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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### MY MEMOIRS AT PENN VIEW BIBLE INSTITUTE

**I**t was my privilege to be on the “hilltop” on July 31, 1966, for the ground breaking ceremony of this great institution. I was a witness that day as the glory of God came down and the Lord, through a photograph, put His seal of approval upon this new work. As a teenager, I had no idea what the Lord had in store for me in the years to come. By following Him as He guided me step by step, He has led me in ways I could not have dreamed possible.

It was a routine day at West Snyder High School in the mid-sixties. I was standing by my hall locker and talking to a close friend about a new program that was being offered to us high school students, and I said, “I may enroll in that program.” Immediately, a voice spoke to me saying, “I don’t want you to do that.” I responded, “Then Lord, what do you want me to do?” That was the beginning of a pursuit that led me to hours of praying and seeking the will of God for my life. I had not given much thought of seeking God for His leadership in my life until that time. It was late one night while in prayer that God spoke to me through His Word by giving me a Scripture verse confirming a call to the ministry. God has consistently used Scripture to show me His will down through my years of ministry.

I began pastoring in January of 1971 at White Haven; and then later, we moved to Lewistown. After pastoring for nearly twenty years, the General Board approached me to serve as President of Penn View Bible Institute. Fear gripped me as I thought of the immense responsibility of leading our conference school. What if I fail? What if I can’t lead it successfully? What if it goes down under my leadership? This is our Bible School; and if I fail, I shall always be remembered as the one who saw it close.

I took days off from the church I was pastoring and went to Jack’s Mountain to pray. I prayed in the early morning and late at night, seeking the will of God. I was really feeling that God wanted me to go, but fear was gripping me so strongly that it became hard to commit to giving a positive answer. Near the end of May on a Friday morning, with the school year soon to be ending, I went to the church in Lewistown and got alone with God. That morning God moved on me in a powerful way, showed me His will, and gave me the promise I needed. In Exodus 4:12 God said, “Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach you what thou shalt say.” It was that promise that confirmed to me that God was leading me to serve as President of Penn View Bible Institute.

Upon beginning my first year in 1990, God began to move upon our chapel services. Service after service students were responding to God’s Spirit in praising Him and seeking Him. It was in the first year that students like James Plank got settled spiritually. During that year, we needed \$15,000 by the 15th of March. Sis. King learned of the need and joined us in prayer. She contacted me later to let me know that God had heard our cries and would supply the need. Needless to say, He did! As we closed that first year, the Business Manager came to me and said that God supplied the finances so that we could operate in the black. At the beginning of the second year, Satan said, “It won’t happen this year.” But God gave me another promise saying, “For, when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, He swore by



**JOHN ZECHMAN**

Himself, saying, Surely, blessing, I will bless thee, and multiplying, I will multiply thee” (Hebrews 6:13-14). God kept His word.

Some of the greatest services I have ever been in were on the campus of Penn View Bible Institute. During one revival with the Victory Trio, God moved and many sought the Lord at the altar. Students made a list of those they were praying for, and as each person got saved, they checked the name off. There was united prayer and God honored! One service, after prayer at the altar was finished, those who got victory testified. It was glorious to hear them express the working of God in their life. During this time, God settled down in a different way by bringing “holy quietness” on the entire chapel. No one wanted to say a word or do anything lest they break this “holy quietness.” Miss Penny Ford was at the grand piano at the time. She said to me after the service, “I didn’t even want to reach up to move the music on the book rack. It was glorious to be in that service.”

In one of the regular chapel services, God moved again with seekers at the altar. There was a seventh-grader by the name of Eric Kuhns who sought holiness. God came through and cleansed his heart and called him to be a missionary to the country of Honduras. God blessed Eric so much that he shouted, jumped, and ran around the chapel several times, shouting praises to God. Seventeen years later, while in Honduras doing missionary work and planting the fourth new work, he met a man who told him that he had been praying for seventeen years that God would send a missionary to his area. God answered that prayer in the call and missionary work of Eric Kuhns. Glory be to God!

