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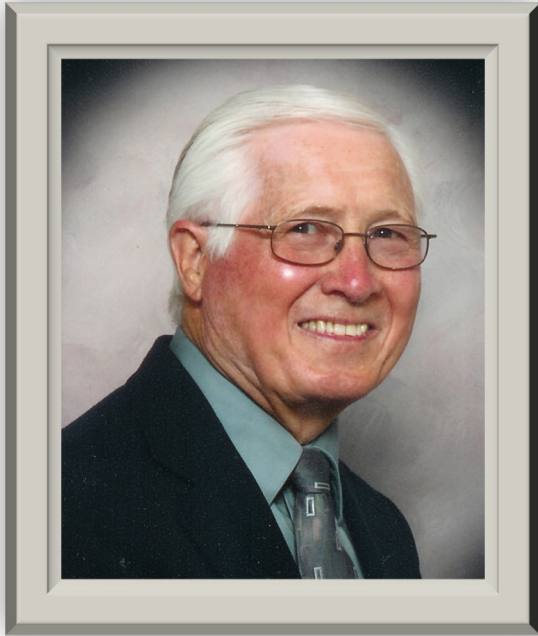
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A photograph of a winter coastal scene. The foreground is dominated by a rocky shore covered in a layer of snow. The rocks are of various sizes and colors, some partially covered in snow. To the left, there are bare, brown trees and shrubs. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

“The wind and the waves obey His voice; He’s the Master of the sea.”

James Rowe, Author

The Editor's Viewpoint



The writer of Hebrews 13:2 speaks of entertaining others, not realizing we may perhaps be entertaining “Angels unawares.” As far as I know, I have not personally entertained angels, but in thinking of this scripture, I do feel I have entertained some of God’s choicest saints, not realizing that perhaps they were in fact, “ministering

spirits” sent from God. Allow me to pay honor to a few of these “angels in men’s clothing”.

Dr. Leslie D Wilcox was one of the most godly men I have known; he was a man of God who was a great theologian, who was one of my favorite instructors while I was a young student at GBS.

It was early in my pastoral ministry that it was my humble pleasure to have him in our church and home, to sit at our table visiting with my young daughters when they were still small children.

Again, early in my ministry, a young missionary couple, Leonard and Janet Sankey, with their three small children, came to our church, then to our house for food, shelter, and fellowship. We have been exceedingly blessed over the years with their friendship.

One other saint I feel I must insert in this list; he is none other than my late father-in law, Rev. W.O. Kneal. Even in death he left an impression on me that has remained engrained in my mind and encourages me to continue the life of righteousness. Moments before he expired, unable to speak he touched his lips, and then pointed at me; I asked him if he wanted me to pray, and he weakly nodded his head. I am honored and humbled still today to realize that this man of God would deign to ask me to pray for him, which was the last prayer he would hear from human lips. Surely, he could say with the sainted Paul, *“I have fought a good fight...”*

So many others have come across our path, left their imprint on my family, and carved a place in my heart for their memories; peo-

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ple like Meredith and Marteena Armour, Juddy and Eunice Peyton, J. Clyde Fluewelling, Wayne States, Allen Brown, Bill and Naomi Tillis, and so many more of God’s saints. There is just nothing that can compare to entertaining “angels.”

“All His saints in His hand.”

Giving, Living, Loving

Marc Dodrill, ICHA general chairman

The three primary holidays of the fall-winter season are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. As a lad, I always looked forward to these special days at this special time of the year. As I began to mature, these days began to take on a broader and deeper meaning. Thanksgiving was far more than Family, Fun and Feasting. We were reminded of our responsibilities to include the less fortunate and minister to folk that did not have the privilege of spending time with loved ones. Giving of ourselves, time and finances, began to take on a new meaning. Is this what Jesus would do? Yes, He gave himself that we might have a more abundant life!

Now Thanksgiving has come and gone, and Christmas begins to take on a brighter focus for families, church, and ministry, as you shop for those special gifts and wrap them for your friends and loved ones, creating a pleasant spirit of expectancy. Christmas trees, decorations, lights, candles,



carols, baking cookies, all add to the excitement of that special day. But wait; Christmas is the day we celebrate Jesus' birthday! He really is the

reason for the season.

