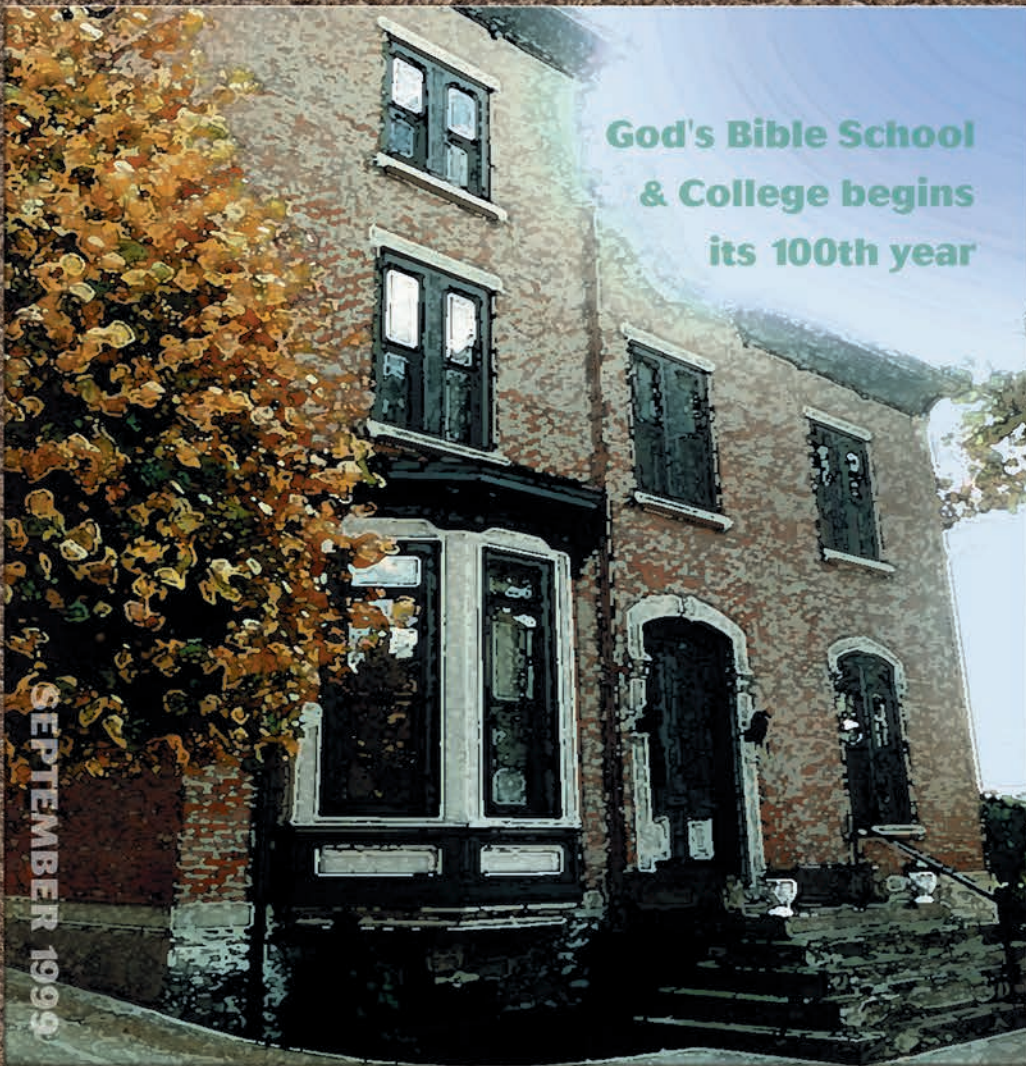


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It's time for school to open on the Hilltop as GBS begins its 100th year! Staff and students crowd into the old brick mansion which has been our administrative center from the beginning. Featured on our cover, this familiar building is one of the most historic spots in the American holiness movement.

**JOB'S REAL PAIN***by Michael Avery, president*

I've been pondering over the pages of Job lately. The portrait that is painted of Job in the first five verses of chapter one is of rare beauty. Job's faith is expressed as perfect and complete. His family was the envy of every parent. His fortune was the largest in the East, and his fame was world renowned. Job's life is portrayed on a canvas of perfect tranquility.

In the course of time, Satan was allowed to paint his own gruesome scene into Job's life. In successive strokes of calamity, Job's peaceful world was turned into utter chaos. The first blow to fall was the loss of his financial empire. It was the second blow, however, that took away his greatest treasure—ten wonderful children. Job was staggered by these vicious blows, but he was still able to hold his head up and declare his faith in God. All Job had to say was “the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Satan was given permission to test Job further, but this time he could touch him physically. Job was smitten with a type of leprosy known as elephantiasis. Massive ulcerous sores covered his body. His limbs were so swollen he became disfigured and unrecognizable. He was forced to sit as an outcast on the rubbish heap. His wife counseled him to curse God and die, while his friends could only sit and watch in stunned silence.

In the beginning of his affliction, Job defended God by acknowledging that we must accept the bad as well as the good from His hand. In contemporary expression, Job understood that trouble eventually knocks at everyone's door. As days turned to weeks and months, Job began to feel that trouble had not only knocked, but literally had banged the door down and rushed in with violent disregard. The loss of all in one swift stroke left him reeling under the intolerable burden of sorrow and suffering. The constant itching and pain of his sores, and the nausea and other side effects of his illness finally begin to take its emotional and spiritual toll on Job. He sank beneath the billows of despair and depression. He cursed the day of his birth. He felt that God was unfair and had “shot him through with arrows.” Job became so weary and bewildered by his suffering that he finally began to feel that God had only blessed him with so much in order that He could “take it away and harm him.”

As the story progresses, you see that Job's real pain was far more than physical or emotional. It was the pain of failing to understand why God was letting this happen to a man who was indeed “blameless.” Job had been living right, and he knew it. So why was God letting all this suffering fall on him?

As I thought of Job, I thought about the many people who will read the words that I have written and will identify with the story. Moms and dads, church leaders and pastors, young couples and senior saints, lonely singles and lively teenagers from all walks of life have an affinity with Job's “real pain.” I thought of a precious young couple with whom I went to school whose fifteen-year-old son recently died mysteriously in his sleep. I thought of a missionary friend whose wife walked out on him and left him with five children to raise. I thought of a (p26)➡

Our Readers Respond

It is a privilege to hear from readers of the Revivalist. Names and locations of writers will be withheld at their specific request or at the discretion of the editor. We reserve the right to edit and condense all letters selected for publication. They should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210, or e-mailed to revivalist@gbs.edu. Letters reprinted here do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor of God's Revivalist nor those of the administration of God's Bible School.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I thank God for the article written by President Avery, "Where Do We Go from Here?" in the summer issue. I think God helped him to "hit the nail right on the head." I firmly believe if all...who are really concerned about God's holiness will commit ourselves to God and His Word, as President Avery states in his closing paragraph, we can and will see God make a great change in this to His glory.

THE REV. W. H. CARROLL
Indianapolis, Indiana

STIRRED AND STIFFENED MY RESOLUTION

While I have appreciated many of the articles in the *Revivalist*, none have touched me more profoundly than R. S. Taylor's article on the death of the holiness movement (March 1999). Bro. Taylor's commentary stirred and stiffened my resolution to preach and practice heart holiness...

RAY JONES, JR., Pastor
Woodburn Church of the Nazarene
Woodburn, Oregon

STAY BY THE OLD GOSPEL

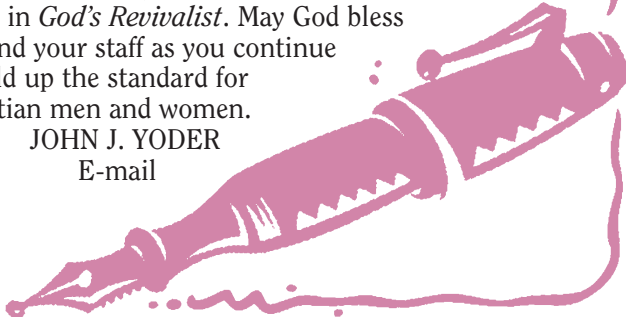
From what I have observed, you have a great president and editor at the school. I was raised in the Christian and Missionary Alliance and now attend Plymouth Nazarene. Your paper reminds me of Tozer who spoke often in Detroit. I hope you will stay by the old gospel, as so many are falling away today.

WILLIAM C. BOESS
Westland, Michigan

IMPRESSED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I have been very impressed with "The President's Page" in *God's Revivalist*. May God bless you and your staff as you continue to hold up the standard for Christian men and women.

