accept and carry out the responsibilities of our calling.

This 80th Annual Summer General Conference provides us an opportunity to plan and position ourselves to go forward in a mighty way to carry out the purpose and mission of God's Church. Let us pray for God's leadership as we elect two members to the Board of Directors. The newly elected directors will join the incumbent directors in continuing the intense effort begun last fall to clarify the purpose, mission, strategic initiatives, programs, goals and objectives of our organization. The goal is to more effectively and efficiently carry out the total mission of the Conference and College. The Board of Directors has determined that this organization will carry out the mission with a positive and friendly attitude toward the members and churches served. We need feedback from you to help us determine how we are doing in this area. Also, the Board has mandated that conference and college management lead in assuring that all of our employees experience a positive work environment. We want all of our efforts to be pleasing to the Great God we serve.

We will act on two proposed amendments to our constitution, which we believe will enhance participation in conference affairs and facilitate business functions. A member of the Youth Advisory Committee will also be elected to work with Jon Cheatwood and give input into youth programs and services.

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Larry Johnson gave an interim report at the 1999 Conference of the work of the Organizational Task Force. This week we will review and act on the report of the task force. The Organizational Task Force is recommending changes to improve our operations. I support the recommendations made by the Task Force. I do, however, feel a need to point out that changes in organizational structure in Morrow, Georgia will not solve all the issues and problems throughout our conference. It has been stated over and over that ministries primarily take place in the local churches. The proposed changes in organizational structure are designed to make the Conference and College more effective in serving churches and partnering with churches to assist and support the churches in carrying out their ministries. As you make decisions regarding organizational structure, please pray for the staff and Board of Directors as they implement your decisions. Also, remember in prayer our pastors, local church lay leaders and local memberships as they carry out various ministries. After decisions are made regarding organizational structure, let us all go back to our local churches and with greater zeal participate in and support ministries of outreach and evangelism to get the gospel message out and also ministries to youth and families to strengthen family relationship and functioning and to enhance the family members commitment to the Lord and His work. With a growing senior population, we must respond to the needs for ministry to that population.

I mentioned at General Conference last year the critical need for pastors and for students at Atlanta Bible College who are preparing for pastoral ministry. Those needs continue to grow. Let us all make this a topic of continuous prayer. Let us commit to encouraging and supporting those individuals who are considering entering the ministry or Atlanta Bible College attendance. Our theme for this Conference, "Fields Ready For Harvest", is very timely. The fields in readiness for harvest require more laborers if we are to realize the harvest. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers. We are thankful and encouraged by the number of students who plan to enroll for the fall semester.

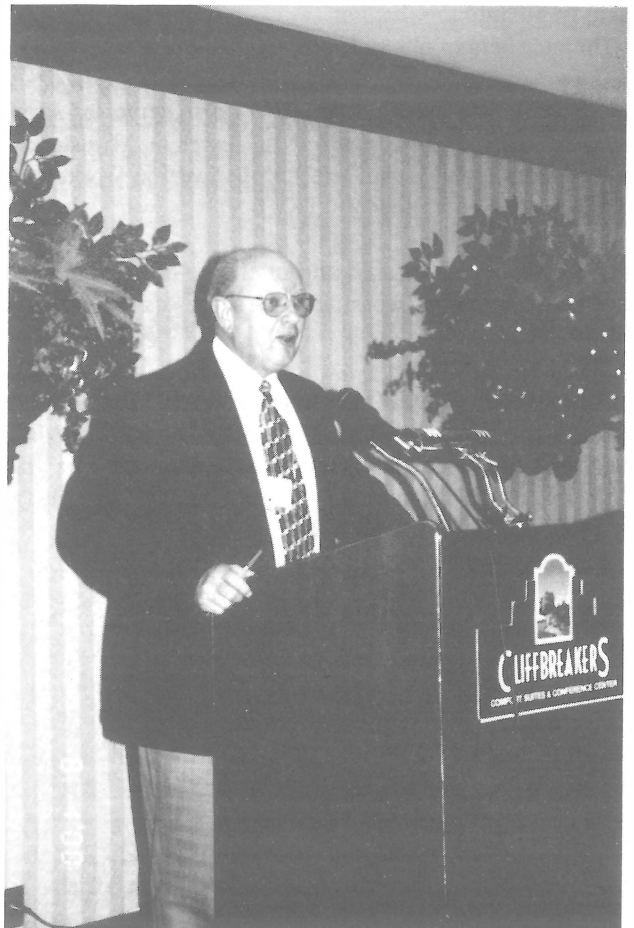
As we meet here today, we have a team on their way to Malawi to continue to train and support the local ministries there. Let us pause to pray for the team as they minister in Malawi. The

"Focus On The Kingdom" ministry continues to grow worldwide and our prayers are needed for this vital ministry.

