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PASTOR APPRECIATION

In 1994, Focus on the Family named and began emphasizing Clergy Appreciation Month, reminding congregations that it was biblical and proper to honor their pastoral staff and pastoral families throughout the year, but suggesting that they set aside the month of October for a special, tangible tribute. In fact, one of our pastor contributors advised that “a church wanting to keep their pastor should find meaningful ways to reach out beyond October. Yes, it is a super idea to do the obligatory pastor appreciation once a year – but he will know if the church is just trying to make up for what they are lacking the other eleven months. You take care of him and he may stay long term....” Make sure your appreciation is not limited to October.

This issue of *God’s Revivalist* focuses on pastor appreciation. It starts with Blake Jones’ “Perks of the Parsonage” (p.5) in which he discusses the fulfillment experienced when “romance of people” and a “self-giving life unite in the special calling of pastoral ministry.” In “Caring for the Children” (p.8), alumnus Betty Farmer gives us a glimpse into how God gave her a love for children which developed into a major part of her ministry as pastor’s wife. Dr. Allan Brown’s “Revivalist Pulpit” shows “How to Avoid Pastoral Burnout” (p.17).

Focus on the Family has graciously permitted us to include selected materials (p.21) from their latest “Clergy Appreciation Month Guide.” This gives some basic ideas related to appreciation as well as gifts you may wish to consider. Be sure to visit their website for other helpful suggestions: <http://thrivingpastor.org>.

Finally, we have interspersed emails from pastors within the Revivalist Family describing memorable instances of appreciation they have experienced ranging from surprise appreciation services, expense-paid get-aways, new suits, to something as simple as a “thank you, pastor.” We also requested that the pastors give any suggestions they might have or even accounts of negative situations in hopes that others may learn from the shortcomings.

Regardless of what your church may do, it is YOUR task to determine what YOU will do this October to let your pastoral family know in a very tangible way how much you appreciate them! ■

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the president's page



“AIN’T ANYBODY GONNA CRY?”

by Michael R. Avery, President

Healthy Christians have an appropriate balance of *up-reach* (worship), *in-reach* (spiritual formation) and *outreach* (evangelism). If we lack any one of the three, we lack the kind of spiritual health taught in scripture. If we fail to give proper attention to any one of them, it will create a deficit or imbalance in the other two. We need the vigorous engagement of all three to be all that God wants us to be. With that in mind, I want to focus on the one that troubles my spirit and prompts this article – outreach.

God wants to work *through* you and me to reach a lost world. It is one of the primary roles we fill as Christians. It is true that we were made to enjoy an intimate relationship with the triune God, but it is a *working* relationship! Just as Jesus was sent by His Father into the world on redemptive business, so we are being sent by Jesus to work in the family business – the business of saving lost men and women. This is our job! It is the primary reason given and illustrated in the book of Acts for the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). He was given to fortify us with the kind of power necessary to testify of Jesus even in the face of death. Yet, while 80 percent of Christians believe they have a duty to share Christ with others, and 75 percent believe they can effectively carry

out that duty, over 60 percent make no endeavor to witness to the lost. This is appalling! James S. Stewart put it this way, “*The threat to Christianity is not atheism, materialism, or communism. The greatest threat to Christianity is Christians who are trying to sneak into heaven incognito without ever having shared their faith.*” The obvious question is, “**Why do so many Christians make no attempt to be a channel that the Holy Spirit can use to bring someone to Christ?**”

Frankly, there are barriers on both sides of the outreach door. Lost people erect emotional, intellectual, and volitional barriers that make it very difficult, and at times impossible, for anyone to penetrate. These can be overcome with relationship building, patience, and a willingness to answer objections graciously. Barriers for believers can be numerous, but the list I have developed is short and to the point.

Intercession

Dennis Kinlaw notes, “Nothing saving ever originates with us. God takes the initiative in everything that is saving.” Yet this God who alone can save has chosen not to work alone. He has called us to work with Him in the saving of souls. One of the jobs He asks us to do is to be intercessors. Biblically, an intercessor is one who “causes one person to meet or connect with another.” Remarkably, God wants someone who will stand between the lost soul

and Himself and be a channel of His grace to that lost person. When is the last time you paid the price of soul travail that allowed you to lift the reluctant hand of a lost friend toward the outstretched hand of a merciful God?

Religious Isolation

In a recent interview, Francis Chan said that as a young Christian in high school he used to cry over his friends when he thought about them spending eternity in hell. The same was true when he worked in a restaurant. He used to cry over the waiters and waitresses and pray, "God you've got to save these people." However, after he began working in the church, he didn't weep very much over the lost. Chan is being very transparent about what can easily happen to Christians when they isolate themselves within the community of believers. Unless we interact with lost people there can be no outreach through us. There is no impact without contact. You need to ask yourself the question, "How many sinners do I have a close enough relationship to that the Holy Spirit could effectively use me to reach them for Christ?" If your answer is none, then you clearly are not properly positioned to reach the lost.

It's not my job!

Pastors regularly tell their congregations that it is his job to equip the church to do the work of the ministry. Congregations often respond (under their breath) that the pastor and his staff are being "paid" to reach people! The end result is that no one feels like it's his job! Scripturally, the "go ye" shoes of the Great Commission fit the feet of all believers – clergy and laity alike!

Indifference

My gut feeling is that most Christians just don't care. Indifference has robbed us of a broken heart for lost people. It has stolen the passion and commitment to do whatever it takes to be an instrument or the means of someone's conversion. A well-known pastor shared the story of shaking hands with a group of Sunday school kids when one little boy informed him that he was moving and would never be able to come back to his church. The pastor simply patted the boy on the head and continued shaking hands with the other children. Suddenly, the pastor felt someone tugging on the back of his suit jacket. He turned around and there was the same little boy who had announced he was moving. The boy looked longingly into the eyes of his pastor and said, "Ain't you even gonna cry?"

Does any lost soul know that you care enough to cry? More importantly, does God know that He can reach a broken world through your broken heart? ■



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125th ANNIVERSARY

It was a real pleasure receiving the special issue focusing on the work-force and equipment that has kept the *Revivalist* going since 1888.... Thanks to the vision, perseverance, and hard work of all who had a part in keeping the publication going.

SENATOR DAVID DOCTORIAN
former Special Assistant to GBS President
Macon, MO

Congratulations on a very nice-looking 125th anniversary issue of the *Revivalist*.

WILLIAM KOSTLEVY
Director Brethren Historical Library and Archives
Elgin, IL



PORNOGRAPHY

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to *God's Revivalist* [Sept. 2013], and for the exposure for Higher Pursuits.... You've put together a resource that will serve the church well.... It was courageous of you to tackle the subject of pornography.

DAVE BOWERMAN
Email

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

We look forward each time to the arrival of the *Revivalist* and do not want to miss a copy. What a great periodical!

PAUL AND LEILA PIERPOINT
Hobe Sound, FL





Perks *of the* Parsonage

by Blake Jones

I was just making small but purposeful talk as we traveled. “Daron, what do you want to be when you grow up?” His little boy reply was, “A preacher...” Wow, that made my heart rise in joy, until I heard the rest of the sentence, “...so I can stay up late in the study.”

Quite obviously, Daron was convinced that his dad enjoyed some great benefit as a pastor—late nights in the study. He had gotten one thing very right: there are special blessings that attend pastoral ministry although late nights of sermon preparation may not actually be one of them!

