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Our Pilgrim Name-

Do the worldings sing our praises,
Or religionists our fame?
Do they flatter, laud and honor,
Knowing not our pilgrim name?
Let us then again remember
What we are and whence we came.

For the world is not our portion,
Strangers we and pilgrims here;
From a far, a better country
We have heard the summons clear:
"Be ye separate, My people -"
May we hear His Word and fear.

To proclaim the Great Evangel
He hath sent us from on High,
And with joy we tell to sinners
How in Christ they may draw nigh;
This our mission as we linger,
Pointing upward to the sky.

Hence, if worldings sing our praises
Or religionists our fame,
If they flatter, laud and honor,
We have lost our pilgrim name;
And our lives no longer witness
To the Christ who suffered shame.

Oswald J. Smith



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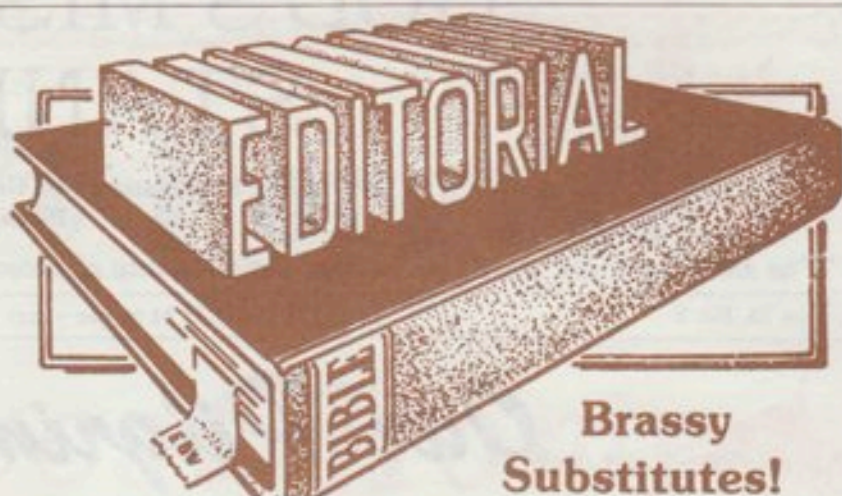
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Brassy Substitutes!

There is found in I Kings 14 a little known but revealing bit of history. We are told that Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, began to reign in Judah. We are also told that in the fifth year of his seventeen year reign that Shishak, the king of Egypt came in battle against Jerusalem, the capital city of Judah, and spoiled it. The nature of that action is seen in verse 26—"and he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made."

Just a few chapters before in I Kings 10:17 we find the description of those golden shields. "And he (Solomon) made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon."

It seems that those shields were not meant to be used in war. They had a special purpose. They were brought out of storage only when the king went to the temple to worship. One description tells us that "... the guard formed a double line, holding the shields to form a gold enclosed pathway for the king. They were a part of God's design. It was as if the temple held out its arms to welcome the worshipper. It created a spiritual atmosphere and made a hush fall over those who silently followed their monarch into God's house."

But that's not all of the story. Verse 27 tells us that "... King Rehoboam made in their stead brassen shields, and committed them into the hands of the chief of the guard..."

What a different picture now! Oh, the guards are still lined up along the way which the king would take to the temple to worship. But now instead of the sparkling golden shields catching the reflections of the morning sun, causing an awe-inspiring spectacle, the substituted brass shields lend a dullness and a drabness to the

ceremony. Substituting brass for gold—what a commentary!

It strikes me that is what we have been doing in many places in the holiness movement. **We have substituted the brass of church attendance for the gold of true worship.** The church and its activities, the schedule of services—just another part of our hectic lives. We rush to church and rush through the service and rush somewhere else. We need to take time to be holy. Now, I'm sure that much of service is brassy. We must insist upon really spending time in true worship to our heavenly monarch. The Psalmist cried out in Psalm 33:20 "Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield."

