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the editor's view



LARRY D. SMITH

“PHILIP, LET US SING PSALM 46!”

Philip, let us sing Psalm 46!” During the darkest days of the Reformation, Martin Luther would say this to his colleague, Philip Melancthon; and as they began to sing, the great Reformer’s “face would brighten like the sky after a summer shower.” In 1529—when it seemed that the armies of Europe would be unleashed against him, Luther actually turned Psalm 46 into the “battle hymn of the Reformation.” This was his magnificent “*Ein Feste Burg*,” which still fortifies our souls with courage and stiffens our backs with steel:

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing...*

Our world seems very different from the one which Luther faced; but morally and spiritually it is just as bankrupt and bewildering. Perilous upheaval, moral anarchy, and crumbling spiritual life continually confront us; and in the West, at least, evangelical faith is under savage, unrelenting assault. That’s why it’s time to join Luther and generations of embattled Christians to sing Psalm 46 again, rejoicing in triumphant grace that marks our journey now and triumphant glory that shall mark our journey’s end.

In heaven there are no clocks or calendars. To the saints above, the “wheels of mortal time” now all stand still. But to us below, the situation is very different, for it is within the flow of time that we must engage the evil which threatens to destroy us. Past, present, and future are the dimensions of time, of course; and each of these is movingly addressed in this “great song of confidence,” as Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has termed Psalm 46. In our present crisis, we consider these dimensions, confident in the soaring hope which lies in God Himself.

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the president's page

AS THE TWIG IS BENT

by Michael R. Avery, president

Young people have been a central part of my life for over 25 years. I have worked with them in church groups, Christian schools, youth camps, and now at a Bible College and academy. Though I've counseled with hundreds and preached to thousands of teens from all sorts of backgrounds, I have yet to meet any that had Solomonic wisdom or angelic perfection. But I have met many good kids, the kind of young people that made me say, "Your parents did something right!"

I have also met some kids along the way who lacked the basic building blocks necessary to be responsible, respectful, truthful, and productive. In comparing the two groups and all the individuals that fall in between, I have searched for the single most significant reason that has made the difference. Frankly, I am convinced that a large part of the answer is parenting.

It is not my intention to put parents on a guilt trip nor to blame them for behavior that is clearly the result of the exercise of free will. But I do want to remind parents of the responsibility that belongs solely to them in the child-rearing process. I am extremely weary of hearing parents blame a pastor, teacher, principal, or school for their child's failures. Parents need to stop looking for excuses and start accepting responsibility for their children's behavior.

Not all children are endowed equally with the same temperament, learning ability, and giftedness. But still the ground is level when it comes to building character. Character and subsequent behavior are personal responsibilities that begin with Mom and Dad in the very early years of a child's life. Character is molded and developed in the home and cemented by the choices one makes every day. One's peers do not mold one's character. They may well influence one's decisions, but they do not form one's character but can only test and reveal what is there. Character is not really an environmen-

tal issue. I have watched as quality parenting has raised quality kids in situations that were far from ideal. But I have also watched as poor parenting has produced problem kids in environments that offered every advantage.

A Recipe for Disaster

Parents who do not involve themselves actively and assume personal responsibility for every facet of their child's development, especially the formation of their child's character, are asking for problems. Parents who do not teach and insist upon obedience to authority are headed for heartache. Parents who fail to establish boundaries and enforce them when necessary are simply sowing the seeds of lawlessness. Parents who fail to teach their children how to behave ethically and with integrity are laying the groundwork for a teenager who will lie, cheat, and steal. Parents who give their children everything they want and fail to teach them how to work for something and then respect what they have worked for are raising children who will be discontented, who will never appreciate anything, and who will never respect their property or the property of others. Parents who think discipline is old-fashioned and a spanking is outdated are likely to raise a monster.

Kids Who Succeed

Young people who are a blessing to society and a credit to their parents tend to come from homes where values are not only taught but modeled. Love is openly communicated and visibly expressed. Integrity is displayed in everyday living. They are taught to respect their parents, their siblings, their authorities, and other people. They are taught to respect others' opinions, property, and privacy, and in turn are given that same level of respect. They come (p19)➡



Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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THOSE HAPPY YOUNG PEOPLE!

I sure enjoy your paper. Who are the happy young people on the cover [of the April Revivalist]? I couldn't find a note anywhere that told who they were. Are they singers or just students? It just made me want to talk to them. They look godly and like real Christians—so happy!

FLORENCE ROSENBERGER
Hastings, Michigan



Editor's Note: Isn't it great to see happy young people living for the Lord! Those pictured are a few of the many wonderful college students at God's Bible School. Beginning in the bottom right and moving in a general clockwise direction, they are: Ashley Hill, Frankfort, IN; Faith McManaman, Albany, NY; Cindy Cabrera, Tamuning, Guam; Jaron Bovard, Rising Sun, IN; David Kikin, Manus, Papua New Guinea; Samson Godatha, Andhra Pradesh, India; Nathan Dahler, Noblesville, IN; Dorcas Byer, Ontario, Canada; Brandon Mills, Loveland, OH.

BREAKING THE SPEED LIMIT

I don't think God cares if one breaks a speed limit as long as one is a responsible citizen and aware of safety issues. It is nonsensical to travel at 55mph when one has a wide straight highway without intersections.

The traffic laws aren't for our safety but are designed to raise revenue. They are a violation of constitutional rights under God. The only sense in which we are "guilty" because we violate them, is that we agreed to follow their rules when we applied for the driver's license. In that sense then, we should keep our word. But in a free country, no individual needs permission

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the world to win

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

BRAZIL. "The work in Brazil is moving ahead, and the Lord is reaching out to souls. I have been getting some encouraging phone calls from both the church in the city of Manaus and the interior work at Lago Cana. God has been saving souls, and it has sparked a fire burning in the hearts of the saints." —Billy Simons, *The Immanuel Missionary*

IRAQ. "Four medical doctors and two evangelists from Egypt and Jordan went to Iraq for about twelve days in early December 2003. Driving at speeds of 80 to 110 mph on a beautiful highway, built during the Saddam Hussein administration, it took twelve long hours to go from Amman, Jordan, to Baghdad, Iraq. They worked in five different church locations in three Iraqi cities. Two of the party were members of Faith (EFM) Church in Cairo. The medical work was primarily done in the host church in the mornings, and those who received help attended evening services. While other members of the team worked in the church during the morning, Dr. Steven Saied and a fellow doctor often went to the market to dispense medicine and to counsel newly converted people. Terrible stifling fear seemed to bind almost all those who came to see the doctors. Please pray for the people of Iraq. Ask God to break the power of fear, sexism, and alcoholism in a land that has been destroyed economically, psychologically, morally, and physically by Satan's bondage." —Leroy Adams, *Missionary Herald (Evangelistic Faith Missions)*.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA. "Prayer and fasting offerings during 2003–2004 have been sent to Papua New Guinea to help in the special literacy program going on in our city and bush churches. While the (p6) ➡

DADDY'S BIBLE

By Dr. Ken Farmer, GBS Vice President for Academic Affairs

I looked at the package—a taped-up shirt box inside a plastic grocery bag. As I carefully removed the box, I noticed “Kenny” written on the outside in my mother’s handwriting. It didn’t look like much, but it made my heart leap. I knew that inside that box was a treasure. It was Daddy’s Bible.

