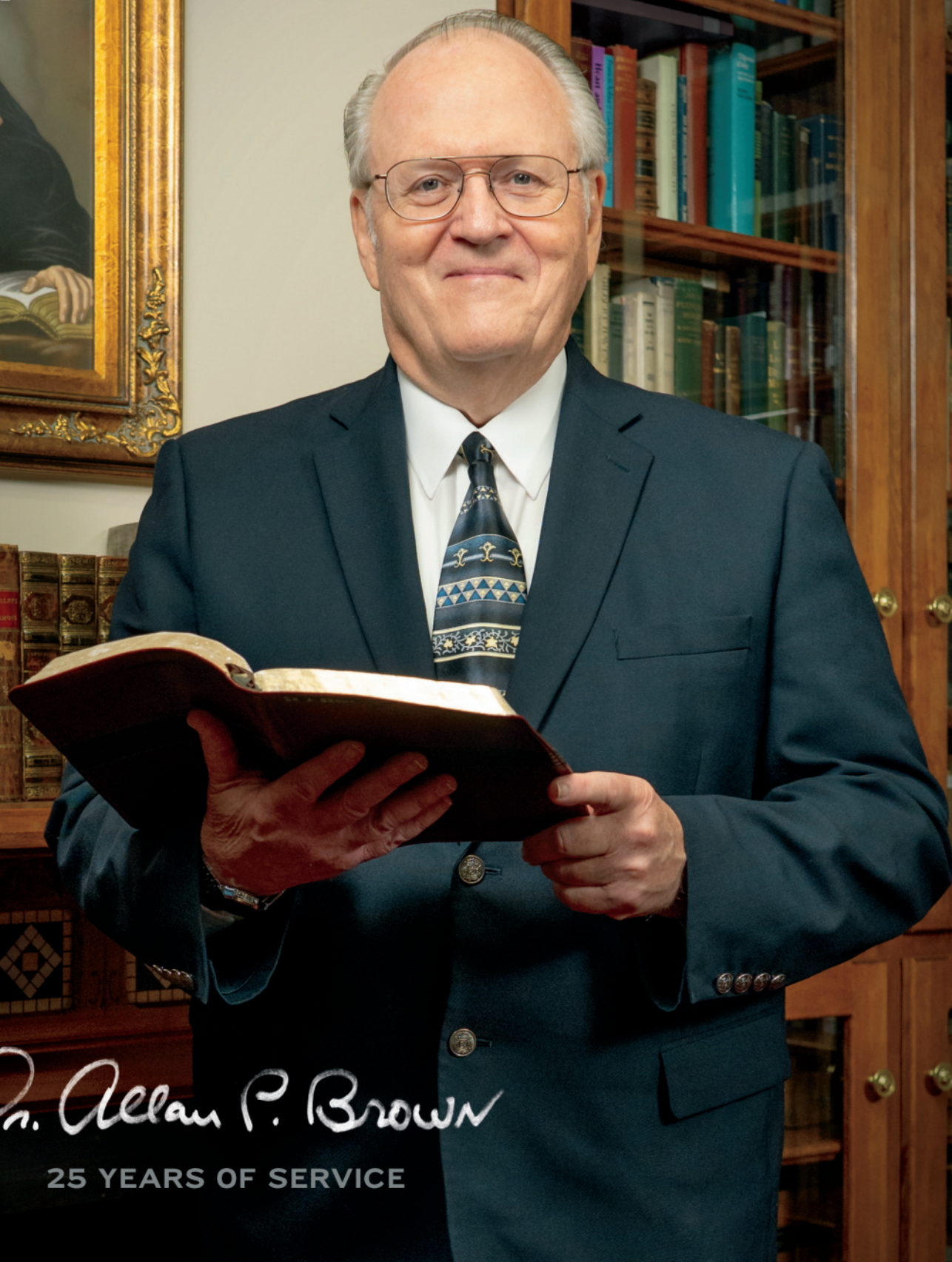




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Dr. Allan P. Brown

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



about this issue

LUNCH WITH ALLAN

I have been working nearly exclusively from home for some time now. One of the things I miss the most is the time spent in the GBS cafeteria—fellowshipping with great friends around good food. That was a highlight of the day.

One of my favorite meal mates was Allan Brown, or Big Al, as I often and somewhat irreverently called him. We had a symbiotic relationship that developed over the years. When I had a question related to doctrine or biblical interpretation, Allan was my go-to source; but I came with something to offer as well—the news of the day.

In 1978, when GBS needed someone to teach general psychology, I had just finished a graduate degree in that area from Xavier University and was just starting another at the University of Cincinnati. My wife Paula was teaching English and literature at GBS, so I was still on campus. In order to offer me more than just one class, Dr. Wilcox, the academic dean, asked what else I would like to teach. I responded, “Current Events.” He consented, but suggested we call it “Current History.” That became one of my favorite classes to teach. The students’ “textbook” was a subscription to the magazine *U.S. News and World Report*. Of course, I read the news in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* each day. I kept up those habits over the years. Being an avid follower of the news gave me a repertoire of topics for lunch-time discussions. It was something I could offer.

So, when Allan and I were enjoying lunch together, topics often went to recent news items. I became Allan’s source for what was making the news, and he was my source for answers to my nagging biblical issues. Occasionally my questions led to his reminding me that I had previously asked the same question a year or so earlier! Nevertheless, he would patiently help me arrive again at a better understanding.

While I did not just “turn off my brain” and simply introject Allan’s thoughts, I was well aware that his ideas were coming from a wider and deeper pool of knowledge. I respected that. He was careful to give specific book-chapter-verse to substantiate points. He also was quick to be honest if there were other viewpoints which deserved consideration, and he was generous in giving credit to the contribution of others in clarifying difficult issues.

Lately I’ve been missing the cafeteria fellowship and Allan’s question, “Ken, what is the news today?” —KF ■

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COVER: Allan Brown in the Schmul Library. Photo by Shane Muir.

PAGE 2: Ken Farmer and Allan Brown share lunchtime. Photo by Rachel Pohl.

the president's page

photo by Shane Muir

Honoring

ALLAN P. BROWN I

Ministerial Education Division Chair since 1996

by Rodney Loper, President

My first introduction to Allan Brown was at a revival at my home church. One of the services began with a question-and-answer session. I was impressed with Allan's ability to have scriptural answers. The questions often began with, "Dr. Brown, what do you think about...." He would respond by saying, "It doesn't matter what I think, let's look at what the Bible says."

Later, I enrolled at GBS and had him as my professor for several classes. It goes without saying that the Bible was the central text. I still have my notes for Christian Beliefs "permanently attached" to my Bible—a requirement for that class. However, it is first-year Greek which I recall with the most fondness. Dr. Brown would express his displeasure with this class because it was held so early in the morning—7:00 a.m.! It was then that I learned that this man, who was so devoted to The Book, was also a real person, just like the rest of us!

When I entered the pastorate, Dr. Brown was a welcomed guest at my churches. I knew that through his ministry The Word would be preached, the doctrine of entire sanctification would be taught, and his Christian character would be evident. This made him the kind of preacher I wanted in my pulpits.

This issue of God's Revivalist is in honor of Dr. Brown's 25 years of service to God's Bible School, and we begin with a biography. Enjoy.

Allan Brown entered the world on December 5, 1944, to Cyril and Irene Brown of San Gabriel, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. His brothers David and Wayne were eight- and four-years-old at the time. His mother was a faithful Christian who prayed for her boys regularly and took them to a local Nazarene church. His father, however, did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ until much later in life.

Allan recalls that Nazarene evangelists who visited his boyhood church frequently preached on hell and told scary stories about people whose refusal to respond to the gospel message ended in their premature and often gruesome deaths. He vividly remembers, "I did not want to meet the same fate, so as early as age three or four, I would go to the altar after such preaching. I can never remember a time when I did not want to be a Christian."

Allan places his actual conversion at age six; but even serious, young Christians may be noted for things other than their faith while growing up. During his elementary school years, Allan received a trophy for yo-yo tricks, and he was also awarded for having the best smile.

When the Brown family occasionally began to attend a Bible Missionary church plant in Pasadena, California, a curly-headed blonde named Nadine Maynard caught his eye. They were both 12 years old at the

time. Allan was attracted by her devotion to the Lord (she carried a Bible with her), her musical ability (she played an accordion in the church orchestra), and her blonde hair and blue eyes. At the time, Nadine was interested in another young man, and Allan, being shy and afraid of rejection, did not talk to her much.

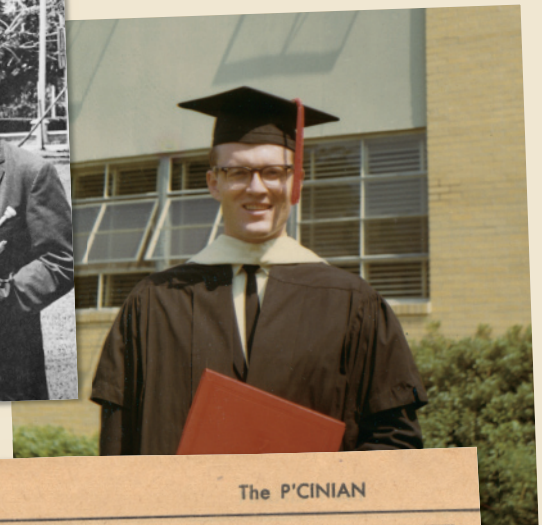
When they were about 14, Allan got up the courage to invite Nadine out for ice cream after church one Wednesday evening. Unfortunately, the vanilla ice cream cones, which were dipped in chocolate to form a shell, quickly melted and began dripping over their hands! Despite such setbacks, the two slowly became better acquainted.

Allan's mother and grandmother both grew flowers. Sometimes, with their help, Allan would bring Nadine a white camellia, or a fragrant gardenia with ribbons and straight pin for her to wear at evening services. Because their homes were 30 miles apart and their parents did not allow expensive long-distance telephone calls, Allan

below center: College days at Hobe Sound Bible College—traveling, preaching, singing, and playing musical instruments.

far right, this page: Graduation at Bob Jones University.

below: Baby Allan circa 1945.



Nadine and Allan — 15 years old

The P'GINIAN



Pictured above is Nadine Maynard who, in connection with her "honors" project, is running a bio-essay with organic compounds on fresh water fishes.

Project of Distinction

by Sharon Shields

Intense personal ambition characterizes Nadine Maynard, a senior at PC. Transferring here her junior year, Nadine became a Biology Major, and an English Lit. Minor. The extreme difference between her major and minor, she relates, has given the oppor-

of live fishes; for the research student, it would allow greater chance for aquatic study in the natural habitat. The only favorable research in the field revealed safe and effective use of 4-Styryl-pyridine, one of over 4,000 chemicals tested; however, the chemi-

and Nadine rarely saw or spoke to each other aside from attending church.

