

GOD'S REVIVALIST

and Bible Advocate



Faith in the Future

The campaign for
GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE



Larry D. Smith, editor

“Be ye holy for I am holy.”

As you’ve already noticed, these words chiseled in stone on a Gothic arch appear on this month’s cover. They’re from I Peter 1:15, of course; and they’ve adorned the northeast doorway to GBS’s Knapp Memorial Building since it was built in 1930. These are God’s words, not ours; and they introduce this special issue of *God’s Revivalist* because they point directly to His purpose for His school. “Holiness of heart and life”—as our founders believed and as we still believe—is the central message of the Bible; and it’s also the central reason for our existence.

As you turn these pages, then, remember why we’re presenting “Faith in the Future: The Campaign for God’s Bible School and College.” It’s not just about bricks and mortar, as necessary as they are; but it’s all about ensuring our future and extending our vision of Christian sanctity and Christian service. For this reason, our administration, our board of trustees, and our Office of Advancement have put together this exciting challenge for financial support and campus renewal. We hope that everyone of you will respond generously and enthusiastically.

God’s Revivalist is 12 years older than God’s Bible School, and the periodical helped begin the college. As we’ve said before, there never would be a GBS without the *Revivalist*; and it’s just as true that there would be no *Revivalist* without GBS. We’ve had a long and happy marriage, which we hope will last till Jesus comes in glory. That’s why we’re so pleased to present you this special issue. Remember, “Faith in the Future” has everything to do with those words chiseled on a Gothic arch: “*Be ye holy, for I am holy.*”

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Dear Friend,

Since the founding of God's Bible School and College in 1900, this institution has produced distinctive graduates that literally circle the globe with their influence and ministry. Among these are college presidents, pastors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and musicians. Others have left our campus to become Christian leaders in a variety of professions.

When Martin Wells Knapp started this institution, his dream was to establish a training center, which would develop within its students a fervent desire to serve in the work of God and to promote the interest of His kingdom at home and around the world. This mission is still the passion of God's Bible School and College over 100 years later. We rejoice in our rich heritage and God's many blessings. But we look with great expectation to a bright future.

Young people from all over the United States and many foreign countries are coming to our campus to be educated and trained by our caring and dedicated faculty. They seek to prepare their lives to answer God's call with commitment and passion. Investing in the lives of young people is still our greatest priority.

Faith In Our Future: The Campaign for God's Bible School and College will raise the funds necessary for this institution to serve greater numbers of students than ever before. Our enrollment increases of the past few years make it imperative that we position ourselves to respond to this growth. In the following pages you will see the planned campaign that is the product of months of prayer and planning by the Board of Trustees, the Administration, and key staff and faculty members. This aggressive plan for tomorrow is more than upgrading a campus...more than improving equipment...more than buildings and landscaping. It is the perpetuating of the mission of God's Bible School and College for future generations.

With your help, we can expand our mission of graduating young people prepared with a passion to serve Christ in this present world. Together we are investing in the lives of tomorrow's servant-leaders.

I invite you to be a partner with us in this campaign.

In appreciation,



Michael R. Avery, President



Our History

The story of God's Bible School and College begins in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio and the community of Mt. Auburn. In 1900, a Methodist evangelist, Martin Wells Knapp, had a vision of starting a school to train Christian workers. He purchased a home at 1810 Young Street and converted it into classrooms and a dormitory. On September 27, 1900 God's Bible School was born with a class of 72 students.

For over a century, many leaders, pastors, missionaries, teachers, and musicians have come through the halls of higher learning and training. Truly, the sun never sets on the graduates of God's Bible School and College. Leaders such as Oswald Chambers have taught on the campus. Great missionaries such as Charles and Lettie Cowman received their training on the hilltop. Several denominations and parachurch organizations were either born on the GBS campus or were founded by its graduates.

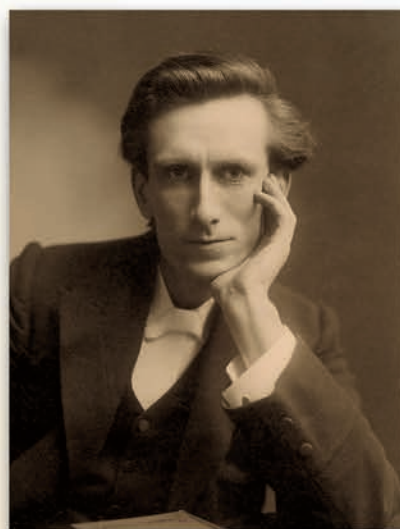
GBS has a great history of service and ministry to the Cincinnati community. Many still remember the Thanksgiving dinners through which thousands of city residents were fed. For years the school broadcast radio programs on WCKY and WAKW. Still today, students minister at inner-city chapels, county prisons, and other community outreach ministries.

