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David Frederick, Jr.
twenty-five years of excellent service



about this issue

WORTH THE EFFORT

When I returned to GBS in 1999, there were mostly new faces on campus. Of course, I was familiar with President Avery, Floyd Hyatt, Martha Miller, and Kevin Moser. These were all former GBS students and previous colleagues of mine. But that was it. That left me with a whole lot of new friendships to be forged.

Proverbs 18:24 informs us that “a man that hath friends must shew himself friendly.” So, my first task was to present myself as a friendly person, and I excelled at that. My parents had made sure of it! They themselves had never met a stranger more than once and were excellent role models. If you had an illustrated dictionary and thumbed over to “gregarious,” you would find a picture of Elmer and Betty Farmer. Smiling.

Making new friends is easier for some than it is for others. While you yourself may be congenial, the recipient of your cordiality must also respond in kind. Personality differences can be barriers. Some people are naturally more outgoing, fun-loving, and sociable than others. Their openness, apparent from first interactions, lets you see the person they are. For others, it can be different.

I did not have the privilege of knowing David Frederick when he was a little kid, but I doubt he ever “cooed” once during his entire babyhood, as that wouldn’t have been “business-fied.” When I first met him, we didn’t immediately connect as kindred spirits. He was much more reserved, more cautious, and less talkative. So my relationship with David took a little work, but it was well worth the effort!

From the start, I knew that I would be able to interact with him on a business level, and I could have left it at that. All institutional systems would have been functioning. But that wasn’t enough for me. I wanted to see who David was behind that initial stiff exterior and get a glimpse into what he was really all about. That took some time—ignoring some things; engaging in friendly talk. But eventually even David got it: Ken and David WOULD be friends!

Now I can say that I know David—the person. I can say that he is a great guy, a wonderful friend, and an excellent coworker. In fact, GBS has no employee more dedicated and loyal. Don’t just take my word for it, read on. This issue is dedicated to our friend, David. —KF ■

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the president's page

Honoring

DAVID FREDERICK, JR.

Vice President for Financial Affairs

Keeping GBS finances stable since 1995

by Rodney Loper, President

When I was selected as president of GBS, one of the things that gave me great assurance was how stable the finance department leadership had been throughout the previous administration. It didn't take me long to realize that a big reason for that was Dave Frederick. He is indeed the anchor of that stability!

"Quiet," "unassuming," "steady," "excellent accountant," and "deeply devoted to Christ" are all ways that Dave can be described. However, none of those descriptors depict my relationship with Dave. Oh yes, they are true; but the best way for me to describe him is "friend." It is an honor to serve alongside him here at GBS. But don't just take my word for it. We have compiled a long list of tributes from board members, administrative coworkers, colleagues, and even our auditing firm. It is only fitting that these tributes begin with the words of former president and current chancellor, Dr. Michael Avery (p.5).

I know Dave will hate all of this publicity, but he is worthy and deserving of this honor! Let's take a look at the various stages in Dave's life that brought him to this point.

Entering the world on December 11, 1961, David Lloyd Frederick, Jr., was the firstborn child of David and Rosalie Frederick, Sr. Almost seven years were to pass before sister Lorene (Lori) arrived. Due to their age difference, Lori notes that their "play-time was not a constant thing. Usually he wanted me around to play sports when the teams were uneven, mainly for baseball or hide and seek/kick the can. He was an awesome big brother."

Philadelphia, PA, was home for the first twenty-seven years of David's life. Growing up in a row house on a narrow street where everybody knew



everyone else, he spent his early years making memories with his boyhood friend, Chuckie. The neighborhood kids played wall ball, halvesies (another ball game using half of a tennis ball), and, of course, basketball, hockey (on roller skates), and baseball. One not-so-pleasant memory is of the time Dave threw a dart which missed the board and accidentally came to an abrupt stop sticking out of Chuckie's head. On another occasion, a total stranger, who was apparently having a bad day, punched Dave in the mouth for "looking him in the eye." That left a scar on Dave's lip.

Lori recounts that some of her best memories were family game nights around the kitchen table. "David was our comedian for sure, and Dutch Blitz was a favorite for us. Although I don't think Mom and Dad cared much for it, they were good sports and played anyway. I was the typical pest of a sister, but Dave was a good sport."

The Frederick family was musical. In addition to the family singing specials together at church, Dave also participated in the church choir, so during high school it was natural for him to be involved in the school choral group—his only extracurricular activity. This membership allowed him to participate in an overseas excursion to Ireland. Dave conned Lori into selling greeting cards and gathering all the neighbors' old newspapers for recycling in order to pay for the trip. While in Ireland, he kissed the Blarney Stone, but he also made a decision never to leave the United States again if he could help it, and so far he has been true to that resolve.

Dave had aspirations of playing high school sports, but his parents would not permit it; they did, however, allow him to play baseball at Lighthouse Field, an educational and recreational community center.



ready to begin school



with Grandfather Rosenberry



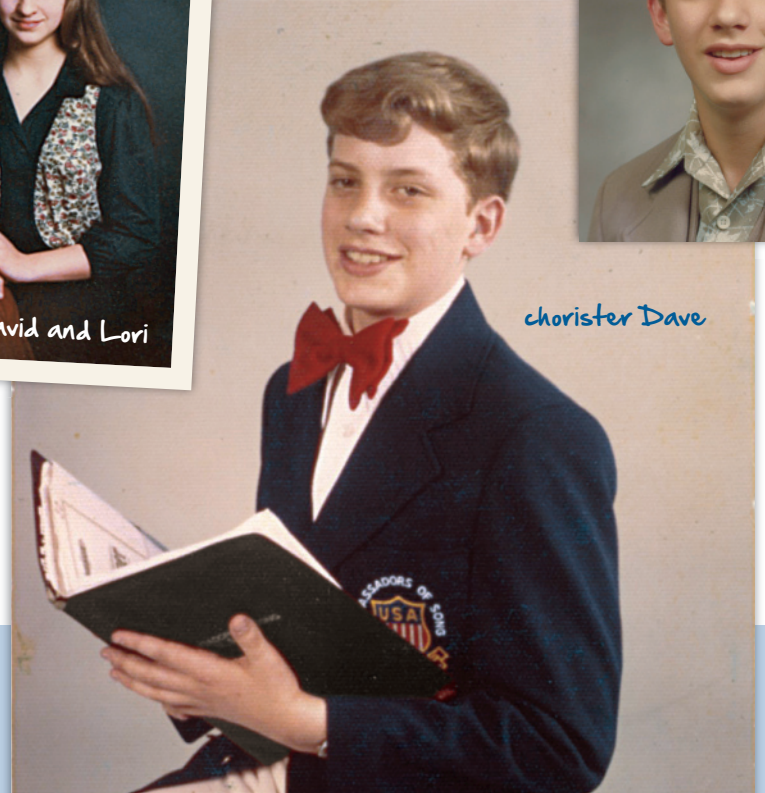
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David and Lori



David and Lori



Upon graduation, Dave began working at a downtown bank in its “money room.” This job gave him much responsibility as he handled millions of dollars in coins and currency coming and going from the bank. His family was rightfully proud of David. Lori also had other reasons as well to be happy for Dave’s success, because “He let me help spend his money! One of my best memories was when the two of us took a trip to Arizona to visit our uncle and aunt.” Dave worked his way up through the ranks and eventually went to work in the foreign currency department. This new job meant that he conducted transactions between foreign banks and his own employer, ensuring that currency conversions were accurate and available for the bank when necessary.

Dave worked closely with his grandfather, Rev. William Rosenberry, who was the pastor of the church the Fredericks attended in Philadelphia. The church started out as a mission for the Brethren in Christ Church, but when Rev. Rosenberry ended his affiliation with that denomination, he built Calvary Holiness Church—a new work on Second Street in the same general area of the mission. This godly man was one of the great influences in David’s life.

David helped him with everything, and, in the process, he learned how to paint and work with dry-wall. Every year he would also help with a large garden in an empty lot beside the church. It was always amazing that in the middle of a concrete jungle they were able to make things grow. Dave was his grandfather’s shadow.

In the summer of 1985, the church book-



middle school graduation



on the job at the bank’s foreign currency department

David Frederick, Jr.



I first met David Frederick in the winter of 1995 while holding a revival meeting at the Pleasant Valley Brethren in Christ Church in Ellittsburg, PA. After a few of those “after church conversations,” all I really knew about him was that he was tall, had married Charlotte Potteiger, had two very young boys and a little girl just about a week old, was a traveling auditor for Hershey Ice Cream, and had some banking experience. Yet through the remarkable workings of Providence I felt I should talk to him about coming to GBS as business manager. After an extensive interview and more conversations, Dave, Charlotte, David III, Anthony, and Alicia moved to GBS in July, and David began his work as the new business manager.

Neither David nor I had any idea what we were facing. The financial circumstances that we found that first year would have made a veteran financier run for his life, yet there was no “run” in David. Someone has said that it is not a crisis that makes a man, but it is a crisis that reveals what he is made of. That first year proved that David had a constitution of steel, a determination to prevail, and a loyalty that was unassailable.