JOHN J. YODER
E-mail



Missions Around The World

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

AFRICA

Three missions in South Africa have joined efforts in conducting a tent meeting with services three times a day. These include the Bible Holiness Church Mission, ICHA Missions, and Pilgrim Missions (Allegheny Region). Reports include several conversions.

BELIZE

"People are getting saved and being helped. We are having to enlarge our school at Santa Familia to take care of the new converts' children. They want them to be educated in a Christian school. We went down on June 7 to lay the foundation of a new building that is 70 feet by 30 feet. It will contain a large learning center, a computer classroom, principal's office and a storage area. The Rev. and Mrs. Bence Miller were with us the 6th of June and gave a wonderful report."—*The Rev. Robert Thompson, Director, Evangelical Holiness Church.*

COLUMBIA

"In January of this year we entered the city of Bogota with the message of holiness. The Rev. Edermin Cortes informs us that from an initial group of thirty there, there are now more than ninety in attendance at services. The terrorism that plagues the country has claimed the lives of fifteen pastors in the last six months. However the church continues forward."—*Raymond Shreve, Evangelical Wesleyan Mission*

ECUADOR

Three churches are reported as having been started by "spontaneous multiplication" from a congregation started by Pablo Cortez among a people previously without a holiness witness. As these churches continue to develop and grow, there is evidence of several persons in them who are qualified to assume leadership roles.

EGYPT

Recently one thousand persons crowded a church in the Cairo area, and there were 192 conversions reported. (p23)➡



WHEN JESUS STEPPED OUT OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW

by Larry D. Smith, editor

Perched on a gentle hillside out on the Nebraska prairies, Bethphage Mission looks down over the village of Axtell. The "Mission"—as it is often called—was established in 1913 by K. G. William Dahl, a Swedish preacher's son who came to America, renewed his vows to God, and then responded to His call. For Dahl, God's call meant first a Lutheran pulpit, and then this Christian home of mercy for the "feeble-minded" discards of an ignorant and self-indulgent culture. The ardent young pastor died at 34; and in a simple grave at the campus edge, he lies near Jesus' brothers whom he served, waiting with them for the trumpet's sound.

At the heart of Bethphage's buildings of yellow brick is Zion Chapel, magnificent with stair-stepped gables; red-clay roofing tiles; and robust tower for clock and bell. The sanctuary, too, is lovely and serene, with brilliant stained-glass windows which poignantly recount the great, old stories from the gospel. Most striking, however, is the window high upon the eastern wall above the altar. Painted upon that glowing glass is a vivid pic-

ture of Jesus Our Redeemer, His eyes looking deeply into our own, and His arms outstretched to us in welcome.

As sunshine pours through that resplendent glass, the chancel is

splashed with moving color; the Saviour's face becomes radiant with warmth and light; and in that illuminating moment, He seems ready to step out of the the stained-glass and grace us with His touch. This does not happen to everyone, of course, but only to those who in faith and love are lifting up their hearts to Him. For there is no intrinsic grace in the glass, pigment, and lead with which we make our churches' windows. But, then, neither is there intrinsic grace in the oak-

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en panels or the iron screws with which we make our churches' altars. Yet the Holy Spirit who descends at open altars is also pleased to use colored windows as signs of offered grace; for in this way, as in countless others, He is determined to make Jesus real to us.

For Jesus must be real to us, since He is the bridge between us and God. This means, first, that He must be real to us in the written accounts of Holy Scripture, for this is the objective record of His coming to us in flesh and blood. But, second, He must also be real to us in the transforming joy of personal relationship, for this is the subjective assurance of His coming to us now. One is formal and (p26)➡



GBS will soon be celebrating its 100th birthday. Already preparations are under way to mark the Grand Centenary Year, which officially will begin with Heritage Week and Homecoming 1999 and continue through the same events in the fall of the year 2000. Preparatory activities will focus upon the Centenary; and from time-to-time the Revivalist will publish "Centenary Scenes" from our rich history—little "vignettes" from the fascinating procession of people and events on our historic "Hilltop."

THE DOORS SWING OPEN ON THE HILLTOP

"O God, we give this property to Thee, asking that Thy power and Thy glory may come into it just now and abide forever." This was the prayer offered by evangelist Seth C. Rees at the dedication of God's Bible School's campus, Wednesday, September 26, 1900. It was held in connection with the "Salvation Park Autumnal Holiness Convention," which had opened the night before under the direction of the school's founder, the Rev. Martin Wells Knapp.

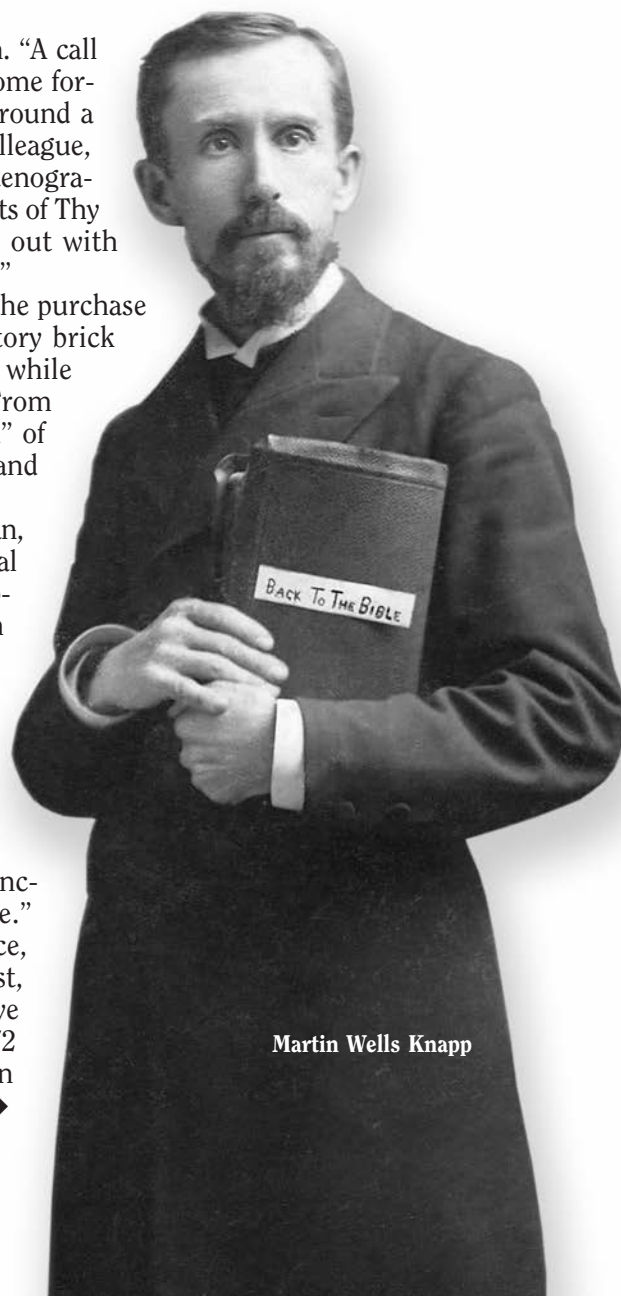
"Fourteen ministers and evangelists were present, as well as many close associates, students, and friends of the Bible school," notes Lloyd R. Day in his GBS history, written in the 1940's. "The capacity of the buildings was taxed to the limit, and there was already a great need for additional buildings." Services were held in the main building's ornate double-parlor, which had hastily been turned into a chapel.

According to *The Revivalist*, the dedication service began at 8:00 p.m. "A call was made for those who wished to dedicate themselves to the Lord to come forward. Two responded" and knelt with "Brother and Sister Knapp . . . around a small table upon which lay the Holy Bible." Rees, Knapp's friend and colleague, then led the congregation in earnest prayer. Fortunately an unnamed stenographer wrote down his words: "We give this property to Thee for the interests of Thy kingdom... where Thy people may receive such power as to send them out with more than multiplied energy to minister Thy truth all over the world."

