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# Gems of Christmas Poetry

Selected Poems for the Christmas Season

## Christmas Carol

The Angels sang—and so may we  
On Christmas anniversary.  
The Shepherds heard—and so may we  
The Song. "The Angels' Symphony."  
The Shepherds saw—and so may we  
The Light of his nativity.  
The Shepherds said: (and so may we)  
"To Bethlehem we go to see!"

## Christmas Eve

By Kate Douglas Wiggin

My latch is on the string tonight,  
The hearth fire is aglow,  
I seem to hear swift passing feet,  
The Christ-child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight,  
For stranger, kith, or kin,  
I would not close a single door  
Where Christ may enter in.

## Immanuel

By Margaret D. Armstrong

Though bells peal out this Christmas  
time  
As gaily as before,  
They greet a weary, restless world—  
Bewildered, stricken, sore.  
A mighty name still rings above  
The conflict and the din;  
It breathes a calm through all the  
earth—  
It whispers peace within.  
While nations surge like troubled seas,  
No words can ever tell  
How strangely sweet, this Christmas  
time,  
Thy name—IMMANUEL!

## Christmas

I love to hear the carols clear  
That herald Christmas Day,  
The voices sweet from street to street  
A merry joyful day.  
And how it thrills and how it fills  
My soul with glad delight  
To hear the song that lingers long,  
And ushers in the light.

I love to see the Christmas tree  
Bedecked with baubles bright,  
The branches green with glistening  
sheen  
Of many a sparkling light.  
The presents, too, from friends so true,  
The startled "Oh's" and "Ah's"  
As childhood's ranks give joyful thanks  
To dear old Santa Claus.

I love to hear the glad good cheer  
That echoes everywhere,  
As neighbors meet and pause to greet  
With ne'er a sign or care.  
And so I bring my offering  
To him who yonder lay  
In manger low so long ago  
On that first Christmas Day.

## Christmas Eve

By Edna H. Vines

Bright tinsel stars gleam down the  
street,  
Proclaiming Your great day, Oh Naza-  
rene,  
And we rush on, on busy, heedless feet,  
Forgetting all the day should really  
mean.

Oh let us see, beyond the tinsel glare,  
The gleam of one bright star wise men  
of old  
Saw light the world with truth, and  
flare  
Above the dross, the pride, the lust  
for gold.

And let the tale the simple shepherds  
told,  
Who left their flocks to follow where  
it led,  
Help us to feel its wonder as of old,  
And kneel as they beside a manger-bed.

## Christmas Living

By Norman C. Schlichter

He always lives the Christmas way  
Who lives to serve on each new day.

A short step off—not more than two—  
There's always someone needing you,

Your smile, your prayer, your kindly  
gift  
Of little things that the spirit lift.

Sometimes the clasping of a hand,  
Though a little thing, is Heaven-  
planned.

And now and then it may come true  
That the stay of hunger is up to you.

He lives the Christmas life each day  
Who lives for others along the way.

## The Christmas Gift

By Adeline E. Gordon

Across the burning desert sands,  
Three wise men rode one day,  
Gift-laden for the King of kings,  
They'd sought along the way.

## A Bright and Joyous

## Christmas

## to Every Reader

## of the "Baptist Herald"

"God bless us, everyone!"

'Twas not mid scenes of splendor gay,  
They found the infant child,  
But cradled in a lowly house,  
With Mary, mother mild.

Most precious gift of all the years—  
The Son of God who came,  
The riches of his Father's love  
And mercy to proclaim.

This Christmas time, he'll be a guest  
In cot or mansion fair;  
Wherever loving, trusting hearts  
Seek for his presence there.

## A Holy Silence

By Harriet D. Schnell

A holy silence gently filled  
The weary, waiting earth.  
Reflected sunset colors spread  
Their glories around a mother's head,  
And everything was strangely stilled  
To wait her baby's birth.

As midnight deepened heavens' blue  
Over a cattle shed,  
One brilliant star shone from the east  
To light the first great Christmas feast,  
And angels sang the song they knew  
Above the baby's bed.

No silence is so richly given  
As comes each Christmas time;  
No star so clear, no song so glad,  
No babe so loved though poorly clad.  
Never is earth so near to heaven;  
No gift is so sublime.

## The Star and the Song

By Robert B. Pattison

The wise men saw with joyful eyes  
The star whose beams on a manger  
smiled.  
They followed the star, for they were  
wise;  
They followed the star, and found the  
Child.

The shepherds heard the angel's voice,  
Shepherds, humble, simple, and mild;  
Then the heavenly host: "Good will,  
rejoice!"  
They obeyed the voice, and found the  
Child.

Both wise and humble were at the  
birth  
When star and song joined earth and  
skies;  
Both learned, and simple ones of earth  
Found him, most humble and most  
wise!

Thus, may we, too, each Christmas  
Day,  
Simple or wise, whichever we are,  
Meekly and wisely hear and obey,  
And find the Child of the song and the  
star.

# Editorial

## A Scripturama of God's Glory

We believe that we have something INCOMPARABLE in the new 64 page, illustrated volume, the 1959 ANNUAL. We are calling it A SCRIPTURAMA of God's greatness and glory. In its pages you will clearly see the wondrous things that God has wrought in our circles and to the ends of the earth.

You will be enthralled by the fascinating biography of Alfred Saker, missionary to the Cameroons, which is published in its entirety for the first time in our circles. The first bells are being rung by the ANNUAL with the story of the Protestant Centennial in Japan. "Televangelism in 1959" is the story of 19 million Baptists witnessing for Christ through the Baptist Jubilee Advance program.

Here are more FIRSTS achieved by the 1959 ANNUAL. The full address of the Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, at the Toronto Baptist Youth Congress appears in this volume. The Honorable E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta, has given us the unique privilege of publishing one of his messages. Dr. Herbert Gezork's General Conference address on "Our Baptist Faith" is published in full.

You will meet Chief John Gambler, Indian from the Muscowpetung Reserve, who spoke at the Edmonton Conference, and Jim Gladstone, the first Indian Senator for Canada. You will be fascinated by eight world-famous Bible illustrations from the pen of Gustav Dore, who has been called the foremost "Preacher Painter." You will follow "The Bible on Wheels" through Best Seller Publicity and the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru, South America. Many more wonderful articles appear in these 64 pages, along with 100 illustrations. Nine pages are devoted to the North American Baptist Directory.

The 1913 General Conference for the first time went out to the WEST in Madison, South Dakota, for its sessions. That amazing story is retold by Rev. W. S. Argow. "Our Spanish-American Friends" are warmly introduced by Missionary David Keiry. The center spread of the ANNUAL will be a refreshing adventure for every reader with its arresting pictures and title: "Slow Me Down, Lord!"

The 1959 ANNUAL will be ready for distribution by Dec. 12 or 15. See your pastor or publication society agent about securing your copy or write with your order directly to the Roger William Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. We are quite confident that the 1959 ANNUAL with its limited printing of 4000 copies will be received enthusiastically by our people.

These are days of incomparable spiritual joy in remembering God's unspeakable GIFT to us in Christ Jesus! We have received so much from God in the fulness of his grace. We have beheld by faith the wonders of his love in Christ Jesus. We have experienced the blessings of his wonderful Kingdom and have become heirs of his heavenly glory. That is our incomparable joy at Christmas, as we join the Judean shepherds and tell others "what the Lord hath made known to us." In that spirit at this wonderful season, we wish every reader of the "Baptist Herald" a joyous and blessed CHRISTMAS with CHRIST at the heart of your festivities in your heart of love!

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—Luoma Photo

At Christmas youth groups sing carols, church choirs render anthems, and starry-eyed children tell the Christmas story at Sunday School programs.

## Should We Celebrate Christmas?

Your answers to the questions suggested in this article can make this the most wonderful Christmas in your life!

By Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Kankakee, Illinois

**P**ERHAPS no season of the year is so universally celebrated as the Christmas season. Such holidays as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and others are distinctly American holidays. But not so Christmas! Christmas belongs to the world. By far, most of the American traditions of the Christmas season have been transplanted here by European immigrants.

### A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

In spite of all the commercialization of the day, we as Baptists have tried to keep its observance simple and spiritual. From most of our pulpits, Christmas sermons are preached to the blessing of hearts and the salvation of souls. Our choirs sing Christmas carols, anthems, cantatas and oratorios. Youth groups go caroling to brighten the lives of shut-ins and the aged. Starry-eyed children tell the story in song and verse at Sunday School Christmas programs. In our homes, with our families, we teach our children the true meaning and implications of the birth of Christ.

All of us, however, are becoming increasingly alarmed at the degeneration of the day. The increasing number of business and office drinking parties is to us not only disturbing, but shocking. The devil is doing his best to wrap his demoralizing tentacles around Christmas to snuff out whatever spiritual emphasis remains.

Likewise disturbing to those of us, who through the years have sought to "keep Christ in Christmas," are voices within Christian circles condemning the entire observance of Christmas. These voices via radio and the printed page denounce all observance of Christmas as lending support to the continuance of a basically pagan holi-

day, with which Christians should have no part. Such teaching is disturbing to some of our people and perhaps deserves further consideration.

### DECEMBER 25th

One point often raised is that the 25th of December is not really Christ's birthday. Actually, we cannot know for certain. The Bible does not tell us. Furthermore, scholars are not agreed. It can be said, however, that the arguments for December 25 are as formidable as those against it. Edersheim in his book, "The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah," states in a footnote on page 187 of Volume I, "There is no adequate reason for questioning this date. The objections generally made rest on grounds which seem to me historically untenable."

The question, it would seem, does



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This full-page, full-color insert—suitable for framing—appears in CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 28, edited by Randolph E. Haugan.

not hinge on the accuracy or inaccuracy of the date, but rather if, on any date, Christ's birthday should be observed. Can we establish that there is anything basically wrong with setting aside one day to recognize in a special way the birth of Christ? We believe this is answered by the blessing that Christmas has been to many down through the years, even to the salvation of many souls. If we observe the birthdays of our kin, should we not observe the birthday of the King of kings?

