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World War II brought out the best and worst in our nation.

When danger threatened, America had a backbone of steel. We sent our strongest and brightest across the water to defend freedom at any cost. That generation has been referred too as the Greatest Generation.

Their word was as good as their signature. Even if they were not Believers, they lived by some kind of Christian principle that served them well. People honored the Lord's Day. People honored the value of hard work. Pcople honored vows of marriage. People honored God's name.

Various revivals across American history gave our nation a moral fiber unmatched in the world. To this day, no other nation has been as influential for the cause of Christ. Bible distribution, missions, disaster relief and Gospel radio has flooded our world as a direct result of America's heritage.

World War II brought out the best AND THE WORST.

While men went to war, the women went to the workplace. Mother's were not meant to work in a factory. They had a foremost role in our homes. The church has had a difficult time turning this tide. When the ladies went to public work and never came home, everything else changed. In public work, it was difficult to look like a lady and do a man's job. It became difficult for marriage vows to hold. Biblical standards of modesty and propriety were

now outdated. Much of Biblical principle became obsolete.

The men shared equally in the collapse. Home fresh from battle, they wanted something better for their children. Whatever was new was in. Whatever was bright and fanciful and thrilling was in. Whatever restrictive, was out. They wanted to feel good.

Godly men sought to chart a course through those troubled waters. They called us to be understanding of new and challenging times- but warned us of accepting any lifestyle change that would be contrary to the Word of God. Our leaders were concerned not only about "this decision" but where "that decision" would lead.

A Bible religion of carefulness was no more in vogue in those days than it is now.

In America, we discarded the holy way. They told us the narrow way was defunct and archaic. If we wanted to fill our churches we would have to take a new way. Anybody or any church attempting to be "careful" was considered a roadblock to progress.

Most took the new way. It didn't work.

With God's presence gone, the churches emptied out and began to close. All across America, beautiful stained glass churches were deserted. There was nothing left but form.

People don't like empty church buildings. A newer plan must be formed.

Since our Christian heritage calls for men and women to be religious- why not allow religion? But blame every command and principle on culture- as if the Bible doesn't speak to our actual lifestyle any longer?

Be religious. Be very religious. But blame every restriction on legalism. Embrace every new deviance as liberty.

From worship styles to membership requirements, accept anything religious that doesn't cost anythingquietly resist anything, no matter how Biblical and sacred, that costs something.

It's working.

People really like this new kind of religion. No commitment. No cross. Only feeling and fellowship.

Nothing uncomfortable. Nothing demanding. Nothing with limitations.

People like to feel OK even when they are not OK.

There is a slight problem with the new religion. It borders on blasphemy. It reminds one of an ancient king who dared to bring the sacred vessels to his party. To the scene of drunkenness and sin, Belshazzar brought the vessels stolen from the temple and lifted them to his lips in joyful merriment.

God interrupted the party and said, "Tonight you are weighed in the balance. You are found wanting. Your kingdom is divided."

This newer plan is working. It's filling the churches back up. Have a party. Have a rock band. Have a team.

Things I've heard...

"WHEN ONE DESPISES THE HOLY LIFE, HE DESPISES GOD."

—James Keaton



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But over on the wall, located near the place where "Holiness Unto the Lord" once was printed- over on the wall, just to the right of the praise team and to the left of the big screen you may well see the whispering finger of Heaven- "You are weighed in the balance. You are found wanting. Your kingdom is divided."

And from every corner of our world come hungry people who simply need the Bread of Life. They are blind and they want to see. They are crippled and they long to walk. They are dying and they want to live. They have had enough of sin- they want to be clean. They need more than a feeling and more than an illusion. They need to come in contact with God.

When the whispering hand of God comes to church may it forever be to bless instead of curse. May that presence come to anoint rather than to destroy. When weighed in the balances, may we not lack. May we never be guilty of bringing sacred vessels to our own little party.



