

# Vision

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## A CAPPELLA CHOIR HOST TO MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 10; GROUP HAS SUCCESSFUL TOUR

The A Cappella Choir, directed by Professor Oliver E. Steiner, returned to Fort Wayne Sunday, April 12, in time to present its Home Concert that evening, concluding one of the most successful choral tours in the history of the college. Singing twenty-two concerts in three states and Ontario, Canada, over a two-week period, the choir reported that a number of young people accepted Christ as Savior, others were led to consider Fort Wayne Bible College as a place of training, and hundreds received spiritual blessing and inspiration through the excellent musical interpretations of the group. About 900 people attended the Home Concert, which was held in Founders Memorial auditorium.

The choir will participate in the College Choirs Music Festival which will be held on the campus on Sunday afternoon, May 10 at 3:00 P.M. Assisting the choir will be groups from three other colleges: Moody Bible Institute Chorale, Bethel College Choir, and the Asbury College Chorale. Each choir will present a group of selections, and will join for a combined performance to conclude the program.

## Commencement Week Activities Announced

The forty-fifth annual Commencement Week exercises are announced for the week of May 25 to May 30.

On Saturday evening the Wiswell Speech Contest will be held. Rev. Morrow Cook, instructor in Bible, has been chosen to bring the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon, May 24.

The senior class program will be given on Monday evening followed by the Annual Music Concert on Tuesday. The program will include the A Cappella Choir, the Chapel Singers, small groups, and individual performers. Alumni and former students will meet for their annual banquet on Wednesday.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, will present the commencement address on Thursday morning, May 28. Forty-five seniors will graduate.

## The *Vision* Makes Debut

Here it is!

With this first issue of the *Vision*, Fort Wayne Bible College launches a greater news service to its friends, patrons, former students, and alumni everywhere.

We trust you will find the issues interesting, profitable, and inspiring.

We shall appreciate your comments, and we trust the ministry of this paper will open new doors of *vision* for all of us.

## Chapel Singers Record New Disc

The Chapel Singers, radio ensemble on the college broadcast "Sunrise Chapel," have just released a new recording featuring two of their musical selections. The record has been processed under the Sharon label, a Los Angeles recording firm which specializes in religious music.

Included on the record are the spiritual "Ride the Chariot" and "Sun of My Soul," arranged by Richard Gerig, director of radio. The group is directed by John Wilson, instructor in music, and accompanists are Barbara Cate, organist; Ruth Inniger, pianist; and Marjalee Dull, vibraharpist. A solo part is sung by Ed Widmark.

Records are available in the college bookstore, or may be secured through any gospel recording dealer. The price is one dollar, plus tax.

## College Schedules High School Day for Friday, May 8

Inaugurating a new service to high school seniors in the Fort Wayne area who are considering a Christian college education, Fort Wayne Bible College will hold its first high school day on Friday, May 8. With the cooperation of local pastors, invitations are being extended to all seniors who attend evangelical churches in this area. The purpose of the occasion is to acquaint these young people with the educational program of Fort Wayne Bible College and to encourage them to take advantage of the kind of school life offered on such campuses.

The seniors will arrive on the campus in time to be guests for the evening meal. Following dinner, the student council will conduct an informal social hour for the group, and the students will be introduced to the various deans, the president, and other administrative officials. All phases of college life will be explained, and opportunities will be given for questions concerning the school.

The evening will conclude with the showing of the sound film "Pilgrim's Progress" in the auditorium at 8:30 P.M. The film is being sponsored by the Camera Club, and the public is invited to attend the showing.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college, and Richard Gerig, director of promotion, are in charge of arrangements for the day.



Chapel Singers . . . a new record

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



VISION! What word strikes more vital associations among friends and alumni of the Bible College than VISION? It was *vision* of Christ dying on Calvary that prompted us as guilty sinners to burst forth in grateful song, "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my sin rolled away." It is the *heavenly vision* of the exalted Lord with a mission for each of us that binds us in common dedication to the fulfillment of the Great Commission. It is *vision* of eternal rewards and the imminent return of Christ that inspires us as "workers together with Him." It is *vision* of a richer Bible College fellowship, a College with increased spheres of usefulness and widening horizons of service, that gives point to our common interests. *Vision* alone can maintain the life of the College, for without vision, people perish. To that end, VISION is dedicated.