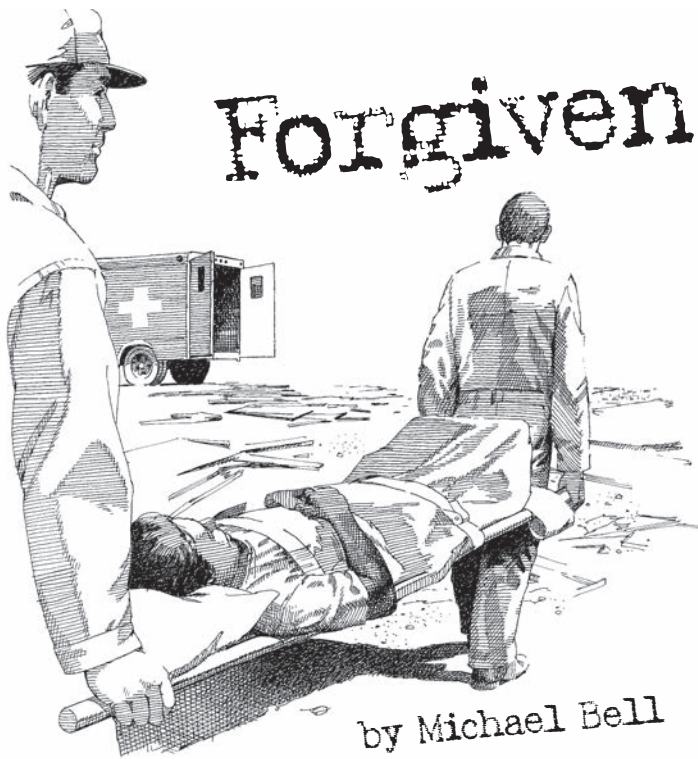
Only weeks before, Knapp, a fiery Methodist preacher, had arranged the purchase of the two acres and two buildings for the sum of \$20,000. A three-story brick mansion contained rooms for offices, classrooms, as well as the chapel, while the wood-frame house behind it could be used for sleeping quarters. From the beginning it was clear that this all was the "magnificent obsession" of Knapp, described by A. M. Hills as "a little bundle of nerves and brain and heart, all alive and on fire for God and holiness."

Eight years before, he had come to Cincinnati from Albion, Michigan, bringing with him an expanding publishing ministry, which included several books from his facile pen, as well as *The Revivalist*, a vigorous monthly publication which he had established in 1888 and whose circulation had grown to around 20,000. In the Queen City area he quickly became a catalyst for widespread holiness renewal, organizing public meetings, preaching at revivals, and starting inner city rescue missions. *The Revivalist* continued to give him a national voice of great influence. In its edition of June 21, 1900, he announced his plans for a "training school... where the Bible will be the main book studied" and where "the Holy Ghost, its Author, will be acknowledged Superintendent and Interpreter..."

According to a later account, that opening convention was "one of unction and power" with people "claiming victory at every service." Presumably, Rees--described as "a John the Beloved, with unction, grace, and power"--shared the pulpit with Knapp; and William and Mabel Hirst, the first missionaries ever sent out by GBS, were present to say goodbye before leaving for Africa. "Recitations" began officially the next day for 72 students who had enrolled for a term of 40 weeks without vacations. In addition to the Bible, they were to study grammar, orthography, (p17) ➡



Martin Wells Knapp



by Michael Bell

Devastated, I stood in shock, momentarily unable to move. Coming from the crumpled ruin of the automobile came a faint voice. "Please, somebody, help me." The woman's agonizing plea brought me back to the reality of the situation that my mind still did not want to believe. I ran to my cell phone and dialed 911. I ran back to the accident site and then back to my cell phone again, this time to call my pastor. Did I ever need someone at a time like this! I was starting to fall apart. Then I saw the condition of the driver of the wrecked vehicle; the greatest fear I had ever known overwhelmed me. I grabbed the shoulders of an older man who had walked up to the scene and I hung on for dear life.

When I heard the paramedic call for the coroner, my worst fears were confirmed. The driver had been killed on impact. Thank God the police officer was sensitive to my trauma as he helped me to the front seat of the police car. Speechless, I handed him my wallet. Instead of proceeding with his work, he paused and began to pray for me. You cannot know the impact of that prayer. I sensed the gentleness of God—He was looking out for me even at a time like this.

That morning of March 7, 1995, was very grey. I had been on my new job as a salesman for about a month. I left the office to make a call on a potential customer at about 10:30. Considering the weather, I drove with what I thought was extra precaution. I approached a hazardous intersection in our community with great care. I still remember looking both directions twice, paying particular attention to a tractor-trailer coming from the south. I thought all was clear as I eased out into the intersection. To my greatest horror and disbelief a car, seemingly coming from nowhere, glanced off the front of my

van and headed straight into the path of the tractor-trailer. My first thought was "this can't be real!!!" I continued through the intersection and parked my van, which had incurred very little damage. The other car, however, had impacted the rig with tremendous force, bouncing off the front of the truck like a toy.

For many days I was suspended in a state of agony. What had I done? What *could* I have done? What could I do *now*? What about the family of the victims? Even before I had opened my eyes that next morning, I was plagued by the thought that I had sent a man into eternity! I later received some comfort when I learned that the deceased man was another preacher. At least I had the hope that he was enjoying the light of eternity rather than the eternal night and torment of the lost.

Still, I ached inside. I wanted to express my sorrow to the family. What could words do? I did not know, but somehow I wanted to communicate. My pastor made the contacts and set up a meeting with the family. They were keeping vigil at the hospital where their mother, the other occupant of the car, lay in intensive care. (Thirty-five days later she, too, died.) I will never forget the words of the oldest son, Eric. I still cling to them till this day.

He looked at me and said, "My daddy would not want the devil to get any glory out of his death. You're forgiven."

Forgiven!! This had been his father, yet he was forgiving me! I had never heard sweeter, more welcome words. The devil cannot win over forgiveness.

Even though I still suffer from the awful memories, what a load has been lifted by forgiveness! Many today carry a burden of guilt, and many are carrying the weight of an unforgiving heart. Ephesians 4:32 gives an answer: "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." ■



Evangelist Michael Bell pastored for fifteen years and is a part time missionary to Russia.



by Ben Durr Jr.

“All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men...” (Matthew 12:31)

I know of no subject more haunting than that of the “unpardonable sin.” So frightening is the thought that often a mere discussion or sermon on the topic leaves one shaken in spirit, perhaps wondering if somehow—maybe unwittingly in a moment of levity or idleness—he or she may have crossed the point of no return and drifted beyond the reach of God’s mercy.

Having recently reviewed this “hard saying” of Jesus, I was again reminded of the pressing need to *clearly define* for the sake of such conscientious souls the exact nature of the unforgivable sin. The importance of this cannot be over-stressed. The context of Jesus’ statement is one in which informed religious leaders dismissed the obvious work of the Holy Spirit as being demonic in origin. Their offense was calculated and specific. Knowing better, they declared the Holy Spirit which was at work in Jesus to be a devilish spirit! John Wesley, among others, insists that this —“neither more nor less”—constitutes the unpardonable transgression.

Sadly, our functioning definition of the unpardonable sin has been sometimes broadened to include persistent grieving or quenching of the Spirit. This goes beyond what Jesus said. It has been occasionally suggested, even directly asserted, that one who resists or ignores the Spirit is in danger of being abandoned by Him forever. Haunting illustrations of others who resisted the Spirit, never to be spoken to again, hang funeral crepe over an increasingly dismal picture. Consequently, hyper-sensitive people—people who may well have been guilty of grieving the Spirit by past actions or inactions—fall easily into confusion, sometimes despair.

Now it must be said with great emphasis that it is a serious matter to quench, grieve or trifle with the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, deliberate and prolonged grieving of the Spirit can result in hardness of heart which can, in turn, render one insensitive to the Spirit’s workings. This condition of spiritual dullness or deadness can then *seem* like one in which God has departed.

But Scripture assures us that God is always calling. The problem is we can render ourselves incapable of hearing. Someone in this situation is in real spiritual peril, to be sure, but *there is yet hope* if such a one will throw himself upon the mercy of God and retrace his prodigal steps! But the point is that *such a one has not met Jesus’ specific criteria* of the unpardonable sin.

This brings us then to a bright and happy note in an otherwise dreadful text, and a note that is consistently overlooked. Jesus prefaced His ominous warning with a hope-filled promise: “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men.” What cause for rejoicing! Excepting a vary narrowly-defined act (knowingly attributing the works of the Spirit to the devil), our Savior authoritatively declares every sin to be forgivable. What more could He say to the despairing soul? “Every sin may be forgiven.” Hear it! Believe it! And, thankfully, among the list of “forgivable transgressions” are the sins of grieving and quenching the Spirit, as lamentable as they are. You have His Word on it! ■

CATCHING THE WINDS OF THE SPIRIT

by Daniel R. Glick

I am brought to consciousness by the sounding of my alarm. I turn over and push my body out of bed, overcoming the urge to lie down again. I stagger into the bathroom where I turn off the alarm. As I push sleep out of my eyes with a warm washcloth and proceed to dress in the soft light, I am aware that what takes place in the next hour or two will determine the fate of my day.

I go to my place of solitude and stillness. Here, in the morning calm, I meet with God. I talk with Him, read His Word, carefully marking the passages that speak to me and my situation. Then I talk with Him again. I unburden my heart, and He listens. I speak of personal struggles and desires, of family concerns and ministry burdens. I ask for His blessing. I praise Him for His help.