They were both 15 when Allan first invited Nadine to sit with him at a Pilgrim Holiness camp meeting in El Monte, California, where Rev. R.G. Flexon was speaking. It was Allan's opportunity to "declare" publicly to any other competitors that Nadine was his girlfriend. Allan and Nadine began writing to each other during the week—actual letters mailed with a 4-cent stamp!—and talked together after services on Sunday nights.

EARLY CALL TO PREACH

"You should be willing to 'preach, pray, or die.'" "You should be willing to go to Africa as a missionary." Allan remembers preachers stressing these attributes as evidence of a life truly surrendered to Christ, so when he was 16 and a junior in high school, his unwillingness to preach began to bother him.

"I was led to believe that preaching resulted in 'hard scrabble' living—whatever that meant! It was never explained, but it did not sound very nice to me. One evening, I went into our living room, shut the door, and decided to 'settle the question' through prayer. At the end of that prayer time, I felt that God definitely wanted me to preach. I went out to the



I have known Dr. Allan Brown as a colleague in the ministry or as a GBS faculty member for almost 40 years. He is one of the most gifted Bible teachers of our day. His commitment to careful Bible exegesis has birthed within him the life anchor question, "What does the Bible say?" To Allan, this question is asked not just to satisfy a curious mind, but as a means of living a life as close to the Bible as possible. During my presidency at GBS, I had a front row seat to watch him teach and live. He practiced consistently what he taught. His life reverberated Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Allan was a strong personality and held firm opinions, but I never worked with anyone more willing to apologize and back up with real humility. He could be a tough teacher, yet in student surveys he was always ranked as the top favorite teacher or one of the top favorite teachers on campus. His life and his lectures have powerfully marked generations of GBS Alumni. I join my voice with thousands of others who congratulate Allan on his 25 years of teaching at GBS and thank him sincerely for his influence on my life and theirs.

DR. MICHAEL R. AVERY

GBS Chancellor

Chair, Bible Methodist Connection of Churches

Godly, brilliant, insightful, kind, gracious, gentle, innovative, visionary, affable, global perspective, biblically-grounded, breadth of knowledge. Rare is the man and rarer still the scholar or the preacher who embodies these characteristics as well as Dr. Allan Brown does. For all the decades I have known him, I have never observed the slightest waver from a holy life, a pure mind, and unwavering allegiance to Jesus and the Word of God.

DR. DARYL MCCARTHY

Director, European Leadership Forum Academic Network

Director, Cambridge Scholars Network

I was in high school when I first heard Allan Brown preach. I still remember how striking it was to see him demonstrate careful exegesis, showing a deep carefulness to know and apply God's word to all of life! Working with him for going on 20 years has only increased my appreciation for his deep love for God and his total surrender to God's authority in his life. He exemplifies living biblically!

DR. AARON PROFITT

GBS Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Over the years, Dr. Brown has shown a wonderful Christian attitude. Whenever I'm around him, he seems always to be "happy in the Lord," as he would say. He is never too busy to say hi or to stop to talk to you. He will answer questions regarding faith and the Bible anytime you ask.

FLOYD HYATT, JR.
GBS Access and Safety Director

Allan—I think after all these years I can call you Allan—Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your ministry. I will never forget my first class in Hebrew Exegesis with you when you took your place at the front desk, put down your books, and said, "Gentlemen, I demand scholarship." The initial intimidation turned into admiration as you demonstrated that scholarship should not be separated from devotion. Ironically, on paper we are at opposite ends of the theological spectrum, but in spirit we have known a kindred experience that transcends interpretational distinctives. Devotion trumps scholarship. May the Lord bless you and give you a continuing ministry in the service of His Kingdom.

DR. MICHAEL BARRETT
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean,
Professor of Old Testament,
Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary

On behalf of the Heartland Bible Methodist Conference, I wish to congratulate Heartland Elder Dr. Allan Brown on serving twenty-five years as Chairman of the Ministerial Division of God's Bible School and College. Dr. Brown has served with honorable dignity and holy integrity. Dr. Brown's preaching and teaching have changed lives and inspired godly leaders to influence the church wherever they are found. Thank you, Dr. Brown! Well done!

REV. CHRIS CRAVENS
President, Heartland Conference,
Bible Methodist Connection of Churches

Dr. Brown has left a definite mark on me. He has been a friend, a mentor, and a teacher. Undoubtedly, he has played an integral part in my spiritual development as a young man. Thank you, Dr. Brown, for your obedience to Christ, commitment to His work, and faithfulness to His Word.

JOSHUA WILSON
GBS alumnus
Former Director, GBS Church Relations

kitchen and told my mother what I felt God had told me. She was a 'shouting' saint, and I was expecting her to rejoice, or shout, or do something exceptional! I was disappointed by her response. It was the same response she had always given me when I told her I was going to be a fireman, a policeman, an FBI agent, or whatever. She said, 'Allan, as long as you love and serve Jesus, I'll be proud of you no matter what you do, even if you dig ditches.'"

EDUCATION

In high school, Allan excelled in tennis and was first-man varsity (ranked #1) in his 2000-member school. The team won several awards and finished first in its division. When Allan graduated in 1962, he informed his mother that he wanted to go to Bible college. This decision was no doubt influenced by Wayne, the brother he had grown up emulating, who was then attending a small Bible college in Rock Island, Illinois. But Wayne had other advice for Allan. He had heard an evangelist named H. Robb French speak, and French had connections with a new Bible college in Hobe Sound, Florida. Wayne encouraged Allan to consider going there. His mother, however, insisted that Allan first attend a local junior college and earn a two-year associate of arts degree so he could earn a living after becoming a preacher. His begging and pleading to no avail, Allan finally enrolled at Pasadena City College in deference to his mother. This also happened to be the college Nadine had selected to attend as well.

Allan studied electronic engineering while Nadine pursued an interest in science. Toward the end of his last semester at Pasadena, one of his professors pulled him aside. A civil aerospace research and development group (which became part of NASA) wanted to hire Pasadena's best electronics engineering student. "You're that student, Al," his professor said. "Are you sure you still want to be a preacher?" The opportunity was very appealing and flattering, but Allan knew that God had called him to the ministry.

Loading up his 1954 Ford, Allan drove from Los Angeles to Hobe Sound, Florida. He'll never forget the first time he met Hobe Sound Bible College President Steve Herron while walking down the sidewalk toward the men's dormitory. Looking at him with his steely blue eyes, Dr. Herron asked, "Can anything good come out of California?" Dumbfounded, Allan replied, "I hope so, sir."

Meanwhile, Nadine transferred to Pasadena Nazarene College, her parents' alma mater, where she graduated in 1966 with special honors in science. Although she and Allan had previously talked about the possibility of marrying in the future, they were now separated by thousands of miles and had time and space to sort out their relationship. That summer, Nadine was contacted by a young man from Colorado whom she had known casually for several years. He

had sold his share in a business and was moving to California. Nadine knew his intentions—very serious intentions—and she was in turmoil! Upon hearing that Nadine had been attending church with this man, Allan's mother tried to reach her son while he was on a summer singing tour with a public relations quartet from HSBC. "If you are interested in Nadine, you had better get home!" she warned. Allan was quick to call Nadine. "I'll be arriving at the Los Angeles International Airport in two days. Will you pick me up?"

By now, Nadine and Allan were both 21, and Allan had one more year of Bible college to complete. "You know he is coming to ask you to marry him!" Nadine's mother predicted when she heard that Allan was flying home. As is often the case with a mother's intuition, she was correct. Nadine recounts the meeting: "As we stood on the asphalt of the terminal parking lot, Allan asked me to marry him. The only answer I could give was, 'We have a lot to talk about!'" And talk they did, but by the time Allan flew back to Florida, they were engaged.

While Allan finished Bible college, Nadine took a couple of classes and taught embryology along with anatomy and physiology labs at California State College, Los Angeles, a school of 26,000 commuting students. Dr. Herron encouraged Allan to attend Bob Jones University for graduate studies. When he applied in the fall of 1967, he was only accepted on the basis of the credits he had earned at Pasadena City College (HSBC was not accredited at the time). His Bible college credits were accepted provisionally, based on his performance in his first semester in graduate school. Honoring his mother by attending a secular college had paid off!

MARRIAGE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

In the summer of 1967, Allan and Nadine married and moved to Liberty, South Carolina, which was halfway between Bob Jones University and Clemson University, where Nadine had received a U.S. Government grant plus a full scholarship toward a PhD in zoology and biochemistry. While studying at BJU, Allan was asked to teach Old Testament. This covered his tuition and provided a small stipend. "Whatever you have to do to keep the students awake, do it! Even if you have to stand on your head!" the dean instructed him. So with classes of 160 to 250 students, he learned to become a dynamic Old Testament teacher.

As he progressed in his graduate work, he was asked to teach second-year Hebrew, advanced Old Testament theology, Deuteronomy in Hebrew, and several other PhD-level classes. In his last years of doctoral work, he was hired full-time. Interestingly, although BJU was started as a Methodist college, by the time Allan was hired to teach there, it had become dominated by fundamentalist Baptists. Allan says, "I was considered by some members of the faculty—I

Dr. Brown brought together two important parts of his ministry—students and missions—when he led several Touching Lives for Christ short term mission teams. Only eternity will reveal the impact of his ministry to both the team members and those with whom he shared the gospel. His godly life and influence will be with us for many years in many ways! Thank you, Dr. Brown, for giving of your time, influence, and spiritual leadership. You are truly a spiritual giant to many, literally around the world.

JOY BUDENSIEK

Touching Lives for Christ (TLC)

One of the leaders most influential in the spiritual and academic expectations of the community of believers with which we fellowship is Dr. Allan Brown. His excellent character and deep love for truth have challenged so many ministers and students to grow mentally and spiritually. The investment of instruction in Scripture, doctrine, and life leave a legacy that blesses people in time and will continue through eternity.

G. CLAIR SAMS

President, Southwest Conference,
Bible Methodist Connection of Churches
Editor, *The Bible Methodist*

Dr. Brown has a passion for knowing God's Word, teaching God's Word, and actively living by its principles. I have been blessed both to sit under his instruction and to work with him as a colleague. I have found him to be a man who genuinely lives what he believes. I'm grateful for his influence in my life.

SONJA VERNON

GBS Vice President for Student Affairs

My first remembrance of Dr. Brown was when I was a teenager and he preached at our youth camp. He preached about modesty in a way that wasn't just "clothesline preaching," but was biblical, and he explained the original language meanings on the subject. I have been so grateful that my children have been under his clear teaching here at God's Bible School. If you ask Dr. Brown how he is, the answer is always "blessed." He is a blessing.

JANET ALBERTSON

Administrative Assistant, GBS Development Office

Dr. Brown inspires you to get into the Word and live by it. And he has a great sense of humor!

DARYL MUIR

GBS Dean of Men

Dr. Brown has always been a true gentleman and has portrayed Christlikeness in every interaction I have ever had with him. It is a real honor to work alongside this man of God.

