

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL,
221 N. Iron Street,
CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON.

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Dear Brethren of the Northwest District:

Greetings in the ever blessed Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Perhaps you may already have heard something of the way the Lord has been leading in regard to the Bible School here in Centralia. The school was started as a purely individual undertaking by Brother A. Earl Lee when he was the pastor of the Council Assembly here. Classes began on October 25 last with about a dozen students, all but one of whom were from the local community. When Brother Lee resigned the pastorate of the assembly less than a month later, the school was left without leadership. Brother Clarence Walberg was called to take charge of the assembly. His first thought was to discontinue the school. But as he and the students fasted and prayed, they felt the definite leading of the Lord that the school should be continued. At the same time the Lord laid it on Brother Walberg's heart to write to me regarding the school.

As some of you know, Brother Walberg held a six-week's series of services for me in Astoria in August and September. During this time we had precious fellowship in the Lord and came to regard each other highly. When I received Brother Walberg's letter, I had just resigned the pastorate in Astoria and was looking to the Lord for guidance as to His will for us. In fact, my resignation was dated to take effect on the very day that I received Brother Walberg's letter urging me to come to Centralia and investigate the whole proposition regarding the school. So I felt free in my spirit to look into the matter -- especially as for a number of years the conviction that the Lord was calling me to a teaching ministry had been growing upon me. Yet the suddenness with which the call came and the greatness of the problems involved made me cautious. I did not then, neither do I now have any desire to operate an independent Bible School. So before even coming to Centralia, Mrs. Munger and I drove to Portland and counselled with Brother Joseph A. Bogue, presbyter of the Portland area, regarding the whole Bible School question, and especially about the desirability of a Bible School for the Northwest District. This conference made me realize even more the greatness of the problems involved in operating a Bible School and the unsatisfactory basis upon which the school in Centralia had been started. The difficulties in the way of securing the endorsement and cooperation of the District (the only basis upon which I would consider the school at all), and the problems, financial and other, in keeping the school open until such endorsement and cooperation could be secured loomed so large that Mrs. Munger and I agreed as we were on our way from Portland to Centralia, "We will just make a friendly call on Brother Walberg and tell him that we cannot consider the proposition."

However, when we stepped into the reception room of the school building, the Lord met us. Long ago we fully decided to follow the Lord at all costs. So when He began to witness that this school proposition was a call from Him, I said, "Amen, Lord; but make it clear." And, praise His Name!, He did make it

clear. When the business meeting was held that night, the Spirit came upon me, and I had to make a consecration or refuse to go on with God. Brethren, difficulties melt away when God lays His hand on you.

Right then I felt clear to ask two things of God. First, there must be no debt. If the Lord does not supply our needs, we shall take it for granted that He does not want the school to continue. The school will have no debts -- it will pay cash; and the students will have no debts to the school. They will pay cash each month in advance. If they cannot do this, they will either be carried by the school without charge, or sent home if this is not possible. There must be no debt. There will be no set salaries. We will trust God to supply our needs all the way around. Thank God! He has met us on this test. In wonderful ways He has helped us to reduce expenses, so that, even with our very limited income, we have paid all bills every month. And we expect to continue to do so. We have a faithful God. If we will to live and conduct our affairs according to His Word, He will enable us to do it.

Secondly, the school must have the endorsement and cooperation of the District. If God wants the school to continue, He will give us the cooperation of the brethren. We fully believe this. When God sets some in the church (1 Cor. 12:28), whether they are individuals or institutions, He will give them the cooperation of the church. It was on this basis (that God would give us the cooperation of the brethren) that I assumed temporary charge of the school on November 23. By correspondence with Brother Samuel Swanson, it was soon arranged that the matter of the school should be laid before the presbyters in their January meeting. Meanwhile we prayed and trusted God; and the school went on by the grace of God. In due time the presbyters met, and the school was one of the main matters for their consideration. After full counsel and prayer they agreed to offer their "co-operation and approval of the Northwest Bible School in Centralia, Washington, on condition that the District Committee be consulted in all matters pertaining to the policies of the school and the selecting of the faculty, until the annual meeting of the District in 1933". They came to the conclusion, as have all the brethren who have visited the school, that the manifest blessing of God was upon the project..