In my father’s last stages of lung cancer, my younger brother, Sammy, had taken some time off to help out around the home. Daddy talked with him about spiritual matters and reading the Bible. Sammy replied that he didn’t even have a Bible. Under the couch went Daddy’s hand, and in a flash he had retrieved his Bible. He signed it and handed it to Sammy. That was 1999. I have always wanted to read through Daddy’s Bible. So, on her last visit to my brother’s house, Mother brought back the Bible for me to read and return.

Now I had it! As I looked through its pages, I noticed where he had written about his cardiac catheterization and subsequent heart bypass surgery in 1992, and then his cancer surgery in 1998. Tears came to my eyes as I read the note: “2/18/99—Cancer spreading. Came home. No more treatment.”

I looked further and saw that every time he finished reading a book, he would date it. I looked and saw that he methodically worked his way through the Bible. The last book he marked as read was Philippians (4/15/99). In late 2003 I decided to finish reading through the Bible for Daddy and began with Colossians. Then, at the beginning of 2004, I began my “official” reading of Daddy’s Bible.

Let me share two lessons I have learned. First, after the initial sweep of emotion subsided, I suddenly realized that I was holding God’s Word. So what if it was Elmer Farmer’s copy? The important point is that it was God’s Word. Now that didn’t cancel the emotional nostalgia of the family heirloom, but it did help me reframe the way I looked at the Bible. I had cut through the tape on the box and handled the Bible with the care of a museum curator. I looked forward to reading it with great anticipation. The lesson is that I need to cultivate that same reverence and eagerness each time I approach God’s Word.

The second lesson is that being a saint is more about sharing God’s love than about following some rigid schedule of religious activity. I noticed that Daddy did not read the Bible through every year. Some times it took him two or three years to make it through. At the same time, his life oozed love. It was coming out all over him. This was particularly important to me since I have at times struggled with my Bible reading. I am doing better at this, having read the Bible through each of the last four years. While this may be commendable, I am afraid that I am reading to fulfill a goal. Too much of my attention is focused on adhering to the reading schedule. I get taken up with the information and miss the transformation.

Daddy, on the other hand, didn’t just read the Bible, he soaked in it. He let its truth permeate his being and come out in his daily interactions. He was a walking testimony for what God’s love looks like as it flows through the life of a saint committed to looking for opportunities to share God’s blessings with others. ■

actual photo of
Elmer Farmer’s Bible

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➡(p4) national language is Pidgin English, there are more than 1,000 people groups and 816 languages. Linguistically this is the most complex of all nations. The young people are now attending school but the older ones did not have that opportunity." —*International Voice (International Association of Bible Fellowship Centers, Inc.)*

UNITED STATES. "Pray for Mission Helps, a non-profit organization which 'comes alongside' holiness missions and their missionaries in a strategic network of "helps" in a growing number of categories. Pray especially for safety in travel and 'on the job' for construction teams which travel to places near and far, paying their own way and donating their labor skills and time. Pray for directors Wilbur and Darlene Byler, whose vision brought to reality this network of volunteers that is giving invaluable assistance on many mission fields." —*Ropeholders*

PHILIPPINES. "Robert's evangelist course [at Wesleyan Bible Institute] prepared the class for outreach and church planting...32 community homes were in weekly Bible studies and 31 people had prayed to receive Christ in two target areas where church plants are envisioned. The students were so excited to discover receptive Buddhist families with 40 percent of those surveyed responsive and 28 percent beginning Bible study. Surely God has prepared a ripe harvest. Pray for reapers." —*Robert and Kay Bickert, Philippines Reflections*

Editor's Note: *As the Revivalist has previously reported, Dr. Robert Bickert will be returning to God's Bible School to join the college faculty this fall. Mrs. Bickert will join the staff at Liberty Bible Academy in northern Cincinnati.* ■

CONDITIONAL ETERNAL SECURITY

"...Otherwise you have believed in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

I recently assisted in two sad funerals, the result of a murder-suicide. At the memorial service for the perpetrator of this tragedy, the officiating minister pronounced the offender to be in the presence of Jesus, safely at home in heaven. To say that I was taken aback would be an understatement.

Now I would not advocate publicly condemning a man to eternal damnation. Besides being in poor taste, it is simply not our business as human beings to decide who does not make it to heaven. After all, there is the possibility that someone who commits such an atrocity may have diminished reasoning faculties and may not be culpable for his actions. Only an all-knowing God can ultimately pass judgment on such a matter.

However, in the case I have just mentioned, it was my distinct impression that sometime in the past the departed one had made a profession of faith and that this faith statement was presumed to have irrevocably sealed his eternal salvation. It seemed incidental that he showed virtually no commitment to Christ prior to his untimely death or that he had committed murder seconds before taking his own life.

These memories flashed before me this week as I was listening to the Bible on tape. A reading from 1 Corinthians 15 struck me so forcibly that I rewound the tape and listened again. In verse 1 Paul states that he had "declared" the Gospel to the Corinthians and that they had "received" it and were presently "standing" in its truth. How could he have

been clearer about their spiritual state? Unquestionably, they were converted.

But he hastens in the next verse to warn that the Gospel in which they were now standing would save them *if they continued to hold firmly to the word he had preached*. And then he added, "Otherwise you have believed in vain." Now I understand the theological spin that can be put on such passages to try to make them square with the ever-popular doctrine of unconditional eternal security. But taking this passage at face value, I can't help but see a direct warning against resting our case on a distant faith event without any consideration of our ongoing spiritual vitality.

Let me balance this discussion by affirming that a loving and patient God, who calls us His sons and daughters, is not looking for an excuse to cut us off. In fact, Calvary convinces me that God is doing all He can to get us to heaven, not to keep us out of heaven. God's patience with the Corinthian believers in spite of their many foibles is evidence of this. However, the misbehavior of the Corinthians was not acceptable to Paul; after all, the letter was written to correct, not condone, the wrongs in the congregation. And while Paul did not de-Christianize them for their immaturity, it is also true that when the dust had settled, he had introduced an "if clause"—a clause that if ignored would result in the tragedy that they had "believed in vain." ■

Ben Durr Jr. is a pastor and member of the faculty in the Division of Ministerial Education at GBS.

ALDERSGATE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Maybe you can benefit from the Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP). The two degrees now offered are the AA in Bible and Theology and the BA in Ministerial Education. Additionally, former GBS students may be eligible to finish other degrees through ADEP if they satisfy the residency requirement.

Remember that ADEP students are eligible to apply for federal financial aid, for example, Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans. Ohio residents are eligible to apply for both the Ohio Choice Grant and the Ohio Instructional Grant.



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May 14, 2004

Dear President Avery,

As the school year is quickly coming to an end, I wanted to contact you letting you know how much I appreciate you allowing Mr. and Mrs. Tryon to create the Aldersgate program. I strongly believe that this program is an asset to the professional system you already have in place at God's Bible School. The Tryon's commitment to professionalism and to furthering the ministry of God, has resulted in a program that will positively influence individuals for years to come. I realize that I am speaking from a personal point of view since I have benefited from the program myself, but I can tell you that the requirements that are asked in each class is beyond the expectations I had of a correspondence course. The Aldersgate program has maintained a high level of educational integrity, and I am proud of the fact that I will be earning my AA from this program May 29.

