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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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George Washington Prayed

Do you ever try to analyze the feeling of pride, patriotism, and gratitude that fills your heart each time February rolls around as we commemorate the births of the two greatest of American patriots?

The father of our country kneeling in prayer for his soldiers whose feet were unclad and bleeding.

Our great emancipator giving his message of deep understanding on the Gettysburg battlefield.

George Washington was a man of prayer.

Valley Forge days were trying and discouraging for the men of the Continental Army. It was dusk, and out of the darkening sky great, feathery flakes of snow had begun to fall—and this was not the first snow. The men were cold, and the harsh sounds of an encamped army of discontented men could be heard in the silent falling of the snow.

Darkness fell, and the snow continued to fall. Many of the men had deserted because of the scarcity of food, and such things as shoes for their frostbitten feet were even more scarce. Just a few miles away in Philadelphia, the British General Howe sat with his crack troops of regulars, warm, well-fed and contented, just waiting for Spring—then to fall upon Washington's skeleton army and wipe them out.

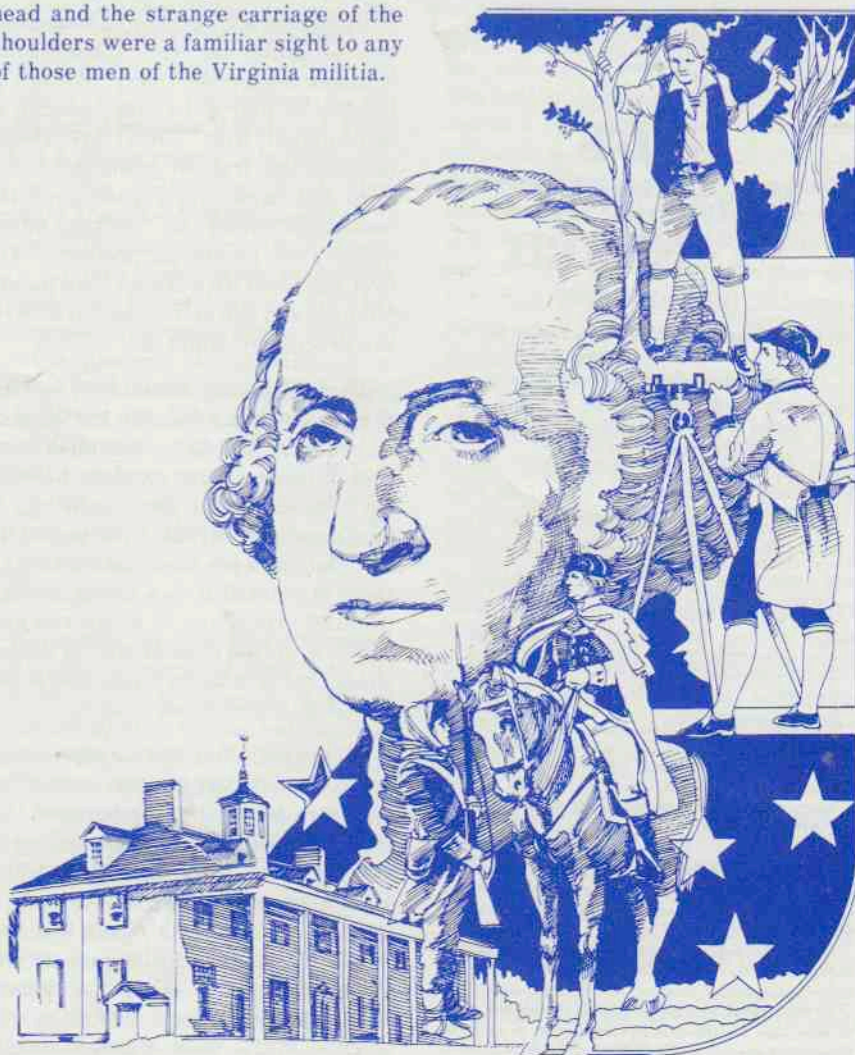
Suddenly, footsteps could be heard in the foreboding and desolate valley,

with its high walls of forest and deep snowdrifts. If one watched, he would see a large indistinct figure pass, then pause for a moment before entering the crude, dark chapel. The set of the head and the strange carriage of the shoulders were a familiar sight to any of those men of the Virginia militia.

With a steady step, the form of this man moved on down the shadowy aisle, and for a moment the flickering candle threw a golden ray upon the rugged cheeks of the man as he knelt.

George Washington, General of the Continental Army of America, was talking to his God whom he knew would hear and answer, and as he arose and walked to the door, pausing to glance back, one could see his usually stern face soften as he spoke aloud something like this: "I feel God will help us out of our troubles and in the Spring guide us in victory. Not TO victory, but IN victory."

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Holiness — Live It!

The story is told that in the army of Alexander the Great there was a soldier who was known for his cowardice in time of battle. He shared the same name as his leader - Alexander. On one occasion the man who eventually conquered the then-known world called this soldier into his presence and placed an ultimatum before him. "Sir, I understand that your name is Alexander and that you have demonstrated great cowardice on the battlefield. Sir, either conquer your cowardice or change your name!"

Upon hearing this story I thought of the situation in the conservative holiness movement today. We are in trouble in holiness ranks because of inconsistent fruit. Either we should produce the fruit of holiness or else drop the name. As I gaze over the movement called the "holiness movement" I see two major problems. The first has to do with the way we preach holiness and the second has to do with the practice of holiness.

There is a danger from both sides of the road; we may fall into the ditch on either side and not accomplish what God intends. Some preach holiness with no demands for cleansing, no death to the carnal nature and no celebration of joy when the funeral anthem is played. It is a bland, human-inspired experience in which you give yourself to God in some sort of deeper work that is nice to have, but is not essential to enter heaven.

