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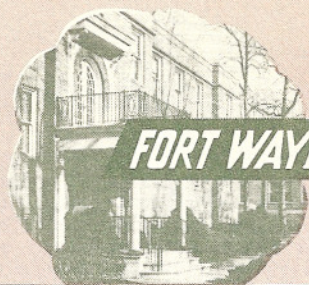


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And God Came!

The Fort Wayne Premier performance of the Christmas Oratorio "And God Came" by our own beloved Dr. Rene Frank, will be performed on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. in Founders Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Richard Elmer, Assistant Professor of Music will direct the F.W.B.C. Oratorio Chorus and Orchestra. The choir will also perform the Oratorio over WANE-TV, Fort Wayne on Thursday, December 14 at 10:30 p.m.

Dr. Frank describes this wonderful witness of our Saviour's love as follows:

"My supreme wish for this work is that it may lead contemporary men toward a more sincere devotion for our Lord Jesus Christ and that it may put before us in a new way the wonder of God coming to redeem us."

"My last several major compositions had dwelt on Christ's atoning work—the cross. Works such as the "Passion Symphony" and "Triptych of Heavenly Love" demanded not only the usual exertion of any kind of creative activity, but the tremendous impact of compassion and identification."

"There were several reasons that directed me to plan for the composition of a Christmas Oratorio, and the opportunity came during my sabbatical leave of absence in the fall of 1958."

"At the shore of placid Lago Maggiore in Switzerland the needed quiet was finally provided for the concentrated effort that resulted in this oratorio."

"Its title stresses the connection with the Old Testament. While "in the beginning, God created..." He went even further when He actually came to earth. The wonder of the incarnation then is the central theme, and so John 1:1 suggested itself as the text for an opening chorus."

"As the oratorio "And God Came" is presented, may it not be said of our hearts that "there was no room" for Him!"

Outstanding Men Scheduled For Pastors' Institute

An outstanding group of men will converge on Fort Wayne for the Pastors' Institute and Missions Retreat planned for January 8-12. The annual event is sponsored by the Evangelical Mennonite Church, the Missionary Church Association and Fort Wayne Bible College. All meetings are held at First Missionary Church.

Featured speakers include Dr. James DeForest Murch, formerly Managing Editor of *Christianity Today*, and Editor of *United Evangelical Action Magazine*, Dr. Nathan Bailey, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Dr. Jared F. Gerig, President of Fort Wayne Bible College and Dr. Edward Simpson, Chairman of the Division of Christian Ministries at F.W.B.C. and President of the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Colleges.



Pastor Vlot representing the host church, Clarence Gerig of the M.C.A. and Dr. Simpson of the college make plans for the Pastors' Institute.

From the President's Pen

Rev. Jared F. Gerig



Unto Us A Child Is Born

Christmas comes once again and it is a privilege to wish the many friends of Fort Wayne Bible College the highest joys and the richest blessings of this glorious season.

The prophecy of Isaiah, written seven centuries or more before Christ, comes again with freshness to remind us of redemption realities. The heart of Christmas is shut up in these words, "Unto us a child is born." Someone has well said, "This Child was left on everyone's door-step." He was born unto us, every one of us, and we must open the door and take Him in.

This Child was a Son. "Unto us a son is given." He was the Son of God and through this birth became the Son of Man. This was God manifest in the flesh, born of a woman, and coming into our world. He was the God-man, Son of God and Son of Man.

This Child was a Sovereign. "The government shall be upon his shoulder....Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it, with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." This dangerous and riotous world groans for the day when Christ shall reign. The hope of the church mounts and the cry ascends upward, "Even so come, Lord Jesus." The only answer for the world is the government of God.

This Child was a Saviour. The incarnation was for the purpose of redemption. Joseph was told, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." The angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." This was "the good tidings of great joy" to not only the Jews but to all people. What a message this is for our day and for this generation of frightened and frustrated people. There is a Saviour! He is Christ the Lord!

What assurance comes to us in the further words of Isaiah, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." All that is involved in the scheme of redemption will come to pass because God has set Himself to accomplish it. His zeal will perform it.

May Christmas mean Christ to you, and may we all with joy anticipate His coming again.

around campus

Bloodmobile Visits Campus

The Red Cross bloodmobile visited campus on Nov. 1 and collected 128 pints of blood from students, faculty and staff. The Red Cross staff was kept so busy that six donors were not able to give that day, and were to go to the Red Cross Blood Center to give.

Coach Oswald H. Morley took the record in giving, donating over 10 gallons (83 pints) in his lifetime.

The Red Cross is thrilled by the response of the Bible College, and it is a testimony to our community of our concern for those about us.



Mrs. Richard Elmer awards scholarship as Mrs. James Beltz looks on.

Women's Auxiliary Awards \$100

The F.W.B.C. Women's Auxiliary has awarded \$100 to Stanley Kobayashi at its annual Fall Membership Tea on October 24. Stan is a Senior in Pastoral training from Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii. He studied for two years at the University of Hawaii before coming to F.W.B.C.

Six from Faculty Attend ICHE

Six members of the administration of F.W.B.C. attended the Indiana Conference of Higher Education at Purdue University, Nov. 8-10. This was a joint conference of the following groups: Indiana College Public Relations Association, Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Indiana College and University Business Officers, Indiana Student Personnel Association, and the Student Health Association.

