

Bunion
Augustus
"Gus"
Nichols:
A Man Of
God



Bunion Augustus Nichols.
(Signature of mark)

Humble Beginnings



- Born January 12, 1892
- Rural Walker County, Alabama
- The oldest of 10 children
- Attended one-room school a few winters
- Raised among the Baptists
- Taught truth by cousin -
Larkin Wyers
- 1908 - Joined the Baptists At 16

A Young Man In Talent & Promise



Typical Baptist Singing School

- Could play any instrument & memorized Showalter's Rudiments
- Taught Singing Schools with uncle, Sam Wyers

- 1909 – At Iron Mountain School where Nichols obeyed the gospel under C.A. Wheeler
- 1912 – Finished 7th, 8th, 9th grades in 6 wks.



Marries Matilda Brown

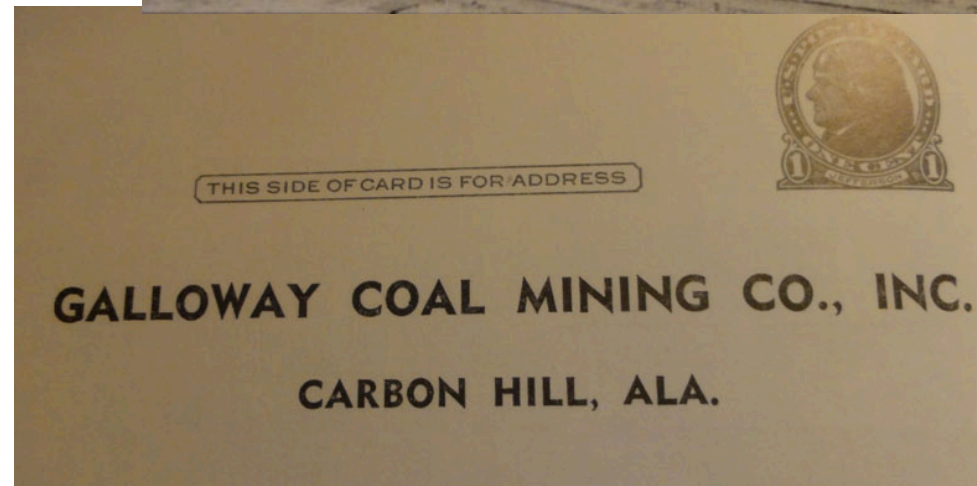
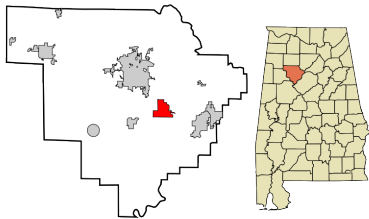
(3.29.1894-10.6.1991) 97 years!

- November 13, 1913
- Gus – 21 & Matilda
- Converted Matilda
- Eight Children
 - Gracie – 1915, 4.27
 - Vodie – 1916, 9.10
 - Flavil Hall – 1919, 2.2
 - Bertha – 1920, 10.1
 - Carrie – 1923, 3.11
 - Foy Wallace – 1924, 10.15
 - Hardeman – 1928, 3.16
 - Hudson – 1930, 1.29



1916 - Carbon Hill, Alabama

1919 – Preached
1st Sermon &
Started Church In
Iron Mountain
Schoolhouse



May 27, 1917

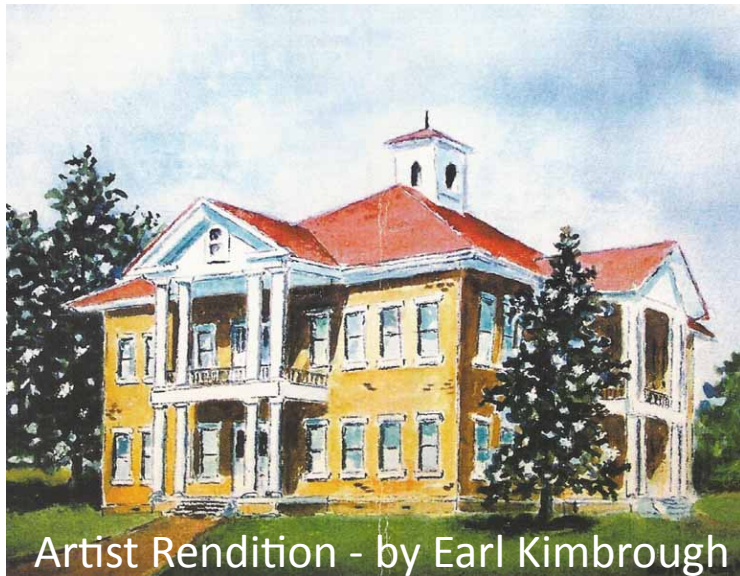
F3 Tornado - 3 miles wide - 17 miles long -
Kills 6, Destroys 200 homes In Carbon Hill



