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1998 Rosedale Chorale

*M*usic at RBI—a look at memories of past chorales, thoughts from alumni involved in music and the perspectives of current chorale members...

Making A Joyful Noise!

by Jennifer Miller

Music has played a significant role throughout RBI's history, whether it has been spontaneous singing or organized groups such as gospel teams, chorus and chorale. Many students have come to RBI over the years just to participate in the music program. Ken Miller is in his second year as chorale director and music instructor at RBI. He feels that there are several purposes for the music classes and chorale: "The music program provides students with necessary tools and skills to serve as competent musicians in churches

and other places of ministry. Chorale gives the students a chance to learn and perform choral music in a formal setting. It also provides an opportunity for students to get out into various churches to minister and see a broader spectrum of Mennonite churches." Current chorale member Joy Helmuth expresses what she has learned musically: "(I've learned) how to work together with every other musical part to make beautiful music. If one person or part is off doing their own thing it throws the whole piece off."

Alumni Profile

Music plays an important role in Duane Hershberger's (77, 79) life. He serves as worship leader and one of the pastors at Americus Mennonite Church in Americus, Georgia. Duane describes the style of worship at his church as a combination of spirituals, hymns, and contemporary praise songs.

While at RBI, Duane took every music class offered by former music instructor Lloyd Kauffman, and he credits RBI for helping to confirm that he wanted to continue in music. In addition to music classes, Duane enjoyed participating in chorale and singing in an unofficial school trio with two other students, Paul Kurtz and Leon Miller. He remembers a humorous chorale incident: "We were giving a program, and when Lloyd had us go around and say where we were from, chorale decided to give strange names close to where we were from. I remember the look on Lloyd's face." Duane recalls a memory from the trio: "Leon, Paul and I sang at nearby Shekinah Christian School and we were all sick. We were well enough to go sing, but not well enough to go back and attend classes."

After RBI, Duane continued his musical education, graduating from Millersville



University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Music Theory and Composition.

In addition to his role as church worship leader, Duane also enjoys some other musical involvements. He ran a coffee house for awhile, performing jazz, blues and acoustic styles of vocal music. He currently sings with a band, along with two other "middle-aged men" (Duane's words), performing contemporary pop/oldies songs for weddings and other gatherings.

Duane is employed at Habitat for Humanity as a distribution services manager. His responsibilities include shipping out between 150-200 packages of informational materials each day and coordinating the mail. (No, he does not know Jimmy Carter personally.) Duane's wife Ruth is a nurse at their local hospital. The Hershbergers are enjoying their three children: Ben (12), Heidi (9) and Carson (5).

When alumni recall their musical memories at RBI, one name comes to mind for the majority—Lloyd Kauffman. Lloyd came to RBI to teach music in the fall of 1972 and began directing the chorale that year. He was at RBI for 23 years. He recalls one of his more memorable experiences as chorale director: "We were touring the Mormon tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the tour guide let us sneak up on to the platform between guided tours to sing a couple of songs. We sang one phrase, and I thought the sound seemed awfully small until we stopped and heard this reverb keep coming back. It was interesting to be in a place that is so well known and to be able to feel the marvelous acoustics of the place." Lloyd also recalls times when he felt that the chorale really ministered: "The first year, we sang at a small church in St. Petersburg, Florida, with many retirees. I didn't know how the choral-style program would connect. Afterwards an older man came up and said with tears how one song meant so much to him, 'Go Not Far From Me Oh God', particularly the line, 'cast me not away from you in my age when my strength faileth me.' It stood out to me because it was so unexpected in that

setting." Another experience took place in eastern Germany a year and a half after Communism collapsed. The chorale sang in an old church where Martin Luther had frequently preached, located in Herzberg, a short distance from Luther's home in Wittenberg. The chorale was told that they were the first Americans to ever sing there. Lloyd recalls, "The program felt tentative at first, but felt more comfortable as we continued...Some of the older people connected with the older German hymns. We concluded with 'Take Thou My Hand, O Father' and the pastor came up to dismiss the group, but no one moved. He said something like, 'Maybe our hearts are too full to leave.' Everyone just sat there for two or three minutes." A similar experience took place in the mid-seventies when the group was invited to sing at Fairbanks High School, near Rosedale. "I was apprehensive about singing for public high school students. We closed with a quiet prayer song and afterwards it was deathly quiet, but it was a connecting sort of silence. To me it was a greater compliment than if there had been a lot of applause."

