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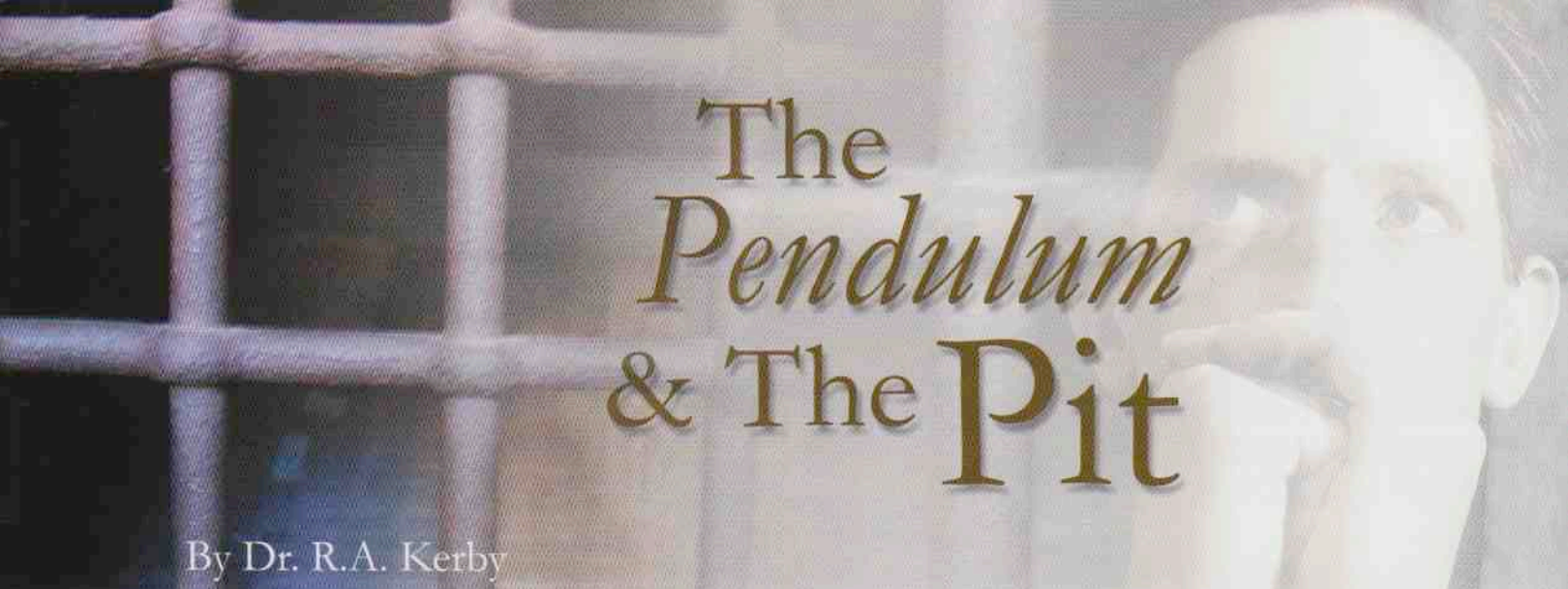
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The Pendulum & The Pit

By Dr. R.A. Kerby

In one of his famous “horror” stories, “The Pit and the Pendulum”, Edgar Allen Poe sets forth the ordeal of a man during the Inquisition. This mythical man was confined in a dark dungeon in which was a dreadful pit. Over this man swings a great pendulum honed to razor sharpness. As it comes closer and ever closer to this man’s quivering flesh, the reader’s nerves are stretched to the breaking point. After bringing this hapless man to the very edge of this yawning pit, Poe then depicts a last minute rescue.

While disavowing the horror element so prominent in this brilliant but deranged author’s story, still there are some deep lessons to be learned in this association of a pendulum and a pit. The pendulum is a perfect example of the extremes to which men have gone through the centuries and the pit is a perfect illustration of the destruction into which these extremes have cast them.

In his charge to Joshua, when that doughty warrior took over the command of Israel, God warned him not to turn to the right hand or to the left. God well knew the tendency of mankind to go to extremes and admonished Joshua accordingly. Joshua has not been the last leader to need such exhortation. It is axiomatic that a pendulum will swing the same distance from its center in both directions; therefore, an extreme to the right will straightway produce a like extreme to the left and vice versa.

The great soul of Martin Luther which had gone to such extremes on

the right of legalism swung to the center and then on to the extreme left of antinomianism. Toward the end of his career he saw faith and works in the true balance of their Scriptural relationship and so corrected his former extremes. John Wesley, who like Luther was early enmeshed in legalism, found deliverance by hearing read Luther’s Preface to the Romans. But somewhat later in his ministry Wesley declared he was deeply ashamed of his former unqualified recommendation of Luther’s Preface to the Romans. But somewhat later in his ministry Wesley declared he was deeply ashamed of his former unqualified recommendation of Luther’s dissertation. Both Luther and Wesley, in their mature years, warned of the danger of going to unwarranted and unscriptural extremes. The pendulum which swings too far either to the right or to the left will push the unwary into the pits of either legalism or easy-believism. In either case the extremist is dashed to pieces by his fall.

The religious world today is marked by such extremes. One group sees another group being dashed to pieces by going to one extreme and rashly rushes into the opposite extreme and suffers a like fate. It matters little to Satan whether the soul is swallowed up in the pit of legalism or the equally deep and dark pit of easy-believism.


Sad to say, the holiness movement is not exempt from extremes. One group will insist on certain standards for

which they can find no Scriptural warrant while another group will go to the opposite extreme of flouting the plain Word of God in these matters while blithely professing full and free salvation. Each group points to the opposite extreme to justify its own departure from the true center of truth. Sad to say, the Pit seems due to reap an awful harvest from the wild swinging of the pendulum.

In view of all this, the inquiring mind wants to know how to ascertain the true balance of truth. We are all so prone to think that the man to our right is a legalist and the one to the left is a hopeless compromiser. We feel that we have found the true center and exhort all and sundry to join us at this blessed station. Lest we become smug or denunciatory, we will do well to observe the method of the Apostle Paul in bringing the Galatian Church to the true center of truth.

Paul asked this church whether they had received the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith. The plain teaching here is that the Spirit was received by the hearing of faith. If we think that Paul inclined towards a lawless faith, all we need to do to correct this misunderstanding is to finish this epistle. Paul denounces the works of the flesh and warns all that those who sow to the flesh will reap corruption.