We as members of the Body of Christ are stewards of God's wonderful gospel message of salvation and the promises of the return of Jesus Christ and the eternal Kingdom of God. We have important Bible truths needed by the entire world – Bible truths that are really at the very core of our identity as the Church of God. Let us go forth to share this message with the confidence that Jesus is with us always and that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit of God to do those ministries which Jesus assigned to his followers.

The 2000's present the potentials of being a great time for the Church of God. Let us be fully committed to God's Will so that we with God's help can make it happen!

Joe E. James
Chairman, Board of Directors



Chairman Joe James

President's Message to Delegates

Good morning and welcome to this second business session of the 80th Annual Summer General Conference.

This morning I would like to introduce to you the members of the staff of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference who serve you as partners in ministry. I consider it a privilege to work with these people who are committed to the Lord, to ministry, and to serving you. As a staff, we endeavor to do everything possible to assist churches, to help start new churches, to train leaders and workers for our churches, and to represent the Church of God to the public at large. Our staff members put service before self. They go the extra mile to serve. They are creative people, who take the initiative to plan programs and implement them. Many staff members spend a number of days and nights away from home each year, attending College/Conference sponsored events, traveling to visit churches, youth camps, family camps, and visiting mission fields. Why do they do this? Like Paul in First Corinthians 9:22 – “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

Underlying all of our work is our understanding of the Great Commission – the mandate to make disciples. We do our work for the sake of the Gospel, so that by all possible means many might be brought to salvation.

The members of our staff are:

Kent Ross – Vice President of ABC – also serves as Academic Dean, Registrar, and Instructor; also serves on Ministerial Recognition Board, and is the Director of Christian Workers' Seminar.

Gary Burnham – Controller and in charge of keeping our computer network system working; also serves as chairman of the MVRA.

Jon Cheatwood – Youth Coordinator and ABC Recruitment Coordinator; he also teaches youth ministry courses at ABC. Jon joined our staff since last summer's Conference. His addition fulfills one of the recommendations adopted by you delegates at the 1998 Conference.

Steve Taylor – Technology Coordinator; also taught a technology class at ABC last year. Steve had previously worked in a part-time position. He is full time this year.

By the way, Gary, Jon, and Steve all make an excellent team – all have technology skills – to keep our computers, website, and phone systems working well.

Joe Martin – Joe completed his doctorate last year and is an instructor at ABC. He and his wife Rebekah are in Africa.

Anthony Buzzard – part-time instructor at ABC – also produced the 250 tapes for the Focus on the Kingdom radio program – does much writing, phoning with contacts around the world.

Gayle Guthrie – part-time Director of Christian Education and also editor of Pre-School Sunday School curriculum.

Irene Sorenson – part-time Early Elementary editor.

Paula Kirkpatrick – part-time Elementary and Upper Elementary editor.

Warren Sorenson – part-time Middle School editor.

Terri Moore – part-time High School editor.

Daniel Smead – Technical Director of Publishing and in charge of layout and design; also Adult Quarterly editor. He and Carolyn are expecting their first baby in several days so he is not able to be with us this week.

Judy Myers – part-time Chairperson of the Lord's Harvest International Mission Agency and Missions Coordinator for the Conference.

Merry Peterson – part-time Summer Ministries Coordinator.

Jill Taylor – Secretary to the President; she joined our staff last summer.

Lisa Allred – Secretary to the Vice President – she worked for the College several years ago and just last month rejoined our staff.

Marcy Cly – Assistant to the Controller and in charge of the Mailing Department.

Zachary and Zuaquis Ross – Apartment Directors.