IMPORTANT DATES

June 19–22 Hanover Youth Camp— Hanover, PA

June 30–July 9 Mt. of Blessings Camp
Meeting—Carroll, PA

June 30–July 9 Fellowship Camp Meeting—
Hanover, PA

July 27–28 General Conference of God's Missionary Church—

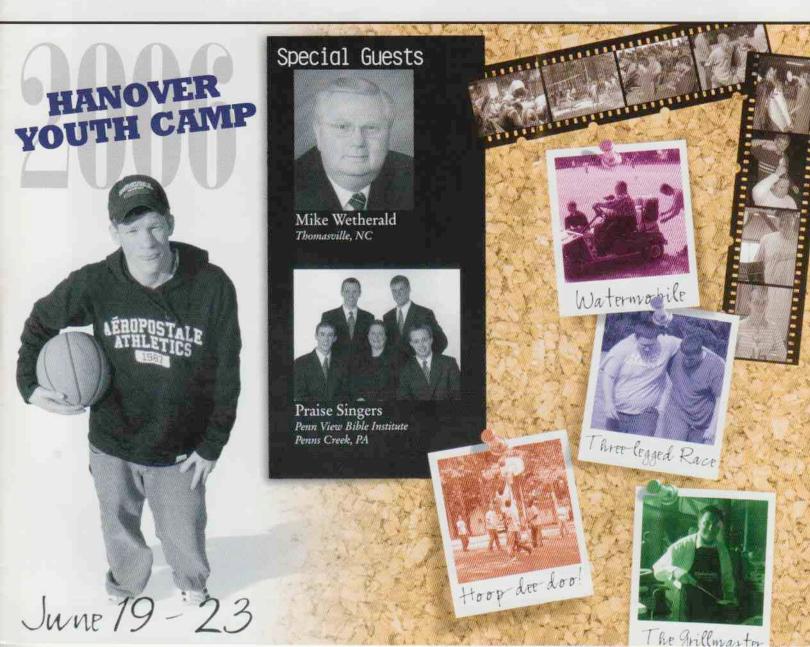
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July 28-August 6 Penns Creek Camp Meeting-

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August 6 Ordination Service Penns

Creek, PA 2:30 PM



Scenes from the 2006 Florida District Camp Meeting

raise the Lord for His outpouring this year. The 2007 camp is scheduled for January 18-28, with evangelists Donald Myers and Joe Smith. Rev. & Mrs. Alan Walter are the scheduled singers.





Center Union Celebrates 50 Years



s history unfolding of inevitable events, or can history be turned by visionary people of God?

Such questions could be answered by looking through the lens of history, as the members of Center Union God's Missionary Church did during a recent service commemorating 50 years of ministry in the greater Bucks Valley area.

A capacity crowd of 135 heard former pastor Timothy Cooley speak from Joshua 4 and the importance of remembering both the vision of God's people and the great things He has accomplished through their faithfulness and obedience.

Before the morning message, Brother Ralph Halter had presented an overview of Center Union's history prior to its beginnings in 1955, before congregational members both young and old highlighted a half-century of Center Union church memories:

- . the smelly outhouse out in back of the church
- the two large trees that once stood in front of the church with "correction branches" on them
- · the tiny vestibule before the church was remodeled
- · the watchnight services
- · the revivals that ran for 10 days
- · the Jarretts, Tillis', and Cooleys
- the Paul Fowler family, the Paul Miller family, the Heller family that come and filled an entire pew
- the bus trips to Gettysburg, Lancaster, Sight and Sound, and Good & Plenty
- missionary services with Brother and Sister Shuey, Victor Glenn, and Juddy Peyton
- · the bus ministry, begun by Adrian and Becky Duttry
- testimonies by faithful Grammy Hetrick and Harold & Anna Halter
- . Margaret Hetrick's children's services
- · Harold Halter, the Life Saver candy man
- Randy Halter playing the organ
- · Rev. Herr acting out his sermons
- · the great Center Union orchestra

Congregational speakers stressed how much these things meant to them and some even commented on how these things had impressed them as teenagers. Faye Hetrick added how her father, the late Rev. George Straub, together with Rev. Russell Herr, acted to establish the little church in Perry County, in part so she would have a holiness church to attend after moving here.

