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# March of Events

● The Lutheran World Federation's commission on world missions, meeting in Hurdals Verk, near Oslo, Norway, recently announced that the construction of a \$430,000 Lutheran center in Hong Kong will begin before the end of the year. The Hong Kong government will provide the site. The center is to include a church, a parish hall, parsonage, primary, and secondary schools. An agricultural project will be initiated in the Indian states of Assam and Bihar. Lutheran bodies in the United States are taking their share of responsibility in these enterprises.

● The Westminster Choir, conducted by Dr. John Finley Williamson, started from Princeton, N. J., on a world tour on October 1. It will begin its concerts in late October in Korea and Japan. Among other countries to be visited are Hong Kong, Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, Malaya, Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Iran, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey, Yugoslavia. If time permits, the choir may also sing in western Europe. The Westminster Choir school is largely responsible for the improvement of church music in this country during the last 30 years.—Watchman-Examiner.

● On August 6, 1956, there was a large service at the Ginza Church in downtown Tokyo, Japan, as both sighted and blind persons came to celebrate the completion of the New Japanese Kogotai (colloquial) Braille Bible for the blind of Japan. This Bible is in 32 volumes requiring five feet of shelf space. The Old Testament is in 24 volumes and the New Testament in eight. As the new edition is in the language which all the people of Japan can easily understand, it will be widely welcomed by fingertip readers wherever Japanese is spoken. There are 140,000 blind persons in Japan.

● Bibles are now being placed on all of the new Super-G Constellation airplanes of Trans-World Airlines. Captain G. C. Duvall, a pilot for TWA on the Chicago-Los Angeles run, recently was presented with a Bible to place on the Super-G plane he would be flying. It was Captain Duvall who suggested several years ago that in addition to a full supply of current magazines on each plane there should be a Bible. Since then TWA has carried Bibles furnished by the American Bible Society, on all TWA flights in the United States. Captain Duvall discussed his plan with the late Ralph S. Damon, president of TWA, who thought the idea was a good one.

● Some two million persons each week are viewing "This Is the Answer," new television series sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Since its New York premiere last May 73 of the nation's 457 TV stations—one-fourth of the U.S. cities now serviced by television stations—have programmed the 13-week series. Of the total of 13 programs produced to date, seven were filmed expressly for television at a cost of \$25,000 per episode. The other six were made available through the Baptist Sunday School Board. A completely new series of 13 "This Is the Answer" episodes went into produc-

tion this month in Hollywood and will be ready for release to the nation's television stations in 1957.

● After a lengthy controversy Diego Rivera, Mexico's famous artist, suddenly decided to remove the inscription "There Is No God" from one of his most controversial murals, that in Mexico City's swank Prado hotel. The mural shows Alameda Park and famous events that have occurred there. One section portrays the atheist Ignacio Ramirez making a speech in the park. It was on this section that Rivera had painted the inscription. Violent protests were made, particularly by Roman Catholics, at the time the painting was unveiled. Rivera refused at first to change the words, and the mural was concealed by a curtain. Now, the artist having capitulated, the inscription has been replaced by a label mentioning the speech, and the work is again on view.

## Baptist Briefs

● Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Church, Memphis, Tenn., and chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee was a recent visitor in Johannesburg, South Africa. He left home on June 18 for a visit to many places, among them Finland, Soviet Russia, Nigeria, and the Gold Coast. He arrived in Johannesburg July 24 to deliver an address at the Central Church there on July 25. The following day he left for a short visit to Southern Rhodesia.

● Future hopes of American Baptists will be as much in mind as past achievements when they meet in Philadelphia in 1957 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of organized Baptist work in America. Faith as recorded in Hebrews 11:1 to 12:2 has been chosen as the Scripture emphasis. "Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious" has been chosen as the convention hymn. These decisions were made by the program committee of the Convention when it

met in Chicago, Ill., July 20-21. The Philadelphia meeting of the American Baptist Convention will observe the 250th anniversary of the organization of the Philadelphia Baptist Association.

● The Baptist General Convention of Texas announced plans for 1,000 extension revivals during the next two months. Dr. C. Wade Freeman, superintendent of the Convention's evangelism department, predicted that Texas Baptists will baptize more than 75,000 converts during the current church year ending October 1. This is 4,890 more than last year's 70,110 converts. Dr. Freeman said extension revivals differ from regular church revivals in that they are usually held in non-church locations by workers who build a brush arbor, erect tents or rent a building for services.

● A very satisfactory conference, it is reported, took place between a representative of the government of Spain and leaders of the Baptist World Alliance in late July when Dr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., and Robert Denny, Washington, D. C., visited Madrid. Dr. Adams is president of the Baptist World Alliance and Mr. Denny is associate secretary for youth work. Topics discussed in the conference included the Protestant seminary that the Spanish government has closed, a closed Baptist church, policies regarding Protestant marriages and funerals, and the need for prompt means of appeal to the government. Rome, Athens, Beirut, and Jerusalem were also visited in this round-the-world trip.

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# Editorial

## The Currency of Heaven

EVERY CHRISTIAN ought to be concerned about his bank account with God. Have you laid up treasures in heaven? Are you rich toward God? Do you have a good bank balance in terms of the currency of heaven? The Lord Jesus Christ sharply warned his disciples against pre-occupation with the things of the world. "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Jesus exhorted them earnestly to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20).

The Bible is filled with allusions to the currency of heaven. It says a great deal about heavenly riches. It describes "a treasure in the heavens that faileth not." If every Christian could see this truth as clearly as the Bible portrays it, then our service as stewards of God would merit his highest approval.

This currency of heaven is God's grace, all-sufficient for every need, with which we have been bought unto eternal life. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Peter tells us that this is God's grace to usward, revealed in Christ, "by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." These are incorruptible riches which can be ours only through the faith of acceptance, which truly belong to the currency of heaven. Lay hold on this eternal life! Grow in this grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Purify your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit" (1 Peter 1:22).

This currency of heaven is also described in God's Word as "the riches in glory," the blessings of eternal life. The Apostle Paul depicts the currency as the "exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7). These are the matchless blessings of our abundant life in Christ, our victorious life through Christ, our eternal life with Christ. This is the currency that enables the Christian's testimony to shine with heavenly glory, "as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor. 6:10).

These treasures of heaven cannot be compared with all the wealth of the world. "For what would a man give in exchange for his soul?" God's treasures are assurance of forgiveness, peace of mind, complete joy, an understanding heart, victory over sin, pure thoughts, an increasing purpose, happy relationships with others and with God. These cannot be bought with money. These will never corrode nor be eaten away. They belong to the imperishable currency of heaven!

Dr. Earle V. Pierce in his book, "The Supreme Beatitude," tells the story of a devoted old lady of eighty years who placed into his hand a check for \$1,500 to be put into missionary service. It was partly as a memorial to her mother, who was so greatly interested in missions that in the poverty of pioneer days she skimmed on her own clothing and put into the Lord's work every cent she could save. But she also gave another reason, saying, "I heard you say once, 'The bank of heaven will never break.'" Her life as well as her deeds were well invested in God's heavenly riches.

At this Thanksgiving season of the year, consider earnestly how rich you are in the light of God's Word and the currency of heaven!

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# Beware of Covetousness!

A sermon on stewardship that points with directness at every reader and that can be the beginning of a new adventure with God!



By REV. JOHN E. GRYGO of Bismarek, North Dakota

"BEWARE of covetousness!" That was the passionate cry of our Lord. Much of our Savior's teaching ministry was devoted to warning. The words: "Beware," "Take heed," "Watch and pray," "Look," appear quite frequently in the gospels. George Goodman states that "the Lord's warnings are so true, so reasonable, and carry such conviction with them, that they appear gracious—the solemn, kind cautions of one who loves our souls and would save us from fatal mistakes."

## THE LOVE OF MONEY

The Lord warned us often of the danger of covetousness. He knew that "the love of money is the root of all evil." Its poison is able to kill love, destroy generosity, breed discontent, and fill man with worldly passions. Charlotte Bronte described it thus: "Where the money-god reigns, there is secret hatred, there is disgust, there is treachery, there is vice."

Jesus said that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. He warned that one might gain the whole world and lose the soul. He told of the rich man who lifted up his eyes in torment. He spoke of the fool who would pull down his barns and build bigger. He declared that "covetousness defileth a man," and that such a man "shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

Paul stated that "they which commit such things are worthy of death," that such people "shall have no inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God," that the church should "put away from among yourselves that wicked person," and that God's people "should not eat with such an one." These are disconcerting exhortations, indeed. Paul further stated that "covetousness is idolatry," which is the worship of a false god.

We usually define covetousness as an inordinate desire. It consists of the lust of getting and the greed of keeping. There is nothing wrong in desiring things we lack. It is quite proper to be dissatisfied with one's condition. It is not wrong for a Christian to better his position in life. But to demand more than is good for one is covetousness. And if the desire for money becomes a passion, then a bitter end is in sight. Covetousness may also mean love for praise, desire for honor, and lust for pleasure.

## SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

In the eyes of the world covetousness, however, has become fashionable and respectable. Money making is regarded as a virtue. How one gets the money is not being asked. But hoarding is sin. It invites the curse of God. "For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth."

The sad fact that this abominable sin is so brazenly enthroned in the church of Christ should alarm every true believer. A Christian writer stated recently that "the flag of covetousness is flying from every church steeple in Christendom." Apparently, the complaint of Jeremiah, "My peo-

## STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

In October and November there will be an emphasis on stewardship in many of our churches.

Bulletin inserts and special leaflets on stewardship have been sent to all churches for distribution on the Sundays of Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov. 11.



—Luoma Photo  
The acquisition, possession and distribution of money should be an experience with God; for the child of God knows that now God owns and man owes!

ple love to have it so," goes unheeded even in our days.

St. Francis de Sale revealed that in all his experience of the confessional, no one had ever confessed to him the sin of covetousness. Dwight L. Moody related to some friend that he had never once heard a man admit that he was covetous. Therein lies the danger. Covetousness grows. A man does not become covetous all at once. This particular vice becomes stronger in old age.

Organized Christianity today is trying to steer clear of drunkenness, fornication, and uncleanness. It's a commendable course, indeed. Churches are pronouncing anathemas upon crooks, thieves, and killers. Yea, they expel people for lesser evils. But why is covetousness so seldom dealt with? And why are the covetous very often humored or promoted, when the Bible solemnly declares that covetousness is the greatest barrier to the progress of the Kingdom of God? A modern Achan, or an Ahab, or an Ananias will only invite God's displeasure. No matter what position he may hold in the church, in the eyes of the Lord, he is not one of his flock.

## SERVING GOD OR MAMMON

They say that a miser can hear a thousand sermons about charity without the least damage to his pocket. Of course, there also are people who would not join the church because they do not want to share their income with the Lord. We should feel sorry for them. There also are those who allow themselves to be saved, to be baptized, to be joined, but go no farther. They profess to enjoy the blessings of public worship. They say that belonging to the church gives them prestige in the community. They love to take part in the program of the church; it gives them an opportunity to shine. Yet in matters of mone-

tary sacrifice, they are a blank identity.

In every church service there is a kind that will nod hypocritical approval to the reading of God's Word, especially to such a passage, "Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin," but inwardly they are squirming like a worm on an angler's hook.

There also is a kind of person who can manifest some ill-begotten courage. At every proposal, no matter how essential or noble, they are voicing strong objections. They will say that it costs too much money. Whose money? Not their's, to be sure. Their sorry behavior reminds us of the Pharisees, who after hearing the Lord declare that one cannot serve God and mammon, chose to deride him.

We also have with us those who give only spasmodically. Their whole life is governed by feelings. From their giving one knows at once that their feelings are not controlled by the Spirit of God. When confronted, they will try to justify their un-Christian attitude by saying that they have their reasons for not giving. Paul must have met such characters also in his days.



"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Phil. 1:29).

He wrote of such: "If any provide not for his own, especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

We maintain that it would do a dying miser more good to have repentance pointed out to him than the reading of the whole book of Psalms. For if he dies as a miser, he will perish with all that he has. Thoughtful Christians have often wondered why some "poor" fellows have left so much behind after their departure. The old devil must have had a good laugh during the funeral oration.

Beneath much of the disappointment in church life is selfishness. How many Christians are in the habit of making mockery of Biblical giving! Yet they expect to hear some day the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The indictment of Ezekiel's contemporaries, "They sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after covetousness," applies to our time also. J. Clyde Turner once made this weighty statement: "The failure of the Christian people to practice scriptural giving is due not so much to lack of knowledge, as to lack of willingness."

## LIVING CHURCHES TODAY

How often have we heard the phrase: "Nothing is happening here." Why should something happen? Why should God allow something to happen? It still is true: "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

But great things are happening in many places. Souls are being saved. There is never lack of funds. Missionary giving is on the increase. Building projects are courageously undertaken. Not only pastors, but also servants of God, thousands of miles away, are being supported. Truly, living churches are giving churches, and where there is life, there is growth, progress, and power.

It was none other than Jesus, who said that covetousness has its roots in the heart of man. We read recently in one of Spurgeon's sermons of a man who, when asked to make a special contribution for the church replied, "All you need is to get my heart, and I'll give you all the money you want." How terribly true!

It is not a change of heart that some people need, but a new heart. And a new heart is Christ's greatest compliment. Now old practices are no longer adhered to. Former concepts have been discarded. Selfishness has been dethroned. Now the acquisition, possession, and distribution of money have become an experience with God; for the child of God knows that now God owns and man owes!

