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Rev. George I. Straub, Supt.
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ROBERT BOOTH

For the past 65 years, *God's Missionary Standard* has been official publication of God's Missionary Church. Throughout these 65 years, hundreds of writers have written thousands of pages as they have proclaimed the message of Jesus Christ and shared with readers news from the various churches, camp meetings and missionaries around the world. The vision of G. I. Straub and other early leaders was for the Standard to uplift the discouraged, point sinners to Christ, and be a catalyst for believers to be sanctified.

That vision continues, and the *Standard* moves forward. Over these years, the Standard has taken on a new appearance, moved more towards themed issues and began a presence online. Now you can scroll back and view hundreds of archived issues of the *Standard* on our website. We will continue to explore digital methods and social media in an attempt to lift up the name of Christ. We recognize that the *Standard* represents who God's Missionary Church is, and the editorial staff wants to represent it to the best of our ability.

This issue pays tribute to our past, by highlighting a few editors of the past. We have included the first editorial of the inaugural issue written by George Straub. Other editorials that we have included were written by William Rachau, Thomas Frantz, Paul Miller and James Plank. I asked Carol Hoskins to write short biographies of Straub, Rachau, Frantz and Miller. She did an excellent job in capturing who they were. 65 years of the publication of the Standard has quickly come and gone. And we believe that with the help and direction of God, the best is yet to come.

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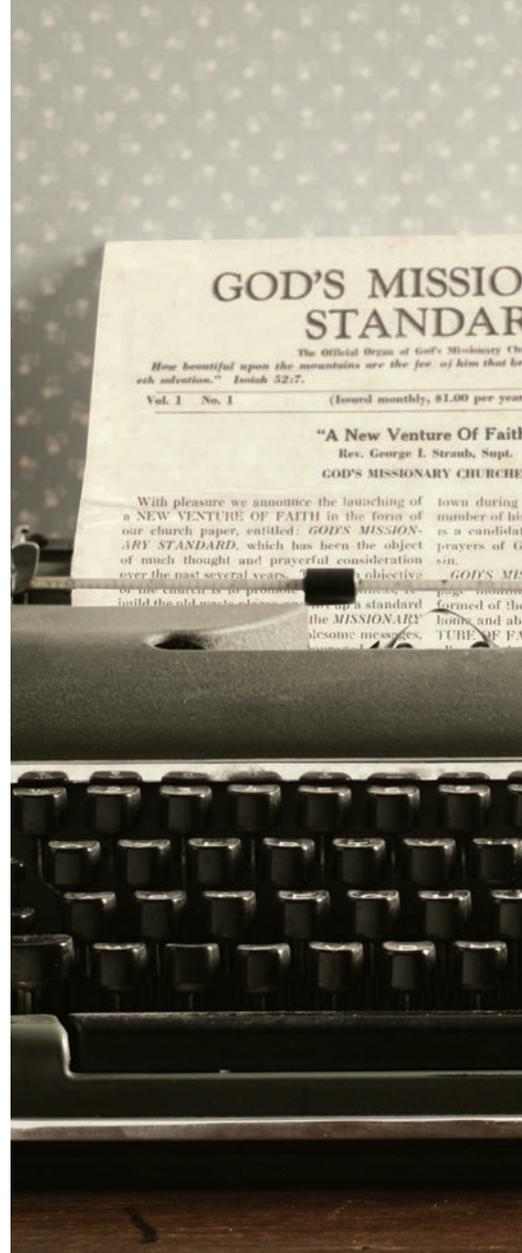
A NEW VENTURE of FAITH

GEORGE I. STRAUB

With pleasure we announce the launching of a new venture of faith in the form of our church paper, entitled, *God's Missionary Standard*, which has been the object of much thought and prayerful consideration over the past several years. The main objective of the church is to promote Bible holiness, to rebuild the old waste places and lift up a standard for God's people. I trust that the *God's Missionary Standard*, with its rich wholesome messages will be a great uplift to the discouraged and despondent heart. Religious periodicals and good church literature should be placed in every home to help combat the much bad literature now in circulation. The liquor and tobacco interests believe in advertising their products. They spend great amounts of money on billboards along the highways, which have great influence in misleading America.

