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Moving *Forward* >>





Moving Forward



by JAMES D. PLANK

By all accounts, it has been a good year for God's Missionary Church. Penn View Bible Institute has secured the elementary school building and property adjacent to its campus, expanding the ministry of not only the school, but the general headquarters of God's Missionary Church. The Florida District of God's Missionary Church has completed the payments on its purchase of its new headquarters and campgrounds in Sun City, Florida, completing a \$500,000.00 purchase. All of us who are involved in the conference understand all too well the dangers, pitfalls and discouragements of our

churches and organizations, but all of us are encouraged that God's Missionary Church is not standing still or going backwards. To God be the glory, we are **Moving Forward!**

Moving Forward ought to be the theme of all of our efforts. Never can I understand the mentality of some who seem contented to simply "hold ground." That mentality is why young people look blank when you tell them of Woolworth's and Murphy's Mart and Montgomery Wards. Those stores were once "the place to shop." Now, K-Mart, JC Penney's, Sears and even McDonald's know that you can't just "hold ground." It is a fight for survival.

Too often we "hold ground." We are content that people are coming and the bills are paid. We are content that this church calendar year was the same as last year. We have two revivals a year. We attend camp meeting. We have a home missions service. We have a world missions service. We have a quartet from Penn View once a year. God is faithful to visit our services in answer to our prayers. We are blessed from time to time.

Wise is the man of God who looks ahead and understands the need to **Move Forward**. He understands that "holding ground" is not enough. How many people have been won to [PAGE 8]

Things I've heard...

"INTERCESSORY PRAYER ANTICIPATES AN ANSWER."

—Leonard Sankey

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The Kinsman Redeemer

by H.E. SCHMUL



JOB HAD AN EASTER LONG BEFORE THERE WAS A RESURRECTION. HE PIONEERED THE PATH OF FAITH IN THE DARK AND DIM YESTERDAY BEFORE THERE WAS A WRITTEN WORD OR REVELATION OF CHRIST, THE ETERNAL LOGOS.

Job voices the aspirations of all mankind when he cried, "Oh that my words were now written...printed in a book...or graven in the rock with an iron pen and inlaid with lead. Oh, to be remembered when I'm gone. Oh, that my works and deeds would live on in the heart and mind of others." Yet this wise and wealthy man was already feeling the pangs of desertion and abandonment. If those to whom he had been kind and generous had dropped him already, surely he would be out of their mind before the cold clods fell on his body. The memory of man is short and the work of the worm is sure. His body is as frail as dust. The worms will soon grind his frame to powder. Like soldiers attacking and burning a defenseless city they will plunder his body, strip the hair from the head and face, bore into the eyes, mouth and other cavities and ravish the carcass. He will be gone and

forgotten. If he had only written a book - or raised a monument with his family crest; but it's too late.

Somewhere in his reverie God met Job even as He would meet two disconsolate disciples on the road to Emmaus. Out of this reverie comes the classic announcement, "I know that my redeemer liveth." Job returns from the graveyard knowing in God he has one outside this world as his kinsman. His local kinfolk failed him. They vexed his soul and beat him with their words. Ten times they reproached him and accused him of sin. His familiar friends forgot him. He became an alien, despised by children and those he loved turned against him. He has lost everything except the skin of his teeth. Yet he anticipates the glorious advent of his Kinsman Redeemer. The picture of the Kinsman Redeemer is a powerful and beautiful picture, and Job knew the

significance.

