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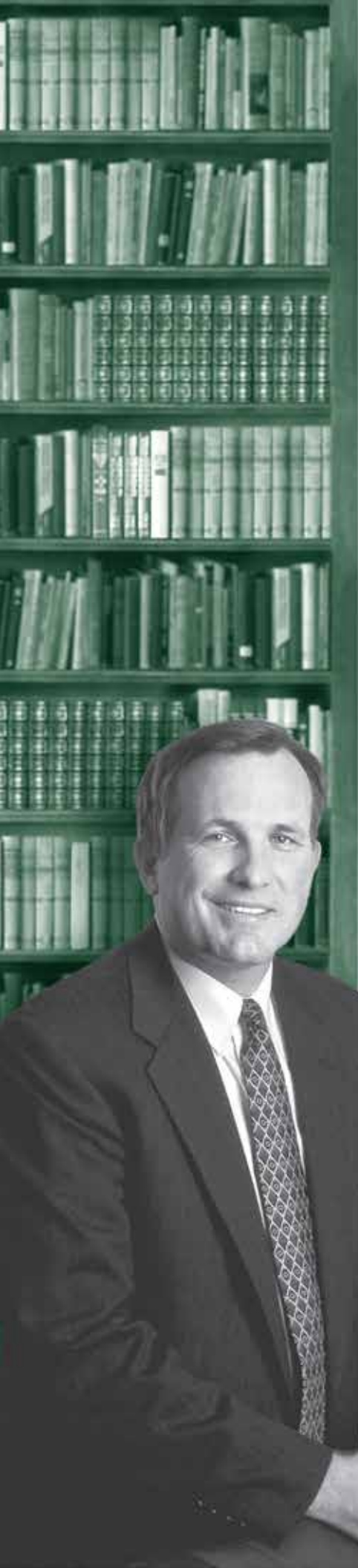
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"Honor to whom honor is due!" This issue has a variety of fascinating material but especially focuses on the faithful service of three GBS instructors—Floyd Hyatt and Garen and Sheila Wolf—who each have completed 25 years as faculty on the Hilltop and will be honored at this year's Homecoming festivities.

**DON'T FORGET TO SAY "THANK YOU"***by Michael R. Avery, president*

He was sitting in his garage watching cars go by, nodding and daydreaming of yesteryears. My surprise visit startled him back to the present. We shared greetings and took a little time to catch up on family news. My 83-year-old friend then walked me to his bedroom and showed me two of his most prized possessions. The first was his lifetime subscription card to *God's Revivalist*. The second was a plaque from his church thanking him for his many years of service. My friend beamed with joy. He felt appreciated. Somebody had taken the time to say thank you.

As I have advanced in years, I have come to realize the importance of expressing verbally and in other tangible ways my appreciation for the contributions that men and women have made in my life. My first valuable lesson came as a result of the H.E. Schmul Banquet. We invited hundreds of people to our campus to celebrate the life and legacy of this great man. I watched Brother Schmul bask in the accolades given him by one leader after another. Plaques were given, letters were read and a proclamation from the Governor was presented. Brother Schmul was still radiating in the warmth of those accolades the next day! It was a beautiful moment!

Banquets to celebrate life should not be limited to the high profile saints with very visible ministries. There are thousands of faithful men and women in our denominations, local churches, mission organizations and Christian day schools who have given years of faithful, sacrificial service who deserve a word of thanks. Why not have a party and celebrate their life and labors? Let them know they are appreciated!

If you are a son or a daughter with a parent that has reached an advanced age, have a celebration. Write a letter of gratitude and read it to them. Yes, you'll cry and they will too, but do it anyway. They will treasure that letter more than a million dollars worth of gift cards. They will read it and re-read it many times over. It will be their sunshine on many a dark and cloudy day.

Church, have a "Pastor Appreciation Day." Pastor, find those senior saints in your church and honor them. Have a "Grandpa Jones Day" or a "Bertha Smith Day" and let both young and old extol their virtues. No, they didn't go to dark Africa; but they did stay true to the home church. They paid the bills, never missed prayer meeting, taught Sunday School and faithfully cleaned the church when the preaching was good and when the preaching was bad. Celebrate their faithfulness.

God despises a lack of gratitude. Eleven of the thirteen plagues that troubled the traveling children of Israel came upon them for their ungrateful grumbling. The reprobates of Romans 1, in the opening chapter of their degeneration, are described with the words, "neither were they thankful." On the more positive side, God is planning an indescribable celebration and a rewards banquet for His children when this life is over. Why not get a head start and spread a little cheer now!

Don't be stopped by the false humility that says, "I don't want anyone making over me now; my reward is to come." Don't miss the opportunity all around you to "make someone's day." Don't forget to say "thank you" in a meaningful way. The time will come all too soon when the opportunity will no longer be with you. ■

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.

DISAPPOINTED WITH GOD?

I enjoy the *Revivalist* so much and especially the May 2001 issue with Dr. Allan P. Brown's "Revivalist Pulpit" sermon titled "Disappointment with God." I, too, have the book by Philip Yancey and have read it two or three times over, trying to make some sense of it. I was so glad to read Bro. Brown's analysis of it. It relieved me quite a bit.

JOY MCCLURE
Duncan, Oklahoma

"BROWN'S SERMON OUTLINES OUTSTANDING"

God's Revivalist is much like a friend coming to visit. Its pages offer encouragement and spiritual material of the utmost quality...Dr. Allan Brown's sermon outlines are outstanding in their organization and depth. As a lay preacher, I have used many of his sermons and am always glad to say they came via *God's Revivalist*. Through me they have been a real blessing to people Dr. Brown will likely never meet here on earth. Someday I hope to visit GBS and attend the camp meeting. In the meantime I will rely on your excellent publication to feed my holiness-hungry soul.

GARY DENNISS
Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada

BARREN BANKS OR STAGNANT SWAMPS

I can't tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed receiving the *Revivalist*. I always read it as soon as it comes. Of course, I immediately saw your editorial in the last issue [May 2001] referring to my father's centenary address to the General Conference. I was so delighted and impressed with your editorial comments and expansion of his theme.

EVELYN L. MOTTWEILER
Winona Lake, Indiana

Editor's Note: Mrs. Mottweiler is the daughter of the late Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist Church.

Thank you for an incredible, inspiring article, "Barren Banks or Stagnant Swamps" [Editorial, May 2001]! You have certainly struck the chord that is reverberating the battle of present extremes in our church world. Your article has again challenged me deeply. It is my prayer that I strike the proper balance in ministry and message. God bless you and yours as you labor to bless our present age with the gift of your pen and Holy Spirit passion.

CHRIS CRAVENS
E-Mail

[A friend] called me a few days ago to tell me how much he enjoyed *God's Revivalist* and your article about the river and its banks of doctrine and piety, and Bishop Marston [May 2001]. I was equally inspired by your quoting a verse from "I Storm the Gates of Strife." It was written by a Free Methodist, Joseph McCreery, who was a close friend of B.T. Roberts. It was the battle cry of Free Methodists. I still feel that "I'll take the narrow way with the resolute few who dare go through."

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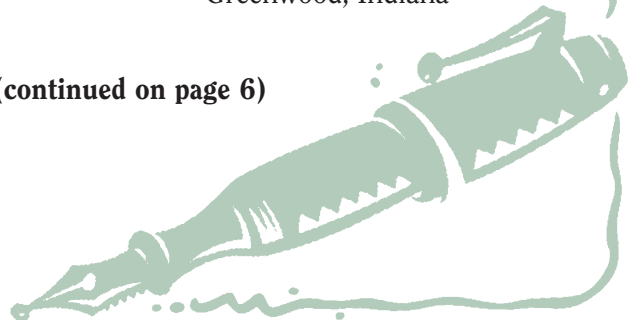
I would be remiss if I did not write to thank you for your editorial in this month's issue [May 2001] entitled, "Barren Banks..." Your kind references to Bishop Marston were especially appreciated. Dennis Kinlaw's article on "Rediscovering John Wesley" was timely, too. Thanks for the great job you do with regularity and consistent clarity.

JOHN E. HENDRICKS
Light and Life Free Methodist Church
Lakeland, Florida

I'm enclosing \$20 for a two-year renewal. Thanks for your splendid article, "Barren Banks or Stagnant Swamps." Keep up your good and important ministry.

