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Celebration on the Hilltop

Larry D. Smith, *Editor*

Centenary! According to the bulky unabridged dictionary open beside my desk, this is a synonym for *centennial*, which, in turn, is defined as a “100th anniversary or celebration.” Such an event would not be kept in heaven, where time is enveloped by eternity. On earth, however, years are duly counted; and 100 of them bridge a momentous span, especially when that span constitutes the entire life of a small American Bible college. For good reason, then, both high festivity and solemn recollection marked God’s Bible School’s centenary celebration, September 27–30. For these enchanted days, GBS’s sons and daughters joined in the greatest homecoming which they probably shall ever know before their final one in glory.

“Our fair Alma Mater, O strengthen her days To send forth forever true sons to her praise.” On Founder’s Day, we sang these words of a noble hymn as our earnest prayer for GBS. “Alma mater,” an old Latin term meaning “mother dear,” refers, of course, to the school where one was once a student. It was to their alma mater that those hundreds of singing alumni had returned to acknowledge the immeasurable debt they owed her for the immeasurable treasure she had given them. This they did gratefully in their focus on heritage, community, and destiny.

Heritage. Pathos tugged at many hearts and tears welled in many eyes as a century of heroic service appeared before us in splendid panorama. Such hallowed names as Knapp, Godbey, Rees, Chambers, Cowman, Standley, Peabody, White, and Marsh were recalled with gratitude. Such historic chapters as George Street Mission, Hope Cottage, the Thanksgiving Dinners, Salvation Park Camp Meetings, and the GI’s of the Cross Crusade were revisited with fascination. Deep roots remain at GBS, and we praised the God who planted them.

Community. “Wherever you are, wherever you have gone, whatever you have become, it’s time to come back home!” This was President Avery’s welcome; and in response, the family did come trooping home—laughing, hugging, chattering, praying, and reveling in the school’s evident renewal. Old grads were back for the first time in years—perhaps some for the first time since they were handed their diplomas. Denominational divisions were set aside, as warm Christian brotherhood led to a campus lovefeast reminiscent of GBS’s early years.

Destiny. Gripping the Hilltop during those autumn days was a refreshing sense of courage, grace, and purpose for the realities of tomorrow. The past is rich; and it was richly commemorated. But to adapt Wes Tracy’s words, heritage must be a “sign post” to the century ahead, not a “hitching post” to the century past. Core convictions must never change, but means and methods must; and the festivities on the Mount of Blessings were an open gateway into our future.

In the photographs and narrative on these pages, we invite you to share the excitement of those festivities. This is the second of our centenary commemorative issues; but it will not conclude our special coverage, for the anniversary year continues through camp meeting 2001. We shall not be here, of course, for such celebration when GBS’s next centenary rolls around; but in heaven, where time is enveloped by eternity, we shall give God praise for a small American Bible college which is the alma mater of so many who shall have gathered there. *“O widen her borders, extend her fair fame, And let all the glory redound to Thy name.”* ■

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Founder's Day

September 27, 2000

THE GRAND CONVOCATION

WEDNESDAY, 9:45 AM

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes." Autumn sunlight glittered through the chapel's Gothic chancel windows, as hundreds of voices blended in the soaring 19th-century hymn. By the clock high on the east wall, it was nearly 10:00 A.M.; and Board President Leonard Sankey had just welcomed us to the opening Founder's Day convocation. Exactly 100 years before, as he reminded us, GBS had begun "its fascinating and spiritually-invigorating saga of faith, prayer, and miracle." This was a time for splendid ceremony and solemn commemoration; and the morning was to be filled with both.

As the organ pealed out the tones of Bellini's *Grande March in B Flat Major*, President Michael Avery and the faculty—robed, hooded, and tasseled in full academic regalia—had marched down the aisle in colorful procession; and with them were distinguished guests who would participate in the service. Edsel Trouten, GBS alumnus and now its campus pastor, had then prayed that God would "give such an awareness of Your mercies that with a truly thankful heart, we may show forth Your praise."

For months the campus had been primped, preened, and polished for this moment. Manicured lawns and sculpted shrubs were accented by showy displays of chrysanthemums of every color planted by the buildings, near the street signs, and in the happy little park with its bubbling, splashing fountain. On the buildings (p4) ➡



[TOP] Don Davison, Chester Wilkins, and former GBS President Sam Deets.

[ABOVE and BELOW LEFT] Guests arrive at the registration area shortly after arriving on campus.

[BELOW] Featured speakers visit while waiting for the Processional.



"Thank you for a tremendous celebration of 100 years at God's Bible School and College! You certainly know how to make people feel welcome. Your vision and spirit [Dr. Avery's] are a genuine inspiration!!"

—Donald E. Riggs,
Pastor to Missionaries, OMS
International, Greenwood, Indiana

"Throughout my travels, both at home and abroad, I am continually made aware of the remarkable influence the students of GBS have had and continue to make on the church and the world. I wish to commend the Board of Trustees, your present administration, and the faculty and staff for an unwavering commitment to the triumphant message that gave birth, and continues to define, the destiny of this great school"

—James B. Keaton, Sr.,
President, FEA Ministries,
Hobe Sound, Florida

“The Pilgrim Holiness Church and God’s Bible School have been closely knit from their beginning. In the year 2000 I am glad that even yet God’s Bible School is having a great impact on our conference. Though I...never had the privilege of attending [GBS], after the wonderful occasion today, it makes me feel like I should have!”

—Eugene D. Gray,
Conference President, Pilgrim Holiness Church, Fairmount, Indiana

“What a tremendous milestone, representing the lives of literally hundreds of those who have been touched directly and indirectly as a result of the teaching and ministry of God’s Bible School. Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Flexon held [the school] close to their hearts.

It is our desire as their descendants, who benefited in a personal way from their love, teaching, and influence, that God’s Bible School ever continue to be a beacon of light to a sin-filled world through the lives of her graduates....”

—The Descendants of Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Flexon



[ABOVE LEFT] Harry Plank, Daniel Stetler, and John Zechman visit before Wednesday’s Grand Convocation.

[ABOVE] Guests sign the guestbook.

[LEFT] Ben Durr, Jr., Fred Wingham, and Paul Rader

[BELOW] Faculty and honored guests prepare for the Processional shortly before Wednesday’s Grand Convocation.

[LOWER RIGHT] Students shuttled guests from the parking areas to the chapel.



➡(p3) were banners of burgundy, welcoming the family home; and stretched from utility poles across Young and Channing Streets, other banners did the same. Inside the chapel, gleaming from its recent renovations, the walls were hung with massive grapevine wreaths, adorned with pink and lavender flowers and trimmed with bows of gold. Before the walnut pulpit and at the platform’s either end, gladioluses perfumed the air with tall spikes of pink and white blossoms in the shape of funnels.

Thus the setting was spectacular, as it should have been for this once-in-a-lifetime occasion. Impressive, too, were the guests who had honored us by their presence. Speaking from the government and business community were Ms. Jana Widmeyer for Sen. Mike DeWine, Mr. Phil Heimlich for the mayor and city council of Cincinnati, and Dr. Lawra Baumann for the Fifth Third Foundation. Greetings were also brought from Ohio Governor Robert Taft. From academic circles were Dr. Barbara Stonewater, the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities; Dr. Randy Bell, the AABC; and the Rev. Daniel Stetler, the College Administrators Round Table. From the broader religious community were Dr. J. B. Crouse, Jr., OMS International; Rev. Kerry Kind, The Wesleyan Church; Dr. Dan Tipton, Church of Christ in Christian Union; (p5)➡



➡(p4) Dr. Marlin Hotle, Christian Holiness Partnership; Rev. John Zechman, Interchurch Holiness Convention; Gen. Paul A Rader, the Salvation Army; and Dr. H. E. Schmul, Jr., The United Methodist Church.