Over the years David proved to be one of the most valuable hires I ever made. He not only did his job, but often he filled in wherever there was a need. On school breaks he would handle all the mail service, take a security shift, serve as the administrator on call, and even help maintenance out with painting (he was an excellent painter). Many times, when I would go to my office on Saturday or during breaks, I would find David in his office working away. David was not an 8-to-5 man; whatever he saw that needed to be done, he would do it whenever it needed doing.

I was always concerned with excellence, and, since I was not a trained finance person, I had a well-trained finance person (a CPA and MBA who had worked with some of the largest auditing firms in the world) come in and check David out. After spending a few hours questioning and examining his work, my friend’s report was, “This man is an ‘accountant’s accountant.’ He knows his stuff!” He was right, of course! Year after year, our annual audits have been rigorous and thorough—but always clean and with either no findings or only minor ones! David was always on top of things!

Twenty-five years have now passed since David first moved into the office that is now called the Vice President for Finance. Those years have clearly proven his ability, his loyalty, his integrity, and his down-to-earth goodness. He has left large footprints on the institutional life of the school; but on a more personal note, he has left his mark on me. He became, and is, an endeared friend that I respect and admire. Congratulations, David, on twenty-five successful years as the “man behind the desk” (only David and I know what that means).

DR. MICHAEL R. AVERY

Former GBS President (1995-2017) and current Chancellor



David Frederick, Jr.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception; it is a prevailing attitude" (Charles R. Swindoll). When God planted David Frederick at GBS, He brought a man who is stubborn for excellence and a bulldog for loyalty. An artist will select from a wheel of colors and create a masterpiece. The canvas David created for the past 25 years is a harmony of numbers that represents the pinnacle of excellence in higher education. David's loyalty to the administration, board, faculty, staff, students, and alumni represents his heart in serving God. So, to my friend Dave, from the darkest night, and to the brightest day, we celebrate GBS's Maestro of Accounting.

MONTE STETLER
former coworker; GBS trustee (finance committee chair)

I have worked with Mr. Frederick (Dave) in various ways over the last 18 years—as a student, as an employee, and as a fellow administrator. In every circumstance I have been impressed with his attention to detail and the excellent way he handles everything. As he has become a grandpa, it has been great to see that side of him as well! Much kudos to Mr. Frederick for his 25 years of service!

TIM MAKZEN
Principal, Aldersgate Christian Academy

I was privileged to work for and with Dave for 13-and-a-half years in the Business Office at GBS. There are so many admirable qualities that could be mentioned about Dave, but some of his most outstanding ones are loyalty, faithfulness, dependability, and also his quirky sense of humor that few people get to see! I have also seen these qualities outside of the workplace as Dave and Char and Mark and I share the grandparenting duties of two beautiful little boys! Dave is very deserving of this honor!

TERESA CRAVENS
former GBS Business Manager

Dave Frederick is committed to God, his family, and to the work he does for God. His integrity as the person in charge of finances is stellar. He is very protective of GBS. He weathered days of great difficulty in the finance office and has worked hard to keep us from experiencing those difficulties again. A friend is someone with whom you can be honest, have disagreements, interact with day after day for years, and still know that he is loyal and committed to you. Dave is that friend to me.

RICHARD MILES
GBS Vice President for Spiritual Life

ed the Children's Ministry Team from God's Bible School to conduct the annual vacation Bible school. A young lady who was part of that team was Charlotte Potteiger. Although David doesn't remember meeting Charlotte before that summer VBS, he knew of her. David's sister, Lori, however, distinctly remembers meeting her earlier.

"One of my mom's friends who grew up in our church was a missionary to the Bahamas, and when she came home for deputation, she would spend a lot of time with our family. I thought of her as an aunt. One summer when I was about nine years old, I got to travel around to a couple of different churches with her. One of those churches was where Charlotte's father was the pastor. When I was a little older, we attended a camp in Pennsylvania that Charlotte attended also."

David had been informed about Charlotte Potteiger by a mutual friend, Clara (Leedom) Ritchey, and for six months he anticipated her arrival with the GBS group. Charlotte, on the other hand, had no clue. When the team arrived early at the church and began their setup, she remembers standing at the piano while another team member was going over some of the music for the evening. "I raised my head and caught sight of a young man standing tall at the back of the church in the center aisle. He said nothing, just looked over the preparations, but in that moment our eyes locked. We both remember it clearly."

Charlotte eventually found out his name and that he was the pastor's grandson. Given her outgoing personality, she easily made conversation with David, teasing him to put money in the girls' offering so they could win at least one evening's contest over the boys. He did, and the girls won! Throughout the week, Dave



One of the GBS child evangelism teams in the 1980s.

L-R: Butch Bates, David Crane, Esther Reynolds, Charlotte Potteiger, Helen Leigh.

bought pizza for the GBS team, took them on a tour of downtown, paid for their tickets to ride the “Philly El” (elevated train), bought everyone ice cream, etc. Charlotte reflects that “this was an expensive way to impress a girl who was oblivious to the fact!”

The others on the team—Helen Leigh (Reiff), and Esther Reynolds (Burton)—tried to convince Charlotte that Dave’s eyes were definitely on her, but she just didn’t think so. However, when Dave showed up a week later at the team’s next scheduled VBS several hours away, she thought, “Well, maybe.”

Toward the end of the summer, Charlotte returned home for a few days, only to find out that her family had “gotten wind of the tall guy in Philly who was interested in their Char.” They teased her. Often.

A little later, she was invited to return to Philadelphia and spend the weekend with a friend. Charlotte knew that it was all a setup, but she decided to go for only one reason. “If I went and purposefully met Dave, my family would no longer tease me and that would be the end of it. I would return home, tell them it would never work, and all would be well.”

So, she went. Dave came over on the appointed evening, and together they all watched one of Charlotte’s first films ever—Disney’s *Swiss Family Robinson*. She was actually afraid of the pirates on the screen, and Dave was quite amused. She admits, “We hit it off well.”

A few weeks after returning home, Charlotte attended the family camp in Newberrytown, PA. This was the camp meeting David had attended often with his grandfather. During the weekend, Dave and Charlotte spent a little more time together. Charlotte recalls, “By Sunday morning, we decided that we would sit together in the main service. We got there moments before the service was about to start and had to walk down the middle aisle to sit with his grandfather, William Rosenberry. It felt like all eyes were on us, but we managed! Back in the 80s ‘sitting together’ was quite a statement of where a relationship was headed!”

At the Newberrytown youth camp in August, their paths crossed again. When Charlotte arrived that weekend, Dave was playing first base on the softball field. “He saw me coming, fell during one of the plays, and even broke his belt. I joined the game and was placed in the outfield where I probably wouldn’t be needed! But, I also took a fall! We laugh to this day about how nervous we were and look to that as the moment we knew we had ‘fallen for each other.’”

Charlotte finished her senior year at GBS and graduated in May 1986. The following month, she and Dave were engaged. They married April 18, 1987, and began married life in a little apartment next to a working trolley line in Philadelphia.

After two years, they purchased a home in a much quieter neighborhood. Together they continued to work in the inner city of Philadelphia—Dave

David Frederick began working for God’s Bible School around the same time I joined the GBS board. David always provided excellent financial presentations, and, as a board, we knew he was absolutely trustworthy. Over the years, David’s steady hand over finances has been God’s blessing to the school! David, your tireless hours of labor for God’s Bible School will pay heavenly dividends. Your godly life is an example to all. Thank you for a life well spent! Love you, sir!

MARK SMITH
former GBS trustee; President, Columbia International University

I work for the accounting firm that has performed the financial statement audits of God’s Bible School for almost 20 years. I have had the opportunity to work closely with David Frederick. I have come to appreciate and respect his abilities as the Director of Finance. Over the years I have come to trust his integrity and honesty. Dave takes his job very seriously and always has the best interest of the school in mind. It has been my privilege to get to know Dave, both professionally and personally. GBS is fortunate to have had Dave’s loyal service over the past 25 years. I extend my congratulations to Dave for 25 years of a job well done!

GREG OWENS, CPA
Keller & Owens, LLC of Overland Park, KS

I have to admit, I was afraid of Mr. Frederick for the first few years I worked here! However, I eventually realized there was a dry humor underneath the surface! He is an administrator with an excellent work ethic, and it has been great to serve with him at GBS!

