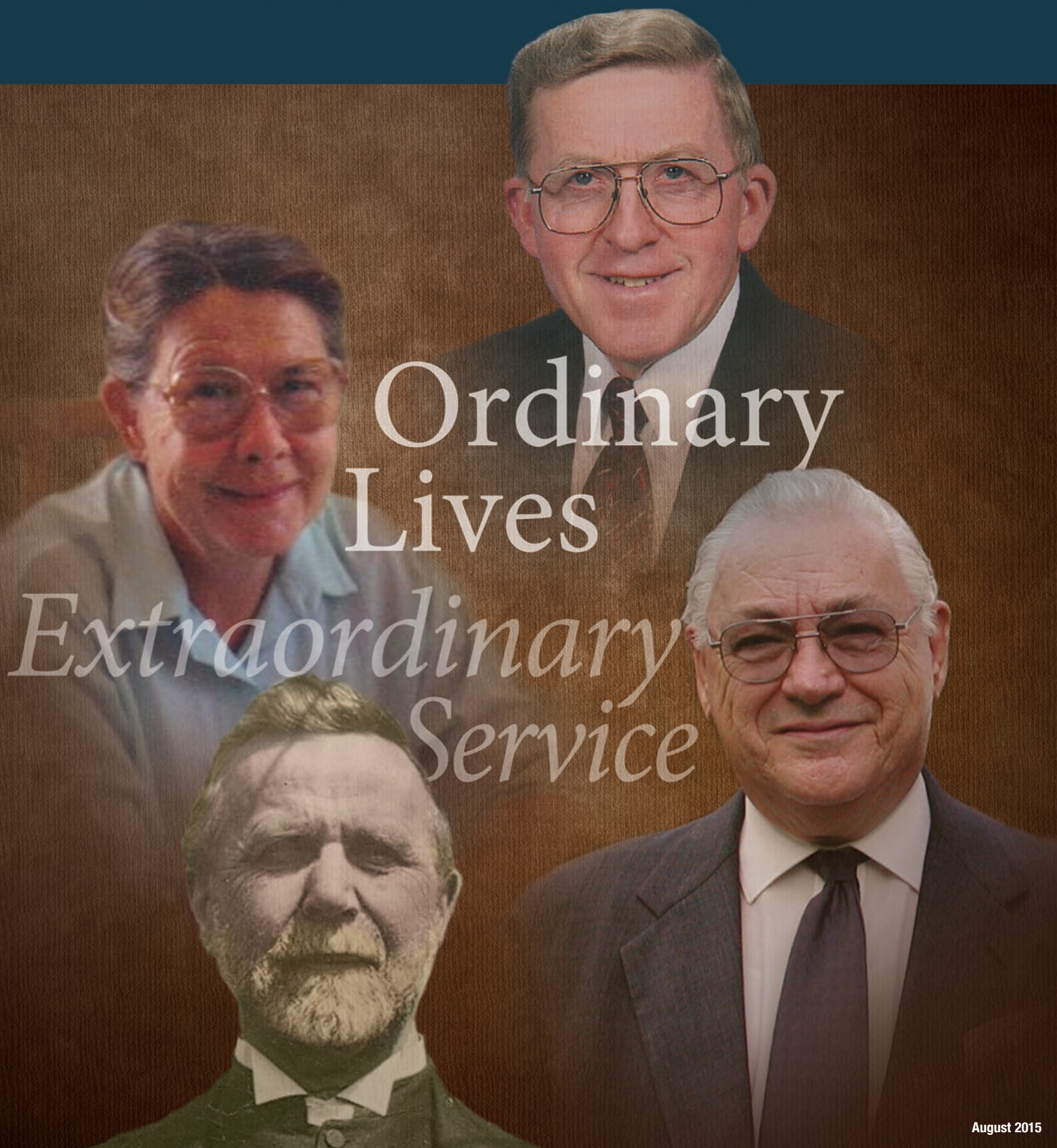


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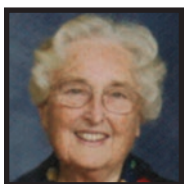
ROBERT BOOTH

## ORDINARY LIVES, EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

In the pages of Scripture, there are many examples of ordinary people doing extraordinary service. Men and women who were just like you and me. People who faced incredible odds, suffered persecution, and oftentimes felt adequately unequipped. But they had a passion to follow God and serve Him with no reservation. These ordinary men and women are recorded in Scripture as having made a difference. These same characteristics have been hallmarks of early Methodism and the Holiness movement. God calling ordinary people, equipping them, and using them in extraordinary ways.

My own family has evidenced this. My great-grandfather Louis King was an ordinary individual who lived a life of sin. But one day, a few ordinary people from Everybody's Mission in Pittsburgh knocked on the door of great-grandparent's home and invited them to come to church. I wish I knew more details about the event, but I do know that one day Louis William King got gloriously saved. Everybody's Mission began to work with this family, and even trained Louis to preach, using him at the Mission. The Mission also had a preaching point about 25 miles away in Clinton, PA where they sent my great-grandfather in 1921. Lives were changed and the message of Holiness was spread throughout that little community. While he was there, Louis felt led to start the Tri-State Holiness Association Camp Meeting, otherwise known as Clinton Camp. The camp has been instrumental over these many years in the salvation and sanctification of many thousands, including myself. God used an ordinary person, to do extraordinary things.