Any program is only as great as its leader, and the devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Tryon has resulted in an excellent program for people who either want to develop professionally in their ministry or who want to continue their education from previous college experiences. While I will not take the time to tell you of my own positive experience with the program, I can tell you that the Aldersgate program is having a tremendous effect on our school here at Bible Methodist. Currently two of my teachers are enrolled in the program, which will place them closer to obtaining their professional certificate from the AACCS. While having a degree does not always insure the quality of an individual, it is a firm belief of mine that each Christian should avail himself of opportunities to be as professional as possible. Aldersgate does just that for anyone who is willing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tryon are to be commended for the effort and work they have put into making the program run efficiently. I appreciate the devotion they have exhibited in training me both spiritually and professionally. Their sacrifice of working in their retirement years has not gone unnoticed by me. I have personally let the Tryons know my feelings, but I felt that I should let you know them as well. Thank you once again for giving the Aldersgate program the opportunity to function. I believe that it will continue to serve the school well. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hedstrom
Joseph Hedstrom

"Operating under the Alabama Bible Methodist Connection of Churches"

<< Joseph Hedstrom receives his degree from President Avery, Commencement 2004

CAMP MEETING and commencement





From the Rev. Paul Pierpoint's opening message from Isaiah 6, through P. D. Wolfe's closing call to join Noah on the ark of salvation, there was a pervasive sense of the Holy Spirit's ministry among us during Camp Meeting 2004. Wolfe, an eloquent GBS ministerial student and Aldersgate Academy teacher, supplemented the called evangelists, who in addition to Pierpoint were the Rev. Mark Cravens and Dr. Wingrove Taylor. Dr. Allan P. Brown and Dr. Philip Brown taught afternoon classes on "Letter to the Hebrews" and "Principles of Christian Life." Garen Wolf, GBS's veteran music director, led congregational singing with joyous enthusiasm and coordinated the special music, which was impressive and uplifting. Kim Easley, GBS senior, directed children's services and was assisted by other eager students. Saturday morning was devoted to the school's commencement exercises (see "News From The Hilltop" for more information). Friends of the school will rejoice that funds for the camp and for summer operations came readily and adequately. 📌





GBS LAUNCHES NEW EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY

"God has been incredibly faithful, and this new endeavor has certainly been stamped by His approval!" This is Dorcas Byer's enthusiastic comment supporting GBS's new educational ministry to inner-city youth. For several years she and other students have sponsored Teen Power, an outreach ministry to teenagers in Over-the-Rhine, a Cincinnati area suffering from serious economic and social problems. Several teens whom they have led to Christ participated in services at this year's GBS camp meeting.

Dorcas is determined to give them further opportunities. "Our goal is to

place four young people from Teen Power in our GBS high school this coming fall," she explains. She and another student, Danielle Reynolds, will work 20 hours per week tutoring and mentoring these teenagers and also hope to open an after-school program to help other struggling teens. "We will work with their classes and teachers to give them the best education possible, especially in reading, writing, and computer knowledge." Kim Easley, another student, will form a student musical ensemble to teach music skills.

Following Dorcas' impassioned appeal at camp meeting services, Sunday afternoon, May 29, GBS supporters pledged nearly \$30 thousand to underwrite the initial phase of this new ministry. "We're just praying that God will use this to bring more souls into His kingdom," she adds.

NEW RODGERS ORGAN GIVEN FOR CAMPUS CHAPEL

Thanks to the generosity of a friend of the school, GBS's Adcock Memorial Chapel will soon be equipped with a new Rodgers Trillium 967 organ. This magnificent instrument will replace a deteriorating 40-year-old Hammond which has become increasingly expensive and difficult to maintain. Comparable to a 149 rank pipe organ, the new three-keyboard Rodgers has great tonal power, color, and variety.



PHILIP BISHOP PLAYS NEW RODGERS TRILLIUM ORGAN

REVIVALIST FAMILY

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, vital statistics, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist family," and brief news notes from across the holiness movement. An item for inclusion in the "Revivalist Family" must be submitted within four months of the event which it reports and should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; or revivalist@gbs.edu.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. H.C. Emmert, who has served the past year on the faculty of the GBS Division of Ministerial Education, notifies us that his new address will be 1774 Lionsgate Circle, Bethany, OK 73008. His telephone number is (405) 491-8594. Dr. Emmert, a veteran evangelist and Bible teacher, is accepting speaking engagements at revivals and conferences.



BIRTHS

To **Dave ('97 BA) and Regina Newton Eckert**, a son **Kelton Andrew Eckert**, born March 21, Milford, Ohio.



To **Jonathan ('92 BRE) and Tamara June (Davis) ('92 BA) Fall**, Endicott, New York, a daughter **Brooklynn Ranay Fall**, born April 6.



To **Michael and Rebecca Crouse Kelley**, Cincinnati, Ohio, a son **Adam Scott Kelley**, born May 25, 2004, Cincinnati, Ohio. Rebecca is a former faculty and staff member at GBS.

DEATHS

Hannah Sue Brewer, 21, Fountain City, Indiana, died April 18, 2004, from injuries

"This organ will add dignity and majesty to the great traditional hymns, as well as joyful exuberance to the gospel songs and choruses that are such an integral part of our camp meetings," according to GBS organ instructor Phil Bishop. The new instrument will be used in regular chapel services, camp meetings, commencement exercises, as well as for instructional purposes and practice for students pursuing an organ major or minor.

EGYPTIAN CHURCHMAN SPEAKS AT 2004 COMMENCEMENT

Prayer was the focus of this year's GBS commencement address by the Rev. Saied Ibrahim Andrawis (pictured with his wife in the camp meeting spread on page 8), Saturday, May 29. Field director for Evangelistic Faith Missions' Egyptian ministry, chairman of the Faith Churches in Egypt, and director of Faith Bible College in that country, Saied was also presented by God's Bible School and College with the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity.

Twenty-eight students received either associate or bachelor degrees, and seven-



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teen were given high school diplomas (see graduates' names, this section). Presiding was President Michael Avery, offering prayers were the Rev. Robert Leach and Dennis Joslin, and reading the scripture lesson was the Rev. Paul Alexander. Dr. Kenneth Farmer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the candidates for college degrees, and David Crosley, Aldersgate Academy principal, presented those



GBS ALDERSGATE ACADEMY GRADUATES 2004

sustained in a vehicle accident in Fayette County, Ohio. Born October 18, 1982, she was the daughter of the Rev. John R. and Katrina L. Yaney Brewer. A member of the Wesleyan Holiness Church and a graduate of the Wesleyan Holiness Bible College (2003), she was employed as a sewing machine operator. Hannah enjoyed singing and playing the piano and was active in her family's music ministry. She also planned to become a missionary. Her fiance, Ryan Jodon, would have become her husband on June 12, 2004. *"We appreciate all the prayers and support that we have received from GBS and the Revivalist family. May God bless each one of you."* —John and Katrina Brewer.



Professor David A. Budensiek, 82, died May 6, 2004, at Stuart, Florida. Born in Minnesota, he graduated from Marion College, BR, 1944; Asbury Theological Seminary, BD,

1946; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, MTh, 1948. He was united in marriage to Lillian Bryant on May 28, 1946. After brief service as a pastor, "Prof" Budensiek began a long career as instructor in the following schools: Marion College, Central Wesleyan College, Salem Bible College, Faith Bible School, and God's Bible School. He and his wife were also missionaries in Korea, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years; his two sons, Stephen and John; grandchildren; and other family members. *"The exemplary lives of David and Lillian Budensiek have left a sweet incense in all the areas they have lived.... Their utter devotion to the cause of Christ has impacted two or three generations of holiness people."* —Leonard Sankey

Rev. John Wesley Hall, Sr., 87, died March 8, 2004. He served several pastorates in the Church of the Nazarene and was a graduate of Pasadena College. From 1947–1961 he and his wife Patricia served as missionaries to Cuba, where

receiving high school diplomas. Dr. Leonard Sankey, board chairman, conferred the college degrees and presented the graduates to the congregation.

