

Fort Wayne Bible College Sunday Set for March 4 in MCA Churches

Sunday, March 4, is being designated Fort Wayne Bible College Sunday by the Missionary Church Association for its churches throughout the country. Simultaneously, churches of that denomination will emphasize the value of Christian education and the ministry of Fort Wayne Bible College. In addition to especially planned programs by pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and youth leaders, an offering will be received for the current expenses of the college.

Fort Wayne Bible College was founded by the Missionary Church Association in 1904 when the MCA established a school in Bluffton, Ohio, to train its young people for Christian service. Later that year a site in Fort Wayne was purchased, and the school began at its present location early in 1905. Today one-third of the study body of the college represents MCA churches from all parts of the country.

Special church bulletins are being prepared for use in the churches on both February 26 and March 4. A kit of materials is being forwarded to each church to help as an aid in planning programs for the day. Where possible, Fort Wayne Bible College faculty and students will

Student Missionary Group Names Officers

Officers for the student Mission Band for the second semester were recently elected.

They are as follows: president, Jake Schierling, Van Nuys, Calif.; vice-president, John Butler, Peoria, Ill.; secretary, Carolyn Crego, Newark, Ohio; treasurer, Franklin Burke, Hampstead, Md.; chorister, Clarence Hodges, Detroit, Mich.; pianist, Marilyn Hara, Detroit, Mich.; and organist, Arlene Riegel, Clyde, Ohio.

participate in the programs of churches in the general Fort Wayne area.

Area Women Plan FWBC Auxiliary

Women of the general Fort Wayne area who are interested in the ministry of Fort Wayne Bible College are invited to attend the organizational meeting of the Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary in Founders Memorial lounge on the campus on Monday, February 27, at 7:45 p.m.

The concept of an auxiliary for the college has been in the planning stage for several months. A few local Christian women were invited by the Committee on Administration to meet a short time ago to discuss the value of an auxiliary, its objectives, and its services to the college. At a second meeting with a larger number of women in attendance, it was decided to announce the organizational date and to extend an invitation to all Christian women of the area to become members.

Goals of the auxiliary will be to form a prayer mother plan, whereby each student has someone in the area praying for him regularly; to

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Christian Ministry Conference Lists Program Items for February 28-March 2

"Evangelism in the Local Church" is the theme for the Christian Ministry Conference for pastors and Christian workers to be held on the campus February 28 to March 2. All sessions — chapel, morning and afternoon workshops, and evening meetings—are aimed to present new methods and more effective ways for promoting the evangelistic ministry of the local church.

Those planning to attend should forward a registration notice by February 21 to Rev. Cyril Eicher, chairman of the conference planning committee. Registration fee is \$1 per day or \$2.50 for the full time, payable at the conference. Accommodations will be available at reasonable costs.

TUESDAY, February 28, 8:00 p.m. — Opening Session

Rev. Gordon Wishart, pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, Dubois, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, February 29 — "Evangelism through the Sunday School"

Rev. J. H. Watt, pastor, Campbell Baptist Church, Windsor, Ontario

THURSDAY, March 1 — "Evangelism through Missionary Activity"

Rev. R. R. Kauffman, pastor, Hope Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

FRIDAY, March 2 — "Evangelism through Publicity"

J. Francis Chase, commercial artist, Chicago, Illinois

Workshops Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Rev. Wishart speaking each day at 9:40 a.m. chapel & 8:00 p.m. sessions

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Education In The Atomic Age

Recently a man in the field of public relations for colleges said to several of us on the Board: "The tragedy is that many colleges have no definite purpose." The institutions he referred to are church-related colleges that have lost their anchorage in Christian faith. What accents this tragedy is the failure to prepare young people for effective service in a time of unprecedented crisis. For colleges that accept the gospel as the one power to redeem men, this is the hour of momentous OPPORTUNITY.

In the current issue of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, the lead article scans the first ten years of the atomic age. The grim summary is given in these words: "Such is the state of mankind after ten years of atomic energy—a precarious balance of mutual terror . . ." The writer, Eugene Rabinowitch, sees no way of survival except for individuals and nations to renounce selfishness. And that brings us to the one solution that Christ had for the ills of humanity—renunciation of selfishness. Then newness of life would lead to service motivated by love. Said the Master: "After all these things do the Gentiles seek." "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself."

