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Editor's Thoughts

THANK YOU

We often take out a thank you note and write words of appreciation to friends for their kindness to us. We take time to say "thank you" to people for acts of kindness and generosity. We are appreciative to family and neighbors for making life special. It is only right that we lay aside time in our annual schedules to thank God for His benefits.

Where do we begin to thank Him? We cannot begin to thank Him for the gift of Jesus Christ, who came to earth to die in our place. We cannot begin to thank Him for the work of the Holy Spirit who graciously knocked on the door of our heart bidding us to come to Himself. We cannot begin to thank Him for grace and mercy and love that drew salvations plan.

The benefits of the Christian life are many. No words or songs or poems can adequately communicate our praise to God. This Thanksgiving Day, let us renew our commitment to live our lives in a daily thanksgiving all year through. May the words that we speak and the deeds we perform and the steps that we take be a melody of praise to the Christ who has redeemed us by His grace, in grateful thanksgiving all year long. ■



-James D. Plank, Editor

PILGRIMS - BLOODWASHED

by Joyce Cauthon

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Hebrew 11:13).

The definition of a Pilgrim is: "one who travels," or "a wanderer." Abraham became a Pilgrim when he obeyed God and left home, kindred, and the way of life that looked the easiest, to wander in a strange land.

Moses became a Pilgrim when he chose to suffer affliction with the children of God, and refused all the wealth, prestige, and comforts of life which being called the son of Pharaoh's daughter could have afforded. From that time on he wandered in strange lands, always traveling with the Promised Land in view.

In 1620, a group of people left the shores of England for the shores of a foreign land. They were called Pilgrims, or Separatists. They had been severely persecuted in England prior to this time, because they would not conform to the worldliness and formality that had crept into the Church of England. They had started their own services in order to follow the dictates of their consciences, and maintain religious freedom for themselves. This act branded

them as nonconformists.

Those Pilgrims had originally migrated to Holland from England where they were no longer persecuted for their beliefs, and were allowed to support their families through various occupations. The time soon came, however, when they realized that their young people were going to learn the Dutch language, marry into Dutch families, and that the beliefs they were fighting for would gradually become extinct. This led the Pilgrims to give up the security and homes they had in England to board ships for a strange land called America.

Two ships left England's shores that day, the Speedwell and the Mayflower; however, the crew of the Speedwell soon considered their ship unseaworthy, so both ships put back to port. It was learned that the crew of the Speedwell were desirous simply to avoid the hazards of such a journey. The crew of the Mayflower still had freedom of worship burning in their souls, and the ship set sail alone.

This pilgrimage was taken, not with the view of improving their fortunes, but to develop their love of liberty and God. Money was of little account in comparison with character.

While the Mayflower was still rocking at anchor near Cape Cod. The men met in

the cabin, drew up and signed an agreement promising, "In the presence of God and one another...all due submission and obedience" to such laws as they might find it necessary to enact. The signers are known as the Pilgrim Fathers.

After the first winter, although half of their original number lay in the little burying ground, not a voice was raised in proposal of returning to England. The people decided to have a feast of ingathering—a day of thanksgiving. It was to be a day of thanks for the fact that they were free and able to worship God according to their own consciences, a day of thanks that God had brought them through the hard places, and thanks for those who had given their lives for the cause they were fighting for.

And God still has His faithful Pilgrims:

PILGRIMS—Bloodwashed, and heading for the shores of a Country they have read about, have had a foretaste of, and are longing to see.

PILGRIMS—Who have seen other ships start out at the same time as their own, and turn back. (Other Pilgrims decided their ship was unseaworthy. They discovered that they didn't want to stem the tide of sin and worldliness. They didn't want the waves of ridicule beating on their ship. They didn't want to face the loneliness, out in the middle

of the ocean, when they had taken their stand against laxness, shading the truth, wrong attitudes, loose living, and the enemy coming in like a flood.)

PILGRIMS—Putting their ships back out in the ocean of opposition, even though it means leaving lifelong friends, relatives, position, and good jobs.

PILGRIMS—Not feeling at home in this world, or in any atmosphere of the world—recognizing the enemy trying to make them comfortable around a crowd that is trying to get their sons and daughters to speak their language (which isn't a Pilgrim's language), and to become involved to the extent that they can't break away.