I suppose there is no pastoral contract that lists the non-wage compensations that really accompany true pastoral ministry. But where else can you find a benefit package that offers endless opportunity to love people, to encourage the

disheartened, to laugh with a new daddy, to cry beside a grieving widow, to dedicate a newborn, to counsel a troubled family, to look into the eyes of a happy couple and pronounce them husband and wife, to offer Jesus Sunday after Sunday to hurting people, to teach the Word of God, to share the ministry of the vestibule and a thousand other ministry moments? Talk about perks! The romance of people and the fulfillment of a self-giving life unite in the special calling of pastoral ministry.

It is also true that the parsonage family enjoys unspeakable blessings! They have the honor of sharing in the real-life cycles of their church family. They have the high privilege of making ministry a shared, family focus. Pastors have the special delight of making their children part of their life's work. Making cookies for an elderly saint, calling with Daddy, singing to a shut-in, and praying for a sick parishioner are opportunities to do ministry together. And when a pastor and his wife embrace such a parental philosophy, it is not just a blessing to the church, but, incorporated into parsonage life, it becomes a powerful blessing to their own family! Learning to love people and to interact with them is a blessing at any age.

I know someone may be reading this and thinking, "Whoever is writing this has never faced the real world!" Well, that is not exactly true, so let me hasten to say that perks can often find themselves twisted into perils.

Loving people, as rewarding as it may be, does not happen without expending spiritual, emotional, and physical energy. The pastor and his wife may come to the end of a day of listening and counseling only to find themselves more "spent" than if they had shared in hard physical labor. There is nothing bad about that unless in those weeks and months of this kind of ministry they are not finding spiritual refreshing and emotional recuperation. And that may be very, very hard to find when they are always on call.

Perhaps you have not noticed, but the people around whom ministry centers are laden with baggage. As the pastor looks out over his congregation, he knows there are hurts in every pew! It may be that our culture is multiplying victims of trauma or, it may simply be that more people are finally willing to share their stories of abuse, abandonment, and anger. Probably both are true, but, whatever the case, the pastor finds himself

servicing more life casualties than he dreamed existed. And if he is worth his salt, no one will ever know the stories he hears. Yes, mark it down. In his love for people, he carries more inside of him than his people will ever know. He has wiped a tear only to find that tear now on his own cheek. He has bandaged a grief only to find his own heart aching. These are part of the perks and perils of loving people, for it always costs something!

Beyond the expenditure is the risk in loving people. The one who loves and gives of himself or herself becomes vulnerable to the receiver of that expression of care. The pastor and his wife run the risk of becoming the recipients of rejection, of dependency, of misplaced anger, of overly affectionate responses, of misunderstanding, of suspicion and outright lies. But the servant is not above his Master, and so the peril of the perk is embraced with caution, discretion, and prayer.

Ministry, while benefited with special blessings, has the danger of becoming self-gratifying while other priorities are ignored. For the pastor, there will be the perpetual juggling act to balance loving people and loving his own family. It will always be a fine line that the pastor is called to walk. But family ministry must come first and foremost after God. Through a happy, healthy home, a contented spouse and godly children, one's ministry will be multiplied many times over. A generation ago the church told the pastors to take care of God's work and God would take care of their families. The admonition was well-intentioned but desperately flawed. While pastors and sometimes their wives were ministering to others, their families were left alone and without leadership. And

that spelled trouble! There are a host of adult preachers' kids who are bitter over dad loving the world but not loving them. They knew dad would do anything for a parishioner but had no time to give himself to his family. And, sadly, the pastor's fantastic ministry carries a crippling blight because it is not backed by a family that rises up to call him blessed. How very sad.

My wife and I often get to share Sundays with parsonage families. It is one of our great joys. We listen to their dreams. We share their excitement over new converts and new families. We talk about the parsonage children. We talk about priorities. We laugh and play with their children. We come away proud of the noble men and women who grace our parsonages. We marvel

He has wiped a tear only to find that tear now on his own cheek. He has bandaged a grief only to find his own heart aching. These are part of the perks and perils.

at the wisdom God is giving them to live balanced lives in a glass house. But we also hear their frustrations and sometimes the deep weariness that haunts their spirits. Do they love what they are doing? Yes. Are the benefits of ministry rewarding? For the most part, yes. Do they always know where the romance of people is taking them? No. And that can be rather unsettling. Do they know that loving people is a fragile ministry that can blossom into joy or spiral into disaster? Probably no one knows that better than pastors. But on their knees they draw strength to embrace the perks and the perils of Christ's kind of redemptive ministry.

It is not wrong that the thrilling service of loving people carries with it some cost. No kind layman can change that. The expenditure of emotional and spiritual reserves is not unexpected. And I would certainly not suggest that parishioners should just clam up and never allow their pastor into their hurts, their fears, or their baggage. The distance that would create would simply be another burden for him to bear. The pastor finds fulfillment when he is helping to carry the load. But somehow we have to learn to support him in his ministry. He and his family need our prayers. And those prayers need to be given expression! Every once in a while the parsonage family needs to be "pastored" by a church family whose attitude and loving response helps to revitalize their sagging spirits. When their leadership becomes a lonely road, they need to be brought into the joys and celebrations of parishioners' lives to balance the weight they carry. They need space and opportunity to fall in love with ministry and people all over again. They need a word of encouragement and appreciation when their weariness has left them vulnerable targets for Satan to play games with their minds. They need to be seen as real people not just spiritual robots.

So, Daron, your childish grasp of parsonage perks naturally missed the romance of people. But those late nights in the study were part of your dad's passion to speak into the lives of the people he loved. Some of those nights I grappled with my own emotional and spiritual exhaustion. Many times I have known the risk involved and the frightening possibility that my attempts could fall in pieces. And, for sure, I didn't always get it right in spending time with you and the rest of the family. But I want to say thank you for those Saturday nights when, as a teenager, you slipped into my office and we prayed for each other. You helped to minister to me when I was dragging. And now I'm your family's pastor and I still find myself enjoying the perks of late nights in the study. ■

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Perhaps the most creative expression of appreciation came in the form of a special getaway prepared for us by our parishioners. Gift certificates were provided for restaurants and lodging in Amish country along with a gas card to help with the travel expenses.

Arrangements had even been made for childcare for our children and for our weekly church responsibilities to be covered. To top it off, spending money for the trip was provided for both my wife and me, "Mad Money" for her and "Cold Cash" for me. What an amazing group of people!

*John Manley, Dayton, OH
Wesleyan Evangelistic Church*

Without my knowledge, the church board organized an entire service to honor my family and me. They asked each person/family in the church to bring a card with a written note of affirmation in it; thanking us specifically for what we had personally done for them. They picked out certain people in the congregation to publicly stand and give thanks for me, as well as each member of my family. They gave monetary gifts of appreciation, which came to almost \$1,000. They baked a cake for us with writing on it extending my pastoral call for the next 99 years. At the close of the service, a group of individuals came forward and sang "Thank You, for Giving to the Lord." It was truly a gracious and humbling day in the life of my pastoral ministry.

*Deron E. Fourman, Port Clinton, OH
Bible Methodist Church*

Caring for the Children

Finding and Loving My Role as a Pastor's Wife

by Betty Farmer

It was Mother's Day 1948 and my husband and I had been married less than two years. We had been invited to attend church at a Gospel Tabernacle in Oak Hill, WV. At the end of the service we both went forward and gave our hearts to the Lord. Two years later my husband received a call to the ministry and I began to think about my new role – a pastor's wife. Little did I know about how God would give me a special love for ministering to children... and it all began at God's Bible School.

