


YOUR
LIVING VICTORIOUSLY
PROGRAM



The Way International
June 19—July 5, 1982

Dear LIVING VICTORIOUSLY Students,

od bless and greetings to you in the wonderful name of our living lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

I love you and thank God for your being here with us for our special 40th Anniversary class on LIVING VICTORIOUSLY.

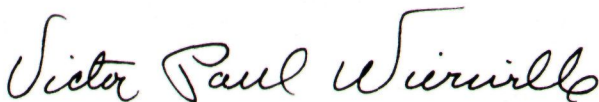
This is perhaps the first time that this many born-again believers, filled with holy spirit, have gathered together for over two weeks and for such a magnificent purpose. I am blessed and excited to be with you. Along with me will be other of our men and women holding forth the greatness of God's Word to you.

We have inspiring themes for each day throughout LIVING VICTORIOUSLY and we will do two teaching series: (1) "Witnessing and Undershepherding" and (2) "Our Spiritual Adversary." I am truly thankful that God has allowed me this opportunity, privilege and responsibility to share His Word with you.

Remember that the "House of His Healing Presence" is available for you at LIVING VICTORIOUSLY. God is faithful and will honor our believing.

Claim each moment of the day as a day of tremendous learning and growth for yourself in seeing God's Word in a greater scope and perspective. God sent His Son so that we could live more than abundantly—that is "living victoriously."

Faithfully,
In His service,



Victor Paul Wierwille

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The Founder and President and the First Lady
of The Way International,
Dr. and Mrs. Victor Paul Wierwille



The Wierwille Family

Left to Right: John and Mary Somerville with their children (in order of age): Amy, Matthew, Luke, Lydia, Sierra and John Hayes. Front: Kevin and Sara Guigou holding their children, Grant and Micah. John Paul and Shari Wierwille. Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille. Back: Don and Wanda Wierwille with their children (in order of age): Laurinda, Ralph and Kristina. James and Karen Martin with their children (in order of age): Darcy, Sarah Marie and Joelle. (insert: John Paul Wierwille, Jr.)

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Vice-President of The Way International
Dr. Donald Ernst Wierwille and Family—
Left to Right: *Ralph, Wanda, Kristina, Don
and Laurinda*



Secretary-Treasurer of The Way
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Michael and Cindy Fort and Krista and
Roger Wulber*

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Vice-President 1955—1981



Mrs. Ermal L. Owens



In Memoriam
Harry Ernst Wierwille
Secretary-Treasurer 1955—1977



Mrs. Harry Ernst Wierwille



President-elect and Family, Rev. and Mrs. L. Craig Martindale and daughter, Leah

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Opening of LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

4:45 p.m./5:45 p.m.....Supper (two shifts)
7:00 p.m.Official opening of LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

6:45 a.m./7:45 a.m.....Breakfast (two shifts)
9:00 a.m.Teaching Session
11:45 a.m./12:45 p.m.....Dinner (two shifts)
Afternoon.....Available for fellowship
4:45 p.m./5:45 p.m.....Supper (two shifts)
7:00 p.m.Teaching Session

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (BOTH WEEKS)

6:45 a.m./7:45 a.m.....Breakfast (two shifts)
9:00 a.m.Teaching Session
11:45 a.m./12:45 p.m.....Dinner (two shifts)
3:00 p.m.Teaching Session
4:45 p.m./5:45 p.m.....Supper (two shifts)
7:00 p.m.Teaching Session

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 27

The Word Over the World—Living Victoriously Weekend

SATURDAY, JULY 3 AND SUNDAY, JULY 4

The Church in the Home—Living Victoriously Weekend

MONDAY, JULY 5

6:45 a.m./7:45 a.m.....Breakfast (two shifts)



THE WAY INTERNATIONAL

A Brief History

1940s

At the time, it was the young people who wanted to move the Word of God with me, so I began with them. I knew that the Vesper Chimes would give me a lot of training and it would help to train the young people as well. Then we could bless other people through the broadcast and by going to other churches to share our program with them."

—Victor Paul Wierwille

Victor Paul Wierwille was ordained and entered the Christian ministry, taking the pastorate of a small congregation in Payne, Ohio, in 1941. He soon became discouraged with the lack of abundance in the lives of those he was sent to pastor. His discouragement triggered a lifelong search into the accuracy of the Word of God in order to discover the principles that would cause the Church of the Body to flourish once again.