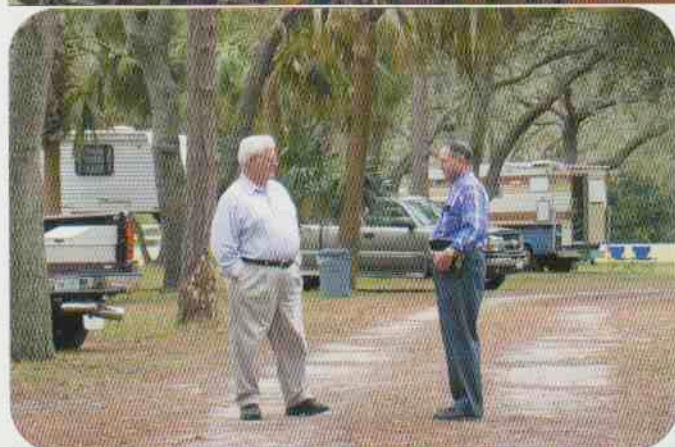
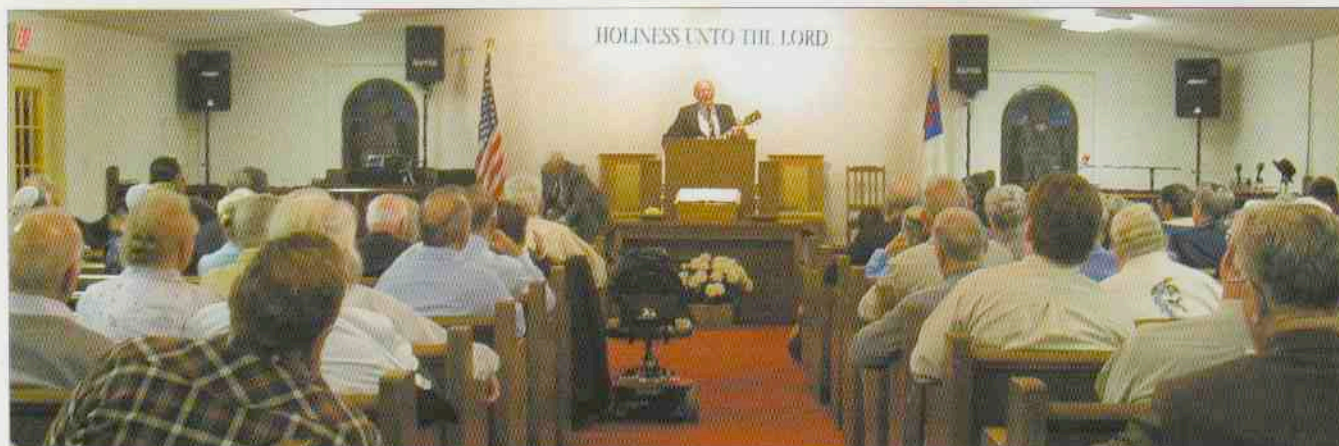
The kinsman redeemer must be next to kin to the one in trouble. He must have the resources to bail his ailing kinsman out of trouble. He must be wise enough to remove the injustice, powerful enough to deliver and wealthy enough to lift mortgage or other debts incurred by his poor relative. Also he must be socially willing to identify with the impoverished one.

This is exactly what Jesus Christ has done for us. He is our Kinsman Redeemer. He was unashamed to identify with us socially. Though He was rich, He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich. He left ivory palaces to be born in a stable, lived in a small village, worked with His hands in the carpenter shop, fellowshipped poor unschooled people and companioned with smelly fisherman. He did not reach down with advice and [PAGE 10]

2005 Florida District Camp Meeting Report

The 2005 Florida District Camp Meeting, held in January, was a blessing to all in attendance. The outpouring of God's Spirit was evident in the services. Rev. Marshall Smart and Rev. Noel Scott brought anointed messages and the Victory Trio provided the ministry in song. People came from across the United States to be part of this growing Florida camp meeting. The Florida District has held

camp meetings in various locations across Florida for many years, but has found a permanent home in Sun City Center, Florida on beautiful campgrounds that is now paid-in-full! \$25,000.00 was raised in this camp to pay the final payments on the grounds. A mortgage burning service was held on the final night of the camp to the surprise of the happy congregation. To God be the Glory, great things He has done! ■





New Arrivals

The World Missions Department is pleased to announce the birth of a missionary daughter, Katie Marie, born to Rev. & Mrs. Bradley Swartzfager on October 17, 2004.

The Lebanon congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Eden Gabrielle, born to proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Robles on October 20, 2004.

The Lebanon congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a parsonage son, Elijah Joel, born to Pastor & Mrs. Frank Vega on October 21, 2004.

The Lebanon congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, born to Teo & Wana Simion on December 3, 2004.

Death

Lucy L. Brink, mother of Rev. Tom Brink passed away on October 21, 2004 at the Carlisle Medical Center. She was a charter member of the Sarasota GMC. Upon moving to Pennsylvania, the Brink's transferred their membership to the Bloersville congregation. She is survived by a son, Rev. Tom Brink of Newburg, PA; a daughter, Lynda Schuppert of Archer, FL; and a foster daughter, Joyce Craig of New Castle, PA; and a sister Esther Sutley of Fredericksburg, VA. Seven grand children and five great grand children also survive her. Her two brothers and husband Isaac T. Brink preceded her in death. The church will greatly miss her vibrant testimonies and her little victory shouts. Her goal has been reached and she now is with Jesus and her husband Isaac. We have great confidence in this!

