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Now unto Him *that is able to do*  
*exceeding abundantly*  
above all that we ask or think...



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## PROMISES

In an age of computers, automobiles, microwaves and cell phones it appears that God's promises are a bit archaic and mystical. Our modern world has created a support system for the human family that is strong enough to handle most any day to day problem that exists.

The saints of the ages past had no such human system to rely upon. They found as their foundation the Word of the Lord. His commands were not grievous for they had found His promises true. They had little of this world's goods to fulfill any earthly joys and so they found true joy in that which could not be seen with human eyes or touched with human hands. But through faith the eye of the soul could see beyond this present world to a greater one and looked and longed for the promises to come true.

Once upon a time, long before we became so self dependent, we stood on the promises... rested on the promises... marched forward with the promises... preached on the promises... prayed on the promises... believed the promises.

As financial institutions crumble and world systems of government begin to look inept. I wonder if our people will soon turn once again to the time tested and eternity proved promises of the Word of God? After all, "HE IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK!" ■

-James D. Plank, Editor



# HOLY LIVING

**A Study of  
Romans 12:1-2  
Rev. Timothy L. Cooley**

*<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy**, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

I would like to highlight the word **holy** and allow all the rest of these two sentences to point to this one word.

Paul is urging us on to a deep and definite dedication of our souls to God. He is opening the practical section of the book of Romans - how to live in the new relationship with God, how to experience full sanctification of our souls. This is a higher level of living. It was not possible for us to conceive when we were first saved. At that time, we could only think of the sins we were confessing. Of course, there was a kind of dedication when we first surrendered and were saved. But now we are able, and we ought, to make a sweeping, unreserved presentation of ourselves to God. This second definite crisis in our spiritual lives is meant to produce actual holiness of heart and life.

We shall be

## **I. DELIGHTFULLY DEDICATED TO GOD**

**AS A BRIDE TO HER BRIDEGROOM (EPH. 5:25-27).**

The dedication **is not** like a Funeral! Our consecration must not be as a man painfully gasping for his last breath. No, it must be joyful! Like a wedding! Can you imagine a bride standing at the altar weeping for all the boyfriends she is leaving behind? Sobbing for all the boys she will never be as close to again? *Never!*

Just as a young woman courting, we develop a relationship with Christ that grows and causes us to desire to **give** ourselves fully to Him.

Paul told the Corinthians, "I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2).

This joyful dedication is done with fuller knowledge of God, of ourselves and of God's plan for us. Jubilantly we give ourselves to Him.

**Present Your Bodies** - definitely includes our whole being, nothing excluded.

Dedicate:

- Your hands to do only his will,
- Your feet to walk only where He would go along,
- Your lips to speak His name and His word,
- Your ears to hear His voice above all other voices that may allure you,
- Your eyes to delight more in His beauty than in the attractions of earth.

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# Fellowship Camp News

## ROOF PROJECT COMPLETED

Fellowship Camp Meeting on Hoff Road in Hanover, Pennsylvania, has served the Southern Zone of God's Missionary Church for many years. The camp meeting grounds has also served as a conference-wide youth camp for the last number of years. In the month of May, Fellowship Camp began the challenging job of replacing the shingles on the tabernacle roof. The old shingles were removed and approximately 105 bundles of shingles were installed. Many hands made the job move along rather quickly. Special thanks to Jim Blair, Eric Watts, Barry Sweitzer, Troy Shaffer, Nathan Shaffer and John Mark Fisher for making this project happen! Several men from the Hanover congregation gave of their time as well. In addition to replacing the shingles, face boards were installed along the edge of the rafters as well as rain gutter. Praise the Lord for progress at Fellowship Camp!