Let us evaluate our worship pattern and where we have substituted brass for gold, let's ask God to forgive us and once again offer worship in the Spirit and truth, a sweet-smelling savour to Him who loved us and gave himself for us.

I think that we have substituted **the brass of human energy for the gold of Holy Spirit power.** As I read of the great religious movements of yesterday I am impressed by the way that men moved and acted under the influence and dynamic of the Holy Spirit. Praying in the Holy Spirit, preaching with the Holy Spirit's anointing and assistance and living with a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leadership is really what should be normative for the church.

I know that these are the last days but I feel that where men's frenzied efforts are replaced with men moving in synchronization with the Holy Spirit, under control of the Spirit, with the power of the Spirit we can yet see some Jordan Rivers crossed and Jericho's walls fall. I feel that much of our effort is merely "sounding brass" rather an scintillating gold.

Away with these brassy substitutes!

— D.L.F.

Consistent Christian Conduct



"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

We understand the word **pursue** or **follow** to mean that which is followed as a continued employment with a view to some end. We properly consider all faithful Christians to be following a definite course of action motivated and stimulated by the lively hope of seeing the glorified Lord at the end of life's eventful struggle for the glorious crown of eternal life. The inspired words of truth show clearly that pursuing the course of life set before us by the meek and lowly Christ is far more profitable than pursuing a life of pleasure and prosperity in this passing world. The transitory things of this mundane life look insignificant when viewed in the light of the ecstatic joy of beholding the incomparable beauty of the glorified Christ.

We consider the glowing words of the text to include in their scope the final summation and grand climax of the stirring truths presented in the Hebrew epistle. In the preceding chapter the gracious Holy Spirit has placed strong emphasis on the fact that God has made an ample provision to cleanse His people from all sin through faith in the one offering of Jesus Christ. In the brilliant light of the Saviour's uplifted cross, the courageous Apostle boldly proclaims God's message for consistent Christians, saying, "Follow peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord."

The word **peace** is used several times as a salutation expressive of good wishes, or a benediction. Peace is evidently an inherent quality of our Lord's divine nature, even as holiness is an inherent principle of His deity. The anointed Prophet said Christ was the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). It is apparent that Jesus imparts a measure of His own peace to His confiding people. His peace was designed to give followers untroubled hearts in a world of trouble, to fortify them with an undaunted courage, and to qualify them to be peacemakers in the peaceless world. Peacemaking in life is a grace which enters into all the activities of Christian conduct.

We can justly consider peace and purity to be the Siamese Twins of true Christianity. These two basic principles of Christian life are so closely related that one

cannot exist without the other. It is evident that peacemaking must spring from its source in a pure heart in order to be properly exemplified in Christian conduct.

Seeing that holiness is an inherent principle of Christ's Divine nature, there is not the slightest possibility that His changeless requirements relating to the sanctification of His people will ever be altered or modified. It should be obvious to every fair-minded person that a Holy God would not require His people to be holy in character and conduct if it were impossible for them to be cleansed from all sin in this present life.

The illuminating words contained in the text show conclusively that a state of spiritual fitness is required to behold the face of the Lord and enter into everlasting pleasure with Him and all intelligent beings dwelling in the city of light. The principle of eternal truth requiring holiness of heart is one which remains unchanged in time and in eternity. There is not one word recorded in Holy Writ to show that one unholy soul has ever entered heaven. It is for the highest good of Christ's sanctified family that the unholy be excluded from heaven, even as it is for the highest good of a community to exclude all lawless characters. The Lord will always adhere to this principle of His administration, hence every person expecting to enter a holy heaven without a holy heart is destined to certain disappointment. The Lord will never revoke His holy laws and admit one unholy soul to a heaven filled with a holy people praising and worshiping a holy Redeemer. We may have things which are desirable in life, such as great learning, vast wealth, and comfortable homes, but if we are without holiness of heart we have nothing to commend us to God in the Day of Judgment. It was the importance and the certainty that holiness of heart is prerequisite to seeing the Lord that motivated the Apostle to stress the necessity of pursuing peace with all men, and the holiness without which no man shall behold the face of the Lord; therefore, it behoves us to "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

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Martha A. Mabus

Martha M. Mabus, of Watsonstown, Pa. silently went to be with the Lord, June 17, 1982. She was born November 2, 1909 in Carroll, Clinton County, a daughter of the late Edward and Catherine Embick.

