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# March of Events

• A total of 1,400 students are currently enrolled in 36 Protestant theological schools in India, according to figures released by the National Christian Council of India. The seminaries and theological colleges are listed as having 271 staff members. Of these, 199 are men—131 Indians and 68 of other nationalities. The 7 women staff members were identified by nationality. In addition to these theological institutions, there are numerous Bible schools for which no attempt has been made to secure statistics.

• As part of its intensified program of youth evangelism for 1955, Youth for Christ International is sponsoring a series of youth "Tracts of the Month," with 12 new youth-slanted tracts being published each month during this year. The first two tracts in the series — "Hot Rod to Hell" and "The Bible Is Full of Contradictions" — have been written by Dr. Louis Paul Lehman, pastor of the Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. The price of these attractively printed and designed tracts is 3 cents each, \$2.50 per 100. They are available through Youth for Christ International, 109 North Cross Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

• Seattle Pacific College conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters degree upon Dr. Billy Graham at an all-school convocation Tuesday morning, November 23. The citation was read by President C. Hoyt Watson. The entire Billy Graham evangelistic team was present and participated in the program.

In his address, Dr. Graham urged the student body and faculty to learn, above all else, the power of prayer, the power of the Word, and to appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. In a spirit of humility, Dr. Graham received the hood with these words, "I shall wear this hood temporarily, because some day whatever honor is mine upon earth I shall present to him who deserves all honor and praise and glory."

• The children in the Sunday Schools of the United Church of Christ (Kyodan) dedicated their Christmas offerings to the evangelistic work of the Japan Inland Sea Mission which has been carried out for 50 years by a Gospel Ship called the "Fukuin Maru." It is used to reach the children and people on the 500 tiny islands scattered around the Inland Sea. Shortly before the war, however, the work was discontinued and the ship sold. Three years ago the churches that had been started around the Inland Sea joined together to build a new "Fukuin Maru," as a grateful tribute to the work that had been done. The new ship is large enough to hold the pastor, the crew of two and the equipment for audio-visual evangelism; it can also carry 50 to 60 children.

• At the 36th annual meeting of the advisory council of the American Bible Society in New York, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, an estimated budget of \$3,544,000 was adopted for the society's work in 1955. It was reported that Bible dis-

tribution in this country rose last year to almost 10 million volumes in 81 languages. Laton E. Holmgren, one of the society's secretaries engaged in foreign distribution, reported that although Russia and some Soviet-controlled areas are still closed to Bible society work, supplies are again being shipped to Hungary for manufacture of a second edition of 30,000 Bibles, and 150 tons of paper and funds for distribution work have been sent to East Germany. Scriptures are going to Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. The meeting in New York opened with a memorial service for Frank H. Mann, general secretary of the society who died Oct. 11.

• Vast new wealth and independence are providing the far-flung Islamic world with an impetus for a great revival, religious and political. This Moslem World stretches from Casablanca across North Africa, through the Middle East and along the southern fringe of Asia. Poor and quarrelsome, Moslems have never been able to organize an effective bloc; but they are showing signs that a new era is in prospect. The annual pilgrimage to Mecca is becoming more important than ever before. Top political leaders are timing their visits so they can meet in the holy city and work out a program for Moslem countries. King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, fabulously rich from oil, is ready to spend liberal sums to promote the Mohammedan revival. Religion and politics are one and the same to Moslems. Egypt is ready to go along with the new plans, as soon as a final agreement over the Suez Canal has been signed. — The Evangelical Christian.

• The New York Port Society dedicated its new building located at 524 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., on December 8th. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of "The Christian Herald," was master of ceremonies and Dr. Allen E. Claxton, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, gave the address. The New York Port Society was founded as a non-denominational and non-sectarian organization in 1818 and was known as The Society for the Promotion of the Gospel among Seamen. It is the oldest seamen's organization in the nation. It influenced the founding of numerous other organizations serving seamen such as the American Seamen's Friend Society, the Seamen's Bank for Savings, the Norwegian Seamen's Church, the Marine Temperance Society, and the Marine Bible Society. The Society has a staff of 16, including 5 full-time chaplains who minister to seamen in eight languages. Last year the Society in addition to its vast religious program distributed 507,222 new secular magazines and 20,600 new books to seamen. The new building is located within walking distance for all the large liners which come into the New York Port.

# Editorial

## Live All of Your Life

YOUNG PEOPLE have the best things of life still ahead of them. The years of life stretch before them in distant splendor. Their dreams and hopes add golden glory to their pilgrimage. But they still need to lay hold on wisdom to make their lives victorious and complete.

The wisdom of the years have taught us to live to the fullest while life is ours. Jonathan Swift's words have often been quoted: "May you live all the days of your life!" Seneca's advice in philosophical words was: "Begin at once to live, and count each day as a separate life!" This is one of the greatest lessons that Christian youth must learn in the light of God's Word: "What an astounding thing it is, merely to live!" Our fellowship in Christ is to live Christ radiantly and dynamically. That means to be completely alive while you are living, sensitive to God's leading and responsive to his nearness.

Live intensely! Every experience will open new vistas of truth to you if it is another lesson that God is impressing upon you, if it is another open door of service to others in Christ's Name. Identify yourself with others and their needs until you feel deeply and strongly with them. Only then can God use you mightily in the work of his Kingdom. However, someone has said that such a "keen and vivid awareness of the beauty of life and the tragedy of it all tears a man's soul apart within him." But such a disciple of Christ has found life to be a high-souled adventure which he lives intensely in the constant presence of his God and Savior!

Live zestfully! In his book, "The Use of Life," Frederick Ward Kates closes his first chapter with these deeply moving words: "That which makes life worthwhile in the end is to have opened our eyes upon the highest, to have caught a vision of the best, to have had God's hand laid upon our shoulder and point our eyes to the stars, and then with new strength, midst failures and faults, to have stood steadfast seeking to make our dream come true." God helps young people who in his Spirit live eagerly with such spiritual anticipations constantly before them!

Live purposefully! The promises of God's Word are almost beyond count. But each promise concerns a purpose that God has for your life. The victorious Christian has learned early in days of youth to harness his life to the will of God, devotedly seeking to carry out those divine purposes. Every day is planned accordingly. Every experience leads him more deeply into the mysteries of God's ways and thoughts. Finally he comes to understand how his life is undergirded by God's strength and purposes, how underneath are the everlasting arms of his love!

"Youth Week" is a stirring summons to Christian young people to a great "Fellowship in Christ." This issue of the "Baptist Herald" will help to enrich the observance of this week in the fellowship of your church. But it ought also to arouse all of us to the earnest consideration of each day's riches as we endeavor with Christ to live all of our life!

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## Call to "Youth Week" Observance

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, marks the beginning of our YOUTH WEEK observance. This one week is set aside annually to give you as young people an opportunity to prove that you are interested in and capable of serving the Lord. To the other adult members of the church it means a special opportunity to show your interest in the youth department of your church—your interest in its training for leadership, its abilities, and consecrated efforts. This interest may be expressed by actively participating in the special functions as outlined by your young people for the week.

This is a call to all members, young and old, to be "workers together with him . . ." as Paul expressed it in 2 Cor. 6:1. Any worthwhile effort takes the combined cooperation and interest

of everyone concerned. It is only then that we will experience the true meaning of our theme, "Our Fellowship in Christ." As we pray together and work together we will find that there are ties of Christian fellowship that bind us together in the Lord. The results of YOUTH WEEK should be manifested now and in the years to come in a stronger bond of Christian unity and a closer walk with him.

### "YOUTH WEEK" ISSUE

This "Youth Week" Number of the BAPTIST HERALD was prepared with the able assistance of Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Youth Director of the CBY and SS Union.





—Eva Luoma Photo

"In worship we become aware of the presence of Almighty God and his holiness"

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH WORSHIP

By Dorothy Michaelsohn  
Bismarck, North Dakota

WORSHIP IS AN experience of fellowship and communion with God in which there is a real consciousness of the presence of God. It is the response of the creature to the Creator. A requisite to true worship is humility. As we think of all that God has done for us, we cannot help but realize how unworthy we are.

In worship we become aware of the presence of Almighty God and his holiness. We become aware of our own needs, our sinfulness and our unworthiness convicting us of sin and revealing our need for cleansing and forgiveness. We come to recognize the needs of our family, our community and our world.

As we worship him in the spirit of prayer, listening to that which he has to say to us through his Word, and singing hymns of praise unto him, we are drawn closer to him and are enriched in our Christian lives. When in silence we meditate upon the Lord, the whole world is shut out and we think only of God.

In John 4:24, Jesus said: "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH PLANNING

By Donald Rich  
Portland, Oregon

GOD HAS GIVEN us a great promise through Christ our Lord. This promise is in John 14:14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

This verse has been a challenge and a source of strength to me. The

more I fellowship with my Lord the greater becomes that truth and its challenge. As I attempt to make plans for the youth program, four petitions come to me which I present to the Lord. These petitions are (1) Lord, help me to see the needs of the young people through the study of thy Word and through actual experience with the youth; (2) help me to find the solution for those needs in thy Word and in studying the needs; (3) help me, Lord, to execute the proper program to meet those needs; (4) may thy will be done in all things.

As the Lord answers these petitions, as the youth programs begin to become more interesting, as we work together for the Lord's cause, the more exciting will our fellowship with the Lord become. We will be thrilled to serve our Master. We will be proud to claim that we have fellowship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May we give him all the glory of the work that has been done, not by us, but through us by him!

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH SERVICE

By Eileen Lindenberg  
Midland, Michigan

WHEN WE ACCEPT Christ as Lord and Savior of our lives, we pledge ourselves to be used for service for him. I like the motto our Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union used

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, and takes off the relish of spiritual things—that to you is sin."—Susanna Wesley.

## TESTIMONIES

# Our Fellowship in Christ

Theme for "Youth Week" to be observed by our churches  
January 30—February 6, 1955

a few years ago, "Saved to Serve." There are opportunities daily for service for him. We speak of pastors, missionaries and church workers as being in full time service, and yet aren't we all as Christians in full time service for Christ?

Sometimes we are called upon to serve in some capacity for which we do not feel capable. One of our pastors once said, "God is not interested in our ability, but in our availability." If we make ourselves available, he will provide the strength and courage, and the blessing will be ours.

I think perhaps my greatest blessings for service have come from teaching a Sunday School class. Although the children are young, from three to eight years of age, there is in them a desire to learn about Jesus and the way he would have boys and girls live. Sometimes it is in a story or a chorus with which we do the motions. Sometimes their innocent contributions have given me "food for thought." How important it is that children become acquainted with God and his love at an early age!

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH EVANGELISM

By Ervin Strauss  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

EVANGELISTIC WORK and fellowship with Christ are inseparable. As I carry on evangelistic work, I realize that no effective evangelism can be carried on without intimate fellowship with Christ. Evangelism will always be a fruit of the fellowship with Christ.

Christ in his ministry of evangelism made this statement in John 8:29, "And he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please

him." Christ sets the perfect example. He had constant fellowship with his Father. He recognized that he was sent. However, the One who sent him was with him, and Christ did only his will.

Jesus is my Father, and I am his child. He is my Master, and I am his servant. As I seek to carry on evangelistic work, I realize always that he has sent me. Mine is the privilege and responsibility to make known the Gospel through life and word. Also he has promised to be with me, which is comforting, encouraging me. It is a reality which disciplines me.

Finally, I must ever seek to do his will. This means self-denial and a deep concern for the souls of men, recognizing their eternal value.

### A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

One day at the reunion of a class which had graduated from college twenty years before, a stockbroker who had accumulated an immense fortune approached a classmate who had spent the years since graduation teaching a preparatory school. The stockbroker, who had a fine scorn of nonfinancial achievements, said with half-concealed sarcasm, "So you teach Greek!" There was a moment of embarrassed silence, and then the teacher answered quietly, "No, you're wrong, I teach boys. Greek is what I start with."

—James Gordon Gilkey.

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH PRAYER

By Walter G. Gummelt  
Forth Worth, Texas

KNOWING JESUS as my Savior and Lord means that I must have personal fellowship in Christ. My life has not always had a steady growth as it should and could have had. Those periods of retrogression are a close parallel to the periods when I minimized my need of fellowship with Christ. For only as I have read and studied God's Word and consistently spent time alone with him in prayer, have I felt united with him.

I believe that prayer is a foundation requirement for building our fellowship in Christ. I have often been faced with the problem of not knowing God's will when decisions had to be made. You may be faced with very important decisions now. God does not intend that we remain completely in the dark concerning his will. I believe and know that we can be led by God daily if we speak with him through prayer each day. Daily prayer has strengthened my relationship with my Savior.



A scene from the play, "Shadow of Peter" by Alberta Hawse, presented by the Bethany Church young people at the spring rally of the Oregon Baptist League held in the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon

Left to right: Lola Mae Timmons, Rhoda; Grace Jenne, Abidiah; Lois Findley, Mirna; Don Rich, Trophimus; George Findley, Peter; and Bruce Rich, Joseph of Arimathea

There is no short cut to a blessed fellowship with Jesus Christ. It is time with him that gives strength to our weak and feeble bodies. It is time with him that give us understanding in hours of sorrow, and joy in the midst of trials.