The supreme need in this hour—as in the time of Jesus—is for the right kind of workmen. Humanity, poised on the brink of its self-created hell, calls for Calvary-infused, Spirit-impelled servants who have renounced all forms of selfishness for the gospel's sake. For this ministry the Bible College was founded. By a gracious Providence—operating through the Missionary Church Association, alumni, and friends—it has come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

If the college is to fulfill its mission in this hour, it needs consecrated cooperation, prevailing prayer, dedication of faculty and staff, loyalty of students and alumni, faithful support of its friends, and the Spirit's leadership.

The minute hand of the clock on the cover page of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* says three minutes till midnight! The time to act is NOW! "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Ambassadors Finish Basketball Season By Defeating DBI

The Fort Wayne Bible College Ambassadors closed their basketball season on January 21 with a 66-41 win over Detroit Bible Institute in the Central High School gym in Fort Wayne. It was the last of a five-game schedule in which the Ambassadors were victorious four times.

The season's summary is as follows:

FWBC	Opponent
84	53 Grace Seminary (here)
59	78 Grace Seminary (there)
74	59 Huntington Junior Varsity (there)
67	46 Detroit B.I. (there)
66	41 Detroit B.I. (here)

Coach for the team was Clair Motz, Christian layman and physical education instructor at South Side High School.



Ron Krause drives under the basket in a moment of fast play when Fort Wayne Bible College won over DBI in Fort Wayne on January 21. (Photo courtesy 1956 Light Tower).

Alumni Announce 1956 Fund Drive

The alumni Board of Directors has named March to be "Alumni Loyalty Month" when a new fund drive will be launched among alumni and former students. Using the personal contact method in promoting the program, the Board has established an alumni fund which is designated toward the operating expenses of the college.

Full details are being announced to all former students in the Alumni News Letter and a special alumni brochure.

Pastoral Work, Further Training for Service

Rank High in Summary of Class of '55 Activities

Most of the fifty-five members of the class who graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College last June are already active in pastorates and other ministries, or are taking further study for places of Christian service.

A recent survey reveals that one-fifth of the class members are now serving in church pastorates. Eight of the men are ministers, two are assistant pastors, and four of the women are pastors' wives. Al Bell is pastor of the Christian Union Church in Macon, Ohio; Derrell Brown, Springlake Missionary Church, Manito, Ill.; Darel Caulkins, Mount Union Christian Union Church, Edon, Ohio; Joe Hefner, Faith, Hope and Love Gospel Tabernacle, Lima, Ohio; Stanley and Donna Leonard, Loomis Missionary Church, Clare, Mich.; Jack McManus, three rural churches near Tell City, Ind.; Lonnie Randall, Rehobeth Church near Fort Wayne; and William and Carolyn Rowell, Evangelical Mennonite Church, Eureka, Ill. Harold Haller is assistant pastor at the Thorncreek Baptist Church near Columbia City, Ind., and Harold Lehman is assistant at the Northside Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Two other women are also pastors' wives are Barbara (Cate) Geisler, Dayton Center Church near Detroit, and Beulah Mae (Schmidt) Mohr, Milan Center Methodist Church near Fort Wayne. Mrs. Geisler, who majored in music, is also teaching piano in Royal Oak, Mich. In addition to these who are in pastorates, Ethel Aurelio is working with the American Sunday School Union in Philadelphia, where she also ministers in a negro settlement.

Perhaps the largest group of the class comprises those who are taking further study or are doing graduate work. At least sixteen are preparing further for places of service—either as missionaries, pastors, or Christian teachers. Noboru Ayabe is in the graduate School of Missions at Columbia Bible College; Jim Baxter is studying education at Goshen College; Don and Dorothy Erickson are living near Wheaton, Ill., where Don is enrolled at Wheaton College; Violet Haller is attending Wayne University in Detroit; Ruth Harrold, Taylor University; Conchita Los Banos, Seattle Pacific College; Bob

Wagler, Wheaton College; Ron Young, Northwestern Theological Seminary; and three at Indiana University in Bloomington — Yoshina Higa, Ruth In-niger, and Orville Orr. Joe Pitzer is attending Indiana University Extension in Fort Wayne. Basil Thompson and Edna Wichert are taking further work at Fort Wayne Bible College. Ruth Huntington is preparing for missionary nursing at the Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Miami, Fla., and Jack Nichols is attending Western Michigan College, where he is preparing to teach on the foreign mission field.