She was a member of Mount Union God's Missionary Church of Carroll. In her later years she also attended the Spring Garden God's Missionary Church, mostly because she resided the past thirty years in Watsonstown. Her presence at these churches and the Mount of Blessing Camp is greatly

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October 26-28

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Schedule of Services:

Opening Service—October 26, 7:30 P.M.
October 27 & 28 10:30 P.M.
2:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M.

Rev. H. E. Schul, Executive Secretary of I.H.C. invites you to share in this spiritual feast of good things.

CAMP MEETING — 1982!

Summertime and camp meetings almost seem synonymous. God's Missionary Church sponsors a number of camps, both large and small. We are grateful for each one and pray that God will continue to minister to the church through these days in the "forest tabernacles"

Below are scenes from the 1982 Penns Creek Camp.



Drs. Page and Straub



Straight Song Evangelists



Scene from the Trailer Park



Snack Bar Sale



Camp Fellowship



Halter and Crock



"They Are Killing Me..."

Yes, it was enough to break any heart, this suffering little boy crying out so pitifully as the nurses probed his bony arms with a needle. But then, many children have been jabbed with a needle. Why was this instance sadder than other? Please let me start from the beginning and tell you about Sadi.

No one knows for sure, but we estimate that Sadi was about seven years old when he was brought to us last month. His father was killed about a year and a half ago. After that Sadi went to live with his maternal grandmother who was sick herself. The mother began to live with another man who would not permit her son to live with them. The mother became very ill with tuberculosis. This man was probably her sole means of support, so it would not have been an easy matter for her to leave him. She began to come to our clinic for treatment and began to slowly get better. We began to love this simple young mountain woman. One day she came for her injection, crying. When asked what the trouble was, she told us she had just received word that her son, Sadi, who lived way in the mountains with his grandmother was very ill, probably dying. We tried to comfort her, prayed with her and asked her to try to bring the boy to us if he was still alive.

A week or so went by, and then the precious mother came with her son. She was sweating profusely and breathing heavily from her long trek down out of the mountains with her precious child. My heart was wrenched as I looked at this suffering piece of humanity. Just skin stretched over bone—no flesh at all. Only his legs were big, swollen by fluid and malnutrition. He screamed when he saw me—perhaps he had never seen a white person before. Oh, my heart! Why must such an innocent one suffer so dreadfully! I swallowed hard and said, "Don't be afraid." He stopped crying. We did what we could. The mother said she did not know what to do or where to go. She did not think her "husband" would let the child in the house. We decided to let them

stay in the back of the church a few days with his mother.

We took him some food—chicken and noodle soup over rice. He could not eat much, but tried. A little fell from the spoon as I tried to get it to his mouth. His bony shaky fingers grabbed for it as if he were afraid it would be taken from him. Then he reached his fingers into the bowl. I wondered why, but soon saw what he was after—the tiny morsels of chicken in the soup. Oh, he was starved for meat and protein which might have saved his life if he had had them in time.

The next morning he was worse. Because of his breathing, we suspected tuberculosis. We decided to take him to a hospital. What an ordeal! We had been moving him ever so gently and carefully, but not so there. He was jerked and poked until we too wanted to scream. It was several hours before we finally could place him in bed. As nurse came in and informed us he must be weighed. "No!" we protested, "he was already weighed." But it was to no avail. His tortured body must be lifted again, but this time in my own arms. Finally they started the intravenous feedings. This is when he screamed that they were killing him and breaking his arm.

It was with tortured hearts that we left his tortured body while he was begging us not to leave. Oh God, how much can our hearts and his body stand?