Further dissent is sounded from the fact that the etymology of the word Christmas, coming from "Christ's Mass," gives it a distinctly Roman Catholic derivation. We might wish the day were simply called "Christ's Birthday" as prevails in most of Europe, yet the significance of a word is in its connotation. How many of us are aware that the days of our week, and many of the months of our year, are derived from pagan deities. Do we, for example, worship the sun on Sunday, or the moon on Monday, or Janus in January, or Mars in March, or Julius Caesar in July, or Augustus Caesar in August? Such thoughts do not enter our minds. Christmas, in spite of its derivation, simply means to us Christ's Birthday, and as such we seek to observe the day.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Still further dissension is found in the use of Christmas trees. This practice, it is alleged, is not only pagan but idolatrous. The Scripture usually cited is Jeremiah 10:3-5: "For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but

### Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offerings to be received by our Sunday Schools and at Christmas programs are to be designated for the children on our various mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa and Japan, and among the Indians of Canada and the Spanish-Americans of Colorado and Texas. Remember these children at Christmas time!

speak not: they must be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."

We shall not argue as to the propriety of the use or non-use of Christmas trees, but we believe their non-use cannot be deduced from this passage. Jeremiah is clearly sounding a warning against idolatry, and in this instance it was the idolatry of nature worship. There is a vast difference in worshipping nature and enjoying its beauties.

Our homes and churches are landscaped with flowers and shrubs to add to their beauty. Throughout the year, flowers grace our sanctuaries on the Lord's Day. At our Harvest Mission and Thanksgiving services, fruits of the harvest often adorn the platform. Do we at any time worship these products of nature?

Likewise at Christmas time, does the presence of a tree of perennial greenness in our homes, cause us to bow down and worship it? Can any one instance be cited where, because of the use of a Christmas tree, someone was led into the idolatry of nature worship? Again, the propriety of the use of a Christmas tree may be debatable, but the utter condemnation of it, based on the passage from Jeremiah, is hardly justifiable.

In all these matters, we must seek to answer in our own minds and hearts whether greater good would be done through our complete abandonment of the observance of Christmas, or if our efforts should not continue to be to restore Christmas to its rightful place. In view of the increasing desecration of the day, would we not, by completely ignoring the day, add to its utter paganization?"

### OUR GIFT TO CHRIST

We need, however, to adopt a more positive approach, rather than simply to adhere to past traditions. Since birthdays are always associated with gifts, should our thoughts not be more directly associated with the One whose birthday we celebrate? What will be our birthday gift to him?

We suggest a policy adopted by a church of our acquaintance. It was suggested from the pulpit that the members should give as much to the Lord as they have spent for Christmas presents. What a splendid idea! In reality, we should have our greatest missionary offerings on Christmas Day. What could please our Lord more! If, with the giving of our gifts, there would be a greater giving of ourselves in service to the Lord, what a wonderful Christmas this would be!

## God's Guidance to Ghana

By Dr. George A. Dunger of Accra, Ghana

**I**ARRIVED here in Ghana, Africa, several weeks ago. The University is something that staggers the imagination. It has to be seen to be believed; it's a magnificent place. Likewise, the staff members of the Department of Divinity are wonderful Christian people and fine scholars. There are just about as many students in the Department of Divinity as we have at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. It is a delight again to be able to work with African people who are very eager to please God and man. I should like to see you make a trip to Africa and see what's happening!

Louise, my wife, and our daughter, Amaryllis, arrived here last Wednesday—a week earlier than I anticipated. As you know, they were to travel by boat from Amsterdam to Jakaradi, a part of Ghana. When leaving Bordeaux—on a perfectly clear night—their ship, the "Ghanakust" of the Holland West Africa Line, was rammed by a Spanish vessel. The "Ghanakust" caught fire and was beached. The Spanish vessels collected the passengers of the "Ghanakust," who had abandoned ship, and took them back to Bordeaux.

Several days afterwards, they were taken to Paris from where a special flight took them direct to Lagos and to Accra. As you can imagine, my family and I, when I came to know about the disorder, spent long hours of anxiety and concern but God in his mercy and never-failing love, answered our prayers.

Now they are safely with me, although we do not know whether our necessary baggage will arrive. We are keeping house with borrowed things and just a few essential items we have bought. However, all inconveniences and testings of faith are well worthwhile over against the privilege of serving God and the African people here in Ghana.

Although we are physically separated by a great distance, we continue to sense the spiritual unity between us and our churches, their pastors and their members, and, in a special way, with our denominational leaders through the objectives we desire to accomplish for our churches and for the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue in our prayers for you and for our work at home.

## "Christmas", A Gift For Every Home

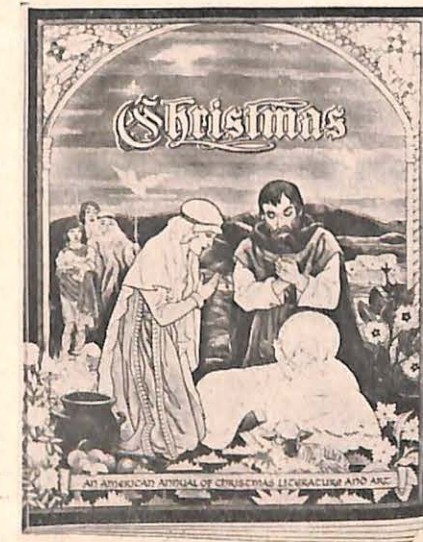
Whether it's an article on Christmas customs in "merry old England," or some interesting sidelights on "People and Places in the Nativity Narratives," or a fetching carol from Bavaria—you'll find them all in this year's volume of *Christmas, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art*, published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis. *Gift Edition, paper, in envelope, \$1.50.*

For 28 years this distinctive annual has created countless variations on a simple, unchanging theme. Each volume is completely new in content and make-up, yet the theme never varies. It is devoted exclusively to art, literature, and music inspired by the birth of Christ, and traditions of Christmas around the world.

This year's Volume 28 begins—as each volume has—with the traditional Bible narratives from St. Luke and St. Matthew. The four-color illustrations by Edmund Kopietz are in a medieval parchment style.

A chuckling-good picture story by Lee Mero reminisces about Christmas observances "way back when." An article that will capture popular interest concerns the Christmas Seal Crusade, which has become a traditional part of Christmas observance throughout the world. Other articles tell of Christmas customs in Austria, Sweden, and the Tyrol.

Suitable for framing are two full-page, full-color art inserts. One is a scene from Salzburg, Austria; the other is a page of ancient hand lettered Scripture, the text from Isaiah. This colorful volume will brighten and enrich the days of the Christmas season for every reader. The cover sets the mood of the annual, with its representation of the Nativity scene. It emphasizes that Christ is the unchanging theme of Christmas—and so, also, of *Christmas*.



A full-color painting of the Nativity by Stryker Ingerman, appears as the Cover of CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 28, Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
The recruiting of more laymen and of happier lay workers in the cause of Christ should be one of the main objectives of every church.

## Recruiting Lay Workers in the Church of Christ

A formula for stewardship that will increase efficiency in the cause of Christ.

By Mr. Stanley Ernst  
of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

AN OLD Arab once explained the secret of the camel's durability on the desert trek. "The camel is wise," he said. "While the other animals fill themselves with every variety of food and drink every time anything is offered them, the camel has learned to refuse all but the essentials—the greatest of which is water." So we see why the important "ships of the desert" are so helpful. They recognize the need for water, and store it in their systems in great abundance. They never "take in what is less important."

I thought of this the other day, when I talked with my Christian friend who is a layman in a neighboring church. Through the years, he has accepted almost every responsibility anyone has thrown at him, but recently the light seems to have gone from his eyes.

He said to me, "Stan, I hate to admit it, but I just don't feel like serving anybody any more, even the Lord." I could see he meant it—and his words bothered me because I know how much he really loves the Lord and his church; and I know that he has a good many active years left for doing good. I'd hate to think of him on the sidelines. But I know exactly how he feels.

### SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

What is it that causes a man to lose his vision for service when he obviously believes in the cause of Christ? No one looking at the record can ever call it selfishness or unwillingness. What would make a devout man like this want to give up?

May I suggest an answer for you to think about? I think my friend is ready to give up too soon because he gave in too much. I think he lacked the wisdom of the desert camel. He simply

"took in too much" of everything, and forgot to reserve his resources for the true essentials. Let me explain what I mean, and let me state immediately: *It wasn't his fault!*

Comparatively speaking, there are more active laymen in the church today than ever before. They shoulder more responsibility than their forefathers. In spite of this, Christian leaders are constantly pleading for capable men to shoulder responsibility. Why?

Well, there are certain inescapable facts which must be faced before final judgment can be passed on the layman of today. I speak from my experience in a typical church but, I believe, the same conditions exist in smaller communities. To understand the dilemma faced by any Christian, two main areas of concern have to be considered. They are:

### STANLEY ERNST

Stanley Ernst was a very busy man in the Lord's service! He was the treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, and was very active in the church's radio ministry of Echoes of Heaven. He was a member of the denominational Finance Committee and had attended a session of the committee a few days before his homegoing. He served actively in the work of "Baptist Men" and he and his family attended most of the Laymen's Conferences at Green Lake, Wisconsin. He prepared this provocative article a few days before his death in response to an urgent request by the officers of "Baptist Men" and the editor of the "Baptist Herald." Stanley Ernst still speaks to us in that dedicated, earnest, thought provoking way of his to the glory of God! EDITOR.

1. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES, and
2. OTHER CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

Right within his own church, today's layman has multiple demands made on his time—matters which his father or grandfather never faced. The church of today is a highly complex organization and has three to fourfold the number of activities which prevailed a generation or two ago. In spite of this, there has been a very discomfiting trend unfairly to criticize a man unless he attends every meeting and engages in almost every activity of the church. Some people assume that unless he does so, he is not sincere in his Christianity.

Also, when a man accepts responsibility in one activity he is frequently beset with pleading requests to participate in many additional ones. Many men, who are active in their local church, find themselves so involved that every night in the week is filled. I submit that one of the primary reasons why it is difficult to recruit more men to active service is that those so engaged have tremendous and unfair demands made on their time.

Over a period of years, experience has indicated that we are requesting and expecting our men to assume too many responsibilities. If there is a shortage of manpower in the church, perhaps it is because more is demanded than there is a right to expect.

However, this is only part of the picture. Within the past several generations, other Christian organizations and their activities have also multiplied tremendously. For the most part, they perform important Christian functions. Of course, these organizations have only one source of manpower.

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## Christ Calls Us to Partnership in Prayer

Prayer is work, but it is rewarding work because there is power in prayer.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke,  
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IN THE Apostle Paul's life of service, he felt so keenly that he mentioned it several times in the letters that he wrote. That need was for the prayers of his fellow-Christians. He reminded Christians everywhere that he remembered them faithfully in prayer, and then often asked them to do the same for him.

