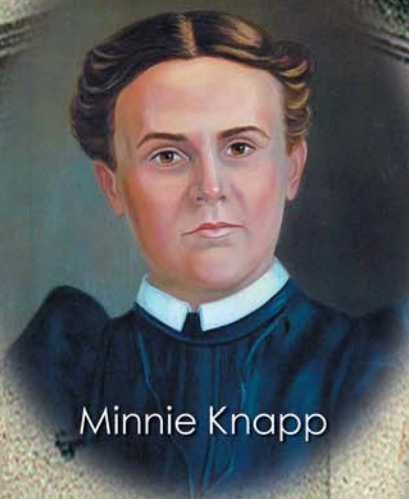


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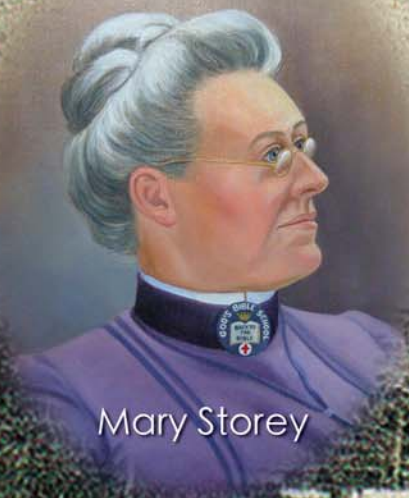
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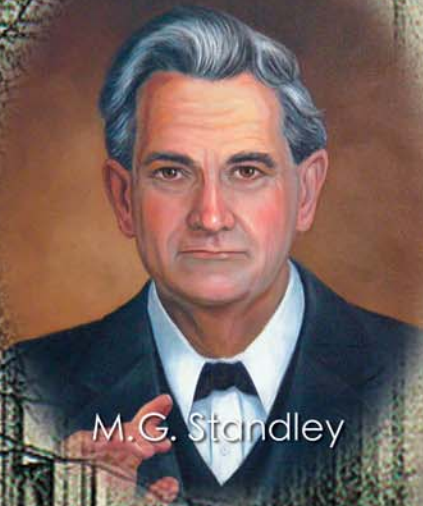
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“If You Seek Their Monument...”

the editor's view



LARRY D. SMITH

IF YOU SEEK THEIR MONUMENT

These remarks, presented here in condensed form, were given by your editor on June 15 at campus services dedicating new portraits of early GBS pioneers (see p10 for further information).

St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was the magnificent accomplishment of Sir Christopher Wren, who gave 35 years to its construction. When for the last time, the great architect laid down his pencils and his compass, he was buried amid the dazzling beauty which he himself had created. In the crypt of St. Paul's you can read this tribute upon his tomb: "If you seek his monument, look about you."

We say the same of those GBS pioneers whose portraits we now dedicate to the glory of God. Decades have passed since they left the "Mount of Blessings"—as they loved to call this bit of land on the slopes of Mt. Auburn. But the legacy of their love and labor remains an imperishable monument, not only here but also in a thousand other places where boys and girls from God's Bible School have taken the love of God in Jesus Christ.

This campus itself remains a tribute to them. GBS still centers on the original two acres and two buildings which they helped Martin Wells Knapp buy 105 years ago this summer for 20 thousand dollars. Much still remains here as they envisioned it. To the north is President Standley's "Great House of Prayer"—still our chapel and men's dormitory, erected during the early months of 1930 at the heart of the Great Depression.

To the east stands the Revivalist Memorial Building, housing the women's dormitory, for generations the Revivalist Press, and now our K-12 Aldersgate Academy. Built in the early 1920's of 300,000 bricks—costing 13 cents each—around a concrete skeleton and reinforced with steel rods, it was an engineering "marvel," according to famous Methodist evangelist Joseph H. Smith, who added: "When Jesus comes, He will be pleased to (p22)➡"

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the president's page

FINDING GOD IN A BARBER SHOP

by Michael R. Avery, president

We have a knack of looking for God in the wrong places. The Wise Men searched for the Christ child in the plush palaces of the capital city of Jerusalem, only to find Him in a humble home in lowly Bethlehem. The mighty Roman legions looked for God in the glory of Rome and its Caesar, but one soldier found him hanging on a cruel cross and acknowledged that “truly this was the Son of God.” Pilgrims have traversed the globe seeking Him everywhere from Vatican City to Mecca. Even holiness people ramble about the country looking for Him in the wind, fire, and earthquakes of camp meetings and conventions, while more often than not, they find Him in the still small voice of a silent moment or the sermon of an unpretentious, unknown pastor back home.

I forget this lesson occasionally, and God has to remind me that if I don't pay close attention, I too will miss a sacred opportunity to see Him. He has used my good friend Oscar to teach me this lesson again.

Oscar Johnson has been a barber in the Cincinnati area for over forty years. He is a quiet, gentle, and unassuming man who is liked by everyone. He has enjoyed perfect health, not missing a day of work for sickness in 43 years. This May, however, a few sharp pains in his back led to a diagnosis of stage-four cancer. It was so advanced that immediate surgery had to be performed to stabilize the lower vertebrae so that his back would not collapse. It was all so sudden that it left everyone breathless and bewildered—everyone but Oscar. After six hours of extremely dangerous surgery, he told his family, “This has been a wonderful day. My family and all those I love have been here together today.”

My wife and I visited him the day after surgery. I was praying on the way to the hospital that I would say the right things to encourage him. But when I walked into the room, there was no depressed mood or sad face. Oscar was beaming—literally smiling from ear to ear! He said, “Oh, Brother Avery, the insurance policy I took out with God 40 years ago works! Every promise is true. He is working out every detail. I'm in a WIN-WIN situation.”

The outpouring of concern has been overwhelming. His customers span the religious scale from Catholics to Buddhists and Muslims to Protestants. They have written over two hundred cards and have made at least a thousand phone calls. Why? Because Oscar has left a clear witness for Christ to everyone who has sat in his chair. A Muslim medical doctor was so impacted by Oscar's life that he asked Oscar the secret to his happiness. This was a chance for Oscar to gently point him to Jesus. The doctor brought his father from Iran to meet Oscar so he could see “the happiest man in the world.”

I could also tell you of college students, professors, lawyers, business leaders, and even a Hell's Angels-type rebel, all who were drawn to Oscar's bedside to stand for a few moments in the presence of a man who showed them Christ by the very life he lived.

My family visited Oscar last Saturday. With tear-filled eyes we listened to his closing words, “Brother Avery, whatever way it goes, I'm still a winner. God has wonderful things in store for me!”

So many people in the world long to see Jesus, and God is always faithful to reveal Himself. I caught a glimpse of Him last Saturday in a hospital bed. And I can tell you about a lot of men who saw Him and found Him in a barber shop, cutting hair. ■



Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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SECOND-CLASS CHRISTIANS

I deeply appreciated [Rev. Richard Miles'] article [Mending Nets: "The 'Shocking' People In Our Pews"] in the summer issue of *God's Revivalist*. What you said about divorce and remarriage really struck a chord in my heart.

My husband and I were converted in a holiness church one year after we married. We both had previous marriages, and I had a child during mine. We were doing well until someone told my husband we were living in adultery. From then until now, he has struggled with that issue.

Our pastor has given us counsel that we should stay together and raise our children. We now have four young children. My husband grapples with the surety of his salvation in general; a diagnosed emotional disorder adds to this problem. For years, he has sought God at every altar he can get to. My husband and I sleep in separate beds unless temptation becomes too great for him, so we are not completely abstinent, but very closely so. We have read many commentaries, studied many of the church fathers' works, and counseled with many godly holiness ministers. We both have prayed in earnest about this situation and feel that we are doing the very best thing we can do.

The church we attend is very supportive of us, and I deeply love and appreciate our pastor. However, the legislation of the church prohibits us from many areas, such as membership or teaching positions. I have an honest call of God for a music ministry. I am allowed to sing at the church, but I must sing from the floor and not the platform. It is very difficult not to feel "second-class," as you put it in your article.

I know God wants us in the holiness movement. I just wish it weren't so isolated (p21) ➡

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.