All our plans for the school had been contingent upon the decision of the presbyters. But immediately upon their agreement to cooperate, the Lord gave us several new students; and we started the new term on January 10. After much study and prayer, we mapped out a course of study, a copy of which is enclosed. You will find enclosed also a copy of the daily schedule and of the general rules. We have been holding classes in five subjects this term. Three subjects -- Old Testament Books, Four Gospels, and Scripture Memory and Reading -- are under my instruction; while Brother Walberg is teaching Personal Work and Practical Evangelism. At the suggestion of some of the brethren, I am sending a few sample sheets from our notes, so that you can form some opinion of the kind of work we are trying to do.

Just a word as to the cost to the student. This year we have charged only \$ 15.00 per month for board and room and tuition. Text books, notes, and personal expenses are not included in this sum. These can be held down to a very small amount. We hope to be able to announce the same rates for next year,

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provided that the District Council gives us approval. But in order to keep the expenses down to this sum, we must have large cooperation from interested friends and assemblies in regard to food-stuffs -- canned fruit, canned vegetables, etc. We believe that the Lord will be pleased to give us this cooperation, rather than have us raise the fees. We are hoping and praying that the cost may be kept down. Otherwise many worthy young people, whom God has called into His service, will be deprived of opportunity for training.

As to the permanent location of the school, that of course will be in the hands of the Council. Centralia has advantages as to location, being near the center of the District as regard assemblies and membership. As to cost for fuel, we secure coal direct from the mine for \$ 1.50 per ton; and this is applied on the tuition of the mine owner's son. Electric and water rates are very reasonable. Merchants are cooperating in a very fine way with wholesale prices and even less on groceries and supplies. Rents are astonishingly low. We pay only \$ 22.50 per month for the two steam-heated buildings which we now occupy. Larger buildings are available at very reasonable terms, when we need them.

The local assembly, though not large, is growing rapidly. Souls are being saved and believers baptized in the Holy Spirit practically every week. For all this we praise and thank God. At the school the spirit of cooperation has been very beautiful. In spite of my inability to give adequate supervision because of my many duties, a beautiful family spirit has been preserved. We are having first hand lessons in the fine art of keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Of course all our plans for the future of the school are contingent upon the action of the District Council. We have no desire to operate an independent school. There are already plenty of such schools. But, if after deliberation and prayer, the brethren conclude that God is moving to make this a Bible School for the Northwest District, we shall be glad to serve in any capacity that the brethren may determine or give place to others whom the brethren may choose. Our whole desire is that the Lord's will may be done in this very vital matter.

Trusting that you will take time to familiarize yourself with the enclosed material, and that you will make the matter of the school a part of your daily prayers for the coming District Council meeting, and praying that you and all the brethren shall be given to know the mind of Christ so that when action is taken it may really represent the will of God, I remain ever

Yours in His blessed service,

W. T. Mungers.

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL - COURSE OF STUDY

JUNIOR YEAR	WKS	HRS	REC
BIBLE INTRODUCTION	6	5	30
OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS	26	5	130
FOUR GOSPELS	14	5	70
LIFE OF CHRIST	14	5	70
BIBLE ATLAS	4	5	20
PERSONAL WORK	32	2	64
SCRIPTURE MEMORY AND READING	32	2	64
PRACTICAL EVANGELISM	32	1	32
ENGLISH I	32	2	64
MUSIC I	32	1	32
		Total recitations	<u>576</u>
Days of school	160.	Average recitations per day	3 $\frac{3}{5}$

MIDDLE YEAR

DOCTRINE	32	5	160
PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION	6	5	30
OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETICAL BOOKS	18	5	90
HOMILETICS I	32	2	64
ACTS AND THE LIFE OF PAUL	16	5	80
PUBLIC SPEAKING	32	1	32
MUSIC II	32	1	32
Four short courses - six weeks each	24	5	120
ENGLISH II (For those deficient)	32	2	(64)
GREEK I (Elective)	32	3	<u>(96)</u>
			608 (672)(704)
Av. rec. per day: Regular, 3 $\frac{4}{5}$; with English, 4 $\frac{1}{5}$; Greek, 4 $\frac{2}{5}$.			

