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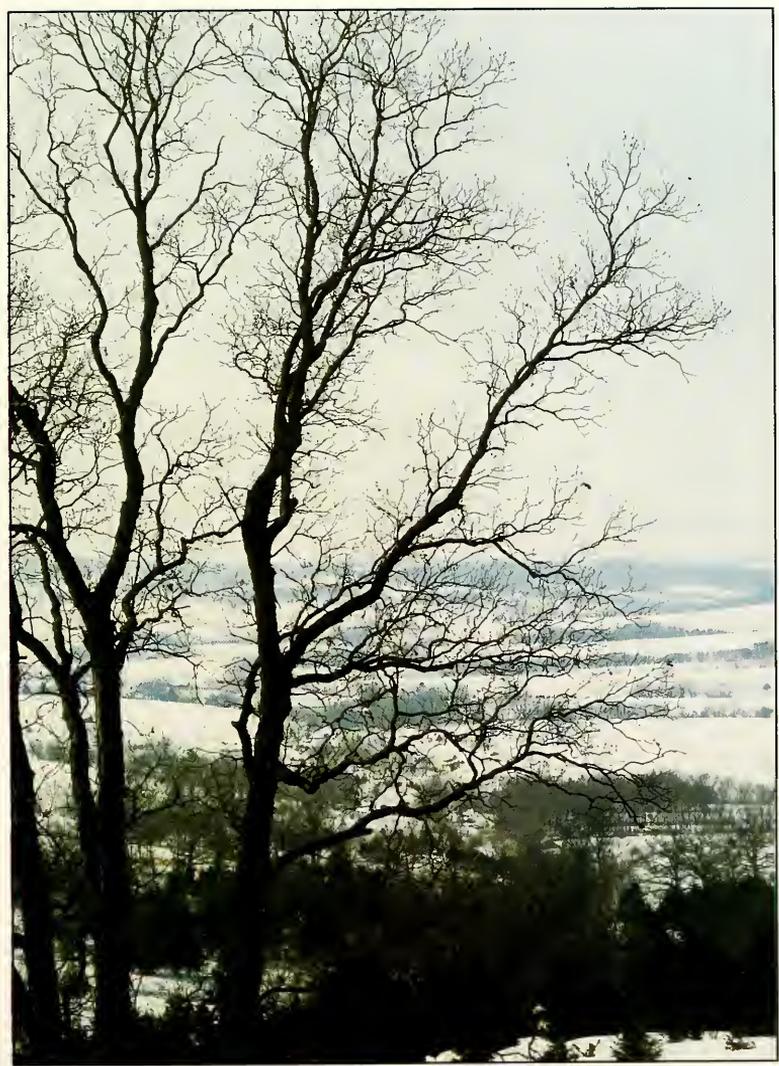
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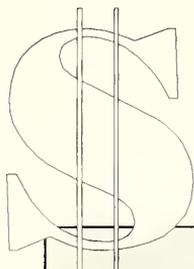
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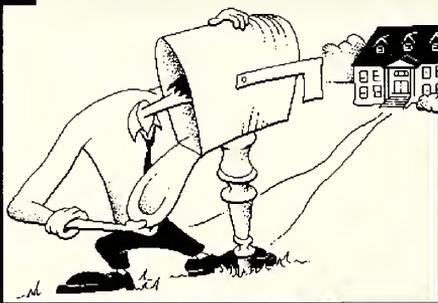
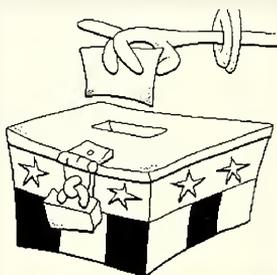


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Jeff Carroll

"I do," or "I don't"

I am reeling after learning that several couples near to my heart are having severe marital difficulties to the point of disintegration. Why is this happening? How can love turn to such hatred in a relationship and a family? A man and a woman stand at the altar and say "I do." Ten years later their hearts have been altered and they now emphatically say, "I don't."

It hurts to see the effects of sin upon the children of those families. Is there no sense of duty or fear of God in our time? What can we do to restore integrity to our marriages?

We must take God seriously. Somehow we have gotten the idea that God is there to minister to our every whim and whine. We want all of the privileges and none of the responsibility. God is God. He is the potter and we are the clay—not the other way around. To think of God in the wrong way is idolatry. God has established marriage and He has established biblical principles for our families. When we neglect His counsel, we jeopardize His blessing on our family.

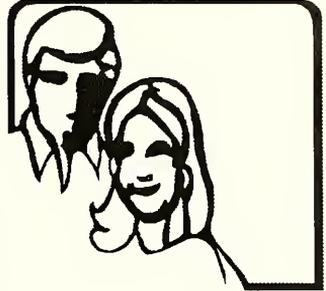
We must be God-fearing people. That description once characterized Christians. We would be careful of our speech, thoughts, and actions. Now many of us don't care what God thinks. We daringly see how far we can go—each time becoming braver in our disobedience. At the same time we lose our humility and our consciences become seared. We can sin easily and without remorse or shame.

We are selfish. We easily put our desires and needs ahead of God, our spouses, and our children. We do this until these attitudes and actions become habits—habits that destroy our relationships. At the core of this behavior is self-worship, the desire to honor ourselves above everything else in the world.

Our vocabulary becomes saturated with references to my needs, my desires, my money, my time. As Peter said in 2 Peter 1:9, this is myopia at its worst.

Is there hope? Of course. But it comes only from the hard work of obedience. Obedience that is not the color of rationalized selfishness. Obedience that is not the shape of modern thought and acceptance. Obedience that sweats drops of blood. Obedience that says "not my will but thine." Obedience in the jagged shape of a cross which we choose to shoulder each day.

Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection paid the price for our sin and freed us from its grip. His powerful gift of the Holy Spirit is within us. We have the resources we need to walk away from willful disobedience. Through His strength we can live the "I do." Now, which will it be?



Bad marriages are the only way to good marriages. If at the inevitable point of dissatisfaction—guaranteed by the close-quarters union of two selfish sinners—each marriage ended, none would struggle through to a better relationship. Only by insisting on integrity and fidelity and commitment through the bad can we hope to gain a marriage that approaches the good that God had in mind.

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FROM FAITH TO FAITH

By Steven Gotch, Pastor, Seattle GBC

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for welcoming us all into the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. I bring you greetings from Seattle's forty faithful followers of Christ in the blessed name of Jesus."

FIRST

I would like to thank the pastors of the Washington District of the FGBC, especially Jack Rants and Ray Feather, for their constant fellowship and support. I cannot tell you how much their fellowship and camaraderie has meant to my family and me during these last months of hardship and trial. Their phone calls, letters and cards have been a constant source of encouragement. They are "family" for there is more than blood knitting us together—the bond of the Spirit and the unity of the faith. I praise my God for you all.

LET

me start this story at the beginning. It was a big change for my wife, Sue, and my two children, Adam and Holly, and myself when we moved from the small conservative congregation in Pennsylvania to the larger church in Seattle in October of 1992. We were excited and enthusiastic and completely unaware that we had entered one of the most liberal districts in that denomination nor did we foresee the approach of an incredible sequence of events that would soon compel us to leave that denomination and to found a new Grace Brethren Church in Seattle.

The writing was on the wall, even on my first Sunday at the church in Seattle, when a man accused me of being too "biblical." He said that there was far too much Bible in my Sunday message. These charges were repeated many times by him and by others in the months that followed. I replied that the Sunday Worship Hour is not the

pastor's opportunity to simply sound off or mouth platitudes, nor does it belong to *Reader's Digest* or the daily news. The Worship Hour belongs to God. Since it is God's time, then His Word must have priority on Sunday morning.

This answer made sense to some but, some people just don't like the Bible. They don't understand it nor can they tolerate its teaching. Their feelings about the Bible are probably not all their fault. The previous

The writing was on the wall when a man in my church accused me of being "too biblical"

pastor of twenty-five years didn't seem to like the Bible much either. I've been told that he either explained away or reduced every biblical miracle he came across.

MISTAKEN MIRACLES

The former pastor taught that the real miracle of Jesus feeding the five-thousand was not Christ's miraculous multiplication of the little boy's lunch. No, instead he explained that all the men in attendance were deeply moved by seeing the young boy's generosity. Having had their emotions aroused, they in turn pulled their lunch bags from under their tunics and shared their daily provisions as well. When

understood this way, this great event becomes a man-centered miracle of the human heart, rather than a Christ-centered miracle that attests to the deity of Jesus. In just this way, all of Christ's miracles were reinterpreted and explained away. Twenty-five years of this kind of teaching cannot help but have great impact upon the spiritual depth of understanding.

1993

was a year of growing discontent. The church secretary was let go for repeatedly gossiping about confidential church matters and for insubordination. Criticism over my constant use of the Bible continued. The denomination which was struggling with the homosexuality issue, added to the problem by requesting input from the congregation.

In response, my church board voted twelve-to-nine to bar homosexuals from positions of leadership within the church. If you exclude the two votes that belonged to my wife and me, then the decision was slimly passed by only one vote. This church has six to ten influential families that have children who have chosen a homosexual lifestyle, which probably accounts for the closeness of the vote. This board meeting marked a turning point.

THE ISSUES

The church became divided over three issues: 1) homosexuality in the church, 2) the authority and reliability of the Bible, and 3) two recent denominational events: The

Re-Imagining Conference and the 1994 National Conference.

In June of 1994, Annual Conference was held in Wichita, Kansas. At least one homosexual activist was highlighted as an insight session speaker. A Native American paper that bashed white people (especially white men) of European descent and that gave consent to the worship of Indian deities was given approval.

Instead of openly dealing with the issue of homosexuality as promised in last year's conference, denominational leaders restricted anyone from bringing the matter up for the next five years. This was a grave disappointment. With all the pressure being exerted upon conservative churches to accept homosexuality, the church desperately needed Godly leadership, but did not receive it.

Our church's delegates went to conference expectantly, but were sickened by the liberal agenda that was pushed through the assembly. Many evangelical, Bible-believing pastors were upset. For weeks after returning to Seattle, I was deeply upset by what I had seen at Conference. In July I wrote a flyer called "BULLETIN" to sound an alarm and to hopefully usher in reform.

We sent only forty copies of it to pastors in order to test the water. We trusted the Lord to either bless it and multiply it—if He so willed—or sink it to the bottom of the sea and let it be forgotten. Incredibly, within weeks thousands of copies were in circulation. Pastors across the country were duplicating the flyer and including it in their church newsletters.

I attempted to rally national support of the pastors concerning the foundational beliefs of the virgin birth, incarnation, deity, and atonement of Christ. Yet I must confess that I failed to do so. Approximately one-hundred pastors out of over two-thousand responded positively. Sadly, I must

report that many pastors are very pleased with the liberal direction in which that denomination is headed. Their only complaint is that it is

"Our delegates were sickened by the liberal agenda that was pushed through the assembly"

moving too slowly. The told me to "get with the program." But in good conscience, I could not.

IN AUGUST I was summoned to my father's bedside in Massilon, Ohio. Dad had suffered an attack and was now in a coma. He had tremendous brain damage. The doctors gave him no chance of recovery. Only the machines were keeping him alive.

The next few days were some of the worst I've ever known. While Sue and my sister comforted mom, my brother and I stayed with Dad until the end. I delivered the eulogy at Dad's funeral—the hardest thing I have ever done.

Dad's death occurred at the end of my vacation leave, so I had been away from the church for nearly four weeks. We buried Dad on Friday, spent Saturday with the family and then caught a flight back to Seattle on Sunday. I wanted to stay with Mom, but I had to get back to the church.

WHILE WE WERE IN OHIO

— another angry Board meeting was held in Seattle. Harsh words flew. People were upset and a few took the opportunity to stir up a hornet's nest by spreading a lie—that I was taking the church out of the denomination. A special general assembly of the congregation was held that day, while we were on board our flight.

Debarking the plane back in Seattle we were met by good friends from the church. They had just left the meeting. The congregation had voted, not to censure the denomination for its lack of faith, but to censure me and to reduce my salary by twenty percent. There had been no opportunity to defend myself. The opposition had been making phone calls, spreading dissent and falsehood.

I could see by my friends' faces that they were terribly upset by what had happened. With all I had just been through, a cut in my salary seemed like very small potatoes. I said, "It will be okay. Somewhere in all of this, there's a silver lining because God never asks us to take a step down—it's always a step up."

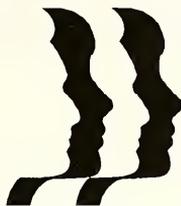
On September 20, the district director asked that I resign from my pastorate, not because of any ethical misconduct, but solely on the basis that "conflicts" existed within my church. Should I choose not to resign, the district would ask my congregation to hold a special assembly to have a "vote of confidence." It would require my winning a two-thirds majority for me to remain. Frankly, with all of the gossip and trouble we'd had recently, I probably would vote against me too.

The district director told me that I was not to reveal that she had demanded my resignation. The resignation was supposed to seem like my idea. When I refused to agree to this, she told me that should I not adhere to that request, I would probably never pastor another church in that denomination. Still, I had no choice. I was not about to lie in order to hide their actions from my congregation. I agreed to consider resigning, but refused to conceal that they had demanded it.

Rather than subject my family, friends, and church members to the

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PEOPLE WE MEET



Jim Custer Worthington, Ohio



Pastor Jim Custer

State Medical College. JoHanna graduated from Grace and is working at the church, involved in singles ministry and serves as secretary to several staff members.

Q: Where do you see the future of ministry training going?

A: With all the new technology, our studies are going to become open-ended and we will have the opportunity to develop on-going education within the matrix of the ministers themselves. All of which will become more practical, more pragmatic, and more relational.

But I also expect a swing back to some of the scholastic disciplines that we need. We must have leaders who know Hebrew, know the history and archaeology, and who can take that and translate it down to our Sunday School classes.

Q: What do the Grace Brethren need to do?

A: Get out and live out. Get out of our cloister, get out of our sense of posturing defensively. We believe the truth and this God that we know in theology and doctrine, is alive, He's real, He's personal, and He wants to energize and activate us out into the world. We are potential dynamite.

Q: You're 56. What's the greatest challenge for the next ten years?

A: God has positioned us there in the northern part of Franklin county. Hundreds of thousands of people are going to be moving into that area. We want to plant, and encourage, and assist a whole multitude of diverse worshipping congregations. We would like to find a way to network that. We are trying to find new ways to be flexible and more effective.

I want to see the church survive the drought of the Word of God. We are seeing churches given over to other than biblical teaching. I want to see the Spirit of God move.

And, I want to see another hundred, or two hundred young men and women go out, equipped, able to minister, able to establish vital communities. I like that word community rather than church—communities that are organized, vital, that aren't structured out of their health, communities that reflect the truth incarnate.

Q: How many missionaries, home and foreign, have been sent out from the Worthington Church?

A: Over the twenty-six years I've been here, our prayer goal was to have one-hundred and we passed that some time ago—maybe as long as ten years now. And since then we stopped keeping track. We continue

to make that the number one goal of our church. I believe that God's rewards are based on what we give and not what we get, on what we send and not what we take.

Q: What would you say is your greatest frustration?

A: Without a doubt my greatest frustration is in my own growing—understanding my terrible failures, my sinfulness, my wretchedness, the perverseness of my own heart. I'm not denigrating myself. I don't have a bad self image. I am disappointed in my failure to understand the true grace of God and to appropriate it fully for my own life and to minister it more freely to others. I fail to do that.

Q: What's the passion of your life?

A: Internally, I would say the passion of my life is the precious family that God has given me. And externally, it would be to see people really come to know Christ. I feel many times that awful weight of not being able to give an effective invitation or not positioning myself with people who need the Lord.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: We have three children. Dan is 26 and just graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in architecture. Tim, 25, just finished his second year at Ohio

COLONEL BURTON HATCH



Chaplain Hatch, recipient of Senior Parachute Wings, boards a plane in Munich, Germany in 1957.

A CAREER OF FAITHFULNESS

By Larry N. Chamberlain

"The Holy Spirit uses the Word, and lives are changed forever."

With beautiful simplicity, Chaplain Colonel Burton Hatch summarizes his years of service in the U.S. Army, recalling the way so many people under his ministry came to know Christ. Reflecting back on the personnel he was able to reach with the Gospel, Burton comments, "There are hungry hearts and spiritual emptiness at every level, from Private to General. I am convinced that what lasts is the teaching and preaching of the Word of God."

He remembers the experience of two young men, in particular:

"Both came with a spiritual void in their lives. Both came from a background that left God out. Both came willing to begin a systematic reading and study of the Bible, especially the Gospel of John and Romans. Both, in time, came to faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord."

"Over the years, both have grown in Christ and are serving the Lord faithfully. I rejoice to this day in the contacts I still have with those who came to know Christ—from Private to General Officer."

Burton was born April 26, 1921 at LaPuente, CA. During World War II, from 1941 to 1945, he served as a pilot and flight instructor in the Army Air Corps, as well as a flight engineer for the B-29 program. Following the war, he served with the Air Force Reserve and attended Biola University and Talbot Seminary while also serving pastorates at the Grace Brethren Churches of Long Beach (1948-49) and Seal Beach (1949-53). From 1945 to 1955, Burton and his wife, Roberta, made four contributions to the

"baby-boomer" generation: Alice, Elaine, Ruth, and Robert.

But in 1954, Burton began a tour of duty as an Army Chaplain that would span the next nineteen years and take him to distant lands, serving God and Country at great risk, proclaiming Christ.

The life of an army chaplain often seems worlds removed from the rest of society. During 1954 to 1958, while America was hypnotized by Willie Mays, hula-hoops and 3-D movies, Burton received his Senior Parachute Wings for service with the 11th Airborne Division, his first assignment as a chaplain. In 1960, while America was entertained by *The Honeymooners* and *Father Knows Best*, he was assigned to Special Forces which included "Expeditionary" service to Laos in 1961.

And from 1962 to 1966, while the Civil Rights movement grew and America quietly began sending more and more men to the tiny country of South Vietnam, Burton Hatch was on the staff and faculty of the U.S. Army Chaplaincy School, preparing men to minister to the needs of the swelling ranks of military personnel.

In opposition to the Vietnam War, draft cards were burned and induction centers were picketed with chants of "Hey, Hey, LBJ—How many kids did you kill today?" But Burton continued to serve faithfully as a division chaplain from 1966 to 1967, followed by assignments in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fifth Army Headquarters from 1967 to 1970. He completed his nineteen years of ministry in the Army as a



Colonel Burton Hatch and his wife Roberta now reside in Olympia, WA

Post Chaplain at Fort Rucker, Alabama, from 1970 to 1973, during which time he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. Among his awards for service are two Legions of Merit with Oak Leaf Clusters presented in 1967 and 1973, as well as awards for service in Laos and Vietnam.

Colonel Hatch has been retired from active duty since 1973 and resides today with his wife, Roberta, in Olympia, Washington. But his stellar career in the military is an inspiration for all of us to remain faithful in our proclamation of the Word and to pray for our Grace Brethren Chaplains who serve Christ, often at great risk, in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"We should pray for the Grace Brethren Chaplains on active duty in several ways," he says. "First, that each one will stay in close fellowship with the Lord in his heart and daily walk. Second, that each one will be faithful to the Word of God. Third, that each one will be faithful to his wife and family. Fourth, that God would encourage his heart even when life seems to tumble in. Fifth, that every Chaplain will do his job with good judgment and common sense, heartily as unto the Lord."



Louise and Paul Klawitter with their children Phillip and Elise. They serve in Dijon, France

“One of my biggest burdens, that I share in the form of a prayer request, is for Christian friends for my children.”

Each year several missionary women are chosen to be honored as WMC Missionaries of the Year. A visual presentation of these women may be ordered from Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Please give the desired date, indicate slide/tape or video, and include a contribution to cover expenses.

Louise Klawitter Missionary of Year

I was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the youngest of three children. During those early years I learned to love the outdoors, to love learning, and to think independently. My grandmother lived next door; it was at her side that I learned to bake (something I still enjoy tremendously) and that I learned about Jesus. I was with her much of the time because my mother was chronically ill. Mother died when I was twelve, and after that much of the joy in our family was gone.

Though I had heard the Gospel I was not ready to accept it. My ten years were marked by searching—searching for meaning, for the truth, and for my place in the scheme of things. During this time my father remarried, my brother and sister left home, and I looked for intellectual answers to my questions. But by the time I was 17, I had more questions than answers. I reached a point of despair.

It was at that time that the Lord reached out to me. My piano teacher was a godly woman who started sharing with me. My grandmother became ill with cancer and I realized that she was dying with a dignity that nonbelievers seemed to lack. Several of my friends from school became Christians and I accepted their invitations to Bible studies and youth activities. Rediscovering the Bible, I started to find answers to many of the questions that had been gnawing at me. I accepted the Lord the semester before I started college.

I met my husband Paul, a new Christian himself, at a college fellowship on the Penn State campus. It was in this group that we started to grow up in the Lord and began to use our gifts. He played the guitar and I the piano during our worship times. Fifteen years later we are doing the same

thing in Dijon. Our particular campus fellowship was a ministry of a local church—so we were able to learn the importance of the local church. (We didn't know that years later we would be part of a church planting team in a university town where we would be seeking to establish a similar ministry.)

It wasn't until we had both been out of college for awhile that Paul and I started talking about marriage. We had both committed ourselves to going wherever the Lord would call us and so when we were married in 1982, it was with the prayer that God would use us as He saw fit. After several years of working and gaining experience in the local church, we heard about EuroMissions Institute at the Chateau of St. Albain in France. The Grace Brethren Church we had been attending outside of Pittsburgh helped to send us to EMI in the summer of '84.

We were thrilled to discover a ministry that seemed to correspond to the gifts and abilities the Lord has given us. We returned to France in 1987, after Grace Seminary, and were assigned to work as career missionaries in Dijon with Kent and Becky Good.

After ten months of language study in Paris and the birth of our first child, Phillip, we moved to Dijon. God provided an apartment that has proven strategic. We are in a neighborhood with many professional couples our age who have young children. This has given us a natural opening for meeting people and making friends. We are also located within walking distance of the University of Dijon so we are accessible to the students.

It took well over a year in our neighborhood for people to accept us enough to talk with us and then we had to overcome a lot of suspicion. Most people know next to nothing about any kind of Christianity outside the Catholic church so they suspected that we were part

of a cult. Now there is starting to be a healthy curiosity about what we believe, and about our church.

The university students are generally much more open to the Gospel than other people and it is there that we have seen many decisions for Christ. The core of the Dijon GBC is made up of people who have settled in Dijon after finishing their studies. Our Sunday morning worship service is complemented by cell groups during the week. Paul is the leader of the campus fellowship, the F.E.U. (Foyer Evangelique Universitaire) which now meets in our home as a cell group on a weekly basis, as well as planning campus events.

I still love the outdoors, music, cooking, and baking, all of which come in handy. We entertain often in an effort to deepen our friendships with people; we spend time outdoors doing ski camps, picnics, and walks with other people; and we write songs in French as a hobby.

The challenge is to not let my life get too cluttered with things that aren't really important. We have more ministry opportunities than we can handle, but we do try to maintain a healthy balance between family and ministry.

One of my biggest burdens, that I share in the form of a prayer request, is for Christian friends for my children. (Phillip is in kindergarten and Elise, in preschool.) As far as I can tell, they are the only ones in their school receiving regular religious instruction besides the children from Muslim families. We believe that God has placed us here to reach some of these families, but it is slow going because of the negative experiences many of the parents have had in the non-evangelical church.

Please pray with us over the next year for open doors, for wisdom, and for the Father to draw others to Himself, especially among the families in our neighborhood.



Each year the faithful members of WMC choose a project that they fund for Grace College and Theological Seminary. Geneva Inman, President of WMC recently presented a check to Dr. Ronald Manahan, President of Grace College and Seminary for the purchase of this new grand piano in McClain Hall Auditorium.



Stephen Nielson, Christian concert and recording artist, played the dedication concert.



Did you know. . .

. . . that a team of Grace College students are ministering in the Philippines during their Winter break? They left from Chicago on January 1 and will return on January 18. Their purpose is to lay the groundwork for two new Grace Brethren Churches in the Philippines.

Pray for these students as they work with Clay and Kim Hulett, that God will give them good health and strength and that He will bless their ministry with many souls who will hear the Gospel and believe.

Those students who are participating in the trip are:

Carrie Bouck
Darrin Conley
Scott Feather
Deborah Jones
Becky McIntyre
David Pacheco
David Schwab
Julie Sharrard
Dawn Tyler
Rebecca Wagner
Jason Weimer
Amy Yerkovich (non-Grace student)

Leaders from Grace
Brethren Foreign Missions:
Jay Bell
Blaine Horst

The Streets of Philadelphia

By Dawanna Plummer

A baby wanders through a filthy apartment, picking up bits of food off the floor. The father Jose, and his wife, are still kids themselves. He is a crackhead, going from one high to the next and she is addicted to alcohol. The baby and his brother are barely kept alive. If their parents aren't having big noisy parties keeping them awake all night, they are hitting them and screaming at them to shut up because they have headaches and don't want to listen to them. There is never enough food—Jose swaps the food stamps for crack any chance he gets.

Alma is white, thirty-two years old and all she does is cry. Her crackhead boyfriend of thirteen years left her when she was three months pregnant. Her three-year-old son is a terror and they live in a tiny smelly apartment with five cats and two dogs. Her family won't help her financially and her sister constantly calls the Department of Human Services to report her for beating the three-year old. Abused as a child and blamed as a liar when she tried to talk about it, Alma gets no support from her family and no love.

It's a cleaner house up the street a few blocks—the garbage is in the trash cans, not on the floor—but that doesn't make life much cleaner. This house has five children from four different

fathers, and the mother is pregnant again by a fifth man. Not a day goes by that little Manuel isn't told he is stupid, her worst nightmare, the child she wished she had never had. It's tough to be four years old.

My name is Dawanna Plummer. I grew up in Indiana in a mainly white, upper-middle-class area. The people in this article are real people that I deal with everyday in Philadelphia. These aren't unusual situations—these are the norm. Two out of every three people that I meet have some sort of sexual, physical, or mental abuse in their backgrounds. They pass this heritage of abuse on to their children. The area is drug infested and full of demonic worship.

I work with the Third Brethren Church as a missionary under Grace Brethren Urban Missions—an organization that provides an opportunity for people to serve as missionaries to inner-city churches. The main goal is sharing the life-giving grace of God with thousands of starved people.

Your prayers and support would be gratefully accepted.

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Athletes Who Lead By Example

Jay Barker

In between taking center snaps at Legion Field, two goals are on Jay Barker's mind: A second national championship and next spring's NFL draft.

"I would love to make the pros," says University of Alabama quarterback, whose record as a starter read 23-1 going into this season. "That's something I try not to talk too much about. I don't want to be prideful."

Pride may be a bad work in the Birmingham native's dictionary, but the senior signal caller doesn't mind confidence. It is one of three character traits that boosted him to the top of the collegiate ranks after just one previous season at the position in high school.

Coach Gene Stallings calls Jay's sophomore championship performance the biggest one-season turnaround of any quarterback he has coached.

Although shoulder and knee injuries shortened his junior year by four games, Barker is attacking his senior year at full tilt. It's part of the confidence he believes winners possess.

"If you look at the word humble, it means 'being true to yourself,'" he says. "If you start saying you're better than you are, that's prideful."

Working His Way Up?

Lining up with Barker throughout 1994 has been the second key element of his makeup—hard work. It's a byword for the 6' 3" 210-pound athlete. He skipped his spring trip home to continue rehabilita-

tion on his knee; the workouts continued during summer.

That symbolizes Barker's vow to work as hard as necessary to make the next level of football. He remains philosophical about the NFL, though, saying: "If it's not meant to be, it won't be."

Regardless of others' expectations, he has firm ambitions. "I'm shooting for the best. Why settle for second or third when first is right there to be taken? God wants us to reach our full potential. He's given me this ability. It's up to me to use it to glorify His name."

Taking a Stand

That comment reveals the final component of Barkers personality—faith. In a state where passion for football makes its stars a source of avid female attraction, Jay is an outspoken Christian, a campus ministry leader, and a virgin.

The latter is particularly critical to frequent speaking engagements to youth groups. Barker knows that his support of abstinence, including his help with the growing "True Love Waits" campaign, is a powerful incentive for teens to follow a path of purity.

"We can blame it on the media, but we are responsible for our young people. We have to motivate them to stay pure before the Lord and teach them how to be grounded in Scripture," he says.

—Ken Walker
Sports Spectrum Nov 1994



Even if you have 20/20 eyesight, you may lack vision skills if you don't improve at baseball, basketball, racquetball or tennis after much practice. Ask your optometrist about a sports-vision training program that will improve your ability to track a moving object, judge distance and speed and coordinate hand, foot and body movements with what you see.

Swimming with fins can increase ankle flexibility and strengthen muscles in the thighs, calves, and abdomen.

Twenty-four percent of U.S. adults are sedentary and fifty-four percent are active but don't get enough exercise. Only twenty-two percent work out at recommended levels.

Your muscle strength is greatest between noon and six p.m., when body temperature rises and muscles are warm.

Jumping rope produces a high level of betaendorphin—that increases your pain tolerance and sense of well being.

If you're watching what you eat to stay in shape, don't believe all the claims made about food products in television advertising. Nearly fifty percent of the advertised products offer little nutritional value.

When riding a bicycle for fun or transportation or a good workout, remember, it may be unwise to ride when the sum of the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity totals 160 or more.

These are the top four items Americans buy most at the grocery store: Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola, Kraft processed cheese, and Campbell's Soup.



"Why don't you play golf with Bill anymore?"

"Would you play with a man who moves the ball and puts down the wrong score while you're not looking?"

"Certainly not!"

"Well, neither will Bill."

A football coach was asked by a fellow coach how he picked a team from a bunch of raw recruits.

"I hate to give away my secrets," he replied, "but I'll tell you. I take them out into the woods. Then at a given signal, I start them running. Those that run around the trees are chosen as guards; those that run into the trees are chosen as tackles."

A five-year-old had gone fishing with her grandfather. After an hour of so he asked her, "Are you having any luck?"

She replied indignantly, "No, I don't think my worm is really trying."

Golfer: "I'm anxious to make this shot. That's my mother-in-law up there on the club house porch."

Friend: "Don't be silly. You can't hit her from here. It's over three-hundred yards."

Susan: "You say you want to reduce? Why don't you try golf?"

Mary: "I tried that once but it's no good. When I put the ball where I can see it, I can't hit it. When I put it where I can hit it, I can't see it."

The Treasury of Clean Jokes
by Tal Bonham

Chad Bickley

Chad Bickley, and his father and basketball coach, Stan, had been looking through the record books and came across the California record for the most points scored in a high school basketball game: 72 by Nick Tenneriello of Los Angeles Colbert in 1968.

"We both thought, 'There's no way I could beat that one,'" the 6' 1" guard remembers. He had no designs on overtaking that record. But plan or not, he has replaced Tenneriello in the record books.

Surprised by the Record

Leading the Valley Christian Academy Lions past New Cuyama Valley in a shattering 130-48 victory last February, Bickley made his way onto the national sports scene by scoring 89 points. He also broke the U.S. High School record for 3-pointers by sinking 20 long bombs.

Bickley says all he wanted to do was break the school scoring record his older brother set. "I was just trying to beat my brother's record, which was 50 points in one game," Chad says.

Bickley credits his teammates for passing him the ball every time he was open, and he responded by continually nailing his shots. He and his father didn't know how many points he had scored until after the game. "We just couldn't believe it," he says.

More than Hoops

But Bickley does have someone he firmly believes in—Jesus Christ. Raised with a strong

Christian background, he notes that his relationship with God affects the way he lives as well as the way he plays. He says he plays basketball for the fun of it, and he avoids the trash talk that some athletes get into.

The high school senior displays that positive attitude off the court as well. Bickley is a teaching assistant for his father and is involved in the youth group at his church in Santa Maria, CA. He also plays a part in his church's bus ministry. Every Sunday morning Bickley helps pick up between 50 and 100 kids from around the city so they can attend church.

On Wednesday afternoons he goes out "souling-winning." He and a group of others from his church go into the community and pass out gospel tracts and invitations to their services. He's thankful for the opportunity to talk to people about his faith. "It's one of the greatest joys you can feel," Bickley says.

Learning to Lead

Bickley caught the bug after his first witnessing experience on a trip to Arizona a few years ago, where he did some missions work in a Native American community. "I was able to lead a couple of little kids to the Lord, and they were so happy. It made me feel good. It's a wonderful experience."

Speaking of leading, Bickley maintains his easygoing pace by following the Lord's lead. When asked about his college plans, the kid with the big stats simply replies: "I'll see where the Lord takes me."

—Heather Spencer
Sports Spectrum, Nov 1994

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anguish of such a "trumped-up" review of my ministry and ordination, I resigned.

I cannot tell you how often I searched my soul and God's Word for answers. Still, this one thing I know for certain—I have not left the faith. I have not failed to proclaim Christ crucified. I have not failed to stand for His Name and I have not failed my calling as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having just lost Dad, I didn't have the heart to fight. My last Sunday was October 9, 1994.

I sent my ordination certificate back to the denomination's headquarters along with a personal letter surrendering my ordination and ending my membership.

THE WORD OF GOD WILL NOT RETURN VOID

Within days, most of the choir members, nearly all of the church board, and nearly every Sunday School teacher and leader resigned as well. Some have joined other churches, but about thirty souls decided to leave this liberal church and to form a new Bible-believing, Christ-centered church.

We talked about it, prayed about it, and sought God's leading. The Lord had well prepared us all for the next step in His plan. These people were the lifeblood of the old church. They are the ones that really love God's Word. They did the studying, the sweating, the giving, and the crying. They didn't need coaxing or prodding. They would serve God faithfully wherever they went, but they wanted to serve Him together. Out of their desire and deep love for each other the Holy Spirit gave birth to a new church.

I had studied under godly professors at Ashland Theological Seminary where I received my Master of Divinity degree. But even more so at Grace Theological Seminary, where I received a

"God never asks us to take a step down—it's always a step up"

Certificate in Biblical Studies. There I received nearly all of my theological education from great Grace Brethren pastors and scholars. I could not recommend any institution more highly to my little congregation than the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

AN OPEN DOOR

I called Dr. Dave Plaster, Academic Dean at Grace Seminary, a friend who grew up just a few blocks from my home. Dave said: "Steve, there's an open door for you in the Grace Brethren Church." I'll never forget those words.

Organizing a new church from the ground up is a colossal task. Yet, the Lord has placed a spirit of cooperation, fellowship, and love within each heart. Everyone is willing to pray, work, and give.

Our first few meetings were held in one member's apartment. The next two were held in my basement. Yet, the services were the sweetest I've ever known.

On one Sunday we chartered a bus and all went to the Kent GBC to share Sunday Worship together. With our help, it was standing-room-only. We had a wonderful time. Each week the Lord has added a few more people. We have grown from twenty to about forty.

I desperately wanted our church out of the basement and into the community. Yet, we couldn't find a suitable location. We weren't welcome at schools or grange halls. We couldn't afford to pay the high rents of Seattle that typically run from \$2,500 to \$5,000 monthly. Steve Wilson, our treasurer, did find one place that was big enough, had good access to the freeway and was

still close enough to most of our members but the owner wanted nearly \$2,600 per month rent. We were at an impasse. There was simply no place left to look.

Then, one morning I spoke to the Lord in prayer saying: "Lord, if you want to keep us in the basement, then that's where we'll stay because we can't find a place for our new church. If we're going to get out of the basement, then you will have to get us out because we just can not do it. We can not find any solution."

About two hours later I received a call from a rental agent who had been referred to me by a Realtor. He mentioned the building that we wanted to rent but simply could not afford. "How much can you afford?" he asked. "We could pay \$1,500 to \$1,600 at the most," I replied. The agent said that the owner would never take that much less than he was asking.

Then the Lord reminded me that we are a *charitable* organization. "If we paid the \$1,600, and the owner donated the rest as a charitable gift—a tax-deductible charitable gift—would that help?" I asked.

The agent liked that idea. The owner liked it too. God answered our prayers and provided a beautiful place for us to meet that is big enough for us to grow, close enough to keep our members, and about half the price that everyone else is paying. Now that's a miracle.

NOVEMBER 6, 1994

We held our first service in our new building on November 6, 1994. Praise God. Our midweek Bible study is now at twenty. Sure, we've had to tackle one problem after another, but in all honesty, it's been nothing but a giant step up.

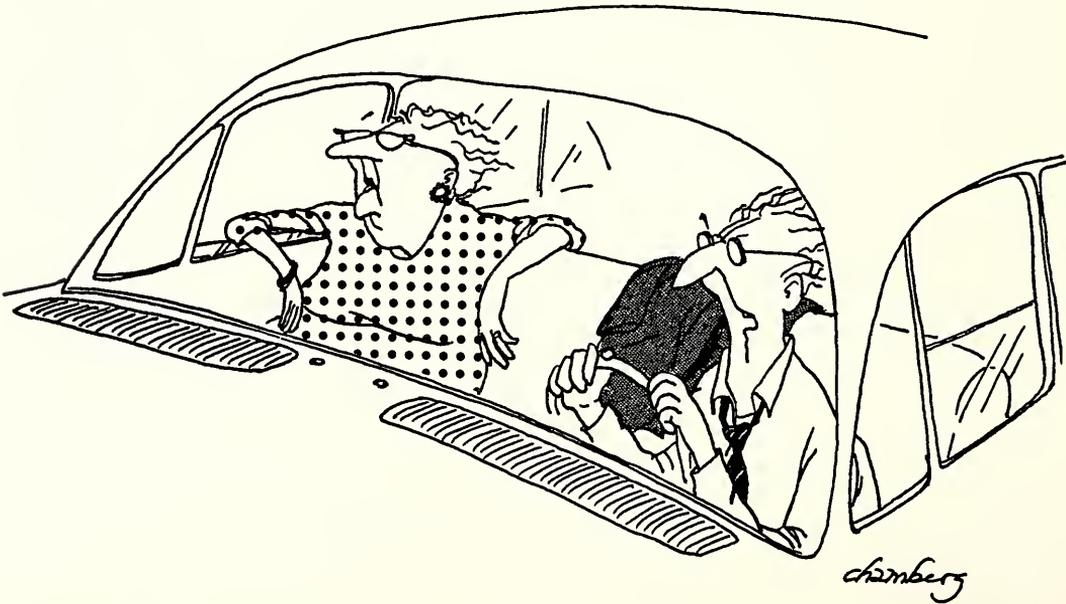
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Have you ever stopped to consider how much more effective my sermons would be if you weren't always yelling "HA!"?

Update on the lawsuit against the former Grace Village Directors:

"At the close of the presentation of evidence at the trial, including more than 1000 exhibits, I was very pleased with the status of the record," said The Defendant Director's Lawyer. "It was and is actually better than I reasonably could have anticipated prior to the trial. The testimony of the Defendant Directors, along with the many exhibits introduced did and do provide the basis for the judge to properly rule in our favor IF HE DECIDES TO DO SO AND IF HE BELIEVES THE TESTIMONY OF THE DEFENDANT DIRECTORS."

"If the judge will study and understand the statutes, cases, and legal arguments as we have presented them, the judge will have every opportunity to conclude that the law is in our favor. It is all important that the judge have an open mind to the truth and have the determination to understand and apply the law correctly." Trial Judge Morton will review the case and his decision is due by the middle of January.

Approximately 35 former members of the **Olympic View Church** of the Brethren worshipped with the Kent, WA GBC recently. Concerned with the ever increasing liberalism and actual apostasy within their denomination, this group of believers is now starting a new church. They plan to become a Grace Brethren Church and have already met with Home Missions Western Representative Dave Marksbury. Please pray for **Pastor Steve Gotch**, and his flock of believers who desire to come into our GBC family. (For the whole story, read the feature which begins on page 5.)

Dr. Larry Poland, President of Master Media, writes that finally a major network is discovering the Christians of America. "CBS discovered something I have been

telling top executives of all three major networks for years—there are millions of believers in America who are abandoning the TV because of the content which offends their values. 72.1 million profess to be born again Christians and could be drawn to television shows that are wholesome."

CBS discovered last season that redemptive value, even Christian value programming could draw millions. The series "Christy" based on Catherine Marshall's best selling novel, generated good ratings, prompted more positive mail than any show in CBS history.

"We at Mastermedia are blessed to have had a share in this victory. The producers of both shows are in discipleship groups we sponsor," says Poland.

Pastor Howard Mayes announces that the **Temple Hills Grace Brethren Church** of Temple Hills, MD, sold their original building and are moving to one of the school campuses in January. They are consolidating the church and school building until they have a new worship center.

The **Ozark Grace Brethren Church** in **Moran, Michigan** have officially voted to withdraw their membership from the Fellowship.

Northern Atlantic District has written a *Handbook for Pastoral Ethics* including procedures and a description of an Ethics Advisory Team.

If you would like a copy of the ASCI text file send ATT mail request to Lititz Grace Brethren Church. Make sure you know how to detach an attached file. Printed copies are not available for distribution at this time.

Pastor Brad Kelley of the **Lynchburg, VA Grace Brethren Church** announces that it has closed (on Sept. 25, 1994). Brad has

been called to the **Homerville, OH Grace Brethren Church**.

TRAVEL—Heritage Tour, October 9–20, 1995. Visit scenic sites of Anabaptist, Pietist, and Brethren significance in Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. Sponsored by the Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc. \$1950 from New York's JFK airport. For a brochure contact Don Durnbaugh, P.O. Box 484, James Creek, PA 16657 or call at 814-658-3222.

Many of you met **Nina**, the German lady who accompanied **Dan** and **Denise Ramsey** on their home ministries last summer. Shortly after returning to Germany **Nina** trusted Christ. She expressed a desire to have in her life what she saw in the lives of the Christians.

Captain James Schaefer, U.S. Army Chaplain, is ministering at **Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba**. **James'** wife **Elizabeth** and his two children remain in Ft. Lewis Washington. She recently wrote the following encouraging news: "James ministers to about 2,600 Cubans each day. This morning he led service in Spanish for 150 out under the trees and later went to two Bible studies in tents. A number of people accepted Christ today alone. Who ever thought that James would one day be a missionary to Cubans? Right on their own island." Please pray for **Captain Schaefer** and his family during these difficult months of separation and for spiritual fruit from his witness in Cuba.

Pat Phillips, **BMH Board** member and patent attorney from our Columbus, OH Eastside Church, was interviewed on WCVR—Cedarville College's radio station—about his new manual on equipping the believer: *A Comparative Analysis of Evangelical External Studies Programs*.

Ralph Colburn is much improved. It was touch-and-go during mid-November but he continues to improve. Please pray that God will bring steady healing to his body and give him peace and strength in spirit as he recovers.

FOR SALE: Lester Pifer has all the issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* in bound volumes. For more information call him at 813-794-2008 or write to him at 6810 23rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34209.

Deanna Caudill writes from **Western Siberia:** "Natasha and her daughter prayed to receive Christ. She had many questions and wanted to be sure that Christ was always with her."

Rev. Bill Smith will begin as Interim Pastor of the First Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, IN on Sunday, January 1, 1995. He will continue to live in Warsaw and commute to Fort Wayne.

First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, VA had revival services during the last week of November. **Rev. Ron Thompson, Director of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries** was the speaker.

Please pray for **Japhet and Drocelle**, a Rwandan couple attending the **Grace Brethren Seminary at Bata, Central African Republic**. They recently learned that Rwandan rebels massacred almost everyone in their home village, killing many of their family members.

Japhet's words are a testimony to his faith. "Since coming to Bata, my wife and I have prayed every night that our families would know true salvation through Jesus Christ. Many were not Christians. We only hope that before they died, they did accept the salvation Jesus offered them, so we can see them again one day in heaven."

"Our lives have been spared. Why are we still alive? We are no better than our families who died. God has chosen us to do a special work for Him. Please pray for us."

Bring your own chair. "We haven't quite come to that point yet," writes **Patty Morris from Lyon, France**. "But church attendance has recently topped the one-hundred mark (counting children) and we only have one-hundred chairs. Continue to pray for a solution to our church facility needs. With only one fire exit we legally can have forty-nine in the meeting room. We are looking to buy or rent other facilities and the need is becoming more urgent."

Maricela, a Mexican woman whom **Brenda Welling and Bess Farrell** led to Christ over a year ago was the first convert to be baptized as part of the **COCRIMEX church plant in Mexico City**. **Bess and Brenda** are also rejoicing over the salvation of their neighbor, **Yolanda**, and her two children.

Pastor Daniel Barbita of the **Montevideo, Uruguay GBC** reports growth as a result of the completion of their church building by a Total Mobilization construction team in August. Twelve new adults are attending Sunday services, six of whom are already involved in evangelistic Bible studies. Between twenty-five and thirty young people now attend the youth meetings, most of whom are contacts from the campaign held in conjunction with the week of construction.

Kurt Miller and Bill Snell recently conducted a **Regional Church Planting Consultation** in Lanham, MD. Over forty pastors and lay-leaders attended. The consultation focused on developing a church planting vision, designing strategies, identifying potential harvest fields, determining the church-planting model, recruiting workers, securing the resources for a successful church planting venture. It is designed to provide initial and follow-up consultation to guide them through the process of planting new churches.

If your district or church is interested in having a consultation, please contact **Kurt at Home Missions**. Another consultation is scheduled in **Lexington, OH** for **February, 1995**. Details will be coming soon to all Ohio churches.

Pastoral Position

Osceola, IN

The Osceola GBC, of Osceola, Indiana, is accepting resumés for senior pastoral candidates.

Send resumés to:

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IN MEMORY

Gordon Schardt, 62, went to be with the Lord on **October 31** after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Hewas a member of the **Meyersdale, PA GBC**. **Pastor Randy Hauk** officiated at the memorial service.

James G. Dixon, Pastor Emeritus of **Temple Hills GBC, Temple Hills, MD**, died on **December 6**. His death was the result of complications from a blood clot.

Like the woman of Proverbs 31, we bless others with our service and capable strength which grow out of obedience. Through the long nights, our lights do not go out. We hope the personal experiences and lessons shared by the women of our fellowship will encourage you and stretch your boundaries of faith.

They Didn't Know

By Jessica Horner

I discovered something today. It hit me right between the eyes and taught me a lesson about myself.

The Israelites did not comprehend that they were walking in the all-protective and all-knowing hand of the Almighty God. **They did not know.**

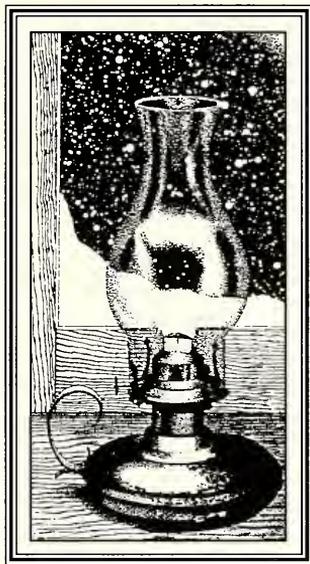
I remember reading through the Old Testament—the stories of their travels through the wilds of the middle east, fearfully complaining all the way—and I often thought, “How could they be so STUPID? God is taking care of them. He has it all planned out. Where is their trust? Why do they keep doubting Him?”

And then it struck me—I am experiencing a personal journey much like they did all those centuries ago.

My life has changed drastically over the last six months. I graduated from Grace College in May and just three weeks later was on my way to a job with five-hundred miles separating me from my family and friends.

I moved into my own one-room apartment. I knew no one. But, after all, everyone told me that I would be fine and I would make friends easily.

I was fine—until I started to unpack the boxes—by myself. After thirty minutes of strenuous effort I collapsed in a pile of



Lamplight Chronicles

“Her lamp does not go out at night”

tears. I was all alone for the first time in my life. I was scared to death.

I cried out to God. What was He thinking? Why did He bring me here? Did He realize that I was ALONE?

Now, five months and many tears later, I have learned to adjust to my new life. Although a few of my relationships suffered from the change, many have actually become stronger.

I have also developed some very close friendships here like I never would have imagined just a few months ago. I really enjoy my job and I like my new life.

A friend told me back in May that everything changes—our friendships, our homes, our jobs, everything—but God never does. Through all my changes I have found that to be true.

Just like the Israelites, I can't always see the light at the end of the tunnel. So many times I wanted to say, “Time out, God! What are you thinking? I want to go home.”

But I have an advantage over the Israelites. I can read their story. I can be reminded that God never left them. When they doubted or cried, He was there. When they questioned Him, He was patient.

I'm thankful for that lesson. God could handle the Israelites' anger, doubt, and questions because He had the big picture.

My life is confusing and everything does change. But, my God never does. He has me in His hand. Now, if I can just remember that.

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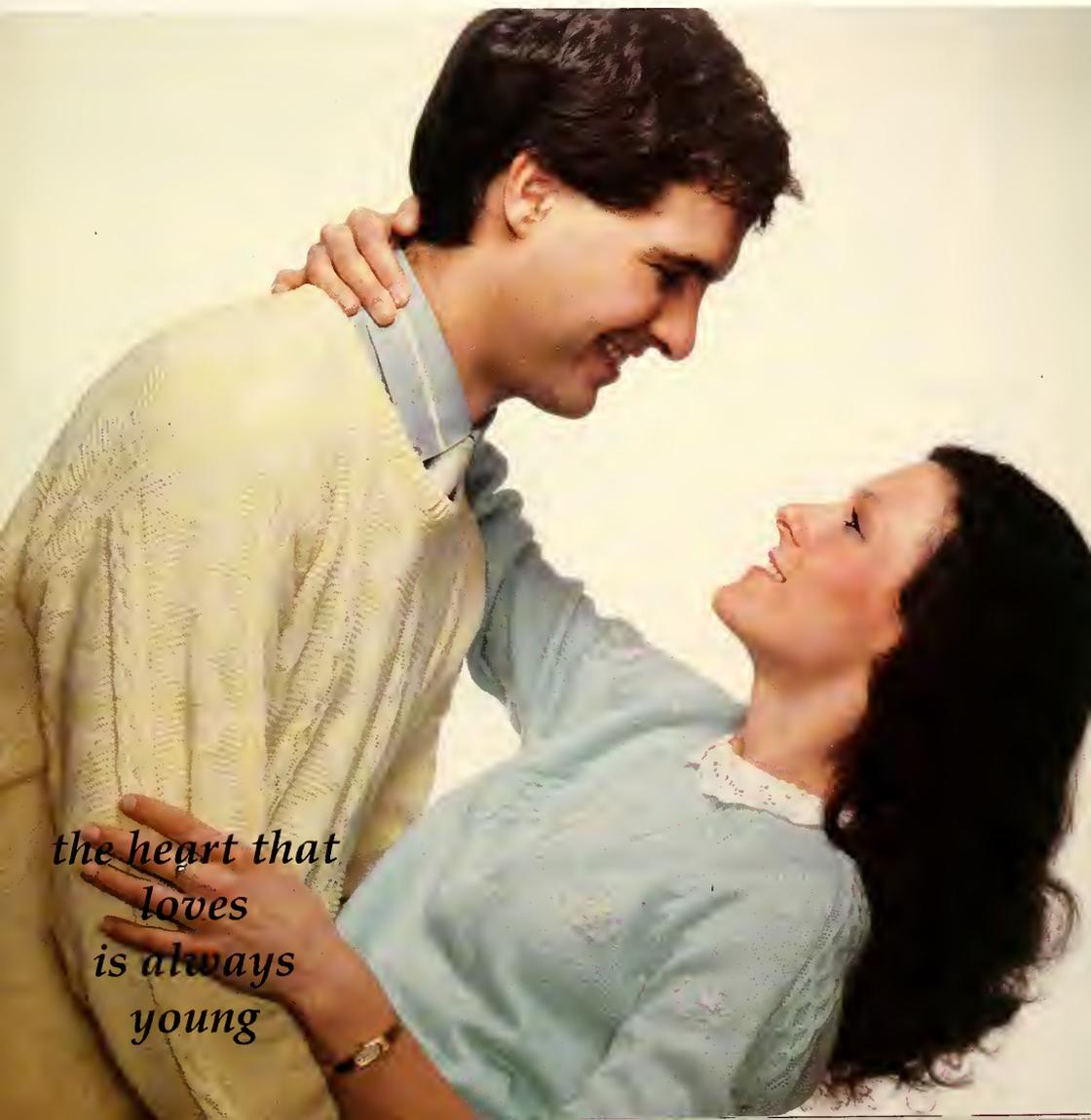
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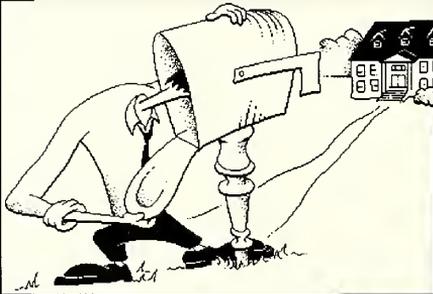
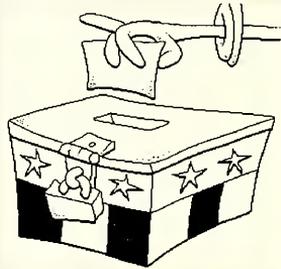


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Ed Lewis

You can be a *leader* in any evangelical church in this country and never minister to someone outside the church *building*. How tragic.

Even though we are involved in leadership, the longer we serve Christ, the more we lose contact with the lost. While it's natural to be drawn to the family of believers, we must not forget our mission—to reach sinners for Christ.

Last year a group of people helping me plan the 1995 FGBC conference in San Diego, California, prayerfully decided that our theme of national conference needs to emphasize, and take us out of, our "comfort zones." As a result of our meeting at the beautiful Town and Country Hotel, we wanted to leave the United States and go to Tijuana, Mexico, to visit the area where we would take conference one day in 1995.

As a result of our visit, we not only ate dinner at a great restaurant (there are hundreds of places that cater to Americans) and bought (or dickered for) a few souvenirs, but we also talked to three men who were sitting outside a store on a

street corner. They understood English and we were able to share Christ with the group—not only verbalizing our testimonies but giving the Gospel. Believe me, we were out of our comfort zones! One of the men had a dyed-blond mohawk hairstyle with numerous earrings. Their English was broken. We spoke no Spanish. It was nighttime and the traffic was heavy on that Friday in Mexico.

As our American group walked to the van and shared our experiences of talking to the young men, we prayed for them, recognizing we were "planting seeds" for God's harvest.

Months later Phil Teran, pastor of San Diego, California GBC called. That day he heard from one of the men we'd talked with six months previously. He'd made a decision to accept Christ and was now walking with God and Phil wanted me to know. Talk about thrilling!

It was just one more indication to us that we needed to leave our comfort zones and lovingly share the hope our Lord gives. We determined that the theme of the 1995 conference needed to be: "Cross the Boundary—Touch Your Needy World."

At the 1995 conference we trust God will allow each person to be motivated to reach the lost for Christ and to go out of his comfort zone to reach the "sinners"—the internationals, the ethnic groups, but more...to reach the person next door and the one with whom he works.

Won't you pray with us that God will allow us to see a new focus in the FGBC—a visionary focus beyond comfort to a commitment to the unreached.

Ed Lewis, the author of this guest editorial, is the 1994-1995 Moderator for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

UPDATE:

As of December 31, 1994, there are thirty-three churches who have prayerfully committed to become a Focus 2000 Church! Is your church one of them?

A Focus 2000 church is dedicated to prayerfully working to accomplish goals related to outreach, growth, worship, discipleship, church-planting, fellowship, leadership development, and vision-casting.

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Is All Debt Unbiblical?

The first of a three-part series from the book:

Exploding the Doomsday Money Myths by Sherman S. Smith, Ph.D.

"I need to see you right away," a pastor from New Jersey told me one evening at the end of a seminar.

Sensing his desperation, I drove from Washington, D.C., to his church on the outskirts of New York City.

As soon as I walked in and sat down, the pastor stated, "I'm in trouble."

"The church building is too small. There's no more room, few parking spaces, and the members are discouraged because people tell them the cramped situation makes them uncomfortable."

"Why don't you build?" I asked. "Can't," was his candid reply. "Why not?" I questioned. "Because I've been teaching our people for seven years that the church cannot ever go into debt."

"Oh," I said, noting several books on debt-free living lining the library shelf behind him. I immediately knew what he was going to say next.

"Don't tell me. In fact let me tell you," I proposed, "After you started preaching against debt, all your businesspeople left."

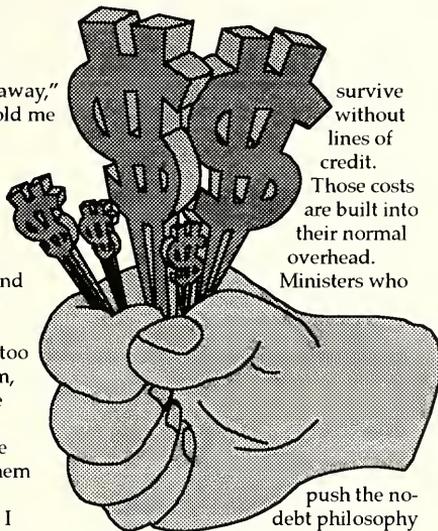
He glumly stared at the floor. Then he said, "That's exactly right. I told them it is a sin to go into debt, not realizing that business owners often have to borrow money if they want to expand or take advantage of opportunities. So they left."

"You know," I explained, "depending upon the type of business, most companies cannot

survive without lines of credit.

Those costs are built into their normal overhead.

Ministers who



push the no-debt philosophy drive the businessmen

and women out of the church. In fact, most churches frustrate the sophisticated public with this impractical—and I might add—unbiblical doctrine."

"Unbiblical!" he exclaimed. "I assumed the Bible clearly taught against any and all debt."

"No it doesn't," I replied and went on to show him from Scripture the fallacies of the debt-free philosophy.

"What should I do now?" he asked, realizing he had been misled. "Let's go outside," I suggested.

As we walked out onto the beautiful hillside, I looked around and said "You've got some property down there over the hill that you don't need. Sell it, and use the money to pay for the expansion on your building."

"I couldn't do that either," he replied sheepishly.

Right away I knew the reason. "You taught the people that the property was given to you by God, and it can't be touched for any monetary purpose. Correct?"

The pastor nodded.

"I'm sorry, but I don't know what else to tell you," I replied, wishing I were able to help.

As I drove away that day, I was convinced more than ever that the debt-free trap will never work—not today, not tomorrow, not in the church, not in business, not in the family, and not in any economy.

WHAT IS DEBT?

Nowhere does the Bible teach against debt. Instead, I believe the Bible teaches principles concerning how to handle debt.

But some Christian financial writers say otherwise. They enslave tens of thousands of people with the debt-free rhetoric, putting them into financial and religious bondage. Like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, "they bind heavy burdens... and lay them on men's shoulders." (Matt. 23:4). Although I'm sure that is not their intention, it is, unfortunately, often the result of their teaching. As a result of buying into this philosophy, they equate going into debt with being unfaithful to God—truly putting them between a rock and a hard place. And needlessly so.

The debt-free proponents are likely to quote Romans 13:8. In fact,

this verse forms the basis for their philosophy. "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loves another has fulfilled the law."

To understand that verse, we must read it in context. The previous verse reads, "Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." In that verse, we are taught a valuable lesson: to render to others what is due. If things are due, then we must owe. In fact, it is impossible not to owe somebody something, sometime.

Is Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, talking about the money? First, he is writing about the debt we owe others spiritually. In Romans 13, Paul is talking about the debt we owe one another. He's saying, "Don't stay in that debt, but show your love." He goes on to say that we are to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (vs. 9), thus teaching us how to love without falling into the sins of the world. Nowhere in the chapter does he mention money.

Second, we are to pay our taxes—"tribute to whom tribute is due." How many of us pay taxes in advance? I don't and I don't know anyone who does (unless you are self-employed and pay estimated taxes every quarter). That means there are times when we "owe" taxes, right?

Third, we are to pay our customary debts—"custom to whom custom." Every month we run up telephone, electric, gas, water, and sewage bills. When do you pay them? After the companies bill you. So, you actually owe money for a whole month. Most mortgages are paid a month in arrears.

What about our debt to God? Do we pay our tithes as soon as our paycheck is deposited in the bank? No, we wait until we take our tithe to church and put it in the offering plate. So, for a short time before we go to church, we owe our tithes.

Living debt-free, then—for all practical purposes—is impossible. If you feel guilty because you have debt and someone has told you it is sin, don't!

In these verses from Romans, I do not believe God is talking about being in debt financially. He is admonishing us not to stay in a state of "borrowing" with our neighbor, God, or the government. I believe He is talking about not continuing to be in anyone's debt.

If you have borrowed a lawn mower from your neighbor, take it back when you said you would. If you have been withholding your tithes, start tithing immediately. If you've been fudging on your tax returns, adjust your statement as soon as possible. If your car payment is overdue, get it in the mail. That's rendering what is due.

Those who insist that debt-free living is the only truly Christian way to live saddle believers with an unbearable and impractical burden.

THE DEBT-FREE TRAP

As I drove toward the 100,000-watt radio station that booms out over the four states of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, I wondered how the listening audience would respond to my approach to economics.

After my brief interview with the talk show host, listeners were invited to call in. The most popular question that day was, "Is debt-free living commanded in the Bible?"

As always, when my answer was no, the phone lines lit up. Some callers—and the talk show host himself—were relieved to hear an opposing opinion to the debt-free living philosophy. Others, however, found my ideas offensive, and a few brothers even became hostile.

Most American Christians however, are confused about the pros and cons of borrowing money and going into debt. I meet thousands of people throughout the

year, and most—when they hear a reasonable, scriptural explanation—are extremely relieved to know the truth. Why? Because debt-free living is bondage. What are the results of such bondage?

A businessman trying to keep up with competition may eventually go under if he refuses to get a loan to expand when market conditions warrant it.

A family hoping to better their life-style will become frustrated and overworked trying to live debt-free.

A church looking to increase the size of their facilities will stagnate and die if they believe going into debt is unbiblical.

That's why I reject the idea of getting out of debt at any cost.

One financial writer says: "I believe I have done what the Lord asked of me: I have warned you. If I am wrong and you do all the things I have suggested, the worst that can happen is that you will end up out of debt and be more involved with our political system." (Larry Burkett, *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, page 222.)

What is the worst that can happen if he is wrong and you follow his advice and cash in your retirement fund to pay off your mortgage? Let me tell you some facts:

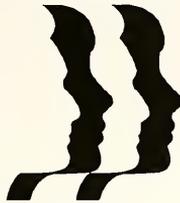
- You retirement account will be totally gone.
- You will take a 10 to 20 percent penalty plus all the taxes taken directly from your pension money.
- You will lose the only significant tax credit most Americans have—the interest on their homes.
- You will be facing the future wondering how you are going to pay the taxes, insurance, and upkeep on your debt-free home with no retirement money left.

Why would you gamble your future on predictions about the American economy that may or may not be true?

Let me state this emphatically: I do not believe that all debt is wrong; I do not believe that the

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PEOPLE WE MEET



H. B. London, Focus on the Family



H. B. London

Q. How long were you a pastor?

A. I was a pastor for 31 years in 4 churches. The first two churches were 3 and 1/2 years. The third church was 18 years and the last one was 7 years.

Q. What's the passion of your life?

A. The passion of my life is threefold. First, my relationships with God, my wife, and my family. Second for spiritual renewal within the church of Jesus Christ—that we stop playing games, stop beating each other up and that every denomination, every group of people join arms and hearts together. Third, for pastors and their families. I think pastors are at risk and I am determined that I'm going to ring a bell as loud as I can so that laymen will begin to realize how crucial and how vital their pastors and their families are.

Q. Why did you write *Pastors at Risk*?

A. That book addresses and helps laymen and pastors alike identify the risk in ministry and then gives information on how to work through the problems and get around the pitfalls. The second book we've got coming out is *The Heart of a Great Pastor*. It's message is to the pastor: "Stop looking over God's shoulder to see what's

next. Look him in the eye and see what He is saying to you right now.

Q. Just the title of your first book "*At Risk*" seems to be something that pastors respond to with denial. Would you agree?

A. Sure. We are all in denial because it is too hard and too painful to stop and look at ourselves. But it's not just the pastor—the whole church is in denial. Until the church and the pastor really begin to see each other, we're going to have rough times.

Q. What is the greatest problem for the pastor and church today?

A. First, the apathy of the people who sit in the pew. We're not a very passionate people anymore, in fact we're pretty passionless when it comes to the great claims of the gospel. Second is that the pastors who are doing their job work too many hours and answer to too many people—they don't spend enough time with their families and they don't take care of themselves physically. All the sudden they find themselves shipwrecked in one area of their life or another.

Q. What should a pastor do who would like to see revival in his church?

A. Look at his own life and see what it takes, what the cost of revival is for himself. They have to sell their dream and their vision to the people within their congregation. If people don't follow you, you're not going to have revival. You've got to pray, to humble yourself, and repent with change. If you're willing to do those three, God's going to bless you.

Q. What advice would you give to a young pastor.

A. Find a mentor—someone you can trust, look up to, and who is not threatened by your enthusiasm. Then, study like crazy. Divide your time up so that every day includes a specific amount of study. Make sure your devotional life is accurate as well—don't shortchange God's ability to bless.

Q. And what advice to the church?

A. Love him. Let him dream. Let him make mistakes. Keep him singing. Remember, once the song and dream goes out of the pastor, or is driven out, he doesn't have much to give.

The First Valentine

From *Moments for Each Other* by Robert Strand

The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman emperor and a humble Christian martyr. The emperor was Claudius II, the Christian was Valentinus.

Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods and he had also made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians or worship their God. Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ and not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned.

During the last weeks of Valentinus' life, a remarkable thing happened. The jailer, noting that Valentinus was a man of refinement and learning, asked if it would be possible for him to bring his daughter, Julia, for teaching. Julia had been blind since birth and was a beautiful girl with a quick mind.

Valentinus read to her stories of Rome's history. . .he described the world of nature to her. . .he taught her mathematics. . .and he told her about God. She, for the first time, began to see the world through his eyes, trusted in his wisdom, and found a special comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one," he replied.

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might be able to see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.

"Oh Valentinus, I do believe," Julia said intensely. "I do!" She then knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly, she kneeling, he sitting, each praying. Suddenly there was a bright light in the prison cell! Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

On the eve of his death, Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to continue her learning and encouraging her to stay close to

God. He signed it, "From Your Valentine!"

His death sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome.

Legend tells us that Julia herself planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains the symbol of abiding love and friendship. On the anniversary of his death, February 14, St. Valentine's Day, messages of love and devotion are exchanged.



Some people know how to make all the folks around them feel the love they share, especially the love of Jesus Christ. The principles are the same in families as well as in churches or anyplace people meet.

LOVERS smile a lot. Something caring and contagious flows through them. It's inviting, warm, gentle, and kind.

LOVERS treat you as someone really special. They like you as a wonderful person and do not hesitate to say so.

LOVERS' faces light up every time they see you. Instinctively you know that you have a place in their hearts.

LOVERS make knowing Jesus and living in Him so attractive.

LOVERS know God. The overflow of their lives shows that the fruit of the spirit is love.

LOVERS are generous with compliments from the heart—quick to see your strengths and tender with your weaknesses.

LOVERS are made and not born. To become a lover is a matter of decision, attitude, and commitment to become and be a lover for the rest of life.

Love is more than a characteristic of God; it is His character.

Love is the doorway through which the human soul passes from selfishness to service and from solitude to kinship with all mankind.

The heart that loves is always young.

To love abundantly is to live abundantly.

Most men need more love than they deserve.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Cor. 13:13

Active Faith—in and out of uniform

The hot, midsummer air overhead echoed with the sound of circling helicopters. The local radio station gave frequent updates and the front page of the paper carried photographs and warned: Fugitive Still At Large. A murderer was loose in the usually quiet Winona Lake, Warsaw, Indiana.

That intense, two-day man-hunt came to a violent end Friday evening, July 1 at a downtown Warsaw intersection.

Shortly before 7:00 p.m. the fugitive was caught in slow traffic on a busy mid-city street. He fired several shots at the police car following immediately behind his truck.

He was being sought in connection with three murders: his own two young children and a Kosciusko County Detective Sergeant. He was taken into custody by Warsaw police following an extensive exchange of gunfire between the fugitive and Warsaw police officers. He was taken to the local hospital and then airlifted to Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he died.

It was the first time an officer had been murdered in the line of duty in Warsaw. A horribly new experience for Craig Allebach, Chief of Police.

Throughout the ordeal, the media and the citizens praised Craig for his leadership and faithful service.

On Sunday, a fatigued Craig Allebach stood on the platform



*Craig Allebach
Chief of Police for the City of Warsaw*

of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and with tears streaming down his face, he thanked the people for their prayers and words of support through the painful crisis. He told them that he constantly strives to be a godly example each day in his job, both with the officers he leads, and in the community that he serves.

That week, it had taken a new, tough meaning. He had yet to face the funeral of the young detective who had been shot and to help all the officers deal with the anger, grief, and frustration that would accompany it.

The congregation stood and applauded his faithful work.

In early October, Craig Allebach was again called to the platform when, during the annual Homecoming events for Grace College, he was honored as Alumnus of the Year. These words were read:

"The recipient of the 1994 Grace College Alumnus of the Year award has had a great impact on thousands of young people and adults here in Kosciusko County where he serves with distinction as a high-profile community leader.

"This honored alumnus is a graduate of Grace College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science. Following his graduation in 1977, he began work as an officer in the Winona Lake Police Department, and after a few years became an officer in the city of Warsaw.

"He is the driving force behind a very successful Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E. Program in Warsaw. He also works with the Junior High group at his church.

"He has, for the last seven years, served at the Chief of Police in the city of Warsaw. He fills this post with honor. He has been tried in the crucible of experience under the watchful public eye and he has proven to be an exemplary fiscal manager, shown wisdom and grace in times of community crisis, and demonstrates humility and a commitment to his team of officers when the accolades come. His goal is to model Christ to his officers and his community."

"Whereas some people in leadership positions become consumed with false pride, Craig Allebach has used his leadership opportunity with the city to display two most important Christian characteristics: a servant's spirit, and self control.

"And unlike so many others in politics, Craig has learned that God gave man two ears and only one mouth (not the other way around) for a good reason," says Warsaw Mayor Jeff Plank of Craig in his position as Chief of Police. "He has an active faith."

Craig and his wife Carol have two children: C.J. fourteen, and Cara, twelve.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2



"House-pitality"

always
ROOM
FOR 1 MORE

"Hospitality is so much more than entertaining—so much more than menus and decorating and putting on a show. To me, it means organizing my life in such a way that there's always room for one more, always an extra place at the table or an extra pillow and blanket, always a welcome for those who need a listening ear. It means setting aside time for planned fellowship and setting aside lesser priorities for impromptu gatherings."

—*The Spirit of Loveliness*
By *Emilie Barnes*

What happened to the Sunday Roast?

By *Mary Thompson*

When I was growing up, roast beef was a standard for Sunday dinner at our house. Mama would put it in the oven (maybe with potatoes, carrots, and onions) we'd go to Sunday school and church, and when we got home—Voila! There was dinner!

Having company on Sunday was a big event. Of course the menu had to be more elaborate. It took a lot of time on Saturday to get the house in good shape, bake the pies, set the table with the good dishes, silverware, and linen.

Then after we got home from church it was an eternity, or so it seemed to the kids, before the potatoes were cooked and mashed, the gravy made and we could sit down at the table. But what a meal. Then the ladies usually spent a good part of the afternoon talking—while they did the dishes. (No dishwashers, remember?) A lot of work but an occasion to treasure.

Times have changed. Price of the Sunday roast has gone through the kitchen ceiling and many people have less time to prepare for an elaborate dinner. But we do have the advantage of more conveniences, and fellowship over a meal is just as enjoyable and as important as ever.

One young couple I know invites a family on Sunday for a meal of French toast. (Be creative. You don't have to serve roast beef.)

I heard of an older couple who have a week of dinners. They plan their menu for the week with

variations but with some items that can be prepared once for several meals. (And then it's only necessary to give the house one cleaning.)

