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YOUTH CONFERENCE



APRIL 17-18-19

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Welcome

Now—in April, 1953—comes the urgent need to “Go For God.” Our co-chairmen, Barbara Owen and Dave LeShana, along with Taylor students, are anxious that you should receive the practical and personal challenge to your life that Youth Conference can give. Our speakers realize the needs of youth today, and God is even now preparing them to help meet the needs.

We are trusting that many will meet and know Christ as a new friend, that some will begin that closer walk with Him which is essential to a happy Christian life, and that still others will hear His call to full time Christian service.

The schedule is full, but spiritually refreshing. Fellowship hours, discussion groups, dormitory prayer time, personal consultations—all of these provide a chance for fellowship with new friends and with God.

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Joshua 1:9

“For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward.” Isaiah 52:12

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BARBARA OWEN

Although my home is near Owosso, Michigan at the present, the place of my birth was in Corunna, Indiana. To bring another state into the picture, I completed High School in Montpelier, Ohio.

I entered Taylor in the fall of 1949. Since then the field of Sociology has held my major interest.

God has meant a great deal to me, especially during these college days, for I have found in Him added strength for every task and added joy for every hardship. A verse that has been one of my favorites these past four years is "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18



DAVE LE SHANA

I first heard of Youth Conference through Art Howard, a missionary to India and one of the students who found the Lord at the first Youth Conference in 1934. On his suggestion, I left India—where I was born and raised by my missionary parents—and came to the United States in 1949 to attend school here at Taylor.

These past four years have been the greatest years of my life. As I have been preparing for the mission field with my wife, Becky. I can testify with the servant of old, "I being in the way, the Lord led me."

Sponsors	Dr. Reuben Schellhase
	Miss Mary Thomas
Co-Chairmen	Barbara Owen
	David Le Shana
Secretary	Eloise Gerig
Treasurer	Dick Steiner
Registrar	Dave Wheeler
Prayer Co-Chairmen	Howard Habegger
	Barbara Hovda
Discussion Group Co-Chairmen	Bill Hesse
	Marion Unkenholz
Publicity Co-Chairmen	Joe Kerlin
	Roselyn Baugh
Chorister	John Wheeler
Accommodations Manager	Kenneth Fahl
Traffic Manager	Lyle Barrett
Hostess	Beverly Berry
Bell-hop	Ronald Townsend
Technician	Dick Corliss
Decoration Co-Chairmen	Norman Wingert
	Gail Brenneman

How It All Began

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After much time had been spent in prayer, they began to publicize and invite the young people of high school age in the surrounding areas to a week end of spiritual meetings. Park Anderson wrote the following concerning the first conference, which was held in Shreiner Auditorium, "What an experience that first Youth Conference was. In one service every member of the Taylor basketball squad gave testimonies from the platform. It was in the Sunday afternoon service that Art Howard, now teaching in India, and a large number of other fine young men came through to spiritual victories that shall forever stand as a great advance for the kingdom of God."

The next Youth Conference was doubled in attendance which made it necessary to conduct the services in the Maytag Gymnasium. God's leadership in every succeeding conference has been evidenced by souls being saved, others being drawn closer to Him, and by the dedication of lives to full time Christian service.

Although Taylor has never sought to use these Youth Conferences as a means to increase its enrollment, many young people who attend these services return to Taylor to continue their education in an effective Christian college.

As a result of this gospel team which saw the spiritual need of the young people of surrounding areas, the Taylor Youth Conference has become an annual event and has been a pattern for other such conferences in various vicinities.

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Past Youth Conferences

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REGISTRATION—Return by mail the attached registration blank together with \$1.00. When you arrive on the campus go to Rec. Hall to complete your registration.

SLEEPING—We'll furnish the mattress, but you'll need to bring your own bedding.

EATING—Guests coming for the weekend will buy a cafeteria ticket. Guests coming for a shorter period may pay for each individual meal eaten either in the college cafeteria or grill.

ARNOLD HODGINS.

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EXPENSES—Registration \$1.00
 Room, @ 50¢ per night \$1.00
 5 meal ticket \$3.00
 (Friday dinner 85¢ extra)

Total \$5.00

TRANSPORTATION—Indiana Motor Bus comes direct to Taylor: Or you may come by bus or train to Hartford City or Marion. But be sure to let us know where, when, and by what means you will arrive if you want us to arrange your transportation to Taylor.

