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# March of Events

● Membership in the Evangelical United Brethren Church now stands at 788,040, a gain of 4,999 over the previous year. Contribution for all purposes totalled \$37,583,638 during the year, or an average of \$50 per member. This is an increase of \$1 per member. Missions and benevolence giving remained at \$9 per capita, for a total of \$6,560,609. Sunday School enrollment in the United States and Canada was up 13,030 to 700,749. Attendance averaged 423,623—a gain of 16,549 over 1954.

● Mr. R. G. Le Tourneau, Christian industrialist of Vicksburg, Miss., has started his second international development project in Pucalpa, Peru, on the headwaters of the Amazon. His "Ark," which is a converted 2,000-ton war-surplus Navy landing ship, left with a group of 30 persons aboard under the direction of Roy LeTourneau, his son. Also aboard were small airplanes, jeeps, autos, huge storage tanks, and tons of heavy equipment for taming the jungles of the Amazon. The first project, in Liberia, continues to enjoy God's blessing.

● Friedrich von Bodelschwingh, director of the famed charitable institute founded by his ancestor at Bethel-Bielefeld, Germany, is spending some time in the United States. The Bodelschwingh Institute operates a home for 8,000 feeble-minded and epileptic persons, a training center for deaconesses and nurses, a home for boys and girls, an apprentice school, rehabilitation colonies for former vagabonds, a theological seminary, and various foreign mission projects.

● The Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1947 and after, attracted wider attention with the publication of translations and studies of these second-century B.C. manuscripts and the finding of more of them. No previous archeological find ever stirred such excitement in the religious field. An issue of "The New Yorker" (May 14), containing an article by Edmund Wilson which almost filled it, was immediately sold out. A sensational feature of the Scrolls is the light they throw on the thought and practices of the Jewish sect of Essenes. To some this seemed to discredit the originality of the teaching of Jesus, but the most competent scholars have shown that Christians have no reason for alarm.  
—Presbyterian Life.

● Conservative Judaism has gained 150,000 new members in the past two years, according to the United Syna-

gogue Council of America, which represents Conservative Jewry. Rabbi Bernard Segal, the council's executive director, attributes the gain to a general resurgence of religious interest and to world conditions which lead Jews to identify themselves with their faith. Most of the increase was in suburban congregations, indicating a steady flow of Jews to the suburbs. The 525 Conservative synagogues in the U. S. have one million members. Accessions would have been even greater, reports Rabbi Segal, if rabbis could be found for more than 100 groups that are now seeking to become organized congregations.

● Upwards of 3200 college-age students—half of them coming from 90

## Cameroons' Missionary News

From Our Fields in the British Cameroons, Africa

● Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson are at Victoria, Cameroons, where Mr. Henderson is serving as the coastal manager until July 1956. At that time it is expected that Rev. G. Ben Lawrence will return from London, England, and from his present studies at London University. In July Mr. and Mrs. Henderson will move to Kumba and take over the important ministry of our mission schools there.

● The following Cameroons missionaries will return from Africa for their furlough during the year 1956: Miss Ruby Salzman, Miss Esther Schultz, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider and family, Miss Ernestine (Tina) Schmidt, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer. Dr. Eugene Stockdale, our third medical missionary for the Cameroons mission field, is scheduled to sail for America with his family during the second half of the year 1956.



### FRONT COVER

The statue of Abraham Lincoln, by the famous sculptor, St. Gaudens, which is shown on the front cover, is on the lawn at the summer studio of the late sculptor at Cornish, New Hampshire. The studio is now a museum that attracts many tourists in the open season. Lincoln's birthday on February 12th is observed throughout the world.  
EDITOR.

overseas countries—were challenged recently to bring to bear the full impact of their Christian faith in correcting conditions of injustice and inequality wherever they exist around the world. Primary among these are barriers of ignorance and prejudice, which segregate people on the basis of race, a score of speakers told the six-day (Dec. 27-Jan. 1) 17th Quadrennial Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement. The challenge was echoed in the nine major plenary sessions and scores of smaller meetings which brought students and adult advisers together to discuss the role of the church and of the individual Christian in "today's world in revolution" under the general conference theme, "Revolution and Reconciliation." Since its founding in 1886, the Student Volunteer Movement with its missionary recruitment is credited with recruiting upwards of 20,000 U.S. youth for the home and foreign missionary service of the Protestant churches.

● Miss Delores Henne began her studies in a midwifery course at the Maternity Center of New York in New York City on February 6th in preparation for her missionary ministry as a nurse on the Cameroons field. Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, our nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital, now at home or furlough, is also studying at the same Maternity Center. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, another missionary-nurse, is now serving at the dispensary and maternity clinic at Belo in the Cameroons.

● Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang have moved into the missionaries' home at Soppo, Africa, which was formerly occupied by the Edwin Michelson family. Mr. Lang is serving as the coastal manager at Soppo as well as the missionary teacher. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The resignation of Rev. Edwin Michelson as our Cameroons missionary, as accepted regretfully by the General Missionary Committee, will be effective February 29, 1956.

● Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, following their return to Africa on Dec. 14 have been stationed at Belo in the interior of the Cameroons. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth will return to the Cameroons from Portland, Ore., in July or August 1956 to be a replacement for Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Mbingo. Miss Laura E. Reddig is continuing her ministry at the leper settlement since December 15, 1955.

# Editorial

## Who Is My Neighbor?

OUR MODERN WORLD has greatly enlarged our neighborhood. Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan is as convincing an answer to our questions as well as to the inquiry of "a certain lawyer" in his day: "Who is my neighbor?" For any man in need whose plight comes to our attention or whose path we cross in some way or other is our neighbor to witness to him, to help him, to show our love and concern for him.

The observance of Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Week will bring this truth of our "neighborliness" forcibly to our attention in 1956. The Christian missionary program is up against a global revolution in our day. Addressing the Student Volunteer quadrennial conference recently, Dr. Richard Shaull, seminary dean at Campana, Brazil, said that "Americans tremble when we see what is happening. The old order of things has been shaken and new forces have been set loose."

At the same conference another religious leader, Dr. Jerald C. Bauer, said: "In some sense the Church is responsible for encouraging the search for equality and justice by these people. She has long preached the Gospel of all men as creatures of God, regardless of their color or national origin. Her message has proclaimed the responsibility of men to God and to each other through a just society." The answer to our question, "Who is my neighbor?" can come to us in the midst of the global upheavals and social struggles of today.

Equally startling and thought provoking is the movement toward de-segregation in our country, initiated by the famous Supreme Court decision. Questions are being raised and fears expressed, even by Christian people, as to the outcome of these changes. Typical of this turmoil in this year 1956 is the statement by the District Methodist Ministers' Association of Richmond, Virginia: "We are confronted with two unsatisfactory alternatives. On the one hand, our people are not ready for immediate integration. On the other hand, segregation as now practiced is neither constitutional, democratic nor Christian."

This awareness of Christ's teaching on brotherhood and of his answer to our questions troubles our conscience and disturbs us. We know better than we live. We are opening our eyes to the greatest witness of all for Christ, namely, to be a good neighbor to the greatest before all men, to witness to him by word and life, and to demonstrate the spirit of Christ within us without guile, in all sincerity.

This certainly means that, as far as possible, we must identify ourselves with the needs and burdens of others. The extent of this ministry will depend upon our intercessory prayers. We must identify service ought to go as far as our prayers. We must also widen the boundaries of our sympathy and concern. A good neighbor has learned how to bear the burdens of others, and thus to lighten their load. All of this will certainly mean that we shall look out upon the entire world with the heart and spirit of Christ. "Christ for the Whole Wide World" will be the banner of our good neighborliness for Jesus' sake!

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## SERMONETTES

# PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER



A challenge for more earnest and urgent intercessory praying by our people

—Photo by Ewing Galloway, N. Y.

You can be a vital and mighty force for God as you engage in intercessory prayer as "a prayer warrior" of the Lord.

## The Blessing of Intercessory Prayer

By REV. NORMAN MILLER of the First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30).

ARE YOU an intercessor? If not, you are neglecting one of the most important jobs God has for you to do. Prayer is a mighty weapon only when used. If neglected, it becomes a burden. The army that would move its heavy artillery from one battlefield to the next without firing a single cannon would soon experience defeat. Its most effective weapon would, in this case, be an asset to the enemy.

The Christian who knows he ought to be an intercessor, and is not, experiences daily defeat and stands in danger of suffering utter loss. While the world around him grows steadily worse, he is wasting the power that alone could change it by dragging his heavy artillery from one battlefield to the next without firing a shot! For this the wrath of God must come upon him!

### WHAT IS INTERCESSION?

The word "intercede" means to pass between, to intervene. Webster says that it is to "act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend." Someone is needed to "stand in the gap."

Jesus Christ stands in the "gap" for us. Read 1 John 2:1. "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Again, "It is Jesus Christ that died, yea rather, that was raised from the

dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). If Christ intercedes for us, what is our place in the matter of intercession?

A. H. Strong in his "Systematic Theology" gives a very conclusive answer: "Saints on earth, by their union with Christ, the great high priest, are themselves constituted intercessors; and as the high priest of old bore upon his bosom the breastplate engraven with the names of the tribes of Israel (Ex. 28), so the Christian is to bear upon his heart in prayer before God the interests of his family, the church, and the world."

The statement in 1 Timothy 2:1 is very plain on this question. "I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, INTERCESSIONS, thanksgivings be made for all men."

Intercession is not only a duty but a demonstration of love. Most of our prayers embody our own needs. True intercessory prayer always is concerned with the needs of others. It is a true mark of spiritual growth and maturity to be an intercessor. It should be practiced especially in private, but must not be neglected in our public praying. Every true intercessor will concede that it is hard work, time consuming, humbling, often painful but never in vain! Although the cost to be an intercessor is great, it is far more costly to neglect it. Heaven alone will reveal what glory could have been ours and what pain and sorrow might never have been.

As you grow in the matter of intercessory prayer, you discover that the

Scriptures give specific instruction on many different things for which you ought to pray. One discovers early that the Bible teaches persistence. "Pray without ceasing" applies here just as much as it does in the things that we ask for ourselves.

Permit me to cite a few of the things for which we are to intercede. In 1 Timothy 2:2 we are told to pray for "kings and all in authority." That includes all foreign powers; our own leaders, too. "All in authority" means everyone from the President of the United States to the chairman of the local school board.

Ephesians 6:8 gives us a plea to pray for "all saints." That includes especially all ministers and missionaries, Christian workers such as teachers, editors and denominational leaders. It is my conviction that this should include an ardent plea that God will send laborers into the whitened harvest field. Everywhere we look today laborers are needed. Is this not due to the fact that the biblical injunction, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," has been ignored by many?

The "all saints" certainly includes our elderly people. Some of them are in our Homes for the Aged; some in the rear pews of our churches. Many are all but forgotten.

We are urged to pray for "all men" in 1 Timothy 2:1. Included in this are those who despitefully use you and persecute you (Matt. 5:44). The Communists, those who kill the man of God and trample the Word, are included in the "all men." Between such and God there is a huge "gap." Will you stand in the "gap"?

## The Power of Persistent Prayer

By REV. LEONARD B. HINZ of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

PRAYER is the key that unlocks heaven's door. Without prayer no man has ever reached heaven. Prayer is first in value and importance. But we fail so miserably in making use of it. Many say words, but there are few who pray, few who cry unto God, few who knock as if they hungered and thirsted, few who wrestle, and few who strive with God earnestly for an answer. In reality few men really pray.

Prayer must be the soul's sincere desire, and, if it is, the heart will not faint at a slight delay or at what may seem the indisposition of God to answer. Many pray well up to this point and then utterly fail, and in failing, they lose all. If the request is not granted at the first or second asking, many cease to pray. Dr. Torrey calls it "spiritual laziness," and the Word implies as much quite emphatically.

### NEW TESTAMENT EMPHASIS

No phase of prayer is more emphasized in New Testament teaching than this. Our own prayer life will never be what it ought to be until we appreciate as fully as possible God's thought in the exceptional emphasis he has placed on this quality in prayer.

The illustrations are in the form of parables. The first is that of the Midnight Appeal (Luke 11:5-12). A hungry, tired friend has arrived. Oriental courtesy demanded that something to eat be placed before him. Now a most embarrassing situation presents itself. There are no provisions in the house. He hurries to his neighbor, makes known his need, and doubtless, to his surprise, is gruffly repulsed. A repulse is not what he came for. Finally because of his importunity, his ungenerous neighbor gets up and grants him what he wanted.

Notice, this neighbor was the most unlikely man to represent God. What he did was ungenerous and unkind. His own selfishness moved him to grant the request. On the surface, it appears as if Jesus presented the case to the disadvantage of God. But he outdoes the parable in this respect by another, the parable of the "Unjust Judge" (Luke 18:1-8).

