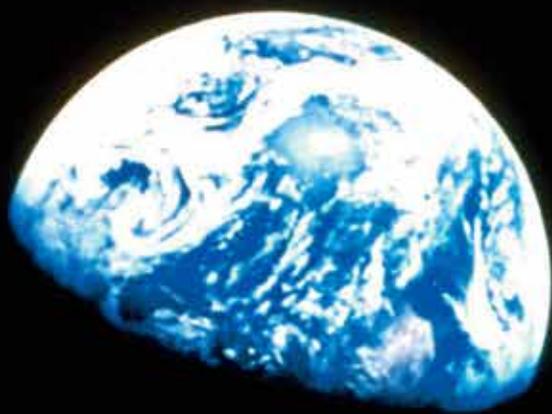


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When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man that thou art mindful of him? Ps. 8:3-4

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You may have heard that Destiny, an American-made \$1.4 billion science lab, has just been added to the international space station *Atlantis*, which is circling 225 miles above the earth. As ever, we are intrigued by the Creator’s cosmic splendors above and around us. Thus our March cover—a dramatic photograph of the earth taken from the moon.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE UNBENDED KNEE*by Michael R. Avery, president*

God comes to Washington, was the title of a recent column by Tony Snow that reminded me again that God still has a faithful following, silently yet steadily, advancing His cause. As a matter of fact, we all need to be reminded of this just every so often. Even Elijah, the great prophet, needed such a reminder when he was hiding in a cave in the mountains of Horeb. God came to him there and asked, "Elijah, what are you doing here?" He groaned to God that he had been "zealous for the Lord God of Hosts" and that it would probably cost him his life. In melancholy tones, he reminded God that, "I alone am left."

Elijah was suffering from physical exhaustion and emotional depression. His present habitat (a dark cold cave) had afflicted him with a serious bout of tunnel vision. He felt that God's cause was dead and that he was the only mourner at the funeral. God had to remind him that there was a silent army of 7,000 God-fearing men and women who had untarnished records of service in the royal order of the unbended knee. Elijah needed to understand that God's work was advancing despite how things looked. He also let Elijah know that there was not only more work for him to do, but that a second generation prophet was waiting in the wings ready to pick up the torch and carry on the commission.

It is unquestionably true that sincere religious devotion has fallen out of vogue in the most visible circles. It has been pretty easy in recent years to get spiritual tunnel vision if we allow ourselves to walk by sight. Even Snow recognizes and reports in his column, "The common lot of religious activists, both liberal and conservative, embrace a Christianity that believes in the teaching of Jesus Christ insofar as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin." We do have a political and academic environment that has accepted post-modernistic views and offers cultural protection and respectability while debunking the Christian faith. Anyone who prays and believes the Bible with conviction is compared to an atavistic weirdo caught up in a dangerous cult, and for the good of society ought to be kept on a very short leash.

Nevertheless, God has to keep reminding us that you can't set any of your spiritual gauges by the image makers, pollsters, and spin doctors that hold center stage in this present world. If you do, you will head for the hills, find a nice dark cave, and end up with a perverted perspective on what God is doing in the world.

There are still tens of millions of Americans to whom religion is not merely a tonic, but is the essence of life and truth. There are still millions who dare to lift up a standard in their community and sphere of influence. The salt and light is still working. God's kingdom is still being advanced! Though I've never banked revival in the church on what happens in Washington, it is refreshing to know that even there, in the capital of the Free World, we have a President who speaks the name of God with plain reverence rather than out of political calculation.

The unfolding days will give us plenty of things to get our head down about. But for now, there is something that you can get your head up about. There are still millions who belong to the royal order of the unbended knee. Millions who pray daily, believe the Word of God, and dare to live out their convictions in the market place of this present world. It might just be that you need to get out of your cave, stand shoulder to shoulder with those who haven't "bowed the knee or kissed the image," and let them know that you are there, too. Who knows? This may be the ripest hour we've ever known for revival. ■

Our Readers Respond

It is a privilege to hear from readers of the Revivalist. Names and locations of writers will be withheld at their specific request or at the discretion of the editor. We reserve the right to edit and condense all letters selected for publication. They should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210, or e-mailed to revivalist@gbs.edu. Letters reprinted here do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor of God's Revivalist nor those of the administration of God's Bible School.

REVIVALIST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

I must commend you on an excellent and most moving editorial, "To the Inn or to the Stable," in the December issue of the *Revivalist*. I read it in our family devotions to begin Christmas day. I hope the *Revivalist* family realizes what an exceptional editor they have. We wish GBS a new century of victorious advance.

EDWIN W. KILBOURNE
Englewood, Florida

Editor's Note: Dr. Kilbourne, Vice-President-at-Large, OMS International, is a veteran missionary whose grandparents E.A. and Julia Kilbourne (who studied at GBS) helped Charles and Lettie Cowman pioneer OMS work in the Orient. Dr. Kilbourne, formerly president of Seoul Theological Seminary, is the author of a new OMS history which will be ready for the OMS Centennial observances in Japan and Indianapolis this summer.

JUDGE ROUDEBUSCH'S PHOTO?

Thank you for the Centennial Edition of the *Revivalist* (September 2000). It was well done and brought back many memories to me. I was disappointed, however, that there was no picture of Judge Roudebush as he was God's instrument in saving the school. The issue, though, was superb.

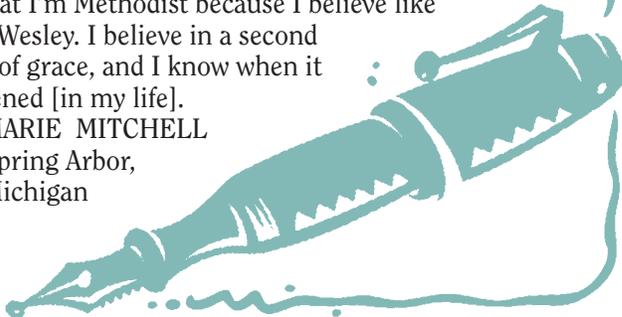
(THE REV.) EARL L. SMITH
West Milton, Pennsylvania

Editor's Note: Judge Allen C. Roudebush was the court-appointed business manager who played a decisive role in returning GBS to solvency in the 1950's. Unfortunately, there was simply not enough room in the Centenary Edition to picture everyone who has merited such honor.

BELIEVES LIKE JOHN WESLEY

I really enjoy *God's Revivalist*. I am so sorry the Methodist Church has lost its power. I have to tell people that I'm Methodist because I believe like John Wesley. I believe in a second work of grace, and I know when it happened [in my life].

MARIE MITCHELL
Spring Arbor,
Michigan



Missions Around The World

Each month we publish brief "field reports" from missionaries around the world. Missionaries are invited to send us their newsletters and other information about their activities. GBS graduates are especially urged to respond, but we also wish to include others who uphold our vision and our commitment.

COLUMBIA

"It was long after dark when seven men and three women arrived at the closed gates of the mission base at Leticia. Their fervent request was for spiritual leadership and assistance in rebuilding their church which was falling down. Their community has about 500 people, and nearly 200 attend the church services led by a lay leader. In the morning we sent them back, promising to take their request seriously. Pray, please, pray!"—*Erwin and Jean Bourne*

GHANA

Prayer is requested for missionaries Steve and Mary Klotz and their family. As two of their children were in need of surgery, Mrs. Klotz returned to the U.S. for that purpose. They report that the youngest child Nathan, twenty months of age, "has had a very long and hard surgery. The doctors have been able to reconstruct the kidneys on one side (he has three kidneys) and then place stents into the three ureters coming down from the kidneys to the bladder." Further surgeries are needed before they can return to Ghana. Mr. Klotz has remained in Africa to continue the couple's missionary service and to care for their other three children, but he has suffered serious illness and was hospitalized with Hepatitis A and malaria.

GUATEMALA

December 7–10 the Christian Women's Society of the Emanuel Churches of Guatemala celebrated its fiftieth year of service. Evening services in the Central Church in Jalapa attracted over 400 persons, and on Saturday, December 8, there was a large parade with floats representing local societies from ten districts. The society was begun by the late missionary Emma Reiff, who wished to provide Christian witness and support for Guatemalan women.

HONDURAS

"*Instituto Teologico Emanuel* will begin its twelfth year of classes February 12. An expected 30 students will be studying under the residential program in San Luis, and another 40-plus students will be studying in one of the three extension programs. The residential program offers two courses of study: (p23) ►



CITY OF GOD, CITY OF EARTH

by Larry D. Smith, editor

Thousands of evangelical Christians are grateful that George W. Bush is now President of the United States. During last year's long and sometimes bitter political campaign, he articulated moral principles which we also hold. He prays, reads his Bible, goes to church, and seems sincere in his profession of Christian faith. As he admits, his life was once in disarray, but the dramatic turnaround which he has experienced points to a real spiritual conversion. There are, of course, many changes which we still would make. Yet Bush's early acts as President are reassuring; and we hail the renewed sense of dignity, decency, and direction in the White House.

But now that President Bush is in office, he faces formidable opposition; and he is constantly pressured to sell out the foundational principles to which he is committed. We must therefore stand firmly, consistently, and intelligently behind him with our support and with our prayers. *"I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all*

men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." I Timothy 2:1-2.

Support, however, does not mean blind assent, for personal rectitude does not insure infallible political judgment. A statesman may pray and still have defective policies relating to taxation, school administration, or distribution of public funds to the poor and disenfranchised. Whoever is President, we must keep alert and informed on the issues themselves and then "judge righteous judgment" in a responsible, sensitive, and godly manner. Remember, too, that the triumph of Christian values and Christian virtues does not finally depend upon political officials and political alignments; and indeed there is insidious danger in Christians allying themselves too closely with any political agenda. Ultimately our hope is in the Gospel and its saving power!

Over fifteen hundred years ago, St. Augustine sat down to write his famous *De Civitate Dei*, generally known as the *City of God*. Masterfully he reminded his readers that we Christians belong to the City of God, which is composed of all who love God and seek His glory. This is in vivid contrast with the City of Earth, consisting of those who seek only their own selfish interests. All history is the scene of continual (p26) ➔

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“If he ever gets religion, he wants the kind that Charlie Peckham had.”