CHINA. "On May 30th, 2005, Brother Jiang Wenxiong walked out of prison in Ningbo, China, to be reunited with his family and friends. He spent almost exactly five years in jail, and during this time never saw his little daughter, although within the last year he'd been allowed monthly visits by his wife. In 2000 he was arrested and later sentenced to seven years imprisonment for 'illegally' printing Christian materials. He served almost five years of that term and was released early. Please pray for Brother Jiang and his family as they readjust to life together and as they seek God's will for His direction for them for the future." —John E. Knight, email

COLOMBIA. "Leticia lies at a point on the Amazon River where three countries, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, come together. There are still tribes untouched by outside culture. The governments that claim jurisdiction subscribe to a United Nations treaty that prohibits evangelization; but if invited, outsiders are allowed to render health services. Our 'Pure Water' wells project has given us access to many 'indigenous peoples,' and right now we have five invitations to come into villages and drill wells. That means five previously closed doors are now opened to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each well costs \$2000. We need your help, and we need it now." —Raymond Shreve, *Missionary Beacon*

COSTA RICA. Phillip (GBS '96 BA MinEd) and Heather (Bryan) (GBS '97 BA CM) Dickinson are enrolled in language school studying Spanish in preparation for missionary service. "The Lord willing, this is just a year-long preparation for Colombia," they write. "It's work to cross this language bridge. God has (p6) ➡



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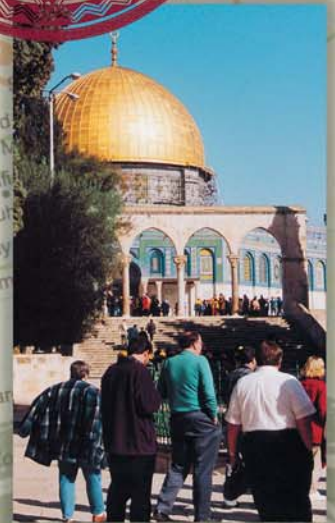
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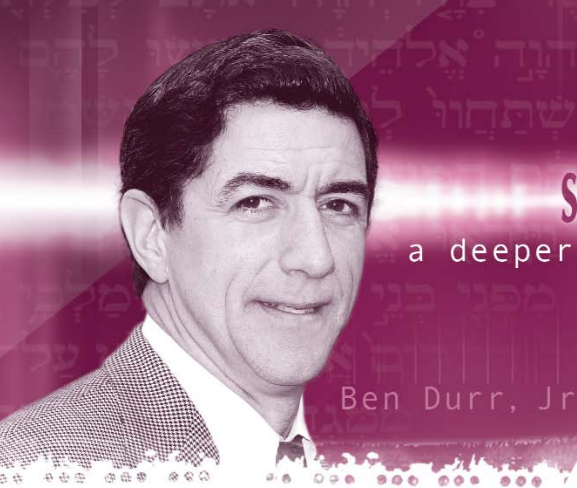
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SEPTEMBER 2005



Ben Durr, Jr.

SECOND THOUGHTS

a deeper look at Scripture

LITERARY CLUES TO THE UNITY OF SCRIPTURE

I once preached a series of services during which a godly matriarch regularly testified. I couldn't help but notice a particular "catch phrase" that slipped into her oration over and over. It was something along the lines of "I'd like to say...." Almost instinctively, she would preface sentences with this little trademark phrase: "I'd like to say that Jesus saves me"; "I'd like to say that He sanctifies wholly;" etc. By the end of camp, if every testimony had been written out, I could have immediately identified hers based on this unique feature.

Most of us have similar verbal or literary habits, and so did some writers of Scripture. Furthermore, picking up on these "catch phrases" helps to establish the credibility of certain books of the Bible. Two very important Old Testament books immediately come to mind—Genesis and Isaiah.

Genesis has long been a target of skepticism among non-conservative scholars who do not believe the book was written by Moses, but rather that it is a "patchwork" of various traditions derived from multiple sources that were passed down over time. Their idea is that some unknown author or authors, much later than the time of Moses, stitched these various stories together into an awkward document that is called the book of Genesis. The net effect is that the credibility and authority of the book is ultimately compromised.

But there's this little "catch phrase" that crops up ten times in Genesis: "These are the generations of...." While we might overlook this seemingly inci-

dental idiom, it would not have slipped by ancient Hebrew readers any more than a preacher announcing "this is point two" would slip by us today. The strategic and logical placement of these words throughout the book forms a natural, internal "outline" and supports the idea of Genesis being a single, unified document written by a single author.

The second example is the precious book of Isaiah, a favorite target of skeptics, who have denied that Isaiah wrote chapters 40–66 of the book that bears his name. The spectacular predictions in this section of Scripture could not have been written before the fact, but had to be written "in Isaiah's name" after the fact, they say.

However, in addition to other rebuttals, there is to be considered the matter of the unique expression "the Holy One of Israel." Like the little lady who testified, Isaiah has also left his literary fingerprints with the use of this special name for God. Outside his book, this expression only appears six times; but within the book of Isaiah it is used 26 times! And, as you might expect, it is used equally in both supposed "parts" of Isaiah, strongly implying that the author of "part one" was also the author of "part two."

While I appreciated the substance of every speech given by the dear little lady mentioned at the outset of this article, what she didn't know was that the incidental verbal framing of her testimony also spoke to me, and reminded me once again that there are very good reasons to trust the integrity of God's Word. ■

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

➡(p4) recently given us some key Colombian contacts."

GHANA. "Robert and Marsena Pelton request prayer for their six churches in the north. A recent trip to encourage them found groups of new converts worshiping under a tree (or the stars) or a partially finished church building. These groups are 'shepherded' by national converts. At Gaani the new converts had an all-night of prayer the Friday before the missionaries arrived." —*Ropeholders*

HONDURAS. A Missions Helps work team under the direction of Dave Weaver has installed a new roof on EFM's Light and Life medical clinic in San Luis. With local help, Delbert Reynolds, a professional welder from Colorado, welded eighteen 39-foot-long metal rafters in preparation for the work of the 13-member team. The clinic is an essential Christian ministry and remains open day and night, offering treatment and medicine for local residents. —*Missionary Herald*

INDIANA. "Would you please pray for us? We have been embattled to say the least. Our Hispanic congregation is facing a serious challenge. Our Stranger Project continues to be hindered by a lack of help. We need both skilled and non-skilled laborers every Thursday, Friday or Saturday. It is in quiet times (of which I have had many these past few days) that I am reminded again of God's message, 'Just be my child.' I cannot do anything lasting about the killings in our neighborhood or the depravity on our streets. All I can be is His child. Through a miracle of His grace, He can change hearts, bring conviction, expose evil, and drive back the darkness. He can still work miracles, and He is our only hope." —*Eric Himelick, Victory Inner-city Ministries, Indianapolis, Email Newsletter* ■

PAUL D. WOLFE NEW DIRECTOR OF ADEP

by Dr. Ken Farmer, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Paul D. Wolfe is only 34, but he's been director of internal audit for a junior college system, director of a junior college branch campus, and comptroller/CFO of a public university. In addition, he's an evangelist, church administrator, vice president of a missions board, college graduate, husband, and father.

He's also GBSC's new Director of the Aldersgate Distance Education Program, succeeding Drs. Lottie and Charles Tryon, who brought ADEP into existence four years and have retired this spring. In this interview P.D. shares his vision for ADEP.

FARMER: Paul, tell us how your experiences have prepared you for your new position.

WOLFE: They have given me a unique look at the management of higher educational institutions. I trust that God will help me translate what I have gained in the public sector to benefit the ADEP initiative.

What is your vision for ADEP and how does it fit in the mission of God's Bible School and College?

GBSC exists to provide training for those ministering in Christ's church, and ADEP is an innovative way to do that, especially for those who don't have the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate education by traditional means.

How will ADEP use modern technology to deliver instruction?

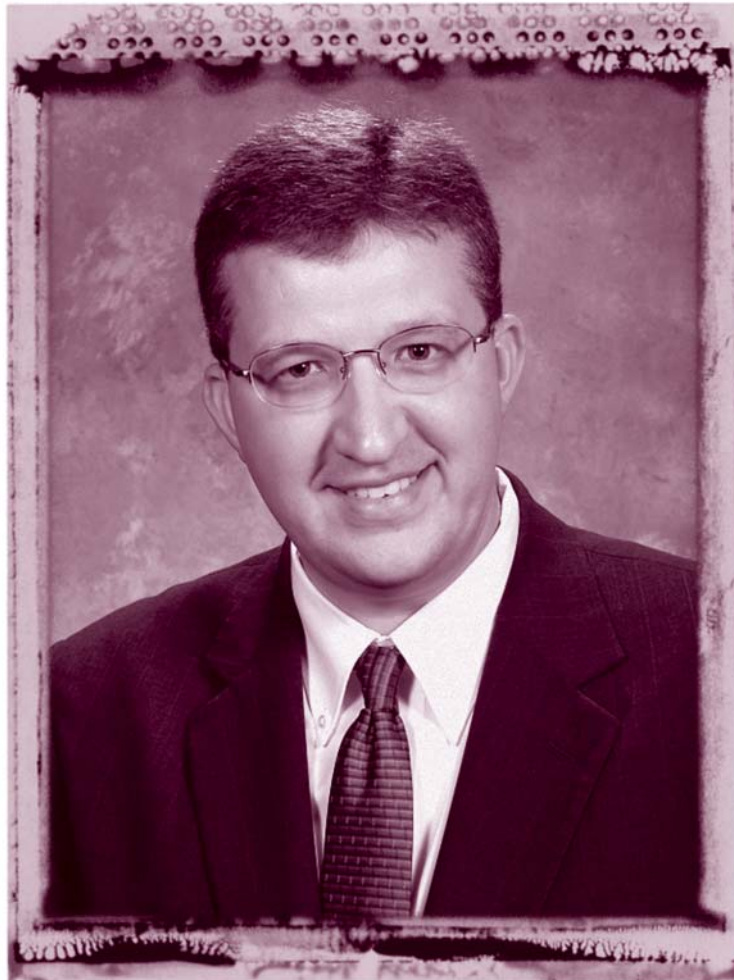
Technology can never replace a traditional classroom. But for students who cannot avail themselves of campus programs, modern technology enables us to deliver a "virtual classroom" experience. We want to develop streaming media, dedicated chat rooms, on-line library resources, and other available tools.