In September 1952, we moved with our two small boys to Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend GBS. I attended child evangelism classes which were held in downtown Cincinnati. We studied six books and received a teacher's certificate. Immediately thereafter I started having Good News Clubs – three in fact: one at GBS, and the other two in private homes. A short time later E.G. Marsh approached me about teaching in the upcoming "Ten Weeks Course." I enjoyed doing this and continued for several different sessions. I also had the privilege of being in charge of the children's services during two GBS camp meetings. I received no salary, but I realize now how it was preparing me for what I really loved – children's ministry. It was also part of my training to be a good pastor's wife.

After my husband graduated with his bachelor of theology degree, we took our first pastorate just across the river at the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Newport, Kentucky. On our first Sunday we had nine for Sunday School and four were Farmers. As we canvassed the neighborhood, I realized the great harvest field God had given us. Children were everywhere. Starting a junior church service each Sunday morning gave us a good outreach for growth. On "Rally Day" we had 139 in attendance! The Lord blessed our ministry and helped me to settle into the role of a pastor's wife.

When my husband felt our time there was up, we accepted another pastorate. It was a difficult time for me as the people at the Newport church had won my heart. However, for that move and others to come, the Lord gave me enough love to share with everyone. I was leaving friends but the Lord always gave me new ones at the next church. I was involved with children's ministry in every church we were privileged to pastor. On occasion, other opportunities presented themselves. Let me mention one in particular.

At that time I was volunteering as a homeroom mother at the public elementary school. I assisted the teacher by helping supply items the students needed and by sponsoring parties for special occasions. I visited the school on Parent-Teacher Association nights and also enjoyed dropping in occasionally while classes were in session. It was during one of those times that a teacher approached me to say she thought I might be able to be of help. The situation

involved a little fourth-grade girl whom I will refer to as Cindy. About two months earlier Cindy's mother had left her and her little brother with their dad.

The teacher said, "Cindy is not doing well with her school work. Plus, most of the time she sits in class blankly staring and appears very nervous. She has the palms of her hands raw and almost bleeding, because she cups them to her face and seems to gnaw on them. She also looks unkempt – dresses wrinkled, knee socks dirty, and hair which needs combing." The teacher continued, "I also believe she is worried her father might also leave. Most every day I write him a short note and ask Cindy to take it to him (he was janitor at the school). It might say something like 'Cindy needs to know you are still here and she needs a hug and some loving words;' or 'Please drop by the classroom to see if the room temp is OK or just anything.'"

As we continued to talk about the problem, I was pleased to see a teacher so interested in a child's welfare. I assured her I would be happy to be of help. She made the necessary arrangements, and in a few days Cindy was coming to my home. She came each day after she had finished lunch in the cafeteria. The parsonage was located close to the school, less than two blocks. My father had recently passed away and my mother was now living with us and was feeling a bit lost. When I shared the story about Cindy she wanted to help by buying new clothing items for Cindy. She purchased ribbons for her hair that matched her new dresses. Also socks and later new shoes. We learned that Cindy had a lot of chores at home. She had to cook, wash dishes, clean the house, launder clothing, and try to do the ironing.

She came every day and we were waiting for her. First it was to the bathroom where she would wash herself and put on all clean clothes. The dirty clothes I washed and had clean for another day. I then braided her long hair and tied on the matching ribbons. I bought some ointment and soon her hands healed. She responded well to our loving attention. My mother and I often gave Cindy a bag to take home. It contained things such as cookies, candy, fruit, crayons, coloring book, little truck or car, whistle, storybook – just anything to cheer them.

Although her father was a member of another church in town, the family started attending our



Above: A Mount Auburn Good News Club, associated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, in which Betty and her children participated. Right: Betty (rear right) led two children's services each day during the GBS Camp Meeting of 1954.



church on Sunday mornings. I felt the dad visited with us to show his gratitude for our help.

This routine with Cindy lasted from mid-January to the end of the school term. Cindy didn't realize it, but she had helped my mother to feel useful once again. It was a joy to see the change we both saw in Cindy. Her teacher reported that she was doing much better in school as well.

When we moved to our next church, many miles away, I never saw Cindy again. But the memories she helped us make are very vivid, rewarding, and comforting. If I were to see her, I would like to tell her THANKS for sharing those visits to the parsonage with me and my mother.

For almost 50 years, God blessed my husband and me with a sense of fulfillment in knowing that we were doing what He wanted us to do – to minister. Plus, I am so grateful that He allowed me to play a vital role in that ministry by giving me a special love for and ability to work with children.

I will admit to missing all the activity of living in a parsonage – receiving phone calls for prayer; entertaining the evangelist, missionaries, and guest speakers; hosting special board meetings; and having friends just stop by. Yes, my steps are slower and my energy level is lower but my memories of the yesteryears are a blessing. The Lord who gave me a minister husband, made me a pastor's wife, and gave me a love for children still supplies all my needs and many of my wants. God is good! ■

Betty L. Farmer (GBS HS '55) ministered with Elmer C. Farmer (ThB '56) for 47 years in churches in West Virginia, Kansas, and Kentucky. She lives in Pt. Pleasant, WV, and stays active writing, speaking, and holding membership in various civic organizations.



denying self and unreservedly pursuing Christ.
 Rev. Hutchison (GBS BA '98) and wife Sarah (Thomas) (GBS BA '97) are missionaries to the Philippines under Bible Methodist Missions. The entire campus family so appreciated Rev. Hutchison's clear messages, warm smile, and humble spirit. It was apparent to all that Rev.

Hutchison had taken time to seek God's agenda for these revival services and, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, emptied himself of himself so that God might speak through him. Staff and students alike are anticipating how God will continue to move on our campus in the coming days.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

by Aaron Proffitt, VP for Academic Affairs

For Fall 2013, GBS has a college enrollment of 301. This marks four years in a row that God's Bible College has maintained a college enrollment of 300 students or more, something that had not previously happened since we began maintaining enrollment records. Having stable enrollment of over 300 has been a long term goal, and we thank God for His blessing in this area!

One of the most exciting developments is the growth of the Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP). Our enrollment in

FALL REVIVAL

by Renee Langworthy, President, GBS Student Government

God's gentle presence settled down on the Hilltop August 26-30 as Rev. R.G. Hutchison carefully expounded the various passages in which Christ explained to His followers "if you try to save your life, you shall lose it; but if you lose your life for My sake, you shall find it." Each message shared the common theme of "giving your life away," illuminating the requirements and benefits involved in



REVIVALIST FAMILY

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist Family," and brief news notes from across the Holiness Movement.

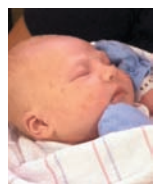
BIRTHS



To **Donna (Downing) (GBS BA '00) and Wesley Buck**, a son, **Miles Edwin Buck**, born August 11, 2013. Miles is currently in the United States and will be returning to Moldova with his missionary parents in a month or so.



To **Jennee (Hooker) (GBS BA '04) and Ron Hartkopf (GBS 2002-03)**, a daughter, **Sophie Grayce Hartkopf**, born August 2, 2013, in Cincinnati, OH. Ron is a General Electric Aviation engineer and Jennee is a GBS Counseling Center counselor.



To **Jessica (Holt) (GBS BA '12) and Ryan Hartman (GBS AA, '11)**, a son, **Logan Hartman**, born July 27, 2013, in Loganville, GA. Ryan works on the grounds crew for the Rockdale County Public Schools in Conyers, GA.