HOW DADDY AND UNCLE FRANK “MADE EVERYTHING RIGHT”

by Norma Jean Pratt

Many years ago, long before I was born, my father Charlie Peckham worked at our family-owned business, the Peckham Coal and Ice Company in Troy, Ohio. The family then consisted of my paternal grandparents, George Washington and Lavina Jane Peckham; four sons, David, George, Frank, and Charles; and two daughters, Daisie and Jennie.

Uncle Frank was the civil engineer who built the ice plant, and my father was the bookkeeper. I never did ask who was the instigator of the terrible thing they did. For every ton of coal they sold and delivered, they short-weighted a certain amount. No one was aware of this except the family members who worked in the business and the men they hired to weigh, load, and deliver the coal. Many years went by, and finally the ice company at Troy was sold, along with a chain of plants the family had built and operated from Cincinnati to Lima.

In the meantime, my father married my mother, Mabel Sweeney, and I was born in 1919. When I was about seven or eight years of age, the three of us moved into the house at 540 Lincoln that my father had designed and built. Some time later, I began to take piano lessons from a man across the street, John Shoemaker. He was a Christian, and he talked to my father about spiritual things. He said one could know that his sins were forgiven.

Although my father was a church member, he had never experienced the new birth or being “saved.” He acknowledged that he had been a terrible sinner and said that he wanted peace in his heart but didn’t know what to do. As he began to read the Bible, he began to make some changes in his life. He started to tithe, attend church regularly, and later even quit smoking. No earthly person had ever mentioned these things to him.

Some time later, he met another man who also talked to him about the Lord. My father bought a small farm from E. J. Rohrer of West Milton. Brother Rohrer pastored the Brethren in Christ Church; and he, too, talked to my father about his soul. Later, that denomina-

tion was having its conference at Merrill, Michigan; and my parents decided to attend. It was held in a large barn, never before used; so I guess the conference was a sort of “dedication” for that structure.

After one of the services when the altar call was given, my father went forward. Brother Rohrer asked him, “Just why did you come to this altar?” Daddy replied, “I’ve been a great sinner in my life. As far as I know now, I am not committing any sin; but I want to know that all of my sins of the past are forgiven.” Brother Rohrer said, “Well, praise the Lord! You can know that before you leave this altar.” But Daddy did not receive the witness just then. He walked to a tract rack outside the building, picked up a tract, turned it over, and there he read Ephesians 2:8 and 9: *“For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works lest any man should boast.”* He said that as soon as he had read that scripture, he had the witness in his heart. He had done nothing to merit forgiveness—it was a free gift from God through faith in the atoning work of Calvary. Daddy came home knowing that God had forgiven all his sins and had covered them with Jesus’ blood.

Later at a tent meeting at Kessler Station, a little place not far from Troy and West Milton, he was sanctified wholly, and completely yielded his will to God’s will. As St. John declares, the Lord Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and He is a purifying fire who cleanses the hearts of His people. It was after this “second work of grace” and after my Uncle Frank was wonderfully saved and healed that the Lord reminded my father of the way they had cheated people when the Peckham Coal and Ice Company was in operation.

One day Uncle Frank came to our house and said, “Charlie, the Lord has been talking to me about what we did years ago at the ice plant. What are we going to do about it?” Daddy said, “The Lord has spoken to me, too. Frank, there is only one thing to do, and that is to make it right.”

And “make it right” they did! Fortunately, my father had kept the old records from the Peckham Coal and Ice Company; and he knew all the customers and how much coal they had bought and what they had paid. So he determined the actual amount of money which he and Uncle Frank had stolen; and then he doubled it, for as he figured, the original sum would now be worth twice its original value if it had been invested at six percent interest. In this way, the two men decided what they owed to each of their former customers; and then they set out to repay it all.

Daddy and Uncle Frank personally saw hundreds of people and places of business and worship in Troy and the surrounding areas, testified of their conversion, admitted what they had done, and paid back all the money they owed to their former customers. They literally sent letters all over the world trying

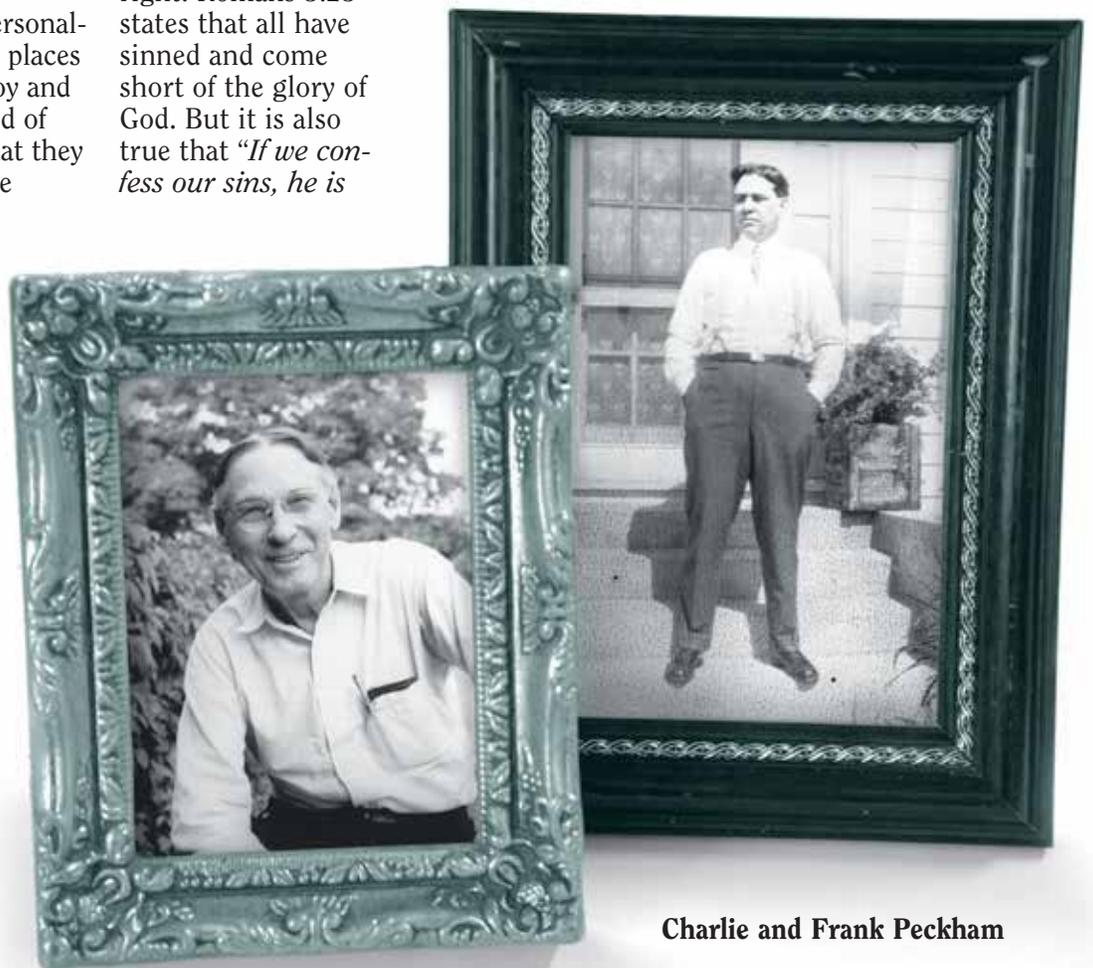
to locate relatives of people who had died. Some they never did locate, and so they put the money they owed these into the Lord’s work. They spent several years, rectifying all of this.

My father didn’t have the money at the time, but Uncle Frank did. Daddy was able to do the computations and the letter writing; and so together they worked to “wipe their slate clean.” They both went to heaven many years ago, and I’m sure if they could talk to us now, they would say it was worth it all to make everything right. Romans 3:23 states that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. But it is also true that *“If we confess our sins, he is*

faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9). Christ died on Calvary and took the place we deserved. What love!

Some years ago at a local church, I met a woman who said to me, “My husband always says if he ever gets religion, he wants the kind that Charlie Peckham had!” I asked her how he became acquainted with my father; and she said, “He worked at the Peckham Coal and Ice Company, and he knew how everything was made right.” ■

“Charlie, the Lord has been talking to me about what we did years ago at the ice plant. What are we going to do about it?”



Charlie and Frank Peckham

“I am not proud of what happened in the old family ice and coal business,” says Norma Jean Pratt, author of this narrative, “but I’m so thankful that my father and my uncle found the Lord and were obedient to His voice.” Mrs. Pratt, who has given a lifetime in government service and who is a faithful Christian, still lives in Troy, Ohio. “After reading this,” she comments, “if the Lord has spoken to you about anything in your life, it would pay you to take care of it, no matter how painful it might be. God will give you grace for the challenge, and heaven will be waiting for you at the end of life’s road.”



a deeper look at Scripture

by Ben Durr Jr.

**“And when they were come into the ship”
(Matthew 14:32a)**

A little boy once approached his father who was seated comfortably in a chair. Standing before his dad, the son drew himself to his full height and proudly announced, “Look, Daddy! I’m taller than you are!” And, he was partly correct. He was taller than his father, but only when his father was sitting down.

E. Stanley Jones, recounting this story in a daily devotional book, then compared the child’s self-congratulating comment with the reaction we sometimes have to the failures of others. Jones cited the apostle Thomas as an example. Like an indelible scarlet letter, the term “doubting Thomas” has been forever stamped upon our memory of this follower of Jesus. And like the proud child, it is easy to read the story of Thomas with a condescending “Look Thomas, I’m taller than you” attitude. But what we are doing, Jones chides, is comparing ourselves when we are “standing up” with Thomas in that brief moment when he was “sitting down.”