CHERYL WATTERS

GBS Executive Assistant to the President

hope affectionately—as the ‘heretic in residence.’” He developed good relationships with his professors, however. Regardless of theological implications, the ultimate issue was always, “What does the Bible say?”

During this time of complex busyness, Allan also worked two or three evenings a week pushing a broom in the cotton mill in Liberty. That, plus his stipend, along with Nadine’s government grant, provided for their financial needs for the next five years. Nadine was six months pregnant with their first son Philip when she stood for her doctoral comprehensive exams. After Philip was born in March of 1971, the Browns juggled shifts of caring for the baby, Allan’s classes and teaching, and Nadine’s research and dissertation writing.

Somehow they also found time to help start two new churches. For two years they drove to Spartanburg on weekends to shepherd a house church that soon purchased property, built a building, and grew to include 40-50 congregants as the Spartanburg Community Bible Church. Then G.I. Norman asked Allan to join him in planting a church in Greenville. They shared preaching responsibilities until Rev. Norman died the following year. During that time, the church grew to approximately 80 people.

Meanwhile, Nadine completed her PhD in zoology and biochemistry in 1972. For the next three years, while Allan finished his doctorate, the couple were referred to as “Mr. and Dr. Brown.” Nadine taught part-time for one year at Greenville Tech before being hired to teach biochemistry and embryology at the School of Science at BJU (1973-1975). Nathan, their second son, was born in October of 1974.

RETURNING TO HOBE SOUND

Dr. Herron visited the Browns each summer while they were at BJU, partly to remind them that he was counting on them to come back to Hobe Sound Bible College to teach. After Allan completed his PhD, Dr. Herron sent a truck to help the Browns move to Florida to begin an 18-year teaching career at HSBC. Serving first under Dr. Herron and then Dr. Robert Whitaker, Allan chaired the Bible Department from 1975 to 1993 while Nadine also taught science classes.

After his first year back at HSBC, Allan was asked to take over a storefront ministry in Port Salerno, a small town five miles north of Hobe Sound. The founding minister had turned the work over to Florida Evangelistic Association (FEA), hoping that HSBC ministerial students would keep it alive. However, it was difficult to get student preachers during holidays and summers. When Allan took over, there were nine people in attendance—four were the Browns. “We soon outgrew the small store building and rented a church two miles further north,” Allan recalls. “God continued to bless, and we bought 15 acres and built two buildings, a sanctuary and a

Sunday school/preschool building.” Over his 14-year ministry there, attendance grew, averaging 240 to 260 on Sunday mornings and well over 300 on special occasions.

GROWING UP IN THE BROWN FAMILY

One can only imagine the pace of living that young Philip and Nathan experienced growing up with busy parents who were both PhD professionals. “I had no point of reference to make comparisons,” says Philip. “It seemed natural to me. It wasn’t until much later that I recognized how blessed I had been.”

The entire family sat around the table for supper. Conversations were normally just sharing what had happened during the day, but often they included critical-thinking training sessions. If Philip or Nathan made assertions, including those they had learned in school, their parents challenged them with, “How do you know that?” or, “Where did you hear that?” Philip recognized by the time he reached his early teens that if he wanted his ideas to be respected, he had to think them through and anticipate possible objections. Hazy or convoluted arguments were unlikely to be accepted. Table talk profoundly shaped their intellectual world, vocabulary, points of view, and values. Philip remembers his father constantly reminding them that “the greatest thing in the whole world is to love and serve Jesus.” Having a Bible scholar and college professor as a father meant that when the boys asked theological questions, the most common response was, “Get a Bible, a piece of paper, and a pencil so you can take notes on what I’m about to tell you.”

Philip sums it up this way: “Having parents with PhDs was not primarily a point of my family pride, but



Kruger National Park, South Africa

part of the family story. My parents never pressured me academically. They said they would be satisfied if I did my best. Earning A's was financially incentivized, though. I think we got \$5 per A."

When in the fourth grade, Philip had told his mother, "I'm sorry I can't be a scientist like you. God wants me to be a teacher and preacher like Daddy." Nathan took a different path—mechanical engineering. He does admit that one "disadvantage" of growing up a Brown was that "everyone expected me to know everything about the Bible, so that really pushed me to learn as much as I could."

FAMILY TRAVELS

In 1978, a friend arranged for the Jewish community of West Palm Beach to pay Allan's way for a study tour of Israel. Nadine said, "If you go, I go," so the Browns scraped together the funds for Nadine to accompany Allan. This was the first of 11 trips to Israel for Allan over the subsequent years.

In the summer of 1985, Rev. Hugo Late-

gan invited Allan to Johannesburg, South Africa, for six weeks. Allan was to teach for four weeks and then visit Kruger Game Reserve. Again, Nadine said, "If you go, I go." But, this time she added, "And if I go, the boys go!" Philip and Nathan were then 14 and 10. This was a dream come true for Nathan, who five years earlier had suggested to his mother, "For our next vacation, let's go to Africa!" She had responded, "Son, in your whole life you'll probably never go to Africa!" While Allan taught, Nadine and the boys toured. Nathan was able to observe firsthand the elephants, lions, gazelles, and giraffes of his young imagination!

In 1989, the Browns proposed to go to China for a year. Allan and Nadine wanted their boys to learn that the Christianity of America is not the Christianity of the Persecuted Church. They wanted them to meet people who were in danger of being imprisoned or killed for their faith. HSBC granted Allan and Nadine a leave of absence without pay, and the two applied to teach and were hired by Peking (Beijing) University. As Philip had completed high school, his parents gave him a choice to live in the HSBC dorm and start college while they were away. "And miss out on all the neat things you are going to do? Not a chance!" was his response. Philip completed his freshman college credits through classes at Beijing University, correspondence courses, and CLEP tests. Nathan completed his high school sophomore year through correspondence courses. Philip prepared ahead of the trip by taking a course in Chinese from Iowa University in hopes that by the time they landed in China, he would at least be able to tell when hucksters were trying to cheat them in the markets!

The Browns arrived in Beijing only two months after the Tiananmen Square massacre, and they found the university campus guarded by Red Army soldiers. The atmosphere was so tense that the government would not allow the university to begin classes until November. Since the Browns had arrived in August, they took the time to travel around China—always followed by the Chinese secret service.

During their ten months in China, Allan taught courses in British literature (including one titled "Biblical Backgrounds to Interpreting British Literature"), and Nadine taught English reading courses to pre-medical students. Each day,



*Phil and Nathan at the Great Wall of China
Easter Sunrise service 1990*



National Park, South Africa



*the Palace at
Versailles, France*



top left: Allan led a young police officer to the Lord. Because the officer wanted Allan to be able to ride with him at night, Allan took the police training course necessary to be deputized so he could ride with and disciple the young man.

left: 1989. The Browns' kitchen in China with Nadine's student who taught her how to prepare some Chinese dishes.



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Thank you, Dr. Brown, for an incredible record of commitment and loyalty to GBS. Thank you for your sharp focus on discovering biblical truth and elucidating it in the classroom, to the campus community, and in the life you live. We are honored to have benefitted from your preaching and teaching ministry.

DR. LEONARD SANKEY
GBS Trustee

I highly value Dr. Brown's friendship and mentoring over the 24 years that I've worked for him. What stands out to me is the loyalty he has to his faculty, the concern he has for his students, and his commitment to and skillful use of God's Word. He's always learning and growing, and that's an inspiration to me.

DR. MARK BIRD
Professor, GBS Ministerial Education Division

It's been a privilege to get to work alongside Dr. Brown over the past few years. As a student, I always held him in great regard for his knowledge and dedication to biblical truth. As an employee, I've had a chance to see how he lives out this truth! To see his care and concern for his students and GBS as a whole is inspiring and a true testament of his character and Christlikeness! I love Dr. Brown!

KENT STETLER
GBS Registrar

Getting to know Dr. Brown as a colleague has been such a joy for me. His kind and caring spirit shines through in the meetings we sit in together. I've come to appreciate deeply his desire to live carefully and to demonstrate Christlikeness in all he says and does. And he truly does exhibit a spirit that longs to "bless the Lord at all times." We appreciate you, Dr. Brown!

STEPHANIE OWENS
GBS Director of Library Services

Dr. Allan Brown is one of the most committed men I know to both learning and practicing God's Word. He loves studying and teaching the Bible and has helped shape the lives of many students and colleagues by teaching how to study and to love God's Word. He is a good friend and travel partner both overseas and in the U.S. He was always so gracious and humble in our travels. I am blessed to call him a friend and brother.

REV. RICHARD MILES
GBS Vice President for Spiritual Life

Nadine bicycled to street markets to forage for food for breakfast and supper. While the boys ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch, Allan biked up to the foreign students' cafeteria for his noon meal. Each of them took care of his own laundry by using a scrub board in the tub and hanging clothes on a line strung about the bathroom. The Browns led 12 Chinese students to faith in Christ during their stay. Later, in the summer of 1991 when Allan returned to Beijing with a short-term missions team, an additional 19 students were led to Christ.

Upon leaving China, the Browns flew to Egypt and began seven weeks of backpacking while visiting the pyramids, boating up the Nile, walking across a desert border post into Israel, ferrying to Greece, climbing the Acropolis, touring the Colosseum in Rome, and viewing Michelangelo's Pieta in Saint Peter's Cathedral. They completed their circumnavigation of the globe with visits to Switzerland, the Berlin Wall, the Mona Lisa in the Louvre in Paris, and Westminster Abbey in London.

THE ROAD TO GBS

By the time Nathan finished high school, Nadine was ready to leave the classroom to pursue scientific research. She applied for a National Institute of Health Fellowship in Molecular Neuroimmunology and Neuro Immunomodulation at the University of Alabama. Nadine rented an apartment in Birmingham for a year beginning in the spring of 1992, and Allan and the boys visited her when time and finances allowed. Philip, who was in his senior year of college at HSBC, had insisted that his dad stay in Florida so that Nathan would have his father as his professor for one year of Bible classes. Nadine was on her own for the first time in her life. It had been more than 20 years since her PhD classes, and the world of molecular biology had changed greatly. She thoroughly enjoyed learning how to isolate, sequence, and clone DNA, among other things.

When Philip graduated from college in 1993 and moved to Greenville, South Carolina, for graduate work at Bob Jones University, Allan resigned from his position at HSBC and accepted the pastorate of Eastlake Bible Methodist Church in Birmingham. The Browns moved into the parsonage. Nadine became a research assistant in one of the labs associated with the University of Alabama, Birmingham, while Nathan began attending the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. This enabled him to live with his parents and commute to school. Because Nadine had already lived in the area for one year, Nathan qualified for in-state tuition at a savings of thousands of dollars.

During the second year of his pastorate in Birmingham, Allan traveled by van with other ministers to the School of the Prophets theological forum at God's Bible School. Michael Avery, one of the ministers in that group, remembers that time well.

"There had been talk circulating about me following Bence Miller as the next GBS president well over a year before an official proposal was made. It was on that trip that Allan and I first discussed the possibility of his coming to GBS to run the ministerial department. I knew that if I were ever elected president of GBS, I would offer that job to Allan."