The theaters have launched a new drive to captivate the hearts and minds of the public, by introducing the drive-in theater by the wayside with plenty of parking available for hundreds of cars. The showmen are doing what the church was commanded to do, go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come then.

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George I. Straub CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. George I. Straub was 21 years of age in the early 1930's, but God had already charted a course for his life that he could have never imagined in his wildest dreams. A tent meeting on his step-father's farm was where he gave his heart to the Lord. Soon after, at another tent meeting, the Holy Spirit entirely sanctified him and he was forever changed. The fire of the Holy Spirit ignited a flame of desire within him to share the Gospel with others. He began to hold tent meetings and revivals and then began pastoring. The fire spread, and today we are indebted to him and to many others for the heritage of our God's Missionary Church Conference as well as the Penn View Bible Institute and Academy.

Bro. Straub had a deep love in his heart for the Lord, as well as for people, and this love gave him heaven-sent credentials as the leader of our Conference for over forty years. He often shared stories of the past, especially humorous ones. He would laugh just as hard with each telling, as when he had told it the first time. His humor helped release the tension of many a board meeting or conference problem; they laughed together, and then went back to the business at hand with more relaxed spirits.

The call God planted in his heart was always first, but farming was in his blood. Stopping by his house, one could find him in his bib overalls with a big hat, riding a tractor or feeding a few calves. Farming was his method of relaxing, but he didn't allow that to take away from time with his heavenly Father's business. He was a balanced conference president who helped shape the pastors, churches, and other leaders toward a life of Bible Holiness. The influence of his life lives on in others, and only Heaven will reveal how one life, totally sold out to God, has made the eternal difference for many. —CH



JULY 1949

THE VINEYARD of your LIFE

WILLIAM RACHAU

Iwent by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof and the stone wall was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction." - Proverbs 24:30-32

As we consider the three verses of scripture above, we note the word slothful. In order that we may understand the remainder of the passage, let us examine the meaning of this word. According to Webster's dictionary, slothful means, "lazy, idle or careless." It is alarming to see how many who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ, are lazy, idle, or careless. In other words, they are slothful. God forbid that these words ever be applied to our holiness people.

First of all, I believe the field and Vineyard here spoken about, picture our lives. "I went by the field" leads us to believe that someone is always watching our lives. Someone is watching where we go, what we say, and how we act under certain circumstances. The words, "watch your step" that are printed on public vehicles should be noted by everyone who professes to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

In the second place, we want to consider what this observer who went by the field did not see. Some things are conspicuous by their absence. This writer noticed that there was no grain or fruit. These things should've been there. We have every right to expect fruit from the life of one who is claiming to be a follower of Christ. It is a tragic thing to notice that some who claim to be followers of Christ never have a burden for souls; never see any activity for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world. Again, he did not see a clean field. Fruits and grain cannot long survive in a field that is left to grow up in weeds and briars: neither will Christ abide in a heart full continued on **page 9**

William Rachau

Rev. William Rachau was a "sweet saint." He was definitely not St. Nicholas, but his eyes how they twinkled, his laugh how merry. His love for God and his love for people made him a "delicious" pastor and conference leader. Many times his conversation was filled with humor, but when it came to the eternal destiny of souls, it was very serious business.

Bro. Bill Rachau was one of the very early ministers of the God's Missionary Church, joining in 1947 and serving until his death in 1972. He served on the General Board and became editor of the Gods Missionary Standard. Under his leadership and life of sweet Bible holiness, the churches he pastored grew spiritually and numerically. He believed in and lived a close walk with the Lord which caused others to want the changed life that he had. ☑ —CH



APRIL 1950

ENCOURAGEMENT in the midst of SADNESS

THOMAS E. FRANTZ

The same day of the resurrection, two disciples were walking along the dusty highway to the town of Emmaus, a distance greater than 7 miles from Jerusalem. With discouragement written on their faces, they were plodding wearily along, speaking of the mutual sadness, and renewing their memory of everything they had seen and heard of Jesus. What a perfect picture of today. We plod wearily along the way with many heavy burdens. Some of the burdens we bear are our own, while some are those for whom we pray for.

There is a very decided progression in their journey.