In 2016, I asked Solomon Shaffer and Matthew Maloyed to preach the fall revival for us. It was Thursday night, and Matthew Maloyed preached a message on holiness. God moved upon the students, and the altar and front seats of the Straub Tabernacle lined with seekers. We prayed into the late hours of the night with the seekers. We came back to the tabernacle the next morning for the service. The Praise Singers, made up of high school students, were singing a special when God broke into the service. Nearly the entire high school student body cleared their seats to seek at the altar. God met the needs and called willing hearts into the ministry. These services shall never be forgotten.

Just a few years ago, God asked me to ask Him for a million dollars. I responded by saying “Yes, I will; please provide one million dollars for Penn View Bible Institute.” That was a prayer that stretched my faith more than any prayer previously. Within nine months, God answered prayer by providing over \$300,000 in cash, a pledge in the amount of \$500,000, and the donation of a 75-acre farm in the State of Virginia valued at \$330,000. Those figures total \$1.1 million. Praise be to God!

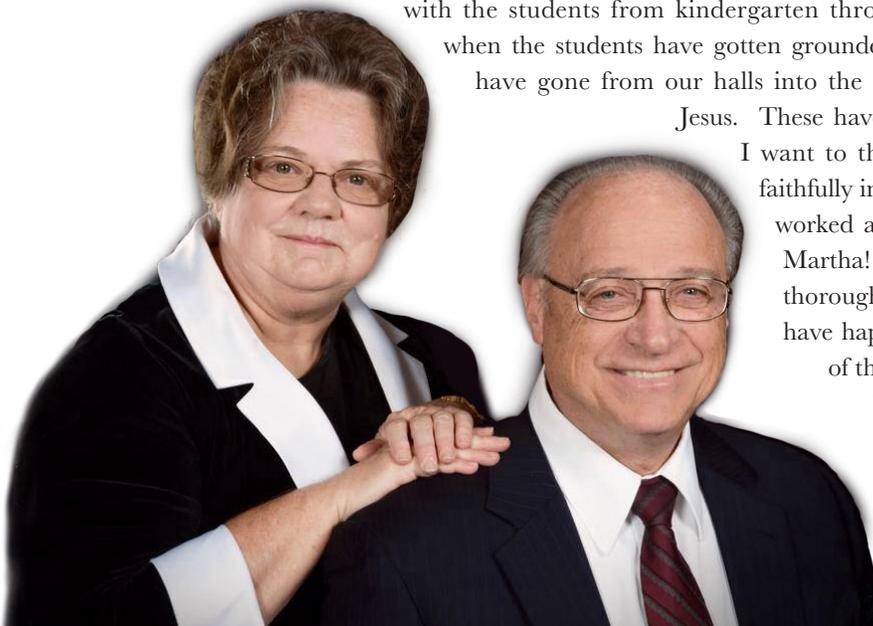
During the fall of 2017, I was in a revival in the state of Ohio, carrying a heavy load for the finances for the school. In my prayer I said, “Lord, where are you?” I was in dire need for finances for the Mason/McIntire Student Life Center, so we could continue the building. A few hours later, while having the evening meal with the pastor and his wife, I received a phone call from a friend and a supporter of the school. He informed me that he was making a \$1,000,000 pledge for the new building and sending an additional \$180,000. I immediately broke into tears as my heart filled with praises to God for another answer to prayer.

One project I wanted to do before I retired was to pave “lower campus.” While sitting with a supporter at a benefit dinner for the school, the gentleman leaned over to me and said, “We need to do paving on campus.” I overwhelmingly agreed. We secured estimates, made arrangements for a paving contractor to do the work, and shared with the supporter the results. When it came time to pay the cost, which was nearly \$225,000, my friend said, “We’ll take care of all of it.” I again praised God for His mighty work.

My years at Penn View Bible Institute have been filled with amazing experiences. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students from kindergarten through the college. My greatest joys have been when the students have gotten grounded spiritually, answered the call to ministry, and have gone from our halls into the great harvest field for the Lord to win souls for Jesus. These have been the most rewarding experiences of my life.