In this passage, Romans 15:30-33, he calls upon the Christians at Rome to pray for him. Just as Paul felt this need, so in our daily living as well as in the service that we perform we should seek the fellowship of prayer.

### "I BESEECH YOU"

How strongly Paul felt this need is indicated by his use of the expression, "I beseech you." He felt a holy anxiety for their partnership with him in prayer. Anyone who is engaged in the work of the Lord, and anyone who encounters the difficulties of life, feels this great need for fellowship in prayer.

It was this need for fellowship of prayer that prompted our forefathers to begin the weekly prayer meetings in the churches. But the present day Christians by their neglect and their preoccupation with many other things are permitting such meetings to die. We are emphasizing mechanics, and forgetting dynamics. We are concerned about being highly organized and efficient and about having everything function smoothly.

All of these things are good, but the best organization without spiritual power will be ineffective. The Israelites tired of the manna in the wilderness begged for the fleshpots of Egypt. God sent the quails, but with them also a plague. The Psalmist in commenting on this said: "He gave

them the desire of their hearts, but sent leanness into their soul."

There is no duty of the Christian more strongly emphasized in the Bible than the duty of prayer. There is more said in the Bible about prayer than about witnessing. Perhaps it is because no man is prepared to witness until he has spent time in prayer. And yet there is no duty that is more neglected than this.

### REWARDING WORK

Possibly it is because prayer is work. Paul indicates this when he says "that ye strive together with me in your prayers." It is often a struggle to pray—to find the necessary time to pray—to keep the mind occupied with prayer.

Dr. Henrietta Mears speaks of her mother who would often spend as much as an hour in prayer. As a little girl Miss Mears decided that she too wanted to pray for an hour. She went into her room, set the alarm clock and knelt to pray. After she had prayed about everything she could think of, she looked up at the clock, and only one minute had gone by.

Prayer is work, but it is rewarding work, because there is power in prayer. We may not understand the workings of prayer. We may not understand how our prayers can help someone in a distant place or even nearby. The Bible does not ask or expect us to understand. The Bible simply commands us to pray.

Prayer is mysterious in its methods, but it is mighty in its force. The stronger our faith in prayer the more blessed and powerful our life will be.

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy

That day, and wondered how.  
A ploughman, singing at his work had prayed,

"Lord, help them now."



Luoma Photo  
Prayer, like the ringing of the bells of heaven, is mysterious in its methods but mighty in its force and blessing.

Away in foreign lands they wondered how

Their simple word had power.

At home, the Christians two or three had met

To pray an hour.

### PAUL'S PETITION

Paul had asked these Christians to pray for three things: 1) that he might be delivered from those that did not believe in Judea; 2) that his service in Jerusalem might be accepted by the saints; 3) that he might come to them with joy and in the will of God.

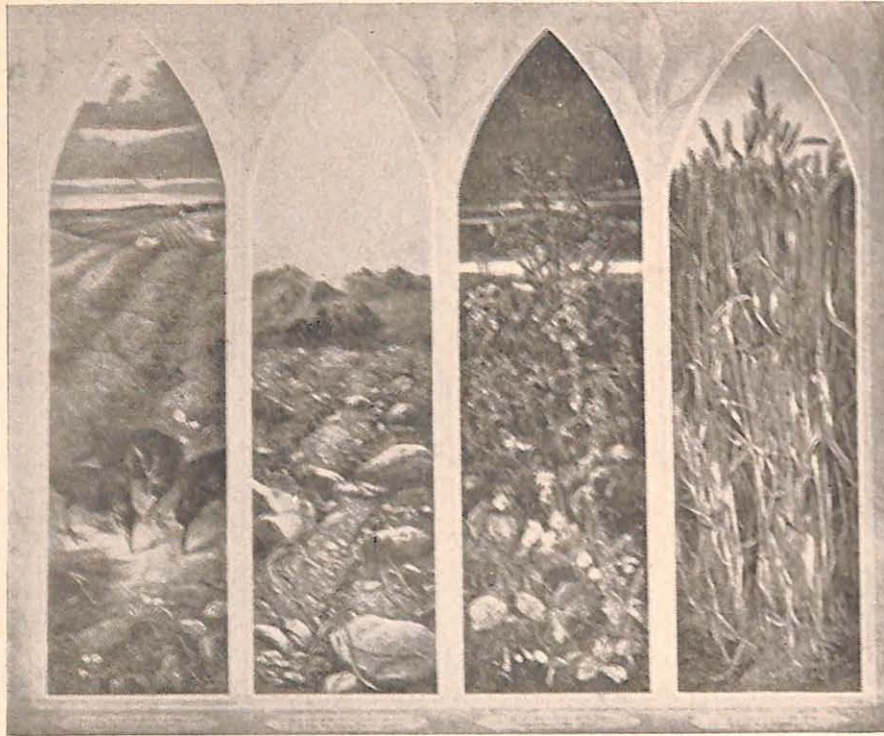
The first petition was answered, and he was delivered out of the hands of his enemies in Jerusalem. We know nothing of the attitude of the saints toward the gift that he brought. Such a gift was sorely needed by them at the time, but many of them carried a deep resentment against Paul because of his work among the Gentiles.

The third petition was also answered, but in a strange manner. Paul did indeed go to Rome, but as a prisoner instead of as a free missionary of the Gospel. The prophet Isaiah speaks the word of the Lord: (42:16) "I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them" (Isa. 42:16).

While on that dangerous journey in the midst of a violent storm, Paul had the assurance from the Lord that he would reach Rome. When, finally, after much hardship they came near Rome and some of the brethren came to meet Paul, he thanked God and took courage.

It was a strange way for God to an-

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"The Parable of the Sower" concerning the seed of the Word of God that fell on different kinds of soil, painted by H. Robert.

## Baptist Jubilee Advance

Our North American Baptist participation in the Advance for a united Baptist witness and for the winning of souls.

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism

**T**HE movement known as the *Baptist Jubilee Advance* is a united effort on the part of seven Baptist conventions and conferences of North America to achieve the goals they hold in common by going forward in a great Evangelistic Crusade. The idea of this Baptist Advance was first expounded at the World Baptist Alliance Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1947.

Baptist leaders of North America have developed the idea since then, and today seven Baptist fellowships of this continent are cooperating in a special effort to reach all the people with the full force of the Gospel. The plan is a five year program of advance which will come to a climax in 1964 with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in America.

### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 1958

The Baptist Jubilee Advance officially begins on New Year's Eve, 1958, with the emphasis upon evangelism through cooperative witness. Every year there will be a special annual emphasis given to guide the efforts of Baptists towards common goals and objectives. The five annual emphases suggested are the following:

1959—Evangelism through cooperative witness.

1960—Evangelism through Bible teaching and training.

1961—Evangelism through stewardship and enlistment.

1962—Evangelism through church extension.

1963—Evangelism through world missions.

1964—Jubilee Celebration for all Baptists.

Each participating conference or convention will strive to achieve the common goals and objectives within the framework of its own organization. No central committee or group will tell another group what it must do. It is a matter for each participating fellowship to decide individually as to how closely it wishes to adhere to the suggested annual emphases, and how it will develop and conduct its own program of advance.

Through a joint committee opportunity is given to exchange ideas and

### Correction

In a recent article on "The Soul Winners' Fellowship" by Rev. Daniel Fuchs (Oct. 2, 1958 issue of the "Baptist Herald"), the sentence at the top of column 2 should have read: "Since our annual gross loss through death and other causes averages about 3,500 members annually, it means that we will need to receive into our churches an average of 5500 souls to reach our goal."

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suggestions, and to put forth united effort in the area of public relations and publicity. But each Baptist body is challenged to promote its own program of advance simultaneously with other Baptist bodies, so that the world might experience a dramatic presentation of what Baptists stand for, and great achievements might be accomplished to the glory of God and the salvation of millions of the world's people.

As the North American Baptist General Conference, we have dedicated ourselves to cooperate with the larger Baptist Jubilee Advance program. Simultaneously with the other great Baptist bodies of America, we too will go forward, led by the Spirit of God in our own denominational program of advance. Our goals for aggressive outreach and evangelistic achievement within the framework of our own denomination have been set as follows:

Goal in Soul Winning—A membership of 60,000 by 1964.

Goal in New Churches—Fifty new North American Baptist churches by 1964.

Goal in Missions—One hundred North American Baptist missionaries under appointment by 1964.

Goal in Finances—The raising of an annual denominational budget of \$1,000,000 by 1964.

### SOUL WINNERS' FELLOWSHIPS

Our own program of advance in the cause of Jesus Christ for 1959 is outlined in the colorful leaflet, "Twenty Guideposts for North American Baptist Churches," available from our office at Forest Park, Ill. The program is to be officially launched in our churches with prayer and special features at the New Year's Eve services, December 31, 1958.

The "Week of Prayer" will emphasize the theme for the year: "Evangelism through Co-operative Witness." Rev. H. Palfenier has prepared program material for this week. "Soul Winning Commitment Day" will be observed by our churches on Sunday, January 11, 1959. On this Sunday the pastors may bring messages on Soul Winning, and opportunity will be given for members definitely to enlist as personal soul winners.

To help achieve our evangelistic objectives, Soul Winners' Fellowships are to be organized in our churches. The Soul Winners' Fellowship consists of a group of consecrated Christian men, women and young people, who band themselves together in each of our churches for the specific purpose of personal soul winning. Under the leadership of the pastor, these soul winners meet regularly to receive instruction and to accept assignments in seeking the lost and helping to lead them to the Savior. It should be the desire of every North American Baptist church to organize such a Soul Winners' Fellowship as soon as possible.

During the early part of 1959 special television and radio programs will be presented, which are to be used in

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# The C.T.I.'s Bible College Course

The Story of the New, Enlarged Program of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta by Prof. O. R. Schmidt, Acting President

**T**HE opening of the 20th school year at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, marked the inauguration of a new program for the school. The 32nd General Conference at Edmonton last summer adopted a three-part program for CTI. The program consists of training ministerial students who can serve in a bilingual capacity, of training Bible School students, and of training high school students who have not this opportunity before and who wish to enter a Christian vocation on a full time basis.

### THE NEW PROGRAM

The extension of the ministry of the school through the introduction of the Bible College Course enables students to receive regular pastoral training. This part of the program has received favorable response from many people who feel that it will meet a definite need, especially in the Northern Conference churches.

The Christian Training Institute is meeting the increased demands of the new program as rapidly as possible. Definite steps are being taken to build up the library to the required number of volumes to meet the demands of Bible College training. We shall require two more faculty members in addition to Rev. Arnold Rapske who joined our teaching staff last fall. A new president for the school is being called. These steps are being taken so that CTI may reach its desired status.