During his ministry on this earth, Christ often pulled away from the crowds and his disciples to spend time in fellowship with his Father. How much more do we need time to unite our spirits with the heavenly Father that we might know and do his will!

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH MISSIONS

By Edwin Kern  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

THE DISCIPLES could not be silenced from witnessing for Christ, for there was an inner compulsion that made it impossible for them not to speak. They had a knowledge of their responsibility. They were very certain of the coming judgment. The love and atonement of Christ for sin must be proclaimed to all men. These disciples were Spirit-filled and divinely commissioned. Jesus, whom they had seen and heard, must be made known.

We as believers in Christ who have come under the sound of the Gospel, know that his grace has drawn us to himself and that he has become our personal Savior. After this glorious experience, we have been commissioned to be his witnesses. Yes, we have accepted Christ's invitation, "Come," but have we responded to his commission, "Go"? We are saved from sin to serve him.

There are untold millions who do not know that God "sent his only begotten Son" to save them from their sins. Without this message we could

be numbered with the untold millions who are waiting with eager hearts for the Gospel message.

It is with joy that I want to continue serving him. I want to be in the field that he places me, whether it be large or small. To be in God's place is a great place!

### OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST—THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

By Barbara Schauwecker  
Spokane, Washington

HOW MANY OF US have heard the word or words or have asked someone, "Won't you join us in a time of fellowship?" And yet we never truly realized the full meaning of that question.

I believe there are three definitions for fellowship which overlap each other in meaning but are still separate ideas. The first one is **association**, which means that those with whom we come in contact should know that "we are one with the Lord," as we find in John 17:11.

As we become better acquainted with these people, many **friendships** develop, which is the next definition. The Lord tells us we are to have as our friends or intimate associates those who are his people. It is with these friends that we have true **companionship**, the third definition.

Do you remember how hesitant you were about attending your first assembly or an associational meeting of your conference? It didn't seem too difficult to go if some of your friends went along, but if you were the only one, what a temptation it was to remain at home. However, after the first full day's program, some new friends had been made and by the time the last minutes "rolled around," you were reluctant to leave your new companions. The following year you looked forward to the next one and what a joy it was again to fellowship with God's children.



# The CBY Standard

By MR. E. RALPH KLETKE of Philadelphia, Pa.,  
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The Conference Union has prepared a set of ten goals or ideals for the local CBY. Five of these are presented in this article



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.  
Every CBY has the responsibility of helping young people grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord

"OUR FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST" is the very timely theme for the 1955 YOUTH WEEK. A young person's fellowship in Christ denotes, first of all, a right personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our fellowship in Christ must then also affect our relationship with Christians and non-Christians alike. Therefore, this fellowship in Christ and its effect upon the relationships of everyday life is a very vital problem to our young people.

Although the majority of the young people of our churches have accepted Christ as their personal Savior, many are still "babes in Christ." Our young people are at the age where they are meeting some of life's major problems for the first time. The local CBY, then, has the responsibility of helping these young people to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

The CBY program affords young people the opportunity to discuss and study the problem of relating their Christian experience to the daily encounters in work, school and social life. The CBY provides the informal atmosphere conducive to freedom of expression.

The important responsibilities placed upon a CBY group make it a vital activity in the local church life. If the local group is to fulfill its purpose and function properly, it therefore must have a definite set of goals or ideals. The Conference Union has prepared a set of goals or ideals for the local group. This is known as the CBY STANDARD. A "standard" youth group is one that is meeting the goals and objectives set forth in the CBY STANDARD. In this article we shall discuss the first five goals of the STANDARD.

The CBY STANDARD states that the local CBY shall be—

## 1. A YOUTH GROUP

"The C. B. Y. group shall consist of young people. If the group is large enough, the division of high school and college age shall be made.

"The executive officers of the group shall be young people and members of the church.

"Each group shall have an adult counselor serving in an advisory capacity only."

The CBY is an organization for and therefore by young people. It is an organization whose program is specifically geared to meet the needs and problems of young people in their work, school and social life. The adult counselor should be a tactful person, one who will advise rather than "run" or dominate the group activities.

## 2. AN ORGANIZED GROUP

"Special commissions shall be chosen to carry out the following activities: Program, Worship, Service, Enlistment, Study, Missions, Fellowship and Publicity. Every member of the C. B. Y. shall be active on one of these commissions.

"All commission chairmen shall be active, regularly attending the monthly cabinet meetings.

"All commissions shall sponsor at least one activity every two months."

Good organization is the difference between lethargic confusion and order. Proper organization provides the channel through which responsibility can be delegated. As a member of a commission each young person accepts a particular responsibility in the group. The commissions insure that proper emphasis be given to the various top-

ics in the overall CBY program. Regular cabinet meetings will allow for proper planning of the local CBY activities.

## 3. A PLANNED GROUP

"A cabinet meeting shall be held regularly every month.

"A yearly program shall be tentatively planned at the beginning of the year's activities. Each commission chairman shall propose activities to be carried on during the year.

"The youth programs shall be well publicized."

The chief ailment of many CBY's is the lack of adequate planning. Good intentions, capable leaders and good program material do not necessarily mean satisfactory results. The group objectives and the weekly programs must be well planned in advance. Planning means the application of thought, time and prayer. The discipline of good planning raises the level of output from mediocrity to something worthwhile.

## 4. A TRAINED GROUP

"The Youth Compass shall be used for at least 50 per cent of the programs during the Youth Hour.

"One standard leadership training course shall be held during the year.

"The young people shall be fully aware of the General Conference C. B. Y. program."

The CBY session is not merely for program entertainment. It is a "training session." We are training our young people for Christian leadership. YOUTH COMPASS provides excellent reference or program material for these sessions. Because of their age, many young people lack "experience" (Continued on Page 22)

# Is Our CBY "Going"?

By REV. HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Lorraine, Kansas, Former President of the CBY and SS Union

DR. CLARENCE E. McCARTNEY says that God's favorite word is "come." From "Come into the ark" to "The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come,'" God's word is all one gracious invitation.

But a close second among God's favorites would be "go." To Moses, he said, "Go" (Ex. 6:10). To young Isaiah, he said, "Go" (Isa. 6:9). Our Lord's last words were "Go therefore . . ." (Matt. 28:19). Our Christian life is a neatly balanced adventure of "coming" and going.

To be a Christian, we must come. There are the primary requirements of faith and obedience and "basic training" in Bible study and prayer. But then we go "to every creature" with the saving Gospel that has blessed our hearts. We are witnesses of what we've seen and heard.

A fresh look at our C.B.Y. Standard reveals this same division of our job. The first five goals, discussed by our president, deal largely with "coming." They indicate who may join and what members' duties and obligations will be. They tell us how to get ready. The last five goals are concerned with "going." They point out our spheres of action. What are they? Our church; our community; and our world. So . . .

## LET'S GO TO OUR CHURCH (SEE GOAL 10)

There's a missionary job to be done right there "in Jerusalem" (Acts 1:8). First, to the leaders and older members of our church! The C.B.Y. must "gear into" the church program and prove it's an integral part of the family. We have a tremendous advantage here. Do you know what it is? Almost everyone wants young people to take a prominent part in the church's life. No pastor will turn down our sincere offer of help.

But we're not always to be seeking privileges. In some of our churches, the C.B.Y. president is now not a member of the church board. Do we want him "on"? Then let's show that our group is indispensable. If it's our turn for a Sunday evening program, let's make it outstanding. Let's make Youth Week an event! Let's be present at the prayer and business meetings of our church. The oldsters will be quick to notice our sincere participation, and we'll soon have all the responsibility we can handle. Cooperation, remember, is a two-way street.

Second, let's go to the youth of our church and town who are not now enlisted in our society! (See Goals 6 and 9). The proven way is to get them "coming" is to "go" to them as a friend. We do not want theirs as much

## THE COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH STANDARD

### Goals Six to Ten

- 6) A Growing Group.
- 7) A Missionary Group.
- 8) A Sharing Group.
- 9) A Friendly Group.
- 10) A Church Centered Group.

as we want them—for Christ. As they come to our programs and parties, be sure these new people will "read" our motives. They will know our hearts. Incidentally, do we really believe that belonging to the Lord Jesus and living for him is the greatest thing in all the world? Then we will work like it and take time to say so and our new friends will catch on.

## LET'S GO TO OUR COMMUNITY (SEE GOAL 8)

We ought to take time out to consider what our "Judea and Samaria" are, for this is our next responsibility. "Judea" could represent folk like ourselves—our school crowd, for exam-

ple. (What about a prayer group in one of the classrooms before the day begins?) "Samaria" could stand for those unlike us—those less fortunate in circumstance or those who've sinned against God and society in a serious way.

At a Christmas party, one of our freshman college girls said that the biggest thing that had happened to her this term was participating in a jail service and helping to win two young "jailbirds" to the Lord. If you haven't held a jail service, try one. You'll never forget it. But don't try to do it without careful planning and permission from the proper authorities.

There are a hundred things we can do for our town or countryside: sing for shut-ins; visit a nursing home; write letters to our service boys. The Holy Spirit will give us ideas, if we ask him.

## LET'S GO TO OUR WORLD (SEE GOAL 7)

Our faith begins as a person-to-person experience with Jesus Christ, but it ends at "earth's remotest rim." Our Captain has ordered us to be witnesses "to the uttermost part of the earth." How fortunate that we are young people in a denomination that is intensely (Continued on Page 24)



—Eva Luoma Photo  
Every CBY should be a friendly group, working together in a spirit of cooperation





—Religious News Service Photo

## Young People Can Help Their Pastor

By HERMAN E. BALKA of Dallas, Texas

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not as unto men . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17, 23).

HAVE YOU EVER taken time out to think about the tremendous job your pastor has to perform? It is a job that keeps him on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He may be called out of bed at any hour of the night to go to the bedside of someone who is ill, or to comfort someone who is in sorrow. On Sundays, when you and I are relaxing, he has his heaviest day of the week.

Your pastor's job is not one to be taken lightly, for it is one of tremendous import. On his success or failure hinges eternal life or death, and its results last through all eternity. And yet, all too often we fail to realize OUR PART in helping him to be a success in reaching the lost for Christ. I would like to offer a few suggestions how we as young people can help our pastor be a success in his ministry for the Lord.

### A WILLING CHRISTIAN

FIRST, be a WILLING Christian! Someone has said that the church is full of willing Christians; some are willing to work, and the others are willing to let them. But if the Lord is able to use us in helping our pastor, we must be willing to help whenever and wherever we can.

The most important thing that we must be willing to do is to take the time DAILY to hold him up before the Throne of grace in prayer. It has been said that "prayerless pews make powerless pulpits," and if your pastor is not all you think he should be, perhaps it's your fault.

Take an inventory. When is the last time you prayed for him? So often when we sincerely pray, the Lord makes us a part of the answer. So per-

haps if you do not now have the desire to become a vital part of your pastor's ministry, you can find that desire on your knees!

One task that is usually left up to the pastor is the making of the church bulletins. This is a job that takes up much of his time just when he needs to be putting the finishing touches on his messages for the next day. If some young person should volunteer to take this job over, it would give the pastor additional time to prepare for the Lord's Day. Although the job may seem menial and unglamorous, just remember you are doing it for the Lord Jesus, and that will make it worthwhile.

### A WORKING CHRISTIAN

SECOND, be a WORKING Christian! Someone has stated the church has two types of workers, "the pillars and the caterpillars; the pillars hold up the church and the caterpillars go in and out." Too often it seems to the pastor that the only place he can find a helping hand is just a little below his own elbow.

One place where workers are desperately needed is in the matter of VISITATION. What a joy it is to a pastor to see his young people interested in going out and bringing the lost under the sound of the Gospel. It's a known fact that "a going church is a growing church."

In many cases, young people can reach other young people who would immediately throw up their "guard" should they know that they were talking to a preacher. Too often they feel that a preacher will try to "cram" religion down their throat. It has been said, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." But our job as young people is not to make the unsaved drink, but to make them thirsty for the Living Water—that they can only find in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can best do this by showing them what the Lord Jesus Christ has

done for us, by letting our light shine with a faithful, consistent testimony. They come to expect this of a pastor but not of another young person.

THIRD, be a WINNING Christian! Keep spiritually in tune with the Lord by a daily, systematic time of prayer and Bible study. Radiate Christ and, not only win the lost to Christ by a faithful witness, but win other Christians to a more faithful service for him.

### A WINNING CHRISTIAN

Go to prayer meeting, prepared to take an active part. Too often our prayer meetings today lack life. When the pastor asks for testimonies, he has to wait for five minutes until finally some dear brother gets up and says, "I have a few words to say . . ." and then proceeds to talk until you think he will wind up in the middle of next week! Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "Some Christians would make good martyrs . . . they're so dry, they'd burn well."