The school periodical, *God's Revivalist*, is still read by thousands around the world. The campus has expanded from one building to a number of buildings making up a campus of 16 acres. This has contributed to the restoration and beautification of the Mt. Auburn community. The college is now an accredited institution offering a number of undergraduate degrees. An academy and a high school are now on campus.

But the story of God's Bible School and College has always been and continues to be people. Educating and equipping young people to serve their day with vision and passion. This is our mission. This is our story.



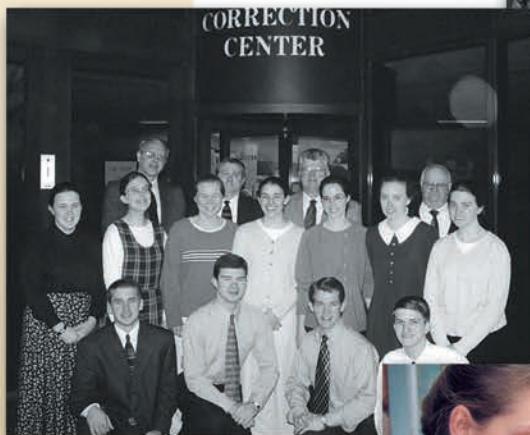
Above: First student body



Left: Oswald Chambers, former GBS faculty member and devotional writer



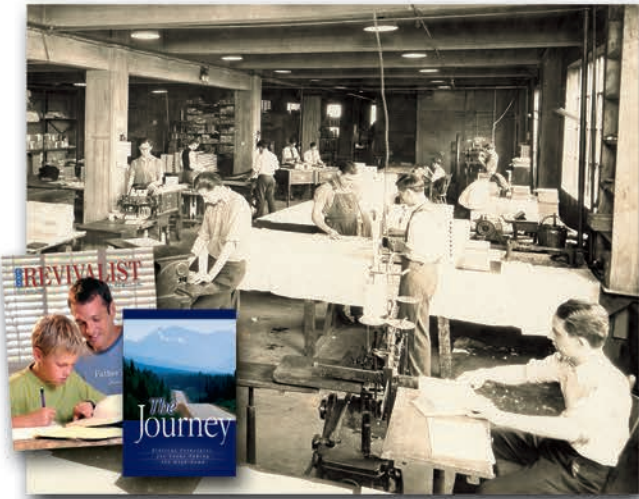
Above: Thanksgiving Dinner for Cincinnati's poor



Left: Hamilton County Correction Center ministry team



Below: GBS students involved in inner-city service



Above: The Revivalist Press has been publishing since 1888.



Above-Right: Construction on the Knapp Memorial Building, 1930.

Below: The Bence C. Miller Student Center, finished in 1977.