A widow came to a judge, asking him to do her justice in a claim against her adversary. This judge "neither feared God nor regarded man," and he boasted about it (v. 4). He was a hardhearted, selfish, unprincipled judge. However, in his selfish concern for his own comfort he said, "I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she wear me out."

Persistence has the power of annoyance. Thus it can gain its object

in the face of the greatest resistance. Men have sometimes thought God to be unkindly because of what seemed to be his indifference to their needs. These parables are not pictures of what God is or what Jesus would have us believe God to be, but of what even Christian people have sometimes thought him to be. In substance Jesus is saying, "Suppose God to be as heartless and as ungenerous as you seem to think him to be; keep on praying and you shall succeed, for I have shown you what persistence will do, even under such circumstances."

### GOD'S WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER

Jesus does not leave us at this point of the illustration. He gives us something that causes us to rejoice. He is really teaching by contrast. If an ungenerous, indifferent neighbor, for whom a little comfort outweighs a friend's great need, could be induced to grant a favor by sheer persistence, how much more will God, whose love is so great and whose chief delight is to give, be moved by faithful persistent entreaty to grant his children what they ask! If a helpless widow's persistent appeal could wring from a

hardhearted, unscrupulous judge her desire, how much more will our petitions, if likewise faithful, secure the thing we ask from God, who in character is the very opposite of this judge!

Jesus now shows us the real character of God. In one instance he says, "If an evil, earthly parent knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will the Father in heaven give good things to his children who ask of him," and in the second instance, "and shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him, and he is long suffering in their behalf." If the unrighteous judge was moved, how much more will a righteous God be moved!

Unanswered prayers are not due to God's unwillingness to give, but to our own unfitness to receive what we ask. By asking patiently and persistently, we not only secure the blessing, but we also discover the secret of the love and wisdom of God, and our utter helplessness apart from him. The end result is a strengthened and ennobled character that always comes from the refining fires of difficulty and trial.

God always answers when we are ready to receive and keep and properly use what he has long planned to give us.

## The Use of a Prayer List

By REV. FRED J. KNALSON of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

WHEN WE SPEAK of prayer in the life of a Christian, we touch on one of the most vital and yet one of the most unusual powers within the grasp of the average Christian and the church. The reason for this is not because people do not pray, but because our prayers are so often purposeless and aimless.

The late Dr. Otto E. Krueger, professor of theology during my seminary days in Rochester, N. Y., used to illustrate this "wandering around" in so much of our praying with this story. It seems that in a church, during the prayer service, a certain man was prone to offer long and repetitious prayers. At one of these services this man ended his prayer by saying, "And, Lord, bless all the people on all of the uninhabited islands of the sea. Amen."

By this we would not be critical of the man who prays. What we would do, though, is to suggest ways and means of bringing purpose and growth into our prayer life. Surely, no one would wander aimlessly in his conversation with a good friend or an important business associate. Why, then, should we allow ourselves to do so when speaking to our heavenly Father?

With this in mind, we can very easily see how a prayer list would

be a great help in giving purpose to our private and united prayers. Organization is the watchword of the day in which we live. Everything is organized. Our schools, our homes, our business, our play, and even our churches are organized. This organization, in most instances, is very helpful and necessary. Likewise, system and organization will bring meaning into our haphazard approach to prayer.

When we study the Word of God as concerns this matter, we find many illustrations of the fact that definite, purposeful, intercessory prayer is taught in the Scriptures. Only a few illustrations will suffice to convince us. We are told to pray for kings and those in authority (2 Tim. 2:2), for ministers (2 Cor. 1:11), for all saints and all men (Eph. 2:18; 1 Tim. 2:1), for the sick (James 5:14), for children (Matt. 15:22-28), for fellow countrymen (Rom. 10:1), and for persecutors (Matt. 5:44).

As we keep a record of prayer needs and requests, along with God's answers to these prayers, we are compiling another great chapter in the history of the "Acts of the Apostles." The preparation and use of such a list may vary. In the end the results will (Continued on Page 6)



# Home Again and Back Again!

One of our Cameroons missionaries describes her furlough experiences in America and her return trip to Africa

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary-nurse at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement

"PRAISE YE THE LORD. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein" (Ps. 111:1-2).

"We shall land at Tiko tomorrow," said the captain of the banana steamer, the "Nicoya." And little did he know of the mixed feelings in the hearts of his passengers as all but one were "returning" to fields of service in the Cameroons. The Holzimmer family, Margaret Kittlitz and I enjoyed every inch of this trip and since Nov. 17th we were shipmates together.

Memories of this wonderful furlough year flood through heart and mind, and the Psalmist's words quoted above become my song of praise to God. Praise for this very interesting and busy furlough, and praise that I can again return to Africa!

## A TREK OF 43,000 MILES

What an interesting variety of vehicles and methods of getting places helped to add up a total of over 43,000 miles from New Hope Settlement to America and back! So again, one follows the advice of others who have had furloughs: "Get rested up on your way back to the field." All those long miles do not just mean the long stretches of railroad tracks, or the highways and country roads, or the quietly bobbing sea stretches. At frequent intervals along this furlough "trek," God has placed interesting people, exciting events, and challenging inspirations.

Looking back, these questions come to my heart: Has the story of God's work in the Cameroons, of its needs and challenges, been adequately portrayed to the friends in our North American Baptist churches? You have laughed with us in some of the funny happenings. Your hearts were touched with the heartaches we faced. Have we helped you to see clearly the might and majesty of our God as he works with his dark-skinned African children and his pale-faced messengers? Have we helped you catch a glimpse of the struggle between old Africa and the new freedom available in Christ? Have the problems of our brothers and sisters in Africa given you something challenging to work for, to pray for and to give for? As you have seen the physical and material poverty of those people, has it

made you more appreciative of the bounteous blessings God has given you? Will your thankfulness be expressed in a greater concern for others, and a new sense of your personal responsibility which will express itself in sharing these blessings?

## FURLOUGH HIGHLIGHTS

It was the privilege of the writer to attend four of our nine North American Conferences: Central, Northwestern, Dakota, and Northern. The in-between-conference visits to churches impressed me with your interest and willingness to help even more than heretofore. The highlights of the furlough, of course, was the General Conference in Waco, Texas. How warm and friendly were the countless handshakes with old and new friends. "Just one big happy family," was the expression often heard as greetings were exchanged.

There was the thrill of seeing new missionaries appointed, and of seeing our many prayers answered as Margaret Kittlitz was re-appointed to return to the land she loves, the people she calls her own, and the work which God still has for her in Africa. Our hearts were challenged in the messages which made us more aware of our need to be a spirit-filled, spirit-guided people. Let us continue to pray that his Spirit may so re-make



—Photo by Herman Siemund  
Laura Reddig (right), dressed in a Cameroons costume, and Margaret Kittlitz, missionary-nurses on the Cameroons field, at the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas.

us, that for our small denomination God may still have a great task, and we might be greatly used of him.

It is with joy that one remembers the many kind folks who took me into their hearts and homes. There were those who helped break the monotony of furloughs in which missionaries are seeing nothing but the railway station and the Baptist church of that city. The side-trips to parks, big trees, extra visits with old friends, Mt. Rainier, deep caves, and big oceans, were certainly appreciated. All these added "ac'cent" to the furlough travels. How can I say "Thank you" to you in such a way that you will know I mean it from the bottom of my heart?

Anytime you decide to visit Cameroons, I will be glad to show you some warm Cameroons hospitality. We won't forget the countless numbers who are making the burden of the Cameroons their own problems, and who walk with us daily on the paths of prayer and sharing. Greater things lie ahead for all of us, and God will supply every need.

## USE OF A PRAYER LIST

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be a visible manifestation of "what the Lord hath wrought."

A prayer list should include all the Biblical suggestions given above, as well as others that can be found within its pages. Many other requests will come to your attention by way of observation and personal contacts. Such needs might include your unsaved friends and neighbors, the spiritual needs of your Sunday School staff, our home and foreign missionary workers on these fields, the general workers, the seminary professors and student body, the evangelistic efforts and the evangelists, your church and its pastor, your wife, husband and family and a host of other special requests which come to Christians almost daily.

How often we commit the sin of omission by promising to pray for someone and then failing to do so! A prayer list will be a constant reminder of these requests. Finally, we would not forget our own spiritual and personal needs, for it is only as we remain strong spiritually that we can expect to carry on the work of intercessory prayer.

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# Bringing In the Sheaves!

The thrilling story of God's miracles of grace through our mission in Japan

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER of Ise Shi, Japan

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

IT WAS HARVEST time in Japan. In the villages the farmers were working from early morning until late at night threshing grain. With the exception of a few wealthier households where the farmer owns sufficient land to make it worth-while to buy machinery, all the work was being done by hand. Everyone's hands were needed and so even the little old grandmothers, so bent over from hard work that they will never again stand upright, were helping with the harvest.

## STREET MEETINGS IN ISE

In most places, the farmers' houses are clustered together forming little villages from which the farmers go out to the fields to work each day. After the harvest had been brought in, piles of golden grain could be seen in every yard of the village. This was the reward for which each faithful worker was waiting. Even though the harvest was not so great as had been anticipated, there was gratitude for all there was. And next year, as every year, believing that if the seed is sown and watered it will produce a harvest, young and old in every household will again faithfully plant the precious seed.

While the farmers were bringing in their sheaves of grain, the Lord's servants were busy sowing the incorruptible seed by which precious souls are born again. To help us in this immense task, God sent us Mr. Roy Robertson, head of the Navigators work in the East, and Mr. John Rhoads, now a member of the Navigator Staff. The interpreter's wife was suddenly taken sick and after two days he had to return to Tokyo. The musician who was to accompany them at the last moment could not come. The enemy was hindering, but the Overcomer was on our side.

God sent another young man who was not only a capable interpreter but also an excellent song leader. Then he sent not one musician but two, the Iwai brothers who sing together beautifully. They are both students at Kyoto University and extremely busy but very gladly gave a week of their time to help us. They are born "street preachers." So we had a wonderful team. The first two nights were geared mainly to Christians, bringing assurance of salvation to some who were uncertain, and challenging them to evangelize their city.

The first street meeting was held on Friday afternoon. The truck which the team brought from Tokyo was especially equipped for street preaching. While the platform was being attached to the side of the truck and the microphone connected, I sat at the



Florence Miller is like a "dream of beauty" dressed in a Japanese kimono. Her caption for the picture was: "This people shall be my people!"

little organ and played hymns. Soon a crowd had gathered and the Lord led me to speak to them, though I had never addressed adults on the street before, not even in English. In an unusual way, the Holy Spirit gave me thoughts and words to speak spontaneously in Japanese.

The following day a telephone call came saying that a lady was waiting at the church to talk with us. Yamamoto San went to speak with her and heard from her a tragic story. Her husband has beaten her repeatedly and on one occasion almost strangled her. He has wasted his earnings and has created dishonorable debts through visiting houses of prostitution. The poor wife was almost a nervous wreck from the anxiety and strain.

## A MIRACLE OF GRACE

They live two and a half hours away from Ise by train, but she had come to Ise for medical treatment and here, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she heard the Gospel for the first time on the street and came to the church to learn more. Yamamoto San showed her the way of salvation and she found true joy and peace of heart through trusting in Jesus. She bought a hymnal because the hymns were such a comfort to her and, after attending two of the meetings, returned to her home.

She asked us to come to speak with her husband, which we consented to  
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An evangelistic street meeting is ready to begin in Ise, Japan, with Florence Miller at the organ, Mr. Jingu holding the baton for the song service, and the Iwai brothers on the platform holding the large song sheet.



# Church Extension in California

The encouraging story of the Upper Bay Baptist Church at Santa Ana Heights, Calif., growing out of the Zenith Avenue Sunday School

By REV. FRED A. DAVID, Church Extension Pastor

SHORTLY AFTER our gracious reception on the field in Santa Ana Heights, Calif., last June, the leadership of the Zenith Avenue Baptist Sunday School was entrusted to us. Plans for holding worship services were prayerfully discussed by the Zenith Ave. Sunday School workers.

But instead of beginning to hold church services in the patio of the Bartel home, where the Zenith Ave. Baptist Sunday School had its inception about a year ago, it was recommended that we renovate the modest little dwelling located on our church lots for use as a chapel seating between 50 and 60 persons. This plan was unanimously accepted.

a Baptist neighbor, a member of another church, who with his son, Bob, installed several hundred dollars worth of plumbing without cost for time or material. All of the necessary building material was provided through special gifts of money or needed building material. The expense of the renovation project has all been met because of the many Christian friends who worked and prayed.