Have you ever considered being a prayer meeting pace-setter? Be prepared, and when the pastor asks for testimonies, be the first person on your feet. Give a brief, clear, ringing testimony and let folks know what the Lord means to you. Your enthusiasm will be contagious, and others will follow your leading. When prayer time comes, be the first to pray; don't wait for the other fellow. Your pastor will be pleased and the Lord Jesus Christ will be honored.

Above all, ENCOURAGE your pastor. Let him know you are daily remembering him in prayer. When he preaches a good sermon, let him know of the blessing you received from it. Give him a pat on the back and let him know you are behind him.

And as you do it . . . look beyond . . . to the One for whom you are really doing it, and do it heartily, not as unto men . . . but as to the Lord!

## Youth as Visitation Program Leaders

By MISS AUDREY M. MILLER, Pilgrim Church Worker, Philadelphia, Pa.

CHRIST LEFT WITH the church the commission, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

The day has long passed when people "go to church." Human nature rebels against it. That is why we have been commissioned to go out and to bring them in. The Lord Jesus went to those places where sinners were. As a matter of fact, he sought them.

Following in his footsteps, we too must make the personal contact if we are to win them for Christ. When Christ looked upon the people and saw them as sheep scattered abroad without a shepherd, he saw a lost and dying world and challenged us to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into the fields that are white to harvest.

### PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

Today you may have greeted your neighbor. You have made his acquaintance. Have you been interested in his soul's welfare? He has possibly not been inside a church since the death of a close friend. There are many such men and women in this country.

In fact, some 16,000,000 business and professional men in our country have no affiliation with any church whatsoever. This means that possibly three out of every seven children have never heard the story, in the true sense, of the Lord Jesus Christ and his salvation. Thirty thousand villages in the United States alone have never heard the real message of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know of a few places like that myself. So you see, we have a mission field right in our own land, and yet we are blind to that fact.

What are we going to do about such things as these? My friends, it is only through "visitation" that we can snatch many of these souls from eternal damnation before it is too late.

The most successful work of visitation is always done by following a definite plan. God had a definite plan in bringing into existence the natural universe. He has a definite plan of salvation from sin for man. He has a plan of visitation for his churches.

We of the Pilgrim Baptist Sunday School in Philadelphia, Pa., have had a remarkable growth during the past year. Our average attendance a year ago was 190; at present, it is well over 300. This increase enabled us to win

the Atlantic Conference Sunday School and Church Workers' attendance contest last May.

There are numerous factors involved in the growth of our work. The continuous growth of the community, with many new families moving in, has naturally had an effect on our work. However, the main reason for our growth is seen in the fact that we visit.

A haphazard program of visitation is never effective. An effective program should have a leader, be it a volunteer or a paid worker. It is part of my work at the Pilgrim Baptist Church to organize the visitation. I locate prospects from the visitors' register, Sunday School attendance, and various other contacts. Then I distribute and assign these prospects throughout the organized life of the church, and gather reports of the visitation that is done.

Each Sunday School teacher, officer and church official has been given to understand that he must visit, and every church member is expected to follow the plan. As a result, every department of the church has grown, such as Sunday School, Senior, Junior

High and Junior C. B. Y.; Pioneer Girls (Colonists and Pilgrims); Woman's Missionary Society; Service Guild and Boy Scouts. All of these organizations have added many new members.

Absentees in these groups are contacted weekly to let them know that "we missed you and we need you." They come back. They are more apt to attend because they know that someone cares enough to come to their home and tell them they were missed.

The question is always asked, "How can we locate prospects?" A religious census is the best way to locate all the prospects. In taking a religious census we not only locate the prospects, but we drive the first wedge that gives the proper visitors an entrance into the home.

### RELIGIOUS CENSUS

An area within a reasonable radius of the church should be chosen for the religious census. It should be drawn up into blocks. The worker will start at a given place as designated by the leader and cover the block.

If a personal invitation is to be given at each house, then complete information should be secured, such as the name and age of each person in the family (especially of children), address, and member of what church. Such information should be written on separate cards and turned in to the responsible person in charge of the follow-up work.

The person in charge of the follow-up work segregates the cards by age for distribution to various departments and classes. This card can be termed a "Prospect Card." The follow-up work should be handled by departments and classes because it is too great a job for just a few individuals, and by all means it should be rigidly and prayerfully followed out.

If the prospects do not attend church, then periodically they should be contacted again. Such work will necessitate an evening being set aside which can be known as "Monday Evening Visitation," or "Thursday Evening Visitation," depending upon the day chosen.

No stone should be left unturned and every means should be used to get people into Sunday School and church. Persistent visitation must be the program if we are to hold and win those enlisted to faith in Christ and service for him.

There is nothing like visitation. It will do things for a church nothing else will do. It was the Master's way. We believe it should be our way, too.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
A visitation program will do things for a church nothing else will do. It was the Master's way!





Time for discussion and fellowship at the Sunday School Convention, Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta  
Left to right: Mr. E. Land, Allen Strohschein, Mrs. Fred Pahl, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Mrs. R. Neuman

## Prepare— Teach Christ

Report of three Sunday School Conventions in Alberta, Canada

By REV. J. C. GUNST,  
Forest Park, Illinois

THE THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL Conventions held with the Alberta Tri-Union churches should prove fruitful for every church school. It was gratifying to have the majority of the Christian workers in the area take such an enthusiastic part in the conventions. The theme for the convention, "Prepare—Teach Christ," challenged all of us.

### CONVENTION TEAMS

The fact that every department of the Sunday School was given special attention greatly pleased the superintendents. Helpful guidance and instruction for the CBY activities were given by the Tri-Union Youth Director. Every major phase of the Sunday School program in the local church received attention. It was most encouraging to instruct the adult department because of the genuine interest and large attendance. This was a definite indication that our adults are vitally concerned in a good Sunday School program. The team of instructors did a commendable service.

We shall let the team members speak for themselves in the following paragraphs. The conventions were held at centrally located churches: Carbon Baptist Church, Calgary Church, Wetaskiwin, and Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mrs. Fred Pahl, Olds, Alta.

I considered it a real privilege to be the Beginners Department instructor for the Christian Workers' Conference. As a group we studied the characteristics and possibilities of wiggly, restless four and five-year-old children. We all agreed that because the short span of attention which these youngsters have, we as teachers in varied ways must captivate their interest.

Through the use of inexpensively home-made flannel scenes and picture book characters, fascinating modern day and Biblical puppets, use of blackboard and nature objects, we

may captivate their interest. We discovered that even though the task of teaching this age group requires much eye-gate preparation, the joy of laying a good "first impression" foundation for the things of the Lord was worth it all.

Arthur Smith, Wiesenthal Church

"Prepare—Teach Christ" was brought very close to the hearts of many of our Christian workers of the Alberta Baptist Tri-Union.

This was our first Christian Workers' Conference in our province. From all indications it will surely not be the last. One young lady has remarked that she was so interested in the Beginners Class that she plans to teach one this coming year. It was brought out very vividly that in our "Concern for Others" in the Sunday School and CBY departments, we must unite our efforts and prepare ourselves to teach Christ to every living soul.

As primary instructor I discussed with the group the fact that the days of childhood pass quickly. We must redeem the time to influence, teach and train children, not for tomorrow only, but for eternity.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

The students in the classes as well as the instructors were learners together as we discussed our problems and the most effective methods to carry out the work in the local churches. Besides dealing specifically with the Junior age group it was also my privilege to give suggestions on "Effective Visual Aids." There are so many ways to make learning easier through the use of the eye-gate.

In the class, "Teachers and Officers on the Job," we realized that there can be no substitute for personal and lesson preparation if we as workers are on the job. "That Opening Exercise" was also our concern. It was agreed that preparation and variety may do much to prepare the pupils for the class sessions.

As we think back to the Workers' Conferences the commercial slogan comes to mind, "Ask the man who owns one." In the few minutes devoted to the period, "Your Impressions," we did ask the ones who attended. Their comments were: "This has been a great help to me." "Let us have another convention." "I am going to try these suggestions in our church."

Allen Strohschein, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

The young people of today will be in places of leadership in a few short years. From a secular standpoint we are making every effort to give them the proper training for future responsibilities. We can afford to do no less in the religious field. The recent Sunday School Conventions in the Alberta Tri-Union focused special attention on the problems of young people and endeavored to assist them as leaders.

It was a privilege to have a part in this convention and meet the young people of the Alberta Tri-Union. This made possible a discussion of existing problems and methods of improving leadership. People of our Tri-Union as well as the team members enjoyed a time of inspiration and blessing.

Rev. R. Neuman, Indian Missionary

If missions is to have a proper emphasis the teachers and officers must themselves be missionaries. Every pastor must have a love for and a devotion to missions.

The question comes to us, "How can we make our generation more mission minded?" If we expect our young people to heed Christ's command to go, Christian missions must be a vital part of the Sunday School program.

The Sunday School is the supreme opportunity to reach the most people in the most impressive way for mission emphasis. With the materials graded to suit each age group and with many other adapted aids, there is an unparalleled opportunity to impress our young people with facts of eternal importance.

## Be Strong - and Work!

Report of Four Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakotas

By REV. RICHARD GRENZ, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"BE STRONG, ALL YE people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:4b). This wonderful verse served as a mighty challenge to 575 workers of the Dakota Conference CBY and SS Union from Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. Throughout the conference hours the theme song, "To the Work," was sung repeatedly because of its uplifting message in connection with the theme, "Be Strong—And Work."

Incidentally, what is a Christian Workers' Conference? For the Dakota Conference area it was a meeting for Sunday School and CBY leaders, officers, teachers, pastors and prospective leaders who met for instruction, rethinking of present methods, new ideas, training, sharing helpful experiences and fellowship for better and larger Sunday Schools and CBY's.

The regional conferences were held at the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, North Dakota, for the Northern North Dakota Assembly region. The First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota, served as host to the Central North Dakota Assembly region. The Badlands Assembly Region met in the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, and the last conference was held in the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., for the South Dakota region.

### CONFERENCE TEAM

In each region three instructors joined the team and helped to make the conference a success. The instructors were:

Northern North Dakota Region—Mrs. Glen Moore, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Cradle Roll Department; Mrs. Eldon Leitner, Cathay, N. Dak., Beginner Department; Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Goodrich, N. Dak., Primary Department.

Central North Dakota Region—Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, Gackle, N. Dak., Cradle Roll Department; Mrs. Ernest Herr, Wishek, N. Dak., Beginner Primary Department; Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Aberdeen, S. Dak., Primary Department.

Badlands Region—Mrs. Otto Fiesel, Sidney, Mont., Cradle Roll Department; Mrs. LeRoy Schauer, Mott, N. Dak., Beginner Department; Mrs. Emil Becker, New Leipzig, N. Dak., Primary Department.

South Dakota Region—Mrs. Lawrence Browen, Emery, S. Dak., Cradle Roll Department; Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., Beginner Department; Mrs. Harold Weiss, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Primary Department.

The members of the team who participated in all four conferences were Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary; Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, youth director; Miss Ruth Bathauer, children's director; and Rev. Richard A. Grenz, conference council representative and pastor of the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The team traveled with Mr. Grenz in his economical Ford.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program was "geared to the times but anchored to the Rock, Christ Jesus." The same program was followed in each regional conference.

On the opening night after the devotions and the necessary preliminaries Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke on "A Unified Christian Education Program." The entire program of the church, including that of the church organizations, is to be knit together and unified for effective results. Miss Bathauer and Mr. Bienert led the group in

sions for seven departments. These were helpful beyond measure because each officer, teacher, leader and pastor was in his niche to receive and to share. Three regional instructors conducted the classes for the Cradle Roll, Beginner and Primary Departments. The Junior Department was led by Miss Bathauer and the Youth Department met with Mr. Bienert. Mr. Grenz conducted the class for the adults and Mr. Gunst met with the superintendents and pastors. The last class of the morning was a general assembly when Mr. Gunst spoke on "Christian Workers in Counseling."

In addition to the departmental sessions, a continuation of the morning session, the afternoon was devoted to three work clinics, "A Workers' Conference that Clicks" by Rev. J. C. Gunst, "Counselor and Leader Work Together" by Rev. Lawrence Bienert and "We, the Parents, Work Too" by



Rev. J. C. Gunst leading a group on "Teaching Adults" at the Workers' Conference in the Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

"Eye-Gate Teaching: "This dealt with projected and non-projected visual-aids.

The day sessions were begun at 9 a.m. with praise and prayer conducted by a CBY president. Miss Bathauer and Mr. Bienert conducted two work clinics on "The Art of Lesson Preparation" and "CBY Programming."

Two of the interesting items on the agenda were the departmental sessions.

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### A GRATIFYING RESPONSE

What a joy to have such fine attendance! What an inspiration to have so many share their knowledge and experience! Christ's presence was felt during every moment of the conferences. These were the second regional conferences held in the Dakota area. They have now become an integral part of our CBY's and Sunday Schools. Do you know that several people asked the question, "How do we go about inviting the conference for next year?"