In this we see that Paul makes the Presence and power of the Spirit the indication of the possession of 88



Steps to Spiritual Success

J. M. HUMPHREY

"But the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4: 18).

Our purpose in this lesson is to point out the road to success in the divine life. It is to be remembered, as there are necessary steps to success in the business and literary life, so there are in the spiritual life. And hence these steps must be made, or failure will be the outcome.

We now proceed to mention a few of the essential steps to success in the divine life. The first step is, keep a fixed purpose. Every soul that would excel in God must aim at some certain point on piety's high hill; and then purpose in his heart to attain it at any cost, though the path to it may lead through trouble, sorrow, disappointment and much persecution. Hence, without this fixed purpose he will soon grow discouraged and give up. Again, he must not only purpose attaining to the goal which he sees before the vision of his soul, but must also form a fixed purpose to obey and live up to his personal, God-given convictions. There are hundreds today to reason and explain away our God-given convictions, but only a few to encourage and exhort us to live up to them. Hence, for this reason, if souls would obey and live up to their God-given convictions they must take a firm stand against almost every being on earth, or else they will be influenced by some less spiritual soul to renounce their convictions and compromise. It is said of holy Enoch, "he purposed in his heart to walk with God even from the

days of his youth." It is said of Daniel, "he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank" (Dan. 1:8).

2. The next thing necessary to succeed in the divine life is to keep God first in all things. Yes, in every plan, in every business arrangement, we should put Him first. If we move from one community to another, we should first consider and see if it will in any way dampen our love for God and His services. This is the thing that wrecked Lot's family and almost cost him his soul; i. e., he moved away from divine services and religious influences. How many souls have fallen by the way, even in this our day, because they moved away from the church to where they could not attend the meetings regularly. Their excuse was they wanted to have a garden and raise chickens, but it was done at the expense of their souls, for they grew cold and careless from not attending the prayer-meetings and mid-week services. And, secondly, the children grew up into infidelity as the result of not getting to church and Sabbath-school. O, friend, if you would make a success in this life, you must ever keep God uppermost in every detail of life.

3. The next very important thing is keeping all on the altar. O, what a vital point! This is the axis on which your whole religious experience revolves. For us to take back one thing we gave to God, or draw back in our consecration on any line whatever, brings us to

a standstill spiritually, and we can never proceed an inch until we again lay all on the altar. How many souls have lost their experiences right here. They put all on the altar for time and eternity to become saved, but after they were saved and had gone on for a time they began to grow less conscientious; hence they began to take things back which they laid on the altar of God when they got saved. So from that time they began to retrograde in their experience, and thus in a little while they were committing the most awful sin without any scruples whatever. O, how careful we should all be to be right at this point, for our experience will leak out quicker at this point (I believe) than at any other. We should have a set time to balance our spiritual books, to see if we are carefully keeping all on the altar, and walking in all past and present light.

4. The next thing necessary is to continue to cultivate a spiritual appetite—a relish for God and the things of God. O, how easy it is to lose the relish for worship, for secret prayer; for reading the Word, etc. Now the way to cultivate this relish is: 1. To have a set time for meditation and prayer. 2. To be a constant attendant at the religious services, but especially the prayer and the testimony services, and not only to be present but take an active part at each service. There are many dear ones who die spiritually right at this point, viz., failing to testify and pray in public. 3. By being a constant reader of good, sound, wholesome holiness literature. It will prove of great help to read the lives and works of such holy men and women as Wesley, Fletcher, Knox, Bramwell, Carvosso, Hester Ann Rogers, Madam Guyon, and others; to read of the experiences of these holy souls who, as it were, reached piety's high hill, will greatly intensify the soul's desires to reach it also. Praise God! O, what lofty desires it kindles in the soul for God and the fulness of love! Reading the life of the sainted Fletcher seems to awake every passion of the soul and puts into it a ceaseless craving for the fulness of God. As Mr. Wesley says,

*"My heart breaks out in strong desire
Thy perfect bliss to prove;
My longing heart is all on fire,
To be dissolved in love."*

5. The next thing necessary to succeed in the divine life is for one to keep cut loose from an undue amount of temporal things. O, how temporal things entangle the mind and dampen the cravings of the soul for the things from above! They are so subtle they adulterate the mind and bias the affections, and hinder its flight to the mount of God. O, holy soul, beware of the earthly entanglements, such as fine houses, fine furniture, fine horses and carriages, fine clothes, large responsibilities, etc.! All these things tend to draw our minds back to earthly things, and hinder our rapid flight to perfection's lofty height.

6. The next thing necessary to excel in the divine life is to ever keep a rigid self-discipline, for it is to be remembered that self is our greatest foe, and even after the sinful self-life is crucified there is a legitimate self that must ever be kept under or else we become castaways.

7. The next helpful thing to success is to never resent an injury nor an affront. No matter what is done or said to us we should never resent or retaliate, but "offer the other cheek." It is said of Jesus, our blessed example, "When He was reviled He reviled not again."

8. The next help to success in the divine life is: Be always open for reproof. Take it mildly and humbly. Even when you are not in fault, never manifest an argumentative or talkative spirit in trying to clear yourself. Choose rather to be misunderstood than manifest an argumentative spirit. If you are misunderstood, bear it mildly. It will all be brought to light some day as to who was right, even if not until judgment day; that will be in plenty of time to get your reward. O, holy soul, move softly with God!

9. The next necessary thing to divine success is, ever remember that no matter how far up the road of perfection you get, you stand only by simple childlike faith. Many forget this part as they move up the divine highway, and commence to lean on feelings

and blessings rather than upon God, with the same simple trust for everything, like they did when first saved. And the result is they lose that clearness, that freshness, that victory of faith, and evenness of experience. O, holy soul! Beware of leaning upon feelings, blessings, visions and impression, but ever obey and trust God with simple dry faith, and you will be kept from an unsettled and vacillating experience.

