

Ministers' Week February 18-22, 2013

Registration: Monday, February 18, 10 am - 12 noon

Dismissal: Friday, February 22, 1:00 pm

- ~ From the Courtyard to the Holy of Holies by Tim Zook, Loman, MN
- ~ The Minister Promoting Godly Families
by Howard Bean, Tavistock, Ontario
- ~ Signs of the Times by Frank Reed, Manheim, PA
- ~ Early Church History by Phil Beiler, Narvon, PA
- ~ Devotional Life by Galen Bricker, Chambersburg, PA
- ~ Joshua & Judges by Larry Bergey, Lansdale, PA
- ~ Lessons from Ladies of Long Ago by Linda Bergey, Lansdale, PA

Costs: Institute rooms - \$8.00/night, meals - \$3.00/meal.

An offering will be taken to help cover costs.

Pre-registration is Required.

Please contact the office for a brochure and/or registration.



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What is Success?

by Clifford Schrock

What is success? This is truly a question worth pondering as we have a natural desire to succeed. No one has a desire to fail. However, if we have the wrong definitions of success and failure, we can succeed while failing, or fail while succeeding. What is success in God's perspective?

I recently discovered a Monitor article by this title written in 1987 by the late Harry Brenneman. It was written on the tenth anniversary of SMBI as he reflected on what success meant for SMBI. Harry had served on the founding association when the institute first opened its doors to eight students in February, 1977. Later, Harry served as chairman of the board. In 1979, he sold his farm and moved his family to this area to become the second administrator of SMBI.

Over the next 10 years, Harry led the growth of SMBI from ten students during his first term of administration to 45 students during his last term in the spring of 1989. The institute grew from serving 20 students over three terms (many of those attending multiple terms) in 1981-82 to serving 85 students over four terms in 1988-89. During the time of Harry's leadership, he also directed development of the facilities, initiated Family Week and Ministers' Week, and saw the institute become debt-free. Those of us who benefit from these foundations, thank the Brenneman family for their contributions during these years.

As he asked in the article which is included here, Harry pondered, "What is the measure of success?" I suppose that in the next 23 years of his life, he continued to ponder that question and gained additional insight to the answer. After completing this life's work

and passing into the next on August 31, 2012, I am sure his perspective has expanded exponentially.

The institute he helped to build expanded to serve 224 students over five terms and the WATER program in the 2011-2012 academic year. Again, we reflect and ponder, "What is success?" As Harry concluded his article years ago, the success of SMBI is not in the numbers, facilities, or finances. Now, as then, much greater are the intangible elements that can't be counted or put on paper. Included below is Harry's article for your consideration. What does success mean in your life? For, as someone once said, "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

It seems in the interest of mankind to analyze certain endeavors and then value them with some measure of success. Was he or she successful in business or whatever the pursuit of interest? We travel the countryside and observe one farm as compared to another and say, "This farmer is successful but that one is not a good manager."

We generally measure by physical observation; well-kept buildings, several impressive silos, expensive equipment in the fields or the size of the cattle operations. We tend to make our evaluations on the basis of classy, late model automobiles, well manicured estates, or some type of evidence that gives indication of prosperity. Perhaps if we were able to observe from the vantage of the local bank we may see another picture.

What is the measure of success? Is the success

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Photo: Belize, 2012

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of the church measured by members? We hear of churches that have grown to attendance in the thousands. Is that success, as compared to the small mission church which endeavors to keep the light burning? It thrills me to hear of some of these small groups almost unnoticed by main line churches, reaching out and sharing the message of the Gospel of Christ. Lives are being touched and needs are being met.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of SMBI. Some people, observing the attendance increase of the last several years, would say “SMBI has now become successful. “ We have experienced some very small terms in the past. Four, six, or eight persons for a term as compared to the forty-four of this term. Is this term successful and not those? Is the measure of success accounted in numbers?

I praise the Lord for what is happening the last several years at the Institute. I also reflect back to those times in the past. We have had small terms but nevertheless, lives have been touched by the Spirit of God. Persons have been challenged. Commitments have been made. There were some treasured moments when “Pop and Mom” sat around the table with their enlarged family.

We only had three or four in some classes but the Word was opened and the Spirit of God moved. God has supplied grace for each occasion and each term, but regardless of size we count it successful because of God’s presence.

Harry M. Brenneman, April 1987
(bold added for emphasis)

THANK-YOU....

For your financial support during the past year. Although we depleted our limited reserves during the year, we rejoice in God’s continued provision. Currently, the personal contributions are about one-third of last year at this time. Your continued prayer and financial support is very much appreciated.