I want to thank my wonderful wife who has stood by me so faithfully in this great work. She was my supporter at home and worked as my secretary for nearly twenty years. Thank you, Martha! I have so fallen in love with this school, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my work. All the wonderful things that have happened to me here have fallen out for the furtherance of the Gospel.

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY. ■



As Christians, we are to be Christ-like: for it is the truest meaning of the name. For 28 years, President and Mrs. John Zechman exemplified that in every way possible with their students and staff. From when I first came to Penn View in 1988, they lived out the words: “They saw not what I was, but saw what I could be.”

My first significant remembrance of the Zechman family was while they were pastoring in Lewistown and they opened up their home, church, and pulpit for me to share my personal testimony. What an encouragement it was for me to have their vote of confidence as they entrusted their pulpit to me, a young Bible College student.

After I had spent two years enrolled at Penn View, President and Mrs. John Zechman stepped into my life at a crucial time. Frankly, I had become disenchanted, disappointed, discouraged and had dropped out as a student. The Zechmans, led of the Lord to leave their long-term and successful pastorate in Lewistown, came to Penn View in 1990 to assume the responsibility of the office of the President. Having gone through four cooks, three deans, and now a second President, many in my day were not sure what the future would hold. However, one thing we knew right away, President John and Martha Zechman loved us. As a matter of fact, they loved ALL their students, but I knew personally that they loved ME.

The summer of 1990, I answered the call to preach in a Penns Creek Camp service and immediately re-enrolled in my fifth major, the Ministerial Division. As President Zechman sat in his office on registration day and asked me how I was doing spiritually, I was reassured that “he looked beyond the worst in me and saw not what I was, he saw what I could be.”

Frankly, I would NOT be here today, if it were not for the Zechmans. They showed me and gave me several things, namely:

1. A Proper Priority – They taught me that spirituality must be number one in your life, even on an academic campus of higher learning.
2. A Proper Vision – They taught me to see the potential in people; to give people more room to live than you give yourself; to not judge people by the single issues in their life, but to look at the direction they are going.
3. A Proper Discipline – They taught me to pay attention to details. They really do matter.
4. A Proper Work Ethic – Bro. Zechman taught me to roll up my long-sleeved white shirt, get to work, and stay at the job until it is finished. He taught me that true leadership is demonstrated by a servant’s heart.
5. A Proper Marriage Counseling – When I almost missed God’s will for my life’s companion, they were there to give counsel, wisdom, and encouragement. Even when I didn’t ask for it, but desperately needed it, Brother and Sister Zechman were there. They faithfully taught me that outside of your choice to serve God, the next most important decision you will make will be in your choice of a life’s companion.
6. A Proper Shepherd’s Heart – President Zechman taught me Pastoral Ministries in college, which is “a study in ministerial ethics, parish visitation, pastoral responsibilities for weddings and funerals, methods of conducting baptism and communion, and pulpit behavior.” He taught that a home-going preacher makes a church-going people and that you must love people. I attribute any measure of success in pastoring to President John Zechman.
7. A Proper Father’s Heart – Not having a good role model of a father, President John Zechman modeled for me what a loving and consistent father’s heart should be.

Thank you, President and Mrs. John Zechman, for your personal investment in my life as a student, staff member, board member, and now as your successor. Thank you for living out those words: “They saw not what I was, but saw what I could be.” Thank you for all you have done for Penn View. We will be forever indebted to you.

Many have asked about my vision for the school. I hope this does not disappoint because frankly, my vision for the school is not complicated and new. Over 52 years ago, our founding fathers, George I. Straub, Truman Wise, Paul Miller, and others, received a vision from God. They believed that if God’s Missionary Church was to survive and thrive, something had to be done in the training of young people for the future. Rev. G.I. Straub was convinced that a Bible School was needed to produce preachers, missionaries, and teachers, who would serve the Conference. It is that very vision that I stand upon today. May God help us to birth our own leaders, and then to send forth servant leaders beyond our conference.