This is written at Phoenix, Arizona, where I have had the opportunity of engaging in a week-long Bible conference in the First Missionary Church. Here it has been my happy privilege to meet a number of Alumni. Their number in this growing community, 2,000 miles from Fort Wayne, is a reminder of the wide influence of the College. The pastor of the First Missionary Church, which bulged with an attendance of 470 Easter Sunday, is Rev. Clarence Gerig, both an alumnus and a trustee of the College. Besides Mrs. Gerig, he is assisted by another graduate and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ogden, '51. Ralph is capable youth director and choir leader, and Miriam is organist. Frieda Rediger does double duty, serving as Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School and working at the Good Samaritan Hospital in "records." This church is also the home church of Mrs. Sylvan Hausser, '23, missionary to Ecuador, and of Dr. Clyde Taylor, trustee.

Three Bible College alumni are on the staff of the Phoenix Christian High School, a growing institution with competent leadership and high academic standards. Harry McElhone is a full-time teacher, and his wife Marie is a secretary. Harry expects an M.A. at Arizona State College in May. Bob Quay is teaching Bible and is pursuing studies at Grand Canyon College. His wife Rita is also an alumna.

Two former students are engaged in Child Evangelism work in this area—Betty Mason and Ardis Harris. Other alumni are Mrs. Samuel Schumacher, Rev. J. A. Greider, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hirschy. Rev. J. A. Greider, a graduate of the Class of 1910, is retired after a worthy record of service. Likewise, Mr. Hirschy has just retired after more than 30 years in the public schools of Phoenix.

The constructive, Christian influences that have gone out from these alumni in the Phoenix area are immeasurable. God bless them and all others in similar posts at home and abroad.

## "Sunrise Chapel" Rallies Scheduled

The "Sunrise Chapel" radio staff will appear in two rallies in Michigan during the weekend of May 2 and 3. The staff will conduct a program at the county-wide youth rally in Bad Axe on Saturday evening, and will appear at the Clare Methodist Church in Clare on Sunday afternoon.

During these rallies actual transcribed broadcasts are made for later release over the air. Dr. S. A. Witmer accompanies the group as the featured speaker.

The program is now heard on 25 stations, including the Aloha Network in Hawaii, and HCJB, worldwide shortwave station in Quito, Ecuador.

## RECENT CHAPEL SPEAKERS

March 18 — Rev. Robert Magary, assistant pastor of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

March 19 — Rev. Paul Zimmerman, director of the Cedine Bible Camp for colored children in Tennessee.

March 20 — Dr. Bob Ingersoll, of Holton Lake, Michigan. Evangelist with the General Association of regular Baptists.

March 24 — Rev. Willis Hunking, Canadian, missionary to Nigeria, West Africa, serving under the United Missionary Church.

March 25 — Art Zylstra, supervisor of controls at Radio Station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador.

March 26 — Mr. Harvey Birkey, director of Alabama Children's Bible Mission, and acting dean of the Southeast Bible College of Birmingham, Alabama.

March 30 — Miss Anna V. Liechty, of Berne, Indiana, missionary to Congo under the Congo Inland Mission and now attending Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

March 31 — Rev. John Poorter, Central Baptist Church, Durbin, So. Africa, doing evangelistic work in the United States.

April 1 — Rev. Earl Archer, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada.

April 2 — Miss Shirley Force, Director of Guidance of the Girl Haven, or Door of Hope at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

April 17 — Rev. G. Raymond Jewel, pastor of Third Street United Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## New Campus Area Encourages Growth

Through a remarkable series of providences the Bible College now has a fine addition to the campus for future development. It is a single tract covering five city blocks, or fourteen acres, across the boulevard from the present campus area. It is surrounded by one of the finest residential districts of the city and is in Zone A—restricted to single family homes, churches and colleges.