-Submitted by pastor Barry Sweitzer

Alexandria Mortgage Burning



During the 1960's, people in the Bald Eagle Valley felt a need and expressed a desire for a holiness church to be established in the area. During the years the people became acquainted with God's Missionary Church. Several conference ministers held revivals in the area. Rev. George I. Straub felt a burden for the work and found a vacant church in Seven Stars to be rented at six dollars a month. A stove, piano and song books were secured; a revival scheduled and a church begun!

Following Rev. Straub's ministry at Seven Stars, Rev. Marlin Moore and Rev. Blaine Moore filled the pulpit until Rev. Edgar Moore was appointed as pastor. He was followed by Rev. Barry Arnold, Rev. Bradley Halter, Rev. Clarence Beckwith, Rev. Nathan Shaffer, Rev. James Cooper and Rev. Alvin Shaffer (current pastor).

The growing congregation broke ground for the new church on July 12, 1998. After moving from Seven Stars to Alexandria the people have faced the challenges of re-location with God's help and strength. On

November 14, 2004, the congregation reached the milestone of Mortgage Burning Sunday with a special service in which Conference President Harry Plank preached the morning message. Pastor Alvin Shaffer and people are to be commended for this milestone reached!



Alexandria, PA: The new church soon after construction was completed

70th Conference of God's Missionary Church

The 70th Annual Conference of God's Missionary Church will be conducted on July 28 & 29, 2005 on the campus of Penn View Bible Institute in the George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle. The first session will be conducted at 9:00 AM on July 28th. All licensed ministers of

God's Missionary Church as well as lay delegates are expected at all sessions. Those reporting off should make communication with General Secretary John Zechman, P.O. Box 39, Penns Creek, PA 17862 570-658-2325.

For Room Reservations call 570-837-1855 or 570-837-3083.

Helpful Web Site

Jim Olsen, CPA has designed a web site that could prove to be helpful to you. It can be found at www.JimOlsenCPA.com. The web site has some interesting items. If you look under Financial Tools you will find forms to figure the following: your net worth, a household budget, whether to lease or buy a car, the future value of a savings plan, loan payments, and how much home you can afford.

The site also has links to other sites

that may be helpful such as the IRS, US Government, along with one for ministers and church treasurers, NewMinisters.com, which has a wealth of material that is helpful to both. Olsen's web site also has a quarterly newsletter to give everyone tax tips that will be helpful for tax planning. He has made this site available to assist pastors, church treasurers and layman with tax and financial planning questions.

New Appointment to Donna, Texas

Ron & Esther Junod were approved and appointed to the God's Missionary Church in Donna, Texas, by the GMC World Missions board on August 10, 2004. Ron is a 2003 graduate of Penn View Bible Institute and has a desire to work among the Mexican people. Ron married the former Esther Cunningham of Altamont, Kansas in the summer of 2003. Esther has attended Penn View as well. After deputation, the Junod's plan to begin work at Donna and enroll in the language school there. We thank the Lord for supplying the needed workers for this field. Anyone wishing to contribute towards their schooling or support may send offerings to: **Department of World Missions, P.O. Box 264, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.**



Ron & Esther Junod:
Missionaries to Donna, Texas

Coopersburg Teens Honored

The God's Missionary Church at Coopersburg wishes to honor three teens for their scholastic accomplishments in 2003-04. Kathleen McFadden, Whitnie Lerch and Kevin O'Donnell were all listed in the Who's Who among American High School Students. Congratulations students and best wishes!

Summer Camp Meetings

Hanover Youth Camp
Hanover, Pennsylvania
June 20-23, 2005

Mt. of Blessings Camp
Carroll, Pennsylvania
July 1-10, 2005

Fellowship Camp
Hanover, Pennsylvania
July 1-10, 2005

Penns Creek Camp
Penns Creek, Pennsylvania
July 29-August 7, 2005
(see page 12 for more details)



InterChurch Holiness Convention

April 19-21, 2005

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✠[CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2] Christ this year? How many new families have been added to the church this year? How long has it been since a young person answered the call to Bible college and a lifetime of service? These questions ought to ever move us onward.