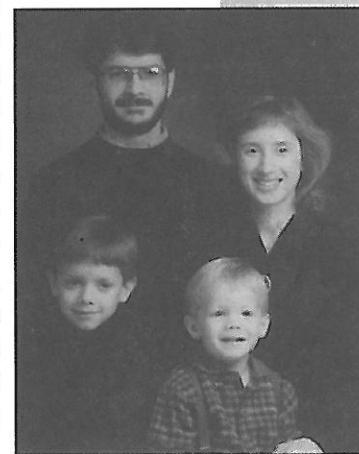
What was one of the funniest experiences? Lloyd remembers the time that the chorale was beginning a program at a church in Oregon. Just after Lloyd had conducted the opening song (from the back) and the pastor asked people to stand for prayer, an usher called him to the phone. Lloyd's mother-in-law had not been well when they had left for tour, so he was worried as he picked up the receiver. The caller was Betty (Schrock) Wilkins, his next door neighbor, with a question: "Who did you say you wanted to give your cherries to?" She had miscalculated the time and didn't realize she was interrupting the program. Lloyd remembers, "I tried to keep from howling as I hurried up the side to the front, getting there just as people were being seated again. For most of the

first part of the program I had to struggle to keep my concentration."

Tight schedules, nervousness about not being ready for the first program and broken-down buses have all been part of the chorale experience. Lloyd recalls the bus breaking down near Archbold, Ohio: "When I finally got to a phone we moved the evening program back two hours and I arranged with a friend who lived nearby for a church bus and motor home to take us to southwestern Michigan, still over three hours away. When we got to the church, the door of the motor home jammed and we couldn't get out for another 15 minutes! The church had been packed at the original starting time, but not as many people came back. We quickly lined up and sang in our street clothes. One song in the program had a major narration part and just before going in I noticed that the narrator had a Mickey Mouse T-shirt on—hardly fitting the mood of the song! Someone quickly gave him a jacket to put on over it."

Over the years the chorale has travelled to many parts of the United States and through much of Europe. Current chorale member Sabrina Funk, who was also in chorale last year, says that the tours have been the highlight of her experience. "I enjoyed seeing different parts of the country as well as visiting new churches and getting to know new people—the whole time being surrounded by some of my best friends."

Second year chorale member Arlin Sauder reflects on what he has learned spiritually through his chorale experience: "Our musical praise to God is timeless. From the hymn authors of centuries ago to the writers of today, the praise of God continues. Through music, any life can be touched with the love of God."



Alumni Profile

Since attending RBI for the 1977-78 school year, **Regina Yutzy-Wolfer** has kept busy with a musical career. Although Regina currently stays home full-time to home-school her children, she was a music teacher for ten years,

mostly at the elementary level. Even now she has many opportunities to use her musical abilities at church and in giving private piano lessons.

Taking the music courses offered by RBI and singing in chorale provided a background for Regina to go on for further training: she studied Music Education, receiving a bachelor's degree from Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, and a master's degree

from Jackson University, Jackson, Mississippi. While working on her graduate degree, she obtained a teaching assistant (T.A.) position at the university as a minority because she was white. This later helped her get a teaching job at a school in Chicago that was 98% African-American.

Besides chorale and the classes at RBI that gave her a background to continue her musical education, Regina gained confidence and experience by the opportunity to accompany students in their private voice lessons and to play for chorale. She says another good opportunity happened after RBI when she accompanied the Harvest Singers, a touring group that represented Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

Another very positive experience for Regina at RBI was learning to know her husband Terry. Regina and Terry now live in South Carolina where Terry teaches in the social work program at the graduate level at the University of South Carolina. They attend Columbia Christian Fellowship, an evangelical, interdenominational, interracial church. Terry and Regina have two sons: Matthew, 9 and David, almost 5.