While not fully comprehending, yet I understand that something is happening. In my mind I see an eagle in the morning light. It is seeking a thermal, a rising warm current of air which is the result of the morning sun heating the ground mass below. The eagle does not flap its wings but only extends them. As it rides the wind to an elevated place in the heavens, it is now in a position of new advantage. From this lofty place it can see more ground, and fly higher and longer. When the time comes to dive on its prey, it can plummet with great speed.

Now I perceive that something like this is happening to me. The winds of God's Spirit are lifting me

effortlessly upward. I merely extend my soul-wings by prayer and meditation, and they cause me to catch the divine updrafts. Now I am rising to a new position of power, vision, and grace.

Experience has taught me how difficult and even futile it is to find this advantage point without my quiet time with God. I struggle with simple tasks; I react to irritations; my spirit is disordered; my heart lacks vision and direction. I flap my wings, but at the end of the day, I know that I have remained earthbound; I have traveled a short distance. The weight of living has overcome my feeble strength.

But today is different. I can feel myself soaring aloft. The air here is clean and crisp. No earthbound objects are blurring my vision. I breathe deeply and feel the composure of His lovely presence. I am riding the free wind of His Spirit, and I already know that today will be something like a holiday, because the energy for living and working will be His and not mine.

"Lord, let every day be like today."

"My son, they will be if you seek my Divine updrafts." ■

Daniel Glick, a freelance writer for various periodicals, pastored for fifteen years and works with Calvary Mission in southeast Ukraine.

NEWS FROM THE HILLTOP

President Michael Avery has announced the following additions to the GBS faculty and staff for the 1999-2000 school year:

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kenneth Farmer, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean. He returns to his alma mater after an absence of ten years. Most recently he has served as academic dean at Kansas City College and Bible School. For further information, see Summer 1999 *Revivalist*.

COLLEGE

Dr. Marcia Davis, principal of Wesleyan Christian Academy, Dayton, Ohio, will serve on the adjunct faculty with rank of full professor. An alumnus ('76 BA) and former faculty member at GBS (1982-1989), she holds the degrees MEd and EdD (1989) from the University of Cincinnati.

Miss Laura Ellison, assistant professor, teaching secretarial and business classes in the General Education Division. She will also serve as Director of Admissions. She holds the degree BS in Business Education from Concord College, West Virginia (1999). Miss Ellison replaces Mr. Phil Collingsworth, former Dean of Enrollment Services, who has returned to his full-time music ministry with his wife, Kimberly, and children.

Miss Deanna Wolf, GBS alumna ('98 BA in Christian School Music Education), full-time instructor in the Division of Music. She will teach music history, music theory, applied violin, applied piano lab, and introduction to music education. She received the degree Master of Music in violin performance from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1999).

HIGH SCHOOL

The Rev. Paul Alexander, instructor of Spanish in both high school and college. He holds the BA in Biblical Education with a major in missions from Hobe Sound Bible College (1979). He and his wife Linda (see below) have spent twenty years in missionary service and have been GBS missionaries in Belize. Most recently Mr. Alexander was administrator of the Latin American Bible Institute, a training center in Texas for Hispanic ministers.

Mrs. Linda Alexander, instructor in typing. She holds the BA in Biblical Education with a major in elementary education from Hobe Sound Bible College (1979).

Mr. Michael Bird, instructor in high school with occasional college teaching duties. He holds the BS in Music from Union Bible College and the BS in Math and Physics from Eastern Michigan University (1999). He is the brother of college professor Mark Bird.

ACADEMY

Mr. Timothy Crater, teacher of general music and band classes. He is a GBS alumnus ('89 BA in Christian Music Education) and served for ten years as music teacher at Liberty Bible Academy, Cincinnati.

Miss Germaine Hobelman, 7th and 8th grade instructor. She holds a bachelor's degree from Hobe Sound Bible College and has served as a missionary teacher with FEA for seventeen years.



STAFF

Mr. Keith Waggoner, student recruiter with the office of admissions. He is a GBS alumnus (BA '99).

Mr. Craig McLaughlan, maintenance. From Gratz, Pennsylvania, he has been the sole proprietor of a construction business and brings to GBS a strong background in plant maintenance.

GBS SALUTES ALICE WEINGARD

Mrs. Alice Weingard, GBS librarian, administrator, and professor, resigned her campus positions in June in order to join her husband in Colorado, where he has received new employment. Mrs. Weingard has served twice on the GBS faculty, first from 1969-1971 and then from 1989 until the present. She holds two graduate degrees, the MS in Education and the MS in Library Science.

At GBS she has been head librarian, chair of the Division of Christian Teacher Education, and classroom teacher, and has also served on the college Academic Committee. "It has been a joy to work with her," comments Professor Garen Wolf. "She was a hard worker and a team player. I will miss her smile and greeting when I walk into the library."

"Students have learned to respect Mrs. Weingard for her combination of intense academic demands and sincere motherly concern," according to the 1998 *Hilltop*, the school yearbook which was dedicated to her. "She has earned the love and admiration of scores of students who have responded to her strong professional competence and sterling personal character... Much of her spare time (if it could be called such) is spent in maintaining a warm atmosphere in her home and in keeping a well-stocked kitchen to 'mother' homesick students."

Directing the GBS library this year in place of Mrs. Weingard will be Mrs. Judie Burton.

JON PLANK JOINS *REVIVALIST* AS GRAPHIC DESIGNER

"We are pleased to welcome Jon Plank to our staff," comments Larry D. Smith, editor of *God's Revivalist*. "Jon is a talented young artist and an earnest Christian, and he will make a valuable contribution to our ministry." Plank and his wife Alicia join the GBS campus family, where he will serve as graphic designer for the Revivalist Press, assisting art director Kevin Moser, and also as production assistant.

The son of the Rev. Harry and Rachel Plank, he is a graduate of Penn View Bible Institute and has been employed in the public relations department of his alma mater, doing graphic designing and secretarial work. He is married to the former Alicia Phoebus, also a PVBI alumna, who is a Registered Nurse and the daughter of Don and Nona Phoebus, missionaries to the Navajo. Jon's father is general superintendent of God's Missionary Church.

"God's Bible School has always been special to me," Jon comments. "For as long as I can remember, I have felt like GBS would someday become an important part of my life. It is amazing to see how God is making this a reality. Alicia and I are grateful for the opportunity to share in this exciting time of God's Bible School's history."(p19)➡



Alice Weingard



Alicia and Jon Plank

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, vital statistics, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist family," and brief news notes from across the holiness movement. Items for inclusion in the "Revivalist Family" should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Stay in touch with GBS! Send an update of the latest activities in your life to the Alumni Office, God's Bible School, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210. Call (513) 721-7944, Extension 267 or e-mail alumni@gbs.edu. We'll do our best to keep an updated data base as a resource for you.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 73 YEARS LATE!

Lenos Bereman Perry, Cloverdale, Indiana, is a high school graduate at last—73 years late! Mrs. Perry, now age 90, attended GBS classes from 1922-1926, but left school three weeks prior



to graduation. But she never forgot her happy days on the Hilltop; and finally on May 10 of this year, she returned to the campus for the first time. Surrounded by 17 family members and this year's high school seniors, she received her diploma from Principal Paul Clemens. "I cannot tell you how much my visit to GBS means to me," she says.

Warren G. Harding was President of the United States when she boarded a train in Indianapolis for Cincinnati. Only 13 years old, she was sent to GBS by her mother, who had learned of the school from two of its former employees who boarded in the Bereman

home. "For most of her nearly four years at GBS Lenos was the youngest student," notes her daughter, Mrs. Phyllis J. Orman of Indianapolis. "From the beginning Brother Meredith Standley and his wife befriended her, and she was a frequent guest in their living quarters."

She has fond memories of President Standley speaking in chapel, singing a duet with her at a funeral, participating with students in sledding fun during



winter and then offering them hot chocolate in his home afterwards. "Father-figure, mentor, teacher, or friend—whatever Meredith Standley was to Lenos Pauline Bereman—they formed a loving, lasting Christian bond." Whenever "Lenos relates stories that include Brother Standley, a light comes to her eyes and a smile on her lips."

She also recalls algebra, Latin, and geometry classes; "junior theology" in which she memorized a great deal of scripture; and activities in choir, where she sang alto; and orchestra, where she played violin. Classes were held on weekdays, except that Saturday morning was substituted for Monday morning. In the dormitory, a warning bell for "lights out" rang at 9:45 p. m., and fifteen minutes later, the electric power was turned off. GBS's famous Thanksgiving dinners are also etched firmly in her memory.