Jonathan Gordan was high school valedictorian and Stephanie Rose, salutatorian. Cynthia S. Matlock was recognized as college valedictorian and Kristina M. Clemens as salutatorian. Receiving the Christian Character Award was Paul B. Alexander. Graduates receiving divisional honors included Matthew Hallam, Zondervan Excellence in Biblical Greek Award (given each year to the student with the highest grade point average in Greek I); Michelle K. Fulkerson, Excellence in Student Teaching (elementary education); and Cynthia S. Matlock, Academic Excellence and Outstanding Musical Achievement.

GBS High School Graduates

Corrie Becker
Joseph Bell
Matthew Campbell
Eun Cho
Miranda Constable
Leah Gabbard
Trina Gabbard
Jonathan Gordon, Valedictorian
Elizabeth Helton
William Helton
Megan Hollon
Jennifer Jones
Ji-Yoon Jung
Veronica McFadden
Joseph McLaughlin
Thomas Popplewell
Stephanie Rose, Salutatorian

GBS College Graduates

Paul Brian Alexander, magna cum laude
Jennifer Lynn Bailey, magna cum laude
Jack Dean Burkett III
Elisa Leticia Cano
Kristina Michelle Clemens, summa cum laude, Salutatorian
Kelly Michelle Coleman
Douglas James Cox, Sr.
Paul Douglas Eckert
Michelle Kathryn Fulkerson
Darin Francis Gary
Ruth Ann (Bane) Gilley
Joseph Daniel Glick
Olana Gurova, cum laude
Bethany Louise Harms
Christy Renae Hedstrom, cum laude
Joseph Edward Hedstrom
Katherine Nicole Heintzelman, cum laude
Heidi Lyn Holmes
Jennee Ruth Hooker, magna cum laude
Regina Joy Lavy, magna cum laude
Jeremy Russ Leach
Cynthia Sue Matlock, summa cum laude, Valedictorian
Craig Curtis McLaughlin
Amy Gelene Miles, cum laude
Andrea Dawn Ratcliff, cum laude
Julie Kay Rubel
Darlene Joy Smith
Kristy Lynne Woodard

ALLAN BROWN TO PREACH IN SUMMER MISSIONS TOUR

Dr. Allan P. Brown, accompanied by his wife Dr. Nadine Brown, will be speaking at various Bible Fellowship Mission sites during his 60-day summer

preaching tour, beginning June 5. He will hold revival services and/or teaching sessions in Honolulu, Hawaii; Guam; Saipan; and New Guinea. Coordinator and assistant for the tour is Gloria Pangilinan.

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he also earned a Master's degree from the University of Havana. Later he pastored Spanish churches in various places, then went to Honduras where for over 19 years he and his wife served as missionaries. There are over 100 thriving congregations with hundreds of preaching points that remain as the results of their labors. He is survived by his widow and five children.

Rev. J. Marie Trapani Hough, 63, died January 16. A graduate of God's Bible School and College, she served as a missionary and teacher in Papua New Guinea for ten years where she helped organize the Papua New Guinea Bible Institute. She also served at Hobe Sound Bible College and with the Gospel Mission Corps of the American Rescue Workers in New Jersey, and Wycliffe Bible Translators in California. She is survived by her husband of 14 years, Gary T.M. Hough; her parents, a brother and sisters.

Rev. Clarence A. Snedeker, 94, Uniondale, Pennsylvania, died recently. He entered the Christian ministry in the mid-1940's and served as pastor of several Free Methodist congregations. Later he was pastor for other congregations and was also an evangelist. At the time of his death he was the oldest ordained elder in the Eastern Conference of the Evangelical Wesleyan Church. He was pre-

ceded in death by three wives, Lela Bartleson, Elizabeth Law, and Jane E. Willson.

Margaret Belle Buy Zuch Thomas, 97, died February, 2004. Born in Negley, Ohio, she gave her life to Christ in her youth while attending the Hollow Rock Camp Meeting. She was a kind, earnest, and consistent Christian who prayed faithfully for her family and who assisted them in many ways. On May 26, 1926, she was married to Samuel Willis Zuch, who died in 1965. In 1967 she was married to Donald Thomas, who passed away in 1983.

ALUMNI NEWS

The second annual gathering of the Central PA Alumni/Friends of GBS will be held on October 11, 2004, at 5:30 PM at the Crossroads Cafe in Grantville, Pennsylvania. Make plans to attend an evening of food, fellowship, and an update from President Avery. For more information, contact Robbie and Rachel England at 717 865-6190 or robnrach@paonline.com.

Jeremy Bell McCandless ('95 HS) and his wife Rachel Thompson McCandless ('95 HS) each received the degree Doctor of Medicine from Case Western Reserve University

WOLF DIRECTS ORATORIO PRESENTATION MAY 11

“The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross” by Franz Joseph Haydn and “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” by Johann Sebastian Bach, both classical 18th century choral works, were presented by GBS’s college choir, May 11. Soloists

included Joy Alexander, Sara Gaskins, Rhoda Miles, Esther Gilley, Heidi Holmes, Michelle, Miller, Brandon Mills, Aaron Perkins, Aaron Terry, Chad Cowherd, Brandon Hilligoss, Matt Jackson, and Mike Mater. The 60-voice choir was accompanied on the (p20) ➡



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At God’s Bible School and College, we believe very strongly in the primacy of preaching. Training young men to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ is a responsibility that we take very seriously. Under the leadership Dr. Allan Brown, our ministerial divisional chair, we are preparing this generation to take its place in ministry.



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School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, May 16, 2004. After graduating with honors from GBS, they completed their BA degrees in pre-med at the University of Cincinnati. They are residing in Cleveland, Ohio, where they will be doing their respective residencies, Jeremy in general and orthopedic surgery and Rachel in pediatrics. Three of their parents are GBS alumni: Gerald Bell (‘67 HS; ‘72 BA), Lois Starr Bell (‘67 HS), Sharon Schwanz Thompson (‘62 HS; ‘66 BA). (Jeremy and Rachel have legally changed their name to McCandless for professional reasons.)

Robert E. “Rob” Ryan (‘99 BA) received the degree Master of Music in Wind Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College/Conservatory of Music, at commencement exercises, June 11, 2004.

Phillip (‘96 BA) and Heather (Bryan) (‘97 BA) Dickinson will be leaving their current pastorate in Phoenix, Arizona, to begin deputation in August. They “are called to evangelize and proclaim holiness to Latin Americans,” and will be working in the interior of Colombia, South America. For information, services, or support, contact Global Holiness Mission, PO Box 511, Maineville, Ohio 45039, Ph. 513-677-8274

Alumni recently met with President Avery at Altamont, Kansas. Pictured here are Ruth Klein, Jennifer Klein, Ruth



Avery, Helen Luelf, Elizabeth Stetler, Janelle Goins, President Avery, Jim Frazier, Darrell Stetler II, Gary Seniva, Sonya Seniva (former graphic designer, Revivalist Press).