As always when Garen Wolf waves his baton, the choir and orchestra were superlative! How those boys in charcoal gray suits and those girls in teal dresses sang out their hearts for Jesus and for their school! "Give thanks with a grateful heart," they urged, then added the sublime strains of "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" and the melting words of "The Love of God." Sarah Wolf rose literally and metaphorically to lofty heights in her exquisite solo.

To President Avery, Larry D. Smith and Kevin Moser presented the school's fascinating new pictorial history, *God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time*, which they had authored and compiled. Wesley Humble followed with a similar presentation of *A Charge to Keep*, the video of historic GBS film footage which he had produced. Then with both grace and dignity, Dr. Wingrove Taylor, GBS's "favorite son," arose to lead us in the centenary litany prepared for this day. Earnestly we adored the Triune God, thanked Him for "Martin Wells Knapp and the other founders of this College," and committed ourselves before Him "to the Christian ideals which gave birth to God's Bible School one hundred years ago." Leading the congregational responses was (p6) ➡



[ABOVE CENTER] front row: David Fuller, Wingrove Taylor, Glenn Black; back row: Randy Bell, Dan Stetler, John Zechman
[ABOVE] Marlin Hotle, J.B. Crouse, Paul Rader
[BELOW] President Michael Avery delivers the address.



"No other Bible school has had more impact on the holiness movement than God's Bible School. You have provided holiness leaders and workers in all our denominations. None of our Bible schools today would be in existence if it were not for God's Bible School being committed to sending laborers into the harvest field of education and administrative positions."

—John E. Whitaker,
President, Union Bible College,
Westfield, Indiana

"On behalf of the General Superintendents and all of the ministers and members of The Wesleyan Church, it is my fervent prayer that, if the Lord tarries, the second century of God's Bible School and College will continue to be a great force in the Kingdom of God, contributing mightily to the spread of scriptural holiness throughout the land and around the world."

—Kerry D. Kind,
General Director, Education and the
Ministry, The Wesleyan Church

"Thanks so much for the beautiful history book [God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time]. I must compliment you and your workers on content and layout. It was absolutely captivating."

—John W. Conley,
President, Circleville Bible College,
Circleville, Ohio

"Wonderful!"

—Edsel Trouten,
GBS Campus Pastor

"It was a joy to share with you in your centennial celebrations. It was truly a God-honoring event. We pray for you and for the institution God's continuing hand of guidance and provision."

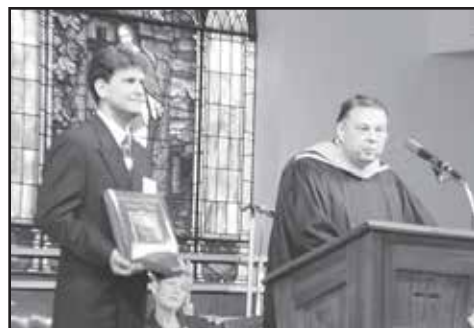
—Paul A. Rader,
President, Asbury College,
Wilmore, Kentucky

"It is a privilege to congratulate you on 100 years of Christian service. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting is... thrilled to share the same holiness and Methodist roots as God's Bible School and College"

—Jack Green,
President, Ocean Grove Camp Meeting

➡(p5) former *Revivalist* editor Glenn Black. Then came the "Alma Mater," a stirring hymn, led again by the Rev. David Fuller and accompanied by Archie Coons at the piano and Martha Miller at the organ. "Our Father in heaven, Creator of all," we chorused. "O Source of all wisdom, on Thee would we call."

In his address, Dr. Michael Avery, our president, moved us with his impassioned eloquence, urging us to "look over our shoulders" at heroic names and stirring chapters in GBS's first century of service. Under the Spirit's evident anointing, he called us to renewed fidelity to the vision of the founders. "We know who we are, and we know where we're going!" ■



[TOP LEFT] Co-authors Kevin Moser and Larry Smith present *God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time*, a pictorial History of GBS.

[LEFT] Wes Humble presents the GBS Centenary Video titled *A God To Glorify*. This video features historic scenes from the 1920's and 1930's.



[ABOVE] Leonard Sankey delivers opening remarks.

[ABOVE RIGHT] David Fuller Directs the Anthem of Praise, "Immortal Invisible."

[RIGHT] Wingrove Taylor and Glenn Black lead the Centenary Litany.



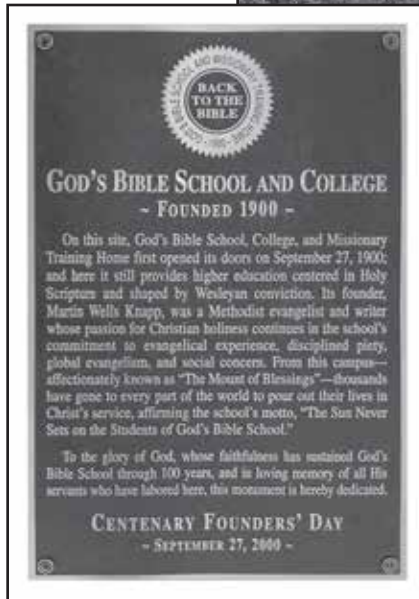
THE CENTENARY MONUMENT

WEDNESDAY, 12:15 PM

After the great convocation's benediction by Robert England, we edged our way out into that crisp autumn sunshine to the shrouded centenary monument near the chapel and south across the entrance ramp. Following explanatory remarks by President Avery and a dedicatory prayer by Millard Downing, the crimson drapery was pulled away; and the limestone monument stood unveiled—massive and majestic, with carved open Bible and bronze plaques explaining the school's origin and listing distinguished contributors to its history. Richard Humble offered the benediction.

Perhaps our great-grandchildren will walk down the brick "centenary walk" with its names of donors and significant persons in our past; and they will reflect that we cared enough to carve our tribute to heritage in limestone, brick, and bronze. Even "Old Tom," the early dray horse, is not forgotten; and his brick is near those of B.R. Lakin, the Baptist evangelist, and F. Lincicome, the Free Methodist scholar.

"To the glory of God, whose faithfulness has sustained God's Bible School through one hundred years, and in loving memory of all His servants who have labored here, this monument is humbly dedicated, Centenary Founders' Day, September 27, 2000. 🏛️"



[TOP] Millard Downing offers the prayer of dedication. [ABOVE CENTER] A small group gathered outside for the dedication while others [LEFT] watched the unveiling from inside the chapel. [ABOVE] President Avery delivered opening remarks.

"It is with a deep sense of appreciation that we recall the unparalleled contribution this institution has made to the work of the Kingdom of God in its every facet throughout the last 100 years. Hobe Sound Bible College and each of the other colleges of the Conservative Holiness Movement owe this institution a debt of gratitude for the tremendous contribution it has made to our success through the influence of faculty and staff members who have served us well, after having received their training here on the 'Mount of Blessings.'"