PILGRIMS—With enough respect to submit and obey the things their forefathers stood for, and agreed upon, while our organization was rocking at anchor near its beginning.

PILGRIMS—With enough of the grace of God, and backbone big enough, to look over a battlefield, view the burying place of those who have stood in the gap, fought for the truth, been shot at, and have gone Home to Heaven with the glory on their souls—and not raise a voice to propose retreat even an inch from where they stand!

HALLELUJAH!—I'M A PILGRIM EVERMORE!

Let us give thanks that we are counted worthy to be Pilgrims. Someday, we'll stand on the shores of the Country we're striving for, and travel and wander no more. Truly, that will be the great Ingathering, as we lay down our sheaves before the One Who walked with us every step of our Pilgrim journey. —Selected

A NEW School Year Commences

The kick-off of the 2002-03 school year began with Welcome Night. Students, staff, parents, and friends gathered to hear Rev. Greg Hobelman--ministerial graduate of 2001 and pastor of the God's Missionary Church, Sunbury, PA--challenge the new and returning students to give their best to God!

Yes, another school year is underway. Penn View Christian Academy (K4 through 12) has 183 students. 105 of those students are in the High School (7-12) alone! Some students came into the Academy from as far away as western Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, and even the countries of Papua New Guinea and Germany!

The Institute welcomes 127 students this year. The second-highest enrollment total in the history of Penn View. This is only 6 students from tying last year's all-time PVBI attendance record! The emphasis of the school this year was not to break another record. Yes, a solid enrollment was desired. However, time and energy was given to other areas of Penn View development so there are ongoing advances in the recruitment and academic programs.

Institute students come from many different states: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Kansas, South Dakota, West Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, as well as the countries of Mexico, Papua New Guinea, and even Vanuatu!

We praise the Lord for the quantity and quality of the students He sent our way. Penn View is consistently sending out quality workers across the holiness movement both here at home as well as abroad (for some of the latest news concerning workers, refer to the page 9).

Keep Penn View on your prayer list as well as on your giving list. These are very bright days for the school--and the future looks even brighter! We are doing our best to prepare workers who possess professional competency combined with personal character and compassion. Thanks for being a part of this team!

On the Road with the Future in Focus

Effective public relation offices of any organization work with long-range goals in mind. For Penn View, future planning includes communicating with students who are in their high school years and are prospects to attend Penn View after they graduate.

In order to cover a large geographic territory and make the necessary impact, Penn View has had four groups traveling this past summer. Three were full-time and one was part-time.

In just 11 weeks of summer travel, these groups covered over 30,000 miles within 25 states. They ministered at 162 different locations: 57 church camps, 21 youth camps (this includes being at 16 youth camps for their entire duration), 84 churches of 21 different denominations plus, non-denominational and independent churches as well.

The Public Relations Department is currently communicating with over 2,700 active prospects through its database. There are many, many holiness youth who are open to God's will. Join us in praying that these students will attend the Bible college where the Lord directs them so that they are better prepared to "serve this present age!"



Heritage



Majesty



Proclaim



Praise Singers



Dan Durkee

If you are interested in having a Penn View representative group come to your church, outreach ministry, camps, or youth gathering, contact Dan Durkee @ 570-837-1855 ext. 131.

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from **AFRICA**

Phil Geise ('00) shares the need for more workers

Exactly two weeks later, and after approximately 4,000 miles, I am back in Ladybrand [in South Africa]. God was good to us, and His hand of protection was evident as we navigated through elephants, hyenas, deer, cows, donkeys, etc., which decorated the roads of the countries in which we traveled. Many miles were traveled during the night hours without incident, and we give God all the glory! One stretch of road, approximately 90 miles, took us 6 hours to cover. I think when it was all said and done, we might have driven about 150 miles on this 90 mile stretch as a result of crossing the road so many times in a futile attempt to avoid the "never ending" arrangement of "serious" pot holes!

We met with Christians in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, and Zambia. We also met and conversed with a young man from Malawi who is working with the Muslims. I am absolutely confounded by all the open doors, the hunger for the Gospel, and the lack of laborers!