But even more subtle is the temptation to “sit down alongside Thomas,” to adopt a philosophy of defeat that reckons the failures of Bible characters to be proof positive that we are to expect no higher level of spiritual attainment than to lapse habitually into sin. David sinned miserably. Thomas succumbed to skepticism. Peter had his faithless moments. And so must we, the thinking goes.

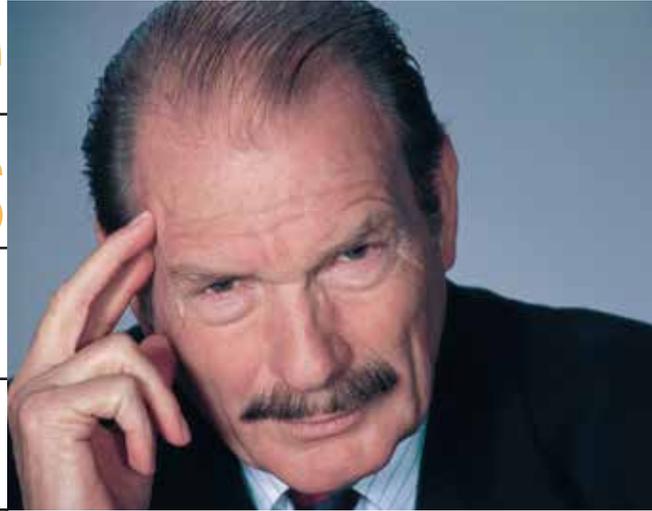
But Stanley Jones points out that Thomas “stood up again!” Jones, who spent much of his life as a missionary to India, cites a tradition which claims Thomas traveled eastward with the gospel message even while the Apostle Paul was traveling westward. And he insists that “believing Thomas” (as he likes to call him) eventually reached what is now the nation of India and that the influence of his life and ministry are still evident there.

Reading Jones’ essay reminded me of a sermon on the Apostle Peter I heard preached during our campus revival a few years ago. After graphically recounting Peter’s plunge into the watery abyss of the Sea of Galilee, our evangelist observed the text in Matthew 14:32: “And when they were come into the ship.” He suggested that the tendency to focus on the dramatic predicament and rescue of Peter has overshadowed a very important point in the story, namely that, having been lifted by Jesus, Peter walked back to the boat! No doubt he did so, keenly aware of his need of Jesus, maybe clinging to Jesus, but he walked back nonetheless. Jesus didn’t let him drown. He didn’t leave him foundering. But he “stood him back up” and set him to walking again.

The failures of godly people preserved in scripture serve a number of useful purposes. They provide us with warnings and instruction. They encourage us to believe in God’s mercy. They spur us to watchfulness. But they must never be used to excuse spiritual defeat in our own lives, for a central lesson that distills out of each of these stories is that Christianity is not a religion of “sitting down” but of “standing up.” ■



Some Thoughts on Truth



What is truth?" This was the question Pilate asked Jesus. "Seekers after the truth" is what many unbelievers claim for themselves, but they are too often no more sincere than Pilate was. Pilate was looking right at *Truth*, with a capital T, but did not have the spiritual equipment to recognize it.

But Pilate's question does need an answer. Truth can be defined at three levels: the level of word, of personal character, and of ultimate reality.

The elementary definition of truth is accuracy. There is exact correspondence between word and fact. Truth is the conformity of the house to the blueprints. It is the correctness of the lab report. This is called the "correspondence theory of truth." Unfortunately many stop there.

They fail to see that correspondence is truth only at its most elementary level; it is not the whole story.

But it is an important part. Society would be far more chaotic than it is if truth at this level were not sufficiently prevalent for society to function.

Even unbelievers know the necessity for this kind of truth. They want to know the truth about the used car they are looking at. They want to know the truth about the risks of a possible investment. They want to know the truth about the contract they are being asked to sign.

Truth at this level is so basic that when falsehood becomes apparent in advertising, manufacturing, banking, insurance, business, science, domestic life, religion, most of all politics, it is reported in the newspapers and provokes public anger.

The law is on the side of truth. Deceit in social and business dealings is redressed in court. Dishonesty is considered a proper cause of litigation.

This leads to the second level of truth. It is integrity. This is the (p25)➡



Richard S. Taylor

NEWS FROM THE HILLTOP

NEW STAFF POSITIONS FILLED AT GBS

President Michael Avery has announced the appointment of the following persons to staff positions at God's Bible School and College:

Mr. Harold Fourman, Director of Finance. Filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Monte Stetler, Jr. (see below), Harold E. Fourman, Arcanum, Ohio, will serve as GBS's chief financial officer. From 1981 until his semi-retirement in 1998, he was CEO of Champaign Landmark, Inc., a large farm service cooperative which grew from a one-county, three-location, \$20 million business to a five-county, fourteen-location, \$107 million business during his tenure. Since 1998 he has continued to work with the company on a part-time basis, preparing its monthly financial statements and assisting in its annual audit.

Mr. Fourman, who assumes his new position March 1, will leave the GBS Board of Trustees this spring after two terms of service, totaling eight years. He and his wife Kayetta are the parents of three married children, all of whom have graduated from GBS. These include Deron, a pastor in Port Clinton, Ohio; Teresa Cravens, a pastor's wife in Salem, Ohio; and Krista Jeffries, an RN in Port Clinton, Ohio.

The Rev. Jack H. Hooker, Director of Advancement. A GBS graduate ('74 BRE), Hooker will direct the school's financial development, working with wills, trusts, endowments, grant-writing, and annuities; and will also oversee the alumni office and the departments of student recruitment and public relations. Currently senior pastor of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz, Pennsylvania, as well as administrator of Emmanuel Wesleyan Academy, he has spent 27 years in pastoral ministry, serving in Florida, Alabama, and West Virginia, as well as Pennsylvania. He met his wife, the former Jane Theroff, while both were students at GBS. They are the parents of two daughters, now both students on the Hilltop, Janna, a senior; and Jennee, a freshman.

Hooker's resignation from the GBS Board of Trustees marks the end of five years of faithful service to his alma mater in that position. He also has been active in the college's alumni association as president of both the Florida and Alabama chapters. He will assume his new position on campus in early summer.

"The four years I attended here changed my life forever," he comments. "I count it an honor and a privilege to serve the school that has meant so much to my life and the lives of my family."

MONTE STETLER, JR., RESIGNS AS VICE-PRESIDENT

Effective February 28, Monte V. Stetler, Jr., has resigned as GBS Vice-President of Administration/Finance, and will pursue other career goals. "Monte has given heroic service to God's Bible School, handling the school's business operations with both skill and integrity," according to President Michael Avery. "We are deeply grateful for his contribution, accept his resignation with regret, and wish him and his family well."

As the school's chief financial officer, Stetler has directed its business policies and transactions and has supervised its financial records, institutional purchasing, annual audits, tax work, and the filing of required federal, state, and city inspections and reports. He has also been in charge of such auxiliary services as maintenance of campus facilities and faculty/staff housing, the kitchen, housekeeping, and the student work program. He began work at GBS in August 1995.



Harold Fourman



Jack Hooker



Monte Stetler

“GBS has played a special role in my life and that of my family,” Stetler notes. “It has been a dream and an honor to serve the administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Although I’ll no longer be on campus on a daily basis, I shall continue to support the school in any way I can.” He and his wife, the former Connie Siegel, are parents of two children, Abbie, 4, and Trey, 2. They will reside in northern Kentucky.

JONATHAN AYARS IS JANUARY “STUDENT OF THE MONTH”

Jonathan Ayars, freshman ministerial student, has been named January’s “GBS Student of the Month.” He was converted and called to the ministry while very young. Five years later, drawn by GBS’s strong ministerial department, he decided to prepare for his life’s work at the Hilltop, where he matriculated in the fall of 2000.

“He reports that his commitment to serve Christ has been strengthened and his zeal has been increased by attending GBS,” according to the citation released by the Office of Student Affairs. “Typical of our students, Jon is not waiting to graduate to become involved in ministry. He is a member of the jail team and teaches the teenage class at the GBS-sponsored Main Street Chapel. He is a member of both the College Choir and Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble.”

Ayars is interested in both pastoral and jail ministries in the future, as well as in the possibility of graduate school. “He wants others to learn the lesson never to give up but to hold steady to God and His truth!”



Jonathan Ayars

ALBERT BARR HOLDS CAMPUS REVIVAL SERVICES

Conducting revival services at GBS, January 9–15, was the Rev. Albert Barr, now of Cincinnati. Throughout the services there was a gracious sense of God’s presence and a welcome response to Mr. Barr’s earnest, heartfelt, and anointed ministry. As always, students deeply appreciated his directness and transparency; and many sought and received needed grace.

GBS MINISTERIAL TEAMS MINISTER IN ALABAMA CHURCHES

“Not only did the trip to Alabama help to draw me closer to God, but it forced me out of my comfort zone and gave me the opportunity to be used by God.” This was the reaction of Scott Clemens, 20-year-old student from Muncie, Indiana, who with other GBS ministerial students spent the weekend of January 26–27 preaching, testifying, and singing in Bible Methodist churches in Alabama.

Arriving late afternoon, Saturday, January 26, the students joined the college quartet in Brent, Alabama, where they participated in the evening service of the Bible Methodist Indoor Camp. They then divided into teams which ministered in various churches both Sunday morning and evening.

Participants and cooperating churches included the following: (1) *P. D. and Sherry Wolf*—Active, Pell City; (2) *David Fry and Sarah Wolf*—Selma, Tarrant; (3) *Rodney and Melissa Loper*—Ada Chapel, East Lake; (4) *Steve Smith—Stanton*, Golden Grove; (5) *Scott Clemens*—Tuscaloosa, Glencoe; (6) *Darrell Stetler and Elizabeth Schenck*—Waycross, Talladega; (7) College Quartet (*Jason Baker, Jon Hood, Seth Wetherald, Aaron Terry, with Heidi Jones, accompanist*)—Greensboro, Anniston. Area pastors were enthusiastic in their response.