Our Adult Bible Fellowship (mostly retired) has Fellowship Groups of about eight people who get together once a month. Sometimes we eat at a restaurant, sometimes we have a carry-in meal at one of our homes, sometimes we all bring finger food and get together and play games.

Another class enjoys progressive dinners with appetizers served at one home, salad at another, the main dish at another, and dessert at another.

Don't limit your hospitality to your special friends, people your own age, or other Christians. Remember those who are single, people who need friends, new folks in the church. Think of those who would enjoy and be blessed by the company of others.

When all our family was at home we had many drop-ins. With eight regular eaters, we had to have plenty of food prepared and we could invite someone for a meal on the spur of the moment. It wasn't usually fancy, but the fellowship was good. Now it takes a little more foresight, but I often have a neighbor, or someone who happens in, just for a bowl of soup or a salad, some bread and cookies. (It helps to have a few things on hand that you can whip out in a hurry.)

No need to regret the demise of the Sunday roast. The possibilities for hospitality are limitless.



Outreach Rallies

By Rich Russell

One of the easiest ways to reach unchurched families is to provide activities for their children. Children often come to a "Fun Rally" much quicker than they will come to Sunday School.

Each year our church holds a variety of rallies. One-fourth of the children that participate are from unchurched families. A rally can be a full or half-day event. Each rally should include a biblical application. An assortment of creative presentations (for example: a video, puppet show, dramatic presentation, songs, verses with motions) can be very helpful. Something that a child enjoys will enhance the application of the biblical idea.

Here are a few ideas that we have used successfully.

Wacky Water Day. Summer time—of course. Children bring their swimming suits and towels because they will get wet. This day includes water balloon games and water slide events. It's best to have a Bible story for each water game. One example: Moses crossing the Red Sea. Put a soaking hose in the middle of the yard will all the children on one side. The kids are told to run across the yard, crossing the "Red Sea" onto dry land. Have one of your helpers turn the hose off and on as the children cross. If a child gets hit by the water, he is out. Check game books for other water games.

Valentine's Day Party. Hold a party for the children on Valentine's Day allowing the

parents a special night. We provide three and one-half hours of childcare, including dinner. Our fifth and sixth graders do all the cooking and serving. Pizza has been a favorite. After dinner, the children are entertained with a video and games for the rest of the evening. *This rally has been our most successful.*

Birthday Party. Instead of trying to remember each child's birthday, have one big party. We actually hold two on the same day—first a party for kindergarten through sixth grades, then the preschoolers. (*Few rallies are effective for preschoolers, but a Birthday Party is.*) At this event we play all the traditional birthday games and finish up with ice cream and cake.

Annual Weekend Camp-Out. Once a year we take the children out for an overnight at district camp ground. There are games, crafts, movies, and hikes. We hold this rally each September to give the year a strong beginning.

October Fun Fest. This is an alternative to Halloween. It's a wonderful time to provide an activity that is safe and beneficial. Set up carnival-style games that your youth group can run and give lots of prizes. Encourage your whole congregation to bring unchurched families.

Rallies require work, but they build goodwill in your community. Used as tools for outreach, as well as for grounding your own children in the Lord, they are well worth the effort.

Rich Russell is Children's Pastor at the New Holland, PA GBC and is a member of CE National Children's Cabinet.

TOP TEN

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH "CHILD FRIENDLY"

1. Give club-like titles to children's church.

2. Display children's artwork in the hallways and classrooms.

3. Train older children (6th graders) to escort other children to Sunday School classrooms and make them feel at home.

4. Develop a "welcome packet" for children and include a gift certificate for ice cream or a hamburger.

5. Train your greeters and ushers to welcome children and know the locations of classrooms.

6. Assign someone to make sure the nursery is clean, attractive, accessible, and staffed by caring adults.

7. Encourage the pastor to greet and pray for families and children by names.

8. Dedicate at least one Sunday annually to honor and thank children's ministry workers.

9. Screen children's workers to ensure a safe environment for children.

10. Use good educational and discipleship materials from CE National such as SMM (girls), One-on-One (boys), PALS (kindergarten).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

By Roy Roberts

Left to right: Pastor Harris, Tom Herr, four hard-working prisoners, Russ Phillips, Area Director, Prison Fellowship



When one of the inmates was asked why he was doing this, he replied, "Hey man, I care. I want to make a difference with my life. I've wasted a lot of time."

"Two men killed in a hail of gunfire. Hooded assailant seen fleeing down the alley."

This was the news emanating from the crime-ridden area of Lancaster the night before the MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY project was scheduled to begin.

Volunteers were intimidated, some husbands would not permit their wives to help at the work site, which was a drug infested war zone. But most, who had committed to the task, were undeterred in their resolve to successfully complete the Lancaster City Project.

Four inmates from the Lancaster County Prison were temporarily released in order to paint the home of a blind, African American widow, who lives with her mentally challenged son.

The paint and brushes were donated by the Hursh Painting Company of Talmage. The owner, Morris Hursh, has a special concern for those in need. The ladders and other workers came from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, pastored by the

Reverend Roland Forbes. The foreman was Reverend Vernon Harris, a 74-year-old Associate Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in New Holland.

The project was coordinated by Russel Phillips and Patti Roberts from Prison Fellowship. Bob Dungan from the prison, supervised and Dr. Roy Roberts, Senior Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of New Holland, kicked off the event with vigor and inspiration.

Breakfast and lunch were served on site. Enthusiasm permeated the atmosphere, as people from various ethnic backgrounds and walks of life worked together—and they had a great time.

Some members of the Ebenezer Church cleaned up the yard on the next day and the prisoners volunteered to do more work in the future. Mrs. Mary Underwood thanked everyone repeatedly for painting her row house.

Tom Herr and his wife Kim, serve on Prison Fellowship's Eastern Pennsylvania Council. Tom was the All-Star Second Baseman for the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Tom picked up a paint brush and began painting shoulder-to-shoulder with the prisoners. He told them jokes and baseball stories they really enjoyed.

This multi-cultural event was a model of what can be done when people from all segments of society decide to make compassion a joint venture.



Pastor Harris served as the foreman, seeing that the project was kept on the straight and narrow

THE FUNDAMENTALIST

By Rob Bentz, *Sports Spectrum*

Fundamentals. Passing, shooting, rebounding, and defense. You know, the basics. That's what Dan Panaggio teaches as head coach of the CBA's Quad City Thunder. In just three years at the Thunder's helm, Panaggio's coaching record stands at an impressive 112-54. Impressive but not surprising. Wherever Dan has coached, his success has been striking.

In six years at the high school level, Panaggio compiled a 93-20 record while coaching at Wayland and McQuaid Jesuit in New York State. He then moved to the community college ranks where he racked up seventy wins and only fifteen losses in three seasons at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY. That's nine years as a head coach—and a winning percentage of .823.

But that level of success is not uncommon when you have the last name Panaggio. You see, Dan's father, Mauro, has built a pretty solid coaching reputation himself.

The elder Panaggio has the most victories of any coach in CBA history (370-206) and is one of only two coaches (George Karl of the Sonics is the other) to be named CBA Coach of the Year three times. And that's not even touching on his success at the high school or college level. Mauro Panaggio amassed a 240-42 record in 13 years of high school coaching before moving on to the collegiate level at

Brockport State. During his ten years at Brockport, he led his teams to a 160-71 record.

Dan got his first taste of CBA ball with the Thunder as an assistant coach to his father. In three years under the tutelage of Panaggio and Panaggio, the Thunder went 102-64, including a 1991 trip to the CBA Championship series.

On May 8, 1991, Dan took over the head coaching duties.

"There was a reasonable amount of pressure [to succeed]. Although I had a considerable amount of experience before I took the assistant's job, most people in CBA circles didn't know that. A lot of people felt that because my father was the coach and I was his assistant, it was a little bit of nepotism," says Dan. "And I had a one-year contract, so it was basically do-or-die."

Three years later, Dan is still around. And he's doing just fine.

Panaggio led the Thunder to a 10-2 record in last year's CBA playoffs, including an overtime victory at Omaha in Game Five of last season's CBA Championship.

The thrilling victory gave the franchise their first ever CBA title and furthered Dan's reputation as one of the top coaches in the business. He now stands fourth on the CBA's all-time winning percentage chart.

Dan Panaggio isn't just a successful coach. He's much more than that. He's a husband, a father, and a man of integrity.

THE NEWS

The 104th Congress quickly lived up to one pre-election promise introducing in both houses legislation to remove baseball's antitrust exemption, reported *USA Today*.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-NY and Rep. Michael Bilirakis, R-FL, each introduced bills calling for full repeal of the owners' 73-year-old privilege, fulfilling a vow to renew pressure if the strike wasn't settled by the end of January.

"It may not solve all of baseball's troubles, but it is a necessary step and one that is decades overdue," Moynihan says of the repeal.

Could there ever be another Tonya Harding incident? Not is the U.S. Olympic Committee has its way. The USOC has asked a 12-member committee of athletes, lawyers, and Olympic officials to rewrite its code of conduct to define, by standards and behavior, an athlete's role as a representative of a sport and of the U.S.A. It will be a document capable of withstanding legal challenges, and will be defensible in court. It will be clear under what circumstances the USOC may act and have jurisdiction.

Mike Schmidt, who played baseball in Philadelphia for nearly 20 years, will become the 31st player elected to the Hall of Fame on his first year of eligibility. Only seven other third basemen have been chosen, the fewest of any position.

THE NEWS

In becoming official paging service of the 1996 Olympics, Bell-South's MobileComm will let people with "alphanumeric" beepers get text showing results during the Games.

Watch for dimpled, regulation-sized basketballs and footballs to be marketed by Voit next fall. Developed by Marvin Palmquist, 80, of Rockford, IL, these patented dimpled products aren't just for hands.

Voit might also market dimpled soccer balls late this year. Whether or not dimples eventually take over the sports scene, Palmquist's basketball will provide a breakthrough: just about anybody can palm them—even kids.

Former NCAA executive director Walter Byers says it's time to pay college athletes.

"In light of the hypercommercialization of today's college athletics, dramatic changes are necessary to permit athletes to participate in the enormous proceeds. I believe the athletes should have the same access to the commercial marketplace that the supervisors and overseers as well as other students have."

More people begin exercise programs in January than any other month of the year—how are you doing on your fitness goals?

Dan made a decision about six years ago which ensured that his life, not just his coaching career, would be a success. "I was a high school and junior college coach, and I was getting into the fame I was receiving. I thought I was a pretty big deal," explains Panaggio. "I almost lost my family because I was just living for myself."

While Dan's home life was in turmoil, his younger brother Jim helped him get his life on the right track. "My brother was talking to me right along, and he saw me going off the deep end," describes Dan. "Eventually, I got to the point where I was in despair. I just surrendered to Jesus Christ and said, 'Lord, I've proven over the last thirty-some years that I can't control my life. I turn it over to You.'"

Since trusting Jesus Christ as his Savior, Dan Panaggio is a different man. And his brother Jim, a pastor in New York, is the first to speak about the change in Dan's life.

"Unbelievable! He's a totally different person," explains Jim. "The unethical things he did before, he refuses to be involved in now. He's very serious about his faith. When I think about the

concept of someone being reborn, in a radical rebirth, he fits that perfectly."

The radical changes in Dan's life have come from—what else but—the fundamentals. Praying, reading the Bible, being the spiritual leader of his home, and sharing his faith with others. These foundational facets of his spiritual life are evident even in tense situations.

Before each Thunder home game, Dan takes time for prayer with a couple of close friends. Jim Shrader, a Quad Cities area stockbroker, and one of Dan's prayer partners, says Dan's desire to pray shows the attitude of his heart.

"I think that's an indication of the fundamentals that Dan realizes are important in his Christian walk."

Panaggio explains that "as basketball coach I try to teach the fundamentals, passing, the good defense, those kinds of things. I want to get down to really serving Christ, get down to obedience, just down to the fundamentals."

You know, the basics. What else would you expect from a highly successful basketball coach?



Tuesday morning ... ladies' aerobics.

Bible teaches it is wrong; I do not believe everyone should pay off his or her mortgage; I do not believe everyone should be 100 percent out of debt. Now let me tell you why.

USING DEBT AS LEVERAGE

In 1990, our church—which started humbly with a small cinder block building in 1987—had grown to the point where we could grow no further. The church owned no property and had very little money.

In the city of Napa, California, property for building in acceptable locations costs \$500,000 per acre. To purchase the four acres required by the city ordinances and to build a good-sized church that could continue to grow, we needed \$2 million just for starters. The building itself would cost an additional \$2 million.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars more would go for our part of the street-widening project and the enormous fees our city charges churches for building permits.

What were we to do? Miraculously, the property next door to our building went up for sale. I walked over the owner's place and asked, "How much do you want for the house and the back acreage?"

The price he quoted left me speechless, and I walked away heavyhearted. We needed that property, and I knew only one way to get it. I asked our church to pray.

In the meantime, we trusted God and rented a modular building, but it was overcrowded within a few months, and again we had nowhere to go.

One Sunday morning after church, the man who owned the property next to our building walked into the office.

"I want the church to have my property. I've reduced the price."

"Great!" I said, excited by the answer to prayer. "I'll get back to you."

I knew our church still did not have enough money to buy the property, even at the lower price, but time was of the essence.

What did we do? We went to the bank and borrowed the money—interest and all—and bought the property.

Later, when four acres opened up two miles from our church, we sold the original property at a great profit, bought the new acreage, and moved into a slightly larger building with plans to build a new church. Today, we have a beautiful new facility with more than \$4 million in property and more expansion on the way.

That's how to use debt as leverage to accomplish a worthwhile goal. Throughout the entire process, we maintained control of the situation and used the bank and the initial loan to our advantage.

A BETTER WAY

Some Christian financial experts say that paying interest makes no sense in any economy. Let's test that idea, using the story I just told you.

Suppose I go to our congregation and say, "We would need four million dollars to buy property and build a new facility."

"Okay, let's borrow the money and do it!" they agree.

"Can't. I learned that the Bible teaches all debt is wrong. Therefore, we will just have to wait on God and save the money."

"How long will it take us to save the money?" someone asks.

"At the rate we're going now, probably twenty years," I respond factually.

Suppose we decide to go that route and put money aside for the next twenty years. At status quo and normal inflation, which is four to five percent, how much would we have saved by not borrowing the money and paying the interest? None. In fact, we would have gone further in the hole.

Why? Because construction inflation runs ahead of other industries. That means the cost of building a similar facility twenty years later would probably have doubled. Because of inflation, we would need to save for another twenty years to catch up with the increase in construction costs. Talk about chasing your tail!

"There must be a better way," you say. Fortunately, there is.

Our church took special offerings, saved money, and used debt as leverage. Since 1992, when we finished the new facility, our attendance and our offerings have increased substantially. Our short-term plans are to pay off the debt as quickly as possible so our debt-to-interest cost ratio will be nominal. As a result, we have a beautiful new building and plan to be debt-free within seven years. That's a lot better than twenty—or forty.

Now what if we had not borrowed the money from the bank? Our small church would either be bursting at the seams and forced to turn newcomers away, or people would have left because of the overcrowded facilities. Either way, our church would still be small and inefficient, and neither scenario furthers the kingdom of God.

Suppose we do have an economic earthquake? Our church may or may not be in debt at that time, but we still would be better off if we lost the building than if we had not built it at all because we would have reached people who might not have come to Christ otherwise. That is worth far more than any interest we would have paid.

Next Month:

The Cost of Doing Business. "You wouldn't have a job to go to tomorrow if your corporation or place of business didn't use debt as leverage. That's how they finance their business so they can employ people like you to work for them."

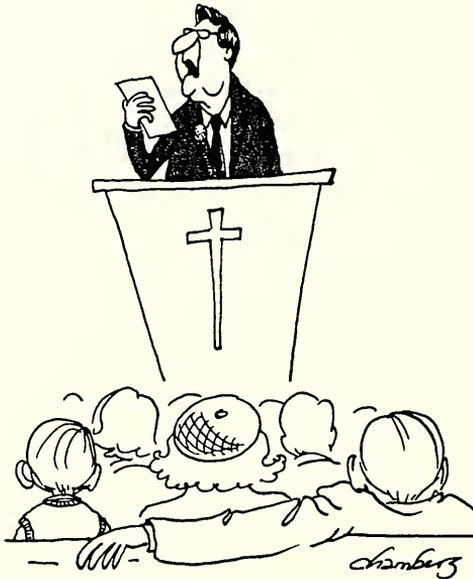
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We interrupt this sermon to inform you that the fourth-grade boys have taken over and are now in complete control of their classroom and are holding Miss McPeak hostage.

Pastor Dave Mitchell (Waipio, Grace Brethren Church, Hawaii) along with four other men, returned in November from a trip to communist China. The goal of delivering into the hands of various underground pastors and workers much needed teaching materials and Bibles was very successful. The trip covered about two-thousand miles and five major cities and areas in which Westerners are not commonly seen.

Pastor Dave reports: "There were several close calls, but God's leading and many prayers allowed us to travel cautiously, but freely throughout the country. Pray for our brothers and sisters in China. Most do not realize the persecution many are still suffering under the rule of this government." This was Pastor Dave's second trip. Asked if he would be willing to do this again, despite the possible consequences his answer was: "In a moments notice."

TRAVEL: Heritage Tour, October 9-20, 1995. Visit scenic sites of Anabaptist, Pietist, and Brethren significance in Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. Sponsored by Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc. \$1950 form New York (JFK). For a brochure contact Don Durnbaugh, P.O. Box 484, James Creek, PA. 16657. (814-658-3222)

Pastor and Mrs. Shimer Darr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 31, 1994 at the Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church near Meyersdale, PA. Pastor Darr is the former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Washington, PA where he served as pastor from 1963 until his retirement. He presently serves as the caretaker of Camp Albryoca which is located near Meyersdale.

Pastor Bob Russell has resigned as Senior Pastor at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. He will be

going to Martinsburg, PA to serve as an Associate Pastor. The Woodville Church is accepting resumes for Senior Pastor candidates. (Look for ad on next page.)

The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Columbus, OH presented a Christmas musical entitled: "Christmas Just For You" eleven times to a sold out audience of 27,000 people.

Paul Hoffman resigned as Senior Pastor of **Auburn Grace Brethren**. All correspondence can be directed to his home at 4125 Riverwood Dr., Auburn, CA 95602. (916-888-8094). **Phil Sparling** is the new Senior Pastor and matters should be directed to his name.

Pastor Charles H. Winter resigned November 30th as the pastor of the **Harrah, WA Grace Brethren Church**. The Winter's mailing address will remain P.O. Box 69, Harrah, WA 98933. They have no immediate plans for ministry.

Ralph and Joan Justiniano and family have just completed one year of language study of Japanese in 15 weeks at the University of Hawaii. They took the midnight flight to Tokyo, New Year's morning at 12:40 a.m. Pray as they search for an apartment. We will see great things from this couple.

The Grace Brethren Church of Litzitz, PA presented double David Clydesdale musicals "From Heaven's Throne" and "How Great Thou Art" in three services to 2,450 people.

Over eighty people, many unbelievers, attended a year-end outreach of the **Tokyo Grace Brethren Church**. "In 1994 we have had record attendance in our Sunday morning celebration time, now averaging thirty," reports **Cecil O'Dell**. "We have had over twenty small groups with seventy-eight

people, nine new Christians, and seven baptisms. In addition, two Japanese men have made commitments to help plant Grace Brethren Churches in Tokyo."

January 4 marked the 25th anniversary of the **Grace Brethren Church of Kenai, Alaska**. Due to the weather uncertainties, the anniversary celebration will be held on the weekend of June 17-18, 1995. Founding Pastor **Herm Hein** will be speaking. All friends and former members and attenders are invited to this special celebration.

First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, VA presented "Christmas Alive" in mid-December. This event was a live Christmas portrayal on the church yard. **Dr. Paul Fink** is the pastor there.

Eight people were baptized in the **Castanhal, Brazil Grace Brethren Church** in late fall. Eight more are preparing for the next baptismal service. Forty-five children and ten adults regularly attend the children's outreach headed up in Castanhal by a Bible Institute student.

From France—"One of the French teens in the **Le Creusot, France Grace Brethren Church** has made a commitment to full-time missionary service!"

Update on Ralph Colburn: "Thanks for all your prayers! I'm home though not yet brimming over with vim, vigor, and vitality." He is slowly recuperating from the heart valve replacement surgery.

"I don't know how to thank you not only for the money, but also for the letter which greatly encouraged me," writes **Marthe Namsene**, widow of **Elie Namsene** upon whose tragic death many people responded with gifts to help **Marthe** raise their ten children

The following is a complete obituary for **Rev. James G. Dixon, Jr.** who died on December 6, 1994.

Rev. James G. Dixon, Jr., a long time resident of Camp Springs, Maryland and recently of Calvert County, Maryland, died Tuesday, December 6 from complications resulting from a blood clot and surgery.

Rev. Dixon was born February 3, 1922, in Wichita, and married Dorothy B. Hoidale, also of Wichita in 1941. They had six children: Richard D. Dixon, of Wichita; Paula S. Martinez, of Muskegon, Wisconsin; Paul S. Dixon of Portland, Oregon; James G. Dixon, III of Grove City, Pennsylvania; Peter B. Dixon of Clinton, Maryland; and Debbie D. Greene, of Frederick, Maryland.

Rev. Dixon graduated from Wooster College, (Ohio) and Grace Theological Seminary (Indiana) and pastored churches in Warsaw, Indiana, and Ashland, Ohio before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1951 to pastor the First Brethren Church. In 1962 he started the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, in Temple Hills, Maryland. As the church began to grow, he initiated a program of church planting which resulted in "one church in five locations" throughout the Washington D.C. area. In 1965 he and his wife Dorothy began a Christian school of Greater Washington which has since grown to over one thousand students on four different campuses.

After Dorothy's death in 1991, Rev. Dixon married Janet Smith of Dunkirk, Maryland. Rev. Dixon is survived by his wife Janet, his six children, twenty-three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four sisters: Naomi Rice, of Wichita; Ruth Blythe, of Wichita; Rebecca Winkle, of Denver; and Margaret Logan, of Salina.

The funeral services were held in Wichita on Saturday, December 10.

The Memorial Service was held December 23 at the Grace Brethren Church of Temple Hills, Maryland.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be sent to the James G. Dixon Memorial Fund c/o Rev. R. Dallas Greene, 5102 Old National Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21701. This fund is being established to encourage young people considering the ministry and to encourage church planting.

Congratulations to the six Filipino pastors and their wives who graduated from the **Grace Bible Institute in Manila, Philippines** on November 13.

On Sunday, November 27, five people were baptized in the **Lyon, France, Grace Brethren Church**. All five are in their twenties.

It took only nine days for a Total Mobilization work crew to complete the construction of the **Berazategui Grace Brethren Church building in Buenos Aires, Argentina** in December.

"In December we held our Christmas cantata here in **Dijon**," reports **Paul Klawitter**. "For the first time ever, we broke the one-hundred mark. The Lord blessed beyond our expectations. Many in the church invited non-Christian friends."

The conversion of Suzanne, a Muslim woman, has opened a new door of ministry for **Diana Davis** in the **Central African Republic**. Suzanne came to know Christ through listening to tapes in her own language. Now several members of her family and tribe sit on Diana's porch listening. Please pray as there will certainly be opposition from the Muslim community.

The **Ramseys** report that renovation of their new meeting rooms in **Leonberg, Germany**, should begin in January. Denise is discipling Nina, a recent convert. "She is so happy about all she is learning in the Word. It's like watching a small child's eyes light up as he discovers the sweetness of candy," writes Denise.

Moms and Dads are being reached through the Good News Club in the **Macon, France, Grace Brethren Church**. "Several of the mothers often stay during the Club, hearing the message of salvation themselves," writes **Mark Sims**. "Even fathers are being reached. We discovered that one six-year-old boy insisted that his father read the Bible to him instead of his usual stories."

Armando Vieyra and **Juan Salazar**, Mexican Grace Brethren Pastors who ministered in Cuba this fall preached 14 times in numerous house churches and made evangelistic house calls almost every day. Ninety people trusted Christ as a result of these efforts. They are hoping this will help in church planting.



Pastoral Position

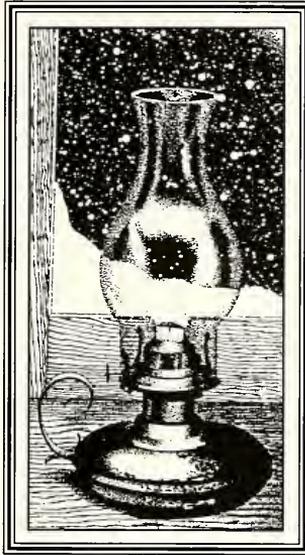
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"I am not the servant here!" My words blasted from the kitchen to the living room where my daughter sat, "calling in an order" for a snack. Fuming at her immature selfishness, I went back to the book I was reading when God stepped in front of my thoughts and whispered a verse into my heart: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life."

My declaration of independence still echoing off the kitchen walls, I sat there stunned.

You know, I am the servant here. My job is to be like Christ and He served. He is God, yet He washed feet, cooked breakfast, worked in the carpenter shop, cared for His family's daily needs and did it with love. He didn't stop serving until the last drop of blood dried. He didn't scream: "Get it yourself—I'm not the servant here," or "I have more important things to do than wait on you hand and foot—I have my own life to lead." He was never selfish.

Selfishness is that one incapable sin that I take with me everywhere. There is nothing good in it yet it is my most basic natural response to everything.

Don't misunderstand. No one should consider someone else their personal slave—especially a child who must understand

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"Her lamp does not go out at night"

respect and learn to value his or her parents. But this is not an issue of how my child and others see me—that they judge my position to be. It is about how I see myself. And, the problem is, I'm a long way from viewing myself as a servant.

I'm a long way from grasping the fact that the God of the Universe got up early in the morning, worked hard all day, and turned around and did it all

over again the next morning because He loved me. My selfishness stands directly in the path of understanding the life He actually led and how it is to be the pattern for my own.

The world in all its different forms, sneers at servanthood. Oh, one or two remarkable individuals are applauded for their unique willingness to live unselfishly, but the regular 9-to-5 crowd knows that life is short, personal fulfillment is the goal, and it's every man for himself.

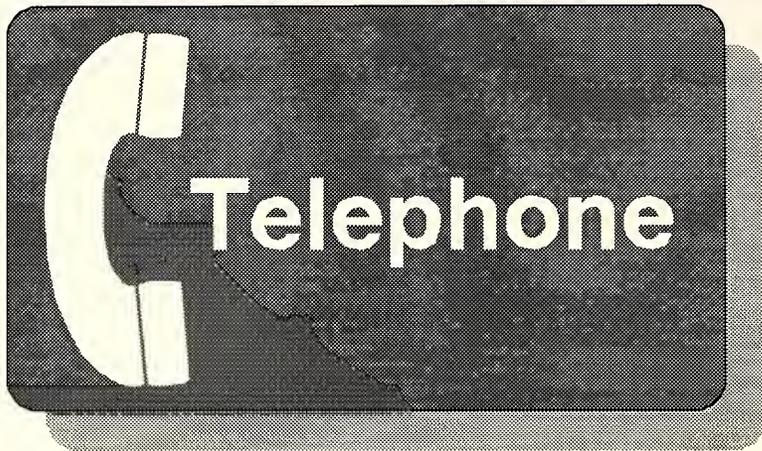
The grains of truth that we are all inestimably valuable and each have wonderfully unique things to contribute get ground into the bread of "therefore you deserve to be happy, comfortable, and first in line." That's easy to swallow and it feeds our selfish inclination.

In the white-hot fear of being taken advantage of, we do what we perceive to be within our job descriptions, and keep track of anything that goes above and beyond—tallying what we expect the compensation to be.

Selfishness is ugly.

I want to be a servant. I hate to say that out loud because I know how serving is learned and exercised. But if I want to be like Christ, I must want to be a servant—there is no other way.

Jenifer Wilcoxson
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WHAT'S the difference?

Several weeks ago I attended a church and listened to a guest speaker who repeatedly throughout his message challenged us to "make a difference." As a pastor, I had used that same challenge many times myself, but on that day as I sat in that pew, I began to darkly question whether it is even possible to make a difference.

Are you familiar with the carol *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*? The words of the third verse gripped me that day, adding to my feeling of helplessness: *And in despair, I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."*

Make a difference. What does that mean? Can it be done? Is anyone really making a difference? My thoughts frustrated me so I took the question to my wife. She gently reminded me that I am someone who needs to see immediate results to deem my efforts a success. She is right.

As a little boy, I had trouble with gardening. After planting corn and watering it and letting 24 hours pass, I would rush out and dig

down to see if it was growing yet. I was almost always disappointed.

So often we equate making a difference with ministering to great numbers of people or leading great movements of the Spirit of God. In reality, there just aren't too many places where we can make a difference like that. So then, what does it mean to make a difference?

I am driven back to the people that God has placed in my life. Relationships are no accident. They are planned by God — each one is sacred. I must be ready to encourage my daughter when she comes to me with feelings of inadequacy. When my children want to go to a ball game, I must control my time to be able to respond to their interests. When I make a promise, I must keep it. By my loving care for my wife, I must demonstrate her value and teach my kids how to honor her as well.

And, when the times come that my children ask important questions about God and life, I must be there, faithfully ready to lead and teach. Thank God for the relationships of home and family that allow for such nurturing and growth.

But what about the unsaved? Do you even have an unsaved friend—someone with whom you want to spend time with no ulterior motives—not just someone to mark down as a number, but someone who you can care for and develop a friendship with and see what God will do?

Could it be that this is what it really means to make a difference? Niagara Falls excites our wonder and we stand amazed at the powerful greatness of God there. But one Niagara is enough. The world requires thousands of small streams that water every farm and meadow every day and night with their gentle, faithful beauty.

So it is with the acts of our lives. It is not by great deeds, but by the daily quiet and faithful virtues of life that we make a difference.

One other person well-loved and pointed toward God is the grandest difference that I can make with my life. If I stretch beyond that one, then all I can say is: Praise God that we as earthly friends and family will stand before Him and enjoy Heaven together with Him forever.

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The Cost of Doing Business

What is interest? Interest is simply the cost of doing business.

A dentist from Tennessee called me recently and said, "I've read all the books on debt-free living, and I'm convinced the economy is headed for collapse and no one can stop it."

"Well," I said, trying to find out why he had called, "how's your practice doing?"

"To tell the truth, I'm losing patients and don't know what to do," he stated in a worried tone.

"Would you mind if I asked you some questions?"

"Shoot," he replied.

"Do you tithe?"

"Well, when I get completely out of debt, then I'm going to start tithing."

His answer didn't surprise me. A lot of debt-free-living people think that way. Because they believe debt is sin, they figure it's better to stop sinning before they start tithing.

"Do you need new equipment in order to upgrade your practice?"

"Yes," he answered, sighing heavily.

"Do the dentists you compete with have this equipment?"

"Yes." I could sense the discouragement in his voice.

"Have you lost customers because your equipment is outdated?"

"Yes, they're all going to the new guy across town."

"Do you want my advice?" I asked.

"Of course. That's why I called you."

"First of all, start tithing and quit worrying about getting out of debt," I told him bluntly.

"Second, borrow more money and buy the equipment you need, advertise that you have it, and get your customers back."

"Third, make your borrowing short term only. As your cash flow increases, paying back the loan should be no problem. That's the proper use of debt."

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"What about the interest I'll have to pay?" he quizzed.

"If inflation is 6 to 7 percent, then the cost of making those same purchases ten years from now is going to be the same, or more than the interest you would save by not financing the projects now and doing it later. So you will lose what you would have gained by not paying interest on the money during that time."

Those principles apply to any business. In fact, you wouldn't have a job to go to tomorrow if your corporation or place of business didn't use debt as leverage.

Your company leverages through the sales of stocks, bonds, debentures, and creative bank financing. That's how they finance their business so they can employ people like you to work for them. Leverage is essential in a free-market economy.

Walt Disney knew how to use debt to his advantage. One afternoon Roy Disney—Walt's brother—was very discouraged after poring over the financial records of the Disney Companies.

Walt walked in and noticed the rather depressed look on Roy's face. "What's wrong?" Walt asked.

"We are four and a half million dollars in debt with absolutely no way to pay it off this time," Roy explained. "We have fifteen hundred people on the payroll, which is getting harder to make each payday. It looks like we've had it."

Walt started laughing.

"What's so funny?" Roy asked.

"I can remember when we couldn't borrow a thousand dollars," Walt replied.

What's the difference between leverage and financing with debt? Leverage is debt used only for a short amount of time and only for the reason of the cost of doing business. Leverage is right, but financing with debt is wrong.

WHEN DEBT IS WRONG

If you cannot control debt, you should stay out of debt. If you borrow money, and the debt becomes a millstone around your

"Believe me, the wages of sin is not debt."

neck, you need to get out of debt as soon as possible. If you're drowning in interest charges or you're struggling to pay off your debts, you need to take radical measures. There are times when going into debt is wrong.

After one of my seminars, a well-dressed gentleman came up to me and said, "I have listened to your philosophy about debt and I agree with it. In fact, I wouldn't be worth three million dollars if I didn't borrow money."

He was obviously a rich man, but he was also a borrower. How can that be, you ask, when Proverbs 22:7 says: "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender"?

For one thing, the word servant would be better translated "obligated" in the sense he owes the lender. The borrower is "obligated" to the person who lends him money. This verse, however, says nothing about debt to the lender being wrong. Debt is only wrong when you borrow, knowing that you can't pay the money back.

We live in a credit-driven economy. God, however, has never legislated against any kind of economy, whether it be a feudal fiefdom, a communist dictatorship, or a monarchy. God has given us

practical ways to prosper in any government. We have only to study the lives of Joseph, Solomon, and Daniel in the Old Testament to see that success and prosperity don't depend upon the economic system of the country where you live.

In capitalistic America in the late twentieth century, we finance our free-market economy with debt. If the Bible teaches debt-free living, then God must be discriminating against capitalism.

How many economies have there been on the earth since God created man? Thousands. Every nation develops a different set of rules. That's why it is incorrect to imply that the Bible is written for only one kind of economic structure. In fact, biblical financial principles—when properly applied—will work in any economy, whether it be the home, church, business, or nation.

If every Christian in America stopped lending and borrowing, we wouldn't have to wait for an economic earthquake. Why? Because America's economic system would collapse for sure.

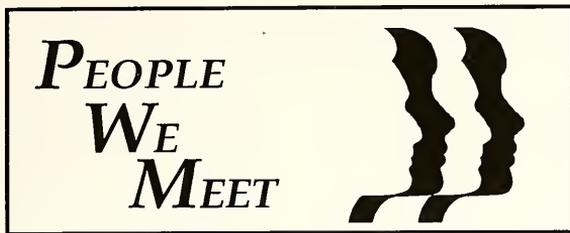
We live in a free-market economy. Our standard of living is the highest in the world because there is plenty of money available to be loaned and borrowed. Believe me, the wages of sin is not debt.

INTEREST VS. USURY

"But I'd have to pay all that interest!" a client responded one day, as if I had suggested he rob the bank instead of borrow from it.

Let's be practical. First of all, the Bible does not teach that interest is wrong; it teaches that usury is wrong. "If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shall thou lay upon him usury" (Exodus 22:25).

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Q: How do you think we should train our pastors today?

A: I think that we have tried to make an adjustment in theological education. I have been a part of that process of trying to take seriously the multifaceted demands and needs that are given to the pastor. Pastors are enormously pressured today. They are expected to be chief executive officers, counselors, and psychologists, along with all the rest. But I think that we need to get back to grounding our pastors in a deep knowledge of the Scriptures and of doctrine. I think that we are in a crisis of doctrine today, where people think that personal piety and experience are a substitute for the truth. And every time that has happened in history, the church has taken a tailspin.

Q: What would you tell pastors just starting out to do?

A: To get focused in his ministry. Not try to do it all the first six months, not try to do it all the first year. To not attempt to preach tossed salads and smorgasbords every Sunday. It is vitally important that he understand early on in his ministry that He must grow and

deepen personally in his communication and relationship with God. The tendency in the pool in our lives is to be so busy feeding the flock that we never get fed and we dry up.

I had the opportunity to sit next to Billy Graham at a dinner a couple of years ago and I asked him: "Billy, if you had it to do over again, what would you do differently?" And he said: "I would study more and speak less." And I understand that. I crave more time for feeding my own soul. I want to know God—I can't pass on what I don't know.

Q: How is your local church doing?

A: We are still a new church. The distinctive of our church has been an emphasis on worship and we are really emphasizing the exaltation of God in worship—I'd say that's the best thing that we are doing right now. We are also moving significantly in the area of adult education. But, we are a young church, a growing church, and we need to do more outreach and continue to grow. It has been a wonderful experience—we love being involved with a new church.

Q: How do you effectively disciple your new believers?

A: By getting them into the Scriptures because that's what they need more than anything else—to be grounded in the Word of God. That must be the central point of all discipleship. The word disciple means *learner* and what we learn must not be just contemporary traditions. What we must learn first and foremost is the content of the Scripture.

Q: If you could choose just one thing that you think we should do as a fellowship of churches, what would it be?

A: Find out where God is. I think the greatest need today in the evangelical community is to come to a deeper understanding of the character of God the Father. That means reading the Old Testament because it is there, despite the elements that are no longer applicable to us, that the greatest resource of revelation about the character of God is contained. We have neglected that. And, sadly, that neglect is showing up in the life of the church.

BABY-STEPS

By Kevin Pinkerton

God can take any one of us from anywhere and use us for anything. He can take a custodian and make him a senior pastor.

It's strange how life finds us in different places. After graduating from the University of Southern Colorado, I quit my job in a bank to go to a Bible college in Missouri. A year later I moved to the panhandle of Texas to work in the oil fields to pay off school debts. After that, God gave me a position as a branch manager with World Savings in Denver. My dream was to climb the corporate ladder and finance a Christian camp in the Rockies. But I came to realize that I wanted to become more directly involved in teaching God's Word. I didn't want to finance a ministry, I wanted to be the one there seeing God change lives.

In 1990 I found myself in Lynchburg, VA after seven years of seminary and

graduate work. I had a good job but I had almost no opportunity for ministry in a church. As Captain of Liberty Emergency Services at Liberty University, I loved my job—being a part of the “team,” being able to work

with Dr. Falwell, learning from him. But most of all I enjoyed hiring and working with other Christians, many of whom were in college or seminary to train for ministry.

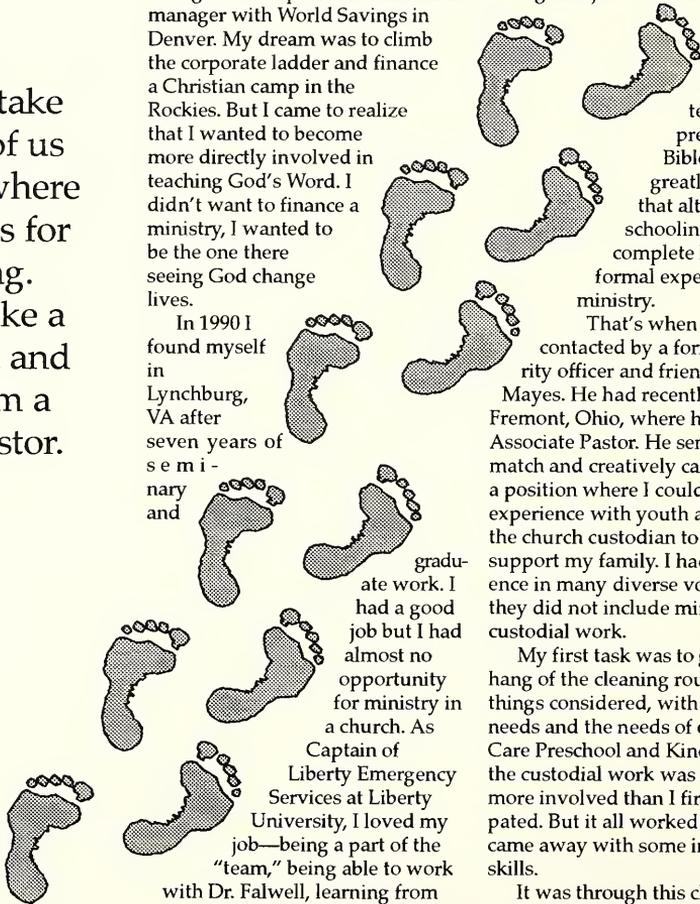
Of course, the best part about Lynchburg was that I found my wife Pam. God blessed us with two of our children before we left there.

Still, I felt that it all just wasn't enough. I came to Liberty because I had a deep desire to teach God's Word. I had been blessed with good jobs before but I desperately wanted an outlet to teach and preach the Bible. I was greatly disturbed that although my schooling was complete I had no formal experience in ministry.

That's when I was contacted by a former security officer and friend, Rob Mayes. He had recently moved to Fremont, Ohio, where he was Associate Pastor. He sensed a match and creatively came up with a position where I could get some experience with youth and work as the church custodian to better support my family. I had experience in many diverse vocations but they did not include ministry or custodial work.

My first task was to get the hang of the cleaning routine. All things considered, with the church needs and the needs of our Wee Care Preschool and Kindergarten, the custodial work was a little more involved than I first anticipated. But it all worked out and I came away with some interesting skills.

It was through this challenge that God began taking me through the baby-steps—each one that He knew I needed to prepare me for effective ministry.



In his heart man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9

Step 1: As full-time custodian and part-time youth pastor, I started out teaching the College/Career Sunday school class of about fifteen people. Probably no one knew how nervous I was but the young people were great and I was soon hooked.

Step 2: Step two came when I was disappointed to learn that in order to be the "official" youth pastor, I would now (four months after moving there) have to be voted on. Our church requires 90% for all pastors. But God took care of that and I became the *Official* Youth Pastor (and custodian).

I took over the Wednesday night youth rally—a mild disaster my first night, but God allowed me to quickly grow and I again became hooked on interacting with teens and focusing on God's Word.

Step 3: My third step came when Pastor Klingler stretched me by having me in the pulpit on Sunday nights about once-a-month. I'm sure many of those sermons were very rough but the people of our church family were a great encouragement. I also continued to learn from the other three pastors as we served together in unity.

Step 4: When Pastor Klingler decided to resign our church after a very fruitful ministry, God moved me on to step four. The Elder Board decided that until we found another senior pastor, the three pastors remaining on staff would rotate the Sunday preaching responsibilities.

Normally the responsibility of properly exegeting and effectively communicating Scripture to a large audience on Sunday morning would have terrified me but through God's provision and increasing preparation, my initial terror was reduced to mere "butterflies" once a month.

Step 5: After a long pastoral search, the Elder Board approved a unique co-pastor plan. In February 1993, Rob Mayes and I received the 90% congregational approval needed to lead the church. We divided preaching and leadership responsibilities equally. Now, instead of preaching one morning service per month, it was two. I thought this was a fantastic relationship until God moved me yet another step.

Step 6: Rob and I were enjoying the ministry together when he was offered an opportunity to return to Temple Hills, MD, where his father, Howard Mayes, was Senior Pastor. I was disappointed to see him leave but this was his chance to fill a lifelong dream of ministering alongside his father.

Under the agreed plan, the elders were back to square one in filling the senior position. A short while and one more congregational vote later, I found myself the senior pastor in a dynamic, caring, progressive church.

Only then was I prepared adequately to preach and teach every Sunday. These are the crucial baby-steps God provided for me to go through in less than three years.

We all realize that God can take any one of us from anywhere and use us for anything. He can take a custodian and make him a senior pastor. But many times we forget that God also gives us the preparation, training, experience, and time we need. I desperately needed every one of those baby steps.

What a good and amazing God that gives us everything we need to serve Him. Proverbs 20:24 says:

A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How can anyone understand his own way?"

More about Fremont GBC

The Fremont GBC is a dynamic growing church with a rich heritage. Kevin Pinkerton, Senior Pastor is supported by Paul Kueick, Minister of Music; Rob Mitchell, Youth Pastor; and Ward Tressler, Associate Pastor. They now also employ a full time custodian!

The church is extremely unified and aggressively looking for opportunities to make an impact in their community. One such program that reaches outside their walls with a strong gospel message is S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking A New Direction) Groups started by their youth ministry three years ago and now active on three public school campuses either before or after school.

They also operate Wee Care Preschool and Kindergarten in which about 50% of those who enroll are from families not plugged in to any church.

During the week they offer Biblical Parenting classes, Evangelism classes, Home Bible Studies (Flocks) and a full children's program and Life Support Youth Rally. All of which is based on their commitment to boldly proclaim the Word of God.

"As God continues to allow us to grow, we want to find innovative ways of sharing His love with those seeking truth," says Kevin.



Althea Miller— *A Soul Filled with God's Glory* by Mary Thompson

I remember her singing with great gusto in a mixed quartet—*Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*. And that's her story.

Althea Schwartz was born April 7, 1911 in Philadelphia, PA. Her parents were

of the Brethren Church as candidates for French Equatorial Africa (now Central African Republic).

World War II thwarted the lifelong dream, but the Lord opened opportunities for the Millers to pastor Brethren churches in California, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. During these busy years Althea served as National Women's Missionary Council Editor for the Brethren Missionary Herald. She was also asked to write a column for the Herald called "Under the Parsonage Roof" depicting family life in a pastor's home with nine children.* (A list of their children appears at left) Moody Press published selected columns in a book with the same title.

During the 1960s Althea was president of the Southern California-Arizona District WMC and later served several years on the National WMC program committee.

The Miller's missionary dream was at last realized in 1966 when the Lord called them into full-time service with the Chosen People Ministries (formerly American Board of Missions to the Jews.) For twenty-eight years they have been carrying the gospel "to the Jew first," serving in Washington, D.C. and now in Orange County, California, home to more than one-hundred thousand Jewish people.

At age 83, Althea continues teaching three weekly Bible classes which average a total of more than one-hundred women. She rejoices in the lifelong ministry God has been pleased to give her both in Grace Brethren churches and Jewish missions.

members of the First Brethren Church and Althea accepted the Lord and was baptized there in 1921 by Dr. Alva J. McClain. Then, two years later an event occurred that would shape Althea's future: Rev. R. Paul Miller arrived as the new pastor in Philadelphia, and with him his wife and children.

Althea has always been an enthusiastic participant in the Lord's work. As a teen she taught Sunday School and headed the missions committee of the county Christian Endeavor. Her goal was to be a missionary in Africa and she enrolled in Bible school, now Philadelphia College of the Bible, graduating in 1932.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha (SMM) had it's beginning in Philadelphia and Althea was elected national president. She was awarded the first SMM Scholarship to attend Ashland College in 1933 to prepare for the mission field.

Althea and Robert E. A. Miller were married on September 3, 1935. (You guessed it—he was the oldest son of her pastor). Robert was a member of the first class to graduate from Grace Seminary in 1938 and he and Althea were accepted by the Foreign Missionary Society

* The Nine Children

Robert E. A. Miller, Jr. home with the Lord, 1957.

William W. Miller, Bakersfield, CA

David S. Miller, Westerville, OH

Dorotheann Barker, Hemet, CA

Sharon M. Lash, Yorba Linda, CA

Paul K. Miller, Yorba Linda, CA

Althea L. Miller, Kentfield, CA

Ardyth L. Hallock, Alexandria, CA

Dr. Mark F. Miller, Bakersfield, CA

Althea's 84th birthday is April 7. How about sending her a note? Her address is: 5772 Karen Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630



Preschools: Reaching Families and Boosting Finances

By Colleen Teran

Dinara's parents were communists from the Soviet Union here on a visa studying at a nearby university. Mohammed and Jahid's parents were practicing Moslems from Syria working in international trade. Lana's mother wore the traditional Moslem dress and attended the Mosque on weekends. Amanda's family was in a crisis requiring the mother to work ten to twelve hours a day. Jordan's father was an atheist and had never set foot inside a church.

What do these children have in common? Their parents paid over \$300 a month for care and instruction by believers in a Grace Brethren Church. Imagine that! People paying money to hear the gospel and come under the influence and ministry of the local church. How can that happen? Through the ministry of a daycare/preschool program.

A preschool/daycare is a tremendous outreach ministry for the church. By providing a service that families need, children and parents are exposed to the principles of God's Word on a daily basis by a caring and committed staff. People who would never otherwise step foot inside a church will come on a Sunday morning to watch their child participate in a program. Families in crisis can find help through the pastoral staff. Food and clothing can be provided by the deacons in case of emergency. Touching people's lives in this way makes them more open to the Gospel.

Secondly, in contrast to a Christian elementary school, a preschool/daycare provides a

source of income and improvements for the church. In the secular world, there are a large number of schools in operation because it is a profitable business. A church-related school can also realize a tremendous profit margin to be used for other ministries in the church.

During the five years that the King's Kids Preschool has been in operation, over \$45,000 has been funneled back into the church for improvements and other cash contributions.

But most importantly, lives have been changed. For the rest of the story...

Dinara's family returned to the Soviet Union when communism fell, but not before they had heard the gospel. Jahid and Mohammed spent a full year learning stories about Adonai rather than about Allah. Lana continues to hear the Bible taught as she receives care for 45 hours per week. Amanda and her mother were saved, the home restored, and the whole family is active in the church. Jordan and his mother attend church faithfully and the father has visited several times.

These are just a few of the trophies of God's grace reaching through a preschool program. To God be the glory.

Colleen Teran is a pastor's wife and the director of King's Kids Preschool and After-School Care with the San Diego Grace Brethren Church. She is a member of CE National's Children's Cabinet and is available for consultation if you are considering this ministry.



HOW TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN PRESCHOOL AND CHURCH

1. Plan a preschool Sunday where the children put on part of the program for their parents during the morning worship hour.
2. Christmas and graduation programs provide opportunities to meet church staff and share the gospel through song and stories.
3. In-home visits with each family to provide an evaluation of the student's progress gives an opportunity to share the gospel as questions arise.
4. Counseling, food, and clothing can be made available to families in crisis situations.



AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK:

If Things Are So Good, Why Do I Feel So Bad?

By George Barna

"I came out of seminary anxious to save the world. Idealism isn't a bad thing; it can be powerful motivation that helps you persevere in the face of calamity and trials. But, man, have I had my eyes opened in just twenty years."

David McAllister, age forty-eight, hopes to return to a church as minister one day. But for now he needs a break.

"I pastored a church, a small church, starting as in interim pastor, then becoming the permanent pastor when they asked me to stay and help heal the hurts that were there. I was there for five years," McAllister explains. "By the end, I felt like I was swimming in molasses. People struggle with so much stuff, such deep stuff! I can't help them.

"I was honest with them about it. I told them that I wasn't their solution, only God held the answers to their dilemmas, but that I'd do whatever I could to help them through it. But it was never enough, it was always a minute too late, it was. . . it was just overwhelming. It was hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart, combat, twenty-four hours a day.

"I finally had to leave the pastorate. It took me about four years to recover from what I'd been through in ministry. I still feel called to minister, but I have to find a realistic way to do it. People are really hurting."

The pain of his congregation and his own disappointments are due to many negatives now ruling the American condition.

Some of these negatives are:

• **ATTITUDES** •

We are very skeptical and suspicious people. We no longer trust other human beings. People are now deemed guilty until proven innocent, a perverse twist of the justice system upon which this nation was built.

• **RELATIONSHIPS** •

We live in a nation of more than 260 million people, the third most populated



country in the world. Yet we are desperately lonely. We cover up that despair by keeping busy—packed schedules, a

whirlwind of activity. The result is that our personal relationships become more superficial than ever.

• **CHARACTER** •

America has become a nation of ill-tempered tyrants. We want it all and we want it now.

• **HEALTH** •

At a time when more than nine of every ten people claim that having excellent health is a high priority in their lives, we find that we are not willing to pay the price for such health.

• **COMPASSION** •

While we preach brotherhood and tolerance, racial misunderstanding and intolerance are reaching epidemic proportions. Generational schisms have rarely been more overt and better defined.

• **WISDOM** •

We live in a world in which information creates influence and power. Although we have the machines and the means to grind out reams of information, we have little grasp of how to humanely interpret that data or to wisely apply the accumulated knowledge.

• **TECHNOLOGY** •

People feel anxiety over being owned by technology and the fact

that the machines have greater capacity than they take advantage of has done little to endear them to the new-age technology.

• **SPIRITUALITY** •

While we have broader exposure to a variety of faiths, we appear to know less and less about what we believe and why we believe it. We have forfeited our historic ethics and morals to the gods of achievement and comfort. We have replaced the presence of God with well-intentioned but superficial religious activity.

• **VALUES** •

Studies show that Americans are confused about what is personally important, culturally significant, and morally non-negotiable. They struggle with decision making because, for the most part, they lack a sound system of values that could serve as the foundation.



Backed with extensive research, George Barna reveals Americans' attitudes regarding family, relationships, career, leisure, and the media. And he exposes the dichotomy of our internal attitudes and our external advantages.

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SAM CORDELL—CHALLENGING EUROPE

By Bev Flynn, *Sports Spectrum*

At this time last year everyone was talking gold, silver, and bronze for the Winter Olympics. And Sam Cordell walked the streets of Lillehammer dreaming of one day challenging those Europeans.

Sam Cordell? Perhaps you have yet to meet him. And perhaps in the future he can introduce you to his sport of choice—the biathlon.

Sent by the US Biathlon Association to experience the 1994 Olympics as a nonparticipant, the 19-year-old biathlete from Bend, Oregon, found his hopes for the future rising. "It was really exciting and encouraging. It got me inspired. I thought the Olympics would be so much different from other races and that it would be so hard to compete. But it was just two more races. It wasn't so much different; I feel pretty optimistic about racing there."

There was, however, something very different about the biathlon at Lillehammer and later at the World Cup in Slovakia.

Sam Cordell had never seen a huge crowd. "The biathlon is pretty small in the US," he explains. "When we were in Slovakia, the people were coming from all the different towns around. There were thousands of people there watching. The whole trail was solid with people who cheered the competitors on the whole way."

Breaking open the door of Europe's powerhouse is the challenge facing the US national biathlon team. And that demands new tactics—tactics that directly affect Sam Cordell, the 1994 freestyle champion.

"They [the national team] used to just take whoever could make the team. As a result, they were not really getting athletes who could

compete in Europe," says Cordell. "Now they've dropped the whole national team and are starting over with the juniors. They're taking the top kids who look like they could be competitive internationally, and they are going to support them and bring them up through the ranks."

As he trains with the national team in New York under the leadership of Algis Shalna, a Lithuanian biathlete who won a gold medal in 1984 for the Soviet Union, Cordell also anticipates another challenge as far as the Europeans are concerned. He wants to share his faith in Jesus Christ with them.

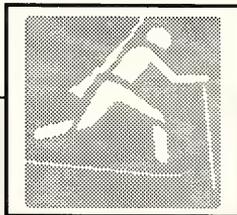
"I have looked forward to that," Sam explains, "but I haven't had a chance yet because I've had minimal time in Europe. I'll be spending a lot more time in Europe, and I'll be around the people a lot more."

But that hasn't stopped him from talking to skiers back home. "I have shared my faith with some of my teammates and with some of my friends I train with."

Cordell also faces physical challenges. In the spring of 1993, he was diagnosed with external compartment syndrome, which meant that the sheaths of tissue encasing his lower leg muscles were too small, causing intense pain every time he skied. Doctors suggested an operation—"I hoped and prayed it would work," Cordell says. It did.

"Last winter (1993-94) was the first winter I went skiing since having had it fixed. It's definitely a blessing to have it repaired."

Without pain and looking toward a future bright with challenges in the biathlon and in his spiritual life, Sam Cordell sets his sights on 1998 and Japan.



What is the Biathlon Anyway?

The biathlon combines two events: cross-country skiing and rifle shooting.

Each competitor cross-country skis either 10 or 15 kilometers as a junior or 10K or 20K for seniors.

They each periodically stop and shoot, either standing or prone at a set of five targets placed 50 meters away.

The biathletes are given one round of ammunition per target for their single-shot rifles and are penalized for each miss.



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Hubert Davis, Guard at the Garden

By: *Sports Spectrum*

Healthspan is the newest buzzword in medicine. It refers to the years in which you are healthy enough to conduct a full range of daily activities independently. You'll see the term used in law, insurance, and medical arenas.

Strength training may be one of the best workouts for eliminating fat. Because lifting weights raises metabolism more effectively than some other types of exercise, it burns off more fat over a longer period of time.

Cardiovascular disease costs Americans \$43 billion a year; depression, \$44 billion.

Besides burning up to 1,600 calories an hour, competitive rowing is a low-impact activity that tones arms, back, legs, and shoulders. Sculling clubs are forming nationwide. For more info call: 1-800-314-4ROW.

Potted plants can purify the air by metabolizing the pollutants their leaves draw in. Good choices: Boston fern, dragon tree, dumb cane, pot mum, date palm.

Soon to be available: a chemically sensitized steering wheel that can detect blood-alcohol levels and disable a vehicle if the driver is drunk.

Americans spend \$13,698,630 on health club fees, and \$21,917,808 on snack food during an average day.

The often unfriendly crowd at Madison Square Garden doesn't seem to be able to bring itself to boo the man *The New York Times* called "the choir boy with the killer shot." Hubert Davis, the New York Knicks' shooting guard has captured the hearts of the fans. Davis revels in the intense scrutiny that comes with playing in New York.

"The people at the Garden generate so much excitement," he explains. "There's action wherever you look."

Davis stands out from the crowd of young players who, for the most part, promote a flashy, materialistic life-style and garner attention through immense contract demands. In fact, at the start of his rookie year in 1992, when he had not yet signed a contract, Davis took out his own insurance policy so he could take part in training camp.

His hard work paid off—he's an integral part of the Knicks and their recent success as championship contenders. Coach Pat Riley, well-known for his exacting practices and high expectations, points to Hubert as a model for his teammates. His "good-guy" teddy-bear demeanor belies the heart of a fierce competitor whose strength and faith developed at a young age.

Davis grew up in Burke, Virginia, and saw his first NBA game when his All-Star uncle Walter Davis, who had a fifteen-year NBA career with the Suns and the Nuggets, played against the Washington Bullets.

Hubert began to hone his game playing against his father Hubert, Sr., who played college ball at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

Hubert, Jr. accepted a scholarship to the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill. By his senior year he developed into a team leader and led his team to the Final Four.

But those years were not smooth. His mother died of cancer when he was sixteen and his anguish turned to anger at God for "taking her away." Gradually he turned to his father and friends who gave him support and comfort through Bible passages. He began to attend church, took part in Bible studies, and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Now, as a member of the Knicks, Davis embraces the "role model" life-style that so many athletes avoid. He is active both on and off the court. He travels with the Alamo Summer Caravan, a program that offers basketball clinics while teaching the ever-important anti-drug, pro-education message to urban youth. He works with the Junior Knicks League, which seeks to show kids that sports and academic success need not be mutually exclusive. He is also chairman of the NYNEX/Yellow Pages Community Service Scholarship Program, which awards scholarships to high school seniors who meet high community service as well as academic standards.

An example of his own message, Davis completed his degree program in criminal justice before he began his pro career. He plans to go on to law school.

Davis is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and he often publicly voices his thanks to Jesus Christ for his blessings.

After last year's grueling season ended in disappointment, it would seem difficult for him to gear up for another title try. But instead of being down, Hubert Davis says: "I've been blessed."

DEBT cont.

The dictionary definition of usury states: "Unconscionable or exorbitant rate or amount of interest charged; interest charged in excess of the legal rate charged to a borrower for the use of money."

When exorbitant and unfair interest is charged of borrowed money, that is considered usury. Loan sharks are guilty of usury, and states have laws protecting the consumer against usurious interest.

In most of the United States, it is illegal to charge more than 4 percent over the legal rate of interest set by a state unless there is a legal contract between the borrower and the lender. That's why banks can legally extract usury from the consumer for credit card debt. When you sign a contract on your Visa or Mastercard letting them charge you 18 to 22 percent, in my opinion, you are agreeing to usurious interest.

The Bible condemns usury in no uncertain terms. Let me give you an example. Nehemiah 5:1-13 describes the hard times experienced by the captive Israelites. A drought in the land had depleted the grain stores, and famine threatened the people. Taxes were high, and the Israelites were behind on their payments to the king.

In order to purchase grain and pay their taxes, they had to mortgage their homes and farms. Because money was scarce, it had to be borrowed. The nobles and officials were more than happy to lend the poor folks money but they:

1. Charged 12 percent interest
2. Forced them to secure the loans with their lands.
3. Took children for bond servants to be sold as collateral.

The people complained bitterly to Nehemiah, and he angrily denounced the loan sharks, saying

in effect, "How could you exact usury from your own countrymen and sell them as slaves?" (vs. 6-8).

Although Nehemiah had his hands full building the temple wall, he persuaded the evil men to stop the usury, give up the mortgages,

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and give them time to pay the principal. Ashamed of themselves, the noblemen promised to do as Nehemiah commanded and agreed not to demand anything more from the people.

This passage teaches two things:
1. It's okay to lend money to people who need it. Nehemiah and his men were also lending money and grain to the people (vs.10).

2. Usurious interest is wrong. Those who continued to treat the people unjustly would reap God's judgement on themselves and their families (vs. 13).

To extract high interest from a person who has little ability to repay his loan because he has fallen on hard times is against the Word of God.

What is a reasonable interest rate? Around 10 percent. In fact, that has been the accepted, universal standard by which people have loaned other people money for centuries.

LENDING WITHOUT BORROWING

If it is unbiblical to pay interest, as some suggest, then it must be wrong to borrow. If it is wrong to borrow, then the lender is just as guilty as the debtor, right?

You may say, but I'm not lending anyone money. Let me ask this question: Where do you put your money? In the bank? What do banks do with the money you deposit? Lend it to other people. That makes you a lender.

If it's wrong to pay interest, then it must also be wrong to collect interest. Do you put your money in the bank and let it gather interest? If interest is unbiblical, why are you collecting it?

If interest and borrowing are wrong, then you should keep your money out of the banks because they pay interest to you while charging other people interest to borrow your money.

The Bible, however, does not teach that interest is wrong. If large sums of money are borrowed to start a business or purchase goods for trading, it's only fair that the lender share in the profits made by the borrower. After all, the lender provided the means for the borrower to increase his wealth.

So is collecting interest unbiblical? Absolutely not. In Jesus' parable of the talents, the master told the "wicked and slothful" servant who buried his money that he should at least have put it in the bank where it could have collected interest. Jesus must have thought this was the wise thing to do since the parable condemns those who are afraid to invest (Matt 25:26).

So what are you going to do with all the money you save once you get out of debt? Put it in coffee cans and bury it in the backyard?

Next Month, the final look at this topic:

When Borrowing Makes Sense:

It is wrong to go into debt just to support our life-style but borrowing is not wrong if it serves a godly purpose.



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The pastors of North Kokomo, Indiana area—**Dick Cron, Dave Rossner, and Rich Horner** are moving ahead with their attempt to plant a church in the Lafayette, Indiana area. (Pictured at right is Rich Horner at the District Invitational meeting displaying a map of Indiana and detailing their plans.) They are conducting a Bible class on the campus of Purdue University in Lafayette and Gordon Belles, who works for Purdue (formerly a member of the Yakima, WA GBC) is giving them a hand.

They have secured an 800 number that can be called from anywhere in Indiana hoping that as they get the word out about planting this church, they might be given leads on people who might be interested. For more information call Dick Cron at 1-219-699-7110.

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Rich Horner, Indian Heights GBC, Kokomo, IN

Pastor Daniel Barbita of the Montevideo, Uruguay GBC reports growth as a result of the completion of their church building by a Total Mobilization construction team in August. Twelve new adults are attending Sunday services, six of whom are already involved in evangelistic Bible studies. Between twenty-five and thirty young people now attend the youth meetings, most of whom are contacts from the campaign held in conjunction with the week of construction. Every day, between

fifteen and twenty young people from the community gather at the new building to play ping-pong, talk, and hear the gospel. Another Total Mobilization team constructed a building for the Berazategui GBC in Buenos Aires, Argentina in December, 1994.

The **1995 FOCUS III** retreat for Northwest will be held March 13-15 and for Northeast, May 1-3.

Dave Mitchell, pastor of the Waipio GBC in Hawaii, recently traveled to China. Along with four other men, Dave hand delivered Christian materials and Bibles to Chinese pastors. "God's leading allowed us to travel freely in five major cities and into areas where Westerners are rarely seen," reports Dave.

James G. Dixon Memorial Fund (c/o Rev. R. Dallas Greene, 5102 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD 21701). This fund is being set up to encourage young people considering the ministry and to encourage church planting.

Scott Fetter has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Niles, Michigan. His resignation was effective at the end of December. His future plans are uncertain.

The **Bay de Noc Grace Brethren Church** in Escanaba, MI has voted to discontinue services and dissolve. They had been without a pastor for several months.

Seattle, Washington is the site of the newest Grace Brethren Church and Home Missions point. Pastor **Steve Gotch** and a group of twenty or so believers left another church and are in the process of affiliating with the FGBC. Home Missions is providing some financial assistance for a limited period of time. You can read an in-depth report of this new



beginning in the January issue of the Herald.

Anchorage Grace Brethren Church is receiving resumes and applications for two pastoral staff positions that currently are open.

The Minister of Worship and Music, a full-time position ministering to two morning worship services that involve both an adult choir, an orchestra, and a children's choir is open to the person who has both musical, audiovisual, and interpersonal relational skills.

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Dr. Luke Kauffman, Senior Pastor, Anchorage Grace Brethren Church, 12407 Pintail Street, Anchorage, AK 99516.

District leaders (pictured above) met in Rancho Capistrano during the last week of January with board leaders for the District Invitational. This meeting was sandwiched between the FOCUS retreat and the meeting of the Fellowship Council. Goals related to our Fellowship and the desire to grow to 2000 churches were discussed and prayed about.

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IN MEMORY

Grace Allshouse, was called to glory Tuesday, January 3, 1995. She was on her way to mail her prayer letters. The man who struck her did not see her and was not cited by the police. She was killed instantly.

Funeral services were on January 6. Ron Story, her pastor from Parkside Chapel, conducted the service. Grace was the first secretary of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

Memorial services were held recently for two long-time members of Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, CA. On December 22, 1994 services were held for **Larry Williams**, 74, who passed away on December 19.

Services were held on December 30 for **John Lamb**, 55, who passed away on December 26.

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The fax number for the **Grace Brethren Church at Willow Valley, Lancaster PA**, is incorrect in the Annual. It is: 717-464-1582.

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Like the woman of Proverbs 31, we bless others with our service and capable strength which grow out of obedience. Through the long nights, our lights do not go out. We hope the personal experiences and lessons shared by the women of our fellowship will encourage you and stretch your boundaries of faith.

Doors and doorknobs

By Rachel McDonald

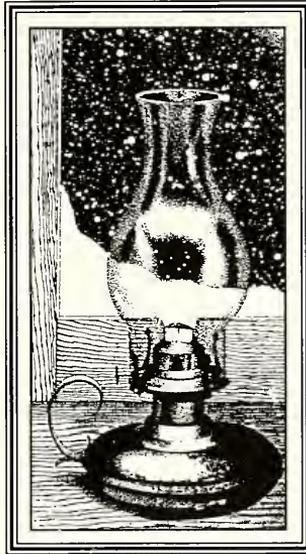
Someone asked me last week to describe my relationship with God using the idea or symbol of a door. An interesting picture came to my mind.

I still feel like a timid little girl many times, so I pictured a door with a doorknob three times larger than my little hands. I'm struggling to open the door so that I can enjoy the beautiful light streaming out of the cracks of the door. But, do you know what? I am scared.

I'm scared that the beautiful light on the other side of the door might shut off as soon as it sees me. I am unsure of myself. What really lies on the other side of the door? I wonder if many of us don't feel this same way—scared, uncertain, overwhelmed with inadequacy as we face God.

But, God tells me in His Word that I am a child of His and that I have nothing to fear. Can I really be twenty-two years old and only just now realizing this truth? God loves me no matter what my failings, no matter what I've done. When I am disgusted with myself for all the many sins I've committed, God is still there.

I've been trying to memorize Romans 8 during my morning rituals of makeup, rollers,



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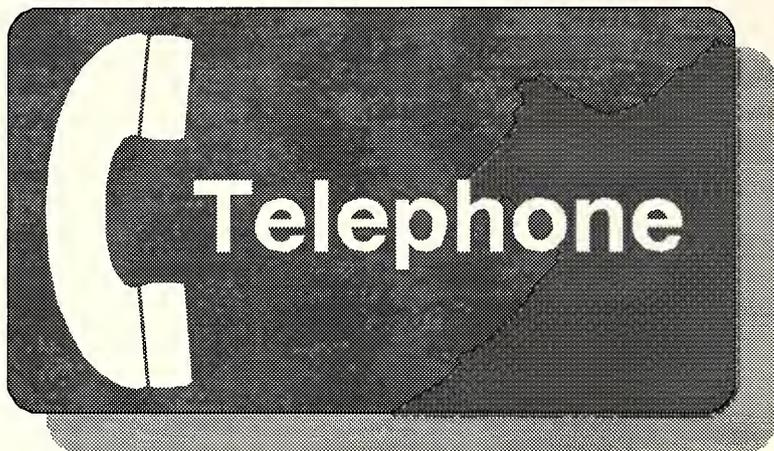
toothbrush, etc. In the first two verses of that chapter God says: "For there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of Life set me free from the law of sin and death." That is truth and that is exciting. Because of Jesus, God loves me no matter what I've done—and He will continue to do so.

But it's usually just about here, in my thoughts, that I come to the same question: "God, how can you use me? I am an ugly sinner!" And he gently shows me as each day and opportunity unfolds.

I just finished my semester of student teaching in December. That timid little girl inside of me approached that first day scared to death. But, as the weeks passed, I was humbled and awe struck to see how God would use me in a public school to impact lives for Christ. God saw to it that a little boy from a violent home received many hours of my special attention so that he could learn to read. God also planned for me to share Christ with another boy who needed to know what it meant to be loved no matter what you did. You should have seen his eyes when he realized that Jesus loved him more than Santa Claus.

As I try so hard to please God on my own, I inevitably fail. Every time I fail, God is there on the other side of the door encouraging me to open up to Him so that I can share His kind of love with others. He even helps with that giant doorknob.

Rachel McDonald is a member of the Mabton, Washington GBC



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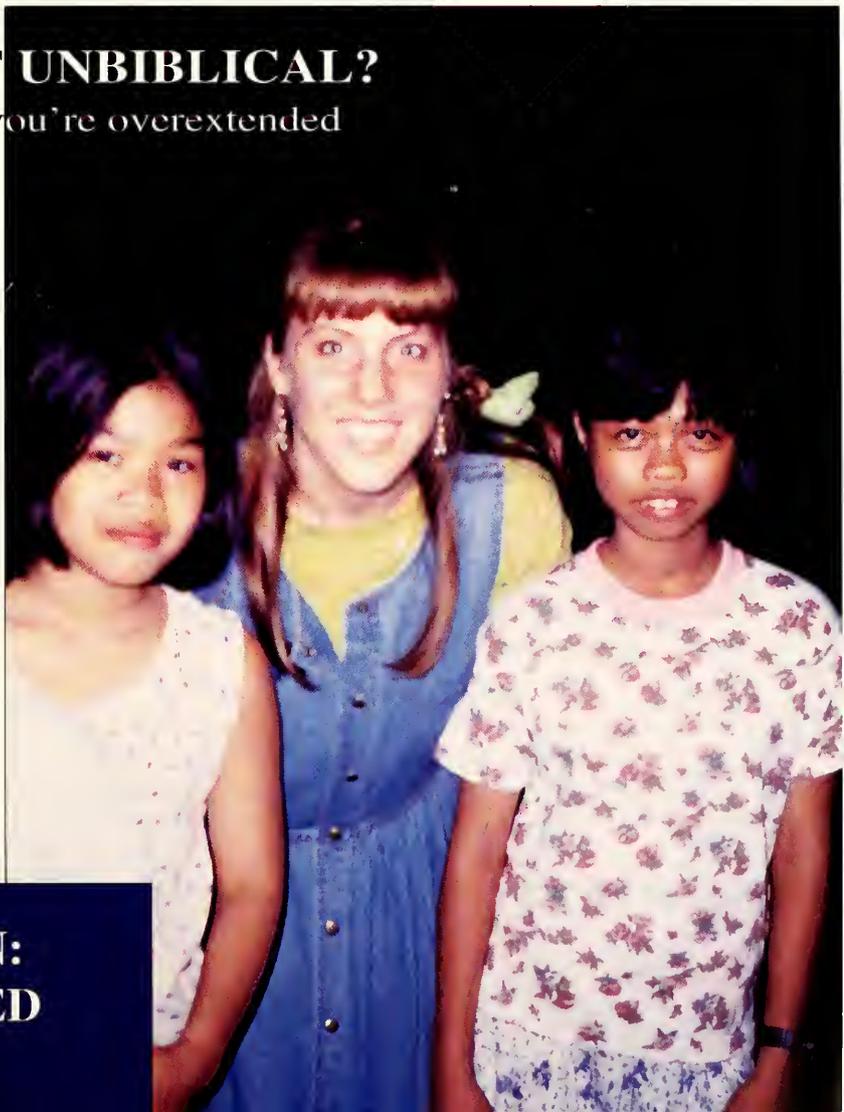
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Jesus Wept

By Jeff Carroll

Last Monday morning I got to my office and the first call of the day was from a dear friend in a distant city where I had served as pastor. He was calling to inform me of the death of his wife's mother and asking me to conduct the funeral. I was honored as I always am when someone asks me to have a part in one of the most intimate times in the life of a family. I was also shocked as I always am when someone I knew and cared about dies.