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Financial Report
July 2011 through June 2012

Income	
ROOM & BOARD	112,603.29
TUITION	100,930.98
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	65,095.60
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS	57,955.07
TOUR INCOME	43,976.31
WATER	39,660.00
CD SALES	19,212.00
FACILITIES RENTAL	14,276.35
RESALE ITEMS	6,058.38
LAUNDRY	2,981.56
YEARBOOK	2,390.50
TELEPHONE	2,124.97
SNACK BAR	1,855.41
STUDENT AID	1,211.30
VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT	863.50
INTEREST	119.97
Total Income	471,315.19
Expense	
PAYROLL	151,783.09
FOOD	68,024.08
TOUR EXPENSE	44,438.01
WATER PROG	36,151.50
ELECTRIC	22,315.41
MUSIC	20,954.03
FUEL	16,893.17
OFFICE & PRINTING	14,894.33
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	13,292.46
RENT	12,835.00
GIFTS & REMUNATION	12,180.24
PAYROL TAX	10,224.18
SUPPLIES	8,623.85
MAINTENANCE & BUILDING REPAIR	8,090.93
INSURANCE	7,085.46
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	6,721.58
REAL ESTATE TAX	4,598.53
TRAVEL	3,916.50
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR	3,764.76
POSTAGE	2,780.57
RESALE	2,764.57
YEARBOOK EXPENSE	2,150.00
SANITATION	1,880.00
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	1,193.10
PUBLICATIONS	890.13
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	595.30
SNACKBAR	576.90
VEHICLE EXPENSE	321.00
CAPITAL FUND	136.28
AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	102.40
PAYROLL EXPENSES	0.00
Total Expense	480,177.36
Net Income	-8,862.17

Did you hear...

♦ Marriages

[Eric Hershberger & Joanne Yoder](#)–6.16.12

[Joshua Hochstetler & Lisa Kuhns](#)–7.21.12

[Craig Miller & Joy Mast](#)–8.25.12

[Alan Glick & Emily Stoltzfus](#)–9.15.12

[Brandon Coblentz & Rebecca Duerst](#)–9.15.12

[Jason Sommers & Emily Stutzman](#)–9.15.12

[Marcel Wimer & Krista Beiler](#)– 9.22.12

[Matt King & Kristalyn Esh](#)–9.29.12

[Doug Yutzy & Elizabeth Nissley](#)–9.29.12

[Jed Eberly & Vicki Schrock](#)–10.6.12

[Lavon Slabaugh & Beth Atkinson](#)– 10.13.12

[Dana Hoover & Lori Miller](#)–10.19.12

[Hans Burkholder & Sharon Nolt](#)–10.26.12

[Leonard Dueck & Jolene Eicher](#)–11.10.12

[Andrew Miller & Amanda Helmuth](#)– 11.10.12

[Joshua Wagler & Hannah Harlow](#)–11.10.12

[Asher Witmer & Theresa Miller](#)– 11.10.12

[Stephen Stoltzfus & Kendra Barkman](#)– 11.17.12

[Jonathan Loewen & Marissa Youngman](#)– 12.1.12

♦ Births

[David & Salina \(Kanagy\) Beachy](#)

[Aleah Grace](#)

[Brent & Carol \(Yoder\) Bear](#)

[Grace Alaina](#)

[Jason & Judy \(Kurtz\) Beiler](#)

[Ava Marie](#)

[Marcus & Joanna \(Kurtz\) Beiler](#)

[Kaitlyn Cherie](#)

[Rueben & Judi \(Stauffer\) Butikofer](#)

[Kinza Faith](#)

[David & Jessica \(Sharpe\) Burkholder](#)

[Judah Lael](#)

[Ken & Audrey \(Rohrer\) Martin](#)

[Charissa Leigh](#)

[Lamar & Eden \(Hollinger\) Reiff](#)

[Landon Avery](#)

[Jason & Lorna \(Loewen\) Reimer](#)

[Ysidro Lyzander](#)

[Micheal & Hilda \(Stoltzfoos\) Smucker](#)

[Zachary Michael](#)

[Kyle & Marlene \(Schrock\) Stoltzfus](#)

[Elia Caroline](#)

[Lamar & Rose \(Stoltzfus\) Stoltzfus](#)

[Caleb Laverne](#)

[Tim & Linda Stoltzfus](#)

[Timothy Asher](#)

[Verlynn & Laurel \(Martin\) Yoder](#)

[Katrina Grace](#)

[Jesse & Sherry \(Barnhart\) Yoder](#)

[Colby Birch](#)

[Deaniel & Katrina \(Yoder\) Yoder](#)

[Caden Jazer](#)

Calendar of Events

Third Term Jan. 7 - Feb. 15

Missions Involvement Jan. 19 - 20

Annual Night of Music Feb. 8

Choir Tour Feb. 15 - 22

Minister’s Week Feb. 18 - 22

4th Term Feb. 25 - April 5

Missions Conference March 15-17

Graduation March 29

Choir Tour April 5 - April 26

- ♦ We have openings for ladies and men in fifth term.
- ♦ Contact the office for a WATER 2013 Brochure.

Tour Itinerary

2nd Term – VA, SC, GA, FL, NC, WV.

3rd Term – OH, IL, WI, IN, PA

4th Term – New England States,
Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia

Check out our website for more info..
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Night of Music
February 8, 2013 @ 7:30 pm
Antrim Brethren in Christ Church,
Greencastle, PA



1st term tour, Belize