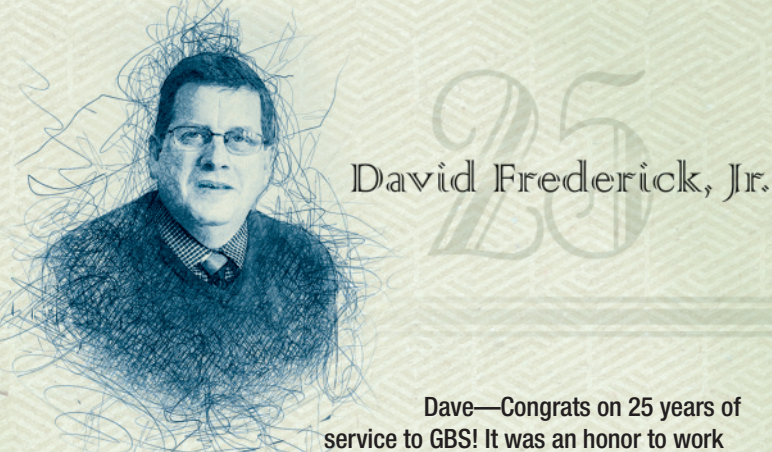
SHARREE POUZAR,
GBS Financial Aid Coordinator

There are certain people in every organization who work behind the scenes, providing the consistent, committed, and critical infrastructure for that organization to accomplish its mission. God’s Bible School and College is very blessed to have such a person leading the Finance Department these past 25 years. David Frederick, Jr. is a loyal employee who takes his work seriously and recognizes that being in the spotlight is not necessary in order to make a significant contribution to the Kingdom. God is the ultimate accountant, and I am confident that He is carefully recording every investment that Vice President Frederick continues to make on the balance sheet that matters most.

ROBERT ENGLAND, JR.
GBS trustee (chair)

David Frederick is a man of great character, and his experience in the financial world just astounds me. Hand him a calculator and a list of numbers and he is usually accurate on the first round. It is a joy to work alongside David and to watch his life and know that Jesus shines through him. Congratulations on 25 years of service to GBS.

CHERYL WATTERS
GBS Administrative Assistant to the President



David Frederick, Jr.

Dave—Congrats on 25 years of service to GBS! It was an honor to work with you for five of those years as I served as executive assistant to the president. I appreciate your loyalty to GBS and to Christ—you are a faithful employee and Christian and do your work and walk with Christ well. You were one of my favorite people to work with. We had some fun conversations—all the while working, of course. I know one of your least favorite things was to appear before the board, and it's quite funny to me that I'm now on the other side of the table. You've survived 25 years of that—here's to 25 more!

BRENDA HERRING
former coworker; GBS trustee

I've known Dave for twenty years now, but it has only been during the last two that we have worked closely together on the administrative team. In these last two years, I have come to appreciate Dave for a number of reasons. I enjoy his sense of humor and have been on the receiving end of some of his teasing; but even more, I appreciate the man of faith and conviction that he is. In moments of decision, I have watched Dave listen, think, and wait until he has all the information he needs before he makes a move. Dave is quick to recognize the hand of God in the workings of GBS and often points us to what God is doing. Dave gives hours of conscientious service to GBS—often behind the scenes when the office is officially closed. I am grateful to consider this good man a friend!

SONJA VERNON
GBS Vice President for Student Affairs

It has been a joy to work with David over the past 22 or so years. There is no doubt as to his integrity, work ethic, and commitment to GBS. He is simply great at what he does. The best words that I have heard to describe David are: "He is an accountant's accountant."

KEITH WAGGONER, SR.
GBS trustee (previous finance committee chair)

When I began working with Dave, I immediately recognized his carefulness with the school's resources. I was nervous to send a purchase request to his office. However, as I've communicated with him over the years, I've grown to highly respect his care for the school, his sense of humor, and his "unhelpful advice" as he came through the serving line in the cafeteria. Congratulations on 25 successful years!

DEBBY BYER
GBS Food Services Director

at the bank and Charlotte teaching third grade at Timothy Christian Academy until the birth of their first son, David Lloyd III, in 1990. Anthony Owen arrived in 1992.

By this time, the Fredericks were tiring of "city life." They were interested in trading the "graffiti, dirt, and heat of a city" for a place "where the cows grazed in nearby fields, life was quiet, and the air was clean." They were excited about the possibility of raising a family in the country; but relocating in 1992 wasn't simple. They first found an available rental house along a busy route near the town of Duncannon, PA. They then found a buyer for their home and made the move.

But there was another hurdle. Dave needed a new job. He managed to acquire one with a small electric supply company. Dave was responsible for inventory, financial bookkeeping, and payroll, along with a few other miscellaneous details. Although Dave never really liked the job, he later realized that the two years he spent there were crucial in preparing him for the work God had in mind for him later.



In 1994, Dave was hired by the Hershey Ice Cream Company, Harrisburg, PA, as an internal auditor. This job came with a large pay increase, a new company car every two years, and many other financial perks. The downside was that Dave was gone from home almost every week of the year from Monday through Friday conducting financial audits across the state for the Hershey branches. The family adjusted to this new schedule. Charlotte remembers that the two young boys "happily looked forward to 'circle day'—the day Daddy would arrive home each week marked by a big red circle on the calendar each Friday."

In February of 1995, Alicia Marie was born into the Frederick home. All things were looking wonderful for the Fredericks. New baby. New house. New job. It appeared to be the beginning of financial fulfillment and the "American dream." But, as is often the case, God had something better in mind.

Michael Avery had just accepted the presidency of God's Bible School and was looking for someone to fill the position of chief financial officer. In a conversation with Robert England, Sr., Dave's name came up. Rev. England knew of Dave because Charlotte was a friend of his family, and he was aware that Dave had been a "money guy" for years at a bank in Philadelphia. From

that conversation, a letter arrived in the Frederick mailbox. Charlotte remembers receiving it.

"It was from Michael Avery asking if Dave would consider an interview. I hate to admit, but when I opened the letter and read it, I laughed. I knew Dave wouldn't be interested, and I wondered if I should even show it to him! However, since it was addressed to him specifically, I decided that rather than discard it, I should at least let him read it and be humored as much as I had been! But when Dave read it, he thought we should consider the possibility! I cannot overstate how unlike Dave this was."

A week later, a scheduled revival began at their church in Pleasant Valley pastored by Mervin Potteiger, Charlotte's father. The evangelist was Michael Avery! After the first service, Rev. Avery asked the pastor if he knew a Dave Frederick, and, if so, where did he live, and would it be possible to set up a time

to meet with him? Two days later, on a Saturday morning President-elect Avery and Dave had their first interview.

Although Charlotte cannot recall the details that followed that interview, she remembers thinking that she wouldn't mind "returning to the Hilltop for a few years of service there"; but she never thought for a moment that they would actually move to Cincinnati "because Dave hates change." That next week, in what Dave later described as a defining moment, God's presence seemed to fill his car while he drove to work, and God made it clear to him that he was to go and serve at God's Bible School.

When Dave came home, it was settled. Charlotte remembers "there were no questions, no 'what-if's,' no more discussions. Somehow God had also prepared my heart, and I became excited about the potential move.

Dave gave his answer to Mr. Avery, who accepted Dave as a new hire. Dave handed in his resignation at the appropriate time and walked away from all that had been promised for his financial future."

In July of 1995, the Fredericks traded rural sprawl for urban crawl, and Cincinnati became their new home. In 1997, a new family addition, Christiana Rose, was born.

Twenty-five years have now passed since the Fredericks joined the campus family. Things have changed. The children are out of the house, successful adults on their own. Charlotte has been a valued faculty member teaching in the college, and Dave has worked in the financial office of GBS, faithfully completing the tedious budgeting tasks in order to see the work of God's Bible School continue. Numbers are his friends. A balanced spread sheet is his pride and joy. Operating "in the black" and accomplishing clean audits are his greatest rewards.

Although normally quiet and reserved, with a strong dislike for any activity that would draw attention to himself, Dave is a man of faith and of his word. His family is his dearest treasure, and they have utmost confidence in him.

Thank you, Dave, for your sacrifices and excellent work for God's Bible School and College! ■





TEACHER ED ACCREDITATION

GBS has submitted its self-study to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in advance of a Spring 2021 site visit. CAEP provides programmatic accreditation for teacher-training programs in the U.S. Having a CAEP-accredited program is a requirement for training teachers eligi-

ble for licensure in Ohio, as well as many other states.

The self-study process follows years of work by our classroom- and music-education faculty. Academic programs have been strengthened to prepare students to be excellent teachers now, as well as to be lifelong professional learners.

While CAEP accreditation addresses all of GBS's teacher-education programs, the college also continues to offer non-state-licensure programs focused on preparing graduates to teach in Christian P-12 schools. Available BA programs include: Early Childhood Education (Ohio licensure); Adolescent and Young Adult Integrated Language Arts (Ohio licensure, grades 7-12); Elementary Education (non-licensure); Music Education, Choral/Gen-

eral (Ohio licensure); Music Education, Instrumental (Ohio licensure); Music Education, Performance or Non-Performance (non-licensure); and Music Education/Classroom Education (non-licensure). The Music Education programs are available only on campus, while the other programs are available on campus and online.

Please join us in prayer as the college prepares for the site visit in Spring 2021! As God calls young people into education as ministry—in Christian *and* public schools—GBS wants to be faithful to prepare them for excellent service!