Rather than guilt for slow progress or outright backsets, we should exercise faith that God wants to do something with our churches. God wants to do something with our conference. God wants to do something with our Bible college. We need to step into the water. Perhaps we

could begin a new outreach or start a visitation program. Maybe we need to do something old in a better way.

Progress can be made in every church and in every department of our conference, but it will only be made with people of vision, faith and prayer. Thank God for men of vision who have stepped out by faith. Those are the kind of men who built the foundations. These are the kind of men who build on them. To God be the glory.

At the 2005 Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention held at the Beavertown church in February, it was obvious that God was blessing. Packed to capacity, with churches from across

the conference participating, God was moving in the services. Before an evening service, the evangelist mentioned the huge crowd, to which I responded dryly, "it's too bad the holiness movement is dead isn't it?"

When I look at the advancements across our conference and beyond. When I think of new doors opening on all fronts. When I think of young people answering the call to missions and new victories being won. I look beyond the temporary backsets and discouragements that afflict us all to the higher facts that remain. God's Missionary Church is **Moving Forward.** 📖 God be the glory!

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November 14: Today was a special mortgage burning service for the Alexandria God's Missionary Church. I preached the morning message followed by the actual burning of the mortgage as the pastor and board members participated. Notes of praise and appreciation were expressed. Pastor Alvin Shaffer and people have done a great job in accomplishing this milestone. This is a beautiful church and a growing congregation. Congratulations! This evening we attended revival meeting at the Shamokin church with Pastor John Clough conducting the service and Rev. John Brewer evangelist. God's presence was in the service.

November 16-21: I preached a revival with Pastor Darvin Donahey at the Lewistown church. God helped through out the week and we enjoyed working with this good congregation.

November 25: Thanksgiving Day! We have much to be thankful for. God's blessing upon our conference this year and His care for our own family. It makes us pause to praise Him. On a personal note: It was a joy to have our three son's and their families in our home as well as my Dad, Mom, Aunt Margie and Cousin Vicki for Thanksgiving dinner.



November 28: This morning we were at the Sunbury church for a surprise appreciation award service to honor two outstanding long term board members from the congregation. Former Pastor Jacob Martin addressed the congregation and I assisted Pastor Hobelman in presenting recognition to John Gessner and George Wolfgang for a combined 62 years of faithful and dedicated service to this church. Besides the congregation they served, they

were surprised by the attendance of many of their family members who were special guests for this service. This was well deserved and we congratulate these brethren.

November 29-30: We enjoyed two days off for the annual deer season in Pennsylvania. As to the results of my endeavors, contact my 6 year old grandson, Jamison for a willing commentary of the ups and downs of the hunt.

December 5: We were honored to see our grandchildren in their little Christmas program this morning and then traveled to Lebanon in the evening for their Christmas service around the theme "Wise men still seek Him." We enjoyed the service and the excitement of this "Season" remembering Christ's birth.

December 9: Rachel and I made a visit to Sis. Audrey Mason in Geisinger Hospital. She is recovering from serious surgery and in need of continued prayer. We enjoyed attending the annual Christmas Faculty Dinner held in the Miller Dining Center. Bro. Bubba and crew prepared a delicious meal for all in attendance and we enjoyed the activities of the evening and fellowship of some of God's best.

December 10: I took a round trip flight from Baltimore to Birmingham, Alabama today to attend the viewing for Sis. Ruby Agan. We rejoice in her promotion and home going, although she will be missed by many. Rev. & Mrs. V.O. Agan were precious friends to our conference and to our family. We extend our sympathies and offer prayer for God's help in their loss.

December 11: This afternoon we attended the benefit meal held by Penn View to raise funds for the purchase of the elementary public school in the town of Penns Creek which borders the campus of Penn View. It was a good meal and over \$100,000 was given by cash and pledge. Praise the Lord! We are excited about the prospect of this new acquisition to benefit our Bible School and academy. We then attended the Christmas Concert held in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. It was a fitting cap sheaf to a good day. Well done!

December 12: Today was the special 50th. Anniversary service for the Shamokin God's Missionary Church. Pastor John Clough had



arranged the service with founding Pastor Rev. John White speaking and reminiscing of bygone years. It was a good service and enjoyed by those in attendance. This evening we attended the Christmas service at Beavertown. It was an excellent service and was very well attended.

December 13: This morning was the funeral of Sis. Helen Susan from the Millmont congregation. She was a good woman who loved God and is missed. Our condolences to the Family.

