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Larry D. Smith

retiring as editor

Kevin Moser

25 years of service





about this issue

TRANSITIONS

When I took off my academic robes and transferred authority to my successor, it was a bitter-sweet moment. The extensive planning leading up to this gave confidence that the person who had been my right-hand man for eight years was stepping into the position with the right set of knowledge and skills. So, I felt good about the transition...and a little sad.

When you reach for something new, you have to let go of what you have in your hands. There was a warm acceptance that “now” was the time to do that...which was accompanied by some cool shivers of uncertainty about what was coming next. During that time, President Avery discussed the possibility of my managing the *Revivalist* while Editor Larry Smith wrote a history of GBS. I agreed.

My two new colleagues in the office were Larry Smith and Kevin Moser. Kevin has been a family friend for many years, so I knew him well. Larry Smith I knew as a colleague and an adjunct professor. His wife Carol and I were students together at GBS in the 1970s and later worked together on staff. So, Larry had learned from Carol to call me “Kenny.” Hearing Larry call me Kenny made me very happy! It helped me settle into this new position.

We have had fun together. I think the three of us actually enjoy each other’s company. Each brings his own flavor to the mix. A lot of good times and laughter are interspersed with deep conversations of serious matters.

Little did I know that Larry was also contemplating his life “after completing the book.” I remember him telling me that it was time for him to retire. We had many discussions about what that could look like and how important it would be for him to stay active—but not too busy. He said he would like to do some occasional writing. That was music to this managing editor’s ears!

So, another transition. Again, bittersweet.

Kevin has been very helpful in this process. He is undoubtedly the person closest to Larry and Carol. Their cat, Mittens, views him as family. Larry and Carol agree. We are going to miss Larry. We hope he visits often.

I am pleased that this issue of *God’s Revivalist* is dedicated to these two great friends—Larry at his retirement and Kevin as he marks the milestone of having completed 25 years of service to God’s Bible School and College. —Ken Farmer ■

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COVER PHOTO: Dr. Larry Smith and Kevin Moser share the *Revivalist* cover that honors them. Photo by Shane Muir.

the president's page



Larry Smith has championed the great doctrines of Methodism. He has challenged each of us to be an “earnest Christian” who seeks the “narrow way” without developing a narrow spirit.

TWO MEN—TWO MILESTONES: Larry Smith and Kevin Moser

by Michael R. Avery, President

This year marks milestones for two long-term employees of God’s Bible School and College. Larry Smith, who has been editor of *God’s Revivalist* since 1995, is retiring. His distinctive style of writing made his editorials must-reads. His warm personality made him a joy to be around. Throughout Larry’s entire tenure here, Kevin Moser has been his right-hand man. In fact, Kevin is celebrating 25 years as a full-time employee of GBS. Most of his work has been in layout and design with *God’s Revivalist*, year-books, and various other items published by GBS. We will talk about Kevin later (p.18), but first....

Rev. Larry D. Smith

In 1931, in Edison, Nebraska, a handsome young school teacher named Deen met the lovely, brown-eyed daughter of the respected town merchant. It was love at first sight. They were quite young. In fact, Bernice was only in her late teens; but wedding plans were made, and soon Deenie and Bernice became Mr. and Mrs. D.V. Smith. The new couple started attending the Free Methodist Church. The fiery preaching produced probing conviction and both were soundly converted. Deen followed the call to ministry, and Bernice followed at her husband’s side.

On February 27, 1942, while pastoring in Lincoln, Nebraska, their first child was born. Larry was dedicated to God and baptized a Free Methodist, but early in his infancy there were troubling signs that something was not quite right. Medical examinations confirmed their worst fears, and Larry was diagnosed with encephalitis. Given no medical hope, the Smiths and their church took their case to the Great Physician who answered their prayers with a complete, miraculous healing, to the astonishment of the doctors. Although his parents knew he was a special child, they couldn’t know the full impact that Larry’s voice and pen would someday make around the world.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Young Larry with his grandmother, Blanche Munday; Larry as a baby; Larry as a young boy; Deen and Bernice Smith with their sons Harold and Larry; Larry's high school graduation photo.

Larry grew up surrounded by the godly influence of his parents and the earnest, careful living of the holiness people in the Free Methodist Church. These influences awakened his need for God at a very early age. In his fourth year, he was converted at a Free Methodist Camp Meeting and began his journey with Jesus—a journey that has continued for more than 69 years.

Larry's early education was in the Nebraska public schools. He took piano lessons, was editor of the school newspaper, and was a star member of the debating team. After graduation from high school in 1960, Larry attended Kearney State College, receiving his BA in 1963 and his MA in 1965.

While in college, Larry began preaching and soon was pastoring churches in Ansley and Kearney, Nebraska, from 1961–1972. He pastored the Salem Methodist Church in Axtell, Nebraska, from 1972–1994.

For a few years following the completion of his master's degree, Larry taught English and drama in the Nebraska public schools. His love for teaching and for

historical Methodism led him to co-found Fletcher Bible College in 1969 and serve as its president until 1979. He continued to serve as headmaster of Fletcher Christian Academy until 1994.

After almost 10 years of bachelorhood, Larry fell in love with and married Judith Marie Kelley on August 29, 1970. Larry and Judy were blessed with two children: a daughter, Miriam, and a son, Andrew. Miriam is a nurse and has given Larry three grandchildren. Andrew is an attorney with three sons.

In August of 1994, Judy was killed in an automobile accident. This tragedy became a turning point in Larry's life. For the previous 52 years, Larry had lived on and loved passionately the great, quiet plains of Nebraska. The solitude and slow-paced life he found there had allowed him to devote a great deal of his time to reading and studying the works of John Wesley and all the subsequent scholars of Methodism. In these "wilderness years," he educated his mind and developed his pen until today his knowledge of Wesleyanism is rivaled only by his skill and ability to write about it.

In 1995, Larry joined the God's Bible School and College family. He became a member of the Bible faculty as a part-time professor and was appointed the 11th editor of *God's Revivalist*.

Larry's move to the big city brought many blessings. His love for Victorian antiques could be indulged as far as his purse could endure, and there were many outlets for exploring his interest in architecture. But the greatest blessing of all was that here on the Hilltop he would find love again. He and Carol Wiseman Eddleman were married on August 10, 1996.



As a writer, Larry has championed the great doctrines of Methodism in the pages of *God's Revivalist*. As a speaker, he has brought to life our Methodist history with stories of Wesley's veteran preachers and the early American circuit riders. As a teacher, he has renewed our love for and revived the practice of holy communion. He has challenged each of us to be an "earnest Christian" who seeks the "narrow way" without developing a narrow spirit.

Larry Smith is one of the most deeply-respected and widely-loved men on our campus. We all smile remembering the times when he has led the chapel creed, reminding us never to be mealy-mouthed about it; or when he laughs loudly and belatedly in response to a humorous remark; or when he walks across the campus swinging one of his fancy antique canes.

In June of 2013, Larry accepted the challenge of writing a popular-level history of God's Bible School and College. Although he has retained the title of editor during this time, the managing editor functioned in that capacity, allowing Larry to focus solely on the book which we hope to have available by Homecoming 2015.

That leads us to this point. During his work on this project, Larry has indicated that he plans to retire from GBS when he completes his part of the book project. He and Carol are considering relocating to Corydon, Indiana, where Carol's roots are. Larry will be missed on the Hilltop. Both staff and faculty sought out his warm friendship. Students liked to spend time with him and gain from his counsel. All of us are better people for having Larry Smith as a colleague, a teacher, and a friend.

Larry talks about staying active by being involved in pulpit supply and speaking and teaching engagements. So, we hope to see Larry and Carol back on campus from time to time. However, on this occasion we wish to thank Rev. Larry Smith—the man we affectionately refer to as the "Bishop of Mount Auburn"—for these twenty years of excellent service here at God's Bible School! 📌

PHOTOS LEFT TO RIGHT: Larry and Judy with their children, Miriam and Andrew; Larry and Carol in the GBS Chapel on their wedding day, August 10, 1996; a recent photo of Larry and Carol; BOTTOM: One of Larry's famous pen doodles; Larry's office glasses and the pocket watch from Carol, which—according to Larry—says, "I love you," with every tick.



Family Tributes

Miriam Smith Fruhling

What can I say about the wonderful man I am blessed to have as my dad? When Dr. Farmer asked me to write some thoughts, so many flooded my mind. There are so many fond memories that I could mention, as well as difficult times we have survived. My dad has always been one of my staunchest supporters and encouragers, giving advice and help whenever necessary. Beginning when we were old enough to understand, he emphasized the importance of Christian living and putting God first in all aspects of life. There isn't a phone conversation that does not include him inquiring as to how we are doing spiritually. His life is setting the kind of example for his children and grandchildren that many families only dream of having.