Steven Davis – part-time Associate Recruitment Coordinator.

Janice Jones – part-time Library Coordinator.

Jeff Fletcher – part-time editor of *The Restitution Herald*.

Phillip Williams – Maintenance Department Coordinator – just joined our staff.

Travis Ramsey – part-time Maintenance Assistance – just joined our staff.

Please join me in thanking these servants.

The theme selected by the Board of Directors for this Conference is "Fields Ready for Harvest" based on the words of Jesus in John 4:35 — "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Jesus went on to say in verse 38: "I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

As we gather for this eightieth annual General Conference, we recognize that others have gone before us and have done much hard work. The reaping we are doing today is the result of those who have gone before us. Down through the years, multitudes of people have sown the seed. They started churches. They established organizational structures. They accumulated resources. They laid the groundwork. They built on the Foundation that was laid.

As an example of this, it is a pleasure to have Dr. Alva Huffer, former President of Oregon Bible College, and the author of *Systematic Theology* and *The Triumph of the Resurrection* with us at this year's General Conference. This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the publication of *Systematic Theology* and the twentieth anniversary of the publication of *The Triumph of the Resurrection*. These books have done much to solidify the doctrinal teachings of the Church of God and they have been a tremendous resource in spreading this word around the world. Many of you are aware that the Systematic Bible Study Course is now available on the web. Through the efforts of Vivian and Gaylene Kirkpatrick, the course was placed on line. We have had a number of people study the lessons and e-mail their answer sheets to us. Also, I want to make you aware that Alva Huffer has just granted permission for us to place the *Systematic Theology* book on our website. Millions of people around the world will have access to the great truths of the Scripture found in this book.

And so here we are in the year 2000, a tremendously blessed people commissioned to plant and water seeds, but also to bring in the harvest from seeds planed by others. Jesus asks us to open our eyes to see the fields that are ready for harvest.

It is my opinion that there are many kinds of people who are ready for harvest today. One group on which the Church of God is having a tremendous impact is with serious Bible students around the world who are beginning to question things they have been taught that do not make sense. They are beginning to see the same Bible truths that we have seen in Scripture. Or least they are open to exploring the message that God has given us to deliver. Through the writings of Anthony Buzzard — *The Coming Kingdom of the Messiah*, *The Doctrine of the Trinity*, and *Our Fathers Who Aren't in Heaven*, people around the world are

being exposed to Bible truth. Also through the Focus on the Kingdom radio messages by Anthony many are hearing Bible truth. Through our website and through the websites of others that are linked to ours, people with access to a computer are being exposed to the truth.

We are receiving a growing number of phone calls from people who are reading our literature, looking at our website or hearing our radio programs. One exciting call came three weeks ago from Bill Smith in Nashville, Tennessee. He goes to the large non-denominational Belmont Community Church — a church that is attended by musicians Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith. He had seen Anthony's book *The Doctrine of the Trinity — Christianity's Self-Inflicted Wound* advertised in *World Christian* magazine and he ordered a copy. By the way, that book is also being advertised in *Biblical Archaeological Review* and six hundred orders have been placed for the book.

Anyway, Bill Smith said he had read the book and agreed with it and he plans to talk to his church pastor and elders about it. He claims to have considerable standing in his church and he feels that his pastors and elders will listen to what he has to say. It is exciting to hear stories like this.

It is my prayer that all of us will leave this Conference with a renewed awareness of the fields that are ripe for harvest, and then concentrate all of our energy in bringing in the harvest. The harvest is plentiful. We dare not close our eyes to those who are lost in sin. We dare not let the lost die in their sin when we have at our disposal the means to bring them into the harvest.

The Mission of ABC/GC is to partner with you to help carry out the commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This is God's work and He invites us to join Him in bringing in a tremendous harvest in the months and years ahead until Jesus returns. May God help us to be obedient.

— David Krogh



Ministerial Recognition Board granting permanent license to Pastor John Nelson during summer Conference in a special service at the Oregon, IL Church of God. Pictured (l to r): Kent Ross, Charles Bottolfs, Pastor John Nelson, Pastor David Cheatwood (from Blessed Hope Church where Pastor Nelson is serving), Pastor Dale Swartz, Pastor Ray Hall.