I desire to build upon the foundation of our former leaders. This certainly would include the incredible 28-year foundation that God has built through the leadership of Rev. John Zechman. I believe with God’s help and your intentional and purposeful support, there will be great and exciting days ahead for God’s Missionary Church and Penn View Bible Institute. May God bless us with all that is needed to meet the challenge of training young people and preparing Christ-like servant leaders for the work of the Kingdom. ❏



DAN DURKEE



## INTERCHURCH HOLINESS CONVENTION

March 16, 2018

Dear Friends of Penn View:

On behalf of the InterChurch Holiness Convention, we honor the life and ministry of John W. Zechman and his influence on our movement through the work of Penn View Bible Institute.

While many letters will be read and plaques given, it is the graduates of Penn View, now serving worldwide, who are the most lasting and fitting tribute to John Zechman's untiring labors.

May God grant him satisfaction in this knowledge. May God grant Penn View Bible Institute many great days ahead.

Our sincere congratulations on the selection of Daniel Durkee to lead the school in the next chapter of its history.

To God be the Glory for all He has done,  
Sincerely,

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## Honoring JOHN ZECHMAN

The names Penn View Bible Institute and John Zechman will, no doubt, always be closely linked. For those who know one, will always instinctively think of the other. Bro. Zechman has left his mark upon the school for many years and in the process, he has touched the lives of many students. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to not only attend school under his tenure, but to also sit in his classes, visit in his home, and talk in his office. His love and passion for his students has never wavered and in each of the instances mentioned above, plus many more, the love of God has always shone through.

I have watched Bro. Zechman pray with students around the altar during school revivals and can remember my own trips to the altar when he would be there touching heaven on my behalf. His one hand would be on my head and the other would be raised heavenward, bringing heaven and earth together.

One particular memory that I will always cherish occurred when he had traveled with the choir to a service a couple hours from the school. On the bus ride home, Bro. Zechman invited me to sit with him for a little while and he began to talk to me about my calling. He knew I had a call to preach but wanted to know if I felt like the Lord was leading me to pastor. He was thrilled to learn that I was indeed planning to enter the pastorate.

He has been a big encourager, strong supporter, and mentor over the twenty plus years of my ministry. I am firmly convinced that only eternity will reveal all of what this godly man has done for the kingdom of God.

Thank you, Bro. Zechman, for your influence and example. 🙏

— Aaron McCarty



# H O N O R



After leading Penn View Bible Institute for 28 years, President John W. Zechman made a careful decision through sincere prayer and seeking God's will for the future. It was time to hang up the stirrups and pass the torch to one of his boys that came to PVBI and was established spiritually under his guidance and presidential leadership. The Zechman family has been closely connected to God's Missionary Church since its very beginning; and since his birth in 1951, Bro. John Zechman was surrounded by people and influences that prepared him for his future calling of leading Penn View.

Being raised on a small dairy farm meant John knew the meaning of hard work. Yet there was still time for good, clean fun and the annual quest to get that "big buck." In work and play, there was a great camaraderie in the Zechman clan. The priority, though, in the Zechman home was devotions, Bible reading, prayer, and going to church every time the lights were on. John's mother, Gladys, was a woman of prayer and desired one of her boys to be a minister of the Gospel. At the age of 12 after going home from attending a Beavertown church revival, John was gloriously saved with his mother praying with him. John's spiritual journey began at home as a result of a mother's prayer.

Upon the opening of Penn View Christian Academy, he had a desire to attend the new school and enrolled. While in high school, Bro. Zechman received a call to preach and began to prepare himself.

Shortly after graduation, there was an added attraction that came into his life. He began to court the daughter of the Beavertown pastor. The courtship culminated in a marriage to Martha Carroll, and God blessed them with a daughter, Marie (Zechman) Plank. Marie remembers waking up virtually every morning hearing her father praying. This made a lifelong impression on Marie, knowing that her father had a personal relationship with God and spent much time in prayer for her, the family, and the church.

