

PEOPLE I HAVE KNOWN - Met or Seen

"HUMAN ENCOUNTERS"
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Even before I entered the ministry I began to meet some very important people who were serving Christ as preachers, teachers, missionaries, musicians and in other forms of ministry. I look back over the years and realize how fortunate I was to be influenced by them. Some I got to know very well such as Dr. Tony Campolo who was in college with me and later became a colleague when I was an administrator at Eastern and he became a professor. He also wrote the foreword to my book John Wanamaker: King of Merchants.

Adkins, Paul Spenser - Opera singer. I had him present a concert at Eastern College and struck up a friendship with him. In 1981 he was the winner of the first Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition. He is now with the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and is a recording artist.

Allen, Dr. David D., of Pleasantville, NJ, - he said he was won to Christ by my grandfather, Rev. Walter H. Ott who was the founding pastor of the Linwood Community Church, Linwood, NJ.

David D. Allen became Pastor of Church of the Open Bible, Trenton, NJ and Calvary Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan where he served for over thirty years. I remember so well when he visited our home and spoke at the church when I was minister at the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

Allen, Dr. David W., Minister, Central Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ. He gave us permission to hold our Saturday night Youth For Christ meetings in the Central Baptist Church in 1948 after we had left the Contemporary Auditorium on West State Street when we had started in May 1947. He also encouraged me to attend Eastern Baptist College after I had left the King's College in December 1949. Mother and Dad attended there after they had left the Methodist Church, and Dad became the sexton, mother very active as well. David, and the Central Baptist Church licensed me to preach in 1952, but when I became a Presbyterian in 1954 he dropped me and never ever invited me to preach in his Baptist Church.

Baker, Dwight L. – Chaplain in the US Army, Baptist Minister. Friend.
We met when I was in the US Army serving in Frankfurt, Germany. He was Captain Chaplain in the 508 Paratrooper Company. Well liked, dynamic, personal, good preacher. He got married by telephone from Frankfurt to Texas so that his wife (as allowed by regulations) could join him in Europe. In addition to having his help when I was Director/President of Frankfurt Youth For Christ, I remember him having Revival meetings that he had in a tent he had set up on the



Base in Hedderheim.

Barnhouse, Dr. Donald Gray, Presbyterian Minister. Preacher and famous Bible Teacher



When I was a student at Eastern Baptist College, I first heard of Dr. Barnhouse. Isabel and I attended the Tenth Presbyterian church in Philadelphia and were impressed and amazed at his expository preaching. We attended as often as we could. His *Bible Study Hour* was broadcast on many radio stations. At that time, I never dreamed that one day, after his death, and after I had been ordained, I would have the joy and privilege of preaching in that pulpit on many occasions as the guest minister. Though he and I served in the Philadelphia area during the same time when I was minister at the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, we could not be called friends; rather acquaintances. His son Donald and I became friends, however, when Don joined the faculty at Eastern. He was well-known as a television news analyst in Philadelphia and also had been employed by Billy Graham as a researcher. When Don decided to enter the ministry, he asked me to proctor his exams for the Presbyterian Church ordination committee. When he fell in love with one of his students at Eastern - I participated in the ceremony at the College chapel. Later when he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the Presbyterian Church, I participated in that service and often preached for him at his new pastorate, the Bridgeport Presbyterian Church in Bridgeport, PA.

Barnhouse, Donald Gray, Jr. - Presbyterian Minister and Television News Analyst
Donald Jr. grew up in the home of his well-known father and was very well educated. We got to know one another when he came to Eastern College sometime in the late 1970's to teach in the field of Political Science. At that time I was serving as Dean of Christian Life and Isabel was the Manager of the College Book Store.

Don was admitted to Harvard when he was but fourteen years old, and graduated from there when he was seventeen. Shortly thereafter, he was employed by Billy Graham to help the evangelist in his world-wide ministry by researching the background of the places where Billy was preaching, and sharing the information with him.

When I first heard about Don, he was the news-analyst for the Philadelphia television station - WCAU - joining with the popular broadcaster John Facenda. Don married Beth Gilson while he was a Professor at Eastern and she was a student. I participated in the ceremony in the college prayer chapel. I also participated in his ordination into the Gospel ministry and installation as minister

at the Bridgeport, Presbyterian Church in Bridgeport, PA where I had served as the interim minister. Don and Beth have been good friends for many years. After an illness, he retired to Paradise, PA, and passed away in 2020 at the age of ninety-three.

Barraclough, Henry (Barry), Clergyman, song writer, musician, Friend. Composed the hymn "Ivory Palaces"



Henry Barraclough

Barrows, Cliff and wife Billy.

Interestingly enough, I met them at the Wigden's home (they called themselves Wigden Colored Trio –Lawrence, Gladys, Bob) in Naples, NY when I was visiting them during my Army furlough in January 1946. They were working with Billy Graham at the time, just before he became so famous in 1949. Of course, Cliff went on with Billy for the remainder of that most unusual ministry. I later met Cliff again on the platform during the 1961 Graham Crusade in Philadelphia.

Bartkow, Rev. Daniel, personal friend, Pastor, Singer, Radio personality.

We were in Seminary at the Temple School of Theology in Philadelphia. He also preached for me at Bethany Temple. For many years Dan has had a web-site in which he gives daily meditations.

Blackwood, Dr. Andrew W., Professor, Author, Princeton Seminary,

Dr. Blackwood seemed to take a liking to me. He was one of my professors at the Temple School of Theology. He was one of several whom I consulted about my call to Bethany Temple, and he encouraged me to accept it. He preached at my Installation Service and later for me as a guest minister. Isabel and I had the privilege of being guests in the Blackwood home and having them in ours.

Boice, Dr. James Montgomery, Radio Bible Teacher, Presbyterian Minister

Jim and I became friends when he became minister at the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He often invited me to preach for him and we entertained each other in our respective homes.



Jim Boice

Boyer, Dave - Christian Concert Singer - I first met Dave in 1947 when he was 14 or 15 years of age and was singing with his family as part of his father's ministry.

Rev. Ralph Boyer was the minister of the York Gospel Tabernacle in York, PA whom I first met in September 1944 when the California evangelist Billy Opie was holding tent meetings there. At the time, when I was just seventeen, I never thought that some day we would be meeting again when I became the Founder and Director of Trenton Youth for Christ in Trenton, NJ.

