

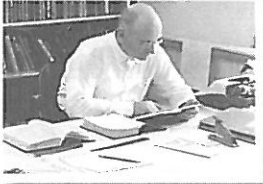
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April 26-28, 2002

Celebrating 50 Years At Rosedale Bible College!

HOW WE GOT HERE



REFLECTIONS ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF ROSEDALE BIBLE COLLEGE

For people like me, who are under forty-five years of age, Rosedale Bible College has always existed. Well, maybe not RBC, since RBC has technically existed only since last August when the ministers of Conservative Mennonite Conference voted to trade in the RBI label for a new one. But the name “Rosedale” is part of some of my earliest memories.

RBC wouldn’t have to exist. The fact that it does is a testimony to God’s faithfulness in planting and nurturing vision in the hearts of men and women, vision that results in action and blesses the church. How did it happen? Why is there a Mennonite Bible college in rural central Ohio? Why there instead of one of the many other places it could be? It’s healthy occasionally to reflect, to remember how we got to where we are today. If there’s any doubt about the value of reflection, reading the Psalms should settle it; they are full of historical recounting, and we use them routinely in worship. The goal here is more modest: to remember what God has done in one corner of the world, among one group of his people.

In RBC’s case, the context was Conservative Mennonite Conference in the middle of the twentieth century. Well, actually not CMC, since in 1950, when some of the first discussions were held about starting a conference-sponsored Bible school, CMC was still calling itself Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference. One of the early visionaries was Sherm Peachey. When it looked like the discussions were going to be tabled for another year, Sherm stood up and made a passionate plea for moving more quickly: “Do we have to put it off any longer? Can’t we start a Bible school *this year*?”

Winter Bible schools were already common among Mennonites. Some of them were small local events, but others were drawing young people from across the church to places like Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Canton, Ohio; Fairview, Michigan; Ontario, Canada and Harrisonburg, Virginia. The schools were important and numerous enough that Mennonite Board of Education had formed a Winter Bible School Committee to set standards for instruction and programming. Conference leaders sensed that it was time to start a regional school of their own, and a questionnaire sent to conference congregations confirmed that there was substantial interest.

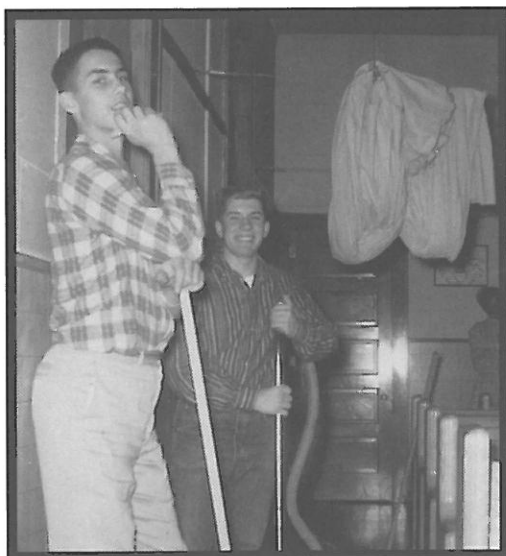
The new school opened its first six-week term with 176 students on January 1, 1952, at the meeting house of the Pleasant View congregation near Berlin, Ohio. Mark Peachey served as the first principal, and was joined by four other faculty members: Earl J. Maust, Sherm Peachey (Mark’s father), Andrew Farmwald and Willard Mayer.

School life during those first years in Berlin was different in many ways from what current RBC students experience. Instead of staying in dorms, students were housed in the homes of families in the community. Guys needed permission from the principal before asking a girl for a date. Willard Mayer reported that “most classes were large assemblies with curtains”—some of them with ninety or a hundred students. Most of the ministers who came to teach were housed in trailers parked in the church parking lot.