New address for Keith & Lori Waggoner, GBS alumni and former staff members, is 709 Spruce Creek Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83686. Telephone number is 208-442-0460.

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Dear Phil

OBEYING SPEED LIMITS

I don't think God cares if one breaks a speed limit as long as one is a responsible citizen and aware of safety issues. It is nonsensical to travel at 55mph when one has a wide straight highway without intersections.... —Jim Jester [See entire letter, "Letters to the Editor," page 4, this issue]

Dear Jim,

I think you answered your own objections to the speed limit when you said, "We agreed to follow their rules when we applied for the driver's license. In that sense then, we should keep our word." You're right. We should keep our word. And that's another good reason to keep the speed limit.

Your third paragraph, however, raises a very important issue. Are we to obey only 'good' rulers or are we to obey all our rulers? The historical context of Romans 13:1-7 and its NT parallels (1 Peter 2:13-14; Titus 3:1) are crucial to deciding this question. In Romans, Paul is writing to Christians living under the Roman rule of despotic and deranged Nero. This was the same empire that had (at times)

brutally suppressed the Jews (Luke 13:1), that was responsible for the crucifixion of Christ (1 Cor. 2:8), and that had treated Paul unjustly (Acts 16:22, 37; 2 Cor. 11:25). Just a few year prior to writing this epistle, the Roman emperor Claudius summarily expelled all Jews, including Christian Jews, from Rome, displacing many and unjustly causing them hardship (cf. Acts 18:2).

About six years later, after his first Roman imprisonment and just before his second, fatal imprisonment, Paul writes to Titus, "Remind [the Cretans] to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed" (Tit. 3:1). Without any further qualification, 'rulers' and 'authorities' in this text necessarily include the authority of Nero and his delegated subordinates in the Roman Empire.

Peter, writing on the eve, if not after, the death of Paul and during the time of Nero's persecution of Christians, admonishes Christians, "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right" (1 Pet. 2:13-14). Notice that Peter does not say "every human institution that punishes evildoers and praises those who do right." He says "every human institution"! And this comes from the same apostle who boldly told the Sanhedrin, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

The same is true of Paul in Romans 13:1-4. In verses 1-2 he states the principle that since all governing authorities are ordained by God, to resist them is to resist God's will. He says, literally, "there is no authority except by God, and the existing [authorities] have been put in place by God; therefore whoever resists the authority, resists the ordinance of God." In verses 3-4, Paul

moves from a universal statement about where government gets its power, to the purpose of that power: *to reward good and punish evil*. There is, however, nothing in the language of vv. 3-4 that even hints that Paul is delimiting which authorities are God-ordained to only those who are not a terror to good works. Rather, he is enunciating the general character of government.

To be just is the God-given responsibilities of government, and all rulers will answer to God for their use of power. However, the Bible does not say that failure to be just voids their God-ordained status. Darius was a bigoted idolater, wrongly requiring prayer to none but himself, but that was not grounds for Daniel to resist his unjust sentencing to the lion's den. Daniel illustrates both submission to his authority and obedience to God, disobeying the former only when it was necessary to be obedient to God. Further, the Bible does not say that achievement of power by criminal means indicates that such an authority is not God-ordained. Since God governs the affairs of men and puts up whom He will and puts down whom He will (Psa. 75:6-7), none get "up" whom God did not put up.

I have not taken Romans 13:1-2 out of context. Rather, the theory that only those governments that are good are God-ordained turns Paul's teaching (and Peter's) on its head and reads into it what is not there. In conclusion, the fact that a governing authority exists doesn't mean it's just, but does mean it is ordained by God.

Sincerely,
Philip Brown ■

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LARGEST TURNOUT EVER AT ALUMNI RECEPTION

*by Jack Hooker
Vice President for Advancement*

This year saw the largest turnout ever with at least 250 present at the GBS alumni reception hosted by the school on Wednesday, April 21. Held in conjunction with the Inter-Church Holiness Convention at the Dayton, Ohio, convention center, the reception featured pizza and snacks and singing by Harmony, the GBS mixed quartet, as well as great fellowship. President Avery closed with an update of current happenings on campus and future plans.



The top photo shows Harmony as they sing to the gathered alumni. The second picture is of the many new babies and their mothers who were in attendance at the reception. The bottom photo captures the combined high school and college choirs, accompanied by the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble, as they ministered to the Wednesday evening crowd of the Inter-Church Holiness Convention under the dynamic direction of Music Division Chairman Garen Wolf.



There is always a great feeling of family and friendship whenever GBS alumni get together. Please make plans to join us next year for this special event! 📌

Archive

GONE WITH THE WIND!

It's all gone now—GBS's old dining hall/maintenance building—"gone with the wind" as certainly as the antebellum South. Last December 10, the bulldozer and wrecking crew launched their furious attack on the shabby old building behind the Revivalist Memorial Building, and in days it was reduced to dust and rubble. Even that's disappeared now, and cars park where the structure once stood.

But ponder the memories that remain! Perhaps some of our readers will remember the culinary delights that they were served or the romances kindled there over warm vegetables or mashed potatoes. Edsel Trouten ('58

HS; '61 ThB), for instance, recalls how he first met his "beautiful Alice" while working as a student kitchen helper. Sometimes the old dining hall served as an auditorium. For years students presented their Christmas plays in the old wooden building—though they were pointedly "exhorted" not to "herd" towards the south end, for fear that they and the dining hall might tumble down the hill into Ringgold Street. After the new cafeteria area opened in the Bence C. Miller Student Center in the mid-'70's, the old quarters—the north wing now demolished—suffered the indignity of becoming a dusty storage area for tools, nails, bolts, and retired and rusting relics.

Intended originally as only a temporary addition to campus, the building was presented to GBS by government officials after World War II. This information is supplied by Myra Brown from the July 3, 1947, *Revivalist*: "On the last Sunday morning of the Camp, a marvelous spirit of grace and glory prevailed as we broke sod for the dining room and kitchen which the Government is giving us, including equipment. We sang the National Anthem [and] Psalm 136 was read. I could think of only one thing: a great and mighty chant, for that is just the way it rang out that Sabbath morning."

It wasn't a "great and mighty chant" but the sound of ripping timbers and falling rafters which marked the disappearance of a GBS campus landmark for over half a century. —LDS ■



What goes up must come down! The photos here show both ends of the equation for the old dining hall. On the left is a picture of the groundbreaking ceremony, July 3, 1947; on the right are two views of the demolition, December 10, 2003.

upon His sovereignty. God is no less sovereign in choosing to establish laws or operations which shall bring certain results and then enabling mankind to have the ability to choose which results each person desires for himself. For example, God has established the means whereby a person can be saved. He says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Further, He provided for the salvation of all men. John 3:16 and 1 John 2:2 makes it clear that God's salvific love encompasses "the whole world," and as a result provided Jesus as the propitiation for "the sins of the whole world." He is the savior of all men (potentially and provisionally), especially of those that believe (1 Tim. 4:10). God does not desire anyone to be lost.

C. *His permissive will*

Through the exercise of His sovereign grace, God also has enabled mankind to accept or reject the means of salvation He provides. Those who accept are saved, and those who refuse are lost. The choice to accept God's offer of salvation is not a meritorious work (Eph. 2:8-9). Nor is it man choosing to save himself. Salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). It is the operation of God's grace, creating spiritual desire within mankind, that enables a person to repent of sin and savingly believe. However, God also sovereignly chooses to give mankind the ability to resist His "desired" will. He "permits" mankind to reject His offer of salvation. No one or nothing, however, thwarts His decretive will.