10. The next thing necessary to succeed in the divine life is: Be a man or woman of few words. Always keep a close watch over all of your words. Do not practice how much you can say, but how little. The apostle says: "Study to be quiet." Many words, to a holy life, are like taking the cork out of a gasoline can; it soon evaporates. Solomon says: "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin." Jesus says: "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36, 37). ■

Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention

February 1-5, 2006

Rev. Eric Himelick, Main Speaker

Other Speakers: Frank Heidler, Kurtis Lewis,
Dwight Rine, Matt Ellison, Robbie & Rachel England

Music by PVBI, GBS, AWC, UBC and others

Rev. Eric Kuhns, Director

Services held at Beavertown Church

Accommodations Provided: 570-837-7813

No services cancelled for inclement weather



IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	New Year's Day
January 3	PVBI Intercession Registration
January 25	PVBI Second Semester Registration
January 19-29	Florida District Camp Meeting— Sun City Centre, FL
February 1-5	Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention
February 2-12	Sea Breeze Camp Meeting— Hobe Sound, FL
February 20-22	God's Missionary Church Minister's Retreat
Feb 27-Mar 5	PVBI Revival
March 7-9	Inter-Church Holiness Outreach & Bus Convention – Lebanon, PA
April 4-6	PVBI Missionary Convention
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter Sunday
April 18-20	Inter-Church Holiness Convention—Dayton, Ohio
April 25	PVCA Kindergarten Registration

New Arrivals

The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Jordan Alexander, born to Jeff & Annette Musser on May 29, 2005.

The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Alayah Janine, born to Boyd & Cosette Day on June 29, 2005.

The Millmont congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Timothy Paul, born to Darren & Angela Aurand on July 18, 2005.

The New Columbia congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Kyle Douglas, born to Michael & Crystal Mason on July 30, 2005.

The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Kayle Dawn, born to Timothy & Jaime Schultz on August 21, 2005.



The Delmar congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a parsonage daughter,

Regina Marie, born to Pastor Rob & Mrs. Christa Dicken on October 11, 2005.



The World Missions Department is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter,

Autumn Lauree, born to Randy & Kristin Paulus. Randy is the son of Wilmer & Linda Paulus. Autumn was born in November.

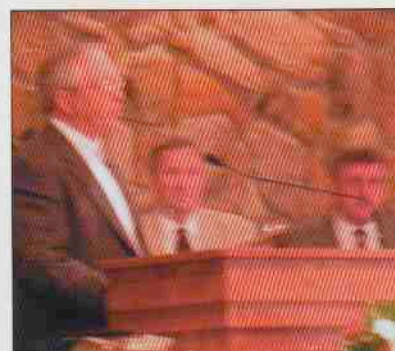
Hartman-Kratz



June 11, 2005 was a beautiful day for Miriam R. Kratz and Richard Alan Hartman as they exchanged marriage vows at 10:00 AM in the Millmont God's Missionary Church. The wedding was performed by the pastor, Rev. Paul W. Clough. The bride was given away by her father, Rev. A.L. Kratz. The bride's attendants were: Maid of Honor, Anita J. Kratz, Patty Bills, Jane Louise Hunter, and Cheryl Mosley. The flower girl was Jalisa Bills, miniature groom, Jonathan Bills and miniature bride, Keirsten Kratz. The groom's attendants were: Best man, Howard Hartman, Scott Smith, Steve Geise and Marvin Mosley. A special dedication of the couple for Christian service was performed by the bride's father and Rev. Glenn Hostetter. Pianist was Mrs. Linda Clough, organist Mrs. Rhoda Martin, and songs were sung by Rev. & Mrs. Paul Clough. Approximately 300 people attended the wedding and enjoyed the reception at the Miller Dining Center in Penns Creek, PA.

Board Members Honored

The Beavertown congregation recently honored two board members for service on the local church board. Darwin Rine was honored for thirty years of service. Joe Kuhns was honored for thirty-five years. The minutes Brother Kuhns' first board meeting were read indicating approval for the building of the new parsonage on Walnut Street in Beavertown and the recommendation of "Johnnie" Zechman for a local preachers license.



JUNE STRAUB was baptized recently during a group baptism by the Center Union GMC Church. With her are (at right) Pastor Philip Brenizer and Brian Funkhouser. Others who were baptized included Avery Funkhouser, and Robert, Samantha and Amanda Smith.

On Deputation



Eric & Hannah Kuhns are visiting churches representing the work of Hope International Missions in Honduras. Eric is a licensed minister with God's Missionary Church and is currently serving as Youth Pastor at the Beavertown congregation. He and Hannah are both graduates of Penn View Bible Institute. They expect to leave for the field in the Spring.

Center Union Church Celebrates 50 Years

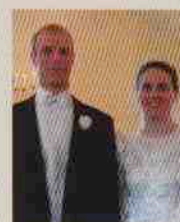


50 YEAR CELEBRATION Pastor and Mrs. Philip Brenizer and former Pastor and Mrs. Timothy Cooley at the anniversary celebration.

The Center Union church celebrated fifty years of ministry to the Newport area on September 18, 2005 with a special day of services and celebration. Pastor Philip Brenizer along with Ralph Halter, former Pastor Timothy Cooley and others in the congregation shared in the service. Former pastors were remembered: Rev. R.T. Herr 1957-1982, Rev. Eugene Winter 1982-1985, Rev. Timothy Cooley 1985-1997. The Lebanon Valley Gospel Band was featured in the evening service. Founded in 1955, the Center Union church has also been known as Bucks Valley and Newport. The current pastor, Rev. Phil Brenizer, and the church are being used of God in 2005—this fiftieth year of ministry.

Weddings

Jeff McCallus & Tina Major were united in marriage at the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Middleburg, New York on June 4, 2005. Jeff & Tina are attending the Beavertown church while he is a student at Penn View Bible Institute.



Rex McDowell II & Melissa Susan were united in marriage at the Millmont church on June 4,

2005. Rex is working with Pastor Paul Clough at the Millmont church.

Joseph Miller & Marile Kurten were united in marriage at Blue Bird Gardens in Sunbury, PA on June 11, 2005. The couple attend the Penns Creek church while finishing schooling at Penn View Bible Institute.

Richard Hartman & Miriam Kratz were united in marriage on June 11, 2005. (see article)

Brent Lenhart & Brenda Burch were united in marriage at the New Columbia church on July 23, 2005. Brent is working with Pastor Aaron McCarty at the Richfield church. Brenda is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Philip Burch, missionaries to Mexico.



Doran Horning & Cassandra Rine were united in marriage at the Emmanuel

Wesleyan Church in Gratz, PA on September 10, 2005. The Horning's are an active part of the Gratz church.