This author never knew George Straub or Russell Herr personally. To many today they may be considered mere historical figures, but what men of vision!

Fifty years later, Center Union's doors are still open, with outreach and various areas of ministry continuing on a weekly basis. We rejoice in a vision that was first realized in 1955, and are reminded and challenged as we think of men like Joshua and Rev. Straub—leaders who had a vision to see God's work move forward—that they were people who saw not just the way things were, but the way they could be, with God's guidance and help.

Church building and growth is not inevitable; it is something that requires the vision and faithfulness of God's people. Both biblical and recent history teaches us that we have much to learn from the past, yet we also have many things to look forward to as we continue to faithfully labor for Him.

What a challenge not only for the people of Center Union, but for the entire body of Christ. God's truth never grows old. And with His grace and help, the work that began here in 1955 will continue, with the Center Union church spreading the message of salvation and holiness in a new age to a needy people.



New Arrivals



Conference President Plank participated in the child dedication ceremony of Regina Marie Dicken at the Delmar church.

The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Darrin Connor, born to John Eric & Tiana Walter, on January 16, 2006.

The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a parsonage daughter, Ryleigh Brooke, born to Pastor & Mrs. Jeffrey Stratton, on February 9, 2006.

The Penns Valley congregation is pleased to announce the birth of parsonage son, Gabriel Joel Mor-



ley, Jr., born to Pastor & Mrs. Gabriel Morley on February 14, 2006.



The Beavertown congregation is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Elisabeth, born to Jon &

Alicia Plank, on May 6, 2006

Weddings

Gilbreth & Julie Dorman were united in marriage on January 14, 2006 in Jamestown, New



York. Gilbreth is the son of Pastor & Mrs. Van Dorman of Mahaffey, Pennsylvania. Gilbreth & Julie reside in Salamanca, New York.



Doug & Sarah Rine were united in marriage on February 11, 2006 in Thomasville, North Carolina, Doug

& Sarah reside in Middleburg, Pennsylvania and are part of the Beavertown congregation.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr.



ev. Earl Deetz,
Jr. passed away
December 25,
2005 in Kissimmee,
Florida where he
had pastored for
many years. Born
September 10, 1932,
Rev. Deetz was instrumental in the history of
God's Missionary Church,

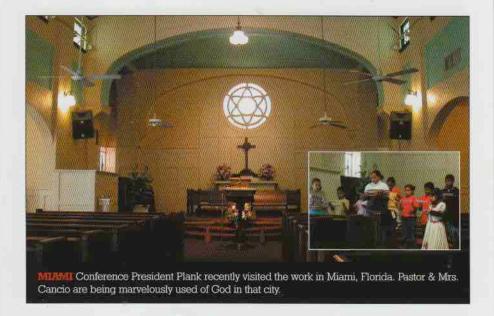
active in church planting and in Bible college work. Rev. Deetz was well known for his music talent and his desire for excellence in all areas of his life. Services were held in Kissimmee, Florida and in Montandon, Pennsylvania. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Ruth, and to his entire family.



In Honduras

ric & Hannah Kuhns have arrived in Honduras. On March 12, 2006, the Beavertown church hosted a farewell and commissioning service for them. This summer they will be home for the birth of their first child.







INTER-CHURCH HOLINESS CONVENTION The Penn View Bible Institute college & high school choirs singing at Inter-Church Holiness Convention in Dayton, Ohio. The convention is held each April and represents the conservative holiness movement worldwide. Rev. Leonard Sankey chairs the convention. Conference President Harry F. Plank and Pastor Jeremy Fuller took part in speaking responsibilities this year.