Beginning those Saturday night rallies after I had returned from serving in the Army - 1945-1947 - I invited Ralph Boyer to preach at our 1st Anniversary Rally on Memorial Day, May 31, 1948 which was held at the Cadwalder Park and Stand. Earlier that day, however, we had the Grand Opening of the Trenton Youth Center at 31 South Broad Street on the third and fourth floor of that center-city building. The Mayor of Trenton, Donald J. Connolly was there to cut the ribbon. Standing outside at the stairway entrance was the Boyer Musical Family with 14-year old Dave Boyer playing his saxophone joined by his brothers with trumpet and trombone. Again, little did we realize that someday in the future Dave would become so well known for his musical ministry.



Dave Boyer Playing Saxophone

Brown, Bill - Classmate and Prayer Partner at Bob Jones University 1948 - President of World-Wide Pictures of the Billy Graham Ministries. Bill and I had lunch together when he was in charge of the Philadelphia Graham Crusade in 1962.



Bill Brown with Walter Smith
At Phila Municipal Stadium
Where I read the scripture for the
Billy Graham Crusade September
1962



Buechner, Nelson - Curator of the Wanamaker Organ in the center-city Philadelphia John Wanamaker store. We often met when I was writing my biography of John Wanamaker. He had a desk within the organ chambers behind the organ screen on the second floor, the same floor where the organ console is located. He was an organist in his own right but was rarely given credit due for keeping the organ in playing condition.

Campbell, Dr. Archibald, Missionary to Korea; preached for me at BTPC, had lunch in our home when Beth was our only child.

Campolo, Dr. Anthony, World Famous Author, Preacher, Educator, Personal Friend. Tony and I attended Eastern Baptist at the same time. I was a Senior student and Tony was in the Freshman class. He was known as an activist, had strong leadership, and was well liked.

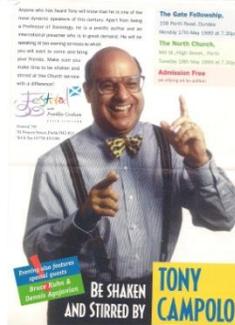
After his graduation and ordination he became the minister at the Chesterfield Baptist Church in New Jersey where I had preached way back in 1947 during the time I was Director of Trenton Youth For Christ. He then became minister at the Upper Merion Baptist Church and in [1962] started to lecture part time at Eastern College where since 1960 I was the Director of Admissions.

While I was at Eastern Tony was always a great friend and served on the Admissions Committee which helped make decisions regarding student applications for admission. Most of the time, I was given authority to make those decisions independently, but when decisions were political or difficult, the Committee met. Tony was always supporting my viewpoint.

Still later when I appointed Dean of Christian Life at the College, Tony was always there as our special - in popular demand - speaker.

When my mother passed away, who had been living in our home, Tony was one of the first to come express his condolence. Then, when the new President abruptly moved me out of the Admissions Office after twenty-two years in the Administration, Tony rushed to the President to be sure that I was retained at the College in one way or another. Ironically, I was appointed Assistant to the President - thanks to Tony - and remained in employment for another eight years until I resigned to write a biography of Christian merchant John Wanamaker.

Tony wrote the forward to my book when it was published in 1993. He and his wife Peggy have continued to be close friends, visiting with us whenever they are nearby, and sending us postcards from around the world as he continues his world-wide preaching ministry.

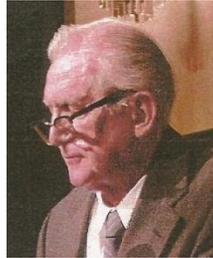


Campbell, Robert C. - Seminary President (Eastern Baptist Theological 1987-1989), General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches - He was my Professor of Greek during my sophomore year at Eastern Baptist College in 1949-50, and left an indelible impression upon me and a challenge for serious academic study. During that year or the next he completed his Doctoral studies, some of which he

took at the famous Hebrew college name Dropsie in Philadelphia. He came to class each day and gave us insights into his life and studies. Fascinating person. We continued our friendship after I was later employed in the Administration at Eastern.

Chapman, Keith, Organist at the Wanamaker Store organ until his untimely death in the crash of his airplane. I met him at the store one day, and again in Wayne, PA where he was the organist at the Methodist Church.

Claghorn, S. George. – College Professor, Author, Minister



We first crossed paths when he was the Minister at the Memorial Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ and I was the Director of Trenton Youth for Christ (1947-48). Later (January 1950) when I transferred from The King's College in Delaware (after my first year at Bob Jones University in South Carolina – 1948-1949), I enrolled at Eastern Baptist College in Philadelphia (City Line and Lancaster Aves). George was my Professor of Philosophy. We became friends. I did not know until many years later that he also had attended BJU when it was in Cleveland, Tennessee. George was also very familiar with Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, 53rd and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia. He may have been the one who invited the minister, Rev. Robert Beach Cunningham, to speak at Eastern's chapel service one day. Having missed chapel that day, and hearing such good comments about RBC, I, (and Isabel) decided to go hear him at the church on Sunday. We did, and two days later, he visited us in our third-floor "apartment" at the Phenna's home. It was the beginning of my years at Bethany Temple and my service leading to the Presbyterian Ministry.

Furthermore, it was George Claghorn again in 1960, who was the Dean at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., who invited me to become the first Director of Admissions at the college, where I then served for thirty years.

When George died, in 2018, his wife said that he left specific instructions that I was to conduct the funeral service. Unfortunately, due to my health and the travel distance, I was unable to do it, but I sent a message.

Colson, Charles (Chuck) - Aide to President Nixon - Convert to Christianity - Founder of Prison Ministries - Writer - Author - Speaker



Colson was convicted of covering up information in the Watergate Trials

of President Richard Nixon. Nixon resigned the Presidency rather than face impeachment and ultimate prison. Colson was sentenced to prison. He became a Christian through the witness of Tom Philips of the Raytheon Corporation and then began to study the Scriptures with Dr. R. C . Sproul of Ligonier Ministries. As a result, he felt compassion for those in prison and began an evangelistic and Bible-teaching ministry called Prison Ministries. His story reads like a modern-day Apostle Paul.

When I was Dean of Christian Life at Eastern (campus minister -1976-1980) I wanted to have Colson speak at one of our Chapel Services. I felt, however, that the financial expense would be too great and prohibitive. Instead, I called Colson's office and arranged for a "free" telephone interview during one of the chapel services. I sent a letter indicating the time-frame, and spelled out questions I would ask. We then projected a photo of Colson on a large video screen during the interview. What a thrilling experience it was to hear him tell in his own voice about his relationship with Christ.

In later years Colson came to the campus as one of our commencement speakers and at another occasion with the Evangelical Roundtable sponsored by our then college president, Bob Seiple.

