

IN MEMORIAM

1908 **Rev. Mark Henry Bowman** 1965

The sudden death of the Rev. Mark H. Bowman on November 23, 1965, shocked Pilgrims across the church. He suffered a heart attack while working on the camp ground with several other ministers at Denton, Maryland. Rev. Bowman had been Superintendent of the Eastern District since July, 1960. Besides his widow, Anna, he is survived by two sons, Luke of Blue Ball, Pennsylvania, and John of Greensboro, North Carolina, and two sisters, Rev. Miss Ruth Bowman of Grand Cayman, British West Indies and Mrs. George Christman of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.



REV. MARK H. BOWMAN

Memorial services were held November 26 and 27 in the churches at Denton, Maryland and Reading, Pennsylvania. Some of his longtime friends shared in the services. Dr. R. D. Gunsalus gave the message at Denton, and Dr. Melvin H. Snyder at Reading. Expressions were made on the behalf of Eastern Dis-

trict, Pennsylvania - New Jersey District, and the General Church by Rev. H. Grier Baker, Rev. J. R. Mitchell and Rev. J. D. Abbott.

Bural was in Laurel Dale Cemetery near Reading, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Bowman was born in Bowmanstown, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1908. He was converted at the age of sixteen and sanctified four months later. For forty years he was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church - the original affiliation being at the church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and at death he was a member of the Cambridge, Maryland Church.

Rev. Bowman was ordained by Rev. Seth C. Rees in 1931, and thereafter, with solemn commitment and earnest dedication gave himself to the ministry in the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

He was a brother dearly beloved, a churchman, a Christian leader with a true pastor's heart. He is now with the Lord. The ministry of his influence survives and will continue to make its impact upon the lives of those who knew him.

Reported by J. D. Abbott

His Early Life

Mark Bowman was born in Bowmanstown, Pennsylvania, a small town named for his great-grandfather, John Dieter Bowman. He was born in a God-fearing home, and was blessed with a sacred heritage. Mark was carried to the church from his infancy, the church which his father helped build. Mark grew up around camp meetings. His father was secretary and treasurer of the Bowmanstown Evangelical camp for more than forty years.

Outstanding holiness preachers from across the country, were frequent visitors and guests in the Bowman home. Mark's father had a vital interest in the founding of Beulah Park Bible School, and was a supporter of the school until his death.

His parents were much concerned about his Salvation. Ruth was one of the first students and the

following year Mark was sent there, after much entreating of the board, since he was not a saved boy. Rev. Russell Gardner, a close friend of the family sought his admittance, and earnestly prayed for his Salvation. During the opening convention and before classes had begun, Mark was genuinely and marvelously saved, in the dining room of Old Main.

Mark spent 7 years there, taking a business course at Dorney Business College, his high school and Theological training, also college work at Muhlenburg. During these years he worked hard to help grade the grounds and did many other things around the school.

He toured the zone with a quartette representing the Bible School, and doing whatever his hands found to do in promoting the school, which he dearly loved.

Soon after Mark's conversion, he with his father and sister attended an all day Holiness Meet-

ing, in the West Penn Evangelical Church. Rev. C. W. Ruth, a national holiness preacher of the Methodist church, expounded the Word of God. While preaching a great message, he said he felt God had called a young man, and laid his hand on him for the ministry. Mark was definitely called and referred to it many times, also telling how Rev. C. W. Ruth laid his hand on his head, which influence he felt through the years. He was true to that call throughout his life.

He graduated from Beulah Park Bible School in 1929, was ordained in 1931, took his first pastorate the same year.

After returning to school for the second semester of that first year at Beulah Park Bible School Mark was sanctified. He promised the Lord during his Christmas vacation he would seek the fullness of the blessing. He did so in the very first service.

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News from the Churches

GLEN BURNIE

On Nov. 28th we ended our revival with evangelist Rev. LeRoy Fetteroff and song-evangelist Mrs. Ruth Rimmer.

On the first day our Pastor, Rev. Braden Shrieves, suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance where he remained the duration of our twelve-day revival. Then our Evangelist developed "walking" pneumonia and was confined to bed for three days. During this time we had the tragic news of Brother Bowman's death and it seemed there was nothing to do but close our revival.

However, with the encouragement of Brother Fetteroff and the ability of Sister Rimmer to take his place in the pulpit for three services, we held on and the Lord greatly helped us in our predicament. After three days in bed, Brother Fetteroff resumed preaching under physical disadvantage. A number found the help they sought at the Altar and the revival went the full course of twelve days.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Brother Fetteroff and Sister Rimmer for the wonderful help they were to us. Sister Rimmer did so much more than she was called to do. She played both piano and accordion, sang, preached and gave both Scene-o-felt and Flannelgraph lessons as well as helped with the cooking and work in the parsonage in our Pastor's absence. May the Lord bless her and Brother Fetteroff for helping us through a trying time.