Not only did Michael Avery see him as "one of the most highly qualified Bible teachers" due to his experience in pastoring, church planting, and teaching, as well as for his scholarship, but he also believed that Allan's commitment to correct biblical exegesis—"What does the Bible say?"—would strengthen GBS's commitment to the great Wesleyan doctrinal standards.

Allan recalls his reaction to Michael Avery's overture. "I laughed and told him that IF he actually became the president, I would seriously consider it." To Allan's surprise, Michael Avery was offered and accepted the GBS presidency. One year later, Allan resigned from his Birmingham church and moved to GBS to chair the Ministerial Division.

There were a few complications to work through. Nathan was in his junior year of college. He had been living with his parents until then because Allan had declared, "If our son is going to earn a degree from the Philistines, he isn't going to live with them!" Nathan had begun a co-opting rotation—one semester working away from the university to gain experience, and the next semester back at the university taking classes. He had also begun attending a Bible Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa near the University. The pastor invited Nathan to live in a room in the garage free of charge while he was taking classes, so Allan and Nadine were satisfied that Nathan would be in a good environment when they moved to Cincinnati. Because Nadine needed to wrap up research work and write final papers, she moved back into an apartment by herself until Thanksgiving, at which time she was able to join Allan in Cincinnati.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT GBS

I could say, "The rest is history," but let me recount some highlights of Allan Brown's tenure at GBS.

- **Divisional Growth.** When Allan took over the Ministerial Education Division at GBS, it had 23 students, and no one was leading the charge to make biblical studies the most important part of a GBS education. Over time, division enrollment reached 100, and GBS became the "go to" school for Biblical study.

- **Ministerial Resources.** With the creation of the Schmul Library in 1996, the division established a highly developed research/study place for its students. It began with Dr. Harold Schmul's rare collection of Methodist holiness books along with subse-

Dr. Brown is a man of the Word, a gifted teacher, a trusted source, a genuine friend, a follower of Christ. Our family has been blessed by his ministry. He has been a friend, mentor, and supporter of our college-age children. He has welcomed our family interaction at the dinner table during revivals, at camp meetings, and in our home. His life as a teacher and expositor has had a great impact on our ministry as a couple.

REV. DUANE AND VALORIE QUESENBERRY
Former Pastor / GBS Director of Public Relations
GBS Cashier / Director of Financial Aid

I came to know Dr. Allan Brown when I began studying at GBS in the late 90s. I didn't realize at the time that one day we would be working together in the Ministerial Division, but I'm thankful God opened that door. I appreciate his love of God's Word and concern to be biblical in all that he does. I'm grateful for the investment he's made into my life personally and his reminder that serving Jesus is the greatest thing in the whole world!

DR. STEVE SMITH
GBS Professor

I greatly admire Allan Brown as a faithful and forceful expositor of the Word of God. I was privileged to serve with him for 20 years at GBS. I am a better Christian for having known him.

REV. LARRY SMITH
Former *God's Revivalist* Editor and GBS college professor

It's been my privilege to work with Dr. Allan Brown on both the faculty and the Academic Committee for the past 20 years. Allan is a great communicator, a team player, and a good friend. Congratulations, Allan, on 25 years of dedicated service to GBS. Wishing you many blessings for the future!"

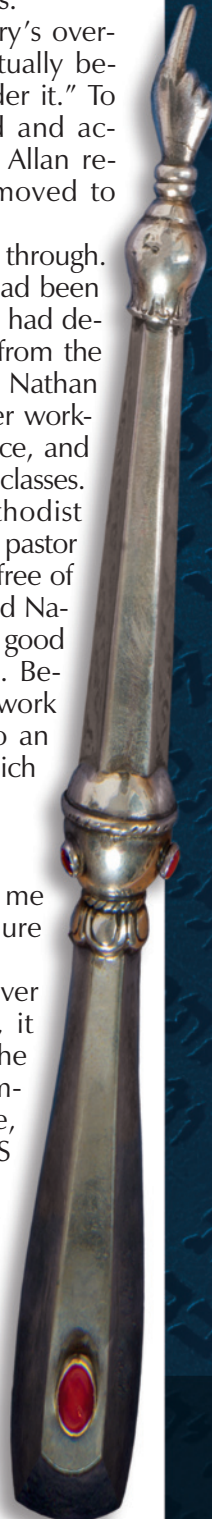
DR. MARCIA DAVIS
GBS Professor
Director, GBS Aldersgate Distance Education Program

Dr. Brown has been a consistent encourager since I've been a part of the Academic Committee. His prayers and timely conversations have been a blessing to me.

DAVID HARTKOPF
Dean, GBS Undergraduate Studies

Dr. Allan Brown made a profound impact on our Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. His clear, honest, and thorough presentation of biblical theology provided solid foundations for doctrines that had been confusing for some, due to experience-based paradigms, and revealed the weakness and error of beliefs not biblically founded. He made us better preachers and pastors. The impact of his ministry permanently affected positive change in our Bible Methodist churches!

REV. JOHN PARKER
President, Southern Conference,
Bible Methodist Connection of Churches





Allan P. Brown

tributes

GBS has been blessed with many superb Bible faculty members over the years, but there are none that are more ardent in their zeal for proclaiming the whole counsel of God accurately than Dr. Allan Brown! Congratulations on 25 years of significant investment into the lives of multiplied students who continue to carry the flame that you have passed on to them.

ROBBIE ENGLAND

Chair, GBS Board of Trustees

Dr. Allan Brown was ordained in the Southern Bible Methodist Conference over 50 years ago and was a great team player when he pastored. He worked on the camp grounds on work days, attended pastoral prayer meetings, mentored young pastors, supported conference events, ministered on various mission fields, and assisted in the maturation of our national pastors. The years I served as his conference president were filled with the enriching experiences of his ministry and fellowship. Congratulations, Dr. Allan Brown, for 25 years at GBS!

REV. WALTER HEDSTROM

former GBS Trustee

Retired President, Southern Conference,
Bible Methodist Connection of Churches

I have been blessed to know Dr. Brown as both professor and colleague. His intense love for Scripture and continuous learning is inspiring and convicting—like when I see his eyes light up as he talks about courses he is taking to develop his living language speaking skills in Hebrew! Every time he sees me, he asks me how my family and I are doing and really listens and cares about what I am saying. Despite his knowledge and standing in the field, his humble attitude is evidenced in his interactions with his colleagues with whom he quickly and easily makes peace and apology. My life has been forever marked by knowing him. Thank you, Dr. Brown, for your impactful investment in the Kingdom!

DR. JANA S. POP

Chair, GBS Division of Music

What an honor to serve alongside Dr. Brown at GBS! I deeply appreciate his personal character, his warmhearted personality, and his devotion to truth.

LYLE A. WITT

Chair, GBS Division of Professional Studies

quent expansions. The addition of access to digital resources gave GBS the finest research library to be found among its peer schools.

- **Qualified Faculty.** Allan has pulled together a faculty highly qualified to cover Old Testament, New Testament, theology, apologetics, preaching, and biblical languages. This currently includes Mark Bird, Philip Brown, and Stephen Smith as full-time instructors. Adjuncts and part-time instructors, such as Mark Cravens, Rodney Loper, Dan Glick, and Jason Albertson, round out the faculty with pastoral and administrative experience.

- **Bible Core.** In the process of attaining regional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, GBS established the core Bible/theology classes that all students must take. This includes a new, two-semester class entitled “Principles of the Christian Life,” taught by Dr. Philip Brown focusing on “how to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.”

- **Master’s Program.** In 2016, the Ministerial Education Division added a graduate program that offers two degrees: MA in Biblical Studies and MA in Ministry, both fully online and fully accredited by both the Higher Learning Commission (regional accreditor) as well as the Association for Biblical Higher Education (national accreditor). The MA in Ministry allows students to focus on a wide range of options: apologetics, biblical teaching, counseling, Muslim studies, and theology. The graduate school is a multi-college effort, with qualified professors from sister colleges serving as faculty.

THE THREE DRS. BROWN

It is worth noting that there have been three persons with the moniker “Dr. Brown” on staff at GBS during this period.

Along with Dr. Allan, Dr. Nadine taught Biology at GBS for about six years as an adjunct professor. With the expertise she had acquired in Alabama, she accepted a position in the Mass Spectrometry Department at Children’s Hospital Research Foundation in Cincinnati. For the next 15 years she wrote grants, supervised animal and human studies, published papers on research accomplishments, and traveled to make presentations at scientific meetings. By the end of 2013, after a working career of 40 years, as well as 10 years of college/graduate school, she happily retired.

While Dr. Phil was pursuing his PhD at BJU, several schools expressed interest in obtaining his services. Allan suggested that if he joined the GBS faculty, perhaps the college would develop a graduate school. Philip recounts how his decision was made: “After praying about which offer to accept and sensing no direct guidance, I told the Lord that unless He said otherwise, I was going to GBS because I wanted to learn under Dad. My perspective was that I had a lot to learn about teaching, and I couldn’t think of anyone I’d rather learn under than my father.”

Allan considers it a great blessing to be working with his son Philip. "I never thought God would allow me such a joy. I always told my children that as long as they loved and served Jesus faithfully, I would be proud of them, no matter what their occupation. Philip works for me in the undergraduate classes, and I work for Philip when I teach graduate classes. It is a wonderful privilege. And my son Nathan has been a source of pleasure as well. By pursuing personal Bible study, he is now a notable biblical scholar in his own right. Over the last six or seven years, he has developed a website to help Christian fathers know how to fulfill their God-given responsibility to disciple their own families. Comeafterme.com has procured a following from listeners from around the world and led to Nathan's appointment as Discipleship Mentor for the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. I am immensely proud of both of my sons!"

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

In addition to chairing the Ministerial Education Division, Allan has remained involved in professional organizations and church organizational committees, especially within the Bible Methodist Church, which ordained him in 1973. He is also an accomplished writer. For 23 years he has been the most prominent contributing author of sermons ("Revivalist Pulpit") in *God's Revivalist*. His book, *A Survey of Israel's History in the Old Testament* (FEA Press, 1982), has been used as a college textbook. During his pastorate in Birmingham, Alabama, he self-published three

booklets: *What the Bible Teaches about Modesty and Adornment*; *The Glory of a Woman: An Exegetical Analysis of 1 Corinthians 11:2-16*; and *The Security of the Believer* (all through Manna Press, 1994). He also authored four chapters in *I Believe: Fundamentals of the Christian Faith* (Revivalist Press, 2006) and three chapters in *The Journey: Biblical Principles for Teens Taking the High Road* (Revivalist Press, 2002). His most recent book, *Holiness for Growing Christians* (Revivalist Press, 2019), was written for the new Christian who desires to learn what God expects of him as a sincere follower of Jesus (see p.25 for more information).