What are some of your long-term goals?

We want to see all degree programs for which distance education is feasible offered through ADEP. We also want to form an "Aldersgate Community," where training resources will be available for pastors, lay leaders, and Christian educators. This includes workshops and seminars, printed materials, certificate programs, and other educational materials.

How do you intend to market ADEP?

We intend to be at ministerials, conventions, and camp meetings. We hope to work with church leaders to



identify pastors and others who would benefit from ADEP. We plan to utilize mail, the internet, and other forms of advertising. We will contact former GBSC students who haven't completed their programs of study. As people find their lives impacted by our program, they will tell their friends about it. Happy students are still our best advertisement!

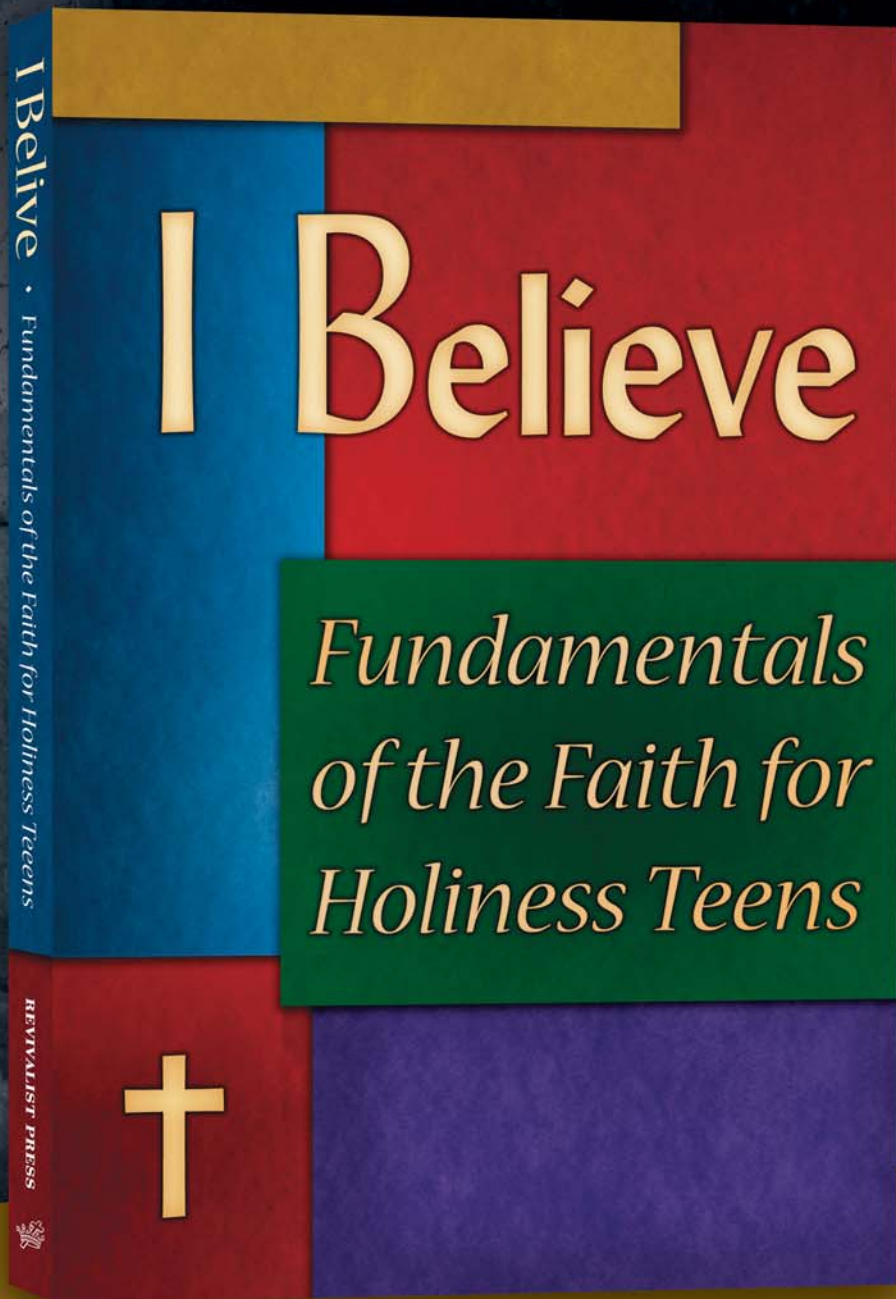
What really excites you about working with ADEP?

First, I'm excited that I will be working with the GBSC community at large and with the campus family in particular. I'm excited that ADEP can meet a real need in conservative holiness circles. Many pastors want a college degree but have not been able to complete one, and many lay leaders want additional training. I believe that God has given this burden for GBSC to carry for the benefit of our entire movement.

Would you tell our readers about ADEP's new home?

After GBSC's high school is relocated this fall, we'll move into new facilities in the east wing of the floor just above the Adcock Chapel. This remodeled area will consolidate our office and work space, give us two classrooms where classes may be videotaped and a room for production and duplication. Our new home will offer a warm welcome for all our ADEP students. ■

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ALUMNI BALLOTS ✂ 2005

Steve Mills

Rev. Steve Mills attended GBS from 1979-1984, graduating with a BRE degree. Steve is the son of Rev. Paul Mills and the late Louise (Asher) Mills. His father has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1980. While at GBS, Steve met and married Karen (Foster) Mills. They have been married 23 years and have six children: Brandon (who is a senior at GBS and travels with Assurance Quartet), Ryan (a GBS sophomore), Phillip (a GBS freshman), Bethany, Stephen, and Tyler. Steve pastored the Wesley Chapel Wesleyan Church in Greensburg, Indiana, for five years. Following this he served pastorates in East Worchester, New York, for two years; and Lake Placid, New York, for ten years. Steve currently is the associate pastor for the Loveland (Ohio) Wesleyan Chapel and also serves on the Alumni Executive Council.

Deron Fourman

Rev. Deron Fourman graduated from God's Bible School High School in 1985 and went on to finish college on the Hilltop in 1990. He pastored the Bible Methodist Church in Fairmont, West Virginia, for nine years and then began the Bible Methodist pioneer work at Port Clinton, Ohio, where he continues his pastoral ministry. For 11 years he was the youth camp president for the Ohio Bible Methodist Conference. He and his wife, Kimberly (Jewett), have been married for 17 years and have three children: Alex, 13; Courtney 9; and Kaitlyn, 6.

Paul Clemens

Paul Clemens graduated from the GBS high school in 1976, and from its college in 1981 with a BRE. While a student, he traveled with both the college choir and a school quartet. He also served as president of his college class. He met and married the former Robyn Myers. They have two daughters, Rachael and Beth, the latter of whom is a GBS student. Paul served as high school principal for one year at the Tunkhannock Christian Pilgrim Academy and for four years at the Covenant Christian School in Indiana. He was minister of music for the Wesleyan Bible Holiness Church in Summitville, Indiana for one year. From 1990 to 2002 he served as principal of the GBS High School. He currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, and serves on the Alumni Executive Council.

Jeffrey Moore

Jeffrey Moore attended GBS from 1996 to 2000 and graduated with a BA in Ministerial Education. He left GBS to pastor the Fairmont, West Virginia, Bible Methodist Church, where he remained until 2005. He recently accepted the position of associate pastor at the Shelbyville, Indiana, Bible Holiness Church. While at GBS, Jeffrey served as student ministerial association president for three years. He is married to Vanette (Pile), a 2000 GBS graduate, and has two daughters, Grace and Rebekah Mae.

David Hilligoss

David Hilligoss is a 1975 graduate of the GBS High School. While at GBS he was a member of the high school choir, served as senior class vice-president, and worked with the nursing home ministry. A resident of Arcadia, Indiana, he attends the Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church, where he is Sunday school superintendent, teacher of the Young Adult Sunday School Class, and a member of the church board. He is employed as a machine operator in manufacturing by Best Access Systems. He and his wife Connie, the former Connie Collingsworth (GBS '78 in Music), are parents of three children, Janella, Brandon (presently a GBS college junior who travels with Assurance Quartet), and Justin. David is presently a member of the Alumni Executive Council.

Rob Ryan

Rob Ryan is a 1999 graduate of GBS with a BA in Music Education. While a student, he was active in the college choir, SWSE, men's quartet, and Student Council. After graduation he obtained a BM in Music ED and MM in Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Rob is currently a public school music teacher with the Little Miami School District and serves as Minister of Music for the Christian Nation Church. Rob and his wife, Stephanie, ('99 GBS graduate, BA in Music), have a daughter, Samantha.



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Since the spring of 2004, GBSC has been engaged in the process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements for accreditation. Pray with us that God will continue to help us as we get things ready for the team visit September 19-21.