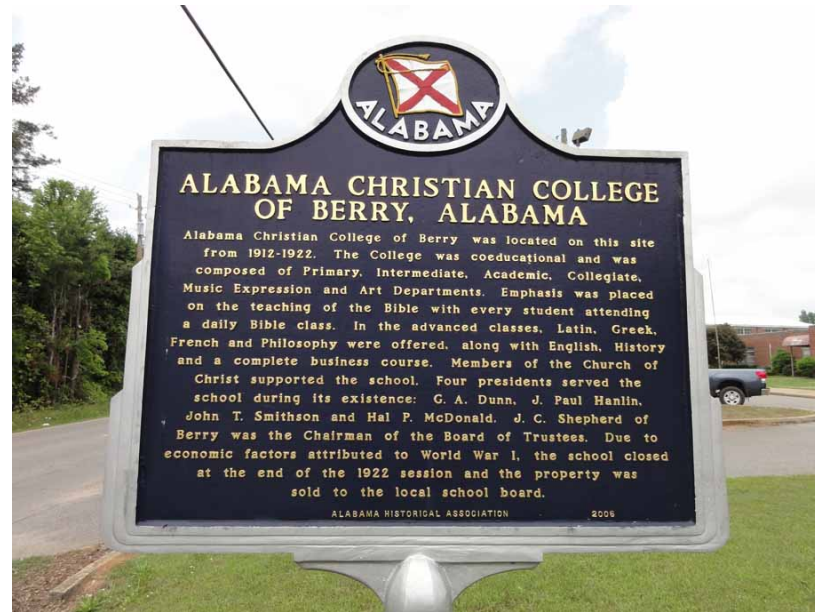
“In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew us away and ruined our crops out on a farm before it tore into Carbon Hill, Alabama and left the dead and the homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing a crop.” WE, 1974, 11.5

Alabama Christian College - Berry

1912-1922



Artist Rendition - by Earl Kimbrough



Built 7 Acre Farm/House & Road
To It/Barn/Well/Large Garden/



Nichols Home In Berry

1918-1922

Gus & Carey Nichols

Attend Alabama
Christian College

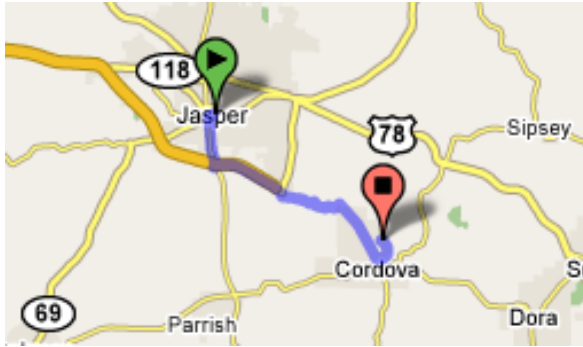
Alabama Christian College - Berry

1912-1922



We have the following report from Gus Nichols, Berry, Ala.: "J. D. Tant closed a meeting here last night, with eleven baptized, one restored, the church edified, and a good interest aroused in the school."

GA - Vol 64. #12, 1922, p.273, Perhaps Nichols' First Report To The Gospel Advocate



1924-1926 Cordova, Alabama

Held Tent Meeting in Jasper
– Est. Church – Preached
Ever Sunday Afternoon at
Jasper Until Departing for
Lamar County in 1926





1926-1932

To Millport, Lamar County

Begins Circuit Preaching With
Churches – Three Each Week
For 1st 2 Years

1927 – Report to GA -
Preached 336 Times & 3 Bible
Classes Each Week





GA Reports

1928 – Preached 294 times/
47 baptisms/24 restorations

-GA-1.24.1929, p.81

1929 – Preached 13 mtngs/
310 sermons/86 baptisms/
184 discourses at mission
points

-GA-12.26.1929, p.1232





GA Reports



1930 – Meeting at Cordova with 53 Baptisms -GA, 1930,p.969

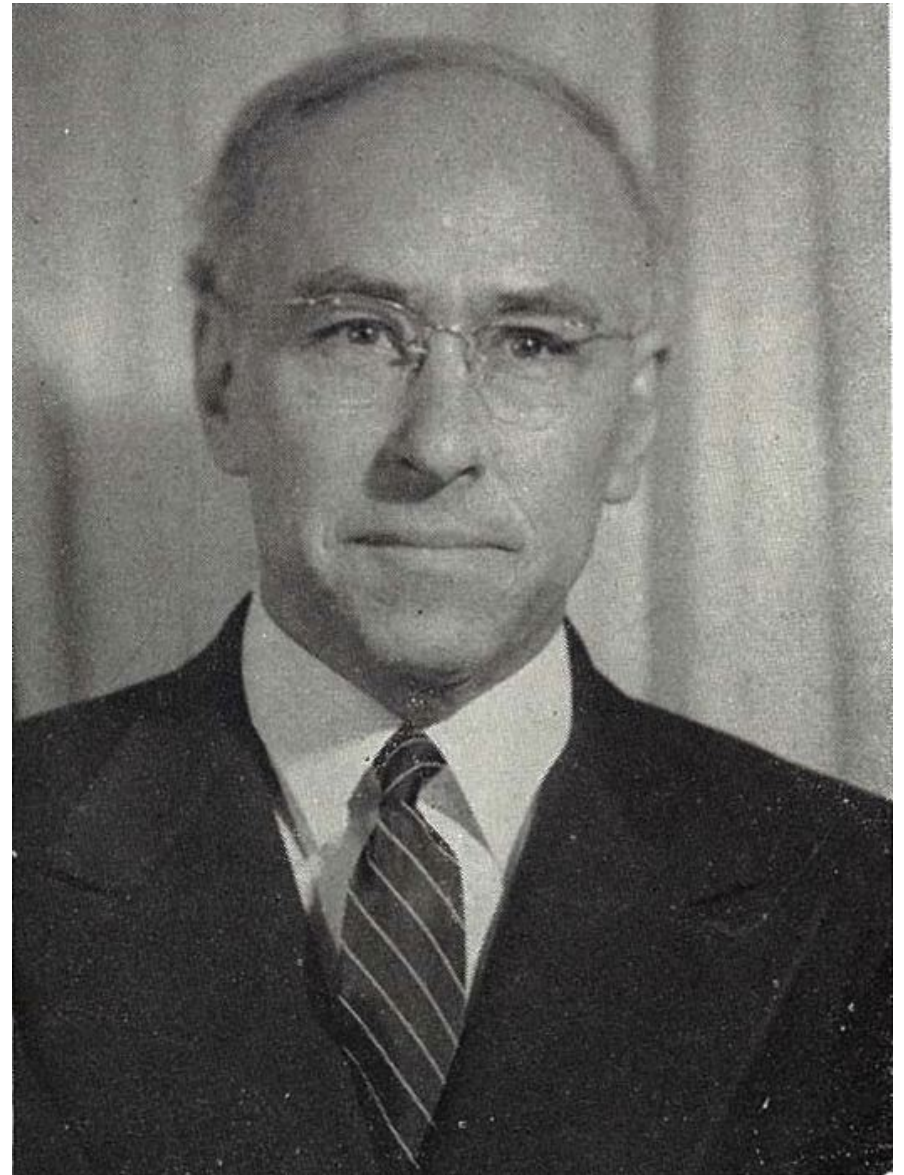
1930 – Visits Freed-Hardeman – writes first article about visit in GA, 7.3, p.639