Deaths



Rhetta Loss of the Beavertown congregation went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 14, 2005 in Riverwoods

where she had been a resident for some time. Her funeral was conducted at the Hummel Funeral Home in Middleburg by Pastor James Plank on April 17, 2005.

Teresa Kennedy, God's Missionary Churches oldest member, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, April 25, 2005, at Riverwoods where she had been a resident for many years. Formerly of Nesbit, Pennsylvania, Sister Kennedy was one hundred and five years of age. She was born September 14, 1899. She was a 1923 graduate of Williamsport Hospital School of Nursing. Teresa was a beloved part of the New Columbia congregation. Her pastor, Rev. Matthew Ellison, conducted the funeral at the Brooks Funeral Home in Turbotville. She was laid to rest at the Fairview Evangelical Cemetery in Loganton.



Evelyn Shiffer, 73, went home to be with her Lord on June 22, 2005 at Riverwoods in Lewisburg where she had been a resi-

dent for the past year. Her funeral was conducted in her church at Beavertown by Pastor James Plank. Her son and daughter-in-law, Seidel & Kelly Shiffer, along with other family and friends provided the special music. Interment was in the Troxelville Union Cemetery.

Mamie Anderson passed away June 23, 2005 in Arizona where her and her husband had been involved in missions work. Her funeral was conducted in her home church at Bermudian by Pastor Clarence Dupert. Burial was in the Parkville Bible Church Cemetery in Etters.



Grace Hartman, 92, passed away on June 27, 2005 at Riverwoods in Lewisburg where she had been a resident since

2000. Her funeral was conducted in her home church at Beavertown by Pastor James Plank. She awaits the coming of our Lord in the God's Missionary Cemetery at Beavertown.



Chuck Parthemer, 19, passed away July 16, 2005. The son of Charles & Brenda Parthemer of McClure, PA, he is also

survived by a sister, Mindy. His funeral was conducted at his home church at Beavertown by Pastor James Plank.

Elwood Peters of

Beaver Springs, PA, passed away August 4, 2005. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Roy Peters of the Beavertown congregation. Elwood frequently attended Penns Creek Camp and services at the Beavertown church. His funeral was conducted by Rev. John Zechman. Interment was at God's Missionary Cemetery in Beavertown.



Martha Hess of Hobe

Sound, Florida went to be with Jesus on Thursday, September 8, 2005. Her funeral was conducted at the Lebanon church by two of her sons-in-law, Rev. Barry Arnold and Rev. Daryl Kuhns. She was laid to rest in the Crossroads Brethren in Christ Cemetery in Mt. Joy.



Basil Waite, 86, passed away October 10, 2005. He was part of the Bellefonte congregation for many

years. The funeral services were in his home church, conducted by Rev. Michael Hoskins and Rev. Paul Miller. Basil was a faithful attender of our camp meetings and will be sorely missed. He was laid to rest at the Pleasant Gap Cemetery, Pleasant Gap, PA.

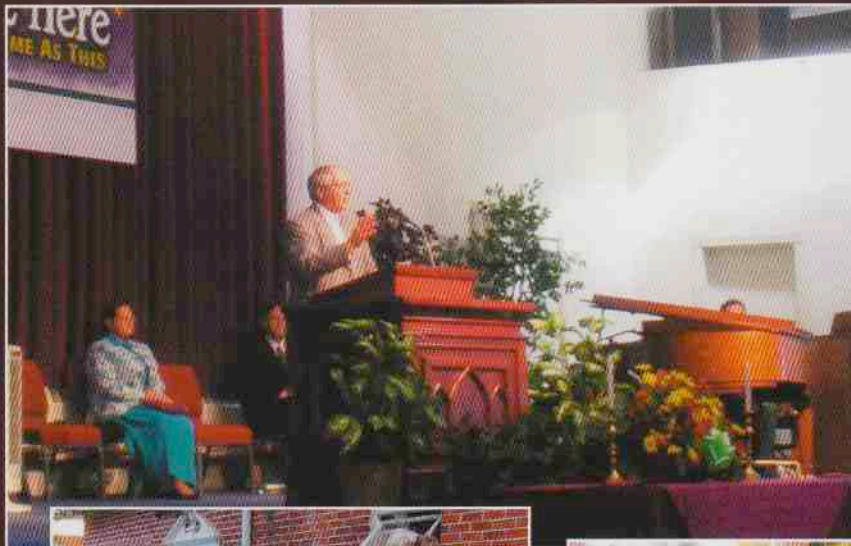
✞3 well-balanced truth. Lest any equate the Presence of the Spirit with a shallow emotionalism, Paul declared the Spirit always produces the fruits of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. If we do not possess this fruit of the Spirit, if we are not patient under trial, kind under opposition, trusting under affliction and loving under persecution, it will avail us nothing to delude ourselves into believing that we are at that point where the pendulum of truth comes to its true center and rest. While pointing our accusing fingers at those we feel are going too far from the meridian of truth in one direction, we are apt to fall into the pit of the opposite extreme.