Regular students of our Bible College are those who have achieved the Junior College level of training before they enroll in our pastoral training course. But by no means is our pastoral training course limited to such. Anyone who has been called by the Lord into full time service may be accepted, even though he has not had an opportunity to have completed his high school and his Junior College training. If the student is able to do the required work, he can take the three years of Bible College training, and follow the call of the Lord into the Gospel ministry.

### EIGHTY-FIVE STUDENTS

The High School at CTI is also prospering. Not only do we have the largest number of high school students in our history, but we also have the highest percentage of adult privilege students. About eighty per cent of our high school students are twenty years of age or over. Most of these are preparing to enter the university, and many of them are planning to go into full time service for Christ. It is a joy to have such a fine group of students who take their studies seriously.

The group of university students that board at CTI and who are enrolled for study at the University of Alberta is smaller this year than it has been previously. We could not accept more young people because we have more students who take classes at CTI.

Our Bible School Course has also undergone changes. The original purpose of the Bible School is being maintained, but only two years of training are offered instead of four years. Christian young people are trained to serve more effectively as lay workers in their churches, and many make im-

bia in the west. Our attendance in the Bible School Department is higher than it has been for a number of years. At the present time we have a total of eighty-five students at CTI. It is a joy to work with those who are preparing themselves for the greatest task in the world to win the lost for Christ.

### STAFF OF WORKERS

Since the General Conference voted to enlarge the training program of CTI, the Board of Trustees has made major decisions to get the program under way. The faculty has also taken



A SALUTE AT THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE  
Some of the C.T.I. students and members of "God's Volunteers" team give a "smiling salute" to a Baptist young man in Canadian uniform in the C.T.I. hallway, Edmonton, Alberta.

portant decisions during these years concerning their life's work.

Some of our Bible School students have come from the United States. Others come from Ontario in the eastern part of Canada to British Colum-

its task seriously and has done what it could to carry out the decision of the General Conference.

We are also fortunate having an efficient and cooperative staff of workers. In addition to the regular faculty, the following three part-time teachers assist in carrying the teaching load: Rev. H. Hiller is teaching in the Bible College program; Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus, is teaching in the Bible School; and Mr. Harold Wiebe is teaching in the High School.

We are privileged to be co-workers with our Lord. The Lord is blessing the work of our denomination by the many evidences of his blessings that we receive. We at CTI are also busy in the tasks that are ours to further the Kingdom of our Lord in the work of our denomination. We rejoice in the opportunities he gives us, and it is our prayer that we might not be found wanting in any service that we can render.

### PRAYER PARTNERS

The work of "God's Volunteers" needs prayer partners. Have you enlisted and secured your Prayer Partner Card? See your pastor about this.

At the Watchnight Service and Week of Prayer, the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will be launched in prayer. Enlist in the Soul Winners' Fellowship in your church.

The 1959 Bible Reading Leaflets are ready for distribution in our churches. Follow the suggestions of prayer on the back page. Remember our missionaries in your prayers.

# America's Alcoholic Balance Sheet

A discerning analysis and Christian review of the assets and liabilities on the 25th anniversary (Dec. 5, 1933) of the repeal of the 18th (Prohibition) Amendment to the United States Constitution.

By Dr. William B. Lippard, Editor Emeritus of "Missions" Magazine and Executive Secretary of the Associated Church Press

ONLY NINE months and fifteen days were required for the 48 states to ratify the repeal of the 18th amendment, then known as the Prohibition Amendment. This had been proposed by the United States Congress on February 20, 1933 and the 21st amendment which repealed the 18th amendment was proclaimed adopted December 5, 1933. Thus 20 days before Christmas a mighty sluiceway was opened for the flow of beverage alcohol. Wines, whiskeys, brandies, and other hard liquors were again legally offered for sale.

Meanwhile, by Congressional action on request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, beer was permitted to be sold in April, 1933, or eight months prior to the actual repeal of the amendment. The brewing industry moved fast. Within 15 years the breweries in the United States produced 889,068,689 barrels of beer. Since each barrel holds 31 gallons, that meant 27,551,129,359 gallons.

The year 1958 thus brings an ominous 25th anniversary in American life. In this anniversary year a balance sheet of the American liquor situation makes dreadful reading.

Of course it must be acknowledged, and credit must be given where credit is due, that there are a few assets and credits, as well as huge liabilities and debits in this balance sheet.

## LIQUOR REVENUE

The credit items are easily recognizable. (1) Repeal of the amendment, with the imposition of license fees, produced new revenue for municipal, state, and the federal governments. Since the year 1933 marked the bottom of the great depression, such additional revenue was heartily welcomed. Today the total number of taverns, saloons, bars, or whatever you call them, and of retail stores exceeds the combined total of churches and schools by nearly 30,000, and the ratio of liquor outlets to American homes across the United States is one liquor store or bar to every 80 American dwelling units. The license fees from these establishments brings in a substantial revenue.

Moreover, the real estate taxes on breweries, distilleries, wineries, vineyards, and on the retail outlets, likewise swell the coffers of the local, state and national treasuries. According to John M. Morehouse in *The New York Herald Tribune*, the drinking of tax paid alcoholic liquor is now the second largest source of revenue to the Federal Government as well as one of the largest revenue producers for the states.

Moreover, during these 25 years the liquor industry has spent more than 15 billion dollars on farm products, corn, hops, malt, barley, and other grains, and for bottles and tin can containers, and for the construction of new breweries and distilleries. The brewing industry claims that it has appropriated 38 billion dollars for such expenditures and has injected that colossal sum into the American economy. Furthermore, as anybody is aware who reads a newspaper or a magazine or sees a billboard, many millions of dollars are spent each year in advertising. (2) These hundreds of thousands of establishments produce rent income to their landlords who in turn pay state and federal income taxes on the rent received.

(3) All these establishments, retail and wholesale, give employment to a substantial number of people. Back in the years of the depression with its millions of unemployed, this new employment was likewise welcomed. Although some 1,200,000 people are thus employed, by comparison with the total labor force in the United States, computed to be about 65 million, the total employed in the liquor traffic is really quite small. In addition, about 400,000 are engaged in the illegal industry known as bootlegging.

Such are the credit items. They are more than offset by the costly, terrifying, tragic debit items. Whatever assets there may be in this alcoholic balance sheet become negligible when contrasted with the huge liabilities instantly recognizable by anybody who looks realistically at the American liquor scene today. There are at least eleven such overwhelming, bankruptcy producing debits and liabilities.

## HARVESTING CORRUPTION

(1) The past 25 years have witnessed an immense, indeed incredible increase in the number of people who drink. In a well documented study the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, that naturally has much at stake in the number of deaths directly or indirectly attributed to the consumption of beverage alcohol, states that there are now 65,000,000 people in the United States who drink. That easily approximates more than 60% of the adult (over 18 years of age) population. Nothing comparable to this was true 25 years ago.

(2) The past 25 years have witnessed a steadily mounting rise in crime, directly or indirectly due to liquor. There is hardly a city across the land that has not had to increase

its forces for the maintenance of law and order to cope with the increase in murders, rapes, burglaries, assaults, and other crimes attributed to the use of liquor.

Typical of the high cost of crime due to alcohol is the experience of a city in Michigan. In 1950 the city collected in license fees \$57,573 from the liquor traffic, whereas expenditures due to crime related to drink totalled \$246,000, represented by judicial, police, and jail expenses, relief and welfare to dependent families, aid to neglected children, and industrial loss due to alcoholic absenteeism, a net loss to the city of \$188,000.

(3) The dangerous rise in juvenile delinquency is front page news in every town and city. And while today's feeling of economic and political insecurity, resulting from wars and rumors of wars, is philosophically interpreted as a background for juvenile delinquency, most of it is due to delinquent homes, neglectful parents, unhappy marriages, poverty, and other conditions in which liquor is the factor. Much of it is due directly to the ability of youth to obtain liquor in spite of the legal prohibitions against selling liquor to minors. *The New York World Telegram*, March 29, 1958, published a full page feature article revealing that teen-age drinking and drunkenness had become a national problem. Surveys thus far made showed percentages from 18 to 90 in teen-agers who drink.

(4) The enormous consumption of grain, fruit, sugar and other food elements in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages constitute an immense waste of natural resources. This is especially true at a time when millions of people in the United States do not have enough good food in spite of our high standard of living and our economic prosperity. And the food consumed in the making of alcohol could be of immense help in relieving the hunger of many millions of people in Asia and Africa who never know what it means to have a satisfying meal.

## BOOTLEGGING TODAY

(5) The liquor traffic has never achieved distinction as a law abiding industry. While most retail establishments obey regulations and the majority refrain from selling liquor on Sundays, on election days, and on other prohibited holidays, yet there are many violations. Moreover the lack of a uniform national law about selling to minors permits immense violations. For example, in New York the age limit is 18 whereas in New Jersey it is 21. All that is needed for boys and

girls of 19 in New Jersey to saturate themselves with alcohol is to ride the ferry across the Hudson River or travel by bus through one of the tunnels.

(6) The prevalence of bootlegging and moonshining, notwithstanding the glib promises and assurances given by the liquor interests that repeal of the 18th amendment would do away with this illegal liquor traffic, is another debit. According to Donald I. Rogers in *The New York Herald Tribune*, bootlegging is now higher than at any time within the past 25 years.

This hits three ways. First, it deprives state and federal governments of tax revenue. Second, it takes away profits from the legalized liquor industry. Bootlegging and moonshining are reputed to produce and distribute double the quantity of liquor made available by the legalized industry. Third, it compels the employment of an immense force of state and federal police agencies to hunt down hidden liquor stills and close up illegal retail disposal outlets. These law agencies work day and night. The illegal traffic is well organized by racketeers and fabulous fortunes have been made in it.

(7) All across the land the jails are overcrowded. Alcoholic rehabilitation institutions are taxed to capacity. The organization known as Alcoholics Anonymous does a thriving business and renders a sadly needed service in redeeming multitudes of people caught in the frightful throes of alcoholism. No such institution was known 25 years ago. No one has calculated the huge public and private expense necessary to maintain these institutions for the housing and retention, or the possible cure of hordes of drunken bums and sots that are cast by the liquor traffic upon the human trash heap. Moreover, absenteeism from industrial plants and other factors of alcoholism now cost American industry one billion dollars a year.