To **Laura (VonBokern) (GBS BA '08) and Nathan Smith (GBS BA '08)**, a daughter, **Ellyana Brielle Smith**, born July 29, 2013. Laura has worked as a course designer for the GBS Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP) since 2009.

MARRIAGES

Kayla (Weinand) (GBS 2011-present) to Mark Hunter (GBS 2010-12), June 7, 2013, Independence, KS, Joe Davolt officiating. Kayla is currently finishing her

ADEP has grown from 54 students in Fall 2009 to 97 students in the current semester. Further, ADEP's full-time equivalency this year is 50.42, the highest ever; we believe this is a testimony to the quality educational experience offered through ADEP.

We praise God for His blessing in our enrollment numbers – not because numbers matter in themselves, but because these numbers represent people who are seriously pursuing God in and through their college education, preparing to be “faithful servants” to minister in a variety of vocations around the world!

A BUSY SUMMER FOR GBS FACULTY

Ever wonder what the faculty do on their “time off” during the summer? Here are several examples.

Tim Crater (Music) (GBS BA '89) ministered through music in several camp meetings. Here he is pictured



directing the choir at the Ochelata Youth Camp.

Dr. Nicolae Pop (Music) (GBS BA '00) was involved in several



world-class Cincinnati Opera productions. He even had a supportive solo role (as part of the baron's en-

tourage) in *Der Rosen Kavalier*. (Nick is on the far left in the photo).

Dr. Allan Brown (Ministerial Education) spent the month of July at Haifa University in Israel study-



ing modern Hebrew. The month-long Hebrew ulpan drew students from all over the world. After a placement test, Dr. Brown was placed in the class that best reflected his knowledge of Hebrew and would build upon that knowledge. The classes met 5 days a week for 5 hours a day, totaling 100 hours of modern Hebrew for the month. The purpose for his study is to increase his fluency ➡



senior year at GBS. She hopes to work with troubled children and teenagers. After she graduates, Mark plans to return to GBS as a junior in the ISWM (missions) Division. They intend to go to Africa as the Lord may open doors.



Diane (Wood) (GBS BA '12) to **Nathan Kennedy** (GBS 2010-13), June 8, 2013, Newport, KY, First Church of the Nazarene, Pastors Ray McCrary and Lonnie Witt officiating. Diane is the personal assistant to Dr. Dan Glick, chair of the Division of Intercultural Studies and World Missions at GBS, and Nathan is the GBS housekeeping supervisor.



Casey (Jones) (GBS AAS '13) to **Charles McPhee** (GBS 2010-present), August 10, 2013, Zanesville, OH, Pastor Gabe Norris



officiating. Charles continues his degree work in Teacher Education at GBS.

Laura (Hinton) (GBS 2012-13) to **Meredith Lee Moser** (GBS HS '89, AA '97, BA '05), June 1, 2013, Fredericksburg, VA, Rev. Matt Palm officiating. Meredith has been a GBS adjunct professor since 2005.



Mary (White) (GBS BA '11) to **Brian Salon**, May 25, 2013, Frankfort, IN, Billy Watts officiating. Mary is director of the After School Tutoring Program in Frankfort, IN.



RaeLyn (Wood) (GBS BA '13) to **Joshua Williams** (GBS AA & BA '13), August 16, 2013, Emmett, ID, Rev. Andy Parriman officiating. Joshua is the youth pastor at the Community Bible Church in Emmett, ID, and RaeLyn works in a nearby Boys and Girls Club. ➡

➡ in modern Hebrew and give him a better grasp of the language as he teaches Biblical Hebrew to his students at GBS. Dr. Brown is now enrolled in an advanced modern Hebrew class at the University of Cincinnati as he continues his pursuit toward fluency.

David Hartkopf (Music) (GBS BA '07) traveled with the group



Cornerstone Brass, playing in many churches throughout the country. He also took the GBS Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble on a ministry tour to the Cayman Islands.

Tim Makcen (High School Social Studies) (GBS BA '06) and wife, Arlette (Silva) (GBS HS '02, BA



'05) went on a 10-day missions trip to Bangalore, India, with the group "Rice Bowls" which provides much-needed meals to needy kids around the world through partnerships with Christian orphanages. They visited about 20 orphanages and saw about 800 children, holding VBS day camps, speaking, giving devotionals, and working with crafts. They also took materials to distribute (tooth brushes, clothing, soccer balls, teddy bears, etc.).

NEW STAFF AND FACULTY

Elias Abraham is a 2013 graduate of GBS. After participating in the school's work-study program as a student, Elias stepped into the role of GBS security chief in June. In late August, Elias transitioned to administrative assistant for both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Elias also will be teaching a high school computer class in Aldersgate Christian Academy.



Brad Bishop joined the IT staff in July, as he and his wife, Jackie, felt



God leading them into ministry work. Brad graduated from Aldersgate Christian Academy in 2002 and attended college at GBS for one year.

REVIVALIST FAMILY continued

DEATHS

Rev. John W. Basham, 84, of Hobe Sound, FL, died May 8, 2013. He was a pastor ministering at Wesleyan churches, former president of Fern Creek Wesleyan Camp Association, teacher, former president of the Kentucky Education Association, a missionary in Taiwan, former acting president of Hobe Sound Bible College, and a volunteer chaplain for Martin County Correction Institution. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; brothers, Edwin, Robert, Ken and George; sons, Sam White and Lau Ghioc; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.



Charles C. "Chris" Christman, 81, (GBS HS '51) of Cincinnati, OH, passed away Wednesday August 7, 2013. Chris came to GBS in 1949 with his family. His roommate, Richard Abraham (GBS HS 1949-51) said

"Chris's love for GBS and what it stood for and stands for became deeply ingrained in his heart...this never changed." In addition to his studies, he stayed busy singing and traveling with classmates. It was at GBS that he met Virginia "Ginnie" Campbell (GBS HS '51) who predeceased him in 2012. Chris is survived by a brother, David; son, Charles; daughter, Chrystal Dawn; two grandchildren, Ryan and Clarissa; and dear friend Joyce Schweitzer. Funeral services were at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home in Loveland, Jack Bimber officiating, with interment at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Evendale. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Fairfax Nazarene Church or the Music Division at GBS.



Dr. David Duane Gale, 69, Richmond, KY, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2013, following a brief illness. He was born October 2, 1943, at Niobrara, Nebraska,

Since then, Brad completed an associate's degree in computer networking systems and is pursuing a bachelor's degree. He has over six years' experience in the IT field. Brad and Jackie (who also attended GBS) have two children, Kelsie and Austin.

Karen Blowers, from Geneva, NY, holds a BA in education and English from State



University of New York, Brockport, and an MA in school library and information technology from Mansfield University. She is

state-certified in New York for childhood education (grades 1-6), for students with disabilities (grades 1-6) and as a school library media specialist (grades K-12). Karen joined Aldersgate Christian Academy as the kindergarten teacher and will also be involved in providing specialized educational services to students.

Heather Couch is the new Admissions and Financial Aid director. After attending Aldersgate Christian Academy (HS '09), she graduated with a BA from the College of Mount St.



Joseph. Heather is a "big sister" in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and actively participates in community service. She replaces Steve Buckland who has served in this capacity since 2006.

Kia Elliott has joined the GBS food services staff. Kia and her husband, Marrio, have four children who have attended Aldersgate Christian Academy. Kia and Marrio are involved in numerous community



ministries, particularly with the needy, incarcerated, or abused – the "least of these" that Jesus so highly regarded. Kia comments that she feels "so blessed" to have the opportunity to work at "the place that has blessed our family."