DR. WESLEY L. DUEWEL
President Emeritus, OMS International
Greenwood, Indiana

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THE EDITOR'S

view

AMEN, DR. NICHOLSON!

by Larry D. Smith, editor

The Lord be praised for *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate!*" This was Dr. Roy S. Nicholson's tribute, published in this periodical's centennial edition, June 1988. Widely-known for his leadership in the holiness movement, Dr. Nicholson, then General Conference President Emeritus of the Wesleyan Church, recalled that the *Revivalist* had been "part of our family's reading material" for 75 years. "At this point in history..." he added, "let us bow our heads in humility and our hearts in adoration and say, 'To God be the glory!'"

To these words, thousands of our readers through the years would say "Amen!" For 113 years, *God's Revivalist* has reached across America and

around the world with its clear-cut message of spiritual renewal and Christian holiness. Its founder, Martin Wells Knapp, was also the founder of God's Bible School; and he used the paper to create the school, whose house organ it has been since 1900. Yet the *Revivalist* has always had its own distinctive ministry, and today it contin-

ues as one of the oldest continuously-published holiness journals in the world. Yes, God be praised for His favor upon this "silent preacher"—as the old-timers used to call it—which remains as needed and as viable today as it was at its beginnings.

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Now that God's Bible School has entered its second century, the *Revivalist* continues as its inseparable partner; and together we face the future with humility, gratitude, and excitement. Last month, our third and final GBS centenary edition presented President Avery's vision for the school's direction and development; and this was affirmed by statements from other campus leaders who direct our ministries. Since *God's Revivalist* is one of those ministries, and indeed, the

oldest of them all (a purist, of course, might argue that historically it's the other way around, since GBS was started as a ministry of the *Revivalist*), it is now our turn to state emphatically the goals and priorities to which we are committed.

1. We will be true to our mission! Since its beginning, the *Revivalist* has been "a magazine to proclaim the good news of salvation, to stir up a revival spirit among Christians, [and] to stimulate Christian growth and responsible Christian living." This will continue as our "job description." Many similar publications through the years have folded or have (p27) ➔

Our Readers Respond

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SUMMER ISSUE “EXCITING”

I've been reading the summer copy of the *Revivalist*. Looks like GBS has some exciting plans in the making for the next few years if the Lord tarries! I'm always delighted to see God's work and ministries making some plans for the future. Sounds like Brother Fourman has made some good progress towards help with your financial statements and budgeting processes. This edition of the *Revivalist* is exciting to read, and I'm glad that I have a financial investment in the ministry of GBS.

MICHAEL WRIGHT
Kansas City, Missouri

REDISCOVERED THE REVIVALIST

I look forward to each publication. It is rich with sound teaching and articles. I fondly remember camp meeting when my older brother was in the [GBS] high school and what a blessing the services were. I'm thankful that I rediscovered the *Revivalist* a few years ago.

KEITH LEAP
Pastor, Milton United Methodist Church
Milton, West Virginia

FROM COVER TO COVER

We look forward to each edition of the *Revivalist* and read it from cover to cover. Thank you each one who is involved in putting this periodical together. We are always helped and challenged by the great articles.

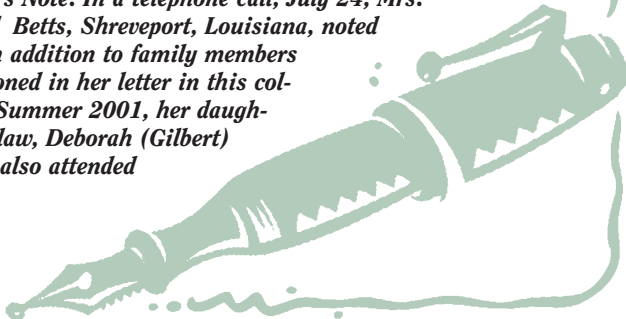
JOHN and ANNA KREUTZWISER
Goderich, Ontario, Canada

“TREMENDOUS MAGAZINE”

We never want to be without your tremendous magazine. It is so very attractive, edifying, encouraging, instructive, and challenging.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT S. TURTON III.
Hightstown, New Jersey

Editor's Note: In a telephone call, July 24, Mrs. Lowell Betts, Shreveport, Louisiana, noted that in addition to family members mentioned in her letter in this column, Summer 2001, her daughter-in-law, Deborah (Gilbert) Betts, also attended GBS.



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.

AFRICA

“The battle for the soul of Africa is evidenced by decades of poverty, war, and disease. The number of orphans and displaced refugees is inconceivable, and we can't help but feel compelled to do something for the suffering masses.” —Jim Howard, *FEA World Update*

BELIZE

“God has been helping us in a wonderful way in this work, originally started by God's Bible School. We have been able to start two churches and are opening our second Christian school this fall. Rev. Carl Eisenhart was the evangelist for revival services in one of our new churches, and there was standing-room only in the church and many were outside. On six evenings there was a total of 182 seeking the Lord, and on the last night about 70 were at the altar. Among the converts were 20 new people. We are looking for another missionary couple to help us in Belize. If you are interested, please call me at (812) 372-7788.

—Rev. Robert Thompson, Director, Columbus, IN

BRAZIL


“The Indigenous Bible Institute opened its second term with 120 students, mostly indigenous. Outstanding among these are the eight Matses Indians. These men are already leaders within their communities, and our prayer is that they will return to their villages to be trustworthy, spiritual pastors to their own people.” —Edwin and Jean Bourne, *Flying World Mission, Inc.*

EL SALVADOR

“Please pray for those who lost family members and homes in the severe earthquake which struck in El Salvador. Hundreds of people lost their lives. Although Evangelical Faith Mission (EFM) has five churches in the country, none of our people were killed; and all of the church buildings are still standing. Three families did suffer the loss of their homes.” —*Missionary Herald*

ERITREA

Steven Manley, EFM Director, shares (p26) ➡



"With its rich history and current blessings, the future of GBS has never looked brighter"

N. Keith Waggoner

**Member of the Board of Trustees of
God's Bible School and College**

Our Centenary has celebrated the riches and resources of our past. Now we continue our focus on the future, as a member of the Board of Trustees examines the possibilities and priorities which confront us in our second century.

God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time. What a beautiful title for the book pictorially sharing God's Bible School's first 100 years! As I have spent hours reading this book and studying each picture, I have been reminded again and again of God's faithfulness. After over a century of service, GBS is still faithful to its original mission of sending men and women to change the world for Christ.

God is still blessing on the Hilltop! Over the past several years, many improvements have been made in the physical plant. The Adcock Chapel, the McNeill Music Hall, the Women's Dormitory, new property acquisitions, and campus beautification have all been recent projects. Excellent faculty, staff, and academic personnel have been recruited and hired, bringing the

academic status of the school to new levels. Most importantly, ministry is still the central theme of the school. Students are involved weekly in inner-city missions, jail ministries, child evangelism, and music ministry. And, yes, God's Bible School is current with all financial obligations!

With its rich history and its current blessings, the future of God's Bible School has never looked brighter. As we enter the 21st Century, GBS is poised to begin a new level of growth and expansion of its ministry. We must be prepared with the best facilities and technology possible to accomplish our mission. Our students must consider us the quality provider of Christian education. Our physical plant must continue to improve and expand to support the needs of a growing student population. Our faculty and staff must be assured that the school can adequately provide for their needs, so that their focus can be upon ministry.

Our immediate need is to provide a financial base to support the vision. We need to eliminate long-term debt quickly and provide

adequate cash flow for day-to-day operations. This will enable the school to focus on capital expansion and endowment funding, both of which must be realized to assure our long-term success.

As the dollars are calculated and our vision is communicated, there may be some who will question the feasibility of such an ambitious plan. Let me remind you of the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel: *"With God, all things are possible."* The future of God's Bible School is in all of our hands. We must provide the funding and prayer support which are necessary to make the vision a reality. God has always used human vessels to support this institution. Yes, the future of GBS "is as bright as the promises of God." And how great it is to know that as we plan for that future, "God's clock keeps perfect time." ■

N. Keith Waggoner (GBS '74 HS) is deeply involved in both his successful career in business and his effective ministry in music, which he shares with his wife Sharon. They live in Cary, North Carolina. Waggoner has served on the GBS Board of Trustees since



**Missionary Convention October 30–November 1
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Guest Speaker: David Yucaddi, pastor and teacher from Banaue, Ifugao, Philippines



by Ben Durr Jr.

“Our Father which art in heaven”

I distinctly recall once hearing a Baptist pastor expound on the implications of God being called “our Father.” Consistent with his Calvinistic point of view, he insisted that implicit in the Father-son language is permanence of relationship and, hence, security. Unconditional eternal security, to be exact. He elaborated, “I have a son whom I will own as my son no matter what he does.” This fixed biological relationship he then applied to the Christian’s standing. Neither, he insisted, can a Christian commit any sin that would jeopardize his or her position as a child of God.