The young people of his congregation were eager to spread the light of God's Word and so they, by no coincidence, were instrumental in the event that initiated the worldwide ministry known today as The Way International. On October 3, 1942, Rev. Wierwille gathered a carload of talented teenagers from his church and drove them to Lima, Ohio, for the first broadcast of the Vesper Chimes program. The young



The first broadcast of the Vesper Chimes at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 1942 from WLOK studio in Lima, Ohio, marked the beginning of The Way Ministry.



"The Church with the Open Door and the Open Bible"—Dr. Wierwille's first pastorate in Payne, Ohio, 1941-1944.

people sang and played gospel music and the young pastor taught Biblical principles of positive believing.

Through succeeding weekly broadcasts, Rev. Wierwille became known as "The Teacher." He taught God's Word on radio, in the church and in articles for *Christian Action Magazine*—he taught whenever he could to uphold his calling from God: "God said He would teach me the Word as it had not been known since the first century if I would teach it to others."

After years of traditional training, he turned away from commentaries and theology to the Word of God as his only source for truth. Upon this foundation he established the research, teaching and fellowship ministry of The Way.

1950s

We lived and taught and ministered in Van Wert for fifteen years. So many, many things happened there. That is where the research and teaching ministry really took root. Of the fifteen years we were there, twelve of them I spent doing nothing but researching the Word from eight o'clock in the morning until two or three o'clock the next morning. Mrs. Wierwille and I bled out our hearts in that city."

—Victor Paul Wierwille

Dr. Wierwille's passion for Biblical research brought him face-to-face with the Holy Spirit field. Early in the fifties, his thirst to manifest power from on high was rewarded when he was led into speaking in tongues at a religious convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Victor Paul Wierwille—"The Teacher"—broadcast live from WLOK in Lima, Ohio.



The Wierwille home on South Washington Street in Van Wert, Ohio, where The Way Ministry operated from 1957 until the move to New Knoxville in 1961.



St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Van Wert, Ohio, where Dr. Wierwille ministered, 1944-1957.

Later he attended a class by B.G. Leonard on the manifestations of holy spirit. Leonard's class inspired Dr. Wierwille to review his voluminous research concerning the holy spirit and present it in a class known today as Power for Abundant Living.

Finally, equipped with answers and genuine spiritual power, Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille and three of their children embarked on a nine-month journey to Great Britain, the Middle East and India. The teaching tour, which included ministering to large audiences—both Christian and non-Christian—precipitated Dr. Wierwille's resignation from his denomination. In 1957, he began serving full time in the ministry of The Way.

A handful of loyal believers continued to support Dr. Wierwille. They fellowshipped together at the Wierwille home on South Washington Street in Van Wert. Dr. Wierwille continued to research and teach God's Word in fulfillment of his commitment to the Father.



Dr. Wierwille addressing the Jain congregation in India with Dr. J.S. Williams interpreting, 1955.

The first class on Power for Abundant Living held in 1953.



Back row, L to R: Darold Williams, Malvin George, Dick Konkle, Paul Miller, Ermal Owens, Rev. F.J. Lowenberg, Walter Ewing, Arthur Reidel, Rev. Adrian Kipp, W.G. Crooks. Center row, L to R: Mrs. Darold Williams, Mrs. Gaylord Wilkins, Rhoda Becker Wierwille, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Ermal Owens, Dr. E.E. Higgins, Mrs. Walter Ewing, Mrs. Arthur Reidel, Mrs. Richard Fischbach. Front row, L to R: Ernest Atkinson, Mrs. Ernest Atkinson, Mrs. Schuyler Myers, Schuyler Myers, Mrs. V.P. Wierwille, Dr. V.P. Wierwille, Mrs. E.R. Standfuss, Mrs. Mabel Houghe, Mrs. William Peters, Daniel Friedly.

1960s

Those early years on the farm were a time of building the foundational structure of this entire ministry, solving problems while we were on a small, local scale. We learned a great deal. It was a chance to practice full-scale the principles of the Word, unconfined by other organizations. Then later, two important events broke open the outreach throughout the country: the filming of the class in 1967 and my trip to California in 1968 where I first met the 'hippie' believers." —Victor Paul Wierwille

At the turn of the decade, Harry Ernst Wierwille ("Uncle Harry"), Dr. Wierwille's brother, offered to remodel the family farmhouse in New Knoxville where they had grown up so that it could serve as The Way's headquarters. In 1961, Dr. Wierwille returned to his home and the physical Root structure of the ministry began to take shape. By 1964, a Biblical Research Center had been built.