Minutes of General Conference Delegate Business Sessions

Tuesday, August 1

1. The Tuesday delegate business session was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 10:25 a.m.
2. Bill Lawrence opened the session with prayer.
3. Chairman James officially welcomed the delegates to the 80th Annual General Conference, reminding them that they will be representing the entirety of the Church of God during these business sessions. Recognition and applause were given to first time delegates; newly licensed pastors, Steve An and Mike Montgomery; and, represented for the first time, The Korean American Community Church of Morrow, Georgia.
4. College and Conference President, David Krogh, read correspondence from Pastor Jack and Louise Hearp expressing regrets they were unable to attend General Conference this year.
5. Jill Taylor, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, reported 36 pastors, 50 delegates, and 7 members of the Board of Directors present, for a total of 93 delegates at this business session.
6. Chairman James delivered the Chairman's message to the delegates. He recognized and thanked the General Conference planning committee for their work on this conference and the Illinois Conference for their support in hosting the conference. Chairman James reviewed the decisions to be made during the delegate sessions and the work to be done following those decisions. Further, he reminded the delegates of the Board of Directors' desire to receive regular input from them throughout the year.
7. The Annual Report printed in the *May Progress Journal* was considered.



Myra Montgomery, member of Christian Education Advisory Board making a presentation at summer conference.

8. Vice President Kent Ross updated the delegates on the progress being made in distance learning for Atlanta Bible College classes, specifically the live streaming of a class beginning this Fall Semester.
9. Youth Coordinator Jon Cheatwood reported on this year's annual RYOT held at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana in July. Jon also reviewed the mission and goals of RYOT.
10. The Special Reports printed in the *May Progress Journal* were considered.
11. Gary Burnham made comments and fielded questions on the financial reports printed in the delegate packet.
12. Charles Webster moved and Pastor Michael Gallagher seconded adoption of the proposed Constitutional amendment to Article II, Section I regarding delegate representation at conference from churches that have less than fifteen members. This section would be changed to read "Each member church which has held at least twenty-four services during the year, and which has made a financial contribution to the operating budget of the College/Conference, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God." Passage requires a 2/3 majority vote of delegates present. Robert See moved and Joyce Knapp seconded to amend the proposed amendment by inserting the words "from said church" after the word 'delegate' and before the word 'for.' The motion to amend failed. The original motion to amend the Constitution passed overwhelmingly. The Board of Directors was asked to consider allowing the financial contributions of individuals of local churches to be considered as fulfilling the requirement that their local church make a financial contribution.
13. Pastor Alan Cain moved and Pastor Greg Demmitt seconded adoption of the proposed Constitutional amendment to Article IV, Section 5 regarding the number of nominees needed to close nominations for the Board of Directors. This section would be changed to read "Nominations printed in the *Progress Journal* will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than one more nomination than the number of directorships." Passage requires a 2/3 majority vote of delegates present. The motion to amend the Constitution passed overwhelmingly.
14. The floor was opened for nominations for two four-year terms on the Board of Directors. Pastor Alan Cain nominated Roger Crocker and Keith Williams whose nominations had been previously printed in the *Progress Journal*. Robert See nominated Frank Johnson; Frank Johnson declined the nomination and it was withdrawn. Pastor Dale Swartz nominated Pastor Mark Tschaenn. Bob See moved and Pastor David Cheatwood seconded a motion to close

nominations. The motion passed. Delegates were encouraged to talk with the nominees during the balance of the day today if they have questions to ask them prior to the election to be held during the Wednesday delegate business session.

15. The floor was opened for nominations for a four-year term on the Youth Advisory Committee. Pastor Alan Cain nominated Pastor David Riley. Bob See moved and Fred Gerullis seconded that nominations be closed and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Pastor David Riley. The motion passed.
16. Christian Education Coordinator Gayle Guthrie reviewed progress on updating the doctrinal distinctive Sunday School material. Preview material was passed out for delegate review prior to a workshop on Wednesday.
17. The Tuesday delegate business session was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
18. Pastor Francis Burnett closed the session in prayer.