Others sing "it's not an easy road" while they pile up requirements that are extra-Biblical, lay on burdens that the Holy Spirit never intended us to bear and generally make holiness as attractive as the long-eared mule in the barnyard. I have never felt that sadness and holiness were synonymous, and yet some holiness people would impress you only with terrible strain they are enduring to

meet the legalistic demands of their self-generated experience.

Either stop this denigration of the experience in our preaching or else stop using the name!

We sing the song:
Holiness forevermore
Holiness forevermore
We will sing it, shout it
Preach it and live it
Holiness forevermore!

Yet the most evident breakdown comes when we try to live it. Sing, yes, shout, indeed, preach, but of course, live - here's the rub. More and more individuals are being turned from the holiness doctrine because of inconsistent living. The answer is not to bring this glorious doctrine down to the level of our experience, but rather to go to the Word, discover what the life of holiness really requires and with the endowment of the Holy Spirit, live that life to the fullest.

Fussing, fuming, quarreling, party spirit, church politics have turned many people away. We can excuse ourselves by saying, "They don't want our standards," but I am convinced that our standards are not nearly so much the problem as is our inconsistent living. As Vance Havner puts it, we have preached "a dynamite gospel, but lived firecracker lives."

Holiness is a song to be sung, a jubilation to be shouted, a doctrine to be preached and an experience to be lived. It will be lived in human, earthen vessels, with infirmities and mistakes, with faults and failures in our humanity, but nonetheless lived with a heart filled with perfect love which responds in love to every situation and circumstance. The challenge comes to us to live the experience or drop the name. We can live holiness with Him in our hearts!

D.L.F.

Holiness — Its Origin!

by Paul Miller, Assistant General Superintendent

Editor's Note: With this issue we begin a series on the vital subject of holiness by Rev. Paul Miller, our esteemed Assistant General Superintendent. Your heart will be blessed as you read these timely articles.

The first requirement in the study of Holiness is to know the origin of Holiness. If we can firmly establish this truth, it will eliminate any argument concerning the need of it. We will attempt to establish this truth, define any terms related to the Biblical doctrine and to set forth its qualities and character.

"That God is" is without question. God never began by explaining His existence nor making apology for His existence. He introduced Himself and all created things by simply saying "In the beginning God!"

Any scientific investigation of this stated fact leads to either confusion or atheism. God cannot be placed into a test tube nor under a microscope and analyzed like any created substances or manufactured chemical. If we try to limit an eternal God to earthly substances or thinking we do Him a great irreverence and bring ourselves into thinking we are all little gods equal with Him, this is the common thinking of our day and is called humanism. We must never question His existence or His works. Few have really doubted the existence of God, and that few have who have are declared by the Word of God to be fools. (Psalms 53:1) Isaiah 57:15, declares that He is the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity; fathom this simple, yet profound declaration and you have answered any question about His pre-existence. Fathom this I say, but to do so takes a lifetime of sincere and earnest study.

In all our studies we have found it difficult indeed, to really know God or more so, what He is like. Isaiah, (40:18; 40:25; 46:5) asks, "Unto whom will you liken God?" Finite men can only guess or imagine what an infinite God is like. To try to understand this unfathomable truth we must turn to the attributes of God, those qualities that are attributed to God and to God alone. A few of these are: omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, justice, love, and eternity. If we can get just a smattering of knowledge and understanding of these we will begin to understand God.

The one attribute that is of special interest to us in this study is His holiness. While few Scriptures refer to His omnipresence etc. at least sixty (60) scriptural references declare His holiness. All of our ideas about God and our judgments of Him must be made with His holiness in mind, that God is infinitely holy is without doubt.

In every vision of Him it was His holiness that was spoken of and revealed. Isaiah, chapter six, saw not the gentleness nor the love of God, but the holiness of God. So infinite was that holiness that he immediately saw how unholy and undone was he and cried, "Woe unto me for I am a man of unclean lips and dwell with a people of unclean lips."

Pause now and think for a few minutes about God, what do you think firstly about Him? Do you see His goodness or His Holiness? Do you think firstly of His love or His Holiness? of His forgiveness or His Holiness? (Compare Revelation 4:8) I asked a young couple, who had come to me for counseling, what they thought about God? Both answered, "I think He is some undescrivable being way off into space who is so much greater and higher than we are that we cannot approach Him." Both of them expressed the sentiments of Isaiah, both were correct in their assumption, yet, both were wrong. It was their idea of God that they excluded all other attributes, so do most of us. When we compare ourselves with God we see His holiness and man's sinfulness, impurities, insignificance and smallness.

We cannot by-pass this important truth. Our concept of God and His holiness will determine the depth of our spiritual life. Obscure holiness and we are relieved from the blackness of sin. In our investigations of God, we too often see His love, mercy, and forgiveness that we forgot His holiness. When we do this we no longer see the sinfulness of sin, God becomes a soft, easy-going ruler who over looks all our wrong and sinfulness. While God is gracious and will forgive our sin's and abundantly pardon us He will never over look our

wrong nor excuse our sinning.

The more we lighten sin and make it of no significance the more we uncrown our Redeemer. Redemption speaks of His holiness. If sin is of such little importance then a crucified Redeemer was superfluous, His death and resurrection was all unnecessary and this light view of sin and His holiness causes us to accept a cheap redemption.