Stephanie Hoffpauir, who has served as administrative assistant for



both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, has assumed the position of coordinator for cataloging, serials, and interlibrary loan in the Flexon

Library. Stephanie will assist Director of Library Services Joshua M. Avery in providing effective and new services to library patrons.

Craig McLaughlin is the new high school math teacher. A 1979 graduate of Penn View Bible Institute and 2004 graduate of GBS, Craig has a wide range (p22) ➡



to Dr. William Duane and Mary Alice Amelia (Ward) Gale, both of whom preceded him in death. Dr. Gale was the administrative dean of the College of Health Sciences at Eastern Kentucky University and had served in various capacities on a number of health-related associations. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Richmond.



Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Masden); two sisters; his stepmother, Alice Gale; one daughter, Heather; one son, Michael; and four grandchildren.

C.J. Goodspeed, 99, of Beech Grove, IN, died August 5, 2013. At an early age he dedicated his heart and life to God and felt a passion for missions. He received his bachelor's degree from Intercession City Bible College (FL) and served as a missionary to the Bahamas with missions pioneer G.T. Bustin. He also served in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, Mexico, and to the

Navajo Indians. He was one of the first instructors at Hobe Sound Bible College and was later employed for a time at GBS. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Edna Perkins; a brother, Bill; four children, Linda Thiboleau, James, Lurlene Allen, and Carey; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were at the Independent Nazarene Church, the Rev. Gene Hood officiating, with internment at Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Rev. Isham C. Holland, 95, of Fulton, Missouri, passed away at his home on July 3, 2013. Following high school, he earned and received a teaching certificate and thus began his life-long career. After teaching eight years in public school, he moved to Kansas City College and Bible School, Overland Park, KS, to begin his career of service (p16) ➡



Dear Phil



MR. A & MR. B REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THEIR MARRIAGE

We have become good friends with a gay couple who live near us, and they just love our family. One of them is a university professor who has said that he's highly impressed with our girls. He's never seen girls like them. The other day we received an invitation from them that read "Mr. A & Mr. B request the honor of your presence at their marriage." As you might imagine, we were shocked! We discussed what to do about this as a family and would like to compare your insight and advice with our thoughts. I never thought I would be faced with something like this. —Doug

Dear Doug,

I gave a good bit of thought and prayer to your question. I don't have "the" answer. What I do have is a sense that this is a Baal-Peor moment for your family (Num. 25). The Moabites weren't Israel's enemies, nor were they on the must-kill list of Deut. 7. They were going to be Israel's neighbors. Like all of us, the Israelites wanted to be friends with their neighbors. Then came the invitation: "they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods" (Num. 25:2).

God did not intend for the Israelites to be hostile in their response (cf. Deut. 2:9). However, He did intend for them not to attend such sacrifices (cf. Deut. 7:5-6), and most definitely not to get involved in the accompanying "celebrations" (Exod. 34:14-16).

With this in mind, my suggested course of action would be to pro-

vide a polite response of the variety: "Thank you for your invitation; [regretfully/unfortunately] we will be unable to attend."

If a polite decline receives inquiry, sharing the following parable might be of help.

There once were two Jewish families living on the same street in Paris, one was Orthodox and the other was Christian. They were wonderful friends and often had each other to their homes. The Christian family would on occasion join their Orthodox friends to celebrate the Passover Seder meal and Hanukkah.

One spring the Christian family decided to celebrate Easter in a big way. They planned a short ceremony in which they would recount how Jesus came as their Messiah, and then pray to Jesus and thank Him for dying for their sins and rising from the dead. After the ceremony, there would be a feast with barbecued chicken and pork. They excitedly

sent a personal invitation to their Orthodox friends down the street.

The Christian Jewish family was disappointed to receive a note thanking them for their kind invitation, but regretfully informing them that they would be unable to attend. When the big day came, the Orthodox family was out-of-town.

If the parable prompts inquiry into why Christians oppose homosexual behavior and marriage so much that they can't even countenance a private gay marriage, then I would start with definitions: distinguish orientation (which is not sin, though it is brokenness as a result of the fall) from behavior. We oppose gay marriage on the grounds that 1) it is contrary to God's intended design for marriage (Gen. 2:24); and 2) it necessarily involves a sanction upon homosexual behavior, which is condemned by God (Rom. 1:23ff; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:10).

Let me encourage you with Isaiah 51:7-8, "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, A people in whose heart is My law; Do not fear the reproach of man; Nor be dismayed at their revilings. For the moth will eat them like a garment, And the grub will eat them like wool. But My righteousness will be forever, And My salvation to all generations."

I believe there is a seed of great boldness for the truth in this text. The greatest obstacle many people face in standing up for truth is the fear of being mocked, reproached, or reviled. But this text says that we should consider the source of such derision. Such views and the people who hold them will ultimately perish. The issue is will we value God's truth or the opinion of perishing men.

Blessings,
Philip ■

A. Philip Brown II is a member of the faculty in the Division of Ministerial Education at God's Bible School and College.



CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WINS INJUNCTION OVER “MORNING-AFTER” PILL

A Christian college in Pennsylvania has been granted a temporary injunction that allows it to exclude the “morning-after” pill in its student health plan coverage. This is while an underlying and potentially precedent-setting lawsuit can be settled. Geneva College’s lawsuit is just one of 50 filed in federal courts nationwide by religious agencies and faith-based groups that contend the mandate violates their religious beliefs.

RUSSIA, CHINA AMONG WORST COUNTRIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The annual “Trafficking in Persons” report ranks 188 countries on performance in fighting various forms of human trafficking – sexual, forced labor, etc. After nine years of promising to improve, it was determined that China and Russia continued to fail to meet minimum standards for fighting human trafficking. Therefore, the U.S. State Department dropped the countries to the lowest possible ranking in its 2013 report, released June 19, placing them on par with countries such as Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, and Zimbabwe. Countries in this last tier are subject to sanctions that can range from restricting aid to removing backing for loans.

A MIRACLE IN THE MAKING IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

Josh Manley, a former Capitol Hill staffer, is now planting an evangelical church in a very unlikely part of the world – on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula. What makes the ministry effort different is that the ruler of Ras Al Khaimah (RAK), Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, has granted land for an evangelical church building in the middle of a Muslim region. Located only 60 miles from Iran and other nearby “closed” countries, the church is in a strategic location for both a church and a regional ministry training center. They currently meet in a convention center near a shopping mall.

TRANSGENDER FIRST-GRADER ALLOWED TO USE GIRLS’ BATHROOM

Colorado officials have ruled that a 6-year-old boy can use the girls’ bathroom at his school, CBN News reports. Coy Mathis, who identifies himself as a girl, will now be treated as a girl at Eagleside Elementary School in Fountain, Colorado. Coy’s parents and other transgender activists are celebrating the state’s decision. The Transgender Legal Defense and Education fund had filed a complaint on the family’s behalf, claiming Coy was being discriminated against because he was not being allowed to use the girls’ bathroom. ■



student focus

BRENDA PALACIOS, born and raised in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, moved to the United States at thirteen when her father, an engineer, was hired by an American company. After their move, she and her brother attended public schools where knowing very little English proved a sudden challenge. Their family soon attended a holiness church where she was saved and later delighted to see her father come to Christ as well.