GBS CITED AS TOP WORKPLACE 10 YEARS IN A ROW

When asked, most businesses and organizations say that they value their employees. Here at GBS

REVIVALIST FAMILY

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist Family," and brief news notes from across the Holiness Movement.

DEATHS

Chester "Chet" Elliott, 96, went home to Jesus on March 1, 2020, in Mission Viejo, CA, with his wife and family by his side. Chet was born on September 7, 1923, in Canton, OH, but was reared in Cincinnati, OH, and often visited GBS for special services. His family later lived at the 200-year-old Elliott homestead near Atlanta, GA.



Chet was a World War II veteran who landed on Utah Beach, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and became a wounded warrior in Rocklitz, Germany, on April 14, 1945. Known as the last wounded soldier of his Army division, and in appreciation for the liberation of their village, the citizens of Rocklitz honored Mr. Elliott with a plaque on the bridge where he was wounded.

Chet married his childhood friend Leliah ("Lee") Roberts on July 12, 1946, and went through three years of hospitalizations as he recovered from the war.

Chet earned an accounting degree from the University of Southern California and moved his family to Vista, CA, in 1956, where he established a private CPA practice. The family was very active in the Vista Church of the Nazarene, where Chet led the singing and choir. He was also a Rotarian. During retirement, they moved to Valley Center, CA, and attended the Church of the Nazarene in Escondido, CA, and the Valley Center Community Church. The Elliotts participated in a GBS-led tour of Israel in 2000 and established the Chester (Chet) and Leliah (Lee) Elliott Scholarship at GBS in recognition of the many memories Chet made there.

Chet is survived by his wife, Lee; his two daughters, Sherry Hoselton and Susan Elliott; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren. He was laid to rest with full military honors at the Valley Center Cemetery on March 7, 2020.



a representative group of GBS staff and faculty

we recognize that our employees are our most valuable asset. But don't take my word for it. The employees here at GBS have spoken—not through an internal survey or by taking a random poll. For the last decade, GBS has participated in a regional workplace survey that is administered by an outside firm. Any company in the greater Cincinnati area is eligible to participate in this survey.

I am pleased to announce that for the 10th consecutive year, GBS (including Aldersgate Christian Academy) is recognized as a Cincinnati Top Workplace! 10 years! In fact, less than a handful of companies can claim this bragging right.

Let me highlight a few reasons why I think it is the top workplace—not only in Cincinnati but the world.

- Employees have a sense of calling! They feel this is where God wants them. As a result, employees view their work as God's work.
- Employees are dedicated to God, each other, and the students we serve. This isn't just a job. This is ministry. This is how we choose to live life!

- Employees have been flexible in order to keep GBS running smoothly through the pandemic—working longer hours, different jobs, helping each other. It is simply amazing! I looked out my office window and saw families working together to pull weeds in a flower bed! We operate as a family.
- Employees give beyond time and work; they give financially. Through this pandemic, and since April, our employees have given well over \$10,000 back to the school. This shows how much they believe in the institution. They know they can trust us with their resources.

Top workplace in Cincinnati? I'm not surprised. When you are surrounded by such a great group of missionally-minded people ➡



Marion Thomas (Tommy) George, 85, of Martinsville, VA, passed away on March 19, 2020, at his home. He was born to the late Joseph and Bertha (Bishop) George of Bassett, VA.



Although none of his family were Christians, at the age of 14, Tommy attended a tent revival in Horsepasture, VA, and was saved. One of the ladies helping with the revival was Dorothy Lawson Crater (CWC '54), who was dean of women at GBS and the mother of current GBS professor and choir director, Timothy Crater (BA '89). Dorothy encouraged Tommy's mother to send him to God's Bible School, so she put Tommy on a train to Cincinnati. He finished high school (1955) and took a Christian Workers Course and college classes (1955-57). While at GBS, Tommy met fellow student Patricia Field (1955). They married in 1956.

Tommy returned to Virginia where he was a founding member of the Preston Wesleyan Church that grew out of the tent revival. He served for many years and in many capacities at the church—Sunday school superin-

tendent, adult Sunday school teacher, board member, and occasional pulpit supply. He was the last founding member when he passed. He worked at E.I. DuPont until his retirement and was a 47-year member of Preston Ruritan Club, a rural-oriented social service organization dedicated to "fellowship, goodwill, and community service."

Survivors include Patricia, his wife of 63 years; two daughters, Linda Coleman and Rhonda Eggleston; brother, Michael; sister, Lillie Ann Arnold; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A private graveside service was held at the Roselawn Burial Park, Martinsville, VA, Rev. Marty Furrow officiating.



William (Bill) David Bramble, 80, of Burlington, KY, entered his heavenly home on April 23, 2020, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born to the Rev. Willie and Mamie Bramble in northern Kentucky on February 4, 1940. After his graduation from high school at GBS in 1958, Bill joined the U.S. Army and served for three years during the Vietnam conflict. ➡

➡ who love Christ, love each other, and love what they do, it is fitting. While we are super proud of this designation, there is one that is far greater than this one. It is HIS smile of approval that we seek. It is HIS words of commendation that we long to hear—"Well done thou good and faithful servant."

—President Rodney Loper

MISSIONARY TRAINING NEWS

From its founding in 1900, a central focus of GBS has been missions. Since its earliest days, the college has enrolled students from around the world. Of course, the very first class also included Charles and Lettie Cowman, who became missionary pioneers and founded the Oriental Missionary Society (now One Mission Society). The alumni of GBS include many men and women who have carried out the college's

mission "to proclaim Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness around the world."

Currently, GBS continues to offer missions training to build God's Kingdom today and in the years ahead. This focus includes the college's partnership with Mission Muslim World University, a ministry preparing faithful Christians to evangelize Muslims. It includes the Visiting Professor of Missiology Program, which adds different missions leaders to the faculty each year to broaden missions students' education. For 2020-21, the visiting professor of missiology will be Steven Hight, a former missionary, pastor, and missions leader.

A study abroad program provides the newest addition to the

GBS missions program. In partnership with Hope International Missions and Evangelistic Faith Missions, the Division of Professional Studies at GBS gives students the opportunity to work and study

in another country for a semester or a year, learning on an active mission field. While short-term internships are still available, we believe greater immersion provides better training and formation for students. Students continue their studies

with online classes while also studying missions, language, and culture where they are living. Of course, they will also actively participate in ministry on the "front lines" around the world. —Lyle Witt, Chair, Division of Professional Studies ■



Steven Hight

REVIVALIST FAMILY continued

➡ Upon his discharge, Bill enrolled in college at GBS and earned a BA in 1965. He also continued his education at the University of Cincinnati.

He worked for over 20 years at Sears, followed by a successful 45-year career as an entrepreneur and owner of both Bramble Appraisals and Bill Bramble Realty. He was a highly respected real estate broker in Kentucky, as well as a certified general real estate appraiser in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. He was honored with the "Realtor of the Year" award in 1991 and was elected as the president of the Kentucky State Realtors Association in 1994. Bill lived out his Christian faith, serving his Lord and others. He particularly enjoyed traveling and singing with the Chapel Keys Quartet for more than ten years.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Sally Jo (Watchom) Bramble (HS '58); two sons, William, Jr., and Glenn; daughter, Danielle; his children's mother, Leona Bramble; his stepchildren; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his sister, Marilyn (Bramble)

Osborne. Bill was laid to rest at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Williamstown, KY, officiated by Michael Denigan, with visitation limited to family members (COVID-19 rules). A public memorial service and military salute are planned for a later date.

Maudie Jean MacManus, 84, of Franklin, OH, went to be with Jesus surrounded by her loving family on May 15, 2020, at her home. Jean was born on February 1, 1936, in Lee County, KY, to Oscar and Ada Mae (Vires) Shackelford.



Jean married John MacManus in 1956. She received her BA in Education from Miami University, Oxford, OH, followed by an MS in Guidance Counseling and an MA in Educational Leadership. Her lifelong ministry was in Christian education. She was a founding member, teacher, and principal of the Franklin Wesleyan Academy, Franklin, OH (1970-75). She taught and was later principal at Westwood Christian School, Live Oak,



FL (1977-88). The rest of her career was spent as guidance counselor at Melrose Elementary, Lake City (1989-93), followed by Belle Glade Elementary and New Horizons Elementary in Palm Beach, FL (1993-03). She retired from Palm Beach County School District in 2003. After retirement, she became a member of the Franklin Wesleyan Chapel, Franklin, OH.

Jean is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Timothy John Pohl; three granddaughters, Rachel, Rebecca, and Hannah; sister, Mamie Banks; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and many dear friends. Two granddaughters work at GBS: Rachel (BA '18) as Media and Marketing Specialist and Rebecca (BA '19) as Financial Aid Associate and Institutional Research Coordinator. A funeral service was held at Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, Covington, OH, with Pastor Adam Proffitt officiating, followed by a private family graveside service at Highland Cemetery, Covington, OH. 🕊

David Frederick, Jr.