Several years ago around this time of the year, I noticed on a diet coke can a winter scene; snowflakes were falling, along with a picture of a poppa bear, mamma bear, and a



baby bear. They were around a Christmas tree and each one had a gift in their hand and were giving it to each other. On the can were these words: "Giving", "Living" and "Loving". I immediately thought of John 3: 16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have ever lasting life." Yes, Christmas is a time to celebrate the life of One who gave himself for us! May the Lord help us to grasp the full meaning of Christmas!



Just a week later is New Year's day. In preparation for the new year we are making some new goals, dreams, and resolutions. One goal that I started while in Bible College was to read the Bible through every year. It is a source of life. There is food, inspiration, and direction for living a Holy life in God's Word! Then we should update our prayer list and reminisce over the past year. I challenge you to take some time and set some spiritual goals for 2019.

It's later than it has ever been, so let's determine to face a new year with our hand in God's hand and give this year everything we can possibly give in our quest for heaven; let us read God's Word daily, praying earnestly for souls, faithfully visiting and inviting men, women, and children to Christ and to our church, and giving, not only tithes to our local church, but for special needs as well. Let's ask God to help us bite off more than we can chew and chew it and plan more than we can do and do it! I'm praying that the Lord will help the ICHA to be on the cutting edge of the harvest of souls in 2019! *Marc Dodrill*

Come Before Winter

Paul admonished Timothy to come before winter because travel would be difficult then.



For some reason Paul did not want to wait the months until spring came again to see Timothy's face, hear his words of encouragement, see how he had grown in Christ, and feel himself strengthened by his son in the faith. His plea was urgent.

Paul asked Timothy to come before winter, perhaps because of the cloak that he needed to endure the cold. Paul was incarcerated in the Mamertine Prison. He had been imprisoned in a different place earlier and had been allowed to have friends and visitors as much as he wanted. This time was different. Many had become ashamed of Paul because of his imprisonment. The government had locked him up on false charges. The Roman authorities had called the Christians an occult that drank human blood and was trying to overthrow the government. One writer who had apparently visited the prison, said, "Before you enter the prison, there is a long list of Christian martyrs who died in the prison. When we walked down into the dungeon, the rats scurried. Although it was mid-summer, it was dark and damp. Paul asked Timothy to come quickly. And now I know why he asked for the cloak; Paul was always cold and he was old. He could never get warm, not because it was so cold, but because he could never dry out." Paul asked Timothy to come before winter because so many had forsaken him. *Even old soldiers need human comfort.* Paul had the presence

of Christ with him in the dungeon, which was far more than any human could offer. But the Lord knows that we, as humans, need human comfort! Notice some of the things that were against Paul even though he didn't tell us about the rats scurrying around, the dripping water, and the stench of human waste that permeated the prison. He didn't act like he was living in misery. Listen to him again: second Timothy 4:6, *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus

13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments..

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter.

There maybe a discouraged friend, brother, or sister who needs you now. Perhaps you have been thinking of them and their plight, their battle, and all that the devil and the world have thrown at them.

As I write these words today, I have to wonder if the Lord is talking to you. Is there someone you know who is yearning for the comfort of human fellowship in the storm and solitude of service, one of your loved ones, or a friend who is battling discouragement and disappointment? Is their heart cry today, "**Come before winter?**"

[Keith Ledford is Assistant General Chairman of ICHA]

News From Around The Conference

Pastor John Kennedy reports from Melvindale.

It has been a busy fall. It started with an all-day meeting, and dinner on the ground, with a sing in the afternoon. We set our instruments up in the church yard for the benefit of the neighbors. It was a great day, with good services, good food, and fellowship.

On Oct 2-4 we had an area IHC with Brother Mark Mowry, Bro Nathaniel Tucker, and Bro Bill Kellogg with his wife, Crystal, providing singing as well as



preaching. The services were well attended; God met with us. Wednesday night was particularly good; God melted us together; a fervent loving and healing presence was manifest. Many said it was just what they needed.

God has been blessing in our Wednesday night services. We had Bro. Martin Laramie for Missionary service, just before he left for India a few weeks back. Our monthly cottage prayer meeting has been a real blessing. We're excited with what God is doing through, and in, the Melvindale Lower Light church. The Lord Bless you.

Rev.& Mrs. John Kennedy, pastor

We thank God for the fine pastors He has called to our churches to promote holiness and unity.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel."