## OUR DENOMINATIONAL GIVING

As we compare our giving with other groups, we are not doing so badly proportionally. However, as we study the contributions of some groups, our hearts ought to feel less stout. Proportionally, Moslems, Mormons, Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah Witnesses, Nazarenes, and Regular Baptists give much more than we North American Baptists. Where is our denominational pride? If Israel also could give the tenth, why can't we, "who in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy?"



"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26.)

Well, certain people do say that our Lord did not command us to give the tenth. Did he revoke the requirement? Read this: "For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God; these ought ye have done, and not leave the other undone."

Again, other people argue that tithing is meant only for rich people. Indeed? Have we heard of a man who started tithing after he became a millionaire? But we have records of rich men, who started tithing while they were poor. Allow me to mention a few: Mr. Penny, Mr. Crowell, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Colgate, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Deaney, Mr. LeTourneau.

Here is a testimony by Publisher Glenn Clark: "Tithing brought a new element of intense happiness into our home. Never did we have so much fun spending money as we did in distributing the tenth share which we brought into the storehouse of the Lord."

God's Word says: "All the tithes of the land are mine." "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine." "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "Ye are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Have we a right to ignore these precious sayings?

## GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF GOD

How grateful we are for those in our ranks who consistently have practiced giving the tenth to the Lord! They are the pride of every pastor, and an honor to their God. We have found them to be the happiest Christians in our churches.

God has given us a wonderful work. With its blessed growth, greater demands are coming in. Yes, also greater demands for money. Why are we holding back? Why are we blocking the progress of God's work? You should know why. Remember the warning of our Lord: "Beware of covetousness!"



# I Met God in the Fire!

A Personal, Reassuring Testimony by REV. WALTER HOFFMAN of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

"For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire . . ." (Deuteronomy 4:24).

AS I LOOK BACK to the way the Lord has led me in the past number of months, I can only praise him for his wonderful leading. It all seems like a dream, and then too as a mystery. I trust that this testimony will prove a blessing to those who have doubts and fears and that you may be drawn closer to the Lord Jesus.

## SENT TO THE SANATORIUM

In the fall of 1955 I went to my family doctor to have a physical check-up for the simple reason that I didn't have all the pep that I had had before. The doctor started a line of investigation that brought along with it the suggestion that I go to the sanatorium for treatment of tuberculosis of the kidney.

This was certainly sad news for me and my wonderful family that God has given me. When I informed my church of the decision that I had to make, they decided to have my wife take charge of the services in my absence. This she was willing and able to do as God gave her strength.

Before I went to the sanatorium, my church joined me in prayer at my request that God might have his way and be glorified through this experience. With the prayer of faith we were assured that God had already undertaken.

On April 16th of this year I entered the Fort Quapelle Sanatorium of Saskatchewan.

The doctors at the sanatorium held a consultation concerning my particu-

lar case. Their results were "T.B. of the kidney," for the treatment of which they prescribed a portion of drugs as well as confinement to the sanatorium for 18 months. This news was not the best of news to hear, but I prayed: "Lord, if this is your way, then help me to be patient to endure, and to be a faithful servant of thine in giving forth the Gospel in the place where thou hast placed me."

The Bible was my daily bread as I read for my soul's need day by day. It proved to be my part of God's portion day by day. The promises of his Word were mine to claim and to prove true in my life.

May 12th was a wonderful day. There were the regular rounds of this and that. When the mail arrived that day, I received two cards that had as their greetings a wish that God would begin his work of restoration TODAY. That day seemed to be a fairly ordinary one, but that evening before lights were turned out, I again took my Bible and read a portion of God's Word.

I had been reading through the book of Psalms, and on this night I was reading Psalm 38, 39 and 40. The third verse of the 39th Psalm impressed me with these words: "My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned; then spake I with my tongue." I had my prayer and then turned out the light for the night. (The time was 10:00 P.M.) At 10:15 P.M. I developed a tremendous fever for which I cannot account, because I was not sick and had no pain. This fever continued to get worse to the extent that I called in a nurse to

inform her of it, but she didn't seem to think that it was anything to be alarmed about.

The portion of Scripture came to me, "My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned . . ." and it was hot, Hot, HOT! I felt as if I were burning up. At that moment I spoke to the Lord. I do not know why I prayed thus, but I prayed that God might have his way. I said, "Lord, if I am to die this night, I commit my wife and family into your care. I also commit my church into your care and lost souls who do not know thee."

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

When I had prayed this prayer and I was ready to die for the cause of Christ, at that moment the fever left me and I knew that this was the work of the Lord. From that moment on until I left the sanatorium, I felt the definite leading of the Holy Spirit in my life. I left the sanatorium on June 2nd, having spent 47 days in that institution.

God has blessed the faith and trust in him so that I feel restored this day because of what God has done. All of this was an answer to the prayers of God's people all over the length and breadth of this land of ours.

## NEW PICTURES FOR MISSIONARY PACKET

Four new pictures have been added to the Missionary Packet, making a total of 34 photographs of all of our missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa; Japan, the Indian Reserves, and the Spanish-American fields. The new pictures are those of Delores Henne and Geraldine Glasenapp, missionary-nurses in Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas; and the most recent family picture of the Neumans on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve of Saskatchewan.

The entire packet of pictures is available at \$1.00 postpaid from 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. If you secured your packet of pictures during the past year and you desire only the latest four pictures, then these will be sent free to you upon request. But state that you desire only the most recent four pictures for your Missionary Packet.

These clear rotogravure pictures (size 5 x 7 inches) are on durable paper and are very fine for missionary exhibit purposes or to be placed on your church's bulletin board. Every church as well as each missionary group should have a set of these pictures.

EDITOR.

# Children at the Banso Hospital

By Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Missionary-nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroons, West Africa

WHEN JESUS WALKED upon this earth, we know that he rebuked those who thought children were not important enough to deserve the attention of the Master. Here at Banso Hospital much time and labor are spent in caring for the little ones who are brought for healing. We have a ten-bed children's ward, but the morning census is usually much more than that, sometimes as high as 20 or 22. Infectious cases and the overflow, after the children's ward holding two in each bed, are put in the adjoining women's ward.

## THE CHILDREN'S WARD

In taking the census of the children's ward, one should always double the number, since each child has a relative staying with him day and night. By 9 p.m. all baby beds are empty and the relatives and patients are stretched out on a mat on the cement floor completely covered over with a blanket. I have often wondered how nurses manage to identify the children and get them untangled when they make their rounds to do their 10:00 p.m. medications.

There was a time when I thought I was accomplishing something by making the mothers put the babies to bed when I caught them all stretched out on the floor. Now I know that that was a very useless effort, because half an hour after I left the ward, everyone was back in their more normal position, and I had only managed to interrupt their sleep.

One always has certain "outstanding" cases among the many hundreds of patients in a hospital, and so I would like to introduce you to three children and their families, who are quite typical cases and who will always strike a tender note in my memory.

## NDABO'S TERRIBLE BURNS

First of all, there is Ndabo. One afternoon soon after I returned from England, I was going back to work when I met four people carrying a 2½-year-old child wrapped in dirty blankets on a bamboo stretcher. They had come from a great distance carrying this child who had been badly burned two days before. Since the doctor was gone for the day, I proceeded to admit the child. She just lay unnaturally quiet with not a whimper as I removed the clothes and proceeded to wash the burned area (both legs and the abdomen to the waist) and peeled off huge pieces of charred skin. The child had suffered such severe shock that she seemed unable to cry.

There was something about Ndabo that made you fall in love with her at

first sight, and it made me very sad indeed because I really didn't think she would ever recover. A few days later Ndabo's mother was admitted to "Maternity" where she delivered another baby girl. This left Ndabo a bit lonely because there was only her brother to care for her when the mother returned home after she and the new baby were discharged. The burns healed up in a miraculous way, until one day we decided it was time for Ndabo to "try her legs." To our

when I reached there, there was a mother half lying on the floor trying to support and comfort her infant which was coughing almost continuously and it seemed that every breath would be her last. To my amazement, I discovered that it was one of "my" babies. When I questioned the mother about the duration of the illness, she said that the baby had been in this condition for three days.

With a cry of dismay I said, "Why didn't you bring the baby sooner?"



Children of the Cameroons, Africa, showing the children of Sam Gabe (left) of the New Hope Settlement, and Bamenda children waiting for Sunday School to begin (right).

dismay, she refused to move her legs—the scar tissue had drawn up her knees quite tightly.

Ndabo had become the pet of Miss Margaret Kittlitz, too, so Kitty decided to try out some of her good nursing measures—massage, splints, and finally traction. After weeks of patient working and waiting and discouraging moments, when the indifference of Ndabo's brother and our nursing staff would almost drive one to distraction, Ndabo walked. The day her father came to take her home, she really turned on the smiles and that, coupled with her beautiful big, brown, smiling eyes, was a picture one can never forget.

## BONGFEN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE

My first meeting with Bongfen was at 2:00 a.m. one morning when I helped to usher her into the world. Exactly seven weeks later, I was on my way home from "Maternity" at 11:30 p.m. when something seemed to compel me to step into the children's ward. As I neared the ward, I heard the very labored breathing of an infant and

Her answer of "He go be me?" coupled with a look of despair in her eyes spoke volumes to me. It spoke to me of older women who are highly respected here and who are still suspicious of the white man and like to try their own methods first and who will tell a young mother, "I didn't bring you up in the white man's way, and look what you are today." Also it spoke of those who would point their fingers at the mother and say, "You say you are a Christian; if your God is so powerful, can't he heal your child?" Or again, some well-meaning person may have said, "Do you not know that the white man's hospital is a place where people go to die?"

But Angelina had managed to escape these people and find her way to the hospital, a place in which she had utmost confidence. I ran up to my house to get my bottle of Vicks Vapo-rub and instructed the mother and nurse that someone must sit up with the child all night. I stayed around long enough to decide that the baby seemed to get some relief that way.

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The Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman (back row, 4th and 5th from left) and Mr. R. Bohn, superintendent (right, back row).





"The world has but one path to peace. Only the power of Christ in the hearts of men can deliver it from fear and savagery and the perils of Communism." Dr. R. Paul Caudill, "A Minister Looks at His World."

# Communism's Challenge to the Church

This article is based upon a message preached at the 1956 Northwestern Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.



By REV. HAROLD W. TIETJEN,  
Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"Knowledge is power," someone has said, and nowhere is this more true than in the Church of the Living God. The Word of God is our source of true knowledge, and the God of the Word is our source of power.

In order for us to take up the challenge that is set before us in Communism, it is imperative that we have some knowledge of the basic principles of the theories of Karl Marx. Communism is a religion! Yes, Communism is a religion . . . a religion of promise. "If you follow us and our teachings," say the Communists, "we will build for you a better world, a world that is free from want, hardship, suffering, yes, even free from sin. A world in which lasting peace prevails."

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? These promises have appeal to a vast majority of the people in the world today. They have appeal even to some Christians who believe that they parallel the work of the church in our day. But let us examine the methods by which the Communists claim they will bring about the changes which will create a better world.

## COMMUNISM'S BASIC PRINCIPLES

We must understand at least three of the basic principles of Communism to recognize the danger in this "religion." The first of these is ATHEISM. Communism at its very heart is atheistic. It denies any form of supernaturalism. By rejecting God, Communism logically can refuse any idea

of sin, personal or collective. There is no heaven to gain; no hell to shun.

The Communist then is free to act according to the dictates of the party with utter disregard for moral or civil law. I remind my readers of God's commentary upon this phase of Communist philosophy, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable good" (Psalm 53:1).

The second principle is MATERIALISM. Since, in Communist thinking, there is no God, this universe is merely "matter in motion." Man himself, having no soul, is simply the result of the forces of energy in the world since the one cell organisms began to multiply. Evolution is a logical explanation to the Communist for man as he exists today. The mind of man secretes "thoughts," just as other organs of the body secrete necessary fluids. Communists are materialists to the extreme.

It is easy to see how, in Communist thinking, man loses all dignity. He is quite expendable. In fact, every true Communist from the moment he becomes a party member becomes, in the words of one of their prominent leaders, "a dead man on furlough." He recognizes that the only important question to be answered before any course of action is, "Is it for the good of the party?"

This will explain in part the remark

of a young French Communist who said to Billy Graham recently, "If the party told me I had to put my own mother to death, I would do so without a moment's hesitation." He might have added that he would take his own life just as readily. My dear reader, do you begin to see why Communism is able to gain such ground in so little time? What a rebuke to us who sometimes glibly sing, "All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give . . ."

The third basic principle of Communism is ECONOMIC DETERMINISM. This belief can become extremely complicated in its explanation, but, for the purposes of this article, I shall confine myself to a simple statement of the essentials. I am indebted to the writings of, and conversations with, Dr. Fred Schwartz of Australia, a recognized authority on the teachings of Communism for these principles.

## WHAT COMMUNISTS CALL "PEACE"

The character of man, who, you will remember, has no soul and who evolved from a one-cell organism, is forged entirely by his economic environment. That is, if man lives in a capitalistic society, his thoughts, words, actions, ambitions are a direct result of that economic system. In order to change the character or nature of man, it is imperative that the capitalistic system be utterly destroyed. This economic system is "evil," say the Communists.

It is the cause of the "sinful nature" in mankind.

Karl Marx discovered that a "state of war" exists between the forces of Capitalism and the forces of Communism. Believing in the law of opposing forces (up-down, good-evil, etc.), he reasoned that the "good" forces of Communism would ultimately overthrow the "evil" forces of Capitalism and the result would be what the Communists call "peace." This "peace" would be one based upon force and unrestricted by law! If, in order to enforce this "peace," the Communists had to shoot you, you might take consolation in the fact that it would be with a "peaceful" bullet fired from a "peaceful" gun!