—Dr. Kenneth Farmer,
Vice President for Academic Affairs

NEWS

from the Hilltop

DEDICATION SERVICES FOR NEW PORTRAITS

President Michael Avery conducted services June 15 to dedicate portraits of four GBS pioneers, President Meredith G. Standley, Bessie (Queen) Standley, Minnie (Ferle) Knapp, and Mary Storey. Presenting three of the portraits were descendants of President and Mrs. Standley, while costs of the fourth were underwritten by Mrs. Virginia (Means) Arnold (GBS '39 CWC). Painted by Virginia artist Patsy Arrington Dorsett with "oils on linen," the portraits complement others that she has done of GBS historical figures. Ms. Dorsett was present at the services held in the Administration

Building's main hallway.

After the president's opening remarks and the singing of "O for a Thousand Tongues," Kevin Moser, *Revivalist* managing editor, read the Scripture lesson and editor Larry D. Smith gave the address, which briefly explained the contributions of each of the persons memorialized (see editorial, this issue). Several Standley descendants responded, and President Avery offered the dedicatory prayer. The portraits, which are featured on the *Revivalist* cover this month, will be permanently displayed in the Administration Building.

Pictured here are David Standley Park, Dimmitt M. Standley, Patricia Standley Sears, Laurel Santamarina, Jacqueline Sears Goodman, Tjader Meighen, Mary Standley and Alani Santamarina.



STANDLEY DESCENDANTS VISIT GBS CAMPUS

GBS PERSONNEL CHANGES, PROMOTIONS, AND ADDITIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Aaron Profitt, Chair, Division of General Education. Aaron Profitt, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, has been named Chair of the Division of General Education, succeeding Dr. Bruce Campbell, who has



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.



BIRTHS

To **Rodney (GBS '01 BA in MinEd) and Ruth Ann (GBS '01 BA in CE) Jackson**, a son, **Easton Trey Jackson**, born March 18, 2005, Dover, DE.



To **Doug and Dawn (Unsworth) (GBS '86 HS) Manning**, Tupperville, Ontario, a son **Clark Douglas Unsworth Manning**, March 4, 2005.

MARRIAGES

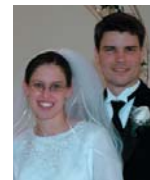
Trisha Ayars (GBS '05 HS) to David Cassity, July 16, Troy, OH, Rev. James Wilson



ll and Rev. Larry D. Smith, officiating. David is a GBS student in the Division of Intercultural Studies and World Missions.

Caroline Bray to Benjamin E. Morris (GBS '05 BA in CE), June 11, Batavia, OH.

Charity Carpenter (GBS '02 AA in TE) to Mark Mullins (AA in GB), May 29, 2005, Whitehouse, TX. Charity is a student at the University of Texas, while Mark graduated May 7 from Le Tourneau University with a BS in Computer Science and Engineering Technology.



Joseph McLaughlin (GBS '04 HS) to Darlene Smith (GBS '04 BA), May 14,

assumed the position of academic dean at Allegheny Wesleyan College. Our other divisional chairs suggested Aaron, and he was my own first choice," explains Dr. Kenneth Farmer, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "But I thought that he needed one more year to get his present office functioning at peak efficiency. However, the more the administration discussed him, the more convinced they were that he was the right person." Profitt will also serve as Assistant to the VPAA.

Lisa Profitt, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Lisa Profitt, Phone Desk / Receptionist, has become Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, succeeding her husband Aaron (see above). "Lisa has been doing a marvelous job in her previous position," comments Dr. Farmer. "She also assisted in project work for Admissions and Financial Aid, and therefore has some familiarity with the responsibilities of that office. It is our intention to create a 'Student One-Stop Center' where students can receive help with a wide range of concerns



without getting shuffled from one office to the next. Lisa will be excellent in making that a reality."

Kristin Bird, Associate Professor.

Kristin Bird, Division of Teacher Education, has been promoted to Associate Professor. In her recommendation, Dr. Marcia Davis stated, "Kristin not only meets the requirements for promotion as stated in the Employee Handbook (III-10), but also has demonstrated exceptional leadership and ability within the Division of Teacher Education." Kristin has taught in the division for eight years and serves as the elementary education Program Coordinator.



Mark Cravens, Instructor.

Mark Cravens is working full-time for GBSC with the unusual assignment that he will teach one class and work full-time on his MA from Cincinnati Christian University. After completion of this degree, he will teach most of our homiletics classes. Mark graduated from Union Bible College in 1986 and has been a



successful pastor and evangelist for 20 years. He and his wife, Teresa, have twin girls who attend college at GBSC and another set of twin girls who will be attending Aldersgate Christian Academy.

Meredith Moser, Adjunct Professor.

Meredith Moser, 2005 GBSC church and family ministries graduate, will be serving as an adjunct professor in the area of youth ministry. He has been involved in youth ministry for 14 years, most recently at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene, Highland Heights, Kentucky. He is working on a graduate degree from Cincinnati Christian University.



Amy Morris, Kindergarten Teacher.

Amy Morris, 2005 GBSC CTE graduate, is the kindergarten teacher in the elementary department of Aldersgate Christian Academy. While a student, she was president of the Christian Teacher Organization and also served as a Student Teaching Assistant for two years in ACA. She also did her student teaching there. ➡



Cincinnati, OH, Rev. Ben Durr, Sr., officiating.



Nichole R. Sechrest to Robert L. Kilgore, June 25, 2005, Meadows, IL, Rev. James Farney, officiating. Robert is a former GBS student ('02-'03), and Nichole is enrolled as a major in the Division of Teacher Education.

Forrest Wingham (GBS '02 HS)



to Rachael Tucker (GBS '99 HS), May 14, 2005, Ft. Mitchell, KY, Rev. Fred Wingham and Rev. Charles Tucker, officiating.

DEATHS

Rufina Dirilo, wife of the Rev. Rojelio Dirilo, pastor and Central Conference President in the Bible Methodist Missions work of the Philippines, died July 27 from an apparent blood clot following heart surgery. She left a clear testimony of victory and grace. Many friends in the United States had contributed to her medical expenses. Rufina had been claiming and quoting the verse from the writings of the Apostle Paul as her testimony, "For me to live is Christ, and to



die is gain!" (Php. 1:21). She has now gained the ultimate prize for the Christian! She has seen Jesus, her Lord, face to face! She has heard Him say, "Welcome home, good and faithful Servant! Enter into the joys of thy Lord!" —Rev. John Parker

Geneve Gladys Kelley, 79, of New Lebanon, OH, and formerly of Athol, KY, died suddenly June 20, 2005. She was a member of the New Lebanon United Methodist Church and was a licensed minister who operated a church mission for a number of years. She is survived by her children, Verna B. Sampson, Rhonda M. Tackett, Donna E. Patty, and Michael E. Kelley; nine grandchildren; eight ➡

Jenny Fikes, Sixth Grade Teacher. Jenny Fikes is leaving the position of Student Recruiter to join the faculty of Aldersgate Christian Academy as sixth grade teacher. Jenny, a 2004 GBSC graduate with a BA in Teacher Education, will continue to serve as Director of the college's Student Learning Center.



Harrold Taylor, High School Teacher. After graduation from the Bible Missionary Institute (ThB, '91), Harrold Taylor served as pastor of the Wesleyan Bible Church and principal of Green Mountain Christian Academy, both in Lakewood, Colorado. He leaves those positions to teach high school math at GBSC. Harrold has always been active in education, even as a student. He was valedictorian of his high school class, graduated from college with a 4.0 GPA, and will soon finish a MEd degree from Liberty University. He and his wife Judy have three daughters, Carolyn,



Tiffany and Bonwyn. The first two will attend ACA.

Stephen Klotz, High School Teacher. Stephen Klotz, new high school Bible and science teacher, attended GBSC (1986-88) working on a degree in music and traveling in a school group. He served as an Evangelical Bible Mission missionary in Ghana, West Africa, for three years (1998-2001), and in this capacity he was president of Evangelical College of Theology. While there, he completed all the coursework for a MA in Religious Studies from Central University College. He has only his thesis to complete.



Due to his wife's health problems, he returned to the States and has been teaching science and math. He has an AA in Math/Science from Tulsa Community College, Oklahoma. For the last two years he has served as a teacher and Head of the Science Department at Shores Christian Academy, Ocala, Florida, and was elected as "Teacher of the Year" at this sizable Christian school.

He holds membership in the National Science Teachers Association. He is a licensed minister with the Bible Holiness Church. He and his wife, Mary (Hamlin), have six children.

Teresa (Fourman) Cravens, Cashier. Teresa Cravens (GBS '81 HS; College '81-85), wife of incoming instructor Mark Cravens, will serve as school cashier. In addition to being her husband's faithful partner in ministry, she has taught piano and worked in a secretarial position for Schmul Publishing Co. She is the mother of two sets of twin girls.



Rachel Ferree, Secretary, Aldersgate Christian Academy. Rachel Ferree will be secretary for Aldersgate Christian Academy. She is a recent graduate of Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina with a BS in Applied Computer Science. In addition to secretarial duties, she will also teach computer in both ACA departments.



REVIVALIST FAMILY

continued

➡ great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and other relatives. Funeral services were held in Beattyville, KY.

