

Second Semester Registration Feb. 3; Evening Classes Told

Registration for the second semester is scheduled to begin Monday afternoon, February 3, and will continue through February 4. Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, February 5, at 8:00 a.m.

Evening classes again will be held on Mondays and will include courses for interested residents of this area. The classes will meet for two hours credit at 7:30 p.m. Five evening courses will be offered: Christian Education of Adults, taught by Forest Weddle; Reading Methods, an education course taught by Lloyd Roth; Thessalonians, W. O. Klopfenstein, instructor; Oral Interpretation, a speech course taught by Warren Wright; and Brass Instruments, Robert Myers, instructor.

Registration for evening classes may be made at the first class session on February 3. Classes may be taken for credit or audit.

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Highest Administrative Office Changes Hands January 1

Dr. S. A. Witmer relinquishes his post as president of Fort Wayne Bible College and Rev. Jared F. Gerig becomes the new president on January 1.

According to previous announcements by J. Frances Chase, chairman of the Governing Board, Dr. Witmer has resigned the position to become the first executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The Rev. Mr. Gerig will also continue as president of the Missionary Church Association until late summer, when he will assume full administrative duties with the college.

Best Wishes

Fort Wayne Bible College extends to its friends everywhere best wishes of the season. We desire for each one God's perfect will during 1958 and always.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

—Psalm 37.5.

Students Win Honors For Original Hymns

Original hymn tunes composed by two Fort Wayne Bible College students were selected for performance by the National Church Music Fellowship at its recent convention in Minneapolis. The students are Marlene Langosch, Chicago, and Paul Robbins, Humboldt, Tennessee, both juniors majoring in composition and theory.

The hymns were among four chosen from some twenty submitted
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"Crossroads" Mail Response Excellent

Requests for 1958 calendars offered on "Crossroads", radio broadcast of the college, have revealed that the program has a wide listening audience. The calendars were offered on two successive programs and drew responses from eighteen states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The number of re-requests doubled those of calendar offers made on five daily broadcasts of the previous morning series.

"Crossroads" is heard each Sunday at 9:05 p.m. (CDST) on WOWO (1190 kc), Fort Wayne's 50,000-watt outlet. Mail received indicates that the program is being heard primarily throughout the eastern part of the country, due to the fact that WOWO has an eastward directional pattern at night.

The program includes music by the Singing Men, a student interview, and talks by the college president. Dr. S. A. Witmer, retiring president, was interviewed on December 29, and Rev. Jared F. Gerig, incoming president, is being interviewed.
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Dr. Witmer completes nearly 28 years of service with the college, serving as instructor, dean, and president. In 1948 he helped to organize AABC and was president of the association for two years. In his new capacity he will conduct the administrative affairs of AABC and will be a consultant on Bible college education. He will maintain an office in downtown Fort Wayne.

Gerig Welcomed

The Rev. Mr. Gerig assumes his new office with a record of previous service with the college. He was dean from 1945 to 1950 and has

been a member of the Governing Board for ten years.

He was officially introduced to the staff and student body and was welcomed into the college family during a special chapel program on Tuesday, December 17. Mr. Chase presented the new president. Dr. Herbert Byrne, chairman of the faculty, and Dale Ferrier, student association president, welcomed the Rev. Mr. Gerig to the college.

Faculty, staff, and students join in wishing God's blessings on Dr. Witmer's new ministry and on the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Gerig as president of the college.

Retiring President Outlines Future Desires for FWBC

By DR. S. A. WITMER

It has been a great privilege to have been associated with Fort Wayne Bible College for almost 28 years. For this opportunity I am grateful first to God, then to the members of the Board and associates among faculty, staff, and students. As responsibilities are transferred to my successor, Rev. J. F. Gerig, I wish for him every blessing and abundant success as measured by enduring values.

At such a time one thinks of his stewardship, and it is sobering to reflect that final accountability is to God alone. On the human plane, I once was given a charge by Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, co-founder and president of the college. In a memorable and sacred moment he bared his heart to me by saying, "I have a responsibility for the direction of the school while I live, but after I am gone, the responsibility is yours." How that responsibility has been discharged is a part of the unchangeable past with its victories and failures.