“These committed young people impressed me with their continuing passion for godliness, willing commitment to the foundations of faith, and refreshing spirit of determination and enthusiasm. I commend the school’s administration, as well as the professors, for such notable investments in the Kingdom of God.”—Duane Quesenberry

“We were so glad for the ministerial team who came to Alabama. The Active Bible Methodist Church was very privileged to have P. D. and (p17)➡



Albert Barr

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, vital statistics, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist family," and brief news notes from across the holiness movement. Items for inclusion in the "Revivalist Family" should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210; or revivalist@gsb.edu.

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SPECIAL INTEREST

The Rev. Wes Humble (GBS '84 BRE) has been appointed office editor of *The Holiness Digest*, publication of the Christian Holiness Partnership. Humble, who also serves as Director of Development, at Circleville Bible College, Circleville, Ohio, will assist executive editor, the Rev. Marlin Hotle (GBS '77 HS), who is also CHP executive director.



The Rev. Chester Wilkins, GBS alumnus ('46 CWC) and former faculty member, has released the ninth edition of his book, *The Four Gospels Arranged Chronologically*. First published in 1974 and used as a college text, as well as a resource for local churches and for private study, the book places the life of Christ as recorded in the gospels in logical sequential order.



"It is my feeling that the Bible-reading public will find this fascinating narrative arrangement to be an extremely useful study guide, helping students of God's Word to understand more perfectly the sequential flow and momentum of the marvelous Good News as reported by four individual reporters under the direction of the the Holy Spirit," declares Dr. D. James Kennedy, well-known evangelical leader. Other endorsements include those of Dr. George Allen Turner, Asbury Theological Seminary; W. T. Purkiser, former editor of the *Herald of Holiness* and Dr. Norman G. Wilson, speaker and director of the *Wesleyan Hour*. Copies may be secured by contacting Faith Publications, 3219 E. 13th Street, Anderson, Indiana 46012.

CORRESPONDENCE

"I want to subscribe to *God's Revivalist*. I was a student at GBS in 1972 and 1973. I was away from God for many years, and have recently found Him to be forgiving and accepting of me. I read the December issue and especially loved the article by Allan P. Brown about the meaning of the perfect heart in the Old Testament. It made me hungry for more great reading material. I can hardly wait to start receiving my subscription."—**Steve Pope, E-mail**

"I surely enjoy the *Revivalist*. I received my copy today, and as a rule don't want to put it down until I have read it all. GBS has very good memories for me. I was a student there in 1939 to 1941. My folks took the paper for years. I remember reading it as a young girl. My father's name was LaRue I. Park and my mother's name was Lillie Mae (Standley) Park. I had other brothers and sisters and two sons who went to school there. We will be praying for you and the school."—**Mrs. Eddie Highlander, Frankfort, Indiana.**

Editor's Note: Mrs. Highlander is the granddaughter of the late Lew Standley, longtime pastor of GBS's fabled George Street mission and brother of the late GBS president Meredith G. Standley.

"Thank you and keep up the good work. Your story of the Centenary (November 2000) was outstanding, and your present edition is also excellent. As a child I attended the Thanksgiving Day dinners at GBS in the thirties."—**Burnis H. Bushong, E-mail**

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BIRTHS

To **Thomas and Sherri (Bickert, GBS HS '89) Raven**, a son, **THOMAS CHRISTOPHER RAVEN**, January 5, 2001, Glendale, Arizona. Maternal grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bickert, missionaries to the Philippines, were members of the GBS faculty from 1987–1990.

To **Brian and Kimberly (Mullen, GBS '90 BA) Funkhouser**, New Bloom-



field, Pennsylvania, a son, **ALEXANDER TRUMAN FUNKHOUSER**, January 24, 2000.

To **Greg and Stephanie Burley**, Lima, Ohio, a son, **Evan Matthew Burley**, born January 23, 2001.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Floral Bible Methodist Camp** will be held April 5-15, 2001 at Florala, Alabama. Evangelists will be Rev. Marshall Smart and Rev. Ken Fay. For reservations contact Rev. Joe Christian (850) 892-6280.

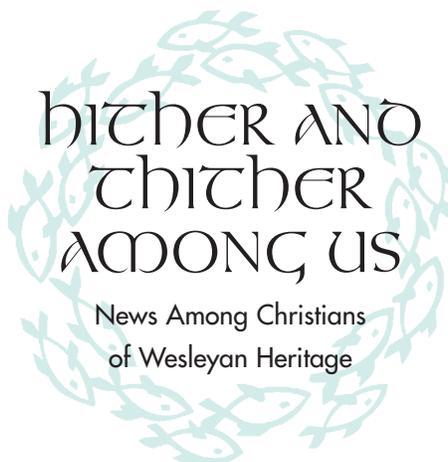
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Two conservative holiness missionary agencies, Friends of Mission (FOM), Columbus, Indiana, and Evangelistic Faith Missions (EFM), Bedford, Indiana, were consolidated January 1, 2001. EFM, established in 1905 by the Rev. Lewis Glenn, is the continuing organization; and its president and director, the Rev. J. Steven Manley, continues in that capacity.

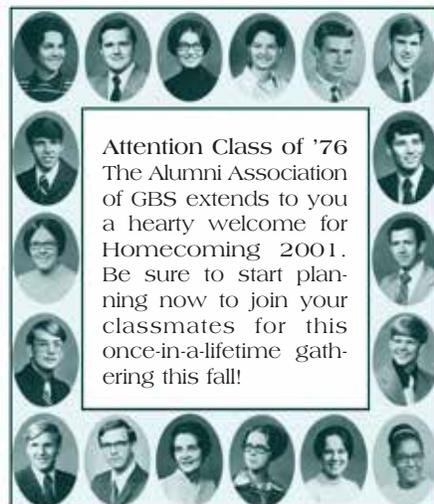
The Rev. Steven E. Hight, FOM director, has assumed the position of EFM vice-president and assistant director. FOM was established 20 years ago with Dr. Dale Yocum as its first director. The united missionary effort will include work in Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Korea, and Ukraine, as well as a cooperative outreach into Cuba.

"The two missions are very similar in operating procedure and

policy," according to the FOM newsletter late last year. "Both missions preach and practice conservative holiness theology and standards. While there will be a number of adjustments for all of us to make, the many similarities should be an advantage as we come together and adapt to a new situation."

On Sunday, October 29, 2000, was the **first of 20 fifteen-minute broadcasts of *For the Love of God and China* by Trans World Radio across the sub-Sahara continent of Africa.** The result of cooperation with FEA's Gospel Publishing Mission, the broadcasts feature Christian classics rewritten in simplified or "special" English. *For the Love of God and China* is the autobiography of the "father of faith missions" J. Hudson Taylor. Other books will follow.

Southern Wesleyan University **will reconstruct Freedom Hill, the first Wesleyan Methodist church in the South.** Built originally in 1848 in what is now Almonce County, North Carolina, the 27' x 36' chapel was dedicated by Wesleyan Methodists, who were known and villified for their opposition to slavery. Many years later, the building was moved to a church campgrounds; and now it has been disassembled, with every piece marked for accurate reconstruction on the campus in South Carolina. The new Freedom Hill will include a library, museum, and conference facilities. ■



Attention Class of '76
The Alumni Association of GBS extends to you a hearty welcome for Homecoming 2001. Be sure to start planning now to join your classmates for this once-in-a-lifetime gathering this fall!

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ALUMNI RECEPTION
An alumni reception will be held during the Inter-Church Holiness Convention in Dayton, Ohio. We invite all alumni to attend this exciting reunion on Wednesday, April 25, in Rooms 302 and 303 of the Convention Center from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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"I have enjoyed all my 92 years and my time doing the Lord's work."

VIRGIL MEYER RECOUNTS HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY

I was born February 6, 1909, one of thirteen children—eight boys and five girls. In the earlier years, we went to church in a wagon, sometimes in a buggy. Most always I stood on the buggy step all the way to church, which was five miles from home. Our training at home has stayed with me and has been my guide through the years.

On my 19th birthday, I came to GBS with my brother Lester. Our room was in the upstairs dormitory above the old wooden tabernacle. Lester slept in the upper bunk. One morning his feet got tangled up in the blanket, and he came down head first! When he landed on the floor, the whole building shook. When I opened our door out into the hallway, two heads were sticking out of every doorway on the floor!

A few months later, Mrs. Minnie Knapp, widow of the founder, died. Ralph G. Finch was asked to preach the funeral sermon. An altar call was given, and over half of the student body came to the altar. One of the boys who came was demon-possessed. The demons took charge of him; but four boys held him down, and he prayed through and was saved.

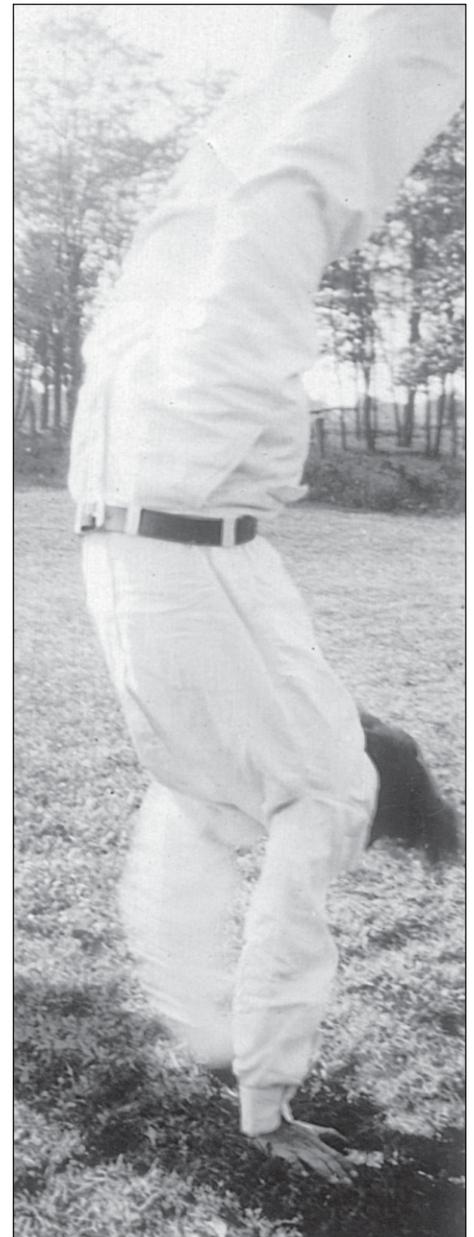
Many times my mind goes back to those good years of preparation for the ministry at GBS. I had teachers like Brother Marsh, Sister Peabody, Mother White, Brother Holland, and Professor McNeill. Brother Standley

was college president. It was during those days that the new tabernacle was built. Lester and I were in charge of mixing all the cement with the cement mixer; and with other students, we helped to do whatever else was necessary. During much of the time I also was Brother Standley's chauffeur, driving his 1930 Packard sedan and running all kinds of errands.