In his book *The Mystery of Marriage*, Mike Mason said, "[Death] builds by slow degrees of awareness like the unfolding of a murder mystery in which we ourselves turn out to be the victim."

Yes, death is a mystery. A veiled, relentless threat. It is the essence of separation and sadness. This makes death a repulsive word to many people. For them, to speak of death is to discuss life's most unfathomable reality. The word paralyzes them. They see death as a dark,

foreboding, abysmal, incomprehensible gulf.

When Jesus met Mary and Martha at their brother's grave site, the scripture records that Jesus wept. I like that verse. It was the first one that I was able to memorize. As I have thought about the meaning of the verse over the years, I've concluded that Jesus cried because he experienced as a man the ultimate result of sin i.e. death. Because of man's sin, his destiny is death. Jesus saw the pain of death in the lives of fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters.

Those tears would lead Jesus to the upper room in Gethsemane and ultimately to Golgotha where he too would die. The disciples would also weep. But their sorrow would not take months and years to overcome. When Jesus walked out of the tomb on that first resurrection Sunday, their view of death, and ours, would forever be changed. Death had become a passageway to paradise. So excited were they, that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus was must-sharing-news for everyone they met.

In A.D.125, a man named Aristides took note of this phenomenon. He sent a letter to a friend to give this explanation for the rapid spread of Christianity.

"If any righteous man among the Christians passes from this world, they rejoice and offer thanks to God, and they escort his body with songs and thanksgiving as if he were setting out from one place to another nearby."

Yes, believers in the Lord Jesus can face death differently from those who don't know Him because they have a hope beyond the grave. There's an old saying that goes: "Life begins at 40." For God's children, however, life—new and glorious living—begins at death when the soul leaves the body and enters into the presence of the Lord. And that's something to celebrate.



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IS ALL DEBT Unbiblical?

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When Borrowing Makes Sense

Most people don't borrow money for two valid reasons.

1. They don't want to pay interest. This can be a personal or practical issue, but it is certainly not a biblical mandate.

2. They have no means to pay back the loan. You need to pay back what you borrow; otherwise, you are borrowing under false pretenses.

I cannot find one verse in the Bible to indicate that borrowing or lending is wrong or that charging reasonable interest is against God's law. Scripture does teach, however, that we are to be careful how we borrow or lend money.

Exodus 22:14–15 teaches one of the principles of borrowing:

"And if a man borrow aught of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good. But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired thing, it came for his hire."

Simply put, we should not abuse anything loaned to us. If a man loans a horse to a neighbor and the neighbor receives a profit from the loaned horse, he has a right to payment for the use of the horse. If anything had harmed the horse and the owner had received profit, he must stand good for the horse. If the owner loans the horse free to the neighbor and the horse gets hurt

and dies, the borrower must make it good. Nothing in those verses says it is wrong to borrow—whether it's a horse or money.

One of my favorite scriptures in the Bible concerning borrowing is found in Matthew 5:42. Jesus said, "Give to him that asks thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away."

Two principles are taught in that verse: (1) We should always be ready to give if we have the ability to give; (2) if we do not have the ability to give, we possibly have the ability to lend.

I believe that in some cases lending money is as great an act of charity as giving it. The borrower, of

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course, is then responsible to repay the debt, according to the Scripture. In that way, lending can help the borrower develop a greater sense of responsibility. A person who gets everything free or as a handout, without being expected to repay, becomes dependent.

If the Bible condemns borrowing and "to owe no man anything," as some people suggest, why did Jesus recommend that we lend?

Debt-free promoters, in an effort to discredit borrowing, are likely to quote Psalm 37:21: "The wicked borrows, and pays not again; but the righteous shows mercy, and gives." This verse does not say it is wicked to borrow. But it is wicked not to repay what you have borrowed.

Debt-free living is not good for every American, and the Bible does not teach against debt. But no one should take on debt just because it is available.

Making Debt Work For You

In *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, the author says: "To take a stand against [government] waste means that God's people must also refuse to take FHA or VA loans. Christian farmers need to say, 'Thanks but no thanks.'"

In other words, you should help reduce the government debt by refusing government money. I must disagree. If the government is going to spend money, then I believe it should be for the benefit of those who finance the bureaucracy by paying their taxes.

Millions of Christian Americans have benefited—as they should—

from VA (Veterans Administration) and FHA (Federal Housing Authority) loans. Radical debt-free teachers

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likewise advise that churches should take care of these people. That's a nice thought but is it scriptural?

In Acts 4, the people brought their goods—which included lands, houses, and other possessions—to the apostles. Did the first church at Jerusalem use this money to finance new homes for their members? This passage only mentions that "neither was there any among them that lacked" (vs. 34). Although Christians are required to help the poor, nowhere in the New Testament did Christ leave instructions for the church to become a bureaucracy or a social welfare agency.

Suppose you do take a government loan to build or buy a new house. Did you know that you would actually be stimulating the economy instead of being a drag on it, as some say? It's a fact that whenever Americans build new homes and move up financially, that in turn helps the economy expand.

You have to live somewhere, and you'll either pay rent or pay a mortgage. In most parts of the country, it is cheaper to buy a house and get the tax break than to rent and make the landlord rich. Reasonable mortgage payments should be considered a necessary part of monthly household expenses.

Can You Handle It?

No American should be in debt unless the debt is advantageous to better living and doesn't threaten the long-term economic condition of his or her home or business.

When I counsel people about their finances, I know when someone is falling through the cracks. If I see

that happening, I always advise: "Get out of debt. And if you can't handle credit, don't use it." But I never advise people to get out of all debt at all cost.

Most folks don't need to be taught debt is wrong; they need to be taught how to handle credit. And if they can't handle it, they have no business getting credit. To risk someone else's money when you're not sure you can repay it would be totally irresponsible and unfair to your creditors.

Delaying paying your debts when you have the money to pay them is also unjust. Proverbs 3:27-28 states: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou has it by thee." Those verses are not teaching that it is wrong to owe your neighbor; they are saying it is wrong to delay paying your debts simply for the sake of holding on to the money.

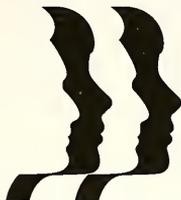
When All Else Fails

In 2 Kings 4: 1-7, we read about the widow of a prophet (today we would consider her a preacher's widow) whose husband had died,

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PEOPLE WE MEET



Bill Bright—Campus Crusade



Q: What were the circumstances that led you to Christ?

A: I received Christ fifty years ago. I was a pagan—I was very materialistic, self-centered, had my own business interests. And then, the Spirit of God, in answer to my mother's prayers, began to lead me to people who introduced me to the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. There, through a series of experiences, I received Christ.

On my own, actually, nobody ever talked to me about Christ. Somehow I got lost in the cracks—I always sat in the back row. I was a business man and I had many secular friends and wasn't particularly interested in getting to know anyone. I was just there to learn and in the providence of God, in the quiet of my own home one night after prayer meeting, I got on my knees and received Christ.

Q: How did Campus Crusade come into existence?

A: My wife and I had been very self-centered and materialistic. When I proposed to her I promised her the world: travel, a home in BelAir, all kinds of things. She believed me and we were married. But we came to realize that seeking

first the kingdom of God and laying up treasures in Heaven were what really mattered. So in the Spring of 1951, we signed a contract with Jesus and chose to become His slaves, to preach the good news. It was two or three days later that God gave me this vision one midnight hour as I was up studying to go and fulfill the Great Commission. I've tried to be faithful to that vision for forty-three years.

Q: How many countries is Campus Crusade in?

A: We are in all the major countries—probably 180 or so. There are a few small countries that we're not in but we represent about 98% of the world's population. We have a staff of 13,000 full time and 101,000 trained volunteers and associates. We have helped to train many, many millions of Christians.

Q: How do you explain its explosive growth?

A: The Holy Spirit—it's the sovereignty of God. I can't claim any of the credit myself. I've just been hanging on and watching God work. My priority is to love God with all my heart, soul, and strength—He does everything else.

Q: What's the biggest problem in the church today?

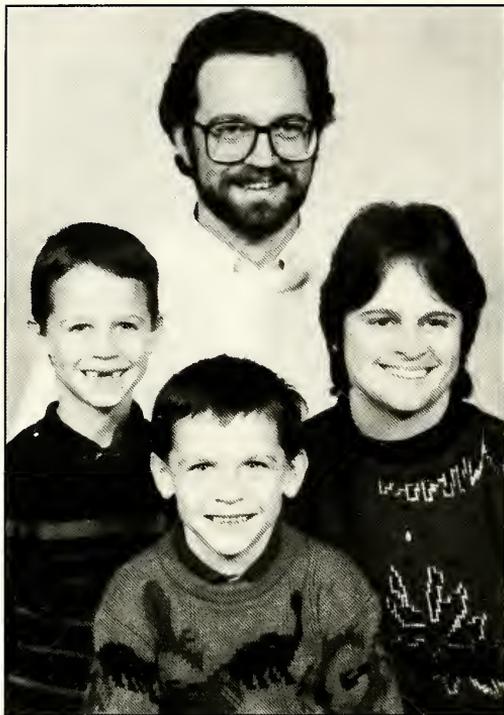
A: Lethargy. A coldness of heart and loss of the first love of Christ. I grieve when I see the indifference around me, the casualness about our walk with God. He is holy and He is righteous, and He is loving and He saved us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom. We're joint-heirs with Christ and we should take seriously who we are and what He's done for us.

Q: What is your life passion?

A: The driving passion of my life is my desire to please Christ and obey His commands and to help fulfill the Great Commission. Because of my love for Him, I try to evaluate everything I do in light of these goals.

Q: How do you want to be remembered?

A: My goal as a slave of Jesus Christ is just to be obedient and I don't seek honor or praise or applause. I'm very happy. As I've said to my wife, I would prefer when I die to be buried in an unmarked grave because that's the way that I have tried to live.



Tom and Sue Peters
Mike and Jean-Paul

Four missionary women have been chosen to be honored as WMC Missionaries of the Year. (Sue Guiles, Kim Hulett, and Louise Klavitter have been featured in previous Herald issues.) In order to promote the offering for these missionaries' support you may order a visual presentation of these women from Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Please give the desired date, indicate whether slide/tape or video is preferred, and include a contribution to cover the cost of shipping.

Sue Peters: Missionary of the Year

By: Mary Thompson

A near-fatal auto accident in March 1993, brought Sue Peters and her family home from the Central African Republic. But in response to many prayers, God spared her life and allowed the Peters to return to their ministry in January 1994.

About herself, Sue says: "I am the oldest of five children and we were all

born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. I lived there until I was fourteen years old, then lived in New Jersey for five years before moving to California. I graduated from Los Angeles Baptist College (now The Master's College) then taught in a Christian school for several years.

"My family attended Baptist churches until our move to California where we were introduced to the Grace Brethren Church in Simi Valley. I knew the plan of salvation and, because we attended church regularly, I knew the proper talk, actions, and expected life-style, but I didn't develop a personal relationship with Christ as the Lord of my life until I was twenty-one years old.

"The summer between my junior and senior year of high school I worked at a Bible conference where the Lord impressed missions on my

heart. In July 1980, I left for a one-year term in the Central African Republic to teach in the Missionary Children's School. It was there that I met my husband Tom, who was also in the C.A.R. for a year as the field mechanic.

We were married June 25, 1982 in my home church and Michael joined our family May 23, 1985. Jean-Paul (J.P.) arrived May 5, 1987. We left for language study in Lyon, France, in September 1987, beginning our ministry in Central African Republic in July 1988.

"We live in the town of Bossangoa where Tom teaches at the Bossangoa Bible Institute. He also oversees a district of 106 churches, advising and encouraging the African pastors and lay workers. I work with the student wives at the Bible Institute, teaching them health care and sanitation. I also am trying to introduce soybeans to the students: how to grow them and use them with the hope of improving the nutrition of their families.

"To unwind I enjoy reading Jeanette Oke books and other light material. I am teaching quilting to the ladies at the Bible Institute, and the boys and I enjoy trying to grow a garden.

"I ask you to pray that I will love my husband and children and be a godly example to them and to those I work and live with. We need a prayer cover to keep us protected from the Evil One who would seek to destroy us and hinder our work in the Central African Republic. Also please pray for Thomas and Marie Youfei, our Timothy Partners in the work at Bossangoa."

CRUCIFIXION: THE EXHUMED EVIDENCE

BY PETER COLON

Israel My Glory Feb-Mar, 1995

The young Jewish victim cringed in agony as the soldier roughly pushed his right heel over his left against the sturdy wooden post. Violent blows from the mallet on the iron nail tore angrily through his flesh. There he hung. Wretched. Crucified on a cross.

Ancient literary sources tell of the frequent practice of crucifixion in ancient Israel. Yet no physical evidence had ever been found, archaeologically, to substantiate this record—that is not until 1968.

The Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in the first century A.D. and was an eyewitness to many gruesome crucifixions, characterized this form of execution as "the most wretched of deaths." Its origin cannot be determined with certainty, but ancient records tell that a primitive form of impaling was practiced by the Assyrians, Phoenicians, and Persians around 1000 B.C. By the first century B.C., the Roman Empire adopted this method as their own and refined it to a diabolical art.

Rome applied crucifixion extensively. Starting with the suppression of the Spartacus revolt in 71 B.C., Rome lined the famous Appian Road stretching from Capua to Rome with 6,000 crucified rebels. In 7 A.D., a minor revolt in Judea was brutally squelched, resulting in the crucifixion of 2,000 Jews in Jerusalem. During the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A.D., 500 Jews were crucified each day for several months. In times of war, crosses were haphazardly constructed, and the victims were nailed to them in every imaginable position.

In peace time, in occupied cities such as Jerusalem, crucifixion was

carried out with sadistic formality. The whole process was supervised by an official known as the *Carnifex Serarum*. Once the victim was condemned to be crucified, he was led from the Praetorium to an outside court where he was stripped, bound to a column, and savagely scourged with a *flagellum*, a short whip consisting of several

single or leather varied. The ends of these sharp bits of bone that pierce the flesh. The whipping was carried out by legionnaires and a centurion escorted the

parade through the narrow streets of the city. At the head of the procession a soldier carried a wooden sign called the *titulus*, which stated the offender's name and offense. At a stone quarry outside the city the offender's wrists were nailed to the crossbeam. Then he was hoisted up to the top of a stake called the *stipe*, where his feet were nailed against the upright beam. There he would hang for a few hours or even days until death came. Jewish sensitivities in Judea required that the body not be allowed to remain on the cross

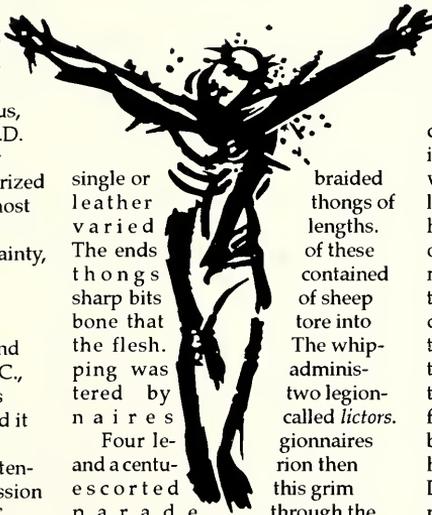
overnight; therefore, the offender's legs were often broken to hasten death, permitting burial to take place before nightfall.

In late 1968, some tombs were uncovered northeast of Jerusalem in an area called Giv'at ha'Mivtar. It was determined that the tombs were part of a huge Jewish cemetery dating from the second century B.C.

to 70 A.D. Of the many skeletal remains, one, a young Jewish man between the ages of 24 and 28, showed evidence of crucifixion. His two heel bones, coated by a thick calcareous crust, had an iron nail imbedded through them. The nail was about seven and one half inches long, and its tip was bent due to having hit a strong knot in the wood on the stake. Apparently, as surmised, when it came time to remove the victim from the cross, the nail could not be pulled out. Therefore, the executioners had to amputate the feet. When he was placed in the tomb, his heel bones, the nail, and fragments from his cross were buried together with the body. There he rested for nearly 2,000 years. Doctors of anatomy and osteology performed extensive studies on the bones and concurred that the young man had suffered horribly. Later, with honor and respect, he was reburied in a modern cemetery.

The only known fact about this man was his name, "Yehohanan, the son of Hagakol."

This discovery confirms the gospel account of Jesus' sufferings on His cross. He willingly endured "the most wretched of deaths" so that all who receive Him by faith can possess the most blessed and only means of eternal life.



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Dave Roevey is a

Vietnam veteran who was severely injured during a grenade explosion. These injuries changed the direction of his life. He will be a speaker for an outreach rally on Thursday night as he shares his moving testimony.



Kay Arthur is one of

America's finest teachers of inductive Bible study and is well known through Precept Ministries. She has authored 20 books. She will lead a pre-conference seminar on Friday, July 21.



Darrell Cummings is the

Minister of Music at the Big Valley Grace Community Church (Modesto, CA). He and his wife, Sherry, (Skiles) and their worship team will lead us during the week of conference.



Larnelle Harris is a well known Christian concert and recording artist.



Sammy Tippit is an international evangelist who has challenged unreached people groups around the world. He has authored ten books, has a radio ministry called "Love in Action," and has an intense desire to serve God through world evangelization.



Operation

Barnabas is a group of 68 high school students ministering this summer in GBCs on the west coast and in Tijuana, Mexico. Operation Barnabas is a ministry of CE National.

George Barna is

president of Barna Research Co. and has authored 17 books relating to church trends in America.



Bob Logan, author

and church planter, is vice president for New Church Development with Creative Research Ministries, Inc.



John MacArthur,

Jr. is pastor of the Grace Community Church, author of over 30 books, teacher on "Grace to You" radio program, and president of Master's College/Seminary.



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Ortlund are authors and speakers.

Ray pastored Lake Avenue Congregational Church and Mariners Church and is a speaker for

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

...ship of Grace Brethren churches, July 22-27, to be held in beautiful San Diego, CA, at the Town and

Colleen Teran will direct the children's conference known as "Kids' Crossing." She is the Director of Kings' Kids Preschool in San Diego GBC, CA.

Mark Schrock is an "M.K." from Argentina who is on staff with Missionary Athletes International and will lead the Seahorse Soccer Camp and soccer outreach in Tijuana.

David Seifert is pastor of the growing Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto, CA. He was trained at Grace College and Seminary and now pastors a church of more than 2000 people.

Steve Peters, senior pastor of West Milton, OH, Community GBC, is moderator elect of the FGBC. He will share his goals for the future as he will lead us as a National Fellowship in 1995-96, culminating in an international conference in Toronto, Canada.



King's Brass is led by Zimmerman, chairman of the band at Grace College. Members of the band are professional musicians from across



Ray Castro is an international consultant (with an emphasis in Latin America) for Evangelism Explosion. He has served in local church outreach/discipleship ministries for over 15 years. He and Phil Teran will teach a pre-conference seminar introducing attenders in ways to share Christ (facts, illustration, Scripture) using Evangelism Explosion's excellent methodology.

Some Featured Events Include . . .



Mexico Activities — A Tuesday evening evangelistic service will be held in Tijuana, Mexico; on Wednesday "Touching Tijuana" offers dynamic opportunities for groups to build shelters for the homeless; and throughout the week we will receive reports on the Total Mobilization project held in San Luis, Mexico.

Kids' Crossing and the Seahorse Soccer Camp

Child care will be provided for children ages 0-3 years of age; a dynamic children's conference known as **Kids' Crossing** will challenge children ages 4-11.

Seahorse Soccer Camp sponsored by Missionary Athletes International will be provided for grade school-aged children (at additional cost).

Touching San Diego

Wednesday afternoon will provide outreach opportunities in San Diego including the local military bases. Families can join together for such things as visitation, completing surveys and tract distribution opportunities.

Thursday night will conclude in an outreach session featuring Vietnam veteran, Dave Roeber.

CE National Seminars

On **Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday**, a full slate of training seminars will be offered. Included will be numerous topics to challenge men and women, pastors and lay attenders. Pre-conference seminars held Friday, July 21, will include Kay Arthur (Precept Ministries) and Ray Castro (EE Training). In addition, Ray and Anne Ortlund will present their Renewal Ministry seminar on Monday, July 24.

Post Conference Hawaii Tour A tour to Hawaii can be included in your conference plans. This tour will be held the week following conference. Departure is on Friday, July 28. For further information, contact:

Charles Ashman, Conference Coordinator
P.O. Box 386, Winona Lake, IN 46590 Phone: (219) 269-1269

For Program Details, contact:

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Do We Have MIAs in the FGBC?

By Chery Otermat, Director of Girls Ministry at CE National

“If we do not teach these principles and biblical truths to our children and our youth, we can expect our next generation to lack commitment and loyalty not only to our Fellowship but potentially to the Word of God.”

As the CE National Children’s Cabinet met recently in Chicago, we found ourselves endeavoring to find the Bible’s MIAs—truths and principles that are “Missing in Action” in our teaching .

We consulted a professor from Moody Bible Institute who helped us see how to critically evaluate our curriculum. She encouraged us to seek out what is missing from a specific curriculum.

We began listing many of these Missing in Action biblical principles or ordinances: the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith, Grace Brethren ordinances such as baptism and communion, biblical truths our Fellowship holds to such as the inerrancy of Scripture, anointing with oil, separation of the believer, creationism, eternal security, prophecy, stewardship of time and money, church discipline, and the Bible’s teaching on spiritual gifts. Also included were social issues such as abortion and homosexuality and training related to developing a ministry mindset.

We then moved to a publishing representative. “Why are these areas omitted from the teaching of a curriculum?” we asked. The answer to our question was very sobering! None of these issues can be directly addressed from a particular viewpoint because it limits the sales market of a curriculum. To include them would mean excluding portions of the sales market.

Understanding that our churches are blessed with a volume of quality resources for teaching children, youth, and adults, we realize that addressing what is taught is only half the issue. We need to look at how we supplement these materials to assure that we are also including in our teaching those critical areas the curriculum is missing.

The Cabinet began looking at how we retrieve our MIAs back into our local churches. If we do not teach these principles and biblical truths to our children and our youth, we can expect our next generation to lack commitment and loyalty not only to our Fellowship but potentially to the Word of God. We must bring them back into our local churches.

As we reviewed various resources that could retrieve these MIAs, we began at home—looking at the resources currently offered by CE National. CE National is committed to serving our local churches and because of this, we provide supplemental materials that contain many of the issues related to the Grace Brethren ordinances, Statement of Faith, as well as many of the MIAs related to Scriptural principles and truths.

Supplemental resources include club programs such as the *SMM* girls’ program, the *One-on-One* boys’ program, the *PALS* kindergarten program, and *Biblical Beliefs* a training series for youth and adults on our Statement of Faith.

Children’s resources also include *Wordbooks on Salvation, Baptism, Communion, Church Membership, and Giving*. In the near future, we will have a Sunday School series developed that is based on the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith.

We pass the challenge on to each of those in our local churches who are responsible for curriculum selection. We must purpose to do whatever is needed to return the Bible’s MIAs to our churches.

Let’s commit to being as fervent in retrieving our Bible’s MIAs as we are our country’s MIAs. They both involve the only eternal investments this world offers—God’s Word and people.

Turning Points in My Life

By Paul Westphal

One of the key turning points in my life came when I was in college at the University of Southern California. I was an

All-American basketball player and I figured I had a nice pro career ahead of me. But during my senior year, I went down with a really serious knee injury.

It looked as if I might never be able to play again, certainly at the next level. I was very disappointed that I might not be able to pursue my dream.

I just said to God that if that's His will for me not to play any more, I wasn't going to be mad. I thought He might be sending me in another direction. I think accepting that I might not become a pro basketball player was what probably enabled me to recover from that injury and go ahead and play. That was a crossroad in my life—a test of whether basketball was more important to me than my relationship with the Lord.

That relationship began for me when I was very young.

I was born into a family that believed the Bible and believed that Jesus was the Son of God. I'm thankful that I was raised in a Christian home and that we attended a Bible-believing church when I was a little boy growing up in the Torrance-Redondo Beach area near Los Angeles.

I remember actually making a conscious decision to trust Jesus Christ as my Savior when I was six or seven years old. My little neighbor friends and I were out in the

yard, playing cowboys and Indians. I was either waiting to ambush someone or waiting to get ambushed. You know it gets

quiet out there in the West and that gave me some time to think. Even as I played that childhood game, things that I'd learned went through my head. I remembered clearly being told that if you asked Jesus Christ into your heart, He would come in. I didn't have a whole lot of terrible sins piled up at that

point, of course, but I did understand that I was sinful by nature and separated from God. I knew I needed a Savior, and so I made that decision to trust Him while out there in the "Wild West."

Later, when I was in high school, I made a decision to get baptized as a testimony and as an affirmation of the decision I made to trust Jesus when I was a little boy.

Those decisions were so helpful to me during that crisis time a few years later—when my basketball career was threatened by injury. I knew I could trust God to do what was best.

Obviously, things worked out so that I could pursue my dream. I went to the NBA as a first-round draft choice of the Boston Celtics. For the next twelve years, I was privileged to play for the Celtics, Suns, SuperSonics, and Knicks. One of the highlights was 1974 when my team, the Boston Celtics, won the NBA championship.

SPORTS PAGES

Count your blessings,
Instead of your crosses,
Count your gains,
Instead of your losses.
Count your yeses,
Instead of your nos,
Count your friends,
Instead of your foes.
Count the full years,
Instead of the lean,
Count your deeds,
Instead of your means,
Count your health,
Instead of your wealth,
Count on God,
Instead of yourself.

*Shoot For The Star:
A Story of Beating the Odds to
Fulfill a Lifelong Dream*
—By Bill Bates

I have recommitted my life to building His Kingdom, and every way I can. Just as I was once known around major league ballparks as "a gamer," now, I want to be known as a "Gamer for God."

And it's not too difficult for this Kid to imagine that someday when I get to Heaven my Heavenly Father is going to turn to me and say, "Hey Gary, wanna have a catch?"

I'll catch you there!

The Gamer
—By Gary Carter with Ken Abraham

We reap what we sow. Whatever we do in private, or don't do, will come to light in public. Talent will get you somewhere, but to be a champion you need a firm foundation.

*Victory:
The Principles of Championship Living*
—By A.C. Green

Did you know that . . .

Health care for smoking-related illnesses cost at least \$50 billion in 1993

Studies have found that smiling actually makes you feel better

Americans rate pharmacists as the most ethical, honest professionals—clergy comes in second

Americans gained 155 million pounds last year

24% of U.S. adults are sedentary and 54% are active but don't get enough exercise

Forty-three cents of every dollar we spend on food is spent in restaurants

Drinking water through the day, even if you're not thirsty, will keep nutrients flowing through your body and brain

And now, after coaching at the college level for three years and assisting Cotton Fitzsimmons with the Suns four seasons, I have the privilege of coaching the team I spent six of my playing years with.

Through the years, I've never doubted my salvation.

What I tend to wonder about is the fact that I have been saved by God although I don't deserve it any more than anybody else does. I would love to ascribe salvation to everybody.

I want everybody to be saved so much that I tend to make excuses for them, apart from what the Scriptures say. And I think that probably has been my biggest personal fight as a believer.

Being a Christian is not an ego thing. A lot of people accuse Christians of claiming salvation makes them better than somebody else. You know, it's actually just the opposite. We simply know that we have a sin problem, and we know the One who can fix it.

One thing that really strengthens my faith is the study of biblical prophecy. It is so fascinating because it's history written in advance. When you understand the enormity of the truth of prophecy throughout history, and how God is still working in the world today, I think it humbles you to come under submission to God. He's in control of history—and the future. Why wouldn't He be in control of whatever situation I'm involved in?

Paul Westphal is the Head Coach of the NBA Phoenix Suns. This article first appeared in the February, 1995 issue of Sports Spectrum.

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Some minds are like concrete—
all mixed up and permanently set.

If we learn to laugh at ourselves
we will always have something to
make us happy.

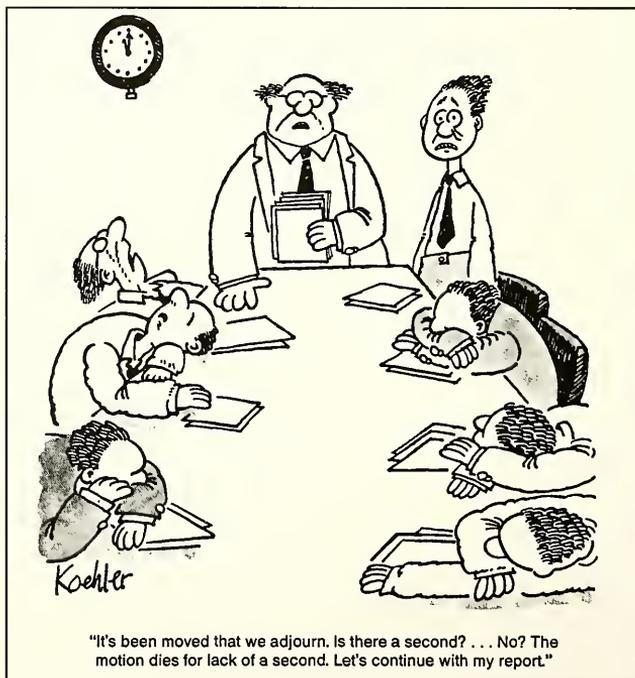
A foot is a device for finding
furniture in the dark.

Diplomacy is the art of telling
others they have open minds
instead of holes in their heads.

Every time history repeats itself,
the price of the lesson goes up.

Wrinkles are hereditary—
parents get them from their
children.

Don't pray for rain if you intend
to complain about the mud.



"It's been moved that we adjourn. Is there a second? . . . No? The motion dies for lack of a second. Let's continue with my report."

DEBT cont.

leaving her poor and in debt.

Although he had revered the Lord and had not lived riotously and luxuriously, he died owing more money than he was worth. Now his creditors were harassing his wife.

Many people today, who live under the constant pressure of collection agencies, can identify with this woman's distress. Her situation was much worse, however, because the man to whom she owed money was coming to take her sons as bondsmen for seven years to work off the debt. In desperation, she went to Elisha for help.

He asked, "Do you have anything in your house you could sell to make money?"

"Just a little oil," she replied.

"Okay," he said, "go to your neighbors and ask for as many jars as they will loan you. Then fill each of the jars with oil."

Then the miracle began.

As soon as all the jars were full, the oil stopped flowing.

When she told Elisha, he said, "Sell the oil and pay your debts. Then you and your children can live on the profit that is left over."

There are five lessons I have learned from this passage over the years:

1. Sometimes we get into trouble and we can't help it. Circumstances prevail beyond our control. (And we certainly don't need to go on a guilt trip over circumstances.)

2. It is wrong to go into debt just to support our life-style.

3. Borrowing is not wrong if it serves a godly purpose.

4. If our neighbor wants to borrow something from us in time of need, we should be more than willing to let him or her use it for a time.

5. Sometimes, we need a financial miracle.

If debt is destroying your marriage, your family, your peace of mind, or your health, get help as soon as possible.

God Owns It All

I believe God controls everything. He owns everything, and His sovereignty prevails over this world. That's why I live a normal life free from paralyzing fear. I drive on the highway without worrying about being killed, and I fly on airplanes knowing I could be the next statistic.

I look at the economy the same way that I look at life. Although I understand the dangerous turns the economy could take, I still trust God and all His principles. That is not to say that I skip blithely down the primrose path of life. Instead, I walk confidently, knowing we are living in the day of grace and God is not going to use cataclysmic destruction to discipline His children.

I do believe, however, that God will one day pour out His judgment on the world in the form of tribulation.

On the other hand, If Jesus Christ does not return to this earth soon, I will keep attuned to the changes in the world economically and prepare the best I can.

How did Americans survive World Wars I and II? How did we survive the Great Depression and all the recessions since 1929?

We survived because we adjusted to change, looked to God for His help, and trusted in His Word.

What reason do we have to doubt that God won't see us through again?

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28 WAYS TO KNOW YOU ARE



1. You don't know how much debt you have—and are afraid to add it up.
2. You pay monthly bills with money targeted for other obligations.
3. You pay the minimum payment on your credit cards each month.
4. You increase your limits on your credit cards.
5. You increase the number of your credit cards.
6. You pay off credit card payments with other credit cards.
7. You write postdated checks on a regular basis.
8. You spend money in advance of payday and must hurry to the bank on payday to cover the checks you have written.
9. You often have a negative balance in your checkbook.
10. You receive regular overdraft notices from the bank.
11. You pay only interest on loans.
12. You increase your borrowing limits at the bank.
13. You don't have a savings plan.
14. You cannot live three to six months without regular weekly or monthly income.
15. You decrease your 401K or pension contributions at work.
16. Your mortgage payment or rent exceeds 45% of your take-home pay.
17. You are one or more months behind in paying one or more bills.
18. You are behind paying all bills.
19. You cash in savings for needs.
20. You cancel auto insurance.
21. You cancel your health insurance.
22. You pay for regular household bills with borrowed money.
23. You borrow money to pay bills from friends or relatives.
24. You have received a letter from a collection agency.
25. You had something repossessed.
26. You have a pending judgment that cannot be paid.
27. You are considering bankruptcy.
28. You pay bills with money normally given as tithes and offerings.



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by Dennis Byrd

Rise & Walk is former New York Jets defensive end Dennis Byrd's profoundly moving account of his battle against—and ultimate victory over—total paralysis. The story takes us from Dennis's dirt-poor beginnings in Oklahoma, through his years of football glory with Tulsa University and the New York Jets, to the on-field collision that shattered his neck and the grueling rehab that severely tested his spirit. It is a deeply affecting testament to the power of love and faith.

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Update on the suit against the thirteen former Grace Village Directors and one Administrator—all Grace Brethren people. The trial was completed in November. On February 11, the judge issued a brief, but unexplained statement of his ruling. He decided in favor of the plaintiffs and against the thirteen directors and one administrator. These dear people are now liable for what will be many thousands of dollars in equity, interest and legal fees—to be paid to the plaintiffs and their lawyers. Further explanation of why and how he ruled and how the judgements will be individually determined is yet to come. We will keep you updated.

Please continue to pray! The Director-Defendants met with their lawyer on February 20th to pray and plan for whatever steps, including an appeal of the decision should be taken now. Substantial additional legal fees are anticipated. Tax-exempt gifts for this need may be sent to Grace Village, marked, "Director-Defendant's Defense Fund."

Marty Abegg, Professor of Hebrew and Greek at Grace Theological Seminary has taken the position of Assistant Professor in graduate religious studies and Associate Director of Dead Sea Scrolls instruction at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. He and his family will be moving there upon completion of his duties at Grace.

Carl Beridon, Vice President for Advancement and Enrollment; **Tom Abbitt**, Development and Planned Giving; **Kathryn Scanland**, Director of Marketing; and **Steve Fleagle**, Controller have also resigned their positions at Grace Schools.

National Conference will begin July 22 in San Diego, CA. Don't miss this year's conference.

Clyde Landrum, former editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, underwent surgery February 15th in Fort Wayne, IN. Clyde has been suffering for some time with a brain tumor. The surgical procedure was intended to relieve the pressure and decrease the pain associated with the tumor's growth. His wife Ruby and family are grateful for your prayers on their behalf.

Brad Skiles, Chairman of the Board of Grace Village, announces the appointment of **Carl Herr** as **Grace Village's new Chief Executive Officer**. Carl comes to Grace Village after serving as President of the Brethren Home in New Oxford, PA. During his administration, the retirement community grew from 450 to over 850 residents. He led this ministry in strategic planning, implementation of a Quality Assurance Program, and successfully negotiated Medicaid revisions which saved that facility over \$1 million. Carl's experience will also help with regulatory compliance. His leadership brought the Brethren Home national accreditation by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission of American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Carl now serves on AAHSA accreditation teams that evaluate and approve other facilities. Carl and his wife Alma will move to Indiana and he will begin his duties on March 15.

Martin and Kristy Guerena have a new baby born February 11. His name is Daniel Martin. Martin and Kristy are missionaries to Mexico City.

Lexington, OH Grace Brethren Church commissioned sixty people February 12 to begin a new church in Mt. Vernon, OH with **Pastor Bob Nicholson**. Kurt Miller and Bill Snell recently attended the commissioning service. Pastor Dave Adkins (Lexington) stated that they have

been working with Home Missions for some months to begin the new church. They are using the seeker-targeted church planting method.

Wayne Hannah will begin as the new field representative for Foreign Missions for Europe and Africa on May 1.

Jay Bell of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions led **eleven students from Grace College** to the Philippines January 11-18. The team helped jump-start three house churches. For the team members it was a life changing experience.

Pastor Abner Solano has recently started planting his second Hispanic Grace Brethren Church in the Yakima Valley of the state of Washington. After one month, in January they averaged twenty-six in attendance. In addition, five people received the Lord as Savior in January. Abner states: "It is exciting to start a new church and to see people changing and growing. I think they enjoy the service and the Bible classes. They are inviting others to come. One of our families finally were able to purchase their first home. They asked us to have a meeting to dedicate their new home to the Lord. It was a time of prayer, singing, and blessing for all."

"When guilt is taken away, there is room for joy!" responded **Filomena** when **Margaret Hull** expressed amazement at the dramatic change in her life. Emotionally, financially, and spiritually bankrupt, Filomena had sought out Margaret for help just a few months earlier. After only four Bible studies in the book of John, Filomena gave her heart and life to Christ in Porto, Portugal.

Nathan Leigh has started two more home Bible studies in the Malanday community of Manila, Philippines. Chris, who trusted

Christ in December, asked Nathan to start a Bible study in his home. Dori, a leader in the squatter area by the river, also opened up her home for a Bible study.

"We have followed up on the numerous contacts made this summer and have seen about six more conversions and a core of thirty-five adults and fifteen children form Grace Church," reports **Paul Michaels** from Novosibirsk, Russia. "While we have actively worked to plant a church this year, we have also built loving relationships with the few evangelical leaders here, and they have invited us to train their present and future pastors in church-planting. In the last two years several other missions have targeted this area, but I have estimated that there are still only about one-hundred fifty evangelical churches in a region one-third the size of the United States with a population of fifteen to eighteen million people." Training Russian pastors how to plant reproductive churches is one way to reach this vast region more effectively. Eighty men from four regions of Western Siberia signed up for the first training course in January.

"**Socorro** continues to be my joy," writes **Imogene Burk** from the island of Conde, in the mouth of the Amazon. "Not yet a declared believer, she nevertheless acknowledges that many things are changing in her life as she continues to study the Bible. She is talkative and knows everyone in our neighborhood. Recently she appeared at the door with a young woman. She herself couldn't stay for the prayer meeting, but she wanted to know if the woman would be welcome to attend. Roberta, the new lady, stayed for church and was happy to take home a New Testament. New men recently hired by the aluminum factory are beginning to arrive. Socorro informed me this week that

we have three new families on our short street. Likely she will know all about them and be introducing them to me before long. Getting to know these new families that are moving in all over town is the challenge for the Brethren this new year."

"It has taken nine years of prayer but finally Jurgen Grundke has accepted the Lord as his Savior!" reports the **Ramseys** from Leonberg, Germany. "Our family is so excited and extremely thankful. Sara and Kristina have prayed every night for him. Sara said: 'I am so glad. I was getting tired of praying for him all the time.' God might seem slow, but He is punctual."

The **Charis** meeting in France was a great encouragement to the churches in **Chad** as they learned they belonged to a worldwide fellowship. Many churches around the world have become involved in the work in Chad. The churches in Germany have sent the **Puhls** to the work there and one of the German churches is involved in a project to help the Bible school teachers spend less time in their gardens and more time on lesson preparations and teaching. The children in Argentina sent over \$200 to buy milk for the Bible school students' children. The churches in France are raising funds to build a medical dispensary in the southeast corner of the field. Rev. **Charlie Tan** in Singapore gave a significant gift toward finishing the construction of the Bible School building. A pastor in the Philippines mentioned a desire to purchase a bicycle for the pastors in Chad. In 1994, U.S. churches sent over \$14,000 in ministry project gifts to further the work in Chad.

On Christmas Day, **George and Cindy Swain** invited Jun and Asako, Japanese classmates, to their home in Prague, Czech Republic. The **Swains** gave their Japanese

friends testimonies written by Japanese Christians in the Tokyo Grace Brethren Church. "Jun and Asako were clearly moved," reported George, "but they did not make decisions."

"Our major goal this year has been to implement the cell group strategy in our churches in Belem and Uberlandia," reports **Dan Green** from Brazil. "Three churches in Belem have started cell groups. Two cell groups in Mansour, a suburb of Uberlandia, are enthusiastic about starting Sunday meetings. The other ministry that has grown is the **Grace Training Center in Belem**. The emphasis of the GTC is to train all people in the local church in evangelism and discipleship."

"Please understand that your gifts of prayer and financial support are not unnoticed or unappreciated here," write the **Griffiths** from Le Creusot, France. "Last week in prayer meeting Bernard said, 'I think we should thank the Lord for the churches in the United States that have sent the Griffiths to us. I wouldn't have accepted the Lord if they hadn't come!'"

Two families whom **Tim and Julie Hawkins** met through involvement in their daughter's Christmas play at school in Porto, Portugal, have been meeting every week with **Tim** for Bible study. "Our times together have gone on until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning," reports **Tim**. "We have even moved the studies into their homes as we rotate the host home around the group. I am especially excited about this group as God could be forming this into our first cell group."

Prayer breaks down barriers. **Tim** and **Julie's** attempts at conversation with their neighbors in Porto, Portugal, had consistently met with coldness. Then they concentrated prayer on a specific young couple.

"One day after the New Year, we saw them at the door, and I simply asked how their holiday had gone," says Tim. "Six hours later they were leaving our house with a Bible in hand."

In his year-end report, **George Swain** gave a sketch of the social and spiritual condition of the people in Prague. Often both husband and wife work ten to twelve hours per day, are gone out of town on weekends, and take long vacations. They are very suspicious and cautious people. Eighty percent claim to be atheists or agnostics. When we talk to people they do not seem to be opposed to the gospel, but know little about it. In general, people from the ages of 30-70 are not believers and have little interest in the gospel."

"It was a great sorrow for us to learn that over five-thousand were killed and twenty-four thousand injured," wrote members of the **Hoya Grace Brethren Church in Tokyo, Japan** in a letter to American Brethren describing the earthquake in the Osaka-Kobe area. "We hope that not only we, but Christians all over the world will pray for these people. Please pray for them that they will not only receive relief goods but also hear the gospel and receive Jesus. Through this experience, we believe God will do great things."

Yukimasa Kinjo has finished his first year of training at the **Columbus, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church**. Yukimasa trusted Christ in 1988 after studying the Bible with Ted Kirnbauer who was attending language school in Karuizawa, Japan. He would like to help the Kirnbauers start a second Grace Brethren Church in Tokyo. He will finish his training in the U.S. at the end of this year. Then it's back to Okinawa to spend time with his family and decide whether to go to

Bible school or join the Kirnbauers in Tokyo.

Sunday, February 5, marked the first meeting of a new house church in the neighborhood of Karangalan Village in Manila, Philippines. **Clay Hulett** is targeting this barangay for a new Grace Brethren Church. The house church was jump started through contacts made by a GO TEAM of Grace College students in January.

The brother of **Pastor H. Don Rough** of Riverside Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, PA has died. Grant Rough was 75 years old and a resident of Utah.

Shoreline Grace Brethren Church is hosting a summer day camp May 29-July 21, 1995. This is an eight week program and six paid workers are needed. Room and board are provided and a salary based on experience. Applicants must be 18 years or older. If interested, please call Danielle Sterner at 813-592-5433. Shoreline GBC is in Naples, Florida.

Writes **Pastor Tim Boal**: "Rick Daam has accepted the position of Associate Pastor of Youth and Music at the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, PA. Pastor Daam previously served the Kittanning GBC for nine years. He started his ministry in March.

Make plans NOW to attend **BNYC '95**. Teens and adult sponsors will be "Going to Xtremes" July 29-August 4, in Flagstaff, AZ at Northern Arizona University.

Special guests will include Sammy Tippit, Dave Bogue, Jeff Bogue, Alex Montoya, Scott Disler, Abraham Lincoln Washington, Al Holley, 4 for Harmony, Rhythm & News, and a special outreach concert by Audio Adrenaline.

Attention all churches who are making travel arrangements for **BNYC '95**. It is recommended that you make your ground transportation bussing arrangements directly with Nava-Hopi Tours—NOT THROUGH A TRAVEL AGENT. Registration forms for this transportation will be sent to each church in their registration packets. Nava-Hopi Tours is making special price arrangements to get you the most for your money. The phone number for Nava-Hopi Tours is 1-800-892-8687. If you have any questions regarding BNYC transportation please contact Angie Fagner at 219-267-6622.

In a recent decision, the **Basinger Grace Brethren Community Fellowship** voted to disband and join the Okeechobee Grace Brethren Church under the leadership of Pastor Lee Friesen. **Pastor Larry Zimmerman**, of Grace Brethren Community Fellowship has been called to the pastoral staff of Okeechobee GBC as Minister of Christian Education.

IN MEMORY

Richard E. Berkley, 59, was suddenly called to be with the Lord on February 2, 1995. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church at Meyersdale, PA. He and his wife Joanne had been married for twenty-seven years, and she has served as the Secretary at MGBC for eighteen years.

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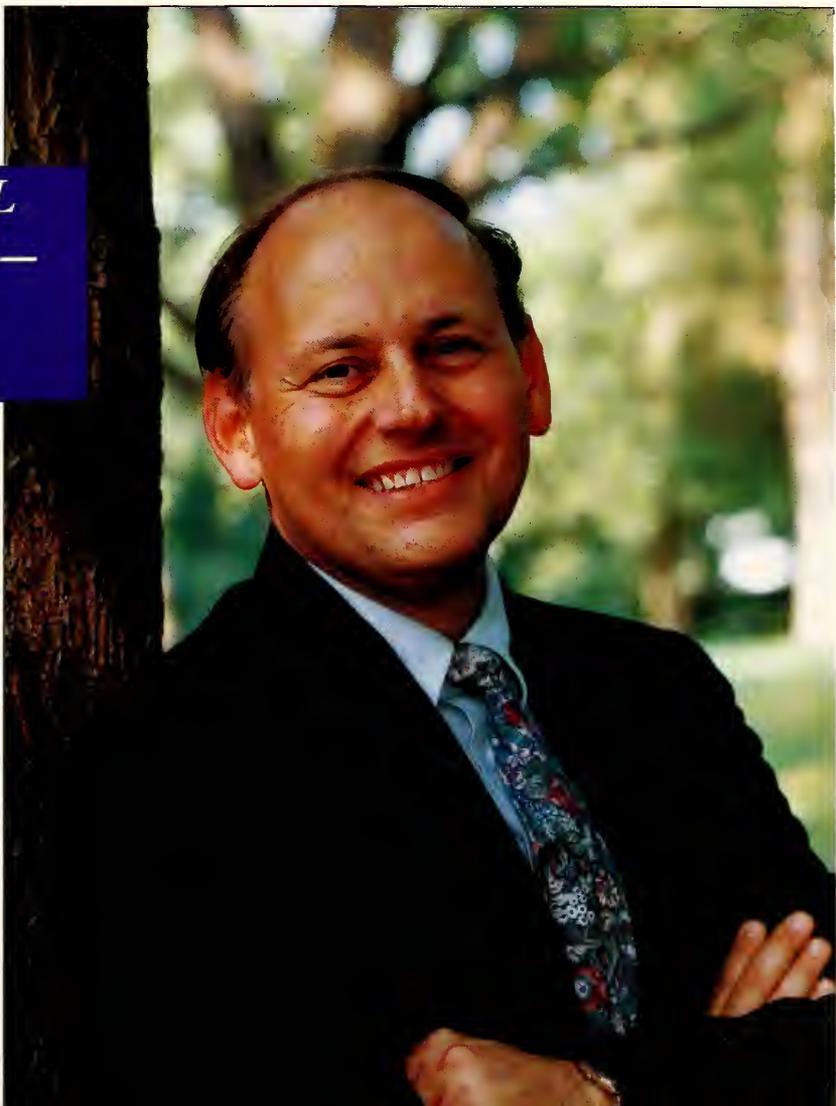
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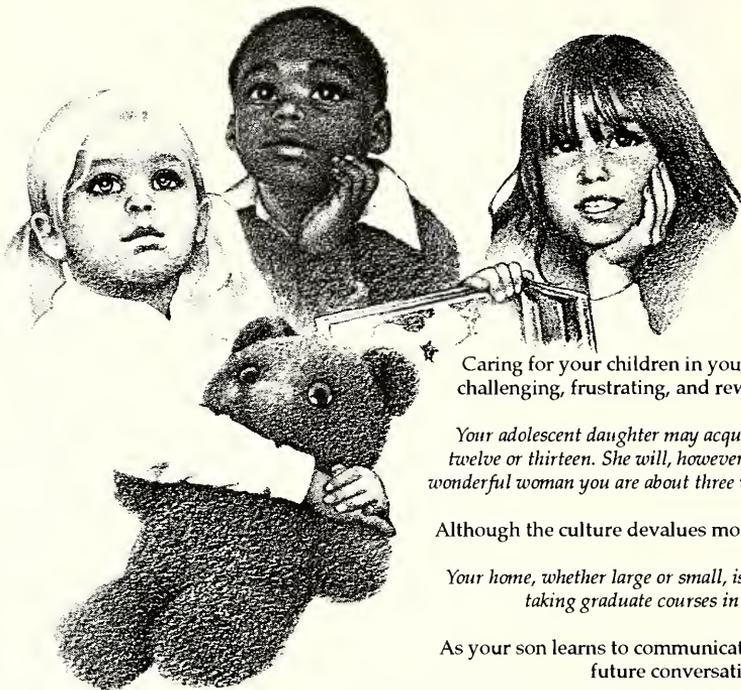
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MOTHERS MIDAYS

Caring for your children in your corner of the world is the most challenging, frustrating, and rewarding WORK you will ever do.

Your adolescent daughter may acquire a distaste for you when she turns twelve or thirteen. She will, however, regain her sanity and realize what a wonderful woman you are about three weeks before she leaves home for college.

Although the culture devalues mothers, God and your children don't.

Your home, whether large or small, is a university where your children are taking graduate courses in sharing, love, fair play, life.

As your son learns to communicate openly with you, he practices for future conversations with his wife.

Making a house into a home inevitably involves some drudgery and lots of personal discipline, but the results are worth it. Anyone can feel the difference between a way station and a home.

Current media images of mothering are greatly distorted. Any mother who puts her family first will have to deflect much that she see, hears, and reads.

We are happiest—gloriously, deeply happy—when we are giving love to others.

No matter how clever you think you are, your kids will outwit you

To imply that mother care is the same as other care is to say there is nothing unique about the mother-child relationship. Who really believes that?

You are not only rearing your own children, you are influencing future generations. Your influence will be felt in your larger family long after your name has been forgotten.

Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, and when you lie down, and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

What Every Mother Needs to Know
By Brenda Hunter, PH.D.
Multnomah Books, 1993.



Jeff Carroll

STEPS **2** BACK

"That this nation might have a new birth of freedom, that slavery should be removed forever from American soil, John Brown and his twenty-one men gave their lives. To commemorate their heroism, this tablet is placed on this building, which has since been known as John Brown's fort by the alumni of Storer College, 1918."

That inscription is on the restored building at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia—the site of John Brown's raid.

In reality, John Brown was a nut. On the night of October 16, 1859, with an armed band of sixteen white and five black men, Brown seized the government arsenal at Harper's Ferry and rounded up some sixty leading men of the area as hostages. Two days later, when the Marines moved in, Brown was overpowered, and wounded. Ten of his followers (including two of his own sons) were killed. He was tried for murder, slave insurrection, and treason against the State, was convicted, and he was hanged.

President Abraham Lincoln noted the following about John Brown's actions at Harper's Ferry:

"That affair, in its philosophy, corresponds with the many attempts, related in history, at the assassination of kings and emperors. An enthusiast broods over the oppression of a people till he fancies himself commissioned by Heaven to liberate them. He ventures the attempt, which ends in little else than his own execution."

But even though Brown failed in his attempt to start a general slave rebellion, the high moral tone of his defense helped to immortalize him and to hasten the war that would bring emancipation.

As a modern-day John Brown, John Salvi closed out 1994 by shooting at three abortion clinics, killing two people, and wounding five others. The reverberations from his two-day rampage could be felt from coast to coast.

Yet, the killings outside have drawn new attention to the killings that occur inside the clinics each and every day. As a result the abortion war has escalated.

I do not suggest that the end justifies the means in either of these regrettable cases. But, I do sense the deep call to action that some will hear when an unforgivable atrocity is occurring in their society—the abuse of those who have no protection or recourse.

Is abortion murder? We who read and believe the Book say that it is. Even during this month, as we honor the Mothers of our land, let us not forget that in 1994, there were over 1.5 million assaults on mothers by the medical profession. All of which occurred as the government looked on and nodded in approval.

Let us never compromise on this. I am not condoning foolish reactions which move us one step forward and two steps back. Still, we must be firmly committed to ending the practice that has resulted in the loss of over 30 million precious little ones since 1973.



- Fight isolation with friendship. Call an abortion-alternative group and volunteer to help a pregnant woman feel less alone and better supported.

- Encourage natural bonds. Aid in the process of rebuilding a woman's relationship with the baby's father or with her family.

- Promote adoption. Single parenting often means poverty, frustration, or the death of a dream. Remind her that many couples long to adopt a baby.

- Build employment plans that allow a woman to mother her child. Develop leads with local businesses that allow home offices, job sharing, or compressed work weeks.

- Prepare for a phasing-out of welfare for single mothers. How can you or your church help meet the spiritual and material needs of these women?

- Take courage. Public opinion is affirming that two-parent families are better for children, and many women are refusing to put their careers ahead of their families. Abstinence also is making a comeback.

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"Free To Serve" in Atlanta

In the closing months of 1993 the congregation at Grace Brethren Church of Greater Atlanta in Marietta, Georgia accepted the challenge presented by Pastor Dean Fetterhoff to raise an additional \$80,000 over and above the offerings for the operating budget and the mission goals of 1994. At the outset this seemed like an impossibility but as the people began to pray and a committee was appointed, the church adopted the "Free To Serve" slogan—a result of reaching the goal would be freeing up the \$28,000 currently spent in interest and principal for other ministries.

Gifts began to pour in and many gave testimony of how God met their needs in spite of sacrificial giving. The goal was reached two weeks before the target date and on October 30, Mr. Jim Johnson of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation shared in the joy as the final payment to GBIF was made. God saw fit to honor this faith not only by reaching this goal but enabling the congregation to exceed expenses by \$7,000.

The financial blessings of the past year have been more than matched by the numerical and spiritual blessings which have been given by God's grace. The fruition of the dedicated work of the Long Term Planning Committee, appointed two years ago, resulted in the securing of a church consultant who as a catalyst, helped the church leadership and congregation set plans for the expansion of facilities and the vision of planting a branch church, which are moving toward reality.

The congregation now meets in two Sunday morning worship services with attendance averaging nearly 250, already exceeding the three year projection of the consultant. Attendance in the Adult Bible Fellowship and Sunday School classes regularly runs 80% of the

morning worship numbers. The Awana Club, which was named top Awana Club in Georgia last year, continues to grow so that all facilities of the church building have been turned over to the program on Wednesday evenings. The midweek Bible study and prayer service now meets in the pastor's home and the teen program which has been meeting in Associate Pastor Steve Makofka's basement is now seeking rental facilities in one of the local grammar schools. Following the advice of our consultant, the church has now secured a part-time administrator: Mr. Bob Carroll.

Such growth and blessing have obviously not come without new challenges and problems to be faced. Should we, and if so how can we, get our congregation back together in one Sunday morning worship service? What additional facilities must be provided to meet the growing needs of our Sunday School and Awana program? What type of building should be constructed, at what cost? It is significant that at this time God has brought into our congregation an architect. While working on a master plan for the use of our property, he is concentrating on a multipurpose building as the next step. It is hoped that within six months plans will be in place for this facility.

Just as the "Free To Serve" celebration took place in October 1994, so plans are taking shape for a great celebration in October 1995. The weekend of October 15 will be the 25th anniversary celebration of the first building of this church—a vision of Pastor Bill Byers, who with his wife Betty, moved to Atlanta in 1967. With no established core group to help, Bill set to work to reach the



Jim Johnson of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation presents papers to Pastor Dean Fetterhoff certifying completion of mortgage payments.

lost and to gather those who were hungry for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Within three years not only was a congregation organized, but a new building was erected. Three years later Dean Fetterhoff was called as the first full-time pastor and he serves to this present time. God has used the church in helping other men who have gone on to other ministries and approximately a dozen young people have gone on to full-time Christian service during the history of the church.

Goals for 1995 include not only those already mentioned, but also sending a summer work team to Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries; two young people to share in Operation Barnabas; developing a leadership training program for men; a ministry to senior citizens; Good News Bible Studies for evangelistic outreach; becoming a "Focus 2000" church; preparation for involvement in evangelism during the 1996 summer Olympics in Atlanta.

The Joy of Sharing Life—Kansas Style



Pastor Bob and Brenda Juday

When Brenda and I candidated for the Pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church in Portis, Kansas, in the spring of 1993, we were sure that we had arrived in the middle of "nowhere."

Our first reaction was, "How could God be calling us to a town of 175 people after serving for more than five years in Manila, a thriving metropolis of at least 15 million people. We soon learned that Portis Grace Brethren isn't the stereotyped "country church" that we've all heard about.

Our community is a farm community. Wheat, milo, and corn are our crops and almost everyone raises cattle. We have the best beef in the world. Our church has a heart to

which have significantly impacted our fellowship over the years.

We are seeking to extend the range of our influence through "Friendship Days," Carry-Ins (meals), and special celebrations on national holidays. We celebrated Veteran's Day by decorating our church with patriotic memorabilia and a church "carry-in." We invited all the veterans from the surrounding areas, presented them with Bibles from the Gideons, and watched the film "Scars that Heal" the story of Dave Roever, a Vietnam vet who was seriously injured. It was a moving day!

God is working among us! During 1994, several people came to know Christ as Savior. Many others were baptized and on one Sunday alone, thirty-five recommitments were made to the Lord. God's not through with us yet and we are praying that we can have an even greater impact on our world.



Portis Grace Brethren Church

reach beyond our sleepy little town and impact the communities around us. And it does go beyond Kansas to many parts of the world through our missions giving. We are truly a missions minded church and we, as members, want to develop into "world class" Christians.

In bygone years, the missionaries traveling from East to West would stop over in Portis. Now, with the jet age, they usually fly right over us. .but that is changing. We are glad that our missionaries and national leaders are once again looking at Portis and other country churches

"The first time I tried to find Portis on the map, I couldn't. Portis is not on my computer spell check, nor does it appear on CNN's weather summary. When someone from Portis called me and gave me an address that read "4th Street" she hurried to remark, "Don't be impressed, I am surrounded by seventy acres here."

None of this, however, stopped me—The Grace Brethren Church at Portis wanted a speaker, and I wanted to go. Talking to my new friends from Portis gave me the first hint that I was going to meet some extraordinary people. They know the joy in sharing life and the life in sharing joy.

I came to realize that they represent the greatest asset of places like Portis and perhaps embody the last bastion of some of the best that there is in this country in terms of God-fearing, hard-working, family-loving, and community-caring Americans."

—Ivanildo Trinidad

PEOPLE WE MEET



Ed Lewis, Moderator



Q: What direction is our fellowship heading?

A: I believe our fellowship is really heading in the most positive direction right now that I think it has ever in our history. I believe we are beginning to have an even stronger commitment to the Word. And, at the same time we are concentrating on multiplication. Everything we are doing now, whether it is Home Missions, Foreign Missions, CE National, or National Conference programs, everything is growth. I believe that God is going to give us 2000 churches by the year 2000.

Q: What do you consider to be our greatest need?

A: Right now, based on all the things lined up that we want to accomplish, our greatest need is people who will pray. I mean fervently pray that God will do something great with our fellowship. If people will pray and think in that direction, then God will do it.

Another thing we need is teamwork to work together with one another. We must not be Lone Rangers, but work together and see the value of having a fellowship of churches.

I also believe that, starting at the top, from the leadership on down, we need to be in contact with the lost. We need a much stronger emphasis—a clear focus—on the people in our world who are lost. That is why our theme for conference is “Cross the Boundary, Touch Your Needy World.” We have got to get out of our comfort zones and reach people for Christ.

Q: What advice have you got for individual churches?

A: Number one, I am hoping to see a continued interest and commitment to the goal of one-hundred churches becoming part of the Focus 2000 goals. Beyond that, I think it is critical that each church move ahead in a positive way through the pastor’s delegation of responsibilities so that they can concentrate more time on prayer, study of the Word, and ministry.

Q: What really excites you about National Conference this year?

A: Conference will be the closest place we can be to a third world country and still be connected with our Grace Brethren Churches. By holding conference in San Diego, we have an opportunity as an entire

group, to go outside the U.S. borders and visit another country. We will go to Tijuana, Mexico, where we will have a service and dedicate a church building that is being put together under the program of Total Mobilization with Jeff Thornley of the Waldorf, Maryland church.

Q: Can you tell us more about that project?

A: A team of fifteen people put a church up in five days—the local group has to have the slab down and certain amounts of the work done first. At the same time that the construction is going on, there will be evangelism taking place. In this case, there will also be Operation Barnabas teams in Mexico and there will be approximately eighty people going into the Tijuana area doing puppets and clowning and drama and handing out leaflets and fliers.

We hope that when we all go into Tijuana for the dedication service, we are able to be a real spark. We also hope there will be many such groups who go out and do a Total Mobilization program and put up a church in a third world country.

All of this will help sharpen our focus on the real needs of the lost and the real opportunities that we have as Grace Brethren.

Super-Mom— Becky Pappas

By Mary Thompson



Becky Pappas



*The Pappas family
left to right
Zachary, John, Becky Monica,
Daniel, Thomas, Erika, Freya,
Stefania and in front of Becky is
Helen.*

Does the hassle of being a mother seem overwhelming at times? Meet Becky Pappas!

I first met John and Becky Pappas in 1977 when they were about to leave for missionary service in Germany with their little daughter Monica. John was twenty-seven and Becky was twenty-five. Becky had graduated from Grace College; John had finished his education at Grace and had completed his course at Grace Seminary. Both John and

Becky are from the Worthington, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church.

Last November, while visiting my children, the Hoberts in France, I talked with Becky again at the Grace Brethren European Field Conference in the French Alps. Fifty Grace Brethren

missionaries were there and forty-five missionary kids—EIGHT of them Pappases.

In the evenings, everyone got together—for games, skits, music. Out of the great amount of talent there, the Pappas family was well represented, with the five older children presenting a mini-concert. Back home in Aalen, Germany, the children have a chamber music group under the auspices of the City Music School.

Becky says John comes from a musical family and this branch of the clan has surely carried on the tradition. All of the older children play the piano and recorder. In addition, Monica plays the cello; Freya, the violin; Thomas, the oboe; and Daniel, the viola.

The Pappas family is somewhat of an oddity in Germany. Many couples choose to have no children, but one or two are acceptable. In response to my question about what their neighbors think of their large family Becky says, "People consider us kind of weird anyway, but they seem to be rooting for us and sort of admire our family."

"It's important for people to see the example of a Christian family where husband and wife love each other, children respect their parents, and they all appreciate each other."

The Pappas family lives in one-half of a duplex. All of the children share a room with another sibling and Becky considers their home adequate and comfortable. As the children grow up they all have regular jobs around the house and the older kids are able to help the younger ones.

They attend public school and the five older children have all qualified for the highest level which entitles them to thirteen years of public education.

Last year Monica was a member of a Barnabas team, sponsored by CE National. This summer the Pappases expect to be in the US for home ministries and when they return to Germany, Monica will stay in Indiana as a member of the freshman class at Grace College.

Asked what problems she faces, Becky says, "Sometimes I feel overwhelmed by the range of ages and the varied activities and interests—and to balance that with the needs of the people we work with." Although Becky says she's "not been able to do too much" outside her home, the Pappases very often have guests. Nevertheless, Becky assured me that having a family of eight children is well worth the hassle!

The Masculine Journey By Dr. Robert Hicks

Reviewed by: Paul E. Woodruff, Pastor

Eagle Creek GBC Indianapolis, IN

Dr. Robert Hicks claims to have discovered a Biblical answer to the secular world's quest for understanding masculinity. Bearing the seal and endorsement of the Promise Keepers movement (this book was distributed free to over 50,000 men at the initial 1993 rally in Colorado.) *The Masculine Journey* is touted as "an eye-opening key to understanding the Bible's teaching on what it means to be a man."

It is certainly "eye-opening" when one discovers the author's view of the Savior, of sin, and of secular psychology.

In his discussions of Jesus, Dr. Hicks states that Jesus was "phallic with all the inherent phallic passions we experience as men" meaning that Christ was tempted in *every* (italics author's) way as we are. That would mean not only heterosexual temptation but also homosexual temptation. Jesus indeed had natural desires to which Satan could appeal. But homosexuality is not a natural part of human nature. It is an unnatural aspect when it occurs. To equate the "struggling with their sexuality" of gay men to the temptations of Jesus is not Biblical.

Concerning "sexual relations with a woman..." the author says "Jesus may have thought about it." To link our Lord with lustful fantasizing is blasphemous. While affirming that "Jesus did not give in to temptation," he still says that Jesus "thought about it" which is sin of the heart. This language is very misleading and dishonoring to the Lord in its attempt to be compassionate towards the sinner. These views on Jesus alone are enough to eliminate it from any reading list.

Another "eye-opening" view presented is the author's view of sin. Struggling to fit pagan tribal initiation rites of passage into the Christian male context, Dr. Hicks states

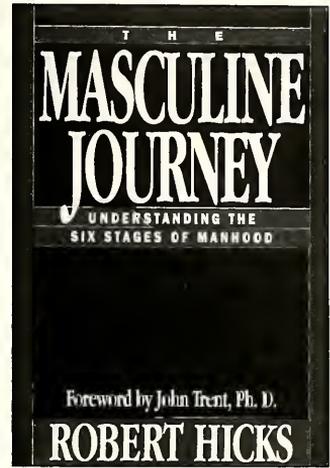
that the experience of sin affords a great opportunity to celebrate a rite of passage. While not wanting to put a "benediction on sin," he still suggests that when our teenagers have their first experience with sex, drugs, etc., the elders ought to confess their own sins and "congratulate the next generation for being human." Certainly we ought to be compassionate but does that mean congratulatory?! Our world feels little enough shame for sin without this watering down of sin's grievous nature.

"Wounds" are confused with sins when he says "we need to recognize a man's divorce, or job firing, or major health problem, or culpability in some legal or sexual indiscretion, as a *wound* to which we show deference as part of the male journey." He confuses wickedness with wounds in this sensitive, non-judgmental approach to sin currently in vogue.

His final "eye-opener" is his position on secular psychology. He credits Daniel Levison's book, *The Seasons of a Man's Life* (based on the intellectual tradition formed by Freud, Jung, Erikson, Adler) as the critical work that influenced him. Dr. Hicks poses the question: "Do the Scriptures have anything to contribute in this regard?"

He locates Scripture's "contribution" by describing the masculine journey through six Hebrew words. Elated, he now had a "biblical framework" describing the male experience which was "true to the current literature."

Instead of the Scriptures being the foundation, they are a "contribution" made to describe our "experiences" instead of define them. Scripture is seen as "true to the current literature" instead of the Truth by which current literature is to be evaluated.



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"The sufficiency of Scripture is undermined, the character of the Savior is impugned, and the seriousness of sin is so diluted in the spirit of compassion, that it produces more comfort than deep conviction."

The Masculine Journey appeals to many men because it speaks in great generalities about common experiences. It contains material that is true and worthwhile. Yet countless assertions are made that have no Biblical support or basis but rather are derived from and dominated by a secular psychological perspective.

This is not a journey that any man should make.

1995 CONFERENCE UPDATE

See facing page for a Tentative Schedule

1. CE National will be offering nearly forty seminars at the 1995 National Conference. Numerous and diverse seminars range from topics such as "A New Meaning for WMC" to "Building Relationships for Evangelism."

2. A way to encourage relationship building at National Conference will be a booklet called "Family Ties." Attenders will have opportunities to get signatures throughout the week of people who are connected in various walks of ministry in the FGBC. People completing the booklet are eligible for a very encouraging prize from the Conference Planning Committee.

3. Total Mobilization is the church-planting effort that will take place in Mexico the week prior to National Conference. This program culminates in the construction of a church building in San Luis, Colorado, Mexico. Workers will begin construction of the building on the week prior to National Conference and complete it with a dedication service in Mexico on the Sunday of Conference. The Waldorf, MD, GBC (Pastor Jeff Thornley) is overseeing this project.

4. Jack Churchill, a veteran missionary working on the Mexico border, is detailing plans for the Mexico outreach that will take place at adult conference on Tuesday, July 25. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to travel by bus (or personal transportation) to visit Grace Brethren Churches, experience another culture, distribute Christian literature, and participate in a bilingual service at 7:00 P.M. that evening.

5. The pre-conference program on Friday, July 21, will feature two distinct seminars. One seminar, led by Ray Castro, will allow participants to learn the Evangelism Explosion method of presenting the gospel. It will include training in how to present the gospel without a tract, using Scripture, illustrations, and key questions. Phil Teran from the Grace Brethren Church of San Diego will assist Ray with this seminar. (Fee of \$15)

Kay Arthur from Precept Ministries will lead a seminar on "How to do an Inductive Bible Study" so that persons attending this one day seminar would be able to lead similar Bible studies and small groups of their own. (Fee of \$15)

Also on that Friday will be an opportunity for men connected with Promise Keepers to have an intercessory prayer time for the National Conference.

6. Please register by May 15 if you are planning to attend the 1995 National Conference. Day Passes will be offered to people desiring to attend conference for the day. Cost for a one-day pass is \$9.00 (or \$5 a session if only desiring to attend an AM or PM session).

7. Be sure to register your hotel reservations with the Town and Country Hotel. Their telephone number is 619-291-7131. Identify yourself as attending the Grace Brethren National Conference to obtain conference rates for rooms.

8. Opportunities are still available on Wednesday of conference week for groups of people to build a 12 x 12 shelter for homeless in Tijuana. For \$500 a group of unskilled laborers can go to Mexico to build a shelter for one of the thousands of homeless families in Tijuana. An opportunity will be given to pray with the family you are helping, take pictures, etc. The cost of \$500 covers the needed building materials. All building tools are supplied.