This issue of the Standard focuses on this very theme by featuring four examples of individuals who characterize ordinary people doing extraordinary service. Those four individuals are Rev. John White, Rev. Barry Arnold, Sister Bonnie Cleaver and early Methodist leader, Rev. Joseph H. Smith. Our prayer is that this issue will not only pay tribute to these four worthy individuals, but also that we will be challenged that though we may live ordinary lives, we can still do amazing things through the power of Christ. ☑



BY WANDA KNAPP

# JOHN F. WHITE

“Let no man despise thy youth,  
but be thou an example...”

**A**t 13 teaching Sunday School? at 14 preaching? at 15 chosen to be Class Leader and holding revivals? At 17 taking a pastorate?

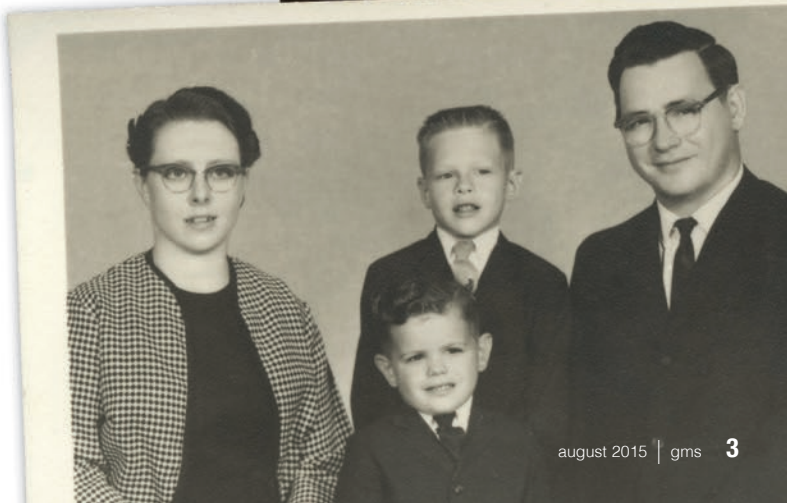
He led the daily prayer and Bible reading in his public school homeroom. Seven of his teachers came to hear him preach the Sunday evening before his graduation. Graduation was a festive occasion. Speeches, awards, recognitions were given for all sorts of reasons amid applause and cheers. The principal added a new one. “For the first time, we are presenting the Emily Post Award. It goes to the student who was polite and kind to classmates and adults, and put his religion into practice every day.” Our own John White nearly fell off his chair as his name was called to be the recipient of this prestigious award. “I think they clapped and cheered louder for me than they did for the athletes,” he chuckled.

John was born in Mt. Carmel, PA on November 4th, 1931. The morning he was dedicated, the conference superintendent, was present. “I am going to pray and consecrate this boy to the ministry.” And pray he did. The little boy grew under the watchful care of the Good Shepherd.

John fixed a little church in his Grandmother’s garage. “While other children were playing cops and robbers, I preached to what I thought was an empty garage. Well, it was, but many neighbors were outside listening.”

“I always thought I would be a preacher, but it was confirmed during a church service. I heard my name called out. The seat behind me was empty. No one was there. But the voice I heard was as real as if you had talked to me. The song, A Charge to Keep I Have kept ringing in my soul.”

Opportunities to minister began at 13. He taught a young boys’ Sunday School class, played the piano for Sunday School, preached revivals, and was elected Class Leader all before he was 16 years old. As Class Leader, he preached every Wednesday night to a congregation of between 60 and 70. At 16, John and his friend, Leonard Wolfgang, began children’s meetings with 50-60 children. Every Wednesday afternoon John would preach the sermon to these children and Leonard would do the “other stuff.” John became a lad with a tender spirit, a willingness to serve, and an obedient heart - a faithful soldier in the Army of the Lord. “During my junior year, I was asked to pastor a church where only 2 elderly ladies were attending.” He worked and soon there were 16 in attendance. After a little over a year, the Holiness Christian Conference of which he was a member, asked him to go to Trevorton. On Good Friday, *continued on* **page 7**







# BONNIE CLEAVER ONE SMALL-TOWN GIRL + GOD

BY CAROL HOSKINS



**T**he world paid little attention that cold January day, when the first baby girl was born to Ralph and Verba Cleaver. This small-town family was poor and far away from the Heavenly Father, but God, who has great plans for all little ones, was watching Bonnie Lou Cleaver very carefully.

Bonnie's teen years were spent clerking in her father's grocery store in Milesburg, Pennsylvania. Though she felt miserably rebellious, right on time, God knocked on her heart's door. She and her sister attended a "Union Revival" of three churches. Both girls were sweetly saved, instantly transformed and later entirely sanctified! They soon found this was not a hard way, but glorious!