Dave Frederick is a man of outstanding character in a very quiet and unassuming way. I know he hates the limelight and is reluctant to be on the platform for any reason; but I also know that he loves GBS and jealously guards her funding. We have been blessed to have him at the helm of our finances for the last 25 years. I have had many conversations regarding our administrative roles, but it is times when I would just be passing through and would stop to visit with Dave that I will remember the most. We would talk about our families, the grandkids, and his beloved “Phillies.” I know he loves and treasures his family. At the core of that family is a solid man of God.

BILL MARSHALL

GBS Facilities Office Manager; former ACA Principal

Dave Frederick has had a remarkable career at God's Bible School, guiding our finances with integrity and transparency. While not deeply schooled in finances myself, I have felt confidence that David has given us careful stewardship and great honesty in preparing reports for our consideration. Personal humility and easy accessibility are marks of his service to God. Congratulations, Dave!

LEONARD SANKEY

GBS trustee (former chair)

I have known Dave's wife Char and sister Lori most of my life and have been friends with them since our college days together. I only got to know Dave after he came on staff at GBS. Our point of connection was mainly through his kids as they were growing up. I regularly attended their basketball and volleyball games and count as some of my favorite memories the many trips we have shared skiing and hiking, especially in Colorado, Utah, and West Virginia. Dave was his children's biggest cheerleader, and I was not too far behind! It has been my privilege to be an “associate member” of the Frederick family!

KEVIN MOSER

God's Revivalist Assistant Editor and Art Director

I appreciate Dave's commitment to GBS. He is always careful to be a good steward of the resources God has allowed us to have. I appreciate his willingness for us to learn together how to make the process better. With his skill set, he previously made a lot more money in the secular world, but for the past 25 years Dave has chosen to bless God's Kingdom instead. May God richly bless him and his family.

JEFF MOORE

GBS Campus Administrator

SEPTEMBER 2020

Family Tributes

Congratulations, Dave! I know you never thought you would serve at God's Bible School for 25 years.... The original plan was "until the president leaves." Little did you realize President Avery would stay 22 years or that you would remain at your post to serve under President Loper! While your time frame was based on the presidents, we both know that much deeper than that is a very clear call of God to serve on the Hilltop.

During our first year, I remember commenting to President Avery that you would keep the ledgers "to the penny," and he would never have to worry about the books being accurate...that he could always depend on and trust you. You have proved that to be true beyond a fault in the yearly internal and external audits and, in doing so, have impacted the financial stability of God's Bible School in a way that only eternity will reveal.

On a personal note, you are a man of integrity. I have never been ashamed to give my name as Mrs. David Frederick. Not once have I had to hang my head. You have loved me and our family well, and we all know you are actually a softie despite what you portray at the office!

While we are as opposite as north and south in almost every way possible, we are a team...and I love being on your team! Thank you for yielding all your hopes and dreams to the Savior 25 years ago when He called you here. Again, only eternity will reveal the impact that surrender made in our home and in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

I love you fiercely, David Frederick, and am so very proud of you!

CHARLOTTE (POTTEIGER) FREDERICK



Dad has always been one of the most loyal, committed, and trustworthy people I know. He is quiet and reserved, but his family and close friends know he's always down for a good prank or joke! Dad cares deeply for his family. If he could pick anywhere to go in the entire world, I'm sure he would say, "Wherever my family is."

Dad likes to keep things simple and classic. Ice cream? Vanilla. Cheesecake? Plain. Pizza? Cheese. Obviously, he's not

very difficult to please in the food category.

Dad has worked so hard at GBS for the past 25 years, and we, his family, are SO extremely proud of him and all of his incredible accomplishments. No matter how old we kids get, we know his office is always open to us, and he's just a phone call away.

Dad, we love you and are so proud of you!

CHRISTI FREDERICK

Dad has lived his life in such a way as to challenge me to do the same, especially since I am now a father of two boys. He has worked hard all his life, and I admire that so much. Behind his sometimes "stern" exterior has always been an extremely kind and caring man. He has always made it a point to be interested in my hobbies, ideas, and new adventures. His loyalty and consistent walk with God have set an example for me for which I will forever be thankful.



DAVID FREDERICK III

Dad, I just want to say thank you for all the time you have spent with me and the whole family. Whether it's traveling to Pennsylvania to see grandparents or just hanging out at the house; whatever the case may be, you have been the best dad anybody could have asked for. Out of the many things I appreciate about you, I will mention one—your strong work ethic. I noticed all the hard, long hours you have spent working at the school, whether it's during regular business hours or the many times you've gone in to work when the offices are closed—just to make sure that everything is caught up, the bills are paid on time, and all the many other things you do for the school. You are a great example! Also thank you for all your prayers. You truly are the best. I love you so much.

ANTHONY FREDERICK



Walking across GBS campus proudly holding on to Dad's hand. Going up the stairs to his office in the administration building and getting to sit in his desk chair. These are memories I never forget. I remember thinking, "My dad has the most important job," although at that time I didn't fully understand just how important his job really was.

Over the past 25 years, anyone who has worked with my dad knows how long and hard he works. However, even with those long



days of hard work, Dad always had time for his family. I can't think of a time when he wasn't there for us.

Having a father like mine is a gift. Not many people can say that they grew up with a loving, supportive, protective, hard-working, Christian father like mine. I love you, and I am proud to call you Dad.

ALICIA (FREDERICK) MILLER



How do I put into words what I think about my brother Dave! Ones that come to mind immediately are: loyal, workaholic, caring, generous, integrity, funny, servant, family man. Some of these words may not be used by everyone to describe Dave because they may have never seen that side of him. He's not flamboyant or an extrovert and will hate the fact that all this was done for him. In a crowd of people, he will choose the corner, talking with one or two. In fact, he would be OK living the life of a hermit and has said as much to me in prior sibling squabbles.

But when you get to see the real side of him, he's funny. As kids, we were typical. We fought well and loved well. We were and still are best friends. I could tell my brother anything. But when I think of my brother, the early years aren't what come to mind first, it's the years of taking care of our elderly parents that are most prominent. Since I lived across the country, the responsibility fell on Dave and his family to care for them. The love and compassion he had for our parents was amazing, and while at times I know it had to be a sacrifice, he wouldn't have had it any other way. That's who he is. Dave Frederick is a godly man of integrity, and I am so proud to call him my brother.

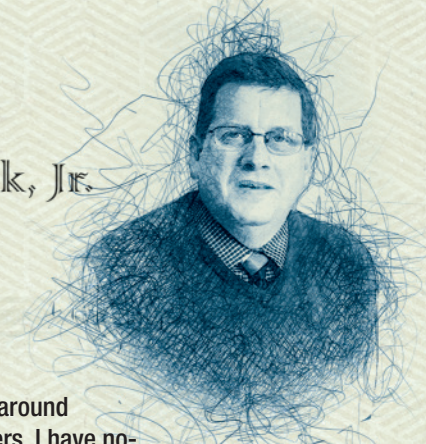
LORI (FREDERICK) WAGGONER



There are a number of words one could use to describe my brother-in-law, Dave Frederick: words such as skillful, character (interpret it as you wish), focused, particular, loud, hilarious, opinionated, or dedicated. After working with him for several years and observing him for many more, I think the word that best depicts Dave is servant. He faithfully serves Christ, his family, and GBS with passion and purpose. Congratulations, Dave, on 25 years of faithful ministry.

KEITH WAGGONER, JR.

David Frederick, Jr.



Although I haven't worked around Dave Frederick as much as others, I have noticed several things about him. He always takes time for a question. He is always kind and calm. He is quick to forgive a mistake or wrong. He seems to know where every piece of paper belongs on his stacks. He does like to tease. When I was new on the job, I would say: "Can I ask you a question?" His answer: "You just did."

JANET ALBERTSON

GBS Administrative Assistant for Constituent Relations

Dave Frederick has one of the best poker faces I know. He pretty well unnerved me when I came to GBS in 2004, not long after he transitioned to the CFO position. Eventually I learned to see the gleam in his eye and slight tightness around his mouth that are the only ways to know when he's pulling your leg—and he still gets me now and then.

When I was learning financial aid—which his sister, Lori, had run with ease—Dave was patient with my slowness. When I moved into the Academic VP position—following Ken Farmer, who holds an MBA among numerous other degrees—Dave was merciful again, teaching me to think by the budget.

As I've worked with Dave, I've seen him care for people—especially his deeply loved family. I've seen his deep love for the ministry we serve together. I know his humility and his huge faith, his commitment to prayer and hard work.

Dave's friendship enriches my life, his laughter brightens days in the office, his integrity and dedication give the rest of us an example of what it means to be a good and faithful servant.

AARON PROFITT

GBS Vice President for Academic Affairs

I appreciate the attention Dave gives to GBS's finances. It is obvious to me that he cares about the numbers because he cares about people. His desire is to ensure there is a stable environment in which all of us can work. Congrats on 25 years! Thanks for all you do!