December 19: We enjoyed a good service with the Penn View Chapel Choir at New Columbia Church this evening.

December 23: We were privileged to be able to visit Sis. Viola Moore, the Clarence Beckwith's, Henry Kratz and Theresa Kennedy to share some holiday cheer and receive it as well from their fellowship.

December 25: Christmas Day! "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord!" Thanks be unto God for His "unspeakable Gift". We trust you all had a wonderful Christmas!

December 26: We had an enjoyable day with the Blue Knob congregation today in the absence of Pastor Jonas Hight & family. Special thanks for all of the wonderful accommodations!

December 31: Jacob Martin traveled along with me to Winchester, VA. to visit Rev. William Swope and family as he was undergoing serious surgery. The Doctors gave an encouraging report of a successful operation. Pray for Bro. Swope as he recovers. Rachel and I attended the Watch Night service at Beavertown this evening with special guest speaker Rev. John White. Many blessings to you in this New Year! 📖

Heroes

by JAMES D. PLANK



REV. TIMOTHY D. DOTSON
1967-2004

When we speak of our heroes we often speak of people old. When we speak of heroes we often speak of men who are gone—men like Harold Schmul, H. Robb French, Glenn Griffith and George I. Straub. On November 2nd as I stood in line to pay respects to Rev. Tim Dotson, the overwhelming thought was this: Not all my heroes are old. Every generation has its unique dangers, pitfalls and failings. My generation has not escaped those. But that night, I realized that God has heroes for every generation. While we have our share of men and women who are shallow, worldly and faltering, we also have our share of men who stand tall. Men who labor to make the world different because they lived.

Tim Dotson was that kind of man. He exhibited a Christ-like spirit wherever he traveled and wherever he labored. No man of age accomplished any more in our movement. The founding of a national holiness youth organization; a successful pastorate culminating in the dedication of a beautiful new church facility; a family music ministry spanning denominations and regions; a ministry of counsel on various boards across our movement; a model husband and father; a deep and passionate love for God's work and way.

It is possible that all of our lives, we will wonder why God saw fit to end Tim Dotson's pilgrimage in 2004. What else might have been accomplished? It is easy to question why God would allow Esther and the children to travel these remaining miles alone. We don't understand the effect on the local church and on our movement. These questions, as with all such questions, must be left with a gracious, eternal God who knows more than we know. We see through the dark glass.

Whatever the case, I have been a different person since I heard the chilling news that Wednesday afternoon. I now look at my fellow pastors across our denomination and movement with deeper respect and appreciation. We are all different with various abilities and talents. God designed each of us for His unique purpose and plan. We may never be a Tim Dotson, but we can, like Tim, use every talent and ability God has given us to advance the Kingdom and leave the world a better place. I also understand more fully, that none of us are guaranteed to live until we are old. We must work while it is day. It is not just accidents that take people. Life is dated on both ends. The time of our beginning we remember, but the time of our ending is known only in another world. "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come, but we have this moment today."

We will not forget Tim. He was a hero—a heroic soldier of the cross! ❧

Rev. Timothy Dotson, 37, died suddenly, October 27, 2004. He was the pastor of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church of Gratz and the founder of Youth Challenge. He and his family have been used extensively in song evangelism, having served Penns Creek Camp in recent years. He is survived by his wife, Esther Edwards Dotson; his children, Sharlenae, 12, Brianna, 8, Luke, 6, and Jillaina, 1; his parents Glenn and Ruth Dotson; his sister, Kimberly Walker. Funeral services were conducted at his church with Rev. James Keaton and others officiating.



HISTORICAL PICTURE: Cafeteria line at Penns Creek Camp with tabernacle in background to left

✞ [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3] hand-
outs from a political pedestal as politi-
cians in Washington might do, but He
Himself came where we are. He
would be weary and need rest, lonely
and need companionship, forsaken of
men but remembered by His Father.
Today He is touched with the feelings
of our infirmities therefore as our
Kinsman He knows how to succor us.

The Kinsman Redeemer must be a
man of power, able to bring deliver-
ance. Abraham was Lot's Kinsman
Redeemer. Abraham and his army
went forth and delivered Lot and his
possessions from the kings that had
taken him captive. Jesus Christ is our
deliverer. He has power to set us
absolutely free from power and pollu-
tion of sin. Hallelujah!