Growing up as a "preacher's kid" is never easy. My dad has always been very aware of that, as he himself is a PK. He always did his very best to ensure that my brother and I were somewhat sheltered from the stresses of the parsonage. While his time was often divided between his Old Salem Methodist Episcopal Church parishioners, John Fletcher Academy students, and his own family, Dad made sure that we were always his top priority.

Some of my favorite memories involve suppers spent each night together as a family. The four of us laughed a lot as we all shared things from our day.

When I was 12, my younger brother and I took on a paper route. The route began with 25 papers, but grew to well over 100. Dad helped us every day with the route, as it was on the opposite side of town and required crossing both the main highway and the railroad tracks. The laughs we shared and the fun we had on that crazy route will always be some of my fondest memories. On Saturdays, Dad always made us a pancake breakfast (his pancakes are still my favorites), when we were done delivering papers.

Our yearly vacations, which we took without exception, involved tramping through overgrown cemeteries, taking crayon or pencil rubbings of crumbling tombstones, meeting distant relatives, and spending hour upon hour in musty, cobwebby courthouses...searching for ancestors. Truth be told, I think my mother enjoyed the search as much as he. The bonus to enduring this was all the travel to many states. Mom and Dad always made sure we visited national landmarks and presidential libraries. Even though money was tight, we never wanted for anything and ALWAYS knew we were loved beyond measure.

My dad is undoubtedly the smartest, most caring man I know. He has taught me more than just right from wrong; he has taught me what it means to be a true child of God and how to stand tall in the face of adversity. He has showed my brother and me what it means to love unconditionally and the power of forgiveness, even to those who have caused the deepest hurts. He has supported me and stood by my side numerous times, even when others turned away. The loss of my mother was extremely difficult to understand, yet he came through it stronger and with a plan. That loss helped lead him to GBS, where I know he has touched many hearts and lives. He has been rewarded in that God led him to find Carol, who is a wonderful wife, the best stepmother anyone could ask



Smith grandchildren,
(left to right):

Katherine Fruhling

Micaela Fruhling

Joshua Fruhling

Aleksandr Smith

Ethan Smith

Oliver Smith

for, and the most wonderful grandmother. I would say he is truly blessed. I am blessed to call him Dad and will be forever thankful to God for allowing me to be born to such wonderful, Godly parents. I love you, Dad!! ■



Miriam Fruhling is an emergency department technician at Spectrum Health and is active in her local church (piano and organ accompanist). Miriam lives with her husband Chris and their three children in Evert, MI.



My sister Miriam passed along your request for a statement or thoughts on Dad. Obviously, anything I've tried to write is inadequate. I certainly echo the thoughts my sister has penned. In sum, though, if I had to make one statement, it would be this: "The person I would most like to be like in the world is my dad." ■



Andrew Smith is a lawyer working for Humphrey, Farrington, & McClain, PC, of Independence, MO. He is married to Jaelyn and has three sons. They live in Kansas City, MO.



I am thankful for the years that Larry and I have spent at God's Bible School and College. It has been a privilege to be a part of this great institution.

Larry truly has had a love for both his work as the editor of *God's Revivalist* and as a college instructor. He taught his classes with great passion and invested in the lives of his students in the classroom and out of the classroom. His genuine concern for them made the connections easier and more meaningful. For Larry, the combination of preaching, teaching, and writing worked very well together and gave him satisfaction in his life's work and ministry.

I love and greatly admire my husband. I am looking forward to spending many wonderful years of retirement with him! ■



Carol Smith (BA '78) worked at GBS from 1975 to 1993, serving four years in the General Office and fifteen years as Director of Admissions. Larry and Carol live in Oakley, a suburb of Cincinnati.

Larry Smith has truly been the "Bishop of Mt. Auburn." His devotion to God, his humility and grace, and his ability to write with splendor and power have been a great blessing to the *Revivalist* and to GBS. One of my favorite memories is touring Israel with him in 1999. The first day on the tour bus he said, "Jack, would you call me Larry?" That was a symbol of a special friendship. The day Larry led communion at the Garden Tomb will always be special to me. No one could do that quite like Bishop Smith. Thank you, Larry, for your great contribution to the Church of Jesus Christ and to GBS.

JACK HOOKER (BRE '74)
Pastor, GBS Board Member

Larry Smith is a well-read theologian and historian. He keeps up with current events in the world and in Christendom, while being steeped in Church history, especially the history of Methodism. He's had a significant influence on my own teaching of Systematic Theology. He is humble. In conversation, he seems more impressed with what you have to say than what he says himself, though what he says is more profound. He's also loyal. As my friend, he will treat me the same on every occasion. He has many friends who would feel the same way.

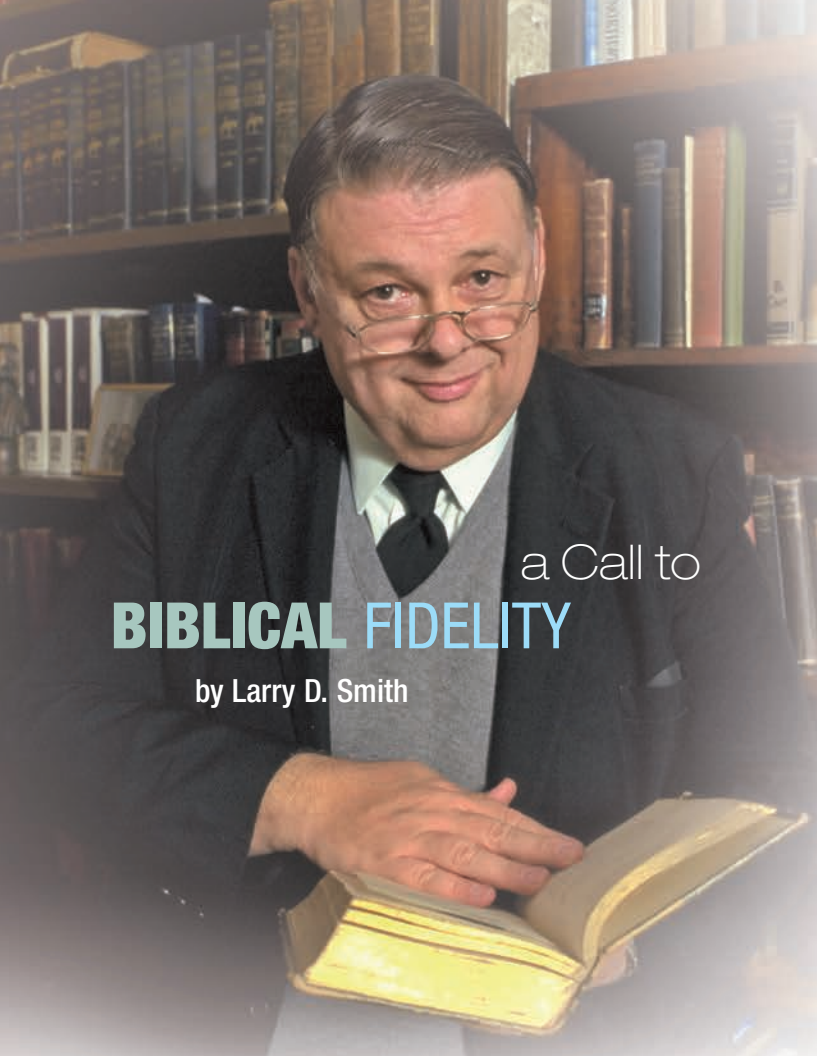
MARK BIRD
Professor, Division of Ministerial Education

Larry Smith has had a profound influence upon my life and ministry, especially as a young minister. He embodied and infused into many of us an appreciation for Methodist history and a sense of hope for the Church today. His emphasis on the great themes of Scripture and the significance of Church traditions have served to ground us in our ever-changing culture. Most of all, Larry Smith's Christ-like spirit has made me hungry to know the Christ he loves and serves so well. With deepest respect and gratitude...

JOHN MANLEY
Pastor, GBS Board Member

Larry Smith exudes kindness and humility. His daily trips to the coffee machine have been a bright spot in my time here at GBS. My office was a passageway to the machine and he was always kind enough to stop and chat a bit. Many life lessons have been learned from those chats—from children to pocket watches. I treasure getting to know Larry Smith!

CHERYL WATTERS
Executive Assistant to the President



a Call to **BIBLICAL FIDELITY**

by Larry D. Smith

“Stand humbly and quietly before the Book,” advised Dr. William Sangster. “Let its great truths soak in. Through the operation of the Holy Spirit it will search your soul, expose the shams and deceits, reveal the truth of God to you, and bring you to the Cross.”