Without risk of offending anyone who shared with us the labor and joy of bringing into existence the Upper Bay Baptist Chapel, we pay special tribute to our brother in the Lord, William Kroesch. It was he who laid

Church in Los Angeles, Henry K. F. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles, Berthold Jacksteit of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, P. G. Neumann of the First Church of Costa Mesa, and your reporter.

Letters of special greetings came from a number of churches assuring us of their continued prayers and interest in this new venture of faith under the Church Extension program of our Conference.

Among the spiritual highlights of the dedication service was the inspired singing of the large robed choir of the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa under the able direction of Mrs. Merle Valdez. Otis Boling, one of our faithful Zenith Ave. Baptist Sunday School teachers, played a special number on his accordion and Rev. H. K. F. Hengstler favored us with a vocal solo. Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Costa Mesa Church, brought a stirring message on the subject, "An Open Door," taking for his text a portion of Revelation 3:8, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Rev. F. W. Bartel, who led in the prayer of dedication and thanksgiving asked God for his special blessing upon the little house which has been set aside from "a common to a sacred use."

## OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

The future is in the hand of God. Augustine put it this way: "God will not suffer man to have a knowledge of things to come; for if he had prescience of his prosperity, he would be careless; and if understanding of his adversity, he would be despairing and senseless." Although we do not know what the future holds, we do know "Who holds the future." Therefore we rejoice over every fiery trial of our faith.

At the present time we have seventy scholars enrolled in Sunday School. The average attendance at the morning worship service is between 45 and 50 persons, most of whom are adults. The evening service is not as well attended. This service is more in the nature of a Bible study. At the present time we are going through Revelation verse by verse.

Our mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting is proving to be a blessing to a small number who will in the near future constitute the char-

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Members and friends of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., enjoy a few moments of fellowship in front of the church on Dedication Sunday.

Thus the Zenith Ave. Baptist Sunday School became the foundation for our North American Baptist Church Extension Project hereafter to be known as the "Upper Bay Baptist Church" of Santa Ana Heights, California.

## PREPARATION OF THE CHAPEL

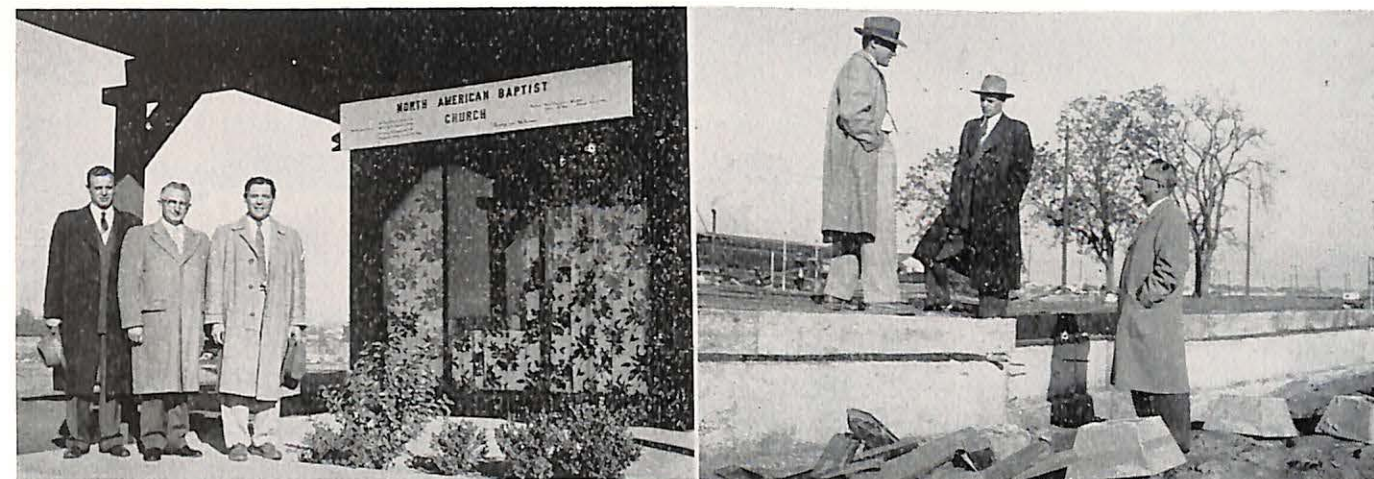
The renovation of the house on the church lots proved to be a blessing and an inspiration to all who had a part in this venture of faith. Shortly after the work was begun, someone asked the question, "Who is going to pay for all this?" As the project progressed our Lord provided the workers, most of whom are members of the Costa Mesa congregation. We were especially overjoyed because of the participation of Stanley Burbank,

out the work, supervised the construction and also donated many hours of labor and material. We believe that without "Uncle Billie" the work would not have progressed as rapidly as it did, thus enabling us "to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgiving and singing."

## DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL

An estimated 200 Christian friends and visitors attended the dedication service of the Upper Bay Baptist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, September 11th.

The service began with everyone present heartily joining in the singing of the doxology. A list of the names of the pastors participating in the program is as follows: Rev. F. W. Bartel, Dr. Donald Davis of the Berean



The Reverends Robert Schreiber (left to right), W. W. Knauf and Clarence Walth in front of the temporary meetingplace in Sequoia Village of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., and (right) the same pastors look over the foundations for the new parsonage and church in the Willow Rancho area.

# The Sacramento Church Is Named

Amazing progress is being made at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., one of our Church Extension projects in California

By REV. CLARENCE WALTH, Church Extension Pastor

THE AIM of the North American Baptists of Sacramento, Calif., since September, 1955, has been for a place to begin holding regular Sunday services. God answered the prayers of the people in November by providing an unoccupied store building in an excellent location. With great excitement and joy, plans were discussed for beginning regular services on Sunday, November 20th.

A secretary-treasurer and Sunday School teachers were appointed, materials were considered and obtained, and the newly appointed Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Clifford Filler, began his work of directing the new Church School. The very first morning brought forth an eager group totaling 43, and 47 were present for the first worship service.

Since the date of beginning to the present time, the average attendance has been as follows: Sunday morning, 49; Sunday evening, 39; and mid-week prayer meetings, 23. The special services, at which guest speakers and denominational leaders were present, are not included in this average.

## FIRST CHURCH SERVICES

During the month of November excellent response on the part of the people was displayed when Rev. Richard Schilke, Mr. Edwin Marklein, Dr. George Lang, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner came to be at our services. The inspiring and challenging messages of these brethren were received with eager expectancy by our Sacramento people.

By the beginning of December there were definite signs that we were rapidly

outgrowing our newly acquired meetingplace, but we praised God for the way he was blessing the efforts. So we moved a wall back for the added space we needed, giving us now a room that would seat a considerably larger group.

The occasion that filled this room, with people and likewise filled the hearts of us all with joy was the Christmas program that was presented on the night of December 22. Mrs. Clara Schroeder, with the assistance of an excellent program committee, arranged a program that drew a capacity crowd of over one hundred people. A truly memorable event it was as the young people presented the program followed by the presentation of twelve New Testaments to the Sunday School to be used as prizes and gifts in the classes. This was done in place of the traditional gift exchange. The Sunday School then presented to all the young people present bags containing Christmas nuts and candy.

Very keen enthusiasm was noticed when the "Name Your Church Contest," that had been initiated earlier, came into its closing days at the end of December. Thirty-seven names had been submitted, and from these seven were selected by a committee to be voted upon by the church. On the night of January 1st the group came together to select the new name for the new church. The name chosen was "Willow Rancho Baptist Church."

This is a name that already had gained wide recognition in the city due to the fact that a 160-acre housing tract, of which the church lots are a

part, is receiving tremendous publicity under the name, "Willow Rancho Homes." Being the only church in this immense field causes us to become gripped with the awareness of our splendid opportunity to be witnesses for our Lord. Even in the short time that the work has been going on, we have noticed fruitful rewards for the efforts of our people. We praise God for the courageous hearts here, and for the willingness of the group to serve as another regiment in the Lord's great army.

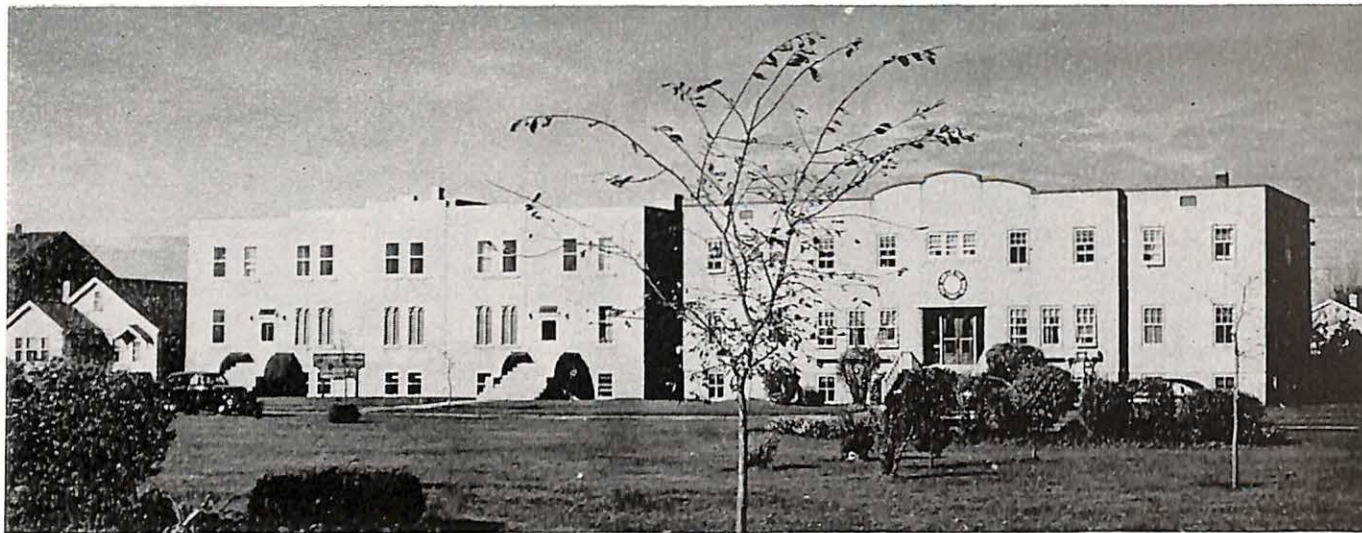
Building on the church property has been slow in recent weeks due to bad weather. In spite of this, the first building started at the church site is now almost ready to have the roof completed. Much of the work already done has been donated by men from Sacramento and from the Elk Grove Baptist Church. A great deal of help has come from the Elk Grove brethren, including a large amount of lumber that was obtained at an unusually reasonable figure. It has been a special inspiration for us to keep in mind that "he who does God's work, will receive God's pay."

## EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

As God continues to lead and to direct, we will make final plans for the organization of the church and for special evangelistic services that are being planned for the spring. We need the prayers of God's people everywhere, and urge everyone to try visualizing the great harvest field that the Lord has opened here. The time is short, and the need is great.

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The buildings of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, as seen from the park across the street.

## Our Father's Business at the C.T.I.

The story of classes and activities at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta

By REV. F. P. WAHL, President of the C. T. I.

"Thy work, O God, needs many hands  
To help thee everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve  
Unless our gifts we share."

**W**Henever we stop to ponder the many ways God has opened up unto us as a group of his people to serve in the Kingdom business, we stand amazed. Furthermore, it is most astounding how the heavenly Father uses our many activities as denomination to do a mighty work in advancing his cause.

The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., seeks to share its gifts so that many may be better fitted to serve and many more might be served according to their special needs. We are ever mindful of the Master's teaching: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

### HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

On September 17, 1955 the doors of the school swung wide open for another school year. Twenty-seven high school students lined up for their year's work on that day. Of this group 21 students are above high school age. They range in age from 15 to 24 years. The youngest is a beautiful Christian girl and a bright student coming from Hong Kong, China. She has already proven herself as a real blessing to the school.

The oldest high school student is a sincere young man who came to Can-

ada only three years ago and, in spite of many handicaps, works diligently to obtain a better education. He will make good in life, we believe, and his Christian walk will spread blessings wherever he may be led to go.

There are also nine Indian young people (seven girls and two boys) enrolled in our high school department. Here the Lord has assigned a special mission to us. Three of the Indian girls attending evangelistic meetings here in Edmonton accepted Christ in the month of October. In one of the Saturday evening prayer meetings in the chapel of the school, the two Indian boys made their decision for Christ.

Christianity is not only new to these young people but in many ways it is also strange. Special grace and wisdom are needed to help these newborn babes in Christ. In the month of December one of our Indian girls who had been a Christian for some time followed the Lord in baptism and has become a member of our Indian Baptist congregation on the Montana Reserve where our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, labor.

### BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES

A promising group of young people from Canada and the United States are enrolled in our Bible School department. We are sorry and somewhat disturbed that a significant number of our last year Bible School students found it impossible to continue with their Bible School training. The Bible School ministry must be thought

of as a mighty stream of blessing that flows into our churches making them more efficient. The standard of our Bible School department is therefore being closely observed and higher levels are being sought. Your earnest prayers for a strong Bible School are sincerely coveted.

Three young women are pursuing the Bible-Commercial course. Their presence in our school family is appreciated. In the practical work assignments they take their places, and thus also become more efficient church workers.

Eighteen young people attending the University of Alberta have been received for room and board at the Christian Training Institute. These Christian university students find it a balm to their souls to live in the atmosphere of our school. Their parents consider it a godsend to have their sons and daughters housed at the C.T.I. It is a boon to the spiritual lives of these young people and indirectly also to others. This group of university students is also making its peculiar contribution to the school.

### CHRISTMAS AND PRAYER DAY

Again the students planned and arranged for a Christmas party. This has become an annual event to which we all look forward with special anticipation. Students, faculty and house personnel greatly enjoyed the evening. There was laughter, fine fellowship and sincere Christian devotion. The matron arranged for a de-

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# Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp

The building and dedication of a \$30,000 Dakota Conference youth camp at Crystal Springs, North Dakota

By REV. HERBERT SCHAUER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

**T**WO HUNDRED acres in the Dakotas a year ago were nothing but hills and prairie, but they have now been changed into a campus of spacious and neat buildings going under the name of "Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp." This site is located on the east shore of beautiful Crystal Springs Lake, seven miles west of Medina, N. Dak., off U.S. Highway 10.

About a year and a half ago, some of the younger ministers of the Dakota Conference and particularly of the Northern and Central Associations, had a vision for a camp of their own. Accordingly authority from the two associations was received and a committee appointed to investigate. On this committee were included Rev. Edward Oster, Rev. I. H. Schmuland, Mr. Victor Bettgar and others.

These men also spearheaded the work at the camp almost to its completion. Under God's guidance the committee soon located this suitable land, centrally located, for a very reasonable price and purchased the same. The purchase of 204 acres was made in October, 1954.

### ERNEST HILDEBRAND, BUILDER

Some of the camp grounds was landscaped that same fall with equipment generously lent together with personal supervision by Mr. Emil Fuchs of Hettinger, North Dakota. A hill was literally cut down and a ravine filled in, which is the present large and level baseball diamond. The kitchen-dining hall building was commenced that same fall as well as laying out the sites for other buildings. However, not much more work could be done before winter set in.

In the spring, the temporary board, which was now set up with representatives from each association, acquired the services of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas. This couple donated their time to supervise the building of the camp. Men from the various churches came and rapid progress was made on a number of the buildings.

During the winter months another divinely led purchase was made when an Army Engineer Barracks was purchased at Riverdale, N. Dak., near the Garrison Dam. Two dormitories, 24 by 90 feet, were constructed from this \$2,000 purchase. Considerable other useable material came with the building.

The churches near the Riverdale area dismantled this building in early spring of 1955 and the walls in large sections were transported to the camp site, 150 miles away. There they were, set up by men from other churches under the able supervision of Brother Hildebrand. Before Mr. Hildebrand's return to his farm home, the T-shaped kitchen and dining hall building was completed and the two dormitories and large chapel (40 by 90 feet) were well under way.

### HEROIC BUILDING EFFORTS

In the last two weeks before camp starting time, July 10, heroic efforts were put forth to complete the buildings for camp use. On July 4th, over

donated a remarkable amount of time in the final weeks before camp opening, seeking its completion.

Other improvements on the grounds are: an adequate well centrally located from which water is piped to all the buildings; a caretaker's home now in the process of construction, and valuable kitchen equipment furnished by the women's missionary organizations of our churches.

Up to this day the total cost of the camp has amounted to over \$30,000, of which \$24,000 have been donated by the people of the churches, leaving an indebtedness of but \$6,000. Besides the actual dollars invested, over \$15,000 worth of labor hours have been donated. God has indeed blessed!



Children, teachers, and staff members at the Baptist Youth Group of the Dakota Conference gather in front of the dining hall of the Crystal Springs Youth Camp for their official picture.

75 people gave up their holiday to work at camp. In the days to follow several carloads of women, besides the men, appeared on the place to give the buildings at least one coat of paint. It seemed impossible to complete the buildings sufficiently for camp use.

Yet, on the first day of camp, the buildings could be used—the electrical power entering just at dusk. The opening sessions were already in progress when the Rev. R. Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., completed the wiring. Even during camp some of the men from nearby churches, Napoleon in particular, together with pastors continued working on the building, making chapel benches and doing other needed tasks and clean-up work. Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., together with a few of his men

Camp dedication was conducted on July 24, the last Sunday of Intermediate Camp with Dr. Ralph E. Powell of our Seminary as guest speaker. An overwhelming attendance from most of the representative churches participated in this blessed event.

Three camps were conducted in 1955: A young people's camp, intermediate camp and one for juniors. The total attendance of these camps, including personnel, amounted to over 550 children and adults.

A goodly number of these youngsters found their Lord in these days and others heard the call to full-time service, especially among the young people. Besides these there were the unseen blessings received which will be revealed in Christian living and eternal fruits.



# Declaration on Religious Liberty

Baptist World Alliance Congress, London, July 1955

Assembled in London, England, in the Year of Our Lord 1955, at the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, and gathered from all parts of the world, we are aware not only of our common Christian heritage as Baptists, but also of the fear, the conflicts, and the tyranny of force which are notable features of our modern world. We who believe in a loving God and belong to the kingdom of Christ, would reaffirm those fundamental Christian principles of freedom which our forefathers proclaimed at great cost, but to the enrichment of civilization and of the church.

## The Battle for Freedom

As Baptists we are aware that the battle for religious liberty still goes on. We see at this time a recurrence of persecution, intolerance, and enforced uniformity of conduct and thought. A creeping peril menaces freedom, basic human values, even Christianity itself, and the kind of life rooted in faith in God and regard for man as his child. It meets us from various sides. It comes sometimes from a materialism which denies moral and religious principles.

Intolerant churches and systems of religious organizations can be as grave a menace to liberty as governments. We appeal for a larger liberty in thought as well as in action, within all churches, Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox. We appeal for the avoidance of whatever involves privilege and domination for any religion, sect, or group.

Since full religious liberty cannot be obtained without freedom of speech and press, association and freedom of movement, we feel led to urge the extension of freedom in secular as well as in religious life. Because such freedoms are being drastically restricted in many places, we call for the elimination of all such barriers to liberty.

## Faith and Practice

Baptists, throughout their history, have upheld the cause of freedom and insisted that every man shall be free to worship God as he is led by the Spirit of truth.

Basing their views on the Scriptures, they have stood for the priesthood of all believers, a regenerate church membership, liberty of utterance, and the responsibility and freedom of the local church.

Baptists as individual believers who have found a new liberty in Christ, have set a new pattern for the world—of free churches in free states.

Historically Baptists have upheld freedom, not for themselves alone, or for selfish reasons. They believe that it is universally right and should therefore be shared by all people everywhere.

We believe that civilization cannot afford individual suppression or persecution. It cannot make progress toward social righteousness and world peace on the basis of fear, want, suspicion, and spiritual bondage. To have freedom we must not only have the right to be free; we must have the inward experience of emancipation by the Spirit of Christ.

We deplore regimentation and enforced uniformity which hinder the full development of Christian personality in the liberty with which Christ has made us free. We intend to remain free, and to help others to achieve freedom.

## OUR JUBILEE DECLARATION

Therefore we declare at this Golden Jubilee Congress:

I. That the right to be free is a gift from God to all men of whatever race. A person is not physically born into a religious faith, but must of his own free will enter upon his inheritance as a child of God.

II. That a man's right to choose or change his faith must be preserved, as well as his liberty to dissent or to make objection because of conscience's sake.

III. That toleration is not enough; that freedom to worship is not enough. As Baptists we seek not to be tolerated, but to be accepted everywhere as equals in Christ, with all the privileges and responsibilities of loyal citizens. What we desire for ourselves we would secure for others, both for Christian believers and nonbelievers.

IV. That real religious liberty guarantees not only freedom to worship privately and publicly, but the right to teach, preach, publish, and advocate, openly and without hindrance, the Gospel of Christ, or other religious convictions.

V. That our churches must be free from the interference of the state; that all our churches should, as far as their principles permit, abide by the laws of the state and loyally cooperate with the civil authorities in helping to create a community in which freedom of the press, speech, and assembly, and social righteousness, will be assured.

## Dedication and Action

We who represent the Baptist churches of the world humbly pray that strength and courage may be given to us to hold fast our heritage of freedom and to carry forward the task committed to us.

We will not rest content until we witness the achievement of religious freedom and individual liberty throughout the world. We believe this is an essential part of our contribution to the thought of the church, as well as to the establishment of Christ's reign on the earth.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Secretarial Staff from Forest Park Headquarters

Feb. 13-14—Visit at Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Feb. 15-16—Special lectures at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rev. R. Schilke

Feb. 15 (Wednesday)—Avon, South Dakota.

Feb. 16 (Thursday)—Tyndall, South Dakota.

Feb. 17 (Friday)—Tripp, S. Dak.

Feb. 19 (Sunday)—Ashley, N. Dak.

Feb. 20 (Monday)—Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Feb. 20-21—Dakota Conference Mission Committee, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Feb. 19 (Sunday A.M.)—Center Line, Michigan.

Feb. 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Feb. 20 (Monday)—Ministerial Association, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Feb. 16-19—North Texas Association Meetings, Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas

Feb. 23-26—South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Kyle, Texas.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union executive committee meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.

## SPECIAL DATES

Feb. 12—Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 17 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer.

March 11 (Sunday)—Bible Day. Program material has been sent out by Publication Society. If material is desired, write: Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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—Photo by Paul Gebauer  
The Honorable Ernest K. Martin and his wife and their youngest son, Karl. Mr. Martin was one of the speakers at the Baptist World Congress in London, England, and his address appears with unique illustrations in the 1956 ANNUAL.

## ON WINGS OF LOVE TO AFRICA!

Address by the Hon. E. K. Martin at London, England, appears in full in the

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## Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

### ENGAGEMENTS:

Our next two engagements will be in Canada. From Feb. 8 to 19 we shall be in the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, and from March 4 to 16 it will be our privilege to be with the

Grace Church in Medicine Hat. May the Lord be pleased to give us days of blessing and revival born of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and the faithfulness and prayers of God's people.

### WE THANK GOD:

That the promises of God never grow old or out-of-date and that his love and mercy and grace are as real today as they were of old. We thank God that it is this day and generation which needs it so desperately. What a joy it is to point lost sinners to Christ and to help the saints in their difficulties and failures. At the close of a campaign a brother came to me and gripped my hand, saying: "Brother, you have helped me so much."

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that the strongholds of Satan may be overthrown and that Christ shall have his rightful place in the hearts and lives of his people. Pray that we might have the mind of Christ and to see with his eyes as we look upon the people, that there might arise in our hearts divine compassion and love which will make us give ourselves to the last full measure of devotion to Christ and the lost!

### SUMMER WORKERS REQUESTED

(a) Churches desiring the services of our seminary students during the summer months should contact the president of the seminary, Dr. George A. Lang, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

(b) Churches desiring the services of workers with Bible School training should contact the president of the C.T.I., Rev. E. P. Wahl, 7725—108th Street, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

(c) Churches desiring student workers during the summer months, which will request aid from the Student Placement Committee, should apply directly to the Secretary of the Student Placement Committee, Rev. L. Bienert, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.



# We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President

"One Flock, One Shepherd" (John 10:11) is our theme for the World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1956. Each of our societies has received a copy of our Prayer Day material as published by the Woman's Missionary Union, written by Mrs. G. Zimmerman and Mrs. W. Wilcke, respectively.

The next two issues of "We the Women" will contain a continued progression of testimonies as each of our nine conference presidents give us a testimony on prayer and what it means to them. We believe in united prayer and united efforts in our Lord's work. He has promised to be with us and that our work will not be in vain.

The other day I received a note saying:

Each morning between 8 and 8:30 A.M., I would like to be one of the prayer partners for the great work that "We, the Women" are called upon to do. May he grant each of us a special measure of strength for each task!

Prayerfully,  
Linda (Mrs. Alfred) Bibelheimer.  
Wouldn't you like to be a prayer partner, too? We'd enjoy having you join us every day at this hour.

We shall now hear from the presidents of our denomination, from the north, the south, the east, and the west.

## WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By Mrs. J. C. KRAENZLER of Leduc, Alberta, President of the Northern Conference W.M.U.

Prayer to me means infinitely more than the repeating of words. Prayer is the very breath of my soul. Prayer is the establishing of a vital contact between the soul and God himself in whose hands my breath is and on whom my destiny depends. Prayer is the supreme privilege of human life. Prayer is the very heart of religion; it is religion in its inmost reality. Without prayer we can do nothing; with it "we can do all things through our Lord Jesus Christ," and nothing is impossible to us because "with God all things are possible."

Our fellowship with God is inspired, guided, controlled and made possible by the Holy Spirit. How very vital it is so that every morning before venturing upon the duties of the day we can become adjusted to God so that we can be God-guided in all we do! Before you lift your head from the pillow, lift your heart in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Every day

## PRAYER IS FELLOWSHIP WITH MY LORD

By Mrs. H. J. FREEMAN of West New York, N. J., President of the Atlantic Conference W.M.U.

To me, prayer is a time of communion and fellowship with my Lord. It is a time when I open my heart to him, and tell him just how much he means to me. I go to him as a child would go to his father. Nothing is too difficult for him—nothing too insignificant. There are times when I tell him happy things. There are other times when I must tell him I have not been the kind of a child I know he wants me to be. But then he tells me he has forgiven me, and he helps me to be more like his child.

I go to him for guidance when I am perplexed, and for strength when I am weak. He is always there when I feel the burden for others—those who are sick, those who are troubled, those who are serving him, both near and far. And then, as I quietly wait, he answers me, and tells me what he would have me to be and do. Yes, to me, prayer is fellowship with my Lord!

## PRAYER IS THE SOUL'S SINCERE DESIRE

By Mrs. F. E. KLEIN of Colfax, Wash., President of the Pacific Conference W.M.U.

What really is prayer? I like the definition which I recently read. It states that "prayer is an offering of adoration, confession, supplication, and thanksgiving to God." To me prayer is a time of wonderful communion and fellowship with Jesus, my Lord, and my Heavenly Father. It is a time of becoming quiet before him, and learning to listen as he speaks to my soul.

In prayer I may go to my Lord and Savior, claiming him as my Confidante, to whom I can open my heart and confide in him things that I cannot tell to others. I know he always understands and cares, as not even your most beloved family or friends could understand or care. It is wonderful to have this God-given avenue of prayer and communion with him through his Son, Jesus Christ.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Unuttered or expressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire,  
That trembles in the breast.

"Prayer is the burden of a sigh  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air;  
His watchword at the gate of death,  
He enters heaven with prayer."

## PRAYER LISTS

Copies of Prayer List booklets, published by the Gideons International, are available free by making your requests known to the editor of the "Baptist Herald," 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. The number to be sent to churches is limited to 25 or less. EDITOR.

see the face of God before you see the face of man. All day long practice the presence of God.

It is said of the early Christians that they continued steadfast in prayer. It is not until the whole soul is engaged that we can be said to pray. As has been said, the greatest fight of your life will be the fight to maintain your prayer-life. With the disciples we pray: "Lord, teach us to pray."

## PRAYER IS A VITAL PART OF LIFE

By Mrs. J. J. LIPPERT of Waco, Texas, President of the Southern Conference W.M.U.

W. Robert Stevenson said: "Prayer is not a form of life insurance—nor is it a kind of graft—nor is it merely a towing-in service for Christians when out of gas or stranded on the road." To me prayer is a very vital part of my daily Christian living. I cannot be continually on my knees, but I can be in continual communion with my Lord. Going about my daily duties, I have a prayer desire in my heart that reaches out to God. It does not solve all of my problems, nor remove difficulties, but it gives me power and grace to cope with problems and difficulties as nothing else could.

Prayer is the breathing of the soul just as the reading of the Word of God is the feeding of the soul. Christ needed prayer though he was sinless; how much more I, a sinner. With what comfort and joy the song wells up within our souls:

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!"

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"He that is down, needs fear no fall,  
He that is low, no Pride:  
He that is humble, ever shall  
Have God to be his Guide."  
—John Bunyan.

# C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

At the beginning of a new year, most institutions and places of business are faced with the problem of inventories and taking stock.

You are probably familiar with the story of a boy who was employed at a drug store. On one of his evenings away from the store, he took occasion to telephone his employer without giving his name and asked if a job was available at the store. On being told that they already had a boy in the job, the boy then asked whether the owner was satisfied with the work the boy was doing. This was the young man's way of checking up on himself. A check-up is something we too need to give ourselves from time to time. Here are a few suggestions.

## PLANNING YOUR 1956 CAMP

Perhaps you have already reviewed your 1955 program. If you haven't, do it soon. List all your weak points and also the strong points. Capitalize on your strong points. Make changes and improvements to strengthen weak spots. Venture out on a new idea if necessary. Too often we are tied down to the idea that "this is how we did it before." Progress is being made in every phase of Christian education. There are also new and better methods of camp administration.

Good camp counselors are a key factor in a smooth running and efficient camp. Counselors should be chosen early in the year in order to give them time to prepare themselves for their job. Each counselor should receive some training or at least read some good books on the subject. Your CBY Fellowship Secretary has planned a training program for camp counselors, and will be available for instruction classes this spring. Write to the CBY Fellowship, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for further information and arrangements.

How many counselors should you choose? The number depends on the size of your camp and the facilities available. The American Camping Association suggests that there should be one counselor for every five children of junior age, and one counselor for every eight young people above the junior age level. Counselors should be chosen on the basis of consistent Christian witness, love for young people, willingness to co-operate, emotional maturity, personal neatness, sense of humor, and ability to supervise. These, of course, are

only a few of the qualities of a good counselor.

What other personnel should be chosen at this time of the year? A registered nurse is a requirement for any camp. Most camp insurance policies are valid only when such a qualified person is on the grounds. The life guard is another essential member of the camp staff. "Just anybody" will not do. This person must be a good swimmer who has a certificate qualifying him as a life guard. This safety feature is an absolute "must." Besides these two important staff members, there will be instructors for handcraft and other class sessions, cooks, kitchen assistants, and a dining room stewardess. Other members may be chosen as the need arises.

Are you planning to pre-register



## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AND HOLIDAYS AT OUR SEMINARY

By Prof. ROY SEIBEL

The crisp wintry days of the old year and the new were filled with much more than snow as a festive air somewhat mellowed the serious academic life of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Amid the redoubled efforts to meet deadlines and examinations, the faculty and students were aware that Christmas time had come.

On Friday night, December 9, the faculty and students and their families gathered in the Seminary dining hall where a traditional Christmas dinner was prepared from the generous gifts donated by a number of our churches. The guests were welcomed to a most attractively decorated banquet hall by the hostess, Professor Martha Leypoldt.

Following the dinner, everyone relaxed in a friendly atmosphere to enjoy the Christmas variety program prepared by the social committee of the student council. Henry Ramus, president of the student council, led the group in a devotional meditation in which he pointed out the necessity

of freeing ourselves from the clutches of the material to realize the deeper spiritual foundations of the Christmas message. Enjoying a well-earned two weeks' vacation, the students scattered to the east and west with many returning to their homes in Canada. With the beginning of classes on January 3, the faculty and students returned to work in earnest in order successfully to conclude the first semester's work. The chapel meditations during the first week of the new year echoed the serious reflection that another year had slipped from our grasp to be etched in eternity. A united prayer was offered for divine guidance that his servants might buy up each precious hour of the new year. The passing of the milestones of the years into the annals of history is sufficient cause for contemplation over the recent train of events to serve as a stimulus to re-evaluate our sense of direction for the future. God has been most gracious to our Seminary in the past generations. Even in the midst of the most trying experiences, there has been a sense of God's presence. Those who can feel the life pulse of the Seminary are convinced that this sixth year of our second century will prove another step in the continuing progress which the Seminary has experienced in the recent years. The task is great and the problems loom challengingly, but the God Whom we serve has demonstrated he is able!

## STUDENT SERVICE PLANS

The Student Service Plan of our denomination will again place a number of our student workers during the summer months. Application forms have been sent to our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. Others who are interested may write to our office for further particulars. We especially want to encourage our churches to make application for a student worker for this summer. Assignments will be made the middle of March.

Workers serving under the Student Service Plan have heartily endorsed this service to our young people. The blessings have been many and the experiences rich.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

February 19, 1956

### JESUS DEMANDS A CHOICE

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10; 18:18-30.

**The Central Truth:** All through life we must make decisions. If we choose Christ first, then all the other choices will fall in line.

**Introducing the Lesson:** For some people it is comparatively easy to choose to follow Christ. They do not have a great deal of money; they possess no property; they have no lucrative business; they were never "entangled in the affairs of this world." The greater the temptation, the more difficult the choice! Again and again the Lord Jesus spoke of the dangers of possessions because it was one of the greatest factors in keeping people from following him. Not that possessions are evil in themselves; but loving them more than Jesus is evil—and eternally fatal!

#### I. Consider the Choice Of the Rich Young Ruler. Luke 18:18-30.

(a) You cannot have eternal life by being good or by performing good works (Matt. 19:16). Actually, what the young ruler wanted was to "strike a bargain" with Jesus. "I will do a good thing for you if you will guarantee my salvation." He was interested in "penance" but not "repentance."

(b) You cannot have eternal life by obeying the commandments (Luke 18:20-21). A moral code, no matter how good, is a poor substitute for the salvation which Christ came to offer us. In spite of his efforts to be "good," he knew there was something missing or he would not have asked, "What lack I yet?" (Matt. 19:20.)

(c) Eternal life demands a total choice (Luke 18:22). It demands a "leaving" and a "following" (v. 22). Jesus will never consent to "play second fiddle." The Lord must have known that the young man's heart was wrapped up in his possessions or he would not have told him to "leave it all." Other men have great possessions but they do not come first in their lives. Christ is the first choice. The rich young ruler made a difficult choice, but he made the wrong choice (Luke 18:23).

#### II. Consider the Choice Of Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10.

(a) Zacchaeus knew he was a sinner (vss. 7-8). "Publican" and "sinner"

were synonymous terms (Luke 15:1). Morally, the rich young ruler was probably far above Zacchaeus. It was taken for granted that a tax gatherer was dishonest. They were known for their extortion and oppression. There was no hope of salvation from the Jews, who hated them. From what he heard of Jesus he was convinced that there was hope of forgiveness and restoration.

(b) He knew he must sincerely seek Jesus (v. 3). No matter how difficult or inconvenient, he knew he must see Jesus. His stature was against him (vs. 3). It must have been embarrassing to mingle with the Jews, the scribes, and Pharisees, who looked upon him with contempt. It must have seemed very undignified to be seen climbing a tree (v. 4). But he had to see Jesus!

(c) The seeking Savior (vss. 5-10). Jesus noticed Zacchaeus. He called him by name. He dined with him and fellowshiped with him. Best of all he brought salvation to his house (v. 9). Zacchaeus did not have to ask, "What shall I do?" (Luke 18:18.) He knew what he had to do and did it gladly. He received Jesus joyfully (vs. 19:6). He gave abundantly (vs. 8a). He restored manifold (vs. 8b).

For further discussion on choosing—Joshua 24:15.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

February 26, 1956

### TEACHINGS ON STEWARDSHIP

Scripture: Luke 19:12-26; 16:1-31.

**The Central Truth:** Jesus teaches us how to use our time, talents, and possessions in order that they might have eternal values.

**Introducing the Lesson:** Our Lord was never wasteful. He never seemed to hurry, yet he was always on time. He fed the multitudes, but his disciples were told to gather what was left over. He spoke often, but every word was necessary. He had power to be rich, but he used money only when needed (Matt. 17:27). He was greatly disturbed when he saw people wasting their time, talents, and money on things that had little value.

#### I. The Parable Of the Unfaithful Steward. Luke 16:1-13.

In this story Jesus teaches us the wrong way to use knowledge and wisdom. Here was a man who had a mind for business. No ordinary, uneducated person was given such a

responsible position. But he took advantage of the trust his master had placed in him. Like the bank embezzler, he always thought he would put back the money before the deficit was detected. But even after the discovery, he had enough wisdom to "juggle the books" in order to save himself and his job (Luke 16:4-7). Why did his master commend and restore him? (V. 8.)

Jesus must have been disappointed to see so much wisdom and knowledge go to waste. What would happen if all those who claim to be stewards of God would use their wisdom and knowledge when they are "about their heavenly Father's business?" (Luke 2:49; Rom. 12:11; Prov. 22:29.)