Since I believe that the vision of the founders was sound, I trust that the future development of the college will take place within the framework of the purposes and spirit of Brother Ramseyer and his associates. I have confidence that my successor and the Board are committed to those high ideals and goals. I should like to commend them to the prayerful support of all friends of the college.

My hopes for FWBC are as follows: May it always be devoted to fulfilling the Great Commission; may its educational program always be Christ-centered and Biblically based; may it be blessed with wise and courageous leadership while being saved from the perversions of selfish men; may it always give first place to spiritual endowment in the preparation of students; may it always strive for academic excellence; may it ever be a faithful servant to the parent body, the Missionary Church Association, while continuing to render a far-reaching service through fellowship with co-operating groups; may it serve as a radiating center of spiritual life and power; may its doctrinal integrity never be undermined by rationalists on its faculty; may those charged with determining policies and making major decisions always keep foremost the distant view, the eternal goal, and the glory of God.

Bible colleges have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. The launching of sputniks by Russia has disclosed certain weaknesses in American elementary and secondary education. Now there will be a strong stress on science, mathematics, technology, but these are not the true measure of America's past greatness. The glory of her traditions comes from her moral idealism and Pilgrim faith. It will take more than bigger sputniks to win the cold war. It will take nothing less than spiritual revival, and no education is more timely than that which is based upon the eternal truth of God's Word.

Further, the concern of Christian education is not with lifeless moons and sterile planets; it is with the perishing multitudes on this planet called earth on which Christ's blood was shed.



Dr. S. A. Witmer



Dr. and Mrs. Witmer were presented by faculty, staff, and students during the October 18. The gifts were presented by association president and vice-president made the presentation speech.



During a special chapel program was officially presented to the college looks on as J. Francis Chase, Governor Mr. Gerig.



Rev. Jared F. Gerig

Respect, Loyalty, and Vision Motives for New Responsibility

By REV. JARED F. GERIG

Fort Wayne Bible College has always been a place commanding and receiving my deepest respect, interest, and loyalty. Before enrolling as a student, attendance at many events and services created an opportunity for deep impressions to be made upon my heart and life. Several years as a student, five years as dean, and ten years on the Governing Board, have all served to deepen these interests and loyalties across many years. As president of the parent denomination, the Missionary Church Association, it has been my privilege to follow closely the expansion and development of the college.

It is with this background of intimate contact and association that several strong impressions and convictions have become deeply rooted in my heart and mind.

First, the place and worth of Bible college education is increasingly important in a world committed to materialism, secularism, and a host of other anti-Christianisms. The genius and philosophy of Bible college education demands for it a rightful place on its own merit.

With this broad consideration in mind, Fort Wayne Bible College from the standpoint of its growth, development, and present strength, stands as a monument to the founders and their successors who were dedicated to the basic concepts and the ultimate aims of Bible college education. There can be no departure from these objectives without a change of philosophy and a leave-taking from certain definite characteristics and aims which are soundly inherent in this type of education.

With deep appreciation for all that has been accomplished through the years, it becomes my responsibility to lead the college in keeping with these principles and traditions. To this I am strongly committed with God's help and guidance.

Education in America has come under direct fire and attack in recent months. The attack grows out of Russian advances in science, and what one senator has called the "dangerous and growing shortage of competent scientists and engineers" in America. The peril of the present crisis here delineated is that science will become our god, and all institutions and organizations will bend in the direction of satisfying this god. Science is a dangerous god apart from a way of life based upon salvation, deep spiritual values, and absolute sources of revelation. It is not as important to get to the moon today, as it is to get to heaven when we die. Tempering and controlling science with Biblical and spiritual powers and precepts is the need of the hour in American education. Herein lies the task and triumph of Bible college education, wherein there is a consistent effort made to meet basic human needs which are spiritual.