Wednesday, August 2, 2000

1. The Wednesday delegate business session was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 10:25 a.m.
2. Pastor Cecil Smead opened the session with prayer.
3. The minutes of the Tuesday, August 1 delegate business session were read. No corrections were noted.
4. Jill Taylor, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, reported 39 pastors, 54 delegates, and 7 members of the Board of Directors present, for a total of 100 delegates at this business session. During this business session an additional delegate was added, bringing the total to 101 delegates.
5. Following several ballots, Keith Williams and Pastor Mark Tschaenn were each elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Directors.
6. Christian Education Coordinator Gayle Guthrie urged the delegates to join the Christian Education Advisory Committee in insuring the very best teaching materials are used to teach in our

churches. Further, delegates were encouraged to attend and participate in the workshop this Advisory Committee is leading later this afternoon. Additionally, Gayle continued from Tuesday's business session her review of the progress on updating the doctrinal distinctive Sunday School material. Small committees for each grade level are working on updates. Pastor Ray Hall and Lynne Krogh each reported about the update work their committee is doing.

7. Pastor Jeff Fletcher moved and Pastor Michael Gallagher seconded adoption of the recommendation to revise the college/conference organizational chart as presented in the *May Progress Journal*. A simple majority is required for approval. Organizational Task Force Chairman Larry Johnson briefly reviewed the work of the Task Force that led to this recommendation being presented to the delegates for their approval. Larry fielded numerous questions and comments from the delegates. A vote on the call for the question passed by majority vote. The motion to adopt the recommendation passed.
8. President Krogh reviewed and fielded questions on the proposed 2001-2002 fiscal year budget printed in the *May Progress Journal*. To reflect the delegates' passage of the recommendation to revise the college/conference organizational chart, \$30,000 will be added to the 'total expenses' line item, and also, therefore, to the 'total contributions needed' line item. Delegate action on the budget will be taken during the Thursday delegate business session.
9. Chairman James announced the 2001 General Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia July 6-8, 2001. Pastor Wally Winner expressed his concern about this move to a shorter, all business conference. A show of hands was asked for to show the support level for retaining a longer annual summer conference.



Members of Oregon and East Oregon Church of God presenting concert at Oregon Church of God during summer Conference. (l to r): Kathie Rager, Donna Smith, Ellen Laurent, Gayle Guthrie, Mary Cheatwood, and Peggy Snook.

10. The Wednesday delegate business session was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
11. Pastor Jim Ritch closed the session in prayer.

Thursday, August 3, 2000

1. Prior to the delegate business session being called to order, Pastor Russ Magaw, Pastors' Pastor and member of the Ministerial Association Leadership Team, led the installation of the 2000-2001 Board of Directors.
2. The Thursday delegate business session was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 8:55 a.m.
3. Bill Lawrence opened the session with prayer.
4. The minutes of the Wednesday, August 2 delegate business session were read. No corrections were noted.
5. Chairman James asked the college/conference staff to stand and be recognized by the delegates. Members of all college/conference committees were also asked to stand and be recognized by the delegates.
6. Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference President, David Krogh, delivered the President's message. He named all members of the college/conference staff and their duties, spoke of the numerous opportunities arising to spread the doctrinal message of the Church of God, and expressed his confidence in God's desire and ability to work through us.
7. President Krogh and the delegates recognized outgoing Board members Joe James and Bill Lawrence, thanking them for their dedicated years of service.
8. President Krogh reviewed some of the items enclosed in the delegate packet, particularly asking delegates to fill out and return the conference evaluation forms.

9. Gary Turner, pastor of the Winnebago New Life Church, updated the delegates on the exciting things that are happening as the church is growing and in the initial stages of constructing a new community-friendly building.

10. Anthony Buzzard informed the delegates about the growth and current status of the Focus on the Kingdom radio ministry. He read two sample letters that have been received by those thrilled to discover the message of this ministry. Additionally, Anthony spoke of other contacts the ministry has around the world.

11. Ruby McCaslin addressed the delegates, asking that the shortening of the annual conference proposed for next summer be seriously reconsidered by the Board of Directors. She strongly supports the longer, full-length conference.

12. There is currently an Investment Fund Trustee vacancy. Chairman James asked that any delegate interested in serving in that position or who knows of someone interested in serving in that position make that interest known.