As council representative and a member of the team, I was thrilled with the Lord's blessings and the excellent response on the part of every one.





# Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

## 3. PERIODS OF CHURCH HISTORY

CHURCH HISTORY is usually divided into four periods for the purpose of study and research.

I. **The Early Church** covers the beginnings of the Church in the New Testament and extends to the beginning of the seventh century (600 A.D.), which marks the emergence of Roman Catholicism. During this period the Church spread rapidly throughout Europe, northern Africa, the Middle East and western Asia.

Many changes gradually came about both in doctrine and practice. Quite early salvation became linked to the sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper, and good works were considered desirable to make sure of heaven. The bishop soon is thought of as an overseer of the churches in a large area, and he must be able to trace his consecration back to the apostles.



Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

II. **The Medieval Church** extends from about 600 to 1500 A.D. and coincides with the triumph of the Papacy, the leadership of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, in western Europe. The eastern Churches finally split away from Rome in 1054, never having given full allegiance to the pope.

The advance of Mohammedanism and the Crusades are important features of this epoch. The sacraments increased in number to seven, purgatory became a place where Catholics are made ready for heaven after death, and indulgences for their earlier release were sold to the credulous. Unbelievable corruption in the Church

helped to bring about the Reformation, although throughout the period small groups of Bible believers sought to live for their Lord.

III. **The Reformation** is a better known period, for it marks a return to faith and practice based upon the Word of God in northern Europe. Protestant state churches were organized in Germany, Switzerland and England, and these spread rapidly to other countries. The Anabaptists believed in separation of church and state and the soul's complete liberty of conscience in spiritual matters. They could be found in all Protestant countries, and in many ways they influenced the rise of modern Baptists.

IV. **The Modern Church** begins about 1650 and runs to the present. The battle for freedom of religion continues, and Protestant denominations go on multiplying. The Wesleyan and Evangelical Revivals in the eighteenth

## REGISTRATIONS FOR BAPTIST CONGRESS AT LONDON, ENGLAND

It will be necessary for everyone going to the Baptist Congress in London, England, to be registered. Registration forms can be secured from Dr. Frank H. Woyke at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. The application must be filled out and signed with the necessary church and conference commendation. It must then be sent along with the registration fee (for a single person, \$10; for married couple, \$15; for dependents under 18 years of age, \$5) to the Baptist World Alliance office, 1628-16th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., not later than Feb. 21, 1955.

century helped to shape the churches of today. Non-evangelical sects arise, and liberalism in theology makes its appearance. At the same time the great foreign missionary movement is launched and continues to spread. (Newman, I, 16-17.)

## Baptist Alliance Sunday

By DR. ARNOLD T. OHRN, General Secretary

FOR a long period of years the first Sunday of February has been observed around the globe as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. In 1955 the date will be February 6th.

Preachers all over the world have proclaimed our convictions and emphasized anew the basic principles of our message. In Chinese, Bengali and Telegu, in Finnish, Serbian and Italian, in Yoruba and Basakata, in Spanish and Portuguese, and more language than you can guess, worshippers have been reminded of the ties binding them to fellow believers in other lands. Prayers have been offered for all the brethren, especially for those living under persecution or forever separated from their home-

lands through the upheavals of our times.

In many countries fellowship offerings have been taken toward the relief of distressed co-believers, or toward the support of that organization which more than anything else symbolizes and promotes the spiritual oneness of our people everywhere—the Baptist World Alliance.

In 1955, the Alliance will be fifty years old. Not all Baptists can be present in the Royal Albert Hall on July 17, when the birthday of the world organization of Baptists will be celebrated, but in this year of the Golden Jubilee, millions can observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday in one or more or all of the ways mentioned above.

## Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

### ENGAGEMENTS:

- Jan. 23-Feb. 4—Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. Richard A. Grenz, Pastor.
- Feb. 13-25—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y. Rev. A. Husmann, Pastor.
- March 6-18—Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rev. E. Gutsche, Pastor.

### WE THANK GOD:

Twenty-four persons responded to the claims of the Gospel and professed to have found peace with God through

the Lord Jesus Christ during evangelistic meetings at Calgary and Valleyview, Alberta, Canada. Spiritually lukewarm Christians were revived and many reconsecrated their lives to the blessed Savior.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

We covet the prayers of God's people throughout our great denominational fellowship. Pray especially for the meetings at Sioux Falls, New York City and Medicine Hat, Alberta, to be held during the above mentioned dates.

## Roger Williams Press

## ... NEWS

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

YOUR PUBLISHING HOUSE is very much concerned that Christian literature, in all forms, be made available. During the past two months it has again been our joy and privilege to provide Bibles and New Testaments for the Indian Mission in Canada, New Testaments and a large variety of Spanish tracts for the Mexican Mission in Colorado.

Just last week we received a request from a Christian mission society in Germany asking if we could furnish them some tracts in German to be used, as they stated, "for refugees, tramps, and other homeless persons." We were very happy to make remedial arrangements that a quantity of our German tract, "Der Wegweiser," be sent to this group each month. No one can tell how much good the seed sown through the distribution of God's Word will eventually do.

About two years ago a man called here at the office and asked if he could have a copy of a tract we published about six years ago. He said that the tract had helped him so much in dealing with a tremendous spiritual problem. Fortunately, we could get him a copy. He was happy to get it and, before he left the office here, we had a little session of prayer asking God that he might always guide us in all our problems and difficulties. The interesting part of this incident is that the man found the tract on the street near our building. Only God knows what good the seed will do when it roots in the heart of man.

Another interesting report came from the mission worker who distributed Bibles which we had furnished (Continued on Page 22)



## I Met the Master Face to Face

I had walked life's path with an easy tread,	I met him and knew him, and blushed to see
Had followed where comfort and pleasure led;	That eyes full of sorrow were turned on me;
And then one day in a quiet place I met the Master, face to face.	And I faltered, and fell at his feet that day,
With station and rank and wealth for a goal,	While all my castles melted away—
Much thought for the body, but none for the soul,	Melted and vanished, and in their place
I had thought to win in life's mad race, When I met the Master, face to face.	I saw nought else but my Master's face;
I had built my castles and reared them high,	And I cried aloud: "Oh, make me meet To follow the path of thy wounded feet."
'Til their towers pierced the blue of the sky;	And now my thoughts are for the souls of men;
I had vowed to rule with an iron mace, When I met the Master, face to face.	I've lost my life, to find it again.
	E'er since that day in a quiet place I met the Master, face to face.

—Author Unknown

## BOOK REVIEWS

THESE ISSUES WE MUST FACE. By Dr. W. A. Criswell. Zondervan Publishing House. 137 pages. \$1.75.

This book of 14 inspiring messages is a good introduction to the dynamic pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, the successor to the late George W. Truett. Many of our people going to the General Conference in Waco, Texas, will go to see this historical church and some to hear this great evangelistic preacher. His sermons strike fire and burn with spiritual passion. They deal with such topics as "Heartfelt Religion," "Christ and This Crucial Hour" and "The Blessed Hope. The imperishable

truths of God's Word are defended by one who "throws at the enemy all the ammunition on which he can lay his hands." For an unforgettable reading experience, you will enjoy these gems from the pen of Dr. Criswell.

A BOOK OF INSTALLATION SERVICES. By Virginia Ely. Fleming H. Revell Co. 208 pages. \$2.50.

Here is a versatile handbook for use in all types of installation services. These 27 chapters contain services or programs for each unit organization in the church. It is a book of methods and materials which discusses the many phases of installation—service planning, of what such services should

consist, and the objects to be used in making these occasions more meaningful. The services recommended include appropriate Scripture readings, illustrations, hymns, poetry, prayers, and charges to the various officers. It can be highly recommended to church and civic leaders and to all pastors.

DREAMS AT SUNSET. By F. W. Boreham. Judson Press, 121 pages. \$1.25.

The Judson Press has made us all greatly indebted to it for the publication of this reasonably priced volume of Dr. Boreham's messages that are steeped with the wisdom and understanding of many years but that also grow with youthful optimism. This is a volume with much food for thought until you feast at a spiritual banquet table. He writes with charm about "Lavendar and Old Lace," "The Silver Trumpets," "Spots on the Sun," "The (Continued on Page 23)



# We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

## INTRODUCTION

Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson and their children, Vaughn and Victoria, are the pastor's family of the Central Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. Their friendly smiles will greet you when you meet them at the General Conference from June 6 to 12, 1955. Mrs. Johnson shares numerous reasons why mothers and their children may enjoy this FAMILY CONFERENCE.

## A FAMILY CONFERENCE

By MRS. LOUIS R. JOHNSON

"ALL ABOARD for Waco, Texas!" Just four months are left until the 31st General Conference will convene on the campus of Baylor University here in Waco, June 6-12. Those will be great days! I feel sure you have not yet started to pack, but I trust you have started to plan. If not—well, please read this!

We hope that this General Conference will be a special attraction for family groups. Perhaps for previous conferences, you left the children with grandmother or auntie or a friend. Perhaps you even stayed home yourself because it was just too much trouble, as well as expense, to care for the children at a conference. This time, plan to give them a real treat, too, and bring them along.

Housing accommodations at Baylor are ideally suited for family groups.

Dormitories are arranged in two-room units with a bath between the two rooms. This will accommodate a family of 4 or 5. And the cost is only \$1.50 per person per day.

Meals will be served in the cafeteria in the Student Union Building at very reasonable prices. (Our Baylor student friends tell us the meals there are exceptionally good.) This, of course, will be within walking distance of your dormitory, but should you desire to "shop around" a bit, within a short driving distance, there are a number of first class restaurants which serve good food at reasonable prices.

You mothers will be happy to know, too, that just across the street from Waco Hall (the conference meeting place) is the Seventh and James Baptist Church, whose nursery facilities we will be privileged to use. A trained nursery attendant will be on duty to care for your children. This will mean that you can receive the inspiration and blessing of the conference sessions with utmost confidence that your children are well cared for.

There are many recreational facilities for the benefit of the children and young people, as well as the older ones who desire to play. On the Baylor campus, besides plenty of space to walk around under lovely shade trees on fresh green grass, enjoying the flowers, there are available shuffleboard courts, ping pong tables, bowling alleys (the student fee will be charged conference guests for the use of the bowling alleys), tennis courts, plus a beautiful large swimming pool. (Those of you who stay in a Motel or Tourist Court will have your own swimming pool!)

In our lovely Cameron Park, there is a very fine miniature golf course, and there are swings and playground equipment for the children. "Kiddie-Land" also affords many rides for the little ones.

On Baylor's campus there is the famous Armstrong-Browning Library, which houses the greatest collection of Browning mementos in the world. There are several museums that afford much interesting information in Texas history.

Why not plan to take a few extra days and see some of the other interesting things in and around Texas? Perhaps you will want to visit Carlsbad Caverns, just west of Texas in New Mexico. Or Big Bend National Park in the Southwest part of the state on the Rio Grande River (a wonderland of rugged scenic beauty and a haven for wild life). Or San Antonio, 200 miles southwest of Waco, which contains much of interest of Texas history, including the "Alamo." Near Houston (fastest growing city in the nation) is the famous San Jacinto Monument—15 feet higher than Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

If you would like to do some fishing, our own Lake Waco provides some; Lake Whitney, 30 miles from Waco, is one of the newest lakes near here; and of course, the Gulf, just about a half day from Waco, is always a thrill for any fisherman. Within a day's drive from Waco, you could include a trip to Old Mexico, where the climate is wonderful, the scenery picturesque, and the prices exceptionally reasonable.

Perhaps you are saying, "With all that, it is just too hot in Texas!" If you stay home for that reason, you will be sorry. Yes, it will be warm, but unless it is extremely extraordinary, it will not be unbearable nor even uncomfortable. And the balmy nights in Texas in June are "out of this world"! Won't you come and see?

Now, God bless you as you make plans for the most delightful vacation you have ever had. Pack your coolest summer clothes and head for Waco in June, 1955. Let's make this General Conference a FAMILY CONFERENCE!

## GENERAL CONFERENCE LEAFLETS

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By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

## A COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHURCH

THE AIM OF EVERY Baptist church must be an adequate program of Christian education. Adequate administration in the church follows to make such a program possible. There is a decided lack of objectives, guidance, plus trained leadership for a strong program of Christian education in many of our churches.

There are specific objectives, responsibilities and tasks for the church in her program of Christian education, even though an awareness of this fact may not exist. Here are some conditions which are found in every community where there is a church:

1. Children engaged in petty thieving which too often leads to juvenile delinquency.
2. Someone ought to provide adequate social relationships to integrate families into a community spirit.
3. There is an appalling ignorance of Bible knowledge.
4. Everywhere there is a lack of any very positive Christian faith among young people.

The church has a definite responsibility here. But not all church members can or know how to cope with such responsibilities. It has therefore been found highly profitable to have a representative group from the church membership study the existing conditions, plan, direct and assume the leadership in meeting these responsibilities with the church. An adequate program of Christian education can be the answer. For an effective program the answer, in part, is a Board or Committee of Christian Education for every church.

