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...a memorial book was written in His *presence*, recording those who revered Him  
and those who had the highest respect for His name...Malachi 3:16



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"Treat your  
friends as  
you do your pictures,  
and  
place them  
in  
their best light."

Jennie Jerome Churchill,  
(1854-1921)  
Mother of  
Winston Churchill

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## Point of View *by Lenore Lang*

On page one — inspiring notes from our Archives Director.

See page two for books to buy, and on page three read about some important history of a Canadian church.

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### FROM ARCHIVES DIRECTOR DR. JACKIE HOWELL

Preserving the memories of God at work in the NAB Conference — what a privilege! Our collection continues to grow and become more useful. Richard Reitsma, SF Seminary Library Director, and I spent three days at the (Chicago) International Headquarters in September — working with staff to identify materials that tell the NAB story. We brought back more than 30 boxes of materials to Sioux Falls to be sorted, organized, described and made accessible to persons who wish to do research in the future. John Siewert had just completed the organization of the Schilke files which cover the time Dr. Richard Schilke served as General Missions Secretary (1950—mid 70s) Now we have the work of his predecessors in the 1930s and 1940s as well. What a storehouse of information on the development of mission fields under the direction of the Holy Spirit and what a testimony to God's faithfulness. We now have more complete sets of minutes from the committees that provided leadership for the conference — Christian education, missions and church extension, to give a few examples. Each set adds to the total picture.

George Lang is hard at work organizing and describing the materials which contribute to the Seminary story — through its multiple changes in name and location and curriculum — but always keeping the same mission — preparing men and women to be servant leaders at home and abroad. The Seminary's heritage is being celebrated in a series of chapels which highlight the history of the Seminary one president or leader at a time. One cannot help but be touched by the spiritual legacy of these men called to be servant-leaders. The content from these lectures will be used as a basis for displays that proclaim God's faithfulness as the Seminary has developed.

## BOOKS, BOOKS.....

(Editor's Note: We believe that you who receive this Horizons are interested in reading other publications as well. On this page you will see descriptions of two books which you might enjoy.)

### **WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT— Divine Mystery and Human Response**

By Dr. Gerald L. Borchert

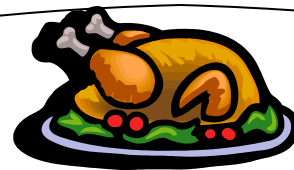
From 1963 to 1977 Dr. Borchert taught New Testament courses at Sioux Falls Seminary when it was called North American Baptist Seminary, and furthermore he served as Academic Vice President from 1970 to 1977.

In this day and age when ways of worshipping sometimes stir up controversy, Dr. Borchert's recently released book may be helpful in putting those ways into Biblical perspective.

Following are two reviews :

"Gerald Borchert is a master of the art of combining critical study of the New Testament with Christian devotion. *Worship in the New Testament* surveys each book, probing for wise interpretations that illumine the challenges of worship today. Borchert's skilled biblical applications offer practical resources for diverse Christian communities to develop and renew their understandings of worship." (Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary.)

"Christians today, possessed by issues of preference and style in worship, often lose track of essential worship questions. In contrast, Gerald Borchert's book *Worship in the New Testament* addresses two of the most crucial: what makes Christian worship Christian and what makes Christian worship *worship*? He answers by an interesting look at worship in each of the books of the New Testament. What better way to answer the critical questions of Christian worship than by examining the documents of the apostolic era! (Lester Ruth, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.)



Are you beginning to think about gift-giving during the up-coming Christmas season? For \$15 you can buy a Seminary Cook Book! Published in a three-ring binder, this book contains nearly 400 recipes from friends and alumni of Sioux Falls Seminary. Don't you know someone who would enjoy one?

The price of \$15 includes tax, though in the US the shipping rate per book is \$3. Outside the US, costs will vary. For an order form you may call 800-440-6227 or 605-336-6588.



# MORE CHURCH HISTORY

## ELIM BAPTIST CHURCH of BEAUSEJOUR, MANITOBA, CANADA

In 2008 Pastor Jeff Kilmartin, the current pastor of the Elim Baptist Church, published a 77 page history of the church, dedicating the book “to the saints at Elim Baptist Church...whose aim it is to embody the love of God in our world, both as individuals, and as the corporate body of Christ.”