1932 – Gus Nichols, Millport, Ala., November 28: "I have arranged to begin work in Walker County the first of the new year, and will be located at Jasper, where I am to work part time with the church. I am finishing my seventh year at Millport. I have worked outward through Lamar and adjoining counties, doing much mission work. **During the seven years spent here I delivered two thousand five hundred discourses and baptized more than one thousand souls, this year being our most successful year, with two hundred and twenty-eight baptized to date.** Surely there are no better people than those who have supported this work. They are at Peace. It is painful and sad to leave this people; but their invitation to stay came four days too late, as I had already agreed to go to Jasper. They tried to get a release, but failed. Thank God for such friends.' - GA, Dec. 15, 1932



1933 To Jasper, Walker County

For The Last 43 Years Of
His Life



New Building Had Been Built On 5th Avenue & 15th Streets



He Began Preaching Two Sundays At Jasper Each Month,
One At Cordova & One At Carbon Hill

1934 – Training Church Leaders Begins



Jasper needing Elders, Gus Nichols began a class on Friday nights 7-9:30 or ten. Class grew to have as many as 60 or 70 preachers attending on a Friday night. That school is still going as Gus Nichols School of Preaching, with Levi Sides directing it.

Increase National Awareness

- 1934 – Moderates for C.R. Nichol in debate with Free-Will Baptist – report in GA, 12.27, p.1224
- 1935 – “The Bible And Silence” – GA, 3.1, p.224
- 1936 - "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" BY GUS NICHOLS – 32 page tract: A sermon on the plan of salvation. – GA, 2.6.1936, p.142
- 1937 – First Series of Special Courses At FHC – Gus Nichols appears on forum - & for next 38 years
- 1941 - Art. by GN, The Uniform Lesson Series – Aug. 17, 1941, by GN, “Paul Encourages Suffering Christians” cf. 1 Pet. 4
- 1942 – Appears on Lectureships at FHC – Jan., Memphis - Feb, Anniston, Al, - Mar. – Debates Holiness O.G. Lodge, B’ham in April, Debates C.V. Headrick, Baptist in Huntsville - July

Gospel Advocate Promotes Nichols

- 1943, May 3-7 – Debate with C.J. Weaver (Holiness) in Sheffield, Ala., Flavil N. Moderator – Transcribed And Reproduced By GA – Boles, Brewer, Nichol, Woods, Promote Book
- 1944, GA, April 27, p.282 – Frontispiece Notice

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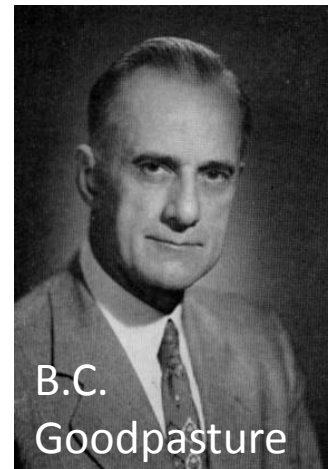
NASHVILLE, TENNESS

BROTHER NICHOLS TO WRITE FOR ADVOCATE

We are glad to announce that Gus Nichols, of Jasper, Ala., has been added to our staff of regular writers.

Brother Nichols is one of the best-known and ablest preachers in the entire brotherhood. He is an experienced debater and a ready writer. For the past twelve years he has labored with the congregation in Jasper, Ala.

His articles will be strong, scriptural, and practical. Our readers will profit by a careful perusal of anything he writes.



B.C.
Goodpasture

Years Of Expansion

- 1945 – January, Begins Appearing On Lipscomb Lectures
 - Articles by Gus Nichols appearing in most issues of Gospel Advocate
- 1946 – Begins Holding Meetings As Far As Texas“
- 1946 – I reached the conclusion some years ago that Brother Boles was the greatest man known to me in all the brotherhood.” – GN, GA, 3.28.