But shortly before her graduation ceremony, she returned to Indianapolis in order to participate in a friend's wedding as maid of honor. Instead, "Lenos herself became a bride, and there was a double wedding," her daughter comments. Lenos eventually became the mother of six children and now has 15 grandchildren and 19 great grand-children. During the Depression she became a



telegraph operator; and then after an interval as homemaker, she worked in banking for twenty years. She has served as a church pianist, organist and choir member, and is also an accomplished seamstress.

"I am enormously proud of my mother," adds Mrs. Orman. "She has been a Christian all of her life and has lived a life of accomplishments. The education she received at God's Bible School served her well." Mrs. Perry, a widow for 33 years, lives alone with pleasant memories of her long-postponed GBS graduation. "I hope I will be able to visit the school again before I die; but if not, my thoughts and prayers are with you."

Editor's Note: Mrs. Lenos (Berman) Perry may be contacted at 9283 S. County Road 425 E, Cloverdale, Indiana 46120.

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CORRESPONDENCE

"I am writing to give a report on the group that was sent to represent God's Bible School at our camp. I cannot begin to tell you the blessing they were to us, not only in terms of music, devotions, and team leaders, but also in the spiritual atmosphere of the camp. David Fry's devotionals were inspirational, and Elizabeth Schenck and Donna Downing did a wonderful job with the youth choir. We would be thrilled to have another group come back next year."—**Stephen Cassady, Central Friends Youth Camp, 6060 N US 31, Columbus, Indiana 47201.**

"My wife and I have had the *Revivalist* all of our married life. She passed away August 22, 1994. Her name was Maraleen Taylor when she was a student at GBS in the mid-thirties. My first contact with the *Revivalist* was at a neighbor's house in Lima, Ohio, [when] I was only about eight or nine years old."—**The Rev. H. R. Burkett, 1233 West Main, Portland, Indiana 47371.** Mr. Burkett includes a picture taken of his wife when she was a student at GBS.—*Editor.*

"I am a family of four generations which have received the *Revivalist*. I do not know how many years my father received it. I am 83 years old and will have been married 61 years soon. We received the *Revivalist* soon after we were married. My daughter and also my granddaughter receive it. I do enjoy the writings in it and the change in the last few years."—**Mrs. Ruth E. Lloyd, 528 Spencerville Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526.**

"I am a former student (1939—1941) and the granddaughter of Lew Standley. Lillie Standley was my mother. She married LaRue Park in 1917. I am also the grand niece of Bessie and [former GBS President] M. G. Standley. I think GBS is the greatest school."—**Mrs. Luella Highlander, 416 Broad Street, Falmouth, Kentucky 41040.**

"I am a former student (1981—1985) and staff member. My years at GBS were so rewarding and fulfilling. I did not get to graduate because I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I am now married to David L. Gross. We attend the Bible Missionary Church in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, where David is the Sunday school superintendent, and I teach the children's Sunday school class. We do special singing and have a children's club at a low-income development. Physically I am doing pretty well, and the Lord is always there on my good days, but is even nearer and more precious on my bad days. I must wear a brace to assist in walking, but praise God, I'm able to walk."—**Mrs. Karen (Rickard) Gross, R. D. #1, Box 97, Frenchville, Pennsylvania 16836.**

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MISCELLANY

GBS continues active contact with its alumni. Alumni photographed with President Avery in the Rio Grande Valley are (left to right) **Margaret Eversole Velasquez, Linda Wright Sheilds, front row; Ramona Bailey Lemire, and Jeff**



Lemire, back row; Campus Pastor Edsel Trouten was photographed with a group of alumni attending



services at the 1999 GBS camp meeting.

Special mortgage burning ceremonies were held June 27 at the Westport, Indiana, Wesleyan Church, honoring the liquidation of the indebtedness on the church sanctuary. Pastor is the **Rev. Dr. Mark Eckart** ('83 BRE), former GBS faculty member. His wife is the former **Debbie Jones**, also a GBS alumna ('83). The church is also listed as second among the "top ten churches for numerical gain" in the Indiana South District.

Mark S. Stetler ('98 ThB) has resigned his position as Dean of Men at God's Bible School and College to accept the pastorate of the Church of God (Holiness), Fort Scott, Kansas. His wife is the former Kathryn Bittinger ('97 BA).

The Rev. Robert Bickert, who served on the GBS faculty 1987-1990, and his wife Karolyn (Kay), GBS dean of women 1987-89, are serving with Wesleyan World Missions in the Philippines as teachers at Rosales Wesleyan Bible College and as consultants for education, church growth, and evangelism to

the Wesleyan Church of the Philippine General Conference. Mr. Bickert has notified us of the following family information: (1) Their grandson **JonMark Nelson Bickert** was born July 17, 1998, to **Timothy** (1990 GBS HS) and **Cathy Bickert**. They reside in Fort Collins, Colorado; and (2) His son **Mark Andrew Bickert**, D. O., Lt. US Navy, who attended GBS as a college student 1986—87, was stationed as flight surgeon for the Pegasus Squadron at the Kaneohe Marine Air Station in Hawaii in February.

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MARRIAGES



Sonya Johnson to Gary Seniva, June 25, Altamont Bible Holiness Church, Altamont, KS. Sonya is the former production assistant of the Revivalist Press.

Stephenie Eudora Clemens to Philip Mark Brugger, June 19, Muncie, Indiana.

Julia Ann Brown to Timothy Ray Fleener, June 26, West Plains, Missouri.

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BIRTHS

To **Christopher and Miriam (Smith) Fruhling**, a son **Christopher Joshua**, July 6, Kearney, Nebraska. Maternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Larry D. Smith (editor of the *Revivalist*).



To **Thomas and Sherri Bickert ('89 HS) Raven**, Wilmore, Kentucky, a son **James Robert**, June 9. Sherri, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bickert (see "Miscellany" above), received the degree MA in Missions and Evangelism May 23 from Asbury Theological Seminary. Her husband, who graduated with the same degree in 1998, is employed by the seminary.

To **Paul ('98) and Susanna (Slone) Pilmore**, a daughter, **Anna Alexis**, May 14, Lawley, AL.

To **George and Margaret (Wallace) Gidisa**, twins, a son, **George Fuya II**, and a daughter, **Sarah Elizabeth Wayaf**, June 29, Anderson, Indiana.

To **Chih-Jen (Robert) Chi and Chun-Lin (Ivy) Chiu**, a daughter, **Ya^-Yun (Rachel Robert)**, June 25, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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DEATHS

The **Rev. Daniel M. Hershberger**, 90, of Lakeland, Florida, died November 9, 1998. Born on a farm near Sugar Creek, Ohio, he was converted in a tent meeting at which the Rev. E. E. Shelhamer was the evangelist. He married Tressa Marie Casey, and together they moved to Canton, Ohio. He made his living as a machine operator for the Hoover Company. In the 1930's he came to God's Bible School; and after studying for the ministry, served several churches in Ohio.

He was a member of the Light and Life Free Methodist Church, Lakeland, where funeral services were held. Survivors include his wife, Tressa; one son, W. D. "Dusty" Hershberger; two daughters, Gayle Lake; and June Benson; a brother Earl; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Amy Lynn (Helsel) Knipmeyer, 29, of Cherryvale, Kansas, died June 3, 1999, as the result of a traffic accident while she and her family were vacationing in South Dakota. The crash also claimed the lives of a daughter Laura Mae, age two, and an unborn son.



Mrs. Knipmeyer was a 1990 graduate of God's Bible School and College and Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati. She was married to the Rev. Joseph "Jay" Knipmeyer, September 9, 1995. She attended the Bible Holiness Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was pastor. She was employed as a Registered Nurse at the Tulsa Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, who was seriously injured in the accident. Funeral services for Mrs. Knipmeyer



and Laura Mae were held at Mount Sinai Chapel, Blue Knob, PA, Pastor Donald Hughes officiating.

The Rev. Ina E. (Mitchell) Shreve McVey, 89, veteran missionary, died May 25, 1999, at Hobe Sound, Florida. Born in Atlanta, Louisiana, she was converted at the age of seven and at eleven was called to be a missionary to China. After graduating from high school and Kansas City Business College, she was employed by the J. C. Penney Company. She was greatly revived in heart during a tent meeting held by Wesleyan Methodist ministers and through their influence enrolled at God's Bible School and College.



While at GBS she experienced the blessing of entire sanctification and settled her call to missionary service in China. During summers she led evangelistic teams representing the school and held revival meetings. In 1930 she graduated from GBS and did a year's graduate work. It was at GBS that she met Harry L. Shreve, to whom she was married August 8, 1934. In November they sailed for China to begin missionary service under the Oriental Missionary Society; and it was there that their only child, Raymond L., was born August 14, 1941. They remained in China until 1949 and then spent a year in missionary service in the Philippines. In January 1952 Harry and Ina Shreve founded Evangelical Wesleyan Mission, Inc., under which they worked as missionaries in Cuba until forced out by the communist regime of Fidel Castro.