Brother Shrieves is still hospitalized and not doing as well as we had hoped. We solicit your prayers for him and for our church in the absence of our Pastor. Brother Belcher from Baltimore 2nd Church has kindly agreed to preach for us temporarily until we can make other arrangements.

Our Pastor will not be able to fill the pulpit until some time after the New Year.

Our church recently started holding Sunday afternoon services in a Nursing Home for the elderly. This has brought much joy to the "shut-ins" and has been a source of blessing to those who are giving up their Sunday afternoons for this ministry. Soon another Home will be opened to us for similar services for "shut-ins". If the Lord makes the way we will eventually hold services in jails also.

Our Missionary Society recently sent four boxes to Africa, three with Christmas gifts and one of used clothing for natives.

Incidentally, we are keeping our Pastor on full salary for the duration of his illness. At the close of our revival a Love offering of more than a hundred dollars was taken in for him. His son, Sammy and his nephew are being cared for by Sister Wilson at the Parsonage and Brother Elijah Sterling is doing all he can to see to



Financial Facts

REV. PAUL D. DIETER, TREASURER

OCT. 11 - NOV. 10, 1965

CHURCH	PASTOR	18% of offerings
Baltimore I	Charles Baker	126.28
Baltimore II	M. Schwartz	
Bethlehem	Glen A. Staehli	19.22
Bishop's Head ..	Pardee Bramble	
Bloxom	Clifford Chew	23.55
Bozman	Paul Pritchett	
Broomes Island	E. Cranfield	
Cambridge	Paul D. Dieter	94.87
Cape Charles	Calvin Hudson	27.75
Cedar Grove	Mary Garrett	69.55
Centreville	W. J. Copeland	9.02
Crisfield	David Jellison	13.23
Deal's Island ..	Linwood Benton	29.15
Delmar	R. Clough	84.06
Denton	George Culver	125.62
Dover	A. T. Adams	116.08
Easton	Wm. Walker	83.71
Exmore	E. J. Haskins	
Glen Burnie	Braden Shrieves	128.67
Goldsboro	Lida Brasure	62.24
Greensboro	H. D. Dukes	28.34
Greenwood	Charles Lambert	5.00
Grotons	Clifford Chew	1.73
Gumboro	M. Griffin	25.00
Harrington	Wm. H. Miller	100.00
Hooper's Island	Carl Candel	35.71
Hurlock	Charles Engrem	
Laurel	Reed Morris	50.00
Mardela	R. Coverdale	
Milford	J. Rimmer	
Millsboro	R. Killmon	35.00
Milton	Wayne Musgrove	113.38
New Liberty	E. L. Horseman	
Oxford	Alfred Clark	30.00
Quinby	Louetta Holden	10.00
Ridgely	Wm. Quillen	25.00
Roxana	Roy Dorsett	75.00
Rumbley	Thomas Shores	24.66
Salisbury	H. G. Baker	121.53
Saxis	Clifford Chew	
Seaford	George Gilmore	
Tilghman	Paul Pritchett	
Trappe	Graham F. Senter	25.00
TOTALS		1,718.35

the various details in Brother Shrieves' absence.

Mrs. Mabel Snider
Secretary

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SALISBURY

The Salisbury Church was greatly blessed in having Rev. Jack Duckworth in our missionary convention, Nov. 26-27-28th. We enjoyed each inspiring message and a wonderful spirit prevailed. Our cash offering was \$502.71 and our pledge offering amounted to \$977.00 making a total of \$1479.71 given.

During the convention, the church sent over to the parsonage, a turkey and all the trimmings baked by the English Grill.

Our native workers fund this year, amounted to \$85.00 and for the Ramsey's Christmas box, a total of \$76.81 was sent to them, wrapped in love and prayers for this holiday season. We

are so very proud of our church and the fine work it is doing for the mission field and of their generosity in giving so much of what God has given them. Also, on Tuesday night Dec. 14th, in the home of our Pres. Sr. Baker, twenty of us enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party. Sr. Baker was given a pair of Sterling Silver salt and pepper shakers, by the missionary society.

We would also like to express our appreciation to our pastor for the fine work he has done as pastor of the Salisbury Church. We realize the great responsibilities placed upon him, at this time, as he accepts the duties of Dist. Supt. We would like you to join us in our prayers that God will bless and strengthen him and keep him always in His divine will.