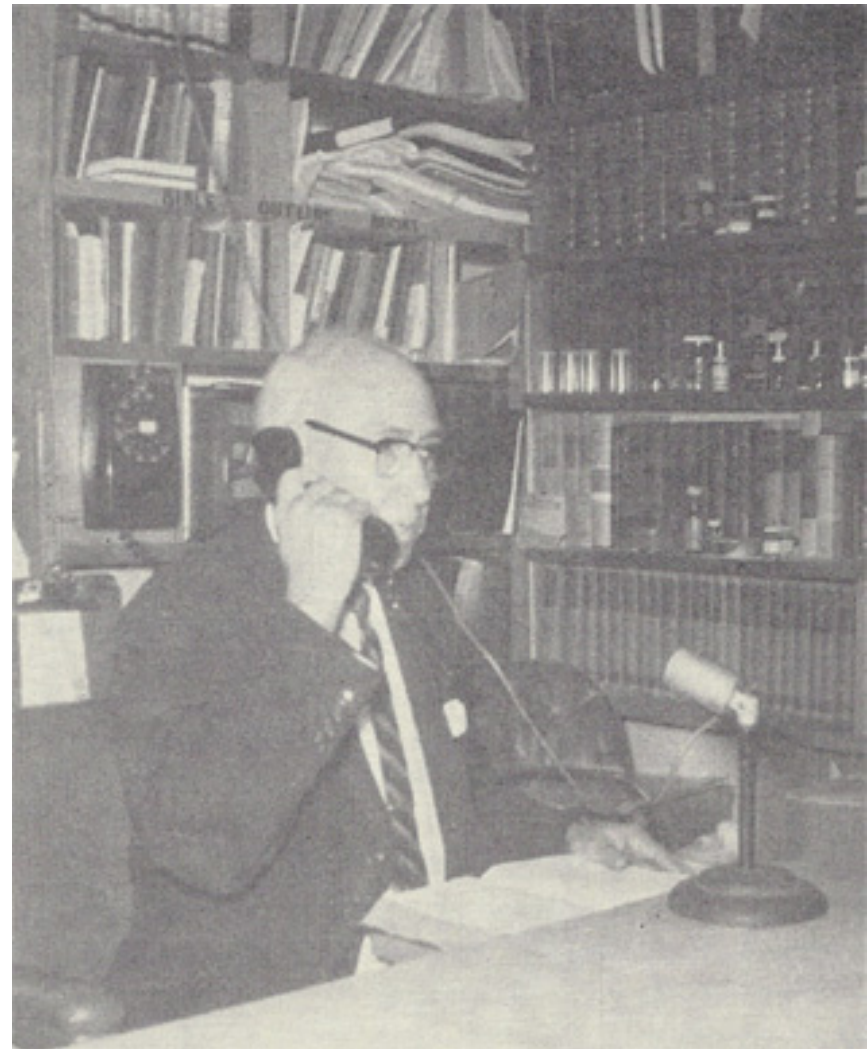
“Words Of Truth” On Radio - 1946



- New Radio Station In Jasper, Alabama
WWWB1360
- Walter Will Bankhead told Nichols that he was starting a new radio station. Nichols told him he wanted to be on the air the first day.

“Words Of Truth” On Radio - 1946

- November, 1946 – First Thirty Minute Broadcast – 8-8:30am
- Later a second broadcast at the noon hour
- Three different stations – Still going with Levi Sides – In its 64th year.



Years Of Expansion

- 1947 – Gus Nichols begins handling the daily Q&A sessions at Freed-Hardeman Courses – Does so for sixteen years
- 1948 – Publishes “Sermons” – 66 short sermons coming from newspaper articles – GA, 3.25 p.305
 - Assigned Queries Department Editor at GA, taking over from G.C. Brewer, GA, 12.2 p.1156 – 25 years
- 1949 – Publishes “Sermons” v.2 - May

1950,51 – Years Of Debate

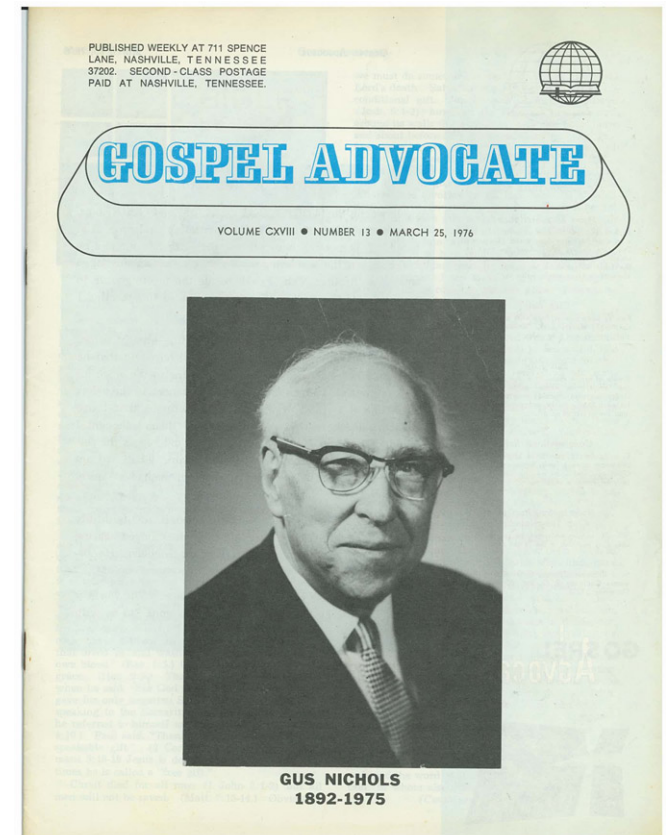
- May 15-19 – Nichols debates D.L. Welch (Holiness-Pentecostal) Pensacola, Florida.
- June 26-29 – Nichols debate Wes Busbee (Pentecostal) in Meridian, Mississippi
- September 11-14 – Nichol vs. J.D. Holder (Primitive Baptist – in Medina, Tennessee (3000 in attendance)
- 1951, February 20-23 – D.L. Welch – (Pentecostal) Montgomery City Auditorium

Proposed Debate With R.H. Boll

- Debate on Premillennialism set for July, 1952 between R.H. Boll and Gus Nichols. Boll backs out at last minute, sending Frank M. Mullins of Dallas, Texas to fill in.
- Speaks on the Abilene Christian Lectures for the first time – December 8-12, 1952
- 1953 – Montgomery Bible School is renamed Alabama Christian College at suggestion of GN

Promoting Gospel Advocate

- Begins sending reports of subscriptions as early as 1948,49
- 1955 – 100th Annual Gospel Advocate Dinner at Abilene University – Standing ovations for Gus Nichols, G.C. Brewer & B.C. Goodpasture
- Began program to promote 100k new subs.