# News



## School Group visits Fellowship Camp

During the week of May 6, 2002, the PVBI Senior Class enjoyed some sight-seeing and relaxation while staying on the grounds of Fellowship Camp. They traveled to area attractions such as Gettysburg Battlefield and the Baltimore Aquarium which are within driving distance of the camp grove. They also spent a day at the camp playing games and having fun. Evenings were spent around the campfire. Fellowship Camp is available for other ministry related retreats and events for a suggested donation to cover expenses. For reservations call 717-632-4090.

## DEATHS



### GERTRUDE

**BAILEY**, charter member and former church pianist of the Beavertown God's Missionary Church, was 84 years of age when she passed away on May 28, 2002. She was the daughter of the late John R. and Mabel Zechman and the wife of the late Luther Bailey. Funeral services were conducted at the church by Pastors James Plank and Aaron McCarty. Burial was in the God's Missionary Cemetery at Beavertown.



**MIRIAM PETERS** was an attending member of the Lebanon God's Missionary Church since the church began. Born Sep-

tember 27, 1916, Sister Peters went to be with the Lord on June 6, 2002. Known for her faithfulness to the services and her love for the Lord's work, Sister Peters was also very interested in the Lebanon Valley Holiness Association. Her funeral was conducted by Pastor Barry Arnold on June 23, 2002. Graveside services were conducted at Ono Cemetery as the congregation sang, "Shall We Gather at the River."

## BIRTH

The Kissimmee, Florida congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Jonathan David, born to Rev. & Mrs. Jonas Hight. The baby was born on May 20, 2002.



# HOLY LIVING

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Dedicate your entire self to do **only** His will. The body is the outward expression of our spirit and will.

**Reasonable Service** (Gr. *logikos latreia*) - Literally, "rational service of worship" or "spiritual act of worship" (NIV).

The Christian is to establish and maintain a mental attitude of worship in all that he does! With this attitude, all of life becomes precious, sacred, devoted to the Lover of our souls!

Have you ever watched the delight of a young couple in love? (Sometimes an older couple is much funnier, absolutely ridiculous!) Every action is imbued with delightful awareness of the lover. Even duties unrelated to their relationship are permeated with the sparkle of love, the anticipation of the wedding day to come! Things that would normally bother a person are passed off as insignificant. Other people and events pale in comparison to the love they enjoy.

Hear the songwriter's jubilation:

*Now the night is gone and the  
rosy dawn of His love-light  
shines on me. Earth has lost its  
charm; in His mighty arm  
Satisfied my soul shall be.*

This presentation of our selves to the Heavenly Lover is a mental

decision and a continuing attitude that comprehends all of life.

## II. SACRIFICIALLY SEPARATED FROM EVIL

### AS A SACRIFICE ON THE ALTAR

The separation from the old life and the old man **is** like a Funeral. We do not mourn the loss of the old life, but the separation from the world is as definite as though we had died. We no longer obey the old slavemaster. We seek neither the pleasure of the world nor the approval of its people.

**Living Sacrifice** - Dead to the world and previous life, laid out on the altar of *no-return*.

**Isaac** experienced something like this. He was probably 24 or maybe 36 years old when God told **Abraham** to offer him as a sacrifice. Obediently, **Isaac** followed his 130-year-old father up the mountain, laid himself on the altar, and waited for the knife to end his life. God interrupted **Abraham**, just in time, and **Isaac's** life was spared. But something was different. **Abraham** had a new attitude toward God, toward all his possessions and toward **Isaac**. I think **Isaac** also took a new outlook on life. He knew he was a "living sacrifice." He had faced a surrender equivalent to death, yet he was still living! All his life, he lived with a new awareness that he belonged to God.

The village pagan cult was dying off. The local priest called for a grand assembly. Passionately he challenged his people to return to

their religion. He called for a young person who would give his life to revive their religion. Silence! But after a while a young person volunteered and came to the priest. He took him behind the scene. The people heard the swish of a knife and saw blood pour out on the ground. The priest came out and called for another who would give his life. A second youth came forward. The thud of the knife was followed by a gush of blood, and the priest called for another. After four or five had offered themselves, he went behind the scene and brought them all forward, *alive and well*. "What we need," he shouted is not dead people but living youths who will give themselves for our faith!" He had been killing a goat each time.