#### II. The Parable Of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.

In this story Jesus teaches us the wrong way to use money. It is said that Eva Peron had a wardrobe flown from Paris which cost \$40,000.00 a year. Her husband had 400 suits, 200 pairs of shoes and other articles of clothing in proportion. We do not know how many suits of clothing the rich man had. All we know is that he was interested in nothing but dressing and eating (Luke 16:19). He did no constructive work and never used his money for an unselfish purpose. He never suspected that the beggar at his gate could have been his gate to heaven (v. 20). The rich man and the beggar had nothing in common in this life nor in the next (v. 23). In this parable Jesus does not mean that the rich man, simply because of his riches, will go to hell, and that the poor man, because of his poverty, will go to heaven. It merely teaches the wrong use of riches.

#### III. The Parable Of the Pounds. Luke 19:11-27.

In this story Jesus teaches us the wrong way to use talents. There are so-called holy men in India who sit in the same position day after day until their limbs and muscles become atrophied—wasted because they are not used. God has given us the talents of speaking, singing, preaching, teaching, and many other gifts. Unless they are used, and used rightly, they will become atrophied. Imagine what the world would lose if Billy Graham refused to speak, if Beverly Shea refused to sing, if Albert Schweitzer refused to heal!

Further discussion: How to use the talent in our church (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Walth of Sacramento, Calif., have announced the birth of a son on December 29 is their second child. Michael C. This our Church Extension pastor in the Sacramento area at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church. An article about recent developments at the church prepared by Mr. Walth appears in this issue.

● The young people of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., presented the play, "Miracle at Midnight," written by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, on Sunday evening, Jan. 8. It was directed by the pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz. The Senior CBY president, Mr. Verle Jucht, was in charge of the program. As a result of the play, there were 3 conversions at the close of this impressive service. During the Week of Prayer two evening services were also held by the church with the pastor in charge.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., held a joint New Year's Eve Watchnight service and a baptismal service on Dec. 31st. There were two candidates baptized by the pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahrán. They were received into the fellowship of the church as new members. A film was shown after the baptismal service, "The City Story," which deals with the problems of a growing church in a growing city. The social hour was followed by a prayer service with reports given by the various organizations of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Edwin Michelson of Grand Forks, N. Dak., to become its pastor. He has recently presented his resignation as a Cameroons missionary to the General Missionary Committee which was accepted regretfully. He has also announced that he has accepted the call of the McLaughlin Church and will begin his ministry there on March 1st. He will succeed Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, now pastor of the Grace Church, West Fargo, North Dakota.

● The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, recently extended a call to Rev. John F. Lubeck of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, a student in pre-theological studies at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He had served the church for several months in an interim capacity when the call was extended to him. His official ministry

with the church began on December 1, succeeding Rev. Edwin Kraemer, now of San Antonio, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lubeck spend three days a week living in the parsonage near Gatesville and the other four days in Waco, Texas. His address that is given elsewhere in this issue is the Waco address.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 20, the Junior CBY of the Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., was in charge of the church service. The song service was led by Billy Keiper. The Junior group sang several selections and presented the playlet, "Reasons or Excuses." Rev. Martin De Boer, pastor, brought a brief message. The Junior group was organized on Sept. 4, 1955 with Mrs. Martin De Boer as leader, and Mrs. Arthur Pepple and Mrs. James McBain as assistants. Meetings are held every Sunday evening before the church service and once a month in a home for devotions and handcraft.

● On Wednesday, Jan. 4, Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky, N. Dak., suddenly died of a heart attack while enroute to Bismarck. He had resigned as pastor of the McClusky Baptist Church which was effective on January 1st. The memorial service was held at McClusky on January 9th. A more detailed tribute to his ministry will appear in a later issue. On Dec. 28 Mrs. Phil. Daum of Prince George, British Columbia, died quite suddenly, even though she was receiving treatments for an illness in Vancouver, B. C., at the time. Her husband is the pastor of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

● A drama entitled, "Roger Williams and Mary," was presented at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, on Monday evening, January 23, by students of Redlands College in California. The Christmas banquet of the young people was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, with Alfred Bernadt, Jr., a student at Northern Baptist Seminary serving as toastmaster and song leader. Several young people spoke on "Thoughts of Christmas." The Senior CBY was in charge of the Watchnight Service with a program on "Lighted Lamps." Ronald Rieke spoke on, "The Church of Lighted Lamps," and several young people rendered musical selections. Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor of the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Neske of Camrose, Alta., Canada, celebrated their 25th

wedding anniversary on Dec. 22nd. Members of the Faith Baptist Church of Camrose helped them to observe this anniversary, together with their three children: Delores, Reviera, and Rodney. Mr. Neske was musical instructor and choir director at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., for 13 years and for eight years he served as music director in the Alberta Tri Union Assembly. Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor of the Faith Church of Camrose, stated that "members of the church are praying that God may bestow his blessings abundantly upon this couple in the days and years to come."

● A Junior Church is being conducted in the lower auditorium of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., during the regular church service with Mrs. Joe White in charge. A unique feature of this service is that those who attend have their own ushers, trustees, and deacons and issue their own bulletin. Also a Nursery has been completely equipped with all its necessities, sponsored by the Home Builders Class. On Dec. 18th the Sunday School held its Christmas program highlighted by a play, "No Room In the Inn." A lot was purchased recently by the church in one of the newer subdivisions and a new parsonage will be erected thereon in the spring. Rev. Edgar Klatt is pastor of the church.

● The Christmas program of the Baptist Sunday School at Watertown, Wis., was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 24 with Mr. Marvin Goetsch, superintendent in charge. Following recitations and songs by the children, a Christmas worship service, "Christ Is Born," was presented by the Junior and Senior Departments. On Sunday evening, Dec. 25, the film, "Mystery of Bethlehem," featuring songs by Beverly Shea and a message by Evangelist Billy Graham was shown. At the Christmas programs a four-page newspaper in modern style of type and headlines called, "The Bethlehem News," was distributed, presenting the story of the events of the birth of Christ as a modern newspaper would report it. Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor of the church.

● At the annual business meeting of the Unityville Baptist Church, Unityville, S. Dak., the membership voted to close the church and unite with other churches in the area because of decreasing membership. During the past two years since Dr. John Olthoff brought his ministry to a close, the Seminary has provided students to serve the church. David Keiry, a senior student, has served the church most of this time. In February the property will be turned over to the Dakota Conference and letters of

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southern Conference

### Harvest Festival and Christmas Program at the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana

On Sunday, Nov. 13, we of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., observed our Harvest and Mission Festival. The service was devoted to a program consisting of duets, quartets and poems by the children of the different Sunday School classes. We thank the Lord for the blessings of the harvest.

On Dec. 25, Christmas night, our Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program consisting of poems and songs by the primary classes, a dialogue by the intermediates and young people, and a few selections from the choir. After the program, bags filled with fruits, nuts and candy were passed out to the congregation. A Christmas offering was raised which amounted to \$125.30. We thank the Lord for the many blessings of the Christmas season.

Raynold Loewer, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Ordination of the Rev. Berkley G. Helms at Fellowship Church, Passaic, New Jersey

The Rev. Berkley G. Helms, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Passaic, N. J., was ordained to the Gospel ministry on December 16th.

The moderator was Rev. Robert Cook of the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa., who served in the same capacity for the questioning service of the candidate. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Herbert Freeman of the Faith Church, West New York, N. J.; the charge to the congregation by Rev. Norman Klann, of the Second Church, Union City, New Jersey. The certificate of ordination was presented by Rev. Emil Gruen, president of the New York and Vicinity ministers' group.

Rev. Raymond Smith, pastor of the Riverdale Bible Church, was clerk of the questioning council and read the decision of the council at the ordination service. Rev. Herrmann Braunlin of the Hawthorne Gospel Church offered the prayer of ordination.

Rev. Leonard Pitcher, professor of Shelton College, Ringwood, N. J., Mr. Helms' alma mater, read the scriptures and Rev. Everett Barker, assistant pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., offered prayer. The sermon of ordination was given by Rev. Walter Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadel-

phia, Pennsylvania. Rev. Tunis Mouw of the Grace Church, Passaic, N. J., welcomed the Rev. Berkley G. Helms into the ministry.

The Rev. Mr. Helms has been serving the Fellowship Baptist Church since May 15, 1955. He was recently graduated cum laude from Shelton College, Ringwood, N. J., where he majored in the original Bible languages—Hebrew and Greek. He also attended Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga, Tenn., and the local schools in Lancaster, South Carolina.

He was married four years ago to Miss Ruth Spoelhof of Hawthorne.

Under Pastor Helms' ministry the church has experienced rich blessing from the hand of God. An evangelistic campaign was recently held during which time souls were saved, lives dedicated to the Lord and Christians' hearts richly blessed. The young people's group has grown, not only in numbers but spiritually as well.

Lily Smith, Church Clerk.

## Pacific Conference

### Festive Christmas Season With Many Programs at the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., is happy to announce that Dr. Walter Wessel has accepted the position of Minister of Music and Education in our church.

Dr. Wessel is a native of California, having been baptized in the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles. He received his Th.B. degree from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles, and



Rev. Berkley G. Helms, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Passaic, N. J., who was recently ordained.

Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in New Testament Language and Literature. He was formerly Professor of Greek at Biola and Professor of New Testament at Western Baptist Seminary in Portland. He and his wife, Helen, who is also a native Californian, have four young daughters, who have already captivated our hearts.

In December the church gave the Wessels a welcoming reception, and have since then enjoyed wonderful musical blessings under their leadership. The senior choir, stimulated by new growth and enthusiasm, rendered a beautiful Christmas concert and also presented a program by an Antiphonal Choir and a girl's sextet. This program was repeated on New Year's Sunday upon request. On Christmas Day a children's chorus of one hundred primary and Junior voices under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Lehman, presented the Christmas story with the assistance of other departments of the Bible School.

Also during the Christmas season, the three women's organizations of the church joined in giving a missionary shower for Ben and Margie Lawrence to show our love and appreciation to them for laboring in our stead in our African field, and to help them welcome their new son into the world. The family will be leaving to join Ben Lawrence in London some time in the new year.

The Lord be praised that through all these holiday blessings our mission of reaching others for the Lord has not been neglected. Recently we were overjoyed to witness the baptism of 17 new converts, and then to see 21 persons receive the hand of fellowship into church membership around the Lord's table.

Martha Becker, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings at the First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., held revival meetings from Nov. 21 to Dec. 2 with Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., as our evangelist. His Biblical messages were very clearly and forcefully delivered each evening. Many Christians rededicated their lives anew for greater service. The Holy Spirit moved mightily in our midst, but still there were those who rejected him.

We are also grateful for the excellent cooperation and contribution on the part of our dear pastor, Rev. Le Roy Schauer, and congregation. Our people brought others with them in spite of the very cold weather which we had at that time. Special numbers in song were brought also by the young people of the church.

We thank God for the blessings he bestowed upon us during the two weeks and our prayer is that the seed sown will bear much fruit for his Kingdom.

Mrs. Walter Auch, Reporter.

## Dedication of New Ranch Style Baptist Parsonage at Linton, North Dakota

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18th, the First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., officially dedicated its newly built parsonage. Professor Roy Seibel from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest speaker.

After the ground breaking exercises held on August 21st, the project was continued under the supervision of Mr. B. G. Keller, our contractor. As far as the building was concerned, everything was contracted for, so no labor was donated. The building committee did not make any short cuts, either in the selection of the best materials available, nor as to the size of the building, nor did the contractor spare any effort to make the house as fine and as beautiful as possible. We have erected a neat looking and well-equipped home. Our people have contributed generously throughout the last two years for this project. Now the dream of our people has come true.

The new parsonage is a ranch type, frame structure with dimensions of 56 by 34 feet, with 1,739 square feet of floor space. It is a three-bedroom house, with a study, a living room, a dining room, also a large kitchen, with a full bath and a half-size bath. There are two thermo pane windows with double-side light windows and hardwood floors and birch trimmings throughout. The house has now been occupied by Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and family.

A. J. Fischer, Pastor.

## Evangelistic Meetings and Mission Festival at the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

The days from November 27 to December 9 were blessed days for us at the Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota. These were times when God searched our hearts through the inspired messages that Rev. H. Palfenier, one of our denominational evangelists, brought evening after evening. We cannot report any decisions, but it was evident that the Holy Spirit spoke to a number of unconverted people as well as to all of us. We thank God for such consecrated men of God who fearlessly proclaim the truth, the good news of Christ and the Cross. May God continue to use Brother Palfenier in this great work.

October 16 was another day of high-lights for us. It was our mission festival, and we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois. He brought the mission message during the morning service. After dinner he gave a report of his trip to the Baptist World Congress and his trip to Europe. The evening service was devoted to our Church Extension program. The evening offering, which amounted to over \$400, was designated to this work. God richly blessed us, and this was evidenced by the wonderful offering that was placed upon the altar.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.