To adequately administer the program of the church as a whole and to co-ordinate the various factors commonly regarded as Christian education certainly seems proper Christian procedure. Too often this important task is left to one leader, the pastor or the Sunday School superintendent, which seems adequate and effective until the particular leader is no longer able to carry on. This system is certainly undemocratic and educationally undesirable since it does not train new leaders in order to build a strong permanent church witness. The work of the church is much too great and the responsibility much more than one person can wisely assume.

There is a better way to build a growing church with a far reaching

influence. Have a Committee of Christian Education! This plan has been tested and endorsed by ever so many fast growing churches. As Dr. O. Cummings comments in his book, "Christian Education in the Local Church," "The Committee of Education is needed to build a program that will include in its scope the complete religious nurture of every individual to whom the church is ministering. It is needed because of the extended and diversified character of the modern church as an educational institution. It becomes a means whereby the various educational activities may be unified in a single church centered program."

To be sure the Committee of Christian Education must have specific objectives and duties. The objective of Christian education is to help persons become Christians. The Committee of Christian Education is at work for that purpose. The work of this Committee is: 1.) To have the person come to know Christ and acquire love for his church. 2.) To give guidance to those old enough to understand the meaning of and their obligations to the church. 3.) To train young and old to understand the great commission of Jesus: "Observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." This surely includes active service in and beyond the church.

The functions of the Committee of Christian Education are many. The church should extend the responsibility and power on behalf of the church in all matters of Christian education. The Committee should seek to unify, co-ordinate, and correlate the educational interests of the church, including every organization approved by the church. These organizations would include the Sunday School, commissioned youth (CBY), leadership training, vacation school, weekday church school, boys and girls' clubs, including worship, recreation and activities carried on by the church anywhere. Every church should have a comprehensive and balanced program of Christian education for which the committee is responsible.

The Committee of Education can function best where it is elected directly by the local church, in the same manner as other committees, usually at the annual business meeting of the church. The pastor and Sunday School superintendent are always ex-officio members of the committee. Members of the committee are elected on the basis of their ability, consecration, and their willingness to acquaint themselves with the latest methods and materials on Christian education.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Jan. 25-27—Pastors' Conference for Southern Conference area, Mowata, La.

Feb. 6 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Edifice, First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Jan. 30 (Sunday)—Watertown, Wis.

Feb. 6 (Sunday)—Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn.

Secretarial Staff

Feb. 7-8—Conference with Seminary Student Body and Faculty, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## FEBRUARY DATES

Feb. 6 (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Communion offering for the work of the Baptist Alliance.

Feb. 6 (Sunday)—Last day of "Youth Week" observance.

Feb. 13—Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 20—Brotherhood Week.

Feb. 25 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer.

Feb. 25-27—Southern Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Elberta, Ala.

Feb. 27—First Sunday of Lent.

March 3-6—Northern Texas Association at Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas.

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For a more detailed study and additional information on the importance of a Committee of Christian Education for the church as well as the duties of such a committee we recommend the following books and pamphlets:

"A Committee of Christian Education in Your Church" (leaflet). Free copies may be secured from headquarters office.

"The Work of the Board of Christian Education" (pamphlet), Judson Press, Price 25 cents.

"Christian Education in the Local Church" by O. Cummings. Price, paper cover, \$1.25.

"Training Leaders for Your Church" (pamphlet). Price 50 cents.

"Leadership Education in the Local Church" by Price H. Gwynn, Jr. Westminster Press, Price \$2.75.

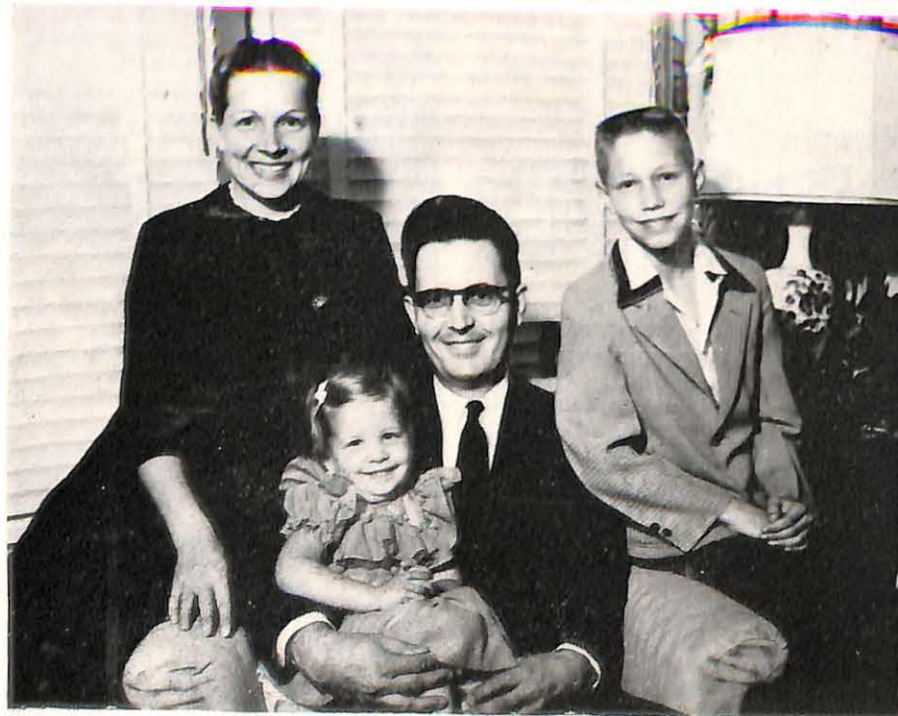
"How to Build Up Your Church School" by Weldon Crossland, Cokesbury Press, Price \$2.00.

All books may be ordered from:

Roger Williams Press,

3734 Payne Ave.,

Cleveland 14, Ohio.



Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson with their children, Vaughn and Victoria, of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas





# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 6, 1955

### Theme: THE GRACE OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:10; Ephesians 2:4-9; Titus 2:11-14:

PURPOSE: To help us know and receive God's marvelous grace.

GETTING STARTED: It is told that during the Revolutionary War a certain minister walked 50 miles to beg General Washington to spare the life of a man who had been sentenced to death for neglect of duty. "I'm sorry I cannot grant your request for your friend's pardon," said Washington. The minister replied, "He is not my friend. He is probably the worst enemy I have living." Surprised, Washington said, "Surely you're not pleading for the life of your enemy?" "I am!" replied the minister. "In that case," said the general, "I will grant the pardon." So impressed was the pardoned man by the minister's forgiving spirit that forthwith he became a friend instead of an enemy.

Isn't that the very thing that makes us stand in awe of the grace of God? "While we were enemies," he sent his Son to save us! And what ungrateful wretches we should be if we refused to accept that grace and let it transform us from enemies into the friends of God!

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE NATURE OF GOD'S GRACE: (1 John 4:10; Eph. 2:4).

1. It is love in action, love—
  - a. That is an expression of infinite mercy;
  - b. That doesn't count the cost to itself;
  - c. That gives itself without considering the worthiness of the one it loves.
2. It is the unmerited favor God bestows on every one of his creatures.

#### II. THE OBJECT OF GOD'S GRACE (Eph. 2:5).

1. His grace is bestowed on all men (Titus 2:11).
2. Of every man, however, this is true:
  - a. He does not and, because of his sinful nature, cannot love God, and therefore is unworthy of God's love.
  - b. He is dead in trespasses and sins and is an enemy of God and therefore deserves to be punished rather than be loved.

#### III. THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S GRACE.

1. To save us from sin and its punishment (Titus 2:14a).
2. To give us new, abundant and eternal life (Eph. 2:5).
3. To bring us into loving and vital fellowship with God (Eph. 2:6).
4. To make us, eternally, the benefactors of his grace (Eph. 2:7).
5. To make us into a dedicated and holy people that will honor and serve him (Titus 2:12,14).

#### IV. THE METHOD OF GOD'S GRACE.

1. The medium through which it is bestowed is Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:5-7).
2. His life, his death, his resurrection, his ministry of intercession are the means whereby God's grace is made operative in the lives of men.

#### V. THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD'S GRACE.

1. His grace cannot be earned. It is a gift freely given (Eph. 2:8b).
2. That gift must be personally accepted through faith in Christ (Eph. 2:8a).
3. Once it has been accepted, that grace brings with it the challenge and responsibility to live a godly and consecrated life (Titus 2:12,14).

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 13, 1955

### Theme: THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

SCRIPTURE: John 3:5-7; Acts 16:25-34; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

PURPOSE: To set forth the new life that can be ours in Christ.

GETTING STARTED: A short time ago I had the opportunity to visit the home of a man whom I had the privilege of leading to the Lord a few years ago. And what a thrill that visit brought me! Before his conversion, this man had been a complete worldling. And now—what a tremendous change had taken place! In fact, the change was so complete and startling that a man who knew him well said to me, "I had almost forgotten what God can

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do. If I had been asked, I would have said that here was one man that nothing could change and whom even God could never reach. But I was wrong. God did reach him. And the change in him is almost unbelievable. Now I know for certain that men can be born again and that they do become new creatures in Christ."

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. A NEW LIFE IS POSSIBLE FOR EVERY MAN (John 10:10; 2 Cor. 5:17).

1. Any man, any time, anywhere can have a new life—if he so desires.
2. That was the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world—to give men a new life—life that is full, rich, abundant.
3. The testimony of countless numbers of people who have found this new life bears overwhelming testimony to the truth of this promise.

#### II. THIS NEW LIFE COMES THROUGH A NEW BIRTH (John 3:5-7).

1. No man can get this new life through a program of self-improvement.
2. What is needed is nothing less than a complete transformation of a man's inner being.
3. That transformation, or regeneration, is called the new birth.

#### III. THE NEW BIRTH IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (John 3:5-6).

1. It cannot be accomplished by man's efforts but is, rather, God's working in the heart and life of the believer.
2. It is the "implanting of a new principle of spiritual life in the soul" which gives our lives new power and direction.
3. It is nothing less than the implanting of the life of Christ in our hearts, so that henceforth it is no longer we but he who lives our lives.

#### IV. THE NEW BIRTH IS GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

1. "Born of water" signifies the experience of repentance—a genuine sorrow for and turning away from sin—and is one of the essentials to receiving the new birth (John 3:5a).

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# What's Happening

• On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., baptized 10 converts in the beautiful Church. The candidates ranged in age from 8 to 83 years. Five were young people and five were adults. A candle-New Year's Eve, at which 13 members were received into the church and given the hand of fellowship.

• The Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Hilda, Alberta, to which he has responded favorably. He resigned at Hilda on Sunday, Dec. 12, and announced that he would begin his ministry at the Lauderdale Church on Jan. 3rd. He had served the Hilda Baptist Church since 1952. In the Lauderdale church he has succeeded Rev. Arthur Pohl, now of Saskatoon, Sask.

• The Selfridge Baptist Church, Selfridge, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Bernard Edinger, who began his ministry there on Nov. 18. He is also serving the Fort Yates Community Church on the nearby Indian reservation. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Haggard City, Wis. The report of the reception accorded by the Selfridge Baptist Church appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Edinger has succeeded Rev. Norman Miller, now of Durham, Kansas.

• The Sunday School Christmas program of the Central Church, Erie, Pa., was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. Messrs. Merle Gibbens and Robert Eichler, superintendent and assistant superintendent, were in charge. The program featured the play "Christians Under the Stars," directed by Natalie H. Pfeiffer. Two young members of Central Church, Gary Eichler and Larry Gibbens, had the privilege of traveling to California as members of the Academy High School Band which played in the Tournament of Roses parade on January 1st.

• Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, arrived home in Oak Park, Ill., on Dec. 23rd following his three months' tour to our mission fields in Austria and the Cameroons, Africa. He brought an informal travelogue that same evening at the Christmas party for the headquarters staff and their families and friends. He showed some of the latest Cameroons pictures and spoke briefly at the Watchnight service of the Forest Park Baptist Church. A series of three ar-

ticles about his experiences in the Cameroons, Africa, will begin in the Feb. 24th issue of the "Baptist Herald."

• Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa, is hoping to arrive in New York City for her furlough about the end of January. She has been on the mission field in Africa since the fall of 1949. Further information about her home address while in the United States and her plans to visit our churches and conferences will be announced in a later issue. For the next two months she will be given an opportunity to rest and to recuperate from her strenuous missionary activities of the past years.

• At the Watchnight Service of the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, the film and message, "The Stones Cry Out," by Dr. William Culbertson, president of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., was presented. This is the story of his trip to Palestine and the evidences of fulfilled prophecies. The Week of Prayer services in January were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Gerthe, on "God's Design" together with object lessons. The annual business meeting of the church was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 13. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was the guest speaker on Sunday, Jan. 16.

• The choir of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., gave its Christmas Candlelight Concert on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, with the auditorium filled with an appreciative audience. The choir presented the cantata, "The Coming of the King" by Dudley Buck. Mr. Herbert R. Pankratz is the director and church organist. Mr. Walter Loewen, choir president, welcomed the large audience. The Sunday School program with Mr. Irwin Obergefell, superintendent, in charge, was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 19. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor, spoke on "The Christmas Rush." Mr. Thorwald W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker on that Sunday morning.