Conte, Peter, Organist Wanamaker Organ in Wanamaker's Philadelphia store, then Macy's. Friend whom I first met when he had just been named at successor to Keith Chapman, following Chapman's untimely death in the crash of his airplane.
Crawford, Dr. Percy, Evangelist, radio and TV preacher; Founder of The King's College, Pinebrook Bible Conference, "The Young People's Church of the Air" on radio around the world, "Youth on the March" television program, the Pinebrook Book Store, and so much more.



I attended The King's College at New Castle, Delaware in 1949 and first met him and Ruth there on several occasions. When I was ministering at the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church he came as one of our speakers on November 7, 1953 and again later on. He and his wife visited with us in our home at 5339 Spruce Street before the service.

Crawford, Ruth, musician par excellence - the wife of Percy Crawford. see above.

Cunningham, Robert Beach , Minister at Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church. I was his assistant, 1953-56, and succeeded him as the minister of the church, 1956-1960. He became the Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church.



Davies, Fred, personal friend, organist, Radio City Music Hall, NY City. Many were the times when Fred was the pianist or organist at services where I was the preacher.



Fred Davies pianist with George Wesner

Deck, Clyde, Dairy Farmer, Pilot, Community Leader, Airport Owner – Clyde, his wife Marian, and son Larry, became good friends when we moved to Lebanon County in 2005. They are devout Christians, active leaders, and teachers in Zion Methodist Church, Myerstown, PA. Clyde developed and owns Deck Airport in Myerstown, PA, owned his own planes, and was the personal pilot for Mario Andretti, racing-car champion. Clyde served for many years as the Secretary-Treasurer of Jackson Township in Lebanon County, PA. Their son Larry was in a devastating auto accident in his early twenties, was severely paralyzed, and has been in a wheelchair for over forty years. He bears a very positive Christian witness. Another son Gary, is a farmer alongside his father. A daughter Sue Smith is a receptionist at Stone Ridge Retirement and Health Community in Myerstown, PA.

Della Valle, Nick and wife Lucy - aka Zacchaeus "Walks Across America."

We got acquainted with Nick and Lucy sometime during their first "Walk Across America" in March or April 2001 by contacting them through e-mail. We continued that contact and in 2005 helped set up their second walk starting in Philadelphia by arranging for sixteen engagements for their presentations in churches, schools, a college, radio and television.

They stayed in our home for a couple of days. Our relationship continued by e-mail and telephone. In November 2011 they showed up - in person at my 85th birthday party at our home in Richland.



Nick, Bill, Isabel, Lucy

Dienert, Fred, President of the Walter Bennett Advertizing Agency that handled many Christian radio and television programs. He also was the advertizing agent for Billy Graham ministries. I first met him in 1944 on Labor Day in York, PA. I, just seventeen, had hitch-hiked to York to attend the Billy Opie meetings at the York Gospel Center with Rev. Ralph Boyer, father of the singer Dave Boyer. At the end of the meetings, I was looking for a way back to Trenton, NJ where I lived with my parents. Billy Opie introduced me to Fred Dienert who invited me to ride with him as far as Norristown, PA where I got the Red Arrow train to Philly, and a bus to Trenton. Many years later, I visited Fred in his office on Spruce Street.

We also met his son Ted, when we had dinner one night at Bob Straton's home. Ted's wife - Bonnie, the daughter of Billy Graham - was also there that night. Later they divorced.

Elmore, Dr. Robert, Wayne neighbor and famed Organist and Composer



We often talked together when he would take his daily walk around the neighborhood past our home. I always enjoyed my visits in his home where he had a pipe organ. His sister Rachel lived with him. When I was the guest minister preaching at the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, it was a thrill to see and hear him playing the organ. We also attended a concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra one evening when he was the featured organist.

I had the joy of taking a prospective Eastern College student to his home for an interview to see if Elmore would also accept him as an organ student. He did. The young man was Robert Plimpton who has become one of the noted organists of America.

Elson, Dr. Ben, Missionary, Wycliffe

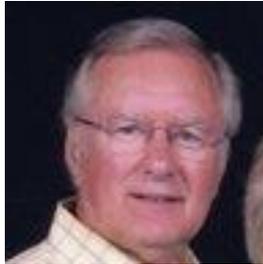
Ben was the Regional Director of Wycliffe when I met him during my mission

trip to Mexico in 1958. He left a very favorable impression upon me during that unforgettable trip.

Evans, Dr. C. Hans - Was minister at the Presbyterian Church of Coatesville, PA.

He preached for me at Bethany Temple, and then when we moved to Glen Moore, PA in 1960, he became our pastor. Isabel and the girls worshipped there when I was away preaching elsewhere. He and his wife Betty became good friends as they visited in our home and we in theirs.

Fichthorn, Neil, Musician, Director/President, Sandy Cove, Morning Cheer



Neil was a public school music teacher before full-time service as the music director at Sandy Cove Bible Conference. He later became the President there after several years as the Director of the Gull Lake Bible Conference in Michigan. I shall never forget the evening of music he planned and directed at the Philadelphia Convention Hall when it was on 34th Street. 12,000 were in attendance with John Peterson as guest conductor of the massed choir that Neil had trained and rehearsed at various sites in the preceding weeks.

Neil and his wife Mary Esther have been good friends for a long time. He also assisted me by training my musical group at the college, "Turning Point." Many evenings, after rehearsal, he would "hang out" at our home for a cup of coffee before the long drive back to his home at Sandy Cove in Maryland.

Figge, Dr. Robert – wife Nancy

Bob was a young boy about 12 years old attending Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church when I began my ministry there in 1953. We became friends. He attended College and



Seminary and became a Pastor in New Jersey and Bible teacher at the Manna Bible Institute in Philadelphia. We later reconnected when he retired and moved to Lancaster, and we lived in Richland.

Finley, Robert - He spoke at our missionary conference at Bethany Temple on Oct. 5, 1958. We first met in 1947 when I was the Director of Trenton Youth For Christ and he was one of our speakers. He visited in our home.

Fuller, Millard - Founder of Habitat for Humanity, International - spoke at Eastern Commencement 1985

Foster, Claude, Professor, Minister, Author, personal friend, classmate.

Frazer, Rev. Robert, Blind Radio Preacher, Philadelphia

I remember my grandfather, Rev. Walter H. Ott speaking so favorably of him and taking me to hear Frazer at a meeting in Atlantic City when I was just a boy. Then in May 1947 I had him join with us as a speaker at the opening rally for Trenton Youth For Christ at Dunn Field. We got to know him and his wife after I became minister at Bethany Temple. In addition to his itinerant evangelistic preaching ministry, he also had an extensive radio ministry, a Christian Book Store on Walnut Street in Philadelphia, and a home for women-in-distress.