During this time, the class on Power for Abundant Living was conducted throughout Ohio and other parts of the U.S.A. The demand for the teaching necessitated Dr. Wierwille's traveling a great deal. For a time he experimented with filming the class. The year 1967 was marked by the preparation for making a 16mm color sound film of the Foundational Class, a mammoth undertaking completed in 1968. Now the great accuracy of the Word of God was available to students everywhere.

At The Way International Headquarters, Summer School, begun in 1962, provided a variety of instruction with classes such as Aramaic,



Remodeling the family home south of New Knoxville in 1961, the new headquarters for the ministry.



Breaking ground for The Way Biblical Research Center in 1961. Left to Right: Harry Ernst Wierwille, Ermal L. Owens, Dr. Wierwille, Cleon White and Bishop K.C. Pillai.



The filming of the Power for Abundant Living class in 1967 marked a turning point for the ministry and a new arm of outreach for The Way International.



Long hair and bare feet brought a new look to New Knoxville in the late '60s.



The First Way Corps. Left to Right: Del and Nancy Duncan, Bo Reahard, Earl and Nancy Burton, Gary Curtis, Randy Anderson, Naomi Townsend and Mike Smith.



The first Rock of Ages festival in 1971 marked the beginning of the Word Over the World Ambassador program as more and more young people flocked to the ministry.

Greek, Hebrew, Lessons in Living, Song Leading, Orientalisms and Speed Reading.

In the late sixties, "long haired" students from California came to Summer School. They had listened to Dr. Wierwille teach in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco and decided that his knowledge of the Holy Spirit field was the truth for which they had been searching.

1970s

During my four decades of research and teaching of Biblical and systematic theology, my studies have consistently brought me back to the subject of this work: the cornerstone of all history, Jesus Christ . . . Many dedicated people have assisted me in . . . this project which I have worked on periodically for two decades."

—Victor Paul Wierwille

Introduction to *Jesus Christ Our Passover*

With audio tapes and color films of the class on Power for Abundant Living circulating throughout the world, Dr. Wierwille was free to explore more specialized teaching—teaching other men and women to become full-time Christian leaders.

In 1970 the First Way Corps, a group of nine believers, began their leadership training with "The Teacher" on the farm. They lived and worked with Dr. Wierwille to acquire a greater insight into the Word of God so that they could carry it to others.

In less than five years, The Way Corps grew so quickly that another training location was needed. In 1974 the ministry purchased The Way College of Emporia in Kansas. Programs were begun to train both

Way Corps and College Division students in Biblical studies. In 1976 a two-hundred-acre campus in Rome City, Indiana, was acquired to facilitate training of entire families in The Way Corps. Two additional properties—Camp Gunnison, The Way Family Ranch in Colorado, and the LEAD Outdoor Academy in New Mexico—were added to provide new types of leadership training.

In his research Dr. Wierwille continued to focus on the central figure of all history, Jesus Christ. The truths he uncovered were published in *Power for Abundant Living*, *Are the Dead Alive Now?*, *The Bible Tells Me So*, *The New, Dynamic Church* and *The Word's Way*, all in 1971; *Receiving the Holy Spirit Today*, in 1972; *Jesus Christ Is Not God*, 1975; and *God's Magnified Word*, 1977.

Beginning in 1971, believers from around the world began to gather at The Way Headquarters each August to celebrate Word Over the World at the Rock of Ages festival. At the festival's conclusion each year, new Word Over the World Ambassadors were commissioned to go out into the world to bring others into the fellowship of "the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus Christ.