The new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak.; which was dedicated on Dec. 18, 1955 and is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and family.

## Inspirational Christmas and Watchnight Services at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

We of the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., were privileged to share in several very inspiring services during the Yuletide Holidays, which were made even more pleasant by the return of many of our college students, members employed away from home, and numerous friends. We were also happy to have our students from Sioux Falls serve in so many ways during their vacation.

The mixed choir presented an unusual program during the morning service on Christmas Day. The ever beautiful Christmas Story was read by Rev. Herbert Schauer, with organ music softly played in the background. Mrs. Gerald Walcker sang, "O, Holy Night," followed with prayer by Lyle Wacker. Several short talks were given on well-known carols by Clinton Jesser, LaVern Haas, Norman and Gordon Schlafman. After each story of a carol had been given, the choir sang arrangements of these songs.

Our Methodist friends of this city very graciously opened their doors to us for a combined Watchnight Service. A program by the young people of both congregations consisting of musical numbers, reading and a talk on "Resolutions" by Norman Schlafman was presented. Following a time of fellowship in the church parlors, we returned to the sanctuary. The lights were dimmed except for light on the picture of Christ, as we were

## STUDENT RECEPTION Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A Student Reception, sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship will be held at the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on February 13, 1956, at 7:30 P.M. All North American Baptist young people of Sioux Falls are cordially invited to this time of fellowship.

reminded that he is the "Light of the world" and the "hope for the New Year." After a time of testimony, the mixed quartet sang, "Is Your All On the Altar?" as Christians prayed for a closer walk with him. As bells pealed out the arrival of the New Year, the congregation was in a season of prayer.

We thank God for the manifold blessings of the past year and pray for his guidance in the coming year. May we have renewed faith and grow in grace, as we labor for him!

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

## Anniversary and Christmas Programs of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Fessenden

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., recently held its annual mission program with the Cathay, Carrington, Germantown, and Martin churches as its guests.

The following program was given: prelude by Mrs. Arnold Knodel; song service by our president, Mrs. W. E. Keiper; scripture and prayer by Mrs. Martin DeBoer; reading by Mrs. Victor Fuhrman; vocal duet, "Shall I Find Any Stars?" by Mrs. Albert Dreisner and Mrs. Edwin Ebbert; a play, "The Law of the Seed," by a group of ladies; a song by the Missionary Society; a reading, "Home," by Mrs. Oscar Fuhrman; solo by Gordon Paul; another play, "Too Busy," by a group of ladies.

Rev. L. Potratz of Martin was our guest speaker and spoke on the subject, "Missions Should Be a Family Enterprise." We also were fortunate to have Laura Reddig as our guest. Miss Reddig made a few remarks as to her work in Africa and was given a gift from the society. The offering for the evening was designated for the women's work in Africa.

On Dec. 8, we held our annual Christmas program and party for our husbands and friends. A program was given in the church auditorium after which a social hour was held in the basement. Instead of exchanging gifts, we used the money to help with the work in the Leper Colony in Africa.

Mrs. James McBain, Reporter.





Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gross of Pound, Wis., members of the Pioneer Baptist Church, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 27, we of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., held our annual program. Mrs. Marvin Goetsch, our president, was in charge. After several songs and musical numbers, devotions and prayer, our annual report was given.

Again we have had a successful season. In January we started our program with a meeting of prayer. In February we assembled for the World Day of Prayer. It was during this month that the Frame family left for the Philippines. March ushered in the "Lenten Season." The Oconomowoc Baptist Auxiliary visited us at our May meeting.

The last Thursday of every month saw the women of our organization busily engaged in making quilts and bandages. A donation was given to the Polio Drive. Two quilts and bandages were sent to the Frames.

During the 1955 season the Woman's Missionary Society also purchased the carpeting for the church auditorium, a new vacuum cleaner, drapes for the Lounge Room, besides our annual gifts to missions. With a membership of 27 women and an average attendance of 19, we believe God has blessed our work and will continue his blessings as long as we look to him for guidance. Ten women then presented the missionary pageant, "The Macedonian Call" at the anniversary program. Our pastor, Rev. J. E. Benke, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Clara Norman, Secretary.

### \$65,000 Edifice for First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wis., Now Under Construction

Bids for the new First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., were received on September 15th by Architect Frederick Rauber. The building which is now under construction will be located at the corner of North 11th St. and Waldo Blvd. in Manitowoc. The new building, estimated to cost about \$65,000.00 will be approximately 100 feet long by 48 feet wide. The building is of modern fireproof brick masonry construction. It is one story with only the heating and lavatory facilities in a basement.

It will have a normal seating capacity of 168 and a social hall which will seat an additional 150 persons in an overflow crowd. Total church seating capacity with the overflow will then be more than 300 persons. The building will include the sanctuary, fellowship hall, pastor's study, ladies' lounge, kitchen and Sunday School rooms. Actual construction was begun during the last week of October and it is believed that the congregation will be able to occupy the new building sometime in April.

The Rev. Harvey Rakow is pastor of the church and the building committee is composed of Lucian Newberry, chairman, George Specht, Frieda Specht, Erwin Anhold, and Dr. Jesse Shaw.

Mrs. R. A. Newlin, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gross of Pioneer Church, Pound, Wis.

The weekend of Nov. 19 and 20 was one of interest and enjoyment for Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gross of Pound, Wis., as they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. This occasion also marked the 90th birthday of Mr. Gross. On Saturday afternoon and evening the family held open house at the farm residence, at which time many friends and neighbors from the community as well as from a distance came to visit and reminisce of bygone days. A buffet lunch was served and all enjoyed this time together.

At the Sunday worship service we paid special tribute to the Grosses

who have labored faithfully in the Pioneer Baptist Church for many years. Solos were sung by Mr. Wm. Konstanski who sang, "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe" and by Mr. A. J. Cronk who sang, "The Lord's Prayer." Both of the soloists are sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gross. The message based on Psalm 91 was entitled, "God's Providential Care" and emphasized the need of thankfulness for God's blessings down through the years. During the service a poem written for the occasion by Agnes Konstanski was read.

Following the service the family enjoyed a dinner together at the Gross home given by the children who are: Mrs. John Mattrisch, Mrs. William Konstanski, Theodore and Leo Gross of Pound, Mrs. Milo Jorgensen of Marinette, Wis., and Mrs. A. J. Cronk of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

G. W. Blackburn, Pastor.



The cornerstone of the new First Baptist Church, North 11th Street and Waldo Blvd., Manitowoc, Wis., was set in place during special ceremonies, Sunday morning, December 4th. In the picture, Mrs. Henry Specht, is placing denominational literature and church newspaper clippings in the copper box which was sealed into the cornerstone. George Anhold (right), a deacon, placed a copy of the church covenant and constitution in the box. Rev. Harvey Rakow (far right), conducted the service. Participating were George Specht, deacon; Erwin Anhold, building committee; and Fred Rauber, architect.



The choir of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

### A Century For Christ at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The joy of celebrating its 100th anniversary has been the recent privilege of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our services during the entire month of November 1955 were devoted to this celebration. Special speakers were secured for each Sunday morning and evening, as well as for the Thanksgiving service on November 23.

Dr. T. W. Bender of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and a former pastor of the church, brought an inspiring message at the opening service on Sunday morning, November 6. That evening a picture pageant, "A Century for Christ," depicting the highlights of the past 100 years in the history of the church was directed by Mrs. Lawrence Bauman.

On the following Sundays we were privileged to have as speakers, Dr. William Mueller of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. Leland Roth of Phoenixville, Pa., both former members of the church, who are in full-time Christian service, and Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Fred Erion and Dr. Frank Woyke brought words of congratulation from the American Baptist Convention and North American Baptist General Conference, respectively, at the Sunday evening service as well as pastors of the Bethany, Temple, and Summit Baptist churches of this city.

On Saturday evening, November 19, 200 members and friends gathered in the church dining room for the Centennial Banquet. It was indeed a pleasure to have as guest speaker, Rev. Paul Wengel of Brooklyn, N. Y., another "son" of the church. We were also pleased to have our former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Esperson, with us for this banquet.

At a special Thanksgiving service we heard messages from two former members of the church who have dedicated their lives to proclaiming his Word: Miss Marie Baudisch, church missionary from 1925-1927, and Mrs. William Godtfring of Buffalo, New York.

We have received countless blessings from these messengers of God. All have congratulated the church

on past achievements but reminded us of the work to be done in the future. As we read the church records, we realize how much was accomplished by those early pioneers, in spite of many handicaps and obstacles.

We pray that we may be likewise inspired and that we may use the material resources which he has so graciously bestowed upon us so that even greater things will be accomplished in the future. "One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). May we ever be mindful of this obligation!

We are starting our "Second Century for Christ" under the able leadership of Rev. Harold Tietjen, who began his work with us on August 1, 1955. We covet many happy and joyous years for the Tietjens at Immanuel Church!

Mrs. Lloyd Buenning, Church Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Christmas Musical Programs at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The prelude by organ and orchestra of the "Holy City" ushered in the choir concert at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on December 18th under the direction of Harry Hostig, with Margaret Stober at the organ and Mrs. Joanne Innes at the piano.

After a short introduction by our president, Ernie Rogalski, the chorus, accompanied by organ and a string orchestra with Mrs. Beatrice Zink, soprano; George Berthin, baritone; and Hans Rogalski, tenor, rendered four German selections. Rev. H. J. Walteireit's message, "Fear Not," was followed by the Second Movement of Bach's Violin Concerto in D-Minor by Martha Krockner and Ernst Koltzenberg.

Excerpts from the "Messiah" climaxed our program with the orchestra playing the "Overture"; chorus with orchestra, "And the Glory of the Lord"; orchestra, "Pastoral Symphony"; the following soprano solos: "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields," "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord," "And the Angel Said Unto Them," "And Suddenly There Was

With the Angel"; and the chorus with orchestra, "Glory to God," closing with the "Hallelujah" chorus, which raised us to a mountain-top experience giving us only a small insight into what it will be like when we shall gather around that Great Throne to sing praises unto the Lamb.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

#### Farewell Reception for Pastor and Father and Son Banquet at Okeene, Oklahoma

On Sunday evening, Nov. 27, the members of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., held a farewell reception following the evening service for Rev. Leland Friesen, who closed his ministry with us at that time, and his family. It was our privilege to enjoy their willing and efficient leadership during their pastorate here and we are thankful to the Lord for the blessings received.

Mr. Otto Graalman, chairman of the board of deacons, was in charge of the service. The various officers of the church and Sunday School expressed appreciation to both Mr. and Mrs. Friesen for their Christian services. Several special numbers were given. A love gift was presented by the membership to Mr. and Mrs. Friesen, also to Mrs. Friesen from the Junior Department of Sunday School and from the Woman's Missionary Union. Our prayer is for God's richest blessings to continue with them during their ministry at Emery, South Dakota.

The annual Father and Son Banquet sponsored by our Baptist Men proved to be a real time of joy and fellowship. Rev. H. W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kans., our guest speaker, presented a most inspirational message on "God Tests a Hero." A number of our Conference pastors were also present to enjoy the program and delicious food prepared and served by the Woman's Missionary Union.

On Nov. 17 the Missionary Society members held their family dinner which was equally a real time of Christian fellowship with Mrs. Herman Laubach, president, in charge of the program.

Mrs. Weldon Leicker, Reporter.





The bulletin board of the Upper Bay Baptist Church announcing another Church Extension Project of the North American Baptist General Conference.

### Dorcas Society of Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, Holds Its Annual Program

The Dorcas Society of the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., presented its annual program on Sunday evening Dec. 11. Our president, Mrs. R. C. Stading, who was in charge of the program, led the song service. Scripture was read by Mrs. Adolph Prang, and Miss Anna Brunken led in prayer. The Shell Creek Baptist Church was invited to be our guests.

The program, song by the society, a quartet and several readings were given. The speaker for the evening, Mrs. P. T. Hunsicker of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, gave a challenging message. The offering of the evening amounted to \$82, designated for our Woman's Missionary Union project.

At present we have 17 active members. As a society we remember our missionaries by word and song. Several letters were received from our missionaries which were read at our meetings. Thirty-eight sick calls were made. Cards are sent to the sick and shut-ins of the church and community. Towels were sent to the Children's Home for Christmas. White Cross

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ter members of our church. We praise the Lord that souls are being saved and a number of backsliders have been restored. In closing, we want to take this opportunity to thank every member of our North American Baptist Conference for sharing in the burden of this Church Extension ministry.

Let us remember the words of our Lord and be encouraged, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20).

work was sent to headquarters. World Day of Prayer was observed, our church being host to the other churches of the community. Our Society redecorated the church basement, also purchased new curtains.