Regina sums up her experience at RBI: "I'm thankful for the year I had at Rosedale. It's been a wonderful foundation."

Did You Know...

➤ **Glen Sell**, counselor, evangelist with Gateway Ministries and RBI instructor for twelve years, completed his last term at RBI on February 12. Glen has taught Principles and Techniques in Counseling for years, bringing his wealth of counseling experience into the classroom and enriching students' lives at RBI. Glen's wife Ethel has also contributed to RBI with assisting in the kitchen for many years. Recently the administrative council held a reception to give faculty and staff the opportunity to honor the Sells. They will be greatly missed by the RBI community.

➤ RBI is seeking people for the following positions for the 1998-99 school year: **maintenance and custodial personnel, receptionist, bookstore manager, nurse; dietary assistants.** These positions can be VS or salaried; applicants may be single or married. Classes are available. Interested individuals should contact Business Manager Alfred Yoder by phone at 740-857-1311, by fax at 740-857-1577 or by e-mail at rosedalebible@juno.com.

➤ RBI's annual **Leadership Seminar** was held November 17-21. Speakers were John Drescher, Ervin Stutzman and Leon Zimmerman and Rhoda Showalter. Approximately 130 attendees were challenged by the week of messages.

➤ Academic Dean **Jon Showalter**, accompanied by his wife Dawn, spent most of the month of December in Kenya as part of RBI's Kenyan Extension. This outreach has been conducted annually since 1983 in partnership with the Regions Beyond School of Ministry. Jon taught two courses: Christian Apologetics and Theology. Jon and Dawn enjoyed visiting many of the Kenyan students who have come to RBI over the years and were challenged by the sincerity and commitment level of the believers there.



Salt and Light Co.



The Salt & Light Co., a music/drama ministry team from RBI plans to tour during June 6-July 20, 1998 in the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota and Wisconsin. If you are from one of these areas and would like to see if Salt & Light Co. could give a program at your church, please contact Phyllis Benner at (740) 857-1312.

Rosedale Chorale Itinerary

The 32-member Rosedale Chorale, directed by Ken Miller, will be touring this spring with a musical repertoire designed to appeal to a wide variety of audiences. Their itinerary is as follows:

Mar. 18 (p.m.)	Turkey Run Mennonite Church, Logan, OH
Mar. 21 (p.m.)	Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church, Middlebury, IN
Mar. 22 (a.m.)	Griner Conservative Mennonite Church, Middlebury, IN
Mar. 22 (p.m.)	Sunrise Chapel, Harlan, IN
Mar. 25 (a.m.)	Shekinah Christian School, Plain City, OH
Mar. 28 (p.m.)	Berea Mennonite Church, Cannelburg, IN
Mar. 29 (a.m.)	First Mennonite Church, Montgomery, IN
Mar. 29 (a.m.)	Bethel Mennonite Church, Odon, IN
Mar. 29 (p.m.)	Lexington Mennonite Church, Lexington, KY
Apr. 3 (afternoon)	Lake Center Christian School, Hartville, OH
Apr. 3 (p.m.)	Cornersone Mennonite Church, Hartville, OH
Apr. 4 (p.m.)	Allensone Mennonite Church, Allensone, PA
Apr. 5 (a.m.)	Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, PA
Apr. 5 (p.m.)	Mountain View Mennonite Chapel, Reedsville, PA
Apr. 6 (a.m.)	Stony Brook Mennonite Church, York, PA
Apr. 6 (p.m.)	Lancaster Mennonite High School, Lancaster, PA
Apr. 6 (p.m.)	Metzler Mennonite Church, Akron, PA
Apr. 7 (a.m.)	Linville Hill Mennonite School, Paradise, PA
Apr. 7 (p.m.)	Greenwood Mennonite Church, Greenwood, DE
Apr. 8 (a.m.)	Greenwood Mennonite High School, Greenwood, DE
Apr. 8 (p.m.)	Dayspring Mennonite Church, Catlett, VA
Apr. 9 (p.m.)	Providence Mennonite Church, Chesapeake, VA
Apr. 10 (afternoon)	Powhatan Mennonite Church School, Powhatan, VA
Apr. 10 (p.m.)	Dayton Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA
Apr. 11 (p.m.)	Cherry Glade Mennonite Church, Accident, MD
Apr. 12 (a.m.)	Oak Dale Mennonite Church, Salisbury, PA
Apr. 12 (p.m.)	United Bethel Mennonite Church, Plain City, OH

