



Christian Ministry Conference Set For Feb. 28-Mar. 2

"Evangelism" is the theme for the Christian Ministry conference to be held at Fort Wayne Bible College February 28 to March 2. The conference, which may become an annual workshop on the campus, is being planned as the result of the fine interest shown in last year's Christian Ministry emphasis, which was one of the weeks of the college's 50th anniversary year.

The conference sessions will be centered in the area of evangelism for the local church. Participating lecturers, together with their topics, are as follows: Rev. Jack H. Watt, pastor of the Campbell Baptist Church, Windsor, Ontario — "Sunday School Evangelism"; Rev. Russell R. Kauffman, pastor of the Hope Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Indianapolis, Ind. — "Missionary Evangelism"; J. Francis Chase, commercial artist and Christian layman, Chicago, Ill. — "Evangelism Through Publicity"; and a speaker for the evening sessions who will be announced soon.

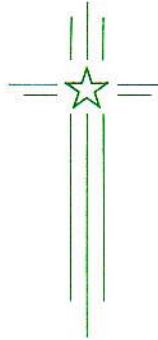
The conference is under the supervision of the department of pastoral training. Cyril H. Eicher, assistant professor of pastoral training and dean of students, is chairman of the planning committee.

The conference is geared especially for pastors, Christian workers and interested laymen. There will be a registration fee, and room and board will be available at moderate costs. Detailed announcements of the conference will follow in subsequent issues of the *Vision*.

Students To Vacation For Christmas Holidays

Students of the college will enjoy the Christmas holidays with families and friends during a two-week yule vacation. Classes are dismissed beginning at noon on Friday, Decem-

Still shining . . .



*A star shone over Bethlehem one night.
It led shepherds to the One Good Shepherd . . .
It pointed wise men to One Who is Wisdom;
To all who saw its beauty, it meant Redemption.
The star still shines today.
All who look can see its splendor . . .
All who will may receive its Light . . .
Light that is Life . . . Light that is eternal.*

Fort Wayne Bible College extends to its friends everywhere best wishes for a happy Christmas season in Christ and God's guidance for a blessed New Year.

Alumni Organize Chapter In Phoenix, Arizona

Twenty alumni of Fort Wayne Bible College met in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 7 to organize the Phoenix alumni chapter. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the First Missionary Church, the group adopted the chapter constitution and elected the following officers: Rev. Charles McHatton '47, president; Robert Quay '48, vice-president; Mrs. Joan Gerig '54, secretary-treasurer; and Marie McEhone '48, assistant secretary-treasurer. Bob Quay was chairman of the event, which was in the form of a potluck supper. Eleanor Lyon '49 gave a chalk talk. Musical portions were presented by Charles McHatton and Bob Quay, with Leon Gerig '54, songleader. Dr. S. A. Witmer, college president, spoke to the group as part of the western itinerary he conducted last month.

In reporting on the meeting, Joan Gerig writes, "Our goal as the Phoenix Chapter is not only to stimulate fellowship and interest among the Fort Wayne Bible College alumni, but also to encourage young people to attend our school so that Christ's Kingdom might be enriched."

Other chapters soon to be formed will be in Fort Wayne; Berne, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; Central Calif.; and Kansas.

Building Fund Grows to \$140,884

As the need for a new library and classrooms becomes more critical, the present situation can be expressed in the lines of petition:

*"Mercy drops 'round us are falling,
But for the showers we pray."*

Thank God, there is a widening concern and a deepening burden of prayer among the many friends of the College. This is the first essential. There are other tokens of divine favor. The second "dollar day" among students and staff again reached the fine total of \$504.10. Numbers of friends responded to the

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ber 16, and will resume Tuesday morning, January 3.

The faculty, staff, and students enjoyed a Christmas banquet together in the college dining hall held on Wednesday, December 14.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



The Christmas Spirit--Year-around

It has been my enjoyable privilege to spend the past several weeks among warm-hearted friends of the college—alumni and several Missionary churches—in Arizona and California. Those states are literally dotted with alumni; there are 44 different post office addresses of alumni in California alone. Among them are pastors, evangelists, ministers of music, teachers, doctors, nurses, home missionaries and homemakers serving Christ and ministering to human need. In many areas of the Southwest can be traced the long shadows of influence exerted by godly founders and teachers of the College. "It was through the ministry of Brother J. E. Ramseyer that I and several hundred members of my church were baptized with the Spirit," said a distinguished churchman in Central California. "I shall always be grateful for what the Bible College did for my life," was said in substance by many an alumnus.