I remember reacting to the preacher’s line of reasoning. Of course my mental posturing was rooted in my commitment to Wesleyan-Arminian theology, as well as to my understanding of several key scripture passages that speak to the issue. Today I continue to subscribe to traditional Wesleyan theology and my understanding of the key “security passages” has not changed. However, I am wondering if my fear of drifting into presumptuous Calvinism has robbed me of a measure of assurance and security that is, in fact, embedded in the Father-son analogy.

I am fortunate to have a father who, for forty years, has embodied all God meant for a father to be. He provided. He also instructed. On rare occasions, he had to correct! But, above all, he owned me. Not just when I made the honor roll or did the chores. He also owned me when my insatiable desire for attention landed me in my junior high school principal’s office for a meeting with him and Mr. Litton! The fact of the matter is my status as his son has never once been an issue of discussion between us. It occurs to me that while fathers provide, it is possible for someone else to provide—say, a benevolent relative. A father guides, but a tutor can be hired to give a child instruction. A guardian can be delegated the responsibility of correction. But the one need that a father uniquely fulfills is ownership.

Lest I be misunderstood, let me reiterate my continuing commitment to historic Wesleyan theology. I believe that sinful practice will cause a Christian to forfeit his sonship, although I rejoice that repentance and faith will immediately restore that relationship. However, my purpose in writing is not to try to define that line where sonship ceases, rather it is to remind those conscientious Christians who may read this column (ironically, the class of people who struggles with the issue of assurance more than any other) that the fatherhood language—the language that Jesus put on our lips—surely must mean something.

To the sensitive believer I ask, Is it not reasonable to conclude that ownership and commitment to relationship are primary, and not secondary, elements in the fatherhood analogy? And, if that is so, could it be that God is more committed to the relationship He has entered into with you than you might realize? And finally, without drifting into the presumptuous waters of unconditional eternal security, can you not simply rest in the arms of your heavenly Father, safe from the threatening waters of eternal insecurity? ■



LARGE SURPLUSES

Reaping small dividends

by Jim Olsen, CPA

It has been my privilege as a CPA to do consulting work for most of our Bible colleges and mission groups. While visiting them, I have seen first hand the financial struggles they face. In fact, I am writing this while sitting in an airport, having just finished setting up computer software (QuickBooks) for yet another small mission organization which also is struggling financially.



The fact is that most people will not give if they know their church is just putting away excess money. Where is the incentive to give more? “Give and it shall be given unto you” obviously will never be realized if we don’t give; and this applies both to individuals and to churches. I have observed churches which keep only small balances and yet give, give, and give some more; and they are rewarded by the Lord, who blesses them accordingly.

The purpose of this article comes as the result of my own personal frustration at knowing that there are many, many churches that are literally “sitting” on thousands and thousands of dollars in their church bank accounts when that money should be “invested” in the Lord’s work. There it would reap eternal dividends; but instead, as my title states, they have “large surpluses reaping small dividends.”

So if you sit on a church board, you have an opportunity to be part of a change in the way your church invests in the Lord’s work. Give those surplus funds to Christ’s cause and watch your people respond with more giving; and you will see the Lord bless your church as a result. All of the above is also true of individuals who “sit” on more money than they really need, when that money could be placed in the work of the church. It is not what we give that the Lord notes so much as how much we have left over!

A church saving money for a building program or some other type of needed expansion is one thing, but a church hoarding thousands of dollars for a possible “rainy day” is a totally unbiblical concept. For what possible purpose, other than that already noted, would the Lord want a church to set aside thousands of dollars of His money for some “rainy day”? Can He not provide funds when necessary through His people?

All the financial needs of our churches, Bible colleges, and mission groups would be met if local churches and individuals would give of their surpluses. They, in turn, would reap large dividends. ■

Jim Olsen, CPA, is a longtime Christian financial advisor residing in Hobe Sound, Florida.

NEWS FROM THE HILLTOP

STANDLEY DESCENDENTS VISIT CAMPUS

Descendents of the late President Meredith G. Standley have made valuable contributions to the GBS archival collection. Visiting campus Saturday, June 16, and Monday, June 18, were Pat Standley Sears, Bloomington, Illinois, and Tjader Meighen, Washington, D.C. Both are grandchildren of President Standley and his wife Bessie Queen Standley, and both were reared on the GBS campus. Accompanying them were Elizabeth Sears Sikkelee, Centreville, Virginia, and Pam and Ed Janssen, Bloomington, Illinois. Both Mrs. Sikkelee and Mrs. Janssen are daughters of Mrs. Sears, and hence great-granddaughters of the late president.

Expressing great satisfaction from their visit, Mr. Meighen has since presented GBS with Mrs. Standley's personal Bible, as well as her husband's signature stamp; and Mrs. Sears has given two personal Bibles belonging to President Standley. These items are now on display in the archives, which are housed in the basement of the R.G. Flexon Memorial Library. In addition, Mrs. Standley loaned a large collection of period photographs, which have been copied for the archives.

GBS YOUTH TEAMS IN MEXICO AND UKRAINE

"I wanted to thank you for your part in encouraging the young people to lend us a hand in our work in Mexico," missionary John F. Dykes has written President Avery under date of July 31. It is safe to say they were one of our best teams. Each member behaved in a professional manner!"

Such initial reports from GBS summer youth ministry teams are gratifying. In addition to music and youth camp groups, missions teams visited Ukraine, South Africa, and Mexico. Two reports from participants appear below:

MEXICO. "Eleven members flew to Texas, where Mr. Dykes greeted us. He is a wonderful leader. In Victoria, we participated in Sunday services. We then traveled on to Mexico City, where we ministered in the subways. Two of our members could speak Spanish fluently, and how God used them to talk to the people! I had the privilege of working with Esther Woodhouse, who had joined us from Ireland. In the short time our missions team was there, we handed out over 30,000 tracts! It was a grand adventure. We shall never forget the estimated 17-hour van ride, not being able to use the tap water, the interesting Mexican food, and being literally wedged in the subways by crowds of people. Through it all God so helped us! The team also sang and preached in a small Texas church not far from the Mexico border. How glad I am that God allowed us to minister in Mexico City." —*Myra Brown*

UKRAINE. "When we arrived in Ukraine, we had a surprise. A young man who had been in a coma for several weeks had just died, and so for our first Ukrainian service, we attended a funeral! For much of our time, we were in a town of about 450 in southeastern Ukraine. In the evenings we held services in the surrounding villages, and during the day we spent time with the young people. We had a service almost every night, and sometimes we had as many as several hundred present, and at other times as few as 40 or 50. Everyone wanted us to come to his church, and we had to turn several down because of lack of time. We became attached to the people; and even though we were ready to return home, we were also sad to leave. On the way back, we talked about returning next summer and discussed what we could to help during our absence." —*Brent Miles* ■



*Pat Sears, Tjader Meighen and
President Avery*



Mexico Mission Team



Ministering in Ukraine



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October 22–25

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2001 GOAL: \$140,000

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- PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT TRUSTS AND BEQUESTS.

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ADDRESS

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@gbs.edu.

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SPECIAL INTEREST

David Peyton, Zambia, Africa, has written, requesting financial assistance in the **maintenance of the the grave of veteran missionary Claudie Peyton** [See "Special Interest," May 2001, p. 12, *God's Revivalist*] **and the placing of a tombstone.** Peyton graduated from GBS in 1926, worked in the GBS orphanage 1926–1930, and arrived in Africa in 1930. Her ministry there lasted 54 years, and she is remembered especially for her work among orphans. She died in 1984 and was buried in Zambia. "I am one of the orphans raised by Claudie Peyton," Mr. Peyton writes. "God's Bible School needs to be proud to have had such a noble woman to spread the work of the Lord in Africa." Interested persons should contact the Office of the President.

The following is a "fifty years ago" notation from an unnamed newspaper and was recently submitted by a reader: **"(JUNE 28, 1903). A crowd attended the opening service of the annual camp meeting** conducted by God's Bible School at the Harvest Home grounds, Cheviot. It was a little city of white tents, 160 of which had been erected under the majestic trees of the 25-acre tract. Services were conducted nearly all day, beginning with prayer at 6 a.m., in a huge tent of 2000 seating capacity outside the regular enclosure of the grounds. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. M.W. Knapp, widow of the founder of the school. Services were in charge of the Rev. S.C. Rees, Westfield, Ind.; the Rev. Charles Weigle, Indianapolis, and the Rev. W.B. Godfrey, Perrysville, Ohio. The revival was to continue for a week."