The book is well-written and well-documented, the writer making use of information compiled by others about the early days of the church which had its beginnings in 1908. The one who served as the first pastor was Pastor Jacob Rempel, a former school teacher in a public school in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

“As he shared the love of God with his German language students, many of them repented of their sins and made decisions to follow Christ. The impact of these conversions was such that Jacob Rempel decided to give his own life even more wholeheartedly to the Lord’s service. Though he was a quiet and shy person, he was accepted into the German Baptist’s training center, in Colgate Divinity School, in Rochester, New York.” (page 5)

So initially the church was a part of the North American Baptist Conference, though in January 1959 the church members voted to affiliate with the Baptist General Conference, largely due to the fact that most of their pastors in recent years had come from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

At that January meeting in 1959 the question of a proper name was brought up. Due to its history and various meeting places, the church had had a variety of names, but Pastor Ernie Kratofil had been reading the story of the children of Israel in the wilderness at a place called Marah where the water was bitter. Exodus 15:27, he told them, records that the people came to Elim “where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.” This picture appealed to the members who voted unanimously that their church be named Elim. (page 15)

In spite of the beautiful name for their church, the members endured rocky times when finances were strained and the people were hard-pressed to pay their pastor what they had agreed upon. Many pastors stayed only for a year or two. Pastor Arthur Kliever was the first pastor to stay longer than just a few years. Coming from the NAB Conference, he encouraged the church to reaffirm its affiliation with that Conference again, which it did in March of 1969.

In 1998 the church called Pastor Jeff Kilmartin and his wife, Sonya, who asked if they could have a sabbatical leave after serving the church for seven years. The church agreed, and starting in July this year the Kilmartins have been in Gembu, Nigeria ministering there as Field Director and teaching in the seminary, planning to return to Elim in the summer of 2009.

Included in the book is Appendix C which is a transcript of Pastor Arthus Kliever’s interview with the local newspaper, The Beaver, published on April 29, 1969. Answering 19 questions, he gave soundly Scriptural answers that could well serve as a Handbook for other believers as well as seekers for the truth. The Elim Baptist Church — a place of true refreshment!

# THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

by Archivist Berneice Westerman



**I found it!** For many months I have been looking for a picture of the Cathay Baptist Church that showed the Good Shepherd Window which was put in at the time that church was built in 1913.

The window was purchased in Lithuania and brought by boat and train to Cathay by Franz Leitner. Each picture that I had showed a huge fir tree in front of the window — making it difficult to photograph the actual Good Shepherd. Then

recently one day I was called to meet someone by the Good Shepherd Window here at the seminary, to explain it to some people who had been members in that Cathay church. The window, now installed in the Seminary here, will be in the entry way of the new Seminary building when it is finished.

The people I met that day were Bob and Verduis Broschat and Jim and Doris Broschat from Brookings, SD and Mesa, Arizona. I put my challenge to them: Can you find a picture of the Cathay church before the big fir tree got in the way of the picture window?

As we continued to talk they told me of an autobiography of Carl Broschat written in his German script. They were not able to translate it, so for the benefit of the Heritage Commission and their family, I sent the manuscript up to Canada for Myrtle Ertis to translate. Now I have the story of one of the people whose name is in one of the smaller windows, and — **I have the picture that I wanted so very much!**

When you do get to come to Sioux Falls to see our new Seminary Building, you will want to step inside the front door and look for that special window. I am told it is to be displayed in the entrance area.

Personally I would like to see that either the Carl Broschat window or the Joseph Engel window have the space just outside our Heritage Commission door. Joseph Engel was the church's long-term janitor and maintenance man. The minutes of the church say that those whose names are on the windows contributed to the cost of them. Should anyone know any more details about the windows that were previously sold, we would like to know where those windows are and if possible get pictures of **them.**



We have the following names that were in the windows: Franz Leitner, (The Good Shepherd Window), Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broschat, Mrs. K. I. Jungkeit, Joseph Engel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edinger (smaller windows.) Originally there seem to have been seven medium windows, two smaller windows and one over the front door. Information about those windows will be helpful to complete our history. Thank you in advance!