Joseph V. Sprauer, 69, formerly of St. Johns, MI, died April 26, 2005, at Harrisburg, PA. For 18 years he served as treasurer of the St. Louis, MI, Wesleyan Holiness Church, of which he had been a member since 1981. He was a long-time supporter of GBS, where two of his daughters and one son-in-law attended. He is survived by his wife Rita; two sons, Mark and Samuel; four daughters, Sheila, Marilyn, Derenda, and Wanda; 12 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz, PA, with the Rev. Timothy Cooley, Sr., and the Rev. Jonathan Heath, officiating.

ALUMNI INTEREST

Rev. Wayne Mahoney, (GBS alumnus '56, '57, and '58), 10 Memory Lane, Milton, KY 40045, writes, "We



have retired from the Milton Wesleyan Church with 30 years of service. We also retired from the Bryantsburg Holiness Camp with 36 years of service. I will be open for revivals, interim, and fill-in work." He and his wife Donna may be contacted by telephone at (502) 268-3690.

"We have recently moved to Waverly, close to our daughter Debbie. Our new address and phone number is as follows: R.G. Humble, 118 Columbia Drive, Waverly, OH 45690; Telephone (740)-941-3182." —R.G. (GBS '46 HS) and Virginia (GBS '46 CWC) Humble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"A Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated Saturday, June 25, 2005, by Elwin and Goldie Joslin of Cedar Springs, MI. Children of the couple are Dennis and

Mandy Mimier, Secretary, Division of Music.

Mandy Mimier returns to campus to work as secretary for the Music Division Office.

Mandy is a 2003 GBSC graduate of the Music Division. She was phone desk/receptionist at GBSC before teaching at Frankfort Christian Academy, Frankfort, Indiana.



Marybeth Brown, Accounts Payable Specialist.

Marybeth Brown has been promoted from the position of Cashier to that of Accounts Payable Specialist. After her graduation from GBSC in 2002 with a BA in Teacher Education, she served as teacher in the elementary department of ACA and later at Independence Bible School, Independence, Kansas. She is also pursuing a MBA degree at Liberty University.



Mark Mander, Student Recruiter and Public Relations Representative.

Mark Mander, a 2005 GBSC graduate with a BA in Min Ed, joins the staff as

Student Recruiter and Public Relations Representative.

Mark, who has traveled with public relations teams representing the school during this past year and summer, is also enrolled in a Master's degree program at Cincinnati Christian University.



Betty Jo Cochran, Aldersgate Assistant.

Assisting P.D. Wolfe, newly-appointed Director of the Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP) is Betty Jo Cochran, who is also pursuing a BA in Church and Family Ministry. She has served in the business office and as assistant dean of women at Allegheny Wesleyan College.



Elizabeth Tyler, Head Librarian.

Elizabeth Tyler, a 2002 GBSC graduate, has been named Head Librarian of the R.G. Flexon Memorial Library. She has worked in the library for the past two years and this summer



received the degree MS in Library Science from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. She is married to Vincent Tyler (GBS '02 AA in Bible and Theology).

Jennifer Eckert, Receptionist / Telephone Operator.

Greeting new campus visitors will be Jennifer (Robison) Eckert, who graduated in May with a GBS BA degree in Church and Family Ministry. She is the wife of Paul Eckert (GBS '04 BA in MinEd).



BRIEFLY NOTED...

Dr. Mark Bird, Division of Ministerial Education, and several students participated in a conference on "Engaging the Culture" with noted Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias May 18 in Cincinnati. "We were able to ask questions of Ravi personally after his presentation. His responses were interesting and thought provoking," according to Dr. Bird. ■



Connie Joslin, Tom and Denise Raisch, Jim and Darla Stroup, Daniel and Tammie Joslin, Darrell and Sherry Joslin, DeWayne and Renee Joslin, and Danella Joslin. They have sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren." —Danella Joslin (GBS '97 AA).

The Wesleyan Church will be conducting its fifth annual Christian writers' workshop, November 11-12, 2005.

Songwriter and author Gloria Gaither will keynote this exciting conference, along with popular writer Keith Drury. Attendees will select from nine skill-building electives as well as intensive, day-long study in one of three areas of writing. For more information call (800) 493-7539 or www.wesleyan.org/writer.

HITHER AND THITHER

The Summer Institute for Missionary Orientation (SiMO) has just celebrated its fifth anniversary, according to Director

Steven A. Mowery. A division of Mission Helps, Inc., SiMO is a missionary orientation program for holiness missionaries meeting in June at Penn View Bible Institute. "Many of the participants are missionary rookies," comments Mowery. "However, quite a few have been veteran missionaries possessing many years of experience. The underlying problem SiMO addresses is the missionary attrition rate." For more information call (570) 837-1855 or (570) 837-3232 or email: Missions@PVBI.edu.

Nina G. Gunter and J.K. Warrick were elected new General Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene at the denomination's General Assembly meeting in Indianapolis, June 9. They replace retiring General Superintendents Jim L. Bond and W. Talmadge Johnson. Gunter is the first woman to be appointed a Nazarene General Superintendent.

Evangelistic Faith Missions (EFM) celebrated its centennial, Saturday, June 25, at Bedford, Indiana. Missionaries and national representatives from various mission fields paid tribute to EFM's courageous and sacrificial service. ■



Dear Phil

GOD'S GLORY

What is God's glory?—Dave

Dear Dave,

My best understanding is that God's glory, in its essence, is the unique excellence of His character and person. However, it is important to know that the Bible uses the term *glory* in relation to God in several ways.

First, *glory refers to the fire or light that emanates from the place where God chooses to manifest His presence.* Exodus 24:17 says that "the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire" on top of Mt. Sinai. When God's glory left the temple, Ezekiel says that "the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD." God has chosen fire or light as the physical manifestations of His glorious presence. Perhaps the most striking fact about the visible manifestation of God's unique excellence is how people respond to it.

We all enjoy times when God sensibly manifests His presence among us. Some describe scenes where people are shouting and giving loud praise to God as "the glory"

falling. Interestingly, there are no examples of this in Scripture. In every instance where God visibly manifested His *glory* among His people there was only one response: *people fell prostrate before the Lord in awe and fear* (cf. Lev. 9:23-24; Num. 20:6; 1 Kings 8:11; 2 Chron. 7:3; Ezek. 1:28, 3:23; Luke 2:9). Even in Heaven's temple, when it is filled with the smoke from the glory and power of God, no one can enter it (Rev. 15:8). By the way, several passages of Scripture talk about a cloud associated with God's glory. I think the flannelgraph pictures I saw of the cloud of God's glory were white, fleecy clouds. Solomon appears to describe the cloud of God's glory as a cloud of "deep darkness" in 2 Chron. 5:14-6:1. This suggests that the cloud was a dark cloud, intended to cloak the brightness of God's glory.

Second, *the Bible uses the word glory to refer to God's reputation.* Psalm 102:15 indicates that God's name (reputation) and God's glory are similar concepts: "So the nations will fear the name of the LORD and all the kings of the earth Your glory." In this sense, the glory of God is His reputation for the unique excellence of His person and character. God is exceedingly jealous for His reputation. In fact, I believe that a careful examination of Scripture reveals that the ultimate goal of everything God does is His glory. In other words, God's ultimate purpose for everything He does is that the unique excellence of His character and person will be clearly evident to all creation. (For more on this, see the link "Toward a Biblical Theology of the Glory of God" on my website, <http://pages.prodigy.net/apbrown2>.)

When all creation clearly sees the unique excellence of God's character and person, the result is *the third sense of the word glory: praise or honor.* When we "give glory to God," as in Psalm 50:15,

23, we are honoring or praising the unique excellence of His character, person, and/or works. Isaiah 48:11 illustrates this sense: "For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another." God's passion for his reputation ("name") is so great that He will not give the credit that is due to His name to anyone else. This explains, for example, why God smote Herod for receiving the honor that should have been given to God alone (Acts 12:23). Admittedly (and thankfully), God does not immediately strike people dead when they do not honor Him as they should. But, obviously, God is very serious about His glory. That should motivate us to recognize and freely confess that God deserves all the credit and praise for any good thing we accomplish (cf. 1 Pet. 4:11).

When Paul enjoins us to "do all to the glory of God," this means that all our activities should reflect the unique excellence of God's character in such a way that God's reputation will be enhanced in the eyes of those looking on, and they will be moved to praise Him for His unique excellence. So, for example, I glorify God in eating by reflecting His orderliness (by eating mannerly), His self-control (by eating moderately), His love (by my considerate interactions with those eating with me), and so on. There is no area of life where we cannot bring honor to God and magnify His reputation for unique excellence in the eyes of others.

May we all appropriate God's grace to do so!

Sincerely,
Philip Brown ■

Dr. A. Philip Brown II is a member of the ministerial faculty of God's Bible School and College. He may be contacted by email at pbrown@gbs.edu.



AKINOLA LEADS EVANGELICAL ANGLICANS

According to David Virtue, conservative Anglican news source, Archbishop Peter Akinola, head of some 18 million Anglicans in Nigeria, has attacked the Church of England for permitting clergy to enter into “civil unions” which will be allowed under English law effective December 5. He suggested that the English church should be disciplined in the same manner as the American and Canadian jurisdictions for approving gay relationships, even though such partnerships for English clergy are not to involve sexual activity. Akinola, recently featured in *Christianity Today*, has emerged as a prominent world leader among evangelical Anglicans opposing homosexual practice and theological liberalism in the West. The Church of Nigeria is the largest Anglican Church in the world.