THEIR COMPANIONSHIP

These two Christians set out on a journey that day and walked together. The Scriptures declare: "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" We do need more good wholesome fellowship with one another. If people professing experiences in God's grace cannot get along together, there is poor hope for sinful men to agree. In these awful days of wickedness, we must have fellowship with those of the "inner circle" of grace.

A soldier fresh from battle was questioned if he fell instantly when he was wounded. Listeners were impressed as he replied, "No, I didn't fall, for when the boys saw I was hurt, they crowded so close to me I couldn't fall."

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Thomas Frantz

Rev. Thomas Frantz went to the Milesburg Gods Missionary Church in 1954 and God blessed his ministry there with a growing congregation until 1966. The small country "Church on the Hill" was left behind in 1958 when, after many long hours of work, the group was able to move into the newly built "Church in the Valley" where the congregation continues to worship.

Bro. Frantz had a ready smile and often had a new chorus to sing. During his time in Milesburg, he had a radio broadcast, owned a Bible Book Store, became editor of the Gods Missionary Standard and served on the General Board of the Gods Missionary Conference. The marks of his strong leadership continue to influence the Milesburg community today. 📌 —CH





APRIL 1967

GRIT, GRACE and GREY-MATTER

PAUL MILLER

The word of God declares that Stephen was full faith and the Holy Spirit. One cannot in the least doubt the real need of a genuine faith in God and the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. John Wesley said, “only 10% of those professing to have the Holy Spirit and the holy sanctified actually are.” What a statement!

I do not believe that we face any harder times, spiritually than our fathers did for we are not dying at the stake, being crucified upside down, or cast into the arena with wild beasts, yet we are in a very subtle age. I believe the greatest danger today is not the above-mentioned things, but the danger of it all becoming too easy to be deceived. In this age, three definite entities must characterize the true follower of Jesus if we will reach the end of the race.

1. GRIT

One of the great qualities of those men who are responsible for the founding of our great country was the ability to, not only begin a job, but stay with it until it was completed. When we first contemplate a project we think of the finished project often times forgetting the toil and tears in between.

I once introduced a young man to a school where I was at the time taking a course. I told of the advantage I had experienced from the course and the help I already received from it. He soon became interested and thought of the advantages in the end of the course and decided to take it too. However he did not think of the many hours of study and work involved in the reception of the diploma and after a few weeks and many excuses discontinued the course.

According to the dictionary, grit means to have courage, tenacity, and firmness of character. How desperately we need these qualities if we intend to reach the goal for which

Paul Miller

Rev. Paul F. Miller came into the God’s Missionary Church Conference in 1950 as a single young man, having left his “dream farm” to follow the call of the Lord to preach the Gospel. That call brought him to his first church and to Janet, the wife God had chosen for him, and took him through many pastorates in our Conference. Bro. Miller became the very able Youth Crusaders President, editor of the Gods Missionary Standard and Assistant Superintendent. Later, the honored, but heavy role of General Superintendent was laid on his shoulders. His steady, gentle wisdom blessed our entire Conference not only through calm waters, but also through stormy times as well.

Bro. Miller always had time to care about the individual joys and problems of those who were touched by his life. Age was never a barrier, for he willingly played with the youngest child and gently cared about the aged. He continues to be a blessing to all who know him with his consistent, godly influence.  —CH



we have begun to strive. Many folks start to be a Christian, but to be spiritual means to spend time in prayer, fasting, and much studying of the scripture. To do this one must have more grit than is the average in this give-up-easy age.

II. GRACE

There are several definitions of this word and the commonly accepted one is the unmerited favor of God upon man. There are however, several others that offer much meaning to the subject at hand.

A. Beauty in form and manner

Some are thinking, what about the times of emotional demonstration, is this the beauty of form? Certainly, if it is of God. The old saints who felt the religion, added something to the service that has never been forgotten.

One of the things that made me desire this way was the holy demonstration of the Saints. I can recall one especially who with shining face and streaming tears expressed her inner joy. I thought within myself, if I ever get religion, I want that kind. Emotionalism does not do this, but the blessing from the Lord does. We may get emotional about many things that will not affect the soul, but the real blessing the Lord brings results.