From an article by Beulah Bassett in the November 1940 issue of the Missionary Herald and The Vanguard, Bedford, Indiana: "Praise God for the privilege of having spent more than fifteen years in

Egypt's sands. Our small holiness faith mission was founded in 1905 by Rev. and Mrs. Glenn and Miss Marietta Simpson, a student of God's Bible School in the days of the sainted M.W. Knapp. In the fall of 1923, after I had spent two years in God's Bible School and two years in Bedford, Indiana, the Lord opened up my way to come to Egypt for the first time...This last April, upon my return from almost a year's furlough in America, the Lord gave us a fine spiritual missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Harp, to sail with me. Brother Harp is also a former student of God's Bible School..." —Submitted by the Rev. Leonard Sankey, Bedford, Indiana

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CORRESPONDENCE

"What an improvement in the [*Revivalist*] since the days when it was printed in house on newsprint paper! I was an editorial assistant, and I still remember the soggy stone proofs before press time." —Grace Kellaway, Irwin, Pennsylvania.

"We never forget the many lessons learned while at GBS. We left the school in 1964, and God has been so good. Jeanne (nee Beggs), my wife now for 37 years, was in the theology department; and I finished the Christian Workers' Course (two years) and then transferred to theology. Since then, we have been in service in various parts of God's great work.

"I had cancer surgery on March 2, 2001, and have almost completed radiation treatment. I'm not able to work, [but] God has given and supplied over and over every need! We covet the prayers of God's great family." —Jim Pfister, Reading, Michigan

"Julia Shelhamer and my mother Jennie Arnold were sisters. Jennie Arnold was Uncle Elmer's [the late Rev. E.E. Shelhamer] editor for the *Repairer*. Eventually she took over the publication. Later she married Edgar Jolley. Together they published the *Repairer* until they retired. They exchanged with many publications including *God's Revivalist*. —Adelia Matthews, Douglasville, Georgia

"I finished high school and graduated from college at GBS, attending 1937–1943, and also married Norine Ashcraft, who also graduated from high school and attended



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college. We will observe our 60th wedding anniversary in August, our dear Lord willing. I have pastored Primitive Methodist churches in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania for forty years. We are parents of three.

"We were blessed because of the [GBS] work program by which we could obtain an education with a Bible-based emphasis. This prepared us substantially for the work of the ministry. We have fond memories of both faculty and students. If anyone remembers us, we would greatly enjoy hearing from them. —*Bill Vasey, 179 Blue Lake Drive, Berea, Kentucky 40403.*

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BIRTHS

To **Jon and Alicia Plank**, a daughter, *Ashley Janine Plank*, born August 15, Cincinnati, Ohio. Jon is on staff in the Revivalist Press and is the designer of the new GBS web page (www.gbs.edu).



To **Aaron (BA '98) and Lenee (BA 2001) Marshall**, a daughter, *Breana Nicole Marshall*, born July 18, 2001, Cincinnati, Ohio.

To **Joel and Rebecca Marshall**, a daughter, *Morgan Danielle Marshall*, born June 23, 2001, Cincinnati, Ohio.

To **Robert Carter (ThB '95) and Carrie (Glass) Carter (BA Eng. '98)**, Franklin, Indiana, a son *Jared Trenholm Carter*, born May 7, 2001.

To **Christopher E. (BA '97) and Esther Wentworth (BA '97) Hilling**, Pataskala, Ohio, a daughter, *Alayna Grace Hilling*, born May 24, 2001.

To **Phillip Dave (BA '96) and Heather Bryan (BA '97) Dickinson**, Phoenix, Arizona, a daughter, *Sarah Ashley Dickinson*, born December 5, 2000.

To **John Wayne and Kim (Manning) Hamilton**, Cleveland, Tennessee, a daughter, *Christy Elizabeth Hamilton*, born January 22, 2000; and a son, *Jeremiah Daniel Hamilton*, born December 15, 2000. Both parents, who also have a son John Michael, age 5, were students in the GBS high school.

OBITUARIES

Laurene Carol (Strahm) Carey, 91, died in the faith, January 23, 2001. She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Elma (Romey) Strahm of Berne, Indiana, who were sacrificial supporters of GBS. She graduated from GBS in 1937, and married Albert F. Carey (GBS '35), a minister of the Church of the Nazarene. She was his worthy helper and church worker. Preceded in death by her son, Albert, her brother, C. Louis Strahm, and her sister, Ruth Anna Hoiem, she is survived by two sons, Loren and John, and one daughter, Esther Grace Yates, as well as by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Jon Amspaugh, Manchester, Tennessee; and burial was in Fredonia Cemetery beside her husband, who died in 1996.

Robert Dadian, 67, died July 31, 2001. Born in Jerusalem, Israel, he came to Cincinnati to attend God's Bible School in 1954. His life was lived in witness to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he took an active role in the Nazarene congregations of which he was a part. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, and for many years drove a bookmobile for the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Public Library, retiring as supervisor of transportation in 1986. He is survived by his son Paul, one sister, three brothers and other relatives. Funeral services were held at Springdale Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. David Graves, officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery in Symmes Township.

The Rev. Ralph Waldo Cummins Golding, 96, died May 1, 2001. While still a young man, he was gloriously converted in a Nazarene revival. After a year at Nampa Nazarene College, he transferred in 1929 to God's Bible School, where he remained for two years. Here he met Inez Shephard, whom he married in 1933. In the same year he began his ministry as a pastor in the Kentucky Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and was ordained in 1935. Altogether his min-

istry continued for a span of 62 years. Preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, he is survived by two nieces and two nephews. Memorial services were held at the Concord Wesleyan Church with District Superintendent Glenn D. Black and the Rev. John R. Vaughan, officiating. Burial was in the Flanagan Cemetery, Concord, Kentucky.

The Rev. Clifford Anderson Hoiem, 91, died May 9, 2001, at his daughter's home in Crockett, Kentucky. He graduated from Jamestown Christian Academy, Jamestown, North Dakota, and raised and processed turkeys on the family's South Dakota farm to raise funds to attend GBS. While in Cincinnati he was regularly called upon to donate blood for compensation, since he had the "universal donor" type. After his graduation from GBS (Bible Course Diploma, 1935; Three-Year Bible Course Diploma, 1936), he earned the ThM degree from Marion College and wed Ruth Anna Strahm (GBS '38). Their wedding trip from Berne, Indiana, to Sagamore, Pennsylvania, brought them to their first pastorate in the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection, to which he graciously gave the rest of his life in pastoring, church planting, and prayer.

He is survived by his daughter, Faith Brickman, a GBS student 1958–60; a son John E. Hoiem; and other kin and posterity. Funeral services were held at the Zion Wesleyan Methodist Church, Stoneboro, Pennsylvania; and burial in the Zion Cemetery beside his wife, who died in 1996. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Marshall, assisted by the Rev. Jack Benninger.

The Rev. James Milford Sullivan, Sr., 89, Salisbury, Maryland, died April 14, 2001. He was ordained to the ministry in the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1946, and then served as a pastor. For most of his ministry he was a general evangelist in the Wesleyan Church, and his faithfulness in the pulpit will be remembered with appreciation. A member of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Salisbury, he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Effie L. Sullivan; a daughter, Rebecca Sullivan Furr; two sons, James M. Sullivan, Jr., and John (p16)➡

25 years
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GAREN AND SHEILA WOLF

If I had it to do all over again, I would spend the last 25 years at GBS, trying to build the music division! Professor Garen Wolf is emphatic about his investment on the Hilltop. "When you become a Christian, you have a responsibility to offer your gifts to God and the church." That's why I've stayed. Ministry isn't an option, and it isn't something you do for a few years, then quit. *Ministry is for life!*

It is this fiery passion for service, as well as his vast ability to turn fumbling freshmen into first-class musicians, that has made him a legend. "Under his leadership, our music program has become a model of excellence," explains President Michael Avery. "As a teacher and mentor, he has influenced the lives of a great number of Christian school educators and church musicians with a Bible-based philosophy of music."

Born to Merle and Anna Mayme Wolf, February 9, 1948, he was reared on the family farm five miles east of Fort Scott, Kansas, and brought up in the Church of God (Holiness). From his childhood he recalls two decisive influences—his devout, praying mother, and Dr. and Mrs. John I. Page, who encouraged his love of music.

At a camp meeting following his freshman year at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas, he renewed his childhood Christian commitment and was converted. In 1970 he received both the degree Bachelor of Music Education (p23)➔



FLOYD E. HYATT JR.

Who's the GBS teacher whose honeymoon was cut short by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? For trivia enthusiasts, the answer is Floyd Hyatt, who has just completed 25 years in service to his alma mater.