This is a call to Biblical fidelity—an appeal for submission to the absolute authority of the Bible, not as a revered icon, but as the touchstone for both our personal lives and our public proclamation. An icon is a sacred image or symbol, highly honored but quickly forgotten. In contrast, a touchstone is a siliceous stone used to test the purity of gold and silver. This is why the term is now used for a criterion or standard of judgment to determine genuineness or authenticity. That is what the Bible must be to us—a “touchstone” that determines the genuineness of everything.

In order for this to happen, let me suggest that we do the following:

Center our preaching in the Word of God. This must be more than a brief text initially quoted but soon forgotten in a rambling discussion of pious opinions and scattered proof texts. Our pulpits must exegete and apply the Bible.

Restore Scripture lessons to public worship. This ancient practice continues in many denominations, but among us, the Bible is seldom read in church except for the preacher’s text. If we’re serious about the Bible, we should read it publicly as an act of worship.

Catechize our people, and especially our youth. This means systematic, Bible-based instruction in what we are to believe and how we are to live. Many of our churches have no other means of spiritual formation except trips to the public altar.

Center traditional lifestyle standards firmly and fairly in the Scriptures. In reaction to past excesses, too many of our pastors and teachers are failing to give instruction from the Word on how to live a holy, separated life. We must drop those issues that we cannot prove by Scripture, at least as “necessary to salvation,” and preach those that we can. Otherwise we will lose them.

Adapted from the chapter “Touchstone for Everything” in The Call: Essays to the Conservative Holiness Movement by Michael Avery and Larry Smith (Revivalist Press, 2013).



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Larry Smith is a Christian gentleman with a heart for others. He lives the Spirit-filled life with joy and peace. It has been my privilege to work with him across the years and for that....I am a richer person!

JAMES H. DIEHL

Gen. Superintendent Emeritus, Church of the Nazarene

Before I came to work in the ADEP office, I was intimidated by Larry Smith's reputation for scholarliness and his rich writings. Now? I have discovered his humanness. I love it when he walks by the office and stops to chat awhile.

JANET BURTON

Aldersgate Distance Education Program Coordinator

I have appreciated Larry's stately prose and his knowledge of and appreciation for our history and heritage. I love the spiritual impact he has had on the *Revivalist*, and thus throughout God's Bible School and the family of loyal subscribers. His personal friendship is a treasure to me.

LEONARD SANKEY (ThB '60)

GBS Board Member

A son of the Nebraska prairies, Larry Smith has always seemed to me a transplant from the age of Wesley or perhaps B.T. Roberts. He is an embodiment of the finest qualities of his Free Methodist heritage. He embodies its respect for learning, its vital living piety, and deep humility. These qualities have come to life in the editorials he wrote for the *Revivalist*. I have often reflected on a trip I took with Larry to visit Harold Schmul shortly after Larry became editor of *God's Revivalist*. It was a special time of sharing our mutual love for our common Free Methodist heritage and our dreams of living that inheritance today. Larry—Thank you and please keep writing. We need your voice today more than ever.

WILLIAM KOSTLEVY

Director Brethren Historical Library and Archives

Larry Smith is a gifted preacher, a skilled writer, a beloved teacher, a lover of anything old, and a warm, kind-hearted man. He is also the master of doodling. If you have seen any of his sketches you will know what I mean.

MONTE STETLER

GBS Board Member

Larry Smith's life is a constant reminder that living a holy life is possible when the means of grace are appropriated. His presence has elevated the spiritual and intellectual atmosphere of God's Bible School for many years. I am blessed to count him a friend.

DAN GLICK

Chair, Division of Intercultural Studies and World Missions

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(4), and Illinois (1). Here are some details from three of those services.

The first stop was at the Bible Holiness Church in Frankfort, IN, with host pastor and GBS alumnus Dr. David Fry (BA '02). One alumnus in attendance, John Parker (BRE '78) commented, "I loved it! Thanks to those who planned this and to President Avery for coming.

SWSE was so awesome! The fellowship was wonderful." Keith Waggoner (GBS HS '74) stopped by the booth and predicted great things ahead, considering how the first service had gone. He said that while he appreciates talent, talent cannot produce the Spirit of God, and he was moved by the Spirit he felt in the service. Jo Walker Dahler (BA '77) said, "I think I can say it was the best orchestra/band concert that I have ever been in! Such

SWSE SPRING TOUR

PR Director Don Davison reports that the spring tour of the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble was successful. "Director David Hartkopf allowed God to use him effectively to lead this group in being channels of blessing and to effectively represent GBS. Jessica Smith's accompaniment was fabulous. God really helped me relate to the crowds." Andy Cooley drove the bus 1,510 miles on the six-day tour, making seven different stops in three states: Indiana (2), Missouri



The Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble

REVIVALIST FAMILY

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

BIRTHS



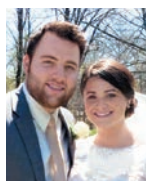
To **Amber (Davison) (HS '01) and Daron Jones (GBS 2000-01)**, a daughter, **Vivian Norah**, born May 3, 2015. She joins three siblings: Spencer (7), Collin (4), and Tessa (2). Daron is a veterinary doctor and Amber is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Hubbardston, MI. Proud grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Don Davison (GBS Public Relations Director) and Rev. and Mrs. Blake Jones (Great Lakes Conference President, Bible Methodist Connection).

To **Ashley (Turner) (AA '05) and Matthew Alexander**, a set of identical triplets, **Sophia Mae**,



Alexis Kae, and Ella Shae, born March 26, 2015, in Indianapolis, IN. Each weighing between 4-5 lbs, they joined big brother Stefan (2). Ashley is a registered nurse and Matthew is a senior project manager for Sproles Corporation. They reside in Greenfield, IN.

MARRIAGE



Jennifer Watts to Nathaniel Davison (AA '08), April 11, 2015, at the Mariemont Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Chuck Goddard, Rev. Don Davison, and Rev. Billy Watts, Sr. Nate is a nurse at University of Cincinnati Hospital. Jennifer is a mental health specialist at

a sweet spirit was there throughout the whole service!"

At the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Palestine, IL, the group ministered to a packed house. Over 200 people from 21 churches in the area showed up for this service. Don said that he "enjoyed the Lord's help in telling our story here. The SWSE did a wonderful job...there were folks up on their feet in praise...a beautiful night for us here."

The final stop was in Shelbyville, IN, at the Bible Holiness Church pastored by alumnus Rev. Joe Smith (BRE '80). Approximately 225 folks from various communities gathered to fill this beautiful sanctuary. Pastor Joe was publicly appreciative of the impact of GBS on his family. After the service, the group received a tour of the newly built Hispanic church and heard a report about how God was blessing the ministry of alumnus Stephanie Smith (BA '06).

We thank God for His help in making the SWSE tour a success!

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Forty people from GBS are now active members of the Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP). After several days of training with Princess Davis, the COPP Coordinator for the Cincinnati Police Department, the GBS contingent was inaugurated on April 29 with teams going on practice runs.

There are approximately 500 people involved in the COPP across Cincinnati. The intention of this citizens program is to increase safety in neighborhoods and establish good



connections between citizens and the police. The teams always go out in groups of three while wearing their blue uniforms.

VIP DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 24

VIP Day 2015 was a great success with more than 150 high school students on our campus, plus nearly 50 parents/sponsors accompanying them. From the beginning of registration on Thursday night to the end of brunch on Saturday morning, we could see that this event was blessed by God. The weather couldn't have been better. The events on Friday morning flowed smoothly. The evening banquet was fun and entertaining, and President Avery's closing challenge Friday evening reminded us of how important VIP Day can be in the lives of our visitors and students. With dozens of people around the altar, it was easy to see what "really matters" at an event like VIP Day! We thank God for those who (p14)➡

Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. Nate is the son of PR Director Don Davison (BRE '83) and Linda Raines Davison (GBS 1992-93). Jennifer is the daughter of retired Lt. Col. Billy Watts, Jr. (GBS 1980-83) and wife, Beth. Jennifer and Nate reside in Cincinnati.

DEATHS



Naomi Lavon Cole, 88, of Adrian, MI, passed away January 12, 2015, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility. She was born in 1926 in Blissfield, MI, the daughter of Pearl and Lydia (Hahn) French. In 1948, she enrolled at GBS in the Christian Workers Course and received a certificate in 1949. It was at GBS that she met Chester Cole (CWC '49). In 1951, Naomi and Chester married in a double wedding ceremony—the other couple were Chester's twin brother Lester (CWC '49) and

Dorothy Ayers (CWC '48). After GBS, Naomi and Chester moved to Adrian, MI. Chester worked for Hoover Ball Bearing until his retirement. Naomi was a homemaker, raising their three daughters. Both were active members of the Bible Missionary Church in Adrian, MI. After over fifty years of marriage, Chester preceded Naomi in death in 2001. She is survived by her three daughters, Judy, Catherine, and Gail; and four grandchildren. Memorial Services were held at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian, MI, with Rev. Mike Dunson officiating.