SENIOR YEAR

PAULINE AND GENERAL EPISTLES	26	5	130
DANIEL AND THE REVELATION	12	5	60
DISPENSATIONS	4	5	20
OLD AND NEW COVENANTS	10	5	50
SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	10	5	50
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND HIS WORK	10	5	50
HOMILETICS II	32	3	96
PASTORAL THEOLOGY	32	2	64
Four short courses - six weeks each	24	5	120
ENGLISH III (For those deficient)	32	2	(64)
GREEK II (Elective)	32	3	<u>(96)</u>
			640 (704)(736)
Av. rec. per day: Regular, 4; with English, 4 $\frac{2}{5}$; with Greek, 4 $\frac{3}{5}$.			

SHORT COURSES (Second and third year classes united)

CULTISM	CHRISTIAN MISSIONS
PARLIAMENTARY LAW	EVANGELISTIC FIELD PROBLEMS
CHURCH HISTORY	TYOLOGY
SURVEY OF PENTECOST	TABERNACLE STUDIES

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00	a. m.	RISING BELL
6:30 - 7:00		Private Devotions
7:00 - 7:30		Breakfast (Monday morning 8:00)
7:30 - 8:00		Household Duties
8:00 - 8:45		Chapel
8:45 - 9:35		First Class Period and Study Hour
9:35 - 10:25		Second Class Period and Study Hour
10:25 - 10:40		Physical Culture Drill
10:40 - 11:30		Third Class Period and Study Hour
11:30 - 12:00		Noon Prayers for the World Field
12:00 - 12:30		Dinner (Sunday 1:00 p. m.)
12:30 - 1:30		Recreation (For those not on duty)
1:30 - 2:20		Fourth Class Period and Study Hour
2:20 - 3:10		Fifth Class Period and Study Hour
3:00 - 4:00		Sixth Class Period and Study Hour
4:00 - 5:30		Recreation (For those not having detail work)
5:30 - 6:00		Supper
6:00 - 6:30		Evening Prayers
6:30 - 7:00		Recreation
7:00 - 9:00		Study Hours
10:00	p. m.	LIGHTS OUT
Wednesday	6:45 - 8:00 p. m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:45 - 8:00 p. m.	Orchestra Practice

General Rules.

1. From 1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. (except Sunday) are study periods. Students are expected to prepare their lessons thoroughly, spending not less than sixty minutes on each lesson.
2. If lessons have been prepared, students will be excused from evening study periods to attend services at the First Pentecostal Church and such other services as may be arranged by the faculty.
3. Students must remain in their rooms during study periods, except for research work in the library, unless special permission has been secured from those in charge.
4. Students may visit in each other's rooms only during three recreation periods, viz.: 12:30 to 1:30 p. m., 4:00 to 5:30 p. m., and 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.
"Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house;
Lest he weary of thee, and so hate thee." Prov. 25:17.
5. Halls must be always quiet.
6. Quiet in library and study rooms, for the sake of others, will be observed at all times.
7. Permission must be secured before leaving the buildings.
8. Promptness at meals, recitations, and devotions is expected. Second bell is tardy bell.
9. Beds are to be made and rooms made ready for inspection by 8:00 a. m., except Monday when all rooms will receive a thorough cleaning.
10. No one is expected to enter the kitchen or pantry unless on duty there or by special permission of the Matron. Please notify the cook when you expect to be absent from meals.
11. Students may practice on musical instruments only during recreation hours.
12. Students must be in their own rooms with lights out by 10:00 p. m., except by special permission.
13. Electric and water bills are paid with the Lord's money. Let us prevent waste. Light bulbs of greater candle power must not be substituted for those furnished by the management. Pressing or cooking must not be done in the students' rooms. Please report leaky water fixtures promptly.
14. All student fees are payable monthly in advance. Please settle with the business manager promptly.

Social Regulations.

The School home is a private, not a public building. Persons living outside, in calling on members of the School family, will adopt the same custom as in calling on a private family.

Courtesy is always in order and the students are expected to be gentlemen and ladies in all their dealings with each other. The spirit of friendliness and comradeship will be encouraged, but undue familiarity between the sexes will not be permitted. The young men and young women of the School are expected to refrain from walking or talking at length with one another, either in the buildings or on or off the grounds during the school year. Keeping company for pleasure is not in harmony with the purpose of the School, and will not be permitted. But special permission for conversation and social privileges will be granted whenever conditions arise which make it necessary.

Young men and young women must keep to their respective dormitories.