What transpired in the hearts of those youths that day? With what zeal could they lead their people? What honor would be granted them? But they never could have reached that point without first being **willing to die!** You and I are not much good to God until we are **dead!**

**Not Conformed to this world** - Refusing to be *squeezed* into the *mold* of the world. Paul's word means to be shaped by pressure from the outside, pushed into conformity. It is not the living out of one's inner principles, but rather the fitting into the flow of the trends around us. Christians **must** be able to stem the tide. God's children **cannot** look and act just like the children of the world. We must not be afraid to be different. We must live out our convictions. That will mean we look and act like Christians.

## III. PERFECTLY PURGED FROM IMPURITY AS A LEPER FROM HIS DISEASE AS MARY THE HARLOT FROM HER OLD LIFE



**Holy** - He removes the impurities, but sanctifies our hearts, actually makes us holy.

**Acceptable unto God** - He cannot be pleased with an unholy heart. He purifies our hearts so we can be pleasing in His sight, and He expects us to walk "in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life" (Lk.1:75). As we walk prayerfully and carefully we are not only "*accepted* in the Son"; we are also *acceptable*, not by works but by our heart attitude and the works that flow from it.

**Living** - When God receives our sacrifice, He purges it so He can use it. He requires a sacrifice without spot or blemish. He does not ask for the sacrifice to be killed; He wants it alive! The sacrifice to be presented must be pure and a pure life must follow.

The fact that the sacrifice goes on living means that we continue every moment in a new life, a new attitude, a more deeply surrendered relationship.

#### IV. THOUGHTFULLY TRANSFORMED INTO THE MIND OF CHRIST ✧ AS A LARVA BECOMING A BUTTERFLY

**Transformed** - *metamorphosed*, changed from the inside out, by a new life force.

The shape of the cocoon does not make the butterfly. Nature transforms the caterpillar from the inside out. The cocoon might seem to *prevent* a butterfly from ever forming, but *metamorphosis* prevails. In proper time, a butterfly emerges, dries its wings and takes to the sky. Where the caterpillar could only crawl, the butterfly soars. While the caterpillar gorged itself on green leaves, destroying everything it touched, the butterfly sips nectar

from the roses of life. The desires and capacities have all been changed.

**Renewing of Your Mind** - Thinking about Jesus makes us become like Him. II Cor.3:18 explains,

*<sup>18</sup>But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

We observe Jesus, and His glory shines from our faces. His person is the center of our focus. In the process, our very character is transformed into His likeness.

This same thing happened to Moses when he went up on the mountain to talk with God. He came away with a shining face that reminded the people of God. However the people pled with him not to frighten them. Moses had to wear a cover over his face to please the rebellious Israelites! They would not tolerate the shining glory of God! They would not allow God so close to them.

Every day we should read His Word - His love letter to us - and drink deeply at the well of living water. As we meditate on the Word and submit to the Holy Spirit, Jesus will become more real to us, and we will be motivated by the Spirit to be like Him. We will learn His words, His concepts, His actions, and His reactions, and we will be governed by the Spirit of Christ. The process continues all our lives.

#### D) CONCLUSION

The whole purpose of this passage - in fact, the whole purpose of God in the plan of salvation - can be summed up in the word **HOLINESS**, or

*"that ye may **prove** [demonstrate] what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* Or,

*"Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will" (NIV).*

God's plan is that we

- Delight in dedicating ourselves to Him
- Sacrificially separate ourselves from the world and from evil
- Be perfectly purged by His power
- Be thoughtfully transformed into the mind of Christ.



Rev. Timothy L. Cooley serves as Academic Dean of Penn View Bible Institute and serves on the General Board of God's Missionary Church.