News From the Petersburg Church

We have been doubly blessed this year in Petersburg, Michigan. Our Summer Camp Revival was a success; the great preaching by our guest speakers, David Fulton and Keith Ledford, were spot on God's Holy Word. Music ministers, the Cooley Family, did an outstanding job of inspirational hymns and songs. We also need to say words of encouragement to our camp leaders; they book these fine people years in advance so we can have the very best.

The Fall Revival was a blessing as well; the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Tillis favored us with God's truth and beautiful singing; the uplifting messages were straight forward and to the point. It is so important that we are all fed on the Word.

Our pastors, and their wives, carry a heavy load for the flock, praying daily for healing, guidance, and encouragement; we should pray daily and lift each other up, as well,



Pastor David & Sally Voss,

with the love of Jesus Christ in our hearts.

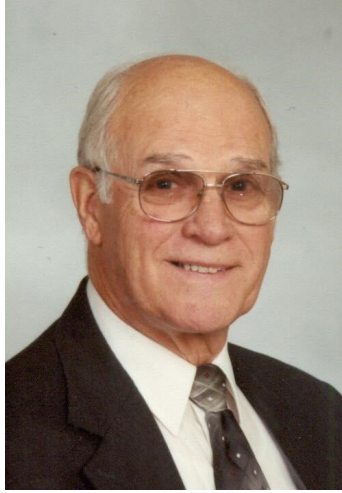
Recent events have made me very aware that the devil is hard at work. I Peter 5:8, "be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour." These are certainly sobering times.

Keep praying for your family, pastor, church, country, and our service members; prayer changes things. May you all be blessed of God in the upcoming holidays with peace and joy.

Lela Gragg, reporter

Rev. Eugene White

The Rev. Dr. Clarence Eugene White of Temperance, Michigan, left this earthly life peacefully for his Heavenly Home, Saturday, September 15, 2018, 87 years of age. Rev. White loved and served His Lord and Savior for over 60 years. Born in Princeton, West Virginia, on October 12, 1934, he graduated from Princeton High School



in 1948 and then joined the U. S. Navy, serving during the Korean war, 1948-1952. He was 3rd Class Interior Communications Officer, Master of Arms, and Police Officer at Sea. Upon his return he met the love of his life, Evelyn Louise Barrett, and they were married June 1, 1953. They celebrated their 65th anniversary this year.

Rev. White served as a pastor for the former Pilgrim Holiness Church where he was ordained in 1963, and served in pastorates in West Virginia, New York, Kentucky, and Michigan. He most recently pastored Bible Fellowship Church in Monroe, MI, for a total of 25 years. He received his education from Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Ind, Bachelor of Theology and Doctorate of Divinity from Fundamental Bible Seminary, Thornton, CO, and Master of Ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, AL. He also received a Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Emmanuel Theological Seminary, Rossville, GA. While in WV he was the Assistant District Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church. He was also President of Maybee Camp, Maybee, MI.

He is survived by his wife, Louise White; sons, Steven and Jonathan White; daughter, Sharon Beckhoff, five grandchildren and many

other loving family members and countless friends.

Funeral service was at Rupp funeral home, Monroe, MI. Burial was at Rose lawn Memorial Park with military honors provided by VFW Monroe Post 1138.

Eugene White was a supporter of the Lower Light camp, and a personal friend of mine. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Farewell, my friend.



Phyllis R. Watters

Phyllis R. Watters, age 72, of Adrian, MI, beloved wife of Paul Watters, passed away Sept.17, 2018, at Toledo Hospital.

She was born Aug. 25, 1946, in Morenci to Raymond and Viola Shipman. Or June 14, 1963, she married Paul Watters, and they were blessed with 55 years of marriage, and eight children.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, at the Wagley Funeral Home with Pastor Timothy Watters and Pastor Marvin Shipman officiating, followed by a



fifty-two car procession to her final resting place, Palmyra Cemetery, Palmyra, MI.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by her husband, Paul, her children, and her many friends.



Georgia Linville Pribble

Georgia Pribble, 76, passed away October 1, 2018, at her home in Butler, KY.

Georgia was born in Fleming County, KY, on June 26, 1942, daughter of the late Claude and Nannie Ellison Linville. She was a member of the Butler Christian church and belonged to the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a homemaker and also a former Pendleton County school bus driver for eighteen years. Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Albert; sisters, Mae Linville and Gladys Glass; and brother, Clarence Linville.