## WOMEN DRINKERS

(8) What is inexpressibly sad to contemplate is the increasing number of women drinkers. Many are known as "solo drinkers." Take a walk through any cocktail lounge of a hotel during the afternoon or evening cocktail hours and observe the many women, victims of the liquor habit, who sit there without female companions or male escorts. Their lone presence evidences that something is wrong with their personalities. Instead of consulting a competent psychiatrist, they vainly try to remedy their maladjusted personalities with more and more alcohol. The woman "solo" drinker was an unknown phenomenon in American life prior to the repeal of prohibition.

(9) Terrifying is the steadily increasing number of confirmed alcoholics, now estimated at five million. According to the U. S. Department of Public Health, alcoholism is now the fourth most prevalent disease among the American people, exceeded in number



of patients only by heart disease, cancer and mental illness. The old term "alcoholic" has become something new in the American vocabulary. What makes this so ominous for the future of the nation is that ten years after repeal, one out of eight confirmed alcoholics is a woman. *Today one fourth of all alcoholics are women!*

And the "quacks" are crowding in on these unhappy, wretched people, seeking to profit from their affliction. In its issue of March 22, 1958 *The New York World Telegram* carried a feature article on these charlatans and quacks, and the fraudulent, so-called "rest homes" for the victims of alcoholism. All seek to mulct the afflicted and their confused and distressed families with vain promise of remedying the illness.

## LIQUOR ADVERTISING

(10) The advertising industry merits severe condemnation in creating a liability and a debit in this alcoholic balance sheet. Gone is our previously cherished American privacy. Violated is the security and the sanctity of the home which from time immemorial the

American has regarded as his castle. Through radio and television, by magazine and newspaper, every home today is invaded by the seductive pleas of the liquor traffic. In a recent full page newspaper advertisement, the brewing industry proudly boasted that beer is now served in two of every three American homes. What a colossal tribute this is to the pernicious power of American advertising!

Of course, any American can shut off his radio and television and he can cease reading; but what a price he would thus have to pay for maintaining his freedom from liquor invasion. And if he seeks to escape it by a drive into the country, the omnipresent billboard advertisement claims his attention and seeks to lure him to drink. In its promotion of the use of alcohol the liquor traffic is guilty of the most brazen effrontery, of lack of good taste, indeed, of offensive sacrilege. I have before me a half-page newspaper advertisement in which appears the following highly revolting suggestion.

"May we suggest champagne for your Sunday breakfast? Orange juice

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# "God's Volunteers" in Action, 1958 - 1959

By Miss Irene Cuchiran, Reporter for the Team

SEPTEMBER 7th was a typical fall day when the six members of "God's Volunteers" team arrived in Edmonton, Alberta. We were taken to our sleeping and eating headquarters, "The Christian Training Institute." It was indeed an exciting experience getting acquainted with the other members of the team who would be our five "sisters" and one "brother" for eight months.

We also became acquainted with our "mom" and "dad" and two younger brothers, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman and their sons, Wendell and

the Central Church of Edmonton, where Rev. Herbert Hiller is pastor and from October 12 to 19 in the McKernan Baptist Church where Rev. A. Lamprecht is the minister.

## CANVASSING AND PRAYING

We did canvassing in the mornings and afternoons and personal work before and after the supper hour. Before our evening services, the team, director, pastor and the prayer warriors of the church would gather in prayer rooms for a "season of prayer." It was here that we spoke to God and that God spoke to us.

As a "Team" we had a long prayer

spiritually since we have found that God not only hears our prayers BUT that he answers them as well.

May we as "God's Volunteers" encourage you, our people, to join us in prayer as we begin our travels that God may guide and protect us and that God may open unto us the "Door of Utterance."



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM, 1958-1959

The Team members are ready for action in their service for Christ as shown (left to right): Nettie Ann Janzen, Joanne Heckman, Irene Cuchiran, Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director; Donald Hepperle, Riviera Neske and Lydia Albrecht.

Warren. With great anticipation we looked forward to the next four weeks of training.

## WEEKS OF TRAINING

September 8th was the first full day of our training. In these four weeks we got to "Know Christ" better so we could make "Him Known" in our practical work. As a team we realized how inadequate we were for this work, but through specific prayer we grew spiritually.

The courses which we took under four capable instructors were: The Plan of Salvation, Book of John, Bible History, Book of Ephesians, Personal Soul Winning, Local Church and Its Organizations, Visitation Evangelism, Christian Relations, Speech, Music, Bible Study on Holy Spirit, North American Baptist History, and Baptist Distinctives. Four weeks of training passed by so quickly that it was hard to believe we were now starting our practical work.

From October 5 to 12 we worked in

list and at the end of these two weeks, we could earnestly say that God had answered every one of our prayer requests. Why? Because we prayed specifically for these individuals night after night, believing God would answer our petitions. "God's Volunteers" and the director have been strengthened

## "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS ITINERARY"

- Oct. 21 to Nov. 2 -- Southey, Sask. (Meetings with Director, Oct. 26-Nov. 2)
- Nov. 4 to 16 -- McClusky, N. Dak. (Meetings with Director, Nov. 9-16).
- Nov. 18 to 30 -- Herreid, S. Dak. (Meetings with Director, Nov. 23-30).
- Dec. 2 to 14 -- Wessington Springs, S. Dak. (Meetings with Director, Dec. 7-14).
- Dec. 16 to 28 -- Christmas Vacation.

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## PARTNERSHIP IN PRAYER

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swer his prayer. And if God leads you in a strange way in answering your prayers, don't fret and don't argue with him about it. Just remember that the Lord will stand by you in that way because he has a purpose in his method of answering your prayer.

We have been speaking of the experience of prayer for the believer. But prayer is important for the unbeliever too. There are many Christians who pray regularly for unsaved friends and loved ones. Perhaps you are the subject and the object of such prayers. Those prayers will be answered when you pray the sinner's prayer, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." When in sincerity that prayer is offered then you, like the publican who first uttered that prayer, will go home justified. God will save you as you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Do it now, and then declare your faith openly and publicly.

## AMERICA'S ALCOHOLIC BALANCE SHEET

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may be adequate for week-day breakfast. But comes Sunday, you owe yourself a little of that feeling of ineffable luxury that comes only from a bottle of champagne before Sunday noon. A couple of glasses of this beverage with your late Sunday breakfast and you will spend the rest of the day with your feet planted firmly in the clouds."

Thus while many Americans regard Sunday forenoon as the time for worshipping God in church or synagogue, the advertising industry suggests a substitute, champagne for Sunday breakfast. And surely by this time, after 25 years of it, the American people have become altogether too hardened to the vicious Christmas advertising campaign which saturates every magazine and newspaper with its full pages, which begins early in the fall, and persistently seeks to persuade the American people that the best of all Christmas gifts is a bottle of whiskey!

Thus far, all efforts to curtail liquor advertising, especially through radio and television have been futile. A bill introduced into the Senate a year ago by Senator William Langer never emerged from the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

## HIGHWAY CASUALTIES

(11) Finally, the huge casualty list on the highways constitutes a frightful indictment of the liquor traffic and adds unspeakable tragedy to the balance sheet, because alcohol and gasoline do not mix. Even the liquor industry itself recognizes some responsibility for highway tragedies and mutilations, as evidenced by the now familiar New Year's Eve distillery advertising, "If you must have one for the road, make it coffee!" For it is now a well established fact that one for the road really means one for the morgue.

How many thousands and thousands of people of all ages have been horribly mutilated, crippled for life, or instantly killed on the streets and highways across the United States because somebody was driving while under the influence of liquor, will never be known. According to *The Hartford Courant*, the United States with its highway death of 23.4 per 100,000 outranks every other nation on earth. The mere fact that one large insurance company offers accident policies at considerably lower rates to people, who do not drink, evidences that liquor driving has become a frightful menace. There seems to be a studied effort, a stern determination in the newspapers not to publish the grisly statistics, and to play down any publicity whenever a highway casualty is discovered to have been due to liquor.

What is more serious is the absence of pressure on the part of municipal authorities to hold such drivers responsible. In my own county of Westchester in New York State, *The Yonk-*

## From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*What is the nature of the examination which precedes the observance of the Lord's Supper, and what is involved in it?*

The passage which gives rise to this question is found in I Cor. 11:28: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (RSV). In the verses which precede, Paul rebukes the Corinthians for their behavior at the "love feast" or "common meal" which was held in connection with the Lord's Supper. Whereas such an occasion should have broken down social and class barriers, the selfishness and pride of some of the Corinthians had turned it into anything but that. Some of the Corinthians actually were getting drunk at the Supper!

Thus Paul in verses 23-26 sets forth the reasons for the institution of the Supper and warns his readers against eating or drinking in an unworthy manner. Such eating and drinking profanes the body and blood of the Lord (the sacredness of Christ's sacrifice for sins). One must examine himself before coming to the Table.

In answering the question above, it should first be noted that the "whoever" of verse 27 and the "man" of verse 28 are in both cases Christians. Paul does not here say anything about an unbeliever's relation to the communion.

The examination mentioned in verse 28 is to be carried out by the believer

himself. ("Let a man examine himself"). The Christian need not consult with anyone else in this matter.

The most important question has to do with the nature of the examination. This is revealed in verse 29: "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment to himself." The Corinthians were at fault because they ate and drank *without discerning the body*. It follows that the self-examination which precedes the Lord's Supper involves "discerning the body." Here, I'm convinced, Paul is using the word "body" in the sense in which he uses it in I Cor. 10:17, viz. to refer to the unity of the Church as the one Body of the Lord.

The fault of the Corinthians was that in their pride and lack of love they forgot what the Body meant. The Supper had degenerated into a meal that marked their differences instead of their unity in faith and love. They needed to examine themselves in this regard as does every believer before he partakes of the Supper.

"To participate really in the [Communion] of the Lord is not only for those who are deeply conscious of their indebtedness to him, but for them only as they are equally conscious that, since they are his, they are bound over to one another, recognizing in every fellow communicant the brother or sister for whom Christ died in his body" (Moffatt, J., *I Corinthians*, pp. 171, f.).

*ers Herald Statesman*, reports that in 10 years hundreds of motorists have escaped criminal prosecution for alcoholic driving fatality cases because of failure of municipal authorities. Yet more than half of the 589 automobile deaths in the county during the ten year period were definitely traceable to driving while under the influence of liquor. There has not been a single conviction. Many officials admit privately, said this newspaper, that the pressure upon them and on doctors, lawyers, judges, to hide the evidence "is terrific." In New York City in 1957 more than half of the automobile drivers who were instantly killed or who died within 24 hours after their accidents, according to *The New York Times*, were under the influence of liquor.