UNITED METHODIST WOES

According to *Good News*, directors of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church have learned that between 2002 and 2003, the denomination lost 269 congregations and 65,000 members. Among the U.S. jurisdictions, only the Southeast (the most conservative area in the church) gained members. The magazine also

said, “Director Guy Ames...noted that United Methodists give just 2.1 percent of their income to the church. That is one of the lowest rates in American Protestantism....”

LESBIAN PASTOR’S CASE UNDER REVIEW

At its session October 26–29 in Houston, the United Methodist Judicial Council will consider the case of Irene Elizabeth (“Beth”) Stroud who lost her clergy credentials following a church trial last December but who was later reinstated by an appellate court on technicalities. Contrary to UMC law forbidding “self-avowed practicing” homosexuals in the ordained ministry, Stroud has admitted that she is “a lesbian living in a committed relationship with a partner.” The Judicial Council will also consider the case of the Rev. Edward Johnson of South Hill, Virginia, who was suspended from pastoral service because he refused to admit a gay person to church membership.

YOUNG COLUMNIST CRITICIZES “MEGACHURCH” PHILOSOPHY

Clint Rainey, journalism student and summer intern for the editorial page of the *Dallas Morning News*, has scored contemporary “megachurches” for a “church philosophy massive and impersonal in

every way.” “Jaded by this philosophy my generation has seen how being a mile wide and an inch deep allots, unsurprisingly, a whole mile for approximately an inch’s worth of deepness....” “Studies say our generation is the most conservative in decades on issues of religion, suggesting we’re averse to the risks that churches with a flashing, pop-culture bent take to appeal, ironically, to us. So when we grow up, we’ll likely look for religion elsewhere.”

ARRESTS OF CHINESE CHRISTIANS SHOW GOVERNMENT’S REAL PURPOSE

Increasing persecution of Chinese Christians has crushed hopes that greater religious freedom will come as the result of new legislation which became effective March 1. Although the regulations had encouraged house churches to register with government agencies, arrests of believers in recent months cast serious doubts on official claims to foster religious freedom. Although Christianity continues to flourish, reports of police detention, beating, and other harassment continues to filter into the West.

AUTHOR POINTS TO CONSERVATIVE RESURGENCE

In a new book, *Exodus: Why Americans Are Fleeing Liberal Churches for Conservative Christianity*, journalist Dave Shiflet quotes Southern Seminary President R. Albert Mohler, Jr., that students on his campus “are not only more conservative than their parents, but they are more conservative than their grandparents....” Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission President Richard Land adds that the alliance between evangelicals and Roman Catholics is winning the “abortion issue.” The most pro-life group is eighteen-to-thirty-one-year-olds. ■

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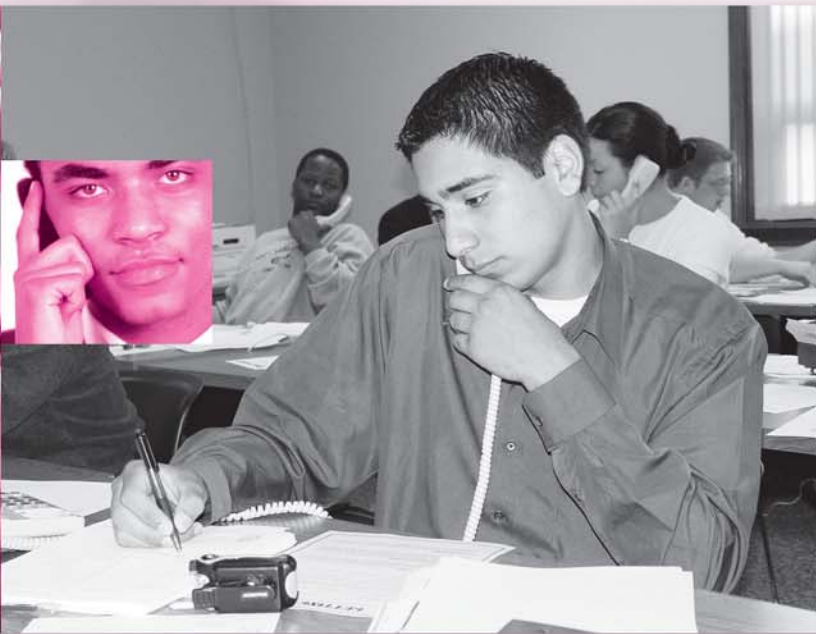
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III. READINESS for Jesus' Second Coming

The Church is to be constantly looking for Jesus' Second Coming. We must not become skeptics or scoffers like those of whom Peter warned: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Pet. 3:3, 4). Furthermore, we should preach the imminency of Jesus' Second Coming.

Jesus said, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' " (Mark 13:32-37).

John exhorted all Christians, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3). What needs to be purified in a Christian's life? The answer comes from Paul. Christians must cleanse themselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor. 7:1).

CONCLUSION

Jesus is coming again. His return is imminent. It may be today; it may not be for a long time. Every Christian should take Jesus' words seriously and "watch" for His any-moment return. Are you ready? Have you purified your life of all defilement of flesh and spirit? Are you perfecting holiness in the fear of God? May God help us all to be ready. If He came today, would you be glad?

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,

Once for our salvation slain;

Thousand, thousand saints attending

Swell the triumph of His train

Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!

—Charles Wesley



—sermon outline by DR. ALLAN P. BROWN



THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION

Paul wrote to Titus, declaring that Christians are to be "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13, 14).

Why is it that we seldom hear any messages on the Second Coming of Jesus? Could it be that notorious and infamous works like *Eighty-eight Reasons Why Jesus is Coming in 1988* or Harold Camping's *1994*? have caused preachers to shy away from the subject? Without doubt, date-setters have brought the entire subject of prophecy into disrepute. Perhaps it is time to reclaim the truth of the Second Coming from the domain of uncertainty and skepticism and once again proclaim what we know for sure.

In this message, we shall first establish the truth that Jesus is coming again, then consider what the Bible says about the time of Jesus' return, and conclude with an exhortation to be ready for Christ's return.

I. The TRUTH of Jesus' Second Coming

The basis for believing that Jesus is coming again is the testimony of Jesus Himself, of angels, and of inspired writers of Scripture.

A. Jesus said He was coming again.

Jesus said, "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory" (Matt. 25:31). He told his disciples, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

B. Angels said Jesus is coming again.

After the Resurrection, when Jesus ascended to heaven from Bethany, he was caught up in a cloud and disappeared from the sight of His watching disciples. As they stared up into the sky in amazement, two angels appeared and announced, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

C. Paul said that Jesus is coming again.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Tim. 6:14). He also warned Timothy to be faithful, because Jesus "shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1)

D. Peter said that Jesus is coming again.

Peter urged believers to anticipate the Second Coming of Jesus as a source of encouragement, writing: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7). Further, he exhorts, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13).

E. John said Jesus is coming again.

John wrote to believers, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1, 2).

Thus, there should be no question in any Bible-believing person's heart or mind that Jesus is coming again.

II. The TIME of Jesus' Second Coming

This is the area where most extremism occurs. We need to listen carefully to Jesus on this subject.

A. Jesus told us we cannot know the time of His return.

Jesus declared of His second coming, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matt. 24:36). Some people focus on the terms "day" and "hour" and suggest that Jesus did not say "month" or "year." However, when asked by His disciples after the Resurrection if He was going to usher in His kingdom immediately, Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts. 1:7). It seems reasonable to say that Jesus is teaching that the tim-

ing of the Second Coming is a secret known only to the Father. God evidently does not wish us to know the "times or the seasons," nor the "day and hour" of our Saviour's return. Therefore, we should stop setting dates!

B. Christ's disciples look daily for His Second Coming.

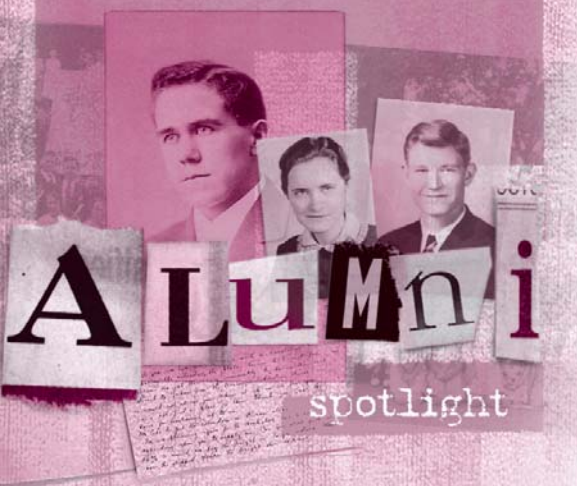
Paul told the Philippians, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Phil. 4:5). He said to the Christians at Rome, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:12).

Peter warned the Jews in dispersion saying, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (1 Pet. 4:7). The writer of the Hebrew letter said, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37). James exhorted, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (Jam. 5:8). The Apostle John, towards the end of his life, warned, "Little children, it is the last time [last hour]: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists: whereby we know that it is the last time" (1 John 2:18).