# World Missions News

## Don Mobley Joins World Missions Department

Donald Mobley, member of God's Missionary Church formerly serving in the Dominican Republic, has joined the conference World Missions Department and has moved to the Haiti headquarters in Carrefour, Haiti. Rev. Mobley is experienced in missionary work and is fluent in Spanish and Creole. He will be teaching in the Bible school as well as visiting the churches and out post stations.

## Plans for New Church in Haiti!

For many years, some have had a desire to build a church in the city of Gonaive, Haiti. Seventy people are worshipping in a small rented house. Director of World Missions, Rev. Arlan Kratz reports: "We would like to see a church built in that city." Donations are being accepted for the building of the Gonaive church. Send them to: NEW CHURCH FUND - GMC World Missions - P.O. Box 69 - Penns Creek, PA 17862.

## Jose Cancio Installed as New Miami Pastor



A special installation service has been held and Rev. Jose Cancio is the new pastor of the God's Missionary Church in Miami, Florida. Rev. & Mrs. Carl Shuey started this work soon after they were forced out of Cuba by Fidel Castro and Communism. The work in Miami is a tribute to the many years of sacrificial labor of Brother and Sister Shuey. Pictured above at the installation service are: Rev. Arlan Kratz, Director of World Missions; Rev. & Mrs. Jose Cancio; Rev. Harry Plank, Conference President; Mrs. Ernestine Shuey.

## Conference President Visits Cuba

A recent visit to the God's Missionary Churches in Cuba has been well reported in the conference camps and some local churches this Summer. In the next issue of the STANDARD, watch for photographs of this trip.



# On the Front Lines

## Teachers return to island

■ Wilmer and Linda Paulus are taking farming equipment back to New Guinea.

By Cheryl L. Grogan

Church men in Japan, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Papua New Guinea and other countries are taking farming equipment back to New Guinea.

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## PAULUS FAMILY MAKES NEWS

Earlier this year, a York area newspaper honored Wilmer and Linda Paulus with a large article and photograph concerning their ongoing work in Papua New Guinea. The article centered around a trip to PNG in which they shipped farm equipment, clothing and two tractors to the field. Wilmer and Linda Paulus are members of God's Missionary Church serving under Evangelical Bible Mission.

## SALLY SEBO IN ROMANIA!

Sally Sebo, member of God's Missionary Church serving under FEA Ministries in Romania, arrived in that country on May 16, 2002. She is working in a FEA Orphanage in Talpos, Romania. The new orphanage was dedicated soon after Miss. Sebo's arrival on Sunday afternoon, May 19. Hundreds of people were in attendance at the dedication of the MARANATA HOUSE OF HOPE. Pictured at left is the delegation of Americans present at the dedication, including Rev. & Mrs. William Reese and son Jeremy, and Dr. & Mrs. James Keaton.





# College News

## "A Tribute to the Graduates"



Keith Bunch

By Keith Bunch  
Penn View Bible Institute  
Valedictory Address  
Commencement '02

On the night of his graduation from medical college, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, world-famed surgeon wrote in his diary: "I dedicate myself, my time, my capabilities, my ambition, everything to Him. Blessed Lord, sanctify me to Thy use. Give me no worldly success which may not lead me nearer to my Savior!"

The date September 1, 1998, will forever be remembered as our first day in Bible College. It was a day characterized by shock, getting up early at an unforgiving hour, syllabus fright, maybe a roommate that one could not get along with, and a little bit of homesickness mixed together. What a way to start Bible College! In addition, maybe throughout the day the thought ran across your mind what I am doing in such a place like this? There are a lot of people here that do not look quite like me. And maybe there were times that you thought graduation is four years away; it will never come!