## A GRIM, SORDID PICTURE

A recent cartoon in *Light* pictured these assets and liabilities, these credits and debits in the alcoholic balance sheet in picturesque yet grim fashion. The cartoon showed a small retail liquor store with a halo over the roof and angelic wings attached to its side walls. The sign over the door read, "Little Innocent Liquor Store." Below

the building was the caption, "What the liquor traffic would have YOU believe." Then beside the little store the cartoonist had pictured the street with a huge bag being emptied of its contents. The caption read, "The Actual Cost of the Little Innocent Liquor Store." Out of the huge black bag fell an immense array of evil things. I list them only partially: vice and crime bill, alcoholic hospitals, adult delinquency, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, lost working hours, wasted resources, insane asylums, reformatories, jails, drunken driving, accidents, property damages, and highway deaths.

Here is indeed a grim, sorry, disillusioning, tragic balance sheet. In the realm of corporate finance any business concern whose balance sheet showed such a preponderance of liabilities and debts against assets and credits, would instantly be haled into court as bankrupt. How many more years must pass before the American people come to realize that their liquor policy, resulting from the constitutional repeal of the 18th amendment, has brought about social and moral bankruptcy? This is the situation and this is the question that confronts them on this 25th anniversary of repeal.

# We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

## INTRODUCTION

Our new secretary, Mrs. David Draewell, is well-qualified for her office, having had several years' experience as a secretary for the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. She is also active in the women's work of her own Central Conference where her talents are further put to good use in the capacity of a pastor's wife. Her husband is the pastor of the Auburn, Michigan, church. In order to keep you informed as to what's happening in our Woman's Missionary Union, we have asked our secretary to give you the following report of our first Executive Committee Meeting held at Forest Park, Ill., October 15th and 16th.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

By Mrs. David J. Draewell, Secretary  
"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:3, 5). These were the verses which were brought to our attention as we began the meetings of the Executive Committee of your Woman's Missionary Union on Oct. 15-16 in Forest Park, Ill. Each one of us as officers has a new task and we endeavor to become acquainted with our duties so that we can serve and help you in the best way possible.

As we met, we prayed for guidance from the Holy Spirit for decisions and plans to be made. You will be hearing about these decisions in various ways in the weeks and months to come.

Reviewing the past triennium thrilled us as we saw the fine work which you as local societies have done. An even greater challenge awaits each one of us as we begin this new triennium. There will be new opportunities to develop our own abilities, perhaps experiences to test our faith, and continued White Cross work to do with our hands. May we as women have unity of purpose and mind, and display the Spirit of Christ!

In the coming year we encourage you to use the materials sent to you from our office. Read the "Broadcast" and pass it around so that others too may read it. Keep in mind our project goal of \$60,000 and support it loyally. We encourage you to observe the prayer days—Baptist Day of Prayer in December and the World Day of Prayer in February. For programs with spark and information, we encourage you to use our Program Packet which may be purchased from our Forest Park office. You will be informed when the new packet is available.

As we discussed various items of

# Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary

THE NEWLY elected members of the CBY Fellowship Executive Committee join me in wishing every one of you a most blessed Christmas season. It is our prayer that the Christ who came to dwell here upon earth in the likeness of man will become more real in the lives of each one of our young people.

We are also looking forward with great anticipation to the new year of 1959. We are confident that our theme, "CHRIST AND YOU . . . PARTNERS FOR ACTION," will challenge all to greater heights of service and devotion. Our theme song, "Our Best," already indicates our desire to give our all in making known to the world the fact that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all who call upon him.

## YOUTH WEEK, 1959

As we look over the threshold into the new year, we are reminded that Youth Week is one of the first youth activities on our calendar. You will be receiving copies of the suggested program material. However, in order for all of you to begin your plans early, we are including a synopsis of these suggestions.

Date: January 25-February 1, 1959  
Theme: OURS IS THE WORLD  
Key verse: Philippians 4:13  
Suggestions for the week are as follows:  
Sunday, January 25: "OURS—TO WIN FOR CHRIST"

Morning—A sermon on the theme of evangelism.

CBYF Meeting—Use "My Life's Ambition" (Youth Compass Sept. 58).

Evening—Present the Youth Week Program found in the Sept. 1958 issue of "Youth Compass," page 47. You may also wish to sponsor a good film that will carry out the evangelistic theme of the day.

Monday, Jan. 26: "OURS—TO LIVE BEFORE"

The emphasis for this day is on Christian family living. Spend the evening at home singing, playing games, closing with family devotions.

business we appreciated the counsel and help of Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Rev. R. Schilke. Miss Gretchen Remmler, who so ably has taken care of our White Cross shipments, also gave us some information in which I think you too would be interested.

Two White Cross shipments went out this past year. The first consisted of 34 units or bales weighing 4665 pounds and the second was 98 units weighing 12844 pounds. These shipments involve very much work and we wish all you women could hear Miss Remmler tell of her work with the White Cross supplies that we send to Forest Park. I think that she would

Tuesday, Jan. 27: "OURS — TO SERVE"

This is missionary night. Sponsor a missionary rally with a missionary speaker, play or film. You may also center a program around "What a Mission Board Expects" (Sept. 1958 Youth Compass).

Wednesday, Jan. 28: "OURS — TO PRAY FOR"

It is your turn to conduct the prayer service. Have several young people speak on this and other related topics.

Thursday, Jan. 29: "OURS — TO FIND"

Carry on your Operation TFC program of visitation. Use film strips to help your young people understand personal visitation and witnessing.

Friday, Jan. 30: "OURS — TO LOVE"

Plan for some special service projects such as a program at a Rescue Mission, Home for the Aged, visiting shut-ins, etc.

Saturday, Jan. 31: "OURS — IF WE BE WILLING"

The emphasis is to be on Commitment. Have a banquet or rally with this idea in mind.

Sunday, Feb. 1: "OURS — FOR WE ARE HIS"

Morning—Make this a true worship experience. Use I Cor. 6:20 as your text.

Evening—Use the theme, "Ours is the world, for we can do all things." A testimonial service by the young people may take the place of the sermon. Those who have dedicated their lives to special service may tell how God spoke to them and what they plan to do. Plan for special music.

Copies of the September 1958 issue of "Youth Compass" are still available from our office at 50c each. You will find this issue very essential as you plan your Youth Week activities.

Look for the "Youth Week Issue" of the "Baptist Herald" which will appear on January 8, 1959. Special articles have been prepared for your inspiration, encouragement and edification.

like to remind us that with the supplies we send to Forest Park, we should also send 30c per pound for its shipment to Africa.

We encourage you to continue your interest and work in our Woman's Missionary Union. We welcome your suggestions. We need your prayers.

"Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for OTHERS.  
Others, Lord, yes, Others,  
Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for others,  
That I may live for thee."

# What's Happening

• Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher of Medicine Hat, Alta., have announced the birth of a son who was born to them on Oct. 28. He has been named Timothy Roland. This is their first child. Rev. Henry Schumacher is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat.

• On Sunday evening, Nov. 2, the guest speaker at the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was Benjamin Pauria, a student at Augustana College who comes from Santal Parganes in India. "It was a thrill to hear him speak of his experiences and observations in India" as reported by Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor. On Sunday, Nov. 2, the church joined the family of Professor and Mrs. Hugo Lueck in the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Both their daughters were present for the celebration: Giesela, who has completed her nurses' training in Milwaukee, Wis., and is now a nurse at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls; and Mrs. Delmar (Christa) Wiese of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

• On Nov. 11, Miss Alethea S. Kose of Chicago, Ill., was honored at the meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Union of the Chicago Association held at the Baptist Missionary Training School. Miss Kose was presented with a citation, recognizing her 25 years of teaching ministry at the school. She was also given a bound volume containing more than 100 letters written by former students of the school, missionaries in the Cameroons, and many other friends throughout the world. Nine of our Cameroons missionaries are former students of hers at B.M.T.S. Miss Alethea Kose is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

• The Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Rev. G. Harold Hill's ministry at the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12. Mr. William Roberts served as the chairman of the program, in which various representatives took part and expressed their appreciation for the faithful and earnest ministry of their pastor. Under Rev. G. Harold Hill's ministry, the Evangel Church continues a world-wide missionary outreach and an evangelical Bible witness in the community that glorifies Christ as Lord and Savior.

• On Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., surprised Mrs. Emma Leuschner, a member of the church, on her 84th birthday. The strains of "Happy Birthday" were heard as the service was opened by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fischer. According to the reporter, Lillian Pinkel, Mrs. Leuschner spoke a few words of praise for her Lord, whom she has served faithfully

through many years, and refreshments were served in the fellowship hour that followed. Mrs. Emma Leuschner is the mother of the editor of the "Baptist Herald" and of two other children, Mrs. Esther Walther and Paul.

• "Laymen's Sunday" was observed on Sunday evening, Oct. 19, by the Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis., with Mr. Francis Guenther, Sunday School superintendent, bringing the principal message. He reported concerning the sessions of the National Sunday School Association at Des Moines, Iowa. James Joslyn was the song leader. A vocal duet was also rendered by Mr. Don Vasselos, church organist, and Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor. A baby dedication service was conducted by Mr. Mashner on Sunday morning, Oct. 26.

• The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Raymond Yahn of Stratford, Conn., pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., since 1954. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Pittsburgh church on March 1st, succeeding Rev. Frank Veninga, the newly appointed district secretary of the Eastern Area.

• The pulpit of the Pin Oak Creek Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, is being supplied by Mr. Raymond Heyer of Owensville, Mo., a student at Southwest Bible College. The church has asked him to serve for a period of six months to about April 1st, according to Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, church clerk. The last full time pastor of the church was Rev. Olland F. Cole. This church in the Ozarks celebrated its Centenary Jubilee in 1955.

• Recently Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Brenner of Carlstadt, New Jersey, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Carlstadt, where Mr. Brenner is supplying the pulpit regularly even though more than 80 years of age. At the same time the church observed its 50th anniversary with festive services. The 50th anniversary of Rev. O. W. Brenner in the Baptist ministry was also

observed about the same time. This threefold celebration was a gala time for the Brenners and the Carlstadt church people.

• The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, has announced that its pastor, Rev. Charles D. Dibert, recently resigned and brought his ministry there to a close. He had served the church since early in 1957. He is a graduate of the Dallas Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Dibert's plans for the immediate future were not known at the Forest Park headquarters.