The group we work with in Zimbabwe is an indigenous work. We don't want to step in and make these people dependent on us and destroy the indigenous work; however, they do need Biblical training, and they are open and hungry for it. We were with this group of people for a weekend conference, and as we taught about walking with God and living a holy life, they were so open and receptive. Brother Marais commented that out of all the conferences he had attended in Africa, this one had the best spirit about it. The people were beautiful because of God's Spirit! They are facing hard times because of the government's policies and the result of a serious drought that has affected that area. However, they were rejoicing in Jesus! It was definitely a beautiful, yet sobering experience as we worshiped with this group of Shona people in the heart of Zimbabwe!

We then traveled on, spending a few days in Botswana and then heading to Namibia for another conference with the Mbukushu people. Years ago the Mbukushu people fled from Angola as a result of the war (which now is coming to an end), and settled up and down the Kavango River in Namibia. (By the way, after years of closed doors because of war, it looks like by next year the doors will be open for us to go into Angola with the Gospel! What an awesome opportunity--if we only had more laborers!) These Mbukushu people have been ravaged by the effects of the war and have resorted to "drinking their sorrows away!" These are the people who I wrote about last year, who sit around drinking home made beer. Adults, young people, and children join in the drinking, and as a result much wickedness takes

place. In the midst of all this, God has His people!

We are working with several churches in this region who have "come out from among their own people," and have been changed by Jesus Christ! After walking from house to house (selling Bibles, handing out tracts, etc.), and sometimes even

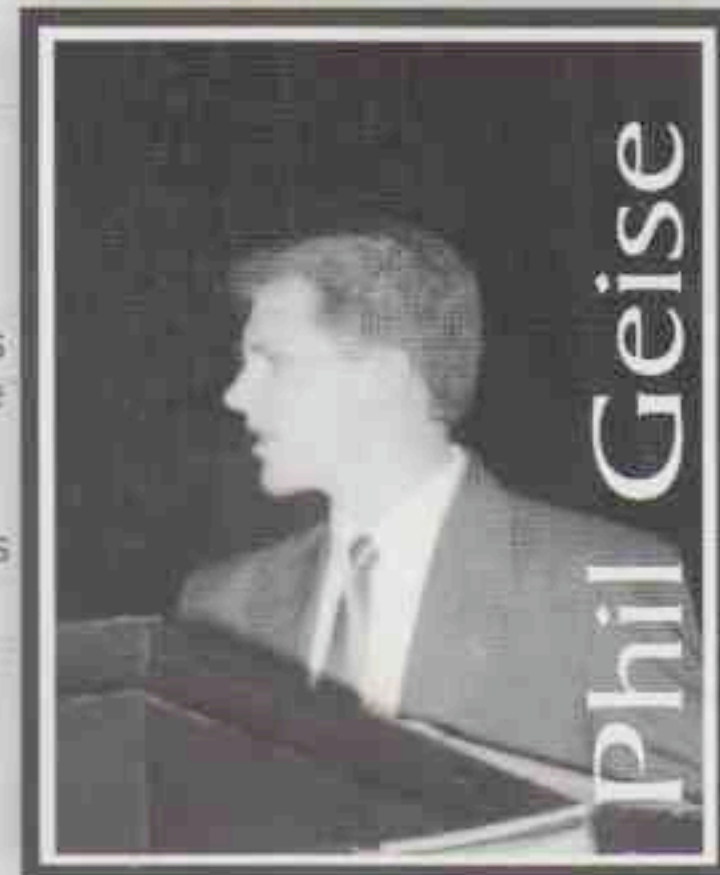
walking right into the midst of the chaos of drinking parties--after hearing drums beat out their sounds to the witch doctors will, and after seeing the filth as a result of sin, it was so refreshing to step into a church full with young people with their eyes closed and their arms raised as they worshiped my King Jesus! God has His people, even in the midst of the devastated Mbukushu people, and yet, they need training. We did our best in the three days that we were there to teach and preach; however, they need so much more help....

We then carried on, and met with some Christians in Zambia. Glenn Gault and I, as well as Brother Jim Howard and Brother Joe Taylor then parted from Brother Marais, and we started back to South Africa after stopping by the Majestic Victoria Falls. Brother Marais and two of our national pastors stayed in Zambia to do about another 8 days of mission work among the Lozi people. Glenn and I left Brother Howard and Brother Taylor in Johannesburg to catch a flight back to the States, and we proceeded with our journey, arriving in Ladybrand, Thursday night around 6:30 PM.

