



Committee Announces New Plans, Goals For Patrons Council Fund Drive

The Patrons Council Planning Committee announces new goals designed to substantially increase the supporting interest of friends and constituencies of the college on the national level. Plans call for a goal of at least one thousand patrons who annually make an investment in the operational program of Fort Wayne Bible College. The committee hopes to achieve its goal by early next fall, which is the start of the fiftieth anniversary school year of the college.

To be designated a patron, the donor makes an annual gift to the college of not less than ten dollars. He becomes a member of what is known as the Patrons Council, and receives a membership card. Each member is regularly informed of the work and ministry of the college, and receives reports of its educational and financial operations. Membership may begin at any time, with the anniversary date being the first of the month following the date of the subscription.

To expedite the new drive, prospective donors in all areas of the college constituency will be invited to become patrons. A special letter will be sent to parents of students during March. All friends who are included in the college mailing list will receive a letter of invitation during April. The Alumni Association is organizing plans to contact all alumni. Church constituencies will be approached during the late summer. The plan is to bring all friends of Fort Wayne Bible College into a working, cooperative group, supporting the cause of the college with regular prayer and investments.

Members of the Patrons Council Planning committee are Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college; Dr. Milo Rediger, trustee; Mr. Arthur Ditmer, business manager; Prof. Morrow Cook, faculty representative; Rev. Harlan Wright, president of the Alumni Association; and Mr. Richard Gerig, director of promotion.

Other information concerning the Patrons Council also appears in this issue.

Bishop C. F. Derstine To Speak in Meetings

Bishop C. F. Derstine, D.D., pastor of the First Mennonite Church of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, will be speaker for a series of special meetings on the college campus February 15-19. He will speak each evening beginning Monday and in chapel services starting Tuesday.



Derstine

Dr. Derstine has pastored the Kitchener church for twenty-nine consecutive years, and has conducted forty-seven evangelistic campaigns in his own congregation. He is author of a wide range of books. Friends living in the Fort Wayne area are invited to attend the services.

Rev. A. W. Tozer Concludes Spiritual Emphasis Series

Rev. A. W. Tozer, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Chicago, was guest speaker

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A Cappella Choir Begins Radio Series

The A Cappella Choir of the college, conducted by Professor Oliver Steiner, director of the School of Music, has just begun a new series of fifteen-minute broadcasts on radio station WGL in Fort Wayne. The programs are heard each Saturday at 5:15 P.M.

Included in the series are performances by other members of the music faculty, Miss Betty Stanley, Mr. Rene Frank, and Mr. Ira Gerig. Each week one of them appears with a piano, voice, or organ solo. Announcer for the series is Earl Schlabbach, and the program is written and produced by Richard Gerig, director of radio for the college.

Who is a Patron?

If you believe in the cause of Christian education . . . if you believe in training young people to become leaders in a world-wide spiritual ministry . . . and if, in particular, you are

- An alumnus of Fort Wayne Bible College*
- A parent of a Fort Wayne Bible College student*
- A church member of a supporting constituency*
- A friend of Fort Wayne Bible College who has confidence in our program . . .*

YOU should be a patron of Fort Wayne Bible College.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Who Supports the Christian College?

It is coming to be recognized that private, independent colleges not only need help, but they are indispensable institutions. In a free society they are a must. For the Christian church, the Christian college is indispensable to produce the necessary leadership for its mission of world evangelism.

Last year half of the independent colleges operated in the red; the average deficit was \$51,200. An industrialist, Robert E. Wilson of Standard Oil, said recently: "If present conditions continue, we face the very real danger that many of these fine independent colleges, which have contributed for more than their proportionate share to the intellectual, religious, and scientific leadership of the nation, will be forced to close their doors just before the unprecedentedly large wave of prospective students, now sweeping through the public schools, reaches the colleges."