Rachel Ruth (Taylor) Beck, 87, of Archdale, NC, died Monday, April 6, 2015. Ruth was born in 1927 in Randolph County, the daughter of Emery and Eva (Coltrane) Taylor. She lived a life of devotion to her Lord, her family, her church, and education. She came to GBS in 1943. After her graduation (BA '47), she worked at GBS for

several years, including as a teacher in the high school. It was during this time that she earned a graduate degree from the University of Cincinnati. A new college student, James Wilton Beck, caught her eye. After his graduation (CWC '54), they married. Ruth assisted her husband of 55 years in his evangelistic ministry, and also served as long-time church organist and assistant Sunday school teacher at the Trinity Holiness Church in Sophia, NC. She was instrumental in forming the Carolina Christian Academy in Thomasville and served as its principal and teacher. Wilton passed away in 2006. Ruth is survived by her three children, Eunice, Paul, and Mark; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Virginia. Funeral services were held at Trinity Holiness Church, officiated by Rev. Tim Cole, Rev. Stephen Parker, and Rev. Paul Beck. Interment followed at the church cemetery.



Dr. Gene Hood, 77, of Indianapolis, IN, went home to be with the Lord on April 24, 2015. He was born in 1937 in Pecos, TX, to Albert Daniel and Ruby Estelle (George) Hood. Dr. Hood was a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University), where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. He later was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity from Indiana Christian University. While at Bethany, he met Carolyn Uphaus. They married on September 2, 1958, and were close partners in ministry for over 56 years.

Dr. Hood began his pastoral ministry in Tulsa, OK, and then served as an evangelist for seven years. For more than 42 years, he pastored the Independent Nazarene Church in Beech Grove, IN, before founding the Independent Nazarene Church in New Palestine, IN, in 2014.

In 1975, he established the Nazarene Christian School in Beech Grove. He also co-founded Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum, a biblically-based curriculum used across the United States and in countries around the world.

Dr. Hood did extensive missionary work, building many churches and schools in Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Haiti, Nigeria, South Africa, Ukraine, Korea, and in the Western United States among Native Americans. He was instrumental in placing Bibles in every school in Honduras and shipped over one million Bibles to Russia. Just days before his death, Dr. Hood's final act of spreading the gospel was donating a first edition, first issue of the 1611 King James Bible to the government of Papua New Guinea. He also owned and operated radio stations, radio towers, and radio programs in Belize, Honduras, and Papua New Guinea, as well as in the U.S.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Carolyn; children, Randy, Paula, Jonathan, and Joel; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Darwin; sister, Colleen; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at The Life Center at Southport-Indianapolis Baptist Temple with Rev. Rollin Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Washington Park East Cemetery.



Anita Kathryn Brechbill, 91, was promoted to glory on April 25, 2015, from the Riverwoods Nursing Home in Lewisburg, PA, where she had resided since 2006. She was born in 1923 in Garrett, IN, to Albert and Cora (Miller) Brechbill. Anita attended Messiah Bible College Academy and completed training in medical technology at Philadelphia Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She was employed as a laboratory technician for 20 years at Philadelphia Episcopal Hospital. While living in Philadelphia, she experienced a definite conversion which changed the direction of her life. The next 44 years were spent as a city missionary. She never married, but gave her life entirely to God's service using her God-given talents. For 30 years, she served on the staff of the Gospel Words and Music Radio Broadcast. She sang in a duo known as the Melody Sisters. She also served as editor of the "Around Our Church" column in the monthly paper, *The Gospel Witness*.

After her "retirement," she joined the staff of the Evangelical Wesleyan Mission (FL) and traveled to China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Bahamas, Dominica, Haiti, Mexico, various countries in Central America, and most of the 50 states in the USA.

In 1996, she founded a prayer network called Ropesholders with a publication that swelled to 12 pages and 1,800 subscribers. For 10 years she directed this prayer ministry from her apartment in Mifflinburg, PA, and also spearheaded the making of scripture plaques from old greeting cards. Records show over 100,000 of these plaques and related items have been made in 10 languages.

Retirement provided time for freelance writing. Several small books of Christian biography were published, and for several years she wrote for the column, "The Quiet Hour," in *God's Revivalist*. She also wrote for a variety of other religious papers on a regular basis.

Anita is survived by three siblings, Robert, Joseph, and Frances, as well as many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the New Columbia God's Missionary Church, with Rev. Harry F. Plank and Rev. Arlan L. Kratz officiating. Burial followed in the Grantham Memorial Park Cemetery. ■

I am indebted to Larry Smith for raising my knowledge and appreciation of our theological roots in the broader Christian arena and the importance and value of frequent participation in the Lord's Supper. I appreciated having Larry in our division. He was always loyal to the Word of God before being loyal to and appreciative of the viewpoint of Methodism. He was a kind, loving brother with a good sense of humor.... a blessing to be around.

ALLAN BROWN
Chair, Division of Ministerial Education

Larry Smith's ministry at GBS is marked not only by piety and reverence, but also by booming laughter and exuberant exhortation. His editorial writing may have sent some to dictionary.com and Clarke's Concordance, but the vivid pictures he painted riveted readers and resurrected excellence at the *Revivalist*.

REBECCA KELLEY
GBS Board Member

I first met Larry Smith about 25 years ago and he quickly became one of my closest friends. He is one of the most "saintly men" I have ever known. He is an excellent preacher (one of my favorites)—a true scholar—an engaging teacher—a great editor—a good writer—a real Methodist scholar. It is a joy to write this brief tribute to my friend.

EDSEL TROUTEN (HS '58, ThB '61)
Retired Minister and Educator

Larry Smith is a writer's writer. In an age of digital cacophony and superficial obsequiousness, his editorials have fused elegant style and poignant prose with broad historical perspective and prophetic prescience. Through the clarion call to principled holiness in his writing, through the practical demonstration of humble greatness in his living, and through many hours of patient, personal mentoring, he has been an inspiration to me.

WALLACE THORNTON, JR. (BA '92, ThB '94)
Author and Educator

Larry Smith embodies Christian piety, humility, and winsomeness. His beautiful spirit attracts to his Lord. His personal kindness has meant a good deal to me as well; in my early days in Cincinnati, he and I would commiserate about having left behind our open spaces of Nebraska and Kansas for the hilly river valley of the Queen City. I'll forever fondly remember being part of the same ministry with the godly, careful, gentle "Bishop of Mt. Auburn"!

AARON PROFITT
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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The *Revivalist* staff did a great job on the October 2014 issue of the *Revivalist*. The two articles on Taylor and Stetler were outstanding background on their ministries. I also appreciated the feature articles on pastoral ministry. I will make copies with your permission to pass on to my future preaching students.

BOB BICKERT
Wilmore, KY

You all do a fantastic job in every issue. I was raised not too far from GBS, and my mom and dad used to take us to camp meeting when we were younger. My mom especially wanted to go when Dr. Wingrove Taylor was preaching. After I got married and moved to Tennessee, my son and I went to hear Dr. Taylor preach when he was nearby. His message that night touched my heart in a powerful way. I have never forgotten it.

MARY METHENEY
Clinton, TN

Thanks for all the diligent work that went into the Protecting Marriage issue (Jan/Feb 2015)! I trust the Lord blesses that issue to strengthen and even save marriages!

DON DAVISON
Cincinnati, OH

I enjoy getting and reading the *Revivalist*. You are really doing a good job dealing with current issues that people struggle with on a daily basis, such as conflict in marriage.

MARK ECKART
District Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church
Orleans, IN

Dr. Allan Brown's two-part "How to Have Daily Victory Over Sin" sermons are among the very best that I have ever read! It is very helpful in making clear some of the things that seem troublesome to many new (and not-quite-so-new) Christians. The "Eight FACTS for your FAITH" were particularly helpful! Thanks!

JOHN M. EAVEY
Ft. Wayne, IN

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2015

➡(p11) were able to come and see what GBS is all about, and for those who worked tirelessly to make this event possible. Most importantly, we thank God for His special touch on this event from beginning to end! We look forward to seeing more young people at VIP Day 2016! —Kent Stetler, Student Recruiter

MUSIC DIVISION ENDS YEAR WITH CONCERTS

The Music Division ended the spring semester with several presentations. At noon on May 7, the college and high school choirs, along with the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble, performed for the National Day of Prayer service at the Hamilton County Courthouse. GBS has been involved in this citywide event for many years.