B. An attractive quality

Some folks say holiness is offensive, but I must disagree with that kind of thinking. There is a real beauty in holiness. I once met a young lady who was probably the most unattractive soul I ever met, as far as facial features are concerned. Other students at first made much fun of her. While others complained and murmured, she went about singing and praising the Lord. She was never too busy or tired to help someone in need and always had the most humble spirit. God actually gave her beauty for ashes; her adornment was not outward but inward. It was not too long until those who first made fun of her, began to rely upon her prayers and became hungry for God when she testified. May God give us of his inward adorning.

It was this beauty and holiness that attract the world's vilest of men to religion in the bygone days. It was when uncle Bud Robinson, with tears streaming down his face, embraced a drunken man that he was melted to tears and began begging God for mercy.

C. A spiritual endowment

This is an abundance of abounding grace. The special quality that enables us to stand when all around us are falling. We are quite sure we will not be able to stand in ourselves, but Isaiah 40:31 tells us "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

III. GREY-MATTER

One does not need to be a genius to get to heaven, but we do desperately need men and women with some degree of spiritual discernment. Many today seem to take everything at face value, or what from the surface it appears to be. Yet, things are not always what they appear to be. We need to be able to know the difference between truth and error. The tragic truth is we can listen to error so long that after while it appears to be truth. Many people have listened to some radio broadcasts that were predominantly Calvinistic in theology, and knew it to be in the beginning, but after a while fell in line with their thinking, lost the fire and glory, and wondered when they it happened.

We need to be able to distinguish between the voice of God and the enemy. Jesus said, my sheep know my voice. Yet, the enemy comes as an angel of light, unless we are living close to God we might mistake the voice.

We are living in a subtle age. We must know the truth and persist in the ways of true holiness. We must be full of faith and the Holy Spirit and have added to these grit, grace, and grey-matter. 📌

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God's Missionary Standard is an eight-page monthly paper, that will keep you well-informed of the great work the church is doing at home and abroad. I trust that this new venture of faith will prove a great blessing to all who subscribe to the *Standard*. In the closing hours of this day and age, with the evening sun fast setting, we must lift up our heads, join hands, and do our best to promote his great work, and spread scriptural holiness and revival literature in which Jesus will be exalted and the Holy Spirit honored. The need of the hour is a sin-killing revival and ministry that will go forth wielding the sword of truth before a lost and dying world. Let us rally to the cross, and rekindle the revival fires about our altars, until the

spirit of formality and deadness which has gripped our hearts will be broken.

Let every reader join us in prayer for another venture of faith which will soon be launched by the way of a home missionary program. Several large tents have been purchased to promote the work on the home front. In order that such can be successfully carried out, we will need the cooperation and prayers of the various churches.

Let the young people organize prayer bands and serve as rope holders. Begin to pray now for the neglected villages both at home and abroad. Let us marshal our efforts against the forces of darkness, gather up our spiritual loins against sin, and wage a good warfare. Let us rally to the standards of the cross, and lift up the bloodstained banner before a dying world. 📌



JANUARY 2000

REFLECTION and RESOLUTION

JAMES PLANK

God's Missionary Church is not 100 years old. As far as denominations go, our 1935 birthday makes our church young. And yet, at this momentous year 2000, it is time to reflect and resolve.

We reflect on years of stability. Our 65 years of ministry has certainly not been without misunderstanding and occasional division. Yet, the record is clear: God's Missionary Church has never suffered a split or been part of a "come-out" movement. The leadership of George Straub, Truman Wise and Paul Miller, combined with present leadership have given a steady hand to the affairs of state.

We reflect on years of service. Local congregations, through our Bible College, and around the world in missionary evangelism have spread members of God's Missionary Church for the proclamation of the Gospel. In Castro's Cuba, in Mongolian orphanages, behind walls of poverty in Haiti, in the heathen cultures of Africa, Taiwan and beyond, members of God's Missionary Church have served well.

We reflect on years of spirituality. The doctrine remains pure. The convictions remain clear. The Wesleyan Methodist heritage is alive at the turn of the millennium. The constant barbs and sneers have made the Conservative Holiness Movement a defensive collection of organizations. God's Missionary Church stands as a bright oasis of conservatism with a cause. The vision of humble Pennsylvania Dutchman has contributed to a denomination leading the way for evangelism, outreach and piety.