The congregation at Pleasant View graciously hosted the Bible school for a total of twelve years, but by the early 1960s the Board of Trustees was talking seriously about relocating to a place that would not be so disruptive for one local congregation. By early 1963 the options had come down to Ohio and Indiana.

The board investigated properties in both states. One of the Indiana options was a ten-acre tract of land on the north side of the road adjoining the Griner

By Jon Showalter



Church property near Middlebury. The other was north of Middlebury, and though it was less centrally located, it had better drainage and was the one that most of the Indiana ministers believed was more ideal. The board also investigated several possibilities in Ohio. Among various properties considered in the Holmes-Wayne County area was a tract of land, the Gerber property, on the south side of Route 250 just west of Kidron Road. There were also two sets of empty school buildings for sale in central Ohio, the more attractive set located in Pharisburg, north of Marysville.

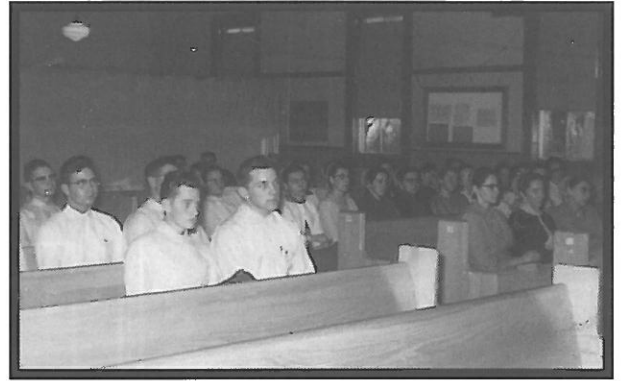
By the time the board met near Middlebury, Indiana, on March 30-31, 1963, it was time to make the decision: Ohio or Indiana? The minutes of the meeting describe it this way: "After a lengthy discussion and prayer about locating in Ohio or Indiana, a vote by ballot was taken to decide location. The vote was three to two in favor of Ohio." Not coincidentally, the three board members who voted for an Ohio location were from Ohio! By this time they had made a decision to put down a non-refundable \$500 deposit on the Gerber property to hold it until they could make a final decision.

By the beginning of the summer the board had become interested enough in the old school buildings to examine them more closely. The site north of Marysville was in good condition, but held only a single building on a small acreage. More attractive were the two buildings, one of which had a gymnasium, on 3.7 acres in Rosedale. All five members of the board met in Rosedale—a tiny village at a four-way stop in rural Madison county—on July 27, 1963, the day the buildings were to be auctioned. When the bidding was done, Mark Swartzentruber, board chairman, had placed the winning bid of \$9,000.

The board knew that there would be questions about why they had forgone the \$500 deposit on the Wayne County property, and settled instead on vacant buildings in rural Madison County. The answer was simple. In the words of Elmer S. Yoder, board secretary, "we were convinced that the Lord was leading us to take advantage" of the opportunity. Furthermore, the purchase price "was considerably less than what we had expected to pay." So the school that began in Berlin moved to Rosedale. And within a few years, Rosedale—a place that had previously been unknown in Conservative Mennonite Conference—came to be a household word.

Furthermore, in a way that no one likely could fully have anticipated, Rosedale played a significant role in the centralization of the conference. For many people just getting acquainted with CMC today, Rosedale is almost synony-

mous with it. Even before the 1964 session of Bible school began a few months after the school board bought the property, Mark Peachey had already moved the office of the conference mission board—Conservative Mennonite Board of



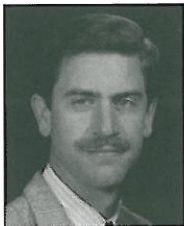
Missions and Charities, later to become Rosedale Mennonite Missions—into office space offered to him rent-free by the school board. With the opening of a conference office in Rosedale in 1990, the process continued. Whether or not centralization is a good thing can be debated, even as it was in the early 1950s when talk of a conference-sponsored school caused some leaders to fear the demise of local, church-based winter Bible schools.