ROSEDALE BIBLE INSTITUTE

announces the 1998

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

April 24-26, 1998

A special invitation to the following classes:

- **Classes of '92 & '93**
(five and six year reunions)
- **Classes of '87 & '88**
(ten and eleven year reunions)
- **Classes of '77 & '78**
(twenty and twenty-one year reunions)
- **Classes of '67 & '68**
(thirty and thirty-one year reunions)
- **Classes of '57 & '58**
(forty and forty-one year reunions)

Activities include the RBI Spring Program featuring the Salt & Light Company, the Rosedale Chorale and drama teams. Please register by phone at (740) 857-1311, by fax at (740) 857-1577 or by e-mail at rosedalebible@juno.com.

Accreditation Update

Rosedale Bible Institute recently reached candidacy status in its ongoing pursuit of accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC).

President Leon Zimmerman and Academic Dean Jonathan Showalter met late in February with the AABC's Commission on Accreditation, and learned shortly afterward that candidacy had been granted. "We are pleased to have reached this important milestone," President Zimmerman observed. "The process has already benefited RBI significantly, and we look forward to being accredited in four years. I believe that RBI's effectiveness as a junior Bible college will continue to be enhanced by our association with AABC."

50's News

Louella Yoder (53), Kalona, IA, worked as a nurses' aide her local hospital for 27 years, retiring in 1989. She attends Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church and enjoys helping at church quiltings. Louella also volunteers her time as a tour guide at the Mennonite Museum. Louella has good memories of her six-week experience at Berlin Bible School. She recalls staying with a family of eight, singing in chorus and traveling with a gospel team. Course highlights were *Christian Evidences* with Willard Mayer and *Romans* with Andrew Farmwald.

70's News

In January, 1998, **Joanna (Keener) (78)** and John **Colby**, along with their four children, moved to Guyana, South America, to work as church planters with UFM International.

Dorcas Layman (76, 87, 94) received a Master of Arts degree in Missions from Columbia Graduate School of Missions. She has been serving with the Northern Youth Programs in Dryden, Ontario, since 1982. Dorcas' ministry involves traveling with Clair and Clara Schnupp to assist them in their ministry in Native American and Inuit (Eskimo) communities in North and Central America.

In August, 1997, **Shirley Miller (71, 72, 75, 82)** of Greenwood, DE, moved to Ukraine for a two-year mission term with the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. Shirley is a Mission Associate with Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

80's news

Jeana Driver (89) is in her second year on staff at Mercy Ship School of Christ in Lindale, Tex. She also works part-time at a local hospital in Tyler, TX. Jeana says, "I really enjoy what I am doing."

Cheryl (Sell) (80) and **Joe Hollinger** are serving as church workers in Wales with Gateway Evangelistic Ministries and are associate missionaries with Eastern Mennonite Missions. This past summer they were in the U.S. for a three-month leave.

90's news

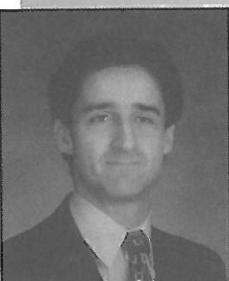
Conrad Hertzler (97), from Greenwood, DE, is serving as a Choice Books Service Representative in Rosedale, OH. This is a one-year voluntary service assignment with Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

Robbie Keim (96, 97), from Sugarcreek, OH, recently served for six months with Rosedale Housing, Inc. as a voluntary service assignment with Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

Anthony Lyndaker (94, 96), from Plain City, OH, has been appointed as a Rosedale Mennonite Missions' missionary apprentice to work with the Shekinah Foundation in Manta, Ecuador for a ten-month term beginning in February of 1998.