C. Jesus' Second Coming is imminent.

The Biblical phrases, "the day is at hand," "the end of all things is at hand," "yet a little while," "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," and "the last hour," seem to indicate at least three things. First, the terms are not time designators in the sense that we normally use them in common speech. The fact that nearly two thousand years have elapsed since these phrases were written proves this point. Second, the terms were evidently designed to increase the first-century Christians' anticipation and expectation of Jesus' Second Coming. These phrases were designed to motivate the Christians of all ages to live holy lives in light of Jesus' any-moment Second Coming. Therefore, while we are not to set dates, we are to live holy lives in anticipation of His Coming. Third, the phrases suggest that, from God's point of view, the Second Coming could occur at any moment. This concept is termed "imminency." We may say that Jesus' Second Coming is imminent. This means that: 1) Jesus' return could be at any moment; 2) We are uncertain of the time of His return; 3) No prophesied event stands between the believer and His return.

Evidently God's primary purpose in teaching the imminent return of Christ is to keep the Church in a constant state of expectancy and readiness, always "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13, 14). By the very nature of the case, if the exact time of the Second Coming had been revealed, none but the final generation of Christians would have cause to look for the return of their Savior. For every other generation this vital hope and incentive would then have been lost.



**HENRY SMITH, PRESIDENT-ELECT,
INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Henry L. Smith ('69 HS; '73 BRE), who was recently named president-elect of Indiana Wesleyan University and who will become its 11th president July 1, 2006, spent six years on the Hilltop. At 16 he enrolled in the GBS high school and graduated two years later. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in 1973.

Henry sang in the college choir for those six years under director Dr. John Enyart. At the age of 16 he became a member of the college male quartet and sang with Jim Cash, Larry Houck, and David VanCise. He also sang in a group with Daniel and David Stetler. His life-long interest in photography was a real asset to his work as editor and photographer for the GBS yearbook.

"It was during the spring of my junior year of college that I felt the clear call to Christian higher education," he recalls. "I remember praying in the old parlor in the Administration Building during the night about what God wanted for my life. It was a struggle, because I had one more year at GBS to complete my BRE, but felt that college teaching was in my future instead of pastoring. I have never wavered from that call, and God has blessed me beyond anything I could ever imagine."

Henry adds, "I am VERY proud of my heritage at GBS. I determined long ago that I would never deny or hide those wonderful, Spirit-led, growing, defining years of my life. After graduating from GBS, I had some of the nation's finest university scholars and teachers, both at the University of Cincinnati and at Ohio State University; but class-for-



class, I never had better instruction anywhere than I had at GBS. GBS taught me many things—to trust God, to discipline myself in life, and to always remember who you are."

**JOE EMERT, LEADER IN
CHRISTIAN RADIO
BROADCASTING**

Joe Emert, 1974 GBS graduate (BRE) and former president of the school's national Alumni Association, recently presented an entire collection of recorded music from GBS's Music Department to Wantok Radio Light in Papua New Guinea. The CD recordings will be used as part of the daily music on the PNG Christian Broadcasting Network, which was begun three years ago with one FM station and now covers the entire nation of over five million people. "The people of PNG love the wonderful hymns and gospel songs on these CDs," Joe remarks. "Who knows? Maybe we can start an alumni chapter there!"

Three USA-based ministries, EBM International, Life Radio Ministries, and HCJB World Radio, in partnership with the Papua New Guinea Bible Church, are founding partners of

the network, which received PNG's first nationwide broadcasting license. Emert serves as chairman of the board for EBM International, as president of Life Radio Ministries, Inc., and as a member of the Board of the PNG Christian Broadcasting Network.

"During my time at GBS some of my best friends were Peter Maginde and Pilipo Miriye, two students from Papua New Guinea. Even then, we would dream together about Christian radio for Papua New Guinea." Pilipo now serves the PNG Bible Church as a pastor and as missions director for the denomination. He has served as a missionary from Papua New Guinea to Africa. Peter has served in government for many years and is currently serving as ambassador to Malaysia.

The Papua New Guinea Christian Broadcasting Network has grown to five FM stations and a nationwide shortwave station. Approximately 25 additional FM stations are scheduled for installation over the next five years. Additional information can be viewed online at www.MissionaryRadio.info.

In the photo below, announcer John Frank and music director Thelma Ninjapa happily receive the music donated by God's Bible School in the radio station's main control room in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. ■

Compiled by the Rev. Jack Hooker, Vice President for Advancement, God's Bible School and College.



FRIDAY

- 12:00 Alumni Council Luncheon
- 4:00 Alumni Choir Practice (all former choir members welcome)
- 5:00 Supper
- 7:00 Homecoming Concert Featuring Special Tribute to Former GBS Presidents
- 8:30 Dessert Reception / Homefest

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Alumni Brunch and Fellowship
- 10:00 Reunion and Reflection, Honoring Graduates of 1955 and 1980 (held in Dining Hall); Annual Alumni Elections
- 11:30 Meet the Administration and Faculty, Campus and City Tours, Open Dorms
- 1:00 Alumni vs. Students Basketball and Volleyball

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➡(p4) for us. I know others saved from a much more wicked life than I ever lived who are offered many more freedoms than we are, because they weren't married before. I know people accepted in the church that lived in adultery and had a child out of wedlock. I am not criticizing these people. I love and have confidence in them. I am honestly not trying to complain, I just wish there were a way to remedy our plight.

Does Jesus expect us to be less respected than our brothers and sisters? Thanks for any insight you can give.

NAME WITHHELD
email

THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET HOUR

My soul was greatly encouraged by [Anita Brechbill's] "Thoughts for the Quiet Hour" in the last *Revivalist*. God is the Master Strategist!

Thank you for your faithfulness.
WILL BYLER
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SAILING THE MURKY WATERS

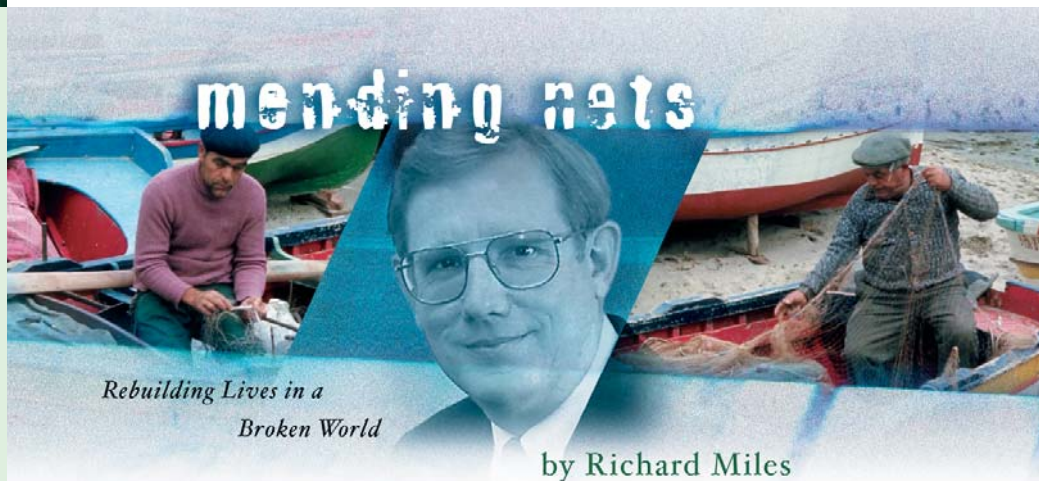
We thoroughly enjoy your publication, your writers, and the manner in which you present the Truth. The articles are interesting and pertinent to the issues of the day. The history and heritage you present strengthen the rudder of our faith as we sail the murky waters of the world. They are not uncharted waters as we have the Word both Written and Living to guide us.

JIM BREWER
Utica, New York

PROUD OF GBS

I am tired of the...compromising so-called holiness churches, but I admire God's Bible College. I am very proud of you and wish to say so. Send me more of your magazines.

ROYCE THOMASON
Launton, Oklahoma



BLAMING THE CHURCH FOR OUR OWN PROBLEMS

I have suffered moral failures in the past and want to change, but the church just will not accept me and provide support. I believe I could overcome my problem if I had more support.

No church or person always gets it right, and that includes you and me. So don't throw stones until you are free of guilt yourself (John 8:7). Though churches and Christians sometimes fail at loving and "glitch out" on overloads of ignorance, most of them do want to help. To fix these glitches, believers need to learn about others and their problems. Therefore, instead of criticizing or withdrawing, try to get to know the people of your church and do all you can to let them know you and trust you. It is sure that you can never build trust by running from problems or people; and even in the church, the best relationships often are made through the arduous but rewarding task of resolving problems.

Never blame your problems and your inability to correct misbehavior on others. The truth is that you must confront the real issues of your life and with God's assistance assume control over them. Richard Bach said, "Within each of us lies the power of our consent to health and sickness, to riches and poverty, to freedom and to slavery. It is we who control these, and not another." This same truth is underscored by Albert Einstein who said, "Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment and learn again to exercise his will—his personal responsibility."