*"He breaks the power of cancelled sin;
He sets the prisoner free.*

*His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me."*

Wesley says it well:

*"My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose went forth and followed Thee."*

Wealth was a necessity if the kins-
man was to redeem a poor relative.
Gold, silver, precious stones and metal
were needed to loosen the chains and

break the grip of slavery. The settle-
ment for the poor relative by the Kins-
man Redeemer must take place pub-
licly. The customary spot was the mar-
ket place where there would be many
to witness the transaction.

Jesus Christ was the Kinsman
Redeemer who did this for you and
me. Hell had a mortgage on our soul.
The devil was the cruel taskmaster
holding us in the grip of slavery, but
Jesus Christ came to the market place
at Golgotha. There He mounted an old
rugged cross, poured out His blood as
the price of redemption and consum-
mated a settlement on the resurrection
morning for all His bankrupt brothers
and sisters. That transaction is a matter
of public record. The witnesses are in
heaven, earth and hell. Not one is so
poor but that Jesus' blood paid the
debt. "And ye know that ye were not
redeemed with corruptible things, as
silver and gold...but with the precious
blood of Christ...." I Peter 1:18-19.

*"Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow."*

Job says this and more. By faith he
saw the Kinsman Redeemer as his

very own. "I know that my Redeemer
liveth. All else is gone, the love of my
wife, the fellowship of friends, the
precious children and my personal
wealth, but...I still have Him. He
lives; I see Him standing on the
earth. He is on top of it all. The
Kingdoms of the world have become
the Kingdom of God's dear Son.
Glory! I am His; He is mine. I will
not fear for some day I will stand
with Him, a joint heir with Christ,
my Kinsman Redeemer." He sees
Christ his next of kin standing on the
earth and in command. Satan has
been defeated, death is conquered,
the graves of sainted dead are open.
That vision of Christ at the end,
promises an end of trouble, sorrow,
lies, hypocrisy, heartache and uncer-
tainty. It will be in the flesh, face to
face, as friend with friend, in intimate
fellowship they "sup together" and
hold sweet communion and life's
mysteries will be explained. The
future as the Redeemer has planned it
will be opened. "Then the toil of the
road will seem nothing, when we get
to the end of the way."

Hallelujah—what a Savior! ❏

—The Convention Herald



Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

September 5: After the morning service a large number of the New Columbia Church congregation gathered at the White Deer Creek where I assisted Pastor Ellison in the baptism of 7 individuals following personal testimony of God's grace in their lives.



In the evening service I preached for Rev. Bob Goodrich in Elkland, PA.

September 10: I attended the Conference youth rally held in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. Attorney Brant Luther spoke on a patriotic theme. All veterans were honored with special seating and mention.

September 12: I had the honor of assisting in a special mortgage burning service along with pastor Matt Ellison and former pastor John Manley. Congratulations to the New Columbia church on paying off the debt so soon!

September 13: We traveled to Mahaffey to attend the viewing for Bro. Junod. The Junod's are a long-standing family in this congregation and we extend to them our sympathy. We then traveled back to the Lebanon area to attend the annual Inter church Holiness Bus and Outreach Convention.

September 18: I took a flight out of the Harrisburg airport to arrive in Tampa to visit our Florida district churches. Thank you to the Smalley's for allowing me to stay in the 5th wheel RV another time.

September 19: I traveled to the Lakeland church to be with Pastor James Bates and congregation. Visitors beside myself were Carlos (an ex Marine) and Butch Bates. I had the privilege to minister to the 35 people in attendance consisting mostly of children. A great group and a good morning. In the evening I went to Orlando to be with the Holladays for a good meal and preached in the church there in the evening service.

September 20: I enjoyed meeting Rev. Jacob Miller in the St. Petersburg area for a good time of fellowship.

September 22: I drove to Auburndale to make a visit to Rev. & Mrs. Don Hughes in their new retirement home. It seems they have traded the snow at Blue Knob for hurricanes in Florida. I trust Sis. Grace Hughes will have a speedy and full recovery from her recent surgery.

September 23: I made a visit to the Ft. Myers Rescue Mission. Robert Walker is recovering from heart surgery and doing well. George Shaffer is handling the extra load as a result, but has some good helpers there. It is always inspiring to visit Ft.

Myers and see friends again. There was talk on the radio of a hurricane to hit the coming weekend!

September 24: Pastor Smalley, Bro. Nunnemaker and I went to the Florida District Camp Grounds near Sun City Center to do some trimming and mowing. We got a lot done while we heard predictions that the coming hurricane is for real!