One memory stays with me of walking past Room 113, where a young couple was having a date next to Sister Peabody's room and under her inspection. We could not speak to the girls on campus, except in the spring when we could have a

date on Picnic Day at the school orphanage. Two dates before Picnic Day, I fell 15 feet from a dump box to the sidewalk. I was scared to death that I would miss my one chance in the year to date a girl!

In the spring after I graduated, I went back home and was married to Lucille Seegrist. I bought a truck and trucked gravel and coal for three-and-one-half years. After my brother came home from Chicago and said he was going to California to start a business, I told him to wait until September so that I could go with him. The last of September we went to Pasadena, where I enrolled in Pasadena Nazarene College. I had five wonderful years there, working fifty hours per week in our service (p23) ➡



Virgil doing handstands at a GBS picnic in the 1930's.

Virgil Meyer, 92-year-old alumnus, starts GBS endowment fund.

'GOD'S PURPOSE AND OUR PURPOSE'

Friends and Fellow Alumni:

During the last of September, 2000, people from everywhere came to the campus of God's Bible School to enjoy a wonderful Homecoming celebration of one hundred years of memories; and I, Virgil G. Meyer—a 1932 GBS graduate and one of five honor students—joined the Centenary crowds on the Hilltop.

I sat in the chapel while Brother Avery was taking an offering, and in a very short time he had reached his goal. Everybody stood up and sang songs of praise. God has answered prayer again and again throughout the past 100 years—yes, again and again! He has so graciously stood by Martin Wells Knapp's dream of having a Bible school to train preachers, missionaries, and pastors for the purpose of spreading scriptural holiness. Brother Knapp only saw the fulfillment of his purpose for a short while. How he must have rejoiced and thanked God and the people who had helped him carry out his plan and fulfill his purpose for the school!

"For God was not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). This is why Brother Knapp came to the Hilltop, and this is why people have stood by with prayers and finances. This is also why I came to that service just when I did. God had a purpose in my being there just so that He could make known to me His plan for helping carry on the finances of the school in the future.

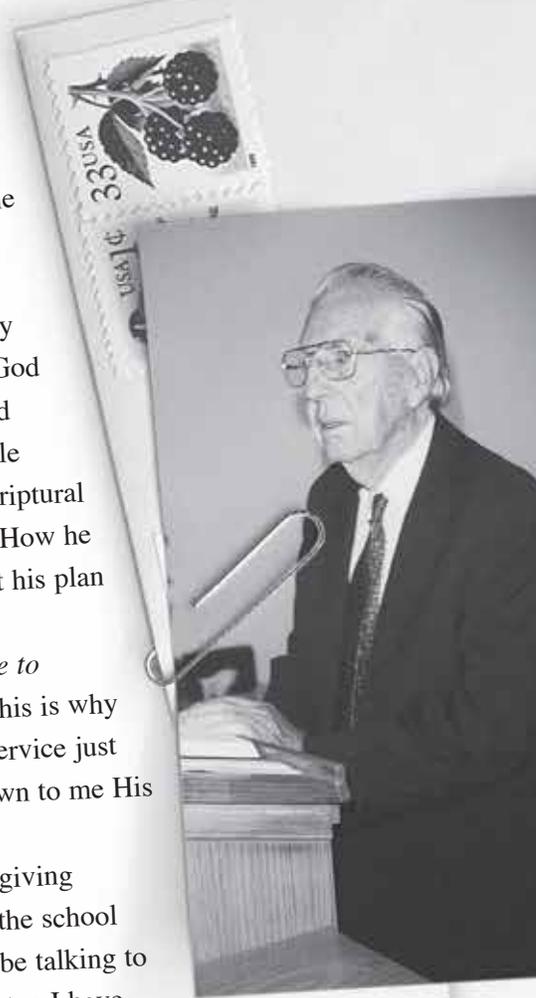
The offering had just been finished when God began to talk to me about giving \$10,000 to GBS. I have visited the school on many occasions and have watched the school leaders take offerings at camp meetings and other services. Now God seemed to be talking to me about starting a plan for a school endowment fund, with my \$10,000 as a starter. I have obeyed Him, and this amount of money has now been invested for the school. With accumulated interest, it will be worth \$25,910 in ten years and \$85,130 in twenty years!

Then God seemed to talk to me about finding ten more people who will do the same thing. Each would invest \$10,000 for the school! I spoke to Brother Avery about this, and he liked the plan and asked me to write about my life's work. This is sure—Life has never been boring to me, for there is always something to do. And now, at age 92, I want to get an endowment plan to help finance the school in years ahead. With God's help and the help of many others, this will be done; and we will thank God again and again and again for it.

Virgil G. Meyer

VIRGIL G. MEYER (GBS '32 BiCr)
Fort Wayne, Indiana

If you share Virgil Meyer's vision for a GBS endowment fund and wish to help, please contact the Office of the President



silent saints at GBS

CARL TODD, GOD'S HELPER ON THE HILLTOP

By Glenn D. Black

Carl Todd was a happy, humble, holy man of God—*happy* in spirit, *humble* in authentic servanthood on behalf of others, and *holy* in consecration of his time, talents, and treasures to his Saviour and Sanctifier.

My eyes first focused upon this humble servant of God on a warm summer afternoon in late August of 1967 when I arrived to enroll as a student at God's Bible School. As my father, mother, sister and I were transferring my sister's belongings from our car, directly parked in front of the 1810 Young Street Administration Building, Brother Todd—as we students usually addressed him—was descending the campus ramp between the Knapp Memorial Building and the Administration Building. He recognized my father as a fellow student of his in the late 1940's at God's Bible School. Brother Todd immediately insisted on helping us. He picked up a large foot locker and joined us in our walk to the Girls' Dorm. This was my initial glimpse and exposure of this happy, humble, and holy servant of God and his fellow man.

In 1947 Brother Todd attended special services on the campus of God's Bible School. He went to the altar and prayed earnestly for divine help. He said an eternal yes to the will of God for his life at the great altar in what is now called the Adcock Chapel on the GBS campus. This was the beginning of thirty-one years of studies and service at God's Bible School. Brother Todd's decision to attend God's Bible School that same year in preparation for the ministry resulted in his being the recipient of much criticism and personal insults by close friends. But Brother Todd had sold out to follow God.

He spent several years as a student at God's Bible School. He received a

Christian Workers Course Certificate in 1947, a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1953, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. During this time he also worked at God's Bible School. One of the greatest highlights of his life was on June 26, 1963, when he was ordained as a minister by the Wesleyan Tabernacle Association.

In conjunction with his many years of study, Brother Todd began fulfilling his call. In 1949 he opened his first city mission in Cincinnati. He was not satisfied with just one mission. Everywhere he saw an empty storeroom, shop, etc., in Cincinnati, he would catch a vision of another mission to help spread the gospel. He has been credited with starting nine missions, eight in Cincinnati and one in Covington, Kentucky.

Brother Todd felt a definite call to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through city missions. In the words of another, his call was "to the unlovely, the destitute, the loner, the criminal, the alcoholic, the thief, the unwanted, the poor, the lame, and the blind; for he was known as the man who loved the unlovely."

Carl Todd was a man of prayer. Across the years, he spent the early morning hours in the men's prayer room. He prayed for the salvation of souls. He prayed for God's Bible School and the entire student body.

He also spent much of his time doing carpentry work for the school. Visitors to the campus often viewed his handiwork. He built bookcases for the

bookstore and refinished furniture for other areas of the campus. He also built pulpits and pews for the city missions operated by God's Bible School.

Brother Todd was a generous man. He had a big heart. Every school year he donated hundreds of dollars from his meager income to help support needy students at God's Bible School.

His brother David once said, "Carl was not gifted in speaking nor blessed with social or physical attraction, yet on the basis of compassion, selflessness, generosity, and complete dedication to God, he was a giant of a man." Carl

Todd passed away September 17, 1978, at the age of 67.

Since 1950, alumni and friends of God's Bible School have correctly recognized with great respect and honor such individuals as E.G. Marsh, Nettie Peabody, Alice "Mom" White, and others as earthen vessels used of God to keep His Bible School afloat amidst the swirling waters of adversity. Among the growing list under the word "others," Carl Todd must be included. He was a happy man. He was humbly holy in heart and in deeds. *And he was God's Helper on the Hilltop!* ■



The Rev. Glenn D. Black, former editor of God's Revivalist, is superintendent of the Kentucky District of the Wesleyan Church. He resides in Lexington, Kentucky.

➡(p11) *Sherry Wolfe with us. They were such a blessing to all in many ways. Thank you for sending them to Alabama.*—Paul Pilmore.

“We enjoyed having Darrell Stetler and Elizabeth Schenck visit us. Elizabeth played the piano for the congregational singing, and together they sang a special song with a wonderful spirit. Darrell preached and did an outstanding job. We appreciate what GBS is doing to train young people.”—Bob Blankenship

ALABAMA BIBLE METHODISTS ESTABLISH NEW GBS SCHOLARSHIPS

During the evening service of the Southern District Bible Methodist Indoor Camp, January 27, at Brent, Alabama, checks were presented to President Michael Avery for the establishment of two new scholarships at GBS. These will bring the school’s total endowed scholarship resources to over \$250,000, one-fourth of the administration’s goal of one million dollars. The recently-established scholarship funds are as follows:

(1) The Aubrey Elam Indoor Camp Scholarship, \$10,000.