Once this state of "peace" has been arrived at, the Communists will proceed rapidly with the following steps: 1. Liquidation of those classes in society hopelessly tainted by "capitalistic" or bourgeois ideology. 2. Use of others not so hopelessly tainted as slave laborers. 3. Re-education of remaining classes in "personality hospitals" provided "free" by the State. (These are concentration camps with a different name!) 4. Education of new born members of the Communist State. 5. Emergence of the "perfect" society.

Is this the kind of a world we want? Is this the way in which God will bring about his purposes for his people? The Word of God says definitely not!

But the Communists are educated in their doctrines. They know what they are doing. They know what they want. They are evangelists in fervor! They will not spare themselves in preaching the gospel of godlessness! They are dedicated in purpose. They will stop at nothing short of the full realization of the Communist-dominated world! They know our weakness and exploit them to their advantage. They are far superior in craftiness and lawlessness. They are vastly superior in numerical strength and are gaining new "converts" every day. They seem to be quickly overtaking us in the technological race. They are most successful in infiltration. The situation is most alarming and critical. WHAT CAN WE DO? WHAT MUST WE DO?

## FOUR-FOLD ATTACK

We must approach the challenge of Communism in much the same way that a surgeon approaches the challenge of a malignant cancer in the body of his patient. He knows that unless he takes immediate steps to destroy the cancer, it will ultimately destroy the patient! Our course of action is clear. It calls for immediate action on the part of every born-again child of God! It calls for intensified effort on the part of those who are in positions of leadership within the church! The methods we adopt are simple, direct, yet can be wonderfully effective.

I am suggesting this four-fold at-



Rev. Harold W. Tietjen, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

tack and pray to God that each of you will take up the challenge and enjoy the fruits of victory!

1. EDUCATION: We must know as much as possible about the enemy, his beliefs, his methods, his strength. I believe that every Bible School and Seminary should have a course on: "The Danger of Communism and How to Thwart It." We need to prepare our missionaries for the evils they will encounter on the field. Then we need to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Yes, we must know God's plan and purpose not only for our own lives but for the world. God help us to spend the time and expend the effort necessary to learn his Word. Every Communist spends much time in learning the principles of Communism and how they work. Can we do less with God's holy Work?

Up to this point it seems that the average Christian falls far behind the average Communist in a desire to gain a working knowledge of the living principles of his beliefs. Will you, my reader, enlist for God, and allow the Holy Spirit to educate you in the purposes of God?

## EVANGELIZING THE WORLD

2. EVANGELIZATION. I wonder if we as Christians realize that we hold the hope of the world in our hands! We know the living and true God. We have his power within us to help us win the lost for Christ. We have his command . . . "ye shall be My witnesses." We lack nothing, except an all consuming passion to win men for Christ. God has committed to us the message of reconciliation. What are we doing with our commission? Better still, what are YOU doing, dear friend?

We must give ourselves to this task! We must give our money that mission-

aries may go forth! We must hold the ground already won for Christ and determine that we will daily go forward. May each of us declare, with the Apostle Peter: "I cannot but speak the things which I have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Again, the Communists are busy, very busy, in evangelizing the world with their "gospel." They are flooding many countries with literature extolling the virtues of the Communistic way of life. Meanwhile, our missionaries are pleading for Gospel literature, asking for greater prayer support, encouraging us to greater vision of what must be done if we are to be victorious. Are YOU doing your part?

3. DEDICATION. The followers of Karl Marx think nothing of making any sacrifice for the good of the party. A known Communist was met by an acquaintance who was not a member of the party at midnight. The Communist was asked where he was going at such an hour. He replied that he was going to a party meeting. His friend was surprised and said that he did not believe anyone would be present. He was informed that without question EVERYONE who was supposed to be there would be! The Communist went on to say that he gave one-third of his time and one-half of half of his income to the party! I know of no Christian who gives of himself so unstintingly to the Lord's work (and I place myself under the same condemnation). Does not the Word of God state, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37)?

## THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET WEAPON

If it be admitted that the Communists can match our desires for knowledge, our evangelistic zeal, our dedication of purpose, it must also be admitted that they are destined to failure because of our secret weapon! SUPPLICATION is the one weapon that the Communists do not possess. It is the only weapon against which they cannot find any defense. It is the one weapon that will turn the tide to victory for God if it is used effectively by every Christian.

The reason for this is obvious. Prayer makes use, not of our own sometimes feeble strength, but of the all-prevailing power of God! Oh, my friends, if you receive nothing else from these words will you in simple faith in the Word of God determine that you will pray effectively for the glory of God?

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds); casting down imaginations (reasonings) and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).



# Your Denominational Budget

The second of a series of articles with the story of our denominational budget by Mr. A. Schwerin, chairman of the Finance Committee

IN MY LAST ARTICLE in the August 23, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald" I tried to tell you about the way the various co-operating organizations go about making up their individual budgets. After the budgets have been made up and approved by their respective boards, they are forwarded to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and assembled.

The procedures to be followed are all clearly outlined in the General Conference Constitution. The Finance Committee is entrusted with the duty of going over the individual budgets and recommending to the General Council how much each organization shall receive and the grand total. It does not pass upon matters of policy. When funds are requested that will raise the level of expenditures or for the acquisition of additional property for purposes of operation or expansion, including all plans for the raising of finances, all of these items are referred to the General Council for final decision.

## BUDGET REQUESTS

The first item at which the Finance Committee looks when it receives the budget from Dr. Woyke and the Comptroller is the column showing the sum total of all of the amounts requested by the various co-operating organizations. Then it goes over the record of contributions received for the budget for the previous year and some of the other years, in order to determine, if possible, the trend of economic conditions and prospects for raising money for the coming year. Since there are men on the committee from different parts of the country, engaged in various activities, this discussion is very helpful.

This spring when the committee met, the budget totals amounted to \$570,953.66. The year before they had been \$617,124.85. All organizations had been previously advised that it would be necessary for them to reduce their requests to the lowest point possible.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1955 and again in 1956, our budget receipts were not sufficient to take care of our budget allotments. We were in the same position as the young bride who had been trying to run her household on a budget. One evening while she was sitting at her desk and going over the bills, she turned around to her husband and said: "Honey, what do we do now? I have run out of money before I ran out of budget." And that is exactly what we did as a denomination.

In spite of the large national production, high level of employment and large national income, we found ourselves spending money out of our reserves that had been built up over a period of more than 20 years. Faced with this fact, there was only one answer.

Our budget for the year ending March 31, 1956 called for \$538,000.00. Our actual budget collections amounted to \$479,300.00, leaving a deficit of \$58,700.00.

After prayerful consideration it was decided to set the 1956-1957 budget at \$500,000.00. This was \$38,000.00 less than the year before, but \$20,700.00 more than the previous year's budget income. The committee felt that if our people knew of the emergency of our

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1957

### GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Home Missions	\$ 99,000.00
Home Missions Building	6,000.00
Cameroons Mission—Operating	111,167.37
Cameroons Mission—Building	15,000.00
Japan Mission—Operating	22,000.00
Austrian Mission—Operating	11,592.00
Austrian Mission—Building	421.63
Administration	25,534.00
Total General Missionary Society	\$290,715.00

### OTHER COOPERATING SOCIETIES

Roger Williams Press	
Operating	\$ 20,000.00
Bible Day	3,000.00
North American Baptist	
Seminary	30,000.00
Christian Training Institute	14,325.00
Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship	14,000.00
Sunday School Union	18,750.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800.00
Total Other Cooperating Societies	\$101,935.00

### HOMES FOR THE AGED

Chicago	\$ 600.00
Philadelphia	600.00
Portland	600.00
Bismarck	600.00
Medicine Hat	600.00
Total Homes for the Aged	\$ 3,000.00

### DENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

Chapel Building Fund	\$ 3,000.00
North American Baptists, Inc.	
Pension Fund	12,000.00
Aged Ministers and Relief	6,000.00
Promotional and Publicity Expense	29,600.00
Conference, Council and Denominational Administration Expense	28,750.00
Fellowship Fund	5,000.00
Denominational Budget Reserve	20,000.00
Total Denominational Dpt's	\$104,350.00

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Church Extension Fund Goal 1956-1957	\$ 50,000.00
God's Volunteers	6,000.00
Total Budget and Special Projects	\$556,000.00

needs for funds, they would gladly respond, and thus permit our co-operating organizations to go forward with their work. Even though this \$500,000 was not on hand, the committee had and has faith that the Lord will bless our work, our people and endure them with the spirit of giving and sacrifice that our goal may be reached.

## \$500,000 BUDGET

After the decision to make the goal of your denominational budget \$500,000, the committee was faced with the problem of cutting the total requests of \$570,953.66 down to the amount determined upon and to do this so that no organization would suffer undue hardship and be unable to carry out its assigned tasks.

This meant hours of going over individual items in each budget, comparing it with previous years' estimates and actual expenditures. Each co-operating organization had been asked to send a representative to the budget meeting so that he might explain any unusual items in his budget to the committee. These men met with committee and, with their co-operation, reductions were made wherever possible. Little by little we gradually got closer and closer to our goal.

Finally late in the evening, just in time for some of the members to catch their train for home, the finishing touches were applied.

Two weeks later this budget was referred to the General Council, and with their approval became your denominational budget for the coming year.

## CHILDREN AT BANSO

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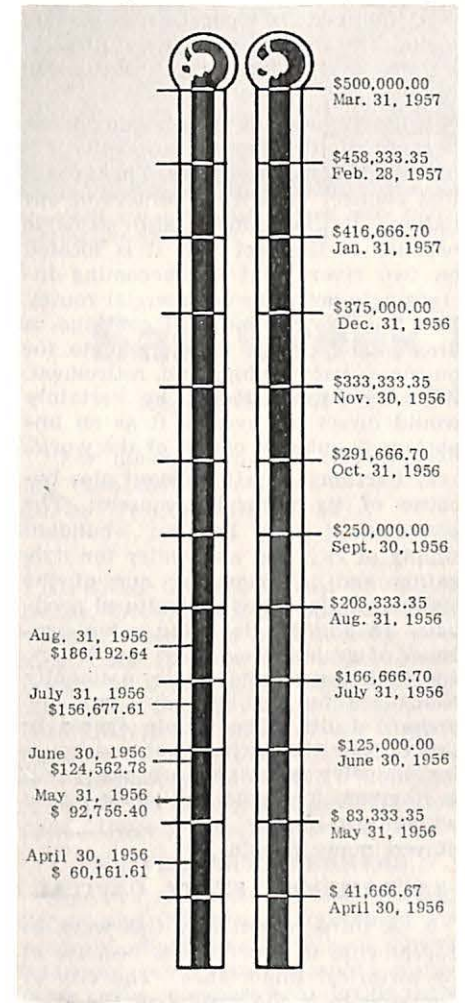
My first question the next morning was, "Did Angelina's baby die?" No, she was still fighting for her life and a week later was well and ready to go home. When I said goodbye to Angelina and reminded her that she must give praise only to God for the child's recovery, she said, "Yes, sister," in a tone of voice filled with triumph.

Along with our joys over these "miracles," which are done through God's love and power, are discouraging cases where we sometimes question "Why?" Such a one is Abraham. His parents are very active members of one of our Baptist churches about 30 miles from here. Three years ago their baby died here at Banso Hospital. I remember so vividly how Elizabeth, the mother, was comforted when we

## General Conference Missions Budget

Amount  
Contributed  
for Budget

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reminded her at that time that she would surely see her baby again.

About eight weeks ago, Elizabeth came to us again with a five-month-old baby, saying that he just didn't seem to be feeling well. Abraham was here about four weeks, a very friendly, fat baby. I admired the mother greatly, knowing how difficult it was for her to try to manage so far away.

Abraham went home apparently improved but returned a week later and since then has been getting steadily worse. I can no longer greet Elizabeth with a cheery "Good morning!" I can only tell her in my poor pidgin English that we can only pray to God, and try by my look of sympathy to make her burden easier.

So as we try to help these little ones, we are often reminded of the words of Jesus, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and our prayer is that in our ministry to them their relatives may see the love of Christ and be led to Him.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Oct. 19-21—Pacific Northwest Association at Spokane, Washington.  
Oct. 24-25—Executive Committee meeting, Woman's Missionary Union, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. R. Schilke

Oct. 20-21—New England Association at Rock Hill Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Oct. 18—Nokomis, Saskatchewan.  
Oct. 19—Jansen, Saskatchewan.  
Oct. 20—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.  
Oct. 21 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Fenwood, Sask.  
Oct. 22-24—Saskatchewan Association at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.  
Oct. 28 (Sunday)—North American Baptist Churches, Los Angeles, California.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Oct. 21 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Oct. 19-21—Tenth Anniversary Program, Underwood, North Dakota.  
Oct. 26 (Friday)—Ordination of Mr. Henry G. Ramus, First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Denominational

Evangelist  
Oct. 25-Nov. 1—Jamesburg, N. J.

## W.M.U. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Oct. 24-25—Session of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee at Forest Park, Illinois.

## COMING CONVENTIONS

Oct. 18-21—Pacific Northwest Association at Spokane, Wash. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 20-21—New England Association at Rock Hill Church, Boston, Massachusetts. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 22-24—Saskatchewan Association at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 25-27—Oklahoma Association at Immanuel Church, Loyal, Okla.