Whatever one concludes, the story of how Rosedale Bible College came to be in Rosedale is a reminder of several things. It reminds us that decisions often have implications reaching far beyond what we see at the moment. When Mark Swartzentruber placed the \$9,000 bid on the board's behalf that July day in 1963, he and the board did what we all do—make the best decision we can after seeking God's direction, and trust Him to work it out for good. The story also reminds us of God's faithfulness in doing just that—using the faithfulness of his children to accomplish more than they had dared to hope.

Today RBC is a junior Bible college offering an Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies degree and accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The students studying now are different in some ways from that first contingent assembled at Berlin in 1952. (How they are different would be another article, written by someone older than I am!) But the most important things haven't changed: a desire to know God more deeply, a desire to grow academically and spiritually, and a desire to serve God more effectively in the church and society. That was why students went to Berlin, and that's why they're still coming to Rosedale.



Jon Showalter has taught at Rosedale Bible College since 1991. He is also the academic dean. Jon serves as an associate pastor at Shiloh Mennonite Church. He lives in Rosedale with his wife, Dawn, and their four sons.



Phil Weber Joins Faculty

Rosedale Bible College is pleased to announce that Phil Weber has joined the faculty on a full time basis beginning in January, 2002. Phil and his family moved to Rosedale in December from Atmore, Alabama, where Phil served for fourteen years as president of We Care Program, an organization that ministers to prisoners in a variety of ways. Phil taught at Rosedale as a visiting instructor during three different school years prior to making the transition to full time. In addition to teaching, Phil will also oversee the enrollment department following the departure of David Swartz at the end of the current academic year.

Weber

Enrollment Report

Third term began January 8 with an enrollment of 132 students. 124 attended term 3 of 2001, and 119 students enrolled in 2000.

Faculty Itinerary

Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Leon Zimmerman at Winter Bible School, Lowville, NY, area
March 3	Ken Miller at United Bethel Mennonite Church, Plain City, OH
March 3-5	Jon Showalter at Bethany Cons. Mennonite, Hartsville, OH
March 10-15	Dale Keffer at Cornerstone Mennonite Church, Plain City, OH
March 11-15	Willard Mayer at Winter Bible School, Holmes County, OH
March 18-22	Leon Zimmerman at Winter Bible School, Greenwood, DE
March 29-31	Dale Keffer at Pleasant View Mennonite, Chambersburg, PA
April 1-5	Leon Zimmerman at Winter Bible School, Hutchinson, KS
April 6-7	Lavern Nissley at Light-in-the-Valley Chapel, Sugarcreek, OH
April 7-10	Jon Showalter at Fairview Mennonite, Albany, OR
April 7-10	Leon Zimmerman at Pine Ridge Cons. Mennonite, Goshen, IN
April 11-14	Leon Zimmerman at Bible Conference, Kalona, IA
April 14	Willard Mayer at Hicksville Mennonite, Hicksville, OH
April 19-21	Willard Mayer at Dayton Mennonite, Dayton, VA
May 4	Lavern Nissley at Shalom Community Church, London, OH

1952-2002—Celebrate 50!

April 26-28, 2002



From Berlin to Rosedale—Come celebrate fifty years of God's faithfulness at Rosedale Bible College in a weekend-long homecoming event on the Rosedale campus.

Special Events

- Michael Card concert
- *Papa Was A Preacher* drama
- Basketball tournament
- Golf cart races
- Chorale reunion and concert
- Golf Scramble
- Museum of Rosedale memorabilia



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Salt & Light Co. Tours Midwest



Salt & Light Co., RBC's music and drama team, traveled to churches and schools in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma in late February. Members include the leader, Joe Byler (PA), as well as Lisa Weaver (KS), Merv Kropf (OR), Kurt Beachy (IA), Starla Moser (NY), Tim Weaver (IN), Krissy Nisly (NM), Collin Hochstedler (ON), and Bethany Geib (OK).