In memory of the late Rev. Aubrey Elam, who served as chairman of the camp from 1988–1999, this was presented “on behalf of Mrs. Aubrey Elam, the Indoor Camp, and the Alabama Bible Methodist Connection of Churches Southern District,” according to the accompanying citation. It “will be used first to help students of our Southern District and then other Bible Methodist young people in their pursuit of a Bible college education.

Mr. Elam, a product of Wesleyan Methodist roots, ministered in the South for over 40 years as pastor, evangelist, Christian school administrator, and denominational leader. He was an elder in the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference. “His love for holiness and young people make this scholarship in his memory especially meaningful,” according to President Avery.

(2) Stanley Kendall Stanton Christian School Founders and Supporters Scholarship, \$15,000. “On behalf of the family of the Rev. Stanley Kendall, the former Stanton Christian School, its founders and supporters,” this is in honor of Mr. Kendall and other “great men and women” who assisted him in establishing and supporting the Stanton, Alabama, educational ministry, as well as “the living organizations which they played an instrumental part in.”

“Brother Kendall gave over 50 years of his life to pastoring and evangelism,” comments President Avery. “Noted for his powerful evangelistic form and passion for souls, he was widely used all across America. His love for the holiness movement and its youth makes this a fitting memorial.”

(In photos on this page, President Avery receives checks funding the new scholarships: (1) With Conference President Walter Hedstrom and pastors of the Southern District; and (2) With Mrs. Evelyn Kendall and Miss Betty Kendall, the faculty of Stanton Christian School, and pastors of the Southern District).

Briefly Noted: **Lynette Troyer**, now a GBS student completing a missions degree, was honored as the “top of the class” at Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati. She comes from Saranac, Michigan...**Eliza Cano** was named “Custodial Work Student of the Month” for January...**The Rev. Denis Odhiambo**, pastor from Africa, spoke in chapel January 31. ■



Presentation of the Aubrey Elam Indoor Camp Scholarship



Presentation of the Stanley Kendall Stanton Christian School Founders and Supporters Scholarship.

Growing In Goshen

by Daniel Glick



Whatever the state of the holiness movement elsewhere, it's vigorous and healthy at the Christian Nation Church in Goshen, Ohio. Forty-seven-year-old pastor Carl Eisenhart leads the worship service with an enthusiasm that is highly contagious. Here is a place where the spiritually-alive congregation responds when the pastor encourages them to praise the Lord and where people routinely seek Jesus Christ and find Him as Saviour and Lord. The church has also impacted the entire community with its calling program and has touched people in such faraway countries as Jordan and Jamaica.

Pastor Eisenhart himself has much for which to praise God. Reared in a nonreligious home, Carl learned at an early age to consume large amounts of intoxicating beverages. At age 26, near his home in central Pennsylvania, he looked up from the floorboard of his wrecked Ford Bronco, where he lay bleeding and temporarily paralyzed, and promised himself that he was going to change his life.

Carl kept his promise, but discovered that only through God's grace and power were the changes made possible and permanent. Surrendering his life to Christ, he soon felt the call to prepare for Christian ministry. In 1983, he sold his home and moved to God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1984, while still a student at GBS, he was invited to serve as pastor of the Christian Nation

Church in Goshen, which was some 30 miles from Cincinnati.

At that time, the congregation had declined to 12 people from its high point some 25 years earlier. The group was dispirited, but Carl was not. He knew God was calling him, and he immediately launched into the work. He called for special prayer meetings, and he and others began a calling program every Sunday. Although it took them two years to cover the surrounding area,

Any visitor to Christian Nation will find that this is a church alive and on fire for the Lord. Nor has its growth come because it has simply adjusted to the prevailing culture, for Carl preaches passionately the gospel of our Lord and calls on believers to live a life of holiness. Those who have been influenced by Pastor Eisenhart and the church are not just the locals either.

In the past 16 years, four churches have been built in Jamaica through

The group was dispirited, but Carl was not. He knew God was calling him.



in six months there were 24 attending Sunday services. While this was not explosive growth, it was growth nevertheless; and over the past sixteen years the church has grown steadily to its present attendance of more than 100.

contributions from the Goshen congregation; and its pastor is a frequent visitor there. He also regularly visits countries in the Middle East. On a recent trip, while preaching in a house church in Jordan, a former member of Saddam Hussein's elite

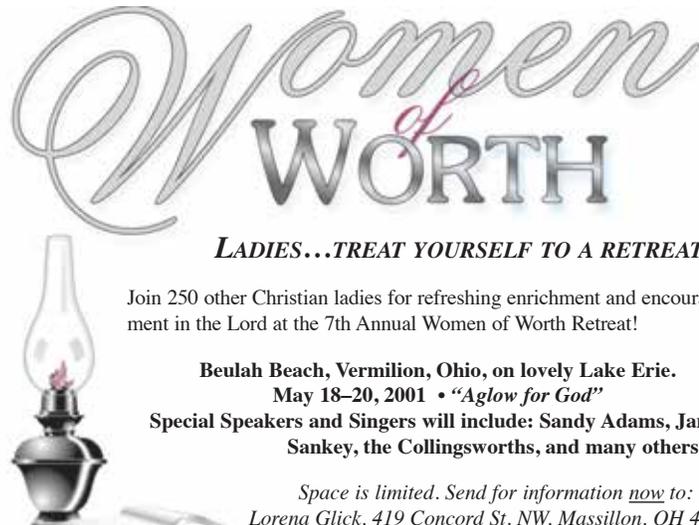
Republican Guard was present; and when the invitation was given to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour, this man, together with his entire family, fell on his knees, weeping, praying, and welcoming the Lord into his life.

Giving at the Christian Nation has gone from the challenging days of 1985 when the church had difficulty paying its bills, to \$300,000 in the last three years; and that's only for missions! In his yearly "State of the Church Address," Carl freely credits the turnaround of the church to the help of God and the diligent work of his congregation. Right there alongside these facts is Carl's quiet and selfless wife Gail, who gives herself to serve people just as her husband does. She is a beautiful complement to his ministry.

Richard Humble once commented that Carl Eisenhart is a "brand plucked out of the fire" with a fervent testimony that has reached people of various cultures. Another Christian leader has referred to him as "one of the most passionate soul winners" that he knows.

I asked Carl the secret of his ministerial success. His answer: prayer and fasting; communicating love to one's spouse and children; and spending time with his people. After being around him, I could easily add three more: possessing a positive attitude and message; being easily touched by the needs of others; and absolutely dripping with passion for what he is doing.

Some people question whether solid biblically-based holiness churches can be built in today's climate of ethical laxity and widespread spiritual compromise. For the answer to that question, one need not look any further than the Christian Nation Church in the quiet community of Goshen, Ohio. ■



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The revival God promises in this passage includes three results.

A. God will answer from heaven.

God promises to hear the humble. "LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear" (Psa. 10:17). If we meet the conditions God lays down for revival, He will answer. We need to reassure our hearts of this certainty. But don't expect His answer to correspond to your timetable. Rarely, if ever, does the first outburst of repentance and humility bring revival. God wants to see sustained change in our lives. We need to continue seeking Him in prayer, and back up our prayers by full obedience.

B. God will forgive our sin.

Humbling ourselves and confessing our own faults and failings, the sins of our families, our churches, our communities, and our nation, brings the assurance that God will forgive. His mercy endures forever (Psa. 136).

C. God will heal our land.

One of God's judgments on sin is to withdraw His blessings from the land where sin prevails. The books of Hosea and Amos make it clear that ecology is adversely affected by sin (Hos. 2:12; Amos 4:6-10). The promise to heal the land is a promise to restore His blessings upon the people of that land. This generation in America is so far removed from judgment through physical famine and pestilence that it is hard for us to appreciate the significance of restoration and mercy. However, unless God's people humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, we may yet live to appreciate it!

Conclusion. God wants to revive you, your church, and your community. But you must meet His requirements. And when revival comes, it will no doubt be different than you expected. The Lord uniquely designs each outpouring of His Spirit to meet the need of the hour. No two revivals are alike. Let us lay aside our preconceptions and built-in limitations concerning what God can or cannot do or what He is likely or not likely to do. But always remember, if there is not an emphasis on thorough repentance, separation from all sin, and holiness of life, whatever occurs should not be labeled "revival." The enemy loves to counterfeit a true move of God in order to soothe guilty consciences and gloss over sin. However, whenever God's people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their disobedient ways, God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We cannot orchestrate revival, but we can, as G. Campbell Morgan said, "set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again."

Do you need revival? Are you willing to seek God, asking Him to reveal any wicked way in you? Why not begin now?

¹Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. *Quest For Renewal: Personal Revival in the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1986, p. 13.

²See for example, 1 Kings 21:29; 2 Chron. 12:7; 12:12; 30:11.

³Adapted from his "Revival Series: Lecture 1," www.ravenhill.org.

⁴Kaiser, p. 17.

—Sermon outline by Dr. Allan P. Brown



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**Revival
God's Way**

**Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14;
Psalm 85:6**

What are we asking for when we pray for revival? Despite our familiarity with the term "revival," or perhaps because of it, addressing the concept of "revival" is fraught with pitfalls. The term "revival" is used to refer to many different things. For example, it is common in many churches to schedule a preacher, announce a series of future services as an upcoming "revival," without regard to the actual outcome of the meeting. Others reserve the term for services geared to win the lost. Still others limit the term to a move of God so spectacular that it spills out of the church, results in the conviction and conversion of multitudes of sinners and so transforms the surrounding communities that many of the businesses that cater to sinful activities have to close their doors. Then there are those who regard the term with suspicion, since "revival" has been associated with bazaar events such as people barking like a dog, or being seized with uncontrollable "holy laughter" (the Toronto "revival") or "holy jerks" (the Brownsville "revival" in Pensacola, Florida).