Let me be quick to state that sin is exceedingly sinful, God is infinitely holy and that redemption is neither cheap nor superfluous. Will you pause with me and think about Gethsemane; the agonizing prayer, the great drops of blood and the total commitment to the will of the Father. Will you look once again upon the hall of Judgment, the scourgings, the false witnesses, the final "Away with Him, crucify Him". Gaze upon the cross, the agony, suffering, the cruel nails, the unsatiable thirst and the unmindfulness of the Father. Does all this tell us anything about the holiness of God. With all this in mind we cannot afford to go in sin nor to look for an easier way, for there is none.

Without His holiness we could never hope to be better nor feel better. Love and forgiveness helps us to feel better. It gives a feeling of great emotion and sentiment but holiness elevates us to a higher and purer life. A cheap forgiveness could do no more than confirm the sin it forgave, but His holiness makes it possible to remove the sin. Holiness is not the sentimental search of the Redeemer for a wayward son, it is an eternal wrestle with sin.

A refusal to accept the forgiveness of God for sin brings us face to face with the judgement. For if the love of God demands forgiveness of sin, the holiness of God demands punishment for the sinner. Sin must be judged and punished or God is not just and His Word is not true. His holiness demands both truth and justice. Look at the sin around us, crime, murder, political oppression, and social injustice could an infinitely holy God allow this to go unpunished? Never! it must be judged either at the cross or at the throne. Beneath the darkness of the cross we see the whiteness of the throne. God is not only infinitely holy but He is eternally holy. He always was, He now is, and He always will be holy. Holiness began with God and is as old as God Himself and He demands that we be holy. (Matt. 5:48; I Peter 1: 15 & 16) **To be continued:**

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tables. This was a precious time in the Lord. The 2:30 P.M. service was the highlight of the day. The service began in the church sanctuary with the congregation singing Let All the People Praise Him. After the message by Rev. Straub and the Financial Report, the congregation walked to the school building and assembled in the Gym. A little over two years ago we gathered here to dedicate the building. Now we gathered to burn the Mortgage papers which symbolized the paying off of the school debt. Much praise and emotion was raised in our hearts as the fire burned. Praise God! The Lord certainly has blessed in enabling the congregation to build and pay off the school building within three years. All glory and praise is given to the Lord who has promised to supply every need.

After this part of the service was completed the congregation walked a short distance to the new parsonage which was started in the fall of 1979 and finished by the summer of 1980. A new parsonage was the need of Mahaffey for several years, and finally became a reality. The congregation assembled in the parsonage as Bro. Straub officiated in the dedication. After the benediction the congregation toured both levels of the new parsonage. The Girl's Trio from Penn View sang five special songs throughout the day which was enjoyed very much. Also the ladies of the church provided and served dinner and supper in the school lunchroom for pastor and family and the guests of honor for the day. Indeed this day will be long remembered.

Sea Breeze Camp

The 34th annual Sea Breeze Camp Meeting will convene February 5, 1981, and will continue through February 15.

The evangelists are Dr. Noel Scott from Kansas and Rev. Thomas Reed from Illinois. The choirs, band, orchestra, and other groups from the College and Academy will provide music for the camp. Many other song evangelists and musicians will be ministering in the services.

You are invited to join hundreds of others from all across the United States, Canada, and several other countries at this great spiritual feast. Help us pray that the Holy Ghost may have freedom to do His work in our midst.

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Dedication Of New Parsonage And Mortgage Burning Of School Building Debt Otterbein God's Missionary Church MAHAFFEY, PA.



Rev. Straub burns mortgage while trustees look on.

November 2, 1980 was a big day for the Mahaffey God's Missionary Church. Rev. George Straub, General Superintendent, along with Barry Mason and the Ladies Trio from Penn View, was here to officiate. In the morning worship service, Rev. Straub administered Communion to two full

God's Heart Transplant

BY George I. Straub,
General Superintendent

Text-Exekiel 36:26, A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

The scripture which I have lifted for our meditation is dealing with the power and dominion of God over the hearts of men. In it the prophet speaks of both an addition and subtraction. Before the Spirit of God can indwell the human heart it must be emptied of those things that are not compatible to a Christlike life. By nature the heart of man is hard, cold and indifferent to God, His Word and scheme of redemption.

One need not be very wise or intelligent to see that the trend of the human heart is toward the world, its pleasure, vice and sin. Listen to man's conversation and you will soon see on what his thoughts are centered. The conversation of man will be according to the spirit that dominates his heart, as Jesus said "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Not only will his conversation be mixed with profane words, His appetite will be for the flesh pots of sin, and the wines and liquors which takes milk from the babies, bread from the children, and leaves the family in rags. I have seen this time and again. This is the fruit of sin and carries with it a death penalty, as the wages of sin is death. No one will dispute the fact that the arm of sin is strong and its influence far reaching. There was a time when the church took the initiative and waged a battle against the world the flesh and the devil. They wouldn't tolerate a night club and booze joint on every city block. Nor would they allow their daughters to strip themselves and play the part of a nudist as they are today.

One of the abominations (of the Bible is for women to wear men's) clothing. If you so desire you can turn to God's word and read Deut. 22:5. The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man Neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abominations unto the Lord thy God.

Look at our teen age girls with no respect for themselves, the church or

God. Its nothing for them to pull out a cigarette and blow the smoke in one's face. I am not a calamity howler, However it is time for us to awaken out of this awful condition we have drifted into.

I am confronting you with a very important question. What kind of fathers and mothers will the oncoming generation be like if we continue on at the pace we are going? Some time ago it was announced a 16 year old boy was condemned to the electric chair. What more can we expect from the youth of America when we feed their minds with shooting spree and obscene pictures over the T.V. sets seven days out of a week. I fear this is only the beginning of sorrow and trouble for you parents unless we come to a halt and take inventory of our lives and turn from these things that are taking the place of the Bible, the church, **and the standards up-held by our Christian forefathers.**

Who is at fault and who is to blame for this Chaotic condition that is sweeping the world?

