

Jim Rayburn Youth Conference Speaker; Theme to be "Truth for Youth"

Program Set For October 28-30

Jim Rayburn, national director of Young Life Campaign, Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be the principal speaker for the 16th annual Youth Conference of the college to be held on the campus October 28-30.

According to James Leever, senior of Detroit, Michigan, and conference chairman, this year's theme will be "Truth for Youth". Conference programs will be centered in that theme.

Guests attending the conference will register Friday afternoon and evening, with the first program scheduled for 7:30 p.m., when Mr. Rayburn

will speak. Saturday's schedule calls for a devotional at 8 a.m., followed by a Youth Clinic at 9:15, when Mr. Rayburn will answer questions taken from the audience. The late morning and noon hour will be given to recreation. At 2 p.m. the Youth Conference committee will present a program "This is the Life", featuring student participation. This will be followed by a wiener roast on south campus, with the evening service

scheduled for 7:30 p.m. A program of music will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, and the closing program at 2:00 p.m. will have a missionary emphasis.



Rayburn

Other members of the steering committee are co-chairman, Harriet Fields; Secretary, Audrey Sparks; Treasurer, Gaius Steiner; Music Director, John Burke; and Publicity Manager, Keith Davis. Other chairmen include Barbara Streitmatter, registration; Frank Burke, accommodations; Bill Witker, prayer; personal work, Bill Curry; and decorations, Bruce Gerig. Faculty advisors are W. Morrow Cook and Betty Stanley.

Mr. Rayburn founded the Young Life movement about 1940. He is the son of a Presbyterian evangelist, and it was while he was youth leader in a Dallas, Texas, church that he discovered that he could reach high school young people for Christ by

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"Sunrise Chapel" Has New Series on WKJG

Sunrise Chapel returned to the air on WKJG on Monday, October 3, using as this year's theme, "The Psalms — Gems for Devotion". The fifteen-minute program is broadcast Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, President, is discussing the Psalms as ideal daily reading for personal and family devotions. According to Richard Gerig, Director of Broadcasting, the purpose of the series is to encourage Bible reading and to provide spiritual inspiration.

Hymns are sung by a student ensemble, the Chapel Singers, assisted by soloists and small groups. Music director is Betty Stanley, assistant professor of voice and piano, and organist is Ira Gerig, assistant professor of piano. Pianist is Arlene

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Classes Elect Officers

All four classes of the student body recently elected officers for the current school year. They are as follows:

Seniors: President, Jake Schierling, Van Nuys, Calif.; vice-president, Gaylord Williams, Hawaii; secretary, Harriet Fields, Connersville, Ind.; treasurer, Larry Harter, Fort Wayne; chaplain, Basil Thompson, Jamaica; and advisor, Cyril Eicher, Dean of Students.

Juniors: President, Gaius Steiner, Flint, Mich.; vice-president, Bill Curry, Greenville, So. Carolina; secretary, Esther Kemmer, Allentown, Penn.; treasurer, Kenneth Cave, Bay City, Mich.; chaplain, Abe Williams, Hawaii; and advisor, Harvey Mitchell, Registrar and Professor of General Education.

Sophomores: President, Lester Meisenheimer, Walnut, Ill.; vice-president, Ben Williams, Hawaii; secretary, Pat Witt, Auburn, Ind.; treasurer, Ron Davis, Whittier, Calif.; chaplain, Joseph Cunningham, Somerset, Ohio; and advisor, Don Kenyon, Assistant Professor of Greek and Bible.

Freshmen: President, Lloyd Lee, Middlepoint, Ohio; vice-president, Al Herron, Jamaica; secretary, Sally Allen, Ada, Ohio; treasurer, Ken Hewitt, Riverside, R. I.; chaplain, Frank Burke, Hampstead, Md.; and advisor, Betty Stanley, Assistant Professor of Voice and Piano.



Newly elected class presidents confer with Tom Branks, Student Council president. Left to right: Gaius Steiner, juniors; Branks; Lester Meisenheimer, sophomores; Jake Schierling, seniors. Standing, Lloyd Lee, freshmen.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Faith and Effort

Every Christian enterprise faces the question of the relation of faith to human effort. A radio broadcast sounds off its formula: "This is entirely a faith work. We are dependent on your gifts to keep this broadcast going. Unless you send in a gift now, we will have to go off the air." A city-wide campaign is efficiently organized from cottage prayer meetings to topnotch publicity. A missionary society pleads for prayer but carefully cultivates giving by systematically sending circulars to a mailing list. In fact, Uncle Sam's postal system is a wonderful prop for "faith" organizations.

Both positions at the extremes are unscriptural. It is not scriptural to pray for the conversion of the lost but do nothing in terms of going and witnessing, assuming that God will convert them without our help. On the other hand, it is just as unscriptural to do the bulk of Christian work in the flesh, then top it off with a bit of pious lip service to faith.