CONCLUSION

Predestination is God the Father's act of determining before the world was created, according to the good pleasure of His will, (1) His plan of salvation, including the death of Christ on the cross; (2) that all those who believed the gospel would be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ; (3) that the "called," whom He foreknew, would be conformed to the image of His Son; and (4) that all those who hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Scripturally, predestination speaks of God's plan about the method and means of salvation, and specific goals for all believers. Predestination does not "pretermine" who will be saved or who will be lost except in the general sense that, "He that believeth shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned."

—sermon outline by DR. ALLAN P. BROWN



[1] John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, III, trans. Henry Beveridge (Ages electronic edition), pp. 1030-1031.

[2] Acts 4:28; Rom. 8:29, 30; 1 Co. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11.

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FOREKNOWLEDGE, PREDESTINATION, AND ELECTION Part II

Scripture: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom [those] he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom [those] he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." — Romans 8:28-30

INTRODUCTION

In our text Paul traces God's saving purpose through five stages from its beginning in God's mind (foreknowledge) to its ultimate consummation in the coming glory (glorification). These five stages he names as *foreknowledge*, *predestination*, *calling*, *justification* and *glorification*. In our last message, we looked at the Biblical teaching on foreknowledge. In this message we will examine predestination. What comes to mind when you hear the word "predestination"? Do you picture a Supreme Being sitting on His throne arbitrarily determining who will be saved and who will be lost? Sadly, human religious tradition has programmed that picture into many minds. Such a view was taught by John Calvin and widely propagated by his followers. He wrote: "By predestination we mean the eternal decree of God, by which he determined with himself whatever he wished to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestinated to life or to death."¹ But we shall soon see, this is not the New Testament teaching on predestination.

I. WHAT IS THE BASIC MEANING OF THE TERM "PREDESTINATION"?

The first question one should ask is "How does the Bible use the term?" Frankly, the way it is used by most people is not the way the

Bible uses it. The term “predestinate” (*proorizo*) occurs six times in the Greek New Testament² and is a combination of two words, *pro*, meaning “before,” and “*horizo*,” meaning “to mark out definitely.” Thus, the term conveys the idea of “marking out beforehand” or “deciding ahead of time.” In the KJV it is translated three different ways: “predestined” (Rom. 8:29, 30; Eph. 1:5, 11), “determine before” (Acts 4:28), and “ordained” (1 Cor. 2:7)

II. WHAT HAS GOD PREDESTINATED?

From an examination of the six occurrences of *proorizo* (“predestinate”) in the New Testament, we can confidently say that God has “predestinated” or “decided ahead of time” the following:

1. The events that Herod, Pontius Pilate, the Gentiles, and the Jews perpetrated against Christ (Acts 4:27, 28).
2. That all whom He foreknew would be conformed to the image of His Son through calling, justification, and glorification (Rom. 8:29, 30).
3. The whole plan of salvation through faith in Christ (1 Cor. 2:7; Rom. 8:28).
4. That all believers would be adopted as sons (children) through Christ (Eph. 1:5).
5. That all those who hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:11, 12).

In sum, God predestinated certain events in relation to His Son (Acts 4:28), the plan of salvation (1 Cor. 2:7), and three specific goals for His people (conformity to Christ – Rom. 8:29, 30; adoption into God’s family as His children – Eph. 1:5; that His people would be to the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:11, 12).

III. WHEN AND WHY DID GOD PREDESTINATE?

Scripture reveals that the time of God’s predestinating activity was “before the world” (1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:4-5). The basis of God’s predestination was His own “counsel” or plan (Acts 4:28). The “why” of predestination is simply “the good pleasure of his will” (Eph. 1:5).

IV. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND “PREDESTINATION”?

Much controversy and confusion has arisen in church history over the meaning of predestination. This is largely due to a failure to limit the term to the way Scripture uses it. In the fifth century, Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) popularized a definition of predestination not found in Scripture. He confused sovereignty with predestination. He used the term “predestination” when he was teaching that God sovereignly, according to His divine decrees and to the praise of His own glory, has predetermined every action and event of everything that is to be and is to occur.

The fact that God has not predetermined every action and event is asserted by Peter who tells us God is “longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). If God predetermined the eternal damnation of anyone, then by that fact He would express His willingness that some perish. To assert that God predestinated some persons to be eternally lost contradicts the Biblical statement that God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Remember that the exercise of God’s sovereignty and omnipotence is guided by His own wise, holy, and loving will. God can do anything that is consistent with His character. Remember further that He reveals that He sovereignly chooses to operate on three levels: (1) *His decreative will*; (2) *His desired will*; and (3) *His permissive will*.

A. God’s decreative will

There are some events that God has decreed, and no one or nothing can thwart His decreative will. Psalm 75:6-7 reminds us: “For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.” Isaiah 46:9-10 says, “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”

An example of God’s decreative will is the law of sowing and reaping. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Gal. 6:7, 8). Another example of His decreative will is His decision not to “predetermine” who will be saved and who will be lost. Instead, He provides grace to all men and women so that if they cooperate with that grace, they can be saved (Titus 2:11-13).

B. God’s desired will

The Scriptures not only reveal God to be sovereign, but they also tell us how He exercises His sovereignty. Psalms 89:14 says, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne; lovingkindness and truth go before Thee.” In His absolute sovereignty, God has chosen to rule according to righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, and truth. As a result, He has sovereignly decided to have mercy upon all the lost (Rom. 11:32). In addition, God has sovereignly enabled us to accept or reject His offer of salvation and thereby to determine our eternal destiny.

To define God’s sovereignty to mean that God personally decides every minute detail or circumstance that ever has or ever will take place is to contradict Scripture and arbitrarily to place restrictions

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GOD OUR PRESENT CONFIDENCE

“GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea...” (verses 1–2).

This focus upon God, our “refuge” and our “strength” was the emphasis of the heroic Bishop Athanasius, who 1600 years ago encouraged his suffering fellow-believers. “For though enemies rain down wounds, insults, and accusations,” he wrote, “they amount to nothing when compared to the tender mercies of God. We will quickly recover from such earthly injuries, for God is always gracious, and always pours out His tender mercies on those who please Him. Therefore...we should not pay attention to the things of time and earth. Rather, we should fix our attention on those things that are eternal.”

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE continued

➡(p3) from homes where rules and boundaries are clearly understood, communicated, and enforced. Kids who do well in life are those who have been disciplined. They have been made to understand the consequences of bad decisions. They are taught to accept responsibility for their actions and to do whatever is necessary to correct them. Kids who succeed come from homes where problems are openly confronted with a willingness to reevaluate and change if necessary.

When parents neglect parenting, they commit a terrible wrong that can cripple children for the rest of their lives. There is a story in American literature that tells of a little girl whose mother had died. Her father would come home from work and just sit down, read his paper, and ignore the child. The little girl would come in and ask him to play with her for a little while because she was lonely. He told her he was tired and to let him be at peace. He told her to go out into the street and play if she wanted to play. So, she played on the streets. The inevitable happened. She took to the streets. The years passed on, and then she died. Her soul arrived in heaven. Peter saw her and said to Jesus, “Master, here’s a girl who was a bad lot. I suppose we send her straight to hell?” “No,” said Jesus gently, “let her in.” And then His eyes grew stern, “but look for a man who refused to play with his little girl and sent her out to the streets and send him to hell.”