I praise the Lord for all of His Blessings during the trip. God is so Good! I believe the trip was a success in the light of eternity. However, what can really be done to make strong disciples of the Cross in four different countries during a period of two weeks? After this trip, I believe I have a better vision of the Great Harvest Field, and the need for laborers!

Thank you so much for all of your prayers. God answers prayer! May God bless you all!

In His Service,
Phil Geise
FEA Ministries
Ladybrand, South Africa



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Penn View...

Serving This Present Age!



Jonathan & Michelle (Adair) Earls recently began their full-time pastoral responsibilities at the *Cordele Bible Methodist Church* in Cordele, GA. A 2002 ministerial graduate of Penn View, Jonathan married Michelle on August, 23rd.

Keith & Cara (Cookson) Bunch recently began pastoring the *God's Missionary Church*, Coopersburg, PA. As a ministerial student, Keith was the valedictorian of his 2002 graduating class.



Andrew & Susanna (Ramsey) Manley recently assumed their pastoral responsibilities at the *Pilgrim Holiness Church*, North Troy, NY. This couple married on August 2, 2002. Andrew is a 2002 missions graduate. He is originally from Bedford, IN.

Earlier this year, **Jeremy Fuller** -- a ministerial graduate of 2001 -- pioneered a home missions work for *God's Missionary Church* in Duncannon, PA. Although the average attendance has leveled a bit, that first Sunday had an attendance of 35!



Gabe & Janet (Susan) Norris married on June 8th. Later in the summer they ministered at the *Bible Methodist Church* in Findley, OH. That time of ministry completed Gabe's final ministerial internship. Upon completion of the internship, the church asked Gabe to be the Minister of Outreach and Evangelism as well as the Associate Pastor to Pastor Chris Cravens.

Marcus & Mandy (Weatherspoon) Evans served at the *First Bible Methodist Church* (Alabama Conference) in Chattanooga, TN. Serving under Rev. R.G. Hutchison, Marcus completed the first of two six-weeks ministerial internships. Marcus plans to graduate from the Ministerial Department in May, 2003.



Following Stephen's graduation from the Missions Department during Commencement '02, **Stephen & Yvonne (Mills) DeLong** had a few weeks of missionary deputation. Later they traveled to Comeagua, Honduras, to complete Steve's missionary internship requirements. During this internship, the DeLong's are serving under Honduran national leadership: Pastor Luis Miranda. Their twelve week stint is in conjunction with the mission work of the *International Conservative Holiness Association* (ICHA). Yvonne is a 2001 graduate from the Child Evangelism program.



Derek & Alanna (McKenzie) McIntire are serving at *Parkville Christian Academy*, Etters, PA. Derek is the newly appointed principal. Both he and Alanna work in the high school grades. Alanna also teaches music at the

school. Alanna was a 2001 graduate of the Music Department (performance) and a 2002 graduate of the Teaching Music program. Derek graduated from the Ministerial Department in 1998.



Scott & Sarah (Jarasat)

Susan worked with *Christian Nation Church*, Goshen, OH. Scott completed his first missions internship under Rev. Carl Eisenhart. His experience ranged details connected with their church missions program (*Global Holiness Mission*) to trips to Jamaica and Lebanon. Scott is the first Penn View student to graduate from the Missionary Aviation Program. Scott & Sarah were married on February 8, 2002.



Angela Earls completed her final missionary internship in Belize, under Rev. & Mrs. David Bodner. She is a 1998 Elementary Education graduate as well as a 2002 Missions graduate of Penn View. Upon completion of her internship, Angela returned to the States and is preparing for the next step the Lord has for her.



Karen Hess, a 2002 Elementary Education graduate from Penn View is teaching at *Parkville Christian Academy*, Etters, PA. Among her many responsibilities is a focus on the elementary grades.

Clement Waminan completed a ministerial internship at the *God's Missionary Church* at Lebanon, PA.

Originally from Papua New Guinea, Clement served under Pastor Barry Arnold and Associate Pastor Dwight Rine. During this time, he was involved with a broad variety of ministries related to the church.