2006 Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention





he 2006 Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention has become a blessing to our young people. Rev. Eric Himelick of Indianapolis, Indiana was the scheduled speaker this year. The messages were challenging and the times around the altar victorious. Bible college groups ministered in song and testimony. The fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Junods Complete Language School

ongratulations to Ron & Esther Junod upon graduation from Spanish language school. They are currently directing the Tex-Mex ministries of God's Missionary Church in Donna, Texas.

Deaths

Rev. Wesley Smeal, 90, formerly of New Berlin, Pennsylvania passed away December 12, 2005. From 1973-1989.



Rev. Smeal taught at Penn View Bible Institute. He was a retired minister with the Brethren in Christ Church, having also served three United Methodist pastorates. A very unique and gifted theologian, Rev. Smeal will long be remembered as a humble follower of God. Services were held in Bedford, Pennsylvania by Rev. James Haddon.

Ruel D. Glasgow, 100, passed away December 28, 2006 in State College, Pennsylvania. He was a long time part of the Penns Valley congregation. Ruel & Renee Glasgow were supporters of G.I. Straub and his early meetings. Ruel's wife, Renee, played the organ for tent meetings in the early days. Many of the early preachers such as Straub, Rachau. Moore and Wise were regular visitors in the Glasgow's tiny, simple home. Ruel supported Penn View Bible Institute and the Zerby/Penns Valley church. He loved the Lebanon Valley Gospel Band. Well-loved in the community and beloved by many children who he gave candy and change to through the many years. Pastor Gabriel Morley conducted his funeral.



Joanne Hobbs, 63, passed away January 17, 2006. Her husband, Rev. Michael Hobbs, is pastor of the Helfen-

stein church. She was known for her radiant smile and testimony. Services were held in Coal Township, Pennsylvania. Burial was in Tipp City, Ohio. Her husband, Rev. Michael Hobbs conducted the funeral. God's Missionary Church joins the local congregation at Helfenstein in expressing sympathy at this time.

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Rev. V.O. Agan served our camps, schools and churches as evangelist on numerous occasions. He and his wife graced our movement as excel-

lent examples of holiness- the message he constantly preached. Rev. Agan was most noted for serving as Conference President of the Alabama Connection of the Bible Methodist Church. He passed away on March 25, 2006.



Grace Peiffer, 92, passed away May 2, 2006, at Countryside Christian Community in Annville, Pennsylvania. A faithful member of

God's Missionary Church for most of her life, Grace is remembered for her excellent hospitality and spiritual fervor. It was in her home that Rev. George Straub and Rev. Truman Wise held meetings in the early days of the conference. She was a past member of the Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band. Her funeral was conducted in Pillow by Rev. Paul Miller and Rev. Albert Kehler. Burial was in the God's Missionary Cemetery in Pillow.

Iva Marie "Ivy" Howell, 86, passed away May 2, 2006. She was from Selinsgrove and was a charter member of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Richfield. She was a devoted mother who enjoyed gardening, church and reading her Bible. Her funeral was conducted by her Pastors, Rev. Aaron McCarty and Rev. Brent Lenhart.

Joseph Fultz, 73, went home to be with the Lord on May 10, 2006. He was the Sunday School Superintendent of the Penns Creek church. He