1950s News

Paul H. Kauffman (57-59) lives in Plain City, Ohio. He served for two years in voluntary service in Costa Rica. He also worked as a plant pathologist for the Ohio Department of Agriculture until his retirement. Paul attends Grace Brethren Church and has served as an elder and deacon there. Paul grew up at Pleasant View Mennonite Church and attended Berlin Bible School at his home church. He writes, "The six-week Bible school term each winter was always a big highlight of the year—an exciting time of great preaching and teaching, wonderful singing, and meeting many young people and faculty from distant places in other states."

1960s News

Tressa Hershberger Mallard (61, 64, 67-69) moved to Clay County, Kentucky, in May 1971. She worked for the Clay Co. Health Department as a home health nurse until 1992. Since then Tressa has worked in public health in the public school system and at a WIC clinic. In March 1993 she married Jim Mallard, who was teaching at the Oneida Baptist Institute. He is now retired but stays very busy. They attend Panco Community Church and assist in the ministry there.

Esther Witmer (66-67) is employed at Ben-el Child Development Center in West Liberty, Ohio, as a child and family outpatient therapist. Ben-el is the outpatient mental health component of Adriel School, a Mennonite residential treatment center. She writes, "With names such as Adriel and Ben-el, one might think I work for a Jewish agency." In her leisure time Esther enjoys traveling, photography (she has a small business called Esther's Reflections in which she makes and sells greeting cards with pictures she has taken), taking care of yard and flower gardens, and attending family functions. She is a member of Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty, Ohio. She has been active as Sunday School teacher and served as Director of Nurture and Care Commission for several years.

1970s News

Joel Buissereth (79-81) was ordained at Rosedale before going back to Haiti in 1980. He married **Rachel Lewis-Charles (82)**. They now have three children: Samuel Lafontaine (15), Gardel Joseph (13), and Raphael Jacob (9). Joel and Rachel established a Christian school in La Baleine, Haiti, in 1984. He now works as a youth pastor in a Haitian-American congregation in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a co-author with Arlen Miller of *The Path of Faith*. Joel was the first Haitian who attended Rosedale. He writes, "As a Creole and French speaker, it was difficult to express my feelings with everyone I met on campus. However, there was one professor, Leon Weber, who always picked me up and transported me to Haiti

through our French conversation. In fact, he and his wife visited me in Haiti, which was very nice. My experience at Rosedale was very positive. The teachers and staff were God-fearing people. We the students were seekers of the Truth. I will never forget the song that brother Paul Kauffman taught us while I was singing on chorus, "The Half Has Never Yet Been Told."

1980s News

Rosanne (Kampen) (86) and **Darryl Gingerich (81-82, 86)** live in Au Gres, Michigan, where they help take care of Darryl's mother who has cancer. They left Missionary Maintenance Services in Ohio where Darryl was an Aviation Technician doing maintenance on mission airplanes. He also gave flight lessons. They write, "Our son, Jonathan, likes nothing better than to go flying with Papa! For the time being we are just living on the farm, doing clean-up and whatever needs doing to help his parents. The children have a goat to milk and have helped do hay this summer. Also, our 8th child, 7th daughter, Helayna Ruth, joined our family this summer on July 18. We have many willing hands to help in her care! We are looking to the Lord to show us what He has next in store for us as a family after our time here is finished."

Jason (80-82, 84, 96) and **Sarah (96) Herschberger** live in China where they work with Brighter Futures International. They have three children: Esther (4), Victoria (3), and Aaron (1). Jason writes, "Over the years we have seen many exciting answers to prayer. We are presently involved in two small groups of Chinese people as well as a large group restricted to foreigners. In addition, we have formed a relationship with others here to target an unreached minority group in the mountains."

1990s News

Sandra Longenecker (90-91) is studying biology and Teaching English as a Second Language at Eastern Mennonite University.