—Daniel Stetler,
President, Hobe Sound Bible College,
Hobe Sound, FL

"On this wonderful 100th anniversary, OMS International, along with the body of Christ, rejoices in God's faithfulness and the blessings He has bestowed upon this institution. Down through the years, hundreds of students have been trained, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent to bless the world by sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

—J. B. Crouse,
President, OMS International,
Greenwood, Indiana

“I deeply regret my inability to be present to share with you the blessings of this Centennial Celebration. As the current president, you are to be commended for your leadership in building on the solid foundation of your predecessors and widening still more the horizons for service. You have a strong team. The God’s Revivalist is better than ever. Where other schools, begun with a similar vision, have in the last 100 years drifted far afield, GBS has maintained a strong fidelity to the original goal and commitment to train pastors and missionaries and evangelists for an uncompromising second-blessing holiness ministry. I pray a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this celebration, the expansion of your supporting constituency, and the steadying of the arrow as it wings its way into a second hundred years.”

—Richard S. Taylor
*Professor Emeritus,
 Nazarene Theological Seminary*



[LEFT] Alumni President Dennis Joslin helps unveil the centenary monument.



[BELOW LEFT] Visitors inspect the new monument.



[BELOW] Leonard Sankey and Michael Avery at the centenary monument.



[LEFT and ABOVE] Visitors prepare to enter the cafeteria for the luncheon.



Proclamation

City of Cincinnati

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, God's Bible School and College is commemorating its 100 years of Christian service and is designating September 27-30, 2000 as a time of celebration; and,

Whereas, Founder's Day, September 27, inaugurates the week of historical commemorations, dramatic presentations, unveiling of the centenary monument and announcing goals for the future; and,

Whereas, God's Bible School and College was established on its Mt. Auburn campus in the summer of 1900 by Methodist evangelist and publisher, the Reverend Martin W. Knapp; and,

Whereas, God's Bible School and College is known for its commitment to traditional Wesleyan theology and practice, its historic commitment to social reform, and its focus on training Christian workers for worldwide evangelism; and,

Whereas, God's Bible School and College gives thanks to God for His faithfulness and for bringing the college's alumni, friends, and supporters together in today's celebration; and,

Whereas, the City of Cincinnati recognizes the blessings of God on the school and declares it as a day to give thanks to God for all He has done and will continue to do through God's Bible School and College.

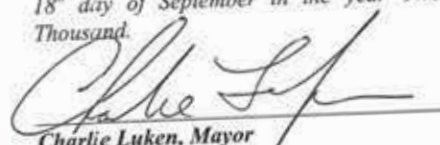
Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Luken,
Mayor of the City of Cincinnati do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, September 27, 2000 as

**"GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL
AND COLLEGE DAY"**

in Cincinnati.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Cincinnati to be affixed this 18th day of September in the year Two Thousand.


Charlie Luken, Mayor
City of Cincinnati

LUNCHEON, GBS ARCHIVES, AND CEMETERY TOURS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

"Congratulations on your Centenary Celebration. God is surely blessing your work. Best wishes for the future of God's Bible School."

—Donald L. Mellott
Mellott & Mellott, P.L.L., Certified
Public Accountants, Cincinnati, Ohio

"It was a great day. The campus was beautiful, the program superb, the music outstanding, the greetings appropriate and meaningful, and your address outstanding. Congratulations."

—Emerson S. Colaw,
Bishop (Retired),
The United Methodist Church

"Norma Jean and I want to thank you personally for the privilege of being at your Centennial Celebration. Your careful planning to care for us from meticulous directions, valet parking, assigned seating, gracious dining, the fellowship with the saints all made us feel very loved and appreciated."

—Helmut Schultz,
World Headquarters, OMS
International, Greenwood, Indiana

Lunch in the crowded Student Center was an elegant affair with denominational executives, parachurch officials, and well-known scholars rubbing shoulders with the rest of us, as we dined on roast beef, homemade rolls, and cheesecake. Red roses in striking arrangements, made by Mrs. Linda Alexander and her committee of volunteer florists, adorned the tables.

Immediately following was the opening of the new GBS archives, located in the R.G. Flexon Library's basement. Larry D. Smith offered opening remarks, Jim Bender read his stirring centenary poem, and Bob Bedford offered prayer. Visitors peered at framed correspondence signed by Lettie Cowman, examined Nettie Peabody's typewriter, and admired President Standley's china. Then it was off to Spring Grove Cemetery for those who wished to visit the graves of such GBS luminaries as E. G. Marsh, Mary Storey, and Martin W. Knapp. At the latter, flowers were placed and a brief memorial service was conducted in tribute to the founder. Campus visitors could also visit important campus sites with a self-guided tour guide provided by Don Davison and the Office of Public Relations. ■



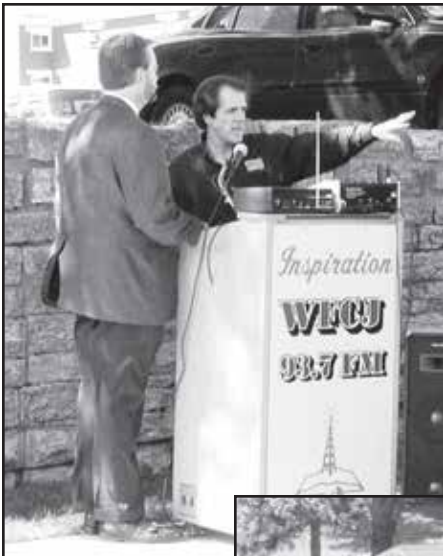
[ABOVE] Larry Smith directs the dedication of the archives.

[LEFT] Guests filled the adjoining rooms and hallway.

[LOWER LEFT] William Kostlevy gives remarks at the dedication ceremony.

[BELOW] Larry Smith signs a copy of the pictorial history book, *God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time* for President Avery.





[ABOVE] Christian radio station, WFCJ, broadcasts live from the campus.
 [ABOVE RIGHT] and [RIGHT] Wednesday afternoon cemetery tours at Spring Grove Cemetery.
 [BELOW] Paying tribute to GBS's founder, Martin Wells Knapp.



TRUE TO THE TRUST

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM

Exhausted but exhilarated, we settled at last into the inviting cushions of the new chapel seats for the evening service. If the morning had been glorious ceremony, this was more like camp meeting on the Hilltop! Between special music by alumni, Dr. Samuel Deets recalled his presidency of the school from 1965–1975 and then remarked: “In the instance of GBS, I am confident that when the final

story of its impact on the invisible church of the past century is revealed, the results will be more impressive than any of us can possibly imagine.”

Bringing greetings were the following: Donald Myers, President, Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York; Steve Manley, Evangelistic Faith Missions; Harry Plank, Conference President, God's Missionary Church; (p12) ➡

“In its meeting on Monday, September 18, 2000, the Session of Covenant-First Presbyterian Church took note of your Grand Centenary Celebration being held this month. We extend hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes on that significant milestone in the history and ministry of God's Bible School and College. In recognition of your Centenary, we are pleased to send the enclosed check for \$1000, to be added to your scholarship fund.”

—Ted Kalsbeek,
 Pastor, For the Session, The
 Covenant-First Presbyterian Church,
 Cincinnati, Ohio

“I have observed that God's Bible School has not only promoted holiness, good preaching, good moral and behavioral standards, and good music, but has also modeled courtesy and ethics in daily life and in our business and personal relationships. Many of the best preachers, musicians, and missionaries have come from the halls of God's Bible School.”