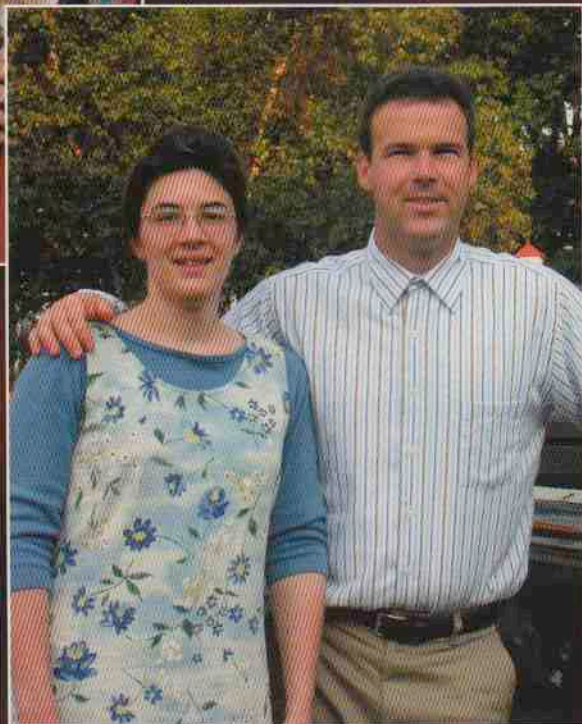
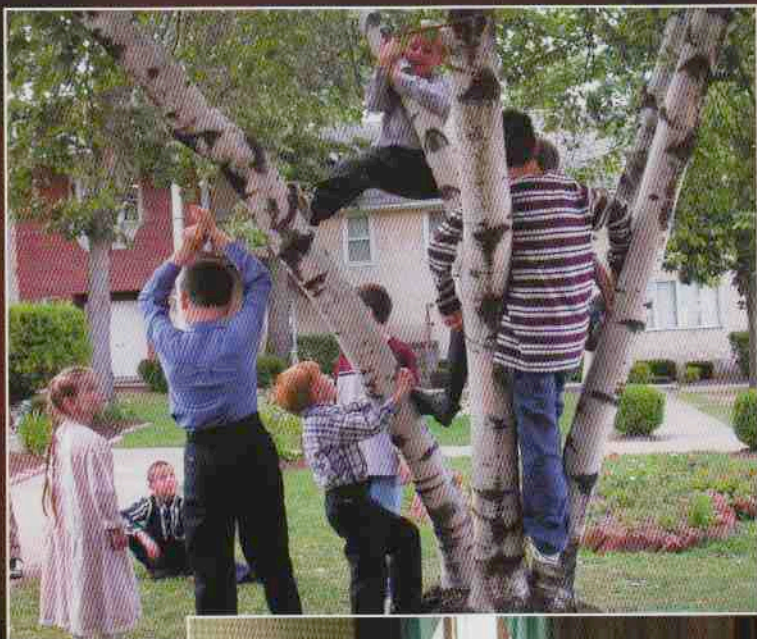
We see then that the true center of truth is at that point where the Spirit answers to that Blood which cleanses from all inward and outward sin. All enmity, malice, envy, unkindness, and lust must be cleansed entirely away and perfect love enthroned in the heart. The outward life will reflect this inward state of perfect love by its separated walk in this present defiled age.

Contending for right standards in an unloving, harsh spirit will ensure defeat as surely as will a soft, merely sentimental profession of love to Christ which evades his plain commands. The pendulum is swinging far these days and many precious souls are in grave danger of falling into the pit of total destruction. May God grant to "our long-divided hearts" such a great visitation of the Spirit of Truth that we will find the true balance of truth. "Fixed on this blissful center, we shall find such rest for our souls that we will turn neither to the right or the left, but will steadily pursue our way up the Highway of Holiness towards that City of Perfect Day. ■

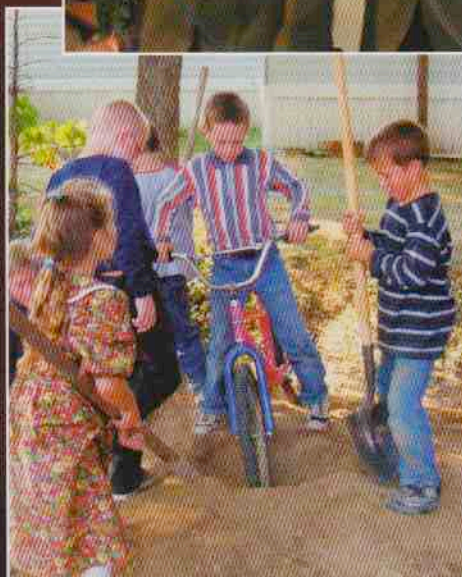
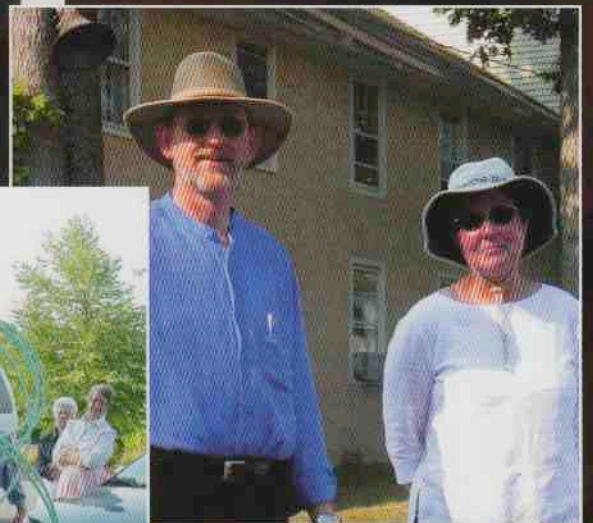
Penns Creek Camp Meeting 2005

a pictorial review











JOHN W. ZECHMAN

Greetings from the Hilltop! Our hearts rejoice when we think of the goodness of our God. He is great and "greatly to be praised".

We thank God that Penn View Bible Institute has been able to begin its 40th year of training youth for the work of God. Through these years there have literally been thousands of young people that have walked the halls of our school. Many are in the work of God somewhere around the world. Thank God we can have a part in the work of the Kingdom.

Our enrollment is good this year, although it is down some from last year. We are grateful, however, that for eleven years in succession we have exceeded 100 students in the Institute department.

God has sent to us some of the best students one will find anywhere. We have students from approximately 15 different states and foreign countries including Canada, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and even Turkey. Also, a wonderful atmosphere is prevailing on campus. To God be all the glory!

We just closed revival with Rev. and Mrs. David Fuller from Hobe Sound, Florida, and God met with us in a wonderful way. Many students sought God to be saved and sanctified, and there were those who answered the call to the service of the Lord. To God be all the glory for the way He visited us. Victory was the outcome. Praise the Lord!

We also praise God for Protection that was given to a group traveling for the school. Back in September, the Praise Singers from 1991 were traveling to North Carolina to sing at a benefit dinner for Penn View. While traveling in Virginia a tire blew. They pulled off the road, and when they did they noticed flames coming from one of the rear wheels.

They immediately unhooked the PR trailer from the van and pushed it away while others took steps to extinguish the flames. By the time the fire company arrived the van was engulfed in flames. Needless to say, the van was destroyed. We are praising God, however, that there were no injuries. At the time of this writing, we are in the process of replacing this van. The insurance company has paid us a nice amount for the loss, but we still must add several thousand dollars to acquire another one. We would be grateful if God should lay it on your heart to help us in this endeavor.

As we launch into a new year, we have seen some changes in personnel. First, I want to thank James Plank for the wonderful job he did in serving as the divisional Chairman of the Ministerial Department for nearly ten years. It was during this time that the Ministerial Department grew substantially, and many young men are in pastorates today because of him. Thank you James Plank!