Later, as their parents were saved, great changes came into the atmosphere of both their home and of the Cleaver Market. Bonnie soon began working for her Heavenly Father as well as for her earthly father, placing Gospel tracts in grocery bags and rounding up neighborhood children for Sunday School, etc.

The direction of Bonnie's life totally changed when Rev. R.G. Flexon spoke at a local missions convention. As he unburdened his heart for Africa, God whispered to Bonnie that He wanted her to be a missionary to Africa! She soon became discontented with working only in the local church. God had given her a vision of fields "white unto harvest" and she must "Go!"

One "small-town girl + God" was about to embark on a lifetime adventure of faith. She had no way to pay her bills but, time after time, her Heavenly Father miraculously supplied the finances needed for Bible College, nurse's training and college through graduation and beyond. By 1960, the "coast was clear" and she finally set sail for Africa!

How does "one small town girl + God" make such a trek into the interior? The African Mission felt that being a country girl, she would be able to cope. But Bonnie knew that was not enough. She was not strong enough or wise enough to make it alone. She needed to draw strength and wisdom from her Heavenly Father. And she purposed to meet with Him in prayer and Bible-reading early each morning before her



workday began.

Many times God kept her from dangers, devils and death. One day she felt impressed to turn and look, just in time to see a scorpion coming toward her. In the nick of time, she was able to kill it.

Bonnie is not mechanically inclined. She tells of one occasion when her vehicle died while she was in the interior. She opened the hood and lifted her voice in prayer, "Now, Lord, I am Your child, in Your work, with Your vehicle. You know I have no idea how to make it work, so would You please fix it? In Jesus' name, Amen". She got back into the vehicle, turned the switch, and it sprang to life! The miracles were not about Bonnie, but about her God that she loved and trusted.

From 1971 to 2000, Bonnie teamed up with the God's Missionary Church to begin a new field of labor in Haiti. There she, along with other missionaries, labored in churches, elementary schools, a clinic and a Bible School. Once again her early morning prayers wafted across the grounds of the mission compound, with intense weeping and intercession for the day. Through the power of God, demon powers were broken, the sick were made well, and natives were saved and trained in the life of Holiness.

God protected the missionaries during times of turbulent uprisings! Cathy Brubaker tells of returning from town when suddenly there was a roadblock and a "sea of faces". Machetes were flashing, stones flying, vehicles burning and windows smashing. With panic, she asked Bonnie what to do? Bonnie calmly replied, "Just roll up the windows, lock the doors and we will pray". While she prayed, the mob that was doing damage to the vehicle just ahead of them suddenly parted, went around Bonnie's vehicle, and on to other vehicles behind them. Cathy drove through unhindered! Another time during intense storms, the missionaries crossed a bridge late at night. Just after they crossed, the bridge collapsed into the raging waters with a loud crash. These were some of the scenes of divine, modern-day rescues that were forever embedded in the memories of the younger missionaries, of true faith in action. The power of God + prayer!

When Bonnie spoke in missionary services at churches, camp meetings or schools her deep passion for souls, coupled with tears of love and devotion to the Lord, influenced many young people to leave all to follow Jesus.

The 1993 Mount of Blessing Camp is one that Miriam Kratz Hartman well remembers. Bonnie Cleaver was the missionary speaker. Her text was "Thou art without excuse!" The Lord used that message to call Miriam into the harvest field! In fact, Miriam and Bonnie labored together in Haiti for over six years. Bonnie mentored Miriam in the ways of a missionary and the ways of Haitian culture. As always, early mornings found Bonnie heading to her room to be alone with Jesus.

The year 2000 brought great heartbreak to Bonnie. As the doctor examined her worn physical frame, now plagued with asthma and emphysema, he told her that she could not return to Haiti, the land where she had left her heart. With many tears, she prayed for physical healing, but the answer to that prayer was "No".

Once again, God had plans for this "home-town" girl. She moved to the campus of Hobe Sound Bible College and Sea Breeze Camp in Florida where, for the past 15 years, He continues to use her in the ministry of prayer. Prayer requests come from around the world to the Ladies Prayer Group there which Bonnie leads every week day. Together they lay these requests before the throne.

Bonnie discovered Haitians in Florida whom she has helped lead to Jesus and mentored them to walk in the way of Holiness. Her caring heart continues to touch young and old alike with a desire to follow the God she loves.

The common thread of all that has been accomplished in her 50+ years of service has been the fervent prayers of "one small-town girl + God"! 📌





# Barry J. Arnold

## PASTOR, EVANGELIST, FRIEND

BY TIMOTHY COOLEY, SR.