In 1963 the Shreves began operations in Key West, Florida, ministering to Cuban refugees fleeing from the oppression in their homeland. Over the next 25 years a church, a school, and a ministry to US military personnel developed. This also became a home base for many missionary operations both in the US

and abroad. In 1964 the Shreves established a conservative holiness work in Taiwan.

Harry Shreve died in 1982, and in 1987 Ina married Ezra McVey, a former GBS schoolmate. In 1995 she moved with her husband to Sea Breeze Manor, where she lived until her death. Funeral services were at Hobe Sound Bible Church, the Rev. Paul Pierpoint and the Rev. James O. Poe, officiating, with interment in Fernhill Memorial Gardens, Stuart, Florida.

Editor's Note: GBS proudly honors the life and ministry of this noble alumna who so faithfully and for so long exemplified the school's commitment to Christ's kingdom and its advance. Ina Shreve was one of those students of GBS upon whom "the sun never sets." Praise forever to the living Lord who so beautifully glorified Himself in her!

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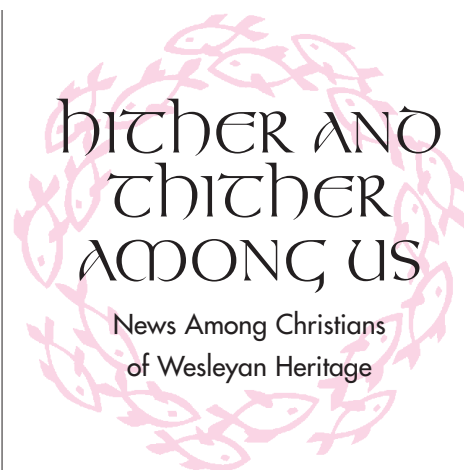
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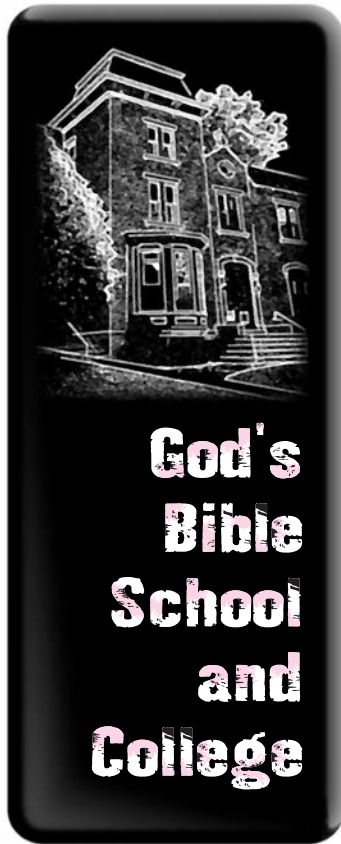
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Qty.	Number	Speaker	Title
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___	CM9902	Humble, Rev. R. G.	The Presence of God
___	CM9903	Taylor, Dr. Wingrove	All God's or Nothing - Part I
___	CM9904	Camp Meeting 1999	Music Tape #1
___	CM9905	Cravens, Rev. Mark	The Preaching of the Cross
___	CM9906	Durr, Rev. Ben Jr.	Seek Ye First... (Baccalaureate Service)
___	CM9907	Taylor, Dr. Wingrove	All God's or Nothing - Part 2
___	CM9908	Taylor, Dr. Wingrove	Components Of A Christian Communion - Part 1
___	CM9909	Humble, Rev. R. G.	A Pure Heart
___	CM9910	Cravens, Rev. Mark	A Fresh Encounter With God
___	CM9911	Camp Meeting 1999	Music Tape #2
___	CM9912	Taylor, Dr. Wingrove	Components Of A Christian Communion - Part 2
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___	CM9914	Humble, Rev. R. G.	Conscience
___	CM9915	Taylor, Dr. Wingrove	Components Of A Christian Communion - Part 3
___	CM9916	Humble, Rev. R. G.	Going to Jerusalem
___	CM9917	Cravens, Rev. Mark	Loving Your Neighbor
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Ninety-nine years have passed since Seth C. Rees prayed that God’s “power and glory” would come upon the new Bible school and “abide forever.” GBS has now entered its one hundredth year; and Knapp’s brick, three-story mansion remains the administrative center of its campus. That ornate double-parlor where it all began—certainly one of the most significant historical sites in the holiness movement—still welcomes students to a school determined to send them “with more than multiplied energy to minister” God’s “truth all over the world.” ■

The clipping at right, taken from *The Revivalist* of October 25, 1900, depicts the opening of God’s Bible School; below is a photograph of the William Hirst family as it appeared in an early *Revivalist*.



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ESTATE PLANNING TO AVOID NURSING HOME SPEND-DOWN

Bill and Mary Smith, a fictitious couple, lived comfortably on their farm in central Indiana, which had been purchased just after the Depression for \$4,000.00 at approximately \$20.00 per acre. Because of its location close to an Indianapolis “bedroom community,” the Smith farm became prime real estate for developers.

Bill and Mary had declined several lucrative offers because of their love for their farm. Then one day, Bill’s doctor gave them some bad news. Bill had colon cancer and it seemed to be spreading rapidly. Bill’s last days were spent in an endless cycle of chemotherapy and rest. Finally it ended with Mary and the family at his side.

Since Bill and Mary had lived in Indiana, their property was owned in joint tenancy with the right of survivorship, which is also true of most other states with the exception of California and Wisconsin. Consequently Bill’s share of the estate passed on to Mary without a problem. Bill and Mary even had a will that stated this as their desire. Probate court did not even get involved because the laws of Indiana provide for the right of survivorship.

Mary’s children began to have concerns for their mother’s safety and urged her to think about her future. As their mother’s health began to decline, they urged her to sell the farm and move in with her daughter. They soon discovered the family farm had become a veritable gold mine because of skyrocketing real estate values.

A stroke, however, made it necessary to consider other options for Mary before the farm could be sold. While she was incompetent and unable to handle her affairs, Mary’s children had to take the legal steps necessary to get a conservatorship for their mother. This gave them the right to handle her affairs and make decisions in her behalf.

After a lengthy hospital stay, Mary was moved to a local rehabilitation center. While there, Mary regained some of her communication skills and understood that her children has a conservatorship for her. She agreed that they should sell the farm and use the money to provide for her care, especially since nursing home care was looming on the horizon. They found out that there would be problems with Medicaid if Mary’s assets were above the specified level.

A developer was found and Mary’s estate was soon increased by \$800,000.00 (200 acres x \$4000.00/acre). Now a new problem arose—capital gains taxes to the federal government. Because the value of the Smith farm had increased from \$4,000.00 in the 1930’s to \$800,000 in the 1990’s, Mary’s estate was assessed taxes amounting to between \$40,000 - \$50,000.00.

Mary’s estate is still worth over \$750,000.00 when her personal effects are added. We will work with the amount from her real estate sale only. Nursing home costs will now be assessed against this amount until Mary’s assets are low enough for Medicaid benefits to begin paying for her care. The *1999 Medicaid Desk Reference* says that the average nursing home rate for Central Indiana is \$3,422.07 per month. Mary’s estate will have to ➡

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PRESIDENT AVERY CONFERS WITH CAYMAN ISLANDS OFFICIALS

President Michael Avery recently visited GBS alumni in the Cayman Islands and spoke at Wesleyan Christian Academy. At that time he met with leaders of the Cayman government to discuss funding assistance for students attending GBS. The photograph at right records that occasion. Pictured left to right are the following: The Hon. John Jefferson, member of the legislative assembly; The Hon. Truman Bodden, Minister of Education and Development, as well as the government leader; President Avery; The Hon. Tom Jefferson, Minister of Tourism, and Custom Officer Garfield Powery.

Christian values remain strong in the islands. Business houses are closed on holy days, and there is discussion of closing them on Sundays. As widely reported in the press, the government refused recently to allow a cruise ship to dock or its passengers to visit the islands because of their homosexual activity. For many years GBS has had a cooperative relationship with the islands. The founder of the West Bay Church and many other missionaries were GBS alumni.