• The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marian, Kans., held its reception for Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson and their son Steven on Sunday evening, Dec. 12. Mr. Otto Fink, chairman of the board of deacons, extended the church's welcome. Mr. Knalson spoke on "Laborers Together With God." After the service at the fellowship luncheon, members and friends of the church had an opportunity of becoming

acquainted with the Knalson family. On Christmas Eve the church surprised Mr. and Mrs. Knalson with a shower of food articles from their homes. The church and pastor look forward to a future filled with God's blessings and marked by God's guidance!

• At the Watchnight Service of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, baptized 31 converts. The Sunday School Christmas program was held on Christmas Eve with the superintendent, Mr. E. E. Land, in charge. The play, "Out of Darkness," was presented by the children in addition to recitations and songs. It was directed by Mrs. Jeannette Bogdanow. The young people of the church were in charge of the White Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 19, and presented the pageant, "There Came Wise Men." The German young people's group presented a program of musical numbers, dialogues, recitations and a brief message by Helmut Hattenhauer on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22.

• On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, the choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., presented a "Christmas Prelude" program, including many favorite Christmas carols and anthems, among which were "Break Forth" from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and the ever favorite "Gesu Bambino." A quartet consisting of Joehannah Sauer, Florence Rattey, Paul Schulz and Rev. Charles Wagner, sang two special numbers, and a lovely duet, "O Holy Night," was rendered by Helen Goble and Patricia Scheideman. Others taking special parts were Lois Marks, Sharon LeClair, Marian Schafer and Ramona Borger. The organist, Mrs. Evelyn Bjerke, played several special numbers including "Star of Hope." Miss Hildegard E. Wagner is the choir director and Rev. Henry Barnet pastor.

• The Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., held its farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit and family on Sunday evening, Nov. 14. Mr. John Stroh, a deacon, was in charge of the program. Those representing the church and its organizations in extending best wishes to the Waltereits were Mr. Amos Kromminga, Mrs. John Kranzler, Mrs. Milt Derman, Mrs. Ray Eisner, Mrs. Fred Kranzler and Miss Shirley Warre. At the informal gathering during the social period afterwards, Mr. Clayton Edinger served as master of ceremonies. Special music was furnished by the men's chorus, young men's quartet and ladies trio. Mr. John Kranzler presented a walnut table to the Waltereits as a gift from the church and the CBY gave them a table lamp. Rev. H. J. Waltereit has become the pastor of the McDermot Ave. Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings, Visitation Program and Bible Studies at Napoleon, N. Dak.

The Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., recently held special meetings with Rev. Arthur Fischer of Linton, N. Dak. We had very good attendance. Six persons came to know Christ as personal Savior. Later we conducted a visitation program in which the members of our church made a total of 143 visits in a two weeks' period. The results were surprising and the value of it can only be told as time goes on. The oldest person who helped us in this program, being 80 years of age, made 20 calls alone. Many have reported that it was interesting to find out more about the members of the church.

Recently we began a Bible study on "The Life of Christ" on Wednesday evenings and have had over 30 persons present at every meeting. Our Sunday morning services average over 100 in attendance. God can lead in marvelous ways and we pray that we might always be found faithful.

Henry Lang, Pastor

### Baptist Church at Selfridge, N. Dak., Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Edinger

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the First Baptist Church of Selfridge, N. Dak., held a special service to welcome its new pastor, Rev. Bernard Edinger.

Mr. Henry Geigle, a deacon, introduced the family to the congregation. The president of each department of the church welcomed the family with a message. Representatives from each of the following churches also extended to them a warm welcome into the vicinity: Assembly of God Church; Congregational Church and the Fort Yates Community Church. Rev. Bernard Edinger is serving the Fort Yates Community Church as well as the Selfridge Baptist Church. We are certainly thankful for this pastor who has come out to serve us. He and his family came from Haggard City, Wis., where he previously served as pastor.

We pray that God will help our church to grow and bear fruit as Brother Edinger brings us messages from God's Word.

Iery Geigle, Reporter

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 12, Rev. Walter Stein brought his first sermon at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak. A capacity crowd was present. In the evening a welcome reception was carried out. Mr. John

Stroh, deacon, was in charge. Deacon Amos Kromminga gave a hearty welcome to the Stein family.

Mr. Leo La Belle spoke as moderator. Mrs. Orville Feickert presented Brother Stein with a boutonniere and Mrs. Stein with a corsage. The Men's Chorus and young men's duet sang several special musical numbers. Captain Sweezy of the Salvation Army was guest speaker.

Mrs. Stein responded and Mr. Stein brought a sermonette, "Brethren, pray for us." The women of the church served lunch in the dining room where everyone became better acquainted with the Stein family. Piano music was furnished during the fellowship period by John Kranzler.

Members and friends of Grace Baptist Church are truly very happy that we again have a shepherd to lead us.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter

### Evangelistic Services and Baptism at the Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak.

One of the high peaks in the spiritual lives of the members and friends of the Fessenden Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., was attained recently, when we were privileged to hold a series of evangelistic services followed later on with baptism and the giving of the hand of fellowship to 16 new members into the church.

Our evangelist was Rev. John C. Kastelein of Elliot, Ill. He brought very fine heart searching messages, both for the Christians and the unsaved. As a result there were many rededications as well as conversions. As an aid to his services Mr. Kastelein showed a Christian film each night before he brought his message.

On Sunday, Nov. 28, we held our baptismal service. For this service we were joined by the Germantown and the Rosenfeld churches. Rev. E. Buening brought the baptismal message and then each pastor baptized the candidates from his church. After the baptism the hand of fellowship was given to the new converts and then we all joined together in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Vernon Link, Pastor.



Speaker's Table at the 40th anniversary of Philathea Sunday School Class, Avon, S. Dak., with Mrs. George Lubbers at left and Rev. Arthur Voigt at right

### Philathea Sunday School Class, Avon, S. Dak., Observes Its 40th Anniversary

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 5, the Philathea Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., was privileged to celebrate its 40th anniversary with a banquet. The organizer and teacher for 14 years was Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, pastor of the Rosenfeld Church of North Dakota. Starting with 18 charter members, this class reached an enrollment peak of 75 in 1950, at which time lack of room necessitated dividing it into two classes.

Our present class of 37 members had all former resident members of the Philathea Class as their guests. At the conclusion of the three course dinner, capably served by the young girls of the church, a brief program was rendered. It consisted of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, and reports by our secretary and treasurer.

Our guest speaker was one in whose work we have taken an active interest through the years, Mrs. George Lubbers, former missionary to India. Rev. Arthur Voigt reminisced with us over old photographs and souvenirs. This also brought to mind our departed members, in whose memory we paused to pay tribute. As each of the 26 names was read, a floral spray was placed in the vase in memory of her.

We praise God for his guidance through the years and are most grateful to him for all faithful teachers and officers of the past. Our prayer is that we may ever be what our name implies, "Lovers of Truth."

Mrs. David Radack, Secretary

## Northern Conference

### Baptism of 13 Converts at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man.

Our hearts once again rise up in thanksgiving for the way God has blessed us at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, concluding the morning worship service, we had the joy of seeing 13 candidates step into the waters of baptism. Rev. H. J. Waltereit's message was entitled "The Baptized Heathen," based on Acts 8: 5-25. We were again admonished that salvation does not come through baptism, but by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work on Calvary. From the testimonies of these, we were convinced that they were truly following the Lord a step farther and obeying his command to be baptized.

As the Old Year steadfastly drew to a close and we awaited with anticipation what the New Year would bring, we prayed that God would manifest himself to us in a great and wonderful way.

Erna Redlich, Reporter

### Annual Program by the Young People of the Grace Church, Davin, Sask.

As young people of the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., we are only a small group, but we are an active group who are willing to help whenever asked. We are in charge of every other Sunday evening service but once a year we present a special program which usually takes place in the fall months.

Our program this year consisted of quartets, duets, musical numbers and a story for the boys and girls. The highlight of the program was a dialogue entitled, "Just As I Am."

It was our joy to present this program in the neighboring Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., on Nov. 21st. It proved to be a real blessing, not only to those who heard it but also to those who presented it. The project for these programs was missions. In a small way we try to help in spreading the Gospel to lands across the seas.

Doris Rosom, Reporter

### East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, Celebrates its Twenty-fifth Anniversary

A huge crowd attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, on Sunday, Nov. 28th. The rally opened at 10:00 a.m., with a Sunday School session led by the superintendent, Mr. H. Fried. Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, was the guest speaker. At the morning and afternoon worship services Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, who was the founder of the church was the speaker.

Words of congratulation were extended to the East Olds Church by the ministers from Zion Baptist, Carbon Baptist, and Trochu Baptist Churches. Musical numbers were presented also from these churches. Of particular mention were the male quartet from Calgary, the Berg Trio from Trochu and a fitting closing number: to the celebration, "Bless This House," sung by Miss J. Holler of Trochu.

Local members of the church also contributed to the program. Mr. O. F. Unger, church clerk, gave an historical sketch of the founding of the church and a bird's eye view of the past 25 years. Mr. H. Weidman, deacon, represented the church as a whole with a challenging speech. Mrs. R. F. Unger, Ladies' Aid president, spoke on behalf of the women's group. Mr. Harry Unger, young people's president, encouraged the young people to carry on the faith of their forefathers.

Anniversary gifts were also presented. The Sunday School purchased a beautiful aisle rug which had been laid for the occasion. Flowers were given by the Young People's Society. Also the young people's group officially opened its organ fund with \$200. The interior decorating of the church was financed by the women's group. Mrs. Mary Unger donated 12 small chairs to be used in the beginners department. Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Pahl



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zurn of Erie, Pa., with their children on the occasion of the dedication of the communion service of the Central Baptist Church  
Left to right: Everett Zurn, Arloween Zurn Knobloch, Mrs. and Mr. J. A. Zurn, and Melvin Zurn

showed a blueprint of the large highway sign which will shortly be erected. It has the name of the church, etc., imprinted on it. Mr. R. F. Unger, deacon, received this gift on behalf of the church.

The church was simply but tastefully decorated with a floral cross of white and red, and a "25" hanging on the bottom of it. The ladies worked hard and prepared a fine luncheon and supper for all the guests. In all, East Olds Baptist Church will not soon forget the wonderful occasion of their 25th anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Viola Pahl, Reporter

### "Family Night" Program by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Fenwood, Sask.

After several years of inactivity, the Woman's Missionary Society of Fenwood, Sask., was reorganized last June. We enjoy the material in the program packet and use it frequently.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 7, we had our first public program which we called "Family Night." Our pastor, Rev. Eldon Janzen, led our opening song service. Two members of our Woman's Missionary Society read scripture and led in prayer. We enjoyed several special musical numbers. The feature of the evening was a film entitled "Tammy." It portrayed the importance of a family building a Christian home and guiding their children to know Christ in their early youth.

Following the service, we met in the church basement for refreshments. The dining hall was decorated with streamers in fall colors. On the tables were floral centerpieces, scattered autumn leaves and several wishing wells. We promised our guests that we would make good use of the donations placed in these wishing wells, but we could not promise them that every wish would come true. The offering of the evening which totaled \$57.62 was designated for White Cross work.

At the present time we are collecting used clothing to be sent to the Muscowpeting Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan. We are also donating new and used toys for the Indian children for Christmas.

Florence Schmuland, Secretary.

## Eastern Conference

### Communion Service Dedication Honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zurn at Erie, Pa.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., dedicated a beautiful new quadruple silver Communion Service into the service of the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Our pleasure was multiplied by the fact that this Communion Service was given to the church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zurn by their children Melvin, Arloween and Everett. This gift and the entire service were kept as a secret from the honored couple until they entered the church and began scanning the bulletin. The look of such complete and satisfying surprise on the faces of the Zurns was a reward in itself.

It is fitting that faithfulness be recognized. Certainly, there have been few couples in any church who have been more faithful and loyal in the service of the Master through the local church. Mr. and Mrs. Zurn have been members of this church for a combined total of 133 years. What is even more remarkable about the honored couple is the fact that even though the Zurns have been extremely successful and prosperous in the world of business, they have remained humble and grateful to God. They can always be found in church on Sunday morning and evening and also at the Wednesday prayer meeting. They have placed God and his church first in their lives always.

Recently Mr. Zurn was again honored, as he has been so many times before on this and many other boards, by being elected as president of the board of trustees of the Goodwill Industries in Erie.

With apologies to Paul, we can say concerning the interests of Mr. and Mrs. Zurn, "And now abide these three interests: our business, our family, and the cause of Christ; but the greatest of these is the cause of Christ."

We pray that God may grant the Zurns many more years of happiness.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor



## Pacific Conference

### Fall Rally of the Oregon Baptist League at the Salt Creek Church

On Nov. 13 and 14 the Oregon Baptist League held its annual Fall Rally at the Salt Creek Baptist Church in Dallas, Oregon.