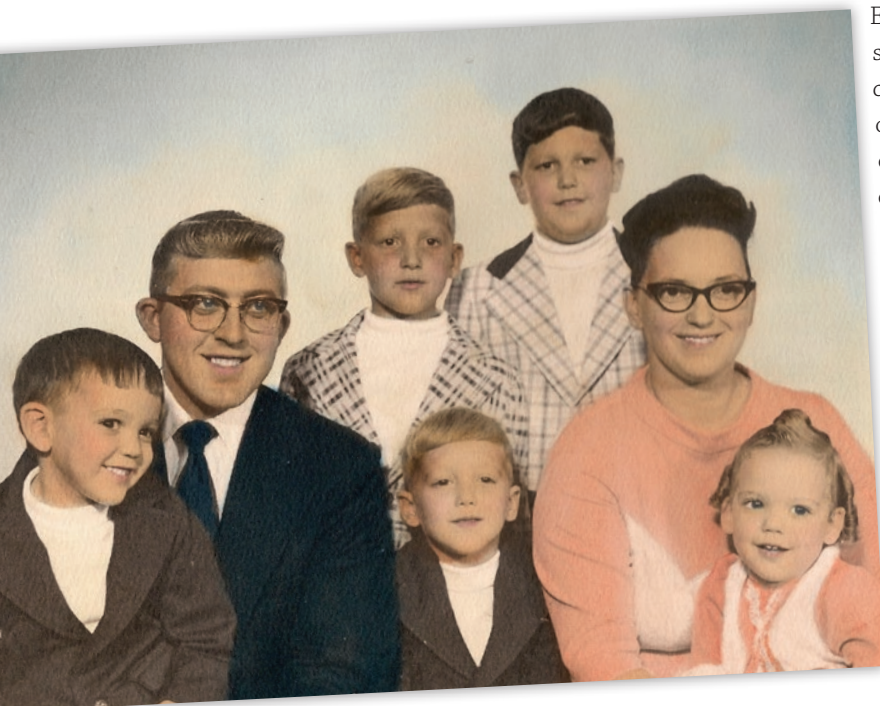
**E**ight-year-old Barry cried fervently at the altar. He had always known that he needed to be saved, and recently he had been under deep conviction, but then a strong presentation on the Second Coming made him fearfully aware of the possibility of being “left behind.” That old Evangelical church was where Barry got a taste of old-time religion. Years before, a revival meeting had begun and meetings were held every night for the whole month, but no “break” came. In the second month, things broke loose and 48 people prayed to be saved. Later, in January of 1951, Barry had his own experience. He recalls, “Those people would get ‘happy.’ When they testified, some of them would break down and cry.”

The Evangelicals did not always have Sunday evening services so the Arnolds went to a variety of churches. When Barry was about 12, they went to a revival service where Marlin Moore was preaching, and the Lord blessed Barry in a very special way. Several more times the Lord brought special dealings through the Moores. The Arnolds would listen to George Straub’s radio broadcast, and the family would go to special meetings at the Evangelical Methodist Church in Richfield. Barry says that Richfield was probably where he settled it in his heart that he wanted to walk the holiness way. During his high school years, Barry prayed and consecrated in the Church of Christ in Christian Union church, where Wilbur Hoskins was pastor. The Lord did a work in his heart then, but Barry remembers the Lord had also done something very special years earlier under Marlin Moore’s influence.

When Barry was between 10 and 12, the neighbor children used to set up a small tent, paint a sign “Old-Fashioned Revival,” and Barry would “preach.” Then one Sunday morning in the

Evangelical church, he felt a special stirring in his heart. After service, Mrs. Renninger asked him to teach her Sunday School class. That confirmed what the Lord had already been pressing on him, and he took the challenge. As the years passed, other opportunities presented themselves and he would speak in other Sunday School classes and youth groups. At 17, he went to the altar at the Oakland Mills Camp Meeting on a Saturday night. He went home and continued to pray; that evening something was settled about his call. He preached 110 times in the next year. Roy Asper asked him to preach a revival in nearby Goodville. The meeting went on for four weeks, and during that time he went to school every day! He chuckles, “What I preached only God knows.” There were about 50 seekers.

In the summer of 1963, R. G. Humble and Ray Smith ordained Barry to the ministry at Christian Union district conference. The church in Henderson, Maryland needed a pastor so Barry went to preach there one Sunday. As he prayed about it, he felt the Lord wanted him to go. In



October, he married Lois Hess, and their first children were born in Maryland. One revival with Ray Smith began as a weekend meeting, but continued for three more weeks. People came to church who never planned to come. New people were saved.

Through the years at Henderson, a local farmer and his wife would pick up people and bring them to church in their Volkswagen van and a blue Ford car. Several children needed to be picked up in a different area, so the farmer asked Barry if he would pick them up. Later at Mount Pleasant Mills (1968-1977), he knocked on doors, used his own van, and picked up kids. He wanted to start using a bus, but that never worked out. When he joined God's Missionary and took the pastorate at Lebanon (1977-2012), Leonard Raub had been doing some outreach. Leonard and he both used their own vans. In 1985 they began using a bus with around 20 riding. When Barry and several friends attended Wally Beebe's bus convention, they discussed whether they could do something to encourage holiness people to have that kind of outreach. Nearly 30 years later, the Outreach and Bus Convention has been a blessing to thousands.