Surviving her passing are her husband, Harold; sons, Wayne, Dennis; daughters, Gail King and Alice Willoughby; brothers, Lee, Ben, David Linville; sisters, Beulah Fryman, Margaret Smith, and eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held October 8, 2018, at Peoples Funeral Home, Butler, KY, with interment at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Butler, KY.

On a personal note, Georgia was the youngest of nine, taking my place as the baby of the family. She was a sweet bundle of joy, my little sister, and we had tons of enjoyment in our years together. She will be sadly missed by her extended family and friends. We grieve; it is a normal process, but *"We suffer not as others, who have no hope."*

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2-3

Michigan Rally Services

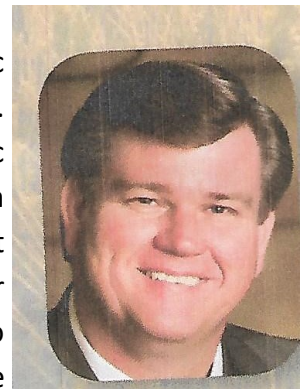
Our Southern Michigan Rally service was held at our Petersburg church on the afternoon of October 20, with the Rev. Wm. and Naomi Tillis providing music and preaching. Following the service, we gathered in the camp dining hall for a delicious meal and a time of fellowship. Then we all made our way to the church to enjoy the evening revival service.



The rally was held in conjunction with the local church's fall revival with the Tillis'. This combination is quite convenient for people who must travel a distance, giving them more time to enjoy the fellowship, and the opportunity to attend both services.

The first **Central Michigan All-Church Rally** was held in Owosso, Michigan, hosted by the Owosso United Missionary church on a cold, snowy Friday evening, November 9, 2018.

Moderator was Rev. Marc Dodrill, the speaker was Rev. Rick Maloyed, and the music was provided by talent from the local church. Rev. Matt Smart was the coordinator for this event. Not sure who was put in charge of the weather; (Was that an oversight, Matt?).



The service was blessed of God, and our hearts were truly encouraged. It was well worth the trip. Note: This church is seeking a full-time pastor.

Duet 33:3 speaks of "Saints in God's hands". This page features some of God's choicest saints.

On January 19, 1945, in Galena Park, Texas, a suburb of Houston, a baby boy came into the world. Orba Jefferson Perry, later nicknamed Buddy, was not born into a home of wealth or fame. His birth was not heralded on the front pages of newspapers like the world news. But the God who rules the orbits of planets and designed the constellations of stars had His hand on this little boy from Houston.

At the age of 17 he accepted the call to preach. In 1962 he moved to Oklahoma to attend Bethany Nazarene College, where he spent two years in Bible college preparing for the ministry. It was there that a sweet young lady named Jane Staley caught his eye and they began dating. Buddy married Jane on June 12, 1964. After two years of college they moved to Newcastle, Indiana, to take their first pastorate.

Brother and Sister Perry served as pastor in Newcastle, Greenfield, IN, Houston, TX, and at Anderson, Indiana, where they served as pastor for 21 years and built the Grace Holiness Church.

In November, 1986, Rev. Buddy Perry helped organize the *International Conservative Holiness Association*, and was elected as their first General Chairman. After nearly 32 years as Chairman of the ICHA he chose to resign in June, 2018.

"Their children shall rise up and call [them] blessed". (Proverbs 31:28). The children of Buddy and Jane Perry, Jeff, Jon, and Elizabeth offer this beautiful tribute to their parents. "One would be hard pressed to find someone more dependable or loyal than our Dad. He is just always there and has been a wonderful role model throughout the years. Dad is strong and steady, great at listening and always has just the right words of wisdom. He has never



wavered, even in the face of adversity. We haven't ever questioned his love and commitment to God, to our mother, or to any of his family. Dad is a hero in our eyes. And then there is our Mother. We are so blessed to have her! If there is such a thing as a biggest fan, she would fill that role for us. There is no one around with a bigger servant's heart. We count it an honor to have shared our parents through the years with the work they loved and believed in. It is a blessing to have had an amazing group of people who have spent the years loving and supporting our parents with us."

A life given to service is a life well lived. DL