Saturday evening a delicious banquet was served. Following this we had our program starting with a song service led by Dolores Kuper of our Bethel Church in Salem. Dan Bertuleit, treasurer of the League, read the Scripture, and Rev. R. Penner of Salt

ered for the worship service which was part of the dedication of the newly purchased parsonage of the church. Our people stepped forth in faith to buy a very lovely 3-bedroom, late model home in a new area of the city. Friends and members of the church and the pastor's family worked hand in hand, giving gladly and sacrificing in joyful anticipation of this occasion. Rev. Walter Berkan brought a very heart-stirring message on the theme, "Unless the Lord Build the House."

At 3 o'clock we assembled on the lovely yard at the parsonage for the dedication service. Mr. Ben Schmidt, church moderator, welcomed everyone to the home. Mr. Adrian Werner of Odessa, Wash., led in a prayer of praise followed by the reading of

Head, Jesus our wonderful Lord. In his Name I greet you.

I had a letter the other day from a mission circle and it opened with: "We hear your name constantly on the lips of our ladies when we go to prayer." How I treasure such faithful intercessors. They are my unseen therapists! With the intangible tools of hope and faith in a healing Christ, I daily put forth thousandfold efforts to reestablish muscle control, and there is every evidence of progress though it seems painfully slow.

As he raised helpers in my need while in the Midwest, he has brought a host to help here in the West. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

Ethel Ruff, Correspondent.

The above greeting comes from Miss Ethel Ruff who is at present living in Tacoma, Wash., at 1012 N. 9th Street. The booklet, "Along Ancient Paths in Bible Lands"—an account of her trip to Palestine, prepared by her before her illness, may be secured from her for \$1.00 each. Miss Ruff is making a good recovery from her illness.

## Central Conference

### Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, O., Is Recovering from Serious Eye Operation

The many friends of Mr. H. P. Donner, former business manager of the Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, will be happy to hear that he is making steady progress toward recovery from an eye operation he underwent on Nov. 3. After spending approximately two weeks in the hospital, he was able to return to his home and here during the following seven weeks or more he has virtually lived in darkness. However, there is a steady improvement in his eyesight and Mr. Donner definitely expects that his eyesight will be fully restored within the next few months.

Mr. Donner wishes to use this method of explaining to his many friends that it was simply impossible for him to remember them with greeting cards at the recent holiday season. He does extend, however, by this means his sincere greetings and good wishes to all of his friends and to express his gratitude to all who remembered him at the throne of grace.

Recently I visited Brother Donner and was again very deeply impressed by his courage and faith. It is not easy for a man in his 94th year to undergo an eye operation but with faith in God he faced it, and we all rejoice that he is making such splendid progress on the road to recovery. It certainly is true that even in the hours of physical darkness, there is a "Light of faith" in the heart of the believer which will guide us through every experience of life.

Mr. Donner, as former business manager of Roger Williams Press, has so often expressed this faith in God in the experiences of life and was so

often led by the "Light from within," and I am sure that all of us will want to remember him at the throne of grace and ask God to bless and to keep him. His home address is:

Mr. H. P. Donner  
31739 Shaker Blvd., R.R. 3  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

E. J. Baumgartner, Correspondent

## Southwestern Conference

### Harvest and Mission Festival Programs of the Baptist Church, Bessie, Okla.

The First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., celebrated its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 24, with much to be thankful for and with many rich blessings.

On Oct. 17, it was the pastor's joy to baptize eleven candidates in the baptistry of our sister church, the Calvary Church of Corn. These eleven and two others, who came by letter, were received into the church during the morning service of our Harvest and Mission Festival, after which the church celebrated the Lord's Supper.

The church was beautifully decorated for the evening service, at which time the Sunday School gave its Harvest and Mission festival program. The children did very well and the church was blessed. The offerings for the day were given for missions for the various denominational mission objectives.

We are happy for the increase in our church family. The seed that was sown has brought forth fruit. Some of these new members were saved during our Union evangelistic meetings, while others accepted Christ before and have now come for baptism and church membership. There are still others who, as we hope and pray, will soon be coming also. Pray with us. We "praise God for his mighty acts" and "according to his excellent greatness" (Psa. 150:2).

Jacob Ehman, Pastor.

### Father and Son Banquet and Family Night at Zion Church, Okeene, Okla.

We of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., have enjoyed many blessings on recent occasions. The Baptist Men's organization of the church spent an evening of delightful Christian fellowship at their "Father and Son" banquet held in the church basement. Elmer Fisher, president, welcomed and introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas. Approximately 65 men were present. The message of the evening, "Men Wanted," was a challenge to everyone.

Another equally festive occasion was enjoyed at our annual Family Dinner by our Woman's Missionary Union and their families. Tables were decorated and the menu planned suggestive of the Thanksgiving Season. Under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Harry Geis, a timely program was given. An offering was received.



Rev. Jacob Ehman of Bessie, Okla. (left), and 13 new members whom he received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Bessie by baptism and letter

On Wednesday, Dec. 1st, we had another time of blessing as we were privileged to have Missionary George Henderson of the Cameroons mission field with us. We praise God for those who have dedicated their lives to this service. A missionary offering was received.

Mrs. Weldon Leisker, Reporter

### Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo., Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Fuchs

A reception honoring Rev. Frederick Fuchs, the new minister for the La Salle Baptist Church, and his family was held on Sunday, Dec. 5, at La Salle, Colorado.

The following program was given: Organ prelude, Mrs. Harold Bohlender; hymns by congregation; Scripture from Isaiah by Rhinny Crossaint; prayer, Gottlieb Vogel; duet number, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bohlender; Rev. Moore Bell of the Presbyterian Church extended the welcome on behalf of his church and community. A duet number was given by Mrs. Adam Moser and Mrs. Dee Clark.

Welcome was given by the church senior deacon, Herman Meyer; clerk, Carl Jepsen; treasurer, Harold Bohlender; trustee, Adam Moser; choir, Mrs. Albert Jerke; Sunday School superintendent, Adam Moser; Ruth Zimmerman, sponsor of Twoik girls; Mrs. Adam Moser for the Sewing Circle; and Reuben Borgens.

The program also included a vocal solo by Lloyd Krieger. Mrs. Fred Meyer, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, presented Mrs. Fuchs with a rose corsage. Other numbers were a solo by Janet Bohlender and a duet by Mrs. Roy Schmidt and Mrs. Dicy McKnight. Paul Walker, a student

### CALLING ALL REPORTERS!

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No annual reports of churches or of church organizations will be accepted. Pictures accompanying reports should be clear.

minister from the Baptist Seminary in Denver who had been filling the pulpit for the past month, gave the welcome address. Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs graciously responded.

Carl Jepsen, Clerk

### Bethel Church, Ingersoll, Okla., Welcomes New Pastor, Mr. Leon Bill, and Family

Sunday, Dec. 5, was a day of rejoicing at the Bethel Baptist Church, Ingersoll, Okla., when we welcomed our new pastor, Mr. Leon Bill, and his family. During the morning communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill and also to Mrs. Roland Meyer. In the evening we had the reception program.

Mr. Henry Weber, our senior deacon, was in charge of the service. Rev. H. A. Meyer read the Scripture and led in the opening prayer, after which Sam Knopf sang a solo. Words of welcome were spoken by Roland Meyer, our Sunday School superintendent.

Marvin Knopf spoke in behalf of the C. B. Y. A quartet composed of young people sang and Mrs. Henry Weber, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, read the poem "The New Minister." Mr. Phillip Weigand, Jr., welcomed the pastor and his family for the board of deacons. Mr. H. A. Meyer very appropriately sang "Victory Ahead." Rev. Menno Harms brought the welcome address for the church. He helped us very graciously during the absence of a regular pastor. Mrs. Roland Meyer then sang a solo, after which the new pastor and his wife responded.

The Bills were all packed and ready to move to Ingersoll, when a fire destroyed everything they possessed. They escaped with their lives in their night clothes. They were again ready to move in November, when one of their children became ill with measles. Finally on Dec. 1st, they were able to settle in the parsonage. The church had a special offering for them, which was presented to them at the reception. We as the members of the Bethel Baptist Church take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped the Bills in this emergency.

Mrs. Henry Weber, Reporter



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berkan on the front steps of the new parsonage of the Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington

Creek led in prayer. Our business meeting was held next with the following business transacted. We will have three assemblies for this coming summer with officers for each. We will also have a Counsellor Training program for our summer assembly workers. The office of second vice-president was created and Albert Wardin, Jr., from our Glencullen Church was accepted by the League as this officer. Our dean for the coming year is Rev. Arthur Schulz from the Bethany Church and our registrar is Betty Myers from the Stafford Church.

Our special music was a vocal solo provided by our speaker of the evening, Rev. Victor Ernest from Lebanon, Oregon.

On Sunday afternoon the meeting was opened with a wonderful song service led by Marian Giese from our Bethel Church. Myrl Thiesies, vice-president of the League, read Scripture and led in prayer. The Salt Creek men's quartet favored us with a number as well as the Salt Creek Choir. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, missionary home on furlough from the Cameroons in Africa. Her message too, was a real inspiration to us.

Sharon LeClair, Secretary

### Dedication of New Parsonage by Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 21, members and friends of the Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., gath-

Psalm 103:1-5 by Mrs. Emil Wolff, president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Robert Roloff played the trumpet solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple." Mr. Victor Roth, Sunday School superintendent, led in the responsive reading of the dedication ceremony.

We joined in the singing of the doxology followed by the dedication prayer offered by Rev. S. Northrup of Spokane. Mrs. Ben Schmidt played a violin solo, "Bless This House," accompanied by Miss Gloria Werner of Odessa, who served as organist throughout the service. Afterwards a joyful people participated in the "open house" fellowship.

Our thanks go to our pastor for his unflinching efforts and for the many sacrifices he and his wife made as they helped us to see the vision of what God's people can do as they work together, trusting in the Lord.

Barbara Schauwecker, Clerk

### An Open Letter of Gratitude by Rev. Ethel Ruff of Tacoma, Washington

Thank God for wholesome memories. They are such invigorating companions in these, my "chimney corner" days. Among memories that bring me joy untold are those of when I could minister the Word to a group of mission-minded ladies in various states and provinces. They at once lift the horizons of my outlook to the Church ever militant and to the



## Northwestern Conference

### Evangelistic and Baptismal Services at First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa

On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, held a baptismal service. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Gerthe, baptized 7 adults and 4 young people on confession of their faith in the Savior, thus witnessing before a large audience their desire to follow the Lord and to do his will.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the baptismal candidates and 6 others were extended the hand of church fellowship. Three others were baptized this year, and 4 added by letter, making an addition of 24 new members.

In October we had the privilege to have a group of seven young people from "God's Invasion Army" visit our church for three weeks of personal work going from house to house presenting the Gospel. Children's meetings were held after school hours with 17 decisions for Christ. During the last week of this campaign Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Iowa, was also with us for a series of meetings.

We have just completed a week of meetings with Evangelist Paul Levine as guest speaker, and Bob Findley, the Blind Singer. All these meetings were well attended, and we thank God for the souls that have been saved.

Mrs. Ed Feldick, Reporter

## Southern Conference

### God Sends Rain and Spiritual Blessings for Hurnville Church, Henrietta, Texas

Here in North Texas we have been suffering from drouth conditions. We had a few showers early in the fall but not sufficient to carry the grain over the winter months. So on the first Sunday of December at the Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Tex., the pastor announced that we would make it a point to pray for rain at the prayer service on Wednesday night. On that evening there was a better than usual attendance at prayer meeting. The entire service was centered in asking God to send the needed moisture.

On Friday the sky became cloudy and on Saturday morning a few light showers began to fall. On Sunday morning the area awoke to find a covering of snow. The moisture that has fallen has amounted to one and one-quarter inches or more throughout the area. The nearby weather station at Wichita Falls reports that this was more moisture than had fallen there in the last 6 months. We at Hurnville feel that this has truly been an answer to our prayers. God answers prayer, yes, prayers for rain!

We have also had spiritual showers of blessings here at the Hurnville church. On Sunday, Oct. 31, Rev.

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"It's a reading adventure!"

Harold Ekrut had the privilege of baptizing seven boys and girls. On the following Sunday, Nov. 7, at the observance of the Lord's Supper the hand of fellowship was extended to these who had been baptized.

On Nov. 29 the Hurnville Church had the privilege of having as our guests Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, our Cameroons missionaries. We were thrilled to hear of the progress of our work in Africa.

Harold Ekrut, Pastor

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Central Baptist Church, Waco

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, held its annual program on Sunday evening, Nov. 28th. After the song service led by Mrs. Thomas Lampert, the president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, spoke words of welcome. Scripture was read by Mrs. Vernon Ekrut and prayer offered by Mrs. Albert Niederer. Special music consisted of a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and a number by the ladies chorus.