Little Sadi did not have to suffer much longer. Early the next morning Jesus said it was enough and came and gathered him in His arms and hugged him to His heart and ever so gently wiped his tears away. It is hard to imagine how Sadi felt when he woke up in Heaven, with a new body and everything so beautiful and sparkling and the kind eyes of Jesus smiling at him. Heaven has to mean more to these who have suffered so. God bless you Sadi, dear. We fell in love with you a few days before you left earth and we are waiting for the day we can see how beautiful you are in your new body and in your new

Home.

There are others like Sadi still suffering more affliction than we have ever known. There are some adults, too, who do not know Jesus. And when they die, they cannot go to Heaven and receive a new body and have their tears wiped away. But the sorrows and suffering that followed them throughout their lives will only grow more intense. Please continue to help us pray for the courage and strength to seek them out and to whisper the Words of life and love to their bleeding hearts.

Because of Jesus,
Bonnie Williams



MABUS (Continued from Page 4)

missed.

Sister Mabus is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dickson Grenoble of Pine Grove Mills, Pa. and two sons, Ronald of Milton, Pa. and The Rev. Larry Mabus of Sylacauga, Alabama. In addition one sister, Ruth Embick of Loganton, Pa. and two brothers, Elmer Embick of Clarksburg, Pa. and Dean Embick of Edwardsville, Illinois survive.

Funeral services were conducted in the Ramm Home for Funerals, Loganton with the Rev. William Rachau officiating and assisted by The Rev. Paul Miller.

While Sister Mabus rejoices with Her Master, many miss her in this life. May God sustain all and keep them until they too join Her.



For The Young People

To My Teenage Daughter

by Owen C. Salway

It's a girl!"

For months before the doctor spoke those words, you had been in our hearts and on our minds almost every waking moment. After you were born, we slept with our ears tuned to your faintest cry. We fed you and watched you grow. When you took your first step, our arms were reaching out to catch you.

But you're a teen-ager now. You're at that awkward age of being neither a child nor an adult. One day you'd like to play with your dolls, and the next you may see a boy across the classroom and think you're in love. Your heart is tugging you both ways.

You're growing up. We don't see you every minute of the day now. You may be at school or camp or at the neighbor's house. Our arms might not be able to reach out and help you now when you need us, so the responsibility is gradually going onto your shoulders as to how you're going to live and what you're going to do.

We want the very best for you, so don't overdraw on your resistance and energy. Later on you may find that your body is bankrupt. Perhaps you think your body can take anything that you can hand out. You can eat anything you want, drink all the pop you can hold, and stay up late one night after the other. Think a minute. If you refuse to do things that will harm your body and give it the care it needs, you are not giving thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life that He has given to you.

Your body is one of the most precious gifts you will ever receive. If you're a Christian, Paul said, your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Yes, you're a teen-ager now. Perhaps you don't understand your parents and feel that your parents don't understand you. But parents are people. We're flesh and blood like you, and we make our share of mistakes. But in all that we do, we seek to do it for your good.

And maybe you don't understand the restraints we put upon you. When we say "no," we see a danger ahead that you may not see in the tangle of humanity. We sometimes see a hostile world that through your eyes may seem to provide opportunities for excitement and thrills. Beyond our doors there are many good people who will be a help and blessing to you, but there are also those who would seek to pull you down and ruin your life and character.

As a teen you need excitement and thrills perhaps, but where you get them shows what kind of adult you're going to be. If you play with danger, you can't always win in this game of living, and one loss may haunt you for the rest of your life.

If you can remember that we love you even when we say "no," your home will be a happy one.

Your whole life until now has been centered around home. From school and parties and the playground, your feet had always brought you home. In this busy world,

home has always been a place of security for you.

Remember when you heard good news or received a good report card? You could hardly wait to get home and tell us. And when you've been sick, there's no place you'd rather be than home. Yes, when you've been tired and troubled, you have always hurried home.