Gamble, Dr. Stanley - Presbyterian Minister - Woodland Presbyterian Church, Phila., PA



He was the speaker on religious TV program in the 1960's - "Old Stories Retold"- and was very dramatic in telling old Bible Stories in a fascinating way. We were good friends when I was the minister at Bethany Temple, a neighboring church.

George, David Lloyd, Friend, Musician

This was not the former Prime Minister of England, but a very talented musician I first met at the home of the Wigden's, a negro family of preachers and singers living in Naples, NY. I believe it was in January 1946 while I was on furlough from the Army. Later, in May 1947, when I started Trenton Youth For Christ, I had him participate in playing his marimba at our opening rally at Dunn Field. At the time he was a student at The King's College in Delaware.

Geren, Rev. Virgil, Pastor Church of the Open Bible, Trenton, Radio Preacher, Founder, Shadyrest Bible Conference, NJ, Spiritual mentor to me.



It would take a book for me to tell of all the wonderful experiences I enjoyed with Ger and his wife Harriet. Apart from my parents and my grandfather, Rev. Walter H. Ott, they probably had the most influence upon my life before I reached the ripe old age of twenty-one. Some of that story is found in other writings in my web-page. Geren was 95 years old when he passed away, and on August 5, 2018 Harriet celebrated her 100 birthday with a celebration at the Shadyrest Bible Church. She and I talked by phone later that afternoon when I called her. What remarkable people –and friends.

Graffam, Dr. Everett –A minister from the Norristown area. He was the Executive Vice President of World Relief Commission. Christian speaker who used to sit in the

congregation at the Norristown First Pres. Church when I was preaching there.
Graham, Billy, World-wide, Internationally-known Evangelist

I met Billy Graham on two occasions, the first of which was during his Philadelphia Crusade in 1961. I had served on the ministers' planning and sponsor's committee and then was asked to give the opening prayer on September 16 in the large Municipal Stadium in South Philly at which 100,000 people attended. At the appropriate time, those of us who were to be on the platform on the ball-field walked out to it and climbed the steps. It was there that I was introduced to Billy. It was a tremendous honor at thirty-five years of age to be asked to participate. The second time was when Billy spoke at the Eastern Baptist Seminary Chapel service and those of us who were members of the administration got to shake hands with him.

In late 1944 or early 1945 before I had entered the Army, I was with a group from Trenton, NJ who went to a meeting of the Philadelphia Youth Center - a Youth For Christ type organization with Walter Smyth as Director - which was a Cruise on the Delaware River with Billy Graham as the speaker. It was the memory of this event that caused me to organize The Rally on the Rhine River on Labor Day 1947 when I had become the Director of Frankfurt, Germany Youth For Christ, and was also Chaplain's Assistant in Hoechst, Germany. By the way, Walter Smyth later became the primary Director of Billy's Crusades for many years, and his personal aide. (see Smyth, below).

Griffin, Bob, Missionary Pilot, Wycliffe, JAARS, author, writer

Bob spoke for me at Bethany Temple, and again at Eastern College when I was Dean of Christian Life. Still later, we kept up contact. At one of the Missionary Aviation fly-in-programs at Morgantown Airport, Bob invited me to fly with him from there to Lancaster Airport for gas. I think that it was Barbara who went with us.

Grigolia, Dr. Alexander - Professor of Anthropology

He was my professor at Eastern College - 1950-1953. In my senior year, the college moved from Wynnewood (Philadelphia) to St. Davids. My brother bought a car for me to travel from our third-floor apartment on 64th Street to the new college campus. Dr. Grigolia lived just a couple of blocks away and asked me if he could ride with me. Each day I picked him up at his home and off we went - having great discussions. He was born in Russia, in the state of Georgia. He earned his medical degree at a University in Berlin, then studied and taught at the University of Pennsylvania, having earned a Ph. D. there. He apparently became a Christian through the witness of a shoe-black, as stated in Ruth Graham's book, became a professor of Anthropology at Wheaton College in Illinois and taught Billy Graham there. When we lived in Wayne, PA and had joined the Administration at Eastern College (1960-1990), Dr. Grigolia was still teaching there and also moved to Wayne at the corner of North Wayne and Walnut Aves.



Guest, Rev. Dr. John - Episcopal clergyman - was minister at Sewickley, PA for many

- years before starting another church in opposition to the liberalism of the Episcopal Church. He came to Christ through the ministry of Billy Graham. He was from Britain. I met him both at Eastern and visited him at his church.
- Guffin, Dr. Gilbert, Author and President of Eastern College and Seminary
He was President when I was a student there from 1950-1953, and was still there when I was invited to become Director of Admissions at the College in July 1960.
- Habecker, Eugene, Dr. - He was the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Eastern College during my employment there and also served as President of Huntington College, President of the American Bible Society, President of Taylor University and Chairman of the Board of Christianity Today.
- Harris, Lt. Steven US NAVY - He was captured by the North Koreans and suffered considerably when in their prison. He then wrote the story of his capture and his Christian faith in the book "My Anchor Held." I had him speak at Eastern.
- Hayes, Dr. John D., Missionary to China
He spoke for me at Bethany Temple and had dinner with us in our home. He wrote a play, "The Invincible" about the trials and torture of Christians in China. We produced the play at Bethany Church, and he said it would also be performed at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.
- Harnish, Dr. Lester, President, Eastern College and Seminary
Our first meeting was when he spoke for me at Trenton Youth For Christ in 1947. He later became President of Eastern sometime after I became Directory of Admissions. He was my third president during my employ.
- Hestenes, Dr. Roberta, President, Eastern College and Seminary – former President of World Vision and Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary. She became the sixth president I served at Eastern.
- Hitt, Dr. Russell, Writer, Author, Editor of *Eternity* magazine and associate of Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse. He also worshipped at the Church of the Covenant in Bala Cynwyd when I was preaching there during the time when Dr. Oursler was so very ill. He took me to lunch one day to see if I would be at all interested in becoming the minister at Bala following Dr. Oursler's illness and retirement. I was not. He was a great, kindly, gentle Christian friend.
- Hitz, Dr. Claire, Bible Teacher at the Philadelphia School of the Bible
We got to know each other through our speaking engagements.
- Hope, Bob - Comedian, Film Star, etc.
On several occasions, Isabel and I attended the Bob Hope Shows at the Valley Forge Music Fair in King of Prussia, Pa when that still existed. We also saw him at the Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA, just around the corner from our home at the time. He was usually there on the first of May for several years at a parade and celebration honoring recipients of the Bob Hope Award given to distinguished individuals. I have several stereographic photos that I took of him with my stereo camera. One of those I took to the Music Fair on a day when we were to attend his evening program and left them at the Box Office for him to autograph. HE DID! - and they are a part of my photographic collection.
- Hopkins, Paul, Managing Editor, *Eternity* Magazine; Presbyterian Mission Executive.
A highly intelligent friend who served Christ so well in so many ways. He

stressed the importance of education of the masses that would then lead to the opening of the mind and heart to the Gospel Message.