13. The floor was opened to field questions and comments regarding the change in the college/conference organizational chart approved by the delegates in yesterday's business session. It was announced that the Implementation Team will be Charles Bottolfs, Dr. Donna Deane, Bob Huddlestun, Larry Johnson, and Tim Jones. Comments included: the significant increase in contributions needed for implementation, the need for an outreach and evangelism focus regardless of the organizational structure, no specific persons or job descriptions have been determined yet — these will be part of the work of the Implementation Team and the Board of Directors, concern that the college/conference may become top heavy and be drained financially, and concern that an unelected committee — the Implementation Team — may be making too many too important decisions. Chairman James clarified that the Implementation Team serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Further, he urged delegates not to be anxious and push for the organizational changes to be implemented too quickly.

14. Bob See moved and Ruby McCaslin seconded adoption of the proposed 2001-2002 fiscal year budget printed in the delegate packet, with the adjustment of adding \$30,000 to the 'total expenses' line item, and also, therefore, to the 'total contributions needed' line item to reflect the delegates' passage of the recommendation to revise the college/conference organizational chart. The motion passed.

15. Jill Taylor, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, reported 40 pastors, 55 delegates, and 7 members of the Board of Directors present, for a total of 102 delegates at this business session.



Picnic at Oregon Church of God during summer conference.

16. Christian Education Advisory Committee Chairperson Gayle Guthrie was given an additional opportunity to speak about the updating work being done on the doctrinal distinctives Sunday School material.
17. Christian Workers' Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee April 1-6, 2001.
18. RYOT will be held at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana July 15-20, 2001.
19. Theological Conference will be held on the ABC Campus Feb. 16-18, 2001.
20. The minutes of the Thursday, August 3 delegate business session were read. Pastor Ed Goit moved and Bob Jones seconded a motion to approve the minutes of all three sessions of the 2000 General Conference Business Session. The motion passed.
21. Jerold Brewer moved and Howard Shute seconded a motion to adjourn the 2000 General Conference Business Session. Motion passed. The Thursday delegate business session was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.
22. College/Conference President David Krogh closed the session in prayer.

Gary Burnham
Recording Secretary

Prayer and Praise October 2000

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Richard and Jan Alcumbrack and the Southlawn Church in Wyoming, MI**
- 2 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 3 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God and Jesus better.**
- 4 Pray for the Restitution Church in Eldorado, IL.
- 5 **Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.**
- 6 Pray for Pastor George and Delores Kugler and the Cross Timbers, MO church.
- 7 **Pray for a church planting vision for Church of God members.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Dale and Cheryl Swartz and the Litchfield, MN church.
- 9 **Praise God for retired Pastor Billie Kennedy and his wife Irene.**
- 10 Pray for Community Bible Fellowship in Culver, Indiana.
- 11 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Pat Zimbelman and Family Bible Fellowship, Rockford, IL.**
- 12 Pray for the Board of Directos as they meet today, tomorrow, and Saturday in Atlanta.
- 13 **Pray for those attending the Carolina Conference Men's Retreat this weekend.**
- 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
- 15 **Pray for Beder Ucanay as he works in Lima, Peru.**
- 16 Pray for the Fort Valley, VA Church and their search for a new pastor.
- 17 **Pray for the work that is being done in India to proclaim God's truth.**
- 18 Pray for retired Pastor Jim Mattison and his wife Martha.
- 19 **Pray for your pastor and his leadership.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Jack and Louise Hearp and the Chapel Hill Church in Urbana, OH.
- 21 **Praise God for those who have supported Atlanta Bible College through the Booster Campaign.**
- 22 Ask God to help you love Him and His Son more.
- 23 **Pray for Pastor Steve Taylor and his work as Technology Coordinator for the College/Conference.**
- 24 Pray for retired Pastor Linford Moore.
- 25 **Pray for the Hedrick, IN Church and Pastor Joe and Karla Astolfi.**
- 26 Pray for Pastor Dennis and Rachel Baldwin and the Grace Fellowship Church in Front Royal, VA.
- 27 **Pray for Steve and Pam Grant in their ministry in the Middle East.**
- 28 Pray for Pastor Tim and Shelly Spickler and their work with Winnebago New Life youth.
- 29 **Pray for Pastor Chuck and Gloria Currier and the Waterloo, IA Church.**
- 30 Praise God for His constant care.
- 31 **Pray for God to send workers into the fields that are ready for harvest.**