This means that we should fix our attention upon God Himself—upon the glory of His being, the splendor of His attributes, and magnificence of His deeds. For He is the “Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible,” as the Nicene Creed affirms, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Sovereign of the universe, the consummation of history, the strength of the living, and the repose of the dead.

To be sure, the storm is crashing now around us! For the moment, at least, Christianity in Europe and America has its back against the wall. Militant secularists rage against Our Lord and His Church. These are the new barbarians who have hijacked our governmental institutions, shattered our moral values, and undermined our society’s Christian foundations. But our attention must not be fixed upon the storm but upon the God who controls the storm and who reigns serenely above it.

As we lift our hearts to Him, enthroned in majesty, Holy, Blessed, and Undivided Trinity, our hearts (p22)➡

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➡(p13) piano by Mrs. Martha Miller and by a string quartet consisting of Amanda Whitmer, Jessica Smith, Deanna Wolf, and Faith McManaman. Jonathan Philips served as narrator.

GBS RECEIVES GRANT FROM FIFTH THIRD BANK TRUSTEE

God's Bible School and College was recently the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the Stillson Foundation, Fifth Third Bank Trustee. Presenting the grant to Dr. Avery, President and Mr. Crosley,



Academy Principal was Stephanie A. Smith, Assistant Vice President and Program Director and Doreen Baker, Public Funds Officer, both of Fifth Third Bank. The grant was given to the GBS capital campaign for expansion of the academy, thus enhancing this educational ministry to the Greater Cincinnati area.

BRIEFLY NOTED: Two students have been honored by the Office of Student Affairs: **Jason L. Hopkins**, sophomore ministerial student from Greenup, Illinois, has been named April "Student of the Month"; and **Regina J. Lavy**, a 2004 graduate who received her BA degree in Church and Family Ministry with high academic honors, received the same honor for May.... GBS hosted **special seminars by the Christian Law Association, May 12**, with attorneys David C. Gibbs, Jr., and David C. Gibbs III.... **Dr. and**

Mrs. H.L. Emmert observed their 65th wedding anniversary, Sunday, May 29, during the GBS camp meeting. Dr. Emmert has served the past year on the ministerial faculty at GBS.... **Three musical groups will be traveling this summer**, ministering in camps, youth camps, and churches. Their schedules can be viewed at www.gbs.edu. Several youth camps teams will be ministering, and a missions team will be traveling to Mexico City under the direction of Paul Alexander.... **GBS-related summer weddings** include the following: (1) **Erika Dawn Center to Matthew James Deuel**, June 5, Franklin, Ohio; (2) **Michelle Lynn Eley to Jason Lee Hopkins**, June 11, Cooperstown, Pennsylvania; (3) **Dixie Lee Downing to Jonathan Andrew Parriman**, June 12, Cincinnati, Ohio; (4) **Myra Lois Brown to Paul Brian Alexander**, July 17, Burlington, Kentucky; (5) **Joanna Gayle Wheatley to Joseph Micah Reimann**, July 31, Brownstown, Indiana; (6) **Jennifer Renee Robison to Paul Douglas Eckert**, August 21, Fort Wright, Kentucky. ■

REVIVALIST FAMILY continued

NOTICES

CORRECTION: **Port Matilda Camp**, Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, will be held August 6–15 rather than the dates given in the *May Revivalist*.

Independence Bible School (K–12), located in Independence, Kansas, is searching for a superintendent. Position to be filled on or before June 2004. Candidates should possess a proven holiness testimony and have administrative experience. Contact Stephen Douglas, 602-365-8075 or scdoug@alltel.net.

Dayspring Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, an interdenominational K-12 school using Abeka/Bob Jones curriculum in a traditional classroom environment, is seeking an experienced administrator committed to Christ and academic excellence. Please call 719-266-0452 or 719-210-3167; e-mail dayspringacademy@earthlink.net

SPECIAL INTEREST

Except for Hannah, whose obituary appears in this section, all of the Rev. John R. Brewer family is now home and recuperating from injuries received in an April 18 vehicle accident. Mr. Brewer reports that his ankle and neck are healing, he has had a second shoulder surgery and is continuing outpatient therapy. He writes that his wife, Katrina, "is still recuperating from cracked ribs but is gaining strength. Bethany still has some pain in her injured back and ribs but is expected to fully recover. Matthew was the least injured and is doing fine. He is returning to his place of work after having helped his family for several weeks. The family expresses deep gratitude for every kindness that has been shown to them during this very difficult time. Mr. Brewer is General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Holiness Association of Churches. ■

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(license) from the government to travel. It ought to be obvious to most Americans that this country is no longer free.

You said ["Dear Phil: A Biblical Response," *Revivalist*, March 2004] that Paul didn't say to obey only good rulers but all rulers. You are pulling the scripture out of its context. That is exactly what Paul is saying, i.e., to obey only God ordained (good) rulers. If your out-of-context theory is correct, then you must agree with the railroading of Judge Roy Moore in Alabama and with "gay marriages." When these Nazi's come for you, as they did the Jews in Germany, you will gladly submit to them and turn over any Christians that you're hiding because, as you say, "the powers that be (exist) are of God."

JIM JESTER
Florence, Kentucky

Editor's Note: For Dr. Philip A. Brown's response to the above, see his column "Dear Phil," this issue, page 14.

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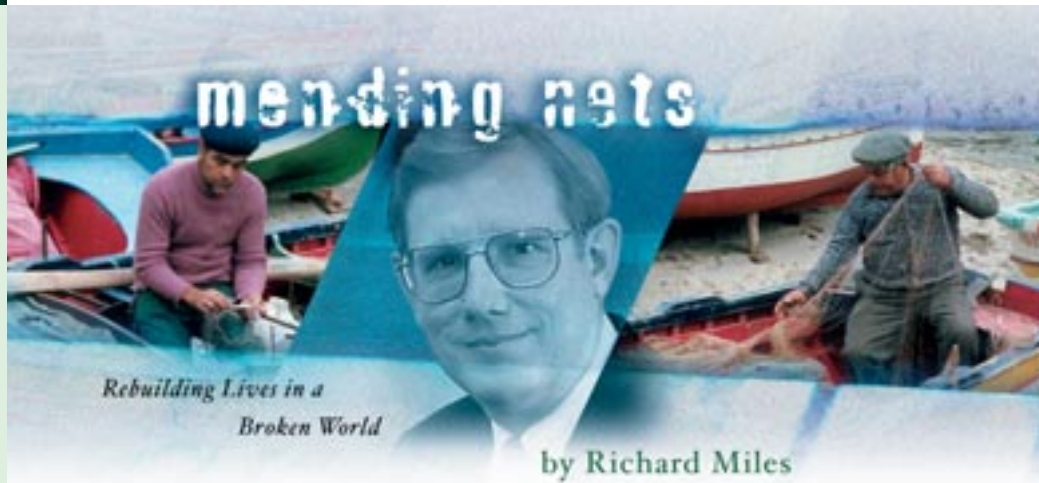
Being out West with hardly any news from back East makes us appreciate the *Revivalist* even more. We devour it from the time it comes in the door until we've finished looking from front to back cover. Keep up the good work.