(Matt. 24:12, And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.) When the church locks arms with the world and legalizes those things condemned by God's word there is no other alternative but crime, broken homes, increased problems and in the end a fiery judgment.

(Be not deceived God is not mocked whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.) This does not only hold true in the life of an individual but a nation as well. When a nation legalizes liquor, and throws the Sabbath day open to every thing that is ungodly and unholy we are bound to reap a harvest, and the harvest will be much greater than the sowing.

God well knew man would drift into these things, as sin is like a river, it takes the path of least resistance. According to the text there is only one remedy and cure for man and that is a spiritual operation on the heart. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." The promise is two-fold, A new heart and a new spirit, This is the addition which comes to man through the new birth, a new heart, a new nature, a new desire and ambition, as well as the changing of Masters.

We must remember this promise is conditional, we must be willing to repent and forsake our sins and take up our cross and follow him. There is one thing God will not and does not do, He never drives or forces man to be a Christian. It is strictly voluntary and must come from a heart that is yielded and fully surrendered to the whole will of God. When coming to Christ we must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. God's promises are valid and the shed blood of the immaculate Son of God is as much able to save and cleanse hearts as the day it was shed.

Listen to the words of the poet,
"Just as I am, without one plea, But that they blood was shed for me, And that thou bidst me come to Thee; O Lamb of God I come! I come!"

"Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come." One thing I can promise you on the authority of God's word, Christ is not a disappointment. He is every thing he ever claimed himself to be. Mockers scoff, and critics mock and say there is nothing to Salvation. This is only because they have never allowed the Holy Spirit to convert and revolutionize their lives. Some time ago I was in a place of business, a junk dealer came in to see the proprietor, He wasn't more than there until he cursed the president, then he wished every church would be closed as he stated Christ was a fake and the Bible a fairy tale. By the time he was through he exalted Russia to high heaven and felt communism was the greatest thing in the world, and praised Russia for closing the churches of their country. He continued on to curse and damn our Nation and Government until I felt it my duty to defend my country and the Christ I love and serve. I looked at that gentleman if you want to call him such and informed him I was willing to give the first dollar toward his ticket to go to Russia the country he claims is so much better.

His propaganda and false ideas of Christianity does not lessen nor alter the truth of God's word. His word is forever settled in heaven, that man must be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God.

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There Is Joy In Heaven

She was always such a quiet little slip of a woman. When she first came to us at the clinic she was expecting her second child. We feared for her life. She was very weak and anemic. But she looked so young and we longed for her and the little one she was carrying to live. She did. God spared her life because He was also striving to save her soul. She was one of those for whom Jesus shed His precious blood. But, I am getting a bit ahead of my story.

After the baby girl was born, Rosela continued to come to the clinic for vitamins. She still seemed so anemic, so frail. One day she saw our visiting Haitian doctor who immediately suspected tuberculosis. The mother was put on a T.B. regime, and we began to give the baby preventative treatment.

One day she came into our clinic out of the hot Haitian sun, wearing a heavy, fleecy blue robe. I couldn't believe she could be feeling cold. I wondered if perhaps that was all she had to wear. Then, another thought came to us. Why was it that Rosela lived right in our own little community of La Croix, and yet never came to our church? So, we asked her that day, "Rosela, who don't you ever come to church? Do you go to another church?" Her head dropped. "Miss, I don't have anything suitable to wear to church."

Often we tell the people, "Listen, you don't need nice clothes to come to church. Whatever you have will be fine." But this time I didn't say it. I remembered some clothes that had been sent to us which I thought would be about her size. I asked, "Is that the **only** reason you don't come?" The answer was "yes".

We brought her over to the house and found a nice dress for her and some clothes for the baby, too. She was very pleased though still very quiet. The expression of her eyes was enough to let us know. Then we asked, "Rosela, are you already a Christian? Do you know Jesus?" She answered,

"I used to be saved, but my father stopped me." I asked if her people would now permit her to come to church, and she was sure they would. We told her we would be praying and looking for her in church Sunday.



Rosela with her little girl.

The next evening was Friday, our prayer meeting night. We were taking requests when one of our church men stood up and said, "I was working in my garden yesterday when my neighbor ran out to me. She told me that the missionaries had just given her some clothes and invited her to church. 'But,' she said, 'I can't wait till Sunday—please pray with me now!' And the man was requesting prayer for dear Rosela and also for the

others in her family. Oh, how our hearts were already beginning to rejoice as we held her up in prayer!

Sunday morning came. My eyes scanned the congregation of 180 people. I was looking for a peach dress. There it was! And she had found a head scarf to match. She looked so beautiful. My heart began to beat a little faster as I realized that here was one who was entering the Kingdom of God. The neighbor who had prayed with her came over to me and said Rosela wanted everyone to pray with her publicly at the close of the service. So that is what we did, and little Rosela publicly prayed her way back to her Shepherd. And the Shepherd tenderly picked up His sick little lost lamb and put her on His shoulder, carrying her safely into the fold.

And oh, what joy there was in Heaven that day! One more had come under the shelter of the blood of Jesus. And of course there is rejoicing in our hearts, too, as we look in the face of this newly found one.

Please pray for Rosela and her tiny little girl. They are not well, but are on their way to recovery, and surely a new life is just beginning for her. This new babe in Christ cannot read a word and must depend fully on the Holy Ghost to lead her. Thank God, He will. She is precious in His sight!

**Happy in His Service,
Bonnie Williams**

Items From Intercession City

February is the shortest month of the year and the fourteenth day of the month seems to be the most popular. Most everybody can remember that time when husbands, wives, sweethearts, children, mothers and fathers express their feelings by sending Valentines. I think too, that most all people appreciate being loved.