We reflect. It is not wrong to reflect. It is good to look back and say to God be the glory, great things He has done!

But if we only reflect we have lost the battle before begins. If we only look back and only remember and only recall, we have ceased to exist at the church,. We must also resolve!

At this dawning age, we resolve to see the kingdom of God advanced. We resolve to see the world brought to the knowledge of the Savior. We resolve to lift our heads high and march into the battle under the banner of the King of Kings and Lord of lords. If the church will stay under His banner, the outcome of the battle is sure. The old ship of Zion sails on. Defeat is not in our vocabulary! ❏

James Plank

Rev. James Plank graduated from Penn View Bible Institute and began pastoring the Beavertown God's Missionary Church. God has blessed his ministry at Beavertown; many lives have been transformed by the power of God. The church in recent years dedicated a new building. In 1999, Bro. Plank assumed responsibility of the God's Missionary Standard, a position he held until 2007, when he became editor of the Convention Herald, the publication of the Inter-Church Holiness Convention. As editor of the Standard, he dramatically improved the design of the Standard, including updating it from a one-color periodical, to full-color. The marks of his leadership as husband, father, pastor, and assistant secretary for the IHC influence God's Missionary Church and the Conservative Holiness Movement. ❏ —RB



continued from **page 4** of sin and carelessness. John 15:5 says “he that abides in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.”

Lastly, he did not see a single person working in the field, or vineyard. Oh, how many who profess to follow Jesus Christ today never work at the job of winning the precious souls about them. If a man is a farmer, we expect him to till the soil; if he is a grocer, we expect to sell groceries. Likewise, even the unsaved expect the Christian to produce some fruit after hard labor.

In the third place, we want to know what this observer did see as he passed the field and vineyard. He saw thorns and nettles. These were elements that did not belong there. They picture to us the sins and faults that come to slothful lives. When we cease to cultivate worship, Christ is crowded out of our lives and briars and weeds thrive. We fall into the class of whom Jesus said, “why cumbereth it the ground?” in the parable of the sower, Jesus compared thorns and briars to the cares of this life.

He saw the stone wall was broken down. The wall kept out all that would destroy the fruit. When one gets careless and slothful, the walls of his soul collapse and the enemy comes in like a flood, bringing with him all types of thorns and briars to plant there. But we can pray a wall of faith around us, that the enemy will not get through!

In this life someone is always looking on your life to see if he can find the right Christian spirit there. What does the observer see in the field of your life? The thorns or briars, or does he see fruit unto life eternal?

Last of all, the one who had observed the sad conditions declares in verse 32, “then I saw and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.” Apparently the brother who viewed these things had decided in his heart that he should not take that way, but have a clean field, in which would flourish the things of our God. Check over the vineyard of your life, and see what you find there. 📌

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THEIR CONVERSATION

“And they talked together of all these things which had happened” - Luke 24:14. They didn’t talk about the other brothers, but about the things of God. It is to be noted that it was here, in the midst of conversing and communing, that Jesus drew near and went with them. We need not expect the Lord’s presence when we fail to discuss spiritual things, and talk about His goodness and blessing on our hearts. It is evident that they did not agree in every part of their conversation, for they were “reasoning” together. John Wesley was asked after the funeral of George Whitefield if he expected to see Brother Whitefield in heaven. Wesley knew it was a trick question, for the lady well knew there had been great differences between him and Whitefield on points of doctrine. She was not surprised at Wesley’s answer when he responded “no”. But Wesley continued, “No, I do not expect to see Mr. Whitefield in heaven, that is, for a long time. For he will be so close to the throne, and I will be so far back that is possible I shall not see him for many years.”

THEIR COMFORTER

“Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them.” The risen Lord asked what their sad conversation was centered upon. Cleopas told Him of the recent trial, death, burial and the events surrounding the resurrection of Jesus saying, “Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was

alive” - verses 22-23. The traveler was somewhat loathe to believe the report, and yet he desired to do so. At this, Jesus began to teach them from the prophets and Moses about His destiny, which was to die for mankind. All too soon they reached Emmaus, where Christ was going to part company with them. But...