Ray Mckown (92-93) lives in London, Ohio, and works as an interviewer for Quality Review Services, an organization that surveys mental health consumers about services received. He writes, "Sometimes I am the only person they have seen or have spoken to for week...Most to whom I've spoken have a need to hear about God and his love. I thank God for another opportunity."

2000s News

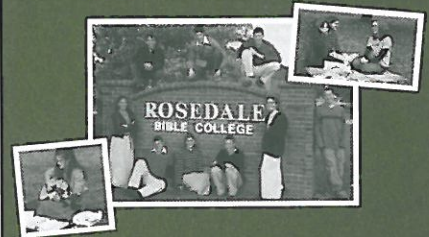
Jeremy Miller (00) is studying at Sterling College in Kansas. He writes, "Things are kickin' out here on the great plains. I won't soon forget my time at Rosedale. It was the best year of my life, up to that point. The friendships I made with many of you will last forever. Here are just a few things I have purposed not to forget:

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March 10-11

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- 1 Pudding in the showers
 - 2 Water in the beds
 - 3 Paintballs in the air
 - 4 Getting busted while stealing the girl's cars.
- And if any of you might know who was involved, let me know and I'll have a chat with them."

Births

Dan (95) and **Melanie Bontrager** of Blountstown, Florida, announce the birth of Ashlyn Nicole on September 4, 2001. She joins her brother, Trevor Daniel (1).

Christy (Reimer) (95) and **Jake Dycks** announce the birth of Christian Jakob Harrison on October 26, 2001. They write, "He is a healthy baby and is growing and developing so fast."



Crystal (Swartzentruber) (95) and **Phil Eby** of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Madeline Esther on September 30, 2001.

Loretta (Bontrager) (89) and **Wayne Fisher** of Perry, New York, announce the birth of Bailey Elise on October 6, 2001. She joins two older sisters: Alexis (5) and Kaitlin (3).

Rhoda (Mullett) (89) and **Merlin Gingerich** announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Rose. She was born on October 1, 2001, and was welcomed by her big brother, Terrell (2).

Janet (Yousey) (88-90) and **David Haldeman** of Lowville, New York, announce the birth of Paul David on September 23, 2001. He joins his sister, Ruth (1).

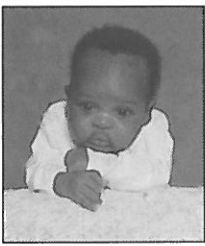
Rosanne (Frey) (95) and **Keith Horst** of Clear Spring, Maryland, announce the birth of Tyler Samuel on May 10, 2001. Tyler is their first child.

Phyllis (88) and **Marcus Hosteller** of Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Caden Reid on September 22, 2001. He joins a sister, Madisyn (3).

Kevin (90-94) and **Kathy Jo Kindy** of Midland, Michigan, announce the birth of Rebekah Joy on September 30, 2001. She joins a sister, Kayleen (3).

Jana (Kauffman) (85) and **Randy Martin** of Lititz, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Jansen Dane on November 4, 2001. Jansen is their fourth son.

Brent (87) and **Aileen Mullett** of Fort Wayne, Indiana, announce the births of Kiah Grace and Hayden Joseph on July 5, 2001. Kiah went to be with Jesus three hours after her birth. Hayden joins five-year-old Conner at home. Brent works a project manager at Custom Sound Designs, an audio, video, and lighting firm.



Jotham Mugesha Ngarara

Joel (95-96) and **Zipporah (95-96) Ngarama** of Landisville, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Jotham Mugesha on June 10, 2001.

Maria (Gingerich) (90) and **Ian Nyland** of White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada, announce the birth of Aliyah Kate on November 15, 2001. She joins an older sister, Sarah.



Aliyah Kate Nyland

Tim (88-90, 93) and **Lynette (Hochstetler) (91-92) Schrader** announce the birth of Malia Kristine on September 19, 2001. She joins her sister, Madalyn.