—Steven E. Hight,
 Director, Friends of Missions,
 Columbus, Indiana

“My heart is filled with joy over what God has done for God’s Bible School, and especially in recent years. Miss Shirley Hall, bookkeeper for Dr. Deets, my wife (a former graduate) and I attended your centenary service this past Wednesday evening. It was so uplifting to hear from Dr. Deets who has been with the Pillar of Fire since leaving God’s Bible School in 1975. I was especially ministered to by hearing the testimonies of the various district superintendents and how former students of God’s Bible School are out ministering in various churches around the country, and in fact, around the world. To this I say, ‘Praise God!’”

—David H. Drexler
Business Manager, Pillar of Fire Ministries, Cincinnati, Ohio

“Congratulations to you and God’s Bible School for the blessing of the Lord upon you at this time. We join with you in praise to God for this achievement in your history. Keep up the good work. We need the clear message of scriptural holiness in the days in which we live.”

—Jack W. Wease,
Campus Pastor, Vennard College, University Park, Iowa



[TOP LEFT] Larry and Pat Jewett
[TOP RIGHT] Martha Miller
[LEFT] Sam Deets, former GBS president, gives remarks.
[LOWER LEFT] Henry and Janan Miller
[LOWER CENTER] Leonard Sankey, chairman of the GBS board of trustees, delivered the evening address.
[BELOW] Visiting after the service.
[BOTTOM LEFT] Some of the organizational leaders who gave words of congratulations



➡ (p11) Earl Newton, President, Bible Methodist Church of Tennessee; Blake Jones, President, Great Lakes Conference, Bible Methodist Connection; Eugene Gray, President, The Pilgrim Holiness Church; Walter Hedstrom, President, Alabama Conference, Bible Methodist Connection; and Knox Bullock, Moderator, North Central District, Bible Missionary Church.

As president of the Board of Trustees, Leonard Sankey presented the concluding address. With eloquent persuasiveness, he concluded that GBS had indeed been “true to the trust” which God had given it at its beginning. ■

Thursday

September 28, 2000

SALUTE TO OSWALD CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, 10:00 AM

This day began with a salute to Oswald Chambers, the world's most widely-read devotional writer who once taught at GBS. His contemporary, Fanny Crosby, lived nearby; and now her hymns rang out again across the Hilltop. Then after prayer, the choir presented a thrilling anthem, "My Utmost for His Highest." Its words and music were written by Twila Paris, but for this occasion they were especially arranged by Kevin Moser, art director for the *Revivalist*. "For His highest I give my utmost, to the King of Kings, to the Lord of hosts. For His glory, for His goodness, I will give my utmost for His highest."

President Avery introduced representatives of two vibrant evangelical agencies who (p14) ➡



[ABOVE] David McCasland speaks on Oswald Chambers and his involvement with GBS.



[ABOVE RIGHT] Mary Hutchison brings greetings from the Oswald Chambers Publications Association, Worcester, England

[RIGHT] Mary Hutchison cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the Oswald Chambers room.

[BELOW] The Oswald Chambers room.



"It was a joy and a delight to be with you all for your Centenary Celebrations last month...I shall remember you all with affection and hope that sometime I may be able to visit you again. May God continue to bless you all at GBS as you continue to spread the gospel around the world."

—J. Mary Hutchison
General Manager,
Worcester, England
Oswald Chambers Publications
Association Limited

"Thank you for dedicated men and women who sacrificially labored to instruct young people to seek and do the whole will of God. Thank you for graduates who have become pastors, evangelists, missionaries, musicians, educators, authors, and countless laymen and laywomen of piety who have been faithful to serve the Saviour around the world."

—Harry Plank,
Conference President,
God's Missionary Church,
Penns Creek, Pennsylvania

"I just wanted to write a quick note and let you know how much my family and I appreciated the privilege of being on the Hilltop during the Centenary. Things were so impressive and well done, and I felt a real credit to GBS and the holiness movement as a whole. Your remarks on Wednesday morning were thrilling, as you traced some of the history of GBS and challenged us as we thought of the future. The drama on Thursday evening was so well done that I'm sure there were many like me who were wiping their tears."

—Knox Bullock,
District Moderator,
Bible Missionary Church,
North Central District, Lima, Ohio

"To those of us who attended, the Centenary program appeared to have been carried out flawlessly. Probably those behind the scenes had a few anxious moments to remember. Everyone (faculty, staff, students) was so very helpful, gracious and friendly. May the Lord reward each in good measure for the work necessary to make the visit memorable."

Betty Kendall,
Selma, Alabama



President Avery poses with representatives from the Oswald Chambers Publication Association, London, England, and Discovery House Publishers, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

➡(p13) are partners in keeping alive the Chambers' legacy. Mr. Robert DeVries and Ms. Carol Holquist, Discovery House Publishers, Grand Rapids, Michigan, were first presented. A major publisher of Chambers' writings, Discovery House honored GBS throughout the centenary observances by giving away hundreds of free copies of Chambers' *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*. Mr. Geoff Bennett, Mr. Maurice Garton, and Mr. John Wood, all from the Oswald Chambers Publication Association, Limited, London, England, then stood and received the applause of the congregation.

We were deeply moved that they had come all the way across the Atlantic to share these moments with us. Their "general manager," Mrs. J. Mary Hutchison, spoke briefly on their behalf, expressing in cultured British accents their gladness to be "where Oswald Chambers walked and where he taught." With both humor and devotion, she explained the OCPA's use of royalties from Chamber's books for such ministries as publishing projects, schools, children's homes, and Christian video distribution. She concluded by quoting Chambers: "The knowledge that God has loved me beyond all limits compels me to go to the world and love others in the same way."

David McCasland, whose recent Chambers' biography, *Abandoned to God*, is both definitive and fascinating, presented the principal address. His absorbing anecdotes, reflections, and insights into Chambers' life and ministry kept our undivided attention. He recalled Chambers coming to GBS in December 1906, his teaching on the faculty in 1907, his friendship with President and Mrs. Standley, his subsequent return to three summer GBS camp meetings, and his publication of many writings in *God's Revivalist*. "He thoroughly enjoyed being here," he noted. "He loved God's Bible School."

Now came the climactic official opening of the Oswald Chambers Room in the historic double-parlor of GBS's Administration Building. Over 90 years ago, Chambers' rich Scottish brogue echoed from these very walls; and now they enclose a memorial to his ministry. A superb collection of photographs (p15) ➡

➡(p14) and other memorabilia—presented by the OCPA—are displayed there, as are other appropriate items. The Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust (Fifth Third Bank, Trustee) has generously underwritten the stunning restoration of the room, which will also be used as a conference center. After a reading from Chambers by Mr. McCasland and dedicatory prayer by Dr. Wingrove Taylor, Mrs. Hutchison cut the ceremonial ribbon and entered the room. Hundreds followed her that day; and in the years to come, hundreds more will follow. GBS is the only American home which Chambers ever knew; and as far is known, GBS provides the only official memorial to him in the world. 📌



[ABOVE] David McCasland signs a copy of *Abandoned to God*, his biography of Oswald Chambers
[BELOW] Visitors tour the Oswald Chambers room.



[ABOVE] Larry Smith addresses GBS “holiness ecumenicism.”

[BELOW] Wesley Duewel recalls the school’s OMS connections.