Nov. 1-4—California Association at Temple Church, Lodi, California. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

Nov. 8-11—Oregon Association at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

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## PLAN NOW for Your Part in the THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK November 18 to 25, 1956

## AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1956	Aug., 1955	Aug., 1954
Atlantic	\$ 1,419.66	\$ 1,259.38	\$ 1,107.52
Central	5,099.75	5,329.51	7,799.36
Dakota	1,830.81	2,427.27	2,064.67
Eastern	857.16	1,126.55	1,656.18
Northern	1,493.47	570.45	968.19
Northwestern	4,598.84	6,809.17	2,872.60
Pacific	8,520.33	2,086.44	1,901.80
Southern	4,729.89	157.65	2,073.98
Southwestern	4,292.04	6,117.57	3,356.93
Inter-Conference	138.50		102.93
Total Contributions	\$32,980.45	\$25,883.99	\$23,904.16

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of August, 1956	\$29,515.03	\$ 3,465.42	\$32,980.45
For the month of August, 1955	23,688.86	2,195.13	25,883.99
For the month of August, 1954	22,324.59	1,579.57	23,904.16

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1956 to August 31, 1956	\$186,192.64	\$19,078.95	\$205,271.59
April 1, 1955 to August 31, 1955	169,466.63	17,036.88	186,503.51
April 1, 1954 to August 31, 1954	188,245.46	5,125.66	193,371.12



# Willow Rancho, the Untrodden Path

The story of our Church Extension project in Sacramento, California

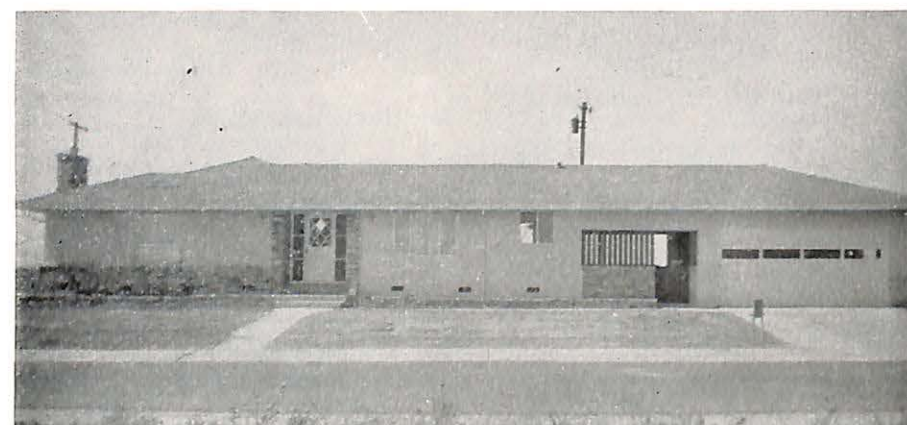
By REV. CLARENCE H. WALTH, Pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, California

JOSHUA, in the Old Testament, encourages the children of Israel to walk, what seems to us, a difficult path because they had not passed that way previously. Without boats or bridges, by trusting in God, they crossed the Jordan River.

The Willow Rancho district of Sacramento, Calif., as also many other new growing areas represent "Untrodden Paths" to Christian people everywhere. There is a parallel between the position of the ancient Israelites and the North American Baptists of today.

## GREAT PROSPECTS

God has pointed to Church Extension and has brought to our attention his will in launching out into these untrodden paths that have opened up. What value would it have been for Israel to have marched after the pillar



The "dual purpose parsonage" of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., serving as a church sanctuary and also as a manse for Rev. and Mrs. Clarence H. Walth.

of cloud, given by God to guide them through the wilderness where there were no rivers or enemies, and then refuse to cross the River Jordan?

Our denominational General Council has set a goal for us in the new fiscal year of \$50,000 for Church Extension. By reaching and going beyond this modest goal, we can express our response to God who is urging us to walk an untrodden path.

There is something fascinating about going into new and unchurched areas. The joy of seeing fruit for our labors is most gratifying. Since moving from the rented store building to the permanent site at the Willow Rancho district in Sacramento, Calif., the attendance has continued to grow. The idea originally was that the present building would provide sufficient room for a period of at least a year. This dual purpose parsonage, where the pastor and his family now reside has become inadequate after only a few months.

## CHURCH EXTENSION OBJECTIVE

**\$50,000.00**

By March 31, 1957.

What will be your gift in response to these Macedonian calls and worthy Church Extension opportunities?

On Sunday, June 17, 1956, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was present with us for the morning service during which he spoke to a record breaking capacity crowd. For a chapel that was designed to hold about one hundred people, that morning service brought forth an overflowing number of one hundred twenty-nine persons.

Fund to those who share the burden for the lost.

A number of conclusive factors make Sacramento extremely promising as a city for Church Extension work.

1. Sacramento is a promising work because of its geographic location. It is located on some very busy roads that connect vital trade centers of our nation. Its location is also strategic because of the fact that it is located on two rivers that are becoming increasingly active as commercial routes. This has drawn, and will continue to draw many people to Sacramento for business, vacationing, and retirement. Were Paul living today, he certainly would direct his eyes to it as an important population center of the world.

2. Sacramento is important also because of its natural resources. The surrounding area has an abundant supply of rich soil and water for irrigation and is, therefore, one of the leading producers of agricultural products. In addition to being a big producer of grain, cereal, hay, vegetables, and dairy products, it is nationally recognized for its beautiful crop of orchard fruits. The people drawn to this city by the agricultural and housing industry combined are not small in number. The gold and silver mines which are nearby have always employed many people.

## SACRAMENTO, STATE CAPITAL

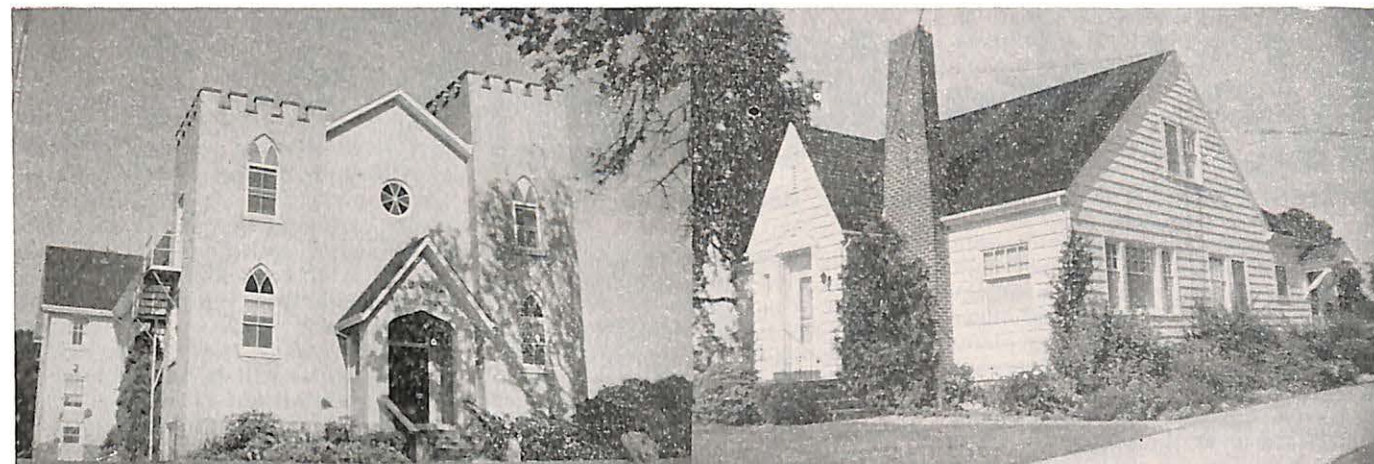
3. A third reason why this work in Sacramento is expedient is because of its historical importance. The city of Sacramento is the capital of the state of California, making it the administrative headquarters of the state. The 30 acre park, on which the capitol building rests, is maintained and visited by many thousands of people each year. A recent estimate of the now huge expanding city is about 170,000 persons. Another fact of historic significance is that we have had brethren living here for many years. Even before 1930 there were families of our fellowship living in Sacramento without a church home.

As is true in many other areas, the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento represents an "Untrodden Path" to our people of the North American Baptist Conference. The great crying need and the evident results that can be noticed are signs that God is blessing and opening the way to his children today, as he did for the children of Israel when they were confronted with an untrodden path. Will you help us in our hour of need?

## 17 CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

As North American Baptists we have begun 17 Church Extension Projects or come to their financial aid. The encouraging story of these 17 projects will be reviewed on this page and the latest developments described.

EDITOR.



The Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon (left), which recently observed its 60th anniversary, and the fine parsonage adjoining the church, of which Rev. and Mrs. Robert Penner and family are the present occupants.

# Salt Creek Church's 60th Anniversary

Report from the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, by MRS. ROBERT PENNER

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

and several bouquets were presented to the church in honor of our celebration.

it was destroyed by fire. Without delay the old parsonage was replaced by the building of today.

On March 5, 1950, an annex containing ten Sunday School rooms, a fellowship room and a modern kitchen was dedicated.

## FOURTEEN MINISTERS

Sixty years have brought the services of fourteen ministers: Reverends Gustav Schunke, Gustav Eichler, Henry Wedel, George Ehrhorn, Frank Orthner, Fred Bartel, Wm. J. Derksen, R. E. Reschke, P. G. Neumann, John Hiebert, Otto Nallinger, Walter Radke, Emanuel Wolff, and Robert Penner. Each in his own way has sown the seed, and God has graciously given his blessing on the work.

From the church have gone forth Rev. Henry Schroeder and Rev. John Giesbrecht to serve in the ministry; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider as missionaries to the Cameroons in Africa; and Mrs. and Mrs. A. Edward Janzen as Sunday School workers.

Members of the church continuously for fifty years or over are: Katie Schroeder, Herman May, William Villwock, Otto and Lena May, Hulda Markwart, Jacob and George Voth and Martha Buhler.

Many changes have taken place in the past sixty years, but as we turn from the past to the future we cannot other than say with the Apostle Paul, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Suffering Servant, it nevertheless ends on a note of triumph. This moment of tragic defeat has in it the seeds of eternal victory. The One who was rejected must be accepted; he who was despised is now glorified.

## BIBLE ANNIVERSARY CAKE

Refreshments were served after the anniversary service to a host of members, guests and friends. The anniversary cake was in the form of an open Bible. Mrs. Frieda May, daughter of the first pastor, poured the coffee and Mrs. Katie Schroeder, member of the church for 58 years, served the punch.

Interesting mementos and pictures were displayed in our fellowship room. The original communion set and table were among the cherished possessions. Souvenir booklets and plates were made for this memorable event.

The Salt Creek Baptist Church was organized with twelve members on July 19, 1896, by Rev. Gustav Schunke who was proclaiming the Gospel in the Willamette Valley as state missionary at that time. The first church was dedicated in December 1897 and in 1899 a parsonage was erected. A goodly number were added to the church by letter and baptism so that in the year 1903 the church building became too small, whereupon an addition was built to the original building. In the same year the church also became self-supporting.

The larger and more beautiful edifice of today was erected in 1923. On October 15, 1938, a misfortune came to the occupants of the parsonage when

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

are on the march!

See this page in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

Pray for this evangelistic band and their witness for Christ.

## ANNIVERSARY SPEAKERS

On Friday evening the Sunday School and CBY groups presented the program. Past Sunday School superintendents and young people's presidents spoke of experiences during their time of service. Among these was Henry Voth, Sr., first Sunday School superintendent, who served for 25 years. Interspersed with the speakers were various musical numbers. A youth choir and orchestra were formed especially for the occasion, and we were favored with several selections from each.

It was an honor to have Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker for the morning worship hour on Sunday, July 22, and the special anniversary service at 3:00 P.M. In his timely messages we were challenged to greater heights of service. Anthems of praise were rendered by our choir at both services. Churches of the Oregon Association were invited to the afternoon service and brought congratulatory greetings.

A lovely painting of our first church building together with our present edifice was framed with a wreath of flowers and used as a background for other floral arrangements. A plant



# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

This meditation was given at the meeting of the Central Conference Woman's Missionary Union in Lansing, Mich., on the theme, "Everyone at Work for Jesus," by Mrs. Eric Kuhn of Alpena, Michigan. It is a beautiful thought for us as we work.

## EVERYONE AT WORK FOR JESUS

By MRS. ERIC KUHN  
Alpena, Michigan.

Although considerable already has been said concerning the theme, "Everyone at Work for Jesus," nevertheless a few more thoughts may be added because of the tremendous import contained therein. Various phases and aspects have been considered, and we shall concern ourselves briefly with the meaning of the theme itself.

EVERYONE at work for God is certainly the ideal. In our thinking, such a situation would be exceptional and certainly far beyond our greatest expectations. However, that every child of God be devoted to his service is only the divine standard. In 2 Timothy we read, "... The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity ... If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

If every Christian even in some measure would catch the vision of sacrificial service for Christ, then evangelizing the millions of the world would not loom as an impossibility. The dearth of Christian servants can be traced to a lack of Bible reading, prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit, and a consequent lack of devotion to Christ and a passion for the lost.

AT WORK! We think, secondly, about our work and activity for God. The masses of the world are busy at work for business, pleasure, personal gain, and satisfaction. However, it is never easy to find true laborers for Christ—those willing to suffer and sacrifice for his cause. As the observer views his work of the Christian world and our individual lives, what is the reaction?

