

Evangelistic Meetings

Griffin, IN—March 16-21 with Sonny Childs, evangelist, and Brothers In Christ from Keensburg, IL, song evangelists. Elton E. Carlson, host minister.

Changes of Ministry

Kirk Langston concluded a five-year ministry with the Jamestown, IN, church and began a ministry with the Borderview church of Elizabethton, TN, April 1.

Anniversaries

Gary and Janet Jenkins began their 20th year of ministry with the Harmony church of Choctaw, OK, April 2.

Jeff Hinson began his second year of ministry with the Town & Country church of Shelbyville, IN, in February.

John McArthur began his fourth year of ministry with Central church of Charleston, IL, March 15.



Lamar Tillman recently celebrated 50 years in the ministry. For the past 14 years, he has ministered with the Capella Church of Christ in King, NC. The church gave him a good-natured roasting at Poplar Springs Church of Christ's Family Life Center in King, and he was presented with gifts and a cruise to the Bahamas. A graduate of Roanoke Bible College in Elizabeth City, NC, Tillman has also held ministries in Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. Mr. Tillman and his wife, Susan, have three children: Jennifer (deceased), Curtis, and Thomas.

Odis and Sharon Clark began their 28th year of ministry with the Indian Hills church in Danville, KY, in February.

The Watonga (OK) Christian Church will celebrate her 100th anniversary May 3 and 4 with the theme "To God Be the Glory." Several Christians in the community helped to start the church. They pur-

Two Churches Unite in Florida

Two relatively new churches in Bradenton, FL, have united to become a single congregation.

New Hope Christian Church, which began in October 2000, has joined with **Faith Christian Church**, which has been in existence about seven years.

In the months leading up to the unification, Faith had experienced explosive growth, reports George Fisher, formerly senior minister with New Hope (he now serves in the ministry areas of counseling, recovery, small groups, and leadership development with the larger Faith church).

Faith had recently purchased 25 acres and dedicated the first phase of her new building in March 2001. A larger staff was needed to handle the growth and to offer new forms of ministry.

New Hope, meanwhile, had been meeting in a school and needed a permanent facility to minister more effectively. Several New Hope folks had been praying for God's leading, and a Saturday night prayer team had begun meeting to seek direction and God's blessing for the church.

About this time, Faith senior minister Scott Clark called Fisher to discuss a minor item, and then said, "I really think we need to get together and talk about merging our churches. God has been laying this as a burden on my heart."

The men had more conversations; then there were meetings between staff of both churches and meetings that included Faith's elders and members of New Hope's steering committee. There was much prayer and then a getting-to-know-you session. Ultimately the decision was made to move forward.

One of the blessings of uniting the churches is how the staff has come together. The two staff members from New Hope offer ministry strengths that were needed at Faith (which also had two on staff). The leadership styles are complementary, as well. The Faith congregation has grown, and the church can now offer more not only to its members, but also to the community.

Clark is serving as lead minister.

Most members of the churches have reacted positively to the union, and there has been renewed enthusiasm among volunteer workers.

Fisher writes that there were two key concerns throughout the process. "The consideration was not what church's name would continue; instead, the key goal was putting together a strong congregation that would be able to offer more effective ministry. The second key motive was the ability to reach a growing community with the gospel of Jesus. As we have often said, 'It's all about Jesus!'"

chased a building site at Third and Noble streets, where the church building is still located. The church was incorporated in April 1903 by the Territory of Oklahoma. The church had additional major building projects in 1946, 1960, 1967, 1994, and 1998. The church invites all her friends to attend the celebration. Contact the church at P.O. Box 509, Watonga, OK 73772; phone, (580) 623-7600.

Conventions

Rick Atchley will be one of three daily Bible-study leaders each morning at this summer's **North American Christian Convention**, July 8-11, Indianapolis, IN. (The other Bible-study leaders, David R. Reagan and Liz Curtis Higgs, were an-



nounced in a special NACC edition of **CHRISTIAN STANDARD**, Feb. 16.) Atchley has been preaching minister with the Richland Hills Church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX, since 1989. He has received two degrees from Abilene

(TX) Christian University and has written three books. His articles have appeared in several journals, and he is a popular speaker. "Atchley offers challenging ideas with a homespun common sense that will speak to convention-goers," said Mark A. Taylor, editor of **CHRISTIAN STANDARD**.

Deaths

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. . . . they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them" (Revelation 14:13, New International Version).