OMS AND THE BROADER EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, 2:00 PM

After an abundant and attractive lunch provided, as were all the meals, by the hard-working kitchen staff directed by Miss Jodi Weingard, we returned to the chapel for a focus on GBS’s evangelical outreach. John Enyart, head of GBS’s music program in the 1970’s, played an awe-inspiring violin rendition of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” First speaker was *Revivalist* editor Larry D. Smith, whose topic was “GBS—the Evangelical Connections.” He reminded us of the “cordial Wesleyan ecumenicism” which has been the legacy of GBS from its beginning and which must be our response to the historic opportunity which now confronts us. “*Compromise never!*” he insisted. “*Cooperation always!*”

After singing “Onward Christian Soldiers,” we directed our attention to foreign missions. Dr. Ed Kibourne, OMS scholar, leader, and historian (p16) ➡

“I felt I must write to tell you how personally blessed I was by my recent visit to GBS on the wonderful occasion of your centennial celebrations. It was such a thrill to meet you and your staff and to receive the ministry of God’s love and hear the message of holiness declared so clearly. May the Lord continue to own His Bible school. I for one have no hesitation in declaring that Mount Auburn truly is the “mount of blessings.””

—John Wood,
Oswald Chambers Publication
Association, Walsall, United
Kingdom

“Thank you for including me in your celebration. I feel honored to have had a part in such a wonderful gathering. I can’t tell you what a spiritual refreshment it was to be with you and everyone at GBS for the Centenary. Everything from the students’ smiles and servant hearts to the music and the platform addresses seemed to lift up Christ and honor the faithfulness of God.”

—David McCasland
Biographer of Oswald Chambers,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

"I am writing to congratulate you on the excellent Centenary Celebration Wednesday morning. My prayer is that the Lord will grant you wisdom and courage, as you continue to lead the school. Your task is a noble one. The Lord knows that a critical need of this generation is the schooling of preachers who know how to speak for God and are unafraid to engage in the demanding work of ministry."

—Joe C. Brown,
Academic Dean, Circleville Bible
College, Circleville, Ohio

"I have to tell you that I think that the work you are doing here is far more important than what we are doing at City Hall. The reason is, even though the issues that we struggle with are important, they are still only temporal. But the issues that you are dealing with are issues of eternity. You train and teach young men and women to preach and to teach the most important message this world has ever known, which is that salvation comes from knowing Our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ."
—Phil Heimlich,
Cincinnati City Council



➡ (p15) and grandson of the OMS co-founder who once studied here, had been scheduled, but was unable to be present due to the illness of his wife Nanoo. His colleague Dr. Wesley Duewel, OMS President Emeritus, former missionary to India, and well-known author and conference speaker, spoke instead. One of GBS' most distinguished sons (class '39), he recounted the story of Charles and Lettie Cowman's decision on our campus to go as faith missionaries to Japan and also shared memories of his own distinguished career, as well as his days on campus here. His impassioned call to prayer rang in our ears and in our hearts.

Following the service, we visited with friends, signed the guest register at the "hospitality tent," had our copies of *God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time* autographed by its authors, or took brief rides around campus in a chugging, steaming 1922 Model T, driven either by its owner Larry Smith or by Vice-President Monte Stetler. ■



[TOP] Mark Dubbeld leads the singing in the Thursday afternoon service.
[ABOVE CENTER] Rachel and Robbie England, Deanna Wolf, and Monte Stetler cruise the campus in a 1922 Ford Model T.
[ABOVE] Larry Smith and Don Davison in Smith's Model T.

DRAMATIC FLASHBACKS

FROM OUR PAST

THURSDAY, 7:15 PM

Theme of this evening was “The Social Conscience and Missionary Passion,” and it was vividly portrayed in moving dramatic vignettes of GBS’s historic outreach. Written and directed by Ben Durr, Jr., of the ministerial faculty, the presentation was set within the “frame” of a GBS history class. It focused vividly on (1) Knapp’s original vision for the school; (2) George Street Mission and the ministry to the inner-city; (2) Hope Cottage, the “rescue home” established for “fallen women”; (3) The Cowmans and the ten GBS students who helped them in the “every creature crusade” of 1917; (4) the Thanksgiving Dinners held from 1901–1961, complete with sounds of squawking turkeys and original film footage; and (5) the GI’s of the Cross, the highly-successful jeep-and-trailer thrust of the late 1940’s.

At the end, we were confronted with the continuing ministries which carry on the legacy of our past. GBS students related their own commitment to ministry and their outreach within the city to the “lost, the last, and least.” This was a memorable evening—a highlight of these glorious days upon the Hilltop! ■



[TOP] “Hope Cottage” vignette
 [ABOVE CENTER] “Eliza Standley” encourages “her son Lew.”
 [ABOVE] “M.G. Standley” greets students preparing for the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.
 [LEFT] Former “GI’s of the Cross” posed for a photo before the drama.
 [BELOW] Former helpers in the annual Thanksgiving Day dinners who were present for the drama.



“It was our highest privilege to sit in the services, learn more of the rich history of the school, actually talk with those representing the Oswald Chambers Society, David McCasland, Dr. Wesley Duewel, those from OMS, and to renew old friendships. The crowning moment was the challenge of Bennie Durr’s drama. It is something we will not soon forget. Everything went so perfectly. God surely honored the Centenary.”

—Stephen P. Lum
 Jonestown, Pennsylvania

“It is with a full heart that I pen these words of gratitude to GBS officials, workers, and students for a wonderful week of reminiscing and reviving of friendships. I shall never forget the services, the friendliness and kindness, but especially His blessed presence.”

—Waunita Gill
 Kansas City

“I left the Hilltop last Thursday night powerfully impacted by the day’s events. The message of Larry Smith fanned the flame within my heart to a roaring blaze! The evening presentation—wow! I left Cincinnati renewed by the power of the Spirit alive on the Hilltop.”

—Chris D. Cravens
 Pastor, Bible Methodist Church,
 Findlay, Ohio

“May God’s mercy and grace be extended to each of you as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of GBS. The time spent at GBS in study and later as a teacher in the Ten Weeks Course was a period of my life never to be forgotten. My wife Ruth and I wish we could be there to greet and renew fellowship with many who in the yesterdays have walked those halls with me and to rejoice in all God has done during this 100 years of faithful training...”