A test in relation to God's work is revealed in the rebuilding of the temple and walls. In Ezra's day the spectators said, "This work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands." Later in Nehemiah we read, "And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were

much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

May this be the report concerning our work! As to the type of our work, Jesus promised in John 14:12, that "he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." We are privileged to bring sin-laden hearts to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Then, last and best, our service is FOR JESUS. We see individuals motivated by pride, jealousy, greed, and hate to accomplish evil deeds. But we can also be led forward by noble motives. Our faith moves us to action. James said, "I will show thee my faith by my works" and "faith if it hath not works is dead." We have a divine example in Jesus himself who said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

Love and appreciation for his mercy are the strongest driving force in our Christian service. The love of Christ constrains us to witness to those without Christ. We are persuaded to give our lives to his service in view of all that he has done for us. It is only our reasonable service.

There will come a time when no man can work. There will come a time when every man's work shall be made manifest—fire shall try every man's work. May our service for Jesus pass the divine test. Whatever our position in life, let us so labor for him that those about will perceive that our work is truly wrought of God.

## WHITE CROSS WORK

By MRS. FRED A. REDDIG of Cathay, North Dakota, White Cross Chairman.

By this time, all our societies should be well acquainted with our new White Cross program. All have received the complete outlines and requirements for each conference. But a number of questions have arisen concerning the new system. May I help clarify some of these things?

Some societies bought materials to make up before receiving their assignments, only to find they were being asked for other things than those for which they had bought materials. By all means, make that for which you have bought materials, even if it isn't on your newly assigned list. After you have made up what you have on hand, try to make what was assigned you also, if you can.

We want to stress that assignments given you are minimum requirements or goals which we hope each society can and is willing to contribute. There

is nothing compulsory about it, however. We want our women to give only what they can.

There are societies that find the assignments given them are less than they have been contributing previously. Please, remember that a cash contribution is also required. Send a larger cash contribution for the medical supplies needed if you feel your "to make" list is not enough. When sending your cash contribution, please do not specify what you want it spent for. The money sent in for White Cross supplies will be used for whatever is most needed at the time.

It would be impossible to buy what each society would ask for each time. Also, such spending would result in the over-supply of some articles and a lack in others. Just send your money. Our mission secretary will make the best possible use of it for whatever is needed most.

For those societies that meet regularly for White Cross work and that find they can make everything required of them in one or two meetings, let me remind you that your assignments are only minimum requirements. Make more if you wish. Remember, too, there is a great demand for bandages. Please roll bandages when you run out of other work. The need for them is practically unlimited. There has never been an over-supply of bandages. Keep rolling them! Remember to roll them only in three-yard lengths, and pack each width separately.

As your White Cross chairman, I wish to express my gratitude to all our fine women who have responded so favorably to this new White Cross system. It will take time to make it completely successful, and the co-operation of every society is vital in giving it a fair trial. If you have any criticism or helpful suggestions, please make them known to me. I value your ideas.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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August 12, the pastor, Rev. B. Jacksteit, preached on the topic, "The Making of a Champion."

● On Sunday evening, August 26, a farewell reception was held by the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., for Dr. and Mrs. Walter Wessel, who have left Portland for Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Wessel was Minister of Music and Education in the Trinity Church. He has taken up his work as professor of Bible at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. and Mrs. Wessel were members of the Portland Church for three years, and during the last year he served as full-time pastor of music and education. They were presented with a gift of money and a projector with film strip attachment.

# What's Happening

● Mr. Larry Goodman, the only child of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries stationed at Warwar, West Africa, has begun his college studies at Pomona College, Pomona, California. In June he finished his high school studies at Stoney Brook School on Long Island, New York. Larry Goodman was awarded a four-year scholarship at Pomona College. He is a member of the Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

● Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary, formerly stationed at Ndulough, is enrolled at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the fall term. She will continue auditing several courses until Christmas 1956. She also hopes to audit several classes at Augustana College near the Seminary. She will return to the Cameroons, West Africa, early in 1957.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Janesville, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Heinrich Herrmann of Winnipeg, Man., to which a favorable response has been given. He began his ministry in Janesville on October 1st, succeeding Rev. Arthur Buech who suddenly passed away on Sunday, May 20, 1956, as a result of a heart attack. Mr. Herrmann had served as pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg since its organization in 1953.

● The Baileyville Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., extended a call to Rev. Harold Sanders of Rowan, Iowa, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and began his ministry at the church on September 16th. He is a graduate of the Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. E. Renkema, reporter, stated: "We are looking forward to a great ministry for our church under the leadership of our new pastor." Mr. Sanders has succeeded Rev. John J. Kroeker, now of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

● On Sunday, Sept. 2, Rev. Menno Harms, interim pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., had the joy of baptizing a young couple. These young people came from the First Mennonite Church and were educated at the Grace Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Harms and their family have also transferred their membership to the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll. At both services on September 2nd Rev. George Neubert, pastor of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., served as guest speaker, as reported by Mrs. Henry Weber.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., has extended a call to Rev. Albert H. Fadenrecht of Gladwin, Mich., to which he has given a favorable response. Mr. Fadenrecht addressed the rally services of the church on Sunday, Sept. 16, for the opening of the fall program. However, he will not begin his pastorate in the Bethel Church until Nov. 1st, at that time succeeding Rev. Paul Loth, now a member of the teaching staff at the Bible Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fadenrecht has been pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin since 1954.

● The General Missionary Committee of the denomination has appointed Mr. Joseph Hufnagel of Raymore, Sask., as the new missionary to the Montana Indian Reserve near Hobema, Alberta. He is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He served for about one year in his home church at Valleyview, Alta., on an interim basis, and for this past year has ably served as pastor at Raymore, a mission of the Southey and Serath Churches of Saskatchewan. He will succeed Mr. Jake Derman on the Montana Reserve. His missionary services will begin about October 15th.

● On Sunday, Sept. 9, the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., celebrated the 5th anniversary of service of its pastor, Rev. R. Kern. Mr. Carl Jenkins, church moderator, spoke words of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Kern and their family and presented them with a good-sized check and a gorgeous bouquet of flowers. Mr. Kern began a series of sermons on that Sunday morning on the book of Acts which will continue for the next year or more. Harriet Kern is studying piano at Roosevelt College on a scholarship and has already achieved unusual honors with her musical talents.

● From August 27 to Sept. 2 evangelistic services were held at the Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas, with Rev. Douglas Gallagher of Dallas, Texas, serving as evangelist. Attendance ranged from 78 to 115 persons. Special musical numbers were featured at every service. Dave Duchesneau, formerly of Montreal, Canada, and now stationed at the nearby Gary Air Force Base, led the singing. Visible results, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, included one first-time decision for the Lord, one testimony for consecration, and other encouraging responses by many people of the community.

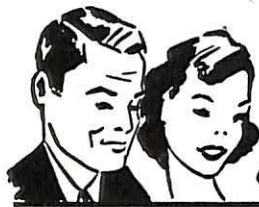
● During July Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., conducted a union revival campaign in Minitonas, Man., Canada. The First Baptist Church, the Czech Baptist Church and the United Church of Minitonas as well as the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River sponsored these meetings which were held in the town's large Rink. Attendance increased nightly to reach the high mark of more than 1200 at the final service. About 70 decisions were made for Christ as Savior, and there was a great spiritual awakening in the community. Rev. Isador Faszer of the Minitonas Baptist Church served as chairman of the campaign, ably assisted by Rev. Carl Mark and Rev. E. H. Nikkel.

● On Sept. 5, Rev. William D. Ross of McKees Rocks, Pa., passed away quite suddenly. He was pastor of the North American Baptist Church in Neustadt, Ont., Canada, and of the Union Baptist Church in Arnold, Pa., for several years, before going to the McKees Rocks Baptist Church, a church of the American Baptist Convention. He was born in Scotland on May 13, 1901. He received his training at the Salvation Army College of Toronto, Ont., and McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Memorial services were held on Thursday evening, Sept. 6, at McKees Rocks, Pa., and on Friday afternoon, Sept. 7, at Neustadt, Ont., where Rev. R. A. Price and Rev. George A. McLean officiated.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 2nd, the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., honored its 21 college and seminary young people who returned to their schools during that month. Two of these are young women in nurses training. Mr. David Jenkins spoke briefly on what college life has meant to him. He is now studying toward the Ph.D. degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Another testimony was brought by Mr. Adolph Welk, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Afterwards, 26 of these students and their wives attended a fellowship hour at the home of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern.

● At the Sunday evening service on August 19 in the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., Mr. Herbert Stabbert gave a report on the denominational Laymen's Conference held at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Mr. Stabbert is the executive vice-president of "Baptist Men." On August 15 Mr. and Mrs. William Lemke of the church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with open house held on the previous Sunday afternoon. They have been members of the Bethel Church for virtually all of their married life. The Bethel Baptist baseball team, coached by Marvin Hartmann, became Church League champions for the city of Anaheim. On Sunday evening, (Continued on Page 14)





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 28, 1956

Theme: THE SHEPHERD PSALM

Scripture: Psalm 23

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** This Psalm gives us an example of a personal, intimate relationship, which is possible to be established between God and man.

**INTRODUCTION:** There is no Scripture in the Old Testament that is better known and more often quoted than the 23rd Psalm. In spirit as well as in content, it has a strong New Testament resonance. It pictures very vividly the role of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and it portrays in a picturesque way what the followers of the Good Shepherd can expect. Jesus must have read this Psalm again and again, for he loved to speak of himself as the Good Shepherd and of his followers as the sheep. (It would be profitable to read John 10 in connection with this lesson. See also 1 Peter 2:25).

Some people have an idea that the work of a shepherd is an easy job in which the shepherd can sit for long hours of rest and contemplation while his sheep graze contentedly all around him. But most of us know that this is not a true picture. A shepherd must be a strong, rugged individual, who knows how to do battle with his enemies and with ferocious animals. He must have patience through the long months of loneliness, and he must know how to get along without the comforts and necessities of home.

Since David knew that he had no other human being to depend upon in time of difficulty and danger, he learned to depend upon God as his Shepherd, just as the sheep learned to trust him for guidance and protection.

**I. THE TESTIMONY OF THE SHEEP.** Psalm 23:1.

"The Lord is my Shepherd." What a simple yet profound statement! Every aspect of life, every need, every emergency, every decision, every thought—everything is dependent on this simple affirmation of faith. Notice the rest of the sentence, "I shall not want." He does not say, "Since the Lord is my Shepherd, this is what I want." What he is anxious for us to understand is this: "Since the Lord is my Shepherd, I have no lack." He does not have when we commonly call the "Gimmies." He has the Shepherd and so he already has what he wants.

**II. THE ABIDING BLESSINGS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.** Psalm 23:2-5.

(a) Rest and contentment (vs. 2). St. Augustine is credited with saying, "Our souls are restless until we find our rest in thee."

(b) Renewed strength (vs. 3). "He restoreth my soul." Whenever his spiritual battery was run down, he knew where he might have it recharged. It is interesting to note that a few hundred years ago the word "restore" was spelled "restaur" from which we got the word "restaurant," referring to a place where the strength of the body is restored.

(c) Guidance (vs. 3). It is not always an easy path, or the most traveled path, or a pleasant path. But we can be sure that it is always a righteous path.

(d) Comfort (vs. 4). Not always comfortable, to be sure, but the comfort of his presence in times of sickness and death.

(e) Protection (vs. 5). When we fight the good fight of faith, we cannot help but make some enemies. Paul had to say, "Alexander the copper-smith did me much evil" (2 Tim. 4:14). But his soul was protected and "hid in Christ with God" (Col. 3:3).

(f) Joy (vs. 5-6). The Psalmist had no superficial happiness, but an abiding and an abounding joy that remained with him in times of danger, temptation and difficulty. He was secure with God now, and he will be secure with him in the future. "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." "All this and heaven, too."

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 4, 1956

Theme: THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Scripture: Isaiah 53

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** In this great chapter of Isaiah we have the truth foretold, and in Jesus Christ we have the truth revealed.

**INTRODUCTION:** Often we picture the Bible as a succession of valleys and mountains. After every valley, the mountain becomes a little higher until we see before us Jesus Christ—the Mount Everest of the Christian faith. Sometimes there is a deep, dark valley as recorded in 1 Samuel 3:1, "The word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." Then again we come to a mountain peak, as for example in

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Isaiah 53, where a vision was given which one could see for a distance of about 700 years into the future.

From this mountain was seen a hope for deliverance from sin, a healing for the souls of men, a creation of a new man and a new world. But the vision of such a great salvation was not altogether pleasant. For it is also a vision of the Suffering Servant, a sorrowing Savior, a despised and rejected and crucified Lord.

**I. THE HUMANITY OF THE SAVIOR.** Isaiah 53:1-2.

Many artists have tried to portray Jesus as a man with some outstanding physical or spiritual trait. Some have emphasized his humanity while others have drawn haloes over his head as evidence of his divinity. Isaiah, however, seems to point out that the real evidence of the strength and beauty of the Savior was not particularly evident in his physical appearance.

**II. THE REJECTION OF THE SAVIOR.** Isaiah 53:3-4.

The expectation of people was very disappointing because of their preconceived ideas of what the Messiah should look like, what he should do, and from where he should come. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46) was no doubt asked by thousands, but only Nathanael changed his mind. Many rejected him because of his teaching (John 6:66). The greatest cause of his sorrow lay in the fact that he wanted to help, to heal, to forgive, to save, but they would not accept him.

**III. THE VICARIOUS SAVIOR.** Isaiah 53:5-6.

Only because of the suffering and death of many who have gone before us have we won a greater measure of national freedom and economic security. How much more then, do we need the saving power of Christ to make us free from sin and evil? "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

**IV. THE DEATH OF THE SAVIOR.** Isaiah 53:7-9.

Certainly this was a dark day in the history of the world, dark, because men stooped so low as to crucify the only Person who was able to save them from their evil passions. Notice the references which Isaiah makes to the innocence of Jesus, his unfair trial and his burial in the tomb of the wealthy.