In service to numerous conference boards and in ministerial fellowship, Rev. Arnold has been a friend, an encourager, and a visionary. He has inspired fellow ministers of every age. Through his earnest, anointed labors, the church at Lebanon was edified, the Lebanon Spanish church was established, the Lebanon Gospel Center began thriving as part of God's Missionary Church, and the Outreach and Bus Convention has



become a major force for soul-winning in our movement. His down-to-earth ministry has reached people in many states as well as in Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Ukraine, Belize, and Cuba. He has spoken for ministerial meetings in several denominations. He is also pastoring again in Salunga, PA. He shepherds a much smaller flock, but his heart has the same yearning to reach those who have never heard.

Barry Arnold is a testimony to what God can do with one man, surrendered to Him, willing to work and pray and love people! He just wants the Lord to receive the glory.

We honor his gracious commitment to "serve the present age" and to fulfill his calling! We honor him and his wife for their faithful example in ministry! Thank you, Barry and Lois Arnold! 📌

continued from **page 3** the ministers in that town preached together for a worship service. Even though he was very young, he was given an opportunity to speak and his message was received kindly. Ordained by that conference on his 21st birthday, he pastored with that denomination for 8 ½ years.

In 1958, he joined God's Missionary Conference and founded the God's Missionary Church in Shamokin. A small block building was obtained and with 16 people in attendance, services began. This small group was able to pay the rent and the utilities and gave a love offering to the pastor each week as well as supporting revival efforts.

Choosing a wife was very important to him. "I prayed much about it. I felt a special love for Joyce Smith, a girl I met 'at the well' during Penns Creek

Camp. One day I walked up the hill at Mt. Carmel, knelt by a big old rock and prayed, 'Lord, I want to do your will. If you say no then I will not see her any more. I am 26 and I would like to ask her to marry me. If she says no, then that will be the end of it. Please show me your will.' I felt His smile of approval. We had 52 happy years together. "She was a wonderful pastor's wife. We spent time with the young people and our home was always open to small and large groups. ." He fondly remembers praying until midnight on New Year's Eve and then enjoying fellowship and sauerkraut at the parsonage.

He had a passion for Home Missions and he served on that board either as secretary or chairman for 25 years. He was able to see 23 new churches opened. He encouraged the young pas-

tors who were beginning their ministry in a Home Missionary church with support and advice.

"Don't try to be (in appearance or behavior) like the young folk in the church." Try to get them to be like you."

"Be involved with the young people on a spiritual level. You as their spiritual leader."

"When board meetings get tight, interject some humor."

"Keep it short. Cover your points in twenty minutes."

"Be enthusiastic about your subject."

"In reaching new people, find their interests, talk about those things and let them get to know you. Then change the subject to spiritual things "

In July 1966, the Rev. White family were traveling through Salunga. They noticed a closed *continued on* **page 9**



# JOSEPH SMITH

## A Brand from the Fire



BY DAVID WISE



**B**rethren, this action disappoints me. I have had my eye on that young man for two years. I covet him for Christ. I believe, brethren, that prayer will be better for that boy than the police.” So said a member of the board of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia in the year 1873. This tenderhearted man’s name has been lost to posterity but his appeal changed the destiny of one young rebel whose future ministerial labors would turn many thousands to righteousness. The young man was Joseph H. Smith and the situation had finally come to this point after many warnings and admonishments. Joseph’s family were devout Presbyterians but he was considered the “Black Sheep” of the family and he had no time for his parents’ church. He professed he had no time for any church but Central Methodist was not your average place of worship. It was a place of aggressive Holiness evangelism where the pastor, E. I. D. Pepper, led his people in a perpetual crusade for souls and against sin. All of the pastors and class leaders of this large church were sanctified men and it was a church known throughout the nation as a “revival church”. Young Joseph had been strangely drawn by the “Presence” in this church, but his initial reaction was anything but godly.

There was no doubt about his intelligence. He had finished his high school studies at age fifteen and was making exceptional money as a bookkeeper. Bookkeeping was to be a stepping stone into the world of law where his vibrant personality and brilliant intellect would bring him the money and fame he craved. Yet those large crowds at Central Methodist and the “strange atmosphere” in the sanctuary aroused his curiosity. He would frequent the meetings but show no respect for the participants. He would play pranks during the services and do whatever he could to annoy the people of God. They would invite him to Jesus but he would scoff. They would ban him from services but he would be back. Finally, one Wednesday night the pastor came down to Joseph’s seat while preaching and told him to leave and not come back. He started to threaten the pastor and was escorted out. It was at this point, the Board got together and were nearly united on notifying the police. If not for the unnamed man and his challenge of a prayer covenant, Joseph H. Smith would have been lost to the Holiness Movement.

Within two months of entering a covenant of prayer, these men of God were overjoyed to see young Smith pray through at their altar to a clear experience of salvation. He went

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home and courageously told his parents about what God had done for his soul. That night, he was up late reading a book that had been given to him as he left church, *Perfect Love* by J. A. Wood. In his journal he recorded about being saved but needing also to be sanctified. The next day, he confessed to his employer that he had lied about his age but was now a Christian and he wanted to make things right. He was graciously forgiven and told he could keep working there. Later on that day, while on break, he reached for his law book but the Spirit gently told him that he must prepare for a new direction in life. He zealously sought the Lord over the next few weeks and on a Monday morning while at work, the Spirit of God came in sanctifying power and took him to a new level spiritually. His spiritual mentors saw the hand of God on his life and encouraged him to “mind the Lord”. Within a year of his conversion, Joseph Smith was sent as a “home missionary” to Georgia. The rebel was now a Holiness preacher laboring for souls.