Lucas & Hannah (Bennett) ShROUT are both a part of the music faculty here at Penn View. Hannah join the staff last year following her 2001 graduation from the Music Department. Lucas completed his performance studies and graduated this past May. Lucas' music responsibilities include working with private lessons as well as classroom music studies. The ShROUT's are also involved in singing during church revivals and camp meetings.

Raphael Yome -- an international student from Papua New Guinea -- graduated from the missions program in May, 2002. He is now back in his home land! It is **vitaly important** for international students to return to their own country to work with the church there and not merely remain in the US indefinitely. Raphael is doing his final missions internship under Aaron Hare, a pastor of the PNG Bible Church in Boroko, NCD. This internship will help to "un-Americanize" him and re-acclimate him with his local culture. Ultimately, he feels called to work in the island country of Vanuatu. He will be doing that missionary work in conjunction with the missions society of the PNG Bible Church.



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Remembering The Attack

America—yea, the world—is facing tumultuous times in light of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, DC, and in the air over Pennsylvania. Many pundits are offering their commentaries why America was attacked. The debate will continue for years to come.

To commemorate that fateful day of September 11, 2001, Penn View held a special chapel service on the first anniversary of the attacks. Special singing included "The Star-Spangled Banner" (Kim Deaton, soloist), "God Bless America" (Michael Mason & Heritage), "The Statue of Liberty" (Mary Rine, soloist), and "Please Don't Let Another Nation Die" (Barry Mason, Dan & Michelle Durkee).

During the singing of *God Bless America*, a special slide presentation was viewed containing pictures of the attacks, the aftermath, the "rebounding spirit" of America, as well as other significant historical photos. Leah McCormick shared a touching story of a hero on that tragic day.

Phone interviews were made to the three crash areas of 9/11. Tom Kiser was called in his mid-town Manhattan office. He was in Manhattan the day of the attacks. Jonathan Witter—son of the Vice President of Financial Development, Robert Witter—works for the Department of Defense across from the Pentagon. During the phone contact with him, he informed the chapel crowd of the atmosphere there near the Pentagon. Alumnus Rev. David Walter provided a phone report from the Shanksville, PA, crash site. Steven Mowery—Director of Missions—was interviewed by the Master of Ceremonies, Dan Durkee, concerning the scenes and the ceremonial events taking place at "Ground Zero" itself. Mr. Mowery was there in New York City for the first anniversary memorial activities.

Rev. James Plank—Director of the Ministerial Department—presented a patriotic and spiritual challenge for all to be the dedicated and committed Christians our nation needs for us to be; to be lights for Christ in this sin-darkened world.

Representative members of local ambulance and fire departments were publically recognized during the chapel for their dedication and community service they provide.

Special prayer was given for the nation, the national leaders, and those still grieving the loss of loved ones in the attacks. This special chapel helped the students, faculty, staff, and community visitors to focus upon the Help of Today and the Hope for Tomorrow. Jesus Christ! ☩



The Planned Giving Program

Here at Penn View we find it vitally important to plan: plan short-term and long-range. We have no idea when Christ will return, thus, it is our responsibility to occupy 'til He comes. This word "occupy" does not imply "passive waiting"...but aggressive action!



To fulfill Christ's command to "occupy", he obligates us to long-range planning. Long-range planning needs to result in effective long-term impact. Here at Penn View we have opportunities for such long-range planning and involvement.

Robert E. Witter is our newly appointed Director of Financial Development. Under his guidance, you can make long-range impact for God's Kingdom! *The Planned Giving Program* includes assistance in establishing endowments, annuities, trusts, wills, life insurance programs, and other ways to impact the training of future ministers, missionaries, Christian educators, etc. Tax shelters of different kinds benefit both the donor as well as Penn View's training programs. Careful, wise long-range financial planning is vital in this present age.

Through *The Planned Giving Program*, you can increase personal giving by preparing and using the above mentioned financial vehicles. Actually, the impact made can potentially last for decades to come.

Robert Witter was a missionary in The Bahamas for several years. He was also pastor and school administrator for years prior to working with *EBM International*. Among his many responsibilities while working at *EBM* were Office Manager, Vice-President of the Southern Region, as well as in this area of long-term planned giving. We welcome Brother Witter to the Penn View family!