Brenda is now involved in ministry at her local church – picking up children for the kid’s services and praying with new converts at a Spanish-speaking church pastored by a GBSC alumna. God has given Brenda a desire to teach middle or high-school-age students and she’s diligently preparing to fulfill that calling at GBSC. She firmly believes “He who began a good work” (Phil. 1:6) in her life will bring it to completion. Like many students, Brenda would not be able to attend GBSC without the help of her student work position and the financial support of friends and alumni of the college. ■

Seventy-five percent of our students receive some form of financial aid which enables them to attend GBSC. If you would like to support Brenda or a student like her, you may send a gift to:

**Student Fund
God’s Bible School and College
1810 Young Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202**

*or give online anytime at
www.gbs.edu/givenow*

➡(p13) spanning over fifty years. During this time he held positions of instructor, dean of administration, vice president, and president. Reverend Holland was preceded in death by his wife Adelia (Yocum). Funeral services were at the Church of God (Holiness) in Fulton with Mark Avery, Travis Sayler, William Hayton, and Jack Smith officiating. Interment was at Callaway Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Rev. Richard Glen Humble, 85, of Waverly, OH, died August 14, 2013. He was born in West Liberty, OH,



to the late Frank Humble and Clara (Mossbarger) Humble and in 1948 was united in marriage to Virginia Lee (Geiger) Humble who preceded him in death in 2008.

Richard was a member of Bethel Chapel CCCU and was an administrator, pastor and evangelist for the Churches of Christ in Christian Union and many other denominations. He served as GBS campus pastor from 1979 to 1981. Surviving are two brothers, Tracy and Donald; two sons, Stephen and Wesley; two daughters, Deborah Lucas and Marvene Ewing; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the New Covenant CCCU in Waverly, OH, with Rev. Michael Avery officiating. Interment was in Leslie Family Cemetery, Piketon, OH.

Sam Lindahl, 66, of Atlanta, IN, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2013, at home. Sam was a



U.S. Navy veteran and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Ironwood Bible Methodist Church near Frankton and was an ordained minister and elder with the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. He also loved to read, especially apologetics, and enjoyed astronomy and computers. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; mother, Iva Alberta Tew; three brothers, Ruell, Wynn, and Dwight; sons, Leland and Jason; and six grandchildren. Services were held at the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Noblesville, with Joe Smith and Blake Jones officiating.

Benjamin Keith Rauschenberger, 25, died in a car accident on April 15, 2013, in Alpine, CA. He was



a corporal in the Marines and did a tour in Afghanistan in 2012. Amidst the grief, those he left behind rest in knowing that he waits for them in heaven. Ben is survived by his parents, Brian (current ADEP student) and Jamie; two sisters, Jessica and Brooke (current GBS student); and both sets of grandparents. Funeral services were officiated by John Parker and Mark Potter with interment in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, IN, with the U.S. Marine Corp Honor Guard conducting full military honors. ■

Last year I received a gift of fresh-baked pumpkin bread during pastor appreciation month prepared by a new Christian, a lady who had virtually no church background and who had lived for years in very difficult, even unimaginable, circumstances. However, I discovered that the hands of this recent convert had been "guided" by those of an older, mature saint who had been in the church for many years. This older lady was mentoring the younger, investing in her. Thus, my gift was more than pumpkin bread; it was also the gift of a senior matriarch who was discipling a new believer.

anonymous pastor

Holidays can be difficult for pastors as their pastoral obligations often keep them away from their extended families. Either they don't have time off or they can't afford the trip. It would be nice to offer them time off and possibly pay their way "home."

anonymous pastor

All the "poundings" and "good sermon, pastor" handshakes in the world can't make up for an unwillingness to follow the leadership of the church's elders. I've been blessed with a group of people that are willing to give "new" things a try, at least for a year to see how it goes... You really can't put a price tag on that kind of appreciation.

*Darrell Stetler II, Oklahoma City, OK
Bible Methodist Church*

municate, not just to Peter and the other disciples seated around the morning breakfast fire on the shore of Galilee, but to all of His followers, that as important as love and compassion for people is, and as significant as wanting to help broken and hurting people is, one's love for Christ and making sure that one's pastoral ministry to others springs out of your love for Christ is far more important. People can and will disappoint you. Jesus will never disappoint you! People can and will leave your flock. However, Jesus will never leave you (Heb. 13:5). He will never criticize you, gossip to others about your weaknesses or failures, or in any way discourage you. Although He corrects those He loves, His love is unconditional and is the well-spring out of which love for others and ministry to others must flow.

I believe this is what Paul meant when he said, in a context that speaks of ministry to others, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5:14). Love for Christ and a compelling sense that He wants you to pastor must be your primary motivation. You give unselfishly of yourself to others as an offering to Christ. If the sheep you pastor appreciate you, wonderful. If they don't, you tell it to Jesus and ask Him to help you to be a faithful pastor because you are pastoring with the supreme desire to please Him! It is His smile of approval you seek. It is His sustaining and refreshing grace that you daily draw into your soul. You are pastoring because you feel this is the ministry to which God has called you. When things go wrong, you cast your care on Him, remembering that people abandoned Christ and rejected Him, but Jesus did not take it personally. He knew the problems he faced and was determined to do the Father's will unto death.

If you wish to avoid the pastoral burn-out syndrome, the foundational cornerstone of the biblical motivation for pursuing a pastoral ministry must be first and foremost – Christ's love for you is unending. In response to that love, your love for Christ is drawing you into a "feeding, leading, caring, protecting, and guiding" role for Jesus' "lambs and sheep."

God bless every pastor who is seeking to be faithful in word and doctrine! May you daily renew and rekindle the fires of your love for Christ and draw on the comfort of His unending love for you. Pastoring is a spiritual sacrifice we offer to God. Let us learn how to make this sacrifice with an eye focused on our holy calling, His boundless grace, and with words of praise and thanksgiving to Him on our lips.



—sermon by DR. ALLAN P. BROWN

"COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
IN PREACHING"



HOW TO AVOID PASTORAL "BURNOUT"

by Allan P. Brown, Chair
GBS Division of
Ministerial Education

Scripture: *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Timothy 4:16)*

Our new pastor just moved into the parsonage! On Sunday morning he greeted each of us with a big smile and said, "Just call me Pastor Jack!" With this introduction we learned that Pastor Jack was friendly and did not want to be called Reverend Smith.

Why the identification of "Pastor Jack?" "Pastor" is a popular title that many pastors wish their congregation to use. It identifies their position and role among the people and the offer of their first name, "Jack," is an attempt to be approachable and to avoid formality.

The Scriptural Meaning of the Term "Pastor"

What is the significance of assuming the title "pastor?" "Pastor" literally means "shepherd," and is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament in a figurative sense for rulers and leaders. Of the twelve times it is used in the New Testament, it is a metaphor for "leader." It is translated "pastor" in the King James Version only in Ephesians 4:11.

The role of "pastor," or more properly, "pastor-teacher," is one of the four gifts given to the Church for leadership by the ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8, 11). Whereas the gifts of apostles, prophets, and evangelists minister in the Church at large, the gift of pastor-teacher is primarily for the local congregation.

The verb "to shepherd" is used to describe the work of local church leaders (Jn. 21:16; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2), and often the congregation

is called a “flock.” It is the pastor’s responsibility to protect the flock from false teaching (Acts 20:29–30), to build it up in the most holy faith, and to guide its daily life through personal example and biblical exhortation (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7). Preeminently, the term “pastor” is applied to and fulfilled in Jesus Christ Himself (Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25; Rev. 7:17).