After six years down in the South, he returned to Pennsylvania to minister in various Methodist churches as pastor. He gained a reputation as a fervent soul winner and an excellent preacher. Smith began to sense the call to evangelism but as this was happening, he lost his health. For nearly a year and a half, he did no preaching and stayed away from all excitement. It was a time of testing for the young man and his family but the Lord met all their needs during this difficult time. It was at this point that he received a strong impression to visit a camp meeting in Maryland. Practically, it made no sense but he obeyed the leading of the Lord. While there, the godly Quaker preacher David Updegraff asked Joseph to preach, something he hadn’t done in eighteen months. Against the wishes of everybody, he said yes and was totally healed while he preached that day. The

doors for evangelism swung wide open and he spent the next 59 years laboring in the evangelistic ministry and working with the greatest men of the Holiness Movement. He would become a giant among the giants. Bud Robinson called him “the greatest Bible teacher in the Holiness Movement.” This opinion of Uncle Buddy seems to have been quite common among the Holiness people of that day.

During the course of his long ministry, Evangelist Smith was best known for his Schools of Evangelism that he held at camp meetings. These schools focused on teaching students the practical arts of praying with seekers at an altar, developing evangelistic messages, knowing the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and other areas of soul winning ministry. He felt strongly that such camps were necessary to raise up and train evangelists for the whitened harvest field. Yet he also taught for years part-time at Chicago Evangelistic Institute, which was founded upon many of the principles that he taught. He was known to admonish his students “Young men, if your passion for learning outruns your passion for souls, it is time to call a halt until your passion for souls outruns your passion for learning.” To Smith and many of his peers, Holiness evangelism must be the focus of all learning and ministry. This type of evangelism emphasized the need of heart purity to all returning sinners so they recognized that

salvation wasn’t just fire insurance but a call to recapture the lost image of God in the human soul. A full gospel was presented to Smith on the night he was saved at Central Methodist and he dedicated his life to proclaiming the message of full salvation and training workers by the thousands who would carry this truth to the ends of the earth. Christ had conquered the rebel, and the rebel labored with all his might to bring men into that holiness, without which, no man will see the Lord. ■

continued from **page 7** church building on Main Street and learned it could be purchased for \$4000. The money for the purchase and repairs was donated. Bro. White moved his family to the area and began regular Sunday services September 4, 1966 with 28 present. Bro. White pastored these people until 1970.

In 1970, Bro. and Sis. White entered the Evangelistic Field and traveled widely. After preaching a message, he would not preach it again for 6 to 8 months — keeping his mind and his outlines fresh. Ideas and outlines for his messages often came to him as he

slept. Upon awaking, he wrote them down on little scraps of paper.

He has seen divine healings of body, mind, and relationships. Changes from sinner to saint were wonderful. Often, God broke through in the Sunday School hour with folks seeking God before the morning service began.

What a mighty giant of influence Rev. John White has had both in and out of the pulpit! He humbly reflects on the goodness of the Lord by stating, “I’ve had a good life. I enjoy talking to the people I meet at Walmart. Once a week I go to the nursing home and play the piano for an hour for their entertainment.”

As a boy, Bro. White had a secret longing to play football. “How wonderful it would be to go to Penn State, play football for them, then, go on to the Orange Bowl,” he would think. He would cross the goal line and make the winning touchdown. God certainly had better plans. At that time Cubans were coming in to Florida. “Rev. Straub and I went to Miami to assist these folk in finding housing and a place to worship. I was shaking hands with them and the Lord said, ‘John, look where you are.’” I did. We were at the Orange Bowl and I was over the goal line making touchdowns for the Lord! The angels were cheering. ■





## news

## Birth



**Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Maloyed on the birth of Cole Levi! Cole was born on April 16, 2015.**

## New Churches and Pastors



Rev. & Mrs. Randy Albertson  
and family  
Pastor of Denver, Colorado  
God's Missionary Church



Rev. & Mrs. Gary Hunt  
and family  
Pastor of Wauneta, Nebraska  
God's Missionary Church



Rev. & Mrs. Steve Kearney  
Pastor of Colorado Springs,  
Colorado Foothills  
God's Missionary Church

## Passing



**ANITA KATHRYN BRECHBILL**, 91, formerly of Philadelphia and Mifflinburg, was promoted to glory on April 25, 2015 in the Riverwoods Nursing Home where she resided since 2006. She was born on July 21, 1923 in Garrett, Indiana, a daughter of the late Albert H. And Cora (Miller) Brechbill.

Anita attended Messiah Bible College Academy and completed training in medical technology at Philadelphia Graduate Hospital of University of Pennsylvania. She was employed as a laboratory technician for 20 years at Philadelphia Episcopal Hospital.