THEIR CONSTRAINT

Verse 29 records their urging, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.” Christ had in mind to go farther had not they urged Him to stay. What a glorious privilege was to be theirs, to entertain the divine Son of God. He who had just risen from the dead! Thank God we may do the same today. In this day and age that we live in, we should constrain the Savior to abide in our hearts.

THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS

As He sat with them, He blessed the bread and “their eyes were opened and they knew Him.” At this point He vanished. Joyfully they shouted the words of the text ... “Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way?” The hour was not too late, nor the distance too great, they set out for Jerusalem to break the news to the eleven. Away they sped over the same highway. They were not sad any longer, but ran with a purpose and a message; “He lives!” One can imagine the joy and amazement as they burst into the disciples’ residence with the glorious news, “The Lord is risen indeed!

In a time when evil seemingly runs unchecked, let us spread abroad the message that Christ is risen from the dead! 📌



RO PHOTOGRAPHY

Congratulations to Christian & Holly (Wrightsmen) Walker on their marriage! They were married on June 7, 2014 at Beavertown PA.



Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Mosley on the birth of Caleb Lee! Caleb was born on June 30, 2014.

Baptism Service at White Haven

On May 4, 2014, two individuals were baptized at the White Haven God's Missionary Church. The two individuals that were baptized by Pastor Thomas Ramsey, were James Searfoss and Kenneth Bellfield. Both testified before being baptized and there were tears of joy and shouts of victory from the candidates and those who were witness to the occasion. ❏

Passings



RUTH PHOEBUS MILLER of Hobe Sound, went to her heavenly reward peacefully in her sleep June 9, 2014. She was 85.

Ruth was born in Bowling Green, MO where she lived through high school. She graduated from Greenville College in Illinois and spent most of her career teaching commercial arts at Frankfort Pilgrim High School in Frankfort, IN and Hobe Sound Bible School and College in Hobe Sound, FL. She loved her students and considered it such a privilege to spend over 25 years teaching in Bible Schools.

Two husbands, Gordon F. Phoebus and William Price, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Jacob A. Miller, children Wesley and Betty (Poe) Phoebus of Brookings, OR, Stephen and Rebecca (Phoebus) Mackel of Loganville, GA, David and Roberta (Vermilyea) Miller of Thomasville, NC, William and Marilyn (Miller) French of Anderson, SC, Paul and Ann (Johnson) Miller of Knoxville TN, Dale and Rebecca (Miller) Heintzelman of Orlando, FL, Philip and Rhoda (Miller) Valentine of Newport, TN, Philip and Judy (Bubb) Miller of Winfield, PA, Esther Miller of Summerfield, FL, as well as 24 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

REV. EDWIN P. MAYES, 88, of Hobe Sound, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 13, 2014, at Saint Lucie Hospice House in Fort Pierce, FL.

He was born Aug. 11, 1925, in Lewistown, Pa., a son of the late Arthur and Irene (Brown) Mayes. His death breaks a marital union of 64 years to the former Ethel O. Goss who survives.

Rev. Mayes dedicated his life to Christian education and served as the first principal at the Penn View Bible Institute in Penns Creek, Pa., and also served as principal at the Hobe Sound Academy. He had also pastored churches in Pennsylvania and Florida.

He was affiliated with the Pilgrim Holiness and God's Missionary churches.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra O. and Mike Wetherald, of Hicksville, Ohio, and Dorcas C. and Charles Bowser, of Thomasville, N.C.; one son and daughter-in-law, Timothy E. and Naomi Mayes, of Hobe Sound; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Russell Mayes, of Camp Hill, Pa.; and two sisters, Grace Yohn and Minnie Shaffer, both of Altoona, Pa. ❏

president

March 30: I preached for the morning service at the Northampton Church. It was good to be with this congregation and fellowship with Pastor and Mrs. David Walter and Jessica during the wonderful Sunday dinner they provided.

Travel was slow through an ice storm, but we arrived on time for the evening service at the New Columbia Church. It was good to be with friends old and new. Pastors Ellison and Miller are doing a great job and their wives sure are good cooks!