9. For a schedule of the week, please see the enclosed tentative plans.

10. The free Kids Crossing (Children's Conference) will feature exciting opportunities for children ages 4-11. Included in Kid's Crossing are Treasure Chest Ministries, tours of the area, and Operation Barnabas programming. Child care will be provided for children ages 0-3 years. For a \$55 registration fee per child, grade-school aged children can participate in the Seahorse Soccer Camp sponsored by Missionary Athletes International. The registration fee includes a camp T-shirt, soccer ball, sports bottle, training by college and semipro soccer players, discipleship/Bible study time daily, written evaluation, and an awards ceremony at the end of camp.

Cross the Boundary ... touch your needy world!

	Friday July 21	Saturday July 22	Sunday July 23	Monday July 24	Tuesday July 25	Wednesday July 26	Thursday July 27
DAILY THEME	Pre-Conference		Worshipping the God who knows no boundaries	Willing to trust the God who knows no boundaries	Walking with the God who knows no boundaries	Working with the God who knows no boundaries	Witnessing to others of the God who knows no boundaries
7:45 - 8:15	8:30 - 10:00 Ministerium Forum	Intercessory Prayer	Intercessory Prayer	Intercessory Prayer (7:45 WMC)	Intercessory Prayer	Intercessory Prayer (7:45 WMC)	Intercessory Prayer
8:30 - 9:30	9:00 - 11:00 Registration (Marachi Band) 10:00-11:00 Choir Rehearsal	CE Seminars	CE Seminars	CE Seminars	Pastors' Meeting (ends at 9:45) Women's Meeting Men's Meeting	CE Seminars	Pastors' Meeting (ends at 9:45) Women's Meeting Brenda Roever Men's Meeting
10:00 - 12:00	10:45 - 1:00 Coporation Brunch GBFM, GBHM, CE National, Grace College, Herald (Marachi Band)	AM Challenge	AM Challenge	AM Challenge	AM Challenge	AM Challenge	AM Challenge
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2:00 - 5:00	4:00 - 5:00 Pastors' Meeting Women's Meeting Men's Meeting	3:15 - 4:45 PM Praise Gathering George Bama (Author & Resistant)	3:15 - 4:45 PM Praise Gathering George Bama (Author & Resistant)	3:00 - 5:00 Seminars for Pastors and Pastors' Wives Renewal Ministries Ray & Anne Ortlund	2:30 - 5:00 Touching Tijuana	2:30 - 5:00 San Diego Send-Off 2:30 - 5:00 "Touching San Diego"	
7:00 - 8:30	6:45 - 9:00 Concert Larnelle Harris & Kings Brass	FREE	FREE	PM Praise Gathering Ray & Anne Ortlund (Renewal Ministries)	PM Bi-Lingual Service in Tijuana Sammy Tippel (International Evangelists)	7:00 - 9:00 PM Praise Service Dave Seifert (Pastor) Concert of Prayer	PM Gathering Outreach Service Dave Roeber (Vietnam Veteran) Praying Vietnam Veterans
8:45 - 9:45	9:30 - 10:15 Pool-Side Tiki Hut Welcome Kings Brass	Pool-Side Tiki Hut New Pastor Reception Darrell Cummings	Return from Mexico			9:15 - 10:15 Operation Bamabas program with CE National	Closing Celebration Kenrick Trimpride (Internationals U.S.A.) 6:45
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 Ideas

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
NON-CHURCHED CHILDREN**

1. Pray for contacts with non-churched or unsaved children.
2. Contact unsaved children in your neighborhood through friends of your children, family, and organizations.
3. Use existing ministries for outreach—VBS, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, SMM, and Boys' Club.
4. Structure your children's church program to include a focus on the unsaved child.
5. Be sensitive to the non-churched in your regular children's programs.
6. Regularly present the plan of salvation and give an invitation to personal commitment.
7. Often a preschool child can understand how to accept Christ so offer the opportunity at young ages.

- Become a volunteer in a pediatric unit of a hospital.
- Coach a little league sports team.
- Become a scout leader.
- Do volunteer work in a public school classroom, library, or cafeteria.
- Allow your home to be the neighborhood "gathering place" to play.
- Welcome new families to the neighborhood.
- Organize a city-wide canvas, leaving a church brochure at each home.
- Build relationships with parents.
- Host a children's after-school Bible club.
- Host a children's neighborhood kids club in the summer.
- Ask the YMCA in your city if you can start a Bible club in their facility after school.
- Consider a busing ministry.

From the book *Building Blocks* (CE National)

Released Time: An Open Door To Public School Children

Each week, thousands of students quietly leave their public school classrooms to study the Bible and pray. Isn't that illegal?

No! These public school students are using their court-protected right to "released time" instruction. The constitutionality of the classes was established in a Supreme Court decision in 1952 and there is evidence that the Supreme Court still considers this decision to be valid.

Released time allows students, with parental permission, to leave the school campus during the school day to attend classes of a religious nature. Called "Bible Release Time Education" or "Weekday Religious Education" the classes are offered to students from Kindergarten through high school. Some classes are offered daily to high school students for credit.

About 250,000 students in thirty states participated in the program in 1993. Sixty percent of those students were unchurched. Sponsored by local churches, parents and community groups, the classes are held any place from church buildings to homes.

In northern Wayne County, Ohio, the program reaches over one-thousand students in two school districts. About eight percent of the student enrollment attends the classes. The results have been exciting. Last fall, for example, ten students prayed to receive Christ during a one-on-one sharing time.

Children in the Wayne County program are taught a five-year "Through the Bible" study and end with a topical study in sixth grade. They memorize over fifty Bible verses through the program. Music, prayer time, memory verse drills, review, birthday recognition, games, and Bible lessons are all important parts of the class.

The program exemplifies local missions at work, since it is the only exposure many of the children ever have to the Gospel. Over twenty-five churches contribute through prayer, financial giving, and providing adult volunteers. The teacher is hired at an annual meeting by representatives from supporting churches.

Has your church considered reaching the children in your community through Bible released time? According to the Christian Legal Society in their booklet *Released Time Religious Education: An Overlooked Open Door*,

"It is an opportunity overlooked by most parents, clergymen, and educators. Religious released time is the most effective open door by which students may receive religious instruction during their school day. Released time is the only means by which religious instruction which is intended to convert students or instruct them in a particular set of religious beliefs is allowed during the school day."

For more information contact:

The National Association of Released Time Christian Education (NARTCE) at 400 S. Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540.

You may also wish to contact Linda Kline (10050 W. Easton Road, West Salem, OH 44287) who has been teaching released time for seventeen years.



STRAIGHT TALK BY JON KREGEL

This article was first printed in the April, 1995 issue of *Sports Spectrum*

As I sprinted down the soccer field, my teammate Pelé passed me the ball. Keeping my stride, I sent it back to him, then cut to the center to get in better position. He handled it effortlessly, maneuvered around his defender, and set me up with a perfectly placed pass.

I had a clear shot. Instinctively, I booted the ball. It skipped neatly past the lunging goalie and into the net. The crowd erupted.

It was the mid-1970s and I had just scored my first goal as a professional soccer player. My dream had come true, and I felt invincible.

In the next few years, however, I would discover that I was anything but invincible. That dream would turn into a horrible nightmare.

My journey through life began in Germany, where I spent my first four years in an orphanage—until a missionary couple from the United States adopted me. My new parents took me with them to Spain.

I was never much of a student, but I did find something that earned the respect of my Spanish buddies and made me feel important: Soccer. Any success I had in school was tied to my talent for that popular game.

After marrying my college sweetheart and graduating, we left for New York, where I became a member of the Cosmos, the most famous team in the North American Soccer League. While with the Cosmos, I roomed with Pelé.

My success in soccer during my five years with the Cosmos should have opened many doors of opportunity for me. Instead, it introduced me to the two temptations that often threaten men in professional sports: parties and women.

My wife knew what was going on. At the end of my fifth year with New York, she told me to choose between soccer and her. At first I made an effort to keep things

together. We left the city, and I tried another line of work. But it was too late. The damage caused by my immorality had already been done. Within two years, my college sweetheart and I were divorced.

Thinking I needed a fresh start, I headed south to Houston—I found enough alcohol, women, and good money to numb my pain. I started working as a doorman at a popular nightclub, and before long I had a management job.

The schedule was great. Get to the club in the early evening, work until the early morning, close up, and go to someone's house to party till dawn.

The routine stayed pretty much the same for me until an early morning bash when I came face-to-face with something I had only heard about before: Cocaine.

Bowing to the pressure from people I was afraid wouldn't like me if I abstained, I snorted the cocaine.

I was rocked by the most powerful feeling I had ever experienced. I felt cool, tough, invincible.

That feeling didn't last long. An hour later I was hunting for someone to sell me more. Within a few weeks I was so addicted that my salary could not support my habit.

There had to be a better way to supply my cocaine, I thought.

There was. Selling the stuff.

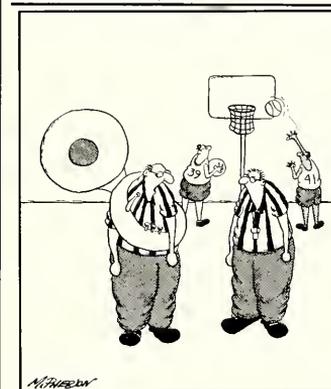
I'm still amazed at how quickly my coke business grew. Before long, I was smuggling large quantities of drugs into the U.S. and delivering them to high-rolling clients.

Eventually, I moved to Dallas, where the drug connections were even better. While working as a DJ at a popular club, I continued to try to fill my deep emptiness by taking more cocaine and partying.

On January 13, 1983, I was feeling pretty good. I had \$10,000 in my pocket and I was making even



Hockey in heaven



"I lost my whistle."



After hitting seven consecutive shots into the pond, Rick began to show a hint of apathy toward his golf game.

more sales. After a couple of girls made a purchase, I stepped out of my DJ booth for a minute.

I got the shock of my life.

Six men were pointing their guns at me. "Police!" one of them shouted. "Hit the ground face down. You are under arrest for possession and delivery of cocaine."

The girls who had made that last purchase were undercover agents.

"You're nothing but the scum of the earth," snarled the officer who snapped on the handcuffs.

From Pelé's roommate to scum of the earth. I had slid from the top of the world to the bottom. I was no longer invincible. I was scared. Embarrassed. Humiliated.

As my friends watched, I was dragged out of the club, shoved into an unmarked car, and hustled off to the county jail.

I was stripped, searched, fingerprinted, photographed. They found two grams of cocaine and the \$10,000. An officer told me, "You are under arrest for four counts of felony cocaine sales and two counts of felony possession of cocaine. Each count carries five to ninety-nine years in the Texas Department of

Corrections. Buddy, you are looking at a bunch of time."

As they rushed me off to my cell, a horrid sinking feeling came over me. The steel door slammed shut behind me and I wondered how long a cell would be my home.

Soon I found out that it would be six months before my case would even go to trial. Was there anything in me worth holding on to?

In my lonely despair, I began to reflect on my parents' godly example. I wondered if I hadn't missed something along the way.

The jail chaplain got a Bible for me, and I began reading in the book of John. Immediately I found a verse I had heard a thousand times before: "For God so loved the world. . ."

Something inside me clicked.

Kneeling next to my jail house cot, I prayed for the first time in many years. "Jesus, please forgive me for running from you for so long. I am sorry for all the sins I've committed against You. Please forgive me. And please come in and fill that lonely place inside me."

As I knelt on that cold jail floor, I felt a sense of freedom—true freedom—for the first time in my life.

The tears flowed—tears of happiness and joy. I let Christ take control of my life. I took the first step into a whole new way of life.

When my case finally went to trial, I was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison. After serving three and one-half years, by the grace of God, I received a sentence reduction and was released.

I stepped out of prison on March 18, 1987, with little more than the clothes on my back and \$200 in my pocket. Since that day I've had the privilege of speaking about my experiences to thousands and thousands of young people in hundreds of high schools, colleges, prisons, and churches.

God brought me back from the brink of an eternity in Hell. If He hadn't touched me that day in my jail cell, I'm not sure I would be alive today. And if I were alive without God, I would most likely still be rotting away in some federal penitentiary. God gave me a second chance. He'll do the same for you.

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A prayer guide is available that features Grace Brethren nationals who attended **CHARIS** (Grace) International Conference last fall. The guide contains informal photos and prayer requests to pray for each country. The guide is available from CE National for \$2.00 (includes postage).

Paul Michaels senses a true spiritual renewal is occurring in **Novosibirsk** and is excited about the possibility of planting eight more churches in Russia by the fall of 1996. Having just completed pastoral training classes attended by ninety men from four regions in Western Siberia, Paul writes, "I became better acquainted with ten to fifteen men whom I believe could presently plant new churches and about twenty-five men who have church-planting potential. I believe the Lord is leading us to plant at least two new churches in each region by the fall of 1996."

"We are two churches closer to the 2000," writes **Tom Staller**, referring to the goal of the National Fellowship to have 2000 GBCs worldwide by the year 2000. These new churches were started in March as a result of missionary efforts of the Association of **Chadian** GBCs.

The dramatic rise worldwide in illiteracy has caused the United Nations to call the 1980s the "Lost Decade." Some of the GBCs in the **Central African Republic** are trying to reverse this trend and lower the seventy percent illiteracy rate plaguing their people. A milestone event for literacy occurred recently when over 250 students and thirty literacy teachers representing fifteen literacy classes met together in **Bangui, CAR** for a literacy day celebration. A plan for getting this literacy/Bible fluency program going in remote areas of the country will be put into action in the fall.

After five months of school in the hub camp of **Mouale**, six pygmy evangelists are hitting the trails in an effort to reach deep forest pygmies with the Gospel. These evangelists know the language and culture and have the trust of their own people. Ten deep forest camps will be visited with a follow-up grand tour of all the camps in December, 1995.

Several days before Lazaro died of leukemia in Mexico City, he made a tape for his sister in which he shared his testimony of how he accepted the Lord. In the tape he mentions how **Martin Guereña** led him to Christ through a series of evangelistic Bible studies. Elizabeth, Lazaro's sister, called Martin and asked to be taught the same Bible studies that her brother had received. Elizabeth, along with her husband and three children, are studying the Bible with Martin and showing definite interest in trusting Christ. By faith Lazaro still speaks, even though he is dead.

In just one day, Billy Graham was able to preach the Gospel to more people than he had in all of his forty-five years of Gospel crusades. Thanks to modern technology, for three days in March, Billy Graham was able to preach to an audience of one billion people. That represents more than 20% of the world's population. Early reports cite 400 conversions in France alone. One of those who trusted Christ was a friend of missionary **Mary Ann Barlow** in **Chalon, France**. **Ralph Schwartz**, GBIM missionary and coordinator of the Porto, Portugal campaign, reported 22 decisions for Christ among the 1200 people who attended the Porto broadcasts.

Is it worth the effort to preach a sermon in Czech rather than just use a translator? **George Swain** would answer with a resounding yes. Two lessons he taught last month in Czech found their mark in the hearts

of the Czech people. Evidence of the 40-50 hours of preparation time being worthwhile were the discussions on evangelistic outreach possibilities which the lessons sparked. There is just something about speaking the heart language of the people.

There was no lack of fun, snow, or snowball fights for this year's ski camp in the French Alps according to GBFM missionary **Paul Klawitter**. Informal discussions on the slopes and more formal ones each evening centering around abundant life helped clarify for several the terms of the Gospel. All the ski campers were invited to the Billy Graham crusades the following week.

Tom Avey reports from the Lititz GBC: A few years ago our church compiled a very nice cookbook using recipes from members of our church. We reprinted the cookbook with a "welcome to our family" emphasis and have begun to deliver them to visitors within the week following their first visit. We have packets including the cookbook, a map of the church, and a church postcard. The visit is strictly door-step. We do not stay long or go inside the home. If the person is not at home when we call, the packet is left with a handwritten note on the postcard. The result is a very warm, nonthreatening first visit. Our E.E. team visits later and reports that "Door-Step" visits helped make people more open to the Gospel.

Pastor Les Nutter of the Susquehanna GBC of Wrightsville, PA recently underwent surgery for a herniated disc. Please continue to pray for Les and his swift and total recovery.

Pastor Don Eschelmann of Roanoke, VA reports that *Child Evangelism* magazine March/April issue includes an article by **Angie**

Garber entitled "Bridges to Navajos."

The **Peru GBC** of Peru, Indiana, has recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and has also voted to withdraw from the National Fellowship but will continue their membership in the Indiana District.

National Conference begins in San Diego, California on Friday July 21, and continues through Thursday, July 27. Speakers include Ray Castro, Kay Arthur, John MacArthur, Jr., Bob Logan, David Seifert, Sammy Tippit, Ray and Anne Ortlund, and George Barna. The theme of this year's conference is *Cross the Boundary*. Moderator is Ed Lewis.

The Lancaster News Era newspaper recently ran a series of articles on the churches of Lancaster County, PA. **Pastor Robert Kern** was asked to submit an article on our Grace Brethren Churches. Writes Pastor Kern, "The (Grace Brethren Church) vision remains the same: to provide a safe haven for people buffeted by the world; to encourage people in developing a personal relationship with the Lord; to teach and train them from the scriptures how to develop effective principles for living; and to challenge them to reach out to the needy in their community."

Dr. Roy Roberts, Pastor of New Holland GBC, New Holland, PA, was named to a statewide criminal justice reform task force for Justice Fellowship, the public policy arm of Chuck Colson's Prison Ministries. "The statewide task force was assembled to create a comprehensive criminal justice reform plan," Dan Tonkovich, Director of Justice Fellowship in Pennsylvania said. "It is the instrumental unit in our drive to make a significant impact on corrections." Justice Fellowship is a nationwide organization that

promotes biblically based reforms in the criminal justice system. The organization advocates policies that incorporate principles of restorative justice which equate toughness on crime with holding offenders accountable for making their victims whole again.

Dr. Randall Smith announced his resignation as Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to return to his Jerusalem based ministry. He has lived previously in Jerusalem and will be taking his wife Dot and their children back to live there again in July, 1995. "We cannot go as missionaries as this is not legal in Israel," he explains. "We are, however, working with congregation planting efforts while tentmaking as a Bible and Archaeology professor for International Biblical Conferences and Study Programs."

Wayne Hannah, Senior Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, Virginia has accepted the position of Assistant to the Director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions and began his new ministry in April. He and his family will continue to reside in Richmond. Please pray for the Hannah family in this new venture and for the Richmond church as they seek a new pastor.

A dedication service for the new building of the **Community Grace Brethren Church of Goldendale, Washington** was held on Sunday, April 2. **Greg Howell** is the Senior Pastor.

The **Waldorf, Maryland GBC** dedicated their new sanctuary on Sunday, April 9. They celebrated with a dinner and concert that evening.

Ivanildo Trindade, Director of Internationals USA, reported on his ministry to representatives of several national FGBC organizations

in Winona Lake on March, 21. Headquartered in Wooster, Ohio, and serving on the staff of the GBC there, Ivanildo is seeking to "stir the local church to the need of this work whose ultimate purpose is to befriend and win internationals for Christ." A native of Brazil, Ivan came to the United States to study, graduating from Grace Seminary several years ago. After various ministries in his homeland, he has returned to the U.S. to head up a program directed at reaching internationals who are studying in American schools or who have become permanent residents here. Three northern Ohio GBCs have ministries specifically designed to reach internationals: Wooster, Ashland, and Columbus. Pastor Trindade would welcome occasions to share the great opportunities for such ministries with other FGBC churches. He can be reached c/o GBC, Wooster, Ohio.

Indiana District Moderator, Ken Bickel, will make the following motion at the District Conference on May 6, 1995

"I recommend that we initiate a process within the Indiana District designed to provide information and rationale, and ultimately to bring a recommendation to District Conference on May 6, that the Indiana district divide into two districts along ideological lines. Basically, that division into two districts will yield one district which will allow individual churches to make their own decisions regarding the re-baptism-for-membership issue, and the other district will (probably) remain a 'closed' district."

The Executive Committee passed that recommendation by a majority vote after much discussion and despite an emotional reluctance.

Dave Mitchell, Pastor of the Waipio Grace Brethren Church in Hawaii has announced the comple-

tion of their Missions/Parsonage House. An invitation is given to all GBC missionaries, currently serving, to come to Hawaii and stay free of charge (except for a \$25 registration fee) for up to a month. The two bedroom, living room, and kitchenette missions complex is eager to be used, so call 1-808-623-0418 or write for details. If anyone would like to be a part of this missionary ministry, send your gifts to the Waipio GBC, 95-035 Waimakua Drive, Mililani, Hawaii 96789.

Keith Merriman has resigned as pastor at Orrville, Ohio. He will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana. Plans are indefinite.

A service to honor **Dr. Raymond Gingrich** and in memory of **Edith Gingrich** (who went to be with the Lord on January 22) was held at the Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio March 4. Pastor R. John Snow officiated. Dr. Sam Gingrich of Kamuela, Hawaii, son of the Gingrichs played a piano solo and tributes were presented by Mildred Carroll, George Johnson, Jackie, Turner, and Curtis Thomas. The Gingrichs pastored at Ellet from 1935-48 and Dr. Gingrich was influential in the starting of the Akron Bible Institute. Grace Seminary also had its beginnings at Ellet during that time.

Dr. Gingrich, a resident of Grace Village at Winona Lake, Indiana was called home to glory on Thursday, March 30.

"Our major goal this year has been to implement the cell group strategy in our churches in Belem and Uberlandia," reports **Dan Green** from **Brazil**. "Three churches in Belem have started cell groups. Two cell groups in Mansour, a suburb of Uberlandia, are enthusiastic about starting Sunday meetings. The other ministry that has grown has been the Grace Training Center in Belem. The emphasis of the GTC

is to train all people in the local church in evangelism/discipleship."

The **Brethren Missionary Herald Company** completed Spring Board meetings in LaJolla, California in mid-March. For two of the board members, Pastor Jeff Thornley of Waldorf, Maryland and Pat Phillips, an attorney from Columbus, Ohio, it was their first meeting with the BMH board. BMH will supply 20,000 Grow tracts to Mexico for Total Mobilization in July.

The next **FOCUS III Retreat** will take place at Sandy Cove, Maryland on May 1st through the 3rd.

Larry Chamberlain, Executive Director of GBHM, has announced several recent personnel changes on the Board of Directors and within the staff of Grace Brethren Home Missions.

He reports that **Brenda Kent** has been promoted to the position of Director of Finance and Ministry Information Systems. Brenda has served as the accountant for Home Missions, the Navajo Mission, and the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation for four years. Formerly, she was administrative assistant for Grace Brethren Financial Planning Service. She expects to complete her work for a master's degree in management this fall.

Chamberlain also announced with regret the departure of **Kirk Heng** as Director of Ministry Support. Kirk served in this capacity for two years and initiated a number of improvements in the promotional ministry of the mission. Because of budget constraints, the position will not be immediately filled.

The resignation of **Dr. John Mayes** from the Board of Directors was acknowledged with expressions of appreciation for his long service. Pastor of the Longview, Texas GBC, Dr. Mayes has served on the Board or as a Home Missions pastor for all but one year since 1952. Feeling it

was time to allow a younger man to serve, John stepped down at the conclusion of the March meeting of the Directors.

Pastor **Ron Boehm** has been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Mayes. Ron was the founding pastor of the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church in Macedonia, Ohio, where he continues to serve, having brought the church to self-supporting status and through its initial building program.

IN MEMORY

Marion (Mrs. Elmer) Tampkin died March 5, 1995.

Pauline Summy, former missionary to Africa, died March 4, 1995.

Dr. Raymond Gingrich, former pastor of the Ellet GBC (Akron Ohio), died March 30, 1995.

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LAMP LIGHT CHRONICLES

"Her lamp does not go out at night"

I am not in control of my life.

This short statement—this simple fact—is the source from which brew most of the ugliest frustrations of my life.

I am a control person. I want to plan my day, attack my schedule, get organized, and meet deadlines. I want things to fall into the slot that I have allotted to them and not vary by more than four or five minutes one way or the other.

The "experts" say to achieve this apparently good goal, all that I needed was better organization. Get up earlier, set priorities, make lists, hang a calendar/planner by my desk, relentlessly stick to it.

But you know, my life refused to be controlled and no amount of effort on my part did anything to effect that maddening truth.

But why did the fail-safe methods fail, leaving me frustrated, guilty, and struggling to work even harder? Because my goal was entirely wrong.

Life is not about being in control. My goal must be to be like Christ and to live within my circumstances in the same way He would. And those circumstances are beyond my control: people, machines, accidents, laws of nature, my own physical body—Christ has not given me the power over any of these.

I have no control over the people close to me. I might be able to suggest, cajole, or bully them into doing what I want but beyond that I cannot control their words, actions,

or intents and I can't cram them into my schedule no matter how I try.

I have no control over the acquaintances and strangers who make up the rest of my world. If they wait too long after the light has turned green, if they rob my house, if they get the promotion I wanted, I am powerless to change it.

I have no control over the machines and technology that fill my world. When the water heater stops with a house full of company, when the car breaks down halfway to my destination, when the computer at the bank forgets my name, when my oven elects to cook at a temperature twice what I selected—I do not have the upper hand.

I have no control over accidents. The broken arms, scraped knees, smashed crystal, spilled milk of life that must be cleaned up and paid for day or night.

I have no control over the laws of nature. Every hour only has sixty minutes and each week only seven days. Rain comes when picnics are planned and snow days come when the work at the office is the heaviest. The dust returns, the paint chips, and the weeds re-invade.

I have no control over my physical body. Sickness takes precious time allotted for other projects. I resent needing nine hours of sleep. I am at the mercy of some old injuries and the passing of time. My body, though I feed it well and exercise it frequently, is moving towards its demise.

God has the control.

He has set the times, seasons, events, and even accidents, in His plan. He rules the laws of nature, and of my life and death. He alone has the power to orchestrate it all including the annoying dog that barks all night, the interrupting phone call at dinner, or a frightening diagnosis from the doctor.

When I choose to ignore this, I arrive at the worst possible condition: while frantically fighting to control my world, a world over which I will never be sovereign, I relinquish the only real control I will ever have: control, through Christ, over myself.

Through His power, I can control my attitudes, actions, and responses to all the circumstances He allows. Only this path leads toward the goal of being like Christ—of living my life as if Christ Himself had moved into my family and was me.

Certainly there is not cause for throwing in the organizational towel. The goal to be like Christ is not accomplished by blindly tossing on the waves of the unexpected. I have learned that, if given the chance, all manner of worthless things will crowd out my days.

Nevertheless, it is time that I stop trying to get control of people and situations over which I never will have command. It is time to make my destination Christ-likeness and to allow Him to plot the daily "out-of-control" detours that He knows will best accomplish that goal.

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A Time to Speak

Last Sunday afternoon I came in from working in the yard and turned on the television to C-Span. There, to my surprise, was the Rev. Billy Graham stepping up to the podium. He was to deliver the main message at the memorial service for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

I listened in awe to this state-wide, state-sponsored memorial prayer service. So much for the separation of church and state.

The crowd of several thousands assembled in several locations listened intently as Billy talked about Job, about suffering, about Jesus' pain on the cross, and yes, about Heaven and how to get there from Oklahoma City.

He also drove home the point that these kinds of decadent behavior are normal activities for those who distance themselves from God.

As Billy concluded his message, I wondered if this could possibly be the spark that would ignite a revival in our land. God had certainly given him an important time to speak.

After the message, I returned to my chores outside in the yard. Suddenly a police car sped past our home, stopped, and began to back up. Then, I saw the EMS truck arrive and the drivers proceeded to enter the house directly across the street from mine.

This was not a job for Billy Graham

When I entered my neighbor's home, I saw him lying on the floor in a very helpless state. Evidently he was experiencing chest pains with the possibility of a heart attack. His wife wasn't home so the police officer asked me to stay with the baby, as they rushed the man off to the hospital.

While I stayed there with that baby, God impressed upon me the fact that I had not shared the gospel with my own neighbor. Had I spent the time building bridges? Yes. But had the time come to speak? Yes.

God also impressed me with something else. This was not a job for Billy Graham. In fact, God doesn't want another Billy Graham. He already has one.

This was a job for me. God wants me to simply share the good news with someone who needs Jesus—someone like my own neighbor, just across the street. Will I do it? You bet I will and I'll do it today.

...there comes a time when you must cross the bridge you have so carefully and patiently built—before the one on the other side is taken away by the tides of life and death

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To Save Our Soldiers

One young man was brought to me who professed to be a Satanist, having been raised that way by his parents. He claimed that Satan would rule the world one day. I explained that he was right, but that was only part of the story. I opened the scriptures and showed him that Satan would also be defeated and that Christ would establish His kingdom upon the world. That young man accepted Christ as his Savior. Later he shared his story with more than a thousand recruits at Sunday worship. That day, more than a hundred Marine recruits came forward to make decisions for Christ.

Chaplain (LCDR) Dayne Nix, USN



The Eagle Commission was formed to assist our Grace Brethren chaplains serving in this vital and difficult ministry. The Eagle Commission is a corps of Grace Brethren men and women who have committed themselves to pray for our chaplains and financially support this ministry. Under the sponsorship of Grace Brethren Home Missions, the Eagle Commission provides special support and encouragement for our chaplains as they fight the spiritual battles for the souls of our soldiers around the world.

On the USS Shreveport, I was the only chaplain and there were about 900 Navy Marine Corps personnel. I soon discovered that many of them had a real interest in spiritual things. You could see in their eyes their hunger for the Word of God. For Bible study, we really had to "pack them in", and afterwards one of the Marines said to me, "This is my fifth float (i.e. he was on his fifth deployment that lasted six months) and this is the first time I ever heard a Chaplain preach the Gospel."

Chaplain (LCDR) Jack Galle, USN

As a member of the Eagle Commission, you can have a part in the ministry of our chaplains. Your gift of \$15 a month provides regular communication with military personnel, prayer letters to members, continuing Chaplains' education at Grace Brethren workshops, office and travel expenses of the Chaplains' endorsing agent, and Chaplains' expenses at the annual Grace Brethren National Conference. Eagle Commission members will receive monthly information of the ministries, activities and families of our military Chaplains, as well as their stations of duty at home and around the world. And you will have the joy of knowing that your contributions are being multiplied in the lives of thousands of soldiers who are under the ministry of our chaplains each year.

We are the envy of other chaplains in other denominations and fellowships. The support we receive from the Grace Brethren Fellowship is phenomenal.

We're so thankful for the Eagle Commission . . .

Chaplain (CDR) John Diaz, USN



It's a wide-open mission field. It's an amazing opportunity to share the gospel with thousands of people every year. And, at a time when Christians are struggling to protect many of our religious freedoms, it's a ministry that's fully supported by the United States Government.

For over fifty years, Grace Brethren men have been serving the United States Armed Forces as chaplains. Ten full-time active-duty Grace Brethren chaplains now minister at American military bases world-wide, in addition to our Reserve Chaplains, Veterans Affairs Chaplains and Retired Chaplains. All of these chaplains have found that, in peace time as well as times of war, they have many unique opportunities to meet the needs of the men and women whom they serve.

We were on a combat mission outside of Saigon in an area called the Iron Triangle. It had been probably one of the most tempestuous areas in Vietnam at that time. Early one evening, a young soldier named Larry Dawson stopped me and said, "I'm not right with God." And so standing out there in the middle of enemy territory, Larry made a commitment of his life to the Lord. Larry's name is on the Vietnam monument. Within 30 days of his coming home, he was caught in an ambush. I went to the Vietnam memorial and looked up his name. That was, for me, a very emotional moment. Very emotional.

Chaplain (COL) John Schumacher, USA



Often, our chaplains have placed themselves in great physical danger, ministering to the soldiers of their unit. They are men of courage and conviction. They are men who are committed to our Lord Jesus Christ and the mission He has given them. And they are men who deserve our support.

I arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the middle of a sea of 35,000 angry Cubans. During my first weeks there was nothing but turmoil. Daily escapes, violence, and hunger strikes all led to the mass riots of September when nearly 9,000 Cubans flowed over the concertina wire and took to the streets and hills of Guantanamo. But God was working. Many Cuban refugees, who had never before heard the gospel, were saved and a Cuban church began to form. Our first Bible study (involving six people) began to grow and multiply and soon attendance was at 300 per Bible study!

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*Cuba—Discipleship Care Class
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Profile of a Titus 2 Woman

By Chery Otermat



Since Chery holds the title of Director of Girls' Ministries, you can recognize that her concern in this article is not just for ministry to grown-up women. She also has a special concern for growing-up young women.

SMM is a terrific program for girls and young women. If you'd like to know more about this opportunity for ministry in your church, write to Chery Otermat at CE National, P.O. Box 365 Winona Lake, IN 46590.

If you are still left wondering. . . whether you can feel prepared and adequate for your role as a Titus 2 woman, and if you can know ahead of time that you will be successful in this investment, the answer is no.

Did Sarah have all the answers when she and Abraham were asked to take a step of obedience in taking Isaac to Mt. Moriah? No, in scripture their obedience is called a "work of faith."

If there are those areas of the profile that for you would have to be a "work of faith" to overcome or to attain, consider taking them to Mt. Moriah. What stands between you and obedience to the command in Titus 2? Take it to Mt. Moriah, you too will see God's faithfulness.

Titus 2: 3-5 challenges the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women. . ."

Investing in the life of a younger woman involves a step of faith. Do we ever feel adequate or completely prepared for the job? Do we have all the answers? No, we don't. In accepting the challenge to become a Titus 2 woman, a woman involves her life in the only two eternal things this world offers—God's Word and people.

How is it then that a life becomes worthy of being emulated and worthy of the privilege of training a younger woman? Looking at the profile of a Titus 2 woman, one can find the following characteristics:

She is faithful in the basics. Her life includes. . .

- **Daily time in the Word**—her teaching centers on the Word of God and she serves from a "fresh platter" because she invests daily time in the Word and seeks practical application of it.

- **Prayer**—she prays specifically and recognizes specific answers to prayer. She is transparent in sharing her own prayer needs.

- **Fellowship**—she is a woman who moves out of her "comfort zone" and serves to be a source of encouragement. Her relationships are not exclusive; but there is room allowed for outsiders.

- **Witnessing**—A Titus 2 woman demonstrates God's love and kindness and shows God's love in practical ways in order to share the love of Christ with those with whom she comes in contact. Sharing her faith is a way of life rather than a program.

She lives outside her "comfort zone."

- She asks herself the question: "What gets me closer to people in order to share Christ?"

- She demonstrates a willingness to cross cultural lines, social barriers, and generation gaps.

She communicates a heart for the lost.

- Those things that break Jesus' heart break her heart.

- Her heart for the lost causes her to look for ways to create side-door entry points, safe entry points for nonbelievers to enter the church arena—such things as Mom's clubs and Mothers in Touch.

She communicates a relevant Christianity and a relevant God.

- "We've always done it that way" is not included in her vocabulary. She does not seek to keep tradition intact at the expense of alienating people.

- She recognizes that meeting people's basic needs may enable a nonbeliever to listen about her God. Providing such things as food and clothing—personally caring for nonbelievers makes her God personal to them.

She communicates "gray" areas as personal convictions and not law.

- She teaches Scriptural truth without compromise, but teaches personal convictions as both "personal" and a "conviction."

She has her "rights" in perspective.

- Her time, possessions, and life goals belong to God and focus on Philippians 2: 3-4 "considering others as more important than herself."

Such a woman surely will draw other women to herself. She will be able to mentor other women and teach them. She will be able to experience the joy and the rewards of investing in another life

My Job as a Father

By Edgar Guest
1923

I have known a number of wealthy men who were not successful fathers. They made money rapidly; their factories were marvels of organization; their money investments were sound and made with excellent judgment, and their contributions to public service were useful and willingly made. All this took time and thought. At the finish there was a fortune on the one hand, and a worthless and dissolute son on the other. WHY? Too much time spent in making money—too little time spent with the boy.

When these children were youngsters romping on the floor, if someone had come to any one of those fathers and offered him a million dollars for his lad he would have spurned the offer and kicked the proposer out of doors. Had someone offered him ten million dollars in cash for the privilege of making a drunkard out of his son, the answer would have been the same. Had someone offered to buy from him for a fortune the privilege of playing with the boy, of going on picnics and fishing trips and outings, and being with him a part of every day, he would have refused the proposition without giving it a second thought.

Yet that is exactly the bargain those men made, and which many men are still making. They are coining their lives into fortunes and automobile factories and great industries, but their boys are growing up as they may. These men probably will succeed in business; but they will be failures as fathers.

Not so much of me in the bank, and more of my best in the lad, is what I should like to have at the end of my career.

"A Conversation With My Dad"

By Cliff Barrows *Decision Magazine*, June 1994

My Dad is gone.

But before he passed away, I had a conversation with him that I will never forget. Dad couldn't see, and he could hardly hear; nor did he recognize my voice.

I was the only one in the room with him that day, and I decided: "I'm going to ask Dad some questions about 'Cliff.'" That was a dangerous thing to do! But I wanted to do it.

I said, "Mr. Barrows, what kind of a boy was Cliff?"

He said, "He was a good boy."

"Was he obedient?"

"Yes. If he weren't, I would have spanked him."

Dad just came out and said that. That was my dad.

Then I asked him, "What did you and Mrs. Barrows want Cliff to become? What were your ambitions for him?"

Without hesitation he raised both hands and, with a smile, he reminisced, "We wanted him to become a surgeon. We thought that he had good hands and that he would make a good doctor."

I knew that this was true because, during my latter grade school years and my first years in high school, that notion was ingrained in me. I wrote term papers about doctors and about medicine. I didn't know much about those things, but I really wanted to become a doctor.

My aunt had told me, "I'll send you to the University of California at Berkeley, and I'll pay your way, if you will study medicine."

I was set for that direction, I thought—until God spoke to my heart and called me into Christian ministry.

As I sat with my father, who still did not recognize my voice, I asked, "Did Cliff become a surgeon?"

He shook his head. "No."

I asked, "What did he become?"

My father replied, "He became a song leader for Billy Graham and he preaches once in a while."

I said, "You wanted him to become a surgeon and he became a song leader? The only similarity is that they both begin with 'S.'"

Then I asked Dad: "Mr. Barrows, were you disappointed? Your aspiration was for Cliff to become a surgeon, and he became a song leader, and a minister."

Dad waited quite a few seconds and then turned in my direction. With a little smile on his face, he said, "No. He had to do the will of God."

I put my arms around him. "Dad," I said, "this is Cliff speaking to you."

He laughed. "You rascal! You tricked me."

As I hugged him, I said, "Dad, thank you for putting God's will above your own personal desires; you wanted God's will most. I will always be proud to tell people about my father. You've set an example for me that I am passing on."

My dad was a great and wonderful man. He was a hard working farmer and a helper. He spent several of his retirement years on the mission field helping people.

I hope and pray that if someone, someday, comes to my children and asks them, "Will you tell us about your dad?" they will answer, "He loved God, and he sought to put him first in his relationships with our mother and with us. We thank and praise God for that."

Major League Dad

By Tim & Christine Burke

An excerpt from the moving story of an All-Star Pitcher who gave up Baseball for his family

January 1 was usually a trigger for me. Once the college football bowl games were over, I began to get the itch for baseball. But 1993 was different. After we packed for spring training and began the long drive to Florida, I still couldn't muster up any of the usual anticipation and excitement about reporting to camp with all the other pitchers and catchers. The feel of warm sunshine on tired muscles, the smell of fresh-cut grass, the boisterous sounds of clubhouse camaraderie—none of the traditional spring sensations aroused those familiar feelings. Even in the first few days of camp, when I was throwing better than I had in years, I just couldn't get excited about the prospects of another baseball season.

Out on the field doing calisthenics or throwing on the mound, I would think, *What am I doing out here? I'd rather be with Christine and the kids.*

February 27, 1993. The locker room at the Cincinnati Reds training camp seemed quieter than usual that Saturday morning. Or maybe I just shut out all the usual commotion in order to complete the task at hand.

I fought the urge to slide my hand into my glove and feel its familiar leather shape. *No sense prolonging this ordeal.* I tossed my glove into the bag.

The Reds' public relations director was waiting for me. "We didn't have time to set up a formal press conference," he said. "But some reporters want to talk to you."

"Okay," I replied. "When I'm finished here."

As I collected the last of my personal things, a couple of my new teammates strolled over to my locker. "We just heard," they said. "Is it true? You're retiring?"

I nodded—and wondered how, in a few short words, I could even begin to answer their implied question: *Why?*

They knew, as everyone on the team knew, that Christine and I had adopted three special-needs children from overseas. We were expecting our fourth, a little Vietnamese boy with a club foot, in a matter of weeks. So I simply said, "I've decided my wife and family need me a lot worse than baseball does right now."

That was it in a nutshell. But what I didn't try to explain was the agony I had been through with this decision; the traumatic family events over the past few years that led up to this point; and the confusing mix of emotions churning inside of me.

Six or eight reporters surrounded me the instant I left the locker room. They were newspaper guys mostly, along with some radio reporters; no television crews would be around that early on a Saturday morning. I leaned back against the nearest wall and began answering their questions.

"Why are you retiring?"

"Baseball is going to do just fine without me," I said. "It's not going to miss a beat. But I'm the only father my children have. I'm the only husband my wife has. And they need me a lot more than baseball does."

A Little Bit of God's Wisdom & Wit for Men

Compiled By Clift Richards & Lloyd Hildebrand

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. *Will Rogers*

Keep thy eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterwards. *Benjamin Franklin*

Most people are about as happy as they make their minds up to be.

Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave. *Martin Luther*

A diamond is a chunk of coal that stayed on the job under pressure.

A man should be like tea, his real strength showing when he gets in hot water.

Many a man expects his wife to be perfect and to understand why he isn't.

Show courtesy to others—not because they are necessarily gentlemen, but simply because you are.

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

Two things a man should never be angry at: what he can help, and what he cannot help.

Thomas Fuller

Never, never, never, never give up.

At the Risk of Being Faithful

By Pastor Chip Heim, East Side GBC, Columbus, OH

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This is an historic moment for our church. Whatever decision we make tonight will not change that fact. What is being proposed is as ambitious as anything we have ever done. What do we face? What is before us? We have a building proposal before us that has been four years in the making. The project is estimated to cost \$2.2 million. We have raised through cash-in-hand and commitments about \$935,000. This means we must do something about the difference.

Looking out my office window, I reflect on people in the Bible who took risks for the Lord and his kingdom work. What can I learn from men like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, and Jeremiah? Abraham was asked by God to sacrifice his son. That risk dwarfs any risk I have ever taken for God. Moses was asked to do battle with the most imposing and intimidating person in the world at that time. Joshua was asked to lead two million people in a military conquest and settlement with no prior top-level experience. And Jeremiah was put in a position by God where his life was wrapped up in and dependent upon the decisions made by others.

Different people with different situations who shared a common

bond—God had led all of them into their risk. I learn a lot about risk when I consider their situations.

First, these men accepted risk for they knew God was with them. When God challenged Abraham the Bible states that “early the next morning Abraham got up and set out for the place God had told him about.” After his initial misgivings, Moses “went to Pharaoh and said: ‘The God of Israel says Let my people go.’” Joshua was selected by God to be Moses’ successor even though he had no experience. God told him “Be strong and courageous.” So Joshua ordered the people to get ready and go. God told Jeremiah “Get yourself ready. Stand up and say what I command you.” As these men walked into the risk that God gave them, they knew that God was with them.

Second, their risk meant that they did not know the future. In fact, that is the nature of risk. Neither Abraham, Moses, Joshua, or Jeremiah knew what the future held for them yet it did not matter because God was walking with them. Psalm 34:7 affirms this by saying, “The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and he delivers them.”

Third, their God is our God. Abraham learned that God is a God who provides. He led Abraham into a risk and provided a way out of it. Moses learned that God is great and powerful, whose will cannot be resisted. Joshua learned that God did not lead him into a risk only to cut the branch off behind him. And Jeremiah learned that God can be trusted no matter how bleak a situation may appear. We can believe that God will always be the

same for his people. God did not abandon His people then and he will not abandon us now.

Fourth, although their fears were real, these men were propelled by God's kingdom work. Abraham, who probably knew the least about God and His ways, knew that God's kingdom work meant obedience. Moses was able to challenge Pharaoh for he had learned that it was God's work and God's people for whom he battled. Joshua had a vision of leading God's people into the long-promised land. Jeremiah was propelled to preach because God's work was being jeopardized by God's own people.

Their motive in every instance was God and His work. The risks were considerable and brought great disruption to their lives, not to mention fear and anxiety. But all of that was set aside for mission.

And what of us and our church? What has God been doing among us? Many faces flash through my memory of people who have seen God do a work in their lives at our church. Young couples in premarital counseling; the man who met Jesus as Lord and Savior this past Wednesday; all the elementary children who attend school here everyday; high school students who will go to Mexico on short-term missions this summer; the families hosting backyard Bible clubs; Sunday school teachers.

We are not a perfect church. Since I am a member we, by definition, are not perfect. The point though, is not to magnify our faults but to magnify our God who is able to take people like us and build a church. If God wanted to build a church efficiently, easily, and quickly he could fill it with angels who always do His bidding. Instead, He uses people like us so that His grace and power are unmistakable.

Do we believe our church has been important over the past twenty-four years? If our church suddenly vanished would the

church at large be hurt? Do we believe we can simply sit back and rest on our past? Do we believe that God has people in the world—here in Columbus and abroad—for us to reach? Do we believe that by God's sovereignty we have been brought together? Do we believe God can help us now?

Those questions have a direct bearing on our perspective of the decision before us. Obviously, it is not the building that makes a ministry. Nevertheless, the building does play a key role. We were reminded of that last Sunday when about twenty people were turned away at our middle service. There

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was no space for them. Maybe we should consider a different risk—what is the risk of not building? Who will reach the new families moving into our area? Will we be able to improve or expand our ministries if we constantly face space pressures? Do we want to maintain the fort or go on the offensive and knock down the gates of hell.

I believe my conscience is clear before the Lord regarding the motives behind our proposal. If you have wondered if this is about stroking a pastor's ego, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the more we grow, the further out of my comfort zone I am pushed. The building is not about bigger numbers. It is about people.

I have never forgotten something that Pastor Randy Bowman taught me. He said, "Chip, always remember that behind every number is a person whose greatest need is to know God."

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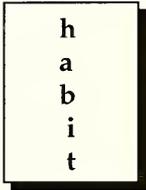
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VISUALIZING RESULTS: Using "Evanvisuals" to communicate Christ

By Viki Rife, based on an interview with Ron Jurke

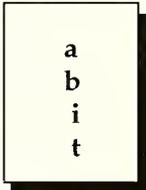
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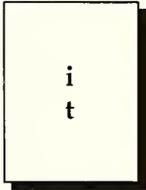
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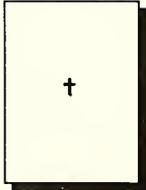
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There is only one way to
kick a bad habit: get rid of
the "I" and focus on



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the cross.

Under the black light, the illustration shows up clearly. It depicts a bus stop, with people waiting for the bus. These people are waiting for a one-way, sin-seeking tour. The bus driver is the Devil himself.

As the story unfolds, other illustrations appear. The rich man is waiting at the stop—he doesn't realize that he can't take his riches with him. The drunkard, once his mother's joy and father's crown, watches with bleary eyes for the bus. A teen, full of vim, vigor, and soda pop, prepares to board on this fun-seeking trip. What none of them realizes is that at the end of the line, where there is no hope of return, people are frantically trying to stay afloat in the lake of fire. The air brakes squeal; the Devil says "Welcome aboard." At the end of the story, a silhouette and a question mark leave a mental image and the question: "What about me?"

This is an example of an "evanvisual," the use of visuals to communicate gospel truths. For forty years Ron Jurke of Kittaning, PA, has been using such methods to make invisible spiritual realities "visible" to the heart.

Ron explains that the value of the evanvisual is that it leave a person with a mental snapshot. God can someday "explode" that mental snapshot in that person's consciousness to draw that individual to Himself.

Evanvisuals include such varied methods as gospel magic, puppetry, clowning, juggling, balloon sculpture, ventriloquism, chalk art, scripto-squares, semantic sermonettes, flannelgraph, gospel-grams, blacklighted materials, filmstrips, and videos. The addition of these methods to a presentation of the gospel helps to clarify the message and generate enthusiasm and excitement. After all, children rarely look puzzled when shown pictures, and even adults are less likely to be confused when they are shown a diagram. Realizing that "a picture paints a thousand words," the motto of the evanvisualist is "From the Bible, through the eye, into the heart."

Most of us are willing to acknowledge the value of evanvisuals, but aren't sure where to begin. Ron offers some suggestions:

1. Any gospel presentation should be interesting, dramatic, and exciting.
2. Other activities such as story-telling, role-playing discussions, crafts, and games are still valuable and should be included in the program.
3. Visual presentations should stimulate earnest thought and never do the thinking or deciding for the children.
4. Remember that the most effective visual is still the teacher's example.
5. Be sure to have good scriptural application or the person will be more interested in the visual than in the message.
6. While most visuals may seem costly, remember that you get out of something exactly what you put into it. Being an evanvisualist calls for tithing not only of your time, but also of your income.

7. Learn from others. Seek out individuals who use visuals such as chalk art and ask them to show you what to do. Evanvisualists are usually eager to share what they have learned.

8. Collect helpful information and resources. One good source of information is the Fellowship of Christian Magicians International. In addition to their magazine, *The Christian Conjurer*, they offer regional workshops as well as an annual conference. For more information write to them at: Fellowship of Christian Magicians, Inc. P.O. Box 232, Sterling, CO 80751.

Anyone interested in more information on evanvisuals can contact Ron Jurke, Rt. 5, Kittaning, PA 16201. Phone 412-543-2208.

Jan Ripple—On the Brink

By Allen Palmeri, *Sports Spectrum*, May 1995

At the Louisiana State University pool, she assists the Bengal Tiger Aquatics Club. Her job is to help a group of elite teenage swimmers prepare mentally. It's really quite simple for this world-class triathlete. Jan Ripple gets to be herself.

"I get into it with the kids and we lay it on the line," Ripple says. "I just confront them on the issues. It's been good because I've had a lot of positive feedback from the parents."

Ripple's own athletic career includes eight years of high-level competition in the triathlon. She's a three-time member of the US national team and finished as high as second in the world. In 1989 she earned Triathlete of the Year honors.

Now semi-retired at age thirty-nine, she's approaching the point in life where she wants to give back more of herself to her hometown of Baton Rouge. So she enjoys working with the young swimmers, one of whom is her fourteen-year-old daughter, Shelly.

Inside Jan was a well of athletic strength. She tapped the well early as a swimmer, earning a scholarship to LSU and laying a foundation for her future triathlon success. But first she married Steve Ripple, former linebacker at LSU, and they started their family. Later, with Steve doing his dental school residency in 1984 at the University of Kentucky, she entered her first triathlon and won. Steve not only challenged Jan to pursue the sport full-time, but he also became her coach.

Jan was a natural. Soon she was competing with the best, placing fifth in the 1987 world championships in Australia. She quickly entered her sport's ultimate test, the Hawaii Ironman, thinking she could win. "That can get you in trouble," she would later admit.

She surged into the lead during the cycling, but started to dehydrate.

She began the last leg of the event, the marathon, in the lead pack, but started to get dizzy about ten miles from the finish. Staggering all over the course, smashing into water tables, and falling down, she tried to keep her mind on Jesus as she finished in a sickening crawl. Faith and the power of the mind helped her across the line—collapsing as she did. She finished fourteenth.

"I wouldn't let my kids see (a tape of that event) until they got older," Ripple says. "A lot of it now is what I see in Shelly—the fight and the drive. I think maybe, in a way, it inspired her."

With Shelly, along with brother Kyle, twelve, and sister Kate, eleven, getting more involved in sports, Jan's motherhood role has dampened her burning desire to train for triathlons. Her Christian faith is helping her cope with the transition.

Last June, Jan missed a spot in the Goodwill Games triathlon. Her defeat troubled her. Enter a fellow Christian triathlete, Bill Braun.

"God is trying to tell you that He has other plans for you," Braun told her. "I feel as if you've been carrying the baton for a long time, and now you can pass the baton over to me."

"When he told me that," Jan recalls, "there was sort of a peace, like, 'I hope you are right, Bill' It wasn't the way I wanted to get out of the sport, but it was like God's way of letting me get out."

Sure enough, less than a month later, she separated her right shoulder on a training-ride spill. She was out for the rest of the season, pushed to the brink of retirement. On the brink is as close as she'll get for now.

"There's a part of me that says: 'Maybe when you're forty, you will go back to Hawaii,'" she says. Until then, she persists with her small world of teen swimmers, and her brand of mental preparation.

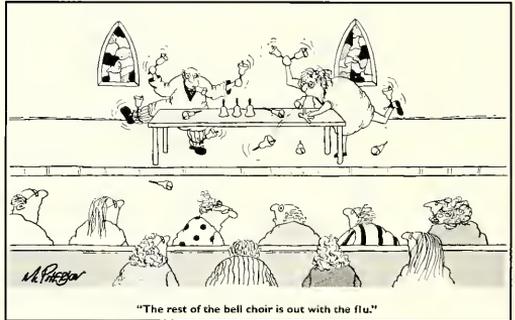
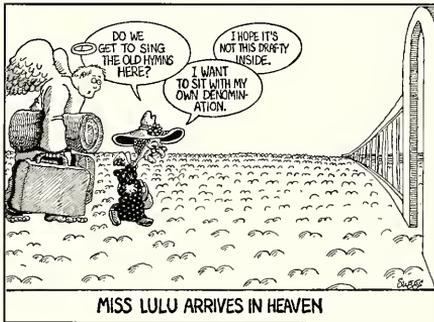
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*While most triathletes
live a solitary life,
dedicated solely to
training, Jan Ripple
has spent her entire
triathlon life as a
mother of three.*

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The ladder of life is full of splinters—most of which you don't see until you start sliding down.

If at first you don't succeed—you'll get plenty of advice.

It's too bad all of life's problems can't hit us when we're 18—the stage of life when we know everything.

The problem with being a grouch is that you have to make a new set of friends every few weeks.

The person who doesn't know where he's going usually gets there in record time

Be nice to your friends.

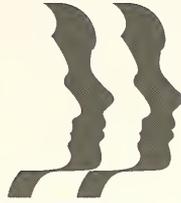
If it weren't for them, you would be a total stranger.

An expert is an ordinary person a hundred miles from home.

All it takes to grow healthy grass is a crack in the driveway.



PEOPLE WE MEET



We asked several pastors this one question:

“What is one thing you are going to do differently in your church this year to obey the Great Commission?”

Jack Rants—Kent, WA

Really involve the people more as a church family as opposed to just elders doing the work. We have reorganized our leadership structure so that the Deacons now will have their biblical domain of service.

Greg Howell—Goldendale, WA

We have encouraged our people to identify five people in their circle of friends that don't know the Lord, pray for opportunities to be able to bring them to church—bring them to the Lord. We have periodic interviews asking for updates on the five being prayed for.

Ken Koontz—Deltona, FL

We are trusting the Lord to enable us to build a new Christian Education annex in order to increase our Sunday School potential as well as Awana outreach—a key, right now, for reaching unsaved homes.

Dan Thornton—Soldotna, AK

We believe strongly in the gifts of the Spirit. We are working hard to free everybody to work in areas of their giftedness. We are giving people wings and the help to stretch into service and outreach ministries.

Tom Hughes—Long Beach, CA

I plan to transfer all my administrative responsibilities to capable men so that I can be doing what I believe is my strength—evangelism.

Chris Ball—Arvada, CO

Discipling my elders towards reaching the lost. As an example in my own life, and giving them thirty to forty different ways to build bridges to reach people for Christ.

Terry Daniels—South Pasadena, CA

I intend to take our existing outreach ministry, which seems to be working well on the local level, and help them have a greater international focus. We want to see beyond our borders and push the edges of the harvest out—increasing the vision and the challenge and trust they will rise to the opportunity. We've got a real heart for it.

Rick Clark—Manheim, PA

We are going to develop small groups to meet the needs within our community and invite those from around us into these small group settings where they can hear the gospel, hear other peoples' experiences, and feel the love of Christ.

Steve Galegor—Navajo Missions

I am going to spend more time developing leaders. I've spread myself too thin and need to develop good men under me who can be put to the work of the Great Commission.

Ron Carnevali—Atlanta, GA

We are going to equip the people in our church who are burdened about evangelism so that they will have the skills and the confidence in sharing their faith.

Bob Fetterhoff—Wooster, OH

We plan to implement a Christian Life Institute for people who are interested in the further development of their own spiritual life. The institute will have five phases, the final one of which is several weeks of training in methods of evangelism.

Dan Eshleman, Elizabethtown, PA

I am establishing a discipleship program with four of my young men and bringing them through so that they can be spiritual leaders in the church as well as elected leaders in the church.

Bob Juday—Portis, KS

I am going to spend a lot more quality time with my men in discipleship.

John McIntosh, Simi Valley, CA

The burden of my heart is evangelism that targets city administrators, the mayor, city council members, school board members. They are people who are often overlooked.

Bob MacMillan, Tracy, CA

We are ready to implement the change that I will no longer do management. It has been turned over completely to the deacons and deaconesses. My job will be spiritual leadership.

The **First Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana** has called **Bill Smith** as Senior Pastor. Bill has been the Interim Pastor for the past four months.

The congregation of the **Eastside Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio**, approved a \$1 million expansion of their building on April 23. The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation has approved the financing of this project.

This note from **Salem, Virginia** is just to let you know that by order of the congregation, the name of our church has changed from Wildwood Grace Brethren Church to **Light-house Christian Ministries**. While the name has changed, our doctrine remains the same, and we have no plans to ever leave the Grace Brethren Fellowship.

The **Herald Bookstore in Winona Lake, Indiana** is currently undergoing a major remodeling effort including new carpet and shelving fixtures. Come by and see us!

Steve Poppenfoose recently accepted the position of Controller at **Grace Schools**. He held a similar position at Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

March's tragic earthquake claiming five-thousand Japanese lives did not directly affect the Tokyo area, but did offer our GBC there an opportunity to reach out to the needy. Not only were they able to send an offering for relief and evangelism to the quake area, but also one of our GBC men went there to help. The earthquake shook both the foundations of the city and, more importantly, the foundations of false belief systems. According to missionary **Cecil O'Dell**, many have come to Christ during this crisis.

Who among the Rittman Soccer Team ever imagined that they

would be received as US Ambassadors when they went to Portugal? On April 10 they were honored in the mayor's palace by the Vice-Mayor of Porto. This was just one of the highlights among many of a trip which **Pastor Bub Olszewski** described as "Perfect, or better." The purpose of this missions trip—to make a positive impression on the Portuguese for the gospel and to expose young people to missions—was definitely accomplished. GBIM missionary **Tim Hawkins** was able to meet many of the city's key people as a result of the team's visit.

The missionary spirit and vision which started **GBIM** and gave birth to our **International Grace Brethren** family is catching on. Germans are serving in Africa, Mexicans have gone to Cuba, Chadian missionaries have crossed ethnic borders to unreached Muslim territories, and now a Brazilian couple is considering missionary service in Uruguay as well.

For a party or a soccer match, Pingo was the guy to have around. He still is a fun guy, but ever since he started studying about Jesus with **Bruce Triplehorn**, a lot about him has changed—and for the better. Pingo has delved into life with an even greater zest than ever. All who know him have noticed and are asking questions.

In order to create a better forum for answering these questions about this new hope that is in him, he has started a youth group. His next dream is to start a church in his district in **Belem, Brazil**.

Imagine one-hundred fifty High School students who would rather go to a 6:30 a.m. Bible study than sleep. Or eighty young people who are more hungry for the Word than for lunch. That is the kind of response the **Leighs** are having to their ministry in the **Philippines!**

Already many have expressed a desire to follow Christ.

French young people may act more subdued about their spiritual hunger, but it is there. Fifty-five young people attended the young teens ski camp in **France** last month. Besides plenty of fun, snow, and food, there were great opportunities for dialogue.

The church in the **Philippines** has grown fifty-eight percent in the last decade according to Mission Today. But there is still a lot of work to do in this the only Asian country to have a Catholic majority. On Good Friday some devoted Catholics hoped to gain favor with God by having themselves nailed to crosses. But this kind of darkness is being penetrated by the light of the gospel and a great harvest is being taken in. We now have eight churches in the Manila area—all of which are under Filipino pastors.

If you were to take a marker and draw a box on a globe running along the tenth and fortieth latitude, starting from the west coast of Africa to East Asia, that box would coincide perfectly with what is being called the most unreached area of the world. How ironic that this area where once grew the Garden of Eden, should today be the heart of three major false religions: Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It also contains eight of ten of the world's poorest nations. Even more ironic is the fact that only six percent of the evangelical missionary force serves there. October has been targeted for focused prayer for the harvest of this area called the "**10/40 Window**." For more information call Bev Pegues at 719-522-1040.

If only 1000 people lived on planet Earth, 329 would call themselves Christians, 178 would be Muslims, 167 would be classified as

nonreligious, there would be 132 Hindus, 60 Buddhists, 45 atheists, and 3 Jews. The other 86 would be divided among other religions.

A window dedication service was held in late April at the **First Brethren Church in Buena Vista**. The stained glass windows, built by Raynal Art Glass of Lexington, were recently completed and installed.

Several hundred people attended **Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, California**, in early April to hear astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross. Dr. Ross gave his testimony on his search of world religions as a teenager and how he came to Christ after being convinced of the truth of the Genesis creation account. He also spoke on the latest scientific findings which support belief in the God of the Bible. **Donald Shoemaker** is the Pastor at Seal Beach.

A musical was presented by the youth of the **Eastside Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio**. The play was presented to over 450 people. The group traveled to the Ashland Grace Brethren Church and the church in Akron to do repeat performances. Offerings received will help send thirty senior high students to Tijuana, Mexico on a missions trip and twenty-seven junior highers to an inner city missions trip in Pittsburgh, PA.

Congratulations to **Robert Clouse, Pastor of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Indiana**, who has just completed thirty-one years of ministry there as well as being Professor of History at Indiana State University for thirty-two years.

Rev. Charles Ashman, Fellowship Coordinator and Pastor Emeritus of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, entered the hospital on April 18 for a hip replacement surgery. He is doing well. Cards of encouragement can

be addressed to him at 1531 S. Cherry Creek Lane, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Please take Note: The correct telephone number for **Russ and Betty Ogden** is 804-472-3769.

Did you have a **Children's Sunday sponsored by CE National** using the bulletin inserts or materials that were sent to each of the churches? If so, contact CE National with a brief report of what you did. Perhaps these positive reports will encourage other churches to have a Children's Sunday and/or take ideas that you have used.

CORRECTION: In the article for CE National page 12 in the May issue of the *Herald*, a typographical error mistakenly stated that "eight (8) percent of the student enrollment (in northern Wayne County, Ohio) attends the weekly Released Time Bible classes." The figure should have been eighty (80) percent. That is quite a difference and dramatically shows how effective these programs really are. **Our apologies to Linda Kline, and the staff of CE.**

Plan now to attend **National Conference** in San Diego, CA. Dates are: Friday July 21 through Thursday July 27. Reservations at the Town & Country Hotel can be made by calling 619-291-7131.

Pastor Robert Kulp has resigned the pastorate at the Island Pond, Vermont Grace Brethren Church. He and his family are currently seeking a Senior or Associate Pastor position in a Grace Brethren Church.

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the unrecognized Father

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LAMP LIGHT CHRONICLES

"Her lamp does not go out at night"

Father's Day brings a fresh batch of tears to my heart. I, like so many of you, have had the painful privilege of sitting beside my father's bed watching the relentless advance of disease take him bit by bit. I was there the day God reached His hand and took my father out of that suffering and into His presence.

One of the sharpest memories from those weeks is of one evening when the tumor in combination with the strong pain medication made it impossible for Dad to recognize me. He looked right at me and spoke to me as if I were a stranger—asking me to help him find something he seemed to need desperately.

My heart broke to realize that during what might have been our last conversation this side of Heaven, he didn't know me as his youngest daughter. I left the room as quickly as I could and crumbled into the grief that finally understood the separation that was taking place. I am thankful that God cleared his mind and graciously gave me one more chance to hear my father call my name and tell me he loved me.

As I later considered that hurtful event—when several months had passed—I couldn't help remembering another time nearly thirty years earlier.

My father worked for the telephone company of the small Illinois town I grew up in. One of his responsibilities was climbing the

poles to attach or repair the wires that crisscrossed the city.

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I was just three—blissfully oblivious to the details that involved hideous pain, broken bones, and days filled with uncertainty that he would even live. I and my sister and brother stayed with family members. Even now my memory is just a blurred-out gray snapshot of Grandma's house on Chicago Avenue. I knew only one simple fact: my dad was sick and the doctors were making him better.

I am told it was a miracle that he ever recovered. When he finally came home, anxious to be reunited with his children, I looked at him as a stranger and held back—clinging to my mother's legs. He had been so near death and suffered so much, my little confused heart did not recognize him.

Through what must have been the broken heart of a father who

held his arms out and was not acknowledged, gently he spoke my name. Then I ran to him, nearly breaking my nose on the full body cast that encased his chest.

"I didn't know you daddy, until you called my name," I said amid the hugs and tears.

It all makes me wonder about not recognizing a face of love.

The world looks at Christ and they do not see a loving father. They see a man of little political or social influence, of much suffering and of a messy, rather regrettable death. They skeptically examine Him and hang back, unconvinced.

But what of me? How often do I break the heart of my Heavenly Father with my dull, confused stare—looking right into His face and not recognizing Him?

He hand-paints flowers and sun sets that I busily ignore. He sculpts events and difficulties for my best yet I cringe and complain that I am miserable and wish for a loving father who would give me my way.

He sends people for me to care for and enjoy and serve. He tells me that whenever I meet their needs it is as if I am doing it for him. Yet I see only interruptions and problems when I look into their eyes, not the face of my Father.

Surely this inexcusable willful ignorance breaks a Father's heart.

As I heard the precious voice of my dad calling my name, let me hear God speak as a Father in every event and relationship I experience.

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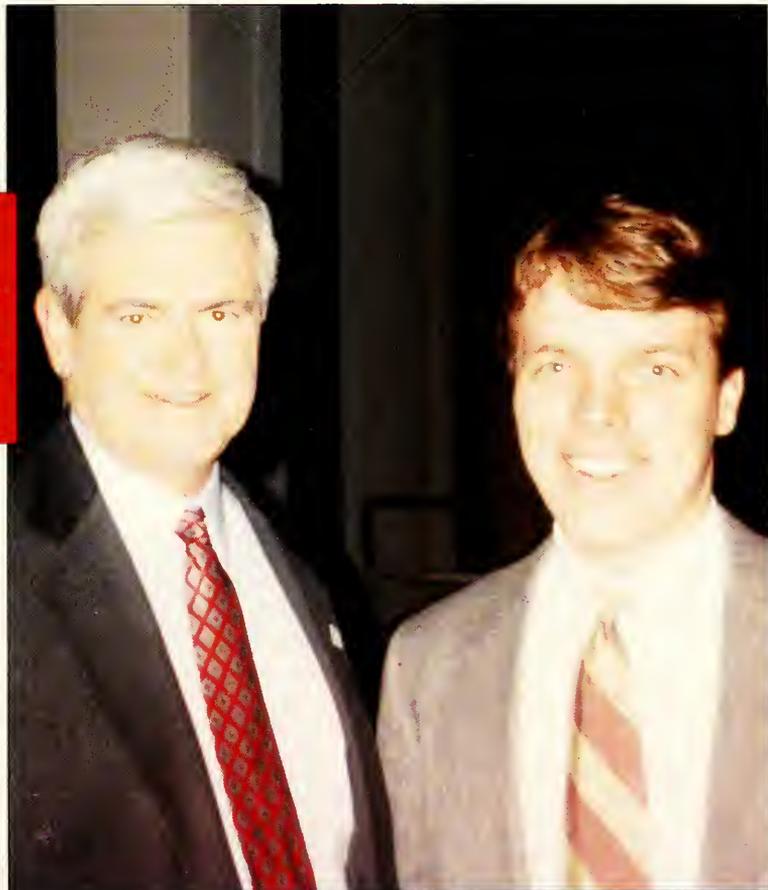
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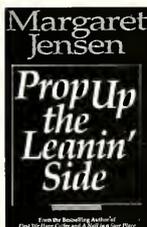
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Ed Lewis

The Legend of a High School Football Coach

(A Humorous look at the FGBC)

Once upon a time Coach Lou decided it was time to start looking for recruits for his new football team. It was his first year of coaching and he was glad to accept the challenge, fully aware that the school board and administrative leaders were supportive of the need for a winning football team. The team had experienced a number of losing seasons and both the school and community were sorely in need of a good, winning season in football to build morale and momentum for those who had lost interest in football. People often reminisced about the years when they had a better team, but unfortunately, many key players had now graduated.

Coach Lou was quite encouraged with the school's potential for a winning team. He had a great coaching staff! In fact, the coaches often huddled together and passed the ball among themselves just to keep in practice. They spent lots of time in small huddles just thinking and dreaming about how good it would be to have a winning team. They dreamed of seeing teams develop in junior high and elementary schools. Their vision even reached to include other schools!

While there was a number of good returning players, they needed more help to become a winning team. Coach Lou knew the key to their

success was recruitment. How could he have a winning team without good players? Coach Lou was aware that there would be a lot of hard work and time involved for the coaches to get the team into condition so they could be good players and function as a team. He was excited! One reason he was encouraged was because there were so many good football players in the school who were not yet committed to the team. Many of them passed the football like pros and could make some good catches. Coach Lou felt he'd do well at recruiting, since he knew the students well and liked them. They seemed to like him too. And they all had a passion for football!

Coach Lou decided to work with his coaching staff in using various forms of recruitment. Of primary importance would be personal contact with students. In addition, the coaches offered football clinics and small-scale open scrimmages. It seemed like an ideal way to get new recruits!

Much to the surprise of the coaching staff, the students who were great players didn't really want to play on the school team. They only wanted to play with their friends in their own neighborhoods. It simply wasn't their priority to play on the team! Some students didn't even attend the coaching clinics.

Other students loved football, but didn't want to play unless all the coaches were qualified. Some even questioned who else would be on the team because they didn't want to play with guys who didn't block hard enough. A few wanted to boycott the game until they felt the team would follow the seventh revision of the National High School Athletic Association's Rules for Class 5A Football. Still others wanted to skip the workouts and coach's boring talks and just show up to play in the starting lineup. Some questioned why we needed such a big program. Would it be better just to offer intramural football or offer football to interested students in physical education classes?

Much to the dismay of the coach, he discovered that some of the potential players not only didn't want to play, but had actually joined

a "city league" that was weak at best, in order not to join the school team. (They still claimed to be loyal to the school even while playing for another team!) Others were very critical of the coaching staff and said they were only coaching because they were power-hungry, and after all, who gave them authority to coach anyway?

The coaches were discouraged. Is football really worth the effort? Is the problem the rules? Is it the existing team? Is it the practice schedule? Is it the school?

Huddling together, the coaches looked at the huge number of schools in other areas who wanted a football team. Students all over the country wanted to learn to play football. In fact, the school administration wanted football.

Although there were less than ideal practice circumstances (some wanting practices shortened and changed to an air-conditioned indoor arena), it was decided to be worth the effort to experience the hard work, sweat, and time commitment to condition the team so they could be equipped to become a winning team.

Admittedly, it was hard for the coaches to realize that some didn't want to be on their school's team. There's little value to a team, however, if everyone loves football yet few want to make the necessary sacrifices to "work out" in order to make it a winning team. The coaches soon realized that football was very important for the entire school and community and that they only needed a committed core of people who would desire to be part of the team. If they could find those willing to make the sacrifice to be a part of the school's team, it could become a model to others, and even this year they could experience a winning season.

"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible."

1 Corinthians 9:19

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Total Mobilization is a strategy for church planting in the Third World. It involved leadership training, evangelism, discipleship, small groups and constructing church buildings. We, at the sending churches, are using the *Total Mobilization* strategy to accelerate the ministry of the local body in the Third World. We are assisting with U.S. resources, by paying for a building and sending a team down to build and evangelize their community. We work directly with a Grace Brethren missionary in assisting this church.