The Scriptural Motivation for Becoming a Pastor

Why would anyone want to be a pastor? In my role as chairman of the CBS Ministerial Education Division, I frequently ask young people who are preparing for a pastoral ministry what has prompted them to do so. I receive answers such as, “I feel God has called me into full-time ministry,” or “I feel like God is leading me to be a pastor, or a youth pastor.” Sometimes I hear responses like, “I want to help people,” or “I like people, and I enjoy sharing God’s Word with them.” Or, “I want to help people who are in trouble. I was in trouble and God helped me and in turn I would like to help others.”

All of these responses are good and express a heart attitude that will be essential for ministry. May I suggest, however, that none of them are sufficient to sustain long-term ministry. The reason I say this is that both the pastor and the people he must work with are fallen, fragile, and broken individuals. Even the best people can disappoint you and criticize you if you fail to meet their expectations. Some people will demand your time and attention, and drain you. Then, if you do not satisfy their felt needs for continual positive affirmation, they may turn on you and find fault with you to their friends in your church. Worse, when they decide to leave your church and go to another church, they may tell all their friends in your church how you either hurt them, or failed to give them the “spiritual food” they needed.

Further, there are many daily pressures that a pastor faces. In addition to the constant evaluation of spouse and children, the pastor lives in a performance pressure-cooker that is labeled “success.” And success is usually measured by how much people like you and stay impressed with your ministry. Is the church growing under your leadership (i.e., increasing in numerical size)? Are people excited with your vision for the church? Are you able to create and sustain a positive momentum within the church body, even though there are periodic setbacks and disappointments? Statistics tell us that most pastors cannot sustain long-term enthusiasm for ministry unless there is sufficient positive feed-back from their congregation.

If you are motivated by the size of your congregation, or by the amount of excitement that is generated in and by your ministry, eventually you will grow weary in well doing. The “seasons of life” in pastoral ministry wax and wane. In seasons of increase, you will be enthused, excited, and alive to the “work of God.” In seasons of reversal, due to economic down turns in your geographic area, or due to unhappiness or discontent by some influential power-brokers in your church, you will experience disappointment, discouragement, and, depending on your temperament, even severe depression.

Everyone likes a “winner.” Right? Ask yourself, “Who is asked to speak at special conferences?” “Who is asked to share what God is doing in his church?” Is it the pastor who is faithful, who is praying, studying, and doing his best to edify his flock, but is seeing no numerical growth? Or is it the pastor who, for whatever reason, is seeing the biggest growth in the size of his congregation? No wonder the statistics on pastoral burn-out and pastoral drop-out are so depressing! The “Ministering to Ministers Foundation,” which exists to serve as advocates for clergy; estimates that in evangelical Protestant ranks there are somewhere around 1,200-1,400 per month who are in the midst of a congregational crisis severe enough to lead to their involuntary termination by their churches. [<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=91691>]

The Scriptural Means to Avoid the Pastoral “Burn-out” Syndrome

Our text for this sermon exhorts, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:16).

The first way to “take heed unto thyself” as a pastor is to make sure, after you have taken a personal spiritual checkup, that your motivation for ministry is properly focused. Let me explain what I mean.

After His bodily resurrection, Jesus explained to His disciples the proper motivation for pastoring. As recorded in John 21:15-17, Jesus focused His attention on Peter and asked him a personal and pointed question, “Do you love me?” Jesus’ response to Peter’s affirmative answer was “Feed my lambs.” A repeat of the question of, “Do you love me?” received a similar command, “Feed my sheep.” When Jesus asked Peter the third time the same pointed question, Peter was deeply troubled. Did Jesus doubt Peter’s repentance for his previous failure thereby doubting Peter’s love and loyalty?

I don’t think Jesus had any doubt about Peter’s love for Him. Rather, I believe the reason for repeating the question three times was to com-

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

AFRICA. More than 10 years ago, One Mission Society (OMS – originally known as "Oriental Missionary Society," founded by GBS alumni Charles and Lettie Cowman) had a vision to reach all of Africa. Today they are in 22 countries on that great continent. The ground-work began in South Africa and has expanded to undreamed of proportions. Hundreds of laymen have been trained to reach their own people, discipleship training has exploded, and mother/daughter/granddaughter churches are multiplying to seventh and eighth generations.



HAITI. Steve Gibson, Director of Holiness Pilgrim Mission (HPM) reports



that the organization's property at Moliere is going to be important for HPM in Haiti. The intention is to make it their headquarters and convention center, so the construction is planned toward accommodating crowds of 2,000. The conventions are the camp meetings of the churches in Haiti; they encourage, create unity, and kindle revival. The church being built at Moliere to replace their first building, which was destroyed in the earthquake, looks like an open-air tabernacle with a well-built, high, metal roof and a concrete floor. The congregation is strong and well-organized. More than 500 are there on Sunday mornings. Their school is in a rented building elsewhere, but they want to build a school building on the property.

HAITI. Through supporters of New Life International Ministries, God has blessed us with an increased inventory to provide water purifiers for more than 3,700 villages, orphanages, and hospitals. One obstacle to deployment of these purifiers was the cost to ship them through customs. This became a matter of prayer. Praise God, our prayers were answered for a shipment to Haiti. The first duty estimate we received from customs and the cost to ship 250 purifiers plus extra accessories to our mission compound in Haiti was very expensive, but Brian Rauschenberger negotiated with customs and God worked on their hearts. We are happy to report that the final cost to ship a purifier to Haiti was 75% less than the original estimate. Brian and his team will be installing these purifiers over the next year.



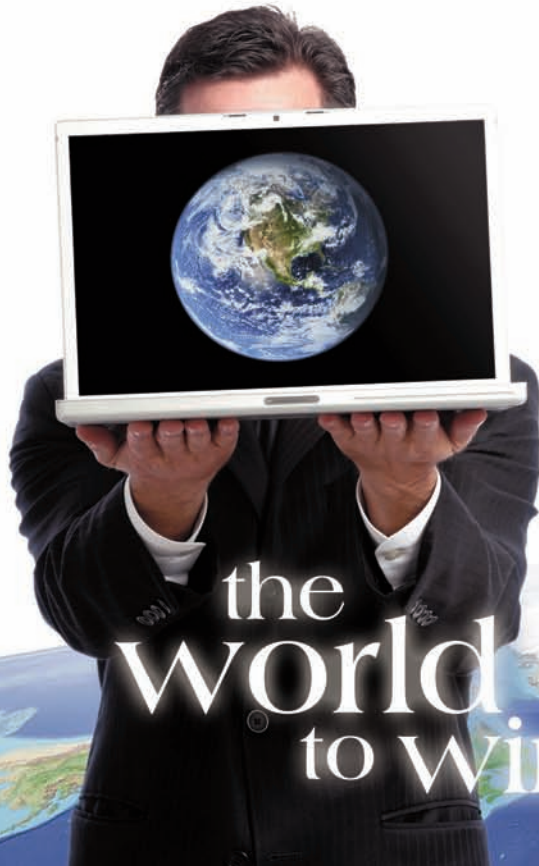
IRAQ. Pedaling for the Persecuted, an annual 330-mile bicycle ride across Ohio established by Craig Brown and Kevin Moser in 2009 to raise awareness for persecuted Christians around the world, announces that through its recently completed ride nearly \$3,000 was raised to supply Bibles for Iraq through World Help.



UKRAINE. Tim and Cheryl Boyd, missionaries to Ukraine (Hope International Missions), engaged in a full schedule of summer ministry. Accompanied by their children, Timothy and Laura (GBS BA '12), along with Ukrainian friends, they ministered to hundreds and hundreds of children, youth, and adults at the various camps and church services in the villages of west Ukraine. They are appreciative of prayers as they continue to serve there.