While living in Philadelphia at the Brethren in Christ Mission on North Second Street, she experienced a definite conversion experience which changed the direction of her life.

Soon after her conversion, she felt the Lord calling her to give her life to missionary work. The next 44 years were spent as a city missionary. She never married but gave her life entirely for God's service using her God-given talents to this cause. For 30 years she served on the staff of the "Gospel Words and Music" Radio Broadcast. She sang in a duo, known as the Melody Sisters. She also served as editor of Around Our Church column in the monthly Gospel paper called *The Gospel Witness*. She was a co-laborer to Rev. & Mrs. William L. Rosenberry.

After her retirement and the decease of Rev. Rosenberry, she joined the staff of the Evangelical Wesleyan Mission in Key West, FL, an organization with missionary work in several foreign countries. She traveled to various countries in Central America, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Bahamas Islands, Dominica, Haiti, and Mexico. She also traveled to most of the 50 states in the USA.

In 1996 she founded a Prayer Network called "Ropeholders." This grew to be a 12 page publication with 1800 subscribers. For 10 years she directed this prayer ministry from her apartment in Mifflinburg, PA. She also spear-headed the making of Scripture plaques from old greeting cards. Missionaries supplied the scriptures in the language of the country where they were working. Records show over 100,000 of these plaques and related items have been made in 10 languages.

Anita also enjoyed writing, maintaining a large correspondence all her life, keeping in touch with friends for over 70 years. Retirement provided time for freelance writing. Several small books of Christian biography were published and for several years a monthly column called "The Quiet Hour", was edited in the *God's Revivalist*. She also wrote on a regular basis for the bi-monthly Holiness periodical, *The Satisfying Portion* as well as a variety of other religious papers.

In 2006, due to declining health she moved to Riverwoods Retirement Center, Lewisburg, PA. Here she enjoyed singing and playing the piano for residents and praying with them. ☑

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# president

**April 9:** The Penn View students did a great job telling of their internship experiences at the morning service of the Penn View Missions Convention. In the evening, I appreciated the good message by Rev. Michael Smalley at the Duncannon Church revival.

**April 11:** I was honored to hear Rev. David Fulton preach at the New Columbia Church.

**April 12:** Rachel and I spent the day with Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel Mowery and the Chambersburg Church family. Pastor Mowery and I made a visit to Aldean & Ellen Sauffley in the afternoon, where she is a resident in a nursing home.

**April 19:** We enjoyed the evening in the home of Christine Roush and appreciated the ministry of Pastor Davis at the Barberton, Ohio Bible Holiness Church.

**April 21-23:** It was another wonderful Inter-Church Holiness Convention at Dayton, Ohio. It was my honor to speak to the youth and also to tell about the little church where I was converted in the Building for Keeps service.

**April 26:** The morning service found us with Pastor & Mrs. Andrew Cooley and the Penns Valley Church family. After a lovely dinner in the parsonage, we traveled on to conduct an election for incoming pastor, Rev. John Walter Jr.

**April 30:** It was an honor to preach the funeral for Anita Brechbill at her request, along with several others who took part. I used a text that she had chosen from John 12: 24, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die..." It was a beautiful celebration of a life well-lived.

**May 3:** This was our first time to see the beautifully remodeled church at Bloserveville. Thank you, Pastor & Mrs. Gordon for the good Sunday dinner. In the evening, we were honored to enjoy the fellowship of Bro. & Sr. Larry Brunk at the Beavertown church and hear again the great work of the Gideons.

**May 6:** I attended chapel service where Rev. David Spivey spoke to the prospective students at Penn View Campus Days.

**May 9-10:** This Mother's Day weekend I preached at the Elkland Wesley Chapel.

**May 12:** We attended a program at the Penn View Christian Academy. Sr. Linda Clough and helpers certainly put a lot of effort into teaching these children.

**May 13:** We received the news that Jeremy Fuller fell 17 feet from a roof and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Thankfully, he hit a railing that softened the blow that ended on cement steps. Three days later, with many bruises, cracked vertebrae, staples in his head and walking like an old man, he rode with us to Indiana en route to UBC.

**May 17-22:** It was an exciting week to be with President & Mrs. Adam Buckler and the students & staff of Union Bible College. Rev. Jeremy Fuller and I served as evangelists, the Mike Mayhle family were the singers, and Mary & Penny of the Victory Trio ministered to the children for the year end camp meeting. The final service I was privileged to speak to the graduates. Congratulations to the class of 2015! On Thursday of this week, Rachel and I, along with Mary Braun traveled with Rev. & Mrs. Peter Casalino to Mt. Sterling, OH for the viewing of Rev. Richard Holiday. On Friday, we learned that Rev. Earnest Miller passed away.

**May 24:** We attended the morning service at the Beavertown Church

where little Cole Levi Maloyed was dedicated to the Lord. We heard Aaron McCarty speak at the Penn View Baccalaureate service at 2:30 and then traveled to Lebanon where I told my Dad's story at their Memorial Day service.