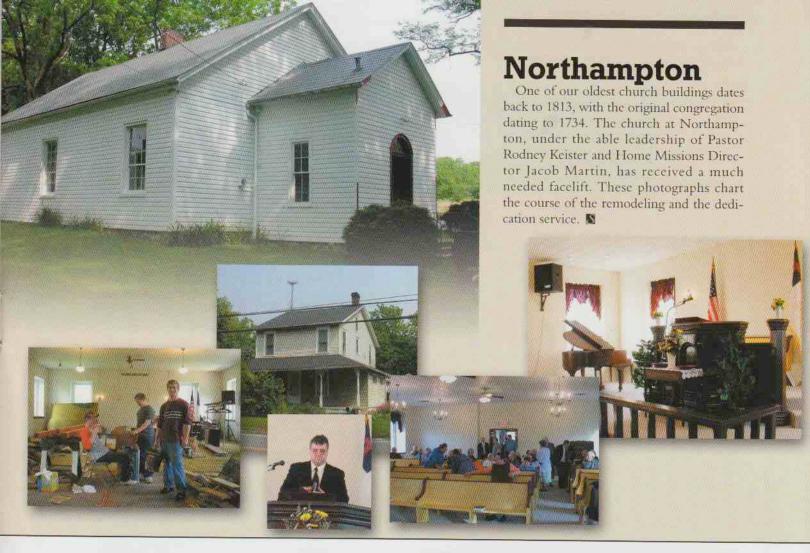


was known for his faithfulness to his church and family. Our sympathy to his wife and family at this loss. The funeral was conducted at the Penns Creek church by his son, Rev. Mark Fultz. His pastor, Rev. Alan Walter assisted along with several other ministers.

2006 Minister's Retreat

he Annual Minister's Retreat, February 20-22, was a wonderful time for ministers and their wives. Held again at Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pennsylvania, the meeting was a time of refreshment for all. Rev. & Mrs. Noel Scott were the special guest speakers. Conference President & Mrs. Plank, along with other members of the conference family worked hard to make the event a success. Rev. Alvin Shaffer was elected by those present to receive the 2006 Ministry Appreciation Award. In a separate ladies session, Anna Smith was honored for her years of ministry and her example in missions and ministry.







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Evangelist

Special Events

Penn View Bible Institute Sunday – July 2 – 2.30 p.m. Independence Day Service Tuesday – July 4 – 2.30 p.m. Home Missions Service Wednesday – July 5 – 6.30 p.m. World Missions Service Sunday – July 9 – 2.50 p.m. Children & Youth Services Monday – Friday – 2.30 p.m.



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7:30 a.m.	Prayer.	2:30 p.m.	Children & Youth Services
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	2:30 p.m.	Bible Study/ Preaching
9.30 a.m.	Sunday School (Senday Chila)	4:30 p.m.	Supper
10:30 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Colleges
12:00 noon	Dinner	7:30 p.m. (Sunday 6:30 p.m.)	Evangelistic Service

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MEMORIES



Dreams to Reality The old wooden tabernacle on the Penns Creek Campgrounds had burned and the year following, camp meeting was conducted in a large tent. This photograph was taken at the groundbreaking service for the new tabernacle. Rev. Kenneth Walter is holding an artist's rendition of what the building will look like. Rev. G.I. Straub is seen to the left holding a shovel. The building would become reality and be named the "George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle."

The Preachers Page

"Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it." —Job 28:1

When a minor looks at the rope that is to lower him into the deep mine, he may coolly say, "I have faith in that rope as well made and strong." But when he lays hold of it, and swings down by it into the tremendous chasm, then he is believing on the rope. Then he is trusting himself to the rope. It is not a mere opinion—it is an act. The minor just lets go of everything else, and bears his whole weight on those well-braided strands of hemp. Now that is faith. And when a human soul lets go of every other reliance in the wide universe and hangs upon the atoning Jesus, that soul "believes on Christ." —T. Cuyler

Three Graces

Paith is a Geologist—looking down to the foundations of things, searching out basal principals, and finding the imperishable granite on which alone immortals may securely build.

Hope is an Astronomer—looking up to the regions that lie beyond the domain of the senses, and never resting till she sees afar that brighter world that men call Heaven. To its possessor this hope is "sure and certain," and "maketh not ashamed."

Charity is a Botanist—looking around upon the familiar haunts of flowers, and gathering from moorland, mead and sylvan glen, forms of beauty and fragrant odors, but that other eyes may be brightened, and that other hearts may be made glad. —J. Briggs

The dressing room is on this side of the river; we must don our white robes of purity here, and go up to the palace of God washed in the blood of the Lamb.—J.W. Hill I ow fond we all are of that which is bright and clean. Boys and girls like clean garments, a clean face, clean hands, a clean book, and a clean home—all these are your delight. God also loves that which is free from blot or stain, and best of all, he likes to look upon a clean heart.