Reporter, Mary Phippin



Sunday School Sidelights

REV. A. T. ADAMS

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Church	Pastor	Nov. 1964	Nov. 1965	Gain or Loss	% Gain
Baltimore I	Charles Baker	104	157	L - 7	
Baltimore II	M. Schwartz	102	97	L - 5	
Bethlehem	Glen A. Staehli	76	76	same	
Bishop's Head ..	Pardee Bramble	29	17	L - 12	
Bloxom	Clifford Chew	102	96	L - 6	
Bozman	Paul Pritchett	20	20	same	
Broomes Island ..	E. Cranfield	51	41	L - 10	
Cambridge	Paul D. Dieter	228	238	G - 10	4%
Cape Charles	Calvin Hudson	49	42	L - 7	
Cedar Grove	Mary Garrett	92	81	L - 11	
Centreville	W. J. Copeland	31	26	L - 5	
Crisfield	David Jellison	55	50	L - 5	
Deal's Island ..	Linwood Benton	18	39	G - 21	117%
Delmar	R. Clough	52	53	G - 1	2%
Denton	George Culver	83	68	L - 15	
Dover	A. T. Adams	96	89	L - 7	
Easton	Wm. Walker	87	88	G - 1	1%
Exmore	E. J. Haskins	44	42	L - 2	
Glen Burnie	Braden Shrieves	111	96	L - 15	
Goldsboro	Lida Brasure	83	89	G - 9	11%
Greensboro	H. D. Dukes	92	90	L - 2	
Greenwood	Charles Lambert	32	26	L - 6	
Grotons	Clifford Chew	11	13	G - 2	18%
Gumboro	M. Griffin	59	61	G - 2	3%
Harrington	Wm. H. Miller	192	202	G - 10	5%
Hooper's Island ..	Carl Candel	77	no report		
Hurlock	Charles Engrem	65	52	L - 13	
Laurel	Reed Morris	124	136	G - 12	10%
Mardela	R. Coverdale	55	50	L - 5	
Milford	J. Rimmer	76	62	L - 14	
Millsboro	R. Killmon	99	97	L - 2	
Milton	Wayne Musgrove	140	119	L - 21	
New Liberty	E. L. Horseman	62	63	G - 1	1%
Oxford	Alfred Clark	23	26	G - 3	13%
Quinby	Louetta Holden	18	19	G - 1	5%
Ridgely	Wm. Quillen	38	35	L - 3	
Roxana	Roy Dorsett	40	33	L - 7	
Rumbley	Thomas Shores	28	25	L - 3	
Salisbury	H. G. Baker	184	154	L - 30	
Saxis	Clifford Chew	30	33	G - 3	10%
Seaford	George Gilmore	41	39	L - 2	
Tilghman	Paul Pritchett	39	45	G - 6	15%
Trappe	Graham F. Senter	46	45	L - 1	
TOTALS		3064	2930	L - 134	

HONOR SCHOOLS OF THE MONTH

Highest Numerical Gains: Deal's Island - 21, Laurel - 12, Cambridge and Harrington - 10 each, Goldsboro - 9 and Tilghman - 6.

Highest % Gains: Deal's Island - 117%, Grotons - 18%, Tilghman - 15%, Oxford - 13% and Goldsboro - 11%.

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His Later Years

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During the years Mark was a student at Beulah Park Bible School, he supplied the Pulpit, at both Pocono Lake, and Cherryville, Pa., Pilgrim Holiness churches, during his summer vacations. After his ordination in 1931 he became pastor of the Warren Pilgrim Holiness Church. Following a 4 year pastorate there, he accepted a call to the Pittsburgh District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, serving both the Elizabeth and Belle Bridge Churches, then giving his full time to the Elizabeth Church for three years, after serving both congregations for 6 years. In 1944 he was called to the Pittsburgh church, serving until 1946, when he accepted a call to the Washington, Pa. Church. From there he

REV. M. H. BOWMAN

The Rev. Mark H. Bowman, 57, superintendent of the Eastern District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, died last Tuesday, November 23, after a heart attack on the grounds of the church camp at Denton.

Rev. Bowman had joined several men of the district in tidying the grounds when he was stricken. His widow, Mrs. Anna Mae Bowman and two other women prepared lunch for the workers. He had been called to lunch, waved his hands in answer to the call and slumped to the ground.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Luke who is a teacher in the public schools of Blue Ball, Pa., and John an instructor in music at the Southern Pilgrim College of Kernersville, N.C., and two sisters, Rev. Miss Ruth Bowman of Grand Cayman, B.W.I., and Mrs. George Christman of Tamaqua, Pa. Also one grandchild, Duane Bowman of Blue Ball, Pa.

Services were held Friday afternoon from the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Denton, conducted by Dr. Melvin Snyder and Rev. John D. Abbott of Indianapolis, Ind., assisted by Dr. Russell Gunsalus of Alexandria, Va. A further service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Reading, Pa. Interment was in Laurel Dale Cemetery near Reading.

went to the Cherryville, Pa. Church in the Penn.-N.J. district. He pastored there until 1953, when he became pastor of the Cambridge, Md., Church until 1960, when he was elected to the Eastern District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, as District Superintendent.