In June 1963 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He completed basic training, and on November 16, married his sweetheart, Virginia Kratz. But six days later, President Kennedy was shot. The government put all military personnel on immediate alert, and the young couple's wedding trip came to an abrupt end. "But we've been on a honeymoon ever since," smiles Hyatt, who adds that Virginia has been the "backbone" of his ministry, "the prayer warrior behind me, who knows when to lift me up and when to stick in a pin to let out the air."

He's always been a genius with electrical gadgets—and indeed, with all things mechanical. In high school he received newspaper recognition for the electronic lab which he designed and built in his electricity class, and in his parents' basement he operated his own radio and TV repair shop. In the military (1963–1967), he was a first-class jet plane mechanic and was actually selected to become one of the five who serviced Air Force One, the President's own aircraft. But his conviction that God wanted him in something else caused him to turn down this coveted position and leave the Air Force.

It was in Indianapolis, February 6, 1945, that Floyd Emeral Hyatt was born, the first of four children and the only son of Floyd E. Hyatt Sr., and his wife Margaret Francis Hyatt. As a child, he attended a Wesleyan Methodist Sunday school and was later converted in a revival meeting held in the same church. After high school, marriage, military service, and a couple years working in a factory, he enrolled in Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Indiana. For two-and-one-half years, he carried a full academic load and worked at night, while at the same time pastoring a Wesleyan church, where he preached twice each Sunday, held two Bible classes, and averaged sixty calls a week!

After Frankfort Pilgrim College closed, he transferred to God's Bible School and College. On Tuesdays during the



school year he drove the late Professor J. Wesley Adcock to Cincinnati, where Adcock would teach and he would attend classes; and then he drove Adcock back to Indianapolis on Thursdays. In 1975 Hyatt completed two GBS degrees, Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Theology. "I took all my Bible under Adcock," he recalls, "all my theology under Wilcox, and all my missions under Flexon."

One day as a GBS student, while waiting for chapel services to begin, he heard the Lord say, "You will teach here." Later that message was repeated. Was that voice audible? "It was audible to me," he responds. A year after Hyatt's graduation, President Bence C. Miller invited him to join the GBS faculty; and in the fall of 1976, he taught his first classes in Bible, auto mechanics, and what was then known as "industrial arts." As he remembers those days, he is emphatic. "I do not feel a call to preach, but I do feel a call to ministry. (p23) ➡"

➡(p13) Wayne Sullivan; grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held in Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, the Rev. Dan Parker, officiating, assisted by the Revs. Brian Bright and Atwood Berry. Burial was in Wicomico Memorial Park, Salisbury.

The Rev. Jenny V. Vincent, 102, died April 2, 2001, in Zanesville, Ohio. While attending God's Bible School 1918–1920, she responded positively to God's call to the Christian ministry. A gifted piano, accordion, and guitar player, she traveled widely, using her musical gifts in children's ministry. She also taught at Kingswood College, pastored churches in Kentucky and Tennessee, and was active in various capacities in the work of the Kentucky District of the Pilgrim Holiness (Wesleyan) Church. She is survived by many relatives and friends. Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. Glenn D. Black in Ashland, Kentucky.

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OUR FAMILY EXCHANGE

This column is provided as a service to churches and schools who wish to share special needs with the Revivalist Family.

We need a principal and an upper learning center supervisor for the New Franklin Christian Academy, an ACE school located in New Franklin, Ohio. It enrolled around 35 students last year and has received "model status" from ACE headquarters. Housing for the principal and family is provided next to the school. Persons interested should contact the Rev. David Phelps, Jr., (330) 868-4840 or the Rev. Ted Rusell, (330) 494-2250.

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Life A Joyous Adventure is the 300-page autobiography of Armor Peisker, who has enjoyed a rich affiliation with both the Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan churches. He tells the story of 90 years of his life, highlighting 69 years of service as a minister, which included 45 years of service at the headquarters of these churches. This interesting account of service in both the U.S. and abroad may be secured for \$10 by phoning (765) 674-6656, or by writing him at 4714 South Colonial Oaks Drive, Marion, IN 46953.



Two new general superintendents were elected June 27 at the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in session at Indianapolis. These were the **Rev. W. Talmadge Johnson**, director of Sunday School Ministries since 1994, and the **Rev. Jesse C. Middendorf**, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri.

"Christian Response to Post-Modernism" is theme of the **Second Annual Ministerial Conference of the Francis Asbury Society**, which will be held September 17–19 at College Wesleyan Church on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.

"Recently we have received a number of reports of actions by angry people against Christian organizations," according to Russian missionary Richard Grout. "Just beneath the placid surface of life in Eastern Europe, there is a bubbling cauldron of seething anger and outrage. First the Communists and now the Capitalists have promised a better life...Affluent foreigners are special targets of this anger. So are...foreign religious organizations."

"God wants us to wake up, face reality, and have the courage to make the changes we must make to fulfill our principal mission...**We must get back to the practice of 'praying people through' to the real experience of heart holiness rather than counseling them into a head knowledge that will not stay with them when they leave the altar.**" writes Louie E. Bustle, director of World Mission for the Church of the Nazarene in *Holiness Today*. "I do not believe the Holiness Movement is dead. But we must see a renewal of the holiness message from our pulpits and a resurgence of testimonies from our people." ■



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THE KILBOURNES IN CHINA, late 1920's. Here are the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin L. Kilbourne with their three sons, Elmer (next to his mother); Edwin (next to his father); and Earnest. Edwin L. Kilbourne—better known as “Bud”—was the son of famous missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Earnest A. Kilbourne, who helped establish the OMS in Japan in 1902. He was married to Hazel Williams in the Administration Building’s parlor (now the Oswald Chambers Room) at God’s Bible School by President Meredith Standley, September 1, 1915. She was the daughter of “Unce Jimmy” Williams, who served for many years on the GBS campus, and his wife Lida, President Standley’s sister.

The Kilbourne-Williams marriage ceremony was “truly a missionary wedding,” according to Lettie Cowman. “With a call of God upon them, they are anxious to start for Japan just as quickly as possible, and we are anxious also to see them go, knowing how greatly the need of laborers is in the great unrepaid Orient. Hazel is the niece of Brother Meredith Standley, so she belongs in a very real sense to the great Revivalist Family scattered throughout the earth.” Edwin and Hazel spent a lifetime of heroic missionary service with OMS and often returned to GBS camp meetings and other activities, their names often appearing in the *Revivalist*. She died in 1955, and he in 1980.

Their sons, all still living, have also been career OMS missionaries. Elmer directed OMS development and advancement in Korea, especially coordinating social programs; Edwin (“Ed”) served in China, as well as in Korea, where he was field director, faculty member, and president of Seoul Theological University; and Earnest (“Ernie”) was a teacher and coordinator in pastoral support and development in Japan. Ed Kilbourne, now OMS vice-president-at-large and living in Englewood, Florida, notes that the family was in China at the time this photo was taken. He added that except for the World War II years 1943–46, there has been a continuous line of Kilbournes in OMS missionary service from 1902 until the present—a combined total of 256 years!

This photograph came recently to the GBS archives through the generosity of Mrs. Pat Standley Sears, granddaughter of the late Meredith G. and Bessie Standley. ■

gbs alumni spotlight

charting the course, setting the pace, raising the standard...

GBS ALUMNUS HELPED REVOLUTIONIZE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

by Marc Sankey, National Alumni Association Reporter

David Van Koevering is Chairman of the Board and Founder of the Van Koevering Company. He is the visionary inventor of the Van Koevering Interactive Piano. David Van Koevering and Dr. Bob Moog introduced the first performance synthesizer, which revolutionized the world of contemporary music and changed forever the course of music development of the 20th Century.

The Van Koevering Interactive Piano combines digital sound samples of 128 acoustic musical instruments with a Graphical User Interface thin touch-screen. It provides music teaching/instruction and phone modem/online connections for worldwide interaction. Imagine a musical instrument controlled by a black and white piano keyboard that makes all instrument sounds, records, creates a CD disc, prints the music you play on paper and is upgraded/improved via its onboard phone modem by going online!

A Christian and entrepreneur, David Van Koevering pioneered development of optical memory retrieval that led to significant designs for modulated light concepts necessary for compact disc, CD ROM and DVD technology.