In 1990, the General Conference of the God's Missionary Church gave a calling to John W. Zechman to serve as President of PVBI. This calling was viewed by John as clearly needing the confirmation and anointing of God since the enormity of the task was somewhat overwhelming. As the brother-in-law of John, I briefly stopped for a visit with him and his wife, but he was not in the parsonage. Upon asking his wife his whereabouts, she said he is most likely at the church, which was near the parsonage. I quietly approached the church and stood in the foyer to see John walking and calling on God. He was seeking the Lord for His will concerning Penn View. His sincere calling on God impressed me because I could sense God's presence in and around John's person.

John always had a love for young people and consistently showed compassionate, loving discipline with all the students at PVBI during his time as President. He likewise showed the same attributes to the faculty. His desire was to always make those around him better servants of the Lord. Discipline was always his last resort, but he was not hesitant to use it when necessary.

There were countless times when the financial needs of PVBI weighed heavily on John. Faculty needed to be paid, vendor invoices were overdue, and the funds were not available. I personally witnessed God move and provide the needs as a result of fervent prayer. God never failed to supply the needs when it seemed impossible. The students were always John's highest priority, and to see their spiritual needs met and them go forth as ambassadors for Christ was his greatest delight. Today, the majority of God's Missionary Churches are pastored by PVBI graduates, and there are missionaries all around the world reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

Clearly, John W. Zechman was God's anointed person for the leadership of Penn View Bible Institute during these past 28 years. John has made a lasting impression as a 'Servant Leader' with sincere compassion, limitless love, and prayerful discipline to all those who knew him. May God bless his servant as he turns over the reins to his boy, Rev. Daniel Durkee, and may God continue to bless Penn View. ■

— Larry Shuey



The friendship of half a century gleams with an enduring glow—God’s grace reflecting in the life of President John Zechman.

He is a **Man of God**. From all the way back in high school to the present, I have seen him live consistently as a Man of God, deeply aware of his calling and conscientiously devoted to his Lord! Whether as teenage classmates, friends, ministerial colleagues, administrators, or General Board members, I have observed one passion in John Zechman—to love the Lord our God—which further means “to serve the present age, [his] calling to fulfill”!

Because he is a Man of God, he is a **Man of Integrity**. He is resolutely committed to what is right, whether that seems to be convenient or not. I have stood with him both in Penn View administrative decisions and in General Board actions and have seen the thoroughgoing commitment to integrity that permeates his life. That integrity is the outgrowth of disciplined commitment to Jesus Christ!

He is also a **Man of Grace**. John Zechman believes in entire sanctification and practices the Spirit-filled life. When he preaches holiness, he is speaking from a heart fully dedicated to the Lord. As a leader, he asks not for your undeviating obedience to John Zechman, but for your wholehearted following of the Lord, fully aware that may mean you will sometimes disagree with him! When a critic has attacked John Zechman, I have seen him meek as Moses; but if the attack was against the work of God, he has a rock solid commitment to preserving and advancing the Heavenly Kingdom. I have seen him return grace to his bitterest critics. I have also seen him pray, wrestle, and counsel through numerous disciplinary decisions, always hoping for restoration! Many times those persons have been restored, and today they are serving the Lord!

President Zechman is committed to living like Jesus lived under the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the anchor—that is the magnetic center of all his behavior and all his relationships. We have been blessed with the consistent pattern of his walking with God! ❏

— Timothy L. Cooley, Sr.

Words seem so inadequate to express what I feel today, but let me try. It is with one huge “THANK-YOU” that I begin. Thank you, Mom and Dad Zechman, for simply being who you are: kind, compassionate, giving, loving, serving, and encouraging examples of biblical, holy living. It is no accident you are who you are, for many years ago you presented yourselves as vessels to Christ to be used in His service. Allowing yourselves to be clay in the Potter’s hands, He has made you into vessels of honor. Because you gave of yourselves unselfishly, Penn View Bible Institute has been abundantly blessed these past 28 years!

Recently, I was pleasantly reflecting back to my time of living in your home while you ministered and labored in Lewistown. As a team in the pastorate, you taught me many valuable unspoken lessons. (You taught me many spoken ones too!) Not being raised in a preacher’s home, I soon learned that your home was not your own, but rather it belonged to the ones to whom you ministered. What an unusual privilege to watch you truly love and care for your people. It is not the least bit surprising you carried this practice to Penn View.