While serving the churches across the years, Rev. Bowman served in many other capacities for his beloved church. While in the Pittsburgh, Pa. district, he gave 10 years as District Secretary and Assistant District Superintendent. He served 4 years each, as District Treasurer for both Penn.-N.J. and Eastern districts. He has also served as Treasurer and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Eastern Pilgrim College, and served as a board member for about 14 years. He also, at the time of his death was a member of the Board at Owosso College, Owosso, Michigan. He also served as Sunday School Promotional Secretary, on Home Missionary Boards and Youth organization, both zone and District. Rev. Bowman, certainly gave of himself, in anything his beloved church, asked of him to perform, until the day of his death.

In Memory of Rev. Mark Bowman

The wisdom of our Father,
We do not question here,
The taking of a husband,
A father, and a Seer;
But Oh, the vacancy leaving
In the work to his heart so dear,
Has reached throughout the
district,
The whole church, both far and
near.

God grant that on his Successor,
His mantle now may fall,
And his example of sincere living
May help us one and all,
To love our Saviour better,
And follow in His way;
To search the Scriptures daily,
And The Master's voice obey.

His labors here are ended,
His armor laid aside,
May those who are left to follow,
Ever close to God abide;
And when our toils are ended,
And Our lives Race here is run,
May we hear His wondrous
welcome,
Enter in My Child, "WELL
DONE."

Louetta Holden

That Night

That nite when in the Judean sky
The mystic star dispensed its light
A blind man moved in his sleep,
And dreamed that he had sight.

That nite when shepherds heard
the song
Of angelic choiring near.
A deaf man stirred in slumbers
spell,
And dreamed that he could hear.

That nite when in the cattle stall,
Slept child and mother cheek by
jowl
A cripple turned his twisted limbs,
And dreamed that he was whole.

That nite when o'er the new born
babe
The tender mother rose to lean,
A loathsome leper smiled in sleep,
And dreamed that he was clean.

That nite when to the mother's
breast,
The little king was held secure.



REV. H. GRIER BAKER

November 30, 1965

Dear Fellow Pastors and Co-Workers,

Greetings today in the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us!

Sorrow and a deep sense of great loss continues to be felt in the heart of each pastor and member of our district as well as others across the entire church, since the home-going of our beloved district superintendent and brother, Rev. Mark Bowman. In my own heart, there is a true sense of aloneness when I remember that our leader is taken from us. Yet there comes an assuring response from God's Word, "... Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Brethren, with unwavering faith and confidence, we may trust this promise from the infallible Word of God which has never failed, even in the hour of distress.

May the providential circumstances which we find ourselves in, not defeat or discourage us; but may we even be challenged by

A harlot slept a happy sleep,
And dreamed that she was pure.

That nite when in the manger lay,
The sanctified who came to save.
A man slept the sleep of death,
And dreamed there was no grave.

Submitted by

Rev. J. M. Sullivan,
General Evangelist

them to press forward for a renewed spiritual awakening on our district in our day. Only as we prostrate ourselves before His face, can we expect our people to 'Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.' May we pick up the torch of our beloved brother and carry it as he would have desired us to, and under God be willing and determined to pay the price required to have the single blessings from the triune God.

We sincerely covet your prayer support as we face these coming months. It is my earnest and constant prayer that God will speak, move where we cannot move, comfort where we are unable to comfort, and grant wisdom and guidance for each of us as we are confronted with decisions that can only be made wisely with His inspiration and direction.

I need not remind you of the need to continue to faithfully pray for the immediate family of Brother Bowman. As Mrs. Bowman and her honorable sons must now face the future without husband and father, let us pray that He who holds the future will uphold each of them with His everlasting arm and be their constant companion and friend.

Our district council, under the direction of General Superintendent Dr. M. H. Snyder, met December 11, 1965. Their decision is that as your District Superintendent, I will also continue as pastor of the Salisbury Church. Be assured, that if you need me, I will be glad to assist you in any way that is possible. While I will not be fulfilling the preaching schedule of our former Superintendent Bro. Bowman, I will be conducting the annual business meetings, the Lord willing. The Council members have gone on record to give assistance in the performance of the district duties. The council elected Rev. William H. Miller as our Assistant Superintendent and Rev. A. T. Adams as advisory member of the council.

I am sure that under the hand of God our Father and with the confidence, support and prayers of the good people of our beloved Eastern District, we will continue to move forward.

May the Lord richly bless you,
is my earnest prayer.

In His Name,
H. Grier Baker