However, four years later on May 27, 2002, graduation has finally arrived. What seemed to be a long and tiresome four years has turned out to be a vapor in time. It was long, hard journey. It was filled with many papers, reading assignments, and exams along the way to prepare not only our mind but also our hearts for our future assignment. But Penn View Bible Institute was not only about education, it laid a special emphasis on the spiritual life. Repeatedly, Bro. Zechman has admonished us to keep God first above everything else. Penn View Bible Institute proved to me that the holiness movement is not dead and that God is not dead but is still interested in moving in our generation. He is still interested in saving, and sanctifying people wholly. He is still interested in calling young people to full time Christian service. Penn View Bible Institute is not just here to fill our heads with knowledge, but to fill our hearts with the Divine love of God and love for our fellow man.

Graduation is a great accomplishment. I commend those that have not fallen from the ranks but have finished this course with their heads held high. As we sit in this assembly on this graduation day, each of us have something to be proud of. This accomplishment was one of courage, work, and determination all of which are needed out in the harvest field of the Lord.

As we graduate from Penn View Bible Institute, our job is not complete. The Lord has not been preparing us these four years of Bible College to go back to our churches and just warm a pew. We are not to be satisfied with the status quo. The Lord has called us into His ministry and to light the world on fire for the cause of Christ. Our class song challenges us...

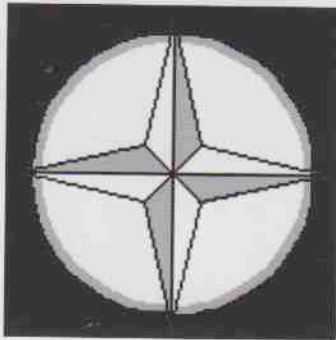
"We have a call, we have a mission,  
to carry our Christ to the ends of the earth.  
We will not turn from our God given vision,  
till all of the world has heard.  
We will march on in the name of our Lord,  
carry His light through the night.  
We will take His love where no love is known,  
willing to give our lives."

As we prepare to go out into a dark, dying world that looks impossible to reach, let us remember what David said when he approached the giant Goliath, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts." Graduates, the "world is our parish." Let us not fail our fellow students; let us not fail our school, but above everything else let us not fail our Lord who is counting on us to fulfill the call that he has placed on our hearts. Graduates we have a call, we have a mission, that is to spread the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.



Penn View Bible Institute  
Graduating Class of 2002





# Travel Notes

## From the Conference President

*A monthly column highlighting events in the life of the Conference President*

•Sat., May 25 We attended the annual spring concert at Penn View. This event was well attended and God's blessing upon the service inspired us. As the young people participated, I was reminded that God is still working and calling and giving deliverance from sin in our day. Praise the Lord!

•Sun., 26 This afternoon attended the baccalaureate service in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. Rev. Carl Eisenhart was used of the Lord to challenge the graduates to go out and work for God. This evening we attended the closing revival service at Forest Hill Evangelical Methodist church pastored by Rev. Paul Dishong. GMC evangelist Rev. & Mrs. William Tillis were ministering there. We appreciated the excellent message in word and song!

•Mon., 27 This was Memorial Day, a beautiful morning to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom by giving all, including my younger brother Jim, who died in Viet Nam January 1970.

Here at Penn View this is our annual graduation day. The Straub Memorial Tabernacle was a grand setting! for this great occasion. Congratulations graduates!

•Wed., 29 We conducted pastoral election at Millmont. Rev. Paul Clough was elected to become the new pastor. The congregation seemed very encouraged and it was a good service.

•Fri., 30 I had minor surgery to remove skin cancer.

•Sun., June 2 Attended the Beavertown graduation service. This service was special as the parents of the graduates informed us of the virtues and various other things that fit into the years leading up to an resulting in the graduation achievement of their children.

•Thurs., 6 Celebrated 33 years of happy marriage to Rachel Ann Will.

•Sun., 9 I spoke in the morning service at Rebersburg and enjoyed good liberty in the Spirit ministering to these fine people. Following the worship service we conducted a pastoral vote and Rev. Nathan Walter was elected. Rachel and I were treated to a delicious meal at the Barry Bennett's.

P.M. ; We attended the Mountain Road Church where we briefly gave a Cuba report and then pastor Alan Walter preached the message. This church always makes us feel welcomed.