I often think back to those early morning prayers coming up from the parsonage basement. These were your petitions to the Lord, and every morning they would filter into my room. You faithfully presented to Jesus your burdens for the church, the community, the conference, Penn View, and your family. And yet you found time to pray for me. Thanks, Mom and Dad, you had no clue in those days where God was leading, but you still carefully followed Him! I guess God knew that someday you, Bro. Zechman, would be my boss at Penn View. What a privilege to have worked for you. I still remember the day you helped me lay carpet in one of the staff houses. “Now, Brian, there’s really nothing to it,” you said. Then you proceeded to show me by example.

This has been your life, both of you. When there’s a job to do, you are the first ones to push up your sleeves and get things started. (Remember when we butchered the hogs?) *Continued on Pg. 8*



# T R I B U T E

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Yet far beyond all of that, you have with steady hands, pure hearts, hours of prayer, and great passion led Penn View in a direction that has and does honor God! From great building projects and major campus improvements to Spirit-filled chapel services and an enormous passion for souls, thanks for being who you are!

Dad Zechman, you have been up front in the wheelhouse, carefully and faithfully implementing The Captain's commands. Mom, though often hidden away and out of view, yet you have served consistently and devotedly as first mate to The Captain. Thank you both for giving wholly and tirelessly of yourselves to God Almighty and to the "Ol' Ship of Penn View." May God add His richest blessings to you and yours! And may Penn View Bible Institute continue in the direction toward HOME!

P.S. To my special "little" sister, thanks, Marie, for sharing your wonderful parents with our wonderful school! 📧

— Brian Spangler

## THANK YOU PRESIDENT ZECHMAN!





## “Holiness and Service”

God’s method for producing the state of Christian holiness is to sanctify His believing children wholly. This grace is obtained by faith, and by faith alone. The believer’s preparation for the exercise of the faith by which God sanctifies wholly is our entire consecration. When our all is on the altar, we look up in humble trust and God sanctifies truly, or wholly.

Our consecration to God for Christian holiness is not primarily unto service. Holiness is a great love covenant between the individual and the Lord which centers in a supreme loyalty, not to a cause or a work, but to a Person. The personal element in our relation to Christ in full salvation is one of the most beautiful and challenging facts involved in it. It is complete devotion to, and perfect love for Christ Himself. The result of this personal covenant and relationship however, is complete devotion to His service.

Holiness furnishes the believer with the motive power for sustained Christian activity. When our entire living is in the spirit of dedication and devotion to Christ, it becomes our delight to do always the things that please Him. Service to the point of sacrifice is sweet when motivated by perfect love. It is very often true that the experience of holiness brings to the front in human personalities gifts and possibilities in the realm of service which were unrecognized before. It also brings the individual a freedom and power in service which can be obtained from no other source and in no other way. Mrs. C. H. Morris, the writer of so many of our best modern songs in the Holiness Movement, discovered her gift and responded in this realm of service after she obtained the gracious grace of holiness of heart.

This blessing in its illuminating effect upon mind and heart, gives its possessors a tremendous awareness of human needs and divine provisions, until a holy urge motivates the sanctified to accomplish great things for God. Not only is the vision clarified, but the heart is fired with a holy passion so that a wholly sanctified individual will see, in some measure, depending upon natural gifts, the world’s need as Jesus sees it and will feel toward that need something like God felt when John 3:16 was born in His infinite nature. We will share the sufferings of Jesus and be moved to holy activity by the passion of love that fills every part of our being when our cleansed temple is filled with divine love. How we need holy passion in Christian activity! The absence of this means coldness and death in the service of God. Its presence means fervency and aggressive action. It is one of the glories of Christian holiness that the experience itself produces the very conditions in which this truth can flourish and be propagated.