Title to the property was acquired on January 26, when Miss Clara Wiebke, co-owner with Miss Emma Wiebke and Mrs. W. H. Wiebke, conveyed the deed to President S. A. Witmer, who with Mr. S. A. Lehman, represented the Governing Board in the transaction.



Dr. Witmer receives title to new property from Miss Clara Wiebke, as Mr. S. A. Lehman looks on.

The tract is entirely paid for and provides ample room for continued growth of the College. With the north campus entirely built up and with pressing needs for an enlarged library and living quarters, the next building development will take place on the new campus addition.

At present a three-acre tract, which has been improved for a recreational area, is used in the physical educational program of the school. A part of the campus facing Lexington Avenue is still occupied by virgin trees—stately white oaks, smooth-bark beech, maple, elm, and hickory trees. It is an ideal site for wiener roasts and similar outdoor events in the fall of the year.

At the last meeting of the Board, a planning committee was composed to give over-all study to the development of the new campus. The committee is composed of Howard Von Gunten, Superintendent of Parks in Fort Wayne; Prof. Harvey Hitchell; Rev. Jared F. Gerig; Mr. S. A. Lehman; and Dr. S. A. Witmer.

**COLLEGE CHOIRS FESTIVAL**  
**Four Choirs**  
**Sunday, May 10, 3:00 P.M.**

## This year attend **SUMMER SCHOOL** June 15 to July 24

Exposition of John, 2 hrs. cr.  
 Exposition of General Epistles,  
 3 hrs. cr.

Doctrine of Last Things (Eschatology), 2 hrs. cr.

Public Speaking, 2 hrs. cr.

Educational Psychology, 2 hrs. cr.

Write for information

**Fort Wayne Bible College**

## College Defeats Moody in Net Tilts

Launching a new varsity basketball program, the Fort Wayne Bible College Ambassadors defeated Moody Bible Institute in a pair of exchange games scheduled during February and March.

Fort Wayne downed Moody, 53-39, in a home game on February 27 at the Concordia College Gymnasium. The return game was played in Chicago's Well's High School Gymnasium on March 20, with Fort Wayne winning, 52-42.

Scoring for the Fort Wayne team was led by Noel and Joe Grabill, former high school stars. Other members of the Fort Wayne team are Owen Haifley, Charles Williams, Leon Gerig, Stanley Leonard, Bob Taylor, Don Erickson, Eugene Gauger, and Bill Roberts. Elmer Neuen-schwander, dean of students, is coach.

## PLACEMENT SERVICE

### Positions Open:

Church worker for two Home Mission Churches in Pennsylvania.

Piano teacher in a Midwestern Bible College.

D.V.B.S. teachers — many openings for entire summer or single sessions.

### Positions Wanted:

Graduates available as pastors, assistant pastors, Sunday School workers, musicians, etc.

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

## Reginald Gerig Gives Recital

Reginald Gerig, instructor in piano at Wheaton College, presented a guest artist recital in Founders Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, April 25, at 8:15 P.M. The recital was planned under the auspices of the School of Music.

Mr. Gerig, whose hometown is Fort Wayne, is well known in this area for his musical ability. He participated in music activities here, and later graduated from Wheaton College and from the Juilliard School of Music in New York. He served on the piano faculty of the Missionary Training Institute in Nyack, New York, for four years, and taught piano two years at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, before joining the Wheaton faculty.

## Intramural Program Closes Successful Year

An active intramural basketball program for all men students of the college wound up a few weeks ago with the junior Bobcats at the top of the list with six wins and no losses. Top scorer for a personal record was Joe Grabill who tallied up 144 points for the season. Owen Haifley, a senior, was close second with 141.

Class standings are as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Bobcats — (Jrs.)	6	0	1.000
Tigers — (Frosh)	3	3	.500
Polecats — (Sophs)	2	4	.333
Bulldogs — (Srs.)	1	5	.167

## Faye Castersen Senior Recital

Fay Casterson was featured in her senior voice recital on Friday, April 24 at 8:00 P.M. Miss Castersen concludes three years of voice study, and will graduate from the Standard Bible-Music course this Spring. She is a student of Professor Oliver Steiner, and her recital included such selections as "Mainacht" by Brahms, an aria from "Stabat Mater" by Rossini, "Heiden-Roslein" by Schubert.