While foreign missions is the ultimate goal of several in the class, most of these are in further training or are waiting time for their appointment. In addition to those already referred to above, Fred Kleinhenn is working in Fort Wayne while his wife completes her study here at the college. Earl Schlabbach is an announcer for radio station WBSE in Hillsdale, Mich., with his eye set toward

missionary radio. Kathleen (Collins) Roberts is secretary at the Missionary Church Association headquarters while her husband finishes his missionary preparation at the college. Definite plans have been made by John Cherrie and his wife who have been accepted as probationary missionaries to the Far East under the China Inland Mission. The date for their sailing for Singapore has been tentatively set for June 10.

Four of the graduates are now in teaching positions. Keith DeLane Davis is at the Downswellworth School in Pontiac, Ill.; Darrell Gerig, Monmouth High School near Decatur, Ind.; Marguerite Krohn, Sparks Conservatory in Royal Oak, Mich.; and Bert Wilhoit, Bob Jones University, where he is also enrolled in the graduate School of Religion.

The alma mater is still the center of activity for three women of the class. Myrneath Shaver is secretary in the Christian Service Office; Donna Harvey is secretary in the Promotion and Alumni Office; and Virginia Lehman is receptionist in Founders Memorial. Miss Harvey and Miss Lehman are also enrolled in evening classes at Indiana University Extension in Fort Wayne studying elementary education.

Several members of the class are ministering to human as well as spiritual needs. Jerry and Mary Mae Carey are engaged by the New York State Department of Social Welfare as supervisors at the Thomas Indian School in Iroquois, N. Y. Gordon Klopfenstein is a leader

Around the campus . . . faculty reflections

Don J. Kenyon

Chairman, Department of Bible and Theology

The godly men who met together, prayed for Divine guidance, and framed the objectives of the first colleges of America had one burning passion — to provide training centers for young men and women to study God's Word. At present some of these same schools are hot-beds of atheism and communistic philosophy. Most of them are no more than perpetrators of materialism and secularism.

There is little doubt that Fort Wayne Bible College was founded on the same principle. It is a *Bible* College. We are not ashamed of that name nor are we tolerating it in embarrassment until we can conveniently change it to something without the stigma the word "Bible" brings to some.

The test of the effectiveness of any school is not the scholastic background of its esteemed faculty or the impressive curriculum listed in its catalog. The unimpeachable value of any school is in the spiritual success of its graduates. Therefore, we of Fort Wayne Bible College have a dream—yes more—a *vision*. It is our pledge to you and our consecration to God to make the BIBLE phase of this BIBLE COLLEGE more than a meaningless name. We stand against the deadly, corrosive tendency to crowd out the Bible-centered curriculum with the "thorns and thistles" of secularism. More than this! Under God we are taking decisive steps to keep the Bible courses taught in our school *courses in the Bible*.

We devote our ministry to such method and procedure that issues in a type of student who not only knows what he believes about the Bible, but *why* he believes it. Only this kind of a person can say: "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel."

FWBC AUXILIARY

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organize a food and clothing center for helping students, particularly married student families when needed; and to assist in other ways which will logically fall within the activity of the auxiliary.

If you are a Christian woman interested in Fort Wayne Bible College and living within an approximate 50 mile radius of the campus, you are cordially invited to attend the organizational meeting and to become a charter member of the auxiliary.

CLASS OF '55

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of group activity at the Jefferson Recreation Center in Fort Wayne.

The important ministry of homemaking has come to a few other members of the class. These include **Velma (Mollan) Gordon**, **Ann (Styers) Myers**, and **Lois (Hefner) Warren**. Husbands of the latter two are still enrolled at the college. The Armed Forces has called **Kendall Schoeff** into the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill. Following his period of service, he plans to return to his ministry of sacred music. **Naomi Wiederkehr** is doing children's work in her church in Peoria, Ill., where she is also employed. **George Nantz** is planning for more education in preparation for Christian service, and is meanwhile employed in Fort Wayne. **Juanita Cassidy** is working in Defiance, Ohio. **Rosemary Graber** is living in Fort Wayne, and **Harry Spaeth** in Philadelphia.

It is gratifying to note that the trend of the class reveals young lives committed to serve Christ by ministering to human need wherever God leads. The objective of Fort Wayne Bible College is to train youth for Christ-centered places of service throughout the world. Pray with us that future graduates will also help to meet the critical need for pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other Christian workers, and will thus follow the pattern set by many hundreds of former students of Fort Wayne Bible College including the class of 1955.

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