It was an unusual and happy privilege to have three of our Cameroons missionaries present at this celebration. Miss Margaret Kittlitz, a daughter of our church, introduced Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, speakers for the evening. We were thrilled and deeply stirred as they related many experiences and showed slides of our mission work in the Cameroons. Mrs. E. H. Steindam made appropriate remarks regarding our offering, which amounted to \$91.80 and was designated for our National Project.

We were also privileged to have Miss Kittlitz attend our monthly meeting at the parsonage on Dec. 9th, at which time she told us of the women's work in the Cameroons and of the progress that is being made in this work. She also shared many experiences in her work as our missionary nurse which challenged us to do our very best in supporting our missionary program.

Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Reporter

### SIoux FALLS AREA STUDENT RECEPTION

On February 7, 1955 at 7:30 p.m. the annual Student Reception will be held at the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All seminary and college students, as well as nurses in training, who are members of our North American Baptist churches studying in the Sioux Falls area are cordially invited to this time of fellowship.

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among a group of prisoners in a jail. The report told us that four of these prisoners, after reading the Bible for some time, were so greatly moved that they finally accepted Christ as Savior. No one can tell the power of God's Word in the printed form. Your Publication Society is endeavoring to make this Word known in all possible forms and requests your prayers for strength and wisdom to accomplish this to the glory of God.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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2. The other essential is faith: faith that believes in and receives Christ as Savior and that leads to commitment to him as Lord (Acts 16:30-31).

### V. THE NEW BIRTH RESULTS IN A NEW LIFE FOR THE BELIEVER.

This new life has the following characteristics:

1. It is no longer lived in our own strength but "in Christ" and in the power of the Spirit.
2. It faces every situation with courage and cheerfulness, is able to draw victory from what seems to be certain defeat, turn every event to the glory of God and the service of others, and helps others to find a new and victorious life, too (Acts 16:25-34).
3. It abounds in righteousness, joy, kindness, love and every good work.

## THE CBY STANDARD

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factor" in directing or participating in the group activities. These young people should try to take at least one Leadership Training Course a year. Leadership ability must be cultivated.

### 5. A PARTICIPATING GROUP

"All young people shall actively participate in the Youth Hour program.

"Assignments for programs shall be handed out at least two weeks in advance of the program."

Active participation on the part of every member will create interest and instill a sense of responsibility. Each young person will feel that he or she really belongs to the group. You get out of a project what you put into it. The writer has had the privilege to see many young people in his own group develop their talents and abilities through active participation in CBY. Where they were once shy and reserved, they now have a positive witness and are leaders teaching others. These young people have extend-

ed their interest to encompass the entire church program.

It is not too much to ask our young people to think through their Christian convictions. Their Christian growth, use of talents and abilities in the Lord's work, their testimony cannot be a result of the process of osmosis, alone. It is a result of disciplined training, Christian nurture and activity.

Every CBY should periodically examine its group to see whether or not it is conforming to the STANDARD set before them. The task is not easy and only sincere effort will produce results. The CBY STANDARDS are high. They should be — the cause is the highest!

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Ideal Congregation." But he also opens the window on "The Mystery of the Mysteries" in the last chapter with a deeply moving meditation on the Holy Spirit.

### AMERICA'S WAY IN CHURCH, STATE AND SOCIETY.

By Joseph Martin Dawson. Macmillan Company. 189 pages. \$2.50.

The American way of life is that of complete separation of church and state. This was established for the first time in human history in the United States. Militant Baptists marched in the front ranks of those who established the American system. But now an attack on this system is under way (the third in our history). Curiously enough, this latest attack is mainly against the American system as it affects education. In a brilliant discourse, Joseph Martin Dawson in his book, "America's Way in Church and Society," expounds his conviction that we should continue to have a free, secular system and free, vital religion. Dr. Dawson as the former executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has been a leader in the fight for the preservation of religious liberty in our land for the great principles on which America was founded. In this volume he reviews the growth of organized labor, the changes in the American home, the relationships of races and the attitudes toward war and peace. Throughout this vigorous study the contributions of Baptists shine like scintillating stars. Freedom under God is the harvest of America's dream. This is a book which every thoughtful Baptist should read without fail!

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## OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words.)

### MR. GEORGE A. ZECKER

of Herington, Kansas

Mr. George A. Zecker of Herington, Kans., was born near Alta Vista, Kans., on Aug. 14, 1891, and departed this life on Nov. 23, 1954, at the age of 63 years. Mr. Zecker was the son of the Rev. Otto F. Zecker, a pioneer pastor of the North American Baptist Churches.

Mr. Zecker accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Herington, Kans. He served as deacon of this church for many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, and two sisters: Mrs. Clara Wolgast of Junction City, Kans.; and Anna (Mrs. John Zoschke) of Denver, Colo.; and a large number of nephews, nieces and friends. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Herington, Kans., on Friday afternoon, Nov. 26, with the Rev. Bill Burkes officiating.

Herington, Kansas

ALVIN ZECKER, Correspondent.

### MR. ARTHUR W. KRUEGER

of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Arthur W. Krueger of Madison, S. Dak., was born on October 15, 1899, at Claremont, Iowa. The family came to Madison in 1908 and settled on a nearby farm. He was married to Bertha Mehlhoff on May 5, 1925, at Armour, S. Dak. They lived on a farm near Madison. Two children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy in 1937.

Brother Krueger had been failing in health for about six months. He had a cancerous growth near his throat. Despite various medical treatments the condition deteriorated until he passed away on December 14, following the congestion of the lungs. He had attained the age of 55 years and two months.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Willard; one brother, Paul Krueger of Tacoma, Wash.; three sisters: Mrs. Leonard Rohrer of Madison, Mrs. A. H. Richter and Mrs. Wilbert Freiberg of Nampa, Idaho. Mr. Krueger professed his Christian faith when he was a boy of thirteen years. He was baptized by Reverend Hack in 1912. He had been a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison ever since. Professor Herbert Hiller of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., assisted the pastor in the service.

West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota

FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN HEIN

of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. John Hein of Killaloe, Ont., was born in Sepastopol Township, Ont., on Nov. 20, 1872, a son of the late Robert and Freda Hein. He gave his heart to the Savior in his youth and was baptized when 18 years of age, whereupon he was received into the membership of the Lyndock Baptist Church. On February 24, 1898, he was married to Miss Martha Kuehl, to which union were born 11 children: Fred of Killaloe; John of Spanish; Evelyn (Mrs. Wray Smith) of Nipissing Jct.; Dan of Windsor; Herb of Calandar; Tessie (Mrs. Walter Kuehl) of Killaloe; Anna (Mrs. George Kuehl) of Killaloe; Isabella (Mrs. Reuben Kuehl) of Killaloe; Jerry of Kitchener; George of Toronto; and one daughter who died in infancy.

Mr. Hein moved to Killaloe with his family in 1919, where he made his home until his passing on Nov. 13, 1954. The last weeks of his life were burdened by the suffering of a severe illness but he found the Lord Jesus Christ to be the all-sufficient One.

Beside his wife and children he leaves two brothers: Joe of Edenwold, Sask.; and Henry of Rethbridge, Ont.; also 33 grand-

children and 11 great grandchildren. The undersigned brought a message on the text, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).

Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario

LAWRENCE W. GEORGE, Pastor.

### MR. MICHAEL BERTULEIT

of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Michael Bertuleit was born at Lautzen, Germany, on Oct. 19, 1859, and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on Dec. 3, 1954, at the ripe age of 95 years, 1 month and 14 days. In 1885 he came to America, settling first at Minneapolis, Minn. He came to Portland in 1902 after a brief stay in Tacoma, Wash.

On Oct. 3, 1887, he was united in marriage to Anna Willnus at Minneapolis, Minn. To this union there were born two sons and a daughter. Mrs. Bertuleit preceded him in death in Nov. 1951.

Our brother was converted to the Christian faith in Germany under the ministry of a Rev. Nelaimiszkis and baptized by Rev. Jacob Albert in June 1883. He held church membership with the Baupeln Baptist Church in Germany, Faith Baptist of Minneapolis, Calvary Baptist of Tacoma, Wash., and Trinity Baptist of Portland, Ore. He was a charter member of the Minneapolis church, a Sunday School superintendent in the Tacoma church, a teacher and for many years deacon at Trinity Baptist. His living faith, his love for the Lord's house, and his faithful service stand as a testimony for all.

He leaves to mourn his departure his be-  
reaved children: Henry Bertuleit and Mrs. Emma Meier of Portland, and Walter Bertuleit of Balboa Cove, Calif.; one sister, Katherine Holscher of Minneapolis, Minn.; 5 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; besides many relatives and friends. May the Lord give comfort through his sustaining grace to all those who mourn his going. A favorite scripture of his, Psalm 23, served as a message of hope at the memorial service.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN WALKER, SR.

of Selfridge, North Dakota

Mr. John Walker, Sr., of Selfridge, N. Dak., entered triumphantly into the presence of his Lord on Dec. 6, 1954, at the age of 65 years. He was born August 9, 1889, at Wilhelmstad, South Russia, and came to America in 1909, settling first at Linton, N. Dak., shortly moving to Braddock, and then settling near Selfridge in 1916 where he farmed until 1943. Upon retirement, he moved to Selfridge.

On Nov. 26, 1912, he was married to Magdalena Bickel of Linton. To them were born 9 sons and 6 daughters. Two daughters died in infancy. He is survived by his wife and children, his aged mother, Mrs. Peter Breckel of Linton, two sisters and one brother, as well as by 37 grandchildren.

Children of the deceased are: Adam, John, Jr., George, Arthur, Lawrence, Samuel, and Herman of Selfridge; Jacob and Albert of Pierre, S. D.; Mrs. Wendlin Fiest of Selfridge, Mrs. Alec Fiest of Strasburg, Mrs. Albert Moser of McClusky, and Mrs. Jack Hill of Fayetteville, Ark. His sisters are Mrs. Reinholdt Klaut of Linton, and Mrs. Rose Leammle of Oakland, Calif. A brother, George Walker, Sr., resides at Tuolumne, California.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Selfridge, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Bernard Edinger, assisted by Rev. Emmanuel Broekel of Bismarck, who spoke in the German language, and by Rev. Bernard Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak. A mixed quartet from the McLaughlin church presented two numbers in song.

The influence of a godly life was revealed in that nearly 400 relatives, friends and neighbors from all walks of life paid their last respects at the funeral service. As it was so aptly presented in Mr. Broekel's text, we say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord" (Rev. 14:13). Mr. Walker was a charter member and deacon of the church since its organization and served faithfully until his death.

Selfridge, South Dakota

BERNARD EDINGER, Pastor.



# Spice of Life

Ill-mannered Diner: "Hey, waiter!"  
Waiter: "Don't serve it, sir."

A bookseller called publisher Balantine to say, "Your secretary spells atrociously." "That's good," beamed "Bal," "I certainly can't spell it myself."

Mankind is divided into two classes: Those who earn their living by the sweat of their brow, and those who sell them handkerchiefs, cold drinks, and electric fans.

"I want to know once and for all," the belligerent husband shouted, "who is boss in this house?"

"You will be much happier," his wife replied, "if you don't try to find out."

A gentleman was endeavoring, with earnestness, to impress an argument upon a fellow passenger on a train. The unwilling listener appeared rather dull of comprehension. Slightly irritated, he raised his voice and exclaimed, "It's as plain as A B C!"

"That may be," quietly replied the other, "but I am D E F!"

## BAPTIST CONGRESS

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All travel plans and transportation arrangements must be completed at once with the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

Registration forms for the Congress can be secured from Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. They should be filled out by February 21, 1955.

Angry widow (after learning husband left her nothing): "I want you to take 'Rest in Peace' off that tombstone I ordered yesterday."

Sculptor: "I can't do that, but I can put something underneath."

Widow: "All right. Put 'Till we meet again'."

A 4-year-old boy was told a story about a little boy who had an exciting adventure. When the story was finished, he asked: "But where was the boy's mother?"

"The story didn't mention his mother," the story-teller said. "Perhaps his mother was dead."

Concluded the small boy: "I'll bet she was killed in a nervous wreck."

## IS OUR CBY GOING?

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missionary. Most of us believe that missions is the very genius of our work. It is the supreme effort that has carried North American Baptists into their 112th year. How can our C.B.Y. have its vital share in this glorious work? The answer is simple. We can all take a personal interest in our missionaries and their work. We can personalize our praying and our giving to that local or conference project. This year, our Lorraine high school girls made an article of clothing for each one of our Cameroons missionary children. It was a thrilling project to learn names and sizes, to sew the suits and dresses, and finally to pack and send them to Africa.

Obviously, we can't all send clothes to missionary boys and girls, but we can know our missionaries by name and by their field. We can cheer them with a card or letter. We can hear them when they're home. We can make our C.B.Y. "a missionary group." Should missionary interest now be slack, we need only remember that "one loving heart sets another on fire." Missionary zeal is contagious!

C.B.Y.ers, use the first five goals of our Standard as a guide for "coming." Get organized and get trained! But don't fail to use the last five to get into action. Honestly, the only reason we've "come" is to "GO."

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