CONCLUSION

Much more could be said about Dr. Allan Brown, but let me conclude with this. Although there may be those who dislike his book-chapter-verse approach in applying biblical principles to all of the many-faceted issues of life, no one can deny that he is committed to teaching The Word.

I am told that the older you get, the faster life goes by; but I find it is still a bit of a surprise to realize that 25 years have so quickly come and gone since Dr. Brown arrived on campus. No doubt the next 25 years will be filled with change, but we pause today to say to Dr. Allan

Brown, "Thank you for your service to God's kingdom and to GBS. Our lives are better because of your influence." 🙏



far left: Dr. Allan and Dr. Phil on a ski outing with the GBS Aldersgate Ski Club.

below: GBS graduate Amit Dutta receives personal congratulations from Dr. Allan and Dr. Phil.





GBS CITED AS A TOP WORKPLACE 11 YEARS IN A ROW!

For the past 11 years, 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. We are pleased to announce that for the 11th consecutive year, GBS (including Aldersgate Christian Academy) is recognized as a Cincinnati Top Workplace! Eleven straight years is quite an ac-

complishment! In fact, GBS is one of only a handful of companies who can claim this distinction. How does GBS do this year after year? The recent email announcement from Human Resources highlighting the award gives insight into the answer:

"Thank you for once again making us a Top Workplace in Cincinnati! That's 11 years in a row! We want to make sure you know that we understand: GBSC is not a Top Workplace because of us. It's a Top Workplace for two simple reasons. First, God has blessed us tremendously. He's provided for needs

and for many 'nice to do' opportunities. And second, He has blessed us with amazing, godly, dedicated people who put Him and His righteousness and Kingdom first. You demonstrate the love, presence, and power of God in your work consistently! You make our campus a place marked by love, grace, and excellence."

MOVE-IN DAY 2021

What an exciting time as new students and their families arrived on the GBS campus to start the school year! Around 50 new students moved into the dorm between 1:00 and 5:00 on the



This representative group of current GBS faculty and staff are happy to work at one of Cincinnati's "Top Workplaces"!



A crew of seasoned students assist the new.

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



Edna Ellen (Perkins) Goodspeed, 94, of Beech Grove, IN, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 6, 2021. She was born April 3, 1926, in Blanchard, OH, to Calvert and Eula Jane (Wells) Perkins. Edna graduated in 1944 from Fostoria High School, east of Findlay, OH.

In 1965, Edna married Rev. C.J. Goodspeed, serving as a pastor's wife and missionary. She also was a book-

keeper at Evangelical Bible Missions, Florida Evangelistic Association, Union Bible College, Montezuma Indian School, and God's Bible School and College. While at GBS, she managed the General Office (1988-1990), and her daughter, Lurlene Goodspeed (Allen), worked with her as assistant cashier. Edna enjoyed playing the piano, singing, and crocheting.

In 2013, her loving husband of 48 years, C.J., passed away. Edna is survived by two sons, James and Carey; two daughters, Linda Thibodeau and Lurlene Allen; ten grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and six nieces. Funeral services were held at Independent Nazarene Church, Beech Grove, IN, with Pastor Don Bates officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN.



afternoon of August 17. Campus staff, faculty, and families, as well as several local churches, helped them move into the dorms. Snow cones and other refreshments created a festive atmosphere for the new students and their families. Also, due to a generous donation, each new campus student had the option to receive a new mini-fridge for his or her dorm room.

During the evening, new students participated in a tour led by the GBS enrollment team. They visited the chapel, classrooms, library, student center, and other areas of campus that they need to be familiar with as students.

Overall, the first day went very well, and we are blessed with a great group of new students for this fall! In the next issue, we will report on the Convocation services and enrollment as well as introduce new staff. ■



Rev. Evelyn Marie (Groves) Cummings Thornburg, 89, of Fairmont, WV, passed away March 1, 2021, at the Fairmont Campus of Pierpont Center. She was born in 1931 to Oscar and Mary (Liston) Groves of Cranesville, WV.

After high school, Evelyn graduated from GBS with a ThB in 1967. She continued in the field of evangelism and was ordained and licensed to preach.

Evelyn married Rev. Samuel Cummings in 1964. Together, they were responsible for starting the Meadowdale Wesleyan Church in Fairmont, WV. Evelyn pastored there until her husband's illness and death in 1979. Then Evelyn met and married Omar Thornburg in 1984. They were involved in ministries at the ➡



Since my college years, my life has been deeply impacted by Dr. Allan Brown's biblical preaching. As a pastor, he was one of the kindest men ever to stay in our home, and his ministry was such a blessing to the church. Then, when the opportunity came for me to be part of the Ministerial Education Division at GBS, he impacted and shaped my life and ministry in an even deeper way. He is one of the finest Christian men I have known and has proven himself to be a true friend through the good times and bad. He is a spiritual hero in every sense of the word.

REV. MARK CRAVENS

Pastor, Kenwood Bible Methodist Church
GBS Adjunct Professor

Dr. Allan Brown is truly a man of the Word. The Bible is the northstar of his teaching and preaching, and outside the classroom and pulpit, he lives out the Word as an example of holy living. Dr. Brown cares about his students and his co-laborers. It has been a privilege to work with him and count him as friend.

REV. JACK HOOKER

GBS Trustee

As others will mention the theological influences of my esteemed colleague, Dr. Allan Brown, I would like to point out a few of his lesser-known qualities. While it has been noted that he was a tennis star in high school, as an athlete in his more mature years he has enjoyed snow skiing, water skiing, and snorkeling. As a sportsman, he likes spear fishing and target shooting. As a horticulturalist, he has raised roses and takes great delight in walking through fields of wildflowers. As a musician, he has played the trumpet, sung in vocal groups, and continues to be blessed by Christian worship music. He is a lover of books and reading. I could also mention that, notwithstanding their stereotypical association with ponytails and tattoos, he likes motorcycles!

I have been blessed to have had Dr. Brown as a coworker and friend for the past 25 years.

KEVIN MOSER

Assistant Editor and Art Director, Revivalist Press

I have always had the greatest respect for Dr. Brown. There is no one more committed to Biblical authority and accurate exegesis.

KEITH WAGGONER I

GBS Trustee

➡ Marion County Jail and many nursing homes in the area. In 1992, they became members of the Merrifield Memorial Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church in Fairmont, WV. A licensed ordained elder in the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church, Evelyn served as organist, assistant pianist, or wherever she was needed. The Thornburgs enjoyed attending revivals and camp meetings and selling fruit at the farmer's market until Omar's death on July 7, 2000. The family thanks the Pierpont Center staff for the care and compassion they showed for Evelyn during her later years.

Evelyn is survived by her sister, Martha (Groves) Fulkerson; her brother, Willis; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at Ford Funeral Home, Fairmont, WV, with pastors Ron Yoder and Daniel Cope officiating. Interment followed at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens, Westover, WV.



Mary Evelyn (Lamb) Thornton, 86, of Ridgeway, VA, passed away at her residence on May 24, 2021. She was born on September 29, 1934, in Randolph County, NC, to the late John and Cora (Richardson) Lamb.

Evelyn, along with several siblings, attended GBS. While there, she graduated from high school (1953) and took several years of college (1953-57). On July 28, 1956, she married Edward LeRoy Thornton, who preceded her in death on April 14, 1990. Evelyn was a bookkeeper for 45 years at Roy Black Junk and Metal of High Point, NC.

Surviving Evelyn is her daughter, Pamela; one sister, Bonnie (Lamb) Smith; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Heath Church, Lexington, NC. Interment followed in Heath Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to God's Bible School Building Fund, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202.



Richard Wilfred Tallman, 86, went home to be with Jesus on the evening of Tuesday, June 1, 2021, after a long battle with heart disease. He was born on June 4, 1934, in Cheboygan County, MI, a son of the late Wilfred and Agnus Bernadette Tallman. Richard attended McKenzie High School and, in 1951, joined the United States Navy to begin his service to his country. Richard was stationed at the Norfolk, VA, naval base and was later deployed to the Korean peninsula aboard the *USS Des Moines* during the Korean conflict.

In 1956, after being honorably discharged, he met Joyce Ann Chambers, and they were married later that year. Richard worked as a credit manager for Lerner's Clothing in Detroit, MI. In 1965, Richard and Joyce moved to Coldwater, MI, where Richard received his unique call

to the ministry. In 1969, Richard and Joyce moved to Northwest Ohio to live and serve as caretakers of the Rising Sun Holiness Camp. He briefly pastored Six Points Mission and served as camp president for several decades while holding a full-time job. Richard retired at the age of 67 as a truck driver for Seneca Medical in Tiffin, OH. Richard was a GBS donor and a subscriber to *God's Revivalist*.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Joyce; two sons, Richard and Matthew; daughter, Tammy; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Burlington Bible Church, Burlington, KY. Burial followed at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY, with military honors provided by contingents from the U.S. Navy and American Legion.



Mary Louise Root Cowen, 92, of New Castle, IN, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. She was born on July 22, 1928, in New Castle to Gwynn and Lola (Hamm) Blevins and grew up in rural Henry County on a family farm. She graduated in 1946 from Hagerstown High School and later attended Ball State University in the nursing program. She married John C. Root, Jr. on August 22, 1947. Mary worked for many years as the cook for Dalton School and Hagerstown Elementary and ministered with her husband and children as song evangelists in many revivals and camp meetings.

Following her husband's passing in 1975, Mary moved to Kansas City College and Bible School (now Kansas Christian College), Overland Park, KS, where she held several positions, including high school principal. There she met and married Kenneth Cowen, one of the teachers. The Cowens then moved to Union Bible College, Westfield, IN, where they held various positions. Through the years she supported Kenny in pastorates of several Church of God (Holiness) churches before retiring to New Castle in 2014.

Mary's survivors include her husband, Kenny; three sons, John, Michael, and Robert; daughter, Carol; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Sproles Family Funeral Home, New Castle, IN. Burial followed at Brick Cemetery, Hagerstown, IN.



Ruth N. Osborn, 93, of Colerain Township, Cincinnati, OH, passed away June 21, 2021. She was born in 1928 to William H. and Lena (Todt) Raisch of Mt. Healthy, OH.

Ruth enrolled at GBS and graduated from its high school in 1946. While there she met college student William J. "Bill" Osborn, Jr. They married in 1948, and Bill completed a ThB in 1950, followed by a BA in 1951. In 1953, the family moved to Independence, KS, where Bill taught for three years at Independence Bible

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School. Upon returning to Cincinnati, Ruth reentered GBS and earned a BA in 1959, which she followed with a Bachelor's in Secondary Education from the University of Cincinnati. Bill also completed a Master of Education at U.C. This led the couple into a career of teaching in the Cincinnati public school system. Bill retired in 1989, and Ruth retired in 1993. Both were active GBS alumni, and Bill served on the first alumni-elected board of trustees during the 1960s (see p.26). They remained GBS donors and lifetime subscribers to *God's Revivalist*.