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- 1940—"To Know Christ and Make Him Known." **Co-Chairmen:** John Warner, Ruth Prosser. **Speakers:** Dr. S. H. Turbeville, Dr. Edison Habegger.
- 1941—"Youth Transformed Through a Triumphant Christ." **Co-Chairmen:** Richard Bishop, Dorothy Anderson. **Speakers:** Rev. J. E. Windsor, Rev. L. H. Ziemer.
- 1942—"Conquerors Through Christ." **Co-Chairmen:** E. Martin Barney, Lois Slagle. **Speakers:** Dr. H. L. Nixon, Miss Margaret Thompson.
- 1943—"Christ Living in Me." **Co-Chairmen:** James Bertsche, Norma Hoke. **Speakers:** Rev. J. E. Windsor, Rev. Deveen Brown, Rev. Milo Rediger.
- 1944—"Anchored Through Christ." **Co-Chairmen:** Paul Clasper, Betty Good. **Speakers:** Rev. S. H. Turbeville, Rev. Charles P. Culver, Dr. J. C. Wengatz.
- 1945—"Christ My Hope." **Co-Chairmen:** Wesley Arms, Norma Williams. **Speakers:** Dr. Harold Kuhn, Dr. W. H. Hotchkiss, Rev. Hazen Sparks.
- 1946—"That I May Know Him." **Co-Chairmen:** Andrew Rupp, Betty Loeffler. **Speakers:** Rev. T. J. Everest, Rev. Ivan Allbutt, Rev. Malcom Cronk, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau.
- 1947—"Christ My Life." **Co-Chairmen:** Harold Johnson, Darlene Barker. **Speakers:** Dr. William Wiseman, Rev. Malcom Cronk, Miss Ruth Stull.
- 1948—"Consider Christ." **Co-Chairmen:** Robert Morris, Ruth Ellen Shugart. **Speakers:** Dr. Verner Mumbelo, Rev. James DeWeerd, Dr. G. Arnold Hodgins.
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*'34 through '53*

Youth Conference from the beginning has been guided and inspired by God; thus despite doubts and difficulties it has grown throughout the past 20 years in purpose and number until the Youth Conference of 1952 drew young people from as far North as N. Dakota, as far South as Texas, as far West as California, and as far East as New Jersey, with over one thousand in attendance. This important spiritual life conference has brought many and varied results, influencing the young people attending, and Taylor students alike.

The primary purpose of Youth Conference down through the years has been to show young people the way to apply practical Christian principles to their own lives—and to send them back to their homes with a newfound experience, Christian enthusiasm, and zeal. **Many of the young people reached by the conference are now training for, or already are in fulltime Christian service.**

Since its inception the conference has grown until at the present time it takes the continued efforts of a large part of the student body seven months to make ample preparation, and is the highlight of the schoolyear. It is planned, organized, and operated by the students, with two faculty advisers. Though seven month's work has to be climaxed in three days, the results are worth all of the effort, for in the salvation of souls, the results are eternal!

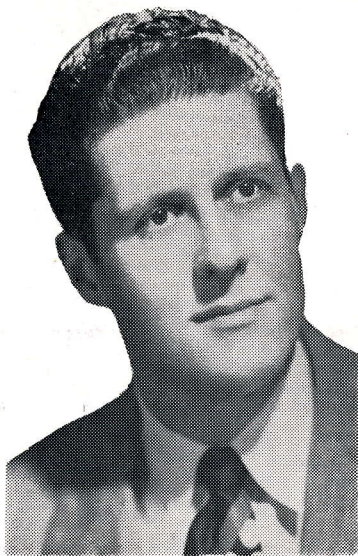
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**BOB PIERCE***Missionary*

Dr. Pierce is a United Nations War Correspondent for Christian Life. He was recently in Korea with Billy Graham, and comes to us with a real burden, as well as a wealth of knowledge and experience concerning the mission field in the Orient. Dr. Pierce is the President of World Vision, Inc., an organization engaged in much relief work.

HAROLD WALKER*Evangelist*

Reverend Harold Walker was converted at the age of 16½ in a Rescue Mission on Skid Row in Detroit, Michigan. His ministry started twenty-four hours after his conversion. Since this time he has preached for over 30 religious denominations in 42 states, Mexico, and Canada. He has conducted many union campaigns and services for Youth for Christ.



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Conference Schedule

April 17-18-19

Here is your guide to the Conference services and activities

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
		6:00	Sunrise Pierce	6:00	Sunrise Walker
		7:00	Breakfast	7:00	Breakfast
		8:00	Walker	8:15	Pierce
		9:00	Discussion groups	9:15	Discussion groups
9:38	Chapel: Pierce	10:00	Pierce	10:30	Bergwall (offering)
		11:30	Lunch	12:00	Dinner
		12:45	A Cappella	1:30	Fellowship Hour
		1:45	Discussion groups	2:45	Walker (offering)
3:00	Registration	3:00	Walker		
5:00	Dinner	5:00	Dinner		
		6:00	Consultation		
7:00	Fellowship Hour	7:00	Missionary Service: Pierce (offering, film)		
8:00	Walker				
10:30	Prayer time	10:30	Prayer time		

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