It was an enriching experience to reminisce about school days and a thrill to observe the response and kindled interest when the expanding program of the college was presented.

With this experience just past, our Christmas greeting this year goes out with intimate feeling and a fresh appreciation for all of our friends—alumni serving faithfully at different posts, sponsoring MCA Churches, retired servants who pray daily for the College, members of the Patrons' Council whose financial support is invaluable, pastors and parents of students, donors to the Building Fund. Thank God for the sacred ties and associations that bind us into a living fellowship.

A well known writer recently deplored the temporal nature of Christmas. The spirit of Christmas, he wrote, comes upon man a few days before and lasts through the 25th of December, after which it leaves him again. During those days he is warm, loving, kind, and thinks of others beside himself. But when Christmas is over, he reverts to his old self again. I like to think that the mission of the graduates of FWBC is to make the spirit of Christmas a year-around experience through the power of the gospel and the indwelling Christ. Love, humility, forbearance, and goodwill are for every day of the year as well as for Christmas.

May 1956 be Christmas throughout the year for each of you!

Readers Write . . .

"I enjoy reading the *Vision*, then send it on to some friends."

"I always read the *Vision*, and pray for the dear school . . . Have blessed memories of F.W.B.C."

"Have just read the September and October issues of *Vision* with great interest."

"I enjoy receiving the *Vision*. It is a very inspiring little magazine."

"I certainly appreciated receiving the *Vision*. It was interesting and I enjoyed it."

"We do enjoy the *Vision* and want you to know we have been interested in the school for years and pray often for you there."

Second Dollar-Day Yields \$504.10 To Fund

A more-than-a-dollar average was once more realized on the second D-Day held at the college on November 21. A total of \$504.10 was reached as students and staff again contributed to the building fund by means of the dollar-day event.

The first such occasion, reported fully in the November *Vision*, was held on October 24 and also brought more than \$500. The project demonstrates the faith and vision of the college family in promoting the building project of the college.

Ambassadors Win, Lose To Grace

A pair of exchange basketball games with Grace Theological Seminary of Winona Lake, Ind., brought a win and a loss for the Ambassadors in the first two games of the college's current varsity net schedule.

Playing in the Zion Lutheran gym in Fort Wayne on November 19, the Ambassadors defeated Grace 84-53. The return game in Warsaw, Ind., on December 3 saw the tables turned as Grace defeated the local five 78-59.

Traveling to Huntington, Ind., on December 6, the Ambassadors chalked up another win when they defeated the Huntington College junior varsity 74-59.

Exchange games will also be played with Detroit Bible Institute. The game in Detroit is scheduled for January 14, with the home game in Fort Wayne on January 21.

Band Added to Growing Activities of Music Department

Perhaps one of the newest additions to the growing curriculum of Fort Wayne Bible College is the college band, which is fast becoming an established organization of the music department. Under the direction of Lansing Bulgin, director of the School of Music, the band was organized at the beginning of this school year as a part of the recently added music education features of the College.

According to the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction, which has accredited the college for teacher training in public school music, instruction in both vocal and instrumental music must be a regular part of the curriculum in the School of Music. Along with the band, private teaching in brass, woodwinds, and strings has also been strengthened this year with the help of part-time instructors from local schools and music circles.

Since its beginning this fall, the band has performed only for bas-

ketball games. However, Mr. Bulgin is planning to present the band in a program by itself or as a part of a music department concert. The band's repertoire consists primarily of marches — some of them using well-known hymn tunes. It is also rehearsing a portion of the Fifth Symphony by Dvorak, known as "The New World Symphony". Other literature soon to be added will include band transcriptions of chorale tunes by Bach.

Members of the group are as follows: Jonathan Steiner and Delmar Caulkins, 1st cornet; Orville Schlatter, 2nd cornet; Nancy Brown, 3rd cornet; Rochelle Leichy, oboe; Bill Keinlein, alto saxophone; Shirley Reel, tenor saxophone; Janice Burr, French horn; Paul Weidner, baritone; William Paul, trombone; Floyd Brick, sousaphone; Scott Merymann, snare drum; and Milton Sinn, bass drum.

In explaining the importance of the band and its place in helping to

fulfill the objectives of the college, Mr. Bulgin states: "A trained performance for instrumental music in the church is as important as the fine presentation of choral music. Both express the experience and witness of the Christian life and therefore provide a medium for Christian ministry in the total church program. The band is helping our students develop their talents in instrumental music for God's use."