Can faith and prayer and dependence upon God be made consistent with effort, zeal, sound organization, and careful planning? The following suggestions are offered:

1. Prayer must always precede planning, organization, etc. So it was with the first missionary enterprise (Acts 13:1,2). Effective prayer must be more than a conventional petition for God to "bless our efforts." It must be prayer in the Holy Spirit by which the will of God is communicated.

2. Worthy, God-blessed activity is always generated and impelled by the Spirit of God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Any work—no matter how good—that is performed in the flesh is worthless in the day of rewards.

3. With every Christian advance there is the unseen aspect of Satanic opposition. Fleshly enterprises usually do not encounter this kind of opposition. But in a spiritual conflict, victory is always won through prayer and faith. The whole armor of Ephesians 6 is exercised against "the darkness of this world" by "prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

4. The right goal, or right aim always distinguishes worthy activity from works of the flesh. What glorifies God, what is pleasing to Him, what adorns the gospel, what exemplifies Christ—these are the aim of the Christian.

Governing Board Meets

The Governing Board met on September 27 for its fall meeting with all thirteen members present except one. The following officers were re-elected: L. Shirl Hatfield, Chairman; Maurice Rubb, Secretary; and S. A. Lehman, Treasurer.

Mr. Ezra Steiner of Woodburn, Indiana, was elected as Assistant Treasurer to assume some of the Treasurer's responsibilities. He will be the active Treasurer of the Current Fund. Mr. Steiner attended the college in 1919-20, and has been active in church and mission work as a Christian layman. At present he is a director of the Woodburn State Bank, the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co. and the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Co. He is a member of the Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Board members are:

Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz, Massillon, Ohio; Assistant Minister, St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Mr. J. Francis Chase, Chicago, Illinois; Commercial Artist

Rev. D. W. Donaghue, Newark, Ohio; Pastor, Christian Union Church

Rev. Jared F. Gerig, Fort Wayne, Indiana; President, Missionary Church Association

Rev. Clifford L. Grabill, Grabill, Indiana; Manager, Sauder Feed Mill

Mr. L. Shirl Hatfield, Pandora, Ohio; Retired President of First National Bank, Pandora, Ohio

Rev. Ben A. Jennings, Van Nuys, California; Pastor, Van Nuys Missionary Church

Mr. S. A. Lehman, Fort Wayne, Indiana; President of National Mill Supply Co., Inc.

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Upland, Indiana; Dean, Taylor University

Mr. Maurice M. Rupp, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Executive Secretary, Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Rev. Robert C. Strubhar, Sterling, Kansas; District Superintendent, Mid-Western District of the Missionary Church Association

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; Secretary of Affairs of The National Association of Evangelicals

Dr. S. A. Witmer, Fort Wayne, Indiana; President of Fort Wayne Bible College

Nurses Training Program Grows in Popularity

Thirty-two Girls Enrolled In Five-year Co-operative Course With Lutheran Hospital

Since its beginning only three years ago, the nurses training program offered jointly by Fort Wayne Bible College and the Lutheran Hospital has grown with remarkable progress. From an enrollment of only one student in 1952, the group has expanded to thirty-two girls who now enjoy the advantages of planned preparation for a profession of Christian nursing.

Aimed to prepare young women to minister to both spiritual and physical needs in Christian service, the program is a combination of nurses' training and Bible College education. It leads to the R.N. certification and the Bachelor of Science degree in missionary nursing service. Training for the five-year course is taken alternately at the two institutions which are only seven blocks apart. The first year is on the college campus with basic courses in general education and Bible. The next three years are spent at the hospital's School of Nursing, and for the fifth year the student returns to the college campus as a senior with courses in advanced Bible and missions.

First girl to formally enroll in the program was Barbara Lung, Peoria, Ill., who is now in her third year of nurses' training at the hospital. Miss Lung, who will be the first to complete the full five-year course when she returns to the campus to graduate as a senior next school year, is enthusiastic about the advantages of the joint program. She explains: "The ground work in Bible and related subjects which I received on campus before I started my three years of nurses' training has helped me greatly to testify to the patients at the hospital. It has also strengthened my Christian experience and is helping me in personal Bible study during this time." She is looking forward to a nursing career on a mission field.

Ethel Schlatter, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Martha Overmyer, Monterey,

Ind., are now in their second year of training in the School of Nursing. Thirteen others completed their freshman year on the campus last spring and are now beginning nurses' training this fall. Those now at the hospital as part of the joint program are shown below.

Last month sixteen more girls entered Fort Wayne Bible College as freshman students just beginning the five-year road to Christian nursing. They are Roberta Carter, Pomona, Calif.; Louise Diller, Pandora, Ohio; Donna Garnier, Pomona, Calif.; Yvonne Johnson, Pomona, Calif.; Beverly Mark, Tinley Park, Ill.; Carolyn Means, Leo, Ind.; Janet Millender, Hampstead, Md.; Florence Rahn, Three Forks, Mont.; Dorothy Rambo, Malvern, Penn.; Margaret Richards, Dixon, Ill.; Ruth Ringenberg, Defiance, Ohio; Joan Seitz, Sterling, Kan.; Grace Shillingsburg, Park Rapids, Minn.; Sylvia Soderquist, Gaylord, Mich.;

Carol Wiens, Pomona, Calif.; and Evelyn Waller, Detroit, Mich.