The *Total Mobilization* strategy is a "win-win" situation for all involved. It enables the local church to receive assistance with building a church, establishing the church in their community, and keeping momentum in their evangelism and discipleship. The *Total Mobilization* strategy also allows missionaries to concentrate on evangelism and leadership development, instead of fund raising and building construction. It also gives missionaries broad exposure to the people that pray for and support them. For the sending church, it allows a breadth of the congregation to participate in a life-changing missions experience. It gives them first-hand exposure to missionaries they are supporting, enables them to have significant impact in the local body and gives them a broader view and greater motivation for the mission. For Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, the *Total Mobilization* strategy increases involvement from local churches to local church. It increases awareness of foreign missions and secures sponsorship to encourage and stimulate church planting and church growth. All this adds up to more churches planted, more people discipled and more people motivated to reach the world for Jesus Christ.

November 30th through December 12th of 1994 was the time frame



Dedication service with Pastor Carlos (R), wife Gladys (L), son (C) and Dave as translator (UC)

for the recent *Total Mobilization* project. Twelve folks from GBC Waldorf and three men from other states joined efforts in Berazategui, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Those attending were Ted and Elise Adomanis; Vic Andreine; Tom Belote; Charlie and Karen Brown; Jowl Brubaker; Verlin Groah from First Brethren Church in Buena

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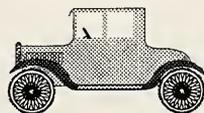
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Vista, VA; Tom Helgerson, missionary from Thailand; Ray Hottle from GBC in Waterloo, IA; Joe Jameson; Jim Licurgo; Tom Stoner from Norton GBC near Wadsworth, OH; Kathi Witmer; and Nathan Bryant. Overseeing the construction, was Gordon Grover and his wife Barbara, from La Loma GBC in Modesto, CA.

It was exciting to see the miracles begin in lives before we even left, as funds were provided in extraordinary ways. It only

THE BIBLE COACH

In 1919, Rev. Louis S. Bauman visited the field of Rio Cuarto, Argentina and brought a Ford Model T truck, purchased with funds given by the Brethren in the United States. It was transformed into the Bible Coach, or Auto Evangelico. Transportation advancements greatly assisted the spread of the gospel. Missionaries and national workers traveled to neighboring towns, and regularly visited outlying congregations or groups of believers living at some distance from Rio Cuarto. Bible Coach workers often stayed several weeks in a town, living in the coach, teaching house to house, and preaching in the streets until the area was thoroughly evangelized.



increased our faith to see what else God would do. On arrival December 1st, we met with Dave Guiles, went to the campsite and met the McCamans, another missionary family. We also met other believers who came from the Uruguay project. There was an air of excitement and energy as we looked forward to getting started. Even though most of the folks came with very few construction skills. God worked mightily in each person. The next day, we went to the work site early in the morning. With the excellent leadership of Gordon Grover, and despite rainy weather, we were able to accomplish much. Rain showers and sunshine alternated through Friday and Saturday, but most of the block work and wood staining was done on schedule. Sunday was a day of rest and worship celebration with others at the mother church. We also had an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship as the five growing southern Buenos Aires churches joined together for a picnic.

Over 30, mostly new, believers gather together to grow in Christ and reach out to their community. This will be the first Total Mobilization project in Mexico, and we are excited to see what the Lord will accomplish.

The construction work for the week was difficult, and there were many long hours, but the joy at completion is what we remember. Several received Christ during the work week as curious passers-by would inquire of the work going on during rain, shine and heat of day. During the week we also had community outreach to the children through a Bible Club with clowns, singing and fun. Some evenings were spent in small

group fellowship with the local members. It was such a pleasure to work with Pastor Carlos, Gladys and their family. We were motivated by seeing their tremendous commitment to Christ as they are reaching out to their community with the Gospel.

We showed the Jesus film Friday night, with more professions for Christ made. Saturday we spent some time touring Buenos Aires and shopping. The dedication service was Saturday evening. It was such a blessing to hand the keys of the church over to Pastor Carlos. Sunday was a day of worship and celebration with the church family in their new building. It was also a special time of reflecting on our week and saying good byes to those we had grown to love so much.

We are now working on a Mexico project in San Luis Rio Colorado. Tentative trip dates are for the second week of July. We have come alongside Martin Guereña, a Mexican missionary doing church planting in Mexico City. Jack Churchill and Ron Shimer are missionaries on the border, who we will be working with closely as things progress. Pastor Reuben has been working on this church planting project for about two years, and the situation appears to be ideal. Over 30, mostly new, believers gather together to grow in Christ and reach out to their community. This will be the first *Total Mobilization* project in Mexico, and we are excited to see what the Lord will accomplish. There are also other prospective projects in Argentina and Brazil. We are open to looking at other countries in need. Our potential is limited only by the amount of U.S. churches that will plug in to support these churches.



Total Mobilization team in Berazategui, Argentina

ONE PERSON'S EFFORT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A young man walking along the beach at dawn noticed an old man picking up starfish and tossing them into the sea. It was obvious he was rescuing the starfish before they were baked by the hot summer sun.

"Old man, this is a big beach with hundreds of these starfish," the young man said sarcastically. "How can your efforts make any difference?"

The old man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a big difference to this one," he replied.

PEOPLE WE MEET

Bob Gilliam

on church effectiveness consulting



Q: Bob, there is much talk about paradigm shifts in American Life, what do you feel is the major challenges for Bible Churches seeking to make an impact in America?

A: There are many paradigm shifts going on today, and I believe that there are major challenges for churches that are committed to God's Word. I see those churches as being like a bridge between the never changing purposes of God and the ever-changing needs of man in the world.

As we talk of that, a challenge for Bible-believing churches is to remain faithful to God during these paradigm shifts. For example, one of the paradigm shifts that I see in many churches across the United States today is the tendency to pull back from preaching God's Word and instead preach one of surface consciously-oriented passages. And I think one challenge of Bible-believing churches is to continue to preach solidly the Word of God.

Q: Are there dangers associated with church growth movement which concern you when dealing with church effectiveness?

A: I'd like to say that I am personally very thankful for the church growth movement and its founders and I don't really think that the problem has come from the originators of the movement. I personally know many of the founders of the church growth movement and I know their heart, and I know that they knit the church growth movement for conversion growth—to see people won to Christ and brought into Bible-teaching churches.

However, there are dangers to this approach when what the founders intended becomes counterfeited. For instance, some churches do not care about winning people to Christ, all they care about is getting larger. Perhaps these churches are held, completely turned away from the gospel. But they still use these church-growth principles. And, if they are used solely to get people into the church, rather than to win them to Christ, there is a problem.

Q: Why do you feel you're being pulled in the direction of developing a proper infrastructure in the local church?

A: God has called us to make disciples as a body, as a team, as a

church, not just as a group of individuals. A body is not going to be effective if there is improper interaction.

Q: What areas of consulting do you find particularly germane for concerned pastors and key church leaders?

A: I am committed to the belief that the most important focus—the real purpose of the church is to make disciples. So, the first way I would have to do that, I believe that church consulting needs to give churches a solid understanding as how to make disciples intentionally—not just by accident.

Another one for instance is the area of master planning. Many churches just tend to leave from week to week or Sunday to Sunday not really knowing what to do next or why. A church that has a master plan is going to be significantly more effective than one that doesn't.

Another issue that I work with a lot is the issue of leadership analysis. I spend a lot of time training leaders how to understand themselves and retrofitting them to the ministry that they believe that God has called them to.

Q: Well, Bob, Lyle Schaller has written about the need to move toward an innovative model in planning in the local church and in their denominational circles—that is opposed to a defensive model of planning which centers basically on the shortages, weakness or limitations of resources and in the church. Would you care to comment on that.

A: Well, obviously a church that simply focuses on problems is just going around in a circle. A friend of mine, Guy Saffel is the Academic Dean of Trinity Western Seminary in Canada has put it well. He says that before strategic planning must always come strategic thinking.

Otherwise, all of our plans end up simply as a very long to do list. I believe that instead of simply focusing on the problems we need to plan based on God's resources, not on our lack of resources. To do anything less than that would not be faith.

Q: Why should churches want an outside consultant? And why is there a growing need for consultants today?

A: The truth of the matter is that throughout the Bible, we see God using outside change agents to help his people stay on track. I think that you would agree with me that as we realize even that most of the Bible was written by these outside change agents. That, when God's people—again whether His nation or His church—listens to those outside change agents they prospered and were blessed spiritually. When they ignored them, they suffered significant problems. So, I would say that using outside change agents, regardless of their name, has always been God's plan. Lee, I would also agree that there is a growing need for consultants today. And, I would point out that the time when an outside change agent, or a consultant, was used by God was when God's people seemed to be straying away from God's Word and His Will. Today, it's pretty clear to me that His church has

strayed far from His command to make disciples, His command to win people to Christ, His command to be true to His Word and to be a pillar in support of the truth. Because of that, I believe there is and will be a growing need for consultants if our church in the United States is ever to recover.

Q: Bob, I understand that you have developed a placement service for Pastors, particularly among the Evangelical Free Churches. What do you do and what is the value for Pastors and churches seeking Pastors?

A: First, we help churches to understand themselves and the candidates that they are looking at more completely. Secondly, we help the candidates understand themselves and the church that they are looking at more completely. Our intent in that is to keep placement from being simply a blind date approach in which both the candidate and the church tends to defraud each other by keeping from each other the secrets of what they are really like.

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LIFE IN A CHAPLAIN'S FAMILY

By Georgia Patrick – Wife of Chaplain (LTC) John B. Patrick

Germany! Our first overseas assignment and I would be making it without John's assistance since we had to stay behind until he could get housing. I made the trip with four little girls aged 2-7 years, ten suitcases and five carry-ons. We had to change planes twice and had a foreign passenger interact with us in such a way he was put off the plane in Seattle. I had my baby and one twin sleeping on my lap during the night and awoke to find my other twin daughter lying across my feet so she could be near me.

Frequent moves and separations, loneliness, being a strong leader in dad's absence but falling back into a support role when he returns home, separation from lifetime friends and family and financial distress are some of the other things military wives must learn to "deal with" as my new son-in-law would say.

It is difficult to see one's child uprooted for the third time in as many years – especially when she is in high school as our oldest daughter was; to know she'll have no one from those years to remember with fondness because of shared experiences. And yet, God helped Katherine through each of those moves. She maintained her 4.0 grade average, won at speech tournaments, was

awarded a trip to National 4-H Club Congress, took first in a national writing contest and received many scholarships to college.

Her experiences traveling in our own country and to places like Germany, Austria, Italy and the Netherlands while we have served in the military broadened her and her three sisters' perspectives and understanding of people. Our girls think it is normal to move every three years and have enjoyed the many opportunities to see new places and meet new people.

Their dad's job as an Army Chaplain has allowed us to host a wide spectrum of people in our home – young privates away from home for the first time in their lives, army officers who now serve as Generals, missionaries from our Fellowship and servants of God like Richard Wurmbbrand who John invited to come speak to his troops.

Military wives know that they can be separated from their husbands at any time



The Patrick Family: Carolyn (L), Katherine, Rebekah, Connie and John (Upper left)



Georgia Patrick

and it usually occurs when they are also separated from family and friends. So the wives tend to band together in support groups and officers left behind help take care of their needs whether it is a car that won't start, a paycheck the bank says it didn't receive or advice about how to help children that are angry and confused by dad's sudden departure.

Available military housing does not begin to meet the demand so we like many others have been forced to buy and sell homes when we didn't really have the money to do so and certainly couldn't recoup what was spent in less than three years of ownership. We were, however, able to buy adequate housing which many of our lower ranking servicemen cannot do. When you see the conditions some are forced to live in, it is no wonder an already fragile marriage breaks and the young wife decides to go back home to mom and dad.

Wives in my Bible Study groups have discussed many problems concerning their husbands' deployment over the years. How does one stay a submissive wife when she has been forced to be both mom and dad for weeks and sometimes a year or two at a time? How can they help their children see their dad as the spiritual leader of the home when he isn't even around? How do

you keep children from resenting dad because of the changes he makes when he does return?

It has been so rewarding to see women come to know and grow in Christ. It is great to hear from women like Harriet whose husband got out of the service, is attending seminary and now is preparing for the mission field. Or Diane whose husband went from a luke-warm Christian to an elder in his present church or Billie who excitedly wrote that her husband had received Christ Easter Sunday.

God has given me opportunities to serve Him in a variety of places and with a wide cross section of people. It has been an exciting life. Often frustrating but NEVER boring.

How can the Fellowship pray for us? John will have served 20 years in August and we feel God may be telling us it is time to get out. We have long desired to serve in the pastorate but we want His leading in this as all our decisions. Two of our daughters were married in April and we would appreciate prayer that their marriages will be strong witnesses to their neighbors and co-workers.

We do want to thank all of you who have faithfully prayed for us and for the opportunity to serve the Fellowship as missionaries to this "tribe of green suiters" as John calls them.

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A MORE NOBLE BATTLE PLAN



Group of 18 cadets from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point NY, 2 volunteers and 16 inmates from the Prison Fellowship in Lancaster, PA gathered in front of Abraham Daniels home.



Group of volunteers

The United States Military Academy in West Point, NY, is the oldest and arguably the best of America's service academies. There is a long and enviable tradition of training officers to lead our nation's armed forces.

On April 1, 1995 one of the more noble battle plans began. Twenty cadets invade north east Pennsylvania with a unique strategy for victory, 18 cadets and 2 volunteers joined forces with 6 inmates from Lancaster County Prison for a Community Service Project. The mission was

organized by First Class Cadet members of the Officers' Christian Fellowship in cooperation with Prison Fellowship headquartered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The OCF contingency arrived at 8:00 a.m. at the home of Abraham Daniels, a stroke victim and WWII veteran, who is a deacon at Ebenezer Baptist Church. They began scraping, sanding and painting. At the same time, 4 other cadets under the aegis of Habitat for Humanity, traveled to the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Steve Morris, in order to paint their basement.

"We could have worked on anything. It was just a vehicle. The whole point was to involve Christian cadets with prisoners," said Major Joel Anderson, Professor of Russian studies, sponsor of the OCF Ministry Team and Officer in charge of the trip.

"It was amazing," said Major Anderson. "All of a sudden you saw 2 or 3 cadets with one prisoner working on a window and another group painting a trim with another prisoner."

Cadet Paula Kranz remarked, "I have seen OCF spreading so much selflessness. They taught me that you can't judge people solely by their actions. By the end of the day we were hugging each other. We actually became friends."

Wilson Rivera, 25, of Lancaster, who is serving 3 years in prison, stood with paint chipper in hand and queried, "Who would have thought these West Point guys would be like this?"

On Monday morning one of the prisoners called the Prison Fellowship office and told Patti Roberts, "I've got to turn my life around." Local news organizations including "The New Era," WDAC radio and WGAL-TV flooded the project sites to cover a "good-news-for-a-change" story. Inmates and cadets were interviewed and quoted correctly.

The path to the Daniels' and the Morris' homes began some 25 years ago with Major Joel Anderson as a high school youth. He attended Alpine Conference Center, a Christian camp near Lake Arrowhead in the southern California mountains. Dr. Roy Roberts, now Senior Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in New Holland, was the speaker when Joel dedicated his life to serve Jesus

Christ. In the providence of God, at the same time, Roy's wife Patti, was being disciplined by Joel's mother, and they had yet to meet. Patti Roberts is Administrative Aide for Prison Fellowship of eastern PA. Roy and Patti coordinated the West Point Cadets and prisoner's joint-venture.

Rev. Roland Forbes, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, helped plan the event with Russell Phillips, PF's local director. Ebenezer Church provided lunch. Horst Construction's (Clyde and Barbie Horst) donated the paint and equipment.

Lancaster Bible College allowed the cadets to shower in the gymnasium locker rooms before they enjoyed a Pennsylvania Dutch dinner at Good N' Plenty (Chris and Dolly Lapp's) restaurant in Smoketown. They concluded the evening by viewing "The Splendor of the Easter" at Sight and Sound (Christian Theater) in Strasburg.

Other meals, lodging and hospitality were given by the members of the Grace Brethren Church of New Holland. The cadets participated in both morning services on Sunday, April 2. Some shared testimonies and the whole group sang "Faithful Men," a song recorded by contemporary Christian artist Twila Paris. Major Anderson explained the meaning of the song and the whole congregation joined in. These young officers are still making a difference in the New Holland church. Some are corresponding with families, others have been invited to graduation.

Interestingly enough, the dynamic and gifted Grace Brass, under the direction of Tim Zimmerman was the featured program of the day. The synergism between the collegians and cadets was electric. They combined for a powerful and unforgettable Lord's Day. Being Christians who minister is so much fun! And, just think—this is only a foretaste of Heaven.



Project crew busy scraping, sanding and painting



Project crew in front of the Daniel's residence



"We're training him to go only on the newspaper."



"That's my Uncle Vinnie. The organist called in sick at the last minute."

Improving your Children's Church Image!

By Rich Russel

Director of Children's Ministries
New Holland, PA, Grace Brethren
Church

Does your children's church room communicate "B-O-R-I-N-G" or does it say, "This is a fun place"? What picture will the children and parents see in your children's church room? Is it a room full of chairs and a piano? Is it a room usually occupied by adults? A children's worship area does not need to be bleak and boring. Yet, you may be saying to yourself, "But the room is used for children's church and is also used by adults and fellowship times — just to mention a few groups that use this area." Here are some interesting ways, that once set up, can change a plain fellowship hall into an exciting children's worship area in only 15 minutes.

In the first year our church had some great decorations left over from VBS. The teachers had made large palm trees which fit from the floor to the ceiling of our fellowship hall. They also had some large bunting that when Christmas twinkle lights were added made a stunning banner across the front. These decorations lasted a full year until the cardboard palm trees began to "wilt." At our fall kick-off time, a new set of decorations was added.

Since cost was a factor and we needed portability, our search began at a fabric store. Because the fabric store was clearing out all the summer material, we were able to find a pile of "kids' prints" fabrics and some green satin that all went together. We would replace the palm trees with a two-foot wide banner reaching from the floor to the ceiling. The same palm tree supports were used to display these new long-lasting banners. The banners are completely portable and on special children's days can be moved into the sanctuary to add a special "kids" touch. Our attention then turned to "dressing up" the walls

decorations can be stored when the fellowship hall is needed for other programs.

With all the new decorations completed, our attention was next focused on lighting. The end of the summer is a great time to buy the lights since most stores reduce the cost. The lights are hung using the same plant hooks used for the flags. To control the lights, use the plug n' power controls from Radio Shack (or other similar control devices). These controls plug into regular outlets and can be turned on and off by several different types of switch controls ranging from hand-held cordless versions to a plugged-in version. These controllers also allow the lights to be dimmed and do not require any special wiring. To add a stage-like appearance, use several halogen flood lights to light the front area and one to light the puppet stage.

After the initial set up, the decorations can be put up and taken down in about 15 minutes. The added decorations give the children a special place to worship. The decorations give a warm feeling to what could be a cold room; a room that tells both children and adults you care about the children in your church. Take time to look around. There are many ideas out there to add color to any room. Find them and use them to improve your image. One word of caution though — do not rely on the decorations to make your worship service special. Your actions and the message of God's love speak more than any decoration you might add. Also keep in mind that the message of "warmth," "love," and "you are special" can best be communicated, not by decorations, but by your children's workers.

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which were a light green color, but not terribly exciting. The flags most people hang outside their homes are great to decorate a room inside, too — and there are hundreds from which to choose. Our church went with hot-air balloon flags. Three different flags were selected, two of each, one for each side of the room. A dowel rod and ribbon were used to hang the flags. A drop ceiling is a wonderful thing to have in a children's church room! Plant hangers that clip to the dropped ceiling supports were used to hang the banners so they can go up and down quickly. (During the Christmas season the flags are changed to reflect the holiday.) In the center of these decorations is a puppet stage (which was purchased as a unit) and was used many years before any of the other decorations were added. This is also the space where all the

Hank Parker—Living In The Reel World

By Lee & Sharon DeBevoise, *Sports Spectrum*, June 1995

Hank Parker. Pro Bass Fishing. You name one and you've named the other. The two have become almost synonymous.

Although Parker didn't begin his pro career until 1976 when he was 23, he had been dreaming about turning pro since he was 17.

After his first professional start in a National Bass Association (NBA) tournament at age 20, Parker was convinced that he was born to fish for a living. He felt so strongly about it that shortly after getting married he took out a loan that enabled him to hit the tournament trail.

In 1978, he was named NBA Angler of the Year. In the years since, Parker has fished in more than 100 Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) tournaments, finishing in the money an amazing 76 percent of the time.

Also to his credit are two BASS Master Classic Championships in 1979 and 1989. In 1983, Parker earned the coveted BASS Angler of the Year Award. And after winning the 1985 Super BASS IV tournament at St. Johns River, Florida, he became the first BASS pro to win the BASS Grand Slam.

Additionally, he has never missed qualifying for a BASS Master Classic in his years on the pro circuit. Parker currently ranks 13th on the list of BASS all-time winners.

In 1985, Parker began sharing his skill and techniques on television in *Hank Parker's Outdoor Magazine*. His weekly show remains highly rated and is syndicated nationally.

Life, however, was not always so smooth for Parker. Raised in a home where alcohol and prescription drug abuse were prevalent, he developed a violent temper and a taste for booze and dope.

The bad family influence changed in 1970 when Hank's dad told him that he had been "saved." His father's sudden life-style change affected the younger Parker, but he was not yet ready for a similar change in his own life.

In 1975, his dad was killed in a car accident. During the memorial service, Parker says, "I got so convicted about the sinful state of my life that I felt like I would explode."

When the pastor closed the memorial service, he said, "If anyone would like to accept Jesus as Savior, would you acknowledge that?"

"The next minute-and a half of silence seemed like three-and a half hours," Parker recalls. "I distinctly felt that God was trying to get through to me. I had no excuse. I knew that this may well have been my last chance, because I had shunned God so many times before. Right then I asked God to save me."

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Almost immediately, Parker felt peace in his heart, and his life began to take on meaning and direction. "I'm thankful every day for what I've accomplished through Jesus Christ," he says.

Parker acknowledges that he did not become perfect—just forgiven by God.

Today Parker lives in North Carolina with his family. He and his wife, Angie, whom he met on a

blind date when she was 16, have five children.

Parker continues to compete in BASS tournaments, fishing in the BASS Super Stars and in various celebrity events. He calls home every night when he is away. And, whenever possible, he flies home on the weekend to take his family to church.

Besides competing in tournaments and hosting his weekly TV show, Parker writes articles for fishing magazines and participates in fishing clinics. Also, he helped establish the Fellowship of Christian Anglers Society.

In 1988, Parker became one of the first members of the board of directors of Terry Chupp Ministries, Inc., an outreach for fishermen. He recently became the first director emeritus of the board of this ministry, which is headquartered in Georgia.

Parker feels a special need to be a good role model. He makes sure that every boy and girl who stands in line to meet him has the chance to chat with him and get his autograph. Simply put, Parker is never too busy to talk with anyone.

Parker feels that first as a representative of Jesus Christ and second as a representative of pro bass fishing, he must be a genuine person who earns the respect of others. He does not take this responsibility lightly. "My job is to tell others about Jesus and tell them He is very real to me," he says.

It is his demeanor and presence on TV that seems to influence people the most. Through his words and actions, Hank Parker shows others that only through Jesus Christ can anyone—pro athlete or not—find peace in the real world.

Warsaw Grad Makes Waves in D.C. by Phil Smith

David Schwartz became interested in politics at a relatively young age. As a result, he has been more involved in the political arena at the age of 22 than most Americans twice his age.

The 1991 Warsaw community High School graduate and Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church member parlayed an aptitude for government into a stellar college career at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA., as well as a successful start in the political arena.

At Liberty, Schwartz, who graduated May 6, graced the National Dean's List. Only one half of 1 percent of the nation's college students make the list annually.

"During my junior year (in college)," said Schwartz, "I decided to switch my major from math education to government in the hopes of eventually going to law school."

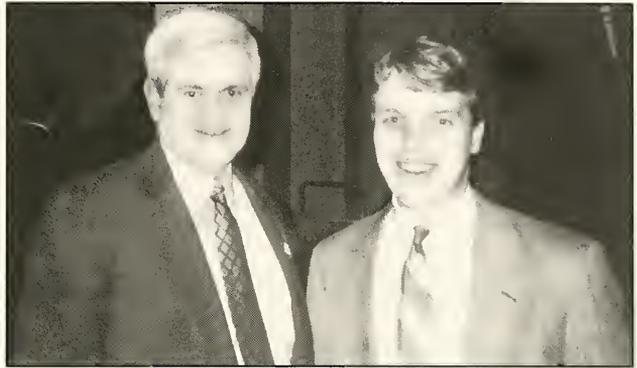
Dividing his interests and aspirations up with the precision of a pie graph, Schwartz, a devout Christian, took a recent missionary trip to Russia and Czechoslovakia.

Today, he works as an intern at the Senate Republican Policy Committee, where he conducts research for analysts on staff.

During the most recent elections, Schwartz found himself involved in the campaigns of Virginia gubernatorial and U.S. senate candidates, as well as serving as a delegate to the Virginia Republican Convention.

Schwartz also attended a \$1,000-per-plate dinner to honor the GOP following November's elections and was present at the celebrations to honor the success of the Contract With America.

The Warsaw native has rubbed elbows with the likes of Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, Sonny Bono, Steve Largent (former Seattle Seahawk, now an Oklahoma congressman) and Strom Thurmond.



House Speaker Newt Gingrich with David Schwartz

"My goal right now is to get through law school," said Schwartz, who is considering the University of Dayton (Ohio). "This summer, I'll be working for the Rutherford Institute. They work to promote free speech and religious rights." Schwartz worked for the institute during his senior year.

There was a bit of irony in the selection of speakers by Liberty University at the May 6 commencement. Sen. Phil Graham (Texas), a presidential candidate who has called himself "the conservative Republican candidate," took the podium. The speaker choice was just fine by Schwartz.

"I consider myself a pretty conservative Republican," Schwartz said, answering barbs from Americans who have recently taken shots at those on the far right. "But I wouldn't consider myself a radical. I'm for smaller government, that's for sure.

"Thomas Jefferson was for smaller government and I'm on his side. I don't consider him a terrorist or extremist."

Whether or not Schwartz is politically extreme, his savvy for academia certainly is. His accomplishments in the classroom read like a laundry list:

- Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, 1993-94 and 1994-95.
- Made the Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Mu Epsilon and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies.
- Opinion writer for school newspaper "The Champion."
- Tutor in the math department freshman, sophomore and junior years.

- Justice on the student court.
- Member of the debate team.

David Schwartz has been a member of the Grace Brethren Church since he was a young child. He was actively involved in youth groups and youth conferences every year at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church in Winona Lake, IN.

David Schwartz is the son of Ann Schwartz and Joe Schwartz.

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George Peters, Pastor of Seniors Ministry at Wooster, OH GBC underwent double bypass surgery at Lutheran Hospital, Canton, OH. The report is that he is doing well at this stage.

Tom Peters, along with his wife Sue, missionaries to Africa, may arrive home to give added encouragement. They are scheduled to be stateside for a year of home service.

The **Brethren Missionary Herald** will be going to Hawaii February 22 to March 2, 1996 with Ralph Colburn and Jeff Carroll. The cost is \$1,549 and includes airfare from Los Angeles. Call us for a brochure.

Jesus Munoz is seeing good success in planting a Cell Church in Tampa, Florida. This ministry to Hispanics has now developed into three cells totalling over 30 people. Jesus is encouraged as he spends the priority of his attention on leadership development.

Ed Waken, another cell church planter in Pheonix, AZ, recently reported about three new converts to Christ who are practicing the admonition "that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

Especially exciting was the story of **Barbara Jones** who began witnessing to her friend Patti. As the relationship grew Patti was able to lead her friend to the Lord in May of this year. Patti was subsequently baptized on May 20 (just after Barbara was baptized)! By the way, the second story has to do with Patti who is now telling her story to other friends. . .

From **Pastor John Teevan**—In view of the action at district conference this past May 6, WLGBGC took congregational action last Sunday evening, June 11. This action is in harmony with earlier action by our church (in November, 1992), "re-affirm(ing)

our commitment to and cooperation with the FGBC. . .and its cooperating organizations. . ."

At the June 11 congregational meeting, we decided that we will affiliate with a district that cooperates fully with the FGBC. Our preference, is as it has been, to remain in the Indiana District. If there is a major and abrupt change from the present direction and attitude in the Indiana District with respect to the FGBC, WLGBGC will remain in the district. If not, we may join the GLAD district (subject to their approval) or be part of a new district. We will remain in the Indiana District until (and if) we change districts.

The vote was 106-10 plus one abstention. There were written communication and forums on the topic both in 1992 and this year. We are not changing our closed membership requirements nor do we even plan to consider that kind of action. We are making a strong move toward the FGBC and regret that such a move is even necessary. Any church with a similar interest is welcome to contact us.

Members and friends of the **Grace Brethren Church of Winchester, Virginia** joined Pastor Richard Bell and his wife, Nancy in celebrating of their 25th wedding anniversary at a reception in the church social hall on June 11, 1995. Out of town guests were Nancy's parents, Ralph and Betty Hall from Bradenton, Florida.

The Bells were married on June 12, 1970 at the Grace Brethren Church in Winona Lake, Indiana. They have two children, David (18) and Debbie (14). They have resided in Winchester since November 1986 when they accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church on Berryville Avenue.

Robert Kulp has accepted the call to pastor the Findlay, OH GBC and will begin his ministry there in July.

Update on Rick Fairman: Rick had open-heart surgery in Lancaster, PA and was slowly improving after a difficult postoperative time. Please continue to remember both him and his family in prayer, as he faces a long recovery. The Fairman's address is: 205 Joyce Drive, Lititz, PA 17543.

Pastor Charles Ashman has resigned as chairman of the Indiana District Task Force, a post he has held for the past two years.

National Conference—Plan to take your family on a spiritually refreshing vacation July 22-27, 1995 at the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Church's National Conference in San Diego, California. You will hear nationally known speakers who will challenge you from the Word of God, dynamic musicians who will lift your spirits to worship God, and warm fellowship with the people of God. By the way, there's a special Children's Conference. To register call Conference Coordinator Charles Ashman at 219-269-1269.

The **Home Missions Board of Directors** recently approved the adoption of three new church plants and church planters. Jacksonville, FL (Lynn Yates) will begin in June; Palm Bay, FL (Bill Tweeddale) will begin in June; and the final church is an eastern suburb of Philadelphia called West Chester, PA (Dan O'Deens) which is scheduled to begin in September.

66 teen members involved in **Operation Barnabas** began orientation on June 19. Their summer tour began June 30. Pray for Ed Lewis and the staff at CE National. Ed and the staff will have a busy summer.

There are several new church plants in the preliminary stages of development for the 1995–1996 church-planting years. We would ask that you pray for them too.

The Coalition Task Force, a consortium of district missions personnel, will be meeting in Lancaster, PA at Willow Valley Family Resort Center, November 6–8, 1995. Dr. Robert Logan will be the main speaker addressing regional church planting systems and strategies. Home Missions will supply some meals and lodging for the conference. All district missions chairmen are invited. They are also encouraged to bring one or two other district personnel with them.

Grace Village Satellite Service—In 1993 WLGC started a year-round Sunday Satellite service of a very different nature at the Grace Village chapel. That service has grown to about 70 under the leadership of Chaplain Lee Jenkins. In addition to Sunday services he has started several Bible studies.

Great Receptivity—Chadian missionary **Dillah Family** is already branching out into outlying villages after moving to his mission point just four months ago. The village, Doba, Chad, has shown great receptivity to the gospel. After just two weeks there are already 41 attending meetings and eight conversions! Says Tom Stallter, GBIM missionary to Chad, "We have another church in the making here. . . . They have already been offered a piece of land to purchase." Two weeks, one new GBC and eight new believers!

If you are interested in cutting-edge church planting strategy and are planning on going to **Southern California for National Conference** in July, there is a unique opportunity available that will challenge your

thinking and provide valuable resources for a minute cost!

Dr. Robert Logan, author, strategist and international consultant on church planting (also a featured speaker at National Conference) is teaching a D. Min. course called "Dynamics of Church Multiplication Movements" (MC595), July 17–21, at Fuller School of World Mission in Pasadena. Enjoy five full days of the latest strategies that are working around the world in the field of church planting movements. On Wednesday the 19th, Logan, along with Neil Cole (Alta Loma GBC), will be presenting the "Leadership Farm Systems" strategy (formerly called Pastor Factory) which is successfully raising up leaders and church planters from lay people in the local church.

This class has been sovereignly scheduled the week prior to conference making travel arrangements much more feasible than they would normally be.

But the best news of all. . . . **THE COST IS RIGHT!** Normally the tuition for this class would be \$685 and the application fee would be \$25, for a total of \$710. If you are a pastor or missionary, Fuller will let you audit one class for free with only the application fee of \$25. For just \$25 you could sit in on the most comprehensive and up-to-date theory of church planting today by one of the world's foremost authorities.

Pastor Terry Daniels (South Pasadena GBC) has graciously offered to coordinate housing for any who are interested. There are a variety of accommodations close by with a wide range of prices. If needed, the church will host a limited number in member's homes. If you would like housing information call Terry at (818) 799–6081. For more information please contact Kurt Miller at Home Missions or call

the Fuller School of World Missions at (818) 584–5260.

Pastor Chris Hay writes from Kenai, Alaska—1995 is a banner year for Kenai GBC. On January 4, 1970, Kenai GBC held its first church service. We have been holding forth the Word of Truth in the Kenai area for 25 years now.

Mr. Contrary Give In—"My name is **Enor Alfredo Contreras**, and I live up to my name." That was how the man sitting with arms crossed in the last row of the university conference room introduced himself to Martin and Kristi Guereña. And true to his name, he was contrary all through the afternoon session. But at the session's close he was among the 12 of 17 university professors who said they would attend a five week Bible study about Jesus. At the opening of one of the studies, Senor Contreras stood up beaming and said, "I can't stand it any longer! I have to tell you that I accepted Christ as my Savior this week!" Praise God for another Mexican member in our International GBC family.

The Navajo Ministries TIME team, sponsored by CE National, began their ministry on June 5. They are involved in children's work, outreach, VBS, camps and church ministries. On June 26, the Mexico Border TIME team began to train nationals, hold children's rallies, and touch Mexicans with the gospel. Please pray for both of these teams as they cross cultural boundaries to share the love of Christ.

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The High Places

By Michelle Marner

*"He makes my feet as hind's feet,
and sets me on my high places."*

II Samuel 22:34

Last year, in early September, I joined an adventurous group of friends for vacation in Maine. Our "relaxing" vacation began with a hike to the highest point in the state, Mount Khatadin in Baxter State Park. Our enthusiastic bed and breakfast hosts informed us that we must be at the park gate when it opened to be assured entrance. At 6:30 a.m. our vehicle was in line and part of the only traffic jam in northern Maine.

From the road we could see Mount Khatadin rising majestically from the wooded landscape. The beauty of this park draws visitors from all over the country and by the time we reached the entrance gate only two hiking trails remained open. We chose the less strenuous, more scenic (meaning longer) trail. After driving several more miles on teeth-clattering washboard roads, we reached the head of the Khatadin Stream Trail.

"What are we getting into?" I thought. "We aren't experienced climbers... we'll be killed... and so early in the vacation! Am I the only one who realizes this?"

Undaunted, my fellow hikers marched into certain death and I reluctantly followed. However, my doubts were quieted by the trail's unassuming beginning. The gentle path meandered through a sunlit forest and beside picturesque waterfalls. The day was beautiful and we had a spectacular hike ahead.

We crossed a quiet stream and permanently left behind the flat section of the trail. The boulder-strewn track we were now on required complete concentration and attention. Branches and large tree roots jutting across the

trail forced our eyes down and prevented all but brief admiration of the beautiful forest.

Eventually, brush and undergrowth thinned and we found ourselves level with the tree tops. As if an unseen boundary were drawn, tree growth stopped and we stepped into full sunlight.

We had reached a significant point in our journey. Behind us the forest spread for miles; ahead loomed a large rock cliff. At the base of the cliff we found iron climbing bars and a well-marked trail to the top. Panting, we reached the summit and found several other hikers relaxing and enjoying the view. To the left we saw a trail that ended beyond our vision. What had appeared to be a final destination was actually a rest stop.

From this point the climb became narrower and steeper. Hands and feet were both needed to maneuver around the rocky face of the trail. I felt as if we were climbing the edge of a great pyramid endlessly reaching into the sky.

Each peak we scaled seemed to be the end. We reached the summit only to find a new obstacle, higher than before. Scanning the horizon we found the clearing we had left several hours before. The spot was marked by a single red maple flaming from the forest of green.

We enjoyed a reprieve from climbing on a beautiful and fragile plateau. Here we were able to catch our breath and prepare for the final ascent up one more pointed, rocky, peak.



LAMP LIGHT CHRONICLES

"Her lamp does not go out at night"

Our knees and hips ached, lungs burned, and hands stung from scrapes along the way. However, this final effort was rewarded with a full view of the beautiful park.

The panoramic landscape was breathtaking. Our bruised knees and scrapes were forgotten as we stretched out on the rocks to absorb the wonder of this place.

Ironically, I knew I was there largely because of my ignorance. If I had known the physical demands of the climb, I would have thought it impossible.

How much like a spiritual journey was this climb to Baxter Peak! I've often wondered what challenges and surprises my life will hold and yet, in truth, am glad I don't know them. When we choose to accept Christ and begin the great journey God has planned, who knows what will be asked of us? Would any have the courage to continue if they knew what was ahead? However, God is with us and never asks more than we are able to bear. If we refuse to go to the high places we miss the incredible experiences belonging to lives that take risks and in turn, the spiritual and mental conditioning required to carry them out.

No one who undertakes the Christian journey will be untouched. The trail will leave a permanent mark on our lives. But the journey transforms us into the very image of Christ and this destination is worthy of sacrifice.

(Michelle will be going on a short term mission trip to the Central African Republic.)

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Jeff Carroll

CROSS THE BOUNDARY

Many of us crossed the boundary on Tuesday, July 25th at National Conference. We went to Tijuana, Mexico to canvas the area and to assist Sammy Tippett and Operation Barnabas in holding an Evangelistic Crusade. For many of us, it was the first time outside the border of the USA. For all of us, it was an opportunity to see first hand a very needy world.

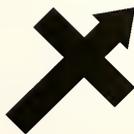
Each speaker at this years conference challenged us to evaluate every aspect of our ministry and then to step out and cross the boundary. At the Brethren Missionary Herald our board was challenged to evaluate what we are doing. In the last few years, we stepped out of our comfort zone to launch 2 new Herald Bookstores in major metropolitan areas—Indianapolis, Indiana and Dublin, Ohio. We plan to launch more stores.

We have recognized that we are in a communications ministry. We have prayed, planned and dreamed. We have asked ourselves the question, "How can we better communicate the great things God is doing in our churches with one another?" We need to share our victories and our defeats. We also want to track our progress toward our goals.

In response to the changing needs within our Fellowship, we have decided to publish the Brethren Missionary Herald bimonthly; i.e. every other month. This step appears to be a trend now in magazine publications. Moody monthly just took this step. With increases in postage and paper costs, this move makes good stewardship sense.

We also plan to launch a leadership letter to help inspire and report progress toward our Focus 2000 goals. We'll give you more information on this project as we get closer to its publication.

As always, we are so grateful for your prayers and faithfulness to the Brethren Missionary Herald. When you have news of what God is doing in your church or ministry, please share it with us so we can print it. Fax or E-mail your news to the Grace Brethren. In any event, let's communicate. •



WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Character is what a man
is in the dark.

D. L. Moody

People don't care how much
you know until they know
how much you care.

John Maxwell

If we live truly, we
shall truly live.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The best way to cheer yourself
up is to cheer everybody
else up.

Mark Twain

You only live once, but if you
work it right, once is enough.

Joe E. Lewis

The time is always right to
do what is right.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

We trust, sir, that God is on our
side. It is more important to
know that we are on God's side.

Abraham Lincoln

It is not enough to be busy; so
are the ants. The question is:
What are we busy about?

Henry David Thoreau

More men fail through lack of
purpose than lack of talent.

Billy Sunday

Practical prayer is harder on
the soles of your shoes than on
the knees of your trousers.

Osten O'Malley



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LIVING BY THE SWORD: A Biblical Directive Concerning The Militia Movement *by Pastor Davy Troxel*

In time of war, the first casualty is always truth. So it has been lately, as many justice-seekers are longing to grab a scapegoat for the rise in militantism, and the resulting bombing in Oklahoma City.

As is the case with every catastrophe since the ancient burning of Rome, liberal leaders of all kinds are trying to blame fundamental Christians for this dilemma, partially because some of the militia extremists are prone to quote a scripture occasionally. I have also seen a militia member who claims to be a fundamentalist pastor, and others in his church who embrace his views.

But, consistent with our

Fellowship's motto of the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, may I present to you what I perceive as Jesus' position on this

"explosive" issue. It is not a matter of gun control (I own some weapons myself, and many of the great Bible saints are good hunters). Neither do I favor government intervention, or control of, private citizenry. But, in all things, our souls are to be guided by God's Book, and our minds transformed into that of Christ (Romans 12:1-2). If obeyed, this will result in our having the proper attitude toward Christ, the proper attitude toward government, and a proper spirit of testimony.

The proper attitude toward Christ automatically eliminates the fear of governmental control that fosters armed rebellion. Daniel,

among many others in the Bible, reflects this proper attitude for us. In Daniel 2:21, our hero explains to Nebuchadnezzar, "It is (God) who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings. . ." God, in His great wisdom and almighty power, sets up what governmental authorities are necessary to fulfill His divine will. Romans 13:1-7 explains this further, and describes what our reaction should be. Even the worst of governments carries the authority of Christ, and is to be obeyed as Christ (John 19:10-11). The only exception allowing disobedience is when governmental laws directly contradict God's laws (Acts 4:18-20).

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Remember, too, that when Daniel came to king Nebuchadnezzar, all of Israel was imprisoned by the king's evil,

pagan government. It was God's will that His chosen people be slaves to the wicked ruler as a punishment for disobedience. Likewise, could any Christian be surprised if governmental tyranny came upon America as a divine judgement, after witnessing the moral degradation of the last thirty-five years? If God pronounced such judgement on His chosen nation, why would America be spared a tyrannical takeover? Our freedom, that so many militia groups seem so quick to take up arms to threaten other Americans, is nowhere guaranteed in the Bible. Our Preamble to the Constitution is not divinely-inspired, and although

our Founding Fathers may claim that we are "endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights," our heavenly Father has said no such thing. God does not guarantee political freedoms when He grants salvation. A person may have the providential blessing to live in America at a time of freedom, but such situations are forever changing by the Father's decree. We have no biblical mandate to shoot our neighbor just because he passes a law we don't like, makes us register our guns, or charges too many taxes. Such things are in fact God's method of extracting from us what our Lord wants us to endure in our personal walk.

Even in subjugation to Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel still had the chance to fulfill God's plan in a way that was foreordained, and thus impossible to be perfected without the existence of the Assyrian's oppression of Israel. Recognizing that Christ is in control, fighting governmental authority is in fact fighting Christ, and disallowing specific performance of His will through us.

A second matter of restraint is necessary in exhibiting a proper attitude not only towards Christ, but also toward government. Government operates in a degree of good and bad; it could always be worse, and it could always be better. As Christians, we should look beyond such institutions of relative worth to the perfect kingdom that will exist someday. No government will be perfect until Christ is the absolute authority of it. Until that day, the onset of the Millennial Kingdom, we

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must not become surprised at the sinful corruption of its operation.

The government in charge in Jesus' day was as corrupt as any before or since, yet our Lord elected to reign in His option of destroying it and instead preach submission to it. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," echo His famous words. "Render" in the original text is Apoidomi, meaning "to give back," or to give in fulfillment of an obligation already incurred. This is a theologically neutral idea; honor for the person or institution that is donated to is not inherent in the action of repaying. By paying taxes, for example, we are not proclaiming approval of what that tax money is used for. We are only obeying Jesus' command to give up to Caesar what is Caesar's.

Rendering to Caesar, by the way, includes rendering our votes in November. Our vote belongs to Him, and in rendering it back we not only obey Jesus, but at the same time we exercise a premillennial opinion concerning righteousness. To not vote, then to complain about or rebel against government, is to disobey Christ and to commit hypocrisy.

Besides having a proper attitude towards Christ, and a proper attitude towards government, lastly we need a proper spirit of testimony. As Jesus went towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-56), He and the Apostles went through a village of the Samaritans. But the Samaritans did not receive Him. James and John (the Jerusalem militia) wanted to wipe the Samaritans off the map with fire from heaven, but Jesus would not have it. The Lord even rebuked the disciples saying, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of." According to Jesus explosive force is not the proper answer to blasphemy.

In Luke 22:51 Jesus condemns the use of military might again. This time Peter is the victim of Christ's rebuke, even though it is the Lord Himself that Peter is trying to protect.

John's Gospel tells of the Lord standing before Pilate (John 18:33-36). Jesus here proclaims, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would be fighting. . . ." When Christ's kingdom encompasses this world (after the Tribulation), then we will be with Him at

the Battle of Armageddon, and we will fight sin with him throughout the world afterwards. That will be done with glorified bodies and perfect wisdom for dispensing marshaled justice. Without those changes, our mortal bodies and limited understanding of truth have no power or divine rights of destruction against bad government. So, Jesus forbids it.

There is no doubt that tremendous destructive power is available to whoever wants it. Neither is there much doubt in our country that bad government and crooked government officials exist.

But with great certainty we can say that Jesus wants no part in any military subversion to physically combat this government. Even should the American government fall, we are to hold our efforts for the best; the winning of souls to Christ.

Jesus could destroy this nation with a word from His mouth (Matthew 26:52-53). But since He is holding back his unlimited power, what right does any mere man have to run ahead of Him with a fixed bayonet? •

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RICK WARREN

"Hitting A Home Run"



Q: What's your passion in life?

A: My passion in life is seeing changed lives. That's the bottom line, not buildings, budgets, or monuments.

Q: How many churches have started from Saddleback Church and how are they growing?

A: We have a goal of starting at least one church a year. When the church was one year old, we started our first church. When we were two, we started our second. The church is now fifteen years old and we have started twenty-five churches. We've started twelve Hispanic churches, two Korean churches, one Vietnamese, and all the rest were Anglican churches.

Q: You mentioned Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) coming to a seminar, tell me about that.

A: The original Saddleback church member was a CMA pastor's son, Don Dale. In fact his brother, Darl Dale was the CE

director of CMA for a few years. I met him as a realtor and he had just moved to the area. I said, "Do you go to church anywhere?" He said, "No." I said, "Oh, you're my first member." So, Don helped me out. I've spoken up at the Alliance Redwoods and a number of other places.

Q: CMA came to a seminar and sent out your letter, tell me about that.

A: Oh, yes, a few years ago the CMA took the very first letter that I used to start Saddleback and used it to start 103 churches on Easter Sunday. The largest of them I think was in Oregon and the smallest in Wyoming, but they started them all over America.

Q: What bothers you about the church today?

A: Well, I think what bothers me is that we've gotten the emphasis on the wrong thing. Pastors are discouraged because

members only tend to look inward. There is the constant tension between service and serve us, and it takes unselfish people to grow a church.

Q: What's a purpose driven church?

A: Every church is driven by something. Some are driven by personality. Some are driven by their building. (Some have to spend all their time paying off the building.) Some are driven by finance or tradition, some churches are driven by programs or events. A purpose driven church is where you take the five purposes of the church and intentionally balance them in order to provide help. I believe the key to church growth is church health. When it is healthy it grows automatically and I feel the key to church health is to balance those five purposes. So we take these five purposes of worship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry and discipleship and give equal attention to all of them.

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NATIONAL WMC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

by Geneva Inman—National WMC President

Living at the foot of Pikes Peak gives us the joy of a majestic view and breathtaking seasonal changes from our front room window. Being at this elevation, does that give me the advantage of meeting Jesus in the air in the rapture a moment sooner than those living at sea level? According to Ephesians 2:9-10, I guess maybe not. "For by GRACE are ye saved through faith. . . not of works (or elevation) lest any man should boast!" Colorado Springs or San Diego, we'll meet in the air together. . . saved by GRACE!

Jerry Bridges, author of the book, *The Discipline of GRACE*, which is our WMC devotional study for the coming years says, "Regardless of our performance we are always dependent on God's GRACE, which is His undeserved favor to those who deserve His wrath. We do not earn or forfeit God's blessings in our daily lives based on our performance."

Webster defines GRACE as: "Divine mercy or forgiveness. State of being pleasing to God because of responsiveness to GRACE, state of the elect."

We, as GRACE Brethren, sing GRACE Greater Than Our Sins and Amazing GRACE with real conviction, because we've experienced it!

*Amazing GRACE! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

GRACE is the gift God extends to us and the Holy Spirit becomes the teacher as He brings spiritual transformation into our lives. So often we try to take it into our own hands and change ourselves, ending up frustrated and defeated, rather

than resting in Him and allowing Him to make us more and more like Christ.

There is a responsibility, however, that is ours! Mr. Bridges calls it the pursuit of holiness. It requires self-discipline and perseverance. It demands our highest priority if we wish to become holy, like Christ is holy. A recent ad,

delivered in our mailbox had the heading, NO GOALS-NO GLORY. Sounded rather spiritual I thought. As I pondered on how it applied to our theme, I thought we might say, NO GRACE-NO GODLIKENESS. We need the discipline of forming Biblical convictions as we begin to APPLY God's word to real life situations, not merely by storing up Bible knowledge. Convictions are formed by making one choice at a time as we choose how to act in every situation we encounter during the day. This includes choosing how to act when the cake burns in the oven, when your toddler spills a glass of milk, when your teen comes home with a failing grade, and even when someone hits your car.

Let's compare the pursuit of holiness to quilt-making. I'm sure some of you may be quilt-makers and perhaps we all have some treasured heirloom quilts either on a bed or on display. I invite you to my home so I can share the quilts that are my priceless treasures. There is one quilt made for Tom by ladies in his home church while he was preparing for ministry, another one made by the WMC ladies in Denver when we left the pastorate there to begin a new Home Mission work in

Colorado Springs, one made by my students' mothers when I retired from teaching, and the quilt top made by my mother (now in Heaven) tucked away in my cedar chest waiting to be quilted. Each quilt is valuable and has a design sewn into each square to make the final pattern. Those individual squares, although lovely, do not make a quilt. They become a quilt only when they are stitched together. The squares that form our lives; discipline, conviction, obedience, prayer, commitment, and faithfulness come together by our choice, one "stitch" at a time.

National WMC is looking at ways to expand our vision as GRACE Brethren women, and to



Geneva Inman—National WMC President.

develop the ability of adapting our methods to world, life and need changes. Review the process with me:

Betty Ogden led the TASK FORCE in research, inspection of where WMC was, and a vision of where it could and should go. In our past, most ladies found their fellowship within the church in WMC, but this is not necessarily true today. In addition to WMC, various helpful women's ministries are meeting needs of women locally, each independent of other GBC groups. We began to feel the need for a link, not for uniting, but for a bonding between WMC and women's ministries in our churches.

In the past two years Ruth Blake has led the Transition Team. The Transition Team has given us the vision for the year 2000, the foundation for change, and the key phrase, **"MISSION AND MINISTRY ARE THE THREADS THAT BIND THE HEARTS OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY TOGETHER."**

The stated goal of the Transition Team is, "to provide the vehicle to connect the diverse groups within the Fellowship of GRACE Brethren Churches that minister to women with the missions/ministry concepts based on Acts 1:7-8 and Matthew 28:16-20 so that women in our churches will be equipped to accomplish more together through COMMUNICATION, COORDINATION and COOPERATION than would be possible if each group acted independently."

Now, the question before us is, "Are you willing to take the next step with us as we look for cooperation and commitment? Will you make a *love* decision to be involved?" The seminars offered at conference shared opportunities

we have available in the next TRANSITION PROCESS. Our desire is to be united in MISSIONS/MINISTRY in our International GBC family and to extend GRACE, care and love to each woman God sends into our lives and our churches.

Each church is unique with its own mixture of personalities, needs and opportunities, and therefore should respond in its own way, always making decisions and choices under the leadership and authority of the pastor.

Acts 1:8, mentioned in the Transition goal, gives Jesus' commission to evangelize the world. "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

In our WMC's and women's ministries, as well as our personal lives and ministry, are the Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost opportunities for missions/ministries. WMC, as an organization, encourages the participation in and support of these areas:

Jerusalem-has local ministries such as SMM, teaching in Sunday school, DVBS, etc.

Judea-has community outreach opportunities like Right-to-Life, Child Evangelism, etc.

Samaria-provides opportunities for Home Missions, inter-national ministries in our cities, supporting a student at Grace Christian Indian School at Navajo Ministries, etc.

"Uttermost"-has our 14 overseas Grace Brethren International Mission fields.

These are possibilities for group involvement, but let's take a quick inventory of our personal partici-

tion. Our interests, abilities and spiritual gifts vary and involvement requires compassion, love and energy. Here are a few suggestions on the checklist:

Can you volunteer to baby sit for a single Mom so she can attend the Mother's club?

Could you give up dinner out, cooking instead, to help send your pastor's wife to the Pastor's Wives retreat next April?

Could you consider praying five minutes daily for your pastor?

Have you personally joined others as they pray near an abortion clinic?

Are you living near one of our new Home Mission points so you could hem communion towels, help prepare teaching materials, or give help to the pastor's wife?

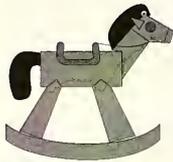
Did you become involved in the shower for ministries in Mexico at conference?

Have you shared in prayer and giving to a GO TEAM with International Missions? (Miriam Pacheco had the unique privilege of joining Barb Wooler in literacy work with the pygmies in Africa earlier this year.)

Would you consider becoming a partner/mentor to a new Christian or a new lady in your church to help her develop a heart for ministry?

As WMC women and women's ministries join hands to promote our vision and participation in global missions/ministry we are asking God to give us greater unity, love and compassion for each other and for women around the world. •





**DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES
HELP KEEP THE BIG PICTURE**

When working in children's ministries, it's easy to lose the big picture as we focus on the needs of our own local ministry. Sometimes we settle into one way of doing things, and we lose sight of the resources available to us in the bigger Fellowship to which we belong. We need to encourage one another and exchange ideas so we can be more effective as a Grace Brethren Fellowship in reaching children for Christ.

The Children's Cabinet, sponsored by CE National, is working to encourage this interaction and sharing of ideas. One way is by encouraging each district to have a "District Roundtable." Children's workers and leaders in the district are invited to meet in a central location in the district. Participants share ideas that are working for their ministries and suggestions for implementing those ideas in local churches. The shared input might help a smaller church get an idea for resources, for example, while a larger church is reminded and encouraged to maintain the personal touch and small-group mindset in children's ministries.

Everyone can benefit from coming to the roundtable with answers to the question, "What can we share with the other

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MINISTERING TO CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE CHURCH WALLS

Ten Practical Suggestions for Reaching Children Throughout the Week

by Brant Leidy, CE National Children's Cabinet Member

Do you work with children in your church? Maybe you serve in Sunday School, Junior Church, SMM, One-on-One or another children's ministry. Whatever your ministry may be, you will find it to be more effective if you make contact with the children outside the structured programs of your church. Your personal involvement with them will have a great impact on children's lives.

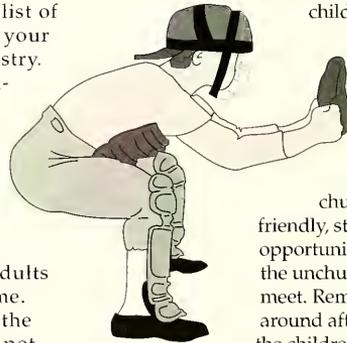
Below is a list of suggestions for your contacting ministry. Very little previous preparation is necessary; the main requirement is your time. Today, more than ever, children need adults to give them time. Whoever made the statement, "It's not the quantity of time that you spend that matters; it's the quality," was somewhat mistaken. We must spend both quality and quantity time to reach children.

TEN Practical Suggestions:

1. Attend the children's sporting events at school. You will be surprised by how much it will mean to the children to see that

you care about them. They will be more open to sharing and developing a friendly relationship with you. Just be prepared, because the children will soon want you to attend all their games. You will need to limit yourself!

2. Remember those who are not involved in sports. Attend their school dramas, chorus & band concerts, and art shows. This will also greatly impact your children. Keep in mind,



too, that this is a great way to meet friends and classmates of the children who attend your church. Be warm and friendly, staying sensitive to opportunities to reach out to the unchurched children you meet. Remember to stay around after the event to greet the children involved in the program. They will really appreciate your personal encouragement.

3. Commit to being a camp counselor or even a helper at district camp. As you "let your hair down," you will develop deeper relationships with the children that can have a lasting impact on their lives. They will see you as a real person whose example they can imitate.

4. Invite the children to join you for an activity such as bowling, skating, go-carting, going to the mall, spending the day at the park, swimming, ice-skating or sledding. Create social events for them outside of the church environment.

5. Commit to spending time with a small group of children

There is nothing like seeing a child's piano recital, watching a child score five baskets in a basketball game, or encouraging a child after he struck out twice in a baseball game.

and developing a small group Bible study. Pray with the children during this time, making sure that you take their requests. (Children love to share prayer requests!)

6. Invite the children to your home for a game time or sharing time. If you can't accommodate the whole group, divide the group into manageable numbers, making sure that eventually you have every child from your church ministry visit your home.

7. Be sure to spend time with the children before and after your regular meeting time. Get to know your students better during this time; remember that it is critical that you spend time with the children beyond the "lesson time." Make sure that you attend the children's programs at your church as well; the children will really appreciate the demonstration of your special interest in them.



8. When you see a child from your ministry in a grocery store or mall, be sure to say, "Hi!", and say the child's name. You want to make sure you aren't charged with being unfriendly.

9. Send a card to encourage each child. Be specific: for example, "We missed you in SMM the past two weeks," "Thanks for saying all your memory

verses last month," or "I read in the newspaper that you were on the honor roll this marking period." Using the telephone is also an excellent way to encourage children or let them know you've missed them.

10. Take the children on a ministry outing, possibly to a nursing home in your community or to visit some of the shut-ins of your church. This will get the children involved in ministry activities and the children will be encouraged as they serve God.

OTHER: _____
(Maybe you have another great idea but you are not doing it.

Write it down and plan to start working on it soon.)

Obviously, you don't have time to do all of these activities. That's OK. But challenge yourself to incorporate one of these "outside-the-church" ministries into your schedule. (Remember not to overdo it; the child and parents

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churches in our Fellowship in order to strengthen children's ministries?" Each church can gain a new and exciting perspective on children's work from seeing how it's being done in other Grace Brethren churches.

For example, one GBC District Roundtable discussion centered on how to maintain discipline in children's ministries. The ideas were very practical and helpful, and each participant went home with ideas that could be used on Sunday or Wednesday of that same week.

THE CHALLENGE: Many districts have not yet sponsored a Roundtable. Are you an individual who has a burden for working together to build up our Fellowship and churches in the area of children's ministries? If so, would you be willing to participate in a children's Roundtable? Better yet, maybe you would be willing to create more interest in Roundtables in your region. If so, feel free to contact one of the Children's Cabinet members to learn more about children's ministry Roundtables. Let's remember the big picture and work together to impact the lives of children throughout our Fellowship! •

may have other activities planned. Just be sensitive to the situation.) There is nothing like seeing a child's piano recital, watching a child score five baskets in a basketball game, or encouraging a child after he struck out twice in a baseball game. Yes, it's hard, because it takes time. But, it also has lasting results that will make your ministry to children successful. •

1995 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES

SIX NEW CHURCHES

Valley Life Grace Brethren Church,
Glendale, AZ
Pastor Ed Waken

Brethren Bible Church,
Hemet, CA
Pastor William Kitchell

Land O' Lakes Grace Brethren Church,
Land O' Lakes, FL
Pastor Mike Govey

Grace Brethren Church,
Seattle, WA
Pastor Steven Gotch

Friendship Grace Brethren Church,
Vancouver, WA
Pastor Duane Jones

Iglesia Evangelica de los
Hermanos on Yakima,
Yakima, WA
Pastor Abner Solano



The 1995 Grace Brethren National Conference had a special Missionary Commissioning Service for those seen here, led in prayer by Pastor Teevan of Winona Lake GBC.

The Operation Barnabas team was a part of a trip to Tijuana, Mexico. They were involved in handing out fliers telling of an evangelical meeting in a local Tijuana gymnasium, and gospel tracts.



Many commitments were made at National Conference.

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Martin Guerena translates for Sammy Tippitt at the Evangelistic Outreach in Tijuana, Mexico.

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Dr. John MacArthur asks Ed Lewis, Moderator of Conference, if he has read his latest book.

CROSS THE BOUNDARY

Theme from this years Conference

Hugo Perez — THE BEST THING EVER

by Bev Flynn, *Sports Spectrum*, July 1995



“Well, Hugo Perez, what do you think was the best thing that ever happened to you? Was it being named US Soccer Male Athlete of the Year in 1991?”

“No?”

“Well, how about playing for the US Olympic Soccer team in 1984?”

“Not that either, huh?”

“Certainly, it was being a midfielder on the US World Cup team last summer, an event watched by millions of people worldwide. You even started against the eventual Cup winner Brazil.

“Why are you shaking your head, Hugo? What could be better than that!?”

Don’t misunderstand. Hugo Perez is willing to admit that the World Cup was the most memorable event in his career because, as he puts it, “you’re playing against the best players in the world, against the best teams. You’re being watched by millions of people, so I don’t think any other sport can top that.” Soccer’s worldwide popularity can’t be beat by football’s Super Bowl or auto racing’s Indy 500.

Yet for Perez, soccer’s World Cup is not the most exciting or best thing to be found on planet earth. “Before being a Christian,” Perez allows, “I would have told you the [the World Cup] was probably the best thing that could ever happen to somebody in sports. But I cannot share that anymore, because the best thing ever happening to any human being is knowing Christ.”

An impressive statement for a man whose family has been getting a kick out of life for generations. On the soccer field, that is. All totaled, the Perez family is a little more than one-third of the way to having their own professional soccer team. In addition to Hugo, the Perez family players include his grandfather, his father, and his cousin.

Hugo’s experience in the “family profession” began at age 5, and he had a ball in his native El Salvador until the age of 11 when his family immigrated north to the US. “My family wanted a better life for us,” Perez remarks.

Although his location had changed, Hugo’s athletic pursuit did not. He continued to increase his skills on the soccer field. Later, because the opportunity was not available to return and play in El Salvador, Perez became a US citizen. “Six or seven months [later],” he recalls, “the US Youth National Team called me.”

Since he’s started kicking for the US, Perez has played in the 1984 Olympics, the 1986 and 1990 World Cup qualifying games, and the 1990 and 1994 World Cup team. Even with the unexpectedly good showing of the US team in 1994 (they made it to the second round) and the assumption that hosting the World Cup would spur the growth

of soccer in the US, Hugo concludes, “Well, I don’t think it has affected anything, because nothing’s happening after the World Cup. Unfortunately, there’s no professional league yet. I don’t know if there ever will be.”

In light of that fact, most US players head for other countries. Hugo Perez led the way by being one of the first to play professionally in Europe. And that’s where, according to Hugo, the level of play is at its highest. Perez’ soccer resume is as varied as Dennis Rodman’s hair. After playing in the US, France, Sweden, and Saudi Arabia, Perez has returned to his native El Salvador where he keeps his feet on

the ball playing for the FAS, the Association of Footballers from Santa Ana.

“So, Hugo Perez, you’ve got a great soccer career going here. But you say that the best thing that ever happened to you is knowing Christ. How has that changed your performance on the field?”

“When I go to the field, I ask God to help me play as best as I can because I’m playing for Him now, not for myself like I used to play,” Perez continues, “I do play for God, and I know it is my job in that I have to do the best I can to please Him.”

What else would we expect from someone who has played in the biggest sports tournament ever, yet values a spiritual decision as the best thing that’s ever happened to him? •

“The best thing ever happening to any human being is knowing Christ.”

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Q: What is the church slogan?

A: The slogan of our church is a Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission Will Grow a Great Church. We believe that the five purposes of the church can be pulled out of these two passages; love the Lord your God with all your heart is worship. Love your neighbor as yourself is ministry. Go and make disciples is evangelism. Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit is a symbol of fellowship. And teach them to do all things I have commanded you is discipleship.

Q: I like your famous "baseball diamond" illustration. You have just moved to a new community; a new situation. How would you implement that strategy?

A: If I were starting over today I would find four or five people who

would volunteer to help me. I would ask each one to be a different base coach. I'd get five laymen. If I had a church of 30 people I would get one guy and ask, "Would you be my first base coach? Your goal is to help move people to first base." That means come to Christ and then join the church. Then I'd get another person. I would say, "Would you be a second base coach? Your job is to move people into maturity and grow and develop." The third base coach would be to help move people into ministry and find their ministry; help them discover their God-given shape. Then, home plate would be to help us move people into mission. People would learn to verbalize their faith and go out to share it with others. Finally, I would get one more coach on the pitcher's mound which I would call my worship coach. I would say, "Would you help us develop worship services which would really magnify the Lord?" I would just start with five volunteers and if the

church grew, move into part time three quarters staff and eventually hire them.

Q: Do you have to have a building to grow?

A: No, you don't have to have a building to grow. Somebody asked, how big can you get without a building. Someone said, it's over 10,000. We are

now running over 10,000 on a weekend. We have used 53 different buildings in the first 13 years of the church. When we joke, we say if you can figure where we are this week, you get to come. And the shoe must never tell the foot how big it can get. Anytime we outgrow a building we move somewhere else. The reason we didn't have a building is it is so expensive in southern California. When we bought land we ended up paying \$9 million just for the land.

Q: What is your greatest disappointment?

A: I think what every pastors' greatest disappointment is —when you have often trained someone, won them to Christ and then see them leave the church for different reasons, it's heartbreaking. Many times people come to know Christ, grow up in the church, and then because they start listening to something on the radio they want to change the direction of the church and every bone in your body wants to say, "If you'll stay here we'll change the direction." But you can't do that. You can never get out of a harbor if you wait for everybody to get on board ship and sometimes you must be willing to let people leave the church in order for it to grow.

Q: What do you want to be remembered for?

A: I've said, I want four words written on my tombstone. "At least he tried." We've set some great goals and we may never reach them, but I'm going to die trying. We are just not afraid of failure. At Saddleback we've done more things that didn't work than did. But, by experimenting, we every once in a while come up with something that works and we say, "Oh, that'll go." •

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GRACE BRETHREN NEWS UPDATE

Touching You from Around the World —



Congratulations to the following men upon their re-election to the Herald Board: **Ralph Colburn**, **Gerald Kelley**, and **Jim Bustraan**. Also, congratulations to **Gary Austin**, newly elected member of the Brethren Missionary Herald Board.

Home Missions announced that for the very first time, missionaries overseas and within the United States, were able to communicate immediate prayer requests and praises to thousands of Christians attending the combined **North American Christian Convention and National Missionary Convention** that was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 16–20, 1995. As soon as requests and/or praises were received, they were transmitted via the electronic message board within the RCA Dome where thousands were able to read them and began praying immediately. This service was being extended to missionaries only in the United States and around the world.

Bill Tweeddale conducted their first baptismal service in the Atlantic Ocean in their new church in Palm Bay, FL. They are seeing visitors attending their services on a weekly basis. They are now averaging nearly 20 people after only two months of operation. They are currently meeting in homes.

Pastor Luke Kauffman has resigned as Pastor of the Anchorage, Alaska GBC effective June 28, 1995.

The Community GBC of Warsaw, Indiana voted to form a new district in harmony with the FGBC. That makes two churches: Winona

Lake GBC and Warsaw GBC who will join together to form a new Indiana district.

Grace College and Theological Seminary had a wonderful response to their appeal for funds this Spring. The total amount raised was close to \$97,000.00.

John McIntosh, under doctor's orders, will not be able to moderate the 1997 National Conference and has had to resign from that position.

None of our national organizations lost any money in the New Era Ponzi scheme scandal.

Jim Brown, urban church planting missionary in Philadelphia, reported that the Crossroads GBC had just completed a successful Home Bible Fellowship season—praising God! Jim said, “We are already gearing-up for the Fall. Also, we recently held a Team Ministry Seminar. Twenty-one people attended and received help in discovering and employing spiritual gifts in our local church.” Jim also reported that six kids planned to attend district camp this summer!

Alan Clingan reported that seven new families had

begun regular attendance at the mission church in Greencastle, PA. He asks that Brethren people would please pray for a new meeting facility as they have outgrown their current location.

Ed Waken (Phoenix, AZ) reported that one of their adult cells had just multiplied to form another cell with a new cell leader. He reported that two more people received Christ as Savior in June and were baptized. Many older Christians are learning the joy of sharing Christ for the first time! Ed asks that you pray for Tom, who is a very deep thinker in theology, who is beginning to share his faith for the first time in years. Pray that God leads him to ready-to-pick fruit.

John Ilko, in Tampa, FL, said that the morale of the church is

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very high this summer as the members of the church are assuming the role of ministers. The result is a growing attendance and effective outreach to the unchurched in their community. John asks prayer for two men to be added to their core group.

The Brethren Evangelistic Ministries has ceased operations due to a lack of financial support. If you need more details, please contact Ron Thompson, (703) 992-4445.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Crossing the Boundary was the theme of this year's conference. The conference began with a pre-conference on evangelism led by Ray Castro and Phil Teran.

Saturday, July 22, activities included a joint corporation brunch. Then, in the evening, **Larnelle Harris** ministered to the delegates with a special concert. He was preceded by **Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass**.

Sunday morning, July 23, **Ed Lewis**, moderator of this year's conference, spoke on **Crossing the Boundary**. He was joined by the **Operation Barnabas** team and the music was led by Darrel and Sheri Cummings from the Big Valley Church in Modesto, California.

The service concluded with a commissioning service of this year's missionaries. Among those commissioned Sunday were **Paul and Cyndi Michaels to Russia** and **Mike and Letitia Yoder to Germany**.

Sunday afternoon, **George Barna** spoke on the state and trends of the American church. He noted, that if all the non-Christians in the U.S. were grouped together and considered a country, it would be the fifth largest country in the world. The U. S. is a mission field!

Tuesday, July 25th, **Pastor Bob Logan** challenged our Fellowship to multiply through church planting.

At 2:30 p.m. seven bus loads of Conference attenders were sent off to **Tijuana, Mexico** to hand out fliers and Gospel tracts furnished by the Brethren Missionary Herald. The fliers announced an evangelical meeting held in a residential neighborhood in a Tijuana gymnasium. Operation Barnabas was there ministering with Jack Churchill and his wife Rosa. Sammy Tippet spoke in English and Martin Guerena translated into Spanish. In the end eight people made public decisions. The bus loads returned back to the conference area at 10 p.m.

National Conference ended Thursday evening. The week included many challenging speakers, as well as the Operation Barnabas team. Total attendance at this year's conference was 800 including children.

Ernie Bearinger passed away July 27, 1995. His memorial service was Monday, July 31. He was the former National Youth Director for the Brethren Church in the late 50's and early 60's, then went to serve as a missionary to Brazil.

Ralph Colburn of Cypress, California was selected Pastor of the Year.

Jeff Dunkle, Pastor of our Melbourne, Florida GBC reports that the church property has sustained no damage. 85-100 mph winds pounded the area for over 6 hours—part of Hurricane Erin.

Pastor John McIntosh, Simi Valley, CA, has resigned from the board of directors because of health reasons. His replacement will be announced shortly. An open position on the board will be filled by an election which is being conducted by mail ballot this month.



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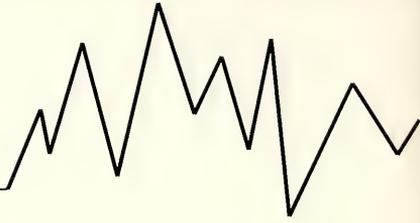
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Profile of Today's Pastor:

Ministry Ups and Downs

by John C. LaRue, Jr.