Rosene (80) and **Ron Weaver** of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Rondre David on October 20, 2001. He joins six siblings: Ronita, Rodney, Rylan, Randon, Rendell, and Ronica.

Merv (85) and **Chris (Marlin) (87) Zook** of Carlton, Oregon, announce the birth of Ainsley Elizabeth on August 5, 2001. She joins three siblings: Alicia (10), Dylan (9), and Dalton (4).

Engagements

Kris Shirk (01) of Goshen, Indiana, and **Ryan Freed (96)** of London, Ohio, announce their engagement. They plan to be married in the fall of 2002.

Kenton Kauffman (00) of Resaca, Ohio, and **Karissa Miller (00)** of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announce their engagement.

Tena Bontrager (97) of Shipshewana, Pennsylvania, and **Daniel Mast** of Goshen, Indiana, announce their engagement. They plan to be married April 6, 2002.

Lisa Akin (02) of Croghan, New York, and **Joshua Moser** of Carthage, New York, announce their engagement. They plan to be married May 11, 2002.

David Swartz (96) of London, Ohio, and **Lisa Weaver (01-02)** of Hesston, Kansas, announce their engagement. They plan to be married July 12, 2002.



Joanna Maust (02) of Salisbury, Pennsylvania, and **Doug Vaughn (02)** of Salisbury, Pennsylvania, announce their engagement.

Campus Calendar

March 5-8	Missions Conference Steve Longenecker
March 10-11	Discover Rosedale Prospective student weekend
April 26-28	Celebrate 50! Homecoming event celebrating fifty years of RBC
May 23	Commencement
June 24-28	Family Camp
July 15-19	Choral Camp

Weddings

Brian Gingerich (00) and **Vanessa Scroggins (98-00)** were married November 10, 2001. They live in Edison, Ohio.

Brian Harnish (96) of Christiana, Pennsylvania, and **Lisa Howe** were married April 7, 2001. They live in Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Jerry Kindy (87-88, 92, 94) of Midland, Michigan, and **Dawn Jantzi (87, 90)** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were married December 29, 2001. Jerry works with his brother, Kevin, in the family's heating and tree service businesses.

David Schrader (88-89, 95) of Freeport, Illinois, and **Ann Marie Swartz (97)** of London, Ohio, were married October 27, 2001. They live in Freeport, Illinois.

Victor Stoltzfus (83-84) of Narvon, Pennsylvania, and **Rebecca Stoltzfus** of Cochranville, Pennsylvania, were married December 8, 2001.

Rosedale Chorale 2002 Itinerary

March 20	Evening	Turkey Run Mennonite Church, Bremen, Ohio
March 24	Morning	Light in the Valley, Sugarcreek, Ohio
March 24	Evening	Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, Ohio
March 27	Morning	Shekinah Christian School, Plain City, Ohio
March 30	Evening	Riverside Mennonite Church, Au Gres, Michigan
March 31	Morning	Pigeon River Cons. Mennonite Church, Pigeon, Michigan
March 31	Evening	Pineview Mennonite Church, Vassar, Michigan
April 5	Evening	Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania
April 6	Evening	Oak Dale Mennonite Church, Salisbury, Pennsylvania
April 7	Morning	Cherry Glade Mennonite Church, Accident, Maryland
April 7	Evening	Cedar Grove Mennonite Church, Greencastle, Pennsylvania
April 8	Evening	Millport Mennonite Church, Leola, Pennsylvania
April 9	Morning	Linville Hill Mennonite School, Paradise, Pennsylvania
April 9	Evening	Greenwood Mennonite Church, Greenwood, Delaware
April 10	morning	Greenwood Mennonite School, Greenwood, Delaware
April 10	Evening	Providence Mennonite Church, Chesapeake, Virginia
April 11	Evening	Powhatan Mennonite Church, Powhatan, Virginia
April 12	Evening	Dayton Mennonite Church, Dayton, Virginia
April 13	Evening	Turners Creek Mennonite Church, Talbert, Kentucky
April 14	Morning	Lexington Mennonite Church, Lexington, Kentucky
April 14	Evening	Shiloh Mennonite Church, London, Ohio

Rosedale Bible College Makes the *Budget*

From the December 12, 2001, issue of the *Budget*, a weekly newspaper from Sugar Creek, Ohio, published for Mennonite and Amish communities around the world.