• "Laymen's Weekend" was observed by the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin, on Saturday evening, Oct. 11, when a dinner for the adults of the church was given by the Men's Brotherhood. Mr. James Barnes, trustee of the Moody Bible Institute and director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, was the guest speaker. The laymen of the church were in charge of the two services on Sunday, October 12. Mr. Barnes was guest speaker for the morning service and Deacon William Kresal spoke at the evening service. The title of Mr. Barnes' sermon was "Do All You Can," and Mr. Kresal spoke on "Seek First." The 76th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society was observed recently with Miss Grace Stoeckmann of Central Baptist Children's Home in Lake Villa, Ind., as speaker. Rev. Raymond Parry is pastor of the church.

• The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, has announced that its minister, Mr. Chalmers Wirth, has resigned and has left the pastorate at Edenwold in order to continue his studies in school. He has served the Edenwold Church since 1956. It is not known at the Forest Park headquarters office where he is enrolled for the furtherance of his studies.

• On Sunday, Oct. 12, the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas, held its annual Harvest Mission Festival. The speaker for the day was Rev. Merle Brenner of Ellinwood, Kansas, who spoke on "Twentieth Century Missions from a First Century Perspective." After the morning message a dinner in the church basement was enjoyed by all in attendance. A beautiful display of God's blessings was furnished by the children for the front of the church. The offering of the day was \$1602.35 as reported by Mrs. Edwin Voigt, wife of the church's pastor.

• The 60th anniversary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., was celebrated from Nov. 2 to 9 with the pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, in charge. Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., and Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, former pastors, were the guest speakers on the two succeeding Sundays. The youth service on Wednesday evening was under the direction of George Wittman. Eleven missionaries in foreign service are members of the Ebenezer Church, including Dr. Paul Gebauer, Miss Eleanor Schulert and Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss in the Cameroons, Africa.

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# Foster Ave. Church Observes Its Centennial

Review of the Festive Jubilee Days of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois  
by Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, Church Historian

**T**HE 100th anniversary observance of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., (formerly First German Baptist Church) was held from Wednesday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Nov. 2. The overall theme was "The Church in the Hand of God,"

Building Fund, we burned our notes of indebtedness.

Our only living former pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, spoke on "Strengthening the Spiritual Life Through a Daring Faith," mentioning the many obstacles that had confronted our church prior to and during our program of building and relocation, and



The Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, which celebrated its 100th anniversary from October 29 to November 1, 1958

which was further developed as indicated by the sub-headings which follow.

## THE CHURCH IN RETROSPECT

On Wednesday evening we recognized members with membership records of 30 years or more, the longest being that of Miss Louise Schwuchow with a continuous membership of over 76 years. We also recognized God's faithful provision for our financial needs, when, in an impressive ceremony conducted by Edward Meister, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Fred Hoffman, treasurer of the

how our faith had been rewarded as the Lord opened new doors.

The guest organist on this evening was Mrs. Walter Pankratz, former church organist and choir director from 1941-46, and selections were rendered by the male chorus. At the close moving pictures were shown of the ground breaking, construction and cornerstone laying of the present church building, as well as scenes of the first service held in July, 1950. Afterwards an enjoyable time was spent in fellowship with friends and in viewing an exhibit of old photographs, programs and other historical material.



The large staff of teachers and officers of the Sunday School of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., with Mr. Irvin Obergefell, superintendent, (6th from left, standing) with the open Bible in his hand.

## THE CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

Thursday evening was Church Fellowship Night, combined with a missionary service. Warm, heartfelt greetings were brought by Rev. Rubin Kern of Forest Park, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, Rev. Walter Schmidt, Rev. Alvin Schuelke and Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Chicago, Rev. Louis Johnson of Kankakee, Rev. Edgar Klatt of Kenosha, and by Rev. James Hovorka, pastor of the Millard Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago. The last-mentioned church was formerly the First Bohemian Baptist Church of Chicago, which was started as a Sunday School mission of our church, becoming independent in the early 90's.

Our guest organist on this evening was William J. Krogman, who served our church from 1911-1923, and selections were rendered by the ladies chorus. Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought a message on "Strengthening the Spiritual Life Through Fellowship in the Gospel," stressing the fact that missionary giving is essential to the life and spiritual health of a church. He commended our church on having increased rather than cut its missionary giving during its building programs.

## THE CHURCH STILL PRAISING HIM

Friday evening was devoted to praising God through word, song and instrumental music. Guest organist on this evening was Arthur J. Pankratz, who served our church as organist and choir director from 1928-1938. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner brought an inspiring message on "Strengthening the Spiritual Life Through Sacred Music," telling how music through the ages has strongly supported the preaching of the Word of God, often reaching and winning souls which could not have been reached through any other means.

The Senior Choir then presented its "Festival of Praise" under the direction of Herbert R. Pankratz, present organist and choir director, assisted by Franklin Murphy as narrator, by Mrs. Bernard Schalm at the piano, by Mrs. Robert Whitesell at the organ, and by a thirteen-piece orchestra. The program was framed in a theological setting, depicting the Church in the Hand of God from Creation to Eternity, through various selections, interspersed by narrative:

"God in Creation; The God of Israel; God Incarnate—Jesus Christ; God in History: The Reformation and Evangelicalism; God With Us: In the Present, and in the Continued Struggle; God in Eternity: 'Hallelujah Chorus' (from Handel's Messiah).

The concert, as a whole, was majes-

tic and at times exciting, as the voices of the singers swelled in climactic crescendos to the brilliant accompaniment of orchestra, piano and organ, and to the rolling thunder of the tympani.

## HISTORY RELIVED THROUGH AN HISTORICAL PAGEANT

The Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening was held in the spacious banquet hall of the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, with about 300 present. After the meal and preliminaries, a cast of about 30 persons presented an historical pageant in ten scenes, written by Walter and Herbert Pankratz, and directed by Mrs. Herbert Schieber with the assistance of Miss Marion Kleindienst.

*Early years: Scene 1* represented a seminary student, Heinrich Fellman, canvassing a Chicago community in 1858 and making contact with German Baptists. *Scene 2* depicted a group of 16 men and women, who had met with Fellman during the summer months, holding a farewell service for the young student pastor prior to his returning to Rochester. He encouraged them to organize a church. In *Scene 3* the organization meeting was held by the 16 charter members, and their first pastor, Rev. Albert Becker, was chosen from their midst. In the *4th Scene*, the church, which had been meeting in a rented room of a church and in homes, had grown sufficiently to require a building of its own. The decision to build was portrayed, though not without some objection to the staggering cost of \$3,100!

*Period of Expansion: Scene 5* centered about the generous nature of Rev. Jacob Meier, who, in a downtown scene, gave away his remaining change to one unfortunate character after another, until, penniless himself, he had to pick up his bundles and begin a three-mile trudge homeward. In *Scene 6*, the original church building, erected in 1866, had become too small, and a church building committee, composed partly of men of small vision and faith,



The Senior Choir of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church which presented an inspiring musical program, "Festival of Praise," on Friday evening of the Centenary Jubilee festivities. Mr. Herbert Pankratz is church organist and choir director.

and partly of men of large vision and faith, debated the erection of a new church. Large vision and faith triumphed as a decision was reached to erect a large new church capable of seating up to 700.

*Scene 7* depicted the situation which led to the founding of the Chicago Home for the Aged. Three poor old widows, members of the First Church, bemoan their fate at being in the County Poorhouse, when Brother Meier called to inform them that a \$2,000 gift of another member of the church had been used to purchase a small cottage which they were to occupy, as the first residents of our own Home for the Aged.

*Later Years: The 8th Scene* portrayed a heatless choir rehearsal brought about by a coal shortage in the midst of a cold wave during World War I. Uncontrolled coughing and sneezing brought the rehearsal to an early close! *Scene 9* portrayed the printing of early church bulletins, begun in 1933, on a hand press, and showed how, on a Saturday at midnight, the labors of two printers went for nought when their type was "pied." The job was reset, however, and the bulletins printed by about 3:00 A.M. Sunday morning! The *10th Scene* depicted the closing service at the old First Church at Superior and Paulina Streets on September 18, 1949, with

Rev. Robert Schreiber, in person, bring the closing words of his message.

Despite limited time for rehearsal, the pageant was ably presented and delighted the audience with its varying scenes, at times humorous and at times deeply impressive. At the close, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg brought a strong challenge to emulate the missionary zeal through the work of our Sunday School.

## CLOSING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday found many members and guests back at the church for the closing services of the day. During the Sunday school period Rev. Gideon Zimmerman spoke on "The Church and Christian Education." In the morning worship service, Rev. Robert Schreiber brought a message on "Strengthening the Spiritual Life Through Worship."

At an early evening youth rally the speaker was Rev. Lawrence Bienert, and in the final service at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Thorwald Bender, of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke on "Strengthening the Spiritual Life Through Evangelism," emphasizing the fact that if a church has been truly redeemed, it must also be redemptive. His message was followed by a time of consecration, in which many persons pledged themselves to greater evangelistic endeavors in the future.

These were days of deep inspiration as we reviewed the sacrificial efforts of our forefathers and the rich blessings which God bestowed upon them. They were also days of great joy in seeing and visiting again with former members who came from as far away as Florida and Oregon. We were especially happy to have with us Mrs. Robert Schreiber, who served us with beautifully rendered vocal selections. Special musical selections by others, which cannot be mentioned here, were also greatly appreciated. Much of the credit in planning for this most successful anniversary celebration and in carrying out these plans is due our hard-working pastor, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

Finally, these were days in which we were profoundly challenged not to be content with the accomplishments of the past, but rather to consider the results of the first 100 years as a foundation upon which to build in the years to come.



The Advisory Board of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor, (third from right, back row), Rev. Bernard Schalm, assistant pastor (left, middle row), and Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, church historian (third from right, front row).

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 21, 1958

Theme: JOY AT THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55; 2:4-7

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The birth of a Saviour brought an opportunity for a rebirth of the world.

**INTRODUCTION:** It is not always appropriate to bring a sad note into this joyous occasion. Yet we cannot help but feel that the opportunity for the spiritual rebirth of the world has been set aside for the material rebirth of business and industry. There is often more interest in the four-fold profits than in what the prophets have foretold. Recently there has been some effort on the part of concerned and consecrated Christians to put Christ back into Christmas.

Nevertheless, the true Christian's joy is not dependent on circumstances. If this were so, the first Christmas would have been a time of gloom. There was much at Jesus' birth to rob men of joy. The Roman yoke was heavy upon the children of Israel. The additional burdensome taxes weighed upon them. Even the rudeness of Jesus' reception in the stable was little occasion for joy. But the bright star, the angelic chorus, the visit of the shepherds and the wise men, and the picture of the holy family dispelled the gloom of a whole world. Christ was born! What a contrast!