Mrs. Alvin Prang, Reporter.

### NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1955	Nov., 1954	Nov., 1953
Atlantic .....	\$ 2,499.97	\$ 5,458.79	\$ 1,989.52
Central .....	16,241.21	8,529.34	10,083.80
Dakota .....	15,955.69	18,541.58	8,579.11
Eastern .....	1,583.54	2,074.99	1,232.96
Northern .....	8,277.75	7,690.88	10,409.60
Northwestern .....	8,448.34	11,036.04	6,527.78
Pacific .....	10,739.32	6,100.39	4,007.70
Southern .....	2,102.54	1,793.68	4,412.18
Southwestern .....	10,869.56	9,507.82	3,523.64
Total Contributions .....	\$76,717.92	\$70,733.51	\$50,766.29

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1955 .....	\$57,425.40	\$19,292.52	\$76,717.92
For the month of November, 1954 .....	59,086.26	11,647.25	70,733.51
For the month of November, 1953 .....	49,451.28	1,315.01	50,766.29

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to Nov. 30, 1955 .....	\$304,840.19	\$54,951.34	\$359,791.53
April 1, 1954 to Nov. 30, 1954 .....	317,244.43	80,978.04	398,222.47
April 1, 1953 to Nov. 30, 1953 .....	333,955.63	15,533.50	349,489.13

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

Same as for the "Fiscal Year."

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do, but he was unwilling to see us. So the wife called on the phone one day, saying that she would try by her life and her words, little by little, to bring him to know God. She said she was teaching the hymns to the children and, in spite of the heartaches, she had wonderful peace in her heart. She said she would try to come to church at least once a month and bring the children with her. The Lord "satisfieth the longing soul."

Saturday about ten of the Christians helped us to cover the village of Kurose with tracts and announcements of the special meetings. Each Saturday night we have a meeting for the people of this village in the home of a believer. We also have children's meetings and a young people's group there. Beginning Sunday, every night for a week, meetings were held at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building located in the center of the city. Attendance was not as large as had been anticipated, but in the course of the week many people who had never been to church before were given the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Each afternoon street meetings were held, and some of the church people helped each day in passing out tracts and giving their testimonies. It was a special joy to me to see Murakami San, a little grandmother of about 65 years, give her testimony to a crowd on the street. She was one of the first Christians in the church and has been one of the most faithful ones.

Every night souls responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as Savior. Following the meeting, Mr. Robertson and I instructed the inquirers and gave them the follow-up materials prepared by the Navigators which included a tract which carefully explains the steps of salvation, a pamphlet introducing the Scripture Memory Course, a Gospel of John and the first lesson of a Bible Correspondence Course based on the book of John. Over fifty decision slips were turned in. Not all will follow through, but we are praying that at least half will continue to follow the Lord Jesus as their Savior and Lord. We have begun a class for these new believers to help ground them in the faith. Between 16 and 20 Japanese have been attending regularly.

Among those who made decisions for Christ, there is a young farmer who lives a long way out in the country. He heard the announcement of the meetings made by loud speaker from the truck and came one night. Since then he has attended almost every meeting, bought a Bible and hymn book and seems extremely interested.

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transfer given to the members. Mr. Keiry wrote that "in the past 65 years we have had many blessings from our Lord, and we look forward to service in our surrounding churches."

● On Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, held a farewell dinner for Rev. and Mrs. Alex Elsesser and family. Mr. Elsesser had faithfully served the church during the past nine years, and under his guidance the present sanctuary and parsonage were built. Dr. Herman von Berge was asked to give a brief message of appreciation and expression of good-will to the Elsessers. Representatives of the various organizations of the church also brought words of recognition. On behalf of the congregation, Mr. Clarence Adams, chairman of the dinner, presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Elsesser. Mr. Elsesser resigned to accept the position of Director of Christian Education for the Ohio Baptist Convention, effective Jan. 1, 1956.

● On Sunday morning, Jan. 1st, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kans., baptized ten converts and received these and another person into the church at the communion service. At the Watchnight meeting the Junior choir of 32 voices participated in "The Service of the Candles." About 200 people attended the Watchnight Service. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, the Father and Son Banquet was held with 99 persons enjoying the program, featured by an address by Rev. Howard Hawthorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Kansas. The welcome was given by Clarence Hildebrand, followed by the response on "Companionship" by Bob Howe. Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker at the church on Sunday evening, Jan. 1st.

● Beginning with the New Year, the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, has carried a 15-minute weekly radio broadcast over station KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa. The program is aired on Fridays at 10:30 A.M. and is known as "The Upper Mansion" originating in the pastor's study of the parsonage (which is on the third floor). The pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, brings a weekly devotional message. The program is made possible by the M. & A. Potratz Tithing Fund, a prominent family in the church. On Sunday night, Dec. 4, a unique program of music and song known as "Melody Night" was observed in the church. Weeks before a specially prepared box was displayed into which the members deposited their requests. The program was tape recorded and disc recordings were made.

● On Dec. 6th, the members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, gathered for the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Biffert, which was Oct. 9th. This was the first anniversary celebrated in the newly erected Temple Baptist Church. Seated at the appropriately decorated guest table were the honored couple, their two daughters, Marlene Biffert and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Ore., son-in-law, Rev. Eldon Seibold, mothers of the couple, Mrs. Pauline Fender, and Mrs. Christina Biffert, and pastor of the church, Rev. R. Milbrandt. The program consisted of special music, presentation of gifts by the various representatives of the church and short talks by the pastor, the two daughters and Mr. Seibold.

● Mr. Arthur Thom, activities director of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., since 1949, recently resigned and announced that he had accepted the call as director of music at the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., of which Dr. Curtis Akenson is the pastor. This is one of the largest Baptist churches in the midwest area. Mr. Thom has also directed the music and activities in the radio broadcast, "Echoes of Heaven," over the Canadian station CKLW, Windsor, Ontario. He also endeared himself to many who attended our Laymen's Conferences at Green Lake, Wis., for his special musical numbers and splendid direction. He and his wife left for their new ministry in Minneapolis early in January. The Grosse Pointe Church expressed its gratitude to them and held a brief reception for them on January 1 in the evening church service.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the Christmas festivities began at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., with 15 young people presenting the play, "Carol Finds Christmas." Five hundred people attended this service with the welcome extended to them by Helmut Strauss, CBY president. The Sunday School Christmas program was presented on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, with 600 people present. The play, "Tell Me the Old Story," written by Elli Zopf and directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Gogdanow, was presented. Two German Christmas programs were held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, and on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, with musical numbers, recitations, and brief messages. A baptismal service was held on Dec. 31st at the Watchnight meeting with eleven persons baptized by Rev. Henry Pfeifer. The pastor received 22 new members on Jan. 1st. He brought his ministry at the Central Church of Edmonton to a close on Jan. 22nd and began his new pastorate in the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls on Feb. 1st.

## 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. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

### MRS. ELIZABETH HUBER of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huber, nee Steiger, of Venturia, N. Dak., was born April 11, 1860 in South Russia. She came to the United States in 1905 and in 1906, on October 13, married Gottlieb Schrenk of Venturia, North Dakota. The couple settled on a farm near Venturia. In 1932 her first husband passed away. On October 15, 1938 she married Friedrich Huber who now survives her. She had no children of her own.

She was baptized in the year 1896. Shortly after she arrived in America she joined the Venturia Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member until the Lord took her home. She passed away on November 30, 1955, attaining the age of 91 years, 8 months and 18 days.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following stepchildren: Gottlieb Schrenk of Venturia, Christ Schrenk of Greenway, S. Dak.; Mrs. Fred Weisser of Long Lake, S. Dak.; Mrs. George Jucht of Fremont, S. Dak.; Mrs. Gottlieb Schrenk of Venturia, N. Dak.; Mrs. Magdalena Lang of Lehr, N. Dak.; Mrs. Bertha Delzer of Ashley, N. Dak.; Fred Huber of Venturia, N. Dak.; Arthur Huber of Lodi, California; forty grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Rev. H. Palfenier and the pastor spoke words of comfort to the bereaved in both languages.

Venturia, North Dakota  
Raymond F. Dickau, Pastor.

### MRS. PHILIP DAUM of Prince George, British Columbia.

Mrs. Emma Daum, nee Pachal, of Prince George, B.C., Canada, wife of the Rev. Phil. Daum, was born on March 16, 1895 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. She spent her childhood days and time of youth in the community of her birth. She entered holy matrimony with her now bereaved husband, Rev. Phil. Daum, on Oct. 22, 1918. Into this marriage three children were born: the son, Elmer, and two daughters: Mrs. Artrude Franklin and Mrs. Lorraine Conley.

Our departed sister acknowledged Christ as her personal Savior and Lord in her 18th year of life. Upon the testimony of her faith, she was baptized in the same year and added to the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Daum faithfully served the Lord, and sought to minister devotedly and sacrificially at the side of her husband in the following churches: Whitemouth, Man.; Morris, Man.; Leduc, Alta.; Temple and First Churches; in the General Work of the denomination for 13 years; at Chilliwack, B. C.; and for the last five years in the Hagar Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia.

She made her contribution in her own quiet way, helpful wherever help was needed, humble and faithful in her task.

Somewhat hindered by physical weakness for the last year, her thoughts and prayers were still with the church where God had called her to serve. On Friday, Dec. 23rd, she was called home to be with the Lord. Quietly and peacefully she fell asleep to rest from her labor.

She leaves behind to mourn over her unexpected departure, her beloved husband, her three children, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, one grandson, two sisters: Mrs. Meta Kiernan and Mrs. Grace Strachan; four brothers: William, Charles, Samuel, and Arthur Pachal; many other relatives and friends and her beloved church.

The burial service took place in Vancouver, B. C., on Dec. 28th with Rev. G. P. Gebauer and the undersigned in charge. May the Lord of all comfort bless and sustain all who are saddened by her departure.

Prince George, British Columbia  
A. S. Felberg, Officiating Pastor.



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Never has our denomination been afforded greater opportunities; never has it been faced with greater responsibilities.

Much prayer will be needed as preparation for the evangelistic services. Great effort must be exerted to make contacts and visitation effective. Mrs. Melita Broekle, visitation chairman, will continue her increasingly important work of planning the visitation program. Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., has accepted the invitation to come as our guest evangelist for the services in March. The dates are: March 4th through March 16th.

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licious lunch. The exchange of gifts brought great delight, and with the beautiful Christmas tree aglow and with becoming decorations in the dining hall everything was so "Christmasy."

January 16th had been set aside this winter as the annual prayer day of C.T.I. This was soon after the first term examinations. The days of January 16 to 20 were observed as "spiritual examination week." Rev. Bert. Milner of Springside, Sask., was our guest speaker.

Already plans are well underway for wonderful closing days of the Bible School year. On April 15, 1956 the baccalaureate service will be held. Rev. J. C. Gunst, our denominational promotional secretary, will bring the message on that occasion. The commencement exercises will be held from April 16 to 18. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, has kindly accepted the invitation to be the commencement speaker.

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The thrill of it all is found when, from time to time, we can make a notation on our prayer list of answered prayer. This will prove to be a real blessing in your Christian life and will give a positive and genuine ring to your testimony for the Lord. You could even have a special place to make notations of what the Lord has done in answer to your prayers which are "over and above what we ask or think."

Dear friends, let us put the urgency of purpose into our praying. The crisis days in which we live demand it. The experience of the Scriptures is that God hears and answers when a church and its members pray for Peter's release, when a thief on the cross prays and pleads for pardon and is given the assurance of paradise. Remember, the Lord loves and is in-

terested in PEOPLE! You can be a vital and mighty force for God as you pray for revival among God's people and for the salvation of the lost.

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Another young man, saved the last night of the meetings, has volunteered to teach the abacus (apparatus for adding, multiplying, etc.) to some of the poor children who cannot afford to take private lessons. This is not taught in the public schools so most children attend classes in some teacher's home to prepare them to find employment later on. Anyone working in an office or store must be able to use the abacus accurately and quickly.

Behind almost every life of those who came seeking salvation, there is some sad story, some insurmountable problem, which has caused them to look for help from One greater than themselves. The task of helping them to find solutions to their problems through the guidance of God's Word and fellowship with God in prayer is our present great concern. Lack of time, the language difficulty, etc., prevent us from doing all that should be done. Your faithful prayers are earnestly requested that all whom the Father has given us may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 1956 DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTORY

This pocket sized booklet is prepared for use by members of the North American Baptists. It contains the names of our ministers and the names of the various board members and also other valuable information regarding the operation of our General Conference. It is now ready and can be obtained by members of the North American Baptist Conference for **75 cents** by writing to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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