Alumni Profile

Linford Herschberger (89-92) thoroughly enjoys his job teaching music and working in the junior high classroom at Pathway Christian School, an ACE school in Kalona, Iowa. "I enjoy helping students develop and grow—just seeing the



light in their eyes when they develop new skills. I love music and if I can do anything to help kids love music, that's what I want to be doing."

Linford describes RBI as a major stepping stone in his musical career. He graduated in RBI's two-year music and worship leadership program, then went to Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, for three more years, receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in music. While at RBI, Linford sang in chorale, chorus, and the Salt & Light Co., a music and drama team. As part of his program of study, he also was involved in lead-

Colleen Maust (96), from Leo, IN, has been appointed as a Rosedale Mennonite Missions' missionary apprentice to assist missionaries Dan and Lynelle Delagrange in Duran, Ecuador, for a two-year term beginning August, 1998.

Carla Miller (94), from Kalona, IA, is serving a one-year voluntary service term as a secretary for Rosedale Mennonite Missions, working in the SEND and personnel services departments.

Carmelita Miller (96), from Partridge, KS, is serving as Food Services Director at Rosedale Mennonite Missions' SEND Training Center in Columbus, OH, from February through November, 1998.

Trina Miller (95, 96), from Harlan, IN, spent six weeks this past summer with the Urban Ministry SWIM (Summer Witness in Missions) team to Columbus, OH.

Davy Slabaugh (91, 95), from Hartville, OH, is serving for one year as Rosedale Mennonite Missions' SEND Training Center Director in Columbus, OH.

Geoff Slabaugh (96), from Hartville, OH, spent six weeks this past summer with the Urban Ministry SWIM (Summer Witness in Missions) team to Columbus, OH. He has recently been appointed to lead the Spring '98 REACH team to Turkey.

Dave Yoder (96), from Uniontown, OH, is serving as team leader with Rosedale Mennonite Missions' REACH team to Phoenix, AZ. The Phoenix REACH team is a nine-month commitment which began in the fall of 1997.

Shawn Eicher (94), from Hicksville, OH, and **Brian Zook (94, 95)**, from Greenwood, DE, have been appointed to Rosedale Mennonite Missions' REACH team to Israel. Training for the team begins in March, 1998.

ing worship at an area church in a supervised, practical training experience. He reflects on this experience: "It helped me to look at myself, utilize my potential...and to make me more effective in many avenues of ministry."

Linford's involvement with music and RBI didn't end when he left Rosedale; for about one year he sang with a group of Cedarville students who had also been at Rosedale and had sung on chorale. The group gave an average of two programs per month, singing in churches that they had visited with chorale while at RBI.

Besides keeping a busy teaching schedule, Linford attends Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church in Kalona, where he sings on a four-member worship team. He shares one of his first memories of his time at RBI: "(I remember) walking into the chapel on a Sunday evening, seeing everybody singing their hearts out in a worship time led by an African student and thinking, 'Wow, this is worship!'"

This past fall, **Amy Hochstedler (95, 96)**, from Sioux Lookout, Ontario; **Carla Lozada (96)**, from Guayaquil, Ecuador and **Adam Stoll (96, 97)**, from Grabill, IN, traveled to Germany with Rosedale Mennonite Missions' REACH team for a six-month assignment.

The following RBI alumni served in Costa Rica as Rosedale Mennonite Missions' REACH team (a six month assignment): **Dion Peachy (96)** (team leader), from Belleville, PA; **Kristin Kauffman (97)**, from Guayaquil, Ecuador, and **José Matos (96, 97)**, from Amlin, OH.

Kathleen Shank (91, 93, staff: 95, 96, 97), from Greenwood, DE, is serving for one year in Russia as part of Rosedale Mennonite Missions' REACH team. Kathleen is the team leader. Other team members are **Rosanna Hursh (95)**, from Atmore, AL, and **Julie Weaver (97)**, from Reinholds, PA.