In 2016, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, William J. Osborn, Jr. She is survived by her son, Donald; daughter, Darlene Reynolds; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. The funeral was held at Charles C. Young Funeral Home, Ross, OH. Burial followed in Venice Cemetery in Ross.



Bonnie Mae Watters, 91, of Adrian, MI, passed away July 3, 2021, surrounded by loved ones at home while under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. She was born on August 24, 1929, to Ethel Belle (Divens) and Rev. Donald Baughey, Sr., of Adrian.

On May 30, 1952, she married George E. Watters, Jr., and he preceded her in death on October 6, 2019.

Bonnie was an educator, first teaching in the County Normal One Room School House, then teaching 3rd and 4th grades for over 27 years at Garfield and Mitchener Elementary Schools. She was a longtime member of the Pilgrim Evangelistic Tabernacle of Adrian and more recently attended Raisin Valley Friends Church. In her younger years, Bonnie sang on the Evangelistic Hour Radio Broadcast and faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher and treasurer. In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling and camping, but being a grandmother brought Bonnie the most joy.

Several of Bonnie's family have attended and worked at God's Bible School. Her daughter-in-law Cheryl Watters is the Executive Assistant to the President and Human Resource Director and has been employed

in this role since August 2011. Her grandson Jason Watters graduated from GBS in 2020, and his wife Karalynne (1999-2000) is currently employed as the campus receptionist. Her grandson Ryan Watters (BA '11) was a member of the Student Affairs staff while a student and remained as the Dean of Men and Student Affairs Director until 2018. Ryan is currently an adjunct for the college and is a counselor in the campus Counseling Center. Four of Bonnie's great-grandchildren are enrolled in Aldersgate Christian Academy.

Bonnie leaves behind her daughter, Deborah (Watters) Lindsay; daughter-in-law, Cheryl (Plemmons) Watters; six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; siblings, Donald Baughey, Jr., Joan Rupert, and Mary Watters; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, MI, with Rev. Doug Chandler, Rev. Dr. Rodney Lindsay, and Ryan Watters, officiating. Burial followed at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian.



Dorothy R. (Goodwin) Jewett, 101, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Hartford, CT, on May 31, 1920, to Truman and Caroline (Codger) Goodwin. In 1937, Dorothy married her high school sweetheart, Lawrence Jewett.

While Larry began his career working for various employers, Dorothy was a homemaker raising their three children. However, during his employment at National Cash Register (circa 1955), Lawrence felt God's call to the ministry, began studies to pursue that calling, and was ordained. Thus Dorothy added "pastor's wife" to her roles. In 1961, Lawrence became Central District Superintendent of the Wesleyan Holiness Church, overseeing churches in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. In 1970 he resigned from NCR to follow God's call full time until his death in 2012.

Dorothy is survived by two sons, Larry, Jr. and James; daughter, Gayle Jewett; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Anderson Funeral Home, Springboro, OH, with Pastors Brian Wardlaw, Deron Fourman, and Rollin Mitchell officiating. Interment followed in Springboro Cemetery.

Dorothy and Lawrence had strong GBS connections. In addition to subscribing to *God's Revivalist*, they were also faithful to attend campus activities. Their son Larry was a representative and director of GBS Public Relations from 1981 to 1989. All three of their grandchildren attended college: Kimberly (Jewett) Fourman (BA '89), Randy Jewett (1989-90), and Shelly (Jewett) Penn (1985-86); as well as several great-grandchildren: Alex Fourman (AA '13), Kaitlyn Fourman (AA '19), and Courtney Stroup (BA '17). ■



DR. ALLAN P. BROWN I

tributes

The thrill of romantic love is one of the greatest of emotions, but fairy tales ending “and they lived happily ever after” did little to prepare me for the challenges of marriage. Allan wasn’t given the best advice for marriage, either! His “Dutch” Uncle told him, “If your wife loves you and you are hungry at three in the morning, you can say, ‘Honey, would you fix me a sandwich?’ And, after putting your foot in her back and easing her out of bed, she’ll go fix it!” Fortunately for him, he never put that advice to the test!

So, as I look back over more than 50 years of marriage, I can say Allan has many virtues I’ve come to appreciate. First is that he has always had a desire to love God and please Him. With that focus, there has been grace for the adjustments of marriage! He is not an impulsive spender and has been wise handling finances and honoring God with what He has given us. He is careful not to speak critically about others, especially Christian people, either to me or in front of our children. This is a virtue I saw in my home growing up and have appreciated very much.

Although it is not often evident publicly, Allan has a great sense of humor, so we’ve shared many a laugh! Also, we have been blessed to share intellectual compatibility, so even if we have differing viewpoints, we can amicably discuss theological, philosophical, and practical issues. (We lost our way on our honeymoon driving up the California coast as we debated the biblical defini-

tion of sin!) I often say love is spelled with a “c” and pronounced commitment! I am very thankful that Allan has been and continues to be committed to the vows we made before God on our wedding day, for loyalty is a great virtue! And our relationship has been marked by his sincere desire to please me!

Rearing Godly children was a serious concern for me, since in childhood I watched a brother rebel against God and our parents. Because of this, how Allan carried out his responsibilities as a father was very important to me. I think my husband’s crowning virtue as a father has been his ability to apologize to the boys if he was hasty or harsh in reprimanding them. This began when they were small and continued through their college years. Even today, if he feels he has misspoken, he is quick to apologize. He also emphasized and lived out the importance of putting God first in their lives. I have been very grateful for this, as the only thing that really mattered to me was that our children would become 100% committed to God.

—Nadine Brown, wife



The Philip Brown Family

I have the highest regard for my father. He was my favorite teacher in college, my favorite pastor, my favorite boss, and my favorite preacher. I’d rather hear Dad preach than just about anyone I know. Like all godly men, Dad would be the first to attribute all that is good in his life to the work of the Holy Spirit enabling and empowering him (1 Cor. 15:10). I have consistently heard him acknowledge his “feet of clay” in words similar to “we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us” (2 Cor. 4:7).

At 76 years of age, Dad is still studying, learning, and growing. I admire his commitment to Scripture and seek to emulate and inculcate it in my sons and students. His unwavering commitment to truth as opposed to his own opinions or

those of others (Prov. 23:23) has consistently been set in the context of relationship with Jesus, who is The Truth (John 14:6). It was my aspiring hope to be like my dad when I grew up, because I knew he was aspiring to be like Jesus.

—Philip Brown, son

When I married Philip, Dad Brown quickly accepted me into the family as a daughter. Over the years he has been my supporter, encourager, and friend. Of the many things I appreciate about him, his passion, love, and commitment to God's Word, strong "reverse gear," sense of humor, big laugh, and the way he loves my boys stand out the most. I'll always be grateful for the great benefit and blessing of his life, which has been marked by a commitment to loving God and teaching others to do the same.

—Marianne (Slagenweit) Brown, daughter-in-law

Grandpa has always been willing to answer any questions I had about the Bible or life in general. He's always been a role model of Christian faith and courage. I hope that if I listen to advice from my parents and grandparents, I'll be like him one day. "Keep running the race, Grandpa!"

—Allan Brown III (17), grandson

My grandfather is the most God-fearing, hard-working man I know.

—Daniel Brown (14), grandson

What do I admire about PopPop? He is wise. He is kind. He is generous. He is a man that I can look up to. He has a relationship with Jesus Christ.

—Stephen Brown (12), grandson

While I wasn't able to take my dad's classes at GBS, I've been in my dad's classroom all my life. At dinnertime, our childish questions were met with, "Go get your Bible." In those moments, he did not fall back on remarks like "just what we've always done" or "this particular church teaches this." Rather, he taught us to "buy the truth and sell it not." He has been a lifelong model to us of submitting his own ideas to the Word. This really is the summation of his entire teaching

ministry, whether in a classroom or in the home: What has God said? His humble loyalty to that position has defined his personal life, as well as his career. Congratulations, Dad, on 25 years of bringing that perspective to your classes on the Hilltop.

—Nathan Brown, son

Dad's counsel and friendship are invaluable. He has given me wise advice time after time. I owe him so much. He not only raised the godly man I live with and love, but he continues to model hard work and Christian values for the children we're raising. He continues as an example to the whole family of a man committed to the Lord and loyal to His Word. Truth also reigns supreme over pet ideas, and that takes humility. I can't count the number of times I've heard him backtrack and change his mind after listening to another's thoughts. How few families have godly patriarchs these days! We are grateful, so grateful, for Dad.

—Charity (Frederick) Brown, daughter-in-law

We have a special relationship since I am the only granddaughter. He loves it when I give him a hug and is always glad to see us when we visit. He plays games with us (and beats us) and we have a lot of fun. He puts a lot of effort into his church, and it is evident how much he cares for the people there. My favorite part of spending time with my grandfather is when he gathers us all together in the evening. We sing songs and pray, just like having our own little church. I'm so lucky to be his granddaughter.

—Kathryn (16), granddaughter

Grandpa always allows us to play with the things he owns. He's really nice, but also firm and fair in discipline if you need it. The snacks are great—he always has root beer and chips in his house.

—Alex (14), grandson



The Nathan Brown Family

The photos on this spread are from Allan and Nadine's 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 2017.

Dear Phil

T.M. ANDERSON, SANCTIFIED BELIEVERS, AND THE SINLESSNESS OF ADAM: ANOTHER READER RESPONDS

I'm not a theologian, but I think you were somewhat wrong in your May article on T.M. Anderson. Anderson was very clear that the entirely sanctified "are created in the MORAL LIKENESS of God." He wasn't talking about other effects of "the fall." If sins have been forgiven, and the heart purified, are we not as morally pure as we can be? —Rodger

Dear Rodger,

It is great to hear from a reader! Thank you for taking the time to write and express your thoughts. I really appreciate it!

I share your passion for theological faithfulness to Scripture and for a clear doctrine of holiness. It is certainly possible that I have misunderstood Mr. Anderson.

On the other hand, perhaps we have different understandings of what constitutes our MORAL LIKENESS to God. If I'm reading you correctly, you understand our moral likeness to God to be a function of our record (sins forgiven) and our heart condition (heart purified).

My understanding of our moral likeness to God includes a third component: "the mind of Christ" or thinking that reflects Philippians 2:2-8; Romans 12:3ff.

In my view, we can have our sins forgiven, our hearts purified, be entirely sanctified, and still have thinking that is not Christlike. It isn't intentionally unChristlike, but I believe it falls short of the moral image of God that Adam would have had.

In response to your question, "If sins have been forgiven, and the heart purified, are we not as morally pure as we can be?" my current understanding (subject to revision at any time upon further light) is conditioned by 1 John 3:1-9.

1 John 3:6 says that "everyone who is abiding in Him is not sinning." 1 John 3:7 says the life of a Christian is marked by the practice of righteousness. 1 John 1:7 says those who have fellowship with Jesus are walking in the light as He is in the light. So far so good.

The challenge comes in 1 John 3:3, "Everyone who has this hope [of seeing Jesus] purifies himself." That raises the following question for me: If I'm walking in all the light (1 John 1:7), and I'm practicing righteousness (1 John 3:7), then what is there to purify?