•Wed., 12 Conducted the service at Berwick. A good service, although this church has not yet decided on a

pastor. It is a important decision and waiting on the Lord is not lost time.

•Fri., 14 Traveled to Coopersburg to conduct pastoral election. We were received graciously and after prayer Rev. Keith Bunch, a recent PVBI Graduate, was elected to become the new pastor.

•Sun., 16 Father's Day! Attended Beavertown for the morning service.

P.M. Attended the Sunbury Church and enjoyed a good service with pastor Greg Hobelman preaching an encouraging message on row, row, row, - your boat!

•Mon. - Wed., 17-19 Hanover Youth Camp. I was able to attend a couple of days and always enjoy watching the young people in activities and worshipping with them in service. This year was a record crowd in a growing camp. Rev. Dan Durkee challenged them without compromise to live for God. The entire staff at Hanover Camp does an excellent job. Put next year's dates on your church calendar and plan to bring your youth.

•Thurs., 20 Conducted service at Berwick.

Note: This week also involved work in the Penns Creek Camp Cafeteria. Daryll Spitler is in charge of installing our new air conditioning! Much thanks to

Rev. Darvin Donahey and Rev. Alan Walter for helping us with many hot hours of labor in this project. Also school employees Reese and Miller contributed.

•Sun., 23 This morning we traveled to the Bermudian Church. We received a warm welcome and I preached the morning message with Pastor Clarence Dupert conducting the service. We enjoyed a delicious meal at the Dupert's before returning home.

P.M. We attended service at the new Duncannon God's Missionary Church. Pastor Jeremy Fuller conducted the service and his brother Brian preached the message to a crowd of around 40. It was an excellent service.



Rev. Harry F. Plank is Conference President of God's Missionary Church. He resides in Middleburg, Pennsylvania.



Penn View Visuals & the Child Evangelism Department of Penn View Bible Institute

# Child Evangelism Workshops

**September 20-21, 2002**

Schedule Format: Friday 7:00 PM 'til 9:30 PM Saturday 9:00 AM 'til 3:30 PM

All plenary sessions are held in the  
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Pastors • Home Schoolers • Bus Workers • Christian Educators

## Barry L. Mason

Mr. Mason is among the foremost trainers of child evangelism in the holiness movement. Possessing formal training at Penn View Bible Institute, Susquehanna University, and the Washington School of Art, Barry combines his formal training with his years of field experience into dynamic child evangelism training sessions. Currently, he is the Director of Child Evangelism for Penn View. He is also the founder/owner of Penn View Visuals which offers an array of original stories, songs, idea books, along with other professional materials.

## Gertie L. Mason

Mrs. Gertie Mason offers practical instruction from her years of field experience in child evangelism. As a working assistant to her husband, Gertie actively participates in the development and operation of Penn View Visuals. In the seminars she shares her creativity in preparing visuals for ministry.

## Charlotte Frederick

Since becoming a Christian at age 8, Charlotte knows how God's grace can keep a child down through the years. A love for Child Evangelism was placed in her heart by the example of her mother. At the age of 15, she started teaching Sunday School to the 3 and 4 year olds. From the next 21 years, she has either taught Sunday School, traveled with the God's Bible School Child Evangelism Team, led Good News Clubs, or for the last 7 years, has directed the Junior Church at First Bible Methodist in Burlington, KY. During the last 17 years, she has held Vacation Bible Schools or children's camp meeting services across the east and mid-west US during the summer.

Charlotte and her husband, David, Jr., (Business Manager at GBS) have four children: David Frederick, III, age 11; Anthony Frederick, age 9; Alicia Frederick, age 7; & Christiana Frederick, age 4. She home schools the 3 oldest children. In her spare time, she loves to shop, read, and scrapbook! Concerning her current focus, Charlotte shares, "In my family I have the greatest pleasure and treasure!!!"

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