Births

Tammy (Wagler) (91) and **Darvis (90, 91) Beckler**, Sarasota, FL, announce the birth of Austin Shane on October 10, 1997. Austin is their second child and first son.

Elaine (Miller) (80, 81, 82, 87, 88-91 staff) and **Marvin (86, 89, 90, 91) Bender**, Leon, IA, announce the birth of Twila Rose on April 28, 1997. Twila is their third child and first daughter.

Jeana (Swartzentruber) (88, 89) and **Rick Beno**, Newark, DE, announce the birth of Kelsey Anne on November 21, 1997. Kelsey is their first child.

Ben (87) and **Lynette Fisher**, New Holland, PA, announce the birth of Austin Michael on October 17, 1997. Austin is their fourth child and second son.

Alumni News

Faculty Itinerary

Feb. 15-22	Alvin Yoder at Fairview Mennonite Church, Albany, OR.
Feb. 22-25	Glen Sell at Metamora Mennonite Church, Metamora, IL.
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	Glen Sell at Maple City Chapel, Goshen, IN.
Mar. 2-6	Willard Mayer at Keystone Bible Institute, Chambersburg, PA.
Mar. 8-13	Glen Sell at Grace Mennonite Church, Berlin, Ohio
Mar. 13-15	Elmer Lehman at Zion Mennonite Church, Pryor, OK.
Mar. 15-22	Willard Mayer at Palm Grove Mennonite Church, Sarasota, FL.
Mar. 22-25	Glen Sell at Line Lexington Mennonite Church, Line Lexington, PA.
Mar. 27-29	Eric Kouns at Midway Mennonite Church, Columbiana, Ohio
Mar. 27-29	Elmer Lehman at Roselawn Mennonite Church, Middlebury, IN.
April 5-8	Alvin Yoder at Hinkletown Mennonite Church, Ephrata, PA.
April 5-8	Willard Mayer at Pine Ridge Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN.
April 5-9	Leon Zimmerman at Johnsville Conservative Mennonite Church, Johnsville, Ohio
Apr. 5-12	Glen Sell at Longnecker Mennonite Church, Winesburg, PA.
Apr. 10-12	Eric Kouns at Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Chambersburg, PA.
Apr. 19-26	Glen Sell at Erb Mennonite Church, Lititz, PA.
May 3-10	Glen Sell at Meadowview Mennonite Church, Lansing, NC.
May 17-21	Glen Sell at Green Terace Mennonite Church, Wernersville, PA.
May 31-June 2	Jon Showalter at Hinkletown Mennonite Church, Ephrata, PA.

Wanda (Slabaugh) (83, 84) and Arlen (83, 84) Gerig, Hayward, WI, announce the birth of Collin Jay on November 20, 1997. Collin is their third son.

Nathan (86) and Karen Gerig, Lebanon, OR, announce the birth of Taylor Grant on January 9, 1998. Taylor is their fourth child and third son.

Regina (Miller) (93) and Dwane (93) Glick, Atmore, AL, announce the birth of Jessica Danae on May 2, 1997. Jessica is their second child and first daughter.

Lila (Hoover) (84, 92, 93) and Wendell (84, 92, 93) Gruber, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, announce the birth of Isaiah Benson on January 7, 1998.

Barry (79) and Debby Gruber, Kalona, IA, announce the birth of Sheryl Katie on July 11, 1997. Sheryl is their sixth child and third daughter.

Lynette (Yousey) (86, 87) and Bruce Hartzler, Castorland, NY, announce the birth of Derek Jonathan on November 29, 1997. Derek is their third son.

Rhonda (Haltzman) (89, 90) and Doug Hartzler, Homestead, FL, announce the birth of Benjamin Daryl on December 3, 1997. Benjamin is their second child and second son.

Pamela (Neher) (82, 83, 85) and Marcelo Hernandez, Branson, MO, announce the birth of Bianca Michelle on September 12, 1997. Bianca joins one brother, Giovanni.