Don't adopt Adam and Eve's approach to personal responsibility by releasing their grip on it as if it were a hot pan in an unprotected hand. Adam blamed Eve for giving him the fruit and also blamed God for giving him Eve. Eve also refused to take the blame, because the serpent had deceived her. So often we are like that. We ourselves are encumbered with imperfections and failures, but we still demand perfection of the church and its members, blaming them for negative situations that we have created. To be sure, the church does fail at times; but far too often people blame it without giving it a fair chance.

Some even leave the church to protect themselves from the weight of personal responsibility and the discomfort of accountability which it rightfully expects. Remember that according to the Scripture we are to submit to the church and cherish its leaders who take responsibility for our spiritual welfare (Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 5:17).

It is too common for us to assume roles in the "games of life" in order to manipulate others and our environment to get what (p23)➡

➡(p2) see that what we did and built in His name, we did the very best we could.”

This brick Italianate mansion—the Administration Building—was hallowed ground to them, as it is to us, for it has been the heart of GBS from its beginning. Behind you is the office of our early presidents, and above you are the rooms where they and their families lived. To your left is the historic double parlor, GBS’s first chapel and classroom, where the founders prepared a youthful army to conquer the world for Jesus. We remember that these floors have echoed with their footprints, and these walls have echoed with their prayers. *“If you seek their monument, look about you.”*

Vastly more significant, however, is the spiritual heritage which they have left us. Bricks and mortar shall crumble into dust, but human lives reclaimed for Jesus and shaped into His likeness shall endure forever. This is why they began that great succession of Christian workers who have gone to all the ugly, sin-darkened and sin-drenched corners of this world. Think of the tens of thousands who as a result of the witness of these pioneers have been saved by the blood of Jesus’ cross. Think of those thousands who are yet to come—all one “endless line of splendor” begun so humbly on this Hilltop but moving on and on into God’s Nearer Presence, where they shall praise Him forever for the “Mount of Blessings.”

In its foundational commitments, this school remains very much the same GBS that the Knapps, the Standleys, and Mrs. Storey established here. Every graduate is given the same commission we have always given: *bring Jesus to your world, and bring your world to Jesus*. Every class reflects our original purpose to prepare devoted servants to labor in His Church. Every ministry extends the efforts begun in the old George Street Mission, Hope Cottage, and the simple little chapels set up in Shanty Town. That is why we say again, *“If you seek their monument, look about you.”*

Now consider briefly each of those whose portraits shall remain upon these walls where once they worked and prayed. God has not forgotten their faith and service, nor do we.

Appropriately enough, Meredith G. Standley’s picture will greet all visitors entering the reception room. Born in 1877, he was here at the school’s beginning, as he tells us, living in the attic room upstairs “that looked like an old boat with two portholes.” In 1911 he “commenced 39 years of strong, aggressive presidential leadership,” as Glenn Black, former editor of *God’s Revivalist*, once observed. “M.G. Standley was not only a man of vision,” as Black added, “[but] he also knew how to implement his ideas.” This is why the Standley years are remembered for their vigorous activity, exciting creativity, and institutional growth, for GBS became not only a flourishing educational institution, but also a significant focal point for the entire Holiness Movement.

President Standley supervised the erection of two major buildings and extended the campus to a full six acres. In March 1930, he caused GBS to become a pioneer in Christian radio, broadcasting its “Sunrise Worship Hour” over WKRC, Cincinnati. GBS camp meetings flourished, attracting thousands to the Hilltop; and circulation of *God’s Revivalist* grew to an all-time high of 54,000—at a time when the *Revivalist* was published weekly! In 1936 the “Bible school” became a college, legally authorized to grant both the ThB and the BA degrees.

So the Hilltop became a beehive of academic and evangelistic activity, climaxing in the GI’s of the Cross Crusade, which began in a massive city-wide revival at Cincinnati’s Music Hall in November 1946 and continued through three years of highly-successful jeep-and-trailer evangelism. M.G. Standley was at the heart of all this, for as President Samuel Deets once noted, Standley was “the man whom God used to build this Bible School into a world-renowned organization with spiritual influence far out of proportion to its size.”

In the central hallway of this building will hang the portraits of those three courageous women who directed GBS from the time of Knapp’s death in December 1901 until Meredith Standley became president a decade later. In spite of conflict and crisis, they remained true to the vision of the founder, who, as he was dying, asked them to carry on his work. During their administration, a five-story building—later known as the “Ten-Weeks Building”—was erected for the kitchen, dining room, and women’s dormitory; Hope Cottage began its ministry to unwed mothers and their children; Oswald Chambers lectured in the room across the hall; and Nettie Peabody began her career of over 60 years on this campus.

Note first the portrait of Bessie Queen Standley, converted at Knapp’s “Revivalist Chapel” in downtown Cincinnati and soon thereafter his associate in the office of *God’s Revivalist*. In 1902 she was married to Meredith Standley in a ceremony officiated by the Quaker evangelist Seth C. Rees and followed by ice cream and cake for the poor children from George Street Mission. Bessie was always Meredith’s partner in ministry, serving as his advisor, catalyst, and hostess; and for years she was also editor of *God’s Revivalist*. To her gracious and well-supplied table were invited farmers attending camp meeting, as well as politicians supporting GBS’s work and witness. In death, as in life, she is beside her husband, buried in Miami, Florida.

Next is the picture of Mary Storey, courageous evangelist and Cincinnati businesswoman. Converted as a child in Ireland, she became a faithful Methodist who sought and experienced that deep work of the Holy Spirit called “entire sanctification.” She became an effective preacher, threw herself into house-to-house visitation, and rented a house which she opened for religious services. She regarded Knapp’s coming to

Cincinnati as an answer to her prayers and vigorously supported his evangelistic efforts. According to her obituary, she became “one of those who prayed the prayer of faith” which led to the establishment of God’s Bible School. Her solid Methodist churchmanship was an anchor of stability and balance until her death in 1906.

Finally, we remember Minnie Ferle Knapp, whose portrait is to the east. Married to GBS’s founder on September 24, 1892, she moved with him to Cincinnati on their wedding trip. A quiet and retiring woman, solid in faith and unswerving in conviction, she shared his dreams, labors, and sufferings, and following his death, remained on this campus for 29 years, a bastion of strength, courage, and serenity. Her “hidden ministries by correspondence” to scattered missionaries seemed “saturated with the grace of God,” according to OMS founder Lettie Cowman; and sometimes at great peril Mrs. Knapp would travel to foreign lands to rally support for missionary outreach.

For she believed—as did all these we honor this morning—that at whatever cost, the world must be brought to Christ. At her funeral, February 4, 1930, President Standley placed a container beside her open coffin to receive an offering for world evangelism. Later at Spring Grove Cemetery, just before their last goodbye, her friends recalled the “lost heathen” and their duty to them, then began an old hymn that once was almost the theme song on this campus: “We’ll girdle the globe with salvation,/ With holiness unto the Lord,/ And light shall illumine each nation,/ The light from the lamp of His word.”

It is this commitment to Jesus and to His call that shall give us cause to say in heaven, as we say this morning, “If you seek their monument, look about you.” ■



By Anita K. Brechbill

THE HIDDEN LIFE

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” Col. 3:3

The Hidden Life. The Secret of the Ages. The sweetness of that “hiding” cannot be expressed, it can only be known. The plan, possible only to a Divine Mind, that a race of mortals would be given the power to choose between an upward and a downward path. The alternatives would be made clear. To those who chose to forsake a world full of allurements pleasing to the senses, and by faith alone begin the ascent to higher ground, a new life would be given.

It is not to be wondered at that Lucifer, son of the morning, having known the glory and sweetness of dwelling in the Presence of the Most High, should now use his considerable stores of intelligence to keep us from knowing that Blessed Place. But, hidden in Him, we are bulwarked about with a safety that cannot be breached. This blessedness hinges on choice. Lucifer lost it by choice; we gain it by the same. ■

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➡(p21) we want. How easy it is to assume a victim’s role because a victim “cannot” be responsible for his behavior. Let me, therefore, urge you to make a courageous choice to change your role in life from victim to victor. YOU can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Phil. 4:13). “Through Christ” includes His Body on earth. Excuses bind you in the victim role. Faith, surrender to God, courage to change, and submission to biblical authority can propel you into a victorious flight of freedom! Examine the following passages: Jn. 8:31-36; Rom. 6:1-18; 8:1-9; 1 Pet. 2:13-25. ■

“Mending Nets” explores God’s readiness to “mend” the breakdowns which so often mar our lives. It is written by the Rev. Richard Miles, GBS Vice President for Student Affairs. Send questions to be addressed in this column to Mendingnets@pbs.edu



Faith in the Future

Historic Opportunity

Recently five properties that border our campus have become available for purchase. The school has prayed for these properties for at least 30 years. We believe this is an historic opportunity for the expansion of our campus. These buildings will add considerable housing for staff and married students. Acquiring these areas will also help us to beautify the entrance to our campus. This is why we are adding this project to Phase II of the *Faith in the Future Capital Campaign*. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to purchase these five buildings. Presently one of the five buildings has already been purchased. Naming opportunities are available for each building or for individual apartments. Please contact the Advancement Office for more information. You may do so by calling Jack Hooker, VP for Advancement, at 513-721-7944, ext. 223, or by emailing jhooker@gbs.edu.



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Vice President for Advancement

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