Brittany Hausman performs a violin solo during "An Evening With the SWSE"

At 7:00 p.m. on May 7, the Oratorio Choir, under the direction of Mr. Tim Crater, performed an "Americana Concert," featuring folk and gospel songs as well as selections from some well-known musicals. Also featured were a string quartet and the vocal perfor-

mances of Brittany Cravens, Zac Freeman, Brittany Potteiger, and a vocal ensemble. The audience enjoyed it all; however, the highlight was the closing piece, "The Name of the Lord is Great," accompanied by the orchestra.

On May 14, Mr. David Hartkopf led the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble in its annual "An Evening with the SWSE" in the GBS Adcock Chapel. They presented "Around the World," featuring popular and cinematic tune favorites. Dr. Jana Pop, Chair of the Division of Music, expresses deep appreciation for the generosity of individuals who have contributed to the Annual Fund, thus enabling the presentation of guest master classes and recitals throughout the year, as well as scholarships for upperclassmen to attend professional workshops and events. Persons who are interested in making contributions for the coming year should contact Dr. Jana Pop at jpop@gbs.edu or (513) 763-6547.



National Day of Prayer



Oratorio Choir performs "Forever King" by Dan Forrest

MT. AUBURN CLEANUP DAY

About 30 students participated in the annual Mt. Auburn Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 9. This year, with the help of more than 100 volunteers, every street in Mt. Auburn was cleaned. We are always proud of our students and staff who partici-

pate and make a lasting impact and impression on our community!

COMMISSIONING WEEKEND

The first "Commissioning Weekend" began Wednesday evening with a Candlelight Celebration Service featuring the graduating college and high school seniors. People gathered on the south lawn for a time of singing and student testimonies. It culminated with the hillside lit with can-



dles, each representing those who leave campus to minister in various parts of the world.

The special speaker for the weekend was Rev. Chris Cravens, pastor of the Bible Methodist Church, Findlay, OH, and a member of the GBS board of trustees.



Over the three evening services, he spoke from John 12: "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified" (v. 26). He pointed out that glory was to come by the way of the cross, and that we too must walk that path



2015 College Commencement Participants of God's Bible School and College

2015 GRADUATES* OF GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME

HIGH SCHOOL

Hanna Sisay Aregay
Todd Austin Campbell
Benjamin Sheffey Carlisle
Jacob O'Shay Conner
Daniela Jamileth Escoto
Christiana Rose
Frederick, Salutatorian
Temesgen T. Hailemariam
Joshua Aaron Kaufmann
Rachel Marie Klotz,
Valedictorian
Ethan Kyle Leidig
Timothy Trent Replogle
Jethro Sarowa
Mark Anthony Scott, Jr.
David Lamar Spurling
Mar'Ceisha Walker-Flack
John Rambua Wina, Jr.
Thomas Edward Wright III

COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY
Chuck Chapman **
Stephen Anthony Lane II
Crystal Joy Kessen ***
Joshua Lee Mahan

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL BUSINESS
Eleni Geletu *
Ashley Johnson
Andrew O. Replogle

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES
Carissa Annette Linville
Cassandra Lynnette Linville
Tyler Mitchell
Erin L. Smith
Audrey Stevenson *
Hannah Rose Sutton *
Skyler B. White *

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Tasheana Barnett

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES AND WORLD MISSIONS
Keyara Renee McFadden

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MUSIC MINISTRY
Kendra Guillermina Ebanks
Michelle Ann Probst,
Co-Valedictorian ***

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION (K-12 PERFORMANCE)
Luis Fernando Escobar Gonzalez *
Yojin Park **
Crystal Joy Kessen ***

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
Chad A. Bladen
Maricka Herrer,
Co-Valedictorian ***
Benjamin Tyler Highley
Travis J. Johnson *
Rachel Signe Langworthy
Eric R. Strong

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHURCH AND FAMILY MINISTRY
Matthew Vaughan Clark
Catherine Renee Dykes
Courtney Ruth Goodrich
Montana Marie May Hagan
Hillary Elaine Hobbs
Stephanie D. Hoffpauir
Melissa L. Morgan
Jacqueline Mary Plamondon
Michelle Ann Probst,
Co-Valedictorian ***
Heidi Lanae Rebman
Julie M. Seniva ***
Kent Stephen Stetler ***

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION (SECONDARY ENGLISH)
Miguel Angel Egremy Gonzalez **
Eunhae Ji

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MINISTERIAL EDUCATION
Andrew Paul Hosier

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES AND WORLD MISSIONS
Jeffrey David Albertson *
Nicole Adriana Brown
AnnaMarie Calhoun
Nikita N. Durrant
Maricka Herrer,
Co-Valedictorian ***
Elisabeth Hunt
Nathan Kyle Kennedy
Tiffany Minton
Rose Adhiambo Odek *
Cesar Oliver *
Chelsey Renee Plumley
James Powers

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY)
Natalie Nicole Burroughs
Esther Elizabeth Byer ***
Katheryn C. Ramsay *
Jonathan Ratcliff *
Tyler L. Replogle *
Kyla Tichenor **

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTEGRATIVE STUDIES
David James Olson
Sharree Renae Pouzar,
Salutatorian ***

★ pending completion of all course requirements

* Cum Laude (3.50-3.79) ** Magna Cum Laude (3.80-3.89) *** Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00)



Christi Frederick and Rachel Klotz



2015 Graduates of Aldersgate Christian Academy

leading to crucifixion. We must die to self or be forced to live within the boundaries of our own limitations. We must die to self in order to love supremely, to live redemptively, and, therefore, to serve the Father. That is the glory in us.

Special services included Sunday morning communion (a brief message by Rev. Chris Cravens followed by a final communion led by Dr. Larry Smith), and the Sunday afternoon "Commitment to Ministering Now" (featuring testimonies and reports from areas of student ministry).

The college commencement was Saturday morning. President Michael Avery conducted the service, and Mrs. Martha Miller was the organist. Dr. Donald Smith of Mitchell, IN, delivered the invocation, and Mrs. Beth Stetler of Donna, TX, read the scripture lesson. Special music was "I Offer My Life," sung by an ensemble consisting of Julie Going, Priscilla Vernon, Megan Cravens, and Heidi Keaton, accompanied by Mari Hamada. Rev. Chris Cravens gave a short but powerful challenge to the graduates, and Dr. Miguel Egremy, Sr., of Jalisco, Mexico, offered the benediction.



L-R: Maricka Herrer, Michelle Probst, Sharree Pouzar

Presenting college graduates was Dr. Aaron Profitt, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and conferring degrees was Dr. Leonard Sankey, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Maricka Herrer and Michelle Ann Probst were recognized as co-valedictorians, and Sharree Renae Pouzar as salutatorian. Maricka Herrer was presented with the college's *Educated Christian Award*. The chairs from GBS's academic divisions presented the

following student awards: **Division of Ministerial Education** (Dr. Allan Brown, Chair): *Zondervan Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Biblical Greek*, Jason Albertson; *Zondervan Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Biblical Hebrew*, Emily Wolf; *Oswald Chambers Ministerial Leadership Award*, Travis J. Johnson; **Division of Music** (Dr. Jana Pop, Chair): *Academic Excellence and Outstanding Musical Achievement Award*, Crystal Joy Kessen; **Division of Education and Professional Studies** (Joshua Avery, Chair): *Excellence in Student Teaching Award*, Esther Elizabeth Byer; *Oscar Johnson Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Service*, Kent Stephen Stetler.

ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY

For the first time in its history, Aldersgate Christian Academy held its graduation ceremony separate from that of the college at 7:00 PM on May 22. Principal William Marshall presented 17 high school graduates with diplomas. Special recognition was offered to Rachel Klotz, valedictorian, and Christi Frederick, salutatorian. The ceremony also honored the eight students graduating from eighth grade to high school. Dr. Aaron Profitt, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave the address, "The Road Signs of Life."

LARRY SMITH RECEIVES HIGHEST GBS HONOR

The whole occasion was supposed to be kept a secret. Hush, hush. God's Bible School and College was going to confer upon Larry Smith an honorary Doctorate of Divinity. He deserved it.

He was asked to take part in the faculty procession at the 2015 Commencement "because he was retiring and it would be nice to have him walk one last time."



Larry is surprised to hear that his children and several grandchildren are present.



The hooding of Dr. Larry D. Smith



Larry is greeted by family and friends.

He consented, but later admitted he was a little suspicious. Larry's children, Miriam and Andrew, however, did manage to come to the occasion without either Larry or his wife Carol knowing. It helped when Miriam told Carol in a phone call to "be sure to take a lot of pictures." When President Avery called Larry forward, it did confirm Larry's suspicion that something was afoot; but his shock was genuine when President Avery noted that Larry's two children and three of his grandchildren were in the congregation.