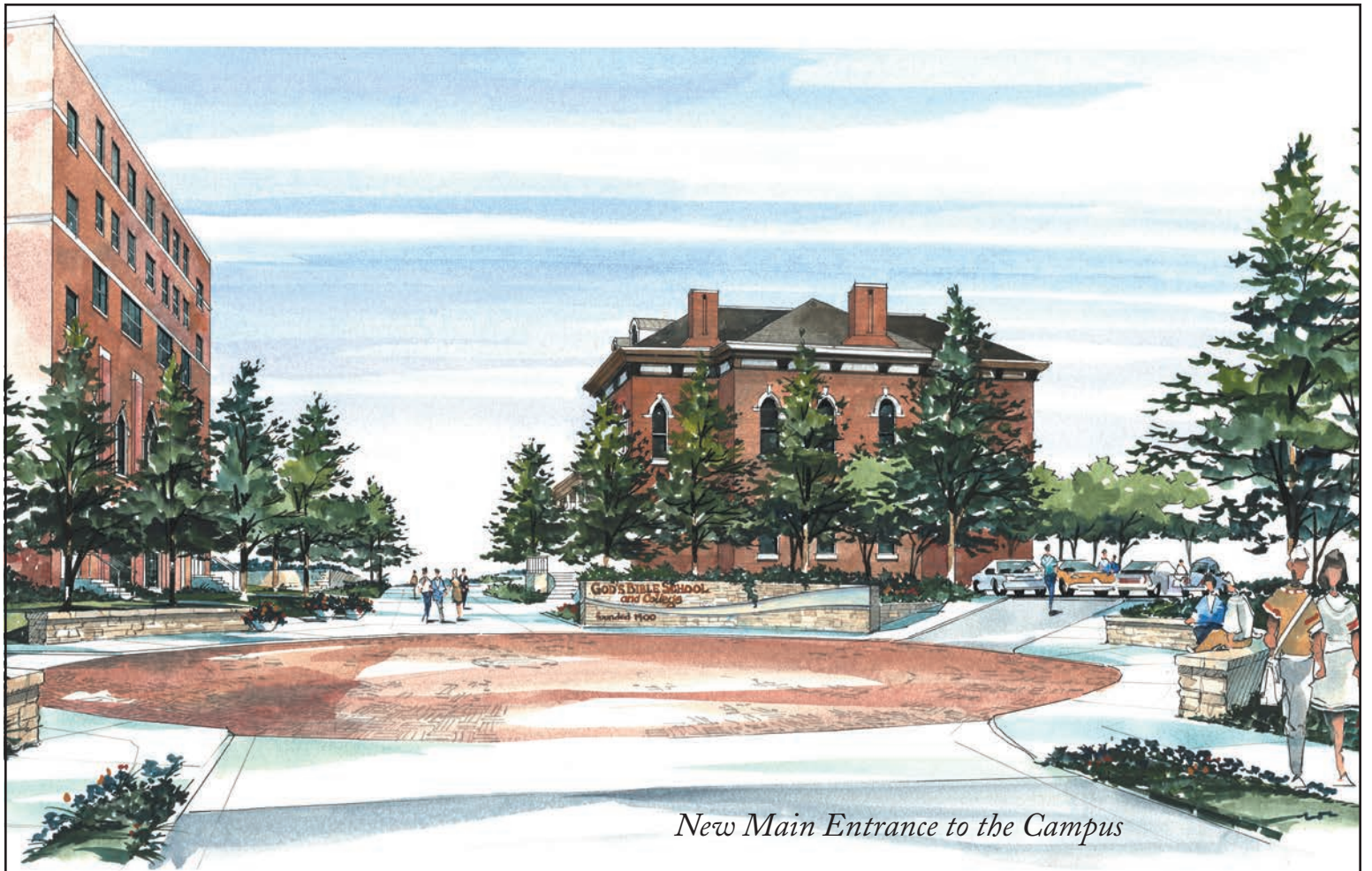
Above: The R.G. Flexon Memorial Library, construction completed in 1990.



Left: Academy

Right: The campus monument commemorating 100 years, 1900-2000





New Main Entrance to the Campus



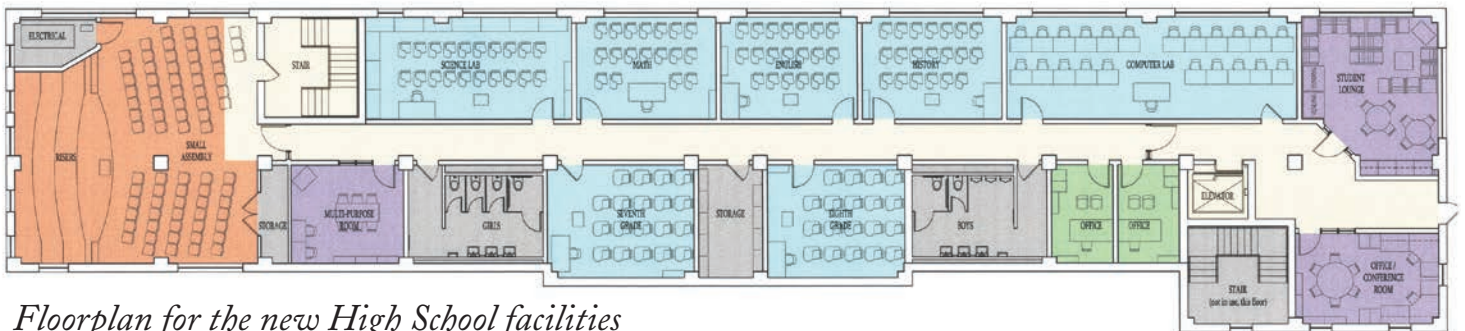
Addition to the Knapp Memorial Building



Revivalist Press and Facilities Maintenance Building



God's Bible School Academy entrance



Floorplan for the new High School facilities



Master Plan

JOSEPHINE ST.

CHANNING ST.

YOUNG ST.

RINGOLD ST.

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Guard House

Main Entry Signage

Admissions Welcome Center

Knapp Memorial Building

New Addition

Bench

Seat Wall

Brick Walks

Revivalist Memorial Building

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

Administration Building

Schmul Center

Staff Residence

Bence C. Miller Student Center

Staff Residence

R. G. Flexon Memorial Library and Sky-Walk

Staff Residence

Staff Residence

One-Way

What will this campaign accomplish?