Gus & Matilda Nichols after 42 years of marriage



GA- May 19, 1955, p.386

1956



- 5th Ave Church of Christ becomes 6th Avenue at the cost of \$215k

1957 – Articles In The Mountain Eagle

- Weekly articles appearing in ME, Jasper, Alabama, were appreciated by denominations in general so that a prominent Baptist asked Gus Nichols to put them in book form which he did in three successive volumes (now out of print). The son of this Baptist was in the service and in being transferred so frequently, he missed the paper, and among other things specified how much he missed the sermons. (over a 5-year period several were converted at least in part by these articles.)
 - Flavil Nichols, art. F-HC Lectures, 1957, p.67.

Significant Influence

- 1960 – Baptizes Marvin Bryant - Denomination Preacher, who later baptizes many other denominational preachers
- 1961 – Series of three articles in Gospel Advocate interviewing Gus Nichols by Willard Collins.



The Promoter Rewarded

- 1962 – Ira North/Gus Nichols Sub. Challenge – Won by North at 4,761, GN, 3,838. North won \$100, but gives it toward a Holy Lands trip for GN. B.C.G. matches contribution
- February – Gus Nichols Apprec. Dinner- FHC Lect's. – Guy N. Woods takes over Open Forum.
- May 5 – Depart for Holy Lands Trip – Returned June 12.



Words Of Truth - 1962



GUS NICHOLS LIBRARY
ALABAMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Words Of Truth

"I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth
the Words of Truth and soberness."

— Acts 26:25

Jasper Bible School - 1965



GOSPEL ADVOCATE

October 28, 1965

Jasper Bible School

Gus Nichols

Our SATURDAY BIBLE SCHOOL will open at the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, Jasper, Alabama, at 9:00 A.M., October 2, 1965. Only the Bible and related subjects will be taught. **THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR TUITION.** Your only cost will be your travel expenses, and your lunch which may be had in town, or brought with you. The school will be under the oversight of the elders of the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, and classes will be offered to both young people and adults. We are prepared to offer additional classes if the attendance requires it. Each subject will be continued for **THIRTEEN WEEKS**, then other courses will be offered each quarter.

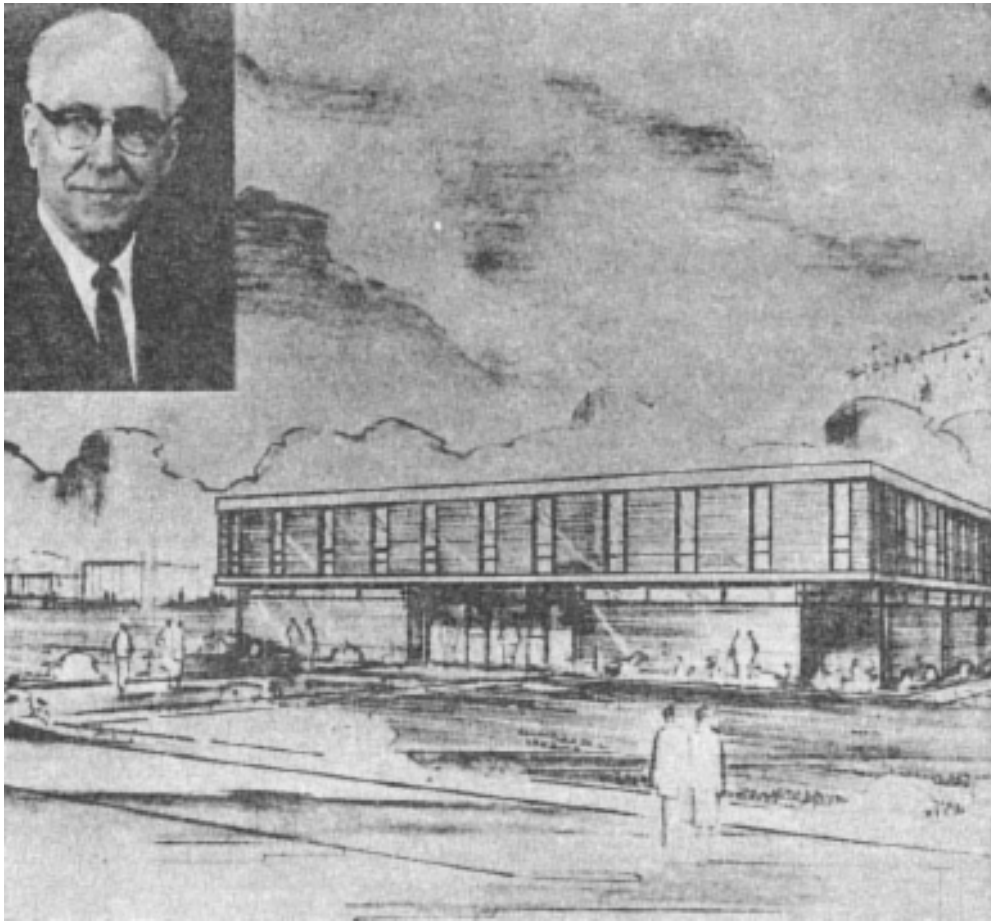
- Saturday School begins at Jasper with Franklin Camp/W.A. Black/Gus N./Douglas Harris/Glen Posey/Paul Wylie/Marlin Howard – An outgrowth of Friday night sessions.