LEAD Outdoor Academy in Tinnie, New Mexico



The Gunnison triplex, Camp Gunnison, The Way Family Ranch in Colorado



The Way College of Biblical Research, Indiana Campus



Kenyon Hall, The Way College of Emporia in Kansas



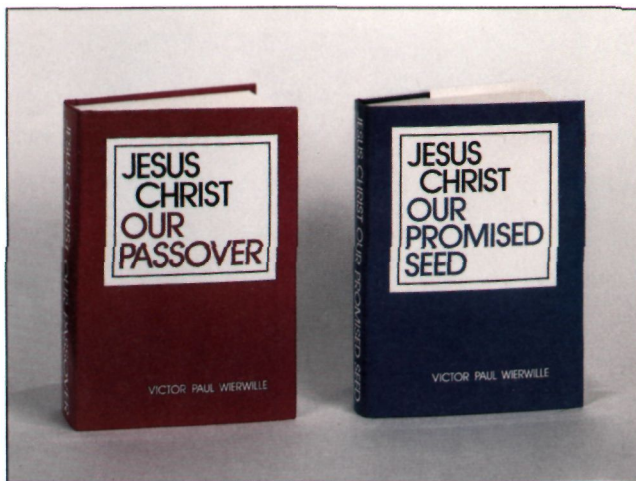
Aerial view of The Way International today



Rev. Gary Curtis interprets for Dr. Wierwille during The 40th Anniversary Presidential Itinerary to South and Central America.



The recording team for the Dutch PFAL class, 1982. Left to right: Rev. Christoph Stoop, Reinoud Jan Brandt, Chip Allen and Rev. Gary Curtis.



The 1980s mark the release of new and exciting research books by Dr. Wierwille.



1981-82 marked The 40th Anniversary year of the ministry of The Way with weekend celebrations around the country.

1980s

In the eighties the faithful in Christ Jesus may enjoy a new beginning multiplied ten times. I truly believe that by God's mercy and grace and by our standing faithful to God's Word, this decade will witness Word Over the World—to all peoples, into every nation. We will see God's Word in believers throughout the earth."

—Victor Paul Wierwille

The decade of the eighties has barely begun, yet many signs show Dr. Wierwille's vision coming to pass. Power for Abundant Living has been translated into German, Portuguese, Russian and Dutch in addition to the Spanish and French translations done in the 1970s. Thousands of men and women have volunteered as WOW Ambassadors to take the Word of God contained in the Foundational Class to the world. Today our ministry has active work in nearly fifty nations.

Enlightening research on the life of Jesus Christ was published in *Jesus Christ Our Passover*, 1980. *Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed* will be released in 1982.

Our 40th Anniversary year—1982—is a time of rich fellowship and celebration as thousands of believers have enjoyed special Anniversary Weekends in their Regions of the ministry. Thousands more have journeyed to our International Headquarters to hear the Word in the once-in-a-lifetime class, LIVING VICTORIOUSLY. This year has been a time of preparation for The 40th Anniversary Week, which will culminate on October 3, when Rev. L. Craig Martindale will be inaugurated as the second president of The Way International.

THE 40th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CELEBRATION: AN OVERVIEW

On October 4, 1981, at the 39th Anniversary of The Way International, Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille, founder and president, announced the highlights for The 40th Anniversary year of celebration. Packed with events of significance, the year opened officially on October 5, 1981 and concludes on

October 3, 1982.

The theme of the year, "God's Call to Love," was announced at Rock of Ages 1981. Each month of this 40th Anniversary year has a specific theme highlighting an aspect of our great foundational teaching—Power for Abundant Living.

ROCK OF AGES 1981— GOD'S CALL TO LOVE

September '81

God's Call to Love—

The Greatest Secret:

The Word of God Is the Will of God

October '81

God's Call to Love—

The God-Breathed Word:

The Profit and Purpose of the Word

November '81

God's Call to Love—

The Integrity of the Word:

Receive, Retain and Release

December '81

God's Call to Love—

The Word Interprets Itself:

Truth Versus Tradition

January '82

God's Call to Love—

The Church of the Body:

The Great Mystery Revealed

February '82

God's Call to Love—

The Disciplined Mind:

The Battle of the Senses

March '82

God's Call to Love—

The Completeness in Christ:

Body, Soul and Spirit

April '82

God's Call to Love—

The Key to Power:

Renewed Mind—Sonship Rights

May '82

God's Call to Love—

The Gift from Him:

God in Christ in You

June '82

God's Call to Love—

The Witness in Christ:

Manifestations of Holy Spirit

July '82

God's Call to Love—

The Power in Christ:

Believing in Manifestation

August '82

God's Call to Love—

The Will of God:

That Ye May Know

On October 7, 1981, Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille embarked on the South and Central American Presidential Itinerary, accompanied by Staff, guests and crew. Throughout the two weeks Ambassador One touched down in seven countries. Greeted by excited

believers everywhere, Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille poured out their love, proving that the love of God knows no language barriers. *Dios es amor.* God is love.