It is unthinkable that any one should possess this grace and have the divine love shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit and fail to have deep concern for the welfare of others, both in the salvation of sinners and in the spreading of the truth and experience of entire sanctification. The vision and passion given one in the blessing of entire sanctification is essential to furnish us with motives and power for sustained Christian activity. Even with the disappointments in life and ministry, this newfound zeal will enable one to embrace every opportunity to help men find the Lord and undertake things he would never undertake without the holy urge this experience gives. ❏

Adapted from “Holiness Manifesto” by C.W. Butler

## “The Challenge of our Age”

**B**ut what about the call of Christ? Are there no thrills in serving Him? For two thousand years He has been sounding the trumpet, calling upon men and women to hazard their lives for His sake, to respond to His challenge, and to enter His soul-stirring service with its high endeavor and glorious achievements. There are dangers and difficulties to be overcome, and a glorious reward at the end; not merely worldly applause and passing fame, but a crown that will not fade away, and laurels that will last throughout eternity. He has been calling down through the centuries for those who are willing to become martyrs for His sake. He is ever seeking those who are willing to enter the warfare from which there is no discharge. All who enlist beneath His banner need count the cost, for it is a call to sacrifice, to soul-throbbing experiences. Scars, sobs, tears, sorrows, suffering, sacrifice, self-denial are wrapped up in true discipleship.

In the call of Christ, there is enough romance, sensation, and fascination to stir and satisfy the spirit of the most adventurous in the incomparable service of Christ. Folks can yell themselves hoarse at a ball game, yet they are dumb when it comes to praying in prayer meetings or to speaking a word for Christ. Many are courageous so far as sport and business are concerned, but fainthearted and miserably cowardly in regard to Christ’s name and His cause. We need a revival of heroism for Christ, which will make men dare to do things for Him.

How may we get back this spiritual passion, this holy enthusiasm, this divine heroism? We must learn how to lose ourselves in the will of God. We must fling reputation to the winds. We must make ourselves a nuisance to the devil. We must live nearer to the heroic Christ, and we must allow our lives to be swayed by the Victor of Calvary and the empty tomb. There must be a great separation from the pleasures and pursuits of the world. We must also be baptized with the Holy Ghost. He gives not only cleansing but also His passion for the lost. C. T. Studd said, “The fiery baptism of the Holy Ghost will change soft, sleek Christians into hot, lively heroes for Christ, who will advance, fight, and die, but will not merely mark time.” The world still waits for Spirit-possessed souls who are willing to attempt the heroic for Christ’s sake. Will you respond to the clarion call for self-sacrifice, and place yourself with alacrity and gladness upon the altar of Christ, and allow the Holy Ghost to use you? ❏

Adapted from “The Challenge of our Age” by H.C. Van Wormer

# PRESIDENT

**Dec. 18-23** Administrative work (writing article, prep. for FL, travel notes, scheduling Conference President visits).

**Dec. 25** What a blessing to have all our children and grandchildren for Christmas!

**Dec. 27-30** Administrative work (Sermon prep for Sunday and Haiti Ministerial. Helped Rhoda with ministerial mailing, etc.).

**Dec. 31** Shamokin: We enjoyed the New Year's Eve service. Rev. McKenzie let each person pick a verse to a Christmas chorus and read a Christmas story. We then transitioned by preaching a message about taking Christmas with us into the New Year. Because of Christ, we have a message of Hope, Help and Healing.

**Jan. 03-05** Administrative Work

**Jan. 07** Lebanon: It was great to be able to preach at the Gospel Center. The pastoral team treated us very well.

**Jan. 08** Visited Sis. Bickert at the State College Hospital. Then I went to Manor Care in Lewisburg to visit former Mission Director, Rev Crock. I also stopped by to see Sis. Witmer who had been struggling with ALS.

**Jan. 09-10** Administrative Work

**Jan. 11-12** Traveled to Florida.

**Jan. 13** Camp work day. We were involved in work projects and getting the grounds ready for camp.

**Jan. 14** I shared God's Word at Kissimmee and Seffner.

**Jan. 15** Visited the Kissimmee Church for their local I.H.C. Rev. Aaron McCarty preached an excellent truth and the quartet, Ablaze, from Hobe Sound, ministered in song.