David Van Koevering attended God's Bible School in 1958 and 1959, as did Becky Eberle. Both were from St. Petersburg, Florida, where Becky's father was pastor and builder of what is known today as Camp Freedom. At God's Bible School, David attended the Christ-

ian workers course, and Becky was in high school. On July 15, 2001, Becky and David celebrated 41 years of marriage. They have two children, Deborah Brown of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Dr. Joe Van Koevering of God's

attended GBS), Moog Synthesizers and high-end online interactive computers as found in the Van Koevering Interactive Piano. They are accomplished musicians, and Dave is respected internationally as an inventor/musicologist.

A visit to David and Becky's home in Nashville is like a tour of an Old World musical instrument builder's shop and a high-tech laboratory in one experience.

In April of 2000, David was honored at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., along with Bob Moog, for lifetime achievements in music and technology.

Last November, David was asked to speak at Cornell University to the science and technology school. There, he met with graduate students and professors and gave testimony of God's hand on his creativity and guidance in his life's work.

At the present time, David is finishing what is believed to be an important book regarding the authority of the believer. The title is *Elsewhen*, the theory of where yesterday went and tomorrow comes from—the convergence of the science revolution with spiritual revelation. He explains in his book what Joshua and Jesus had in common when Joshua said, "This stone has heard," and Jesus said, "These stones will cry out!" Joshua implied that matter has memory and Jesus said stones could play back. David gives an explanation from (p26)➡



News Behind the News broadcast and pastor of Gateway Christian Center of St. Petersburg, Florida.

David and Becky present a musical concert that demonstrates the development of musical instrument technology and its history. For three generations, the Van Koeverings have collected more than 200 musical instruments, including musical stones (that David tuned and made into a musical instrument while he



"I believe that GBS has a vital place in the Kingdom of God in the 21st Century"

Robert England, Jr.

Member of the Board of Trustees of God's Bible School and College

Our Centenary has celebrated the riches and resources of our past. Now we continue our focus on the future, as a member of the Board of Trustees examines the possibilities and priorities which confront us in our second century.

What is the future of God's Bible School? I believe that GBS has a vital place in the Kingdom of God in the 21st-century. We are at an incredible point in history with great opportunity to make a lasting impact on our world! There are many who are watching us closely, and the direction that we choose as a school will no doubt greatly influence their lives. We have a rich heritage that forms the foundation on which we are building for the future. As we strive to be both a conservative and a progressive school there must be a two-fold focus.

Our primary focus must be a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. Closely linked with this is the second focus, a burning passion for

the lost. We are called upon to have one hand on the heart of God and the other hand on the pulse of the world. It is possible to become so interested in being relevant that we become no different from the world and therefore have nothing to offer. However, my firm conviction is that if we seek to know God intimately, we can be in touch with our world and still offer a transforming message. We must not allow our distinctives to drive us into isolation. Compassion does not mandate compromise.

It is exciting to witness the students of GBS pursuing this balanced perspective. One positive area that reflects the priority of spiritual development is the cell groups on campus. This is a much-needed discipline in which small groups of students are accountable to each other, bond together, and most of all, deepen their personal relationships with Christ. There has also been renewed interest in the area of outreach. The passion for

souls that is being cultivated through the ministries to the needy in Cincinnati gives me great hope for our school. Another advancing area is the missions emphasis, which is being strengthened to accommodate a rapidly changing world. Additionally, the Alumni Association is seeking ways to stay better connected with the GBS family.

As we pray for revival, reach out to the lost, and strive for academic excellence, God's Bible School will continue to be a bright light in a dark world. Ultimately our trust is in the One who has promised to bring to completion the work that He has started. Yes, God is at work, and I believe that there are great days ahead for His school! ■

Robbie England (GBS '88 HS; '93 BA) is a physician assistant and has served on the GBS Board of Trustees since 2000. He and his wife Rachel, who attended GBS 1990-92, live in Jonestown, Pennsylvania.



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V. Continued disobedience brings the judgment of breaking. Jer. 18:12-17; 19:1-2, 10-11. How patient God is! The clay is marred, but there is no impatient rejection of the clay. If the clay will cooperate, He will make it again into another vessel.

Please notice the importance of the clay cooperating with God. Is there resistance in your life to the Divine Potter? Is there a piece of gravel in your clay? Are you resisting the Potter's hands?

It's amazing how God respects our privacy. He doesn't parade our inner heart to other people. As a result we sometimes build inner walls and protect within the deep intimacy of our spirit things that we know are wrong. It may be an attitude of unforgiveness. It may be resentment toward someone else. It may be a lie we've told and never had the grace to straighten out. It may be a habit that we know God does not look upon with approval. So we hide it. But sooner or later its damaging effects begin to show upon the surface of our life. These things mar our life. Listen to Isaiah as he reminds us that they that bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean (Isaiah 52:11).²

Because Israel refused to cooperate, refused to repent, refused to yield to the tender wooing and warnings from God, refused to be good clay on the Potters wheel, God had no other choice but to destroy her. That's the message of Jeremiah 18:12-17 and 19:1-2; 10-11. They had departed from the "ancient paths"—the lifestyle God's word taught them (vs. 15). It is a strong warning to each of us not to trifle with God's grace and His call to repentance.

VI. God offers a new beginning to marred vessels. Jer. 18:4 "so he made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it." Are you the person you know God wants you to be? If not, I have good news for you. No matter how far you are from what you know you ought to be, and perhaps even prayed you would be, if you will let Him, the Divine Potter can make you again another vessel as seems good to Him. The key is to stay on the Potter's wheel, stop resisting, and let His hands shape you as He sees fit.

Conclusion:

A vessel does not manufacture anything; it only receives, contains and shares. If God has been talking to you about things in your life that need changing, will you just now surrender those things to the Divine Potter, become submissive clay, and receive His grace? If you will turn from your own ways, and in simple trust yield yourself to God, He will make of you, "a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use" (2 Tim. 2:21).

1. Warren Wiersbe. Notes from Jeremiah.

2. Dennis Kimlaw. From his sermon, "Clay in the Potter's Hands."

—Sermon outline by Dr. Allan P. Brown



"COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
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A NEW BEGINNING IN THE POTTER'S HAND

**Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-17;
19:1-2, 10-12**

Introduction:

Have you ever found yourself in an unpleasant situation of your own making? Disappointed and frustrated, you wished you could go back and start over. If only you could recall those words, or go back and make some different choices, you're sure things would be different!

Such thoughts are common. Sadly, in most cases it is impossible to go back and undo what was done. However, in one important area of life it is possible. You can have a new beginning in the realm of the spirit. If you are unhappy with your spiritual progress, if you feel spiritually stagnant or lukewarm, or if you know you are not spiritually what you should be, don't despair. I have good news for you. You can have a fresh start! The Divine Potter specializes in spiritual new beginnings.

In our passage of Scripture we learn that: 1) God is the Potter; 2) man is the clay; 3) life is the wheel; 4) disobedience causes the marring; 5) continued disobedience brings the judgment of breaking; and 6) God offers a new beginning to marred vessels.

I. God is the Potter. Jer. 18:1-3, 5-10. "Cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand. O house of Israel" (v. 6). The story of Jeremiah's trip to the house of the potter is probably one of the best-known events in the Book of Jeremiah. As he watched the potter work with the clay, a thought from God illuminated his mind: God is to Israel as the potter is to the clay.

A. As Potter, God is a Person. Our lives are not in the hands of capricious circumstances or blind "fate." There is no such thing as "good luck" or "bad luck." Our lives are in the hands of a Person—Almighty God. As a Person, the Divine Potter cares about you. He cares about the choices you make, the things you do, the things that happen to you. His caring is that of a loving heavenly father. "O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand" (Isaiah 64:8).

B. As Potter, God has power over the clay. Clay cannot mold itself; only God has the power to guide our lives. He makes this clear in verses 6-10. He is sovereign over all nations and people.

1. **His power is expressed by the pressure of His hands.** “*As the clay is in the hands of the potter, so are ye in my hands.*” What kind of hands are seeking to shape our lives? If you look closely, you will see that the hands are nail-scarred. They are hands which were pierced for you and me as He hung upon a cross, taking our place, showing His love for us. No wonder the song writer exclaimed, “Into the hands that were wounded to save me / Into the hands that are mighty to keep, / Into the hands that can guide me and guard me, / Savior, my life I yield.”

How is it we know His hands? We can discern the pressure of His hands on the clay of our life in at least two ways.¹ The first is through *inward conviction*. The psalmist said, “For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer” (Psa. 32:4). Inward conviction is the sense one has that God is pointing out something that is wrong in your life which needs changing, or a sense that there is something that He wants you to start doing.

The second way we discern the pressure of His hands on the clay of our life is through *outward circumstances*. Again the psalmist gives us insight when he wrote, “My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me” (Psa. 31:15).