MATT HALLAM

GBS Vice President for Enrollment Services

Outwardly, Dave Frederick appears quiet and unassuming; but when the history of the last 25 years of GBS is remembered, much credit will be given to Dave for the growth and stability of the institution he loves. It has been my privilege to work with Dave and see his love for God, his family, and his co-workers. I found Dave to be a loyal friend and, on occasion, a tough negotiator. His long hours and sacrificial efforts are always graced with absolute integrity. Congratulations, my friend, on 25 years of a job well done!

JACK HOOKER

former coworker; GBS trustee

Dear Phil

DOESN'T THE BIBLE TEACH THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF LIVING WITHOUT SINNING?

"Could you help me with 1 John 1:8? Where I come from, this verse is used to prove it is impossible to live above sin." —Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,

Here is that specific verse: "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us." If we take this verse by itself, it does sound like everyone sins and anyone who denies it is self-deceived. But, as the saying goes, "A text without a context is a pretext."

I think it may be helpful to start with a book-level view of what John says about sin. Consider the following statements from 1 John:

1. One who walks in the light is being cleansed from all sin (1:7)
2. If we confess our sins, we are forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness (1:9)
3. These things were written so we would not sin (2:1)
4. If a believer sins, Christ is his advocate (2:1)
5. One cannot know God and not keep His commandments (2:4)
6. Anyone who is practicing sin does not know God (3:6)
7. It is impossible for someone who has been born of God to "be sinning" (3:9)
8. Those who know God do the truth, practice righteousness, and love their brother (3:7, 10)

9. If we see a brother committing a sin "not unto death," we should pray for him to be restored (5:16)

What does 1 John 1:8 mean in light of this book-level discussion? First, since the apostle is inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can assume that when properly understood there is no contradiction in what the Spirit says.

Second, the immediate context (1:5-10) suggests that John is addressing three errors made by non-believers, not believers. Claim 1: We can have fellowship with God while walking in darkness (1:6); Claim 2: We do not "have sin" (1:8); and Claim 3: We have never sinned (1:10).

No believer in Christ would ever say, "I have never sinned" (1:10). We have to admit we're sinners in need of a savior to be saved in the first place! So, the third claim would only be made by someone who is rejecting Christ. As we have seen, John repeatedly and forthrightly denies the possibility that anyone can be a believer who practices lawlessness (1 John 3:4-6), so the first claim ("we can walk in darkness and have fellowship with God") must be made by someone who has not accepted Christ and His com-

mand to "go and sin no more" (John 5:14). In other words, verse six is not addressing true believers, but false professors. If the first and third claims are made by unbelievers, then it seems reasonable to assume that the second claim is also made by unbelievers.

Why would unbelievers claim to "have no sin?" Here is where broader context, like authorial usage, is very helpful. John is the only NT writer to use the phrase "have no sin" or "have sin." He uses this phrase five times (John 9:41; 15:22, 24; 19:11; 1 John 1:8). Each time he uses the phrase "have sin" or "have no sin," he is referring to having culpability (=responsibility) for sins committed.

In John 9:41, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." Here Jesus is applying the principle that God holds people accountable for what they know, not for what they don't know. Since the Pharisees claimed to "see," they were accountable for the sins they had committed. But they refused to acknowledge that they had any guilt. The Pharisees would have said, "We have no sin." If you look at John 15:22-24, you'll see the same thing. Those who don't know the truth, don't "have sin," but those who do know the truth, "have no excuse for their sin."

In conclusion, 1 John 1:8 does not teach that believers continue to practice sin, or that believers remain sinful even as they are being cleansed by Jesus' blood. It teaches that those who deny they are guilty for the sins they have committed, like the Pharisees in Jesus' day, are self-deceived.

Blessings,
Phil ■

Dr. A. Philip Brown II is the Graduate Program director and a member of the ministerial faculty at God's Bible School and College.



RESPONDING TO SERMONS

In a Barna study of parishioners, 75% of respondents said they “listen carefully,” 17% acknowledged that they “get distracted,” and 10% reported that they “fact check” sermons. Of those who said they fact-check, 16% of Millennials admitted that they do this, compared to 12% of Generation X, and only 7% of Baby Boomers. A similar percentage existed for those reporting they checked their social media, emails, and text messages during a sermon.

DOJ SAYS, “EXERCISING RELIGION IS ESSENTIAL”

The Department of Justice continues to side with the responsible efforts of churches during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pastor of Lighthouse Fellowship Church, Chincoteague Island, VA, was cited with a criminal citation for holding a 16-person church service, even though each attendee in the 225-seat sanctuary was sitting at least six feet apart and the church had sanitized the common surfaces and required everyone to use hand sanitizer. The church has a specialized ministry for the socioeconomically disadvantaged, recovering drug addicts, and former prostitutes. The DOJ filed a statement urging a Virginia federal court to issue an injunction favoring the church and questioning why Virginia carved out exceptions for liquor stores, home improvement stores,

and dry cleaners, but not churches. It also noted, “For many people of faith, exercising religion is essential, especially during a crisis.” For members of Lighthouse Fellowship, “assembling with their church family is everything” because it is the only family many of the members have.

ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE RISE

The Anti-Defamation League reported that U.S. Jews suffered the largest number of anti-Semitic incidents last year since the league began collecting data 40 years ago. The 2,107 incidents recorded in 2019 included deadly attacks by gunmen at a California synagogue and a New Jersey kosher grocery store, and a fatal stabbing at a rabbi’s home in New York and represents a 12% rise from 1,879 incidents in 2018. The group’s 2019 audit counted 1,127 cases of harassment, 61 cases of physical assaults, and 919 instances of vandalism. More than half of the assaults took place in New York City.

PANDEMIC AFFECTS PRAYER

A Young America’s Foundation poll in partnership with *The Federalist* reveals that, due to the coronavirus, 38% of high school students and 39% of post-secondary students said they’re praying more often, and 24% of high school students and 31% of post-secondary students said they’re thinking about spiritual issues more often. ■



student focus

MARLISSA BRANDON has a family history steeped in ministry. Her maternal grandparents were missionaries. Her father is a pastor. Marliisa was saved in a children’s service at the age of five and made a full surrender to God in her bedroom at the age of 17.

Even though her grandfather, parents, and siblings all went to GBS, she was still uncertain about what she should do. However, after several campus visits she felt God leading her to GBS. As a freshman she was rather reserved, but “many members of the GBS family were able to help this shy girl get out of her comfort zone.” During hard times during her studies, she was surrounded by people in whom she had “the utmost confidence,” and they helped and encouraged her to “dig deeper with God.”

Marliisa completed her BA in Church and Family Ministries in May 2020. Her dreams are to work with children in church ministries, and she is open to however and wherever the Lord leads. ■

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— Called Unto Holiness —

In this space we use writers both past and present to discuss various aspects of Christian holiness.

THE TWOFOLD SOURCE OF TEMPTATION

by C.W. Ruth

The Bible clearly teaches that there are at least two separate and distinct sources of temptation; the one that we may ever expect to have, and the other that we need not, and should not have. To make this clear, we would first refer to the temptations of Christ in the wilderness, as mentioned in the fourth chapter of Matthew. The record plainly states that He was “tempted of the devil.” These temptations were wholly from without.... This is what may be termed the legitimate source of temptation, to which the Christian will be subject as long as he is in a state of probation....

But in James 1:14, we read of another source of temptation, as follows: “Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.” Here the source of temptation is from within—from “his own lust.” The word “lust” in the Scripture has reference to any unholy desire. The apostle is here saying there are certain unholy desires originating within—springing up from our own depraved natures—by which we are “drawn away” and “enticed.” We are undertaking to say that Jesus did not have this form or source of temptation; and we need not and should not have it.

In order to state this matter more clearly, we would say the carnal mind, “our old man,” original or inbred sin, which was inherited by us as a result of the fall in the garden of Eden, is a most potent factor in temptation; we think this will be readily admitted by all Christians. Now, whatever part this depravity of our own natures may have in the matter of our temptations was certainly lacking in the temptations of Christ—for the most excellent reason that He was always pure and holy and had no carnal nature.

At this point someone is likely to quote the statement found in Hebrews, that Christ was “tempted in all points as we are.” So we would ask the reader to turn to this passage, found in Hebrews 4:15, “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the

feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” That is how we read it, and that is what it seems to say; but a little more careful scrutinizing of this passage will disclose the fact that there are three words italicized: “we are yet.” Every Bible student knows that this is done so that the reader may know that these words were not in the original text but have been supplied by the translators. Since these three words were not in the original text, we will omit them, and read, “but was in all points tempted like as ...without sin.” He was tempted as a holy soul is tempted; as a person is tempted who is “without sin.” He was not “drawn away of His own lust, and enticed,” for He had no indwelling sin; and neither should we have indwelling sin—since the blood of Jesus will cleanse it out of our hearts (1 John 1:7)....