Calendar of Events

September 17	ABC Booster Sunday
October 13, 14	Carolina Conference Men's Retreat
November 3, 4	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
December 11, 12	ABC Final Exams
2001	
January 8	ABC registration for second semester
February 16-18	10th Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta Bible College
April 1-6	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
May 4	ABC Graduation
June 6-14	ABC sponsored Holy Land trip, including extensions to Egypt, Greece, and an Aegean Cruise
June 17-22	Midwest Family Camp, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
July 6-8	81st Annual General Conference, Atlanta, GA
July 15-20	RYOT, Taylor University, Upland, IN

Prayer and Praise

November 2000

- 1 Pray for the St. Cloud, MN church.
- 2 Pray for the Fair Oaks Church in VA.
- 3 Pray for those attending the Midwest Men's Retreat at Camp Mack this weekend.
- 4 Praise God for men and women who are studying at Atlanta Bible College for Christian Service.
- 5 Pray for the Badillo family in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 6 Pray for Daniel Smead in his duties as Technical Director of the publishing department of the General Conference.
- 7 Pray for Pastor Kirby and Bonnie Davis and Pastor Merry Peterson and the Wenatchee, WA Church.
- 8 Pray for Gayle Guthrie as she serves as coordinator of the Christian education department of the General Conference.
- 9 Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.
- 10 Pray for Judy Myers and the work of the Lord's Harvest International Mission Board.
- 11 Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.
- 12 Pray for Pastor Gary and Glenda Turner and New Life Bible Church in Winnebago, IL as they begin a building program.
- 13 Pray for Pastor Wade and Kim Tierney and the Morse Mill, MO Church.
- 14 Pray for the Ministerial Recognition Board (formerly License Board) as they encourage our pastors.
- 15 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 16 Pray for the Burr Oak, IN church.
- 17 Pray for Pastor Paul Moore and the work of the Gatesville, TX Church of God.
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 Pray for Jon Cheatwood, Youth Recruitment/Coordinator for the College/Conference.
- 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 Pastor Jim and Charleen Graham and the Valley View Church in AZ.
- 23 Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.
- 24 Pray for the Fredericktown, MO Church.
- 25 Pray for the ministries of Ralph and Iona Childs in OH.
- 26 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 27 Thank God for His goodness to you.
- 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.

New Atlanta Bible College

Semester

Atlanta Bible College began its fall semester with several days of orientation activities. Students and staff spent Thursday afternoon August 17 through Friday afternoon August 18 at the Timber Ridge Conference Center on the west side of Atlanta. Staff members led sessions on Why Do Students Come to a Bible College?; Living in Community; Small Groups/Spiritual Disciplines; Excellence Before God; Help, I've Got a Paper Due!; and Vision and Direction. Students completed the Bible Content Test and new students completed a personality profile.

Friday evening, a progressive dinner was held at staff homes. The program on Saturday included devotions, advisement and registration, a discussion of the student handbook and our work study program; and an orientation to the ABC library. A cookout was held in the evening along with a social/fellowship time. In addition to regular church services on Sunday, an all college praise and worship service was held in the evening followed by an ice cream social.

We are delighted to have approximately 40 students enrolled for this semester which is about a 20% increase over the attendance a year ago. In addition a number of people will be viewing the Basic Bible Doctrine course that will be delivered over the Internet.

Classes offered this semester are: First and Second Corinthians; Introduction to Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciplemaking; Daniel and Revelation; Introduction to Counseling; Vocal Music; Piano by Ear; Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry; Old Testament Survey I and II; Systematic Theology I; Personal Finance; Introduction to Leadership; Basic Preaching; and Basic Bible Doctrine. Students also will be involved in weekly discipling groups and Chapel.



Jon Cheatwood administering the Bible Content Test.

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Nebraska

Jaynes St. – Leslie LeCrone, 80, (7/20/00), long-time faithful member; Albert Harper, 96 (7/24/00), long-time faithful member, last person alive who attended the first General Conference, by Pastor Scott Ross.