Ironsides, Harry A. - Long-time (1930-48) pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago, IL. He was one of the speakers at Bob Jones University when I was a student there in 1948-49. I took this photo of him and Ma Sunday (Billy Sunday's wife) in front of the Rodeheaver Auditorium at the University.

Jackson, Madeline Manning, an Olympic runner, Gold and Silver Medals won, fine Christian. I had her come to the College to speak in chapel. She came just before Christmas when we held the chapel service in the lobby of McInnis Hall around the Christmas tree. We will never forget that she surprised us all by closing her message by leading us in the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful." It was very slow and so meaningful like we had never heard it before. So memorable.

Jones, Dr. Bob, Southern evangelist, preacher, founder of Bob Jones University which I attended in Greenville, SC 1948-49. He was very personal, and we often got to talk with him on the sidewalk or after chapel. He spoke at the daily chapel service quite frequently.

Jones, Dr. Bob Jr., Preacher, Shakespearean actor, Vice President of Bob Jones University. He later became President. Each year at the University he produced and acted in a Shakespeare program he called "Curtain Calls" with snippets of different plays. His Christian commitment and intelligence were a challenge to me as a young student.

Keys, Tom

Kinsler, Dr. Francis

Koop, Dr. C. Everett - Surgeon-General of the United States - Pediatric Surgeon of the Children's Hospital of Phila., PA. - Elder at the 10th Presbyterian Church Phila. We became friends back in 1961 when he took me to lunch at the Union League (Republican Party Club in Phila) when I had invited him to participate at a program I sponsored at Eastern College. In later years when I was the guest preacher at 10th church he seemed to be the elder-in-charge and introduced me. His son Norman became a Presbyterian minister and I was in charge of the service at his Ordination.



Larson, Bruce, Dr. , Presbyterian Minister - University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA, Author of numerous books, Lecturer. - I personally met him at First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida in April 1989, pictured together. A great person!



Maddox, Paul, US Chief of Chaplains, European Theater, Billy Graham Association

I got to know him when I was became President of Frankfurt Germany Youth for Christ when I was in the Army in 1946. Visiting him in his military office in the I.G. Farben Building, which was the Headquarters of the Army in Europe, I asked his help in obtaining permission to use "the Mainz", one of Hitler's pleasure yachts on the Rhine River, then acquired after the war by the Army for leisure trips for military personnel. We wanted to hold the "Rally on the Rhine" for soldiers on Labor Day, 1946. (see above - Billy Graham). He opened the doors by contacting the proper military authorities. Before I left his office, he asked me to kneel with him in prayer. How memorable! He often attended our YFC Saturday night meetings. After he left the military, he became a personal aide to Billy Graham and one of Graham's Directors of Crusades.

Marone, Hal, was the trombonist-song leader for evangelist Billy Opie when I met them in 1944 when they were holding meetings at the Meth. Church in Bridgeton, NJ.

Marks, Kenny, Singer – Great guy. I had him sing for us in chapel at Eastern in 1977 when I was Dean of Christian Life.

Matthews, Ron, Dr., Musician, Choral and Orchestral Conductor, Educator – I first heard about Ron and his brother Gary who sang and played their musical instruments with their mother accompanying them at the Church of the Open Door in Philadelphia. I met with Ron in 1973 asking him to assist me in creating a student musical touring group representing Eastern College. Because of his many activities at the time he was unable. Many years later after I had left the College, Ron became one of the music department professors, and then the chairman of the Department. The big step was when he was elected President of the college, now Eastern University in 2018. Our friendship continued. In June 2020 he called me personally to congratulate Isabel and me upon our 70th Wedding Anniversary.

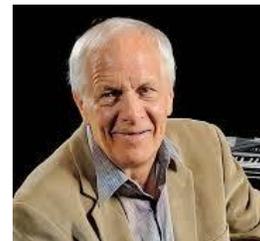
May, Bernie, Missionary Pilot, Wycliffe, And Missionary Aviation Fellowship. A real friend and wonderful servant of Christ. We shared some good times together.

McClure, Rev. Robert, Presbyterian Missionary in the mountains of Kentucky; preached for me at BTPC, we collected a truck-load of clothing for his mission.

Mc Dormand, Dr. Thomas, President of Eastern College, author – my second (of six) President during my employment at Eastern.

Medema, Ken, Musician, Vocalist, Pianist, Composer. A real friend who never forgot me even after he acquired fame. Be sure to listen to his composition "Moses". I had him come to Eastern when I was Dean of Christian Life.

He spoke in chapel and at an evening concert which I arranged with several hundred in attendance. He came to our home for dinner.



Moffett, Dr. Samuel, Missionary to Korea, author, Professor at Princeton Theo. Sem.; Preached at BTPC and had dinner together with him and his wife Beth at Becks on the Roosevelt Boulevard in NE Phila. Later, Sam became a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary. Beth died and he married again. He came from a long line of missionaries.

Morgan, Dr. Howard Moody, Minister, Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church. The son of the world-famous Bible teacher G. Campbell Morgan, he was a friend and colleague in the Philadelphia Presbytery. It was in this church where I was licensed by the Presbyterian Church to preach and ultimately to become ordained.

Moore, Beverly Davis, personal friend, well-known organist. What a delight it was to be in the pulpit preaching in several churches where Bev was serving as the organist. She and her husband were our long-time friends.

Moore, Rev. L. Paul, Missionary to the Cameroon, Africa; translator of the New Testament in the Masai language, a dialect in Africa, a copy presented to me when he preached at BT. He and his family were long-time friends of many in the church.