God has much to say about LOVE in

the Bible and we as Christians express our love to and for Him in various ways by our actions.

The Christian school is a work of God. There are many works of God. We here at I.C.C.S. are part of the great work of God and because of that, we would invite you to share your love for God by sending a LOVE GIFT to I.C.C.S. this month. Please think of us today and write:

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For The BOYS and GIRLS

Sara Learns To Worship

by Janet Sensenig

Sara settled into a comfortable position on the church bench between Debra and Freda. Patting her hair into place, she sighed deeply, glad that the Sunday school class with Brother Luke's watchful eye was over.

Freda heard the sigh and looked at Sara questioningly.

"I'm just glad to be away from Luke," Sara explained in low tones. "Don't you think he's a bit nasty, asking such hard questions and then calling out names to get an answer?"

"Maybe he is, but I studied the lesson; so I knew most of the answers," Freda whispered back.

"Well, I didn't study, and he embarrassed me."

Sara joined the congregation in singing, "I've tried the road of sin..." Suddenly, she remembered yesterday's storm and the deep washout it caused in the road near their farm.

"Debra, did you have a bad storm yesterday? We had severe lightning and thunder, and a big piece of the road washed away."

"Yes, we had a storm, too," Debra said briefly.

Sister Collins rose just then with her crying baby.

"As usual," Sara whispered to Freda. "I believe she goes out at least three times during every service. That baby would be cute if she wouldn't cry so much."

Freda did not reply but smiled faintly.

"Is that a new dress Esther is wearing?" Sara spoke softly to Debra.

"I think she has worn it before," Debra answered, but quickly turned her attention back to Brother Miller's message.

Sara's eyes took in everything. She noticed that the row of little Bender

boys had fresh haircuts "for a change." Edna, the "old maid," was fanning as usual, while elderly Mrs. Wealand tugged at the sweater across her shoulders.

Sara's mind turned briefly to the message as Brother Miller gave an interesting illustration. Sara was soon distracted, however, when Brother Wenger sneezed three times. It seemed he always had a cold.

"Are you going along to sing at the County Home this afternoon?" Sara asked Debra softly.

Debra nodded her head, indicating that she planned to go, then turned back to hear the message.

Suddenly, Sara was startled by a tap on her shoulder. She turned to see Sister Collins who had sat on the back bench with her baby.

"I can't worship when you are talking," Sister Collins said simply.

Sara felt her ears giving off surplus heat. "The very idea! I guess I won't worship, either, when your baby makes such a racket," she fumed inwardly.

During the rest of the service, Sara did not say a word. She was even careful not to help along with the closing song. With Sister Collins so near and probably watching, Sara was sure to keep her mouth clamped shut.

After dismissal, Sister Collins leaned forward and spoke softly so that only Sara could hear. "Thank you for the improvement. That message was too good to miss." Then a bit more loudly, she suggested, "Why don't you girls sit forward several benches? That would leave more space for mothers with babies, who can be distracting."

Sara managed a twisted smile and forced out, "Maybe so." Then she made a hasty exit and hurried to the car to be alone.

"Did you eat persimmons for breakfast?" Ervin teased on their way home.

"Maybe you did yourself!" Sara snapped, then went back to thinking of all Sister Collins' bad points.

Later that afternoon, Ervin found Sara brooding in the hammock.

"What's the matter, Sara?" Ervin asked tenderly.

Suddenly, Sara's resistance fled, and she found herself spilling out the story.

"She's right," Ervin agreed with Sister Collins.

Sara waved her hand desperately. "You just don't understand."

"Calm down, Sara," Ervin said in his easygoing manner. "I understand better than you know. You see, I had the same problem until Father and I had a private session. Father made me realize that talking bothers others who are trying to worship and also keeps the talker from worshipping. I didn't realize what I had been missing until I really began listening to the minister and giving thought to the songs."

Sara hung her head as Ervin went on.

"I think the idea to sit toward the front would be a good step in helping you to conquer this bad habit."

"I suppose you are right," Sara admitted slowly.

"Another thing yet," Ervin added as he rose to leave. "Why don't you confess your wrong to God and also apologize to Freda and Debra for distracting them? Then you'll be well on your way to overcoming."

Sara had always respected her older brother. She knew that what he said was right. "Maybe I am missing something good," she decided. "I believe I owe Sister Collins a thank-you for giving me this lesson on worship. From now on, I don't want to be too busy talking to others to hear what God is saying to me."

GOD'S TRANSPLANT

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In the second division of the text God has promised to take away the stony heart out of man and give him a heart that is kind, tender and gentle. One that will sympathize with the lost and show compassion to those who are sunk in the cess pools of sin, and give them a helping hand.

God is waiting for an opportunity to manifest his great power and liberate the lost from the cords and fetters of sin.