Perhaps the best approach is to see what God requires from people who want revival. Certainly the desire for revival pleases God, for the Psalmist teaches us to pray, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6). Here is the heart cry of one who wants to see a move of God so powerful and penetrating that the people could again rejoice about His work among them.

Let's turn to 2 Chronicles 7:14 to see what God requires from people who want revival. Although it does not use the term *revive* or *revival*, this passage is one of the greatest texts in the Bible on the subject. Just prior to this, Solomon has dedicated the newly-constructed temple. That night, the Lord appeared to him and gave him the divinely appointed pathway to revival contained in this verse. It identifies the people who qualify for revival, the four requirements for revival, and the three results of revival.¹

I. The RECIPIENTS of revival—"If my people which are called by my name"

The phrase, "my people," was first given to the people of Israel as they gathered at the foot of Mt. Sinai after their miraculous deliverance from Egypt (Exo. 19). It included all who agreed to the terms of the Sinaitic covenant. This group included some who were truly godly and many who had no personal relationship with God; yet because of their participation in the birth of the nation, they became "God's people." Thus when God uses the phrase "my people which are called by my name," He is referring to people who would classify themselves as "religious."

By way of application, one could use this broad inclusive definition of “my people” to refer to anyone who attends a church and professes to be a Christian whether he has a vital relationship with Christ or not. The point is, revival focuses on God’s people in the largest sense of the term. It is concerned with the renewal and restoration of fellowship with God. It has to do with people who are “religious” and have a profession of faith but have allowed other “gods” to usurp the place God rightly deserves in their lives. In such a situation, God lays down four requirements that must be followed if He is to revive His people.

II. The four REQUIREMENTS for revival—“shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways”

A. God’s people must humble themselves.

To humble yourself (*kana*) is to acknowledge your need of God’s intervention by renouncing all pride and self-sufficiency. In the Old Testament, people who humbled themselves usually expressed their need publicly by doing such things as putting on sackcloth, fasting, weeping, and acknowledging they did not deserve God’s intervention. They hoped, however, that God would see their sincerity and have mercy on them.²

I have heard good people express confusion when urged to humble themselves. They ask, “If there is no known sin in my life, and I am walking in all the light I have, what should I humble myself about?” H. Robb French provided me with a helpful answer. Years ago, as a Bible college student preparing for the ministry, I had the privilege of being in the last class in revival and evangelism he taught. He had spent most of his preaching years praying for and preaching about revival. He had experienced a revival in one of his early pastorates that affected the community in which it was located. His conclusion, after years of reading, fasting, praying, and preaching on revival, was: “*If sinners are not saved, it is largely because they are not convicted; if they are not convicted, it is because the church is not burdened; if the church is not burdened, it is because the Holy Spirit is not operating through her; if the Spirit does not operate, it is because there is a condition there which is offensive to Him.*”

In his meetings, he would usually begin by gathering together the church leaders—anyone who held an office in the church. He would ask them to humble themselves and confess their faults and failures in order to prepare the way for the Holy Spirit to move. He would set the example by being the first to humble himself.

The best of us should humble ourselves and mourn over our lack of passion for worship and over the barren pews and altars in our churches. We should mourn over any member of our family that is not saved. We should mourn over the spirit of controversy that arises so often among us in our churches over minor issues. We should mourn over the spirit of competition that permeates our activities. We should mourn over the dissensions and whisperings about fellow believers, other denominations, churches, institutions and mission agencies. Such realities indicate a lack of brotherly love and a desperate need for revival. If we have personally contributed to any of these deplorable conditions, we should mourn over our own thoughtless words, our own competitive spirit, our own whisperings against fellow believers.

B. God’s people must pray.

The late Leonard Ravenhill, a gifted prophet, writer, and man of prayer wrote, “You don’t *wish* revival...there is no such thing. People say to me all over the country, ‘I am interested in revival.’ I say, ‘Yes, so are a million other Americans.’ I find all kinds of people interested in it. I don’t find many people burdened for it. People are very interested in revival, but we don’t start to break the fallow ground. We don’t prepare the way of the Lord... If you are going to break up fallow ground you have to get your own life into a state of discipline—and we are the most undisciplined generation of believers ever. There is no way of getting to revival unless previously there comes brokenness.”³ God forgive us and help us to discipline ourselves to pray until our hearts are inflamed with holy passion. We must pray singly, collectively, persistently, and believingly. We need to pray for revival in our families, our churches, and our communities. Like Daniel, we should confess the sins of our nation and implore God to have mercy on us (Dan. 9:3-19).

Yet we must do more than pray. In my youth I attended a wonderful church filled with praying saints. We regularly had special times of prayer with a focus on revival and church growth. We even had all-nights of prayer and consistently met early Sunday mornings for prayer at 5:00 a.m. We prayed for revival and for God to help our church to grow through the salvation of the lost. The result? Our church grew like a bar of soap! (It shrank, in other words.) Prayer is a crucial ingredient for revival, but it is not the only ingredient.

C. People must seek His face.

There are three characteristic actions that accompany seeking God: 1) submission to God’s Word (2 Chron. 14:4; 26:4-5), 2) separation from all impurity (Ezra 6:21), and 3) a voluntary and wholehearted turning to God in prayer.

David gives us an example of seeking God’s face when he writes, “O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is” (Psa. 63:1). To seek God is to have a deep hungering after God—a passion for God. It is more than an emotional surge, as wonderful as that is. There must be a setting of one’s will and heart to wholeheartedly seek God until He comes (Jer. 29:12-13; 2 Chron. 19:3). A half-hearted attempt or spasmodic effort will avail little.

D. God’s people must turn from their wicked ways.

“Revival is needed when worldliness so captures our hearts that we are as entrapped by our insatiable desires for leisure time, extended vacations (away from the house of God), and every kind of entertainment as the ancient Israelites were by the idolatry of the Canaanites.... When any form of leisure or entertainment competes for the believer’s time and loyalties, equaling or exceeding the time and joy that he gives and receives from spiritual things, then he has crossed the line and entered headlong into idolatry.”⁴

Sometimes turning from wicked ways involves a radical amputation of the source of sin. We must purge the idols from our lives. This certainly includes computer pornography. How tragic to hear of preachers, going about the work of God as usual, whose computers contain telltale evidence of pornographic viewing. God have mercy upon us! God’s people must turn from their wicked ways.

III. The Three RESULTS of revival—“then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

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RUSSIA

“Richard Grout reports that it has been verified that more than fifty million New Testaments in the Russian language have been distributed throughout Russia and the former Soviet Union. “This is partly through the Vyborg Christian Center and partly through the great and growing network of Gideon camps throughout these countries.” —*Ropeholders* ■

➡(p14) station and garage and taking a full college load of sixteen hours per semester. We also had our first child in Pasadena.

After I had earned both my AB and Master’s degrees there, we sold our business and returned to our home area in northern Indiana and took our first pastorate in Portland, Indiana. We stayed there four years and built our attendance from five women, one man, and ten children to over 100 in four years. Over a period of 16 years we pastored four Nazarene churches in northern Indiana.

In 1958 I resigned the pastorate to go into full-time evangelism. Sacrifices were many as I left home and family and traveled for thousands of miles across 39 states and three provinces of Canada. However, many wonderful blessings were mine as well as I traveled about 39,000 miles per year on only \$3,000 per year salary. Because few revivals were slated in the summer months and I needed a summer income, I bought a farm, including machinery. Years later, I sold the farm for an industrial site, and this enabled me to make missionary trips and pay all of our own expenses.

In 1974 my beloved Lucille died of cancer. Two years later I married Dorothy Mackey Mitchell, a long-time friend who had also attended God’s Bible School. I had had a 20-year dream of making missionary trips; and in 1985 this came true. We have been through the Western hemisphere, preaching revivals, lecturing or preaching to seminary students, preaching in district assemblies, and having a wonderful time. In 1991 I bought all the material to remodel a large building in Venezuela as a memorial for my first wife. At the age of 82, I drove all the way to Alaska and back for our last missionary trip. The purpose of this eight-week trip was to hold revival services for seven churches that could not usually afford an evangelist.

In my later years in the pastorate, and also as an evangelist, I felt the need for some hobbies, something that would relax my mind. I began collecting and repairing watches and violins and collecting old books on the ministry. Now for the past year I have been compiling and editing two volumes containing ordination sermons and material on pastoral leadership, including some of my own material. I have a passion for the ministry and a love for oratory that are evidenced in this soon-to-be published collection. Concurrently I am providing full-time care for my wife Dorothy. We still enjoy our trips back to God’s Bible School. It is always a highlight of our lives.

It has been my pleasure to answer the request of Dr. Avery to tell you something of my life. I have enjoyed all my 92 years and my time doing the Lord’s work: preaching the gospel, seeing people saved and joining the church. Many people have tapped me on the shoulder and said, “I was saved in your revival.” I have no regrets for what I have done. May God bless God’s Bible School in years to come! ■

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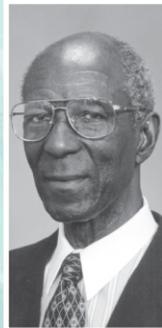
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➡(p9) personal character level. “Surely you desire truth in the inner parts,” exclaims David (Ps. 51:6, NIV). God wants us to be honest with ourselves. We will not be honest with God if we are not honest with ourselves.

Pilate's problem was, he had not been accustomed to making truth first in his value system. This is implied by Jesus' word: “Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

This is why Jesus and all apostles were so insistent on repentance. People who have been living in self-deception must get on the side of truth if they are to have any hope of ever being saved.

Truth as integrity will never be possible until people discover and confess their untruthfulness. The Bible says that the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9, KJV). The first step toward truth as integrity is the discovery and acknowledgement that this indictment is true of oneself.

People must be willing to embrace the truth about themselves and their sin and the truth about salvation through Christ. These are the fundamental truths which underlie all religious knowledge.

God wants us to be cleansed of our bent to dishonesty and become true at the core of our being. This means not only verbal truthfulness but faithfulness to our promises and obligations. It means that the reasons we give for our actions are the real reasons, not coverups for hidden

ones. It means fidelity to our convictions. A true person cannot be bought.