Moseley, Carlos, Musician, Manager of New York Philharmonic Orchestra



Isaac Stern and Carlos Moseley in 2001

We became acquainted through our interest in stereo-photography. When I was the Eastern Regional Director of the National Stereoscopic Association and the Curator of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Stereoscopic Research Library, which I helped to locate on the campus of Eastern University, we negotiated with Mr. Moseley regarding his mother's stereographic collection (15,000 or so stereographs in original boxes). He had taken many more himself with his own camera during his many foreign trips. He decided to donate it to the Library. Isabel and I drove to Spartanburg, SC, to pick it up. He and his sister Cynthia accommodated us in their home and took us to the Spartanburg Country Club in the evening for dinner. He visited us in Wayne on two occasions and we kept in touch every Christmas. We sent them a card but he preferred to call and talk with us by phone to make it personal. He died on October 1, 2012 at the age of ninety-eight. He was very influential in the music world and after World War II, he was an official US government representative in reestablishing the musical and symphonic orchestras throughout Germany. I can't say enough about this kindly gentleman and his friendship.

Muntz, Dr. J. Palmer - Minister and Director of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Winona Lake, IL. President of the Conservative Baptist Association. I got to know him when I was the Interim Preacher and Minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Norristown, PA in 1967. He often attended services there. His cordiality and personal warmth were always an encouragement to me.

Musto, Steve and wife Barbara, personal friends, Musicians, Billy Graham Associates.

Nixon, Patricia – First Lady of the USA – I sat next to her at a Women’s Association Banquet in Philadelphia when I was asked to give the Invocation and Benediction prayers. She sent handwritten note to Isabel. Later we got an autographed photo from her when she was First Lady in the White House.

Ockenga, Dr. Harold, Minister - when I was just a small boy, he was one of the preachers at the Seaville Methodist Camp Meeting at South Seaville, NJ. One of the pictures I had was of him standing between my brother Chuck and me. I sent it to his office many years ago asking for his autograph, but it was never returned. He became the minister of the famous Park Street Church in Boston, MA, and for a while was simultaneously the President of Fuller Theological Seminary in California - quite an interesting venture.

Ogilvie, Lloyd, Chaplain to the US Senate, Presbyterian Minister, Author.

On one occasion I picked him up in my car at the Philadelphia airport and took him to Eastern Seminary for a speaking engagement. What a pleasant person, and great preacher.

Opie, Bill Preacher, Evangelist. Met him in 1944 at Bridgeton, NJ where he was conducting evangelism services at the Methodist Church. My sister Betty and husband Norman were living there before Norman entered the Army. Bill Opie, his brother Earl, and Hal Marona, musician, traveled together from California conducting services throughout the South and then to the Northeast. After Bridgeton they went to Trinity Methodist Church in Millville, NJ where, on May 28, 1944 I gave my life to Christ. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF MY MINISTRY.



Hal Marona, Bill Opie, Earl Opie

Opie, Earl – Founder of Youth For Christ in Long Beach California, Minister, Singer, Radio Preacher, Evangelist, Brother of Bill, Jack, Charles. I Met Earl in 1944 in Bridgeton, NJ, and after I came out of the Army in 1947 I had him speak for me at Trenton, NJ Youth For Christ where I was the Founder/Director. I also got to know brothers Jack and Charles. In later years, I carried on extensive correspondence with Earlene Opie Leming, Earl’s daughter. She became very involved in Christian Prison Ministries for women prisoners.

Ortner, Dean – He was the presenter for “Sermons from Science” following Dr. Irwin Moon who had started it many years before, sponsored by Moody Institute of Science.. We had Dean at Eastern College on two occasions at which he did his “Million Volts of Electricity” act, allowing the voltage to pass through his body

and enflame a wooden paddle – which I still have.

Orr, Dr. J. Edwin, Author. Preacher, Professor at Fuller Seminary. Met him at Eastern when he was lecturing at our annual Spiritual Life Conference. He wrote the words “Search Me O God” to the well know tune of “Now is the Hour ...” which was made popular by Bing Crosby and many other singers of that time.

Ortner, Dean, Scientist, Moody Sermons From Science. We had Dean at the college several times for his most unusual scientific programs. Great man!

Osol, Dr. Arthur, Scientist, Chemist, President of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He and his wife were in attendance each Sunday at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Bryn Mawr where I had the privilege of preaching many times. He seemed to take of likening of me and invited me to give the invocation one time at a commencement at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. After his retirement he gave me his 3-D stereoscopic camera along with a 3-D projection screen and several dozen 3-D slides he took on his world travels.

Oursler, Dr. Howard, Minister, Church of the Covenant, Bala Cynwyd, PA. What a pleasant and encouraging friend. He requested me to fill the pulpit for him when he was taken ill for a lengthy time. Later, after his retirement, I served as the interim minister at the church, and was encouraged by his attendance - sitting in the pew.

Palmer, Bob, President, Sandy Cove Bible Conference and Morning Cheer

Palmer, Dr. George A., Pastor, Radio preacher, Founder, Sandy Cove and Morning Cheer
He was always friendly and cordial to me whenever I visited the Morning Cheer Bookstore on 13th Street in Philadelphia where he had his office and broadcast auditorium.



Parks, Alan, Musician, Christian Recording Concert Artist

Alan was a student at Eastern University while I was there. He and his brother Lindsay sang in Chapel services for me. He has had a fantastic musical ministry around the world in churches, concert halls and on radio. Great friend.

Parks, J. Lindsay, Physician. Brother of Alan Parks.

I got to know Lindsay, his brother Alan, and their parents when they lived in Wayne, and the boys attended Eastern University. Lindsay is a surgeon.

Plimpton, Robert, Famed organist whom I admitted as a student to Eastern College when I was Director of Admissions. I also introduced him to Organist Robert Elmore who accepted him as a private organ student. Plimpton later became organist at Moorestown, NJ Presbyterian church and then the Bryn Mawr, PA Presbyterian Church before moving to California. While there he became the organist at the Civic Auditorium in San Diego.



Red Skelton - Comedian and Actor, etc.

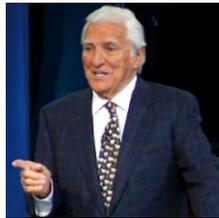
Isabel and I attended one of his live



shows at the Philadelphia Academy of Music one evening, after having dinner at the Doubletree Hotel across the street at Broad and Locust Streets.

Ramm, Dr. Bernard, Professor at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. On a special occasion Isabel and I invited him to join us along with Dr. and Mrs. James Boice at our home in Wayne, PA. Interesting evening with these two Bible scholars. I am not sure if he was married or whether his wife was with him.