Mim (Stoltzfus) (85, 86) and Ben (82) Herr, Manheim, PA, announce the birth of Andrew Christian on October 31, 1997. Andrew joins one brother, Taylor. Ben completed his doctorate in clinical psychology in September of 1996, and is now working as a psychologist in a group practice in Manheim. Mim keeps busy with homemaking, teaching Sunday school and serving on church committees.

Sharla (Gingerich) (91) and Brian (86, 87, 88, 89) Hershberger, Mt. Dora, FL, announce the birth of Kelsey Jean on June 7, 1997. Kelsey is their second child and second daughter.

Rachel (Yoder) (90) and Greg Hobson, Wabash, IN, announce the birth of Joshua Richard on August 14, 1997. Joshua is their first child.

Gloria (Wenger) (85) and Jay Martin, Ephrata, PA, announce the birth of Jannah Larissa on February 1, 1998. Jannah is their second child and second daughter.

Kenneth (79) and Jennifer Miller, London, OH, announce the birth of Emilie Marie on February 14, 1998. Emilie is their fourth child and second daughter.

Becky (McCoy) (92, 93, 95) and Patrick Pryor, Lexington, KY, announce the birth of Gabriella Jo on December 13, 1997. Gabriella is their first child.

Mary (Borntrager) (86) and Craig Rufenacht, Archbold, OH, announce the birth of Evan Douglas on November 30, 1997. Evan is their first child.

Rowena (75) and Amos (73, 75) Stoltzfus, Morgantown, PA, announce their adoption of Dirgham Elias. Dirgham was born on March 31, 1993; he is their sixth child and fifth son.

Melody (Stoltzfus) (78, 80) and Mark (80) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, PA, announce the birth of Megan Gazelle on September 23, 1997. Megan is their sixth child and third daughter. The Stoltzfuses operate a dairy farm and enjoy teaching their children at home.

Sharon (Gingerich) (88, 89) and Vernon (82) Stoltzfus, Gap, PA, announce the birth of Tovi Benjamin on October 7, 1997. Tovi is their second child and second son.

LaRonda (Haltzman) (88) and Phil (88) Snader, Denver, PA, announce the birth of Chad Aaron on July 11, 1997. Chad is their first child.

MARRIAGES:

Susan Beiler (95) and Shawn Miller (95) were married on August 30, 1997 at Buffalo Mennonite Church, Lewisburg, PA. The couple is currently living in Plain City, OH, while Shawn is attending Cedarville College.

Melanie Eshleman (94) and Matt Miller (96) were married on September 6, 1997 in Stuarts Draft, VA. They are residing in Kalona, IA where Melanie works as secretary for Water For Life and Matt is employed at Gingerich Well and Pump in Kalona.

Donovan Gingerich (93) and Heather Kerschner, both from Riverview Mennonite Church in White Pigeon, MI, were married on January 3, 1998 at Sturgis Wesleyan Church in Sturgis, MI.

Vicki Gingerich (90, 91) and Gerald King (91) were married on November 15, 1997. They live in Cochranville, PA.

Katrina Kampen (95, 96) and Ryan Schrock (95) were married on March 8, 1997 at Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA. They are living in Goshen, IN.

Rollan Lehman (81) and Eileen Byler (formerly of Honeyville, IN) were married at Townline Mennonite Church, Shipshewanna, IN on November 8, 1997. They are now living on the Lehman family farm near Amity, OR. Eileen is a cook at Rock of Ages Mennonite Home in McMinnville and Rollan teaches Sunday school for the home's Sunday services.

Jennifer Peachey (96) of Mifflinburg, PA, and Dave Corderman were married on November 15, 1997. They are living in Turbotville, PA.

Jeff Smoker (88, 89) and Tammy High were married on June 21, 1997 at the home of the bride in Ephrata, PA. They now reside in Gap, PA.

David Yoder (94) and Robin Bontrager were married on May 3, 1997 in Blountstown, FL. They are living in Altha, FL.