**V. THE VICTORIOUS SAVIOR.** Isaiah 53:10-12.

Although Christ in this great chapter is commonly referred to as the (Continued on Page 13)



## Northern Conference

**Vacation Bible School at the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, Canada**

In August the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., conducted a one-week Vacation Bible School with both morning and afternoon sessions. Thirty-five pupils were present every day to study God's Word and enjoy recreational activities.

The material of "The King's Adventureland" was used with skill and knowledge by a trained staff of teachers and became a stimulating experience for boys and girls as well as teachers. Pre-school children were led to learn how to become "Children of the King." Primaries to find out what it means to be "Friends of the King," and Juniors were encouraged by studying an ideal Christian knight to develop strong Christian character as they become "Knights of the King."

Under the direction of Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, the following teachers did a consecrated work: Mrs. Gordon Weidman and Mrs. H. A. Pohl, Beginners; Miss Linda Lutz and Miss Eleanor Witt, Primaries; Mrs. Harry Unger, Junior girls; Mrs. Kenneth Unger, Junior boys.

On Friday night, August 17, a large audience attentively listened to the various numbers of an interesting program. This included poems, solos, reciting Bible verses, singing, a skit, play, choir and rhythm band, all uniting under the one theme that trusting in Christ is the greatest adventure in life. This also was underlined by displays of handwork made by the pupils, and proved in a fine missionary offering taken daily.

Mrs. H. A. Pohl, Reporter.

**Vacation Bible School at Raymore and the Poormans Indian Reservation, Saskatchewan, Canada**

The two weeks of August 6 to 17 were busy ones for the Raymore Gospel Mission, a station of the Serath and Southey Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan. From August 6 to 10 we conducted a Vacation Bible School at the Mission in Raymore with 29 children in attendance. The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Miss Audrey Whittle; Primary, Mrs. A. Grymaloski; Juniors, Mrs. A. Whittle; Intermediates, Mr. August Grymaloski. The week of activities was closed very fittingly with a program on August 10.

From August 13 to 17 we were privileged to conduct a Vacation Bible School on the Poormans Indian Reservation, ten miles from Raymore. It was a great delight to present the Gospel to the 58 boys and girls and young people in attendance, since we realize that these children have been largely neglected in the past in so far

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as the Gospel is concerned. The interest of the children was very keen and a good number of the parents showed their interest by attending the closing program.

The classes were held in the open air around large tables especially prepared for the occasion. The teachers were all from Raymore, with the exception of Miss Esther Grymaloski of Serath. The Beginners were taught by Miss Audrey Whittle, with Miss Diane Whittle as assistant; the Primary children by Mrs. A. Grymaloski with Miss Esther Grymaloski as assistant; the Juniors by Mr. J. Hufnagel; and the Intermediates by Mr. A. Grymaloski.

We are thankful to God for this open door of service on the Reserve. Joseph Hufnagel, Christian Worker.

**Vacation Bible School at the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

The boys and girls of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., and surrounding area went "Adventure With Christ" from August 20 to 31 in Vacation Bible School with



Vacation Bible School children at the Raymore Gospel Mission, a station of the Serath and Southey Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan.

Adina Tulman as the leader and 15 very busy teachers and instructors. The highest enrollment was 97 and, in spite of the rain, managed to average 84 per day. Once again the school was conducted in the evenings where an enthusiastic and happy atmosphere reigned.

The closing exercises were held Sept. 2nd in the Sunday evening service and the program was indeed very interesting, informing the parents just what the children had learned. Prizes were awarded to the one bringing the most visitors and also to the best all-around student in every class. The handwork and workbooks were displayed in the lower auditorium for the inspection of all interested.

Our efforts, too, were very rewarding in that several girls in the Intermediate group accepted Christ as their Savior. Our prayer is that they will continue with Christ and that their studies will prove very beneficial to them in their new life's walk.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

**Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Celebrates 50th Anniversary and Holds Bible School**

We of Nokomis, Sask., were truly blessed during the days of our church's 50th anniversary. On Saturday evening, June 16th, we gathered in the Legion Hall that was beautifully decorated. The evening program was under the leadership of our Young People's Society. One of our former pastors, Dr. A. S. Felberg of Vancouver, B. C., was our guest speaker and he challenged us from Genesis 3 on the theme, "The Jingles are Creeping In."

On Sunday morning, June 17th, we had a brief Sunday School session which closed with some of our "old timers" giving reports of their early days in Sunday School. In the morning worship, Dr. Felberg directed our thoughts to Matt. 5:14, "Ye Are the Light of the World." Greetings were brought by our neighboring churches and from the mayor of our town. Also greetings were given by pastors present, and letters of greeting were read from former pastors and members not present. The afternoon message was "To the Church of Corinth (Nokomis) Grace and Peace" (2 Cor. 1:1-2).

The evening hour climaxed our anniversary celebration with a memorial service in memory of those who had gone on before. The closing message, "Why Do You Serve God?" based on "Jacob's If's" inspired us to serve God unconditionally. Our anniversary services were beautified by the rendition of seven inspiring anthems by our church choir, under the capable leadership of Mr. Emil Litwin, our choir director. Also the male quartet and young people's group sang.

From August 6 to 10 we held our Vacation Bible School. There were 21 children in attendance. On Sunday evening, August 12th, they rendered a demonstration program to a large crowd, which was enjoyed by everyone. On August 9th we were privileged to have our Seminary Quartet from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us. They presented a sacred concert to a full church. Professor Roy Seibel brought an inspiring message.

Mrs. Oscar Fritzke, Reporter.





Junior and Senior young people and camp teachers and leaders at the Atlantic Conference Summer Assembly held at Camp Hope, New Jersey.

### First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Conducts Vacation Bible School With 91 Children

The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School from August 6 to 10. Due to the busy season and shortage of teachers, we combined with the Pentecostal Church located a few miles east of us. Conferences, assemblies and camps delayed our school, and the canning and haying season made it impossible for many of our capable teachers to assist with the school.

Several weeks before the above mentioned date our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ernest Kern, was very busy handing out "slips" which listed all the families with children to be "picked up" and assigned the church families their turn of driving and taking the children in their particular vicinity. This method of transportation has proved successful for a number of years, for in a country church distance presents a problem. School hours were held from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., and we had only one week of school.

The many sacrifices that were made were rewarded in the good attendance, the total enrollment being 91. Misses Darline Hammer and Elaine Bienert taught the 19 Beginners. Miss Lavina Teake and Mrs. Bill Peters taught 30 Primary children. We wish to thank Mrs. J. Peters from Edmonton who took over the household duties for her daughter-in-law, so she could make it possible to teach. The Juniors numbered 25, and were ably taught by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shellert from the Pentecostal group. Seventeen Intermediates were in attendance, taught by Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and Rev. Wanda Shellert. The average attendance was 83. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler was director of the school. A daily mission offering was received which amounted to \$15. The children decided to send the money to the Childrens' Home at Gwynne, Alberta.

An inspiring program was presented on August 12th to a capacity audience. Children from five different denominations attended: Moravian, Lutheran, Catholic, Pentecost, and Baptist. Eleven different churches were represented. One teacher was amazed to

learn, that in our own vicinity one child was unable to supply his own Bible, and that there was none at home to bring. We hope and pray that the seed which was sown will bring forth fruit for eternity.

Verna Straub, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Atlantic Conference Summer Assembly for Senior and Junior Young People at Camp Hope

"Welcome to Camp Hope." Those were the first words which greeted us from the Atlantic Conference churches as we again met for our annual Summer Assembly at Camp Hope, Hope, N. J., from August 25 to 31. We felt certain that the week ahead would prove to be quite an inspiring one since the group not only consisted of Seniors but Juniors as well.

We were privileged to have Dr. George A. Dunger from our Seminary as the teacher of our Missionary Class. Rev. Everett Barker also taught a class for the Senior Camp on the Book of Acts, and our other teacher was Rev.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stiller of Los Angeles, Calif., members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Raymond Yahn, who gave us some idea of our "Church Doctrines." Two of our own young people, Shirley King and John Moulard, were the athletic directors. Rev. Roger Schmidt and Rev. Henry Laube were our deans.

Even though the Juniors were at the same camp, only two of our activities were combined. One was the hike on Sunday afternoon to a nearby (3½ miles) State Park. There we had our vespers and evening meal after which we returned to camp for a Christian film.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert, CBY Secretary, was dean and teacher for the Juniors. Miss Jeanne Lewis was in charge of the entire Junior program. Miss Nancy Steinke and Mr. John Storkel were the recreational directors. Miss Betty Dieterle was the other Junior Counselor.

The most inspiring and challenging part of camp was the campfire, dedication and candlelight service held on Thursday night. We met in one of the vesper groves on top of a hill overlooking God's handiwork. We had a song service, special music, testimonies from both the Juniors and Seniors after which Rev. R. Yahn spoke to us. As he finished his message, he threw a fagot on the fire. He asked those who wanted to rededicate themselves to come and add another fagot to the fire. After this was done and all the candles had been lit, we walked down the hill singing "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." At the bottom of the hill we prayed, sang "Living for Jesus" and then went back to our cabins.

Our appreciation goes to Russell Middleton and Jeanne Lewis for all they did to make our camp a success. Betty Dieterle, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stiller of Los Angeles, California

On Sunday, May 27th, the children, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stiller gathered to observe their golden wedding anniversary. Arrangements for the celebration were made by the three daughters of the honored couple: Elsa (Mrs. Scholeman), Florence (Mrs. Stuart), and Frieda (Mrs. Caufield) at whose home the guests were entertained.

The pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, gave an address appropriate for the occasion. There were fifty guests present. Refreshments were served, after which the honored couple opened the many beautiful gifts, presented to them. Both thanked the guests most heartily and expressed their sincere thanks to God, who so graciously has led them through these fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stiller have been members of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, now known as the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, for many years. They have been a blessing to many through the years as they have taken an active part in church affairs. Our prayer is that God will continue to guide them, bless them and make them a blessing.

Edmund Mittelstedt, Pastor.

### Seventy-five Young People at the Pacific Northwest Assembly, Deer Lake, Washington

The Pacific Northwest Assembly met at Deer Lake, Wash., 35 miles north of Spokane, from August 5 to 11 for its ninth annual Summer Camp. The 75 registered campers enjoyed a week of inspiration and blessing from a richly varied program.

Under the competent leadership of six Philadelphia Bible Institute students, the Juniors and Intermediates reaped the benefits of a well-planned program of study and recreation. These students also took part in other activities of the camp program, such as singspirations, fireside services, and in various types of recreation and entertainment. Their fine Christian testimony will long be remembered by our young people.

Those of high school age studied 1 John under the guidance of the Rev. Duane Nelson, pastor of the Tacoma Chapel. The older class of young people and adults were privileged to study the book of Ephesians with Professor H. Lueck of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our capable instructor. Professor Lueck also led the forum period as he gave us glimpses into church history in a very interesting and remarkable way. The verse by verse Bible study was appreciated by the students, and we learned a great deal from these instructors as they brought many fine illustrations to make the Word clear to us.

One of the highlights of this camp was our beloved missionary, Rev. Edwin Michelson, who at the very beginning of our assembly camp nine years ago, with Mrs. Michelson accompanying him, attended our group where both were a great inspiration



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada, with Rev. Alexander Hart, pastor, at the extreme right.

and delight to us all. He again thrilled our hearts with his wonderful messages on the work in Africa, with his personal slides, and with the souvenirs and relics he had brought home from that continent. Decisions were made by the young people, as they answered the altar calls, bringing joy to our hearts.

We look forward with much anticipation to next year's camp, because this one was so successful and inspiring, and because God truly blessed it with his abiding presence.

Helen Marie Schmidt, Secretary.



Seventy-five registered campers and teachers at the Pacific Northwest Assembly held at Deer Lake, Washington, from August 5-11, 1956.

### Bethel Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Conducts Vacation Bible School

From July 30 to August 4 the Sunday School of the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, conducted a successful Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 18 children and under the supervision of their pastor, Rev. Alexander Hart.

We had two classes. Mr. Arthur Kiner and his wife instructed the Primary class on the topic, "The History of the New Testament." Rev. A. Hart taught the Juniors on the theme, "Do You Know Your New Testament?"

We are grateful to God for the blessings received, and we will continue to labor for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alexander Hart, Pastor.

### Recognition Council and Recognition Services at Terrace and Kitimat, British Columbia

Upon invitation of the Baptist churches at Terrace and Kitimat, British Columbia, a council met at Terrace, B. C., on September 1st for the purpose of examining and recognizing these newly organized churches in the fellowship of Baptist churches. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., was elected moderator and Rev. Phil. Daum of Prince George, B. C., as clerk of the council. After reading of the

minutes of the two churches to call such a council, these churches were examined on purpose, principles of faith, missionary opportunities, and denominational loyalty. All questions were satisfactorily answered. By unanimous vote it was agreed to recognize said churches in the North American Baptist Conference. It was further agreed to recommend to these two churches to proceed with the recognition services.

Sunday, September 2nd, was a day of great rejoicing for the two churches. In the morning the public recognition service was observed in Terrace for this group. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, moderator of the council, was in charge. Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Church Extension pastor, read the Word of God and led in prayer. Rev. A. Hart of Prince Rupert gave the sermon to the church; Rev. Phil. Daum the charge; and Mr. Sturhahn welcomed the church into the fellowship of our churches. Singers of the local church contributed two numbers to the blessing of all present.