Pres. Avery with Cayman Islands government officials



BRIEFLY NOTED: We are pleased to report the following GBS-related marriages: (1) **Lorene Faye Frederick to N. Keith Waggoner II**, June 19, Cincinnati, Ohio. Both are employed by the school, Lori as a music teacher and Keith as student recruiter; (2) **Sonya Gayle Johnson to Gary N. Seniva**, June 25, Altamont, Kansas; (3) **Julie Elaine Wetherald to Daniel Stephen Ayars**, July 3, Greenville, Ohio; (4) **Bonnie Lou Wayman to Brian Linus Wells**, July 10, Binghamton, New York; (5) **Vanette Elizabeth Pile to Jeffrey Alan Moore**, July 10, Shelbyville, Indiana; (6) **Brenda Diane Englund to Aaron Christopher Herring**, July 31, El Dorado Springs, Missouri; (7) **Donna Lee Ferguson to Demetrius Kevin Wildgoose**, August 14, Nassau, Bahamas; (8) **Ashley Elizabeth Marshall to Shane Alan Ash**, August 21, Lake Placid, New York; (9) **Dorcas Renea Arnold to Philip Douglas Bishop**, August 21, Cold Springs, Kentucky; (10) **Ioan (John) Dulau to Loretta Rae Montgomery**, June 19, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. ■

➡ pay \$41,064.84 each year until her assets are low enough that Medicaid will begin to pay for her care. Her estate will experience a major spend-down effect if Mary lingers for several years, which is quite possible.

The area of estate planning should be referred to qualified estate planners and attorneys specializing in Elder Law. It would be quite possible to minimize and in some cases eliminate these losses to Bill and Mary's estate. Proper estate planning while they were still in control of their affairs would have made a drastic difference to Bill and Mary Smith and their heirs.

I believe it is wise stewardship of our God-given resources to make certain our assets go to support our families and God's Kingdom work. I would encourage all the Revivalist Family to contact the Estate Planning office at God's Bible School and College for help in their estate work and to include GBS in their beneficial giving.

I believe this should be done by everyone before any final eventualities become realities. We wisely prepare for eternity, but God commends those who provide an inheritance for their children's children. ■

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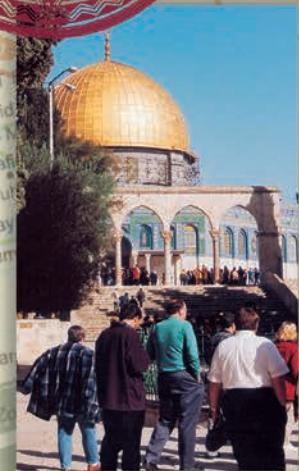
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of David and David's city; Warren's Shaft and Hezekiah's Tunnel; Pool of Siloam; Bethany - Lazarus' tomb; Bethpage - route of the Triumphal Entry; Mount of Olives and Gethsemane; Qumran - where the Dead Sea scrolls were found; Masada and the Dead sea; The Oasis of Ein Geddi; The famous outdoor model of Jerusalem; Bethlehem - Shepherds' fields and Church of the Nativity; Akeldama; Ain Rogel; House of Caiaphas; Shrine

of the Book and Israel Museum; The Knesset; Mt. Moriah - Dome of the Rock and El Aksa Mosque; Old Jerusalem - Temple Mount Institute, Wailing Wall, and Temple Mount area; The Via Dolorosa and Church of the Holy Sepulchre; The Garden Tomb - Gordon's Calvary where we will have a communion service; Pool of Bethesda; Emmaus Road; Valley of Elah.

The tour will be hosted by GBS President Michael Avery and Ministerial Division Chair Dr. Allan Brown. **Total cost for the trip is \$1,659.00.** This includes round trip flights between Chicago and Tel Aviv aboard El Al; two all-you-can-eat buffet meals per day; all taxes and tips. **A non-refundable deposit of \$200** is required by October 1, 1999. The remaining amount is due by January 10, 2000. The tour is limited to fifty people. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from Chicago. **For more information or to make reservations call (513) 721-7944; ask for Vanessa Heppard at ext. 202.**



Teach them the importance of hard work

Proverbs 6:6-11: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."

Teach them how to recognize a "naughty" person and avoid him

Proverbs 6:12-14: "A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers: Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord."

Teach them never to mock their parents

Proverbs 30:17: "The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it."

Teach them that their actions reflect on their parents

Proverbs 27:11: "My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me."

V. ADVICE ON TEACHING CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

Teach them to fear the Lord

Proverbs 3:7: "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."
Proverbs 8:13: "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."

Proverbs 15:16: "Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith."

Teach them to memorize God's Word and meditate on it

Proverbs 3:1: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments."
Proverbs 7:1: "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart."

Teach them the importance of trusting God

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Teach them the importance of guarding their mind from evil

Proverbs 4:23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Conclusion:

I hope these principles from Proverbs will give you a "jump start" in continuing the process of developing Biblical truths to teach your children and grandchildren. Why not make your own list of timeless truths from each book of Scripture as you read through the Bible?

—Sermon outline by Dr. Allan P. Brown



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PARENTING PRINCIPLES FROM PROVERBS

Scripture: Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Introduction:

In our last message, we saw the importance of training our children according to God's way. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 indicates there are four strategic times each day parents are to teach their children: (1) when they get up; (2) when they travel together; (3) when they sit together; and (4) when they go to bed.

What should parents be teaching their child during these four God-appointed times each day? I have selected a few principles from Proverbs to serve as a guideline for the types of things you should be teaching your children. I hope this list will help you get started and that you will make your own list of timeless biblical truths for teaching your children.

I. ADVICE ON COUNSEL

Teach them that Dad and Mom are their best source of wisdom

Proverbs 1:8: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

Proverbs 13:1: "A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner *heareth* not rebuke."

Teach them the danger of rejecting Dad and Mom's counsel

Proverbs 15:5: "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."

Proverbs 15:32: "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that *heareth* reproof getteth understanding."

Teach them to consult the Lord when making plans

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge [know] him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Teach them the importance of seeking godly counsel

Proverbs 24:6: "In [the] multitude of counsellors *there is* safety."

Proverbs 11:14: "Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety."



Teach them to receive correction with a proper attitude
Proverbs 10:8: "The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall."

Proverbs 19:20: "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

Proverbs 10:17: "He that refuseth reproof erreth, is brutish, despiseth his own soul, and shall die" (12:1, 15:32; 15:10 - combined)

Teach them that punishment should make them wiser

Proverbs 21:11: "When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge."

II. ADVICE ON BUILDING CHARACTER

Teach them to recognize wrong and to have the courage of their convictions to stand alone

Proverbs 1:10: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

Teach them the way to honor is humility

Proverbs 15:33: "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility."

Teach them always to be honest

Proverbs 12:22: "Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Teach them that laziness is wrong

Proverbs 10:26: "As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the slug-gard to them that send him."

Proverbs 18:9: "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster."

Teach them to watch their words

Proverbs 10:19: "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

Proverbs 17:28: "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

Proverbs 21:23: "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

Teach them the power of their words

Proverbs 18:21: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Teach them to give a gentle answer in the face of wrath

Proverbs 15:1: "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

Teach them to have integrity

Proverbs 11:3: "The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them."

Teach them that a godly reputation is a priceless possession

Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Teach your daughter to be gracious
Proverbs 11:16: "A gracious woman attains honor."

Teach your daughter discretion

Proverbs 11:22: "As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion."

Teach them that cruelty is wrong

Proverbs 11:17: "The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh."

Teach them to be patient and control their anger

Proverbs 14:29: "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalbeth folly."

Proverbs 15:18: "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute."

Proverbs 16:32: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Teach them that their actions show who they are

Proverbs 20:11: "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."

III. ADVICE ON HOW TO VIEW SIN AND SINNERS

Teach them that only wicked people think wrong doing is fun

Proverbs 14:9: "Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor."

Teach them not to envy sinners, because God's curse is on the sinner

Proverbs 3:33: "The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesteth the habitation of the just."

Teach them not to envy sinners or desire their company

Proverbs 24:1: "Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company." (NIV)

Teach them that God will destroy the possessions of sinners

Proverbs 14:11: "The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish."

Teach them not to rejoice at the misfortune of evil

Proverbs 24:17-18: "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth. Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him."

IV. ADVICE ON A CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW

Teach them the value of education

Proverbs 1:22: "...fools hate knowledge."
Proverbs 18:15: "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge: and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."

Teach them to be certain of the facts before accusing someone

Proverbs 3:30: "Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm."
Proverbs 18:13: "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

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COSTA RICA

Alberth Ugalde has been appointed leader of the national church sponsored by Friends of Missions. Missionary Rex McDowell has just returned to the U.S. after a visit to Costa Rica.

NEBRASKA

Linda Sturtevant, returned missionary from Ukraine, is in residence with her husband Steve in Beaver City,

where she is recovering from multiple bypass heart surgery. Her progress is encouraging. Their son Jason and his wife Joanna are now in Ukraine for missionary service.