Eugene K. Wilson, 82, and his wife, **Mattie L. Wilson**, 81, died in a one-vehicle accident Feb. 23 south of Galena, KS. Mr. Wilson was born April 30, 1920, in Robertson County, KY, the oldest son of the late Elmo F. and Maude M. Wilson. He graduated from Cincinnati (OH) Bible Seminary in 1948. He married Mattie Lee Workman Dec. 21, 1940, in Latonia, KY. Mr. Wilson served in the Army during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart for combat in Germany. He was ordained into the Christian ministry by the Christian Church in Brooksville, KY, on June 13, 1950. He served as minister with churches in Milford, Gardnersville, and Elizaville, KY; Ripley, OH; Texhoma, OK; Wymore, NE; and Madison, Galena, and Crestline, KS. In 1972 he became the director for development and stewardship for Revival Fires Ministry in Joplin, MO. In 1982 and 1983, he worked in public relations and as director of "Feed the Children" for the Larry Jones Evangelistic Association in Oklahoma City, OK. He was field representative for the Christian Tech College in Joplin, MO, 1987-1993. Mrs. Wilson was born April 1, 1921, in Bracken County, KY, the youngest daughter of Willis and Letitia Workman. A retired hairdresser and beautician, she was self-employed for more than 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were preceded in death by their oldest son, Eugene K. Wilson Jr. They are survived by two sons, John Mark of Walnut, CA, and Homer Daniel of Baxter Springs, KS; five grand-

children; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted Feb. 27 at First Christian Church in Galena. Memorial contributions may be made to Ozark Christian College, Joplin, MO.

Jonas M. Seevers Sr. died on his 82nd birthday Jan. 23 at his home in Reynoldsburg, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Princess Mason Seevers; three brothers; and an infant sister. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanna Lauer Seevers; three sons (all active ministers), J. Mason Jr. of Cincinnati, OH, Steven L. of Reynoldsburg, and Charles E. of Philadelphia, PA; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Don of Belpre, OH; and one aunt. Mr. Seevers was an active member of Madison Christian Church, Groveport, OH, and a former elder and teacher. He started and was still active with the Golden Buckeye seniors' organization at the church. He also had served on the board of directors with the Kentucky Evangelism Association, Virginia Evangelism Fellowship, and was a founding elder of Antioch Church of Christ in Manassas, VA. He was a World War II veteran in the South Pacific and retired as chief warrant officer with the Army Reserves. He was employed in the shoe business for H. Childs Company for 37 years. His funeral was Jan. 31 at Madison Christian Church, with Paul Barnes and some of Mr. Seevers' relatives officiating. The graveside service and burial were at Marietta, OH.

Report From Colleges

Louisville (KY) Bible College initiated its "Building a Faithful Future" campaign with banquets at the church in Crothersville, IN, on April 22 and at the Anderson church, Lawrenceburg, KY, on April 24. The campaign is to enhance the school's ministry of education and evangelism. The May modules have been assigned as well. For more information, call (502) 231-5221.

Personals

Joani Tabor of Roanoke, VA, spoke or presented concerts in the following places in March: Irvington and Semmes, AL; Charleston, SC; Valdese and Granite Falls, NC; Roanoke, VA; and Nicholasville, KY.

On Feb. 13, **Ron Riley**, minister with the church in Logan, led the opening prayers for the Iowa State Senate and House of Representatives. **Rick Powell** of the Logan church sang "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb." They were the special guests of state Rep. Paul Wilderdyke, a member of the Logan church.

Our Exchange

Churches using this service of the CHRISTIAN STANDARD are urged to investigate and thoroughly examine all applications before calling ministers.

We regret that we cannot carry announcements offering investment opportunities.

Needs of Schools

Christian school is seeking high school teachers in the areas of physical science (physics, chemistry) and math. Contact: Lezlee Knowles, Administrator, Tree of Life Christian Schools, 935 Northridge Rd., Columbus, OH 43224; phone, (614) 263-2688; fax, (614) 263-6450.

Other Wants

Countryside Christian Church, 2301 Moody Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478/922-4980) would like to purchase an audio tape duplicator for the church.

Miscellaneous

New Hope Christian Church of Crawfordsville, IN, has 70 copies of *Hymns of the Living Church*, published in 1974 by Hope Publishing. The books, which are in good to fair condition, are free to anyone willing to pay the cost of shipping. Contact the church at (765) 362-0098.



Among the Churches

Meet Standard Publishing personnel as they participate in special services and programs in your area. Look for the Standard display at the area conventions/meetings listed.

David Faust

May 4—Buchanan (MI) Church of Christ.

May 26—Memorial Day Service, Pricetown (OH) Church of Christ.

Kay Moll

May 2—Ladies' Tea, Bethany Christian Church, Kettering, OH.

May 3 (morning)—Women's Day, Forest Dale Church of Christ, Cincinnati, OH.

May 3 (evening)—Mother-Daughter Banquet, Spring Hill Church of Christ, Middletown, OH.



On the Web

This week's treatment of the International Sunday School Lesson (for May 4) is written by **Linda Ahlgrim**, director of children's ministry with Rocky Mountain Christian Church in Longmont, CO. The lesson, entitled "Jesus Honors Bold Faith," is taken from Mark 7:24-37. It is available online at www.christianstandard.com.