If you are interested in establishing wise plans for long-term giving, please contact us at 570-837-1855, and we will put you in contact with Brother Witter.

Yes, you can make a positive impact in the training of worthy youth committed to expanding God's Kingdom!

Holiness

Unto the Lord!

S.D. Herron

"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD . . ." (Zechariah 14:20a).

"Holiness unto the Lord." I am afraid these are some of the most misunderstood words.

When we mention holiness, a lot of people immediately think of some oddities or eccentricities, or a lot of things that have been erroneously connected with the holiness movement. But those things are not holiness unto the Lord. Holiness is a characteristic of God. He said, "Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy." The thing that sets God apart from every heathen deity is His holiness. Then, too, holiness is in the eternal purpose of God. "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." The same theme runs through the redemption promises of God. "The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

Then we find holiness in the great provision of Jesus Christ in the Atonement. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." Again God tells us that holiness will characterize those who have part in the Rapture, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. On such the second death hath no power." Here in Zechariah we find that holiness is characteristic of God's description of the Millennium, and continuing in eternity runs this perennial theme of holiness unto the Lord.

When men have characterized their ideal environment, they have described it by such things as plenty, freedom from labor, etcetera, but such are the Utopias of earth. I think that many times we have missed the idea of what Heaven is going to be. To many folks, Heaven is simply a summer

resort for laziness. But that is not what God says. He says it is "holiness unto the Lord."

If we can find out something about what it is going to mean then, maybe we can see what it means now. There are two aspects of holiness—a negative and a positive aspect.

What is the positive side? "There shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." There you have it—holiness unto the Lord is separation from everything that is unclean, sinful, and profane. There is no more fearful revelation to man than that of the holiness of God.

In the Old Testament we read of the thunderings of Sinai; but that does not give us a full revelation of the holiness of God. I believe if we are going to get a good view of that holiness, its greatest revelation is not on Mount Sinai but on Mount Calvary. There is a revelation of the love of God. No place in all the universe reveals that love of God as Calvary does; but no place reveals the holiness of God as Calvary does, either. It reveals God's estimation of sin; it shows us that God does not regard sin as a light, insignificant thing. I believe it was Bishop Moore of the Methodist Church who said, "The tendency of this day is to humanize God, to deify man, and to minimize sin."

Many look at sin as an error, a mistake, a blunder, a weakness; but God looks at it as a dark, loathsome, dreadful thing, the atonement for which took the blood of His Son. That is God's estimate of sin. If God could help us to see that every sin—little sin, popular sin, and all other sin—cost the life of His Son, we would see not only

God's estimation of sin but also God's uncompromising attitude toward sin. God will not compromise, and Calvary shows us that He will not. Sin must be done away with in its entirety. God would have His Son pay the price of redemption by death on the cross rather than to compromise with sin. If anything would cause God Almighty to let one bit of sin go unnoticed, it would have been to spare the life of His Son; but God was willing to give His Son to die. Do you think that God Almighty is going to compromise with one little bit of sin in you? Do you think God is going to excuse that thing you are covering or excusing?

The first thing we see about the revelation of God's holiness on Calvary is God's utter refusal to fellowship with sin. Jesus Christ cried out in the agony of His soul, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" God Almighty had to turn His face when His Son took the sins of the lost world upon Him. "He who knew no sin became sin for us." God forsook Him. Do you think that God is going to fellowship with you or me, if we have sin in our hearts and lives, when He turned His face from His own Son who took sin upon Him? Do you think we can glibly and lightly testify of belonging to God and of walking with God when there is sin in our lives? If God turned His face from His dying Son Who took sin upon Himself, do not deceive yourself into thinking that God will fellowship with you. What a revelation of the holiness of God!

The late S.D. Herron was the founder of Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Florida. This writing was selected from the Wesleyan Methodist.

My Consecration: Jonathan Edwards

I claim no right to myself- no right to this understanding, this will, these affections that are in me; neither do I have any right to this body or its members - no right to this tongue, to these hands, feet, ears, or eyes.