Jacob Martin, who has been on our staff for the past ten years and serves as the Director of the Home Missions Department in God's Missionary Church, and has pastored for more than fifteen years,

has assumed the Chairmanship of the Ministerial Department. We are looking for continued advancements in this department under the leadership of Bro. Martin.

Stephen Davis has committed his life to full-time pastoring at Milesburg, Pennsylvania; therefore, has stepped down as the High School Business teacher. We welcome Laura Ellison to this position. She brings with her experience in teaching business at God's Bible School and College. She also has used her business training in a local bank prior to joining our staff.

We are excited about the new year, yet we recognize that the financial load will be heavy with a somewhat smaller enrollment. I need you to pray earnestly, and to give consistently so we can continue training young people for the work of the Master. I feel like Jesus when He said, "I must be about my Father's business". Our work is vitally important because our pastors, missionaries, Christian day school teachers, Sunday School teachers, and musicians are coming from our Bible Schools. Without them there will be a great shortage of laborers.

If we pray, God is able. Please join me! 



DESTROYED BY FIRE Although the van was lost, we are praising God that there were no injuries.



REV. FRED WATSON AND REV. CARL SHUEY in the early days of the Miami Cuban Refugee Mission. God's Missionary Church has been actively involved in Miami for many years. Rev. & Mrs. Jose Cancio are doing an excellent work in that important city today.

GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH MINISTERIAL

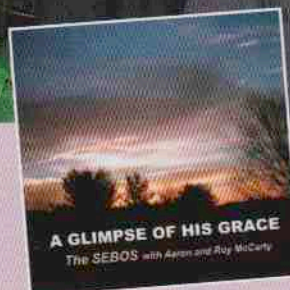
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Bermudian Congregation Honors Pastor

We the congregation of Bermudian God's Missionary Church would like to recognize and give exceptional honor to our minister, Rev. Clarence Dupert. His thirty years of ministry to our church and community are well deserved of such recognition.

Clarence Dupert became our minister in July 1975. He has always been a very dedicated minister to his church family, as well as his own family. He has always been available to assist other ministers in our conference when called upon.

Down through the years we have watched generations of families grow and we have shared the joys as well as the sorrows. We have bonded together as Brother Dupert has given of himself unselfishly. He makes his congregation aware that he is always available- day or night.

In his community you will find driveway's plowed after a snowfall. His neighbors and community know that he gives of his personal time.

He is always there for the children. He is always there for the Seniors. He is always there for the families. He travels many miles to reach out to those in time of sickness and to consol the hearts of those in sorrow and to be faithful to those in prison.

Rev. Dupert not only gives of himself with time and energy, but also financially. He gives when he does not have it to give. And it is always given cheerfully.

In fellowship together with his family, his church family and their friends, we share happy memories. Church picnics, Christmas gatherings, winter home-made ice cream and other times of fellowship keep the bonds of Christian love and fellowship strong.

His wife, Darlene, is also there to support him in his ministry and in our congregation. She also makes many sacrifices for her family and church.

We have been very privileged to have someone like Rev. Dupert as our minister and we thank him for his many years of service and dedication to us. ■

—The congregation of the Bermudian God's Missionary Church



Rev. Clarence Dupert



The Devil was Defeated again & again

Alan K. Walter

"For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD."—Proverbs 8:35

This was the verse the Lord gave me as we flew toward Cuba on November 8, 2005. Such a truth will calm fears and give strength as one faces such a challenge. The devil was defeated first as we all passed through Immigration without any significant problems. A trio of us were traveling, David Middleton, Nestor Tejeda "Jerry" (a Dominican Pastor), and myself.

We stayed in Havana the first night. While there we were able to do some shopping and made some important contacts with individuals. Pastor Lazaro picked us up around 11:00 Wednesday night and we arrived in Melena after midnight. We dealt with the mosquitoes and got to bed at 2 AM.

On Thursday we went back to Havana for the purpose of working to get our Ecclesiastical Visa but the Council of Churches was too busy to receive us and we were told to come back another day. We made some other visits and returned to Melena. Bro. Middleton preached in the evening service.

On Friday we did a lot of walking around town, visiting in several homes. One of the church ladies had invited us to her home to pray with her father. She thought that perhaps he had a demon, but it appeared his sufferings were associated with his advanced age. We prayed and anointed both him and his wife. We went on to another home where we ended up dealing with a man and his son about their spiritual needs as they have drifted from the church. Again we prayed and anointed various ones in the household, pleading the blood of Jesus, and trusting God for a mighty deliverance from sin. We returned to the parsonage where we got word that an Immigration official had called desiring to question us. We were being accused of making political statements.

On Saturday we left early for Havana to take Jerry to the airport. We then picked up President Walfri-



Top: Destroying witchcraft and idolatry items

Center: First meal on arrival in Cuba

Left: Pastor's family

do Montiel so he could be with us for the weekend of services. We made some more stops then returned to Melena for lunch. In the afternoon we went to a church lady's home whose mother had practiced witchcraft. Bro. Middleton dealt with the lady about her soul. She renounced witchcraft and asked us to destroy the remaining things she used in the practice. We had a bonfire and the devil was defeated again.

We had a good evening service with numbers of people visiting from other area churches. After a message on the second coming of Christ there were four who prayed at the altar. The devil was defeated again!

On Sunday we awakened to another good breakfast and had a real good morning service. It seemed the church people received much encouragement from the message. The devil was defeated again! After a delicious lunch we went for our 2:00 appointment with the Immigration official. He turned out to be a real nice man. A former church leader had issued a political complaint about us and Bro. Middleton was able to prove it was not so. We left on good terms.

The devil was defeated again!

God met with us in the evening service where God anointed Bro. Middleton to minister and a good number of people prayed at the altar. One of the ladies who had prayed at the altar asked us to come to her home to help her remove idol worship and witchcraft materials, to pray with the family, and to pray through the house for all demon spirits to flee. We had a precious time as all the ladies of the home renounced the devil and stated their desire for Christ to reign alone in their home. They began gathering items from the attic, closets and walls. They did not have a safe place to burn the many items so we took them along when we left after 2 AM. It was a glorious time! We returned to the church property and promptly broke up and burned the items. The devil was defeated again!