There was very little time left before boarding the train for Kitimat, a distance of 39 miles. One of the railway coaches became a Baptist coach. Here we sang and lunched and had Christian fellowship. As the train arrived in Kitimat, we were welcomed by these fellow-Baptists and taken to their homes for dinner. A similar service was held during the afternoon of September 2nd. Mr. Sturhahn again was in charge of the meeting. Rev. R. Rapske, pastor of the Terrace church, read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer. Rev. Phil. Daum preached the sermon. Rev. A. Hart gave the charge to the church, and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn extended the hand of fellowship to the church. Two appropriate numbers in song were rendered by the local choir.

Both churches have a God-given opportunity to witness to the many German-speaking immigrants in the rapidly growing communities and to develop into strong churches to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior. These churches have many needs. Above all, they need buildings—houses of prayer and worship and spiritual homes.

Phil. Daum, Reporter.





The Vacation Bible School procession with teachers and children entering the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## Dakota Conference

### Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Because many of our teachers attend Summer School, the Vacation Bible School of the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., had to be postponed until August. This delay prompted us to canvass our community and to invite boys and girls for our school to be held from August 13 to 24. More than 600 invitations were distributed by a fine group of volunteers, and many of them brought good results. From day to day enrollment increased to a final total of 101 and from these an average of 69 pupils and 15 teachers made our school a very busy but happy one.

We used the Gospel Light material under the theme, "Adventuring With

Christ in the King's Adventureland." Each morning Harry Hiller sounded the clear trumpet call and under the strain of "Onward Christian Soldiers" the children marched into the sanctuary for the opening worship. Our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, led this worship period and by means of the Felt-O-Scene pictures captured the attention of everyone. The children brought an offering each morning for the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa. This offering together with a number of Mission Mite Boxes netted a total of \$44.09 for this missionary cause.

The ladies of the church served delicious refreshments each morning and eager eyes looked forward to this refreshing treat. The following classes were taught by the respective teachers: Kindergarten with Miss Giesela Lueck, Mrs. Ralph Powell, Miss Jeanice Seibel, Miss Violet DeBoer, Miss Jeanette Lang, Miss Rosemarie Bantes and Harry Hiller; Primary I with Miss Esther Pfeifer and Mrs. Eugene Stroh;

Primary II with Eunice Cramblit and LeRoy Lippert assisted by Dan Feske and Dwight Pfeifer; Juniors with Miss Sena Plucker and Miss Gladys Hoogstraet. Mr. Herbert Mitchell served as secretary-treasurer and our pastor as director.

The closing program gave evidence of good teaching and good learning, and on the part of the parents sincere appreciation.

Herbert Mitchell, Reporter.

### Two Large Highway Signs Are Dedicated by Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota

On Sunday afternoon, July 22, the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, North Dakota, gathered together with friends to dedicate two large highway Gospel signs which the pastor, Rev. John C. Kastelein, had designed and made for the church. These signs are 12 feet long and 8 feet high. The signs are made with the Scotchlite reflecting tape and can be read at night when the lights of an automobile are in focus with it. It took several months for the pastor to make these signs, and it was a happy day when they were finally placed on the highway.

Friends from other sister churches were invited to participate in the dedication of these two large signs. Rev. Martin DeBoer of Fessenden and some of his people were present. Rev. L. Potratz of the Martin church and some of the people from there were also present. Rev. A. Krombein and members of his church at Anamoose were also with us, as well as Rev. Arthur Voigt of the Rosenfeld Church.

Mr. Potratz led in the opening prayer after the singing of several hymns. Mr. Voigt brought a very fine message. The Harvey Choir sang, "God's Trumpet Is Sounding." After the message by Mr. Voigt, the congregation met outside of the church for the actual dedication of the two signs which were leaning against the church building. Mr. Krombein of Anamoose offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Martin DeBoer of Fessenden closed the meeting with some remarks and the benediction. Lunch was served in the church basement where many gathered together for a time of fellowship.

The two signs are placed about a mile and a half on each side of Harvey on the very busy Highway 52. We ask all of our friends to pray that God will use them to preach to those who pass this way.

If any of our North American Baptist churches would like to have some of these signs built for your church at any time, we would like to have the privilege of building them for you right here in Harvey, and we shall ship them to you anywhere in the United States. I would like to see the day come that we as a conference would place signs on our busy American highways wherever we have a church. These signs preach to the weary travelers day and night.

Our Lord has said, "Go ye into the highways and compel the people to come." This is one way of doing it. Pray with us that the Lord will use the signs to convict many people of their need of Jesus Christ.

John C. Kastelein, Pastor.

### Fifteen Converts Are Baptized at Baptist Church, Mercer, N. Dak., by Rev. B. J. Lautt

On Sunday, July 29, Rev. Ben J. Lautt, pastor of the Mercer Baptist Church, Mercer, N. Dak., baptized 15 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Among these was a married couple with their daughter. The following Sunday the hand of fellowship was extended to these 15 and two others, who were received by letter. Still another person was received into our fellowship on confession of faith in Christ, having been baptized before.

We are grateful to our wonderful Lord for these precious souls! May we work together for him who loved us and redeemed us, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ben Lautt, Pastor.

### Dedication of New Basement Parsonage by Baptist Church, Isabel, South Dakota

The Baptist Church of Isabel, S. Dak., experienced great blessings in dedicating its first parsonage on Aug. 19th at 3:00 P.M. In less than four years the church has grown from a membership of 20 to 50. Slightly over a year ago the church, for the first time, came to have its own full-time resident pastor. Therefore the building and dedication of this basement parsonage was looked upon as another real milestone in the history of the church.

Rev. Richard Schilke, our mission secretary, was the guest speaker for this very special occasion. The five neighboring churches of Hettinger, Bison, McIntosh, McLaughlin, and Selfridge with their pastors were also present for the dedication service. After the preliminary service in the church at which time Mr. Schilke challenged our hearts on the importance and place of such a house as based on the last words of Gen. 28:11, "And lay down in that place to sleep," we met before the parsonage entrance. Doris Bertsch there sang "Bless This House," and Rev. E. Michelson, pastor of the McLaughlin Baptist Church, led in the prayer of dedication.

Keys to the parsonage were presented by Bill Lutz, chairman of the building committee, to their present pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter. The doors were opened and all present were given the opportunity to view the house. A delicious ham supper was served by the ladies of the church at 5:00 P.M.

An evening service was held in which all the churches participated, and Rev. Walter Klempel, pastor of the Baptist Church of McIntosh, spoke. A most delightful day was enjoyed and we thank God for what he has wrought.

Herbert Vetter, Pastor.

### New Leipzig and Ebenezer Churches of North Dakota, Honor Rev. Emil Becker

It was part of the evening's service on Sunday, June 10th, that the New Leipzig and Ebenezer churches held an anniversary celebration in honor of their pastor, Rev. Emil Becker, on completion of 30 years of service as



Fifteen converts baptized by Rev. Ben J. Lautt (right, back row) and received into the Mercer Baptist Church, Mercer, N. Dak.

a minister of the Gospel! Five of these years were served at the New Leipzig and Ebenezer churches, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., and its pastor were also invited to participate in the surprise anniversary program. One of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Becker (Virginia), and her husband, Rev. Orville Chapman, were also able to be present. They have since left for mis-

Rev. Emil Becker, in his thirty years in the ministry, has served our denomination in churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and British Columbia, Canada. He also served an American Baptist church in Washington. His service has been performed in true faithfulness to his Lord and the wishes of his many friends are that many years of service may be added to this fine record as an undershepherd of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Le Roy Schauer, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Vacation Bible School at the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The week of June 18 to 22 was the time for the Vacation Bible School at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri. We had an enrollment of 30 pupils, representing various denominations in our community. Our average attendance was 29 pupils with 22 having a perfect attendance.



Vacation Bible School teachers and children at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri.

sionary service under the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

The well planned program was led by the head deacon, Mr. Carl Okken. Rev. Le Roy Schauer of the Mott church brought a brief message. Mr. Chapman also spoke words of congratulations and best wishes for years of future service. Words of congratulations were also spoken by the deacons of the church and by the presidents of the church's organizations. Fine vocal numbers were sung by representatives of the various churches. Both Mr. and Mrs. Becker spoke in response words of thanks for the congratulatory words and best wishes of the church and friends. A love offering was taken for the Beckers. Since it was also the birthday of Mrs. Becker, a lovely end table was given to her by the Woman's Missionary Union.

The school faculty consisted of eight teachers with our pastor, Rev. Olland Cole, serving as principal. Miss Lu Ella Wolff, a denominational helper, worked with the Junior Class and told stories to the entire group in the general assembly. The school day was a double day schedule, equal to a two weeks course. The children had memory work, singing, Bible stories, and handiwork.

During the Friday noon hour all of us were treated to a wiener roast. The following evening a program of our daily school schedule was presented for the parents and friends. A display of the things which the children had made was shown. This week of serving the Lord was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to another Bible School next year.

Ruth Lipskoch, Secretary.



One of the two large Gospel Signs made by Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., and installed on U. S. Highway 52. (Similar signs will be built by Mr. Kastelein for our churches on request. Read accompanying report!)



## Southwestern Conference

### Inspirational Kansas Scripture Memory Camp With 144 Children and 34 Adults

The Kansas Scripture memorizers held their camp at Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kans., July 30 to August 2. It was the largest Scripture Memory Camp to date with a total of 144 children and 34 adults. The weather was hot which made it ideal camp weather.

Rev. Norman Miller of Durham was dean. With his capable leadership and the cooperation of helpers from the Kansas churches, it was a very inspirational and successful camp. The theme of the camp was "Challenging Bible Truths." The theme song was "I Love the Old Bible." The groups were divided into three different age group classes. These were conducted in the morning by Rev. O. Ringering of Bison, Rev. J. Wood of Bethany Church, and Rev. H. Gieseke of Lorraine.



Young people from various Kansas churches who have completed all nine years of Scripture Memory work and who attended the Kansas Camp at Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kansas.

The chapel services consisted of assembly at 9:50 A.M., expressional hour at 11:15 A.M., and the meaning of missions by Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Strassburg Church, and Helen Lohse of Colorado. The total mission collection was \$62.50. Devotions were conducted at 1:00 P.M. by Cabin Counsellors. The afternoons were spent in swimming, boating and other various games. Vesper services were at 7:30 P.M. after which Rev. E. Strauss of Ellinwood gave Bible dramatizations of Gideon's Army, David, and Goliath.

Dean of men was Rev. Norman Berkan of the Ebenezer Church. Dean of women was Mrs. Clifford Hildebrand of Stafford. Cabin Counsellors for girls were Mrs. D. Williamson of Lorraine, Mrs. L. B. Hinz of Strassburg, Mrs. E. Thielenhouse of Bison, and Mrs. Ruth Wilkes of Lorraine. Camp nurse was Mrs. Ralph Rolfs of Lorraine. The Boys' Cabin Counsellors were Mr. E. Hildebrand of Stafford, Herman Janssen of Durham, and Wm. Berger of Dighton.

Walter Kohrs, Camp Manager.

### Reorganization of the CBY at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma

The CBY of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., has always had a number of members. During the past two years several members have married and others have gone away to college or to some other church. The attendance has grown to be very small. Recently our pastor, Rev. Jack Block, who has taken a great interest in our young people, suggested that the CBY reorganize and accept all young married couples with only one small child and the younger set of teenagers.

On August 3, new officers were elected and plans were made for the reorganization. The installation of the new officers was held on Sunday evening, August 20. Colored candles were used with each candle representing a certain office or committee chairman. As each person proceeded to accept his elected position, he lighted his candle symbolizing his acceptance of service for Christ. It was a very impressive service.

was an impressive baptismal service held on Sunday evening, August 5. After the singing of a number of hymns by the congregation, nine converts were baptized on confession of their faith. The choir sang a stanza of a hymn after each candidate had been baptized. Our pastor, Rev. F. Armbruster brought a very fitting message on the meaning and purpose of baptism based on Acts 8:26-40. Afterwards the Lord's Supper was observed and the hand of fellowship was extended to these converts, besides another woman who was accepted into our fellowship on her testimony.

We are also happy to report that one of our young girls, Gertrude Demuth, has returned to the Bible School at Ozark, Ark., to prepare for full-time Christian service. May the Lord richly bless her as she seeks his guidance.

Katie Steen, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Ordination Council and Service for Rev. Bert Itterman at Randolph, Minnesota

The ordination council for the Rev. Bert Itterman convened at the Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., on Thursday afternoon, August 2nd. Eight churches of the Minnesota Conference responded to the roll call with an attendance of 24 delegates.

Mr. Ben Engler was the moderator for the local church. Rev. Adam Huber, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, and Rev. Elmo Tahrhan of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson were elected moderator and secretary by the members of the council.

The candidate to ordination into the ministry was asked to give a report to the council on his Christian experience, call to the ministry and Christian views and doctrines. The council was favorably impressed with the straight forward and definite views of the candidate and therefore recommended to the local church to proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service was held that same evening. This was an impressive service as the ordination message was brought from the scripture passage of (Continued on Page 24)

## 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.)

### MR. JACOB EMIL MARTIN of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Jacob Emil Martin was born in Romania on July 7, 1894. He emigrated to Fargo, N. Dak., in 1901, and then to the Golden Prairie, Sask., district around 1914, where he farmed and lived until the fall of 1953 when he retired to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

On March 21, 1916 he married Hilda Zarbock who preceded him in death on May 26, 1940. God blessed this marriage with seven children, three of whom have passed on before. He passed away on August 15, 1956 after suffering for about one and a half

years from a cancer ailment. He reached the total age of 62 years, 1 month, and 8 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing four children: Harry, Bruce, and Mrs. Isabell Neitz of Golden Prairie; Mrs. Violet Langhofer of Lethbridge; four brothers: John and Christof of Medicine Hat, Alta.; Charlie of Lethbridge, Alta.; and Fred of Fessenden, North Dakota. "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). May God comfort those who are left behind!