The President read some comments, and Larry was hooded by Dr. Aaron Profitt, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Allan Brown, chair of the Division of Ministerial Education. ■

Larry Smith is a man who bursts into passionate discourse when he thinks of God and His mighty acts in history. His booming public presence is balanced by his private self-effacing humility. Larry's tenure at the *Revivalist* helped revive its significance as a voice of sanity and prophetic clarity amidst the demise of much print periodical literature.

PHILIP BROWN
Professor, Ministerial Education

We first met Larry Smith in England in 1978 at the reopening of Wesley's Chapel. Dad Schmul had led a USA group on that special trip. We later met in Dad and Mom's small apartment at Hobe Sound, FL. Great food and great fellowship. We loved his knowledge and wit. There was an instant bonding! We both share our love of Methodist history and hymnody. Dad considered Larry one of his "soldier boys" in the Army of the Lord. I consider Larry my friend and like a brother. Others will speak of all his accomplishments; however, we simply want Larry to know and feel the love, affection, and respect from all of us.

HAROLD & CAROLINE (HS '61, BA '67) SCHMUL II
Retired Minister

Professor Larry Smith's passion for Church history and especially Methodism impacted me greatly as I sat in his classroom. That has been more than ten years ago, but I still remember the gifted way he transmitted a love for the Church and the holiness movement to us through his lectures. His classes were so enjoyable—he "lived" history and made it come to life! His compassionate, godly spirit was a beautiful encouragement to me during my days at GBS.

STEPHANIE SMITH (BA '06)
Nurse and Hispanic Ministries Coordinator

Larry Smith has been a steady spiritual presence since his arrival on campus. He brought a new level of excellence to the *Revivalist* and challenged us all to think more deeply. Many thanks are owed to Larry for the gifts of his time and talent poured out so generously for the GBS family.

BETHANY DENTLER
GBS Board Member

Larry Smith is always a Christian gentleman and constantly caring about the state of holiness in the holiness movement and a model of holy love to us all.

KEITH DRURY
Author and Prof. Emeritus, Indiana Wesleyan University

Kevin Miles Moser

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE

by Michael Avery

Ronald Moser and Evelyn Klotz came to God's Bible School from eastern Pennsylvania in the early 1960s. Ron attended for a year while Evelyn earned a two-year Christian Worker's Course diploma. After her graduation, they married and started a family. Kevin Miles Moser, born at The Christ Hospital, February 10, 1964, was the first of their five children—all boys. Evelyn was a stay-at-home mom, and Ron worked full-time at Armstrong Stationary in downtown Cincinnati and part-time in his own side business as a house painter.

When Kevin was two-and-a-half, the family returned to its roots in Pennsylvania. His father worked for the Brooks Instrument division of Emerson Electric in Hatfield, PA. They became active in the Holiness Christian Church in Allentown, where Ron's uncle was the pastor.

The Moser family was expanding. Kenneth Max was born in 1965, twin brothers Joseph Aaron and James Allen in 1967, and Meredith Lee in 1971. It was also around that time that doctors first discovered cancer in their mother.

Kevin was a good student who never really liked school. To him it was "boring and a waste of time." He LOVED to read, though—often curling up with a book late into the night after lights were supposed to be out. He even read encyclopedias.

Kevin was exposed to music at an early age. His mother started giving the children piano lessons when each was in kindergarten. He also took private cello lessons.

Kevin was nine when his father's company transferred him to Statesboro, Georgia, and Kevin wasn't happy about it. "It was like starting life all over again. The thought of losing the few friends I had and going into a brand new school brought feelings of terror and resentment."

Things were different in Georgia. Instrumental music in the school system there did not begin until the fifth grade, and it was "only band and no orchestra stuff." So Kevin traded cello for trumpet. In high school he switched to French horn (concert band) and mellophone (marching band). He loved marching band. "It



was my favorite thing. We took it very seriously, participating in competitions where we usually received superior ratings and won trophies."

Evelyn Moser died on Valentine's Day 1980—the week of Kevin's 16th birthday. He recounts, "I was in a fog for six months." That summer Kevin went to live with his grandparents in Allentown, PA. He worked for his grandfather in construction, learning how to "do everything imaginable—electrical wiring, plumbing, ceramic tile, drywall. I did all of it." At the end of the summer, he went back to Georgia for his junior year of high school. His father married Earnal Boyett Lee at the beginning of January 1981.

The following summer, Kevin returned to Allentown to work for his grandfather. His grandparents attended the same church that Kevin had attended as a child. There was a large youth group there, and many of the teens either were preparing to begin attending Bible college in the fall or were taking a summer break from Bible colleges in which they were already enrolled. Kevin said he "got an earful about all of those wonderful Bible colleges."

In an earlier year he had actually been to Hobe Sound Bible College to attend the annual camp meeting while visiting his grandparents—"snowbirds" who lived in Florida during the winter. But even though both of Kevin's parents had attended God's Bible School, he had never been there. Now, here he was in Pennsylvania, expecting to go back to Georgia for his senior year in two months, yet thinking more and more about finishing high school at one of the Bible colleges. So he applied for entrance into one of them.

When he called and talked to an admissions director, he discovered that there was no program that would allow him to work his way through school. However, God's Bible School did have such a program.

So Kevin also applied to GBS, where the admissions director, Carol Wiseman, sadly informed him that he was applying too late. The school had allocated 125 work positions that year but had already accepted 175 work students! However, GBS President Bence Miller saw Kevin's application, noticed all of his construction work experience, and said, "Get him here right now." A few weeks later, in August of 1981, Kevin walked onto the campus of GBS for the first time. He has lived here ever since!

Kevin began attending the Hopeful Heights Wesleyan Church (which later became the Burlington Bible Methodist Church), pastored by Earl Weddle in Florence, KY. This was the same congregation that his parents had associated with when Kevin was a baby. Shirley Richardson (now Dye), then secretary to the GBS president, and Carol Wiseman (now Smith) both attended there. They took Kevin "under their wings" and became "Aunt Shirley" and "Aunt Carol."

It was also helpful that Kevin had a wonderful boss whom he "just absolutely loved." He said that "Wayne Via, the maintenance director, was a down-to-earth person, friendly, very caring, and helpful. He was just an awesome boss." As he was still attending high school, his 24-hours-per-week work schedule was a bit complicated. He stayed VERY busy.

At some point during his first year, "Aunt Shirley" managed to get Kevin's work assignment switched from maintenance to evening telephone operator. Periodically, however, he would be called back to maintenance to perform specific tasks that called for his specific skills.

Kevin was in the GBS band that year, playing the French horn. He did not sing in the high school choir because he "was too scared to audition." Staying

around for college after graduating from high school in 1982 "just happened by osmosis. It wasn't really a planned thing." Kevin had decided that he wanted to study music and he was already here—ensconced.

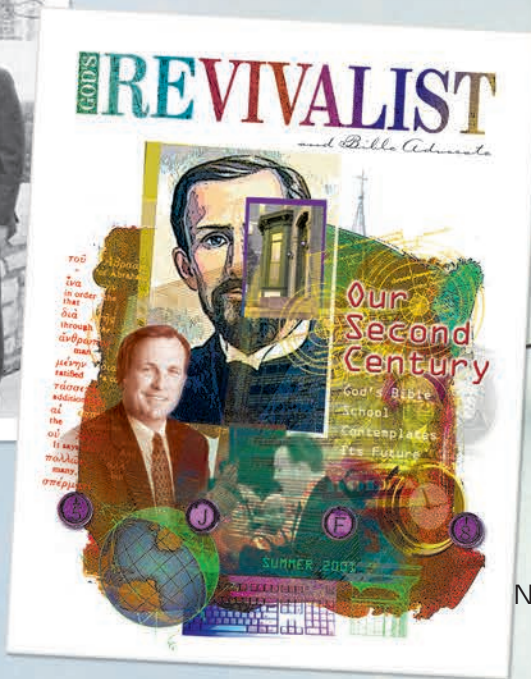
It took Kevin eight years to get through college. Because he continued as a work student, he tried to keep his academic load at the minimum 12 credit-hours per semester. In addition, Kevin changed his degree program several times. He also traveled in the College Choir (seven years), the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble (nine years), and various quartets (five years). This meant a considerable amount of time was spent practicing and performing, especially since as a music major he was also studying piano and voice. He eventually graduated with a BA in Church Music in 1990.