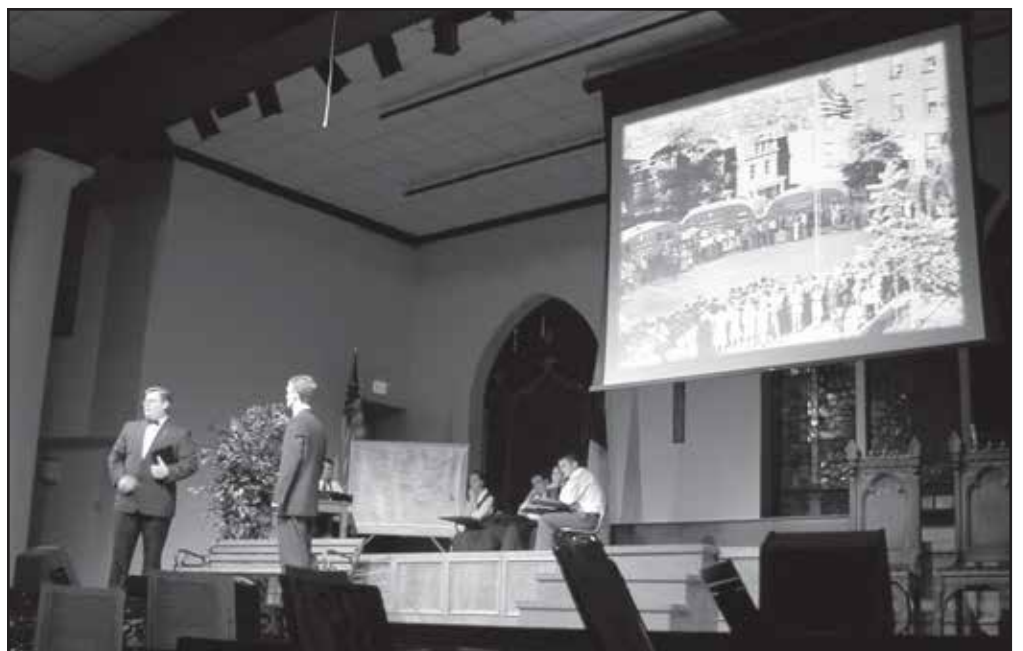
—Edwin Messerschmidt
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama



[ABOVE] “The women and children of Hope Cottage”

[BELOW] “Larry Smith,” portrayed by Michael Arnold, leads a classroom discussion on the history of God’s Bible School

[BOTTOM] “M.G. Standley” (Seth Wetherald) and A.C. Palmer (Darrell Stetler) discuss their vision for the GI’s of the Cross as photographs of the actual GI’s are displayed on the screen behind them.



Homecoming

September 29, 2000

Where but at the GBS centenary would you rub shoulders with Glenn Black, John Parker, Esther Shelhamer James, Wesley Duewel, Virgil Meyer, Kenneth Stetler, Dr. and Mrs. J.B. Crouse, Lois Schmul, and Bishop Emerson Colaw? Along with hundreds of other pilgrims to the Hilltop, they were present at one time or another during the week's festivities, all bound together in a brief but blissful camaraderie. In the dining hall, where we ate; in the Mom White Room where we bought memorabilia; and in groups around the campus, we laughed, reminisced, and exulted in our loyalties to 1810 Young Street. ■

REMEMBERING BROTHER KNAPP

FRIDAY, 10:00 AM

"It can't rain! It won't rain!" As Brother Sankey recalled during the morning service, these were the words that President Avery had used months earlier to express his view of centenary weather. Certainly the golden shafts of mellow autumn sunshine fulfilled his hope as we sat in the chapel—GBS's "Great House of Prayer"—to remember Martin Wells Knapp. After music and prayer, Dr. Avery introduced Dr. William Kostlevy, prominent church historian and director of the special collections library, Asbury Seminary, and "a dear friend of this institution."

With insight and humor, Kostlevy paid tribute to Knapp, founder of both the *Revivalist* and God's Bible School. In a time of social and spiritual disintegration, the fiery little Methodist evangelist issued a renewed call to radical discipleship; and in doing so, he transcended "narrow sectarian ministry," laying the foundation for a religious movement which in broad perspective now encompasses approximately 550 million people. The Asbury scholar praised the "content of the faculty" now at GBS, the "quality of the *Revivalist*," and the "heritage of this Hilltop"—a heritage which demonstrates that "God hovers over a people who want to follow Him...people who are different from the world around them."

President Avery followed Kostlevy's remarks with a fervent exhortation, reminding us that the early holiness movement was "utterly abandoned to bring about the Kingdom of God." Both commitment and creativity are still essential. "Whoever can pick up on the wave of what God is doing and ride that wave," he insisted will be a powerful instrument in His service. ■



[TOP] William Kostlevy speaks about Martin Wells Knapp.

[ABOVE] The Darrell Stetler family and [BELOW] Tim and Esther Dotson provided special music.



"The opening Grand Convocation was "True to the Trust" from the spirit of a "Standley Era" event. The unveiling of the centenary monument was "true to the trust" of the great spirit of the Biblical teaching of perfect love toward every era of God's Bible School over its first 100 years...The provided insights in the mind and doings of Martin Wells Knapp by Bill Kostlevy and GBS history by Larry Smith and Wally Thornton generates within me the renewed awareness that great leaders are driven people impassioned with a mission in life. Wow! the drama presentation under the direction of Bennie Durr, Jr., was super, as was the Friday night homecoming musical celebration. Your "vision of the future" shared on Saturday morning resonated with my heart. My prayer is that everyone who steps foot on the Mount of Blessings will sense the spirit of the place, recognizing that it's all because it is a place of the Spirit!"

—Glenn D. Black
Lexington, Kentucky



A Proclamation

Honoring God's Bible School and College

Whereas, God's Bible School and College of Cincinnati, Ohio celebrates one hundred years of Christian service; and

Whereas, established in the summer of 1900 by Methodist evangelist and publisher, the Reverend Martin W. Knapp, the school is known for its commitment to traditional Wesleyan theology and practice, its historic commitment to social reform and its focus on training Christian workers for worldwide evangelism; and

Whereas, God's Bible School began as a diploma course, called the Christian Worker's Course, which was devoted to the study of the Bible, and later it was expanded to a three-year course, and in 1936 to a regular four year collegiate course; and

Whereas, the name, "God's Bible School" was chosen by its founder to train students to give God priority in their lives; and

Whereas, the school is committed to the missionary responsibility of every Christian and, therefore, emphasizes the need for personal and organizational evangelism;

Now, Therefore, I, Mike DeWine, United States Senator from the Great State of Ohio, do hereby recognize and honor

God's Bible School and College

at the opening convocation of its Grand Centenary Celebration
on this twenty-seventh day of September
in the year two thousand.

Mike DeWine

MIKE DeWINE
United States Senator



BACK TO THE BIBLE; BACK TO PENTECOST

FRIDAY, 2:00 PM

In the afternoon, Wallace Thornton, GBS alumnus, historian, and writer, presented readings from his forthcoming book, *Back to the Bible: The Story of God's Bible School*. This will be the school's 400-page, official interpretative history, produced by the Committee on History and Archives. "Back to the Bible" has been GBS's motto from its beginning, Thornton reminded us; and to the school's founders, this meant "Back to Pentecost." Convinced that "Pentecost was being recreated on the Mount of Blessings," they focused their priorities around its fiery sanctifying power.



Wallace Thornton

Thornton kept our attention with his vivid description of Knapp's arrest and conviction for "disorderly conduct," during the noisy GBS camp meeting demonstrations in 1901. He also pictured the "stewardship of time" so characteristic of early GBS scheduling—a school day with only two meals, a half hour for "social visits" and a school term of 40 weeks with no vacations—since vacations were "not Pentecostal." ■

"We want to thank you from our hearts for all that was connected to the beautiful dedication of the Robert E. McNeill Music Hall! We were expecting a few people to gather on the steps; and we were so surprised and pleased with the wonderful music, the picture of the hall on the large screen, and also the beautiful roses that were presented to me. Dexter and I were so impressed with the caliber of students and faculty and also the beauty of the campus and the new buildings. Please convey to Professor Wolf our appreciation of the wonderful work he is doing with the choir and orchestra. The artist did a beautiful job on our father's picture."