2. **His power is expressed by the principles that guide His hands.** The most obvious meaning of the analogy of the potter to the clay is the truth of God’s sovereignty. Unhappily, many theologians have interpreted divine sovereignty to mean divine arbitrariness—the exact opposite of Jeremiah’s conclusion. Verses 7-10 teach that God’s sovereignty is not capricious or fatalistic. In His sovereignty, He has chosen to operate according to principles that are consistent with His own holy nature. In His graciousness and kindness He has revealed those principles in His Word. One of those sovereign principles is: we reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7). We reap individually and we reap nationally. If we violate His principles, He will bring judgment upon us. If we repent and turn from our disobedience, He will graciously forgive us and bring blessing upon us.

II. **Man is the clay.** Jer. 18:6. “*As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.*” (v. 6). In Jeremiah’s message, the clay represented the nation of Israel. But since nations are made up of individuals, we may apply the analogy to our lives personally. The New Testament does this when it refers to Christians as earthen vessels. Paul, when speaking of the redeeming power of the gospel, says, “We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” (2 Cor. 4:7).

The kind of vessel we become is left up to us. There are two basic choices. Paul tells us, “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” (2 Tim. 2:20, 21). You can be a vessel to honor or a vessel to dishonor. If you want to be a vessel to honor you must purge yourself from everything that will hinder the process.

III. **Life is the wheel.** Jer. 18:3. “*Then I went down to the potter’s house, and behold he wrought a work on the wheels.*” There are two wheels associated with the potter’s work area. Like a spool of thread turned on end, there is a bottom wheel for his foot to turn. Connected with that wheel is a vertical shaft supporting

a top wheel. Upon the surface of the top wheel the potter molds the clay. As he spins the bottom wheel with his foot, the top wheel turns with it. How fast he spins it is determined by his purpose and design for the clay.

A. **As Potter, God has a plan for the clay.** “*Behold he wrought a work on the wheels.*” (18:3). Clay has no value in itself. But it can become something of great beauty and value if molded by the right hands for the right purposes. Scripture tells us that God’s ultimate purpose for each of us is that we become “conformed to the image of His Son” (Rom. 8:29). Christlikeness is the Divine Potter’s goal.

The tools God uses to mold and shape our lives varies with each of us. Only the heavenly Potter knows what it will take to bring us to our greatest capacity of Christlikeness.

B. **God’s plan sometimes involves pain.** Being molded to be like Jesus can be quite painful. Think for a moment of Joseph (Gen. 37-41). There he was enjoying a sheltered home and the love and favor of his father, Jacob. Then the wheel turned and Joseph found himself in a pit. The wheel turned again and he was sold by his brothers into slavery. The wheel turned again and he found himself serving in Potiphar’s house with its luxury and temptation. The wheel turned again and he was falsely accused and thrown into prison. The wheel turned again and Joseph was elevated to second in command in Egypt. As clay, Joseph did not understand the events on the wheel of life, but He had confidence in the Divine Potter. Little did he know that God was making of him a special vessel—a vessel to honor.

The pace of the wheel of life probably seemed confusing to Joseph, and at times terrifying. But he submitted and stayed on the Potter’s wheel. Not one inch did the wheel turn without the hands of the Master Potter on the clay. Don’t fight again God’s plan for your life. Don’t run when it hurts. Don’t run from the pain. Hold steady! God knows what He is doing! Oh that we would learn to say with the hymn writer, “Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! / Thou art the potter, I am the clay. / Mold me and make me after Thy will, / While I am waiting, yielded and still.”

IV. **Disobedience causes the marring.** Jer. 18:4, 7-11. “*And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter.*” In our passage, the clay resisted the Potter’s hands. It resisted God’s plan and was marred. The most important quality of clay is that it yield to the Potter’s hands. If it fails to yield, it will be spoiled. The clay cannot mold itself; it must have the Potter.

Watch the Potter as he carefully, skillfully, tenderly molds the clay. Look, it’s beginning to take shape! God is providentially directing our lives, ordering the circumstances, seeking to make us into vessels of honor. Watch as He selects various tools to help in the shaping—parents, teachers, pastors, fellow Christians, and even people who mistreat us.

It takes time to make a worthwhile vessel, and God is patiently working on us. How tragic when we resist and become marred in His hands! The fault is never with the Potter. It is always with the clay. As clay, we mar our lives by making plans outside of the will of God. If only we could see the finished product that God has planned for our lives, we would never disobey Him! Sadly, we think we know more about life than He does.

➡(p14) and a commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army (Reserve). He remained at Pittsburg to complete the Master of Music degree in 1972.

Sheila, his wife, who also has completed 25 years at GBS, was born August 29, 1951, to Charles and Naomi Parsons. During her teenage years, her family occasionally visited her grandparents and the church where Garen attended. He noticed her then, and even more so later at a revival service which Sheila and her family attended in Stanton, Kansas, where he was serving as song evangelist. Then at an ROTC camp, Garen received a friendly letter from her. "Back in those days I didn't think I could afford to date," he recalls. "That letter changed my mind. I decided that I was going to ask her out." He did so at the 1969 Harmony Hill Youth Camp.

In the spring of 1971, they were married. "It was almost an arranged marriage," Garen smiles, "as almost everybody wanted us together." Sheila, who also was preparing for a career in Christian education, earned an undergraduate degree in home economics from Pittsburg State University in 1973. She completed a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in consumer science from the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, in 1984.

"I'm here because of my wife," Garen insists. "Sheila has spent the last 25 years raising our family, teaching part-time and full-time at GBS, and supporting me in my work." As she reviews her time on the Hilltop, she is emphatic. "The greatest influence in my life is my family. They are my cheerleaders, urging me to be the best I can be for God's glory." Her favorite class to teach? "That's easy. It's Marriage and Family Living, because the family is so important to God's kingdom. I love the students at GBS because they desire to touch lives for Christ."

In their faithful partnership in ministry, the Wolfs have been buoyed by the support of both Presidents Miller and Avery, as well as the faculty and staff of GBS. Their family has been part of the campus community. Their children are Deanna (1974), who is now a GBS music fac-

ulty member; Sarah (1977), who is married to David Fry, a GBS ministerial major, and who begins teaching this fall at Liberty Bible Academy, Cincinnati; Garen II (1979), who is pursuing a degree in construction management; and Rachele (1989), who is a GBS academy student. The first three have graduated from the GBS high school, and both Deanna and Sarah hold GBS bachelor's degrees, as well as master's degrees from other colleges.

What of the future? Garen speaks about his hopes: (1) *Continuity*. "We're not interested in changing directions. We want a strong Bible-based philosophy to continue. We're not ashamed of being musically conservative"; (2) *Succession*. At 53, he's not about to retire, but he would like to mentor his eventual successor, a GBS graduate, as he urges, who will continue the vision; (3) *Breadth*. "I want music students from a host of denominations who come here to develop their God-given talents and then return to be good citizens in their own denominations"; (4) *Scholarships*. "One legacy I would like to leave is a \$100,000 endowed scholarship fund for junior and senior music majors. This could happen if 100 people who have sung in my choir or played in the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble would give \$1000 each"; (5) *Facilities*. "Our present building has no adequate rehearsal rooms and no auditorium suitable for recitals or a pipe organ. A new building is not a luxury, but a necessity. I want to enthuse others about this, even if I don't see it myself."

Meanwhile, Garen's and Sheila's 26th year at GBS is now underway. She is coordinating the new Church and Family Ministry Program at GBS. "I am excited about the versatility of this new program, because students can choose two different areas of study that prepare them for specific ministries." For Garen, this semester's classes have begun, and he's directing the choir and band in vigorous rehearsals. For the Wolfs, this is all part of ministry; and as they have demonstrated for so long, "ministry isn't an option, and it isn't something you do for a few years, then quit. It's for life!" ■

➡(p15) The doors at GBS were opened, and I walked through. As Brother Flexon used to say, 'Where there's a need, there's a call.' I have tried to fulfill that call."

His career at GBS has bridged both high school and college and has included such classes in technology as automotive repair, drafting, electronics, general shop, residential wiring, and amateur radio. In addition he has taught Bible, maintained school vehicles for 15 years, directed GBS inner-city missions for 12 years, and led a Boy Scout group for two years. He also has sponsored the high school Industrial Arts Club (now called Technology Student Association), which for 12 years entered state competition. "We held third and second place positions during ten of those years," Hyatt explains, "and held first place twice. We were the only non-public school ever to hold that position." In addition, his many years as jail chaplain have brought both

him and GBS widespread recognition. He has shared this ministry with many students and trained them in effective soul-winning and discipling.