**Jan. 16** I.H.C. at Fort Myers Rescue Mission. Rev. Stephen Cassady preached to a church full of men from the mission and some other visitors. The Cassadys, as always, did a great job.

**Jan. 18 - 28** FL District Camp Meeting. The Spanglers and Durkees were both used of God to help make our camp meeting spiritually profitable for God's people. We appreciated all that gave and helped physically to make camp possible. My wife and I also flew back to PA for a few days to be involved in the funeral services of Sis Janet Witmer. She was a charter member of the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church. Her smile and good spirit will be remembered. We then finished camp and focused on camp clean up and camp projects.

**Jan.30** We went over to support Camp Freedom. Rev. Daniel Edwards preached on some of the temptations sanctified people face.

**Feb 02** Left to go over to Hobe Sound Camp for a couple days. It was spiritually refreshing to take in a couple services without responsibilities.

**Feb. 04** Preached in the morning at Lakeland, G.M.C. and then at our Orlando Church in the evening. The little flocks at both churches are special because they are children of God. Three different ones told me how God had used these churches to help them find God or go deeper with God. Praise the Lord!

**Feb. 05** We arrived home safely Monday night.

**Feb. 07-11** Administrative Work (Ministerial, Haiti prep.)

**Feb. 12-14** Ministerial - God used Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Grabill in a special way to encourage and challenge our ministers and their wives to be Christlike. God's presence was very near on more than one occasion.

**Feb. 15-22** Haiti Trip - It was a great privilege of mine to meet more of our Haitian brothers and sisters. God blessed our Ministerial and was present in all our meetings. Continue to pray for our national leader, Bro. Gerald, national committee, bible school and churches. We believe God has some great days ahead.

May God help all of us to work together for His Glory.

**Feb. 23-24** Sermon preparation for School Revival.

**Feb. 25** Bermudian - I preached at the church and then Rhoda and I had a meal and a nice visit with the Duperts.

**Feb. 26 -** March 02 P.V.B.I. School Revival: I was privileged to be the evangelist. Rev. Aaron McCarty was our song evangelist. God used the songs, preaching, praying and the testimonies of the students in a powerful way. To God be the glory for all the altar calls and the many victories that were won.



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**March 04** York – We preached and sang at the church with a nice congregation. Enjoyed a very nice dinner with the pastor and wife.

**March 06-08** – Outreach and Bus Convention, we thank God for the 37 ministers and many more laymen that were encouraged and equipped to do God's work doing the convention.

**March 09-10** – Penns Creek, viewing and funeral for Sis Womer. We appreciated all the comments that spoke of her love for God and others.

**March 10- 11-** Delmar, God is using the Sweitzer family in a great way. There were 39 in the service and God's presence was there in a special way. 🙏



Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Jeremy Fuller on receiving the Minister of the Year & Lady of Fine Example awards!

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## July 27 - August 5, 2018

### EVANGELISTIC SERVICES:

10:30 AM, 2:30 PM, and 7:30 PM each day in the George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:15 AM (Sunday School), 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM



**Jeremy Fuller**

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Greenville, Pennsylvania  
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**Andrew Stroud**

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**Penny & Mary**

Lancaster, Ohio  
CHILDREN

### 83rd Annual Conference— God's Missionary Church:

Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27

### Prayer:

Daily at 7:30 AM and 6:30 PM

### Penn View Bible Institute School Service:

Sunday, July 29—2:30 PM

### God's Missionary Church Ordination Service:

Sunday, August 5, 2:30 PM

**Missions:** 7:00 PM—weeknights

### Fort Myers Rescue Mission:

Saturday, July 28, 7:00 PM

### Lebanon Valley Gospel Band Service of Music:

Sunday, August 5, 6:30 PM

### Vacation Bible School:

Held each day at the camp at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 AM.

### Crusader's Youth Program:

A full schedule of youth activities is provided. Youth services are held July 30– August 4 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM in the Mountain Road Church under the direction of Youth President Aaron Dorman. Sunday services are at 9:15 AM. Minors staying without an adult chaperon must register in advance at [www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth](http://www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth)

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