John isn't talking about cleansing inherited depravity or indwelling sin. That's something God does, not us.

It appears to me that this verse teaches there is on-going purification in the life of a believer who is walking in all the light. My explanation for what is being purified runs like this.

Everyone has what I call "blind spots," like a car's blind spot. These "blind spots" involve attitudes, thought processes, and interpersonal patterns of communicating and reacting that are not like Christ. They aren't merely immaturity or lack of information. They involve behaviors contrary to God's will. They are wrong. BUT the person doesn't even realize they have them. They are blind to them.

Are they walking in all the light they have? Yes. Are they committing willful sin? No. Is the blood of Christ cleansing them so that they are not guilty before God? Yes. Does the blood's cleansing remove the presence of the blind spot? No. Do the blind spots need cleansing? Yes!

Will the Spirit be faithful to talk to us about our blind spots? Yes. Does He talk to everyone about all their blind spots? I'm not sure. I've seen saints who were entirely sanctified and had some blind spots of unChristlikeness that seemed large enough for a truck to hide in!

So, I conclude there are degrees of purity. There is salvation purity. There is entire sanctification purity. There is glorification purity. And between entire sanctification and glorification, there is on-going purification as the Spirit reveals our blind spots to us.

Does that mean we're all still sinners. GOD FORBID! We are saints. We are pure. We are holy. Are we free from sin? Yes! But pure can be made more pure. If that seems paradoxical...well, there's quite a number of things that seem paradoxical in Scripture, so that doesn't particularly bother me.

I hope this helps you see where I'm coming from a little more clearly. Again, thanks for writing.

Blessings,
Phil

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THE COMING UMC SPLIT

An imminent split in the United Methodist Church, mostly over disagreements on biblical sexuality, will likely take place in 2022, the next time the denomination holds its General Conference. At that time, the conservative Methodists intend to form the new Global Methodist Church and hammer out a new mission statement, vision, and a transitional book of doctrines and disciplines. Those who remain in the older denomination will see a shift to a more liberal church policy on sexuality and will retain the name United Methodist Church.

According to Mark Tooley, a lifelong Methodist and president of the Institute of Religion and Democracy, there are over 30,000 United Methodist congregations (6.5 million members) in the U.S. Perhaps as many as 2.5 million will go conservative.

A CIRCUIT COURT RULING ON "PREFERRED PRONOUNS"

In 2018, Shawnee State University (Portsmouth, OH) philosophy professor Nicholas Meriwether responded to a male student's question during a Socratic dialogue in his political philosophy class by saying, "Yes, sir." After class, the student approached Meriwether, stated that he was transgender, and demanded that the professor refer to him as a woman, with feminine

titles and pronouns. Instead, Meriwether offered to use the student's last name, or any other name of the student's choosing, but politely declined to use the transgender student's choice of pronouns. The student became belligerent, promised to get Meriwether fired, and filed a complaint. The university formally charged Meriwether with a Title IX violation and threatened additional actions against him. Meriwether in turn sued the university.

A three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that a philosophy professor cannot be forced to use a transgender student's "preferred pronouns," and that his suit against the university for violation of his 1st and 14th Amendment rights can proceed.

WILLIAM BARR CALLS FOR MORE SCHOOL CHOICE

Former Attorney General William Barr suggested that a new era of school choice vouchers may be parents' best defense against public school curricula he suggested were anti-religious. "While an astonishing number of public schools fail to produce students proficient in basic reading and math, they spare no effort or expense in their drive to instill a radical secular belief system that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago," he said. Barr urges parents and political leaders to re-embrace the school choice movement that gained popularity in the 1990s. ■



student focus

LANE WILLIAMS was born and reared in southwest Missouri, 10 miles from the nearest small town. He loves country life, and spending time in the shop with his dad has given him a passion for working on cars.

While attending Ochelata Youth Camp during high school, God entirely sanctified Lane and called him to preach. He decided GBS had "the most opportunities that fit my divinely-guided future plans.... The teachers are not just teachers, but mentors; the dean staff are not just deans, but confidants; the friends I have are not just friends, but lifelong companions—a rich and supportive community of amazing people!"

After graduation in May 2022 with a degree in Ministerial Education, Lane plans to take an assistant or youth pastorate while he trains as a diesel mechanic in order to have a second income for when he enters the ministry. He says, "At this point, I feel like I will eventually end up pastoring in the West. That is where my heart is." ■

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— Called Unto Holiness —

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

FOUR SCRIPTURAL SENSES OF SANCTIFICATION

by Allan P. Brown I

Justification and sanctification occur simultaneously at the new birth through our union with Christ. Although the Bible talks about them individually and they have different characteristics, they must not be separated. Justification and sanctification are like the two sides of a dollar bill. Each side is different, but without receiving both sides simultaneously, you do not have a genuine dollar bill. Scripture teaches that every Christian is justified and sanctified at the new birth (1 Corinthians 6:11).

It is important to recognize that Scripture uses the concept of sanctification in four senses. Students of Scripture refer to the four senses as: *initial* sanctification, *entire* sanctification, *progressive* sanctification, and *glorification*.

Initial Sanctification refers to the work of God in us through the Holy Spirit at the moment we are born again by which He sets us apart to Himself as His possession, separates us from the practice of willful sin, and begins the process of making us like Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 6:11 indicate that the Corinthian Christians were sanctified in this sense. (See also Acts 20:32; 26:18; Hebrews 10:10.)

Entire Sanctification is God's will for all Christians. This is indicated in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 by Paul's prayer for the Thessalonian Christians. Through his prayer we are told that God desires to sanctify Christians *wholly* (KJV), *completely* (NASB), *through and through* (NIV), and "preserve them blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is speaking of a further working of God's grace in the life of the Christian subsequent to their initial sanctification. Persons who are entirely sanctified still need to continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

Progressive Sanctification refers to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, daily transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Progressive sanctification is an-

other way of expressing the daily growth of the Christian "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This occurs as the Christian walks in the light of Scripture (1 John 1:7). A Christian is progressively being sanctified—becoming more like Jesus. It is as Paul says, "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV).

Glorification speaks of the final completion of sanctification when we become fully like Jesus. 1 John 3:2 teaches this truth: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (KJV).

If we wish to be biblical in our use of terminology, we must avoid the error of separating sanctification (holiness) from the new birth. John Wesley, who is known for his sermons and writings on sanctification, records that he and his ministers were very concerned to define biblically the term "sanctification." The question arose in his minister's conference, "What is it to be sanctified?" The official answer given was, "To be renewed in the image of God, 'in righteousness and true holiness.'" The following year during the next minister's conference, the question was asked, "When does inward sanctification begin?" The official answer given was, "In the moment a man is justified." They established that "the term *sanctified* is continually applied by St. Paul to all who were justified." (John Wesley, *The Heart of Wesley's Faith*, Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City, Missouri, 1961, pp.31-32) ■

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DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD

by Allan P. Brown I

Scripture: James 1:1-7

Introduction

Disappointment With God is a book by Philip Yancey. The title disturbs me. Why would anyone be disappointed with God? The book's subtitle boldly announces, "Three Questions No One Asks Aloud." These questions are: "Is God listening to me?" "Can He be trusted?" "Does He even exist?" The teaser on the back continues, "How many times have you asked yourself these same questions? How many times has God disappointed you or someone close to you? How could a loving God allow such terrible things to happen?" "Philip Yancey," it declares, "tackles the crises of faith caused by a God who doesn't always do what He's supposed to do."

I periodically talk to people who, if not disappointed with God, are at least puzzled and confused about why God lets bad things happen to His people. At the risk of sounding overly simplistic, allow me to suggest that the primary reason for disappointment with God is *unbiblical expectations of Him*.

Let's turn to James 1:1-7 and see what counsel God gives hurting people.

I. We must learn the "wisdom-perspective" of Scripture when facing trials and temptations. (1:2, 5)—*"Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.... If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God."* A surface reading of these verses sounds a bit absurd to the casual reader. Rejoice when things go wrong? Why? How is such a thing possible?

A. The meaning of "wisdom"

The ability to rejoice when bad things happen is possible only if one has acquired biblical "wisdom" (Grk. *sophia*; Heb. *hokmah*). The original readers of this

letter, "the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad" (1:1), were no doubt well schooled in the wisdom books (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon) and needed only a reminder from James to ask God for the ability to bring their thoughts and emotions under the guidelines of "wisdom" (1:5). In this context, *wisdom is the skill or ability to view life and all of its components from God's perspective [as revealed in Scripture] and as a result make God-honoring choices and keep the proper focus.*

B. The meaning of "count it"

The word "count it" (*hegesasthe*) speaks of making a decision. In this context, it is a command to adopt a biblical point-of-view to regard trials and temptations from the viewpoint of "joy."

C. The meaning of "joy"

Joy" (*chara*) has at least two distinct meanings in Scripture. We can label the first meaning "natural" joy. It is an emotion common to all people, saved or unsaved, and expresses itself in feelings of happiness, cheer, delight, and contentment. It is usually based upon good news or good events.

We can label the second meaning of joy, "spiritual" joy. It comes as the result of faith in God's Word. It is a fruit of the Spirit produced only in the life of a believer. In this sense, its fundamental meaning is a *steadfast assurance that God is in control and is accomplishing His purposes in our life*. As such, joy is essentially the result of a way of thinking. It is a conscious focus of mind. Joy, in this sense, was present with Jesus when He prayed, wept, and bore His heavy burden in Gethsemane. It was Jesus' steadfast assurance that God was in control and was accomplishing His purpose in His life ("the joy that was set before Him") that enabled Jesus to endure the cross and disregard its shame (Heb. 12:2). And it is this kind of "joy" that the world cannot give, nor can the world take away.

II. We must learn that God's "wisdom-purpose" in trials and temptations is to strengthen us spiritually by testing our faith. (1:3, 4)—*"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* James assures his readers that God is willing to help each of them discipline their thoughts and emotions so as to gain the "wisdom-perspective" of Scripture when facing unpleasant situations. But He warns them about the danger of doubting. To keep from doubting or wavering, there are four "wisdom-truths" one must embrace as the foundation for faith.

A. Four "wisdom-truths" for our faith

When facing trials, one must continually affirm the following truths in order to keep one's faith in God strong:

1. God is all-powerful. He is bigger than my problems, and if He wishes to, He can make them go away.

2. God is all-wise. He never makes a mistake. He knows the beginning from the end. I can trust Him at all times. He knows what is best in every situation.

3. God is all-loving. He is never unkind or cruel. I must not allow myself to doubt His love.

4. God's ultimate goal in my life is to help me to become like Jesus in my thoughts, attitudes, emotions, and actions (Rom. 8:28, 29).