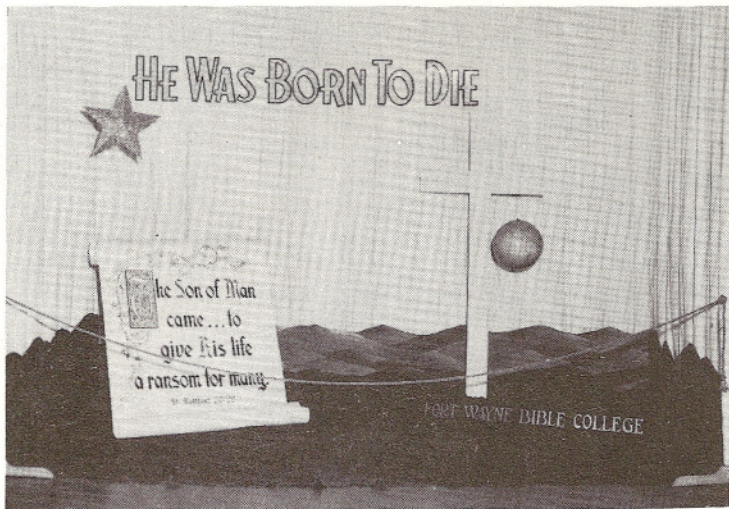
We seek the constant prayers and loyal interests of our entire constituency, including the parent denomination, the cooperating denominations, the alumni, and a host of friends everywhere, for Fort Wayne Bible College. We are determined with God's help and blessing to meet the greater challenge and realize the larger vision already born in the hearts of those who have served in yester-years.



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...ege's Christmas banquet on Decem-
...able Ferrier and Pat Witt, student
...rof. Harvey Mitchell, also pictured,



December 17, Rev. Jared F. Gerig
...ily. Dr. Witmer, retiring president,
...Board chairman, welcomes the Rev.



Fort Wayne Bible College participated in an annual Fort Wayne Christmas event, the "Christ Child Festival", during the early part of December. Shown above is the display. The college's A Cappella Choir also provided music at the event, which was attended by many citizens of the area.

Participate in "Christ Child Festival"

Fort Wayne Bible College was represented with a display at the city's "Christ Child Festival" December 6-8, held in the exhibition hall of the Memorial Coliseum.

Each year the Festival seeks to keep Christ in Christmas by inviting churches, schools, and other groups to prepare displays interpreting the real meaning of Christmas.

The college display, designed and

constructed by Walter King and Richard Gerig of the public relations department, used the theme, "He was born to die". A scroll bore a scripture text, "The Son of man came to give His life a ransom for many". Changing colors of light cast shadows of a cross on a white background symbolizing Christ's death, while a star symbolized His birth.

Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 11—Southeastern Christian College (Zion gym)
- Jan. 16—Goshen College (Central H. S. gym)
- Jan. 18—Spring Arbor College (Leo H. S. gym)
- Jan. 25—Purdue Center (State School gym)
- Feb. 8—Grace Seminary (Central H. S. gym)

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- February 16—
Christian Union churches
- March 16—
Missionary Church Association

Alumni Schedule "Loyalty Month"

"It's in your heart" is the theme for the alumni Loyalty Month in January, when the Alumni Association conducts its 1958 alumni fund drive. According to Rev. Leroy Rusher '50, 1958 fund chairman, a sense of loyalty for the college lingers continually in the heart of an alumnus. The alumni association seeks to keep alive this spirit of loyalty and to awaken new interest in the continuing interest of alma mater.

Fund brochures and letters are being mailed to former students in January.

Speaker Announced For Spiritual Emphasis

Dr. Norman P. Grubb, general secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, will be speaker for the college's second semester spiritual emphasis series, February 11 to 14.

The series will include special chapel services and evening programs.

"CROSSROADS"

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duced on January 5. The program of January 12 will be the first anniversary of the "Crossroads" series, and will review the broadcast activities of Fort Wayne Bible College during recent years.

STUDENTS WIN

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by students of church-related colleges. The texts for the selections were taken from religious poetry.

Also performed at the convention was the anthem "Psalm 100" composed by Dr. Rene Frank of the college's music faculty. Dr. Frank attended the convention and was named a member of the organization's literature committee. Richard Gerig, director of public relations, was re-named chairman of the broadcasting committee of the fellowship.

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