The Accolades

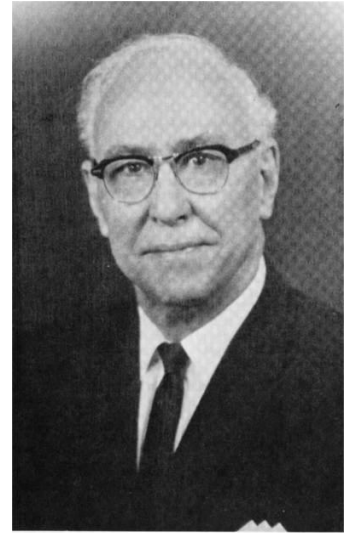
- 1963 – Christian Service Award – conferred by Pepperdine University
- 1964 – Honorary Doctor of Laws degree conferred upon by Magic Valley Christian College
- 1969 – Alabama Christian builds \$400,000 library. Named, Gus Nichols Library (June 6)
- 1969 – Honorary Doctor of Law degree conferred upon by Oklahoma Christian

Gus Nichols Library And Learning Center- 1969



- Alabama Christian builds a new library at cost of \$400,000.00, naming it Gus Nichols Library

More Accolades



Gus Nichols

- Andhra Pradesh, India, Preacher's School Library Names Gus Nichols Lib.
- Childhaven, Named Gus Nichols Cottage
- 1957 – Award For Outstanding Christian Service – From Freed-Hardeman Alumni Assoc.
- 1963 – Outstanding Christian Service Award from Pepperdine University
- 1976 – Effective Communications Award – (Posthumously) from Abilene Christian

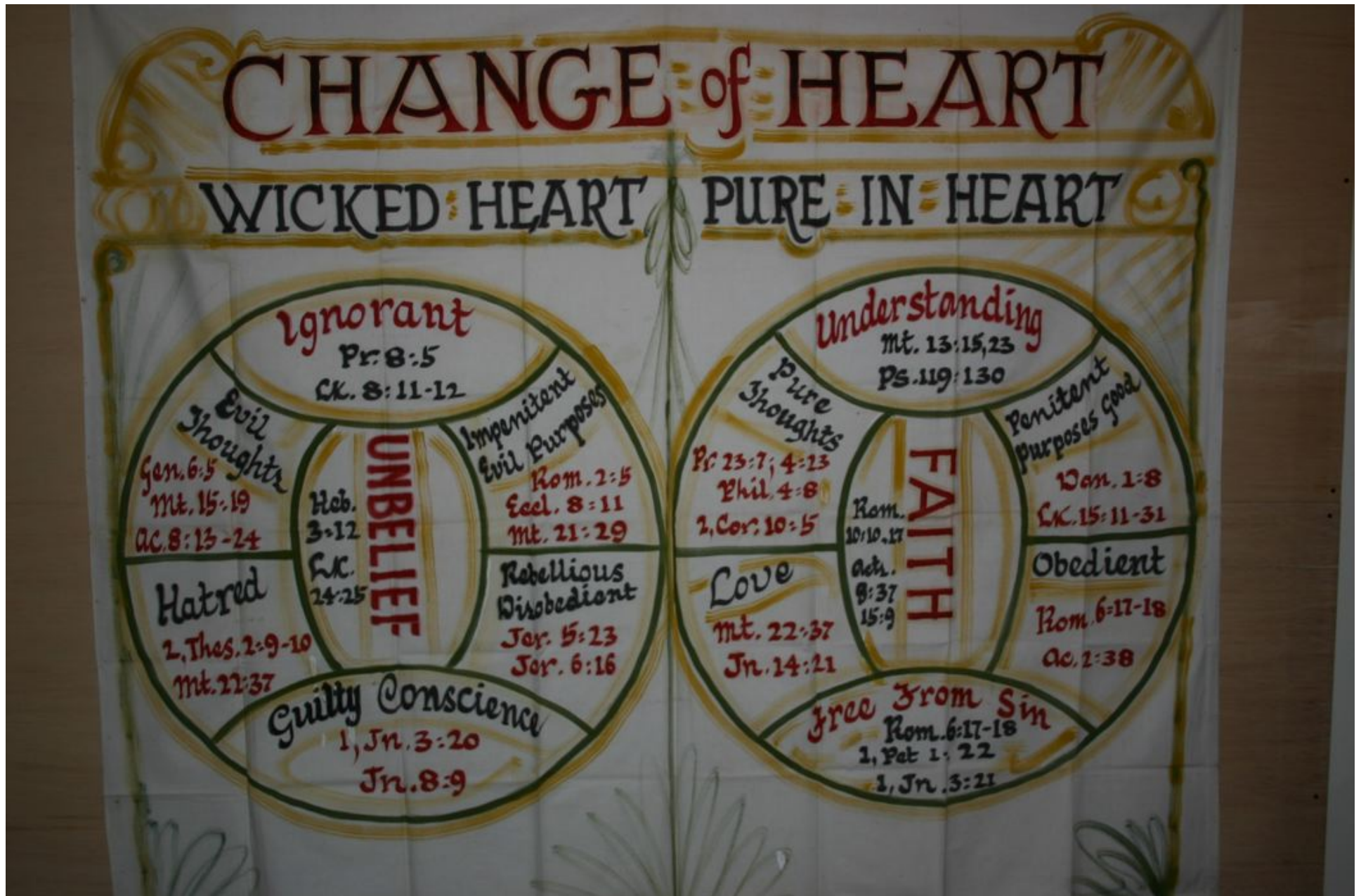
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GOD HATH SPOKEN