With The General Board

The General Board has an appointment to meet today here at Penn View Bible Institute at 10:00 a.m. Thus it was that I find Mrs. Noll and I entering the halls of this much populated place. She said she would be looking around, perhaps to the library she will go. I move toward room 105, the ever popular place. There are students and students and staff, all around you, and, oh yes, there is Dr. Smeal, his class in session, and another, I can't see the teacher. In another room I see Rev. Paul Miller; he is here and in conversation. I enter the room, it is empty, the place, where after bit, we shall have to place our minds in decision making. Sister Carol Westgate enters, she needs that coffee pot for the staff. Who is this? It was then I was introduced to Sister Willoughby, a pleasant sister in the Lord. Brother John Baker enters, much greetings and spiritual hellos, then, Brother Miller and he and I greet, the door opens in walks Rev. James Bates and I see through the extended door, Rev. G. I. Straub with his ever-present satchel in hand, and greetings are started all over again. In spite of the heavy mental load, these men are actually happy to see each other, what a joy! The next one into the room is Rev. Paul West, and now Brother Straub says, "Brother West, lead us in prayer" and we all prayed together and what a good session it was. Brother Straub then set aside the order to admit Rev. John White, Superintendent of Home Missions, and Rev. Paul Martin, from the York Church. My, it is good to see all these Brethren. Then followed the fine glowing report of the York Church and the fact, they are to com-

plete and thus ordered, to go on and to conquer. After their exit, past minutes were read, discussed and approved covering anything from corporate resolutions to taxable income. Brother Cooley entered a bit later and Brother Thomas had been in Florida, in meeting at Orange City. So we proceeded. Several men were recommended for ministerial licensing or update. The Secretary was ordered to contact the Department of State in another area to see about a State Charter; The Nesbit/Brisbin Churches were discussed; Penn View's continued dollar problem and the need of the help of the Lord to lift the load; and many other things we simply cannot mention were aired. At the end of this very important meeting, it was a joy to behold, these men were still happy to be together. After many hours, of thinking, meditating, talking, sharing, the load of Conference importance we left the room, not because we wanted to, but because we had to go to our responsibilities, I had to go to a viewing, others to what ever. It was then we saw others, Sister Estes, Sister Marshall, Brother and Sister Fuller, Brother Rine, Met Brother Wilson for the first time, Sister Witherup, and many others of the student body to mention. It was a joy, if you are ever down hearted, and need a lift, go to Penn View, walk the halls, and leave encouraged to press the battle for truth and right. Please accept this little report to the "STANDARD FAMILY" and we shall also report, the Lord willing, in the future again. It is a joy to serve you.

**Herman K. Noll, Secretary
The General Board**

York, Pa.

Greetings from the White Rose City of York, Penna. A city of 44 M with only one other conservative Holiness church. The field is white and the Lord is at work in this city.

The new church building is progressing well considering the small amount of help to work. Many items have been donated such as framing lumber, electric wire, labor for plumbing and electrical and heating, masonry labor and some excavation work. There are miracles almost daily being done here.

Average attendance for Nov. Sunday morning was 28, Sunday evening 25 and prayer meeting 17. The Lord's Presence is felt in a real way in every

Anna Zimmerman

Anna H. Zimmerman, of Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, passed away December 6 having lived 69 years, 7 months and 6 days. Funeral and viewing services were held at the Good Funeral Home in Reamstown, Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her husband some time ago. She was buried in Muddy Creek Cemetery in East Cocalico Township in Lancaster County. Rev. Eugene Harting and Rev. Scott Dietz officiated with burial time at 2:00 Tuesday, December 10th in Reamstown.

Several children, Ruth, Allen, Julie, Judy, George, Timothy, Miriam, David, Luke, Vickie and Faith were present at the viewing. Miriam and her family attend the New York Pilgrim Holiness Church at Sayre, Pennsylvania where Rev. Billy Bidwell is the pastor. George and his family attend the God's Missionary Church in Lebanon where Rev. Barry Arnold is pastor. David and his family attend the God's Missionary Church in Milesburg where Rev. Herman Noll is the pastor. Brother David is the class leader at the Milesburg Church, his wife is Sunday School Secretary and thus it is the wish of the Milesburg Church to extend to all the Zimmerman Family especially these mentioned through the "STANDARD" to express sympathy to you in this time of sorrow. Many other readers will remember them as the SINGING ZIMS.

service.

Pray much for the new folk attending. There are spiritual needs plus material and financial.

We are grateful to each for their giving thru the Home Missions department which enables a new work such as York to keep growing.

**Sincerely,
Pastor, Paul Martin, Jr.**





Spotlight

on Home Missions

Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

"The Hand Of The Lord Was Upon Me." Ezekiel 37:1

Truly in these last days we need the hand of the Lord upon us all the time. Your Home Missionary Department acknowledges this need every day. God has been helping us and we are moving forward. The work at York is a bright spot in a darkened world. God has been helping both pastor and people.

The Work at Fairborn Ohio (picture of church on this page) is slowly but surely moving ahead. In July of last year Bro. Hayes, pastor of our church at Seffner Fla., contacted the Home Missionary Department telling us of some people in Ohio looking our way. His Grandmother was a leader of this group. I personally contacted the group and met with them while at a camp meeting in their state. So that no improper move would be made against any other Holiness group we then contacted the leader of this group of people through phone calls and by letter proper arrangements were made for the church to come into the God's Missionary conference. The Home Missionary Department contacted Bro. Straub our General Superintendent and within a short time Rev. and Mrs. Fred Newton Jr. were sent to pastor this group of people. This is the Newton's first charge and it has been a challenge. They need

your prayers at all times. The local church, though small in number, does furnish a parsonage about 3 blocks from the church building. Bro. Newton's reports are good, progress is slow, but God is helping the new work. The church is located off Rossmore Drive, in the city of Fairborn Ohio. The parsonage address is



God's Missionary Church
Fairborn, Ohio

48 Rossmore Drive, Fairborn Ohio. If you have any friends or relatives in this area please contact Bro. Fred Newton at the above address or call him at 513-979-0125. He will be happy to visit and contact all you will advise him of.