ABOVE — Lansing Bulgin, conductor of the band, explains the interpretation of a musical score to French horn player, Janice Burr, freshman, Grosse Pointe, Mich.



LEFT — The band rehearses under Mr. Bulgin's baton. It practices each Wednesday and Friday to prepare for future performances.

Campus briefs . . .

Teachers Attend Conference

Ira Gerig, assistant professor of piano, and Richard Gerig, director of broadcasting for the college, attended sessions of the National Church Music Fellowship in Chicago November 28 and 29. NCMF is an organization of music instructors of Christian colleges and church music directors aimed to promote spiritual music of lasting worth among evangelical churches. Richard

Gerig, who has been chairman of the radio committee of the Fellowship, was named national treasurer for the coming year.

Ping Pong Tourney Winners

In ping pong tournaments held recently for faculty and students, the following were champions: faculty singles — Dr. Herbert Byrne; faculty doubles — Claude Stipe and Lansing Bulgin; student men singles — Bill Wilson; student men doubles — Bill Wilson and Ed Jones; student women singles —

Miriam Sprunger; and student women doubles, Miriam Sprunger and Betty Bruner. Ping pong "oscars" were awarded the victors at the play-offs held on November 12.

Students Participate In Christ Child Festival

Hawaiian and Jamaican students of the college participated in the Parade of Nations of the Christ Child Festival held in the coliseum in Fort Wayne December 1-4. The festival, inter-denominational and
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Around the campus . . .

a word from the deans

"Thou Shalt Guide Me With Thy Counsel" . . .

W. Morrow Cook
Dean of Men

"When can I make an appointment with you?" The look on the student's face, and the tone in his voice, communicated to me the impression of seriousness, earnestness, and purposefulness. The question was obviously prompted by a deep sense of need, and even of urgency. It was a crisis, and much seemed to depend on the decision about to be made. It affected the student's present life in the college, and the plan of his future life and ministry. The appointment was made, and the counseling-interview took place.

The problem was viewed from all possible angles and aspects. How could we know the Lord's will in this particular case? Can we safely follow our own desires? Did he possess the necessary qualifications? Shall it be service at home or in some foreign land? As we talked, and later prayed, light dawned, the load was lifted, and assurance given as to the Lord's will and way.

Problems! All have problems of one kind or another. They may be personal, moral, spiritual, financial, intellectual, emotional, or academic. They are not always easy to unravel or solve. Students are not different from other areas of community life. The teen-age period is not less, but probably more fraught with difficulties than other periods of life. Here at Fort Wayne Bible College, an attempt is always made to provide such a permissive atmosphere that the student will share his concern and tell his trouble, and get the right kind of guidance.

This kind of counseling is our privilege, joy, and responsibility, as God gives wisdom.

*You are invited to see the stirring film
of the Protestant reformation*

"Martin Luther"

Founders Memorial Auditorium
Fort Wayne Bible College

Saturday, January 7, 1956
7:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY . . .

1. For two former teachers, Rev. O. Carl Brown and Rev. Timothy Warner, and their families that visas may be forthcoming and preparations completed for going to their respective fields—Haiti and Sierra Leone.
2. For a full measure of the outpouring of God's Spirit on every student, every member of faculty and staff.
3. For funds to meet the building needs.
4. For the Directors of the Alumni Association as they give leadership to alumni activities.
5. For the salvation of souls in the practical work of students.
6. For the financial needs of the College.

BUILDING FUND

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need presented to alumni and several Missionary churches in the West during Dr. Witmer's itinerary. Partial returns came to \$5,067 on November 29, bringing the building fund total of cash and pledges to \$140,884.30.

If this project is not on your prayer list, will you please add it.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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community-wide, each year sets forth the nativity and early life of Christ in displays by participating groups. The Parade of Nation depicts Christmas observances in other lands.

Those preparing the Jamaican display were Basil Thompson and Al Herron. The Hawaiian display was prepared by Harry Tam, Gladys and Ethel Williams, Takako Kokame, Alice Gushiken and Janet Kunioka. Other Jamaican and Hawaiian students also took part. Claude Stipe, advisor to the Mission Band, was also advisor to the project.

Student Project Day

The Student Council conducted its annual Student Project Day on November 10. Students worked in over \$1040 toward ari contributing for the dining hall.

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