Old Testament. In Time Past Unto the Fathers By the Prophets.	New Testament In these last Days. Unto U.S. By His Son.	
PAT. AGE 2500 Gen. 1. to Exodus 20.	JEWISH AGE 1500 Ex. 20. to Matt 27.	CHRISTIAN AGE 1900 Ac. 2. to End.
ADAM Sin; Sacrifice. Gen. 3 - 4 - Noah's Ark. Gen. 6.; Heb. 11:7 Chosen Family. Gen. 12:1-3; Heb. 9:7-8 Certain Laws. Gen. 18-19 Good News Preached Gal. 3:8 No Sabbath Patriarchs. Acts. 7 Ceased	MOSES Animal Blood Levit. 4:27-35; Heb. 10:1 Tabernacle - Temple Ex. 40 - 1 Krl. 8 Great Nation. Dt. 26:5; Gen. 12:2 Law of Moses. Jer. 31:31-34 Gospel in Promise Rom. 1:1-2 Sabbath Given. Ex. 20:1-10; Heb. 9:15; Ex. 31:12 Were Israelites. Num. 6:27; Isa. 65:15 Ended at Cross. Heb. 9:10	CHRIST Blood of Christ Mt. 26:28 Church of Christ. Mt. 16:18; Ac. 2:47 Sp. Promises. Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:8, 16, 29 Law of Christ Jn. 1:17; Col. 2:14 Gospel in Fact. 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Ac. 2 Lord's Day Worship Rev. 1:10; Ac. 20:7 Christians Ac. 11:26; 26:9; 1 Pet. 4:16 In Force Heb. 9:16-17

Life of J. B. Christ

Sheet Sermon – Pre-Powerpoint



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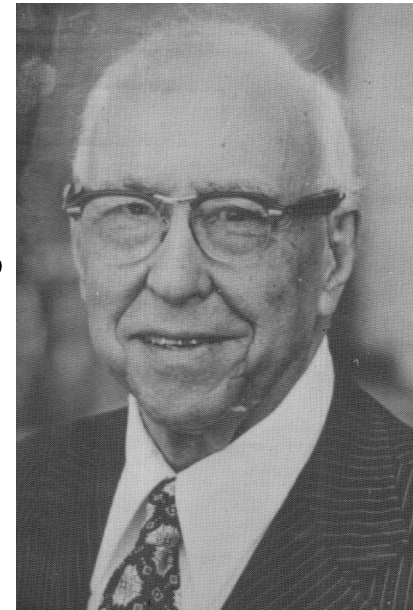


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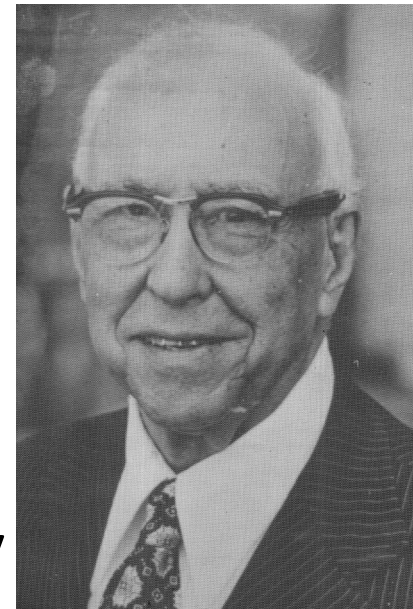
More Accolades

- The “Gus Nichols Story” – 30 minute documentary on life, by Herald of Truth, shown nationwide
- The Gus Nichols Pavilion – Indian Creek Youth Camp
- Preached in 27 States – 4 Countries
- Wrote over 10,000 Sermon Outlines
- Baptized over 12,000 People
- Over 100 Debates