Besides the girls who are a part of the joint program with the Lutheran Hospital, four more are registered nurses from other hospitals taking further study here and several other students at the Lutheran Hospital plan to continue their training here. In all about forty girls are combining study at Fort Wayne Bible College with preparation for a profession of Christian nursing. This represents about twelve per cent of the total enrollment.

Mission boards are calling for specialized help—young women who are both missionaries and professional nurses. Fort Wayne Bible College is supplying nurses to mission fields and other areas of Christian service as rapidly as possible—further evidence that the college is pushing forward under God's blessing to train young people for vital areas of Christian service.

A pictorial folder completely describing the joint nurses' program is available on request. Address the registrar.



Girls presently enrolled at the Lutheran Hospital as part of the joint program with the college are shown in the nurses' lounge. First row: Marian Haffner, Doster, Mich.; Ida Snoko, Glendale, Calif.; Ethel Schlatter, Fort Wayne; Eleanor Hellstein, Detroit, Mich.; Marlene Devlin, Pittsburgh, Pa. Second row: Phyllis Goin, Anderson, Ind.; Martha Overmyer, Monterey, Ind.; Barbara Lung, Peoria, Ill.; Patricia Pier, Hampstead, Md. Third row: Joan Hankey, Butler, Ind.; Patsy Ann Wolfe, Toledo, Ohio; Mary Rodeheffer, Detroit, Mich.; Sally Kinoshita, Koloa, Hawaii; Joy Easterling, Wyandotte, Mich.; June Bradley, Fort Wayne. Not pictured, Barbara McCord, Detroit, Mich.

Around the campus . . .

a word from the deans

"Thankful for Discipline . . ."

Cyril H. Eicher
Dean of Students

Recently while discussing standards of Christian conduct on our campus, an alumnus of our college told me, "One of the things I have appreciated most about my training at Fort Wayne Bible College is the discipline I received." He felt that there were positive benefits he received while living on campus which he might not have gained in any other way—benefits in the form of acquiring certain habits of self-control and the ability to make adjustments, which are so essential in living with other people. I have heard a number of others express themselves similarly.

Young people generally do not enjoy regulations. There is a certain spirit of independence which often finds expression in overt acts of rebellion against authority. Especially is this true where there has been a background of indulgence and leniency in the home. Not long ago one student confided in me, "my mother never made me do anything". It is this kind of background which sometimes creates problems in college life when such students are asked to observe certain standards and rules of conduct.

It is an established fact, however, that unless young people learn to develop self-control and form the right habits for daily living while they are still in training, they will likely be misfits and failures in Christian service. No athlete would dare to expect to win a race or other contest who had not conscientiously observed certain rules of training. Paul said, "If any one takes part in an athletic contest, he gets no prize unless he obeys the rules" (II Tim. 2:5, Wey.) In fact, any one who would succeed in any area of life must subject himself to certain regulations and training before he can achieve his goal.

Jesus said that the man who would be His follower would necessarily have to "deny himself and take up his cross". In other words, a *disciple* is one who is *disciplined*. It is our aim at Fort Wayne Bible College to help our students to acquire that self-discipline which is so essential for effective Christian living and ministry. When they return to tell us how they have appreciated this training, it is heartening indeed!

Alumni Chapters To Be Organized

At its meeting held on the college campus on October 7, the Alumni Board of Directors adopted a plan for chartering alumni chapters in areas where graduates and former students of the college are living.

The Board approved immediate completion of chartering steps where alumni activity is already in progress. These areas include Detroit, Mich.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Peoria, Ill.; and Sierre Leone, West Africa.

The Board agreed to organize chapters in other areas which have a sufficient number of alumni and former students. Working through a local organizational committee, the alumni office will provide a list of names and addresses of former students in the area and will assist the committee in setting forth the chapter program of activity. An authorized constitution for all chapters was also approved.

Areas where other chapters will soon be organized are Fort Wayne, Ind.; Berne, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; Phoenix, Ariz., and Kansas. Other areas will follow.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

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conducting gospel meetings in homes on week nights. Today the work has spread throughout the country with leaders from many evangelical colleges and seminaries now ministering to thousands of America's teenagers. The Young Life headquarters is located at Star Ranch at Colorado Springs.

Young people planning to attend the conference are urged to send a note of reservation addressed to the Youth Conference committee. Meals and lodging will be provided with reasonable rates.

SUNRISE CHAPEL

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Riegel, senior from Clyde, Ohio, and announcer is Ed Jones, junior from Detroit. Control operator is Vernon Babcock, junior from Hoytville, Ohio.

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