We want your home life to be happy even when your brother complicates things and when you don't always see eye to eye with him. Remember this: if you were ever in difficulty, he would be the first one to step in and help you. When you grow older, some of your most precious memories will be of you and your brother growing up in our home.

Yes, you're a teen-ager all right, but you can't really cope with life alone. You still need your parents, and more than that, you need God to help and guide you.

Remember when you were small how you sat on the edge of your chair and listened to stories of Noah and the ark and David and Goliath. They were exciting heroes for a little child. But the Bible was written for teens, too. Read it systematically, and you will find the answers to many problems that teens face today.

Perhaps you feel sometimes that you have more disappointments and discouragements than anyone else in the world. And when you're fighting back tears, it's hard for you to realize that everyone has problems, even parents. During these times, it helps if you can remember that you still have a lot left in life — home, parents, brother, friends, and health. Tomorrow things will look different, you'll reach up for another bubble, and this one just may not burst.

Jesus had more reason than anyone else to feel discouraged. He was falsely accused and sentenced to die on a cross, yet when death was near, He said "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus is able to give you faith to overcome your difficulties, too. He can make them steppingstones in your life.

Develop a habit of praying silently, whether you're doing dishes or walking to school. Talk to God. Always have Him within earshot of your heart. When you're happy, give a prayer of thanks, and your joy will increase. When you're discouraged, Jesus is standing beside you waiting for you to cast your burdens onto His mighty shoulders.

Go nowhere that you would not be able to take Jesus with you.

Yes, you're a teen-ager, not an adult, so don't borrow from the future. You're an in-between and we love you that way. There are things that God doesn't intend you to do just yet. He'll save them for you. There are days and years ahead, and if you live each day for Him, yours will be a bright and glorious future.

With all my love,
Dad

An Interview With Paul Clemens

The editor of the *Standard* spoke with Paul Clemens, the new Public Relations Director at Penn View Bible Institute. Following are the questions and his responses in that interview.

"First of all, Paul, tell me a little bit about yourself—where you were born and reared."

"I was born in Rockwood, Tennessee and spent most of my time in Georgia and Alabama. My father pastored in all three of the states but I lived most of my time in Georgia and Alabama. I have three other brothers and I was raised in the Wesleyan Church."

"Where did you go to Bible School?"

"I went to God's Bible School. I went to High School and continued in College and graduated in 1981."

"What degree did you obtain at G.B.S.?"

"I obtained the Bachelor of Religious Education."

"During the time that you were at G.B.S., were you involved in Public Relations work?"

"Yes, somewhat. We travelled with the school for five years in the quartet and also one summer I did Public Relations work for the school. I did the speaking and the singing also but I mainly just travelled with the quartets."

"Were you and your wife both involved at God's Bible School in Public Relations work?"

"Yes, she played for the quartet and travelled with us and she helped out with the choirs and music and different things like that for the music director there."

"What do you see as your role as a Public Relations Director?"

"Well, number one—I think the Public Relations Department should broaden its outreach as far as the school is concerned, projecting the school to different churches and different denominations. Penn View is interdenominational in its scope, as far as reaching out to other students. However, it is backed up by God's Missionary Church. But I feel like my role or position is getting the groups out and getting some new outreach for the school. I know the school has had somewhat of a Public Relations Department but it seems to have been limited to certain churches. Even though we want to keep in contact with those churches, I feel like we need a broader outreach for the school."

"Now, you have been here for a number of months—two full months



Paul and Robyn Clemens
with daughter Rachel

and that is a little soon to really evaluate in depth, but at this point if you were to enumerate our strengths what would you enumerate as our strengths as a school. What are the strong points of our program here that you could use in your public relations presentation?"

"What I have been using is of course the music, the missions, and ministries field and also the new field of the elementary and secondary education. Also, we have our Academy right here and we could really stress that we bring our students here for High School and then send them right in to the Institute."

"What are your goals for this first year as Public Relations Director?"