But whose responsibility is it to support private colleges? Several years ago President Sparks of Wabash really sparked a movement when he said, "The corporations." Now corporation heads are making it an act all over the country by saying: "That's right. We do have a social responsibility. Industry owes much to these colleges for they have produced 71 per cent of industry's leaders. Both industry and colleges have a stake in the free enterprise system."

This method of tapping the resources of corporations presents problems to the Christian college with Biblical convictions.

Why is industry asked to support colleges? I think the principal reason is that it represents wealth. Large corporations are able to help. But whose responsibility is it? It may well be that segments of society have a responsibility to share the cost of educating their leaders, but when we come to the genuinely Christian college, the real responsibility does not belong to industry. It belongs to the Christian public. Christians have not only a privilege but a responsibility to support Christian education. In the setting of Fort Wayne Bible College, it is just as necessary to prepare a missionary, for example, as to send him to a foreign land.

However, relatively few Christians and few churches have such a sense of responsibility. The blame perhaps rests on educational leadership rather than upon churches and individuals, who have not been informed and challenged. Robert E. Wilson can again be quoted: "Let me express the conviction, that while we may hope for and reasonably expect this type of giving (corporation) to increase, it can be no substitute for individual giving. It can supplement but never replace the individual concern and individual sacrifice through which an institution draws vitality and gains stature."

Specifically, Fort Wayne Bible College needs 1000 Patrons to back the College with their prayers and annual support. The Patrons' Council presents an inviting challenge to every friend and alumnus.

Our Hearts Say Thanks!

In the last *Vision* it was reported that \$634.07 in 79 gifts had been received from November 20 to December 15 toward the debt of \$14,200 on the food service improvement. Now the goodness of God is acknowledged for the gifts received between December 15 and January 14, including one gift of \$1,000, another of \$1,300, and another of \$2,000. A total of 20 gifts were received during the month amounting to \$5,687.00. This brings the total received for the reduction of the debt to \$6,321.07, leaving a balance of \$7,878.93. Notes in the sum of \$6,000 were paid off on January 1. Again, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The College is also grateful for a gift of \$2,000 from one of the trustees for the new South campus building project, which is in the early planning stage.

It is earnestly hoped that the remaining indebtedness of the College — the \$7,878.93 on the food service improvement — will be completely wiped out by the time the building campaign is launched.

Be sure to read Dr. Witmer's striking comments on the support of Christian colleges.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

Positions Open

Stenographer, preferably with knowledge of bookkeeping, for New York office of missionary organization.

Stenographer, for Christian advertising organization in Chicago.

Housemother, for younger girls in denominational children's home in Ohio. Good salary and excellent working conditions.

Summer workers, with Marine Medical Mission to conduct vacation Bible schools in villages along the west coast of Canada.

Positions Wanted

Young lady, interested in choir director or organ position in church located in community where she can take further schooling in radio music.

Evangelist Berman Smith, class of '53, is open for meetings. He was member of Youth for Christ team in Japan last summer. Trumpet soloist and song director as well as preacher. Contact at R. R. 2, Arcanum, Ohio.

Address all inquiries to C. H. Eicher, Director of Placement, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana.

Why Fort Wayne Bible College deserves your support . . .

- ➔ Each year it trains over 300 Christian young people for world-wide spiritual ministries.
- ➔ It aims to offer the best in Christian education with first place given to spiritual values.
- ➔ Its more than a thousand graduates are serving Christ in many parts of the world and the United States.
- ➔ It provides the most competent teachers and adequate training facilities possible.
- ➔ It has an A-1 record of financial stability and integrity.
- ➔ It needs income above student fees to carry on its expanding program of specialized training.



Join the Patrons Council . . .

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT IN LIVING VALUES

Subscriptions may be in the sums of \$10 to \$100 or more per year . . . payable at your convenience.

Don't wait for a letter of invitation.

JOIN NOW!

Patrons Council
Fort Wayne Bible College
Fort Wayne, Indiana

As God enables me, and until further notice, I wish to invest in the training program of Fort Wayne Bible College with an annual gift as indicated.