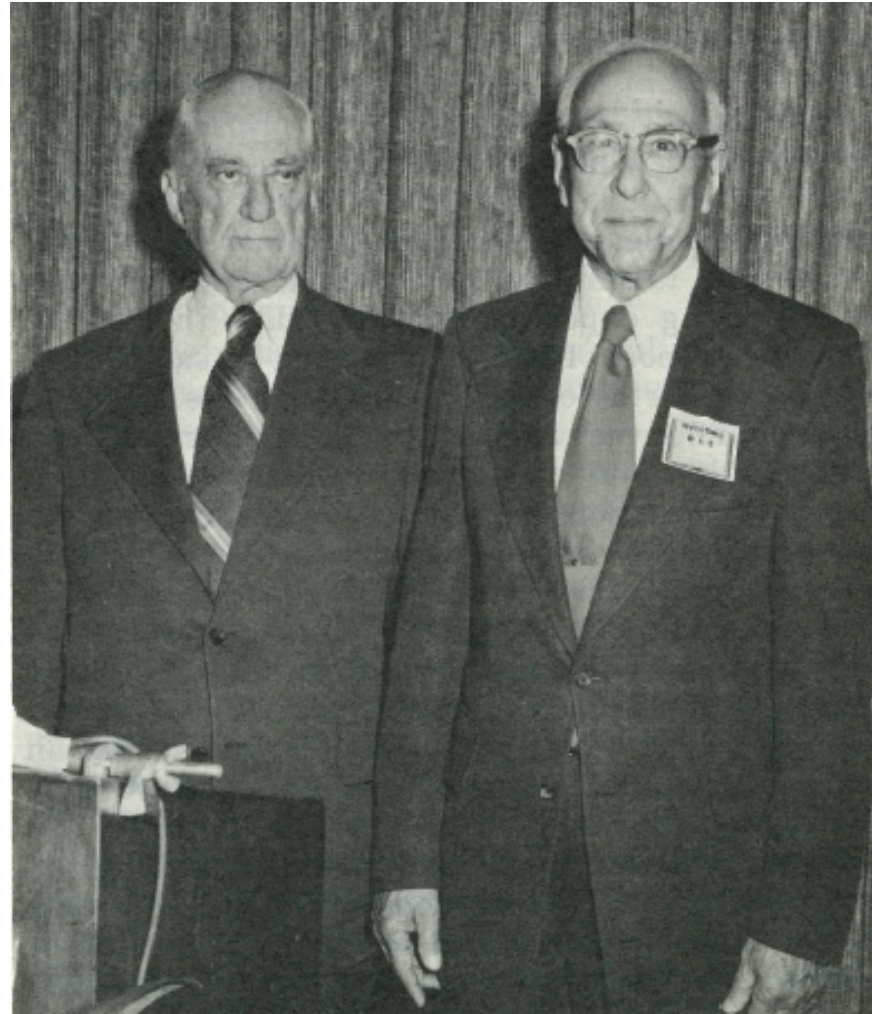


A Preaching Family

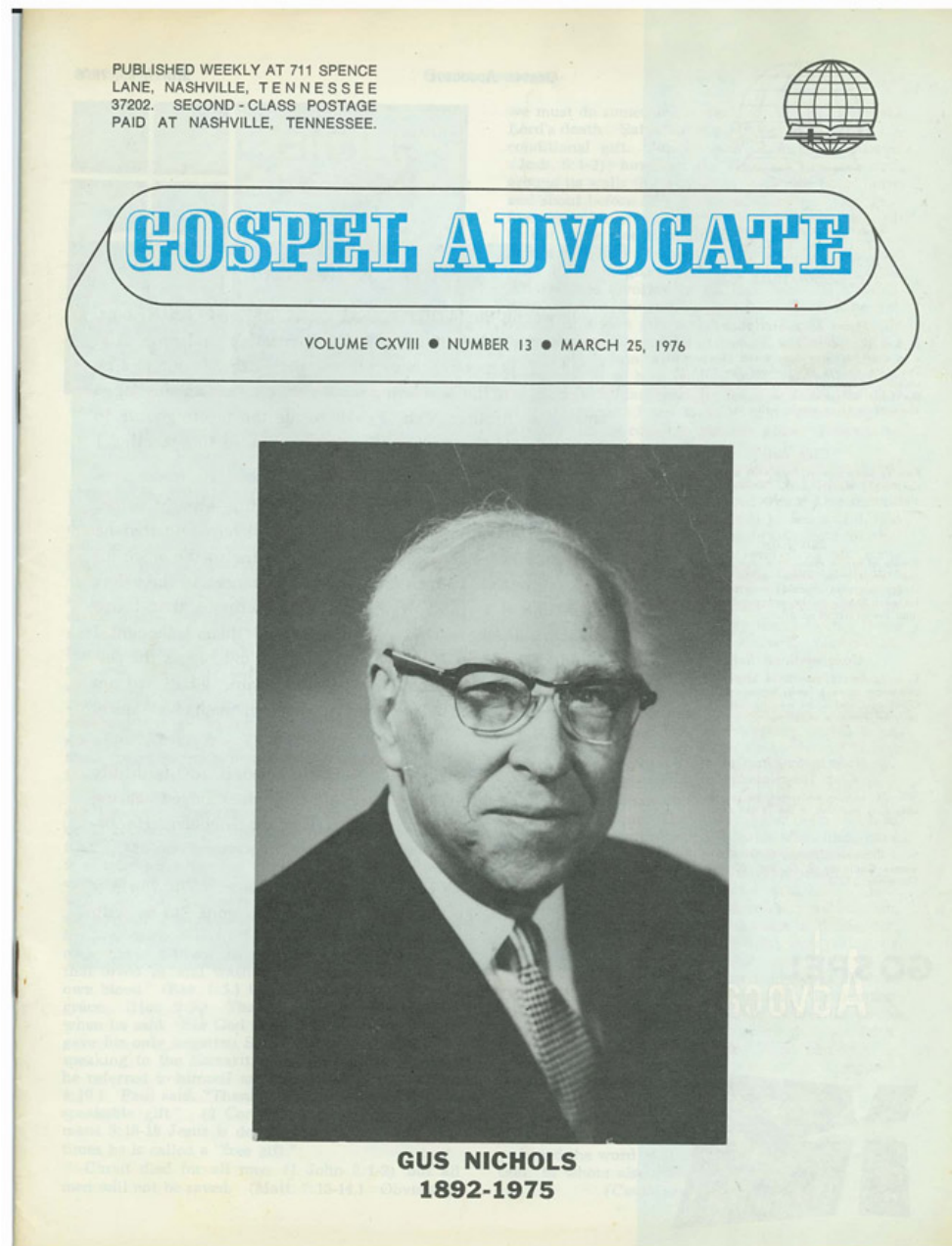
- Four Brothers Preached: Foy, Charley, Carey, Pervie
- Of Eight Children – 3 Sons preached
 - Flavil,
 - Hudson
 - Hardeman;
- 3 daughters married preachers
 - Gracie – Mrs. Frank D. Young
 - Vodie – Mrs. A.J. Kerr
 - Carrie – Mrs. W.T. Hamilton
- Over 20 Preacher included ext. family



B.C. Goodpasture & Gus Nichols Friends & Co-laborers For God



The Soldier Goes Home – Nov. 16, 1975



Buried In Circle Of Honor – Walker County Memorial Gardens