"Well, number one, I think that I would have to say that one of my goals is to get some good sounding groups—some groups that would really relate to the people and produce the school in a way that we would like to see it. Also, one of my great goals is to try and develop more of an interest of the God's Missionary Church in the school. Seemingly a lack of interest has developed in the last few years and so I'd like to see more of an interest of the God's Missionary Church itself to back the school."

"You mentioned groups—what are your plans? What types of groups are you talking about and how many do you plan to have?"

"We at least want two small groups and of course the choir and possibly a brass quartet. As of right now, we are looking at a male quartet and a female trio for our small groups,

and the choir which consists of about 32 to 34 students going out and representing the school."

"Are you planning to personally accompany these groups—you and your wife will be going with them to the meetings?"

"Yes, my wife will be playing for the groups at times; possibly we will have an accompanist for some of the groups, but my wife and I will definitely be with the groups as we go out into representation work."

"As you look at the physical aspect of the P.R. department; by that I mean what kinds of equipment we have—sound equipment, P.A. equipment—what would you say are some of our needs?"

"I can see quite a few things I have written down earlier. One of the main things is a display board that I think we need to improve on. This has an effect on those coming in looking at the school. Having a good display board showing what the school has to offer is real important in public relations work. Also, good sound systems; we have some good sound systems but there needs to be some update in this area of the school. We have some choir risers but they are outdated. They need to be updated. We hope to have a new bus—a diesel coach within the next few months to carry the choir on its tours. We have three tours—a Christmas tour, a Spring tour and also the end of January, the first of February we tour down through Florida. Also, another vitally important thing we need at Penn View is vans. Of course, being constantly on the road like traveling in the summers and through the years, we are constantly putting miles on vans so there needs to be an update in school vehicles as such."

"Records have played a great role in the music department and consequently have been used as a Public Relations tool. Do you have any plans in the back of your mind that we might be making a record this year?"

"Yes, the Music Department is definitely planning to produce a new record this year and hopefully, we will have the quartet and trio involved in this one album besides the choir. There will possibly be two, three and maybe even four songs of either trio or quartet or maybe two apiece."

"I noticed that you mentioned a good sounding group with a good appearance. I'm sure you are definitely interested in the spiritual aspect of the program?"

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Itinerary For Penn View Bible Institute Representative Groups

New York Pilgrim Rev. Warren Babcock Wilder Rd. Box 795 Pierrepoint Manor, NY 13674	October 2, PM October 3, AM
New York Pilgrim Rev. Rowan Fay R. D. 1, Cavanaugh Rd. Marcy, NY 13404	October 3 PM October 4 AM Chapel
Lewistown God's Missionary Church Rev. John Zechman 1107 5th. St. Lewistown, PA 17044	October 10 AM & PM
New York Pilgrim Rev. Denzil Smith Syracuse, NY 13201	October 17 AM
New York Pilgrim Rev. William Saxton Star Rt. Box 16 Windsor, NY 13865	October 17 PM
Brethren in Christ Rev. Lloyd Buckwalter Howard, PA 16841	October 17 PM
York God's Missionary Church Rev. Paul Martin 51 N. Emigs Mill Rd. York, PA 17405	October 24 PM
Lebanon God's Missionary Church Rev. Barry Arnold 2127 Hill St. Lebanon, PA 17042	October 24 AM & PM
Luciusboro Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Rev. Robert Thornton R. D. 3, Box 401 Homer City, PA 15748	October 31 AM
Zion Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Rev. Roger Whippe Rt. 2 Stoneboro, PA 16152	October 29-31

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"Definitely, yes, we want to have a good spiritual group by all means. Of course, not only as we travel out—we are also striving for a good spiritual atmosphere in the school, on campus. If there is one thing that is really important about a travelling group, it is the fact that they work together. Sometimes you might have a group that sounds good but they might not be in unity. That affects the sound spiritually. It is important to have unity in the groups and that falls under our field, too; making sure that there's unity among the group. If there are problems while you travel, we talk to the kids, relate to the young people, making sure they are on top spiritually. Just having good close contact with the kids is important."