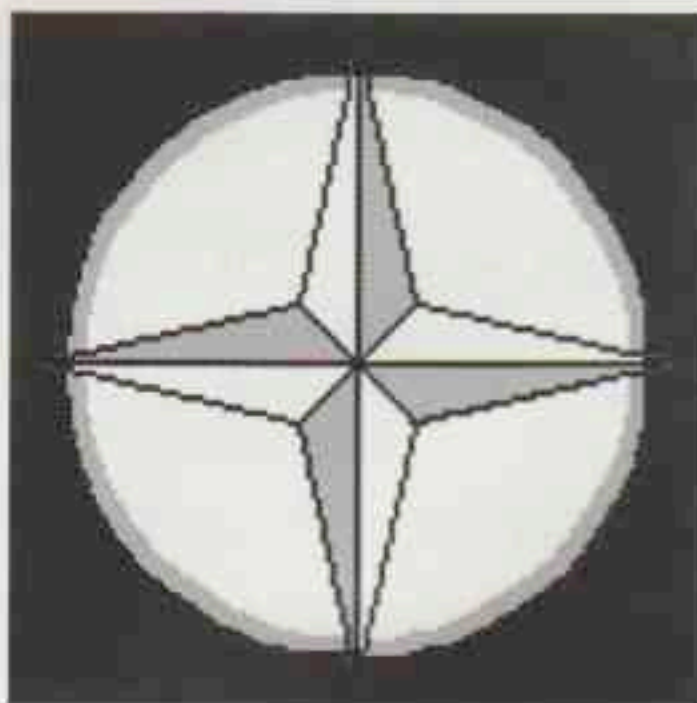
I have given myself clear away and not retained anything of my own. I have been to God this morning and told Him I have given myself wholly to Him. I have given every power, so that for the future I claim no right to myself in any request. I have expressly promised Him, for by His grace I will not fail. I take Him as my whole portion and felicity, looking upon nothing else as any part of my happiness. His law is the constant rule of my obedience.

I will fight with all my might against the world, the flesh, and the devil to the end of my life. I will adhere to the faith of the Gospel, however hazardous and difficult the profession and practice of it may be.

I receive the blessed Spirit as my Teacher, Sanctifier, and only Comforter, and cherish all admonitions to enlighten, purify, confirm, comfort, and assist me. This I have done.

I pray God, for the sake of others, to look upon this as a self-dedication, and receive me as His own. Henceforth, I am not to act in any respect as my own. I shall act as my own if I ever make use of any of my powers to do anything that is not to the glory of God, or to fail to make the glorifying of Him my whole and entire business.

If I murmur in the least at afflictions; if I am in any way uncharitable; if I revenge my own case; if I do anything purely to please myself, or omit anything because it is a great denial; if I trust to myself; if I take any praise for any good which Christ does for me; or if I am in any way proud, I shall act as my own and not God's. I purpose to be absolutely His.



Travel Notes

From the Conference President

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

The following is a report of our travels beginning September 1st:

•Sun., Sept. 1: We made the journey to the Roaring Springs Church to be with Pastor Charles Brewbaker and congregation. Pastor Brewbaker did a wonderful job teaching the morning Sunday School lesson on the sovereignty of God. I then preached to a congregation of 29. It was great to see some new and friendly faces. We enjoyed our time together with these people. Following the morning service we had a delicious meal with the Brewbakers and enjoyed fellowshiping with them before leaving to go north.

For the evening service we were in Elkland, PA. We enjoy worshipping with the Goodrich's and Blowers and their congregations.

•Tues. 3 I traveled to the Shiloh church in York to conduct the Hanover Camp elections and attend the board meeting. Many of the area pastors were there and it was a profitable meeting. Rev. John Fisher is president of Hanover Camp and conducted the board meeting.

•Thurs. 5 I was up early to travel to the Harrisburg airport to catch the 8:40 flight to Charlotte and on to Tampa, FL. My flight was without incident until reaching Tampa when we flew into a violent thunderstorm. After a rough landing I waited three hours to get my luggage, and then got a rental car and proceeded to the 5th wheel "motel" so kindly provided for me at the Seffner church by the Smalleys.

•Fri. 6 The Florida District Conference began at 7:30 PM with Rev. James Cooper conducting, and preaching in this service. It was well attended and a good service.

•Sat. 7 Conference continued this morning at 9:00 A.M. with a communion service conducted by George

Schaefer and Robert Walker. After a special song by Jonas Hight, I brought the morning message on the necessity, responsibility, and possibility of keeping holy. A good spirit prevailed.