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Prayers are requested for the Melvin Adams family. Their van was robbed while they were on a recent trip, and later their son Nicolas suffered a serious fall. ■

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➡(p3) pastor who was carelessly voted out of his church and left to pick up the pieces of his shattered future and heal the wounds of his embittered children. I thought of a senior saint forced into a lonely nursing home. I thought of a faithful administrator suffering the terrible pains of burnout and deep depression from having given all to advance God's kingdom. I thought of a young wife left alone with two small children after the tragic death of her husband. I thought of a young teenage girl trying hard to live for God in a godless environment, who brutally lost her virginity to a wicked stepfather's incestuous behavior.

Like Job, each of these people have journeyed down the treacherous path of pain and to the dark places of sorrow and suffering and can't understand why. Perhaps each of us can identify with Job. None of us are strangers to discouragement and despair. We, too, battle with the painful question: Why? The real question is not why, but how do we respond? Do we just give up and quit? Do we become bitter and turn our backs on both God and man? The answer, of course, is a resounding NO! The great lesson learned from the book of Job is that we have a heavenly Father who can and does bring triumph out of trial and blessing out of brokenness. Job teaches us that God has a way of using suffering in our lives to make us better. Someone has said that it is doubtful that God can use any man greatly until He has hurt him deeply. Suffering has a way of seasoning and sanctifying the soul like nothing else we will ever experience in life. The tragic marriage and personal suffering of Hannah Whitehall Smith became the seedbed out of which grew unbelievably rich and blessed devotional writings. J. B. Phillips, who is well

➡(p5) external, the other is experiential and internal. Both are essential, and both are by the Spirit, who testifies of Jesus in the Word and then brings Him to our hearts. He records the miracle of the Incarnation in the one and affirms it in the other.

For Jesus who came graciously to dwell among us dwells graciously among us yet. Once He walked our streets, heard our cries, and wept our tears. For us He came; for us He died; for us He rose again. For us, too, He ascended to the Father. But He never really left us; and still He walks our streets, hears our cries, and weeps our tears. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you," He promised (Jn. 14:18); and by this He meant that the Holy Spirit would make Him as near to us and as dear to us as to those He touched in old Judea. "He will glorify me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you" (Jn. 15:26), He added. Always the Spirit is doing this; and at every turn of the road, He confronts us with the crucified and risen Lord.

So it is the Spirit who brings Jesus Christ to us, and it is also the Spirit who brings us to Jesus Christ. Since we are rebels, proud and stubborn, He battles with us

known for his beautiful translation of the New Testament, lived in a constant struggle against depression. His biographers wrote of him, "He knew anxiety and depression from which there was only temporary release. For a period of fifty years he had to cope with psychological disturbance and dark depression. And while he never lost his faith in God, he never ceased to struggle against mental pain." William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, came to a point more than once in his ministry that he was so drained and dried out that he wanted to quit and get some respectable job that would keep him and his wife Catherine going. William Booth, however, is remembered by the Salvationists as a tower of strength, a man of abounding energy and unrelenting in his warfare against sin. Behind the scenes, though, we see a glimpse of his humanity and his being subject, as we all are, to depression in the face of exhaustion and hardship.

The secret to all of these people's successful lives and the secret to your success, is simply in "going on" when life is difficult. They kept their faith in Him who knows what's best.

Are you under great stress and facing deep suffering? Are you under great pressure beyond your ability to endure? Are you discouraged? Are you asking questions that seem to have no good answer? You are in good company. The great saints who have gone before you did too.

Life will afflict all of us with trouble and pain. We will all be tempted to turn and run or to give up and quit. Life will tumble in someday for all of us; but when it does, just keep holding on and keep going on. Victory and unspeakable blessing will be yours in the end. ■

about our treason; and this is called *conviction*. Since we must regret our sins and then renounce them, He leads us to repentance; and this is called *contrition*. Since we must be restored to Heaven's favor, He brings us to pardon and new birth, and this is called *conversion*. Jesus now begins His holy, gentle life within us; and this life, initiated by the Spirit is also nourished by the Spirit. Always it is God the Spirit who is the bond of union between us and God the Son, even as He also is the bond of union between the Persons of the Triune but Undivided Godhead. It is in this role that He continually seeks to deepen our fellowship with Jesus and renew our life in Him.

In the Holy Word declared with power; in the means of grace received with joy; in the love of friends and in the lives of saints; in the whisper of prayer and in the round of duty; and in the sacred acts and solemn silences of the congregation, the Spirit glorifies the Son, who draws near to us as we draw near to Him. Always the Spirit is opening such doors into transcendence for us; but there are others, too, sometimes in most unexpected places. But wherever He opens them, light glimmers through to us from paradise; and in that light Our Lord Jesus comes to beckon us.

For many sensitive, yearning souls, the rich imagery of art, symbol, architecture, and music is such a door. As we know, all truth belongs to God; and so likewise, all beauty belongs to Him, who is Himself the essence of what is beautiful and true. All beauty—whether in heaven or on earth—is but a revelation of His own; and the beauty here is only a reflection of the beauty there. Perhaps to lure us to Himself, He has placed within us a love of beauty; and He has also equipped us with the creative urge to replicate it. We do not know what opportunities are in heaven to perfect that urge, but certainly our best efforts here are feeble and incomplete. Yet they are intimations of the glory which awaits us; and even now the Spirit uses them as points of access between the world below and the world above.

Remember the swelling music of J. S. Bach, who so often signed his scores "*Sola Gloria Dei*"—for the glory of God alone. Recall Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World," that noble painting in St. Paul's in which Jesus knocks upon a door long closed against Him. Picture a graceful spire pointing up to heaven and raising the Redeemer's cross upon the smudged and sooty skyline of the most secular and savage of our cities. Does not the Spirit use these as mighty links to Jesus?

Or think of Zion Chapel, and its glowing window. Never shall I forget my own, dear mother weeping as she gazed upon that splendid glass. But her weeping was not sad, but joyous; and her heart was filled with longing for Him; and as her longing met His own, He did step out of that stained-glass window to enfold His aging dear one in His strong and loving arms. That was long ago, and Mother is not aging now; for she has passed into the

light where there are no calendars to count the years. Does she recall His coming to her in Zion Chapel? Perhaps someday I shall think to ask her; but what is more important is that He who was real to her then is more real to her now.

Yet for millions He stays imprisoned in the arched and colored windows. He is splendid there, and He is invoked at weddings or at funerals; but He is no more relevant to daily life than Washington and Lincoln, all framed and matted on the schoolhouse wall. Like them, He is a distant hero, much admired but mostly disregarded. This stained-glass Jesus elicits sentimental feelings; and sometimes He is used like a rabbit's foot to ward off suffering and distress. But to those who think of Him like this, He is merely a flitting shadow—not at all the real, flesh-and-blood Saviour who strides manfully through the gospels and still thrusts Himself into the rhythms of our lives.

Consider also those whose sin is not to disregard Him but to distort Him. They talk constantly of Jesus, memorize His words, and argue about their meaning. But He is never real to them, for they have no conception of who He really is. Glibly they call Him Saviour but will not make Him Lord! This distinction He never lets us make, for He will not be the one unless He also is the other. They sing about Him, pray to Him, and say they love Him greatly. But they have no serious intention of taking up His cross to follow Him in loyalty and obedience. True, their Jesus makes them comfortable and soft; but He is not the real Jesus who lifts our feet from hell and brings them safe to heaven.

Think, too, of those grim and determined souls who have made Him like themselves—narrow, rigid, and severe. Theirs is a particularly ugly caricature of Him, not at all like the winsome friend of sinners who came to us by Mary's womb. These are sincere and serious about religion. But, alas, it is mostly an empty routine of dutiful performance, rigid codes, and heavy burdens; and there is none of the gladness which the gospel promises or of the faith which it provides. This is Christianity without Christ, and it is mean and monstrous. For Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us"; and if His gospel means anything at all, it means that He is with us now and that He will be with us forever.

Out on the Nebraska prairies Pastor Dahl is sleeping near the graves of those he served; and nearby, Zion Chapel towers above the buildings which surround it. Above the altar is that stained-glass window in which Jesus Our Redeemer opens His arms to us. In that lovely sanctuary He still is ready to step out of the beautiful glass to those whose longing meets His own. But then everywhere He is doing that; and always it is by the Spirit, who in countless ways is determined to make Him real. ■

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HOMECOMING '99

October 8 & 9, 1999

on the campus of God's Bible School

Friday, October 8

7:00 pm

Keynote Concert (Adcock Chapel)

8:00 pm

Homefest (Gymnasium)

8:00 pm

Alumni Reception (Dining Hall)

Saturday, October 9

8:30 am

Continental Breakfast (Dining Hall)

10:00 am

Alumni Recognition and Reflection

**(Adcock Chapel) *We will be honoring
the high school and college
graduating classes of 1974***

11:00 am

Looking Ahead (Adcock Chapel)

12:00 pm

Buffet Luncheon (Dining Hall)