"What are your plans regarding ministering in God's Missionary Churches? Do you plan to contact most or all of the churches for service?"

"Yes, what we plan to do is to reach most of the local God's Missionary Churches on weekends, and like I said, we hope to have two groups going out—one group trying to reach new areas and also the choir tour will reach new areas, but then through the months, weekends we'll try to get our own churches."

"One last question. If you could ask for a couple of things from the Standard Family, what would you ask?"

"I would definitely ask first of all from the God's Missionary Church people more of an interest in the school and the Public Relations Department. I know that we have a lot to come up to but unless the God's Missionary Church gets behind us in prayer and financial support naturally we are going to remain stagnant. But if they'll get behind us, since Penn View is their school, then I feel like we will definitely go forward. They'll see a change and it will be to their advantage in the end because we are taking their people and training them and

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Mr. Clemens makes an important point.



The dot represents Penns Creek.

Marks Of A Dying Church

A church is in a state of dying when the congregation is not moved over the conditions of this age. It may be that this age is no worse than other ages past, but suffice to say that the conditions are such now as to alarm every serious-minded Christian man and woman on earth; and one does not have to be a pessimist to see facts just as they are. In the foundations of sobriety, morals, and tender conscience, integrity, and common virtues, are not being shaken to the very depth, then I am the worst fooled man that lives today.

A church is in a state of dying when the privileged class only are recognized, and only those with means are given a voice in the government of the church. "God have mercy on the church when the poor cease knocking at its door." As one has said, "God must have loved the poor folks, for He made so many of them." A sin of death hangs over a church when a clique or clan makes all the plans for the running of the institutions.

A church is in a state of death when there are but few young people connected with it. The church may have money, buildings, equipment, and a good standing in the community, but if youth are not drawn to its services, there is a state of stagnation, and as Sam Jones once said, "This is the next

step to damnation."

A church is dying when two or three people pay most of the bills. I have known two churches in our travels across the nation where the bills were practically paid by one man in each congregation. I am not sure, but I believe one of those churches has almost closed its doors, and the other one is no larger now than it was twenty-five years ago. I may seem nice to have one man offer to pay for whatever is needed, but it means death to any congregation.

A church is dying when a few folks try to dictate the kind of preaching the pastor should do. There must be freedom in the pulpit if a church is to live and continue to grow. A few church bosses cannot dictate to a pastor and expect him to be God's messenger in the pulpit. A pastor may not do and say in all instances as his hearers think he should, but they cannot tie his hands and close his mouth to suit their whims and desires. A pastor, if he is true to his calling, prays and studies, works and plans for the good of his people. He must not be dictated to by a few as to the type of ministry he gives the people; he must be free to speak in love and kindness as God speaks to him.

Herald of Holiness

John Wesley Said —

1. Those things that a man can not amend in himself, or in others, he ought to suffer patiently until God orders things otherwise.

2. If one that is once or twice warned will not give over, contend not with him, but commit all to God.

A. Study to be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be; for that thou thyself also hast many, which must be suffered by others.

B. If thou canst not make thyself such a one as thou wouldst, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking?

C. We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults.

D. We would have others exactly corrected, and will not be corrected ourselves.

E. The liberty of others displeaseth us, and yet we will not have our desires denied.

F. How seldom we weigh our neighbours in the same balance with ourselves.

3. If all men were perfect, what should we have to suffer of our neighbour for God?

A. No man is without fault; no man but hath his burden; no man is self-sufficient; no man has wisdom enough for himself; but we ought to bear with one another, comfort, help, instruct, and admonish one another.

B. Occasions of adversity best discover how great virtue each one hath; for occasions make not a man frail, but show what he is.

Turn thine eyes unto thyself, and beware thou judge not the deed of other men.

Special Thanks For New Subscriptions!

Thanks for your help in the special subscription drive during May. Below is a list of Standard subscriptions received during May.