Some have inquired, “How could a holy soul be tempted?” We would answer, just as Jesus was tempted; or just as holy angels have been tempted; or just as our foreparents, who were created holy in the garden of Eden, were tempted. There certainly was no appeal to, nor response from, anything that was evil within. They were not “drawn away” by their “own lust and enticed.” The temptation entered through the will, seeing they were free moral agents, having the power of choice....

How could a sanctified person sin? Just as a person who has been entirely cured of some malignant disease might be stricken again by failing to observe the laws of health, or by undue exposure. But in such case the fault is wholly his. ■

Christian Wismer “C.W.” **Ruth** was one of the ten founding fathers of the Church of the Nazarene when, in 1902, he merged the Spokane, WA, holiness churches of the People’s Mission into the Church of the Nazarene. This excerpt is taken from *Temptations Peculiar to the Sanctified* (Nazarene Publishing House, 1928, pp.18-22).



FORGIVENESS LETTING GO OF BITTERNESS

by Keith Waggoner II

Scripture: Matthew 18

INTRODUCTION

How do we let go of events from our past when they seem to get stuck in our head? When we were sinned against by someone else, what then? How do we let go? In Matthew 18, Jesus offers clear, concise teaching on forgiveness, but addresses it only after going deeper into our need to develop Christian character.

We need to begin with a definition of forgiveness. Forgiveness is giving up resentment against someone and surrendering our right to get even no matter what has been done to us. It is the surrendering of our "right" to hurt that person back.

What Jesus shares here is not groundbreaking, necessarily; but, for someone who isn't healthy spiritually, it's the reminder that there are some things we have to give attention to, some things we can't ignore. Not following Christ's teaching will have a tangible, detrimental impact on our spiritual lives and, I believe, our emotional, and even physical, well-being.

FORGIVENESS REQUIRES HUMILITY (Matt. 18:1-4)

Jesus is talking about His coming suffering and death and the disciples are arguing about who is going to be the greatest; so Jesus pulls in a child as a visual and says, "This is who you need to be." Why did Jesus use a child as an example? A little child is "real"—what you see is what you get. An unspoiled child (don't miss that qualification) has the characteristics that make for humility: trust, dependence,

the desire to make others happy, an absence of boasting, the ability to just be themselves. Humble people are happy people, secure in who God has called them to be and faithful to what He has called them to do. True humility is all about *knowing* oneself, *accepting* oneself, and *being* oneself (your best self) to the glory of God.

Jesus confronts the disciples with their misplaced question. "Men, it's not about who is going to be the greatest in heaven; It is about being humble, because without humility you can't even enter heaven."

Be honest. We don't always practice humility, do we? There are times when deliberately or unconsciously we have offended or hurt someone. This is where Jesus shifts things and begins to talk about those times we have been sinned against in the past.

FORGIVENESS REQUIRES HONEST CONFRONTATION (Matt. 18:15-17)

It cannot be hidden. We must face it head-on and deal with it! What Jesus is talking about in these verses is when a professing, fellow believer sins against us. When that occurs, Jesus gives a specific way to deal with it.

First, we must keep the matter private. What this means is that we don't have the right to involve or talk about this with someone else who isn't part of the problem or can't be part of the solution.

Just spreading bitterness from person to person without actually addressing the sin is just as much a sin as whatever the person originally did to us. However, we cannot ignore it and allow that issue to build a wall between us and the offending brother or sister. We must deal with it by going to them and addressing the wrong.

Perhaps the biggest reason some are unable to get past their past is because they've never honestly addressed the problem with the person at fault. In such cases, it is easy for bitterness to build up, and there is a tendency to create stories as to why something happened. These might not be true, but if those who have been offended never sat down with the offender to find out the real motive, they start to believe their own surmising. These crudely fashioned stories play on a rumination loop, extending the life of the pain.

But Jesus tells us to face these situations honestly. Fear is never an excuse for not addressing wrongs. We are called to address them courageously with honesty and to seek for reconciliation. The goal is restoration. We can't just let things fester. We must address them directly and honestly; and remember, humility precedes honesty.

Let us assume that we have acknowledged with humility the situation that hurt us so deeply, and then honestly addressed it in a biblical manner. We did not go around spreading the specifics to all who would listen. Rather, we prayerfully went to the offender to discuss the difficulties in hopes of achieving reconciliation. After all that, what if they don't repent or don't want to reconcile?

The answer Jesus gives here is that we are to forgive, regardless of their disposition—and not just forgive “seven times,” but “seventy times seven.” The point is not the actual number, but that we are to develop a habit of forgiving.

While all Christians receive God's forgiveness, some have not allowed that forgiveness to penetrate deep in their hearts and to permeate all their interactions. As a result, they're unable to share forgiveness with those who have wronged them.

FORGIVENESS REQUIRES RELEASE

We must forgive. We know that, but often we find “doing” forgiveness very hard. We need to be careful not to settle for inadequate substitutes: cover it up, forget it, or excuse it. All these do is give a foothold to bitterness. As the bitterness grows, we have to address a new question. Instead of asking, “How can I forgive?” we need to ask, “How can I afford not to forgive?” Horrible effects follow failure to forgive.

Our lives can become about our victimhood rather than who we are in Christ. As a result, we become blinded to what God has for us in the future. It fuels the spiritual cancer of bitterness and resentment. Bitterness never stays localized. It spreads and infects and impacts families, churches, and relationships, producing pain. Self-pity becomes the fuel that keeps us enslaved.

Bitterness and unforgiveness are two things that can make your life stand still. Instead of walking forward into the future God has for you, you remain trapped in the past, listening to your jailer, the Enemy, telling you that you are a victim. If you “buy into” this mentality, you will always remain a victim—trapped in your past.

FORGIVENESS IS THE KEY TO FREEDOM

Forgiveness is the key to finding release from the bitterness that keeps us trapped in the past. It is similar to walking out of jail. Jesus is saying that it is a spiritual impossibility for a child of God knowingly and willfully to hold on to anger and bitterness. If we disagree and say, “I deserve to be bitter; I have a right to be angry,” we have effectively placed our-

selves in jail. The reality is that until we forgive the perpetrator for what happened in the past, we will continue to live out a “life sentence” into the future. Jesus was very clear about this matter when He said: “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:14-15).

Given the importance placed on forgiveness, there are some things we have to understand:

- Forgiveness isn't optional. Forgiven people forgive people.
- Forgiveness isn't a one-time decision, it's a continuing act.
- Forgiveness isn't a feeling, it's a choice.

HOW DO WE FORGIVE?

Repent for unforgiveness. As Thomas Merton said, “We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.”

Decide to forgive. You will never forgive if you wait until you feel like it. If you resist the devil in his attempts to poison you with bitter thoughts and choose to forgive, God will heal your wounded emotions in due time.

Depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. It is too hard to do on your own. You must humble yourself and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive.

Do it daily. We are called to forgive! We don't earn God's forgiveness. He gives it to us—it's called GRACE. And just as we are quick to receive God's grace—we need to be quick to extend it as well.

CONCLUSION

If we fail to ask God to help us let go of bitterness associated with the past, we will find ourselves drifting away from close fellowship with God. Forgiven people forgive people, completely and continually. Just because the past didn't turn out the way we wanted it to doesn't mean that our future can't be better than we've ever imagined! With God's help, we can BREAK FREE! ■

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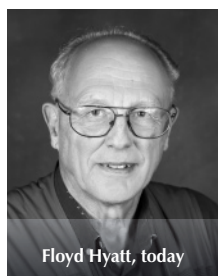


FLOYD HYATT AND THE GBS JAIL MINISTRY

Since 1985, GBS has been involved in an active jail ministry under the direction of GBS staff member Floyd Hyatt (BA '75; ThB '76), our campus access and safety coordinator. Alumni members (both students and staff) have served in



Floyd Hyatt, 1975



Floyd Hyatt, today

various capacities—holding services, Bible studies, founding and leading inmate choirs, giving personal spiritual counseling, etc. These services have been rendered at various facilities—Hamilton County Justice Center (county jail), Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center (a

short-term confinement facility), and Hillcrest Academy (a residential facility offering education, vocational training, and a normalized high school experience for at-risk youth). Only eternity will give a proper accounting of the many lives that were impacted by our dear “Brother Hyatt” and all those who faithfully ministered with him. We include the story of one such person here. Enjoy! —KF

On New Year’s Eve 1995, I was arrested for aggravated robbery. I woke up on New Year’s Day in the Hamilton County Justice Center facing 10 to 25 years on a first-degree felony that I did not commit. Almost 25 years have passed since then, but I can still remember it like it was yesterday.

You might wonder about my upbringing. Did I have a troubled childhood? Was I a typical inner-city kid? No. In fact, I grew up on my grandmother’s family farm in Durham, NC, with my mother, her siblings, and all of their families. Instilled within me was a good work ethic, and I was blessed with a warm Christian home. However, as I got older, I became more and more rebellious. In my early 20s I tried cocaine and was quickly addicted. By the time of this particular incident, I was well into a drug-addicted life. I would cheat, lie, and steal to get drugs for my next high. But I wasn’t raised like that. I was from a close-knit family and knew the importance of marriage. That was what bothered me the most. But drugs caused me to plummet—emotionally, physically, and psychologically.