Between November 1981 and May 1982, the heart of The Way International reached out to the

United States of America. God's people in all eight Regions enjoyed their 40th Anniversary Weekends. Thousands of believers all over the country viewed the presentation "The Way: Past, Present and Future" and the premiere showing in their Region of the historical film, "One of a Kind." At each weekend, Dr. Wierwille taught God's Word, Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille hosted a special banquet on Saturday nights and children enjoyed the fellowship and teaching in Children's Activities. Way Productions rounded out the weekends with music and song. Each guest received a specially designed, lead crystal 40th Anniversary goblet which was a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Wierwille, to commemorate the occasion. From Dallas to Chicago, from San Diego to Boston, from Charlotte to Seattle, from Atlanta to Minneapolis, participants in the

weekends enjoyed reports on our outreach ministries as well as displays, the Bookstore, family tables and wonderful fellowship. Truly these were weekends to remember.

Midyear, February 11-14, believers in all kinds of occupations, trades and professions gathered in Kansas City, Missouri, for the Word in Business and Profession Conference. The theme was "Christians Should Be Prosperous." Over one hundred and twenty different teachers shared God's Word in Wordshops, seminars and panel discussions.

All these events built toward the greatness of God's Word being taught at LIVING VICTORIOUSLY, The 40th Anniversary class. From June 19 through July 5, 1982, at The Way International Headquarters, thousands from the U.S.A. and from over thirty countries have gathered to hear "The Teacher" and other great ministry teachers hold forth God's Word.

Rock of Ages, August 15-20, 1982, introduces our theme for the new year, 1982-83: "God's Call to Unity."

Finally, as the great conclusion of The 40th Anniversary year, an entire week of celebration at The Way International Headquarters will culminate with the installation of the new president of our ministry on October 3, 1982.

Besides these highlights, 1982 marks other firsts: Ebony Advances, the Athlete's Conference and the week of dedication of The Way Corps Chalet, to name but a few.

God's Word is indeed on the move in this 40th Anniversary year of celebration, as God's people grow in knowledge of His Word.



Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille, Founder and President of The Way International, shares the Word with Rev. L. Craig Martindale, President-elect.

WORD OVER THE WORLD AUDITORIUM

No place today is devoted more thoroughly to communicating the Word of God than The Way International Headquarters. Each building, each job, each activity is designed to aid the research and teaching of the Bible or to enrich the fellowship of the believers. Because of what The Way International stands for—the integrity and accuracy of God’s Word—there is a steady flow of visitors to The Way International.

Since the very start, believers have loved coming to International Headquarters because of what can happen during even a brief visit. It is a place where people expect to have prayers answered, to be healed and to soak in the Word of God from all sides—teachings, books, productions and conversations.

For years Headquarters has accommodated visitors as graciously as possible with the facilities available. This has meant spreading out events from building to building—putting a teaching center in one, a bookstore in another, a dramatic production in another and a children’s fellowship somewhere else.

Because of our developing need for one central meeting place, in 1981 a site was chosen for the Word Over the World Auditorium.

The new building will be brick, with sloped seating for over fourteen hundred in the main auditorium. The building includes fellowship areas. There are all-purpose rooms on either side of the main entrance which will allow several different activities to be conducted simultaneously. Upstairs, near the



balcony seating, there will be a lounge which includes a fireplace and small kitchen. People will be able to gather in the lounge before or after major productions, and the room will have historical displays for people to enjoy. There will be a total of four kitchenettes in the building. All of the audio visual and Way Productions work will be housed in the new auditorium building.

The auditorium project has become a family affair from the ground up. It is reminiscent of the record in Exodus when the children of Israel together brought their “willing offering” to help build the tabernacle, or the record in Nehemiah when the children of Israel worked side-by-side to rebuild the wall surrounding Jerusalem. Believers from all across the United States have contributed and believed together for its successful completion.

With the opening of the Word Over the World Auditorium, The Way International will be able to serve visitors more easily and to present the Word of God on a silver platter more graciously than ever before.

GOD'S WORD REACHES OUT



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