Steve "Beaver" Yoder (94) and Michelle Hermann were married on October 25, 1997 in Marianna, FL. They are residing in Altha, FL.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Karla Helmuth (88) announces her engagement to Brian Rauch. They plan to be married on October 10, 1998. Karla is living in Hilliard, OH, and graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1996. Brian is from Pickerington, OH, and will graduate from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in May.

Ruth Yoder (96, 97) of Macon, MS, and **Jeff Ebersole (95, 96)** of Newville, PA, announce their engagement. They plan to be married on April 11, 1998.

Deaths

Charles Mast (68, 69, 70, 71) of Lititz, PA, died on May 15, 1997 from drowning in Ft. Myers, FL. He and his wife **Martha (Snavely) (69, 71)** were visiting their daughter, Darlene, who was in voluntary service in Immokalee, FL. He was 50 years old.



Renita Gail Derstine, three-year-old daughter of **Judy Lynn (Moyer) (86)** and **G. Edward Derstine**, died on November 10, 1997. She had been struggling with seizures ever since her six-month DPT immunization, and had difficulty recovering from a

severe seizure in May. She died at home in her sleep for unknown reasons. The Derstines have a 21-month-old son, Uriah Edward. They say, "We look forward to seeing Renita again someday."

Out of the Archives...



Members of the 1978 Chorale

Front row (from left): Miriam Brennenman, Larry Schlabach, Regina Yutzy, Paul Kurtz, Annet Beachy, Terry Wolfer, Sharon Rowe, Joe Byler. **Second row (from left):** Joy Overholt, Lynn Miller, Sara Burkey, Alfred Yoder, Dale Yoder, Debra Schrock, Craig Beachy, Marilyn Alger. **Third row (from left):** Nathaniel Peachey, Ardis Good, Max Zook, Ruth Borntrager, Rich Burkey, Janet Good, Ken Miller, Yvonne Schlabach. **Fourth row (from left):** Phil Weber, Rosetta Miller, Tom Horst, Annette Difffenbach, Jon Showalter, Regina Nisly, Steve Good, Joanna Keener, Steve Flora.

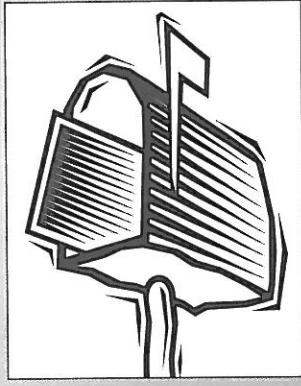
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Discernment Needed

by Leon Zimmerman, President

A few times this past academic year I found myself in a discussion in which a person was attempting to make a rather significant decision. In each case information from vastly different perspectives was part of the equation.



In one case, when contemporary Christian music was in question, two books were in consideration. One book clearly stated that contemporary Christian music, with its syncopated rock format, is *the* tool of the evil one to lure this generation to music that would warp our spiritual beings and deceive us. The other book, a response to the first one, presented the case that

contemporary Christian Music is *the* anointed tool of the Holy Spirit to lead this generation in a new wave of godly worship and to make the gospel message relevant to today's culture.

This phenomenon need not be limited to one subject. The same scenario is found in issues such as divorce and remarriage, women in leadership, playing with the "deck" of cards, use of computer

technology, etc, etc. In each case vastly differing positions are presented by Christians.

In the days of Jeremiah a similar situation existed. Jeremiah told the Jews who were not already in exile to submit to the Babylonians and allow them to take them into exile. He also reported, from the Lord, that the exile would last for seventy years. Other prophets, speaking as from the Lord, stated the opposite. They said the exile would be short lived and encouraged a non-submissive posture to the Babylonians. Most followed the "other" prophets who turned out to be false prophets. Life would have been much better had they listened to Jeremiah, but his word was not what they wanted to hear.

Probably the greatest need in today's pluralistic Christian world is discernment. Isaiah said, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (5.20). None of us wants to teach or counsel that something is of God when it's not or vice versa. We could be ministers of darkness while believing we are ministers of light. WOW!

Lord, grant us a full measure of Holy Spirit discernment for the living of these days.

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