**May 25:** At 6:45 a.m., we were excited to start our journey west with



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most of the General Board members and their wives for the first Western District conference. Things went well through security at the Harrisburg airport, but after three delays due to scattered thunder storms, our flight was canceled. We were able to get tickets for another flight, which required that we make another trip through security. This time a pair of wire cutter pliers showed up in the lining of my carry on bag! The security attendant measured them, said they were small enough and gave them back to me! We were

relieved that we could finally board our plane, but at 11:20 a.m., to many moans and groans, announcement was made that we must disembark due to mechanical problems. At 12:30 p.m., the main problem was fixed and we departed Harrisburg -- with no air conditioning. We arrived at Washington and learned that our connecting flight was still on the ground in Houston, TX due to storms. We were scheduled this time, to leave at 4:00 p.m., but were delayed until 5:25 and then this flight was canceled! After much frustration by a multitude of people we were rebooked but not to depart until 10:00 pm. Thankfully, Rev. & Mrs. Alan Walter went on an earlier flight and had already arrived in Denver and was able to sing and preach for the first service. We arrived in Denver at almost midnight western time finally arriving to wake Pastor Kearney in Colorado Springs at 2:45 a.m. their time—4:45 our time. By now, most of us had been up for more that 24 hours, and the beautiful rooms these weary travelers were given was a welcome sight!

**May 28-31:** The long and weary trip to the West was rewarded by a beautiful week end. The spirit of the Lord was so sweet in every service. The people gave us a very warm welcome. Even Rev. & Mrs. Ken Gordon made the trip out to their old home area to enjoy the events. Rev. & Mrs. Philip Brenizer and daughters, who were vacationing in the area, stopped in for a service. Meals were provided for the entire congregation in the parsonage basement each noontime and after each evening service. The General Board members took turns preaching and provided most all the special music. Friday morning was a communion service and the first annual conference for the new God's Missionary Church, Western District. The election results for the district were: Rev. Steve Kearney, Vice President, Rev. Randy Albertson, Secretary, Sr. Becky Hunt, Treasurer, Rev Gary Hunt, Rev. Ralph Gault, Bro. Jonathan Lucas, Advisory Members. It was also good to be with Rev. & Mrs. Justin Stanton who recently moved and now are a part of the Western district. For most of us, the flight home was thankfully uneventful, but the Walters were not able to fly home until the next day. ■



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**Joe Smith**  
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Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
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**Mary Braun & Penny Ford**  
Lancaster, Ohio  
*Children's Workers*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Pre-services:

Each Evening at 6:45 PM

Featuring:

GMC Home Missions  
Fort Myers Rescue Mission  
GMC World Missions

#### Penn View Service

Sunday, January 31, 2:30 PM—  
Penn View Bible Institute

#### Camp Treasurer: Barry Sweitzer

17451 SE 66th Avenue  
Summerfield, FL 34491  
352-307-2522

#### Directions:

From I-75 take Sun City exit.  
Follow 674 East three miles to Route  
301.  
Turn right onto 301 South.  
Go five miles to Light Foot Road.  
Turn right onto Light Foot Rd and go  
1/2 mile to Sundance Trail.  
Turn right onto Sundance Trail  
The camp is 1/2 mile on right.

**Camp Phone:** 813-634-4158

**Camp Address:** 703 Sundance Tr  
Wimauma, FL 33598

#### Campground Lodging:

Plenty of RV Parking available  
Dorm rooms—call for more info.

#### RV Rental: (Special camp meeting rates)

Meacham's RV & Tent Rental 941-224-4939  
[www.meachamsflacamprental.com](http://www.meachamsflacamprental.com)

#### Motels: (motel coupon books usually available at Denny's)

Sun City Center Inn 813-634-3331  
(\$59 + tax with coupon in 2014—  
walk-in only) Special rate for camp  
Comfort Inn 813-633-3318  
Ruskin Inn 813-641-3437  
Sleep Inn 941-721-4933

### DAILY SERVICE TIMES *and* SPEAKING SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY 21

7:30 PM Buckler

#### FRIDAY 22

10:30 AM Buckler  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Smith

#### SATURDAY 23

10:30 AM Smith  
2:30 PM Smith  
Youth Emphasis  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Buckler

#### SUNDAY 24

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Buckler  
2:30 PM Alan Walter  
6:15 PM Pre-service  
7:00 PM Smith

#### MONDAY 25

10:30 AM Smith  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Buckler

#### TUESDAY 26

10:30 AM Buckler  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Smith

#### WEDNESDAY 27

10:30 AM Smith  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Buckler

#### THURSDAY 28

10:30 AM Buckler  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Smith

#### FRIDAY 29

10:30 AM Smith  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Buckler

#### SATURDAY 30

10:30 AM Buckler  
2:30 PM Buckler—  
Youth Emphasis  
6:45 PM Pre-service  
7:30 PM Smith

#### SUNDAY 31

10:30 AM Smith  
2:30 PM Penn View  
6:15 PM Pre-service—  
Penn View  
7:00 PM Buckler