ZAMBIA. Glenn and Stephanie Gault of Hope International Missions recall meeting a man in Zambia who had to borrow a Bible to have his devotions. After school on Fridays he would walk across town to borrow a Bible from his pastor and then read until the wee hours of the morning by candlelight. Early Saturday morning the precious Book had to be returned to its owner. Such scarcity of God's Word is hard to fathom in America where most people have several Bibles, but it is a reality in many parts of Africa. Each year HIM distributes Bibles in these areas. They subsidize the Bibles and sell them at a price people can afford. Since this project started, they have distributed around 120,000 Bibles into remote parts of Africa as well as hundreds of thousands of tracts. ■



the world to win

While serving as a youth pastor, someone took a picture of the youth group and then had each teen write some type of a message on the mat surrounding the picture before they framed it. It was personal, it was encouraging, and it is something I'll always treasure.

Keith Waggoner II, Nampa, ID
Grace Bible Church

Just this summer the church sent us to Branson to see the Sight & Sound production of "Joseph" and paid for us to stop at Lambert's Cafeteria. My folks were visiting and they paid their way as well. They show their love in many ways.

Mark D. Stetler, Ft. Scott, KS
Parkway Church of God Holiness

Last year our church sent us to Spring Mill State Park for a night away. Two of the ladies of our church went over to personally check out the rooms and get us one with the best view. They even went so far as to ask some people that were in a room, if they would let them look in the room so they could see what the view was like. That tickled us! This getaway meant so much to my wife and me.

Stephen Caniff, Salem, IN
Salem Wesleyan Church

Give your pastor "Ministry Sundays." Allow your pastor to be away ministering. This will help him make a little extra while also allowing him to see that the "grass may not be as green on the other side of the fence" as he thought!

anonymous pastor

Our church family ALWAYS does something special during this month. Possibly last year's was the most creative yet. The parsonage family was invited to a home where the entire church family was gathered to recognize our family's birthdays - all at one time!

Tim Montgomery, Massena, NY
Massena Pilgrim Holiness Church

I think too many in the church fail to realize just how lonely a parsonage can be. The average church attendee fully expects the pastor to be there for them in their time of need, but too often when the parsonage family needs them, they're MIA.

anonymous pastor

Several years ago our youth group presented a skit titled "The Pastor's Survival Kit." It made us laugh at a time when we really needed it! The heavy clouds of sorrow were thick due to the untimely loss of my younger brother to cancer. I have reviewed that skit and its recording numerous times on YouTube and it still brings a smile every time!

Tim Wiford, Anderson, IN
Grace Holiness Church

The main suggestion I would have regarding pastor appreciation is to include (in a significant way) the pastor's spouse in the process. So often spouses are expected to fulfill roles and responsibilities that are vital in the church. In my opinion these are the ones most overlooked.

anonymous pastor

I feel that when a church does small things/events all month it is more meaningful than one big thing/event. The most meaningful gift to me was when a member of my congregation paid for my dry cleaning for several months. It was a huge blessing not to have to pay for something so basic in a pastor's life.

Rodney Loper, Hobe Sound, FL
Hobe Sound Bible Church



WAYS TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

Plan a special banquet in honor of your pastor. Have guest speakers and an entertaining program that highlight the accomplishments of the church under the pastor's leadership.

Have a super text event. Choose a day and have people text the pastor hourly with a heartfelt message of how he has touched their lives.

Consider simple gifts: a gift certificate to a local bookstore, restaurant or car wash; a magazine subscription; personal gifts (a new suit or dress, a new set of tires); a practical gift that he/she might enjoy using (an iPad, Kindle, or smart phone).

Give your pastoral family an all-expense-paid trip to a resort, bed and breakfast, or overnight railway trip. Offer to arrange for care of their children during this getaway.

Set up a "leafless" tree that can be decorated with a variety of small gifts, especially for the pastor's children.

Design a memorial scrapbook. Insert photos and other souvenirs of the previous 12 months of your pastoral staff's ministry.

Participate in renovating part of the pastor's home. There are almost always home improvements that pastors need, but cannot afford or do not have the skill or time to accomplish.

Present your pastor with a packet of personal service coupons, such as lawn service, child care, car repairs, or catered dinners.

Prepare a "Rainy Day Jar" for the pastor. Fill a large decorative jar with notes containing favorite Scripture verses and personal words of encouragement to be read anytime a boost is needed. ■

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LISTEN AND OBEY

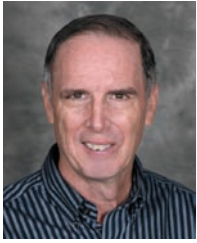
"...Everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord." —Jeremiah 1:7-8 NASB

It seems to me that humans are often creatures of extremes. Given a task, we tend to react in one of two ways. Either we feel totally (even arrogantly) competent and therefore need help from no one, or we believe ourselves completely inadequate and think we could never deliver. Both reactions can be harmful. Jeremiah found himself in the latter camp when God called him to be His prophet. Like Moses before him, Jeremiah began to list his shortcomings. Moses had blamed his halting speech. Jeremiah cited his age. And in both cases God's reply was, in essence, disarmingly simple, "Go where I send you, and say what I tell you to say." Responding to the Great Commission can be daunting. Grappling with the magnitude of the calling could cause anyone to join forces with Moses and Jeremiah. Certainly, no one is adequate to the monumental task of bringing in God's great harvest. But the central and simple truth remains. Go where He sends, and speak as He directs. We need only to listen and obey. The One who calls will also supply, and the obedient can rest in His provision. Are you struggling with your inadequacies today? Nothing, not age or stuttering speech or anything else, is too great an obstacle for our God if you are willing to listen and to obey. ■

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➔(p13) of experience, including missions work in Miami (Florida) and Peru, Christian education, and maintenance/contracting. Craig has also pastored a Bible Methodist congregation in northern Kentucky.



Aaron D. Profitt, who is assuming the position of vice president for academic affairs, has worked in various capacities at GBS for nine years, including several years as Dr.



Farmer's assistant. Aaron is a PhD candidate in educational studies at the University of Cincinnati. His dissertation will focus on accountability and transparency for Bible colleges.

Kent Stetler, senior in the GBS church and family ministry program, is stepping into the role of student recruiter. Kent, whose GBS alumni parents serve Bible Methodist Missions in Mexico, is no



stranger to the events and activities of student recruitment, having served as Adam Profitt's assistant in the recruitment office for the past two years. Kent will continue his education as well, preparing for graduate work in counseling.

Larry Smith, editor of *God's Revivalist*, has shifted his focus to writing a history of GBS. As Rev. Smith works on this project, the *Revivalist* staff welcomes Dr. Ken Farmer as managing editor. Dr. Farmer retired



from the position of vice president for academic affairs at the end of

May after over a decade of effective leadership. His quarter-century ministry at GBS will be celebrated at Homecoming 2013.

Kara Watters is the new resource room director. She is the wife of Jason Watters, assistant campus administrator, and mother of Kaitlynne (8) and Chandler (4). She is excited about the opportunity to work for the college



while getting to know the students that come to visit The Commons.

OPENING CONVOCATION

To mark the opening of the 2013-14 academic term, GBS students, faculty, and visitors thronged the Adcock Memorial Chapel for Convocation services, Sunday, August 25. During the morning, scholarships for the current school year were presented, and student recipients were asked to come forward for recognition. President Michael R. Avery preached on "Head, Heart, and Hands," stressing the importance of solid Biblical truth received intellectually, experienced personally in relationship with

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