Ohio

Pleasant Hill – Belle Van Zant (4/17/00), member, by Pastor Scott Deane.

Texas

Harlingen – Thelma Goekler, 74, (7/20/00), wife of deceased Pastor Harry Goekler, by Kent Ross.

Systematic Course Completion

Kevin Yawney, Farmington, MO.



Members of ABC/OBC Alumni Association on tour of Oregon, IL. Pictured in front of Magaw Home on North 6th Street. This home served as a men's residence in the 1950s and '60s.



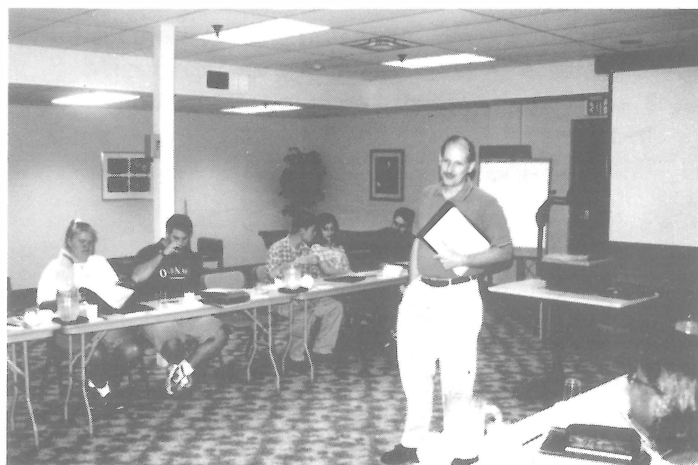
Vice President and Instructor Kent Ross visiting with Librarian Janice Jones and new student Maxine Head.



Students and staff at Timber Ridge Conference Center.



Students and staff participating in a review of the student handbook.



Steven Taylor leading a session at Retreat.

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Baptisms

Georgia

Cornerstone – Bonnie Boatfield; Mandy Collier (6/25/00) by Pastor David Riley.

Indiana

Country Chapel – Shaun Fewell (7/16/00) by Pastor Ken Howe.

Michigan

Garden Park – Penny Crutchfield (6/18/00) by Pastor Ray Hall.

Southlawn – Melissa Alcumbrack, Robert Johnson III (8/9/99); Barbara Miller (12/6/99); Dennis Miller, Melinda Miller (2/14/00); Shannon Stevens, Steven Kornoelje (3/19/00); Nicholas Davidson (5/21/00); Jason Barko, Tina Pike (6/25/00) by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack.

Missouri

Farmington – Jenny Bridgeman, Cindy Bridgeman, Chelsey Bridgeman, Gail Gaines, Lorin Edwards (7/23/00) by Pastor Jon Welch.

Ohio

Columbia Station – Bob and Missy Gnizak (6/4/00) by Pastor David Swartz.

North Hills – Allie Grube, Kara Dickerson (7/29/00) by Pastor Seth Ross.

Pleasant Hill – Jim Mullins (3/12/00) by Pastor Scott Deane.

Peru

Lima — Cesar Obregon, Wilfredo Cisneros, and Ronald Ricalde (7/30/00) by Pastor Beder Ucanay.

Marriages

Georgia

Cornerstone – Melissa Spinks and Michael Barton (7/8/00) by Pastor David Riley.

Indiana

South Bend – Erin Reichert and Timmy Gould (7/15/00) by Pastors Dan Kennedy and John Railton.

Deaths

Canada

Glad Tidings – Doris May (7/8/00), long-time friend, by Pastor Michael Montgomery.

Illinois

Blessed Hope – Anna Mae West, 86, (7/13/00).

Indiana

Country Chapel – Mary Harvey (6/17/00), faithful member of Jay Street in Kokomo and the Country Chapel, by Pastors Steve Fewell and Ken Howe.

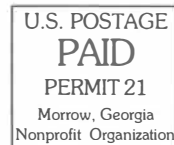
South Bend – Sherry Nunemaker, 50, (7/27/00) by Pastors Scott Ross and John Railton.

Minnesota

Litchfield – Lilly Wegner (7/12/00), long-time member, by Pastor Dale Swartz.

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