Faye Castersen . . . senior songs

Here and There . . .

## Alumni Notes

### Los Angelus alumni . . .

Former students and graduates in the Los Angeles area met on February 16 for an alumni banquet at the Ranch House in Pasadena, California. Featured on the program were Rev. Tillman Habegger, speaker, and music by Ira Gerig, Earle Dickinson, and Rev. Roy Hamseyer. Rev. Edison Habegger was master of ceremonies. Newly elected officers are Rev. Edgar Neuen-schwander, president; Rev. Roy Ramseyer, vice-president; Miss Mahala Diller, secretary; and Wesley Gerig, treasurer. Approximately forty attended.

### Personnel . . .

Clark Card, '50, is back at work at Kingswood School, Bean Station, Tennessee, as assistant to the president. He is directing broadcasts for the school and supervising advertising and publicity. He recently underwent surgery during a period of illness, but he says, "The Lord has undertaken and I am feeling my old self once again."

Gleason Ledyard, '43-'46, has been busy visiting mission camps in northern Canada, flying by airplane. Last fall he discovered a lost plane two hundred miles north of his mission station and rescued six men who had been forced down for seven days. The rescue made national news. Only recently Gleason and his wife Kathryn, together with their small Eskimo son, were reported lost near the Arctic Circle. A few days later they landed their plane at an outpost on Hudson Bay in perfectly good condition, and soon after returned to their missionary post. We praise God for His protective care for the Ledyards is the sub-zero, icy climate of their mission field.

Born to Charles and Ruth, '45, Savage (nee Ruth Allen), a boy, Joel Thomas, on February 21, 1953.

Born to Paul and Nila, '48, Mast (nee Nila Bossard), a girl, Sharon Kay, March 31, 1953.

Clark and Betty, '48, Masters (nee Betty Morris) arrived recently at their mission station in Lagos, Nigeria. Report of their arrival has been sent by the Sudan Interior Mission.

Stanley, '43, and Harriet, '43, Rupp (nee Harriet Sweeten), recently served Easter breakfast to 114 children at the Evangelical Mennonite Mission in Lafayette, Indiana. The Rupps direct the work of the mission and report that God is richly blessing the ministry with real growth.

### Up-Coming . . .

All roads for alumni and former students will lead to the campus on Wednesday, May 27, for the annual Fellowship Circle banquet. The occasion promises to be one of the most significant ever. Planned items for consideration will be constitution revision and a new outreach in alumni activity. The fellowship will be as good as always.

### Investments . . .

A letter to all former students and alumni in the mails about the same time as this news issue is explaining the current fellowship circle budget plans. Pray about your part in making a living investment in the lives of students who are training for living, eternal values.

## "Crusader Harmonies" Builds Audience

The newest broadcast series produced by the Fort Wayne Bible College Broadcasting Service, "Crusader Harmonies," and heard on WGL in Fort Wayne each Saturday at 5:45 P.M., is finding increased interest from listeners throughout the Fort Wayne area.

The broadcast features the hymns and spirituals of the Crusaders Quartet, and is designed to provide a program of inspiration through music. The quartet includes Leon Gerig, first tenor; Tom Zehr, second tenor; Ed Widmark, baritone; and Joe Grabbill, bass. Barbara Cate is accompanist, and Ed Jones is announcer.



Crusader's Quartet . . .

more songs in the air

### Class Field Trips

Three classes have educational field trips scheduled for the near future.

The science class, Mr. Harvey Mitchell, instructor, travels to Chicago on Monday, May 4, to visit the Museum of Science and Industry. The sociology class, Mr. Cyril Eicher, instructor, will visit the Fort Wayne State School on May 8. Another Chicago trip to network studios is scheduled by the radio class for Saturday, May 16.

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