It was in 1988 that Kevin began working for the Revivalist Press. GBS had purchased a new printing press in order to return the publishing of the 100-year-old *God's Revivalist* to the campus, so there was a need for additional staff. The year before this, Kevin had been elected editor of the student paper, *The Echo of the Hilltop*. Printer Ron Shew insisted that Kevin learn how to do each step in the pre-press and printing process. He showed Kevin how to use the huge walk-in stat camera that was necessary for making the half-tone negatives and how to develop the film. He taught him how to "burn" and develop the printing plates and run the presses. So, with the return of on-site printing, Kevin was one of the first work students to be re-assigned to the printing department.

Layout and design was drastically different back then. When Rob Scott became art director, he had a degree from Ringling College of Art and Design. Desktop publishing was only in its infancy when Rob took a course in computers and desktop publishing at Northern Kentucky University. He would use Kevin's Apple Mac Plus computer to do his homework for the class, then he would teach Kevin what he was learning.



ABOVE: This GBS high school quartet competed for and won a spot on *The Best of Cincinnati* record album (vinyl LP) and completed a 15,000-mile summer tour representing GBS. From left to right they are Scottie Butler, Kevin Moser (accompanist), Craig Brown, Dan Plemmons, and Tim LeBaron. IMMEDIATE RIGHT: the summer 2001 cover of *God's Revivalist*, which won an honorable mention in Dynamic Graphics' design competition. FAR RIGHT: skiing at Steamboat Springs, CO.



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Thus, the Revivalist Press began the switch to desktop publishing for some of its basic layout work.

In 1994, Rob Scott decided to leave the school's employ and gave a month's notice. Kevin was working in the pressroom and pre-press area doing the menial stuff. President Miller instructed Rob to teach Kevin everything he could in that one month. Kevin was to be the interim art director until an appropriate person was found for the position. As an "appropriate" person was never hired, the rest is history.

Kevin's skills in layout and design are noticeable to any reader of *God's Revivalist*. When asked if he had always been artistically inclined, Kevin had to give it some thought. "I was always interested in aesthetics. For instance, when I was young I was very concerned that the grass was trimmed exactly right along the curb. I don't think anyone else in my family cared about things like that. I was a perfectionist."

This attention to detail is what helps Kevin see how the design elements fit together best on a page: how much white space is needed; the size of a picture and where it is best placed—He has an eye for all of that.

Others recognize his expertise in this area. In 1997, Kevin received an award in a national design competition for a GBS viewbook. He also won honorable mention for one of his *God's Revivalist* cover designs.

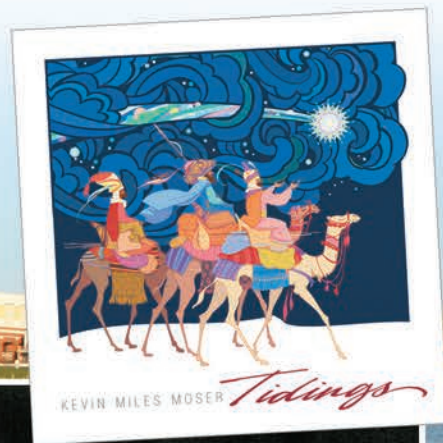
You would think that all of this would keep Kevin busy enough, but there are other things he does that give him and others great joy. For 17 years he has conducted an annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* with guest soloists and professional orchestra at the church where he is music director. For more than a decade he prepared choir and background vocal scores for the concerts of Christian recording artist Steve Green and organized and directed orchestras

and choirs for several of his concerts, not only locally in Ohio, but also in Texas, Alabama, and Pennsylvania.

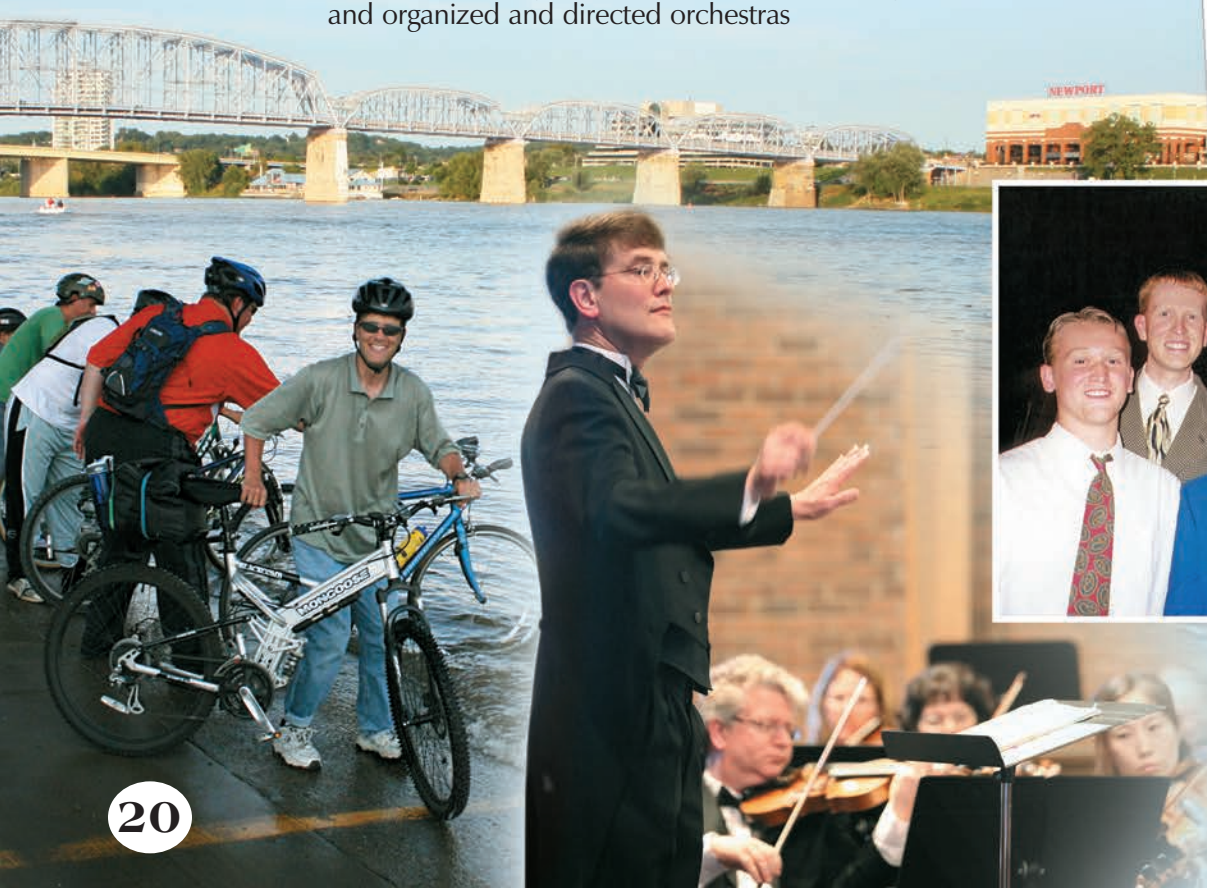
He enjoys hiking in national parks and loves to ski in the winter. He is the founder of Aldersgate Ski Club, which has been active for more than a decade as an official school club affiliated with Perfect North Slopes in nearby Lawrenceburg, IN. He bicycles in the spring, summer, and fall and is quite serious about it—110 miles on many Fridays during the summer (and always on his heavy, ultra-terrain bicycle with wide, knobby, 26-inch tires!). He and his friend Craig Brown organized "Pedaling for the Persecuted," a 330-mile bicycle ride from Lake Erie in Cleveland to the Cincinnati riverfront, a yearly event which takes place in August. Its purpose is to raise awareness for the plight of persecuted Christians around the world and to raise funds to send Bibles to them.

In 2014, after many years of collaborating on other people's recording projects, he released his first music CD, *Tidings*, a collection of 11 instrumental Christmas songs. Not only did he arrange and perform everything on the project, but he also designed the disc artwork and CD booklet. Now he is working on its follow-up—*Tidings 2*—as well as on a collection of epic, cinematic orchestrations.

It has been 34 years since Kevin Miles Moser first arrived at 1810 Young Street, and 25 years since he graduated from college and began working as a full-time employee of God's Bible School. We sincerely hope that he will continue blessing us with his work and his friendship for many more years! Congratulations, Kevin! ■



FAR LEFT: The conclusion of a 330-mile bicycle ride. IMMEDIATE LEFT: Conducting a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. ABOVE: Kevin (right) poses after a concert with Steve Green (center) in which Kevin directed a 100-voice choir and orchestra.





student focus

POLL: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TRUMPS GAY RIGHTS

A new Associated Press-GfK poll finds that Americans are more likely to say that religious liberties are more important for the government to protect than the rights of gays and lesbians, by a 56 percent to 40 percent margin. Just a quarter of Americans call gay rights a very or extremely important issue to them personally, while half call religious liberties a very or extremely important issue. However, only 40% think most business owners should be allowed to refuse service to gays and lesbians on religious grounds.