By 4:45 we were packed and off to the airport for our return home. Though we were never able to go to bed that night, we rested in the fact that God had come in mighty ways throughout our visit, and the devil was defeated again and again! ■

The Atheist

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him. At that instant the atheist cried out: "Oh my God!..." Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?" "Very well," said the voice. The light went out. And the sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke, "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful." ■

—selected

Page 19 **August 22:** I was honored to speak at the annual staff orientation at Penn View as they were gathered in the Miller Dining Center. We trust God blesses in this new school year as we pray one for another.

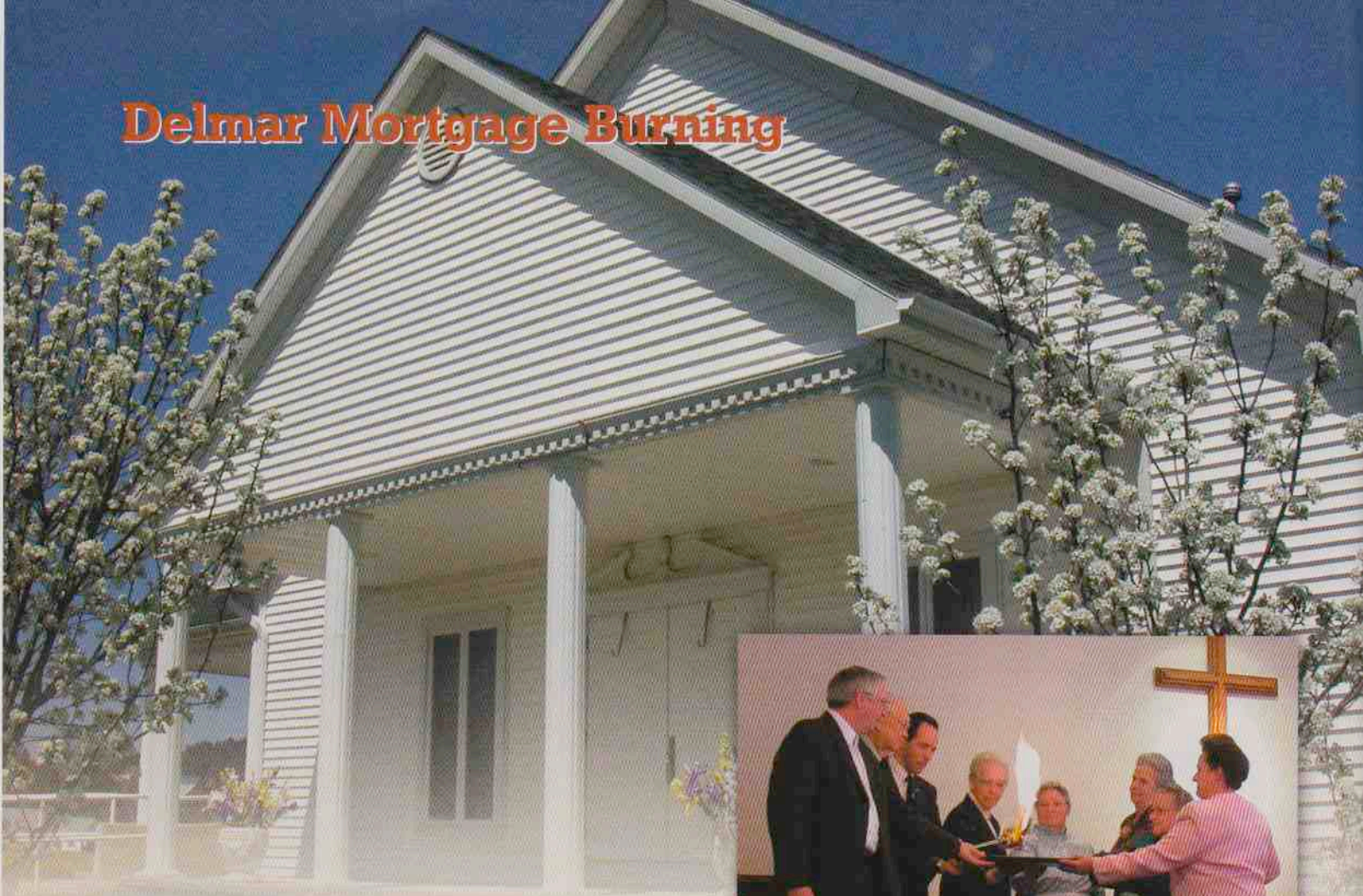
August 24: I drove to the Baltimore/Washington airport for a flight to Louisville, KY to attend a board meeting for Evangelistic Faith Missions.

August 26: I returned home from the trip to Bedford Indiana and arrived in time to attend part of the Penn View welcome night service held in the lawn below the main school building. Rev. Keith Bunch spoke and we participated in the annual balloon launch. Rachel and I wish a very warm welcome to all students! ■



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS on their first day of school at Penn View Christian Academy. This is the school's 40th year of ministry. Pray for President Zechman, Principal Tucker and the entire Penn View family this year.

Delmar Mortgage Burning



The Delmar congregation was blessed to burn the mortgage for their church in the morning worship service on April 10, 2005. Pastor Eric Watts led the service along with Conference President Harry F. Plank. Board members pictured at right are: Otis Scott, Mary Scott, Alberta Stigall, Caroline Morgan, Deborah Fowler & Naomi (Lucy) McInturf.





Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

June 1: We made a visit to the Shamokin church to preach and talk to the people concerning a new pastor although there was nothing definite to present as of yet. May God bless the people who are being faithful to hold on and wait.

June 4: We attended the wedding of Rex McDowell to Melissa Susan at the New Columbia Church.

June 5: Since we were in the area, we stop in at the Salunga church. We enjoyed the fellowship of the congregation and appreciated the good preaching of pastor Troy Staffer and the hospitality in the parsonage afterwards.

June 6: We made a visit to the Weaversville Church to tour the house and land adjacent to the church property for a possible future parsonage. We appreciate the hard work that has been done in the extensive remodeling of the church and the present parsonage. Rev. Jacob Martin was there with his sons Ryan, Chad and their cousin, Rodney Bingaman. These guys were working very hard in the church tearing out the old floor. After leaving Weaversville, we took the afternoon off to have a little relaxing time since it was our 36th wedding anniversary.

June 8: I conducted prayer meeting again at the Shamokin church in the absence of a pastor. The attendance was in the single digits, but we sensed God's blessing on the service.