PHASE I—IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- **Student Housing/Service/Parking**
As our student body grows, we need room and infrastructure to meet their needs.
- **Library Fulfillment**
We need to complete our obligations related to library expansion.
- **Campus Expansion and Procurement**
The purchase of additional housing and property adjacent to the campus will insure the opportunity to grow in the present and future.
- **Faculty Housing**
We need to renovate present homes and purchase additional homes for our growing faculty.

TOTAL COST FOR PHASE I: \$1,400,000

PHASE II—RESPONSE TO A GROWING STUDENT POPULATION

- **New Facilities/Revivalist Press Building (\$200,000)**
New building will house Facilities Management and Revivalist Press.
- **Relocation and Merging of High School and Academy (\$150,000)**
Offer state-of-the-art learning facilities in the two lower floors of the Revivalist Memorial Building.
- **Relocating College Music Department (\$50,000)**
This will include new practice rooms, classrooms, office space and a choir and orchestra practice room.
- **New Entrance to the Campus (\$500,000)**
This includes a new “front door” to the campus, expanded parking, and renovating existing music studio for a welcome center and offices.
- **Academy Entrance Improvements (\$50,000)**
This includes new signage and entrance improvements.

TOTAL COST FOR PHASE II: \$950,000

PHASE III—CHAPEL EXPANSION

- **Balcony Annex**
This will give a foyer entrance with ground-floor bathrooms as well as handle the overflow crowds during special events. The new balcony section will be utilized throughout the year as a large lecture room.

TOTAL COST FOR PHASE III: \$500,000

Dear Alumni Friends,

After several years of strategic planning, God's Bible School and College is stepping into uncharted territory. Many of us can well remember long offerings and strong appeals to "save the school" from yet another financial crisis. As students, we had mixed feelings about all the focus on money. We knew that finances were a necessary part of the operation, but at times it seemed to take up a greater part of the service than we would have liked. After all, as students it was difficult enough to pay the room, board, tuition, and fees, let alone contribute to the funds that had to be given to close the gap for the books to balance! Yet every time, God proved Himself true; and our faith was boosted as again we were challenged to present our needs to our Heavenly Father.

The new territory into which we are stepping is a capital campaign. This is a focused effort to take care of large projects beyond what regular offerings would cover. This is designed, not to replace regular offerings, but to address needed expansions for the ongoing of the school. Again, we need the help of God and you, the alumni family, to meet this challenge to improve His school! What a blessing it will be to break free from the clutches of debt as we prepare for the future and manage His money as good stewards.

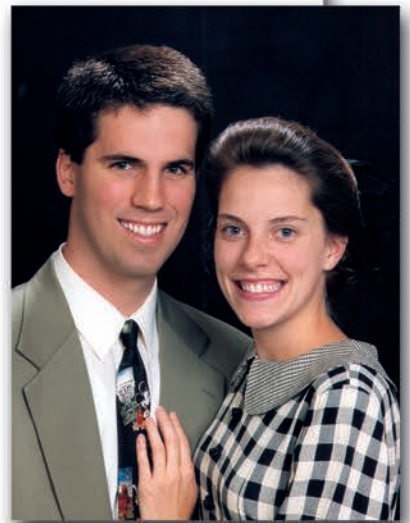
Many of us have been called into ministry positions that do not allow for large contributions. There are others of us who have been blessed with the funds to give significantly. As alumni, we have been given a solid foundation from dedicated, caring faculty and staff. It is hard to know how to return the blessing to the specific people who have significantly impacted our lives. One way to do that is by helping to insure the future stability of a great institution that continues to make a difference around the world. Let us rise to the challenge and again go out on faith with our giving! God's Bible School and College has meant so much to us over the years, and we look back with memories of spiritual grounding and growth. May we never take for granted the place that showed us over and over again the faithfulness of God and the sweetness of His presence!

We challenge you to invest in the future of God's kingdom through His work on the Mount of Blessings.

Sincerely,

Robbie Rachel England

Robbie and Rachel England
Co-Chairs, Campaign Alumni Committee



The Challenge of Faith

For more than 102 years, God's Bible School and College has been a ministry of faith. Many of us have seen the promises of God proved on the Hilltop time and time again. GBS is truly a testimony to the miracle of God's provision. *Faith In The Future Capital Campaign* is the largest step of faith in our history. As you consider your involvement in the campaign the following questions and answers may be helpful.

Q: Why is a capital campaign needed at this time, and how will the monies be used?