Rhoad, Rev. George, Missionary to Kenya, Africa with Gospel Furthering Society, married to Lucille Greer, a member of Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church
Rhoads, Dr. Ross, Preacher, Evangelist - got to know him through Sam Seymour, Bob Sraton, and Steve Musto who sang together for his ministry after Evangelist Percy Crawford died. He, apparently attempted to carry on the work of Crawford. Ross also served with Radio Preacher Charles E. Fuller, famous for his ministry of "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour". Later on, Ross became the minister of Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC, from 1973 to 1995, and then on to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He also was the founder of The Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College.



Rice, Dr. John R., Southern preacher of fame. Producer of the Christian newspaper, "The Sword of the Lord" which often caused controversy. I heard him speak at the Chapel Service at Bob Jones University in 1948-49.

Rimmer, Dr. Harry, He was a speaker at chapel at Bob Jones University when I was a student there 1948-49 - and I have a photo of him together with Ma Sunday (wife of evangelist Billy Sunday) at that time.

Rodeheaver, Homer - Songleader (and trombonist) with evangelist Billy Sunday for many years. I heard him speak at chapel at Bob Jones University in 1948-49 when I was a student there.

Scott, Dr. Kenneth M., Medical Missionary to Korea and China

Seiple, Dr. Robert, President, Eastern College
1983-1987 – He was the fifth President I served under at Eastern. He had been the Athletic Director at Brown University. After Eastern, he served as the President of World Vision International before founding his own non-profit agency.



Seymour, Rev. Samuel, personal friend, minister, my assistant at Bethany Temple. Singer with Percy Crawford, YPCA, Youth on the March, Minister at Faith Church, Worcester, PA.

Shea, George Beverly, Soloist with Billy Graham. I met him on the platform in 1961 when I gave the opening prayer at the Philadelphia Crusade at the Municipal Stadium with 100,000 people present.

Sibole, John, Airline Pilot and Christian who became my flying instructor

Slavin, Rev. George, Minister

Smyth, Rev. Walter, Eastern Regional Director of Youth For Christ, and later the primary Director of Billy Graham Crusades. He was the Director of a Saturday night youth rally called Philadelphia Youth Center which was held at a church on Broad and Master Streets in Philadelphia. Rev. Theodore Elsner was the pastor. I first attended in 1945 and again in 1947. When I returned from the Army in the Winter of 1947, my friend and pastor, Rev. Virgil Geren of the Shadyrest Bible Conference, suggested that I start Youth For Christ Meetings in Trenton, NJ where we lived. I had the experience of Director of Youth For Christ in Frankfurt, Germany. I traveled to Philadelphia to meet Walter Smyth who then gave us our official charter and permission the use the name.



Spurr, Thurlow, Musician and recording artist - The Spurrllows - While at Eastern College I sponsored a couple of concerts of the Spurrllows and got quite familiar with Thurlow. At one point he talked with me about joining his team as a coordinator of concerts. I was momentarily interested but decided to stay in the employ of the college.



Stahl, Dave, Musician, Trumpeter and orchestra leader, was in the Army, played in the White House and traveled with Lisa Minnelli, Count Basie and others. in 2008 he invited me to join with him, help schedule concerts of the Sacred Orchestra and be the front man with pastors and at church concerts. After consideration, I felt that it was too much for me to handle at the age of 82.



Stover, Dr. Ross - Pastor of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.



I first heard of him when I was Director of Youth For Christ in Trenton, NJ. I think it was in April 1948 that we drove to his outdoor Easter Sunrise Service in Philadelphia at the intersection of North Broad Street and Hunting Park Ave. Because of the large crowds that gathered and sat in their cars to listen to the amplified service; police had blocked off several streets surrounding the church.

In 1955 when I transferred to the Temple School of Theology he became my Homiletics professor. At graduation, he was responsible for granting me the Russell Conwell Preaching Award. We kept us a cordial relationship after I was ordained.

Stratton, Bob, personal friend, Tenor Soloist with Evangelist Percy Crawford, member of the Young People's Church of the Air male quartet for radio broadcasts, and television programs of The Youth on the March, President of the Walter Bennett Advertising Agency, Religious Broadcasters Assoc. We got to know Bob and his wife Barbara when I was minister at Bethany Temple. He has sung for me at many services where I was the preacher, and for my Installation as Moderator of the Philadelphia Presbytery in 1978. We have visited each others homes many times.

Todd, Dr. G. Hall, Minister - Minister, Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Phila.,

He was my professor at the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary at 43rd and Chestnut Streets in West Philadelphia which I attended from Sept. 1953 to June 1955 before transferring again to Temple School of Theology Sept. 1955-1956. Dr. Todd was very helpful to me when I decided to become a Presbyterian and to seek ordination in the Presbyterian denomination. It was a requirement that I be a member of a Presbyterian church, and though I was employed as the Assistant to the Minister at Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, my boss, the pastor, Rev. Robert Beach Cunningham did not think I should be a member where I was employed. Good reasoning - in the event my work was not satisfactory and I might face a termination of sorts. Dr. Todd came to rescue and permitted me to join membership of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church which I did on _____. Six months later I qualified to be "taken under the care of the Session" for the purpose of seeking ordination.

From the date of July 24, 1983 until March 19, 2002, I had the honor of preaching at Arch Street seven times, first having been invited by Dr. Todd prior

to his retirement. He served there for fifty years, having followed another great preacher and minister, Dr. Clarence McCartney. Dr. Todd passed away in 1995. Tshering, Gem - From Bhutan - He came to Eastern and became a friend, visiting in our home, etc.



Vereide, Abraham - Founder of Goodwill Industries in Seattle in 1916 - Founder of the Washington, DC Prayer Breakfast with Congressional Leaders and the US President in attendance each year. I met him in 1946 when he visited Frankfurt, Germany Youth For Christ when I was the "soldier" Director and President. He was making a tour of Europe at the time. He told me that the meetings with Congressional Leaders was happening. It is now called the National Prayer Breakfast.

Wagner, Emory, personal friend, Lancaster County realtor, Presbyterian elder at Union Presbyterian Church at Kirkwood, PA. He also created, owned and managed Tanglewood Manor Golf Course at Quarryville, PA. When he was starting the golf course in 1967, I had been preaching at Union Pres., and he encouraged me to be a charter investor with just \$5,000. BUT, at the time, I think my annual salary at Eastern College was about \$6900.00 and I had no way of coming up with the money. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner entertained us in their home on several occasions on Sundays for dinner after my preaching at their church.