April 2: We enjoyed the message by Rev. Gary Brugger this evening at the Penn View Missions Convention. Also, long-time Penn View Missions Director, Steve Mowery was honored for his years of service during this service. He is now the director of the Lebanon Gospel Center.

April 4: I spoke at the Beavertown Men's Retreat. Their theme was "No Regrets". My subject was, "No Regrets for Selling Out To Go with God". It was a joy to be with these fine fellows, (even with the unexpected passing out of one young man, guitar and all during my message).

April 6: We visited the Lehigh Church and enjoyed a lovely ham dinner in the home of Lamar and Julie Moyer. The congregation has been busy preparing for the return of Pastor Marvin Mosley and family.

April 10: Rachel and I attended a dinner at the Country Cupboard restaurant for Penn View supporters in the evening. We were honored to hear the Praise Singers. John Zechman and Frank Heidler reminded us of the many financial needs of Penn View.

April 12: We enjoyed the annual ham dinner with lots of fresh leeks, while visiting with relatives at the cabin in Brookland, PA.

April 13: My Sunday nap was interrupted by a call from Dan Durkee asking me to preach the closing service of revival meeting at the Gratz Emmanuel Wesleyan Church. Their evangelist, Rollin Mitchell, was taken to the emergency room in severe pain, the results of complications from a recent medical procedure. We quickly got ready and traveled the hour-long drive, arriving just on time.

April 19: This was the day of our auction sale. Lots of people got bargains, and we were glad that many of them were friends. Many people helped with our moving process. Some came several days. Some brought a meal or served as runners for the auction and in many other ways. We so deeply appreciate everyone, whether your part was great or small.

April 22-24: We enjoyed a 'rest' from moving, by attending the Inter-Church Holiness Convention at Dayton, OH.

April 26: We traveled to the Pittsfield, PA Wesleyan Methodist Church for the funeral of Mrs. Barry Sweitzer's father, Rev. John Kunselman.

April 27: We enjoyed being with Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Cooley and congregation, and appreciated the great Sunday dinner in the parsonage.

We visited the Bermudian Church where their long-term pianist who was not physically able to attend, listened in via phone as I preached. Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. Wilmer Paulus for the wonderful steak on the grill dinner at your home. Thank you to Larry Brunk for the good report on the work of the Gideons at the Beavertown Church in the evening.



HARRY PLANK

May 8: Our son Jim and I enjoyed visiting with Rev. Jerry Bell as his wife, Elizabeth, was speaking to the ladies of the Beavertown Church.

May 16: I traveled to Shelbyville, IN to attend the funeral of Andrea Gray. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family, who suffered such a great loss on Mother's Day.

May 24-26: We attended Penn View's year-end concert, baccalaureate and graduation. Congratulations to the class of 2014.

June 31: We traveled along with my mother, Aunt Margery and cousin Vicki to Van Etten, NY for the wedding of my brother's son. Congratulations Matthew and Melissa!

June 1: We enjoyed being with the congregation at Salamanca, NY on the Seneca Indian reservation. These fine folk prepared a lovely meal for the entire congregation in the parsonage after the service.

June 4: I conducted an election for a new pastor at the Blue Knob Church, in which Rev. Randy Neville was elected.

June 5: I conducted a General Board & Committee meeting from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Then we traveled on to Morgantown, WV to visit with Mike & Brenda Mayhle in the Ruby Memorial Hospital where Mike is fighting leukemia.

June 6: This was our 45th wedding anniversary. We spent part of the day in the Grafton and Morgantown, WV areas, stopping in for a quick visit as we passed the home of Rev. & Mrs. David Mayle. Then we traveled on back to the camper-trailer where we have been living most of the time since the end of March.

June 7: We attended the beautiful wedding of Holly Wrightsman to Christian Walker at the Beavertown Church.

June 8: I was honored to take part in the dedication of the newly-acquired Chambersburg Church. We enjoyed the message by Rev. Jacob Martin in the morning service, Rev. Aaron McCarty's special singing, and hearing of the fifty years of rich holiness history of the church building. Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. Nathaniel Mowery on doing a fine job in arranging the service. It was certainly a day to be remembered! A special "thank you" to each visiting pastor who attended this special service. 