—Susan (McNeill)

Westhafer

Anderson, Indiana

HONORING PROFESSOR MCNEILL

This service concluded with the official dedication of the school's music building in memory of Robert E. McNeill, faculty member from 1901 until his death in 1937 and founder of "the Bible School Conservatory of Gospel Music." Garen Wolf, present head of the Division of Music, eulogized his predecessor for his "well-rounded" concern for both religious and classical music and emphasized that the school's present program is centered in McNeill's original priorities. After a splendid violin trio by former music division head John Enyart, his son Ben, and Miss Deanna Wolf, President Avery gave tribute to McNeill's musical commitment and personal piety, and Brother Sankey offered the dedicatory prayer. Then in a particularly moving response, Susan McNeill Westhafer, a GBS alumna now in her 80's, spoke of her love for her late father, for GBS, and for Jesus. President Avery announced that the R. E. McNeill Music Hall would be open after service, and visitors could see the new oil portrait of Professor McNeill presented by the family. This, like the new Chambers portrait and that of Knapp hanging in the Administration foyer, was painted by Patsy Arrington Dorsett, Vinton, Virginia. ■



[TOP] Garen Wolf, Dexter and Susan Westhafer, and John Enyart



[ABOVE] John Enyart, Ben Enyart, and Deanna Wolf

[BELOW] Susan Westhafer, daughter of Professor McNeill and Esther Shelhamer James (daughter of Evangelist E.E. Shelhamer).



HOMECOMING BEGINS!

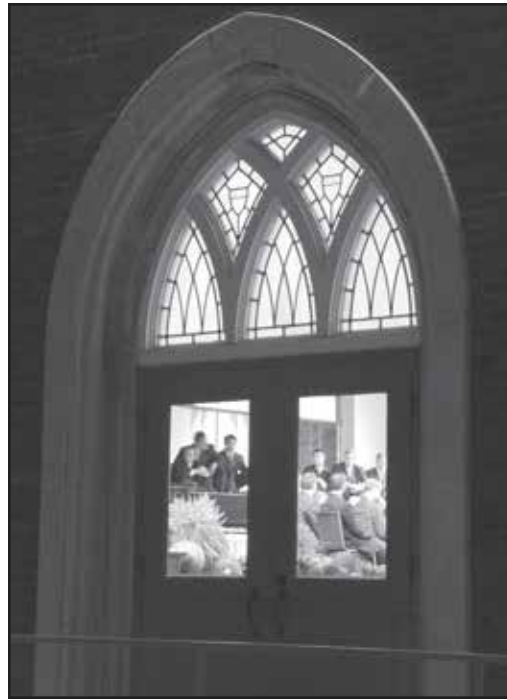
FRIDAY, 7:00 PM

"It was a wonderful privilege to participate and attend the Centenary events. Both Caroline and I left Cincinnati with a great feeling in our hearts for GBS. You truly do have a gift for leadership as seen in the finished product of all the planning. May God continue to guide you daily is our prayer."

—Harold E. Schmul II,
Boca Raton, Florida

"From your first day of classes on September 27, 1900, through today, you have provided a rich heritage of holiness and missionary training for young people. From your halls of learning you have produced leaders that have impacted the world for His Kingdom...May God further expand your ministry as you remain faithful to the principles your institution was founded on."

—Clifford W. Churchill
Chairman, College Administrators'
Roundtable



Homecoming 2000 began at 7:00 P.M.; and the mood of the service was a bustling blend of family reunion, camp meeting, and pep rally! The chapel and the overflow rooms in the basement were thronged to capacity, as Dennis Joslin, national alumni association president, began activities. Vibrant congregational singing and thrilling presentations by choir and band were punctuated by vocal music by such alumni as George and Ruth Vernon, Phil and Dorcas Bishop, Henry and Jan Miller, Jerry and Rebecca Glick, Phil Collingsworth, and Darrell and Regina Settler, Mark and Janene Dubbeld, and Tim and Esther Dotson.

Miss Evelyn Ware, retired GBS bookkeeper, was honored with this year's Alumni Staff and Faculty Appreciation Award. Described by Joslin as "a wonderful woman," Miss Ware came to GBS in 1945, graduated in 1951, and has served at the school with faithfulness and integrity under every president except the founder. Virginia (Milam) Vernon ('36-'40), Pell City, Alabama, was then presented the prestigious "Distinguished Alumni Award. Mrs. Vernon, devout "pastor's wife, mother, [and] prayer warrior," is retired but continues a widespread correspondence ministry. We applauded and applauded as these two valiant followers of Jesus (p24) ➡



[ABOVE LEFT] George and Ruth Vernon minister in song.
 [ABOVE] Virginia (Milam) Vernon receives the Alumnus of the Year award from Alumni council president, Denis Joslin.
 [LEFT] "Mercy" consisting of Melody Sankey, Marci and Anthony Webb.



[ABOVE] Phil and Kim Collingsworth sing.
 [LEFT] Evelyn Ware receives the Staff/Faculty of the Year Award.
 [BELOW LEFT] John Parker, Steve Vernon, and Ken Farmer.
 [BELOW] The Jerald Glick family sings.



"Our world—secular and ecclesiastical—has been immeasurably enriched through the influence of God's Bible School. For 100 years its professors have instructed students and have shaped their lives toward Christ-likeness... Now, thanks be to God, God's Bible School stands ready to launch into another century of service. Giving Him praise, we believe that under the careful leadership of the present administration, with the prayer and financial support of your friends, and with the over-arching presence and direction of God, God's Bible School enters a new millennium prepared to serve the present age."

—Leonard Sankey,
 Inter-Church Holiness Convention,
 Bedford, Indiana

"I hardly know where to start with my feelings and experiences the past few days. I have been inspired, challenged and humbled to have been honored to walk and study on such holy ground as the Hilltop. What a heritage we have! You have brought it to our attention on this momentous occasion in vivid living color.... Thank you!"

—John D. Parker
*Pastor, Bible Methodist Church,
 Easley, South Carolina*

"The contribution you have made to the Conservative Holiness Movement is commendable, enduring, and worldwide in scope. Your books have gone unto the ends of the earth, your influence has spanned dozens of denominations, and your graduates have circled the globe."

—John W. Zechman
*President, Penn View Bible Institute,
 Penns Creek, Pennsylvania*

"I just wanted to...express my appreciation to you and to the GBS team for the fantastic delivery of the 100 Year Celebration. I'm sure that none of us who attended have a real appreciation for the many hours of work and preparation which went into such a well-executed event."

—N. Keith Waggoner
Sanford, North Carolina



➡ (p22) humbly accepted the honors we extended them.

What a day! It all climaxed in the alumni reception in the student center over pizza, soft drinks—and birthday cake! Yes, a huge, three-tiered cake—decorated with a globe, trimmed in cream-colored frosting and gold leaves, and bearing the digits “100”—reminded us that this was GBS’s birthday. Five satellite cakes honored the school’s outreach ministries with burgundy ribbons and gold leaves. As candles burned, we joined in a rousing version of “Happy Birthday to You,” then helped ourselves to the “goodies” amid the noise of happy chatter. ■

[TOP] The choir performs under the direction of Garen Wolf.
 [ABOVE LEFT] Keith Waggoner, GBS Student Recruiter
 [LEFT] Phil and Dorcas Bishop sang Friday evening.
 [BELOW] A view of the chapel shortly after the Homecoming service.



[TOP LEFT] Former social deans.
 [TOP RIGHT] Former boiler-room engineers.
 [LEFT] Former cooks.
 [ABOVE] A cake to honor GBS's 100th birthday.