Wailes, Dr. J. Handy, Presbyterian Minister, Preacher, Professor
Dr. Wailes had retired from active ministry, but became a Professor at the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was my professor and friend during my days as a student there from September 1953 to June 1955. He lived in West Philadelphia near to where we lived, and I had the joy of driving him back and forth from his home to the Seminary on many occasions. What a profound, intelligent, insightful person he was. Isabel and I also visited him at his family home in Salisbury, Maryland one summer. In later years when I was the guest minister at the Presbyterian Church in Upper Darby, I saw his name on a wall plaque indicating that he once been the minister there. His son-in-law, Howard Scott, a friend, was a very active layman in the Presbytery.

Walsh, Marty, Director of the John 5:24 Rescue Mission in Philadelphia. He spoke for me at Trenton Youth for Christ when I was the Director in 1947. Wonderful servant of the Lord

Walsh, Mickey. Scottish evangelist. He spoke for me at Trenton Youth for Christ in 1947. He had dinner with us at my mother and father's home in Trenton. Very pleasant and funny sort of man. Wonderful Christian.

Wanamaker, John Rodman - great-grandson of founder John Wanamaker. He was the son of "Captain" John Wanamaker, and the grandson of Rodman Louis Wanamaker. He was the last Chairman of the Wanamaker Stores before it was sold to

Woodward and Lathrop. When I asked for an interview, he met me at his doorway in his own home located in Blue Bell, PA and then took me to the club house restaurant at the Blue Bell Country Club for lunch. I found him to be a very pleasant and cordial person.

Watermulder, Dr. David, Minister, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, PA

Whenever we could, we enjoyed worshipping here and listening to his sermons. His Christ-centered messages, couched in a unique style of preaching, always impressed me. He showed how to make the Gospel message relative and meaningful without being offensive to the average, everyday person who oftentimes appeared disinterested without knowing his or her own need. Very friendly and pleasant acquaintance and colleague in ministry.

Wenger, Carl, Businessman, philanthropist. He was impressed with my biography of John Wanamaker and asked me to write his story. I declined, at the age of 80 +, not feeling that I had the necessary drive or motivation to complete such a meaningful task. We developed a nice friendship.

Wesner, George, personal friend, Organist, Radio City Music Hall, NY.

What a delight to preach at Faith Church in Worcester, PA when he was the organist there. He made the service come alive with his music. Whenever we attended the Radio City Music Hall programs, we would greet him at the organ before the program or he would meet us at the stage door afterward. Once, he took Sam Seymour and me for an unforgettable tour behind and under the stage.



George Wesner with Fred Davies at piano

Wigdens, Lawrence, Bob, and Gladys, Musical Ministers.

I can't say enough about the influence that this family had upon my early Christian life. In 1945 while I was still in high school, The Wigden Colored Trio – as they called themselves – came to the Church of the Open Bible in Trenton, NJ where I was worshipping. The minister, Rev. Virgil Geren asked me if my parents would be willing to have the woman – Gladys Wigden – stay in our home during the week-long campaign. Knowing my parents, I immediately said yes. At the end of the week, the preacher Lawrence asked me to travel with them to their home in Naples, NY, and then on for a week of meetings in Canada. I did, and it was a wonderful experience.

In 1946 when I was in the Army and home on furlough after basic training, I visited them again in February at Naples and met some very nice

people including Cliff Barrows and his wife Billy who were also visiting the Wigdens. Cliff went on to fame as the song leader for Billy Graham.

In 1947, after I had been discharged from the Army and had started Trenton, NJ Youth For Christ, I had the Wigdens for one of our Saturday night rallies in the Contemporary Hall. One more special time with them was when my brothers Walt and Chuck joined me as the Zulker Gospel Trio and went with the Wigdens for a week of special meetings in Kentucky near the city of Hazard. What memories!



Bob Wigden greeting Bill in Naples, NY

Weiss, Dr. Daniel, President. Eastern College

Dan was one of the most impressive and capable persons I ever knew. We had a great relationship and I was so sorry and sad when he left. He was but 36 years old when he became the President of both the Eastern Baptist College and the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Unfortunately, he resigned too soon due to some personal domestic issues that seemed to focus on an unhappy wife. We admired him greatly when he resigned to try and bring harmony in his home and keep his family together. He stated that he felt that to remain as President of two Christian institutions while the issue was so apparent, would result in negative attitudes toward the institutions. He later became Vice President of Pace University, and then General Secretary of the American Baptist Church.



Dr. Daniel E. Weiss

Wolf, Connie - Woman Pilot - The first woman to fly across the Alps in a balloon.

I met her at her home in Blue Bell, PA when I heard that she was a collector of stereo-graphs. Sam Seymour went with me on the visit and found out so much more about her. She told us that her balloons were filled with hydrogen, not hot air. One balloon she named La Coquette and was seven stories high. Mike Todd used it in the film "Around the World in 80 Days." She, herself, flew it in 1956 over London and Paris to promote the movie.

She was quite eccentric, very pleasant and cordial to us. She wore a thin veil across her face, which we learned was her style. After discussing our common interest in stereo-photography, she talked about her love for flying and always had a small single-motor plane sitting at the side of her house at the roadway. It was actually at the end of her private runway. She then took us to her garage where we got into her car as she proceeded to race down the grass runway as though we were flying. Her home was directly across the road from Wings

Airport where she said that she and her husband would fly for breakfast or lunch. (for more, see my file "Wolf, Connie")

Wright, Charles (Chuck), Presbyterian Minister and friend. He served the Leacock Presbyterian Church in Paradise, PA where I preached as the Interim Minister for several months following him. He then went as Pastor of the Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian church in Havertown, PA where I had served for several months as the Interim Preacher just before he began there. He and his wife were good friends though we did not see each other in later years as he moved South.

Wyrzten, Jack - Evangelist, Founder and Director of Word of Life Ministries, Radio and Television preacher.



I first heard of him when my pastor, Rev. Virgil Geren at the Church of the Open Bible in Trenton, NJ took some of us to a Word of Life banquet in the Astor Hotel in New York City in 1944-45. Later, when I started Trenton Youth For Christ, we had Jack speak for us on January 18, 1948. We also joined with him for his great meeting in the Philadelphia Convention Hall on 34th Street in 1948 and hopped onto the train that he had chartered between New York and Philadelphia when it stopped in Trenton for our group of two-hundred.

Yeaworth, Irvin Shortess, Presbyterian Minister - Bethany Temple, Phila.

Yeaworth, Irvin Shortess, Jr., Musician, Film Producer, Good News Productions

Yost, Frederick - Vice President of John Wanamaker stores. Creator of the Wanamaker Christmas Light Show. I got to know him when writing my biography of John Wanamaker. He was retired and living in a retirement home in Bryn Mawr, PA.

Zacchaeus, aka Nick Della Valle - see above under "D"



Nick and Lucy