Lebanon	67
Spring Garden	28
Beavertown	26
Penn View Chapel	9
Hanover	8
Sarasota, Fla.	8
Fairborn, Ohio	5
Greensboro, N.C.	5
Mountain Grove (Dover)	5
Port Matilda	4
Rebersburg	4
Salunga	4
Lewistown	3
Newville	3
Rev. W. E. Hoskins	3
Tichnor, Ar.	3
Atlantic, N.C.	1

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sending them back into their pulpits and on their mission field. So I would like to see a greater interest by God's Missionary Church. And then as far as the material aspect of the Department, I would like to see new things purchased such as a sound system. We need a bus; we need displays and we need different things to produce the outreach. As far as material things, I would like to see these things either donated or offered to the school or a Public Relations donation to the school so we can purchase these things."

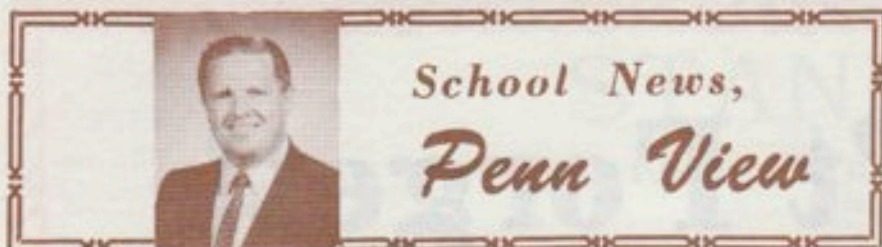
"Paul Clemens, I want to thank you for your time. You can rest assured that we are praying for you and I'm sure that many people who read the paper and who read this interview will also remember you and your wife in their prayers. We wish you God's best on this venture."

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School News, Penn View

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

Greetings from Penn View Bible Institute Campus.

Excitement fills the air as students return for the beginning of classes. There are students scurrying from cars to rooms carrying all the personal belongings they should need for their stay in the dorm; others stand around in groups talking about their summer experiences, the new institute programs of study, the new faculty, the campus improvements, etc.

The Lord has already been meeting spiritual needs at the beginning of this 1982-83 school term. Around 11:00 on the Wednesday evening before classes convened, one of the new students, Kelly Felger, was telling her roommate how she had drifted from the Lord. She expressed a desire to pray, and a prayer meeting followed. The prayers and shouts of victory could be heard by nearby staff members. Realizing her need for a pure heart, Kelly continued her seeking at a local church and was sanctified the following Sunday evening.

Truly we praise the Lord for His help in a great beginning for a new school year.

Interest in the Institute has shown a considerable increase this year with an enrollment of sixty-five. High school and elementary enrollment is about holding its own at 155.

As these new students enroll, they embark on a totally new experience. Many have come here on faith that God will provide for their needs as they prepare for His service; they have heard the call and are answering to God as Isaiah did, "Here am I, send me." If Jesus tarries, these are the pastors, missionaries, teachers, and church leaders of tomorrow.

Contrary to the popular conception of the summer months being a time of rest and vacations, various staff members and volunteer workers have been diligently working to improve our campus facilities. Through these efforts, and by God's help and grace, we have made substantial progress in this area. A spacious new apartment for the social deans' living quarters is nearing completion. Additional work

has been done on the dormitory building including room remodeling, new lighting, and new sidewalks.

The appearance of the new cafetorium is improving as we install the small supply of exterior brick we had available. Please pray with us that God will supply the remaining brick needed for this project. We truly thank the Lord for these and other improvements which will provide pleasant campus accommodations for students, faculty, and staff as we labor together for the cause of Christian Education.



Mr. Wesley Patterson at work on Dean's apartment.



Former students returning



New student registering



Brick facing began on New Cafetorium.

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Rev. Kenneth E. Walter, President



Speaker

Rev. Harry Plank
*Pastor — Spring Garden
God's Missionary Church
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