Like everybody, pastors experience the ups and downs of life. What are the high and low points specific to ministry? What factors do pastors feel enhance their ministry? Drag it down?

Ministry Enhancers

□ Marriage has the greatest positive impact on the typical pastor's career. Nearly eight out of ten pastors say marriage is the top ministry enhancer out of 21 various circumstances and life events listed in the survey. (Only 3% of pastors in this study have never married.)

□ The next four top areas mentioned by a majority of respondents relate more directly to the trade of ministry: preaching (67%), sense of call to ministry (60%), sermon preparation (60%), and pastoral care (54%).

□ The next five relate to child rearing stages (two-thirds of the pastors surveyed have children living at home) and are still considered by the majority to be enhancements.

Ministry Stressors

□ The three greatest stress areas pastors face in their ministry are: church politics, financial shortfall, and difficult staff/board relationship. Between three and four out of ten pastors say these have had a major negative effect on their ministry.

□ Pastoral care (23%) and sermon preparation (20%) cause major stress for one out of five pastors. However, these also received high positive marks—high enough, in fact, for most pastors to call them enhancements rather than detriments.

□ Other experiences or phases of life a large majority of pastors found

stressful to their ministry included: personal or family illness, doubts or crisis of personal faith, aging parents, death in the family, preparing for retirement.

High Points in Ministry

The survey also asked pastors what were the high points in their ministry career, and what made them possible.

□ For the largest group of pastors (27%), their first ministry position is considered a high point in their career. Slightly fewer (24%) think their current position is a high point.

Highest Points in Ministry

First position/church	27%
Present position/church	24
Second position/church	20
Third position/church	13
Missionary work/trip	12
Starting a new church	12

□ What was it that made these high points possible? Good relationships—personal and congregational support—contribute greatly to high points. But relationships gone awry—church politics and difficult staff/board relationships—account for two of the three greatest stressors to ministry.

Factors Leading to High Points

Congregational support	27%
Wonderful relationships/ people	27
Using spiritual gift	25
Life call realized/sense of calling	23
Church growth	20
Helping others	14

Low Points in Ministry

The survey asked pastors what were the low points in their ministry career and what contributed to them.

□ Again, relationships were critical. Internal church problems and poor relationships with the board contribute the most to the lowest points in pastoral ministry.

□ A problem not mentioned earlier as a stressor that surfaces here as a low point is having to leave one church and move to another, which sometimes means being out of the ministry between the pastorates.

Lowest Points in Ministry

Internal church problems	22%
Poor relationship with board	16
Between pastorates/moving	16
Second church	16
First church	13

□ Not surprisingly, the following people-related problems contributed to ministry low points: conflict with the church board or elders, personality conflict, church split or troubles.

□ The next two factors that contributed to ministry low points are: financial difficulty, and stress.

Factors Leading to Low Points

Conflicts with board/elders	32%
Personality conflict in church	27
Church split/troubled	22
Financial difficulty	15
Stress	14

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Doing the "White"

by Judy Daniels



LAMP LIGHT CHRONICLES

"Her lamp does not go out at night"

Back in the early 1980s, when Ronald Reagan was just finding his way around the White House, a great majority of the women in America decided that doing some form of crafts was necessary to their maturing process. Needlepoint, rugs, baskets, refurbished Downy bottles flourished, as women raced to the local Ben Franklin for supplies.

In an effort to ride the wave of craftiness, I tried several of the options that were available. Some people would say, "How nice!" These people didn't know me at all. I was the person who couldn't put a set of keys on a ring and have them all end up looking the same direction. I am the person who threads a needle and watches as knots form automatically in the thread.

Finally, though, I did find something I could do reasonably well. At least, when I finished the one thing I really finished, people said, "That's nice," instead of "Now what's that supposed to be?" I could cross-stitch. I could count little holes, put the needle through, and get the colors right. It was amazing!

My youngest daughter was nuts about pandas at the time. I bought everything I needed to make a nice little panda picture. We had visions of it hanging in her room, and I could hear her saying, "My Mommy made that!"

One night, I especially out-did myself. The next morning at breakfast, I showed her how much I had accomplished the evening before. Now we all know that pandas are two colors, black and white. This particular panda had a little pink bow, but basically the colors in the design were just black and white.

Lesley took a quick look at my hard work, and commented, "Oh, you just did the white." She was happy to see that more of it was done, but to her it looked blah and uninteresting. She wanted colors, and all Mom managed to do was the white.

But without the white, it wouldn't have been a panda. It might have looked like a black bear, or an oversized puppy. The white had to be there, but it was so...white.

Sometimes we feel as if we're just doing the "white" parts of life, especially in the Christian community. What we can do doesn't seem like much, or at least no one notices. Some abilities are just naturally public. If Sunday morning's soloist decided to sing in the boiler room, not many people would benefit from her gift. But what about her friend in the nursery who took care of the soloist's baby that morning, so she could sing in the service? She probably got no compliments for changing diapers and rocking babies, and yet she was needed. Her faithfulness and patience with children was a gift, just as surely as her friend's musical ability. It just wasn't as noticed. It was more "white."

God gives a lot of us those "white" abilities; ones that are essential, but don't make the front page. Someone who sends a note, or a check just at the right time to a young couple who desperately needs help is an encouragement. A group of retirees who pray faithfully each week for the needs of people in their church is important. An electrician

who rewires the church free of charge is a great asset.

The Bible is full of people God wanted us to remember. Some were kings, queens and prophets. But a great number were ordinary people doing the "white parts" of life. A little boy gave his lunch to Jesus. Dorcas sewed clothes for poor people. And what about Mary, the mother of Jesus? Was she a gifted teacher, or an organizational wizard? Did she run a business? Did she lead the choir? Her resume apparently wasn't all that important to God, or He would have left us some more details.

Instead of listing Mary's activities in the gospels, there were words that described her heart. She was a humble servant. She was a good mother to a little boy. She believed God, even when what He said seemed impossible.

It's hard for most of us to do the "white". We would like to get a little credit for our efforts. We would like to be the red, or the turquoise, or at least a pastel in the mural of life. We know the white is important, but it's so...unnoticed.

I am convinced that when we get to heaven, and the "crowns" are handed out, we will be sitting there with our mouths wide open. People we've never heard of will be up front at the awards ceremony with baskets of honors. Not because we noticed them here on earth, but because God did. Those people faithfully did the "white" parts of life, but they were absolutely essential in God's palette of colors. •



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Jeff Carroll

Your Pastor

Sometimes it was hard to be a pastor. You experience such a roller-coaster of emotions. The husband of a committed believer finally comes to Christ after decades of prayer, then someone else criticizes you for getting that new van (little did they know that it was a gift from your wife's parents), or that you had to mortgage their grandkids just to pay for the insurance with a \$10,000 deductible!

Sometimes it was hard to do the funerals of good friends. Even more difficult were the times when a death occurred and the family blamed God. As His representative, they attacked you. But somehow the Spirit of God gave the words to speak and by and by the stone-cold hearts of those folks were softened and for

just a short time they contemplated their own appointment with their Creator.

Sometimes it was hard to make exciting family plans and just as you were heading out the door, the phone rang. On the other end was a deacon's wayward son who was beginning to ask the right questions at age 25. He asks if you can come over and you look at your wife, hold your hand over the receiver and explain to your life partner the dilemma. She smiles and says, "Go! This is why we are here!" By the time you get back, it's too late for dinner, but you celebrate your anniversary none the less resting in the assurance that God used you to lead a young couple to the Saviour.

Sometimes it was hard to lose faith in God's power to provide, only to be encouraged by a dear layman who used your own words to remind you that you serve a God of unlimited resources. He went on to express his heartfelt thanks for being his shepherd. He said, "The people I work with, they don't love me, they're just interested in what they can get from me, but you are concerned about my soul. No one else cares for me like that."

Sometimes we need to pause and take time to give thanks to God for the man of God who attempts to lay down his life for the flock. He watches over our souls. Christmas is coming. Why not do something, individually, to appreciate your pastor and his family. Then, as 1996 begins, make it your ministry to pray for, encourage and protect your pastor and his family. We need our pastors and our pastors need us. •

WORDS OF A SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

Psalms 23:1

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep.

Ezekiel 34:12

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:2-5

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father . . .

John 10:14, 15

. . . our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep . . .

Hebrews 13:20

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

I Peter 2:25

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelations 7:17



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SIFTING THE SANDS OF

TIME *by Debbie Hofecker*

"The closest thing to Hell that you can know," that is how Dr. Gordon Johnston of Lancaster Bible College describes the archaeological excavation at Tel Malhata, Israel. So why would a Grace Brethren pastor spend a large part of his summer in a place like this?

"Ever since I studied under Dr. John Davis at Grace Seminary, I have always had a desire to try my hand at archaeology," says Dr. Terry Hofecker, Senior Pastor at Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church in Dublin, Ohio. After postponing his sabbatical for several years, the Elder Board at Northwest threatened to tie him to his seat in the airplane. So, on June 4, 1995, Terry preached a sermon, drove to the airport, climbed on an airplane and left for the Negev desert in Israel.

After twenty hours on airplanes and in airports, Terry arrived in Tel Aviv and caught the Egged bus south to Beersheva. "Even if I had known these buses were prime targets for terrorists I wouldn't have cared," jokes Terry, "it would have put me out of my misery." Three buses and five hours later he found himself at the desk of the Nof Arad Hotel in the small desert town of Arad, Israel. Terry found out the next day what real misery was.

Tel Malhata is a four-acre tel about 20 miles east of Beersheva, Israel. "Tel" is a Hebrew word meaning a "mound of ruins." This site represents the biblical city of Moladah mentioned in Joshua 15:26

and Nehemiah 11:26. The excavation there is a joint expedition of Tel Aviv University and Baylor University. Dr. Itzhak Beit Arie of Tel Aviv University directs the dig in conjunction with Dr. Bruce Cresson of Baylor. Terry joined them and 18 others for the 1995 digging season.

The workday at Tel Malhata begins at 4:00 a.m. when the team

"road." By 5:30 a.m. everyday the 21 staff and volunteers have hiked up from the road over the tel and are ready to begin digging.

"I underestimated how physically difficult the environment and work would be," reflects Terry. The high temperatures at noon ranged between a low of 99 degrees Fahrenheit and a high of 112 degrees Fahrenheit. The soil of the Negev Desert is not sand but windblown "loess," a fine dust which penetrates everything.

By 1:00 p.m. the crew cleans up the excavation for the day and returns to their headquarters in Arad for lunch, pottery washing and record-keeping. The pottery of the previous day is washed by the team and then "read" by the staff archaeologists. Pottery reading is done under the trees in a classroom-like setting. Each tray of pottery from every square or locus is "read" or identified while the volunteers take notes.

Terry remembers, "I was skeptical about the subjectivity of the process of reading pottery until I saw it firsthand." One of the legends of the team is an area supervisor who doubted the apparent omniscience of the staff archaeologists. On a trip to the Southwest he secured some Native American pottery fragments and slipped them into a tray. "I don't know what these are, but they are not from Israel," said Dr. Beit-Arie after a brief examination and tossed them over his shoulder. No more



Terry Hofecker at the Tel Malhata archeological site in Israel.

gets out of bed in order to beat the sunrise and the desert heat. After a light breakfast and a half hour bus drive, the team arrives at the gate of the Israeli military compound in which the tel is located. Security procedures and scrutiny vary from day to day, but if all goes well, the team is cleared for another two miles of dirt camel track undeserving of the word

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ONE on ONE with *The People We Meet*

GEORGE BARNA *The American Mission Field*



Q: George, tell me about yourself and your spiritual background.

A: I was raised as a Roman Catholic and when I was in graduate school I had some experiences that caused me to question what I had known and what I was experiencing. At that point, my wife and I went on a search for God and ultimately found Christ. It's been an unusual 15 years journey since then and it's been very humbling too. He's been able to use people like myself who don't have all that much background. I wasn't raised in a Christian family per se, but nevertheless can be used by Him for His purpose.

Q: What part of the country are you from?

A: The northeast. I was born in New York City and raised in Princeton, New Jersey and made it out to California as soon as I could.

Q: What is your assessment of the church today? Will it survive?

A: Only God knows whether or not it will survive. I think we've got

many good things going for us, but I think it's a time of huge challenge with the nature of the changes taking place and the rapidity of which they are taking place. I would at least characterize a lack of a strategic focus in most local churches. I think we have our work cut out for us in the things ahead.

Q: You said something about America being a mission field. Could you elaborate on that?

A: From what we can tell, based on our research, there are about 185 million non-Christians in America today. If we were to take them and make them into a country of their own they would represent the largest country in the world; and that's all just non-Christians. So this is a huge mission field. If we could see it for that, I think maybe we would have a different focus in ministry.

Q: Why don't our churches reach non-Christians?

A: There are a lot of reasons for that too, but I think part of it is that we don't focus on evangelism. We learned through re-

search that most churches do not even rank evangelism among their top three priorities. We found that most churches do not train Christians to be sharing their faith. Most churches do not actually support those Christians who do share their faith. So there are a lot of challenges to a local church as well.

Q: Why don't Christians share their faith?

A: Part of it has to do with the fear of failure. Part of it has to do with the fear of being challenged and not being able to defend the things that they allegedly believe. Part of it has to do with the fact that they don't have anybody to share their faith with. They don't know many non-Christians and if they do they are more concerned about their friendship with those people than about the eternal condition of these people's souls.

Q: You made a distinction between decisions and conversions. Do you want to elaborate on this for me?

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The Church that God Built *by Steven A. Gotch*



I'd like to tell you about a miracle. Yes, a real twentieth century miracle that happened here in Seattle Washington. It wasn't the kind of miracle like those that Christ performed. Nobody turned water into wine or healed a group of lepers or raised a man from the dead. No, it wasn't that kind of miracle, yet a miracle occurred.

Jesus often said things that shocked His followers and that are just as hard for us to hear today. Christ said that those who followed Him would do "greater works than these . . ." But, have you ever seen anyone heal a leper with a single word or call a dead man out of a tomb or transform water into wine? Neither have I. Jesus left us a mystery in John 14:12. Yet, what if Jesus had a different kind of miracle in mind? What if He was thinking of

something much more demanding and more complicated than the simple transposing of matter or the healing of disease?

Nearly all pastors dream of starting a church from scratch, but never do because they recognize that building a church from the ground up is a titanic undertaking requiring thousands of hours in planning and preparation. Even then, its a risky business because most new church starts don't survive for long. But, during the past eight months I've seen a full fledged, Bible-believing, Christ-centered, God-praising, hand raising, life-changing church suddenly appear in Seattle as if it simply dropped out of heaven itself.

While most church plants have thousands of hours of planning before ever holding their first

service, ours had none. Christ simply supplied us with spirit-led leaders, an organ and an organist, a song leader, Sunday school teachers and many willing hearts and hands. Flowers appear weekly on the altar, over 90% of the congregation attends Wednesday night Bible study and our building fund has grown to over \$150,000.00.

In just eight months, the Lord has allowed me to be a firsthand witness to "greater works than these . . ." for I've seen Jesus Christ transform a group of bewildered, but faithful followers into a ministering body of believers, and raise a church out of dry ground. Perhaps more churches would be built, if more pastors comprehended the unfathomable richness of Christ in building His Church. Truly, Seattle GBC is "The Church that God Built." •

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It's A Wonderful LIFE

Author Phillip Van Doren Stern, got the idea one winter morning in 1938, while he was shaving. The entire story came to him, beginning to end, right there in front of a bathroom mirror. But Phillip would not write this story down until a year later, and he would not try to sell the story until four more years passed. And even then nobody would buy it. I mean he tried to interest magazines in publishing it, but was turned down by everything from the Saturday Evening Post to the local Farm Journals.

Finally, a movie studio bought the story which the author had entitled, "The Greatest Gift." RKO Radio Pictures purchased the property at the suggestion of Cary Grant who thought the hero might be a suitable role for himself someday.

Yet, try as they might, RKO screen writers simply could not adapt the story to a movie-worthy script, so more years went by.

RKO sold "The Greatest Gift" to another movie maker who had just organized a new company called Liberty Films. That Producer/Director's name was Frank Capra. Under his loving guidance, Philip Stern's little Christmas story grew into one of the most moving, and most heart warming tales ever told. Each Christmas time, viewers thrill to the retelling of an all-American yarn which Frank Capra retitled "It's A Wonderful Life."

It has gone on to become a classic, consistently listed by critics among the 10 greatest movies ever made. Yet, it did not become an American cultural phenomenon

until the mid 1970s. There's a reason for that, aside from it's intrinsic greatness. For you see, when "It's A Wonderful Life" first appeared in theaters in December 1946, it received mixed reviews, barely breaking even at the box office and receiving not one academy award. It was so generally ignored over the following three decades, that in 1974, when it's copyright came up for renewal, somebody in the studio office forgot or refused to go to the trouble. That's how one of ten greatest motion pictures of all times slipped unobtrusively into the public domain, and that meant that from then on anybody could play that movie without paying a royalty.

And that's how America's undisputed favorite holiday movie became just that. Television stations, airing it for free, aired it often, introducing it to millions who otherwise wouldn't have seen it.

Experts guesstimate that had the owners held onto the copyright, "It's A Wonderful Life" would be earning for them conservatively \$26 million every year which adds up to almost \$367 million since the movie fell into the public domain.

In addition to the more than 1200 television stations airing it at least twice a year, there are currently 15 video companies selling the classic on cassette. Yet, we all get rich each Christmas time in lots of ways because somebody, nobody knows who, maybe some bumbling guardian angel, but somebody failed to renew the copyright for "It's A Wonderful Life," which would have cost his employers a renewal fee of \$4.00. •

Around Christmas Time . . .

Dr. Floyd Faust, a well-known pastor in Central Ohio, received the following letter shortly after Christmas one year.

Dear Dr. Faust:

I'm writing to you tonight in this plush motel, where I am sitting because I have plenty of time. I used to sit in your church and smirk, as I listened to your pleas for marital fidelity and for home stability and for love.

I knew I had a much better way than that.

I wanted to see my gorgeous girl come to me fresh out of the perfume bottles, smelling like roses, not out of a laundry room smelling like diapers. I said to myself, "Who can experience high love thrill with the woman you live with?"

Well I've had it my way now for five years and right now, tonight, while I'm sitting here alone in this motel, my former wife and my children are in a distant city, gathered around a Christmas tree singing Christmas carols and I am sitting here alone in this motel, knowing that there is not a single person in the whole world who cares whether I live or die.

I really know that I would trade every cheap thrill and the fast experiences that I have had, for just one post card from that little group around the tree, if it only said, "Merry Christmas, Daddy." •

For God and Country

Retiring Chaplains Honored at National Conference

Receiving the well-deserved applause of Grace Brethren folks from across the nation, U.S. Army Chaplains John Schumacher and John Patrick were honored at the FGBC National Conference in San Diego, California.

Colonel John Schumacher retired in April, following 30 years of ministry as an Army Chaplain. A graduate of Grace Seminary, John entered the chaplaincy in July of 1965 and was soon assigned to Viet Nam, where he served two combat tours, 1965–1966 and 1969–1970. He served as a Division Staff Chaplain for the seventh Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California; as a member of the faculty at the U.S. Army Chaplaincy School; as a Command Chaplain for the U.S. Army in Alaska; as the Director of Ethical Development Programs at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and as I Corps and Fort Lewis Chaplain in the state of Washington.

Residing in Olympia, Washington, John and his wife, Martha, have four grown children: Laurie, Julie, John, and Eric. As a family, they have moved over 20 times during John's ministry as a Chaplain. He has been awarded two Bronze Stars, six Meritorious Service Medals, two Army

Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, 20 Defense Medals, several Viet Nam Service awards, including the Cross of Gallantry, and upon his retirement, the prestigious Legion of Merit.



John and Martha Schumacher receiving honors.

The "civilian" John Schumacher now serves as a member of the board of directors of Grace Brethren Home Missions and as the Chaplains' Endorsing Agent for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Lieutenant Colonel John Patrick retires this fall following 30 years in the U.S. Army, 20 of those years as a Grace Brethren Chaplain. Early on, he demonstrated great potential, selected at the NCO Academy as the "leadership" graduate of his class. He was commissioned as a Chaplain in July, 1975, and has ministered to soldiers at Ft. Meade (MD), Darmstadt (Germany), on the faculty at Ft. Monmouth Chaplain School (NJ), Ft. Sill (OK), Ft. Gordon, Ft. Jackson, Ft. Wainwright (AK) as a

Larry and Sherlene Chamberlain with John and Georgia Patrick.

Division Chaplain, and Ft. Huachuca (AZ).

Consistently "maxing out" the physical fitness test, John Patrick has been recognized by the U.S. Army with Meritorious Service Medals, Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal with Service Star, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon with Service Star.

John and Georgia are the very proud parents of four grown daughters: Katherine, twins Connie and Carolyn, and Rebekah. The Patricks look forward to a pastoral ministry in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Chaplains Schumacher and Patrick were each awarded bronze eagles at National Conference, presented by Larry Chamberlain in behalf of the Eagle Commission, a ministry for chaplains sponsored by Grace Brethren Home Missions. •



A Hoosier Grandma in the African Rain Forest

by Miriam Pacheco

It all started when I was a little girl growing up in a parsonage. My father and mother had many friends who were missionaries and they were often in our home. I remember stories and pictures of Central Africa from those happy years.

During my young adult years I was always challenged with the need for missionaries and drawn to the work that God was doing through them. Central Africa was the focus of that challenge many times and I kept my heart open and willing for whatever the Lord would lead me to do. But He never impressed upon me that going to another country was His initial call for my life.

Our God is full of surprises! After He had blessed me with a husband, children and grandchildren, and after giving me fulfilling work with WMC women, children and college students, He opened the doors. His timing is always perfect.

So there I was in the forest of the Central African Republic, enjoying the delightful little people and their simple way of life. They are friendly, fun-loving,

generous and helpful. They are eager to learn. And they need to know about God's love for them.

God has used missionary Barbara Wooler to establish a testimony among them and to begin the training of Pygmy evangelists who can effectively reach their own people. Barb was willing to take a novice camper along for several weeks and I was blest to be a part of God's work there.

One of the most fun parts of each day was teaching school. My specialty was helping beginning students (some who had never seen a printed page) learn to hear, recognize and write vowels. There were three other levels of classes

going on at the same time in the little church building, so it was definitely a challenge. Learning to read is essential for their understanding of the Scriptures, so literacy is combined with an emphasis on becoming fluent in Bible knowledge as well.

Helping them learn about good hygiene and medical care was also a big part of our time there. As medical missionary Mike Taylor examined them and diagnosed their illnesses, I dispensed

the medicine. Miriam Pacheco—Forest Pharmacist. Has a nice ring to it, huh?

One of my favorite things to do was sit around the fire in the

evening with the women and children and share ideas with each other about life in our two different worlds. It was a wonderful, I-feel-right-at-home experience. I got to know them as individuals with unique personalities, and after a couple of days I didn't even think of them as being shorter than I am. They were just

people like any other people.

God's forest creation is absolutely beautiful. Butterflies by the thousands in colors extra bright and vibrant kept us company all day. The variety of plants and trees with their distinguishing leaves is amazing. A full moon shining in the forest is beyond description. And there's nothing like an early evening, outdoor, cool water shower after a hot afternoon.

What an education to see how resourceful the people are in using what is in the forest for their essential needs like food, housing and hunting equipment. I've had the privilege of being a part of the hunting party to capture the day's food supply. If they don't hunt, they don't eat. Porcupines, monkeys and forest antelopes make quite delicious stews. Their "water faucet" is a 35 minute walk into the forest and it's not a handy gadget like we have. It's a pool and a stream with varying amounts of water available, depending on the season of the year.



Miriam Pacheco holding a Pygmy baby.



Mama Marie and Miriam getting acquainted. Their names both mean Mary (hers is French and Miriam's is Hebrew).

There were some uncomfortable things about living in the forest. Hot, humid days (around 100 degrees). Chilly, damp nights (49 degrees wasn't unusual). Lots of flying critters (some of them loved to sting). Even more chiggers (they loved to burrow into our feet). But in the eternal

perspective of life, what are a few stings, lumps and sweatbeads compared to precious souls being rescued from Satan's grasp?

Will I spend the rest of my life as a missionary in another country? Probably not. Will I ever go back to Central Africa (or perhaps another mission

field) for a short-term ministry? If God opens the doors again, I'll certainly walk through them! His plans are so exciting and satisfying. How could I follow any other way?

Who knows? Maybe God is opening doors for you—some time, somewhere. •

Missionary to the Philippines *by Tori Beaver*

I spent most of my growing-up years in Orange County, California. When I was very young my parents became Christians and as a result, my father, an oral surgeon, soon became interested in medical missions. My parents were also instrumental in opening Campus Crusade for Christ Latin American headquarters in Chula Vista, Mexico. All of this exposed me to missions throughout childhood, especially the numerous trips into Mexico. Ministry trips during my high school years with the Navajos in Counselor, New Mexico, were also valuable experiences in preparing my heart and mind for serving on the foreign mission field.

At the age of eight, my older sister gently posed the question, "Tori, have you ever asked Jesus into your heart?" Everyone else in my family had made that decision and I realized that this was a decision I, too, needed to make. During childhood and teen years, parents, teachers, church and camps played a significant role in shaping my spiritual values.

I attended Brethren Christian High School in Paramount, California, where I met my husband Dan. We were married in 1976. I graduated from the University of California with a major in Fine Arts and have taught art on the elementary, secondary and college levels.

We have three children: Ashley, 17; Landon, 13; and Nika, 4. Ashley and Landon attend Faith Academy in Manila, the largest school in the world for missionaries' children.

We went to the Philippines in 1989 and Dan and I both teach at Faith Academy. It is estimated that fifty percent of all missionaries with children would have to return to



The Dan Beaver Family .

their own countries if Faith Academy had to close its doors. The education of missionaries' children is a very significant factor in keeping missionaries on the foreign field.

We live very close to Faith Academy, set on a hillside just outside Metro Manila. Day or night, we have a breathtaking view of the city of Manila. Dan coaches, and teaches Bible, computers, math and physical education. I teach art and yearbook.

Although teaching at Faith is our biggest ministry, we also work with our Grace Brethren Churches in Manila. We help train church workers and have put together Bible studies and outreach programs through sports evangelism. Basketball is a very effective tool in reaching thousands of Filipinos for Christ. We rely on your prayers.

In the past few months the Beavers have received threats against Dan's life and threats of abduction of their children. After investigation, they feel that these threats are more than just a frivolous prank, since kidnapping of foreigners is prevalent these days in the Philippines.

After much prayer and consultation they felt it best for Tori to return to the States with the children for a short period of time. They covet your added prayers during this time of separation.

Each year several missionary women are chosen to be honored as WMC Missionaries of the year. Tori is one of four selected for this year.

You may obtain either a slide/tape or a video to introduce these women to your WMC. Order from Grace Brethren International Missions, Larry Hubart, Distribution Coordinator, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Please give the desired date, indicate your media choice (video or slide/tape) and include a love gift to cover expenses. •



CE National Tells of New Events, Plans and Programs for Your Church

Children's Cabinet Plans Children's Events

Members of the Children's Cabinet have completed their first **Children's Forum** for district/regional children's workers. The meeting was graciously hosted by the New Holland, PA, church. In addition to motivational challenges and "hands-on" children's ministries, the group discussed the seven essentials of children's ministry, learned policies and liabilities related to children's ministries, evaluated S.S. curriculum and children's church, and had an outreach to children in inner-city Lancaster. During the Sunday afternoon outreach, forum attendees saw ten children/adults make decisions for Christ!

Coming Seminars:

- **All-Ohio Conference on Children**, Ashland, OH, held on October 21, 1995 (Nancy Neer, Coordinator)
- **Pennsylvania Conference on Children** in New Holland, PA, held on February 24, 1995 (Richard Russell, Coordinator)

For you . . .

- **District "round-table" discussions** on children's ministries are being planned by forum participants.
- Forum participants are encouraged to **"adopt" another church** to help in children's ministries.

Church Curriculum Concerns Expressed in Various CE Ministries

We praise God for the many evangelical publishers of S.S. and church materials, but as publishers market materials to various groups of believers, Grace Brethren need to be

• SMM/One-on-One club programs are growing since they're cutting-edge and also teach the "whole counsel of God"—not just segments.

- A plan to develop a children's version of **Biblical Beliefs**.

Youthnet Commission Plans Youth Events

Youth pastors involved in the Youthnet Commission met in Columbus, OH to . . .

- Report on plans and goals for this year's **Year of Youth Outreach**. Please pray that God helps us see 1996 youth come to Christ in 1996. A new book **911—Emergency Response for a Hurting World** was emphasized as a part of the yearlong plan.
- **"See You at the Pole"** events were held in Grace Brethren churches all across America. Millions of youth stood outside their schools to pray on September 20.
- Many new opportunities are available for teens to commit to sexual purity. One such opportunity is the True Love Waits campaign called **"Thru the Roof."** Please pray that God uses this emphasis to send a clear message to nonbelievers also as to how God allows youth to remain strong in a non-Christian world.

very careful that we teach "the whole counsel of God." Publishers often go light on such topics as eternal security, prophetic events, creation, and anything controversial (roles of women, spiritual gifts, speaking in tongues, baptism, communion). We must supplement curriculum! One supplemental resource offered by CE

• Emphasis is strong and hard on **Atlanta '96** (Feb. 9–12). Grace Brethren youth workers from across America are invited to Atlanta for training, enrichment, celebration and information. The Grace Brethren will join over 10,000 youth workers from various evangelical groups. These groups will meet in Atlanta as momentum builds for seeing youth reach their friends for Christ. This promises to be the largest gathering of youth workers in history! Promise Keepers Clergy Conference will also be held in Atlanta on February 13–15 where 75,000 are expected to attend and call for spiritual awakening.

BNYC Program Planning Committee Plans Conference

The PPC has announced that the date of BNYC continues to be the first week of August (Aug. 3–9, 1996). The location is Eastern Kentucky University. Buster Soaries, Bob Holmes and other challenging speakers have been secured.

Our 1996 theme will stress the need for youth to build personal convictions and be willing to stand alone for Christ. The theme is **"Tried and Convicted."** This year's BNYC will also celebrate the victory of those led to Christ during the Year of Youth Outreach.

National is **"Vital Issues."** It's an adult curriculum that includes a video addressing the topic of the Holy Spirit (gifts, tongues, filling). Another supplemental resource to consider is **Biblical Beliefs**—discipleship material for adults or youth. We challenge churches to check not just what is taught, but what is never taught. •

ON the Beijing Conference *by Gladys Deloe*

Glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of (Ephesians 3:20).

I had just completed a series of marathon meetings with Barb Wooler (missionary) when the letter came.

She and I have been dreaming about ways to network Grace Brethren women around the world. Our dreams had even taken on some structure; we would call ourselves Women of Grace. Barb will be visiting our sister churches in Cambodia, the Philippines, France and the C. A. R.,

challenging the women in those countries to join the women in the U.S. in a great network of prayer.

What prayer goals will unite us? The Focus 2000 Worldwide Goals recently adopted by our fellowship of churches.

I called Barb to see if we could meet once more before she left Winona Lake. "Barb," I said, "I have another prayer need that should unite Christian women around the world." Then, I told her about the contents of James Dobson's August, 1995 letter in which he outlined the plans for the United Nation's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

The details are horrifying; the implications are frightening!

A conference on women, held in China, was an irony. No other country has abused and oppressed more women, forced more abortions, practices "harvesting" the organs of young executed prisoners to sell on the Western black market and is

now offering human fetuses on restaurant menus as a delicacy and health tonic.

The agenda is anti-family, anti-gender, anti-marriage, anti-men, anti-religion, proposing a new human sexuality and eliminating of such terms as husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, male and female.

The objective promotes a safe-sex ideology, condom usage and "reproductive rights" in every nation of the world; establishing five genders from which each human will select (male, female, homosexual, lesbian, or transgendered); procreation by artificial insemination only!

The leaders are Bella Abzug, Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda, Betty Friedan and the president's wife, Hillary Clinton.

It's too late to pray that the August 30 conference won't happen, but Women of Grace can pray that there will never be another such conference! At least not one with such an atheistic and anti-family agenda. We can praise the Lord that there were pro-life and pro-family advocates at the conference, seeking to influence the delegates. We can pray that world leaders and those who will be planning other conferences on women will have changed hearts and minds.

Women of Grace, around the world, united in prayer, making a difference. Will you join us? •

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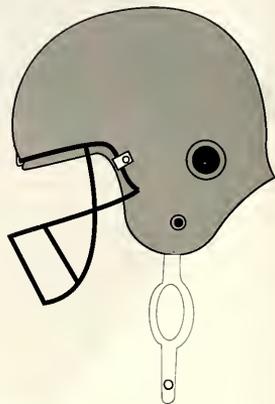
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THE SHORTEST SEASON

**Darin Jordan Never Quit
Hoping—or working out.
And it paid off!**

Sports Spectrum by Rob Bentz



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY. The day NFL junkies live for. The day players and coaches have spent the past 6 months preparing for. The rest of the world could cease to exist on the last Sunday in January, and seemingly half of western civilization wouldn't care because "The Game is on!"

Super Bowl Sunday is the culmination of hours upon hours of bruises, scrapes, sprains, twists, blocks, tackles, fumbles, touchdowns, and a myriad of other gridiron things. It's simply what the whole season comes down to.

But Super Bowl Sunday is also a beginning—if you're Darin Jordan.

For the Northeastern University graduate, Super Bowl XXIX last January was the beginning of his fifth (sort of) season in the NFL.

Yes, the beginning. The game that traditionally marks the last hurrah. The NFL's final game of the year. And Darin Jordan was on the field for the first time in more than a year, proudly wearing the fire-engine red and shiny gold of the San Francisco 49ers.

"How unbelievable," says Darin. "They [Niners management]

called me and asked me if I wanted to play in the Super Bowl!"

Don't be mistaken. The 49ers hadn't dialed the wrong number. Darin Jordan wasn't just some ordinary football fanatic who was sitting in his La-Z-Boy munching Doritos when the Niners happened to call and ask if he wanted to play in the biggest game of the year.

The Niners knew Jordan and he knew the Niners.

Jordan had been on and off their roster since April 1, 1991. He had seen action in the 1992 NFC Championship game, and he nearly played a full season by the Bay in 1993 before being sidelined with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the 49ers' final regular season game against the Eagles.

To repair his knee, Jordan had reconstructive surgery in February 1994. The doctors' prognosis: The former fifth-round draft choice would be out anywhere from 9 months to a year.

Prophetic words—although not because of injury.

Jordan's rehabilitation went quickly. So fast, in fact, that he returned to the Niners' training camp in August. But shortly follow-

ing his arrival in camp came his departure. The 49ers released him.

Darin Jordan was suddenly a linebacker and special teams specialist without a line to back or a team to be special for.

The '94 season got underway, and Darin was on the outside looking in. He continued to rehab the injured knee. He continued to lift weights. He continued to stay in shape.

But the phone rang.

"I sat out the whole year. The postseason comes into play, and I'm thinking, 'That's it, postseason is here. I'm not going to play,'" explains Jordan. "Maybe next year."

But the Niners' brass had other ideas.

"They called me before the Dallas [NFC Championship] game and asked if I was in shape," Jordan recalls.

"Of course I'm in shape," he told them.

"Would you want to play for us?" they asked.

"I thought, 'What? Are you crazy?' I almost dropped the phone. I was in shock!

"So I worked out for them, and everything went fine. I thought I was

going to play in the Dallas game, but they didn't sign me. I was on this unbelievable high thinking that I'm gonna play, and they didn't sign me," Jordan says remembering his disappointment. "I went to the championship game, and I got a pass to be on the sideline. I was feeling the emotion the team was feeling, but I wasn't with the team. It was just eating me up!"

But Jordan didn't have to wait long for the pain to go away. Just two days after the 49ers beat up on the Cowboys in the NFC Championship, they called Darin again.

"They called me back and asked if I wanted to play in the Super Bowl!" Jordan recalls in amazement. "I couldn't believe it!"

"They signed me on Tuesday, and I started practicing on Wednesday. We didn't put pads on but one day, and that was very light," explains Jordan. "I had not hit anybody yet. The first day I had any kind of contact was Super Bowl Sunday!"

Darin's preseason was the postseason.

Darin's exhibition game was The Game.

The doctors' prognosis for Darin to resume his NFL career between nine months and a year after reconstructive surgery turned out to be accurate, but not because Darin wasn't ready before that. He simply had to wait for the Niners to be ready for him.

"It was just a true blessing," Jordan states emphatically about his one-game season.

The Niners' Super Bowl addition was ecstatic to be on the field at Joe Robbie Stadium for more reasons than one.

The 49ers had been beaten by the Dallas Cowboys each of the last two seasons for the right to go to the Super Bowl, so it was good to get past that obstacle. Plus, San Francisco had not appeared on Super Sunday in five years.

And, of course, Jordan was back playing the game he loves.

But Darin Jordan had other more important interests to take care of.

"Nothing came out of my mouth that wasn't praising the Lord," says Jordan of the Super Bowl experience. "I just praised Him like you wouldn't believe!"

Praise for an opportunity. Praise for an answer to prayer.

"My wife prayed every day that I would play football that season. Every day. She was praying up until the day they called me," says Darin.

And she wasn't the only one. Niners' chapel leader Pat Richie said many of Darin's teammates also wanted the infectious Jordan on the team and prayed for him regularly.

"We were all praying for him," says Richie.

Although Jordan would have preferred to be flying downfield as part

"I learned that I need to accept what God gives me and to just have faith that He's always doing good."

of the 49ers special teams throughout the 1994 season, he now realizes that his season away from the NFL provided some great opportunities.

It gave Darin the chance to deepen his relationship with his wife, Andrea. It gave him an opportunity to nurture relationships with his neighborhood and start a weekly Bible study. But the biggest asset of watching the 1994 NFL season instead of being a part of it was that Darin could be with his wife during the entire pregnancy of their first child.

"I went throughout the whole pregnancy with Andrea—stage one, stage two, and the end. It was great. I was home all of the time, helping her do things," describes the happy father of baby Janelle. "So the Lord wanted us to have a stronger relationship.

"I learned that I need to accept what God gives me and to just have faith that He's always doing good."

God doing good is something that Darin Jordan could have questioned not

only during the 1994 season, but also throughout his NFL journey. The 121st pick of the 1988 NFL draft has seen his name in the transaction section of the sports page almost as many times as he's seen it in the lineup. The 6' 2", 245 pound linebacker with on again-off again NFL career has been released five times and either signed or re-signed seven times.

He had a solid rookie season with Pittsburgh in 1988, including four fumble recoveries and a 28 yard interception return for a touchdown. But he was released the following preseason. The Los Angeles Raiders picked him up two weeks later, only to release him two days after that.

He sat out the entire 1989 season. The Raiders called again in February of 1990, signed Darin, and then released him again a few weeks into training camp.

Jordan sat out the 1990 regular season, but in a move that would be a hint of things to come, got a call from the Raiders just prior to the playoffs. He gladly accepted and played in LA's 20-10 victory over Cincinnati and their 50-3 loss to Buffalo.

Once the raiders were knocked out of the playoffs, Jordan was a free agent. A sought-after free agent.

"I hadn't really played football in two years and I've got four teams in a bidding war for me," Jordan reflects with a quick laugh.

He signed with the 49ers. He's been in the City by the Bay ever since—on and off the roster, and in and out of the lineup for most of the past four seasons.

As the 1995 NFL season starts, he's again in a battle for a roster spot. Whether the statuesque Jordan plays in the familiar red and gold of the 49ers remains to be seen. But if he doesn't, don't fret. He has faith that God is in control of his life and career.

And remember, come Super Bowl time, Darin Jordan is just a phone call away. •



GRACE BRETHREN NEWS UPDATE

Touching You from Around the World



Three new church planters attended Orientation sessions at the Home Missions offices in Winona Lake on Monday and Tuesday, August 7 and 8. Bob Nicholson is already pastoring a new church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, which has been launched by the mother church in Lexington (Pastor Dave Atkins). Lynn Yates and his family have recently moved to Jacksonville, Florida, from the Calvert County, Maryland, GBC, to start a new work. Dan O'Deens, recently on staff at the Osceola, Indiana, GBC, will be moving with his family to Exton, Pennsylvania, to start a new church in that Philadelphia suburb.

Dr. Robert Lazer, an optometrist in Bedford, Pennsylvania, was recently elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors of Grace Brethren Home Missions. He is a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church in Everett, PA, and the founder and director of Grace Brethren Medical Missions which he organized to assist in meeting the eye care needs of certain mission projects.

Pastor Jim Custer of Columbus, Ohio, was elected at the recent directors meeting to serve as president of the Grace Brethren Home Missions corporations for the 1995-96 corporate year. Assisting him are Pastor Bob Fetterhoff, Wooster, Ohio, vice president, and Jerry Michael, Martinsburg, WV, treasurer. Larry Chamberlain, executive director, also serves as secretary of the corporation.

Mike Lee (Cary, NC) reports that another family is moving from California to join their growing work in North Carolina. In addition, a family from one of our churches in

Maryland, after visiting the Cary work, is moving to Cary to open a Christian Book Store and will be actively involved in the church.

Thirdly, a Bible study is being started in the neighboring community of Fuquay-Varina. There are four to five families who live in that area (approx. 12 miles from Cary). The Bible study is being led by Jim Morton. The possibility of a brand new daughter church is exciting! The Cary, NC work is only 18 months old and has over 125 people attending the church. Praise the Lord!

Three new home missionaries were in Winona Lake the week of August 7 for orientation. **Bob Nicholson (Mt. Vernon, OH), Dan O'Deens (Exton, PA), and Lynn Yates (Jacksonville, FL)** enjoyed the time meeting with all department heads at Home Missions, Foreign Missions, CE National and Grace Schools. Lynn Yates arrived in Jacksonville two weeks ago and will be using a cell-church model of church planting. Dan O'Deens is anticipating going to Exton (Philadelphia area) in September. Dan asks that our Fellowship pray for the sale of his house in Osceola, Indiana. Bob Nicholson has already been working in Mt. Vernon for four months. The Mt. Vernon work is a daughter of the Lexington, OH GBC and is already seeing over 75 people attending their Sunday night service, which meets in the area high school auditorium. They are using a seeker-targeted model of church planting.

Ron Thompson will continue to minister on his own for the next few months. It will hinge on financial support from churches and individuals, and invitations from churches to

minister in the future. He still has some openings this Fall and for 1996 as well. Please contact him if you are interested.

Pastor Dan Eshleman reports that Warren Tamkin, former pastor of Hope Grace Brethren Church, Dillsburg, PA and now retired, underwent prostate surgery at Holy Spirit Hospital, Thursday, August 17, 8:30 a.m. in Camp Hill, PA. A four week recovery was anticipated.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Hundreds of teens made decisions for sexual abstinence before marriage through the "True Love Waits—Thru the Roof" emphasis.

Over 700 decisions were made during and after main sessions in a call for teens to recommit their lives to the work of Jesus Christ.

Over 150 first time decisions were made in the Flagstaff, Arizona community as a direct result of outreach by teens.

During an outreach concert, with an emphasis on reaching the Native Americans in the Flagstaff area, BNYC had an **outside attendance of over 500 with 20 first time decisions!**

For the first time, BNYC had a **Bible Quiz Team** made up of those from the Navajo tribe.

The **Northwest District** won the national Bible Quiz, with the North East Ohio District finishing in second place. What a great year for quizzing!

Over 1100 teens participated in an outreach BLITZ of the Flagstaff community.

BNYC had an **attendance of 1,694 on-campus teens and adults.**

Both the **Concert of Prayer and Concert of Praise** worked to

unify the conference in praise and worship to God.

Many national programs were emphasized at BNYC '95 including: **See You at the Pole, Thru the Roof, and the Right from Wrong campaign.**

Year of Youth Outreach was kicked off for all Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Over 150 teens made first time Christian Career Commitments.

Hundreds of youth sent stamped postcards from BNYC to their non-Christian friends to set appointments for sharing their faith.

OPERATION BARNABAS

Two teams of 33 senior highers with 7 leaders on each team ministered in Southern California, Oregon, and Washington in over 20 churches as well as camps, parks, and inner-cities.

Six shelters were built for homeless in Tijuana, Mexico.

Over 300 decisions for Christ were made in California and Washington.

Lives of team members changed for a deeper love of God and of the lost.

OB ministered in outreach programming with FGBC adults at Adult Conference.

OB assisted in promoting the Tijuana outreach at Adult Conference.

Teams were represented from Grace Brethren Churches across the continental U.S. as well as Alaska and Hawaii.

Offerings were received toward the purchase of new **OB buses** with a goal of \$35,000 being received in 1996.

OB's ministry continued at BNYC held at Northern Arizona University.

During orientation training in Whittier, CA, teams led many to the Lord during outreach in the projects of south central Los Angeles.

TIME

Teams ministered for four weeks each on the Mexico border and at the Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries.

Believing that nationals were trained on the Mexico border in areas of children's ministries and evangelism.

Border missionaries were challenged to increase vision for local church ministries

Navajo ministries included VBS, outreach to native Americans, and assistance to the Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries.

By now you have heard that the current director of Grace Village, **Carl Herr**, has resigned. His resignation is not due to any moral failure or financial crisis at Grace Village.

Ralph Colburn retired from his position as treasurer for the National Ministerium. He continues to serve on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board and will lead the Herald tour to Hawaii on February 22, 1996. If you'd like to go on that trip, call Jeff Carroll at the Herald and sign up.

Pastor Terry Hofecker reports from Dublin, Ohio that four congregations: Hartford, CT, New Albany (OH), London (OH), and Dublin will be mailing 100,000 mailers to over a quarter of a million people inviting them to special message series at their respective churches. Terry is asking for prayer for this great outreach attempt.

Ed Lewis, Sr., father of Ed Lewis at CE National, had undergone heart surgery in Orlando, Florida on Friday, September 8. Please continue to pray for Reverend Lewis.

Lynchburg, VA, August, 31 a U.S. District court judge decided to wait until the next morning to rule on

a temporary restraining order for Liberty University. The Rutherford Institute, on behalf of the University, filed suit against the NCAA, in the morning, arguing that the NCAA's new regulations prohibiting on-field prayer violated the right to the freedom of religious expression. The suit asked for a temporary restraining order to allow the players to continue their on-field religious expression while the case was being decided.

Mickey Mantle accepted Jesus Christ shortly before he died, former New York Yankees teammate Bobby Richardson said. The hospitalized Mantle told Richardson, a lay preacher, about his decision a few days before his death at age 63 last month, news reports said. Richardson, who conducted the funeral service in Dallas, told mourners his longtime friend had found spiritual peace and was now in "God's Hall of Fame."

From Lillian Teetor, GBIM, Mrs. Loree Sickel, retired missionary to Argentina, died Thursday evening, September 7, 1995. Her memorial service was held on Sunday, September 10 on the anniversary of her 98th birthday in the Long Beach, CA Grace Brethren Church.

Pastor Paul Mohler will be resigning from a small Grace Brethren Church in Accident, Maryland as of November 16 (tentatively). They are looking to fill that position with a new pastor. If interested, please send a resume to:

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David Seifert, pastor of Big Valley Grace Community Church is president of the Modesto, California Ministerium. For ten years he has prayed and planned with the pastors and God has seen fit to send a revival.



(Interview continued from page 6)

A: In studying evangelism in American churches, we've found that most churches are vying for decisions for Christ which would be somebody saying, "Yeah, I think Jesus is pretty neat, I'd like to follow Him." They may say a prayer or whatever the church asks him to do. That, to me, is very different from a conversion to Christ, which is when a person literally turns his life over to Jesus Christ and becomes a devoted follower of Him as their Lord and Saviour.

What we are finding is that because most churches are so conditioned and so focused upon having decisions many people who are interested in Jesus ultimately get lost. This is because we never make that transition from saying yes. I want to make a decision to actually helping them to become converted. Granted, part of that is the Holy Spirit's role and part

of that is our role, too, to be discipling them as people, to be supporting them, to be praying for them, to be doing a lot of things that will bring them into the kingdom.

Q: What should a pastor or church leader do who wants to get his church on the right course?

A: I think a lot of it has to do with helping people understand their responsibilities as a minister. It's not just the people who we pay, who are on church staff, that are called to evangelize and disciple. It is everyone who is a believer that is called to do that; and so first of all getting people to accept that responsibility. Secondly, it is getting them to understand what it is they believe and how can they communicate that with those who believe differently. And then thirdly, to develop a system within the church that will help to support all of those activities

which promote evangelistic activities.

Q: Is there a favorite church pastor or model in the United States that you have?

A: It's not that I can't think of one. We don't list them because what we found is that people engage in ministry by mimicry which never works.

Q: Is the church ready for revival?

A: No, I think the church is ready for and may even be going through renewal at this stage where believers will be prepared for what could become a time of revival. It's a tremendous opportunity for revival. But, until the church is ready for it, I don't think God would necessarily unleash the power of the Holy Spirit for that period of a total great awakening. The church needs to be awakened before we are ready to deal with the culture being awakened. •

(Sifting . . . continued from page 5)

doubt! The age and styles of pottery are more detailed and more certain for Israel than almost any place on earth. At 7:45 p.m. after dinner the crew is "free" for the day.

Was it worth it? When asked, Terry responds with a resounding, "Yes!" "Archaeology illustrates the Bible; it fills in details of life, custom and culture we could never get from reading the text alone," he explains. When pressed for an example he hands you a round baseball-sized stone. "This is a sling stone," he says. "Until I saw one of these, I had no idea why David only picked up five stones for his duel with Goliath; I pictured small pebbles and not fist-sized ballista. Five of them would make a full sack for anyone."

Terry's special finds this year included an iron arrowhead from Nebuchadnezzar's siege of the city in 606 BC and a Roman coin still in place on the floor of a small Roman building he unearthed. Like the widow of Luke 15, he was sweeping the floor in preparation for photographs when the coin appeared.

"The whole experience made me very grateful for my education at Grace Seminary," says Terry. "Most of our participants were not from evangelical schools or backgrounds but I was quickly accepted as a peer in scholarship and preparation." He credits the solid Old Testament curriculum at Grace Seminary, which he calls

"one of the most important assets of our Fellowship."

Terry has been invited and plans to return to Tel Malhata next year. "Unlike a tour, I made friends with people in Israel; Jews and Arabs alike. I have done some touring, but this was different. I visited one of the Messianic churches springing up in Israel and got a vision for how our Fellowship could evangelize and plant churches in Israel." Terry hopes other Grace Brethren churches and Elder Boards will have the vision to invest in their pastors and staff and provide them with opportunities for continuing education and growth; even if they have to tie them up to get them on the plane! •

She Meant Well

by Jenifer Wilcoxson

LAMP LIGHT CHRONICLES



"Her lamp does not go out at night"

We sat in the church pews, shifting uncomfortably. We hoped the service would begin quickly so that it might end quickly and we could leave. Low voices whispered to each other and bent heads studied the small programs handed out by young men in dark suits. It was a funeral.

You might be tempted to say, "Oh we call them memorial services these days." But this was a funeral. The woman was dead and for most of the people sitting there, the memories they had were best buried with her.

The minister walked sedately to the pulpit and began to speak. His words seemed to hide behind each other as he haltingly read the scripture he had selected. Looking up from his Bible, the stress on his face intensified as he peered off into

some unseen horizon searching for words. These pews were filled with her family. He had to say something.

After acknowledging her generations of children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, and several accounts of her hard work through the years, he ended abruptly with this: "Even if she didn't always manage to show it, I'm sure you all know that she loved God and loved you."

An entire life of more than eight decades came to that one sad sentence.

We each had our own private pieces to supply to that puzzle. We each had tasted her bitterness and heard her dark words. "God bless you honey," she would commonly tag on the end of a conversation saturated with complaints.

She had a worn Bible which she read everyday—I can still see it laying open on her dining room table. She attended a Bible church. She was surrounded with Christian friends and family. How

is it that after her whole life was spent, and death came, that her legacy was stinging words and misunderstood actions?

Life is tough. It is messy and painful and frightening. I am sure that I do not begin to understand the hurts she carried or the limitations she endured. But, somewhere in between the cradle and the casket God calls us to stop making excuses, to take hold of His hand and to walk beside Him. He calls us to look right into His eyes and to change.

Having opportunity to know her and watch her life for many years should have shown a journey. Not necessarily the straight line to perfection, but as the days wound through roses and thorns, rivers and deserts we should have been able to see change and growth. Unfortunately, we never could.

Would it have broken her heart to hear the minister sum her life up with those words? Would she wish for the chance to do better—to grow in God's love and to clearly share that with those whose steps came to her door?

More importantly, am I doing the same thing? Will someone be forced to mumble, "I'm sure she meant well" at my funeral?

I must look forward to the day when my life ends, when words will be used to describe me by those who knew me all too well. It must not be like that. I must strive for more—not for my own popularity, but to demonstrate one thing clearly—God can change a life. •

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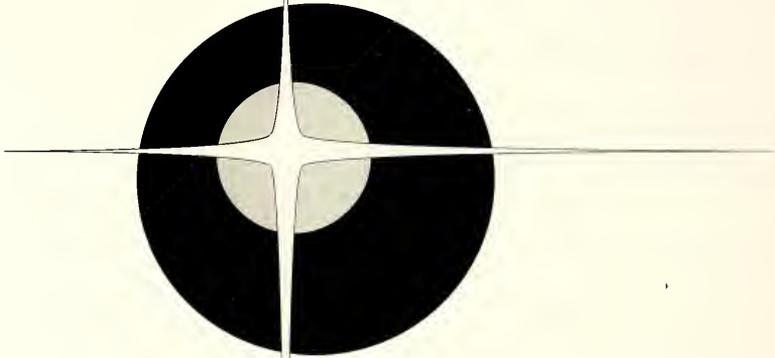
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CROSS THE BOUNDARY . . . TOUCH YOUR NEEDY WORLD"

**A Message Presented by Edward A. Lewis
Moderator of the FGBC
July 23, 1995**

Someone shared this with me. I'd like to share with you.

I was walking along the Golden Gate Bridge and I saw this guy on the bridge about to jump. I said, "Don't jump!", and he turned.

He said, "Nobody loves me," he cried.

I said, "God loves you."

He said, "Well, I believe in God."

I said, "Are you a Christian or a Jew?"

He said, "A Christian."

I said, "Me too. Protestant or Catholic?"

He said, "Protestant."

I said, "Me too. What franchise?"

He said, "Baptist."

I said, "Me too. Northern Baptist or Southern Baptist?"

He said, "Northern Baptist."

I said, "Me too. Northern Conservative Baptist or Northern Liberal Baptist?"

He said, "Northern Conservative Baptist."

I said, "Me too. Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist or Northern Conservative Reformed Baptist?"

He said, "Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist."

I said, "Me too. Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Great Lakes Region or Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Eastern Region?"

He said, "Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Great Lakes Region."

I said, "Me too. Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Great Lakes Region Council of 1879 or Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Great Lakes Region Council of 1912?"

He said, "Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist Great Lakes Region of 1912."

I said, "Die, heretic!" and I pushed him in.

(Equustentialism from the 1985 Epic Album E=MO2)

I hope we don't have to relive those days again—the days of fighting and struggles. I think most of those days are over, at least I pray so.

I thank the Lord for the Grace Brethren Fellowship. I'm thankful for my heritage in the Grace Brethren Fellowship. It's made an impact in my life and that's one of the reasons I'm encouraged with it. I grew up in a pastor's home. I was a participant in Brethren National Youth Conference including NAC and Bible Quizzing. I participated in short-term missions experiences. I went to Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. I live in Winona Lake, well, not right in the lake, but... I really thank the Lord for the Grace Brethren Fellowship and the heritage that we have. I am actually old enough to know some names that have been in the Grace Brethren Fellowship through the years: Bauman, Mayes, W.A. Ogden, the Klievers, Estella Myers, Dr. Gribble, Charles Ashman, Sr., R. Paul Miller, and many, many others. I really thank the Lord for my own parents. I enjoy the heritage of a Christian home. My dad's 85 and my mom is 82. In two weeks, Lord willing, they will have been married for 64 years. I thank the Lord for not only the rich heritage, but also for the great potential that I see within our Grace Brethren Fellowship.

Last fall, I had the opportunity to participate in the Charis program that took place in France. I

was thrilled to feel like "I'm a part of a Fellowship that is exciting." I was thrilled to feel like "I'm a part of a group of people who are committed to the Word." I'm glad that next year Steve Peters is going to have some of these internationals [at conference] and you will have an opportunity to get better acquainted with them personally. I thank the Lord for what is going on all around the world. I'm so thankful, too, for the goals that we have, the new churches that we want to build and for what we want to do in reaching the lost for Christ. I'm thankful that a number of people within our Grace Brethren Fellowship had the opportunity to participate in the *A.D. 2000 and Beyond* movement in Korea. This movement provided an opportunity to see that as evangelical believers we can remain absolutely, totally distinctive to our own Fellowship, but at the same time, work together with other evangelicals to see the gospel made available for every person and a church available for every people-group. What a great goal! What a great thing to be able to do together!

Maybe I'm a little bit too radical and maybe a product of the 60's, but on the side of my desk I have this statement, "God, help me never to be a common Christian." Another statement comes to mind, "We have time in our lives to pick only one real passion, so pick your passion well." I hope that our passion overall as a Grace Brethren Fellowship is a passion for Jesus Christ.

As I look at the Word and some of the things in the early church, I want so much for us and for our churches to really have a passion like in Acts 4. In verse 13 it says, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus." And verse 18 of Acts 4 says, "Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. But we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'" And then down in verse 29 it says, "Now, Lord, consider these threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness." I want that for my life, and I would love to see that for our churches. I want us to be radical in the cause of Christ.

Due to time this morning, I'm not going to go into a lot of detail, but I'm really thrilled with some of the potential that our Fellowship has.

You saw young people this morning that were here with an Operation Barnabas team. I had the privilege to be with the teams in Whittier, CA, for their orientation. They came together from your churches all across the United States, not knowing one another. We gave the kids just enough training in evangelism and just enough homework. Within the second day of the kids being together, without warning, not doing a great deal of explanation, we said, "This afternoon, we want you to put on your team T-shirts and we're going down into south-central L.A.—down in the project areas. We're going to go in groups of threes and go out in the streets and pick up trash. We taught you children's illustrations of how to share Christ. We want you to go out and share Christ. We gave you instructions of how you can do surveys and we want you to go out and do some surveys." (In south-central L.A., there is a church pastored by E.V. Hill. We recognized that this church is only ten blocks away from where the Rodney King incident took place.)

I wish you could have seen what took place. Those kids were absolutely petrified! I would have been, too. Within two hours, we had them all together in the busses. We arrived in the projects and a sign was posted: "No Trespassing" etc. I thought to myself that was probably just related to drugs.

Do you know what happened? We got those kids off the busses and within an hour and half, we received two invitations to return. Two people who were heading up the projects said, "You're welcome to bring these young people back here any time at all. Can you come back tomorrow? Could you come back the next day? Do you know what happened within two hours? The leaders had the roughest time because the kids didn't want to get back in the busses. (We were threatening the kids with late minutes, anybody knows anything about those.) Within two hours eleven people prayed to receive Christ. We're not talking about pre-school kids—we're talking about children and young people. Within two hours, kids' lives were changed and team members' lives were

changed. Our OB kids went out and began to play soccer with the kids on the street to make contact. **Do you know why? Because they left their comfort zone** where they felt really secure, and they went into an area where they felt uncomfortable.

Remember going into that same area a couple of years ago and a policeman coming up to me and saying, "Don't you understand this is a very dangerous area?"

He said, "I understand that. We're not sending these young people out at night. We're also not sending them out alone, but you know what? Aren't there people who live in the south-central L.A. area that are not doing drugs, that are not doing all the wrong things? Aren't there people in here that we could work with?"

He said, "Well, certainly there are."

He said, "What do you think is the answer for changing this area?"

He said, "Move out of the area."

He said, "You know what? We have missionaries today who are serving the Lord around the world. If they had been afraid of the cannibals and if they had been afraid of the wild animals, they'd never have any missions. What I want to see us do is: I want our kids to get a heart for the lost."

Follow along with me in Luke 9 as I point out some things. It's very interesting to see what Jesus did as He was getting His leadership group together. Let's look at verse 57. "As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'" Look down at verse 62, "Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of heaven.'"

Then look what takes place as He sends out the seventy. Look what Jesus did as He sent out the disciples. Luke 10, beginning at verse 1. After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.

Go! I am sending you like *lambs* among *wolves*."

What? Jesus did this to His disciples. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." There are wolves out there. That's exactly right. Look what began to happen as they were sent out, verse 16, "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects Him who sent me." and verse 17, "The seventy returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to your name.'" They returned with joy and they returned with power. And you know what took place as a result of this? Jesus himself was full of joy when He heard their report. Look at verse 21, "At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.'"

I believe many of us today as believers are in boxes—little boxes. There is nothing wrong with boxes. Boxes are good. They're comfortable. They're secure. They're what we know. They're our culture. They're okay. However. . . the box itself that we live in can lead to feelings of security. In Hebrews 11:6, it says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." As believers, we feel so comfortable in our society, and in our churches and the way we do church that it scares us to do anything different. Perhaps we have learned not only to be contenders for the faith, but also as believers we've learned to be "contenters." We ourselves will say what won't work. People will fight for methodology. We'll end up doing more fighting over the way it won't work then we will just doing something.

People say, "Confrontational evangelism will never work." Tell Evangelism Explosion.

People say, "Revivals and crusades are the thing of the past; they're never going to work any more in our culture." Tell that to Billy Graham.

"Invitations are for the past." Tell that to Billy Graham.

"Door-to-door visitation is totally out." Tell that to the Mormons.

"Traditional churches are never really going to work anymore." Tell that to John MacArthur, Charles Stanley, Southern Baptists, Jack Hyles.

"Cell churches are never going to work. That idea is just never going to take place." Tell that to Paul Cho in Korea with 600,000. Tell that to Ralph Neejhor. Tell that to Dale Galloway in Portland, OR.

"Seeker services - those ideas are never going to work; you would just do something for nonbelievers." Tell Willow Creek Community Church. They're the largest group in North America.

"You can't mix ethnic groups in one congregation." Tell that to Tony Evans or Circle Urban Ministries in Chicago.

"Sunday night services are things of the past." Tell that to Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa; they have 3,000 there every Sunday.

"Literature distribution is a thing of the past. You can't give out tracts." Tell that to Jews for Jesus or Operation Mobilization or the Moonies.

"Contemporary music is never going to be effective." Tell that to Campus Crusade for Christ as they put groups around the world.

"You can't do bus ministries anymore with children." Tell that to Jack Hyles.

"You can't have Sunday Schools anymore; they're a thing of the past." Tell that to Elmer Towns. Tell that to Southern Baptists. Tell that to Evangelical Free churches.

"You can't have church without a building." Tell that to Rick Warren up at Saddleback Valley. When they finally got 10,000 people that were attending in school buildings; they moved to a tent.

"You can't build a church based on classical music." Tell that to the Mormons and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

"You can't commit to heavy Bible study and accountability any more." Tell that to InterVarsity.

"Men's ministry today is just never going to fly. Tell that to Promise Keepers.

You know what? We can end up being caught up in all the methods and feel like the methods are the answer. We could really touch this world if we could just capture the right method, the right way to do it. I believe, as I look at our Fellowship, there are three main areas where we especially need to cross the boundary, where we need to get out of the box, where we have become complacent, where we're comfortable.

One of the things that I believe we need to cross the boundary in is this--personal evangelism. Now don't get me wrong. I didn't say church growth. I didn't say church planting. I said personal evangelism. You can do evangelism programs in your church without personal evangelism. You can have church growth without personal evangelism. You can do church-planting without personal evangelism.

Actually what it comes down to is what we hear in the passage that was read at the very beginning in II Corinthians 5. We try to persuade men. We implore people. We're the ones that desire to be able to reach the lost for Christ. Bill Hull in his book Can We Save the Evangelical Church? says it takes 100 adults and one year to introduce 1.7 people to Christ. He also says, "Most churches would do a better job of reaching the lost if they shut down the church and hired a man 10 hours a week to do door-to-door. Because we're not reaching the lost."

I was so encouraged when I got to California. I saw Linda Kline and said, "Linda, it's so good to see you coming back from the TIME ministry in Mexico."

She said, "Hey, I'm excited! I just led my maid to the Lord here in the hotel."

I said, "Praise the Lord."

My friend Glen Sharp got off the plane yesterday and said, "Ed, guess what? I was sitting next to a lady on the plane and I asked her, 'If you were to die today and stand before God and He would ask you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?' She said, 'Isn't that interesting? You're the second person that ask

...that question today?" He said, "Well, do you know?" She responded, "No, I don't." He had the privilege of leading her to the Lord. Isn't that great!

Personal evangelism is absolutely going to be the answer. I don't care what the method is. I was in a church one time and they were evaluating what is wrong with the tracts of today. I thought, "What is going on? They never hand out a tract." I'm not saying that's the best method, but why do we evaluate what someone is doing in evangelism when we ourselves are not doing anything at all. I like the fact that somebody's handing out a tract, it's a whole lot better than doing nothing at all.

think we need, as a Fellowship and as individuals, to have a burden and a heart for the lost.

Glen Sharp from Osceola, IN, has had a real positive influence in my life. He challenged me to pray, "God, I want to have a love for lost people." Glen has that love for lost people. He took me down to Pendleton Penitentiary three times. One of the guys Glen meets with down here is Ron. He's in for 50 years because he was with another man who killed a pastor for \$5 at a rest stop. Unbelievable story! He is in very difficult circumstances, but you know what? As a result of being in prison, he became gloriously saved. Ron says, "Sometimes I'm just jealous of you."

...said, "Yeah, I know, it's gotta be tough here in this penitentiary."

Oh, don't worry about that. God puts me in a dark place because He wants light here. I'm just jealous of you because you've been a Christian so much longer than I have. I've only known the Lord for four years. You know what? I've got a gang of guys in here in the prison that are after me, but I win either way. Even if I get killed I go to heaven." He cries and says, "I can't wait to get to heaven and say directly to that pastor how sorry I am and how foolish I was." He says, "Before we leave, let's just pray together," and he grabs our hands around the table. "God, I pray that you're going to be with Ed and Glen and help them to really love lost people and share the gospel with them."

I thought, "What in the world? Here's a brand new Christian." People, do we have a love for lost people? You can feel so comfortable being in a wonderful setting like this. I love San Diego. I love this hotel. I love the pools. I love the music. I love all of this, but people, if we are comfortable and we won't get out of our box and we won't cross the boundary, we're never going to make an impact for Christ. We've got to be involved in sharing our faith. I'll tell you one of the greatest things that you can do with your people, pastors, is to get them involved in moving out of their comfort zone.

I'm absolutely excited about Total Mobilization that is taking place in Mexico right now. Do you want to know why Total Mobilization changes people's lives? Because they moved out of their comfort zone. They went down into an area where they don't even know the language and they're building buildings.

You want to know why people end up going overseas and coming back with a real heart for the lost? Because they left their comfort zone.

You want to know why the Barnabas kids come back with changed lives within the first two days? Because they left their comfort zone. Sure, it's scary! You send them like lambs before wolves, but the Lord's protecting.

One of the greatest things you can do with your leaders is to get them out of their comfort zones. Take them to the inner-cities. Take them into the prisons. (Take them to the areas where they can be friends of the sinner.) Jesus was called a friend of the sinner. He spent time with the divorcees. He spent time with drinkers and swindlers. Where are we doing that in our churches? Where are our pastors doing that?

Besides personal evangelism, I believe we need to cross the boundary in our preaching and teaching.

Why do I talk about this? Because obviously we believe the Word of God is inerrant. We believe the Bible, the whole Bible, nothing but the Bible. Hebrews 4:12 says the Word of God is living and it's active. It's powerful. It's sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates. It judges the thoughts and the attitudes of the heart. I'm concerned today that because we try to relate to

the culture, we don't go far enough in our teaching and preaching and we're not giving people the Word of God.

Recently a friend gave me a book to read. The book contained a discussion between two leaders of another denomination. One of the men said, "I'll give you ten pastors who counsel for one preaching pastor." The other said, "No way! If I get somebody who can preach the Word, I won't let him go."

I believe the church has more reason to be revived than the world has reason to be converted. Leonard Ravenhill said this, "Charter members in the early church had heat and no degrees. Today many of us have degrees and no heat." I believe what we need as a Grace Brethren Fellowship of Churches in our teaching and preaching—yes, be relevant and make it apply to our day and age; but preach the Word and don't mince the Word of God. Call homosexuality what it is in the Word—sin! Adultery is sin. Being unequally yoked together is sin. And let's not mince that, people, because the world isn't waiting for a new definition of the gospel, it's waiting for a new demonstration of the power of the gospel. My greatest fear is that when we lose the power of the Word, we end up teaching **about** the Word instead of getting people to understand the Word. Many people today in our churches are hungry; hungry for the Word. Shame on us if we have the Word and we're not teaching it because we want to be relevant. Yes, be relevant, but preach the Word. Get people in the Word. II Timothy 4:2 says, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage."

I believe there's another area in which we need to cross the boundary besides personal evangelism and preaching and teaching. **I believe we need, as a Fellowship, to be crossing the boundary in patient teamwork with other people.**

I know our society is pushing us further and further away from personal relationships. We work alone at computers. We watch our television as families alone. I believe one of the reasons why small groups are so important in our day and age is because very few people just

stop by to visit someone else. You usually call first. We're craving relationships. However, this "alone situation" and "isolation," I believe has affected our churches.

Somehow in the Grace Brethren Fellowship of Churches we've misunderstood the concept of what it means to be an autonomous church. We somehow mistakenly think that the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is made up of independent churches. We aren't! If we were independent churches, we wouldn't be part of a Fellowship. We're autonomous churches. We're self-governing, but we give up our independence in order to work together for the good of the whole. The Grace Brethren Fellowship of Churches is a core of people committed to moving ahead; there is no hierarchy.

I believe one of the things that will be very important for us is teamwork. Teamwork however, says that we must give up our independence and work with the team. When a person is married (which I know nothing about) he gives up his independence. One recognizes when he is married that his interests are divided. He not only wants to please the Lord, but he wants to please his spouse, his teammate.

More of our churches need to be willing to work together, recognizing we are autonomous churches, but working together for the whole. Romans 15:1-2 says, "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his own good, to build him up." Romans 14 says, "We should accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgment on disputable matters."

As we heard John F. Kennedy say many years ago, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I believe we need to ask not what the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches can do for you, but what you can do for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches... and ask yourself what you can do to help another Grace Brethren Church down the road that is small... and what you can do to help start another church... and what you can do to help another youth ministry... and what you can do to help another children's ministry.

believe we need those three areas especially to be able to cross the boundary, but maybe we're in the box and don't know where to go.

When I was young, I learned to play the piano. I don't play like some of these people around here. But my mom played the piano, my sisters played the piano, and I ended up playing the piano, too. I started playing the piano when I was in second grade, took lessons up through eighth grade, and then I quit and decided it wasn't the cool thing to do. Then my junior year of high school, I took piano lessons again. I did pretty well. In fact, I won first place in our NAC program one year. Then I went to Grace College and when I got to Grace I decided, "Hey, I want to take some piano lessons. I think it would be good and helpful." When I started, however, I felt like I just couldn't move ahead. Verna May Felts was my teacher. She said, "I'll help you."

I said, "What's that?"

"I'll teach you lessons. Now here's your assignment for next week." She took me back to John Thompson, Book One. "Now we start with lesson one, making music is such fun."

I said, "I'm gonna quit."

She said, "Don't quit. You've learned to play the piano wrong for all those years. Your timing's wrong. You hold your hands wrong. You've got all kinds of problems and you're going to have to start all over. But trust me. Stick with me and you'll make unbelievable progress." And I did. I thank God for Mrs. Felts because she taught me that what I had to do was go back to the basics.

Maybe we, as the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, feel like we're in a box. "I wish I had a greater heart for the lost. I wish I had more power in my teaching and my preaching. I wish that I could develop greater personal relationships with other people. I know I need to do it, but I don't know what to do."