"Dec. 10—The mercury this morning stands at 22, the lowest it has been so far during this prolonged, months-long Indian summer. Dandelions have been blooming, along with some spring flowers, and Mary even saw a yellow butterfly flutter by last week.

From RBI to RBC. Rosedale Bible Institute in nearby Rosedale had changed its name to Rosedale Bible College. This institution got its start as a Bible School operated by Conservative Mennonite Conference. Later it was upgraded to a Bible Institute. For some time already, other Bible colleges have been accepting credits from RBI, so the name change merely reflects the present reality. Rosedale Mennonite Missions, the mission board of the conference, is located next to the college. An adjacent 140 acre field has recently been purchased by the college. Perhaps it will eventually expand into Rosedale University.

Collin Hochstetler of Sioux Lookout, Canada, who is studying at Rosedale, attended Haven yesterday. Alvin and Katie Yoder, with Susie Miller and Mrs. Joe (Mary) Gingerich, were in Ind. this weekend . . ."



Ann Stutzman, Ruth Miller Yoder, Anna Marie Mullet, Alma Miller, Ruth Miller, Sally Hershberger

They came from five states to the hills of western Maryland. Alma from Mississippi, Ruth from Florida, Anna Marie from Indiana, Sally from Iowa, and Ann from Ohio. They came to the "Knob" in Maryland where Ruth hosted their reunion. The gathering in September 2001, their fourth since they met at Berlin Bible School in 1963, gave testimony to their desire to share face to face even though they have continued their friendship through a circle letter started thirty-eight years ago.

Ruth Miller Yoder writes, "The less-than-48-hour reunion holds new memories and precious experiences that will likely never be repeated. We visited little shops, enjoyed a nature walk, went to bed late, looked at photo albums and Bible School yearbooks. We played on the see-saw and the tree swing. We prayed."

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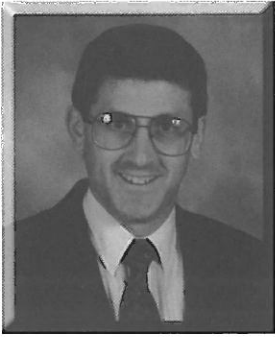
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A Lasting Heritage

by Leon Zimmerman



The Small Business Administration reports that a high percent of small businesses close their doors after just a few years of operation. The statistics vary. Some sources say that as high as 70 percent fail in the first three years.

Others believe that the percentage is somewhat lower. In any case,

many fail and they usually do so in the first five years.

The institution we now know as Rosedale Bible College has made it beyond five years. In fact we are now fifty years old! Five decades have elapsed since the leaders of CMC started a winter Bible school. Nearly seven thousand students have studied in nearly 70 six-week terms. Many, many human hours have gone into the work of this institution.

But it has not only been human hands that have been at work in this institution. God has been involved in a clear and distinct way. He has opened his word to the instructor. He has enlightened both the heart and mind of the student. He

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has directed the administrator and board member. He has ministered to those troubled by the scars of sin. Yes, God has been at work at RBC. He has been for fifty years.

And we are planning to celebrate. I invite you to campus the weekend of April 26-28. As you can see, much has been planned: a drama, a concert, mini-reunions, and a debate. Make a point of including this event in your schedule. See you in late April.

Parents—if this is addressed to your daughter or son who has established a separate address, please give us the new address. Call (740) 857-1311 or e-mail info@rosedalebible.org.

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