If one immerses himself in these truths, and filters every thought and emotion through these truths, he will be able to exert his will and choose to do exactly what James says, "count it all joy." Remember, trials and problems do not build faith; they reveal the strength or weakness of our faith. When we respond properly to trials, we develop the Christlike character quality of perseverance ("patience"). It is perseverance in the midst of problems that enables God to make us more like Jesus. His goal is for us to "let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The terms "perfect" and "entire" refer to our development in Christlikeness. There are no shortcuts to Christlike character.

B. The importance of "focus"

Focus is determined by the questions one asks. The wrong focus asks: "Why me?" "Why this?" "Why now?" Why doesn't God answer my prayers?" The right focus, required by "wisdom," asks: "What is God wishing to teach me in this situation?" "What can I be thankful for?" "How can I cooperate with God so that I become more Christlike in my thoughts, attitudes, and actions in the midst of this situation?"

C. Rejecting wrong presuppositions

Our culture conditions us to adopt the wrong focus when facing problems. It teaches us: (1) to be "owners" rather than "managers;" (2) to assert our "rights" rather than our "responsibilities;" and, (3) to believe that God owes us an answer to our questions.

Let me illustrate these culturally-conditioned wrong presuppositions in the life of Job.

1. "Owner" versus "Manager"

Job faced the test of "owner" versus "manager" when he lost all of his material wealth and his ten children in one day (Job 1:1-19). Job demonstrated his position as a "manager," not an "owner," when he "arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped." He said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:20, 21).

Had Job adopted the unbiblical presupposition of "owner," he, like so many people who have suffered tragedy, probably would have been angry with God for

allowing such things to happen. He probably would have struggled with bitterness and disappointment with God. Instead, we read that "in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22).

2. "Rights" versus "Responsibilities"

Job faced the second unbiblical presupposition, that of asserting his "rights" rather than his "responsibilities," when he lost his health. According to God, there was nobody like Job in the earth. He was a perfect and an upright man, one that feared God, and hated evil, and maintained his faithfulness to God even though God allowed bad things to happen to him without a cause (Job 2:3).

A person who asserts his "rights" believes he deserves better than he has received from God. This unbiblical view presupposes that God is obligated to protect us from harm. It fails to realize the only thing God owes any human being is wrath and damnation (Rom. 6:23). The fact that anyone receives "good" in this life is a manifestation of God's mercy. Until a person understands this and surrenders all his imagined "self-rights," he will never be able to progress in wisdom. The surrender of "self-rights" enables us to be *thankful* to God for every blessing He brings into our life, and to remain thankful when, in His sovereignty and wisdom, He chooses to remove them.

3. "God owes me an explanation"

Job faced the third unbiblical presupposition and miserably failed. As a result of asking questions that no finite, limited, mortal human could possibly answer, Job became extremely depressed and longed for death. To help Job change his focus, God asked him sixty questions (see Job 38-42). When Job saw he could not answer even one question, it finally dawned on him that he had no right to demand any answers from God. Job repented and humbled himself (Job 42:2, 3, 5).

Conclusion

Disappointment with God is impossible for the person who has learned the "wisdom-perspective" of Scripture. He will remember that God's ultimate purpose in his life is to make him like Jesus. Therefore, by God's grace he will refuse to be dragged down into discouragement and depression. When facing trials and temptations, he will keep the right focus because he knows the "wisdom-purpose" of God is to bring him to mature Christlike character through the things he suffers. Though his faith be sorely tested, he has steadfast confidence (joy) that God is sovereignly working in his life and, like Job, confesses, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). Disappointment with God? Never! To his last breath Job proclaims, "But he knoweth the way that I take: *when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold*" (Job 23:10). ■

HOLINESS *for* GROWING CHRISTIANS

Dr. Allan Brown has been an important writer for the conservative holiness movement, authoring several books, chapters of books, booklets, and a regular column of sermons ("The Revivalist Pulpit") in *God's Revivalist* from 1995 through 2018. Following is information about his latest book. —KF

Dr. Allan Brown's book, *Holiness for Growing Christians*, was written for the new Christian who desires to learn what God expects of him as a sincere follower of Jesus. Because of a plethora of misinformation connected with the concept of holiness, Dr. Brown endeavors to explain in the simplest terms possible what holiness means, affirming what Scripture affirms, and leaving unsaid what Scripture does not say.

His target audience is his college students who have had various exposures to the concept of holiness. They often tell him that, although they attend a holiness church and their pastor is a Bible college graduate, they can't remember him ever preaching on entire sanctification. Other students tell him that they don't believe what they have heard about sanctification or are confused by the conflicting things they have heard. This was the rationale for writing this book.

Dr. Brown admits that his goal was not to be exhaustive—answering every possible question and covering all related topics. "I did not include a chapter on the holiness of God. Although an impor-

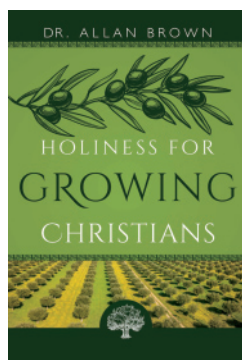
tant subject, it was not what I was trying to accomplish with this book. I chose to focus on 'holiness' as it pertains to fallen humanity."

The chapters are deliberately short and limited to twelve. This makes it usable for Sunday schools that follow a quarterly system and for other small group settings. Hopefully, the relatively small size of the book will encourage people to read it. Dr. Brown made it a point to avoid technical theological language in order to make the book "as user-

friendly and understandable as possible." He also took care to avoid controversial issues. "I wanted this book to have a devotional flavor that encourages a new Christian to embrace the biblical meaning of 'holiness.' To that end I usually include 'A

Hymn to Memorize' that contains one of the concepts of the chapter, and 'A Prayer to Pray' to help the reader make a personal commitment to embrace and obey the truths just read."

At the end of most of the chapters are review questions with answers. The intent is for readers to reinforce their learning of the basic concepts taught in each chapter. ■



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BIRTH OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION part 3

In previous "Archives" columns (March and April), we began the history of the GBS Alumni Association, explaining that the impetus for its founding in 1950 was to save the school from crushing debt and previous mismanagement. We continue with the third part of the account. With some editing/condensing, this information is from *A Century on the Mount of Blessings* by Larry D. Smith. —KF

COURT VICTORY! Control of GBS Given to Alumni

The alumni launched an initiative to form a new corporation, constitution, and board of trustees to be maintained on standby for the time when God's Bible School would be debt free and could be given back to its own people. In 1966, the GBS yearbook listed the interim board members as Fern Bair, Dr. Robert A. Benninger, L.J. Cherryholmes, J.B. Crouse, Pres. Samuel Deets, William Osborn, Charles Ratcliff, Paul Stewart, Evelyn Ware, Leslie Wilcox, and L.H. Wright.

In 1973, President Sam Deets began negotiations with Judge Black of the Court of Common Pleas in anticipation of the day when the school would be "set free." Elnora Ratcliff, *Alumnus* editor, described how the court-appointed board of trustees and Judge Black came to an agreement concerning the day on which

the final document would be signed, turning the school over to its Alumni Association and getting it out from under the court for the first time in 68 years. "I am happy to tell you that the board of trustees of the new corporation, which is elected by the Alumni Association, has been working hand-in-hand with the court-appointed board for many months."

The transfer of power began June 14, 1973, when the new board was given responsibility in the areas of administration, planning, and fundraising for the new Student Center. The next step in the transfer process occurred October 12, 1973. It involved public relations, academics, and maintenance.

The Alumni Association had prepared for the transfer of power. The *Constitution—Regulations of God's Bible School, College, and Missionary Training Home* set forth principles for the school's operation. The document provided supervision of the school by an alumni-elected, eleven-member board of trustees; and defined the duties of the president, business manager, and others. On Thursday, May 8, 1975, during a chapel service at GBS, the out-going court-appointed trustees were honored.

The signing of what was called the "final document" giving official "control" of GBS to the Alumni Association occurred on June 1, 1975—an occasion that received ex-

tensive coverage in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. However, there was one supervisory function in which the court was still active—the school's applications to sell real estate. Court supervision in that area did not end until 1982.

As Sam Deets' presidency drew to its completion, he had the satisfaction of knowing that for ten years he had "put together, cajoled, encouraged, and otherwise 'facilitated' the new alumni-elected board of trustees into existence for the purpose of taking over the school." He had brought his alma mater to the point where it was "given back to its own people."

On Tuesday, April 27, 1982, Judge Peter Outcalt declared GBS to be on its own and free from court control, thus closing the book on the longest court case in Hamilton County.

When Knapp willed his fledgling school "to God," and a disagreement arose over who actually owned the property upon Knapp's death in 1901, the problem eventually arrived in common pleas court. The first decision in the case had come in a document dated April 20, 1907, which gave the court control of the school. The final ruling came 75-years-plus-seven-days later. ■

(The concluding installment of this series will focus on changes to the Alumni Association since the historic court transfer of ownership.)



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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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I just finished Dr. Phil Brown's column (Sinless as Adam?) in the May issue and am, once again, grateful for his studious analysis and knowledge.

DOUG HODNETT
email

We love the school and appreciate the way God is supplying the needs. Libby and I always look forward to receiving *God's Revivalist*. What an endeavor! Kudos to the editor.

JOHN ENYART
Port St. Lucie, FL

We enjoy the campus and alumni news the most, along with the editor's intro to each issue! Sonja Vernon's devotional thought is always timely and so very well written, too.

JOE EMERT
North Stonington, CT

The summer issue of *God's Revivalist* was excellent! Mark Bird's article, "Engaging Unbelievers Philosophically" was stellar.

PHIL BROWN
Alexandria, KY

My granddaughter Grace is five years old and loves tigers. When I went to pick her up the other day, she became very anxious because she forgot something. So, we had to go back to get her "tiger magazine." She carries this edition everywhere she goes!

CHERYL WATTERS
Cincinnati, OH



ALWAYS FAITHFUL

by Sonja Vernon

"And [Judah] abandoned the house of the Lord...and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the Lord. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention." —2 Chronicles 24:18-19 (ESV)

Imagine with me that you are a parent of adult children. For some of you, this won't be much of a stretch. For others, a big one. Either way, humor me for a moment. You have adult children whom you love deeply. Now imagine that those children are living in a way you know will lead to ruin. Their actions are leading them straight toward devastation. You also know no matter what you say or do to try to deter them, they won't listen. In fact, they will purposefully rebel against your words. Do you still warn them? Do you still wave red flags even though you know they will rush past every one of them? Does your love compel you to do what seems ultimately useless? No analogy is perfect, and this one breaks down if pushed too far. However, I am constantly astounded at the great heart of God apparent in the entire arc of Scripture. Over and over again He reaches out to His rebellious people. He warns, He pleads, He thunders, He smites. Why? "To bring them back to the Lord." He knows they are heading for disaster, but He keeps sending prophets.

Are you doubting God's love today? Perhaps it is right in front of you as a warning, a caution, a rebuke. Please listen. He loves you more than you will ever understand, and He's gone to great lengths to save you from destruction. ■

Sonja Vernon is Vice President for Student Affairs at God's Bible School.

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