Attending were Dr. Gerig, Dr. Byrne, Mr. Eicher, Mr. Harter, Mr. Welty and Mr. Hoatson.

Enrollment Up

Enrollment at F.W.B.C. set a new record for the second year in a row. There are 379 students enrolled, up 4.7 per cent from last fall's record of 362 students. In addition, 15 are in nurses training as part of the missionary nursing program. Most of these are enrolled at Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

There are 301 full time students and 78 part-time students. Of these, 157 are men and 222 are women.

Of 154 new students entering this fall, 21 are transfer students from other colleges and 117 are freshmen, making the freshman class the largest in B.C. history.

Students have come from 25 states, Canada, Honduras, and Jamaica. There are 29 denominations represented: 126 are M.C.A., 54 Baptist, 31 C. and M.A., 22 Methodist, 15 Christian Union, and 10 each are Evangelical Mennonite, Mennonite and Nazarene.

A marked upward trend is shown in enrollment in four fields. The Bible and Theology department shows a 24.4 per cent gain, the Missions department had a 13.3 per cent gain, the Christian Education department increased 24 per cent and the Elementary Education department is up 5.6 per cent. Within departments there is a noticeable trend toward the longer and stronger courses. For example, more students are choosing the 5-year Bachelor of Theology program and the Pastoral Training program. In missions there is more desire for the B.S. program than the B.A. program.

The increase in enrollment has necessitated using one of the faculty apartments for a women's dorm, and moving many upperclass men and women off campus into nearby private homes. Additional classroom space was necessary, and the First Missionary Church came to the rescue with permission to use classrooms in their educational unit and the sanctuary itself for Oratorio Chorus rehearsals. This increase in enrollment points up the growing need for an expansion in facilities envisioned on South Campus. With the addition of the Administration Building we would have new classrooms available and more dormitory space for women on the first floor of Bethany Hall where administration offices are now located.

Band Concert & Recital

The Fort Wayne Bible College Band under the direction of Robert Myers, Instructor in Music, will give a concert on Friday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Memorial Auditorium. Also, selected student musical artists will present recitals at this concert which is open to the public without charge.



Frank Johnson and Edgar Bradley of P.F. Collier, Inc. award twin checks for \$1,000 to James Huff and Dr. Gerig.

A Scholarship PLUS

The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to James Huff, sophomore transfer student from Hamilton, Ohio. Mr. Frank Johnson of Colliers awarded the scholarship on Nov. 8 and then turned right around and awarded a \$1,000 matching grant to the President of the college.

James Huff was awarded the scholarship after spending the summer working with Colliers Encyclopedia college summer sales program. It was one of 14 such scholarship-grants awarded this year. Huff had the highest number of sales in his region.

"I can certainly praise the Lord for what He has done this past summer, and say with Paul 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'" Huff says he would not be able to attend F.W.B.C. without this scholarship. He is a pastoral training major, preparing for youth work such as with Youth For Christ.

Year's Budget is \$1/3 Million

The Governing Board has approved a current operating expense budget estimated at \$360,686 for the 1961-62 fiscal year. This is over \$16,000 more than actually spent in the fiscal year 1960-61. Of last year's actual budget less than 11 per cent came from sources other than fees. This is very low compared with other private church-related colleges which have about 35 per cent of their current expenses met through outside sources.

In order to maintain and improve the quality of education at F.W.B.C. in the face of rising enrollment, many new contributors are sought. The Living Endowment Program has been designed to help meet these current expenses.

The new Living Endowment calendar is being readied for distribution and should be mailed in December. If you wish to support F.W.B.C. send a card or letter to the President and he will be glad to send you further information.



Ambassadors' Prospects

by Coach Oswald H. Morley

This year's team will not only be a small team, but will also be inexperienced. Three of last year's regulars will be missing from the line-up, as well as one letter winner who saw a great deal of action. Although they are still in college, work schedules have made it necessary to forego basketball.

Two regulars from last year, Paul Mays and Duane Ford, will be the core around which the team will be built. Height is a missing ingredient. Dave Berggren, a sophomore who was on last year's squad at 6'5" and Steve Morley, a freshman at 6'2" are the only players over 6 feet tall.

Robert Moening, a freshman guard, will be an effective offensive and defensive player. Another freshman, Dick Emerick, will get to see a lot of action along with Darryl Congas, also a freshman. A little experience should see a lot of improvement in these boys.

1961-62 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 11	Bethel (away)
Nov. 18	Oakland City (away)
Nov. 25	Moody
Dec. 2	Bethel
Dec. 5	Grace Seminary
Jan. 6	Trinity
Jan. 19	Kentucky Christian
Jan. 23	Oakland City (away)
Jan. 27	Spring Arbor (away)
Feb. 3	Bethel (away)
Feb. 6	Grace Seminary (away)
Feb. 10	Giffin
Feb. 16	Moody (away)
Feb. 17	Trinity (away)
Feb. 24	Spring Arbor

All home games are played at the Fort Wayne State School gym, 801 E. State Blvd., and start at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge for those who wish to attend.



Had Christ Not Come . . .

Had Christ not come to earth,
Life would have no worth--
No balm for sorrow,
No peace to borrow,
No joy without measure,
No song and no pleasure,
No light along the way--
To guide us night and day,
No hope for tomorrow,
But all this--if we follow
CHRIST, who is coming again--
With POWER and GLORY to reign.

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