Health problems have caused his wife, Virginia, to retire as GBS phone operator. Their children, all GBS high school graduates, are Floyd III, born 1966, who operates an Indianapolis construction business; Veronica (Hicks), born 1970, who is a housewife and whose husband owns a carpet steam cleaning business; and Charles, born 1976, who has his own business, building pole barns in the Cincinnati area.

Floyd Hyatt has now commenced his 26th year in ministry at GBS. He has received many tributes, but one of the briefest and yet most eloquent was that of the 1990 GBS yearbook, *Hilltop*, which concluded: "Brother Hyatt, we are proud of your achievements, We salute you as a fellow laborer and teacher. A better man cannot be found." ■

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NOVEMBER

- 5-9 2nd Semester College Registration
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22 Thanksgiving Day

➡(p19) high-tech science that matter indeed receives information in the form of photons going in and electrons coming out. He explains how an energy vortex holds memory in matter and describes how, as Jesus said in John 16:13, the Holy Spirit "...will show us things to come." David said in a recent interview, "Seeing God's potential and knowing our eternal purpose is not some strange 'New Age,' altered state of consciousness! Seeing things to come is the 'office work of the Holy Spirit,' as Brother Marsh taught at God's Bible School when I was there as a student." David's *Elsewhen* book simply explains, using 21st Century science, how this spiritual revelation can be.

"The foundation Becky and I received during our youth from godly, conservative parents, like Rev. and Mrs. Eberle, and from God's Bible School has allowed us to build a 41-year marriage and trust God's impartation and power for inventions and leadership activity throughout my professional career. This has given us a strength and potential simply not possible without our God's Bible School heritage." ■



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➡(p5) this good news received from Solomon Tesfamichael, president of the national church: "An early report from Decamere is that 66 young people were recently saved, four were sanctified, and three called into the ministry...Eleven people from outside the school were also saved. To cope with the situation the church...has divided the newly-saved into nine groups for Bible instruction. Maybe God is beginning to give us a mighty revival that will sweep across our land." —*Ropeholders*

GHANA

"The open doors are more than we have time to say," according to missionary Chad Durfee. "The North is full of villages that do not have one church. The young people are coming into Kumasi from everywhere. But there is no one to train them in the Bible. Ghana needs holiness Bible teachers. Ghana needs holiness children's workers. They would find their hands so full." —*Ropeholders*

HAITI

New churches were organized in nearly all of Haiti's districts of the Church of the Nazarene during the past year, according to Caribbean Regional Director John Smee. One church reported 150 new members by confession of faith. —*Holiness Today*

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Evangelical Bible Mission "is faced with the challenge of using Christian radio to mold the nation of Papua New Guinea for God and righteousness. For the first time in history, the government of PNG has given a license to cover the whole country with a network of Christian radio stations. That license has been entrusted to the Papua New Guinea Bible Church in partnership with Evangelical Bible Mission." —*Gerald Bustin, president, EBM, Mission Messenger.*

RUMANIA

"I have been very sick for about a month. Now I am getting well, and everything is going to be fine. Over the last few months, I have been more and more desirous of focusing on correspondence with my children (the ones I met at the rehab center). After waiting for God to communicate with me directly, I have remembered that He usually gives us a desire/inclination to do what He wants us to do, and He equips us for the job." —*Andrea Whiteman, FEA Ministries*

RUSSIA

Vyborg Christian Center is celebrating its eighth anniversary...In every mission field where there have been reports of great growth, there have also been great prayer efforts: early morning prayer meetings, all nights of prayer, 24-hour prayer vigils, hundreds of people praying 15 minutes a day for certain mission fields. We invite more people to join us in our prayer efforts in Russia by becoming prayer partners with orphan children and widows." —*Richard and Judy Grout, FEA missionaries to Russia* ■

►(p5) watered down their message. By God's grace, we will continue to be a forthright holiness journal, Wesleyan in doctrine and conservative in piety, discipline, and lifestyle.

2. *We will make sure that the format and presentation are attractive!* Traditional in message, yes! Shabby in appearance, no! Our talented graphic artists and our investment in modern technology underscore our goal to keep the paper cutting-edge in design and publication. We want you to be comfortable—even proud—in placing it in any office, school, factory, or home! For our message is far more likely to be read and received if its packaging is colorful, attractive, and contemporary. The last thing we want is to be safely pious, but boringly dull!

3. *We will demand high standards of intellectual, spiritual, and literary quality.* We want to make our readers think and then respond as mature contemporary Christians of Wesleyan conviction. This means publishing articles that are probing, stimulating, and sometimes even controversial. Too many publications present materials which are mostly sentimental, folksy, and anecdotal. Often these articles are devout enough, but with little substance or application to the real issues we confront in the social and religious culture of the 21st century.

We welcome human interest articles and personal accounts, of course; but as in the past, our major focus will be on solid doctrinal and devotional content. Moreover, we expect our writers to use accepted standards of content and English usage. Always there are naughty gremlins in a print shop which cause typographical errors and other faults; and to our embarrassment and in spite of our best efforts, we have our share. But we will not knowingly publish substandard materials, such as pious “poems” with forced rhyme, stilted content, and ragged imagery. God's glory and God's people deserve better!

4. *We will serve God's Bible School and its constituents!* GBS is the flagship of holiness Bible colleges; and though it has weathered many storms, its durability and its fidelity both speak a powerful message. That message will be strongly articulated on these pages, as we continue to report events on the Mount of Blessing, vigorously serve the school's public relations efforts, and provide a forum for its friends and alumni. The “Revivalist Family,” one of our most popular features, has become a vital communications network, keeping readers in touch with each other and informed as to major holiness movement events, especially in its conservative wing, of which we are so gladly a part.

5. *We will apply sound business principles to our ministry.* During the past summer, we have given serious examination to our circulation list, eliminating the names of those who have shown no interest in the *Revivalist* or GBS. Some people were added as a part of

our public relations outreach, and we have not heard from them since. Others have lost interest or moved to Glory, where there are no forwarding addresses. We want readers who really want us. Subscription fees are an unbelievable bargain. You can receive the *Revivalist* for a whole year for less than Papa, Mama, and the kids will spend on one Friday night at MacDonald's. So if you are in arrears to us, please show your support by resubscribing to the *Revivalist* today.

5. *We will keep open to tomorrow!* As Dr. Nicholson said in 1982, “Hats off to the past! Coats off to the future!” We rejoice in the powerful witness of our yesterdays, but the opportunities for tomorrow are even more exciting. Our message appeals directly, of course, to those holiness movement traditionalists whose core convictions are continually reinforced in these columns; and we rejoice in this. But remember, too, that there are vast numbers in the broader movement who share those convictions and who are deeply disillusioned with the direction of their own institutions. Many of them welcome the *Revivalist* as a breath of fresh air and find it balm for

wounded souls! Moreover, there are others with no connection at all to our Wesleyan heritage who are open to our themes of deeper spiritual life, authentic Christian sanctity, and decisive separation from this “vain delusive world” with all its shabby enticements.

It is true that the marvels of technology have opened new and amazing channels of communication; and we should use all of them which legitimately convey our message. But the printed page still remains one of the most powerful and most effective ways to share Jesus and the good news of His salvation. As we constantly attempt to improve and adapt this venerable publication for His glory and for your good, we request your prayers, your suggestions, and your support.

For as we know, our destiny is ultimately in your hands and in God's purposes.

“*Speaking to our movement and speaking for our movement!*” This continues as our commitment, as it has been since our first issue was cranked off an inky, hand-operated letter-press in 1888. Candor, graciousness, and purpose, as we intend, will be the hallmarks of this stewardship so graciously and yet so temporarily entrusted to us; and with Heaven's help, we will be faithful to yesterday, relevant to today, connected to tomorrow. Amen, Dr. Nicholson, “The Lord be praised for *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate!*” ■

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Friday, October 12

11:00 am Grand BBQ Meal

4:30 pm Grand BBQ Meal

Prepared by famous Caymanian chef Rev. John Jefferson. Seating limited. Purchase tickets through the GBS Advancement Office or at www.gbs.edu

7:00 pm Keynote Concert (Adcock Chapel)

8:15 pm Homefest (gymnasium)

8:15 pm Alumni Reception (dining hall)

Featuring a reception and card shower honoring The Wolfs and Floyd Hyatt for 25 years of teaching

9:30 pm Israel Tour Video

A 2-hour presentation of the 1999 GBS-sponsored tour

Saturday, October 13

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

10:00 am Alumni Recognition and Reflection

Especially honoring the college and high school classes of 1976 and 1951

12:00 am Buffet Luncheon