➡(p26) extend the gaze of GBS, and expand the growth of GBS." After each of these, he asked those in favor to "stand, raise your right hand, and say 'aye!'" In this rousing atmosphere, the "resolutions" were passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

President Michael Avery, always articulate, forceful, and persuasive, now climaxed the entire celebration with a graceful expression of gratitude and a clear delineation of the future. Observing that he had been "overwhelmed by kind remarks" about the quality of the centenary activities, he recognized and thanked those who had made those activities possible

In his "Vision for the Future," GBS's seventh president again honored the school's past, but decisively pointed to its destiny. "I am convinced that this is our day!" he insisted. "The holiness movement is counting on GBS to lead the way." Promising a more extensive discussion of "where do we go from here" in a future Revivalist, he portrayed a future centered in spiritual fidelity and focused on faculty development, financial stability, scholar-

ship endowment, broadening ministry, and campus expansion. "God help us to God's Bible School through and through," he challenged; "and God help you and me as alumni to rally to the cause to give our best and make sure our school lasts until Jesus comes!"

After the last "amen," we gathered in the Bence C. Miller Student Center for the luncheon buffet, where we fortified ourselves with "goodies" for the journey home, laughed, admired photos of each others' grandchildren, said goodbyes—then dried our tears and set out for a hundred places where "the sun never sets on the students of God's Bible School." Though the great presentations were completed, the Model T back in its garage, and the birthday candles all put out, the centenary was not over. For as the president had reminded us, it would continue through camp meeting 2001. But for most of us, it would not end even then. For in our hearts, GBS's 100th anniversary celebration would continue for the rest of our lives! To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen! ■

"I have been so impressed with the impact which the school has made on the community, as well as on the faculty and students...And so on behalf of Fifth Third Bank, as well as my corporate partners, congratulations on your first 100 years and best wishes for a successful second 100 years."

—Lawra Baumann,
 Vice President of Fifth Third
 Foundation

"We are so proud to have God's Bible School and College here in Mount Auburn; and it is very clear to me that with the spirit that I've seen here this morning, that the first 100 years is only the beginning! I wish you the very best in your educational future, and I am sure that God's Bible School and College will retain its very special place here in Greater Cincinnati...as your influence reaches across the nation and across the world."

—Barbara Stonewater,
 Greater Cincinnati Consortium of
 Colleges and Universities

Alumni Convocation

September 30, 2000

THE FINALE
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM

"We salute God's Bible School and College for your allegiance to your founding principles. We rejoice in the honored record of those who in keeping with M.W. Knapp's pioneering vision have found here a "drilling school for Christian soldiers" and have marched out to the frontiers of faith's encounter with darkness and unbelief to fight the good fight of faith—and win. God bless you in abundant measure."

—Paul Rader

General (R), The Salvation Army,
Lexington, Kentucky

"For 100 years now, God's Bible School and College has taken seriously Jesus' words, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." I am proud of the learning community God has established at this school...Because the college knows what it believes and believes it has answers to life's ultimate questions, I am confident that its influence and impact for Christ will be even greater in the years to come as it molds lives to carry on His work."

—Randall E. Bell,

Associate Director, Accrediting
Association of Bible Colleges,
Orlando, Florida

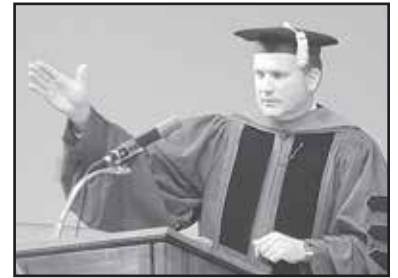
Founders' Day Convocation had begun those festal days upon the Hilltop, and now Alumni Convocation brought them to an end. Standing once more before those radiant chapel windows, we chorused "Blessed Assurance" and bowed in prayer. After a duet by the Vernons, Dennis Johnson, president of the alumni association, honored graduates from the classes of 1975 and 1950. Jewel Brock Sparks, retired GBS high school teacher, spoke as the sole representative of her own high school class of 50 years ago.

Gowned impressively in full academic regalia and assisted by Dr. Kenneth Farmer and Dr. Allan Brown, both dressed in similar fashion, President Avery now conferred the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity on Leonard Sankey ('60 ThB) and on A. Wingrove Taylor ('52 BA Mus, '52 BA, '52 ThB). As the president explained, these special centenary honors were designed for distinguished alumni who modeled the "core values" of GBS and who could be upheld as "what we want GBS students ultimately to be."

To Leonard Sankey, who has served on the GBS Board of Trustees since 1978 and has been its chairman since 1988, the president said, "You have represented your school well in the larger holiness community. At the same time you have maintained a very close involvement with your alma mater." In gracious response, Sankey recalled the standards, the principles, and the instruction he had received on the Hilltop, remarking, "My life today is a reflection of what GBS became to me 40 to 50 years ago."

Addressing Wingrove Taylor, the president reminded him that "we endearingly refer to you as our favorite son" and declared appreciation for "your counsels, your prayers, and your admonitions." Taylor, a member of the GBS Board of Trustees since 1970, accepted the degree in honor of his parents and GBS faculty and also "in honor of God my Saviour, Father, and Friend." As Sankey and Taylor—saintly, courageous, loyal sons of GBS—stood before us in the flowing gowns of their alma mater's highest honor, we made the chapel walls echo with our applause. The families of the honorees were present to share the moment.

Dr. Taylor moved to the pulpit and delivered the "alumni challenge." Eloquently he called upon us to "express gratitude for GBS, experience the grace of GBS, (p25) ➡"



President Avery presents an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree to Leonard Sankey, [TOP] and Wingrove Taylor [ABOVE]. [RIGHT] The Taylor family. [FAR RIGHT] The Sankey Family.

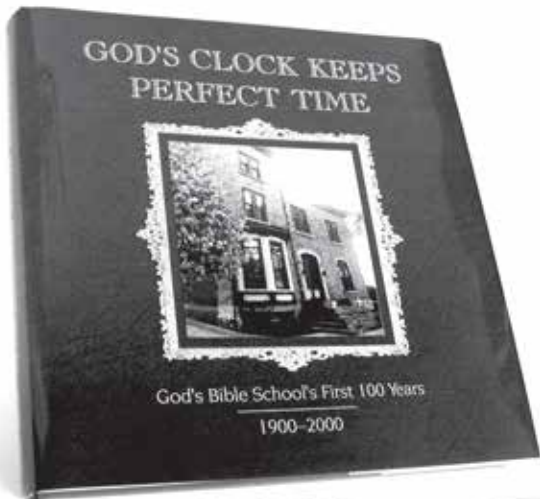


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BOB TAFT
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

IN RECOGNITION OF GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

I want to extend my warmest greetings to the leaders, students, and friends of God's Bible School and College as you celebrate your 100th Anniversary with festivities to be held September 27 – 30, 2000.

Ohio's churches have traditionally been the bedrock of our society. I am humbled by the churches' daily work, which has truly been a testament to members' faith in God and love for humanity. Always conscious of the needs of the larger community, local church fellowships devote considerable time working toward the betterment of their neighborhoods. I commend the students and faculty of God's Bible School and College for the work you do through churches to improve the quality of life in our state and our world.

On behalf of all Ohioans, best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable Centennial Celebration!

Sincerely,

Bob Taft
Governor