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Alumni Notes

Alumni to Spark Patrons Council

I have just recently attended a meeting of the Patrons Council committee at which time we attempted to draw up some plans to be carried out in the coming months in behalf of our College. As you know by this time, the College will be celebrating her 50th anniversary during the 1954-55 school year. We as an Alumni Association are to have a definite part in enlarging the Patrons Council by that time. The alumni Board of Directors will be meeting in the near future to determine what we can do to encourage every alumnus to become a member of the Patrons Council by making an annual contribution of at least \$10.00 to the school. I know we all appreciate the work of our College and also realize the important part it is playing in training young people for the service of the Lord. This work needs to be expanded. Look for suggestions from us concerning your part in this great work.

J. Harlan Wright, *President, Alumni Association*

Personnel

David, '46, and Esther, '42-44, Siemens (nee Esther Mahaffey) are living in Palestine, Illinois, where David teaches in the local high school. He also attends the university in Terre Haute and expects to get his master's degree in the spring. The Lord willing, the Siemens hope to do teaching in a Christian college or Bible school.

Joe and Mollie Jenkins, '50, (nee Maline Sola) have opened a new station in Hyderabad State, India, after having completed their second year Marathi exams.

Mrs. Charles Fulmer (nee Verna May Kichline, '45-46) reports that she was married in the Christ Lutheran Evangelical Church in Hellertown, Pa., on April 30, 1949. She is employed as a forelady in a dress factory in Easton, Pa. Mr. Fulmer works at Bethlehem Steel Co.

In the Cradle

A boy, Donald Lee, to Rev., '41, and Mrs. Robert Welch on December 1, 1953.

A girl, Paula Elaine, to Clark, '47-48, and Betty, '48, Masters (nee Betty Morris) on December 26, 1953.

A boy, Mark David, to Rev., '42, and Mrs., '40-42, Dan Demnin (nee Dorothea Martig) on January 2, 1954.

A girl, Jewel Kay, to Harvey, '52, and Jane, '50, Ache (nee Jane Ford) on January 3, 1954.

A boy, Jeffrey Mark, to Jim, '50, and Carolyn, '47-50, Johnson (nee Carolyn Klopfenstein) on December 30, 1953.

Address alumni notices to Miss Ruth Zollner, Secretary, Alumni Association, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

TOZER

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er for Spiritual Emphasis Week, February 3-5. He addressed morning chapel sessions and special evening services. He is editor of the *Alliance Weekly*, and is well-known as a pastor, writer, and speaker.

Secretary Needed . . .

There is an immediate opening for a full time secretary at Fort Wayne Bible College. Shorthand and typing desired. Address inquiries to the President.

Athletic Committee Announces Four-Game Basketball Schedule

The Fort Wayne Bible College basketball team, the Ambassadors, will see activity on the varsity hardwood floor again this year in a series of four games scheduled during February and March.

Included in the schedule is a pair of exchange games with Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, similar to last year's arrangement. The first will be played in Chicago on Friday, February 26. The return game will be played here in the Central High School gymnasium on Friday, March 12.

The other two games bring the college team face to face with a brand new opponent, the Fort Wayne Center of Purdue University. The first game will be played in the F.W.B.C. gym on March 3, and the return game at the Purdue Center on March 17.

New Folder Describes Nurses Training Program

An attractive brochure which describes the new cooperative nurses training program has just been prepared by the Promotion office and printing department of the college. Illustrated in blue, black, and white, the folder relates in detail the program of study now offered jointly by Fort Wayne Bible College and the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. Pictures of both schools are included.

The plan makes it possible for girls to complete a standard three-year nurses training program along with two years of Bible college education. The first year is taken at Fort Wayne Bible College, the next three at the school of nursing, and the fifth at the college. The student becomes eligible for both the R.N. and the Bachelor of Science degree in Missionary Nursing Service.

The folders are available on request.

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