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

E. RADKE, Pastor.

### MR. NORMAN L. SWANSON of Underwood, North Dakota.

Mr. Norman L. Swanson of Underwood, N. Dak., was born on January 5, 1918 in Underwood and went to be with the Lord on August 26, 1956 at the Garrison Memorial Hospital where he had been hospitalized for a week and a half. He attained the age of 38 years, 7 months, and 21 days.

He was united in marriage with Lorraine Singer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on Nov. 7, 1944. One child was born to this union. Mr. Swanson was engaged in farming on the home place until a year ago when ill health forced him to give up farming and he moved into Underwood. For the past two years he had been in ill health.

Mr. Swanson accepted the Lord as Savior in 1949 and was baptized by Rev. Fred J. Knalson on November 26, 1950 and a week later united with the First Baptist Church of Underwood. He served as usher for a number of years and remained a faithful child of the Lord and a true member of the church. In his quiet and faithful manner he witnessed to the salvation in Christ.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; one son, Stanley; one sister and five brothers, all of the Underwood and Washburn area. The undersigned spoke words of comfort. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved!

First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor.

### MRS. EMANUEL SCHNEIDER of Medina, North Dakota.

Mrs. Emanuel Schneider, nee Emma Geissler, the daughter of Christian Geissler and Christina Woehl, was born Sept. 7, 1886 at Sutton, Neb., and departed to be with her Savior and Lord Aug. 25, 1956 at the age of 69 years, 11 months, and 12 days. She came to know Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Streeter Baptist Church on July 17, 1904 by the late Rev. George Burdord. Later when the church at Medina was organized she became a charter member.

Emma Geissler was married to Mr. Schneider on April 22, 1913. Her husband died April 21, 1954. She is mourned by her seven children: Bernice, Mrs. Roy Gosling, Fargo, N. Dak.; Reno, Kalispell, Mont.; Alfred and Emil, Portland, Ore.; Robert, Redwood City, Calif.; Ida, Mrs. Gust Kaegler, Tacoma, Wash.; and Lea, Mrs. Ben Rogers, Pasadena, Calif.; three brothers: Rev. Peter Geissler, Rochester, N. Y.; Henry Geissler, Hillsboro, Kans.; Gust Geissler, Denver, Col.; three sisters: Kate, Mrs. Fred Klein, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Sophie, Mrs. J. R. Klundt, Walla Walla, Wash.; Tilly, Mrs. John Bauer, McClusky, N. Dak.; ten grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. The Schneiders' home was well known for its hospitality to the preachers.

The funeral service was held in the Medina Baptist Church with Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzsche of Fargo, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger of Fredonia, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos of Streeter participating and singing songs of comfort. Mr. Fritzsche brought the English message and Mr. Galambos the German message. The earthly remains of Mrs. Schneider were buried in the Medina Cemetery.

First Baptist Church, Medina, North Dakota

PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.

### MR. FERDINAND F. KLAUDT of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Ferdinand F. Klaudt of Golden Prairie, Sask., was born in Bessarabia, Russia, on November 20, 1892. He emigrated to Canada in 1910, settling in the district of Golden Prairie. He farmed in this vicinity until retirement to the village of Golden

Prairie, Sask., in 1945, where he lived until the time of his death.

In April 1952 and March 1955 he suffered heart strokes which left him partly paralyzed. On July 24, 1956, only a few hours after entering the Maple Creek Union Hospital, he received his third attack causing his death. He reached the total age of 63 years, 8 months, and 4 days.

In November of 1916 he married Emily Fischer who preceded him in death in 1929. He then took to wife Mary Tarasky who preceded him in death in 1947. God blessed this home with six children, one having passed on before.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his third wife, Sussie; five children: Albert Klaudt, Mrs. Milly Arndt, Mrs. Elsie Neitz of Golden Prairie, Bernard Klaudt, and Mrs. Edna Payne of Medicine Hat, Alta.; four brothers: Charlie and Emanuel of Golden Prairie; William and Edward of Medicine Hat; one sister, Mrs. Christian Makus of Golden Prairie.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie at the time of his death, and had previously been a member of the Annetthal Baptist Church. May the prayer of those left behind be that of the Psalmist in Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

E. RADKE, Pastor.

### MRS. ROSA BILLETER of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Rosa Billeter, nee Hager, of Portland, Ore., was born at Steffsburg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on Nov. 18, 1867 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on August 21, 1956, having reached the age of 88 years, 9 months, and 3 days. She came to America 68 years ago and since then had resided in or near Portland.

On Sept. 23, 1890 she was united in marriage to James Billeter to which union there were born five sons and four daughters. Her husband preceded her in death a year ago, and one daughter, Lydia, and two sons, Philip and Harold, have also preceded her in death.

Our sister was converted to a living faith in Christ while yet in Switzerland. In June 1893 she was baptized by the Rev. Wm. C. Rabe and united with the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland of which she remained a life member. She was a devout believer and faithful to her Lord and Savior, serving him loyally through various avenues of service in the church.

She leaves to mourn her departure six children: David of Portland, Ore.; William of Smithers, B. C.; Mrs. Naomi Kuhl, also of Portland; Calvin of Roseburg, Ore.; Mrs. Martha Faucette of San Mateo, Calif.; and Mrs. Marguerite Sherwood of Yachats, Ore.; one brother, Frederick Hager of Milwaukee, Ore.; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; besides a great host of other relatives and friends. Our prayer is that all those who mourn may be assured of a glorious reunion.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. CHRISTIAN MAKUS of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Christian Makus of Golden Prairie, Sask., was born in Bessarabia, Russia, on December 3, 1879. On July 27, 1902 he married Mathilda Klaudt who shared life's joy and sorrows with him until his passing. God blessed this home with 13 children, of whom 12 are still living. In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Makus emigrated to Canada, farming in the Golden Prairie district until they retired to the village itself in the fall of 1942.

In the fall of 1918, through the ministry of Rev. Eymann Mr. Makus accepted Christ as his Savior and followed the Lord in the waters of baptism in June 1919. He went to be with his Lord on August 6, 1956 in the Medicine Hat General Hospital, where he had been for two weeks prior to his death. Before entering the hospital he spent almost a year in the Baptist Haven of Rest at Medicine Hat out of the lengthy years of his illness.

He was a very active member in both the Annetthal Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., until the time of his illness. He loved to sing for his Lord and Redeemer.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mathilda, twelve children: John, Bernard,

Reinhold, Henry, and Mrs. Tina Kramer of Golden Prairie; Robert Makus, Mrs. Hilda Odenbach, Mrs. Elsie Schneider, and Mrs. Ruth Fauser of Medicine Hat, Alta.; Alfred Makus of Wrentham, Alta.; Mrs. Anne Schamuhn of Calgary, Alta.; and Mrs. Emily Fischer of Kelowna, B. C.; one brother and one sister in Germany. May God bless those who have lost their loved one and may they too be ready to meet the Savior.

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

E. RADKE, Pastor.

### MRS. HERMAN SCHULTE of Corona, South Dakota.

Mrs. Herman Schulte, nee Meyer, of Corona, S. Dak., was born Aug. 6, 1875 at Stelle, Germany, and passed away quietly at her home as the result of a stroke on Sept. 1, 1956, at the age of 81 years and 26 days.

She came to this country in 1901, making her home for about one year in the vicinity of Platte Center, Nebraska. On Oct. 30, 1902 she was united in marriage to Herman Schulte. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters, who are all living at the present time. In 1907 the family moved to their own farm near Creston, Neb., where they continued to live until 1927, when they came to South Dakota, settling on a farm near Corona. In 1936 they retired from active farming, living in their home in Corona, where the departed had lived since. In 1951 this happy home was broken by the death of the husband.

Mrs. Schulte was converted to Christ in her youth while still living in Germany and became a member of the Baptist church there. After coming to this country she became a member of the Shell Creek Baptist Church of Nebraska, and after moving to the vicinity of Creston the family became members of the Creston Baptist Church. After moving to Corona, S. Dak., their membership was transferred to the First Baptist Church here, of which she was a faithful and honored member to her death.

She leaves to mourn her departure her six children: Mrs. Clarence Sheffer of Madison, Neb.; Mrs. Harold Sheffer of Meadow Grove, Neb.; Mrs. Herman Poppen of Menlo Park, Calif.; Alfred Schulte of Twin Brooks, S. Dak.; Harry and Elmer Schulte of Corona, S. Dak.; also 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Corona, South Dakota

H. LOHR, Pastor.

### MR. and MRS. JOHN G. HARMS of Emery, South Dakota.

Mr. John G. Harms of Emery, S. Dak., passed away at his home early Monday morning, April 23, at the age of 68. He had not been well for the past year and during the last several weeks became steadily weaker. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harms on September 25, 1887 at Tea, S. Dak., where he grew to manhood and lived with his parents until coming to Emery in 1915, where he had lived since that time.

About three weeks later on Sunday morning, May 13, Mrs. Harms, his wife, passed away after being hospitalized for a few weeks. Mrs. Harms was born on September 24, 1892 and lived in and around Emery her entire lifetime. She loved her church sincerely and upheld her church for the 52 years she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harms were married March 30, 1915. One son, Earl, was born to this union. Earl, with his family, deeply mourn the passing of Earl's parents. He and his family are making their home in Donna, Texas. Brothers and sisters mourning the passing of Mr. Harms are William of Emery, S. Dak.; Dick and Bruno of Lennox, S. Dak.; Mrs. Hannah Olthoff of Emery; Mrs. Tillie Rust of Chancellor, S. Dak.; Martha and Mrs. Stanley Cook of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Brothers and sisters mourning the passing of Mrs. Harms are Henry Brouwen of Donna, Texas; George and Isaac Brouwen of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Hans Hrousen of Alexandria, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Louis Carlson of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

"Whatever thy sacred will ordains  
O give me strength to bear,  
And let me know my Father reigns,  
And trust his tender care."

First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor.



## ORDINATION SERVICE REPORT

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2 Tim. 4:1-5 by Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of the South Dakota Conference. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Donald Patet, former pastor of the Randolph church and now pastor at Aplington, Iowa. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Wm. Jeschke of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Adam Huber of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and the welcome to the ministry was given by Rev. D. S. Wipf of the Minnetrista Church of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. Of impressive importance was the testimony given by Mrs. Bert Itterman, the candidate's wife.

Rev. Bert Itterman was called to the Randolph Baptist Church shortly before they ordained him to the Gospel ministry. We are sure that God's blessing and guidance will be upon the church and pastor as they walk in sweet humility before the Lord Jesus Christ.

Elmo Tahrán, Secretary.

### Northwestern Conference Sessions at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Northwestern Conference was held in the beautiful City of Lakes, Minneapolis, Minn., in the new Faith Baptist Church, August 8 through 12. The pastor, Rev. Adam Huber, and members of the host church warmly received the delegates and many friends from conference churches in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and did their utmost to make this conference one of the best. The conference theme was "The Church in Today's World."

the theme were brought by Rev. J. J. Inspiring messages centered about Kroeker, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. R.

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Woyke, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. J. G. Benke, Watertown, Wis.; Rev. Carl B. Zimmerman, La Crosse, Wis.; Rev. R. C. McCormack, Parkersburg, Iowa; Rev. Harold W. Tietjen, Milwaukee, Wis.; and our General Conference promotional secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, who also gave denominational reports. Devotional periods were led by the following: Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, Pound, Wis.; Rev. R. Lawrence, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Special worship services were held each morning by Dr. Paul Rees, pastor of the First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, and Billy Graham colleague in the great London and Glasgow campaigns. These periods were considered highlights of the conference and the

### SUNDAY, NOV. 4

The communion offering in North American Baptist churches to be received on this Sunday should be designated for the "Aged Ministers" of our denomination.

messages were broadcast over radio station KTIS.

Friday was women's day which began with a breakfast at 7:30 A.M. Mrs. Thomas Lutz, National Woman's Union president, brought an inspiring message of interest to women. Business sessions and election of officers followed. In the afternoon Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the Cameroons, gave an interesting account of the women's Christian activities in Africa.

The men's breakfast and meeting was held Saturday morning. Mr. Arthur Thom, formerly of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Mich., and now associated with the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, was the speaker.

The morning sessions of the conference on Saturday were devoted to Sunday School workshops. Leaders were Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. R. Parry. The afternoon meeting was in charge of the CBY who held a business session followed by recreation. In the evening a delicious banquet was served in the dining room of Olivet Baptist Church under the auspices of the CBY. Dr. Curtis Akenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, brought an outstanding message on the importance of "Second Things."

On Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke at the worship service. In the afternoon Miss Ruby Salzman spoke on the subject, "The Church Reaching Out to the Uttermost Parts of the World." This was to be the closing service of the conference, but many remained for a 6:30 P.M. vesper service at which time Rev. J. G. Benke, newly elected moderator and pastor of the host church to the next conference, gave a challenging message on the responsibilities of the delegates in bringing the spirit of the conference messages to their home churches.

All services were greatly enriched by musical numbers from the various churches. Beautiful flowers were placed about the sanctuary daily.

Mrs. Reuben B. Glewwe, Reporter.

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