AMERICANS' PERCEPTIONS OF THE BIBLE'S GLOBAL REACH

According to the American Bible Society, less than half of the world's 6,101 languages have a complete translation of the Bible. Americans do not seem aware of this fact. For example, 72% mistakenly believe the Bible is currently available in all of the world's languages. About 26% of these languages do have segments of Scripture completed, with more portions in the translation process while 31% do not have even a translation begun in the language. That is in contrast to nearly 90% of American households that report having at least one Bible, with the average household owning four copies.

200 BABIES ARE ABORTED PER 1,000 BIRTHS

The Centers for Disease Control released a study that analyzed data from 2011. It showed that 730,322 women had abortions in 2011, with 45.7% being performed by Planned Parenthood doctors. Most of the women who underwent the abortion procedure were unmarried (85.5%). The CDC also found that women in their 20s were most likely to obtain an abortion.

BARNA: 1 IN 4 AMERICANS ARE ATHEISTS

A 2015 Barna Group study has revealed that one in four unchurched adults in the country now identify as atheists or agnostics. The study also found that rejection of the Bible and lack of trust in the Church are two main reasons why people are turning away from faith. Of this group, nearly one-third said that they have never attended a Christian church service in their lives.

Other polls, such as the 2014 General Social Survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center and the University of Chicago, also report that the number of Americans leaving organized religion is at a record high, at 21%. However, they say that only 3% of the respondents to its poll are atheist and 5% identified as agnostic, which is notably lower than Barna's statistics. ■

ELENI GELETU, born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital city, grew up in an environment where she was influenced to stray from her parents' guidance and instruction. Through a serious illness in which the Lord miraculously healed her, Eleni accepted Christ as her Savior and began to have a deep desire to know God more. After attending Aldersgate Christian Academy, Eleni felt the Lord was calling her to continue on at GBS. Since being here, her desires, plans, and goals in life have become more Christ-focused and she has become burdened about sharing the gospel with others. Upon graduation this past spring, her plans were to continue her studies by pursuing a degree in the medical field. Her ministry dream is to return to her home country and share Christ's love and the good news of the gospel with those around her. Her ultimate desire is that she can be a reflection of Christ's light. ■

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ALUMNI RECEPTION AT IHC

The annual alumni reception took place during the Inter-church Holiness Convention in Dayton, OH, on April 22. It was great to see so many GBS alumni gather in the largest meeting room available in the convention center. This year's attendance of over 400 alumni and their families was a record.

Plans for Homecoming 2015 were shared with the group as they fellow-shipped over pizza and soft drinks. This year's homecoming, October 9-10, will have a revised format with new events including: GBS Talent Feature, Music Around the Piano, and the first ever 1810 Street Festival.

The group was given an update on campus progress by President Avery, including: rebranding of Aldersgate Christian Academy, new campus signage, completion of the Allan Clarence Strong Residence Hall, proposed ministry arts building, Music Hall remodeling, and the master's program that is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016. In addition, Nathan Dahler, Director of Enrollment Services, presented a challenge to alumni to engage in student development and recruitment.

President Avery presented the Alumni Philanthropy Award to Steve (BRE '78) and Kay (Kennedy) (GBS 1982-83) Vernon for their many contributions to GBS. Special gifts were given to 1810 Sustaining Donors who make a monthly financial contribution to GBS.

As alumni president, I am excited about the future of the National Alumni Association. The Alumni Council is working diligently to achieve the goal of "connecting GBS alumni around the world." The Dayton event was a great start to this objective.

The Alumni Association thanks Luke Gibson and GuideOne Insurance for their sponsorship of this alumni event. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. ■

*N. Keith Waggoner I, President,
National Alumni Association*



Alumni Philanthropy Award



Alumni show off new babies.

Rev. Smith has assumed many roles for me in my life: A pastor in his office, a mentor during seminary, a teacher in the classroom, an officiant in my wedding, a colleague in ministry, and a friend as we trekked the streets of London in the footsteps of John Wesley. It is an honor to know Rev. Smith. Deanna and I wish him God's best in his retirement.

REV. MARK R. MANDER (BA '05)
Pastor

He called us "laddies." From anyone else it would have been an insult. From Larry Smith it was happily accepted. We sat spellbound as he thundered the important dates and happenings in Church history. Information gushed from him like water from a fire hydrant and we gasped trying to drink it all in, knowing that we were missing far more than we were getting. (His tests proved this!) I have often wished that I could sit in his classroom again to feel his passion, and to gain another morsel of his vast knowledge. He could even call me "laddie" again! What a man! What a mind! What a humble servant of The King!

RODNEY LOPER (BA '01)
Pastor

He has been an anointed messenger who has passionately reconnected us to proclaiming the optimism of grace. He has preached with power and persuasion and written his way into our hearts, homes, and houses of worship. Larry's friendships are authentic and his life sparkles with holy piety. He has blessed multiple generations by enriching our purpose, investing in our future while reconnecting us to our glorious history.

CHRIS D. CRAVENS (ADEP current)
GBS Board Member

All who know Larry Smith must be impressed by his signal spirituality, his substantial ability, and his special quality. May God bountifully bless his retirement.

A. WINGROVE TAYLOR (BAMus, BA, ThB '52)
GBS Board Member Emeritus

Having worked with Larry on a near-daily basis for more than 20 years, I suppose that I know him as well as anybody other than his wife. His virtues are many and his faults are few. Listing the former would unnecessarily repeat what these pages have already truthfully reported; and if one indeed were able to identify a legitimate fault, Larry would be the first to offer a self-deprecating acknowledgment! Suffice it to say that he has been among the most important influences in my life. I would certainly be a better person if I were more like Larry Smith.

KEVIN MOSER (HS '82, BA '90)
Art Director and Assistant Editor

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THOUGHTS

for the quiet hour

by Sonja Vernon

REMEMBER...

"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me." —Isaiah 46:9 NASB

Over and over in scripture we are admonished to "remember." Read the words of Moses to the Israelites in the wilderness, listen to Joshua as he challenges the chosen people in the Promised Land, hear the prophets as they thunder forth God's warnings, observe Stephen as he gives his defense before the Sanhedrin, sit with Paul as he reasons in the synagogue. All have a common theme—remember. Remember who you are. Remember where you came from. Remember who God is. Remember what God has done. Remembering protects us from repeating mistakes—our own and those of others. It offers invaluable insight into the results of certain choices. It gives us an identity and a heritage.

Rev. Larry Smith, resident "bishop" at GBS, is a man who helps me to remember. His love of Methodist history reminds me of my identity and the heritage I've been given. His teaching and preaching, bathed in a deep respect for the past, connects me to the Church throughout the centuries. It teaches me that I am part of something much bigger than myself. It challenges me to view my ideas with a long lens, to learn from those who have gone before. It reinforces that God is much greater than my little mind, that His faithfulness endures throughout all generations (Ps. 100:5). Time after time God calls us to remember. I am eternally grateful for this man of God who, so many times, has enabled me to "remember." ■

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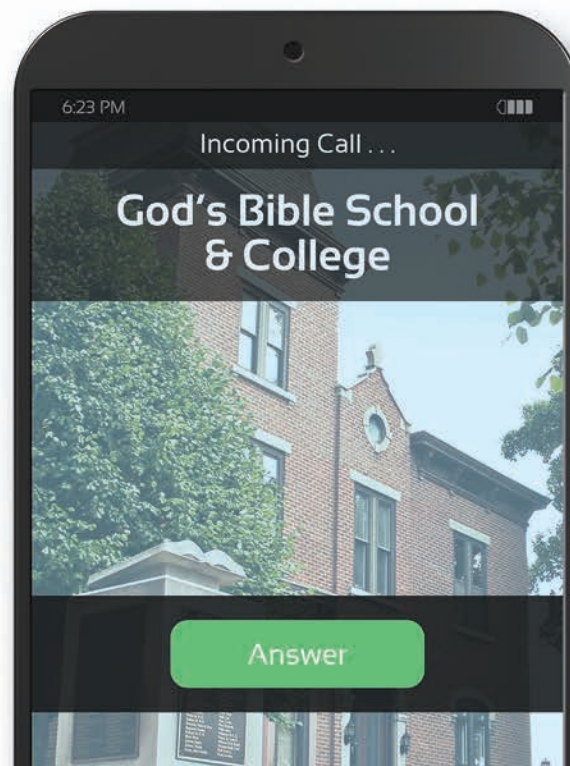
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