The Home Missionary Department at the time of this writing has several Rallies slated. A Home Missionary convention will be conducted at the Milesburg church last week of January 1981. Rallies at the Salunga church and the Coopersburg church

are also slated for early in the month of February. IF YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE A RALLY PLEASE CONTACT US AT ONCE. Other rallies will be held at Lebanon church, Sunbury church in early March. We would like to get to as many churches as possible in this conference year. We will have special music, singing and information of our work in each Rally. A late letter was just received by your Home Missionary Superintendent from Bro. Glover, pastor of the Ekin, Indiana church. He states the Lord is blessing and some new ones are coming in. One lady who just came to the church was saved there in 1912. Bro. Glover is still doing his schooling at Union Bible Seminary.

Spring Garden church sent a large box of toys, and gifts up to The Hoskins to give out at our Indian work for Christmas. The Indian work is always a busy field. Pray for the workers there.

Our Holiness Bible Study in York church was wonderful to our own hearts. The people responded so well to all the truth. As I toured the new church building being constructed my heart sang with praise. The building is 70 by 40 and will be a wonderful example of self denial and praise for our denomination in this area.

As we look forward to coming to your church we trust you will pray for us. If you have not sent in your self denial offering for Home Missions do so at once. The load is so heavy, the response so little. When we stand before the Lord we will have to give an account of Home Missions as well as Foreign. Let us give an account that will bring a praise of "well done" from our Lord. Pray God will keep his hand on us. We are only men, we need the Divine in this age we live in. A constant contact with the power of God is our only hope. To be Spiritual means to be Led by the Spirit, Filled with the Spirit, Blessed by the Spirit, and prosperous through the Spirit. This can only be done When Gods Hand is on us. Yours in Christ.

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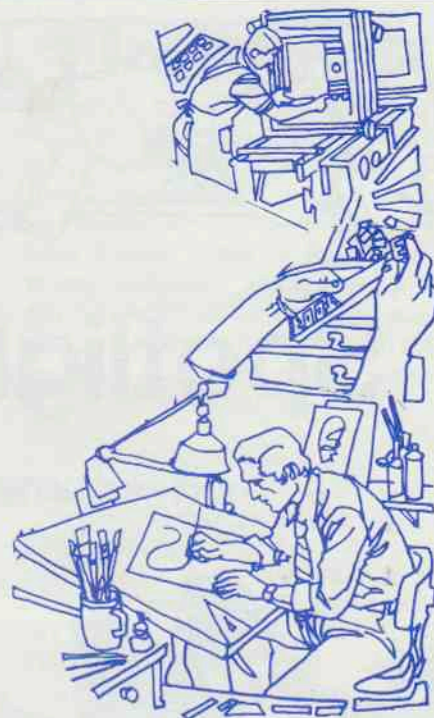
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Big business is finding that "Jesus Sells," the Los Angeles Times reports, citing such examples as Disneyland, which is now scheduling two Christian-oriented nights each year, and fast-selling Christian T-shirts. Additional secular companies, such as Scott, Foresman & Company, and MCA Records, are buying into the lucrative Christian book and music industry. The American Research Corporation last spring commissioned a George Gallup Poll of Christians; buying habits: ARC officials say about 150 clients have paid up to \$1,250 for the lengthy "Profile of the Christian Marketplace 1980," based on Gallup's studies. The emergence of Christianity as a marketing factor is more noticeable in southern California than elsewhere nationwide, said the Times.



ON REVIVAL

The Laborers of Love of Penn View Bible Institute is a missionary organization composed of students whose aim is to receive practical experience in various areas of the Lord's work. From our very first activity in September we realized all our efforts would be in vain without the Lord's help. The times are too numerous to mention when the Lord graciously helped and rewarded our efforts.

Presently we are holding jail services, nursing home services, street meetings, weekend missionary outreach services, youth rallies, and Bible studies.

We have recently begun a Bible distribution program. Many persons are in need of God's Word in jails and on street corners. However, due to a lack of funds and inflation it is difficult to purchase the needed Bibles. We welcome donations from area churches toward this worthy program. If you have any extra Bibles, we would appreciate your contribution. Contact the school at 837-1855 and ask for Bro. Leroy Adams or any Laborers of Love officer.

In (a) personal sense, revival should be a constant reality. The idea that it is "a thing of special times and seasons" owes its inception to the inconsistent nature of man and not the will of God. Unfortunately, for most of us, despite our professions there come those periods of spiritual sluggishness which make revival necessary. But if we lived in the continual fullness of the Spirit of Christ, as God desires, revival would be an abiding state of experience.

(In Norman P. Grubb's little book, *Continuous Revival*,) the author mentions how he was shaken out "of the misconception of years, that revival could only come in great soul-shaking outpourings of the Spirit." Of course, he rejoices in the times when the church was mightily stirred in "precious hurricanes of the Spirit," but as he says, "I saw the defeatism and almost hopelessness that so many of us had fallen into by thinking that we could do nothing except pray, often rather unbelievably, and wait until the heavens rent and God came down. But now I see 'revival' in its truest sense is an everyday affair right down within the reach of everyday folk to be experienced in our hearts, homes and churches, and in our fields of service. When it does

break forth in greater and more public ways, thank God; but meanwhile we can see to it that we are being ourselves constantly revived persons, which of course also means that others are getting revived in our own circles."

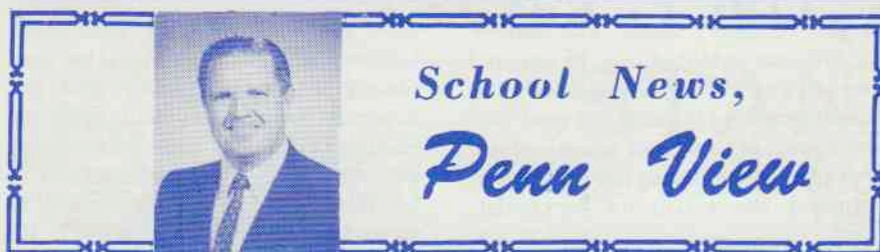
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From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

The Challenge Of Faith!

Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you," (Matt. 17:20).

Several aspects of faith are revealed in the Word of God. There is the aspect of "historical faith" the foundation upon which all other faith is built. God has preserved the records of history which reveal the development and demonstration of faith in the lives of others. As we read the accounts of God's working through the faith of others, our own hearts are brought to believe in God and His concern for mankind.

When this kind of foundation is laid it is not difficult to cultivate "saving faith". "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6).

This verse indicates that "historical faith" is prerequisite to "saving faith". We must believe in the existence of God as the eternal God and accept His Word as absolute, or there is no foundation for "saving faith".

The third aspect of faith is "living faith". According to Hebrews 10:38 "saving faith" is prerequisite to "living faith". "Now come the **just** shall **live** by faith." I have come to realize as never before that faith is the lifeline of the children of God. Faith in God is that which keeps us conscious of our dependence upon God for our physical, material, and spiritual needs. When we lose that consciousness we develop an independent attitude which drives us further and further from an intimate relationship with God.

Many in America have had so much that they never really had to learn to live by faith. When one has found himself in rather undesirable circumstances he has found it rather con-

venient to change those circumstances without a consciousness of dependence upon God. Now that things are tightening up making jobs more difficult to find and money is not flowing so freely many are becoming frustrated. Everyone enjoys prosperity but I think we must face the fact that prosperity tends to generate a spirit of indifference or a feeling of self-sufficiency which causes faith to become flaccid. This is evident in the great number of church people who have already suffered shipwreck and the host of others all around us whose faith is wavering.

Something must be done to restore faith in God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalms 46:1)

It seems logical to me that we can strengthen our faith by searching for a better understanding of what faith is. The only actual definition of faith given in the Bible is found in Hebrew 11:1. "Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen."

Substance is defined as "ultimate reality whether material or spiritual." In the spiritual sense it is an underlying assurance. The original means "firm confidence".

Abraham portrayed this thought according to Romans 4:20, 21. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able to perform."

Truly the promises of God would overwhelm the natural man. Without that underlying assurance he would say impossible, it cannot be done, but Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you." O Lord increase our faith! D. L. Moody said, "Faith is the golden link binding us to every promise of God."

Evidence is defined as "an outward sign, indication or token." The original word signifies demonstration or conviction. Such evidence is not ascertained by our senses or even by our reason but by an inward persuasion which is built upon firm confidence in the living God.

Oswald Chambers said, "Faith is not intelligent understanding, faith is deliberate commitment to a person where I see no way."

Andrew Murray expressed it this way, "Faith is setting our wills to have what God has willed for us."

Genuine faith appears to me to be the act of believing God to answer prayer independent of our psychological influence upon those whom He may choose to use as instruments of service for His own honor and glory.

Having been in pioneer work for most of my life prior to coming to Penn View, I thought I had learned a little about living by faith; however, facing the staggering costs of operating a Christian school in these days of inflation has a way of taxing one's faith to the very limit.

Though our family needs seemed very great at times, if faith did not produce the desired results I could usually find a job of some sort and make enough money to see us through. As I look back now, I realize that taking such a resource did not build strong faith.

George Mueller said, "One important point for the strengthening of our faith is to let God work for us. When the trial of your faith comes, do not work a deliverance of your own."

I always felt that this was the lazy way out, and I never could stand a lazy person. People would tell me that a preacher should not work the way I was working, but I had adopted the philosophy of an old preacher friend of mine who said, "I can trust God but I can't trust people to obey God." More than once he said to me, "You can talk about living by faith all you want to, but you cannot eat it." He had been on hard scramble circuits a long time; however, as I see it now, he had never really learned to live by faith.

Most of us in America have suffered the same type of spiritual anemia while enjoying material prosperity for so many years. It has been easier to work a deliverance of our own than to wait on the Lord until He willed to bring it. (Continued on Page 12)

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ing it to pass. Many of us are guilty of this in the material, physical and spiritual aspects of life.

What a difference it makes when one comes to the place that there is no possible way to work a deliverance of his own. He has no alternative but to trust in the Lord.

I have come to that place right here at Penn View Bible Institute. There is no possible way that I can figure to make enough money to meet the operational costs and pay off the indebtedness. We have earnestly promoted the "Dollar Membership Family" across the years and enrolled a total of 3,600 members - enough to underwrite the annual deficit if it were not for the fact that only 600 of them remained active in the past year.

We have been calling for volunteers

to join "Gideon's Band" and help liquidate our indebtedness. In one and one-half years we have recruited 54 of the 300 we need to reach our goal. Our last appeal in this paper was absolutely fruitless in so far as not one person returned the certificate for enlistment.

I am not complaining nor scolding, and I am not discouraged. I am just thinking aloud as I search for God's answer to our dilemma. I know that many of you have done your best. You have given sacrificially and I deeply appreciate it; however, we are still in need of thousands of dollars just to pay current bills, some of which are already overdue.

In searching for God's answer I have been reading as well as praying. As I read A.E.C. Brook's book on "Answers to Prayer" from George Mueller's Narratives, I asked myself the question, Have we been exercising faith in God on depending on man's ingenuity? There is no doubt

that God uses human instrumentalities, but our faith must be completely in God. Certainly God has honored our efforts and provided enough to keep us from going under but continually allowing our faith to be tried. No doubt He wants to strengthen our faith. Perhaps He wants to teach us how to operate a Christian school totally by faith. Truly God is working out His purpose, and I want to do my best to cooperate with Him.

My heart cries out in the words of the poet:

*"O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!"*

*"Faith, mighty faith, the promise
sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, 'It shall be done'!"*

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