June 11: Today there were two very important weddings at the same time! Rachel and I went our separate ways to attend both. We started out at the Millmont Church for the wedding of Richard Hartman to Miriam Kratz. Rachel left that wedding early to attend the wedding of Joseph Miller to Marile Kurtin, a beautiful garden wedding in Sunbury. We wish both couples God's very best in life together.

June 12: We attended the Canaan Grove Camp meeting near Lebanon and enjoyed hearing the Lebanon Valley Band and the preaching and singing of Rev. & Mrs. Bud Alman. Thanks to Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Rine for their hospitality following this service.

June 16: I conducted a General Board Meeting in the Conference Room at Penns Creek.

June 19: Father's Day found us at the Penns Valley Church with Pastor Gabriel Morley and congregation. I preached and enjoyed the service and good meal in the parsonage. We were privileged to hear GBS Ministerial intern, Curtis Lewis preach this evening at the Beavertown church.

June 20: I conducted a board meeting for Penns Creek Camp at 9:00 A.M. and after a quick "Burger King" stop I hurried on to a Board Meeting for Penn View that lasted into the evening.

June 22: We traveled to the Mahaffey Church to conduct pastoral elections. The minister who was elected later notified me that he did not feel clear to accept the pastorate there. We will keep seeking God's will.

June 25: Rachel and I were in Bedford, Indiana to attend the 100th. anniversary of Evangelistic Faith Missions. It was a notable highlight and an honor to listen to the various missionaries as they related the past and present in spreading the gospel to the glory of God. Rev. J. Steven Manley conducted the special services. (Be sure to purchase their lovely new book: "We've A Story To Tell" A Century of Sowing and Reaping.) Congratulations EFM!

June 26: Returning home from Bedford we traveled through Canton, Ohio and attended the Crystal Park Church, with pastor Bob Bolois and congregation. I was asked to preach and did so to a good group. We enjoyed the service and fellowship.

June 28: I attended a Missionary Youth Crusader's board meeting held in the conference room at Penns Creek.

July 2: I preached in the very hot summer afternoon service at Mount of Blessing Camp Meeting. The Lord gave us His wonderful presence and we enjoyed the service.

July 3: We attended Mount of Blessing Camp Meeting. This morning Evangelist Charles McDonald preached. The afternoon service featured the God's Missionary World Missions department with Rev. Arian Kratz conducting. The featured speakers were Ron and Esther Junod under appointment to pastor the God's Missionary Spanish Church in Donna, Texas and attend language school. Ministers and friends gathered around the Junods in this commissioning service for a time of prayer. Jeremy and Faith Fuller were the singers for and Rev. Marshall Smart preached in the evening service. It was a good day on the campgrounds.

July 6: Rachel and I traveled to Delaware to attend The Morris Tabernacle Camp Meeting. Rev. Richard Holiday conducted the service and Rev. Bates preached the message. We enjoyed seeing friends from the Eastern Shore.

July 7: We attended Hanover Camp Meeting conducted by Rev. John Fisher. Rev. Dragoo and Rev. John White were the evangelists.

July 10: After another day at Mt. of Blessings Camp Meeting and getting ready to retire for the night we received a call that Rev. Paul Clough and son Jason, were involved in an accident which rolled the truck and RV. Both were taken by ambulance to the Lewisburg hospital. After a few hours in the hospital waiting room with family and friends we returned home very thankful to know that Paul and son Jason escaped with only minor injuries.

July 12: I conducted a General Board Meeting today.

July 13: Held Sunbury pastoral elections tonight resulting in the call of Rev. Jacob Martin to return as pastor. Former pastor Greg Hobelman has joined the US Army and we trust God's blessing on him during his tour of duty. Congratulations to Jacob Martin.

July 14: We traveled to Delmar, Eastern Shore to hold pastoral elections. Rev. Rob Dicken was elected and accepted the call. Congratulations to the Dicken family.

July 19: This was clean-up day at Penns Creek Camp. Much appreciation goes to each one who helped!

July 21: Another General Board meeting was held today.

July 22: Rachel and I attended the wedding of Brent Lenhart and Brenda Burch at the New Columbia Church. Congratulations to Brent and Brenda as they serve the Lord together.

July 25: I attended a Penn View board meeting this evening.

July 26: I traveled to the Baltimore/Washington airport to pick up a missions group returning from Belize.

July 28: I conducted the 70th. annual Conference of God's Missionary Church held in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle, Penns Creek.

July 29-Aug. 7: I served as platform manager for our general camp meeting at Penns Creek. The evangelist Tom Reed, Judy Williams and James Plank preached with the anointing of God. The Dan Durkee family were camp singers, with Rev. Dwight Rine ministering to our youth and Mary Brawn and Penny Ford working with our children. This camp meeting was well attended with many getting victory around the altar. We thank God for His blessing on us another year. Missions Day was a highlight along with the special pre-services featuring special ministries. On the final Sunday afternoon we conducted an ordination service with Rev. Rob. Dicken, Rev. Jeremy Fuller, Rev. Robert Booth and Rev. Keith Bunch being ordained.

August 14: I attended Binghamton Pilgrim Holiness Camp meeting. Rev. B. J. Ward preached the morning service. In the afternoon service the tabernacle was packed for celebration of the camp's 100th anniversary. Conference President Donald Myers conducted the service with Rev. Paul Pierpoint featured as the special speaker. It was a time of remembrance, challenge and rejoicing. It was my honor to present a plaque from The God's Missionary Conference honoring the camp on this milestone.

August 15: I traveled to the Center Valley Camp meeting where Rev. John Walter moderates. The evangelist were Rev. John Brewer and Rev. William Tillis.

August 17: We went to Clinton campground to attend the Bible Brethren Fellowship camp meeting conducted by Rev. Jay Smalley. Rev. Noel Scott preached the morning service and is working with Rev. Sheldon Stephens and the Cassidys. We travel back to Port Matilda for their evening service with Rev. Jimmy Cooper conducting the platform and Rev. Melvin Beecher preaching. The McIntires did the singing and Rev. Earl Newton serves as evangelist.

August 21: We attended Ono camp meeting. Bradley Spiller conducts this camp with Rev. James Keaton the evangelist. Dan Durkee family served as singers. The Lebanon Valley Band played in a pre-service. & Page 17

Florida District Camp Meeting

Sun City Center, Florida



Rev. John White
Evangelist



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Evangelist



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