I think we need to go back to Book One--the Word. We need to answer a question that the Lord Himself would ask us. Okay, you're scared. You don't want to move out of your comfort zone. You don't know what to do. Here's what you need to do. You need to answer the question which sums up all the Old Testament law and the prophets and says something to us. We need to be asked the same question that Jesus asked Simon Peter even after he had blown it, "Do you love me?"

"Sure."

Remember that in John 21? Simon Peter said, "Lord, you know all things. You know I love you."

"Then cross the boundary. Do you love me?"

"Lord, you know all things. I mean, I'd die for you."

"Then feed my sheep." Do you really love me? Then cross the boundary.

Maybe some of us need to go back to Book One. Risks are a part of life, but do we trust God? Do we really trust Him?

Business Sessions

Business Session

Saturday, July 22, 1995, 1:30 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Ed Lewis. Moderator Ed Lewis then led the Conference in singing "Amazing Grace" and prayed concerning the ensuing business. Ed described the organization of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the importance of this single business session. He then introduced the Fellowship Council members and described the communication process. He also explained the International flavor of our Fellowship with churches around the world. Ed explained the function of and introduced the business chairman, David Plaster.

The Chairman gave instructions concerning the functioning of business.

2. The FGBC Conference Secretary, Greg Howell, presented the list of Member Churches and noted two corrections.

A **motion prevailed** that the printed list in the Conference packet be the official list of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches with the following two changes: Liberty Grace Brethren Church, Philadelphia, PA - closed, and Wildwood Grace Brethren Church, Salem, VA which has changed its name to Lighthouse Grace Brethren Church. The corrected list is attached to the original minutes.

3. An initial report of the Membership Committee was made by Dan Thornton who reported that 100 churches have presented properly credentialed delegates.

4. A **motion prevailed** that all of the delegates that have been properly credentialed through the membership committee process be seated.

5. The Secretary presented the following new churches to be received as member churches:

*Land O'Lakes Grace Brethren Church -
Land O'Lakes, FL, Pastor Mike Govey

*Grace Brethren Church - Seattle, WA,
Pastor Steve Gotch

*Iglesia de Los Hermanos en Yakima -
Yakima, WA, Pastor Abner Solano

*Friendship Grace Brethren Church -
Vancouver, WA, Pastor Duane Jones

*Valley Life Grace Brethren Church -
Glendale, AZ, Pastor Ed Waken

*Brethren Bible Church - Hemet, CA,
Pastor William Kitchell

6. A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Land O'Lakes Grace Brethren Church.

A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Seattle Grace Brethren Church.

A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Iglesia de Los Hermanos en Yakima.

A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Friendship Grace Brethren Church.

A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Valley Life Grace Brethren Church pending the receipt of their membership fees.

A **motion prevailed** to receive into the conference membership the Brethren Bible Church pending the receipt of their membership fees.

Members of these new churches who were present were asked to stand.

7. A **motion prevailed** to seat the properly credentialed delegates from these newly received churches.

8. The Secretary read a motion from the Fellowship Council recommending the formation of a New District in Indiana:

A **motion** was made to recognize the new Indiana district consisting of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, the Community Grace Brethren church of Warsaw, and the Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, pending the submission of their proposed organizational structure to the Fellowship Council.

The Secretary read a letter dated 7/22/95 stating the organizational plans for the new district.

After discussion the **motion prevailed** to recognize this new district.

9. A **motion prevailed** to approve the printed agenda.

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to order, Moderator, Ed Lewis
 - a. Introduce business chair
 - b. Introduce Fellowship Council members
 - c. Prayer
2. Presentation of member churches in the F.G.B.C.; Conference Secretary, Greg Howell
3. Initial report of the Membership Committee
4. Seating of delegates from member churches
5. Presentation of new churches to be received into the F.G.B.C., Fellowship Council, Ed Lewis

6. Additional report of the Membership Committee
 7. Seating of delegates from newly received churches
 8. Presentation of the Proposed Agenda, Ed Lewis
 9. Report of the 1994 Nominating Committee, Dan Pacheco, Chm.
 10. Election of Second Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council Members
 11. Report of nominees for 1995 Conference Nominating Committee, Fellowship Council, Dan Eshleman
 12. Election of the 1995 Conference Nominating Committee
 13. Consideration for ratification of appointments by the Fellowship Council, Ed Lewis
 14. Report of the appointment of other Conference officers, Fellowship Council, Ed Lewis
 15. Report of appointments to Conference committees, Fellowship Council, Steve Galegor
 16. Recommendation for changes in the F.G.B.C. Bylaws, Fellowship Council, and Parliamentary Committee, Bob Divine
 17. Report of the F.G.B.C. Strategy Committee, Dan Thornton, Chm.
 18. Printed Reports - Questions or comments from the delegates
 - a. Conference Treas., Steve Popenfoose
 - b. Conference Statistics, Charles Ashman
 - c. Social Concerns, Donald Shoemaker
 - d. Retirement Planning, James Johnson
 - e. Pastoral Connections, Greg Howell
 19. Report of the Fellowship Council on its activities, actions, and recommendations, Ed Lewis
 20. Report on next year's conference, Moderator-Elect, Steve Peters
 21. Report on the Board of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries, Ron Thompson/Lee Dice
 22. Report on Grace Village
 23. Report on the elections of Business Session, Parliamentary Committee, Mike Wallace, Chm.
 24. Minutes Review Committee
 25. Unfinished business
 26. New business
 27. Adjournment
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10. A **motion prevailed** to appoint a 1995 Conference Minutes Review Committee consisting of David Plaster, Charles Ashman, and Jesse Deloe to finalize and approve the minutes of the business meeting before publication.
 11. Nominating Committee member Tad Hobert presented the ballot for the election of conference officers and asked the nominees to stand. The chair opened the floor for additional nominations.
A **motion prevailed** that nominations cease and the following ballot be approved:
Second Moderator-Elect.
Robert Combs, H. Don Rough
Fellowship Council Representatives:
Eastern - Carl Baker, Howard Mayes, Dan Thompson
Central - Todd Scoles, Charles Thornton, Galen Wiley
Western - Dave Mitchell, Fenton McDonald, Glen Shirk
 12. The Chairman gave instructions to vote for Second Moderator-Elect and to vote for only one candidate in the region in which the delegates' church is located.
 13. Don Eshleman presented the following nominees for the Nominating Committee and announced that Dean Fetterhoff asked to have his name removed: Robert Arenobine, Gary Austin, Terry Daniels, Tad Hobert, Forrest Jackson, Howard Johnson, Richard Placeway, Jack Rants, Steven Shipley, Glen Shirk, and Douglas Witt.
 14. Business meeting Chairman asked if additional names were offered to be added. Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, he declared that nominations were closed.
 15. The Secretary reported that, in light of the resignation of John McIntosh as the Second Moderator-Elect, the Fellowship Council recommends that Wayne Hannah be appointed to serve in his place.
A **motion prevailed** to ratify the appointment of Wayne Hannah as Second Moderator-Elect.
The Secretary also reported that, in light of the resulting vacancy on the Fellowship Council, the Council recommends the appointment of Dean Fetterhoff.
A **motion prevailed** to ratify the appointment of Dean Fetterhoff to fill the unexpired term.
 16. A **motion prevailed** to ratify the appointments for one year of Steve Popenfoose as Treasurer and Greg Howell as Secretary.
 17. Dan Eshleman reported the Fellowship Council's appointments to Conference Committees.
A **motion prevailed** to ratify the following appointments to the Conference committees:
Membership Committee
Nancy Weimer (1998),
Charlotte Horney (1998)

Parliamentary Committee

Galen Wiley (1998)

Social Concerns Committee (1996)

Chm. - Don Shoemaker

Doug Jensen

Dan Grabill

Ron Cohen

Retirement Planning Committee (1996)

Chm. - James Johnson

Bill Burby

James Custer

Dewey Melton

Reed DePace

He also announced the following committee chairmen:

Terry Taylor - Membership Committee

Norman Mayer - Parliamentary Comm.

The Chairman, David Plaster, announced a 30-second stretch break before resuming business.

18. Bob Divine, Chairman of the Bylaws Revision Task Force, explained the synopsis sheet on the Bylaws revisions and announced that a table was set up in the foyer where the committee will be stationed to receive input. He also encouraged Districts to send representatives to the January District Invitational. He suggested that the first reading could be as early as next year's Conference with ratification possibly at the 1997 Conference.

19. Strategy Committee Chairman Dan Thornton shared a summary of the past year's activities, and announced that concentration this Conference year would be on the single goal of mobilizing 20,000 prayer warriors and that the committee will be appointing a national prayer coordinator.

20. The following printed reports were called to the attention of the delegates and time was provided for questions. None were asked.

a. Conference Treasurer, Steve Popenfoose

b. Conference Statistics, Charles Ashman

c. Social Concerns, Donald Shoemaker

d. Retirement Planning, James Johnson

e. Pastoral Connections, Greg Howell

21. Ed Lewis reported on the Fellowship Council and its activities, actions, and recommendations:

* Reaffirmed FOCUS 2000 world-wide goals and the FOCUS 2000 church goals, asking God to answer our prayers for these goals by December 31, 2000.

* Began a task force to revise the Bylaws.

* Encouraged involvement in CHARIS (GBC International Consultation in France in October, 1994). Ed encouraged the delegates to note the

HIGHLIGHTS sheet from the mid-year meeting in January included in Conference packets.

* Approved the meeting of district representatives and Strategy Advisors with the Fellowship Council in January 1995. It is planned to be continued in 1996.

* Heard a report from Morgan Burgess concerning group health insurance and recommended that our churches and organizations seriously consider participation in the Burgess Company's group health insurance proposed plan for their pastors and employees and suggests that the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers consider recommending the plan to its members.

* Recommended taking an offering during Conference for Director-Defendants of Grace Village to help with their attorney fees and judgments.

* Suggested the tentative dates and location of the 1997 Conference be:

July 25-31, 1997

Radisson Grand Resort, Fort Mills, SC

* Decided that the suggested schedule of regions in which to hold future conferences be as follows:

1998 Northwest

1999 Southeast

2000 Southwest

2001 Northeast

2002 Central

* Agreed with the Strategy Committee recommendation that we as a Fellowship focus energy on only one goal during next year--mobilizing 20,000 prayer warriors--and encourage the Strategy Committee to secure a national prayer coordinator.

* Encouraged the Executive Committee to proceed with interviews for the \$8,000 per year part-time position to help in Fellowship administration. Report is due at the January 1996 Fellowship Council meetings.

* Decided to help stimulate the development of continuing resolutions by encouraging the National Ministerium to consider and initiate a process that would allow resolutions to be reviewed prior to ratification by Conference.

* Decided to recommend to Conference that a Bylaw change be made so that the FGBC fiscal year begins in January to make it easier for our IRS blanket tax exempt status to be coordinated with the churches that will be covered.

22. The Moderator Ed Lewis offered the following statement concerning Grace Village:

"While the FGBC has no legal ties to the financial problems of Grace Village Retirement

Community in their bankruptcy and subsequent lawsuits, we feel deep moral and spiritual concerns for them. The former board of directors of Grace Village followed biblical guidelines in attempting to resolve the problems of over 300 note holders who lost thousands of dollars in the financial collapse. They've established a repayment plan for note holders. In the lawsuit against the volunteer board of directors who had to pay \$163,000 in attorney's fees, they were found liable for the problem (not guilty, but liable). This week at conference, materials will be available to explain the problems and a letter is prepared to ask you and your churches to assist the director-defendants in this very devastating and demoralizing problem."

23. Moderator-Elect, Steve Peters, reported on the first International Conference of the FGBC at the Regal Constellation Hotel in Toronto, Canada.

THEME: Personal Responsibility Equals
World Impact

Hotel rooms are guaranteed at \$55/room.

The conference registration fees will be

\$25/single and \$50/couple

CHARIS II will convene just prior to
Conference.

24. Ron Thompson reported for the Board of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. He shared the purpose and mission of BEM and announced that there would be a special edition of the quarterly newsletter available on the table in the lobby and copies will be sent to the mailing list after Conference. Ron asked those to stand who had been saved, rededicated their lives, or were called to the ministry through BEM or who had served as an evangelist or member of the Board. A number stood and were applauded. Ron announced that on May 15, 1995, the Board of Directors of BEM voted for the dissolution of the BEM as a result of continuing financial difficulties and insufficient funds to underwrite the ministry. He further stated that as of September 1, 1995, he and Tony DeRosa would no longer be employed by BEM. The financial books will remain open until all bills have been paid. He hoped that someday the Lord may say, as He did to the woman with the alabaster box of ointment: "she hath done what she could." Ron then introduced BEM Board chairman Lee Dice who announced the recommended dissolution of BEM after 47 years of ministry. He rejoiced at the men used, thousands touched, but that God's timing indicates that it is time to close the door on this ministry in light of

financial limitations. The Board intends to make proper severance with its Director, Ron. Lee also lamented that a survey of Senior Pastors in our Fellowship recently indicates that healthy, evangelistic churches are lacking in the FGBC. It is his prayer that this action will bring a shock wave to the FGBC realizing that we have lost something valuable. He asked us to pray for revival to wake up our Fellowship and our world. He then explained an overhead titled "cycles of religious groups" which indicated that all movements and ministries follow a life pattern of birth, growth, death and that there is a point where ministries will die if new life/purpose is not realized and followed. He then asked Moderator Ed Lewis and Moderator-Elect Steve Peters to lead in prayer.

25. Moderator Ed Lewis asked the secretary to read a recommendation by the Fellowship Council concerning Brethren Evangelistic Ministries:

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the BEM, with deep appreciation for the impetus of evangelistic promotion throughout the Fellowship during their 47 years of work, and to challenge our churches to rise to the great need that their absence will create and encourage appropriate financial appeal to help with their indebtedness, and recommend that the Revision Task Force amend the Bylaws to reflect their dissolution.

Further discussion indicated that BEM initiated many of the themes that are now being carried out by Conference and other boards. It was reported that their deficit is anticipated to be approximately \$3000.

The Moderator and the Moderator-Elect both led in prayer for BEM and evangelism in the Fellowship.

A motion prevailed to extend the time to be able to conclude business.

26. Mike Wallace, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, reported on the election results:

Second Moderator-Elect: Don Rough

A run-off election was needed in each of the regions. Delegates from the Eastern Region were instructed to use generic ballot #1 to vote between Carl Baker and Howard Mayes, Delegates in the Central were to use #2 between Charles Thornton and Galen Wiley, and ballot #3 for the Western Region between Glen Shirk and Fenton McDonald. Delegates were instructed to leave ballots with tellers on their way out.

He announced the 1996 Nominating Committee: Chm. Forrest Jackson, Robert Arenobine, Gary Austin, Tad Hobart, Richard

Placeway, and Glen Shirk.

27. There was no unfinished business.

28. The Chairman called for new business. The Conference Secretary presented the following first reading of a proposed Bylaws amendment:

The Fellowship Council recommends that we change the FGBC fiscal year to begin January 1, to make it easier for our IRS blanket tax exemption status to be coordinated with churches that will be covered. There was no discussion.

29. A motion prevailed to adjourn (sine die).

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Howell
Secretary

The Conference Minutes Review Committee:
David Plaster
Charles Ashman
Jesse Deloe

PRINTED REPORTS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This conference marks the 47th birthday of the *only organization* in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches that exists solely for the purpose of promoting evangelism. It has been our privilege to *Cross the Boundary* and touch a needy world in a number of significant ways in 1994-95. BEM:

◇ Conducted or participated in *four* revival crusades, encouraging Christians to move out of their comfort zones and into a needy world.

◇ Participated in *three* FOCUS III Seminars designed to ignite pastors toward new vision and accomplishment of mission.

◇ Challenged *six* churches toward a total mobilization strategy using the First Love Renewal seminar format.

◇ Reinforced total mobilization principles in *four* churches where First Love Renewal seminars have been conducted.

◇ Ministered with music and the Word in *twelve* churches, plus conferences and prayer retreats.

◇ Honored Linda Kline with the Robert B. Collitt Award for Evangelism at last year's conference.

Thanks to the faithfulness of churches and concerned individuals, the Executive Director has raised about 50% of his personal support for 1995. However, throughout the year BEM has had to operate under a financial deficit due to the diminished giving by churches. We have made this a matter of earnest prayer and trust that God will show us His will and direction for the future. Thanks for the opportunity to serve our fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron E. Thompson, Executive Director

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES Statement of Revenue Collected Expenses Paid and Fund Balance

January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994

CHECKING

Balance On Hand	01/01/94	585.31
Received to	12/31/94	<u>60,103.54</u>
		\$ 60,688.85
Disbursed to	12/31/94	60,714.53
Balance On Hand	12/31/94	(25.68)

SAVINGS

Balance On Hand	1/10/94	26.31
Interest		1.57
Balance On Hand		<u>27.88</u>
		* 2.20

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (3269.42)
(Vouchers unpaid)

TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND (3267.22)
12/31/94

INCOME
Churches 32,191.08
Individuals 10,418.00
Derosa 6,414.00
Focus II 1,158.35
District Fellowship 1,035.00
Pulpit Supply 475.00
First Love Renewal Crusades 5,689.11
Tapes/Books 2,722.00
\$60,103.54

EXPENSES

Directors - Salary & Benefits 36,516.73
Director Expense 1,517.77
(Designated Support) 6,415.00
Office Salaries & Taxes 61.32
Supplies 879.68
Printing/Publication 3,570.76
Telephone Service 2,176.05
Postage & Mail 2,352.72
Piano Tape,
Music Royalties 263.10
General
FLR Seminars & Crusades 991.93
National Conference 1,069.30
Honoraria & Focus 1,552.58
Travel & Automotive 3,082.08
Rhythm Band Instruments 265.51
\$60,714.53

THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1995

Cash Balances, April 1, 1994	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Checking - Lake City Bank	\$ 6,334.60	\$ 2,200.68	\$ 8,535.28
Savings - GBIF	1,546.02		1,546.02
Total	7,880.62	2,200.68	10,081.30

Cash Receipts:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Membership Fees	\$ 78,335.93	\$ 31,347.57	\$ 109,683.50
Conference Ticket Sales	5,026.00	810.67	5,026.00
Other (Interest, etc.)	4,137.00		4,947.67
Conference Registration Fees	19,867.00		19,867.00
Total Cash Receipts	107,365.93	32,158.24	139,524.17

Cash Expenditures:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Conference Expenses			
Facilities/Equipment Rental	5,381.47		5,381.47
Child Care	8,828.55		8,828.55
Printing and Promotion	8,361.73		8,361.73
Conference Programming	15,881.03		15,881.03
Personal Honoraria	3,175.00		3,175.00
Committees and Officers	40,511.59		40,511.59
Grace Brethren Annual	7,918.07		7,918.07
Insurance and Legal	2,747.17		2,747.17
Miscellaneous	159.15		159.15
Restricted Disbursements		28,809.33	28,809.33
Pension Investment Plan		1,796.24	1,796.24
Total Cash Expenditures	92,963.76	30,605.57	123,569.33
Surplus (Deficit)	14,402.17	1,552.67	15,954.84

Cash Balances, March 31, 1995	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Checking - Lake City Bank	\$ 2,887.87	(0.00)	2,887.87
Savings - BIF	19,394.92	3,753.35	23,148.27
Cash Balances	\$ 22,282.79	\$ 3,753.35	\$ 26,036.14

**FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
STATISTICAL REPORT PRESENTED TO THE 1995 CONFERENCE**

**Statistics Reported By Member Churches For 1994
(Includes reports received through June 30, 1995)**

Total Number of Churches in the Fellowship:	273
Total Number of Churches Reporting:	257
Total Number of Churches with 1995 membership fees paid:	229

NOTE: Only those churches which have closed or officially notified the Fellowship Coordinator's office of their withdrawal from the FGBC have been removed from the list of member churches

	-----1994 Figures-----				-----Totals-----	
	Avg.	Min.	Max.	Totals	1993	1994
Sunday Worship Attendance	154	8	3,147	39,814	41,641	41,016
Sunday School Attendance	99	4	997	23,456	26,466	30,431
Recorded Conversions	9	0	224	2,356	2,605	2,926
Baptisms	8	0	168	2,076	1,996	2,360
Total Members	125	4	2,049	32,229	34,702	36,220
Triune Immersed Members	112	4	2,049	29,017	30,854	31,832

Notes:

- ◇ Twenty-one churches reported having no Sunday School or record of Sunday School attendance and are not computed into the average.
- ◇ Thirty churches had no record of professions of faith and are computed as zero into the average.
- ◇ If we project the membership average for the total number of churches, we have about 34,125 total members in the Fellowship.
- ◇ Seven churches had no separate record of triune immersed members available and are computed as zero in the average. 167 churches reported 100% of their members as triune immersed. Less than 10% of the total membership is reported as not triune immersed.
- ◇ The five congregations of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Clinton, MD, are reported and counted as one church.

**1995 REPORT OF THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

The Prophet Micah admonished Israel to "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly" before God. Other prophets in Israel called the people to involvement in issues we consider "social concerns." Based on these and many other teachings in the Word of God, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has established the Social Concerns Committee.

The Social Concerns Committee has assisted our churches in several ways during 1994-95:

1. This year for the first time we have targeted a district in order to stimulate interest in social concerns and supply helpful information. The Chairmar visited the Ohio districts in April-May and spoke to all three ministeriums and in several churches of the Northeast Ohio district. Several appointments were held with individual pastors.

2. Mailings were sent to our churches on several social concerns issues.
3. Committee members were resource persons to the churches.
4. Letters were written carefully expressing opinions (as individuals) on social concerns matters.
5. An exhibit, workshops and many resources are available at this conference.

We plan to continue these efforts in 1995-96. Our team is composed of volunteers with many other duties and with just one opportunity to meet together at Conference each year. But we are dedicated to this mission and we invite our churches to utilize our resources to the fullest extent desired.

In light of the teachings of Scripture and the moral climate of our society, the committee urges each church to:

- ◇ Engage in social concerns with a diligent and loving spirit.
- ◇ Encourage laypeople to be involved individually in community affairs.
- ◇ Understand the political process at all

levels--local, state and federal--and learn how to affect the process through active participation and communication.

- ◇ Study the issues and responses carefully and avoid misinformation and responses which are legally or biblically questionable
- ◇ Convey to its membership the burden it carries for social concerns through regular communication and an annual Social Concerns Sunday.
- ◇ Work with other churches and with the district to disseminate information and call for action on moral issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Social Concerns Committee
 Donald P. Shoemaker, Chm.
 Ron Cohen
 Robert Fetterhoff
 Russ Ogden
 John Teevan

RETIREMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Our retirement program with American United Life Insurance Company is growing at a very steady pace. As of the date of this report, we have 194 active participants and a total balance of \$1,204,338.24. The plan is working quite well for our participants with a few exceptions. We have found American United very helpful and responsive, although not always as prompt as desired. However, we feel that all problems relating to the transfer from the previous carrier are now cared for and quarterly statements are being received in a timely manner.

The Promise of Honor program continues to be in need of gifts, although our deficit for the year amounted to just \$4,251. As has been

noted in the past, we must care for these retirees and widows with the honor and dignity they so richly deserve. We currently have 34 participants with total monthly payments of \$3,349.15.

Our checking account balance is \$501.49 and the balance in savings is \$69,771.62.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. James W. Johnson, Chm.
 Mr. William Burby
 Dr. James L. Custer
 Mr. Reed DePace
 Mr. Dewey Melton

Retirement Annuity Fund

Beginning Cash & Savings, August 1, 1994	\$ 363.15
Checking Account	<u>71,036.32</u>
Savings Account (GBIF)	\$ 71,399.47
Ending Cash & Savings, July 1, 1995	
Checking Account	\$ 501.49
Savings Account (GBIF)	<u>69,771.62</u>
	\$ 70,273.11
Net Change in Assets	<u><u>\$ (1,126.36)</u></u>

Income: 8/1/94 - 7/1/95	
Credentia Fees	\$ 28,809.33
Gifts Received	5,253.83
Interest	<u>3,888.79</u>
Total Income	\$ 37,951.95
Expenses: 8/1/94 - 7/1/95	
Payments to Retirees	\$ 41,008.02
Office Expense & Supplies	394.98
Renumeration	<u>800.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 42,203.00
Surplus/Deficit	(\$ 4,251.05)

1995 PASTORAL CONNECTIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

We have changed the name to be more descriptive of the service offered. When you are looking for a new pastor or pastorate, please remember that this office was created to serve you. The system works best when all who are looking also list their name. There are two lists - one for pastors looking for churches and one for churches looking for pastors. Anyone may ask for either or both lists, though we try to maintain a degree of confidentiality.

As Coordinator of Pastoral Connections, I do not actually match pastors with churches. I simply act as a clearing house, collecting and distributing resumes. Churches have also begun registering a profile of their ministry and community with me for prospective pastors to view prior to contacting the church.

You may contact me at 509/773-3388 or AT&T E-Mail: IGMHOWELL or by FAX: 509/773-6264 or write me at 1180 S. Roosevelt, Goldendale, WA 98620.

Some Statistics of Interest:	1995	1994
Churches Requests for Pastors List	35	24
Churches Currently Seeking a Pastor	20	11
Listed Churches that found Pastors	10	7
Pastor requests for Church List	73	50
Men Currently Seeking Pastorates	44	32
Listed Men who found other ministries	2	6
Inquiries handled by phone	68	42
Requests answered by FAX/E-Mail	12	5
Copies of letters, applications, & resumes	1114	295

Pastor Gregory M. Howell
Pastoral Connections, Coordinator

Directory of The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Listing 281 congregations in 29 states

isted by States; giving city, church name, membership as of January 1, 1995, address and telephone number; pastor's name, telephone number and e-mail address; and name and telephone number of recording secretary or clerk.

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE

Anchorage Grace Brethren Church (310)
Huffman and Pintail, 12407 Pintail St.,
Anchorage, AK 99516
907/345-3741 FAX: 907/345-4241
Pastor: Luke Kauffman, 907/345-6473
E-mail: lkauffman
Secy.: Gary Cain, 907/344-4675

ANCHORAGE

Grace Community Church (238)
2511 Sentry Dr., Anchorage, AK 99507
907/344-7780 FAX: 907/344-7187
Pastor: Brian Chronister
Secy.: Cindy Leonard, 907/344-7780

ANCHORAGE

Greatland Grace Brethren Church (58)
3512 Robin St., Anchorage, AK 99504
907/333-2484
Pastor: E. John Gillis, 907/694-5331
Secy.: Tony Follett, 907/243-5814

EAGLE RIVER

Grace Brethren Church (88)
P.O. Box 770430, Eagle River, AK 99577
(Mile 1.8 - S. Birchwood Loop)
907/688-4010 FAX: 907/688-0834
Pastor: Mark Roberts
Compuserve: 70401.1464
Secy.: Carl Edwards, 907/688-4010

KENAI

Kenai Grace Brethren Church (63)
406 McCollum Dr., Kenai, AK 99611
907/283-4379 FAX: 907/283-4327
Pastor: Chris Hay, 907/283-5789
Secy.: Mrs. Rhea Stables, church phone

NORTH POLE

North Pole Grace Brethren Church (23)
Mailing address: P.O. Box 56982,
Silver Leaf and Newby, North Pole,
AK 99705 (Meeting place: North Pole
Grange Hall, Grange Rd.)
907/488-1789
Pastor: Davis Harbour, 907/488-1789
Secy.: Cindy Harbour, church phone

SOLDOTNA

Peninsula Grace Brethren Church (122)
34640 Kalifornsky Beach Rd., Soldotna,
AK 99669
907/262-6442 FAX: 907/262-6442
Pastor: Daniel Thornton, 907/262-1008
E-mail: Idanthornton
Secy.: Carmen Franchino, 907/262-8535

ARIZONA

GILBERT

East Valley Grace Brethren Church (4)
P.O. Box 1266, Gilbert, AZ 85299
Meeting at Chandler-Gilbert Community
College, 2626 E. Pecos Rd., Chandler,
AZ 85226
520/497-5619
Pastor: Michael Wallace, 520/497-5845
Secy.: Larry Johnson, 520/545-9857

GLENDALE

ValleyLife Grace Brethren Church
P.O. Box 11192, Glendale, AZ 85318
(Meeting at: 7420 W. Cactus Rd. B-1
Peoria, AZ 85345)
602/979-3544 E-mail: vicell @ aol.com
Pastor: Ed Waken, 602/412-9552
Secy.: Joe Ritenour, 602/942-8374

PHOENIX

Grace Brethren Church (77)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd. (just west of
Interstate 17), Phoenix, AZ 85017
520/242-1885
Pastor: Kevin Zuber, 520/433-9520
Secy.: Mrs. Sandra Hurt, 520/841-4676

TONALEA

Red Lake Community Grace Brethren
Church
Box 74, Tonalea, AZ 86044
520/283-8908
Pastor: John Trujillo

TUCSON

Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (25)
1477 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745
520/792-1114
Pastor: Kenneth A. Curtis, 602/792-1114
Secy.: Natalie Curtis 602/792-1114

CALIFORNIA

ALTA LOMA

Grace Fellowship of Alta Loma (50)
5719 Beryl St., Alta Loma, CA 91701
909/980-0727 FAX: 909/980-1078
Pastor: Neil Cole, 909/941-6998
E-mail: ncole

AUBURN

Auburn Grace Brethren Church (175)
3126 Olympic Way, P.O. Box 6446,
Auburn, CA 95603
916/823-8330
Pastor: Phil Sparling, 916/823-1223

BEAUMONT

Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church (95)
10257 Beaumont, (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 655) Beaumont, CA 92223
909/845-1821
Pastor: Robert Kliewer, 909/845-2551
Secy.: Mrs. Robert Wines

BELLFLOWER

Bellflower Brethren Church (317)
9405 E. Flower St., Bellflower, CA 90706
310/925-6561 FAX: 310/925-6564
Pastor: Tom Hocking, 310/634-3747
Secy.: Connie Cashman, 310/860-4576

CHICO

Grace Brethren Church of Chico (46)
1505 Arbutus Ave., Chico, CA 95926
916/342-8642
Pastor: Louie Ricci
Secy.: Dorothy Yeater, 916/342-6749

CYPRESS

Grace Brethren Church of Cypress (19)
9512 Juanita, Cypress, CA 90630
714/826-6750
Pastor: Charles Covington
Secy.: Eva Covington, 310/945-1805

CYPRESS

Grace Church (994)
5100 Cerritos Ave., Cypress, CA 90630
714/761-5100 or 310/493-5613
FAX: 714/761-0200
Pastor: Mick Ukleja
Secy.: Tim Flaming, 714/995-8182

GARDEN GROVE

New Life Grace Brethren Church (25)
12792 Valley View St., #218
Garden Grove, CA 92545
714/895-6393 FAX: 714/895-2244
Pastor: David Marksby, 714/379-0799
E-mail: gbhmdm
Secy.: Jim Terpening, 310/803-9595

HEMET

Brethren Bible Church (24)
P.O. Box 5057, Hemet, CA 92544
(Meeting at: 41995 E. Florida Ave.,
Suite E & F)
909/658-5952
Pastor: William H. Kitchell, 909/925-7054
Secy. - Brent Cain, 909/925-5624

LA MIRADA

Creek Park Community Church (189)
12200 Oxford Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638
310/947-5672
Pastor: Jim Behrens
Secy.: Lynda Gunderson, 714/523-0398

LA VERNE

Grace Brethren Church (141)
2600 White Ave., La Verne, CA 91750
909/593-1204 FAX: 909/593-6832
Pastor: Randy Peugh
Secy.: Myca Lynn Poulos

LAKESWOOD

Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad (27)
11859 E. 209th St., Lakewood, CA 90715
319/865-9522
Pastor: Juan L. Arregin

LONG BEACH

Community Grace Brethren Church (121)
5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805
310/634-1056
Pastor: Tom Hughes, 310/630-7853
Secy.: Debbie J. Hess, 310/426-8036

LONG BEACH

Grace Brethren Church (1,193)
3590 Elm Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807
Meeting at: 36th and Linden
310/595-6881 FAX: 310/988-9391
Pastor: Lou Huesmann, 310/988-0453
Secy.: David Sundstrom, 714/827-5909

Grace Cambodian Church (138)
3590 Elm St., Long Beach, CA 90807
310/423-6312
Pastor: Vanraith Khiev

Iglesia Evangelica de los Hermanos (37)
2590 Elm Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807
Pastor: Alfonso Ramirez

LONG BEACH

Los Altos Grace Brethren Church (196)
6565 E. Stearns St., Long Beach,
CA 90815
310/596-3358
Pastor: Phil Helfer, 310/866-4385
Secy.: Kathryn McNeely, 714/828-8847

MENIFEE VALLEY

New Hope Community Church (27)
 24610 Railroad Canyon Dr., Suite 10,
 Canyon Lake, CA 92587
 909/244-2177 FAX: 909/244-5038
 Pastor: Chris Suitt, 909/656-2729

MODESTO

La Loma Grace Brethren Church (143)
 1315 La Loma Ave., Modesto, CA 95354
 209/523-3738
 Pastor: Joel Richards, 209/538-4495
 E-mail: joelrichards
 Secy.: Debra Sacuski, 209/575-0835

MOORPARK

Grace Brethren Church (60)
 P.O. Box 720, Moorpark, CA 93020
 805/529-4568
 Pastor: Tim Marlier, 805/529-9785

NORWALK

Grace Brethren Church (90)
 11005 Foster Rd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 310/863-7322
 Pastor: Don Bowlin, 310/863-3213
 Secy.: Mrs. Helen Adams, 310/868-6628

ORANGE

Grace Church of Orange (94)
 2201 E. Fairhaven Ave., Orange,
 CA 92669
 714/633-8867
 Pastor: Ed Trenner, 714/538-2686 or
 714/633-2454

RIALTO

Grace Community Church (50)
 690 W. Etiwanda Ave., Rialto, CA 92376
 909/875-0730 FAX: 909/875-0743
 Pastor: Roy L. Polman, 909/874-3526
 Secy.: Marlene Fowler, 909/875-4271

RIPON

Ripon Grace Brethren Church (210)
 734 West Main St., Ripon, CA 95366
 209/599-3042 FAX: 209/599-6418
 Pastor: Glen W. Shirk, 209/599-4685
 E-mail: gshirk
 Secy.: Robert Driver, 209/523-2811

RIVERSIDE

Grace Community Church (112)
 4247 Van Buren, Riverside, CA 92503
 909/352-8685 FAX: 909/352-8714
 Pastor: Brian Smith, 909/352-8714
 On-Line: "gracommune"
 Secy.: Gregg Starbuck, 909/689-9819

SACRAMENTO

River City Grace Community Church (70)
 4261 Whitney Ave. (corner of Whitney and
 Eastern Aves.), Sacramento, CA 95821
 916/972-1106
 Pastor: Thomas Lynn, 916/725-9709

SAN BERNARDINO

Mountainside Community Church (61)
 2050 Pacific Ave., San Bern., CA 92404
 909/889-8695 FAX: 909/888-3899
 Pastor: J. Mark Booth, 909/862-4175
 E-mail: jmbooth
 Secy.: Teri E. Booth, 909/862-4175

SAN DIEGO

Grace Brethren Church
 3455 Atlas St., San Diego, CA 92111
 619/277-5364
 Pastor: Philip Teran, 619/278-3715
 Secy.: Virginia Riddle, 619/748-8562

SAN JOSE

South Bay Grace Brethren Church (17)
 4610 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95124
 408/269-1289
 Pastor: Stan Martin, 408/448-7304

SANTA ANA

Maranatha Grace Brethren Church
 (Spanish-speaking) (42)
 1704 W. First St., Santa Ana, CA 92703
 714/541-9312
 Pastor: Francisco Javier Peraza,
 714/835-6697
 Secy.: Alva Gonzales, 714/546-7935

SANTA MARIA

Grace Brethren Church (56)
 223 E. Fesler, Santa Maria, CA 93454
 805/922-4991
 Pastor: John Graton, 805/922-9840
 Secy.: Sue Graton, 805/922-9840

SANTA PAULA

Grace Brethren Church (27)
 c/o Monty Martin, 21643 Grovepark Dr.,
 Saugus, CA 91350
 Pastor: Monty Martin, 805/297-7254

SEAL BEACH

Grace Community Church of Seal Beach
 (296)
 138 Eighth St., Seal Beach, CA 90740
 310/596-1605 FAX: 310/430-8770
 Pastor: Donald Shoemaker, 310/598-5298
 Secy.: Linda Strong

SIMI VALLEY

Grace Brethren Church of Simi Valley
(328)
2762 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93065
805/527-0195 FAX: 805/527-8139
Pastor: John McIntosh, 805/584-6488
Secy.: Mrs. Diane Clark, 805/522-1279

SOUTH PASADENA

Grace Brethren Church of S. Pasadena
(50)
920 Fremont Ave., S. Pasadena, CA 91030
818/799-6081
Pastor: Terry Daniels, 818/799-0086
Secy.: Betty Mitchell, 818/799-6461

TRACY

Grace Brethren Church (46)
1480 Parker Ave., Tracy, CA 95376
209/835-0732 FAX: 209/832-7580
Pastor: Robert MacMillan, 209/836-4848
E-mail: pulpitguy @ aol.com
Secy.: Jim Warner, 209/835-0843

WHITTIER

Community Grace Brethren Church of
Whittier (347)
11000 E. Washington Blvd. (2 blocks east
of 605 Freeway), Whittier, CA 90606
310/692-0588 FAX: 310/695-8635
Pastor: Richard Todd, 310/945-6891
Secy.: Marian McBride, 310/693-1530

WHITTIER

Grace Brethren Church (81)
6704 Milton Ave. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 174), Whittier, CA 90608
310/698-0914
Pastor: Stephen Kuns
Secy.: Aracely Tamayo, 310/695-8824

YUCCA VALLEY

Grace Community Church (21)
6300 Ruth Dr., Yucca Valley, CA 92284
619/228-1785 FAX: 619/369-7387
Pastor: Roger Mayes, 619/365-1514
Secy.: Brandy Rooney, 619/364-4121

COLORADO

ARVADA

Arvada Grace Fellowship (96)
6980 Pierce St., Arvada CO 80003
970/424-3116 FAX: 970/424-2110
Pastor: Chris Ball, 970/467-2811
Secy.: Tim Tentinger, 970/424-3116

COLORADO SPRINGS

Grace Brethren Church (77)
2975 Jet Wing, Colorado Sprgs., CO 80916
719/390-8096
Pastor: Gary Austin, 719/391-2737
E-mail: garyaustin
Secy.: Mary Burrig, 719/591-9339

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD

Colonial Chapel Grace Brethren Church
(20)
Mailing address: P.O. Box 310459,
Newington, CT 06131
203/667-1245
Pastor: Kenneth Carozza, 203/667-1245
Secy.: Michael Sanville, 203/859-2479

DELAWARE

NEWARK

Grace Brethren Church (32)
Meeting at the Newark Day Nursery,
921 Barksdale Rd. (All mail to 700
Clifton Dr., Bear, DE 19701)
302/834-1722
Pastor: J. Timothy Coyle, 302/834-1722
Secy.: Ron Bove, 302/737-0932

FLORIDA

BRADENTON

Grace Brethren Church (49)
5535 33rd St. E., Bradenton, FL 34203
813/758-1556
Pastor: Robert Byers, 813/751-2916
Secy.: Carol Patterson, 813/758-9443

BROOKSVILLE

Grace Brethren Church (43)
6259 Faber Dr., Rolling Acres, FL 34602
904/796-7172
Pastor: Bill Stevens, 904/799-3736
Secy.: Romayne Wentz, 904/799-0472

DELTONA

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (46)
3165 Howland Blvd., Deltona, FL 32725
904/789-1289
Pastor: Kenneth Koontz, 904/789-6512
Secy.: Dawn Arnett, 904/775-3869

FORT LAUDERDALE

Eglise Evangelique De La Grace
2850 W. Prospect Rd., Ft. Lauderdale,
FL 33309
305/739-5468
Pastor: Elysee Joseph

FORT LAUDERDALE

Grace Community Church (100)
 2850 W. Prospect Rd., Ft. Lauderdale,
 FL 33309
 305/739-5468 FAX: 305/777-0155
 Interim Pastor: Ralph Wiley, 305/485-8499
 Secy.: Larry Downs, 305/749-7636

FORT MYERS

Grace Brethren Church (50)
 2141 Crystal Dr. (in the Villas, one block
 east of Rt. 41, five miles south of city),
 Fort Myers, FL 33907
 941/936-3251
 Pastor: Steven Shipley, 941/278-5847
 Secy.: Linda Schneiders, 941/267-7568

GAINESVILLE

Grace Bible Fellowship (12)
 2027 SW 78th Terrace, Gainesville,
 FL 32607 (Meeting at: 8009 SW 14th
 Ave. off Tower Rd.)
 904/372-3986
 Pastor: George "Scoty" Kerr,
 (H)904/372-3986, (O)904/378-4792
 Secy.: Dr. Charles Davis, 904/373-7235

LAKELAND

Grace Brethren Church (46)
 6410 Lunn Rd., Lakeland, FL 33811
 941/647-5770
 Pastor: David Kennedy, 941/648-1841
 Secy.: Tim Howe, 941/858-1792

LAND O'LAKES

Land O'Lakes Grace Brethren Church
 P.O. Box 2391, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639
 Pastor: Mike Govey

MELBOURNE

Grace Brethren Church - Suntree (32)
 1001 N. Pinehurst Ave., Melbourne,
 FL 32940
 (Exit 73 off I-95 to Wickham, left on
 Pinehurst)
 407/254-8993
 Pastor: Jeff Dunkle
 Secy.: Glenn Ernsberger, 407/259-6608

NAPLES

Shoreline Grace Brethren Church
 740 Clarendon Ct., Naples, FL 33942
 (Meeting in the Naples Family YMCA,
 Pine Ridge Rd.)
 941/592-LIFE
 Pastor: Dan Thompson, 941/597-2275
 Secy.: Bob Dallmann, 941/455-6626

NORTH PORT

Grace Brethren Church (28)
 Meeting at NP Scout Bld., Greenwood Ave.
 (Mailing address: John Hetrick, 575
 Portside) North Port, FL 34287
 941/426-4549
 Interim Pastor: Lester E. Pifer,
 941/794-2008
 Secy.: John Hetrick, 941/426-4549

OCALA

Ocala Grace Brethren Church (36)
 6474 N.E. 7th St., Ocala, FL 34470
 904/236-2211
 Pastor: Ronald A. Smals
 Secy.: Laura Kriegbaum, 904/625-1991

OKEECHOBEE

Grace Brethren Church (130)
 701 S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee,
 FL 34974
 941/763-3218
 Pastor: Leland Friesen, 941/357-1855
 Secy.: L.C. Fortner, 941/763-3082

ORLANDO

Fellowship of Our Savior Grace Brethren
 Church (19)
 5425 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando,
 FL 32819 407/876-3178
 Interim Pastor: Chuck Davis,
 407/354-0366
 Secy.: Veronica Mansel, 407/352-8654

ORLANDO

Grace Brethren Church of Maitland (72)
 1185 N. Wymore Rd., Maitland, FL 32751
 407/628-8816
 Pastor: Ron Guiles, 407/869-4831
 E-mail: rguiles @ aol.com
 Secy.: Wendy Herzig, 407/880-2349

ORMOND BEACH

Grace Community Church (40)
 1060 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach,
 FL 32174
 904/673-0145
 Pastor: Michael Ocealis, 904/676-7674
 Secy.: Earl Howell, 904/677-3767

PALM HARBOR

Palm Harbor Grace Brethren Church (73)
 2255 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor,
 FL 34683
 941/789-2124
 Secy.: LaVerne Pilcher, 941/447-5300

PORT RICHEY

Gulfview Grace Brethren Church (86)
6639 Hammock Rd., Port Richey,
FL 34668 (1 m. S. of State Rd. 52,
off Hwy. 19)
941/862-7777 FAX: 941/868-4836
Pastor: Jim Poyner, 941/862-2821
Secy.: Evelyn Shane

SEBRING

Sebring Grace Brethren Church (118)
3626 Thunderbird Rd., Sebring, FL 33872
941/385-3111
Pastor: Glenn Rininger, Jr., 941/471-3881
Secy.: Elsie Miller, 941/385-6982

ST. PETERSBURG

Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg
(86)
6300 62nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park,
St. Petersburg, FL 34665
941/546-2850
Pastor: Randy Weekley, 941/544-5544
Secy.: Marian Foulks, 941/544-2972

TAMPA

Grace Brethren Church of Town & Country
(11)
12622 Memorial Hwy. #122, Tampa,
FL 33635 (Mtg. at 8000 Sheldon Rd.)
Pastor: John Ilko, 941/891-9509
Secy.: Sarah Ilko, 941/891-9509

GEORGIA

ATLANTA

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Atlanta (135)
3079 Hidden Forest Ct. Marietta, GA 30066
770/422-3844 FAX: 770/422-3285
Pastor: Dean Fetterhoff, 770/428-8738
E-mail: 102414,2147 (Compuserve)
Secy.: Nancy Shelley, 770/296-1343

HAWAII

AIEA

Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (127)
98-323 Pono St., Aiea, HI 96701
808/488-6006
Pastor: Nathan Zakahi, 808/487-8188
Secy.: Gwendolyn NaKamoto,
808/671-7466

EWA BEACH

Rainbow Grace Brethren Church (20)
P.O. Box 2488, Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(Meeting address: 91-824 Oama St.)
808/689-8229 FAX: 808-689-6398
Secy.: Arleen Alejado 808/689-6398

MILILANI

Waipio Grace Brethren Church (100)
95-035 Waimakua Dr., Mililani, HI 96789
808/623-5313
Pastor: A. David Mitchell, 808/623-0418
Secy.: Miss Ellen Nagao, 808/623-2116

INDIANA

BERNE

Bethel Brethren Church (138)
718 E. Main St., Berne, IN 46711
Mailing address: P.O. Box 46)
219/589-3381
Pastor: Robert Griffith 219/589-8108
Secy.: Mrs. Larry Leistner, 219/589-2237

CLAY CITY

First Brethren Church (35)
Tenth and Cook Sts.
Mailing address: Rt. 1, Box 15, Clay
City, IN 47841
c/o LaVaughn Backfisch, 812/939-2620
Pastor: Robert G. Clouse, 812/235-5433

COLUMBIA CITY

Columbia City Grace Brethren Church
(28)
2390 E. 100 S., Columbia City, IN 46725
219/248-2725
Pastor: Daniel Gregory
Secy.: Marion Bollinger, 219/723-4259

FLORA

Grace Brethren Church (59)
103 S. Willow St., Flora, IN 46929
219/967-3020
Pastor: David Rosner, 219/967-4987
E-mail: ffloragbc
Secy.: Roseanna Fife, 219/967-3201

FORT WAYNE

First Grace Brethren Church (141)
8631 U.S. Hwy 27 S., Ft. Wayne, IN 46816
219/447-2414
Pastor: Bill Smith, 219/269-7362
Secy.: Judy Shaw, 219/637-5709

FORT WAYNE

Grace Brethren Church (55)
4619 Stelhorn Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815
219/485-3021
Pastor: Robert Arenobine, 219/493-2841
Secy.: Colleen Troxel, 219/749-8332

GOSHEN

Grace Brethren Church (72)
1801 W. Clinton St., Goshen, IN 46526
219/533-7546
Pastor: W. Carl Miller, 219/534-0393
Secy.: Dorothy Brumbaugh, 219/533-7515

INDIANAPOLIS

Eagle Creek Grace Brethren Church (162)
7001 W 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254
317/293-3372

Pastor: Paul E. Woodruff, 317/293-1103
Secy.: Jan Wilson, 317/241-4484

INDIANAPOLIS

Northeast Grace Brethren Church (25)
11521 Fishers Dr., Fishers, IN 46038
317/578-0535

Pastor: Al Edgington, 317/578-8007
Secy.: Dave Voltz

KOKOMO

Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church
(73)

725 E. Center Rd., (300 S.), Kokomo,
IN 46902
317/453-0933

Pastor: Richard Horner, 317/453-1671
Secy.: Pat McKinley, 317/453-2048

KOKOMO

North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church
(111)

37 W. 550 N., Kokomo, IN 46901
317/457-8886

Pastor: Dick Cron, 219/699-7110
Secy.: Dick Kniesley, 317/452-1380

LEESBURG

Leesburg Grace Brethren Church (71)
Church and Pearl Sts. (**Mailing address:**
P.O. Box 370), Leesburg, IN 46538
219/453-3401

Pastor: Jeffrey Hoffard, 219/453-3960
Secy.: Mrs. Lori Judson, 219/268-1488

MISHAWAKA

Mishawaka Grace Brethren Church (100)
15250 Day Rd. (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 5143, Mishawaka, IN 46546)
219/256-5940

Pastor: Scott Weaver, 219/256-5940
Secy.: Barbara Kelley, 219/674-5069

NEW ALBANY

New Albany Grace Brethren Church (24)
3725 St. Joseph Rd., New Albany,
IN 47172

812/948-PRAY
Pastor: Mark Howard, 502/897-4269
Secy.: Patricia Byrd, 812/944-8378

OSCEOLA

Grace Brethren Church (220)
58343 Apple Rd., Osceola, IN 46561
219/674-5918 FAX: 219/674-5573

Pastor: Scott Distler
Secy.: Georgia Bateson, 219/679-4853

SIDNEY

Sidney Grace Brethren Church (16)
202 W. Arthur St., Sidney, IN 46566
219/839-0400

Pastor: Ronald Sheranko, 219/839-5504
Secy.: Amy Sheranko, 219/839-5504

SOUTH BEND

Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church (118)
1701 Ireland Rd., South Bend, IN 46614
219/291-3550

Pastor: Roger Krynock, 219/299-0236
Secy.: Jackie Britton, 219/256-9365

WARSAW

Community Grace Brethren Church (271)
909 S. Buffalo St., Warsaw, IN 46580
219/269-2443

Pastor: Scott Miles, 219/269-6297
Secy.: Bonnie Bowman, 219/267-7304

WINONA LAKE

Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church
(698)

1200 Kings Hwy., Winona Lake, IN 46590
219/267-6623 FAX: 219/267-8456
E-mail: wlgbc

Pastor: John Teevan, 219/269-2258
Secy.: Dan Pacheco, Sr., 219/267-7603

IOWA**CEDAR RAPIDS**

Grace Brethren Church (65)
2905 D Ave., NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319/363-4983

Pastor: Gary Kochheiser, 319/365-5551
E-mail: gkochheiser
Secy.: Sue Sletten, 319/396-8497

DALLAS CENTER

Grace Brethren Church (50)
305 Hatton St., (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 477, Dallas Center, IA 50063)
515/992-3235

Pastor: Greg Sharp, 515/992-3480
Secy.: Rhonda Mulder, 515/992-3963

DAVENPORT

Grace Brethren Church (35)
3919 N. Elsie Ave., Davenport, IA 52806
319/391-5356

Pastor: Howard Johnson
Secy.: Barry Delp, 319/391-9171

DES MOINES

First Grace Brethren Church (33)
921 Lyon St. (**Mailing address:** 1425
York St., Des Moines, IA 50316)
515/262-5290

Secy.: Dean Travis, 515/265-1077

GARWIN

Carlton Brethren Church (66)
1096 270th St., Garwin, IA 50632
(6 1/2 miles southwest of Garwin)
515/499-2358
Secy.: Mrs. Carl Kouba, 515/499-2052

NORTH ENGLISH

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church
(33)
1897 294th St., R.1, Box 33, North
English, IA 52316 (2 miles east of
Millersburg, 6 miles northwest of North
English)
319/664-3568
Pastor: Gilbert Hawkins, 319/664-3568
Secy.: Gretchen White, 319/664-3108

UDELL

Udell Grace Brethren Church (5)
(All Mail To: Lawrence Powell, R. 1,
Udell, IA 52593)
515/452-6620
Secy.: Dorothy Powell, 515/452-6620

WATERLOO

Grace Brethren Church (398)
1760 Williston Ave., Waterloo, IA 50702
319/235-9586
Pastor: John P. Burke, 319/235-9056
Secy.: Mrs. Ray DeSerano,
319/232-6380

KANSAS

PORTIS

Grace Brethren Church of Portis (99)
P.O. Box 6, Portis, KS 67474 (on Hwy. 281)
913/346-2085
Pastor: Robert H. Juday, 913/346-2085
Secy.: Darrel Wolters, 913/346-2097

WICHITA

Grace Brethren Church of Wichita (5)
2058 S. Water, Wichita, KS 67213
Pastor: Larry Hoffman, 316/788-7498

KENTUCKY

CLAYHOLE

Clayhole Grace Brethren Church (55)
4335 Hwy. 476, Clayhole, KY 41317
(4 miles east of Lost Creek)
606/666-8339
Pastor: Lone Keck
Secy.: Dixie Lee Noble, 606/666-2094

DRYHILL

Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel
(57)
H.C. 62, Box 640, Dryhill, KY 41749
(9 miles north of Hyden on Route 257)
606/672-2520
Pastor: Samuel Baer, 606/672-2520
Secy.: Lois Jean Valentine, 606/672-2455

LEXINGTON

Grace Bible Church of Lexington
Meeting at: 332 Fox Harbor, 40517
Mailing address: 222 S. Limestone,
Lexington, KY 40523
606/273-2868
Pastor: Scott Taylor
Secy.: Nancy Brumagen, 606/273-2406

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT

Grace Brethren Church (38)
Bumble Bee Rd., (Mailing address:
c/o Bill Spear, R.1 Box 21, Accident,
MD 21520)
Pastor: Paul Mohler, Acting 304/265-4624
Secy.: Alice Deal, 301/746-8335

CUMBERLAND

Cumberland Grace Brethren Church (86)
R.R. 2, Box 497, Cumberland, MD 21502
(From Rt. 68, take Willow Brook Rd. to
end, turn right on Williams Rd.)
301/777-8362
Pastor: Raymond McCoy, 301/724-7223
Secy.: Marie McElwee, Rt. 1, Box 256

HAGERSTOWN

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (61)
115 Bryan Pl., Hagerstown, MD 21740
301/733-6375
Pastor: J. Norman Mayer, 301/733-6375
Secy.: Dorothy Dorner, 301/739-2619

HAGERSTOWN

Grace Brethren Church (503)
First and Spruce Sts. (Mailing address:
837 Spruce St.), Hagerstown, MD 21740
301/739-1726 FAX: 301/739-9481
Pastor: Raymond Davis, 301/790-2927
Secy.: William King, Jr., 301/791-5012

HAGERSTOWN

Maranatha Brethren Church (211)
19835 Scott Hill Dr., Hagerstown,
MD 21742
301/733-1717
Pastors: Jay Fretz, 301/733-6073
Ron Shank 301/733-7322
Secy.: Mrs. Robin Himes, 301/791-1152

HAGERSTOWN

Valley Grace Brethren Church (99)
17310 Gay St. (Halfway Area),
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301/582-0155 FAX: 301/582-0155
Pastor: Daniel J. Pritchett, 301/582-3248
E-mail: djpritchet @ aol.com

LANHAM

Grace Brethren Church (168)
8400 Good Luck Road, Lanham,
MD 20706
301/552-1414 FAX: 301/552-2021
E-mail: !lanhamgbc
Pastor: Ronald Carnevali, 301/577-2327
Secy.: Deborah Harten, 301/464-0316

CLINTON

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Washington-One Church in Five
Locations

CLINTON

Clinton Grace Brethren Church (388)
6501 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735
301/868-1600 FAX: 301/868-9475
Pastor: Howard Mayes, 301/292-1438
Secy.: Marlene Batchelor, 301/868-1050

ALEXANDRIA (VA)

Grace Brethren Church (43)
1301 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria,
VA 22301
703/548-1808 FAX: 301/865-0923
Pastor: Robert Trefry, 301/868-0923
Secy.: Mrs. Ione Hile, 703/836-7893

CALVERT COUNTY

Grace Brethren Church (312)
9870 Old Solomon Island Rd. (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 458), Owings,
MD 20736
301/855-2955 FAX: 301/855-2273
Pastor: Robert Wagner, 301/855-7895
Secy.: Mrs. Kathryn Sugg, 410/257-7193

FREDERICK

Grace Brethren Church of Frederick (142)
5102 Old National Pike, Frederick,
MD 21702
301/473-4337 FAX: 301/473-4379
Pastor: "R." Dallas Greene, 301/371-7390
Secy.: Dorine Kenney, 301/371-6267

WALDORF

Grace Brethren Church (566)
Hwy. 5 (5 miles S.E. from Waldorf),
13000 Zekiah Dr., Waldorf, MD 20601
301/645-0407 FAX: 301/645-4233
Pastor: Jeff M. Thornley, 301/645-4216
Secy.: Donna Coleman, 301/843-7602

MICHIGAN

LAKE ODESSA

Grace Brethren Church (72)
9390 W. Thompson Rd., Lake Odessa,
MI 48849 (Meeting at Vedder Rd.)
616/374-7796
Pastor: Brad Lambright, 616/693-2936
Secy.: Betty Hulliberger, 616/374-7818

LANSING

Grace Brethren Church (36)
3904 W. Willow St., Lansing, MI 48917
517/323-2424
Pastor: Michael Rockafellow, 517/886-0525
Secy.: Barb Shannon, 517/625-7586

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY

Grace Brethren Church (40)
Corner of 12th and "O" Sts. (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 180, Beaver City,
NE 68926)
308/268-5821
Pastor: Robert P. Schaffer
Secy.: Sandra Weaver, 308/268-3145

NEW JERSEY

HOPE

Grace Brethren Church of Hope (23)
1/2 mile south of Hope on Rt. 519
(Mailing address: P.O. Box 490, Hope,
NJ 07844)
908/459-4876
Pastor: Larry K. Gegner, 908/475-2361
Secy.: Stanley M. Dick, 908/459-4168

NEW MEXICO

COUNSELOR

Cedar Hill Navajo Grace Brethren Church
(25)
Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries
Counselor, NM 87018
Phone/FAX: 505/568-4454
Pastor: Tully Butler

COUNSELOR

Counselor Grace Brethren Church (27)
Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries
Counselor, NM 87018
505/568-4454
Pastor: Steve Galegor
Secy.: Mrs. Terri Aites, 505/568-4454

DAY MESA

Day Mesa Grace Brethren Church (11)
Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries
Counselor, NM 87018
505/568-4454
Pastor: Johnson Chiquito

TAOS

First Brethren Church of Taos (180)
Corner of Pandos and Witt Rds. (1 m. east
on Raton Rd.) (Mailing address: P.O.
Drawer 1068, Taos, NM 87571)
505/758-3388
Pastor: Robert Salazar, 505/758-3388
Secy.: Lana Clawson, 505/751-4663

NORTH CAROLINA

CARY

Hope Community Church
P.O. Box 858, Cary, NC 27512 (Meeting
at East Cary Middle School, 1111 NE
Maynard)
919/460-4565
Pastor: Mike Lee, 919/460-4633

OHIO

AKRON

Ellet Grace Brethren Church (144)
530 Stetler Ave., Akron, OH 44312
216/733-2520
Pastors: R. John Snow, 216/784-0330
Stephen R. Cisney, 216/784-7007
Secy.: Bill Ankeny, 216/733-4325

AKRON

Grace Brethren Church (81)
754 Ghent Rd., Akron, OH 44333
216/666-8341
Pastor: Jim Hostetler, 216/666-4492
Secy.: Debbie Kear, 216/867-9478

ASHLAND

Grace Brethren Church (595)
1144 W. Main, Ashland, OH 44805
419/289-8334 FAX: 419/281-1425
Pastor: Daniel Allan, 419/289-8878
Secy.: Mary Lou Wertman, 419/289-2949

ASHLAND

Southview Grace Brethren Church (100)
810 Katherine Ave., Ashland, OH 44805
419/289-1763
Pastor: Larry Edwards, 419/281-9149
Secy.: Dean Glenn, 419/895-1162

BOWLING GREEN

Grace Brethren Church (27)
121 S. Enterprise St, Bowling Green,
OH 43402
419/352-6635
Pastor: Oscar Stroede
E-mail: GBC Oscar @ aol.com
Secy.: Terry Lawrence,
Off.419/372-7713 FAX: 419/372-8569

BROOKVILLE

Brookville Grace Brethren Church (257)
12152 Westbrook Rd. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 9, Brookville, OH 45309)
513/833-5562 FAX: 513/833-2961
Pastor: Henry Mallon, 513/833-2554
Secy.: Ken Claggett, 513/833-3676

CAMDEN

Grace Brethren Church (22)
96 W. Central Ave., Camden, OH 45311
513/452-1290
Pastor: Elgin Green
Secy.: Penny Brewster, 513/847-8480

CANTON

Grace Brethren Church (200)
6283 Market Ave. N., Canton, OH 44721
216/499-3818
Pastor: Terrance Taylor, 216/497-0924
Secy.: Mrs. Jan Elliott, 216/877-3785

CENTERVILLE

Centerville Grace Brethren Church (103)
410 E. Social Row Rd., Centerville,
OH 45458
513/885-2029
Pastor: Greg Ryerson, 513/439-4742
Secy.: Bill Starrett, 513/372-5446

CINCINNATI

Loveland Grace Brethren Church (51)
11020 Lebanon Rd., Loveland, OH 45140
Pastor: Ed DeZago, 513/489-0685
Secy.: Leonard W. Smith, 513/752-2758

CLAYTON

Clayton Grace Brethren Church (63)
P.O. Box 9, Clayton, OH 45315 (Salem
and Kimmel Rd.)
513/836-1689
Pastor: Darryl Ditmer

COLUMBUS

East Side Grace Brethren Church (338)
7510 E. Broad St., Blacklick, OH 43004
(3 m. east of I-270)
614/861-5810 FAX: 614/861-5868
Pastors: Chip Heim, Jay Firebaugh,
Dan Travis
Secy.: Millie Hedges, 614/866-3337

OLUMBUS

Grace Brethren Church of Columbus
(2,033)
8225 Worthington-Galena Rd., Westerville,
OH 43081 (**Mailing address:** 6675
Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington,
OH 43085)
614/888-7733 FAX: 614/888-1258
Pastor: James Custer, 614/881-5779
Secy.: Mike Anthony

OLUMBUS, N.E.

Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church
P.O. Box 218, New Albany, OH 43054
614/855-3558 FAX: 614/855-3558
Pastor: Will Marling, 614/855-0139

OLUMBUS

Southwest Grace Brethren Church (79)
3989 Neff Rd., Grove City, OH 43123
614/871-5167
Pastor: Tony Webb, (614/351-1049)
Secy.: Bonnie Smith

OLVILLE

Grace Brethren Church (40)
Seminary and Rock Sts. (off Rts. 50 and 7
between Athens and Belpre) (**Mailing
address:** Box 235, Coolville, OH 45723)
614/667-3710
Pastor: George Horner, (614/667-6243)
Secy.: Shirley Bowman, (614/989-2489)

OVINGTON

Friendship Grace Brethren Church (43)
5850 St. Rt. 41 W., Covington, OH 45318
513/473-2128
Pastor: Larry Richeson
Secy.: Virginia Peters, 513/473-2667

UYAHOGA FALLS

Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls
(18)
1736 E. Bailey Rd., Cuyahoga Falls,
OH 44221
216/923-8203
Pastor: Walter Malick, 216/784-6677
Secy.: Barbara Heinbaugh, 216/928-5885

ANVILLE

Grace Brethren Church (16)
302 E. Ross St. (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 509, Danville, OH 43014)
614/599-6467 or 614/599-6350
Pastor: Albert Hockley, 614/599-6350

DAYTON

Basore Road Grace Brethren Church(259)
5900 Basore Rd., Dayton, OH 45415
513/837-3747
Pastor: Brian White, 513/836-4730
Secy.: Sylvia Koeller, 513/833-4232

DAYTON

Calvary Grace Brethren Church of Dayton
(39)
3243 N. Main St., (**Mailing address:**
3912 Bradwood Dr., Dayton, OH 45405)
513/277-5900
Pastor: Robert Poirier, 513/274-8220
Secy.: Ellen Poirier, 513/274-8220

DAYTON

First Grace Brethren Church (282)
2624 Stonequarry Rd., Dayton, OH 45414
513/890-6786
Pastor: G. Forrest Jackson, 513/275-4211
Secy.: Mrs. Roy Trissel

DAYTON

Grace Community Church of Huber
Heights (197)
5001 Fishburg Rd., Dayton, OH 45424
513/233-4324
Pastor: Bob Foote, 513/667-5608
Secy.: Linda Penn, 513/233-4324

DAYTON

North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church
(103)
4101 N. Main St., Dayton, OH 45405
513/274-2187
Pastor: Tad Hobert, 513/898-1689
Secy.: Barbara Setser, 513/274-2833

DELAWARE

Grace Brethren Church (184)
375 Hills-Miller Rd., Delaware, OH 43015
614/363-3613 FAX: 614/363-3613
Pastor: Jeffrey Gill, 614/363-3613
Secy.: Mrs. Jennie Ecker, 614/363-3613

DUBLIN

Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church
(142)
6700 Rings Rd., (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 1234, Dublin, OH 43017)
614/761-0363 FAX: 614/761-7922
Pastor: Terry Hofecker, 614/771-9748
Secy.: Susan Fearon

FREMONT

Grace Brethren Church (360)
900 Smith Rd., Fremont, OH 43420
419/332-2623
Pastor: Kevin Pinkerton, 419/332-5185
Secy.: Judy Loudenslager, 419/547-7290

HOMERVILLE

Grace Brethren Church (169)
8156 Firestone Rd., Homerville, OH 44235
216/625-3304
Pastor: Bradley A. Kelley
Secy.: Nancy Lilly, 419/853-4084

KETTERING

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (21)
2850 E. Dorothy Ln., Kettering, OH 45420
513/293-5822
Pastor: Phillip Poe, 513/259-1460
Secy.: Henry T. Barnhart, 513/298-2212

LEXINGTON

Grace Brethren Church (233)
215 W. Main St. (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 3009, Lexington, OH 44904)
419/884-2687 FAX: 419/884-2687
Pastor: Dave Atkins, 419/884-3259
Secy.: Mrs. Joan Huber, 419/886-2615

LONDON

Grace Brethren Church (25)
715 St. R. 42W (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 446, London, OH 43140)
614/852-4761
Pastor: Timothy J. Ruesch
Secy.: Mary Allison, 513/568-9118

MACEDONIA/CLEVELAND

Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church
(106)
1066 E. Aurora Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056
216/342-0755 FAX: 216/963-6678
Pastor: Ronald Boehm, 216/467-6123
Secy.: Kaye Kessler, 216/524-7162

MANSFIELD

Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church (50)
1905 Lexington/Springmill Rd. N.,
Mansfield, OH 44906
419/747-5012
Pastor: Gene Witzky, 419/884-0692
Secy.: Darlene Arnold, 419/589-8436

MANSFIELD

Woodville Grace Brethren Church (134)
580 Woodville Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907
419/524-8552
Pastor: Mike Lookenott, 419/526-0551
Secy.: Evelyn Miller, 419/947-2516

MARION

Grace Brethren Church (62)
2813 Gooding Rd., Marion, OH 43302
614/382-6270
Pastor: John Jones, 614/383-4679
Secy.: Bob Gliem, 614/382-6549

MIDDLEBRANCH

Grace Brethren Church (144)
2911 William St., N.E. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 43, Middlebranch, OH 44652)
216/499-6691
Pastor: Robert Divine, 216/497-2839
E-mail: mgbcdivine
Secy.: Nancey Campbell, 216/499-2832

MILLERSBURG

Grace Brethren Church (51)
Meeting at 4960 TR305 (1/3 m. south of
Millersburg Fire Station) (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 202, Millersburg,
OH 44654)
216/674-9540
Pastor: Charles Thornton, 216/674-1228
E-mail: ! cgthornton
Secy.: Dorothy Pepler, 216/674-0290

MINERVA

Minerva Grace Brethren Church (82)
22797 Ellsworth Ave., Minerva, OH 44657
216/868-6700
Pastor: Galen Wiley, 216/868-3296
E-mail: gwiley
Secy.: Karen Amelung, 216/894-2753

NORTON

Grace Brethren Church of Norton (305)
3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Norton,
OH 44203
216/825-6291 FAX: 216/825-6291
Pastor: Robert Combs, 216/825-8966
Secy.: Fred Brannan, 216/867-8134

ORRVILLE

Orrville Grace Brethren Church (168)
2200 Paradise Rd., Orrville, OH 44667
216/683-3526
Pastor: Keith Merriman
Secy.: Kathy Sowards, 216/684-2163

PATASKALA

Grace Brethren Church of Licking County
(99)
3517 Headley's Mill Rd. S.W., Pataskala,
OH 43062
614/927-6543
Pastor: Gene Klingler, 614/575-1233
Secy.: Peggy Giffin, 614/927/4318

RITTMAN

Grace Brethren Church (222)
 44 S. First St., Rittman, OH 44270
 216/925-3626
 Pastor: Bud Olszewski, 216/925-5356
 E-mail: bolszewski
 Secy.: Jeanne Artrip, 216/939-4272

STERLING

Grace Brethren Church (56)
 14960 Seville Rd., Sterling, OH 44276
 216/769-3078
 Pastor: Robert Moeller, 216/669-3768
 Secy.: Laura Young

OLEDO

Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church
 (31)
 8715 Garden Rd., Maumee, OH 43537
 419/867-9339
 Pastor: Stephen Miller, 419/878-6504
 Secy.: Melody Varney

OLEDO

Toledo Grace Brethren Church (20)
 3002 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615
 419/536-3284
 Pastor: W. Ray Miller, 419/537-0175
 Secy.: Betty Miller, 419/537-0175

ROTWOOD

Grace Brethren Church (130)
 12 Strader Dr., Trotwood, OH 45426
 (across from Trotwood-Madison H.S.)
 513/854-2521
 Pastor: Charles Lawson, 513/854-2066
 Secy.: Sandy Hill, 513/836-5436

ROY

Grace Brethren Church (52)
 527 N. Market St., Troy, OH 45373
 513/335-1852
 Pastor: Louis Urban
 Secy.: Cheryl Owens, 513/339-9216

WEST ALEXANDRIA (48)

Grace Brethren Community Church (447)
 3110 U.S. 35E (Mailing address: P.O.
 Box 95, W. Alexandria, OH 45381)
 513/687-2987
 Pastor: Harold Combs, 513/746-0998
 Secy.: Dorothy McMurray, 513/456-5688

WEST MILTON

Community Grace Brethren Church (492)
 2261 S. Miami St., W. Milton, OH 45383
 513/698-4048
 Pastor: Stephen Peters, 513/698-3664
 Secy.: Richeline Prim, 513/836-8290

WOOSTER

Grace Brethren Church (864)
 5599 Burbank Rd., (Mailing address:
 1924 Burbank Rd., Wooster, OH 44691)
 216/264-9459 FAX: 216/264-7016
 E-mail: ! woostergbc
 Pastor: Robert Fetterhoff, 216/264-9459
 Secy.: Harlene Steiner, 216/669-2142

OREGON**BEAVERTON**

Walker Road Grace Brethren Church (60)
 980 N.W. 180th, Beaverton, OR 97006
 503/645-7471
 Pastor: Thomas H. Rowe, 503/649-2953
 Secy.: Barbara Gilgan, 503/640-4187

TROUTDALE

Grace Brethren Church (25)
 27938 S.E. Stark St., Troutdale, OR 97066
 503/666-6146
 Pastor: Jim Holder, 503/661-7632
 Secy.: Debie French, 503/669-3668

PENNSYLVANIA**ALEPPO**

Aleppo Grace Brethren Church (53)
 P.O. Box 66, Aleppo, PA 15310
 412/428-5190
 Pastor: David Lund, 412/428-5360
 Secy.: Millie Lund, 412/428-5360

ALTOONA

First Grace Brethren Church (54)
 2934 Maple Ave., Altoona, PA 16601
 814/942-7642
 Pastor: Barry Rowe, 814/942-0907
 Secy.: Joanne Beach, 814/942-9584

ALTOONA

Altoona Grace Brethren Church (87)
 109 W 14th Ave., Juniata (Meeting at:
 Broadway & 15th Ave., Juniata), Altoona,
 PA 16601)
 814/942-8861
 Pastor: Timothy Waggoner, 814/943-1277
 Secy.: Shirle Harten, 814/942-0413

ARMAGH

Valley Grace Brethren Church (57)
 Junction of Rts. 56 and 22 (Mailing
 address: Box 178, Armagh, PA 15920)
 814/446-6685
 Pastor: Norris Mason, 814/749-7031
 Secy.: Susan Mason, 814/749-7031

AVIS

Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren Church
(95)
P.O. Box 299, Avis, PA 17721
717/753-5175
Pastor: Lana Muthler, 717/753-5247

BETHLEHEM

Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church (54)
580 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017
610/868-0004
Pastor: Larry Humberd, 610/882-0738
Secy.: Mrs. Joan Ross, 610/820-0844

BLAIN

Grace Brethren Church of Sherman's
Valley (8)
Meets at South Main St., (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 147, Blain,
PA 17006)
717/536-3676
Pastor: James D. Link, 717/627-1371
Secy.: Janet M. Smith, 717/536-3363

BOSWELL

Laurel Mtn. Grace Brethren Church (43)
R.R. 2, Box 121-A, Boswell, PA 15531
(1 m. north of Jennerstown on Rt. 985)
814/629-5545
Pastor: Alan W. Hess, 814/629-5545
Secy.: Nancy Markley, 814/629-6138

CHAMBERSBURG

Grace Brethren Church (64)
315 S. Edwards Ave., Chambersburg,
PA 17201
717/264-3767
Pastor: David Manges, 717/352-3241
Secy.: Mrs. Barbara Poe

CONEMAUGH

Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church (45)
Corner of Second and Oak Sts. (Mailing
address: 115 Oak St., Conemaugh,
PA 15909)
Pastor: Thomas Goossens, 814/539-5333
Secy.: Mrs. Gillespie, 814/322-4558

DELMONT

Grace Community Church (12)
26 E. Pittsburg St., Delmont, PA 15626
412/468-3077
Pastor: David Nitz, 412/4688-3077

DENVER

Bread of Life Fellowship Grace Brethren
Church (73)
13 Cardinal Dr., Stevens, PA 17578
Meeting at: 598 Stevens Rd., Ephrata, PA
717/336-2073 FAX: 717/336-2541
Pastor: Robert Kern, 717/336-2073
Secy.: Robert A. Lutz, 717/336-2541

DILLSBURG

Hope Grace Brethren Church (141)
P.O. Box 275, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (1 m.
east on Old York Rd.)
717/432-5332
Pastor: George M. Traub, 717/432-4060

DUNCANSVILLE

Leamersville Grace Brethren Church (135)
14 Donnertown Ln., Duncansville,
PA 16635
(4m. south of D'ville on old U.S. Rt. 22)
814/695-3739
Pastor: John Gregory, 814/695-3739
Secy.: Mrs. Kathie Smith, 814/695-5966

ELIZABETHTOWN

Grace Brethren Church (219)
305 Anchor Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17021
717/367-1281 FAX: 717/367-0109
Pastor: Daniel Eshleman, 717/367-7771
E-mail: l_deshleman
Secy.: Carol Barger, 717/367-3755

EPHRATA

Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church (62)
62 Hahnstown Rd., (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 144, Ephrata, PA 17522)
717/738-1109
Pastor: Mark Saunders, 717/733-6018
Secy.: Janet Leisey, 717/626-9241

EVERETT

Community Grace Brethren Church (116)
P.O. Box 63, Rt. 26 N., Everett, PA 15531
814/652-5405
Pastor: Stephen Jarrell, 814/652-2995
Secy.: Bob Lazer, 814/623-2375

EVERETT, BEDFORD COUNTRY

Everett Grace Brethren Church (103)
14 W. Main, Everett, PA 15537
814/652-2811
Pastor: John Townsend, 814/652-9325
Secy.: Lynn Chamberlain, 814/784-5909

GREENCASTLE

Conococheague Grace Brethren (23)
 Meeting at 112 E. Baltimore St., (Mailing
 address: P.O. Box 604, Greencastle,
 PA 17225)
 717/597-1663
 Pastor: Alan Clingan, 717/597-1035

HATBORO

Suburban Grace Brethren Church (22)
 749 W. County Line Rd., Hatboro,
 PA 19040
 215/675-5818
 Pastor, Interim: William Kolb
 Secy.: Dolores M. Jones, 215/672-1883

HOLLIDAYSBURG

Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church (115)
 R. 1, Box 555, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
 (4m. south of H'burg, off Rt. 36 at Brooks
 Mill)
 814/695-4240
 Pastor: Larry Sowers, 814/695-4240
 Secy.: Mrs. Paul Magill, 814/695-2191

HOPWELL

Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell (71)
 Rt. 26, between Hopewell & Yellow Creek
 (Mailing address: 350 Rt. 36, South,
 Duncansville, PA 16635)
 814/458-4252
 Meeting at R.R. 1, Hopewell
 Pastor: Charles D. Whipple

JOHNSTOWN

Geistown Grace Brethren Church (40)
 730 Sunberry St., Johnstown, PA 15904
 814/266-9170
 Pastor: W.R. "Rocky" Hanft
 Secy.: Morgan Najjar, 814/479-2326

JOHNSTOWN

Johnstown Grace Brethren Church (108)
 535 Napoleon St., Johnstown, PA 15901
 814/539-7815
 Pastor: Rodney Lingenfelter
 Secy.: Fran Gomulka, 814/536-2444

JOHNSTOWN

Pike Grace Brethren Church (272)
 541 Pike Rd., Johnstown, PA 15909
 814/749-8721 FAX: 814/749-0486
 Pastor: Stephen Blake, 814/749-8620
 E-mail: !pikegbc
 Secy.: Nancy Wozniak, 814/322-4983

JOHNSTOWN

Riverside Grace Brethren Church (247)
 R.R. 4, Box 61A, Johnstown, PA 15905
 814/479-2525
 Pastor: H. Don Rough, 814/288-1163
 Secy.: Shirley Cable, 814/479-7568

JOHNSTOWN

Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (140)
 Rt. 8, Box 121, Johnstown, PA 15909 (on
 Rt. 271, 2 m. south of Rt. 22 and
 Mundy's Corner)
 814/322-4376
 Pastor: K. Howard Immel, 814/322-4875
 E-mail: howardimmed
 Secy.: Opal Stouffer, 814/539-3281

KITTANNING

Grace Brethren Church of W. Kittanning
 (201)
 215 Arthur St., Kittanning, PA 16201
 412/543-4019
 Pastor: James O. Taylor, 412/543-4019
 Secy.: Nancy Coldren, 412/545-7819

LANCASTER

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
 Lancaster (81)
 911 Rohrerstown Rd., Lancaster,
 PA 17601
 717/397-9991
 Pastor: Jonathan Tompkins, Jr.,
 717/299-9676
 Secy.: Susan Haldeman, 717/665-2054

LANCASTER

Grace Brethren Church at Willow Valley
 (128)
 300 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster,
 PA 17602
 717/464-2782 FAX: 717/464-1582
 Pastor: John Smith, 717/786-1591
 E-mail: !jsmith9
 Secy.: Nancy Eisele, 717/464-1621

LITITZ

Grace Brethren Church of Lititz (535)
 501 W. Lincoln Ave., Lititz, PA 17543
 717/626-2155 FAX: 717/626-5683
 Pastor: Jerry Young, 717/665-2322
 Secy.: John Kegarise, 717/665-7607

MANHEIM

Manheim Grace Brethren Church (125)
 333 E. High St., Manheim, PA 17545
 717/665-2334
 Pastor: Rick Clark, 717/664-2986
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MARTINSBURG

Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church (438)
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PA 16662
814/793-2513 FAX: 814/793-9485
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Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church (303)
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814/634-5980
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Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church (148)
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814/634-8200
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Kish Valley Grace Brethren Church (103)
99 Taylor Dr., Reedsville, PA 17084
717/667-6031
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MONTGOMERYVILLE

New Life Community Grace Brethren (8)
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PA 17067)
717/866-5704 FAX: 717/866-5707
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NEW HOLLAND

Grace Brethren Church (252)
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PA 17557-9360
717/354-9229 FAX: 717/354-9536
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Grace Brethren Church (65)
799 Airport Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078
717/838-5447
Pastor: Joseph Cosentino, 717/867-1022
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Crossroads Grace Brethren Church (18)
4706 Comly St., Philadelphia, PA 19135
215/533-3396
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PHILADELPHIA

First Grace Brethren Church (129)
648 Knorr St. (at Oxford Ave.),
Philadelphia, PA 19111
215/745-2799
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PHILADELPHIA

Third Brethren Church (27)
204 E. Tioga St., Philadelphia, PA 19134
215/423-8047
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610/326-5684
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412/352-2892
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PA 17781 717/321-9192
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STOYSTOWN

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215/723-5890 FAX: 215/723-0571
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Secy.: David Harding, 215/723-2573

TREMONT

Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church (86)
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717/695-2136
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Secy.: Faye Mutscher, 717/345-8106

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Grace Brethren Church (124)
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Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church (93)
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LONGVIEW

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Starkey Rd. SW., Roanoke, VA 24014)
540/774-9293
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BUENA VISTA

First Brethren Church (216)
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 Assoc. Pastor: Jess Truex, 540/261-3946
 Secy.: Donna Cole, 540/261-3505

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 VA 24426
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 Secy.: Linda Snavely, 540/382-8394

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Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church (76)
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 Roanoke, VA 24014
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 Secy.: Margaret Devan, 540/774-5697

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Garden City Grace Brethren Church (92)
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 540/427-0103
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 Secy.: Margie Witt, 540/427-0576

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 Secy.: Linda Smith

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Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren (139)
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 VA 24017
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CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: Monthly meetings, no annual
conference

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Ron Carnevali
V. Mod. - Robert Trefry
Secy. - Barry Goodson, 13000 Zekiah Dr.,
Waldorf, MD 20601 (301/645-0407)
Treas. - Steve Howell, P.O. Box 458,
Owings, MD 20736
Members-at-Large - Robert Wagner, Jeff
Thornley, Howard Mayes, Dan Grabill, R.
Greene, Bill Kiddoo, Dave Kowalke, Mikal
Smith, Wayne Hannah, Robert Mayes, Russ
Ogden, Lloyd Sampson, James Schaefer,
Shelton Sugg, Dean Walter, Aaron Wolfe,
Lynn Yates

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Ron Carnevali
V. Chm. - Robert Trefry
Secy. - Barry Goodson
Treas. - Steve Howell

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Ron Carnevali
V. Chm. - Robert Trefry
Secy. - Barry Goodson

Add. Members - Jeff Thornley, Howard Mayes,
R. Greene, Steve Howell, Wayne Hannah,
David Kowalke, Russ Ogden, Lloyd
Sampson, Mikal Smith, Shelton Sugg,
Robert Wagner, Dean Walter

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Jeff Thornley

YOUTH

Pres. - Dave Knight
V. Pres. - Philip Bryant
Secy. - Nadine Leas, P.O. Box 458, Owings,
MD 20736
Treas. - Steve Howell
N.A.C. Coordinator - Linda Brown
N.A.C. Quizzing - June Yoder

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Alexandria, VA - Grace Brethren
Clinton, MD - Grace Brethren Church of
Greater Washington
Frederick, MD - Frederick Grace Brethren
Lanham, MD - Lanham Grace Brethren
Owings, MD - Calvert County Grace
Brethren
Richmond, VA - Fellowship Grace Brethren
Richmond, VA - Richmond Grace Brethren
Waldorf, MD - Waldorf Grace Brethren

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA

East Central Florida District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: Grace Brethren Church of
Maitland, May 4, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Ron Guiles
V. Mod. - Ron Smals
Secy. - Wendy Herzig, 637 Key Deer Ct.,
Apopka, FL 32703, 407/880-2349
Treas. - Gerda Rench, 20 Carriage Hill Circle,
Casselberry, FL 32707
Stat. - Glen Ernberger, 705 Endicott Rd.,
Melbourne, FL 32940

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Mike Champion, Bill Dragomir, Ward Miller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rex McManaway, Mark Berkland, Ken Koontz

CREDENTIALS

Ron Guiles

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Ron Guiles
V. Chm. - Scoty Kerr
Secy. - Ron Smals

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Ken Koontz
V. Chm. - Ron Smals
Secy. - Jeff Dunkle

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Ron Guiles
V. Chm. - Ken Koontz
Secy./Treas. - Jeff Dunkle

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Nancy Heldt
Treas. - Gerda Rench, 20 Carriage Hill Cir.,
Casselberry, FL 32707

GRACE BRETHREN MEN

Pres. - Gerry Myers

YOUTH

Pres. - Mark L. Berkland

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Deltona, FL - Calvary Grace Brethren
Gainesville, FL - Gainesville Grace Bible
Fellowship Church
Maitland, FL - Maitland Grace Brethren
Melbourne, FL - Community Grace Brethren,
Suntree
Ocala, FL - Ocala Grace Brethren
Orlando, FL - Fellowship of Our Savior

FLORIDA SUNCOAST

Florida Suncoast District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: To Be Announced

MINISTERIUM AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - James Poyner
V. Mod. - Bill Stevens
Secy. - Bob Byers, 2916 Case Ave.,
Bradenton, FL 34207
Treas. - David Kenendy, 6410 Lunn Rd.,
Lakeland, FL 33811
Stat. - Evelyn Shane, 6639 Hammock Rd.,
Port Richey, FL 34668

DISTRICT EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Randy Weekley
Add. Members - All other ordained pastors
of the District

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Randy Weekley
V. Chm. - George Traub
Secy. - Bob Byers
Treas. - Jim Poyner

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Lois McDewitt
1st V. Pres. - Vivian Morgart
2nd V. Pres. - Mary Reed
Secy./Treas. - Cheryl Byers, 3400 Gulf to Bay
Blvd., Clearwater, FL 34619 813/796-1747
Prayer Chm. - Cheryl Lilly
Editor - Betty Hall
Asst. Editor - Sally Ilko

YOUTH

Pres. - Dan Siegrist
NAC Coordinator - Lynette Ilko
Quizzing Coordinator - Mark Messenger

Treas. - Ellen Siegrist

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Bradenton, FL - Bradenton Grace Brethren
Brooksville, FL - Brooksville Grace Brethren
Lakeland, FL - Lakeland Grace Brethren
Land O Lakes, FL - Home Missions Point

North Port, FL - North Port Grace Brethren
Palm Harbor, FL - Palm Harbor Grace
Brethren
Pinellas Park, FL - Pinellas Park Grace
Brethren
Port Richey, FL - Gulfview Grace Brethren
Tampa, FL - Town & Country Grace Brethren
Tampa, FL - Home Mission Point - Hispanic

GREAT LAKES (GLAD)

Great Lakes Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: April 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chm. - Mick Rockafellow
V. Chm. - Brad Lambright
Secy. - Linda Erb, 3749 Brown Rd., Lake
Odessa, MI 48849, 616/374-7423
Treas. - Larry Henney, 6526 W. Stoll Rd.,
Lansing, MI 48906, 517/626-6276
Members-at-Large - Del Wagner, Bill Walters

FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMISSION

Chm. - Mick Rockafellow
Secy./Treas. - Linda Erb
Additional Members - Larry Henney, Bill
Walters

ADULT MINISTRIES COMMISSION

Chm. - Del Wagner
V. Chm. - Wayne Henney
Secy./Treas. - Audrey Myers, 8325 W. Willow
Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837

MISSIONS COMMISSION

Chm. - Arnold Erb
V. Chm. - Eldon Grubb
Brad Lambright

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

Chm. - Bonnie Rockafellow,
V. Chm. - Pearl Shade
Secy. - Bonnie Walters

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Lake Odessa, MI - Lake Odessa Grace
Brethren Church
Lansing, MI - Lansing Grace Brethren Church
Niles, MI - Niles Grace Brethren Church

HAWAII

Hawaii District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: Malaekahana State Park,
August, 18-21, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Victor Wyman
V. Mod. - Gabe Marquez
Secy. - Betty Lou Mitchell, 95-035 Waimakua
Dr., Mililani, HI 96789, 808/623-5313
Treas. - Earl Young, 98-139 Olepa Loop, Viau,
HI 96701
Stat. - John Alejandro, 91-824 Dame St., Ewa
Beach, HI 96706

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - David Mitchell

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - David Mitchell
Additional Member - Nathan Zakahi

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Victor Wyman
Additional Members - Gabe Marquez,
Mike Sawyer

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Ewa Beach, HI - Rainbow Grace Brethren
Church of Ewa Beach
Mililani, HI - Waipio Grace Brethren
Waimalu, HI - Waimalu Grace Brethren

INDIANA

Indiana District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: North Kokomo GBC,
May 3-4, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Dick Cron
V. Mod. - Roger Krynock
Secy. - David Rosner, 103 S. Willow St.,
Flora, IN 46929, 219/967-3020
Asst. Secy. - Jim Umpleby
Treas. - Gerald Kelley, 318 Maple Ct.,
Kokomo, IN 46902
Stat. - Rick Horner, 5808 Council Ring
Blvd., Kokomo, IN 46902
Members-at-Large - Bill Smith, Chuck Cheek

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Bob Arenobine, Jeff Hoffard, Ken Miller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jeff Hoffard, Rick Horner, Dave Rosner

AUDITOR

Jesse DeBoest

RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Charles Ashman, Bill Smith

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Jeff Hoffard
V. Chm. - Scott Miles
Secy./Treas. - Rick Horner

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Charles Ashman
V. Chm. - Al Edgington
Secy./Treas. - Carl Miller
Add. Members - All ordained elders of the
District

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Rick Horner
Secy. - Bob Griffith
Treas. - George Lord
Add. Members - Scott Miles, Bill Smith,
Jeff Carroll

GRACE BRETHREN MEN

Chm. - Bill Hammer
Past Pres. - Chuck Cheek
Secy./Treas. - Vernie Miller, 219/692-6634
Members-at-Large - Tom McKinley, Chuck
Phillips, Gene Falsing, Duane Overholser

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Vicki McNeal
1st V. Pres. - Judy Rose
2nd V. Pres. - Barb Castator
Secy. - Cashel Taylor, 2145 S. Country
Club Rd., Warsaw, IN 46580
Corresponding Secy. - Dorothy Brumbaugh
Treas. - Gwen Lord
Asst. Treas. - Donna Welborn
Prayer Chm. - Mary Stayer
District Editor - Tish Carter

SMM

President - Bettie Horner
Secy./Treas. - Karen Loher, 1570 Loher Ln.,
Warsaw, IN 46580
Rallies: Teresa Smith
Lumiere/Charis Coordinator - Rose McComas
Resources - Ramona Ogle
Promotions - Bev Umpleby, Donna Falsing

CAMP

Director - Dave Jodry
Camp - Bear Lake Campground, RR 4,
Albion, IN 46701 219/799-5988

YOUTH

Pres. - Rod Finster (acting)
Secy. - Dave Rosner, 103 S. Willow St., Flora,
IN 46929
Treas. - Bob Arenobine
Other - Loren Felabom, Mike Gatliff, Kevin
Kempton, Dave Rank, Jim Umpleby,
Georgia Bateson, Dave Jodry, Rose
McComas

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Berne, IN - Bethel Brethren
Columbia City, IN - Grace Brethren
*Eikhart, IN - Grace Brethren
Fishers, IN - Northeast Grace Brethren
Flora, IN - Grace Brethren
Ft. Wayne, IN - First Grace Brethren
Ft. Wayne, IN - Grace Brethren
Indianapolis, IN - Eagle Creek Grace Brethren
Kokomo, IN - Indian Heights Grace Brethren
Kokomo, IN - North Kokomo Grace Brethren
Leesburg, IN - Leesburg Grace Brethren
Mishawaka - Miskawaka Grace Brethren
New Albany, IN - New Albany Grace Brethren
Osceola, IN - Osceola Grace Brethren
Peru, IN - Peru Grace Brethren
Sidney, IN - Sidney Grace Brethren
South Bend, IN - Ireland Road Grace Brethren

* Not FGBC

INDIANA (NEW)

MINISTERIUM

Carl Miller, Bruce Barlow

YOUTH

Dave Rank, Dave Rosner

CONSTITUTIONS

Dave Plaster, Jesse Deloe, Charles Ashman

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Ken Bickel, Charles Ashman

CONFERENCE

Jeff Hoffard, Bill Smith, and Scott Miles

SECRETARY

John Teevan

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Fort Wayne, IN - First Grace Brethren Church
Goshen, IN - Grace Brethren Church
Warsaw, IN - Community Grace Brethren
Winona Lake, IN - Winona Lake Grace
Brethren Church

IOWA-MIDLANDS

Iowa-Midlands Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: North English, June 8, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Robert Soto
V. Mod. - Gilbert Hawkins
Secy. - Shirley Burke, 1434 Lyon, Waterloo,
IA 50702, 319/233-9056
Treas. - Howard Johnson, 3919 Western Ave.,
Davenport, IA 52806
Stat. - Gary Kochheiser, 2406 18th St. S.W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Gary Kochheiser
V. Shm. - Gilbert Hawkins
Secy/ Treas. - Ron Weimer

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Gary Kochheiser
V. Chm. - Gilbert Hawkins
Secy. - Ron Weimer
Additional Members - All ordained men of
the District

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Howard Johnson
V. Chm. - Gilbert Hawkins
Secy./Treas. - Jack Lesh

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Phyllis Wessley
1st V. Pres. - Carol Kouba
Secy. - Carol Kochheiser, 2406 18th St., SW,
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Treas. - Rosella Hawkins, P.O. Box 33,
North English, IA 52316
Prayer Chm. - Shirley Burke
SMM Patroness - Rose Earnest

CAMP

Director - Ministerium

YOUTH

President - Ministerium
Treas. - Howard Johnson

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Cedar Rapids, IA - Grace Brethren
Dallas Center, IA - Grace Brethren
Davenport, IA - Grace Brethren
Des Moines, IA - First Grace Brethren
Garwin, IA - Carlton Brethren
Hurst, TX - Grace Brethren
Longview, TX - Grace Brethren
McAllen, TX - Grace Brethren
North English, IA - Pleasant Grove Grace
Brethren
Udell, IA - Udell Brethren
Waterloo, IA - Grace Brethren

MID-ATLANTIC

Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: Maranatha Brethren,
April 20, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Ray Davis
V. Mod. - Jay Fretz
Secy. - Connie House, 38 Redwood Dr.,
Hagerstown, MD 21746, 301/797-5345

Asst. Secy. - Barbara Hoover
Treas. - Ken Heetner, Mt. Vernon Terr.,
Apt. #8, Waynesboro, PA 17268
Stat. - John Fitz, 16 S. Grant St.,
Waynesboro, PA 17268

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carl Baker, Jay Fretz, Alan Clingan, Jerry
Michael, George Myers

COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL AND RECOMMENDATION

Carl Baker, Richard Bell, Dave Manges, Dan
Pritchett, Kim Robertson

AUDITORS

William Barnhart, Stanley Hancrote, Al Stroop

RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Carl Baker, Richard Bell, Roger Myers

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Alan Clingan
V. Chm. - Richard Bell
Secy. - Dan Pritchett
Treas. - Kim Robertson

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Jay Fretz
Additional Members - All ordained elders

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Roger Myers
V. Chm. - Paul Hartman
Secy. - Dan Pritchett
Treas. - Jerry Michael
Additional Members - Senior Pastor of each
church plus a layman from each church

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Linda Michael
1st V Pres. - Alice Hartman
Secy. - Connie House, 38 Redwood Dr.,
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Treas. - Pat Stroop, Rt. 1, Box 1-A,
Gerardstown, WV 25420
Prayer Chm. - Sally Miller
SMM Patroness - Shelby Oliver
District Editor - Nancy Bell

CAMP

Director - Carl Baker
Name of Camp - Camp Grace
Name of Campground - Camp Albryoca
Location of Campground - Meyersdale, PA
Telephone - 814/634-0023

YOUTH

Pres. - Ron Shank
V. Pres. - Don Viebranz
Secy./Treas. - Joyce Fitz, 16 S. Grant,
Waynesboro, PA 17268-1516
Quizzing - John Fitz
Retreat Coordinator - Mark Selmark

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Chambersburg, PA - Grace Brethren
Greencastle, PA - Conococheague Grace
Brethren
Hagerstown, MD - Calvary Grace Brethren
Hagerstown, MD - Grace Brethren
Hagerstown, MD - Maranatha Grace Brethren
Hagerstown, MD - Valley Grace Brethren
Martinsburg, WV - Rosemont Grace Brethren
Waynesboro, PA - Grace Brethren
Winchester, VA - Blue Ridge Grace Brethren
Winchester, VA - Grace Brethren

MOUNTAIN - PLAINS

Mountain-Plains District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Arvada Grace Fellowship,
June 7-9, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Gary Austin
V. Mod. - Robert Schaffer
Secy. - Jean Austin, 2554 Prescott Cir. W.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80916, 719/391-2737
Treas. - Robert McDonald, 2375 Jet Wing Dr.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Stat. - Junior Caldwell, Rt. 1, Box 38, Ports,
KS 67474

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Chris Ball

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Chris Ball

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Robert Juday
Treas. - Tom Inman

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Rhonda Massie
1st V. Pres. - Cathy Schaffer
2nd V. Pres. - Jean Austin
Secy. - Geneva Inman, 2244 Fernwood Dr.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Treas. - Linda Doane, 115 S. 140th Ave.,
Portis, KS 67474-9223
Prayer Chm. - Vera Schlecher

District Editor - Linda Edgar

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Arvada, CO - Arvada Grace Fellowship
Beaver City, NE - Grace Brethren
Colorado Springs, CO - Grace Brethren
Counselor, NM - Grace Brethren
Portis, KS - Grace Brethren
Wichita, KS - Grace Brethren of Wichita

NOR - CAL

Nor-Cal Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: To Be Announced
July, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Robert MacMillan
V. Mod. - Stan Martin
Secy./Treas. - Joel Richards, 1315 La Loma
Ave., Modesto, CA 95354 (209/523-3738)
Stat. - Glen W. Shirk

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Glen Shirk
Secy./Treas. - Joel Richards

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Robert MacMillan
Additional Members - Tom Lynn, Stan Martin,
Joel Richards, Phil Sparling

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Auburn, CA - Auburn Grace Brethren
Chico, CA - Chico Grace Brethren
Modesto, CA - La Loma Grace Brethren
Ripon, CA - Ripon Grace Brethren
Sacramento, CA - River City Grace
Community
San Jose, CA - San Jose Grace Brethren
Tracy, CA - Tracy Grace Brethren

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

North Central Ohio Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next Conference: Fremont, Ohio GBC,
March 16, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Steve Miller
V. Mod. - Todd Scoles
Secy. - Kevin Pinkerton, 132 St. Paul Dr.,
Fremont, OH 43420, 419/332-5185
Asst. Secy. - John Jones
Treas. - Oscar Stroede, 459 S. Grove St.,
Bowling Green, OH 43402
Stat. - Pat Phillips, 2645 Bexley Park, Bexley,
OH 43209

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Todd Scoles, Don Buckingham, Larry Edwards

CREDENTIALS

Lyle Sweeney, Tim Reusch, Al Hockley

AUDITORS

Bill Burke, Randall Nottingham, John Rowe

RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Darrell Anderson, Bill Hoffman, Gene Witzky
Member-at-Large - Dan Allan

RESOLUTIONS

Bob Belohlavek, Chip Heim, Norm Johnson

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Dan Travis
Secy./Treas. - Larry Edwards

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Tony Webb

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Jeff Gill
V. Chm. - Terry Hofecker
Secy. - Larry Edwards
Treas. - Randall Nottingham
Coordinator - Will Marling

GRACE BROTHERN MEN

District Representative - Ed Jackson
District Boys' Representative - Roger Mills

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Ella Lee Risser
1st V. Pres. - Mary Anna Atkins
2nd V. Pres. - ZoeAnn Hockley
Secy. - Lynette Myers, 1240 Melrose Dr.,
Mansfield, OH 44905
Treas. - Ruth Berry, 2296 Kentwood Dr.,
Mansfield, OH 44903
Prayer Chm. - Betty Curtner
SMM Coordinator - Oleda Hirsch
Retreat Chm. - Mary Lou Wertman

CAMP

Director - Bob Doerr
Name of Camp - NCO District Camp
Name of Campground - Pleasant Valley Ranch
Location - Perrysville, OH

YOUTH

Chm. - Bob Nicholson
Secy. - Rob Barlow, 728 Buena Vista,
Ashland, OH 44805
Treas. - Bob Doerr

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Ashland, OH - Grace Brethren
Ashland, OH - Southview Grace Brethren
Bowling Green, OH - Grace Brethren
Columbus, OH - Grace Brethren
Columbus, OH - East Side Grace Brethren
Columbus, OH - Southwest Grace Brethren
Danville, OH - Grace Brethren
Delaware, OH - Grace Brethren
Dublin, OH - Northwest Chapel
Fremont, OH - Grace Brethren
*Galion, OH - Grace Brethren
Lexington, OH - Grace Brethren
London, OH - London Grace Brethren
Mansfield, OH - Cornerstone Grace Brethren
Mansfield, OH - Woodville Grace Brethren
Marion, OH - Grace Brethren
*Mount Vernon - Grace Community
New Albany, OH - Rocky Ridge
Grace Brethren
Pataskala, OH - Grace Brethren Church of
Licking County
*Pickerington - Grace Brethren
Toledo, OH - Maumee Valley Grace Brethren
Toledo, OH - Grace Brethren
*Not FGBC

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Millersburg, Ohio,
April 26, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Charles Thornton
V. Mod. - Bud Olszewski
Secy./Treas. - Joan Gable, 11849 Keener Rd.,
Orrville, OH 44667, 216/682-1922
Asst. Secy. - Doris Beichler
Stat. - Dwight Stair, 510 Oak St., Wadsworth,
OH 44281

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chm. - Galen Wiley
Robert Combs, Bud Olszewski

CREDENTIALS

Jayne Cole, Bud Olszewski, Bob Divine

AUDITORS

Dave Workman, Dale Widmer, Joann Sir Louis

RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Chm. - John Snow
Galen Wiley, Walt Malick

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Doug Jensen
V. Chm. - Bradley Kelley
Secy./Treas. - John Snow

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Bud Olszewski
V. Chm. - Robert Combs

SOCIAL ACTION

Doug Jensen

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Bob Fetterhoff
V. Chm. - Robert Combs
Secy./Treas. - Dwight Stair
Asst. Secy./Treas. - John Snow

GRACE BROTHERN MEN

Rep. to National Grace Brethren Boys -
Elmer Gable

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Jacquie Jensen
1st V. Pres. - Barb Ayers
2nd V. Pres. - Helen Henry
Secy. - Lucy Snow, 2466 Krumroy, Akron,
OH 44312, 216/784-0330

Treas. - Donna Stair, 510 Oak St., Wadsworth,
OH 44281
Prayer Chm. - Joan Gable
SMM Patroness - Chery Boehm
Asst. Patroness - Kim Douglas
District Editor - Heidi McClure

SMM

Patroness - Chery Boehm
Asst. Patroness - Kim Douglas

CAMP

Jr. Camp Directors - Bob Combs/Bud Olszewski
Name of Camp - Camp Buckeye
Name of Campground - Camp McPhearson
Location - Danville, OH
Phone Number - 614/599-7110

YOUTH

Chm. - Jeff Bogue

V. Chm. - Mike Richards
Secy./Treas. - Steve Winey
Other Members - Paid Youth Staff, SMM
Leader, Church Representatives

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Akron, OH - Ellet Grace Brethren
Akron, OH - Fairlawn Grace Brethren
Canton, OH - Grace Brethren
Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Grace Brethren
Homerville, OH - Grace Brethren
Macedonia, OH - Western Reserve Grace
Brethren
Middlebranch, OH - Grace Brethren
Millersburg, OH - Grace Brethren
Minerva, OH - Grace Brethren
Norton, OH - Grace Brethren
Rittman, OH - Grace Brethren
Wooster, OH - Grace Brethren

NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Pinebrook Bible Conference
May 17-19, 1996

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod. - Kenneth Cosgrove
V. Mod. - Larry Humberd
Secy./Treas. - Harold Jones, 204 W. Broad St.,
Souderton, PA 18964, 215/723-5890
Asst. Secy./Treas. - Jonathan Tompkins, 204
Broad St., Souderton, PA 18964
Stat. - Daniel Eshleman
Business Mgr. - Mark Saunders

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

James Knepper, Timothy Placeway,
Daniel White

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Roy Roberts
V. Chm. - Keith Shearer
Secy. - Bob Kern
Treas. - Larry Humberd

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Eshleman, Vernon Harris, Randy Myers

CREDENTIALS

Chm. - Larry Humberd
Ralph Robinson

AUDITORS

Joe Cosentino, Harold Hollinger

RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Jerry Young, Dan Eshleman

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Ken Cosgrove
V. Chm. - John Smith

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Bower, Mike Lutz, Luke Martin

PASTORAL ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chm. - Tom Avey
Tim Coyle, John Smith

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Tim Boal
V. Chm. - Dan Eshleman
Secy. - Kenn Cosgrove
Treas. - Dan White
Add. Members - All ordained and licensed
elders with District credentials

GRACE BROTHERN MEN

Pres. - Rick Wells
1st V. Pres. - Ron Blair
2nd V. Pres. - Sam Leisey
Secy. - Richard Snavelly
Asst. Secy. - James Knepper
Treas. - Ray Derstine
Asst. Treas. - Marvin High
Pastoral Advisor - Joe Cosentino

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Sue Myers
1st V. Pres. - Mary Ellen Leckrone
2nd V. Pres. - Susan Haldeman
Secy. - Minnie Vance, 1224 Taxville Rd., York,
PA 17404, 717/792-7896
Asst. Secy. - Bobbie Saunders
Treas. - Arlene Ober, 4755 Bossler Rd.,
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Prayer Chm. - Peggy Nissley
SMM District Coordinator - Jane Kurtz
District Editor - Lisa Yordy
Pastoral Advisor - Roy Roberts

GRACE BRETHREN RETREAT CENTER BOARD

Chm. - Robert Kern
V. Chm. - Jim Bower
Treas. - Jerry Goodpastor
Secy. - Robert Rittle, 210 S. Oak St.,
Richland, PA 17087
Director - Robert Lutz
Board of Directors - Steve Doutrich, Lloyd
Haldeman, David Humberd, Ken Keener,
Randy Meyers, Martin Snavely, Harvey
Stoneback

CAMP

Name of Camp - Camp Conquest
Name of Campgrounds - Grace Brethren
Retreat Center
Location - 480 Forrest Road, Denver,
PA 17517
Phone - 717/336-2541 or 717/336-2006

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Chm. - Mark Saunders
V. Chm. - Dennis Foreman

Secy. - Becky Olesh, 1625 Furnace Hill Rd.,
Denver, PA 17517
Treas. - Abner Zimmerman

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Bethlehem, PA - Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren
Blain, PA - Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren
Denver, PA - Bread of Life Community Grace
Brethren Church
Dillsburg, PA - Hope Grace Brethren
Elizabethtown, PA - Grace Brethren
Ephrata, PA - Ephrata Area Grace Brethren
Hartford, CT - Colonial Chapel Grace Brethren
Hatboro, PA - Suburban Grace Brethren
Hope, NJ - Hope Grace Brethren
Irasburg, VT - Irasburg Grace Brethren
Island Pond, VT - Island Pond Grace Brethren
Lancaster, PA - Greater Lancaster Grace
Brethren
Lancaster, PA - Grace Brethren at Willow
Valley
Lititz, PA - Lititz Grace Brethren
Manheim, PA - Manheim Grace Brethren
Montgomeryville, PA - New Life Community
Grace Brethren
Myerstown, PA - Myerstown Grace Brethren
New Holland, PA - New Holland Grace
Brethren
Newark, DE - Newark Grace Brethren
Palmyra, PA - Palmyra Grace Brethren
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Philadelphia, PA - First Grace Brethren
Philadelphia, PA - Third Brethren
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Grace Brethren
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Tramont, PA - Echo Valley Grace Brethren
Wrightsville, PA - Susquehanna Grace
Brethren
York, PA - York Grace Brethren
*Not FGBC

NORTHWEST

Northwest Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Goldendale, WA,
February 15-17, 1996

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To be appointed

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Beverton, OR - Grace Brethren
Goldendale, WA - Community Grace Brethren
Grandview, WA - Grace Brethren
Harrah, WA - Grace Brethren
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Mabton, WA - Grace Brethren
Mabton, WA - Iglesia Evangelica de Los
Hermanos
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SOUTH FLORIDA - CARIBBEAN

South Florida - Caribbean District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Quarterly Council Meetings
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Chm. - Dan Thompson
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ministerium

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each district church

YOUTH

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Ft. Myers, FL - Grace Brethren of Ft. Myers
Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Grace Brethren
Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Eglise Evangelique De
La Grace (Haitian)
Naples, FL - Shoreline Grace Church
Okeechobee, FL - Grace Brethren
Sebring, FL - Grace Brethren

SOUTHERN

Southern District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: To Be Announced, April 1996

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Secy. - Don Soule

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Bill Kellerman

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Aiken, SC - Grace Brethren
Anderson, SC - Grace Brethren
Cary, NC - Grace Brethren
Marietta, GA - Grace Brethren Church

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA

Southern California - Arizona District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Bellflower Brethren Church,
May 19, 1996

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Treas. - Dallas Martin
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chm. - Robert Miller
Doug Bukowski, Mike Wallace

MINISTERIUM

Pres. - Tom Hughes
V. Pres. - Ed Cashman
Secy./Treas. - Ralph Colburn/ Richard Zuelch

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Robert Kiewer
V. Chm. - Robert Miller
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Beaumont, CA - Cherry Valley Brethren
Bellflower, CA - Bellflower Brethren
Cypress, CA - Grace Brethren
Cypress, CA - Grace Church
Garden Grove, CA - New Life Grace Brethren
Gilbert, AZ - East Valley Grace Brethren
Glendale, AZ - ValleyLife
Hemet, CA - Brethren Bible
LaMirada, CA - Creek Park Community
LaVerne, CA - Grace Brethren

Long Beach, CA - Community Grace Brethren
Long Beach, CA - Grace Brethren
Long Beach, CA - Grace Cambodian
Long Beach, CA - Iglesia Evangelica de los
Hermanos
Long Beach, CA - Los Altos Brethren
Menifee Valley, CA - New Hope Community
Moorpark, CA - Grace Brethren
Norwalk, CA - Grace Brethren
Orange, CA - Grace Church
*Paramount, CA - Iglesia de los Hermanos
Phoenix, AZ - Grace Brethren
Rialto, CA - Grace Community
Riverside, CA - Grace Brethren
San Bernardino, CA - Grace Brethren
San Diego, Ca - Grace Brethren
Santa Ana, CA - Maranatha Brethren
Santa Maria, CA - Grace Brethren
Santa Paula, CA - Grace Brethren
Seal Beach, CA - Grace Community
Simi Valley, CA - Grace Brethren
South Pasadena, CA - Grace Brethren
Tucson, AZ - Silverbell Grace Brethren
Whittier, CA - Community Grace Brethren
Yucca Valley, CA - Grace Community
*Not FGBC

SOUTHERN OHIO

Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: May 3-4, 1996,
North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church

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MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Chuck Lawson

DISTRICT RETIREMENT HOME

Grace Brethren Village

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm. - Ned Denlinger
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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Pres. - Arlene Smith

CAMP

Director - Sean Patrick

YOUTH

Pres. - Sean Patrick

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Brookville, OH - Grace Brethren
Camden, OH - Grace Brethren
Centerville, OH - Grace Brethren
Cincinnati, OH - Grace Brethren Church of
Greater Cincinnati
Clayhole, KY - Grace Brethren

Clayton, OH - Grace Brethren
Covington, OH - Friendship Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH - Basore Road Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH - Calvary Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH - First Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH - North Riverdale Grace Brethren
Dryhill, KY - Victory Mountain Grace Brethren
Huber Heights, OH - Grace Community
Kettering, OH - Calvary Brethren
Lexington, KY - Grace Brethren
Trotwood, OH - Grace Brethren
Troy, OH - Grace Brethren
West Alexandria, OH - Grace Brethren
Community
West Milton, OH - Community Grace Brethren

VIRGINIA

Virginia Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Washington Heights Grace
Brethren, Mountain Lake Conference
Center, April 26-27, 1996

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Stat. - Keith Boyd

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Gillette, Paul Fink, Keith Boyd

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RESOLUTIONS AND MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Paul Fink, Bill Crotts, Calvin Spradlin

MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Don Eshelman
V. Chm. - Carl Rattcliffe
Secy. - Ralph Molyneux
Treas. - C.L. Young

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm. - Fred Devan
V. Chm. - Lester Kennedy
Secy. - Doug Witt
Members-at-Large - All ordained elders
actively serving pastorates in the district

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Name of Camp - Camp Tuk-A-Way
Name of Campground - Bolling Conference
Grounds
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YOUTH

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Brian Robinson

COOPERATING CHURCHES

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Buena Vista, VA - First Brethren
Covington, VA - Grace Brethren

Johnson City, TN - Grace Brethren
Radford, VA - Fairlawn Grace Brethren
Riner, VA - Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA - Clearbrook Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA - Garden City Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA - Ghent Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA - Patterson Memorial Grace
Brethren
Roanoke, VA - Washington Heights Grace
Brethren
Salem, VA - Lighthouse Grace Brethren
Troutville, VA - Grace Bible Brethren

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Camp Mantowagon,
Saxton, PA, April 20, 1996

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Chm. - Larry Sowers, Tim Waggoner,
Steve Jarrell, James Laird, Don Rough

CREDENTIALS

Chm. - Lee Seese, Steve Friddle,
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MINISTERIUM

Chm. - Steve Jarrell
V. Chm. - Don Rough
Secy. - Steve Blake
Treas. - Norris Mason

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Chm. - Doug Sabin
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Altoona, PA - Juniata Grace Brethren
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Avis, PA - Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren
Conemaugh, PA - Conemaugh Grace Brethren
Delmont, PA - Grace Community

Duncansville, PA - Leamersville Grace
Brethren
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Everett, PA - Everett Grace Brethren
Hollidaysburg, PA - Vicksburg Grace Brethren
Hopewell, PA - Hopewell Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA - Geistown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA - Johnstown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA - Pike Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA - Riverside Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA - Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Kittanning, PA - Grace Brethren Church of
West Kittanning
Martinsburg, PA - Grace Brethren
Milroy, PA - Kish Valley Grace Brethren
Saxonburg, PA - The Bible Church of Ivywood
South Williamsport, PA - New Hope Grace
Brethren Community Church

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BALANCE SHEET - BY FUND
MARCH 31, 1995

ASSETS	General Fund	Restrict- ed Fund	Annuity Fund	Endow- mentFund	Trust Fund	Total
Current Assets:						
Cash	\$ 9,127	\$ ----	\$ ----	\$ ----	\$ ----	\$ 9,127
Investments	----	2,106,174	1,000	121,473	11,325	2,239,972
Accounts receivable	18,898	----	----	----	3,721	22,619
Notes receivable	15,618	----	----	----	----	15,618
Accrued interest	669	----	2,020	6,484	----	9,173
Deposits and advances	<u>38,857</u>	----	----	<u>16,800</u>	----	<u>55,657</u>
Total current assets	83,169	2,106,174	3,020	144,757	15,046	2,352,166
Interfund						
receivable/payable	780,865	(1,808,036)	(9,220)	1,044,599	(8,208)	----
Investments	----	----	182,667	2,165,853	502,881	2,851,401
Property and Equipment	<u>280,843</u>	----	----	----	----	<u>280,843</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,144,877</u>	<u>\$ 298,138</u>	<u>\$176,467</u>	<u>\$3,355,209</u>	<u>\$ 509,719</u>	<u>\$5,484,410</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 65,301	\$ 5,516	\$ 2,410	\$ ----	\$ ----	\$ 73,227
Deferred support	6,000	4,006	----	71,329	----	81,335
Missionary funds payable	(1,364)	----	----	----	----	(1,364)
Present value of annuities payable	----	----	13,500	----	----	13,500
	<u>69,937</u>	<u>9,522</u>	<u>15,910</u>	<u>71,329</u>	<u>----</u>	<u>166,698</u>
Other Liabilities:						
Amounts due other remaindermen	----	----	----	----	133,060	133,060
Annuities payable-net	----	----	49,012	----	----	49,012
Revocable trust liability	----	----	----	----	5,000	5,000
Total liabilities	<u>69,937</u>	<u>9,522</u>	<u>64,922</u>	<u>71,329</u>	<u>138,060</u>	<u>353,770</u>
Net Assets:						
Unrestricted:						
Undesignated	(467,740)	----	111,545	----	----	(356,195)
Board designated	----	----	----	1,050,880	----	1,050,880
Equity in property and equipment	<u>280,843</u>	----	----	----	----	<u>280,843</u>
	(186,897)	----	111,545	1,050,880	----	975,528
Restricted	<u>1,261,837</u>	----	----	<u>2,233,000</u>	<u>371,659</u>	<u>4,155,112</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,074,940</u>	<u>288,616</u>	<u>111,545</u>	<u>3,283,880</u>	<u>371,659</u>	<u>5,130,640</u>
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Statement of Activity - By Fund
March 31, 1995

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Annuity Fund	Endow- ment	Trust Fund	Elimina- tions	Total
Support and Revenue:							
Contributions	4,096,108	444,814	----	1,133,796	\$ ----	\$ ----	5,674,718
Investment income	29,998	338	----	95,620	35,566	(9,742)	151,780
Other income	<u>19,318</u>	----	(6,043)	----	----	(10,078)	<u>3,197</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>4,145,424</u>	<u>445,152</u>	<u>(6,043)</u>	<u>1,229,416</u>	<u>35,566</u>	<u>(19,820)</u>	<u>5,829,695</u>
Expenses:							
Program services							
Missionary and field	2,952,755	----	----	----	----	----	2,952,755
Project	----	424,011	----	----	----	----	424,011
Other	22,242	650	----	----	39,743	(11,179)	51,456
Endowment	----	----	----	25,659	----	(8,641)	17,018
	<u>2,974,997</u>	<u>424,661</u>	----	<u>25,659</u>	<u>39,743</u>	<u>(19,820)</u>	<u>3,445,240</u>

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>Annuity Fund</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Total</u>
Supporting activities:							
General and administ.	399,054	----	----	----	----	----	399
Promotional	<u>323,165</u>	----	----	----	----	----	<u>323</u>
	<u>722,219</u>	----	----	----	----	----	<u>722</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>3,697,216</u>	<u>424,661</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>25,659</u>	<u>39,743</u>	<u>(19,820)</u>	<u>4,167</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Support & Revenue Over Expenses	448,208	20,491	(6,043)	1,203,757	(4,177)	---	1,622
Net assets, Beginning of year	494,720	266,851	122,933	2,208,064	375,836	---	3,468
Transfers	<u>132,012</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>(5,345)</u>	<u>(127,941)</u>	----	----	----
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>1,074,940</u>	<u>\$ 288,616</u>	<u>\$ 111,545</u>	<u>3,283,880</u>	<u>\$ 371,659</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,130</u>

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**Combined Statement of Revenues,
Operating Expenses and Equity**
Year Ending December 31, 1994 and 1993

Revenues	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
Offerings	\$ 1,083,502	\$ 1,102,469
Estates and annuities	307,120	386,943
Rent	45,171	43,020
Interest	45,798	57,854
Other	<u>14,648</u>	<u>13,452</u>
Total Revenues:	1,496,239	1,603,738
 Operating Expenses		
Direct Assistance	1,211,457	1,102,363
Administration	407,835	428,357
Promotion	207,296	166,037
Payments to annuitants	<u>94,491</u>	<u>99,344</u>
	<u>1,921,079</u>	<u>1,796,101</u>
Excess (deficit) or revenues over operating expenses:	(424,840)	(192,363)
 Other Income (Expense)		
Income from church dissolutions	188,669	31,106
Interest	(12,434)	(10,501)
Gain on Sale of Assets	<u>4,334</u>	<u>-----</u>
	<u>180,569</u>	<u>20,605</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses:	(244,271)	(171,758)
 Net Assets, beginning of year	 <u>1,716,670</u>	 <u>1,888,428</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,472,399</u>	<u>\$ 1,716,670</u>

The above financial statements have been audited by the firm of Ashman, Targgart, & Manion, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A copy of their full report is available upon request.

Combined Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1994 and 1993

Assets	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,072	\$ 149,435
Offerings in transit	<u>180,454</u>	<u>152,403</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents:	254,526	301,838
Investments	702,384	643,444
Current portion of notes receivable	1,000	1,000
Other current assets	5,013	13,722
Accounts receivable	<u>30,051</u>	<u>20,747</u>
Total current assets:	992,974	980,751

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	36,000	36,000
Land	391,382	391,382
Buildings	533,822	533,178
Mission Real Estate	250,912	240,788
Autos and Trucks	<u>505,726</u>	<u>473,298</u>
Other Equipment	1,717,842	1,674,642
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(796,280)</u>	<u>(703,542)</u>
Total property and equipment:	921,562	971,108
Restricted assets	44,159	44,898
Dissolution property	-----	175,000
Contributed property	5,430	5,430
Leasehold interest, net	<u>16,404</u>	<u>16,700</u>
	<u>65,993</u>	<u>242,028</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$ 1,980,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,193,888</u>
Liabilities		
Notes Payable	\$ 30,001	\$
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	47,351	13,328
Accounts Payable	-----	14,888
Accrued Annuity Installments	15,683	15,728
Other Accrued Expenses	<u>8,068</u>	<u>8,418</u>
Total current liabilities:	101,103	52,348
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion	193,350	202,618
Annuities Payable	<u>213,677</u>	<u>222,258</u>
Total Liabilities:	508,130	477,218
Net Assets		
Unrestricted:		
Designated	610,767	460,698
Undesignated	<u>817,473</u>	<u>1,211,078</u>
Total unrestricted:	1,428,240	1,671,778
Restricted	<u>44,159</u>	<u>44,898</u>
Total Net Assets:	<u>1,427,399</u>	<u>1,716,678</u>
Total Net Assets and Liabilities:	<u>\$ 1,980,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,193,888</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

May 31, 1995

ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 77,843
Investments	20,551,220
Accrued Interest Receivable	309,053
Loans Receivable	19,170,874
Vehicles and Equipment (Net)	11,594
Other Current Assets	<u>4,038</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 40,124,622</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:

Investment Deposits	\$37,294,040
Accrued Interest Payable	329,776
Other Liabilities	<u>3,858</u>
Total Liabilities	37,627,674
Fund Balance	<u>2,496,948</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 40,124,622</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For Year Ended May 31, 1995

OPERATING INCOME:	
Interest on Loans	\$ 1,713,940
Interest on Investments	1,150,078
Other Misc. Inc. Net	<u>300</u>
Total Operating Income	2,864,318

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$ 2,123,248
Salaries and Services	158,329
Contributions	42,000
Data Processing	1,816
Other Expenses	<u>184,003</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,509,396</u>
Other Income and (Expenses)	<u>(227,360)</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 127,562</u>

**Copies of audited statements, also
containing the auditor's opinion, are available
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & Certificates Deposit	\$ 113,141.22
Accounts Receivable	76,479.06
Marketable Securities	8,498.81
Inventory-Merchandise	912,389.63
Mortgage Receivable-Current	0.00
NFS Check Receivable	2,707.64
Prepaid Expenses	<u>6,665.09</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,119,881.45
Investments	547,234.89

Non-Current Assets

Land	\$ 4,000.00
Buildings	256,420.76
Furniture & Fixtures	104,663.11
Office Equipment	83,701.52
Vehicles	<u>15,702.00</u>
Total	464,487.39
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>323,435.55</u>
Net Property-Equipment	141,051.84

Other Assets

Contract Receivables	0.00
Less Current Portion	<u>0.00</u>
Total NC Contract Receivables	0.00
Lease Deposits	<u>10,358.33</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>10,358.33</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1,818,526.51

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	78,878.61
Employee Payroll-Deduction	0.00
Notes Payable	150,000.00
Current Portion-Long Term Debt	2,574.77
Accrued Interest	1,156.25
Sales Tax Payable	<u>8,092.87</u>
Total Current Liabilities	240,702.50

Long Term Liabilities

Notes Payable	10,437.56
Less Current	<u>2,574.77</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,862.79

Other Liabilities

Gift Annuities	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	248,565.29
Fund Balance	<u>1,568,961.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	1,818,526.51

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Merchandise Sales	\$1,328,404.23
Cooperating Boards	28,098.66
Rentals	3,675.00
Interest & Miscellaneous	50,560.69
Sale Fixed Assets/Securities	222,219.45
Bequest	48,288.54
Misc.	<u>0.00</u>
Total Business Income	\$1,681,246.57

Cost

Purchases	920,306.65
Salaries	277,209.38
Operating Expenses	495,049.38
Free Literature	6,357.87
Rental Expense	7,202.46
Administrative Expense	<u>20,338.64</u>
Total Business Costs	<u>1,726,464.38</u>
Total Business Gain (Loss)	(45,217.81)

Publication Offering	12,990.87
Expenses	19,562.90
Offering Net Income (Loss)	(6,572.03)

TOTAL NET INCOME (LOSS) (51,789.84)

Note-The books of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the corporation.

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1995-1996

WMC PERSONAL GOALS

1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
3. Active in Evangelism.
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.

5. Give regularly to WMC - time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
6. Support regular family devotions.*
Use of *Daily Devotions* is suggested.
*Refer to WMC Handbook.

LOCAL GOALS

1. Observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month.*
2. Emphasize prayer for local youth and those who made decisions for full-time Christian service.
3. Support district rallies and projects.
4. Contribute to Major Offerings:
Please send all money to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. Make checks payable to: Grace Brethren National WMC.

A. September, October, November:

HOME MISSIONS - Pastor's Wives Retreat

GOAL: \$6,000

Send before December 10.

THANK OFFERING - WMC Transition Process

GOAL: \$4,000

Send before December 10.

We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.

B. December, January, February:

GRACE Seminary - Visitors' Center Remodeling and Computer Upgrades

GOAL: \$6,000

Send before March 10.

CE NATIONAL OFFERING

Sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries (SMM is the heart of WMC)

GOAL: \$6,000

Send before March 10.

C. March, April, May:

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - Saturation Saturday Evangelization - Argentina

GOAL: \$6,000

Send before June 10.

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR

Toward the support of WMC Missionaries of the Year honoring their service.

*Barb Wooler - CAR

*Tori Beaver - Philippines

*Becky Schwan - England

*Joy Sims - France

GOAL: \$5,000

We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 per member.

Send before June 10.

D. June, July, August:

WMC OPERATING EXPENSES

GOAL: \$7,000

Send before September 10.

5. Encourage the reading of the following books which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

**The Bluebird and The Sparrow*
by Janette Oke

**Christ's Witch Doctor*
by Homer Dowdy

**Proverbs 31 Lady*
by Marsha Drake

6. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works. Support SMM.*
7. Aid in expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and national WMC Conference.
8. Elect officers in April or May to assume their duties in September. The local Annual Reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by May 31. Seating of the delegates at National Conference is permissible only if annual report is returned. Reports will not be accepted at National Conference.
9. Keep membership cards current, if your council chooses to use them.* (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary)
10. Refer often to the WMC Handbook. This can be obtained from the National Literature Secretary, Box 711, Winona Lake, IN 46590. (See order blank enclosed in program packet.) We recommend one per council be purchased.

* Refer to WMC Handbook.

DISTRICT GOALS

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or listening to tapes of the entire Bible within a year.
2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC program.
3. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

4. Send District newsletters to National President and National Editor.
5. Sponsor at least one project, which should be cleared through the National First Vice President to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the First Vice President should be advised for completion of her report. Send before March 10.
6. Send all district offerings for national Brethren works to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence in Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Assist with or pay the District President's expenses to National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance to the District SMM Coordinator so she may attend the District Coordinator's Workshop.
10. Contribute annually to the National Operating Expenses. Send to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer by September

1994-1995 FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Operation Account	\$21,342.57
Home Missions	5,867.44
Grace Schools	5,619.48
International Missions	6,030.51
Thank Offering	3,511.37
Missionary of the Year	4,793.76
Missionary Residence	4,347.21
Home Mission Specials	3,955.26
International Mission Specials	7,716.08
SMM - CE National	4,347.93
CE National Specials	1,542.50
Grace Schools Specials	521.00
Prepaid Income and Expense	<u>5,858.49</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	75,453.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation Account	\$25,750.96
Home Missions	5,867.44
Grace Schools	5,619.48
International Missions	6,030.51
Thank Offering	3,511.37

Missionary of the Year	4,846.80
Missionary Residence	1,829.35
Home Missions Specials	3,955.26
Int'l Missions Specials	7,716.08
SMM - CE National	4,347.93
CE National Specials	1,542.50
Grace Schools Specials	521.00
Prepaid Income and Expense	<u>6,279.93</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$77,818.61

Balance on Hand (6/30/95) 4,542.73

RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

Operation Account	(5,969.81)
Missionary of the Year Acct.	4,793.79
Missionary Residence Acct.	5,534.46
Prepaid Income & Expense	184.32
TOTAL	\$4,542.73

Total Investment & Interest in BIF not included
in above \$12,138.83

SMM

Motto- "Serving My Master"

Purpose: To train girls to live Godly lives in an ungodly world and to reach their world for Christ.

Sponsored by: CE National, Inc.
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1995-1996

SMM OFFERING GOALS

*(Make checks payable to:
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Foreign Missions: Goal is \$800
(Due November 10, 1995)
→ Mexico - Bibles for new believers \$450
→ Russia - Bibles, tracts, books,
and discipleship materials \$350

Operation SMM: Goal is \$800
(Due January 10, 1996)
☉ To support the operating expenses
of SMM

Home Interest: Goal is \$600
(Due March 10, 1996)
△ Delmont, PA - Puppets \$300
△ Gainesville, FL - Overhead projector \$300

CE National: Goal is \$1000
(Due May 10, 1996)
◀ CE National Resource Library \$500
◀ VCR/TV Monitor \$500

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Condensed Financial Report Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Transfers For the Year Ended May 31, 1994 and 1995

	Pre-Audit 1995	Audited 1994	Increase/ (Decrease) \$	Increase/ (Decrease) %
REVENUES:				
Educational & General:				
Tuition & Fees	5,778,841	5,776,099	2,742	0.0%
Gifts	929,761	963,887	(34,126)	-3.5%
Endowment income	0	10,871	(10,871)	-100.0%
Other	64,045	80,222	(16,177)	-20.2%
Total educational and general	6,772,647	6,831,079	(58,432)	-0.9%
Auxiliary Enterprises:				
Housing	841,186	902,246	(61,060)	-6.8%
Food Service	828,535	884,787	(56,252)	-6.4%
Other	363,563	389,236	(25,673)	-6.6%
Total auxiliary enterprises	2,033,284	2,176,269	(142,985)	-6.6%
Other sources	144,190	107,704	36,486	33.9%
TOTAL REVENUES	8,950,121	9,115,052	(164,931)	-1.8%

	<u>Pre-Audit 1995</u>	<u>Audited 1994</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease) \$</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease) %</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Educational & General				
Instruction	1,833,270	1,943,684	(110,414)	-5.7%
Academic Support	403,559	386,205	17,354	4.5%
Student Services	1,018,574	962,293	56,281	5.8%
Institutional Support	1,796,139	1,803,000	(6,861)	-0.4%
Operation of Plant	633,792	592,901	40,891	6.9%
Student Aid	1,494,814	1,402,910	91,904	6.6%
Transfers	<u>182,857</u>	<u>217,888</u>	<u>(35,031)</u>	-16.1%
Total Educational & General	<u>7,363,005</u>	<u>7,308,881</u>	<u>54,124</u>	0.7%
Auxiliary Enterprises:				
Housing	684,401	665,923	18,478	2.8%
Food Service	703,287	702,778	509	0.1%
Other	<u>461,354</u>	<u>424,210</u>	<u>37,144</u>	8.8%
Total Auxiliary Enterprises	<u>1,849,042</u>	<u>1,792,911</u>	<u>56,131</u>	3.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,212,047</u>	<u>9,101,792</u>	<u>110,255</u>	1.2%
Transfers from Plant and Quasi-Endowment Funds	<u>(130,312)</u>	<u>(588,038)</u>	<u>457,726</u>	-77.8%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(131,614)</u>	<u>601,298</u>	<u>(732,912)</u>	

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Many people serve on committees to plan and
implement programs, seminars, materials or
training to assist churches in various areas.

The following groups meet regularly.

BNYC Program Planning Committee
Children's Cabinet

Children's Club Ministries Cabinet
Christian Education Round Table
Single Adult Ministries Cabinet
Youthnet Commission

Consultants are persons willing to assist GBC
people in various areas. In addition to the
Resource Network available through CE
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MINUTES AND NOTES OF

MINISTERIUM, July 22, 1995, 8:30 a.m.

President John Teevan called the meeting to
order with prayer. He introduced Exec.

Secretary Lee Dice who lead a panel discussion
and then took responses from the floor on the
subject of "The Place and Possibilities of Men's
Ministries in our GB churches." Panel members
were Dan Eshelman of Elizabethtown, PA; Tom
Hughes of Long Beach, CA; and Jerry Young of
Litz, PA.

Dan emphasized the importance of
employing men as prayer warriors, leadership for
special projects, discipling new people and

leading in outreach, such as sports ministries. Tom spoke of discipling men to memorize Scripture, grow in their faith, and in turn disciple others. He sees value in well-run men's breakfasts and retreats. Establishing a mindset of the II Timothy 2:2 principle is important. Tom found that Promise Keepers helped establish vision and reinforce his men in spiritual priorities. Jerry feels that traditional men's activities in church generally don't cut it anymore. Social gatherings need to be replaced with "need" oriented ministries. His goal is to qualify as many men as possible as elders for both a ruling board of elders and a "college of elders" who are recognized spiritual leaders in their homes and in church activities.

The panel members interacted on each others' comments, then questions and observations were heard from the floor. Promise Keepers' Movement has brought both blessings and raised potential dangers. It was an interesting and profitable 90 minutes enjoyed by the 75-90 men in attendance.

BUSINESS SESSION, July 24, 1995, 4:00 p.m.

David Howard led singing accompanied by Ron Thompson. John Teevan led in prayer and extended an official welcome.

Ralph Colburn presented the printed membership listing 574 potential members in 23 districts. A large number were yet unpaid (139 as of 7/6/95). He encouraged corrections in written form. He also presented the financial report. With all bills paid, it totaled \$120,551. Additional dues of about \$7,000-\$8,000 are expected. Eight death gratuities were paid during the past conference year. A motion prevailed to receive these reports.

Ralph had difficulty getting material for printed memorials, but briefly reviewed the life and ministry of the four men who were called home this past year. Printed memorials were subsequently distributed on Jim Dixon, J.C. "Bill" McKillen, Dr. Raymond Gingrich, and Clair Gartland.

Membership cards were made available to districts for distribution. New copies of the revised constitution, a folder on membership with its privileges and advantages, and an up-dated explanation of the death gratuity program were distributed and will also be mailed out after conference.

President John Teevan announced that an insurance policy is now in force which will protect the Executive Committee from lawsuits.

The Fellowship Council will be recommending a group health policy insurance plan for our churches and their staffs, look for since it is being designed especially for our fellowship.

A motion prevailed to elect Lee Dice as Executive Secretary for 3 years.

Fellowship Council had recommended the resolutions and continuing resolutions arise from the Ministerium. A motion prevailed to leave this matter in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Ministerium (which subsequently felt best to leave this responsibility with the Fellowship Council).

Our President made a brief presentation of various committees that will enhance ministry within our body.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The Monday Seminar to be held for Pastor with Ray Ortlund as speaker was canceled because of his recent hospitalization. Instead Pastors were encouraged to attend special brainstorming sessions directed by Tim Coyle. Three groups met on the following subjects: Looking at our Identity as FGBC, Where do we go from here in Evangelism in the FGBC, and Improving Lay Leadership in our Local Churches. Input and discussions were stimulating.

Introduction of new pastors and their families took place at a special Monday evening fellowship following music by the Darrel Cummings group. Our newest members in attendance are Jeff Peeler (Associate at Portis KS), Steve Gotch (Pastoring at Seattle, WA) and Scott Perkins (Associate at Norwalk, CA).

MINUTES AND NOTES OF MINISTERIUM, July 25, 1995, 8:30 a.m.

David Howard led the singing, accompanied by Ron Thompson. Small groups were formed for prayer.

Ivanildo Trindade, a well-trained product of our missions in Brazil and now the Director of Internationals USA based in Wooster, Ohio gave a brief challenge on reaching international who are living and studying in the neighborhood of our churches. He offered assistance through Internationals USA for our churches.

Bob Logan, Vice President of New Church Development, Alta Loma, CA, was introduced as a special speaker. When serving as a pastor, he saw his church grow from 2 to 1200 in a few

years, and at the same time planted other mission churches. He shared how the II Timothy 2:2 principle can be applied more aptly to reproducing churches rather than only to individual discipleship. Ten churches of 100 each will reach more people for Christ than one church of 1,000. He is now helping churches catch the vision of proving their health by planting other churches.

Ed Cashman was then introduced to present "The Pastor of the Year" award. He described a 56 year ministry of a member who planted a church in Naples, CA. which later became the Seal Beach Church; pastored at Compton, CA for 6 years; became our first National Youth Director for 7 years; married a California girl; planted a church in Ft. Lauderdale and saw a district develop (now expanded into 3 districts); then pastored the Long Beach Community Grace Brethren Church for 10 years; joined the staff of North Long Beach Brethren as pastor to seniors (a position he still holds since NLB merged with Rossmoor to form what is now Grace Church in Cypress); and in addition has served as Executive Secretary of the National Ministerium for 21 years. Ralph Colburn and his wife, Julia, were called to the platform to receive this distinguished award.

BUSINESS SESSION, July 27, 8:30 a.m.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order with prayer by President John Teevan following group singing led by David Howard and accompanied by Ron Thompson.

It was announced that the new medical health plan developed by Morgan Burgess and Co., as appointed by the Fellowship Council, will be mailed as soon as it is available.

Ralph Colburn announced Ernie Bearer's homegoing. He had been fighting leukemia and most recently pneumonia. Ralph led in prayer for Elaine and family.

A new directory, drafted from the FGBC Information sheets circulated last year, was published by John Teevan's office and distributed on a limited basis. Local church "commissioned" men will appear on this list, men who are not licensed or ordained, at its next printing.

Financial records are being audited prior to handing them over to new Exec. Secretary Lee Dice. Executive Officers are not recommending changing their dues at this time. A long range goal is to maintain a balance of nearly \$250,000 in light of our practice of extending death gratuities for our paid-up membership.

Committees to be appointed will be:

- 1) BENEVOLENCE - to study and supervise issues relating to benevolence, including the death gratuities.
- 2) CONTINUING SUPPORT - to study and implement ways to serve by lifting the standard higher for supporting and continuing education through surveys, studies, and seminars.
- 3) MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - to aid when issues arise over membership concerns, giving attention to integrity and accountability of our members, and will function through communication, information giving, and counsel as needed.
- 4) PASTORAL QUALIFICATION TASK FORCE to seek to set adequate standards of education for apprenticeship/internship preparation and study and recommend ways to standardize licensure/ordination process.

Brad Skiles, Chm. of the Grace Village Board and Carl Herr, new Executive Director of Grace Village, were introduced and spoke extensively on that situation, now that it has cleared the courts. An extensive written report was made available.

The Board has sought to follow the high road of moral responsibility. An apology has been written to noteholders. Financial concerns have been addressed without succumbing to liquidation of assets and distribution of proceeds to all. And the needs of those in the Village have been a major concern.

Noteholders have made great sacrifices to keep the Village going. A plan for paying off the noteholders by the year 2004 is underway. It will eventually require refinancing, and the debt will be carried for the next 10-15 years. The FGBC was eliminated from the suit, recognizing us as a fellowship, not a denomination. In January 1995, judgment in favor of the plaintiffs made defendants personally liable on a "status liability" on basis of actions for the Corporation. They are to restore economic value to plaintiffs (\$500,000 plus interest and their legal fees). Fourteen of our GBC persons were found liable, but not guilty of wrongdoing. Individual board members' assets can be seized.

After spending a total of \$160,000 in legal fees, the director/defendants now face this tremendous responsibility in the judgment of about \$750,000 or more. An appeal, which will cost over \$30,000, is underway and may take a year or more.

One point of tension is to maintain the facility so it can be refinanced in 2004, and wanting to make significant payments to noteholders.

Money contributed to G.V. will go to investors, if not clearly marked for Directors' Defense Fund. The need for support of G.V. is greater now than ever before. There are 260 residents and 125 employees. A better budget along with streamlined operations is now in place.

Now that freedom to discuss all details is possible, questions with responses followed. It was stated that both noteholders and board members have paid a great price and need our friendship, love, and prayers.

The Ministerium moved that out of love and concern that a love gift of \$5,000 be given to the Directors' Defense Fund. It was seconded and passed. (A love gift of \$10,000 was previously given by the Ministerium, and about \$600 has come from a church and a district).

Ed Lewis was introduced and spoke briefly on present trends among among Christian publishers. Since the dollar is driving the market, he warned that careful evaluation of material is necessary, not on how it looks, but on what is NOT being printed. CE is seeking to compliment areas where controversial subjects are left out. A new video series on the Holy Spirit and other material on distinctives are available through them.

This final session was closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee H. Dice
Executive Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, Farmers and Merchants Bank, 7/14/94	\$ 14,145.01
Receipts:	
National dues	\$ 28,865.50
District Dues.	215.00
Alamo Rebates	3.41
Grace Village	545.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$29,628.91</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$43,773.42</u>
Disbursements:	
Exec. Secy. Salary	\$ 2,600.00
Epistles	698.70
Telephone & postage	445.31
Ministerium expenses	860.86
Conference expenses	3,238.60
Dues refund (GBFM)	200.00
District Dues Refund	215.00
Annual Space	637.95
Grace Village	445.00
BIF deposits	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$34,341.42</u>

Balance, F & M Bank, 7/15/95 . . .	\$ 9,432.50
Balance, B.I.F., 7/14/94	\$ 101,013.78
Deposits for the year	25,000.00
Interest for the year	<u>6,104.86</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,104.86</u>
	<u>132,118.64</u>
Withdrawals: Gift to Grace	
CE National Scholarships	1,000.00
8 Death gratuities @ \$2500. . .	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	<u>21,000.00</u>
TOTAL IN B.I.F., 7/15/95	\$ 111,513.78
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	
7/15/95	\$120,551.14
Increase over last year	\$5,000+
Dues payable exceed \$8,000	

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Colburn, Executive Secretary

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1996 District Conferences

- Allegheny** - Uniontown Grace Brethren, To Be Announced
Arctic - To Be Announced
Chesapeake - Meetings monthly, no annual conference
East Central Florida - Grace Brethren Church of Maitland, May 4
Florida Suncoast - To Be Announced
Great Lakes - To Be Announced, April
Hawaii - Malaekahana State Park, August 18-21
Indiana - North Kokomo Grace Brethren, May 3-4
Indiana (New) - To Be Announced
Iowa-Midlands - North English, IA, June 8
Mid-Atlantic - Maranatha Brethren, April 20
Mountain-Plains - Arvada Grace Fellowship, June 7-9
Nor-Cal - To Be Announced, July
Northcentral Ohio - Fremont, OH Grace Brethren Church, March 16
Northeastern Ohio - Millersburg, OH, April 26
Northern Atlantic - Pinebrook Bible Conference, May 17-19
Northwest - Goldendale, WA, February 15-17
South Florida-Caribbean - Quarterly Council Meetings Every Month
with five Saturdays
Southern - To Be Announced, April
Southern California-Arizona - Bellflower Brethren, May 19
Southern Ohio - North Riverdale Grace Brethren, May 3-4
Virginia - Washington Heights, Mountain Lake Conference Center, April 26-27
Western Pennsylvania - Camp Mantowagon, Saxton, PA, April 20

Future National Conferences

- 1996 - July 27-August 1, Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1997 - July 26-31, Radisson Grand Resort, Fort Mills, South Carolina

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