September 25-26: All weekend services were canceled and I experienced hurricane Jeanne. I went along with the Smalley's to their daughter and son-in-law's very nice and well built home to ride out the storm. All power was lost and all we could do was watch the rain and blowing. (I kind of liked it.)

September 27: The storm was over and it was a nice calm day. On my drive to the airport I could see that many people were still without power, trees blown down, roads flooded and lots of damage left behind. I made it on a standby flight in the afternoon and got to Harrisburg where Rachel picked me up for the trip home to Middleburg.

September 29: Rachel and I attended the Beavertown church to hear Dave Middleton tell about the churches in Cuba.

September 30: We had a General Board meeting.

October 1: We had a Pension Board meeting.

October 2: We attend the annual Penn View Bible Institute Harvest Home service.

October 3: Rachel and I were at the Coopersburg Church where I had the honor of the dedication of the pastor's baby daughter, Kaitlyn Honor Bunch. It was a very enjoyable service with a special meal following for family and friends at the dining hall of Elm Camp Grove.

October 5-6: I attended some of the sessions of the School of the Prophets held at Penn View. These were scholarly and inspiring and enjoyed by those who were in attendance.

October 8: This evening our youngest son Andrew, married Kara Forney at the New Columbia Church. Their Pastor, Matthew Ellison and James Plank performed the required duties to tie the knot. It was a beautiful wedding with a great crowd of family and friends. We now have the empty nest syndrome. I recall Rachel's words of a while back that "when all the kids leave the nest, I'll be left with the 'old bird'." Oh well, we're still happy!

October 9: We attend another wedding at the Millmont Church for Rev. David Wise and Katrina Banard. Again, it was a lovely wedding and a great couple in the Lord's work. Congratulations!

October 10: We were at the Lebanon Church for their annual Harvest Home service. It is always a lovely presentation as they expressed their love for their various Pastors: Barry Arnold, Dwight Rine, Robert Booth and Frank Vega.

October 13: We attended revival service at Penn View with Rev. Rick Maloyed as evangelist. An excellent service.

October 16: I drove to Mercy Hospital in Wilkes

Barre to visit Rev. Warren Major and found him doing fairly well.

October 17: I spoke at the Camp Hill Church Harvest Home service for Pastor Fred Bennett and family. It was a good service and was followed by an excellent meal at the home of the Randy Hess family. In the evening we attended the closing service of the Penn View revival.

October 18-19: We traveled to Indianapolis, IN to attend the funeral of Butch Bates, son of Rev. & Mrs. James Bates. Our sincere sympathy is with the family.

October 21: I was up early and rode with a bus full of people from the Penns Creek area to Hershey to attend the political rally for reelecting President George W. Bush. We had good seats in the rain and drizzle. When the big helicopters flew in and the President stepped onto the platform to much applause and noise of support, it was a great moment. I'm still proud to be an American!

October 22: After Rachel and I voted today by absentee ballot at the Middleburg court house I traveled to the Blue Mountain God's Missionary Church in Bowmanstown to attend revival with Rev. Paul Clough as evangelist. It was a good service and a full house.

October 24: We were at the Butler church this morning for the special dedication of Ryan James

Dicken, son of Pastor and Mrs. Rob Dicken. It was a good service with an excellent meal in the parsonage following. In the evening we enjoyed the company of Pastor Dickens' mother as we traveled to the Blue Knob Church for a Pastor Appreciation and Harvest Home service in honor of Rev. & Mrs. Jonas Hight. What a lovely service.

October 25: I attended an afternoon board meeting with the General Board and the Penn View Bible Institute Board to tour the Penns Creek Elementary public school building. This property, which is soon to come up for auction sale, almost joins Penn View's property. It would be an excellent property to meet Penn View's need of expansion. (As of this writing, we did purchase the property.) In the evening we traveled to Shipensburg to attend the viewing for Sis. Lucy Brink. The mother of Rev. Tom Brink. Our sympathy to all of the family.

October 26: We took a flight from the Harrisburg airport to Denver, CO. and drove to Chugwater, WY to preach the first night of revival with Pastor Keith Maser at the Pioneer Pilgrim Chapel. We enjoyed the week with the dear people of Wyoming and with those who drove in from afar. May God bless them all. (Including the Major!)

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PENNS CREEK CAMP MEETING

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