- I. What is it? A clean heart is a heart that is free from:
 - 1. The Record of Sin—Sin leaves its history written upon the walls of our mind. A black, dark record. Forgiveness washes away this record.
 - 2. The Nature of Sin—Sanctification changes our nature
 - 3. The Power of Sin is canceled
- II. What are its advantages?
 - 1. It brings us the best company. Eph 3:17
 - It makes us strong to overcome temptation. John 14:30
 - 3. It makes us useful to others. Ps 51:13
 - 4. It fits us for Heaven, Matt 5:8
- III. How are we to obtain it?
 - 1. We cannot buy it, Micah 6:6.7
 - 2. We cannot make it. Jer 13:23
 - 3. It must be created in us by God. Ez 36:26
 - 4. It is obtained by Faith. Acts 15:9

Who will today ask for this blessing of a clean heart?

—Rev. R. Brewin (edited)

"If you pray till you weep, the thirsty plants of grace will grow in your heart."

-G.D. Watson

Pens from the Past

... holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

very now and then the papers report that another preacher has declared for the theatre, dancing, card playing, and other kindred things, we can but wonder why such men stay in the church and pulpit who have drifted so far from spirituality and true holiness. If they have become sinful, why not go back at once to their crowd? Why try to bring the world into the church to suit their depraved and backslided tastes? If they prefer to be degenerated instead of regenerated, and walk with men instead of God, let them "go to their own place," as Judas did to his. There is a great multitude of Christians in the land who cannot be persuaded that Jesus would attend a theatre, a dance hall, or a card playing party; and they want to be like Him in all things. Why should they forego a heavenly example for a worldly standard because every now and then some shorn Samson in broadcloth and beaver hat bids his congregation to follow him instead of the immaculate cross-bearing Son of God? Aesop tells of a fox that in some manner had the misfortune to lose his tail. But, being a fox and quite adroit in mental matters, he framed a fine argument and glowing speech in praise and defense of a tailless body. He urged that it was cool, to begin with, and such a restful deliverance from the burden in that part of the physical frame. There was nothing to carry, etc., etc. He then begged his brethren to cut off their caudal attachments and enter into the like freedom and advantage which he enjoyed. The foxes assembled in convention, and lis-

tened gravely for a while. But as they took in their unfortunate brother's "bobbed off" appearance, and noted his agony in fly time, there was a general smile in the assembly, an incredulous look in every eye, and a unanimous vote passed that they would not part with the plumy appendage which a beneficent Providence had bestowed upon them. The moral of all this is that when a man loses his religious experience, and gets spiritually sheared, denuded, or bobbed off by the world or the devil, at once his cry is heard in the land against the severity of church rules. He pleads for what he calls toleration, broadness, and liberty, which is only another name with him for license in the ways of worldliness and sin. He has become a sinner and wants others to follow. He may have kept the form of godliness, but has lost the power, and craves his brethren to be in alike condition with himself. The newspapers give him credit for being an advanced thinker, when he is a retrograding doer. From being a convert, he became a divert, then a pervert, and is now a subvert, posing as a teacher of ethics or morals, and applauded by worldlings in and out of the church as a reformer and a kind of second John Wesley. But God will show him up at the Judgement Day, and perhaps even this side of the grave, as a spiritual fraud and humbug, a travesty on a gospel ambassador, and a downright backslider in heart and life; and that, too, all the while he was attitudinizing in the pulpit as a teacher and leader of immortal souls. &

- Beverly Carradine, "Living Illustrations"

"To believe in God is to be sure that He will fulfill His promise," —Dr. Beet

God's Missionary Church



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SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:15 AM (SUNDAY SCHOOL), 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM AND 7:00 PM

71" Annual Conference-God's Missionary Church: Thursday and Friday, July 27-28

Penn View Bible Institute School Service: Sunday, July 30

Missions Day: Tuesday, August 1

GMC Ordination Service: Sunday, August 6, 2:30 pm

Lebanon Valley Gospel Band: Sunday, August 6, 6:30 pm

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