After lunch at the Golden Corral, we reconvened at 1:45 P.M. for the annual elections. The board members for the Florida District conference for the following year are Rev. Michael Smalley, Rev. Richard Holiday, Rev. Robert Walker, Rev. Carl Thompson, and Rev. Jose Cancio. Rev. James Cooper is the District Superintendent and Rev. George Schaefer is the assistant District Superintendent.

Following the elections, Bro. Cooper conducted a board meeting and the Florida District conference 2002 came to a close.

•Sun. 8 I preached at the Seffner church this morning. Pastor Smalley and people made me feel welcome. It was a good service and was well attended with some new converts. It was encouraging to see how God is helping in this church. Following the service I enjoyed a delicious meal with the Smalley family before heading to Kissimmee.

This evening I preached to the Kissimmee congregation and enjoyed the presence of the Lord and the fellowship of old friends along with some new people. After the service we enjoyed a time of fellowship with pastor Jonas Hight and family and the Roger Bennett's from Indiana who happen to be in the area on vacation. I spent the night with the Hight's and appreciated the beautiful accommodations.

•Mon. 9 I headed west and south to Ft. Myers Rescue Mission. I arrived in time to get settled in and prepare for the evening service. It was a good service with the presence of the Lord from beginning to end. I enjoyed the numerous testimonies, the singing and enjoyed preaching to these great men (and a few women). It was so good to be back and see friends at the mission. The Walker's, Schaefer's, C.W., and others. I also enjoyed the time of fellowship follow-

ing the service.

•Tues. 10 I drove back to my "motel" at Seffner. This evening was an "off" night with the Smalley's which consisted of a meal out and a trip to their daughter and son in law's home (Jay and Dawn's) to fish in the pond out back. Just for the record; I caught a bass and saw an alligator!

•Wed. 11 This is my last day in Florida. I traveled to Orlando to be with Pastor Richard Holiday. I preached with good liberty and again enjoyed the privilege to be with this good congregation. I spent some time visiting with the Holidays and then made the rainy trip back to Seffner, packed my luggage in preparation for my early flight, retiring at 1:00 A.M.

•Thurs. 12 I arose at 4:00 A.M. to return my rental car, catch the shuttle bus to the terminal, check in my luggage, and go through the tight security to prepare for my 7:00 A.M. flight home. Everything went well and I arrived safely in Harrisburg on schedule where Rachel picked me up at 10:45 A.M.

•Sun. 15 We were at the Delmar God's Missionary Church with Pastor Eric Watts and congregation, for both the morning and evening services today. It was an encouraging day to be with this faithful congregation of people along with several new people. We enjoyed the excellent Sunday School lesson and also appreciate those who have been faithful to bring the good group of children in on the bus each Sunday. Later in the service following the special song by Tom and Joy Salvins, a young lady recently new to the congregation, came to the altar and found victory. I trust the Lord will continue to bless this good group of people. They have certainly been blessed with a beautiful church and parsonage in a lovely area.

•Mon. 16 This morning we attended the funeral of Sis. Ruth Adams at the New Columbia church. Her pastor, John Manley and her grandson-in-

law, Rev. Alan Walter conducted the funeral. She was a saint, and leaves us with hope of a reunion some day. God bless her memory and influence.

•Tues. 17: I attended chapel service at Penn View to hear Sis. C. Helen Mooshain.

•Wed. 18 This evening we attended prayer meeting at the Beavertown Church along with my parents who were at our home for a visit. Sis. Mooshain preached a wonderful message. She was not well and spoke while seated in a chair. Following the service later that evening, she was admitted to Evangelical Community Hospital with congestive heart failure problems. At the time of this writing, although still hospitalized, is much improved and is doing well for her 95 years.

•Sat. 21: We started our day early and traveled to the York Church for the morning 8:00 to 12:00 session of prayer conference. There were several ministers scheduled to speak for short sessions this morning. Along with myself was Rev. Claire Sams, Rev. Mark Fultz, Rev. John Whitaker and Anita Breckbill. Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Paulus provided the music.

Thank you to the York congregation and Pastor Martin for hosting this special time of prayer together and also for the lovely lunch provided for us.



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