A: To meet the need of a growing student body and to fulfill our vision, we must move forward with this campaign. Our existing campus must be updated and expanded to meet our current and future needs.

Q: Will the college incur any additional debt through implementing this campaign?

A: NO! In fact a part of this campaign effort is to completely eliminate all debt of God's Bible School and College.

Q: Will this campaign have an impact on future tuition costs?

A: A successful campaign will eliminate debt and some operational costs which can and do impact tuition. This campaign will help us to keep tuition affordable.

Q: Is the college seeking funds from groups other than the God's Bible School and College family?

A: Yes, a comprehensive campaign has been organized to seek funding from local businesses and corporations.

Local, regional, and national foundations will be encouraged to participate as well. However, we do hope each and every person who knows and loves God's Bible School and College will become involved.

Q: Are there "naming" opportunities?

A: Yes, should you desire to name a building or room, these opportunities are available. This can be done in honor or in memory of a family member or friend.

Q: What is my role?

A: As we face the exciting opportunities of the *Faith In The Future Campaign*, we turn to you, our GBS family, with three requests:

1. Pray for the ongoing growth and financial stability of the school and the success of this campaign.
2. Consider a generous, sacrificial commitment to the campaign over and above your current level of support. Commitments can be paid over a 36-month (3-Year) period that covers part of four (4) tax years.
3. Consider assisting God's Bible School and College by being a "friend raiser."



*Rev. Jack Hooker,
Vice-President for
Advancement*

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Methods of Giving

Cash Pledge . . .

This represents the most direct method for making a contribution. It also offers the opportunity to maximize your support over a number of years.

Securities . . .

Individuals find major tax advantages in making their gift in the form of appreciated securities.

Matching Gifts . . .

Many corporations offer matching gift programs for current or retired employees. For more information contact your company's personnel office.

Deferred Gifts . . .

Wills, trusts, annuities, life insurance and other legal documents can be major sources of financial support. Our Advancement Department can assist you in these giving opportunities.

Gifts in Kind . . .

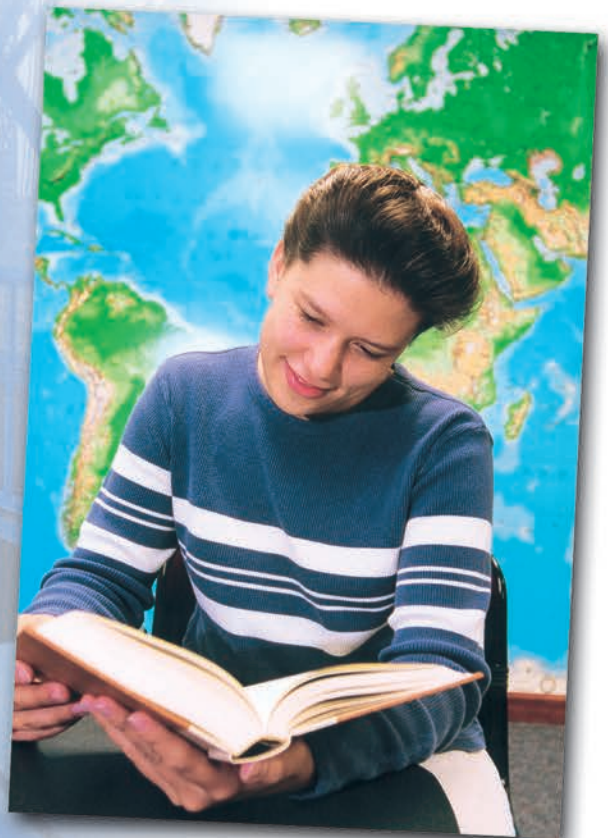
Gifts of real property, artwork, building materials, etc. are generally tax deductible at full market value.





*There is never an end*_____

to preparing young people to make a difference in this world. With your help, God's Bible School and College can expand its mission of training young people to serve and minister. Your faith in our future will make a great impact on generations to come.



Our Mission...

To glorify God and to serve His Church

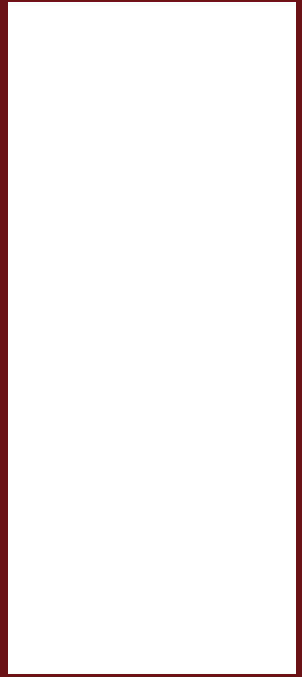
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