There is no way a firm relationship can be built with a liar. Lying keeps the fabric of human relations in shreds.

Civil law is necessary as a backstop in human relationships to enforce proper conduct when personal integrity is lacking. Honest people do not need law to compel them to be straight.

But the third meaning of truth is ultimate reality. What is the real nature and purpose of the universe? This question is the field of philosophy. Great thinkers have struggled over the nature of reality for thousands of years. We call their inquiry metaphysics.

Jesus defined this level of truth when he said, “I am the truth.” He meant that ultimate purpose, ultimate meaning, ultimate reality, is not to be found in the stars above or in the world at our feet, but in Him. Ultimate truth is personal and Jesus is it. He is the final answer to every question. He is the real solution to every problem. He is the bottom-line explanation for all phenomena. He is the quintessence of wisdom and knowledge. He is the proper object of all philosophy. Jesus is the only key that will unlock philosophy's riddles.

According to the Bible Jesus “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (Col. 1:15-17, NIV).

Unless Jesus is put at the center of all thinking, all the wrestlings and speculations of philosophers are but exercises in futility. Interesting, yes, but leading to a dead end.

Science can provide facts but not the truth of the facts. The facts may be useful and functional. Facts may enable scientists to reach the moon and build superfast computers, but the ultimate meaning and purpose of these facts will forever elude the human mind until and unless the facts are seen in their relation to Jesus Christ. Every scientific discovery or invention is abortive if it does not find its usefulness in our Lord's service. Only when Jesus is at the center do things make sense. Only Jesus Christ can bring order out of chaos and give that rich and satisfying meaning to life which we always suspected was there but never before could find. In Christ is that balanced coherence which makes personal fulfillment possible, and turns life's question marks into exclamation marks! ■

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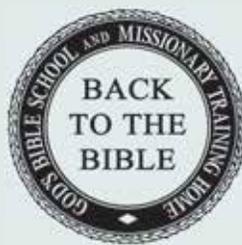
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- 2 Commencement
- 3 Pentecost, *the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian Church*
- End of the School Year
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day

➡(p5) conflict with the two; but there is no doubt as to the final outcome. The City of Earth will perish, and the City of God will triumph—absolutely and forever!

As always, our first allegiance remains with that City, and we hope that George W. Bush shares the same commitment. Certainly, all of us are better citizens of the United States because we are also citizens of heaven. In our beloved nation, as everywhere throughout the world, the warfare with the City of Earth still rages fiercely around us. Someday it will be over—but not yet. Until then, we must keep our vision clear, our hearts right, and our priorities straight.

And paraphrasing the venerable *Book of Common Prayer*, we will beseech the King of Heaven that with His kindly favor He will "behold and bless thy servant George W. Bush, the President of the United States...and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that he may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and prosperity long to live; and finally after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen." ■



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JOSEPH SMITH Joseph Smith, pastor for the past 17 years of the Independent Bible Holiness Church, Shelbyville, Indiana, graduated from God's Bible School and College in 1980 with the degree BRE. As a GBS student, he was a devotional leader, as well as pastor of the Vine Street Mission for three years. He is vice president of the Ohio Bible Methodist Conference and has also served on the boards of both Friends of Mission and Union Bible College. His wife, the former Sharon Morrow, graduated from GBS with the degree BA in 1979. He and Sharon are parents of five children: Stephen, 20, a GBS junior ministerial student; Stephanie, 17, who plans to enroll at GBS in the fall of 2001; Nathan, 15, Andrew, 13, and Benjamin, 10.

SECRETARY, Alumni Executive Council



SHIRLEY (RICHARDSON) DYE Shirley, a 1972 graduate (BA) of God's Bible School and College, has been secretary to the Alumni Executive Council since 1998. She and her husband, the Rev. John Dye, reside in Smithburg, West Virginia, where they are involved in ministry. Previously she served on the GBS staff as secretary to the president and has also been employed as an administrative assistant at the Procter and Gamble Company in Cincinnati.



FREDERICK DAVISON Fred is a graduate of GBS ('82 BA; '84 ThB) and as a student pastored the Main Street Mission. He also holds the degree BA in Economics from the University of Illinois. An "enrolled agent and accredited tax advisor," he has operated a personal tax service for PNC advisors in Cincinnati since June, 1989. He worked in the GBS General Office from January 1979 to December 1988 and currently serves his alma mater as an adjunct teacher in economics. Fred

has also been treasurer of the Alumni Executive Council from 1995 to the present. His wife, the former Lee Ann Ard, attended GBS in the early 1980's. They are the parents of the following children: Angela Davison Sterneberg, 20, who attended GBS as both a college and high school student; Christina, 17, a student at the GBS high school; and Frederick Jeremy, who attends the GBS academy. The Davisons attend the Bible Methodist Church, Burlington, Kentucky.

TREASURER, Alumni Executive Council



STEPHEN STETLER Steve is a graduate of God's Bible School and College ('82 BRE; '83 BA). He was president of his freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes; sang in the college quartet; and was a member of both the choir and the SWSE. Since graduating, he has served in ministry in various capacities as a teacher and assistant pastor. For the past twelve years, he has been associate pastor at Faith Mission Church, Bedford, Indiana, working with outreach and youth, and is also Learning Center Supervisor for Stone City Christian Academy in Bedford. Steve and his wife, the former Beth Sankey (GBS '85 BA) are the parents of two children, Maria, 12; and Kent, 9.



CHRIS HILLING Chris was valedictorian of his class, graduating from GBS in 1997 with the degree BA in Biblical Studies. While at GBS, he was assistant pastor at Main Street Mission for one year, a dorm RA, representative to the student Council, and from 1994-1997, assistant pastor at Auburn Bible Methodist Church. He currently is pastor of the Harrison Chapel Bible Methodist Church, near Pataskala, Ohio, as well as Sunday school treasurer for the Ohio Bible Methodist Conference and contributing editor to the *Bible Methodist* periodical. His wife, the former Esther Wentworth, graduated from GBS with the degree BA in Music Education in 1997. The Hillings are parents of one daughter, Melanie. "We should seize the enthusiasm from the Centenary Celebration that caused so many to 'come back home,' Chris says, "and use that excitement to build stronger relationships between alumni."

The annual Alumni Association Business Meeting will convene Saturday, May 26, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in the Snack Bar area at God's Bible School and College, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210, with the annual Corporation Meeting convening immediately thereafter. The ballots should be mailed to GBS no later than May 18, or you may bring them with you to the meetings. Any ballots received by mail after May 26 will not be counted.

The Constitution provides that all full members of the Corporation have the right to vote.

Full members, as stated in the Constitution:

"are those who have graduated from the High School Department, the Christian Worker's Course, or the College Department; former students who completed two consecutive years in good standing in the High School and/or College Departments; present full-time employees (salaried with benefits) of the School with minimum two years of service; former full-time employees (salaried with benefits) with a minimum of five consecutive years of service; and present members of the Board of Trustees."

Associate members of the Corporation are not eligible to vote. Associate members, as stated in the Constitution:

"are those who have attended the School but do not fulfill the requirements for full membership, and former full-time employees (salaried with benefits) of the School with a minimum of two years of service."

Ballots should be marked in the box of the desired candidate. If husband and wife are both alumni, they should use the same ballot, utilizing the additional box provided for this purpose.

BALLOT FOR GBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vote for 2 of the following:

- Jimmy Wilcox
- R. Duane Thompson
- Steve Miller

BALLOT FOR GBS ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Current membership required to vote (\$5.00 annual due).

Vote for 1 of the following for each office:

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

- David Hilligoss
- Joseph Smith

SECRETARY

- Shirley (Richardson) Dye
- Frederick Davison

TREASURER

- Stephen Stetler
- Chris Hilling

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April 6 Friday 7:30 PM
Greater Charleston GBS Rally
Teays Valley Ch. of the Nazarene, Teays, WV
Rev. Sonny Williams, Pastor (304) 757-8400
Rally Co-host: Mrs. Freda Hudson (304) 757-6147

April 7 Saturday 7:00 PM
Greater Baltimore GBS Rally
Church of the Nazarene, Glen Burnie, MD
Westfield at Midland Rds.
Rev. C. Michael Routh, Pastor (410) 255-6204
Rally Coordinator: Mr. Harry Crouse (410) 788-0336

April 8 Sunday 10:00 AM
Evangelical Brethren Church, Hanover, PA
Rev. James Keaton, Jr. (717) 637-6827

April 8 Sunday 6:30 PM
God's Missionary Church, Lebanon, PA
Rev. Barry Arnold (717) 273-3690 or 272-7394

April 9 Monday 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Brethren in Christ Ch., Elliottsburg, PA
3 mi. west of New Bloomfield, PA
Rev. Mervin O. Potteiger (717) 582-4466

April 10 Tuesday 7:30 PM
Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz, PA
Rev. Jack Hooker (717) 365-3589

April 11 Wednesday 7:00 PM
NY Southern Tier GBS Rally
Pilgrim Holiness Church, Endicott, NY
Rev. Jonathan Fall (607) 748-7059

April 12 Thursday 7:30 PM
Northwestern PA GBS Rally
Crawford Center, Emlenton, PA
I-80 Exit 5, Rte. 38 N into town
Rev. Gary Warinner (724) 735-2369

April 13 Good Friday 7:00 PM
Central Michigan GBS Rally
Pilgrim Bible Church, Cedar Springs, MI
Rev. G. Clair Sams (616) 696-1020

April 14 Saturday 6:30 PM
GBS Area Rally
First Church of the Nazarene, Adrian, MI
Rev. Larry Betz, Pastor
(517) 263 1579 / (517) 265 7600

April 15 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM
Bird Lake Wesleyan Missionary Church, Osseo, MI
Rev. Rick Maloyed, Pastor (517) 523-2989 (H)
(517) 567-8635 (School)

April 15 Sunday 6:00 PM
Bible Wesleyan Methodist Church, Marion, OH
Rev. Gary Brugger, Pastor (740) 382-6248 (O)
387-3870 (H)