At 32, I had been locked up many times, but never for something I had not done. This time was different. I was in downtown Cincinnati and “under the influence” when another very drunk individual stumbled as he walked along the sidewalk. He fell to the

ground, broke the beer bottle he was carrying, and dropped money from his hand. I simply saw him lying there, picked up the money, and walked away.

Shortly thereafter, the police pulled alongside me and began to question me. They said they had a report that somebody had been beaten and robbed. As I was a suspect, they took me to where there were three witnesses waiting. The witnesses looked at me and said I was not the person. The police went behind the car and talked privately to the witnesses for several minutes. They were again asked if I was the assailant. This time they answered “yes.”

I was arrested and jailed. A few days later, I was arraigned, and within a week I received an indictment from the grand jury. I’ll never forget how hopeless I felt. There were five police officers and three eyewitnesses all telling the same lies. I ended up getting a court-appointed lawyer who didn’t seem to care whether or not I won or lost my case. As far as I could tell, I was about to become part of a statistic that I only knew by watching shows on TV like 60 Minutes and 20/20—people who were wrongfully convicted of crimes and spending decades in prison for them.

I was in a very dark and lonely place. Up until this point I had also become a strung-out junky. I had nowhere to live and all that my life

consisted of was to pound the streets looking for ways and means to get high. So, jail for me meant I had to detox and go through withdrawal while incarcerated. It was horrible.

One day, while thinking about the possibility of all the time I could be facing in prison, I realized I was going to need some help. I remember hearing about Jesus when I was young, especially from my grandmother. But now I didn't know much about Him, neither did I know how to begin seeking Him. Plus, there were others who were trying to convince me that other religions had the answers—Islam, for example. I was confused. One day, I went to a Christian service in the jail. I was so desperate, I stood up and declared, "I just want to know the truth." I was really concerned about my soul and where I would spend eternity. I asked them to pray that I would know the truth.

A few days later, a group of people came to our pod to do Bible study. I heard the call, but rather than attend, I just listened from the doorway of my cell. I heard the voice of Brother Floyd Hyatt. He was a tall, thin, white man who always had this great big smile on his face. I used to think that he was some kind of nut case. Why was he always smiling? "This guy is crazy," I thought. But I eventually concluded that no one would keep coming back week after week for people like me if what they had was not real. That is when my journey began.

I started attending the Bible studies each week and doing the lessons. Each time I finished a lesson, I would receive a certificate. I began to learn what the Bible was talking about and I spent a lot of time reading on my own. My life slowly began to change. I began to forgive people who had harmed me in my past, and I started to pray and ask for forgiveness for the things that I had done wrong. I knew I needed to clean up my language. The only thing that came to me was, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." So I kept seeking. I remember the first time I heard the Holy Spirit speak to me—heard not with my ears, but deep inside me. I was out in the day room, and the Voice asked,



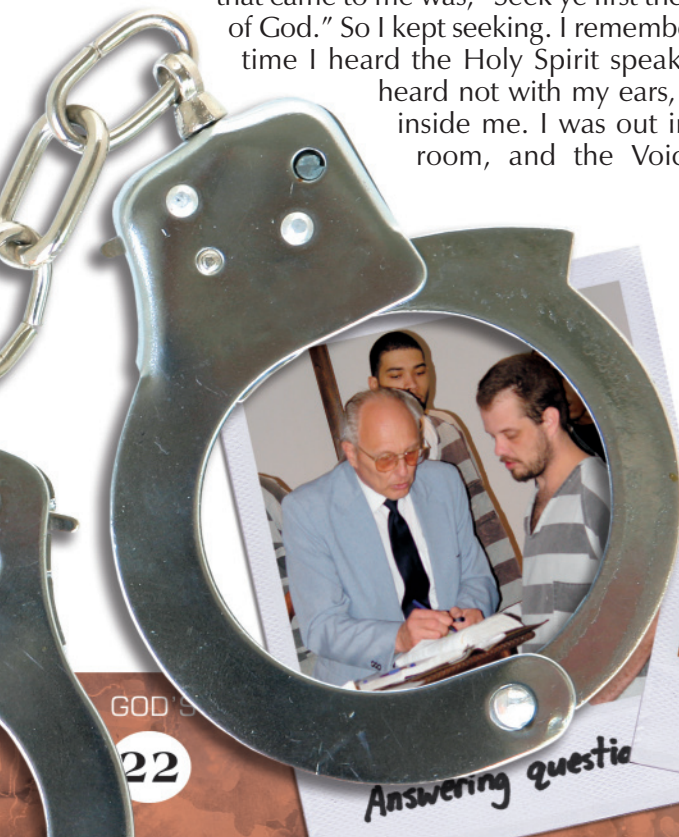
Rod Davis visits Floyd Hyatt at his GBS residence, summer 2020.

"When is the last time you said a curse word?" It had been a while. God was really working in my life!

One day I was moved from the North Building to the South Building. I went to the common area of the pod and started to read my *Daily Bread* devotional. The following day, another inmate was there and he also had the *Daily Bread* devotional. We studied it together. Soon the whole corner of the pod was filled with inmates studying the Bible together. Eventually even some of the guards joined the Bible study.

I remember the day I got the letter from my lawyer saying my case did not look good and that I should start considering taking a plea deal. I didn't want to go to prison for something I didn't do and be labeled a violent offender. Brother Hyatt encouraged me and always talked about trusting in the Lord. I followed his advice. I also stopped reading any more letters that my lawyer sent me. I would not even open them. I just kept praying.

I wrote a letter to the judge, telling him about my new-found faith. I confessed that I *did* deserve to be in



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jail, but not for the current charges brought against me. I remember writing that I had heard that he was a tough judge, but also a fair judge. I asked him to please look over my case carefully, as I was sure that he would see the truth. God showed up on my behalf because the judge did just that.

On the day of my trial, as I was waiting for my turn, I was reading my “jail Bible,” which contained the New Testament and Psalms. I remember the verse I read from the Psalms: “Let them come up against you and bring their lies up against you. I will have them baffled, confused, and arguing among themselves.”

Mine was the second case of the day for the court. None of the five officers showed up to give testimony. One of the three witnesses was in jail and the other two, who were out in the hall, refused to come into the courtroom. Moreover, the prosecutor, who had just won the first case, resigned immediately thereafter! The new prosecutor assigned to my case asked the judge for a continuance, but the judge said the trial must proceed. After some discussion, the charges against me were reduced and what would have been a 10-to-25-year sentence was shortened to six months and I was credited with 60 days already served! As I left the courtroom, I noticed that the two people who were supposed to be there as witnesses against me were engaged in a heated argument! Imagine that!

About four months later I was released. I continued my journey with the Lord and I stayed in touch with Brother Hyatt over the years. I moved out of town and held several jobs, but years of riotous living had taken their toll on my body. Severe asthma led to my being intubated twice. After seven surgeries on my spine and having both knees replaced, I had to go on disability. However, God enabled my brother and me to start an online ministry.

When I moved back to Cincinnati, I thought about Brother Hyatt and drove to his house. I found out afterward that he had been sitting in an upstairs room a bit discouraged and wondering what he had accomplished with his life when I rang the doorbell. Nevertheless, he answered the door with that same grin he had had in jail!

Glory be to God for that long-ago day in my cell when I heard the call for Bible study and took a step of faith to go and listen to a strange, old man talk about the love of Jesus. I thank the Lord for sending Brother Hyatt and the Bible team to see me. Those Bible studies were the key to the foundation of my walk with God.

So, be obedient to the Spirit, even if you don’t always see good things happening right away. Even if it doesn’t seem to be making a difference, stay faithful! The final thing I want you to know is that now I, too, have a big ole goofy grin on my face all the time! ■



BLIND SPOTS

by Sonja Vernon

“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face...For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.” —Galatians 2:11-13 (ESV)

Have you ever been motivated by fear? Have you ever buckled to peer pressure? Our scripture reminds us that even Spirit-filled followers of Christ may still have prejudices, sometimes operate out of fear, and live with glaring blind spots. Does that mean these things don’t matter? Absolutely not. Paul didn’t make excuses for Peter. He called him out. He exposed the hypocrisy of his fellow believers—even of faithful Barnabas. Did Paul say that these brothers weren’t Christians? No, he didn’t. They were godly men who had impacted the world for the gospel. However, Paul’s actions point out that even the godly may be subject to fear of those with strong opinions and positions of power. This passage is a timely reminder that we need trustworthy voices outside ourselves to speak truth into our lives. We must have those who hold up a mirror to show us blind spots that can be deadly if not addressed. There is no state of grace that will make us incapable of human error. All of us have mental hangups and baggage from formative experiences. We must never let pride keep us from admitting our wrongs—even when they are unintentional. Pride is deadly (James 4:6). God help us to welcome truth, admit our failures, acknowledge our blind spots, and address them with humility and repentance. ■

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