PHILLIP AND HEATHER DICKINSON
Phoenix, Arizona

SINCE THE EARLY '20's

I feel impressed to write and express my gratefulness to you for your positive presentation of much needed truth. You have your finger on the pulse of the frightening drift in most churches. I can only say, "God inspire you to keep up the good work writing things so desperately needing to be said." *God's Revivalist* has been coming to the Moutoux family since Mother was saved in the early '20's. I believe the present editor and president are in tune with what GBS has stood for over the years.

WILFRID E. MOUTOUX
Kitchener, Ontario



WANTING A BOYFRIEND

I want a boyfriend so badly, but every time I get into a relationship, I seem to lose out spiritually, do things wrong in the relationship, and end up losing the boyfriend. What is wrong?

Healthy relationships begin inside you. The best relationships are between two spiritually, emotionally, and socially healthy individuals who *want* to be together more than they *need* to be together. A person starving to death does not wish to cook for someone else's banquet. He is so obsessed with food for his own needs that he cannot meet the need of others.

If you're "starving" in your relationships, your desperation to satisfy your own deficit will cause you to lose sight of your priorities, to engage in improper conduct, and to lose the relationship you crave. Contributing to our deficits may be the attitude that "I am not worthy to be loved" or "no one will love me." Because of such thinking, a person tries too hard and in the wrong ways to attract another person.

This leads to obsessions with others and sometimes to immoral conduct. Pursuing someone obsessively usually drives the other person away. That person becomes drained from your demands, loses respect for you, and may even come to think toward you like you think toward yourself.

I am in hearty agreement with Clinton and Sibcy, who in their book on *Attachments* argue that "relationships define the quality of our lives" and that all relationships must begin with relationship with God. This is not merely a cliché, for as C.S. Lewis has observed, "Whenever we try to put second things into the first place position, we lose the joy of both God and whatever we are trying to replace Him with." Remember that we are made for God and only God can make us secure and healthy. Therefore concentrate on becoming "one" with God first. If you mature in your relationship with God, you will be better able to mature in your relationship with others.

Think on the good gifts and traits which God has given you, not arrogantly but with gratitude. Accept these gifts and plan to use them to benefit others. Live for others, not for what you get from them, but because "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). (p23)➡

➡(p19) are made glad again. For as we know, the Lion of Judah is the “Lord mighty in battle,” not the tamed, harmless, and declawed pussycat of contemporary religion, demeaned by contemporary secularists and religious traitors and trivialized by soft, sentimental, and superficial “evangelicals.” It is He who overrules the unruly passions of wicked men, supports His people in the worst agonies which they endure, orders all history for the display of His glory, and summons every man and woman to judgment on the Last Day.

In that confidence we raise again our crosses in the crowded crossroads of human struggle, boldly confessing the name of God and worshiping Him who is “our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.” Thus we join the ancient church in its sublime doxology: *“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”*

GOD OUR PAST DEFENSE

“There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.... God shall help her, and that right early...” (verses 4–5).

God’s presence is here portrayed as a body of sparkling water, coursing through Jerusalem, refreshing and renewing His people. *“God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.”* It is this promise which secures our safety—a promise which He has confirmed through all the centuries of Christian history.

Remember that we are not the first believers who have been battered and bloodied in the conflict. But

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even in their most agonizing moments, He has always been beside His dear ones, healing their wounds, comforting their hearts, and invigorating them with courage. All this He promised on that mountain in Galilee just before He ascended to His Father. First He commissioned His disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations,” and then—in what apparently are His last words recorded in the New Testament—He gave this pledge, *“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”*

Jesus knew that He was sending them to rat-infested dungeons, brutal beatings, and the “lion’s gory

mane.” But His words were not of retreat, fear, or hesitancy, but of courage, advance, and conquest, for as He promised, He who exercised “all authority...in heaven and on earth” would go with them and before them. Thus the victorious sweep of Christian mission would continue until the Last Trumpet should ring down the curtain on human history and usher in the Day of Judgment.

Armed with this assurance, those earliest Christians proclaimed “Jesus and the resurrection” up and down the corridors of the Roman Empire—to the market places, the universities, the palaces of the great, and the hovels of the poor. Theirs was an age of cruel oppression, perverted culture, and universal idolatry; and Jesus’ martyrs poured out their rich, red blood everywhere in lavish sacrifice. But at last, even the haughty Roman eagle trembled and bowed before the cross.

This is the witness of our past, forcefully reminding us that the God who has been our past defense now draws His sword on our behalf, and that the certainty of our yesterdays is also the promise of our tomorrows. *“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”*

GOD OUR FUTURE TRIUMPH

“Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.... (verses 8–9).

As it now seems, we are invited to walk over the battlefield of human history. God has put an end to all that has opposed Him, the final conquest is complete, and the song of victory swells over the wreckage of the centuries.

For Christ’s conquest shall be the consummation of our race. Remember His words in St. Matthew 16. Our Lord confirmed Peter’s great confession, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God, then declared, *“Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

In all the sweeping epochs since, Jesus has never ceased to build His Church. It is the Church which is the great fellowship of the faithful which bears His name to all the nations, “the pillar and ground of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15), and the vast temple where continually the Triune God is worshiped in the fullness of Word and Sacrament. Faithfully it exercises the “power of the keys,” both of doctrine and of discipline, invested with full authority to proclaim the Good News of our salvation, to admit to its

fellowship all who believe that message and to exclude all those who reject it. Never shall the gates of hell—the entrenched forces of the darkness—prevail against Christ or His mystical body upon the earth. *The church shall not fail, because it cannot!*

It is this confident expectation of future triumph—this “thrice blessed, bliss-inspiring hope” which “lifts [our] fainting spirits up,” as Charles Wesley pens. It is this which gives us courage to face our decadent culture with the demands of God’s Law and the gladness of His love. It is this which underlies our historic Methodist “optimism of grace” and martial us to one more vast crusade to “reform the continent and spread scriptural holiness over these lands.”

CONCLUSION

Centuries have passed since Martin Luther asked Philip Melancthon to sing Psalm 46 with him—though, perhaps, they sing it now in heaven. Carved upon the great Reformer’s monument in Wittenberg are its opening words which he turned so magnificently into the “battle hymn of the Reformation.” *“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott.”* True, our world is as bankrupt and bewildering morally and spiritually as was his—and frankly, it is just as frightening. That’s why it’s time to join him, Melancthon, and generations of embattled Christians to sing “Luther’s psalm” again. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.”

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing...
God’s truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever! ■*

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WATCH AND PRAY

“And...asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord” (Joshua 9:14).

The afterglow of a great victory is one of the most dangerous seasons in a spiritual person’s life. Who would have imagined that the mighty Joshua who had kept his eyes on God in “giant country” and had so recently led God’s people in one of the greatest military victories of all time would fall prey to the simple ruse of some wily neighbors? But the euphoric flush of the conqueror ran hot in his veins, and he looked with undiscerning eye on those who appeared to need his protection. He forgot that Jericho’s walls had fallen because of that solitary meeting with the Divine Messenger before the battle. This word of the Lord comes to those on the spiritual heights as well as to those on the plains, “Watch and pray, lest...” ■

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MENDING NETS continued

➡ **(continued from page 21)**

With God and a trusted friend, retrace your own personal pain, mourn your hurt and losses, and then bury them deeply. Never dig them up. Begin rewriting your personal story toward a successful ending and end the repetition of painful conduct. Begin seriously to plan and practice right conduct and spiritual discipline. Be sure to make yourself accountable both to God and your trusted friend. Make your personal story have good final chapters, and begin now—not from desperation, but from confidence and anticipation! ■

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