I. JOY MAGNIFIES GOD. Luke 1:46-47.

Joy is looking at God through the right end of the telescope. He seems very near and real, as if one can reach out and take his hand and touch him. Grief and despair are looking at God through the wrong end of the telescope. He seems so far away, so unapproachable. Mary said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Her joy was focused on God, and he was very near and dear to her.

Genuine Christian joy magnifies God. He is magnified through his church; he is magnified through every Christian. This is the season of the year in which we are again reminded that God came as close to us as it was possible for him to come. "He dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

II. GOD MAGNIFIES HIS CHILDREN. Luke 1:48-54.

"Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you" (James 4:8). How wonderful Mary must have felt to know that she, a poor handmaiden, was important to God. She was so important that she was chosen to be the mother of the Lord. How important we are to God is evidenced in the gift of his Son, and in the words of Jesus

himself when he said that one soul is worth more than all the world. (Mark 8:36, 37). Without Christ we are worth very little, but with Christ we have an eternal value.

III. THE JOY OF FULFILLMENT. Luke 2:4-7.

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son" (Gal. 4:4). In our day by day planning, we often say that anticipation is better than fulfillment. Not so in the coming of Jesus Christ. We speak occasionally of the "let-down" after Christmas. But if we have the real Christmas and Christian joy, there should never be a "let-down." There should be no anticlimax in our Christian experience. God always has something more and something better. There is no end to his fulfillment, now or in eternity.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 28, 1958

Theme: JESUS ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE CHRIST

Scripture: Mark 8:27-35

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It is not enough for Christ to know who he is. He wants YOU to know who he is.

**INTRODUCTION:** Divine revelation is often slow and uncertain. Not because God is slow, but the mind and spirit of man are often slow and unsure. Sometimes it is due to ignorance, sometimes to spiritual immaturity, and sometimes to stubbornness. "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40) was said to those whose hearts and minds were made up, and no power in heaven or earth could move them.

The revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, will never penetrate the hard shell of prejudice and tradition. "Then they willingly received him" (John 6:21) was said by men who were helpless, and they depended on the power of the Son of God. Not only did they receive him into the ship in this instance, but they acknowledged Jesus as Christ and received him into their lives. In times of desperation, when all avenues of escape are closed and we prostrate ourselves in utter submission to God, he reveals himself to us and illumines our lives with his presence.

I. JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH QUESTIONS. Mark 8:27-29.

Strange to say that, after almost

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two thousand years, Jesus' question still brings forth some of the same answers. Men will admit that Jesus is a good and great man, a superb teacher, an example for all the world to follow. But the world has had many good and great men, many teachers and examples. The salvation of the world rests on the revelation expressed in Peter's answer to Jesus' personal question: "Thou art the Christ," and as Matthew adds, "the Son of the living God" (Matt. 6:16).

II. REVELATION AND DANGER. Mark 8:30-33.

One Christian experience, no matter how dramatic, is not a full revelation of God. Nor does it make you an authority in all Christian truth. Neither is it a sign that the Devil will abdicate simply because you have had some deep spiritual insight concerning a single doctrine. Satan still appears as an angel of light, making it appear that you have spiritual light and setting you up as the voice of experience. Christ must often humble and humiliate the Christian who thinks he knows it all.

III. REVELATION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY. Mark 8:34-35.

It is said that a hundred years before Martin Luther, another monk was suddenly overcome by the same revelation that "the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). He wrote a thesis on this great truth and then hid it between some stones in the monastery because he was afraid. (See parable on the ten talents). He would not, and could not, take the grave responsibility of proclaiming the revelation and he therefore died unheralded and unknown. He chose to save his life and lose the Gospel. But in the end, the Gospel was saved and his life was lost. Jesus made it emphatic that in the Kingdom of God there is no room for Christian cowards.

## BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

(Continued from page 8)

preparation for revivals. Viewing parties can be organized and unsaved people can be encouraged to watch the programs. Announcements will be made later as to when these programs can be seen and heard.

From February 17 to March 27, 1959, simultaneous revivals will be held in our Conference. A great host of our churches will conduct revival meetings during this same time, and thousands of North American Baptists will be unitedly praying and witnessing together to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

It will be a wonderful experience to know that so many of our North American Baptist churches and members will be banded together in a simultaneous revival. What a tremendous power will be released for good and for God, as Baptists all across America will go forward under God, in a great Baptist Jubilee Advance!

BAPTIST HERALD

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Dakota Conference

**Baptismal Service at Bethel Church, Harvey, N. Dak.**

Several weeks ago we of the Bethel Church, Harvey, N. Dak., had a fine baptismal service at the Harvey beach after the Sunday morning service. Our pastor, Rev. John C. Kastelein, baptized several young men and also an older man. At our last communion service it was our joy to receive 12 new members into our fellowship of the Bethel Baptist Church. We praise the Lord for what he has been doing in our midst, and we are trusting the Lord for greater things in the future.

For two weeks our pastor served in a series of meetings at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada. We know that the Lord used him there in the winning of many souls for our Lord.

Mrs. Leonard Keszler, Church Clerk

**Baptism at Calvary Church, Billings, Montana**

During the Vacation Bible School sessions this last summer at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., five girls accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. For a period of five weeks, Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor, instructed them in preparation for baptism. Then on Sunday evening, Sept. 28, these girls followed the Lord in baptism.

On World Wide Communion Sunday six persons were received into the church, five through baptism and one by statement of faith. The ladies of the church busied themselves by canning over 600 quarts of fruit for the Yellowstone Boys ranch. On Saturday, Oct. 11, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general Sunday School secretary, had a Sunday School conference with our teachers and spoke at the Sunday morning worship hour on Oct. 12.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

**Leadership Classes and Laymen's Sunday, Madison, S. Dak.**

The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., held Leadership Training Classes the week of Oct. 13-18. Miss Martha Leypoldt from our Seminary in Sioux Falls was the instructor. Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, the church elected the following members on the Board of Christian Education: Rev. D. S. Wipf for a three year term, Glen Wilbur for two years, and Mrs. Carl Frautschy for one year. The pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and a representative from the deaconry are ex-officio members.

On Laymen's Sunday the men took charge of the morning worship service. Invocation was given by Arville Mohrman. For Scripture Lowen Richter read Joshua 24:14-28 and Harm Freidrich offered prayer. Fifteen male voices sang "The Word of God Shall Stand" by Huston. An impressive message "The Layman's Responsibility in the Church," was given by Ed Wobig.

A challenging talk entitled, "The Christian Layman's Responsibility in the Community" was rendered by Charles Backus. "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart" was sung and Rev. J. G. Benke pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

**Women's Program and Tea at Ashley, N. Dak.**

The members of the Tabitha Society of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., entertained 135 guests at an afternoon Ladies Meeting and Tea on Friday, Sept. 26. Mission societies from our churches at Ventura, Linton, Hazelton, Wishek, Lehr, Berlin, Herreid, Eureka, Leola and the local societies at Ashley and Johannesthal were represented. Mrs. Theo. Schock spoke words of welcome and led in the song service. Scripture was read by Mrs. Wilbert Opp with prayer by Mrs. Wm. Giedt. A duet by Mrs. John Roth and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer representing the Ashley Mission Society concluded the devotional hour.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Albert Reddig, our newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union, was introduced by Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer and presented with a lovely corsage of fall flowers. Our hearts were touched as Mrs. Reddig with her zeal and enthusiasm for the work of the Lord presented in detail the goal charts and stirred us to the sense of deep humility through her message. Appropriate organ music by Ann Marie Schock furnished the background for delightful fellowship during the tea which was held in the church annex. The offering received was designated for the new \$60,000 missionary project of the Woman's Union.

Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Reporter

**Observance of Sunday School Week, Ashley, N. Dak.**

The Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., observed Sunday School Week with the launching of the theme, "Open



New members recently received into the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, by baptism, letter and statement of faith with the pastor, Rev. Wesley Gerber, at the extreme right.

Doors Of Opportunity." Promotion exercises took place during the Worship Hour on Sept. 28. A special Children's Sermon was presented by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer. The Sunday School officers were in charge of the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday with several talks, testimonies and a musical number. Sunday night, Oct. 5, proved to be the crowning glory of the entire week with approximately 85 children and young people taking part in an impressive Harvest and Mission Program.

One of the projects of the past year was a building fund drive in which the Sunday School placed a church bank in the homes of all who so desired. After a three month period, these banks were recalled and the money placed in the Building Fund in behalf of the Sunday School. Scripture Memorization was launched on Oct. 5, with the ultimate goal of "Hiding God's Word" in the hearts of the memorizers and the prize of attending camp with registration fees paid.

Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Reporter

## Central Conference

**Reception for New Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan**

The First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan, invited other North American Baptist churches of its vicinity of the Chicago, Illinois, area; of Cleveland, Ohio; and Detroit, Mich., to meet as a recognition council on Friday, Sept. 26. Rev. Frank Friesen is serving faithfully and energetically as the interim pastor. The church was organized on May 8, 1958 as a Baptist church. It has purchased the building and parsonage of the former Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor for \$20,000.

Following a wonderful chicken dinner served to the guests with the compliments of the church, a brief service was held in the sanctuary with Frank Friesen in charge, with uplifting musical numbers presented by church groups, and with a message by Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., on "Living Stones." Then the recognition council met and was organized. Rev. Joe Sonneberg was elected moderator and Rev. Elvin Schuelke the recording secretary. The tenets of faith and the story of the church's organization was presented with grateful awareness of God's guiding hand by Mr. Emil Wolf, the church moderator.

Many of the visiting pastors spoke enthusiastically about the church's development, and heartwarming prayers were offered for God's blessing on the organization. Rev. William Hoover of the mother church (the Napier Parkview Church) brought a glowing testimony of the fine relationship between the two churches. The council voted unanimously to recognize the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor as a church of our denominational fellowship.

Elvin Schuelke, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Great Days at Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday evening, October 5, we of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, had great cause for rejoicing. Our Pastor, Rev. Raymond Harsch, brought a message on the theme, "A Steadfast Christian" from Colossians 2:5-7, after which he entered the baptismal waters and baptized nine young people on confession of their faith in Christ. This service left a deep spiritual impression upon all who were present and the Lord spoke very vividly to many hearts. The choir sang the anthem, "Amazing Grace," at this service.

On October 12, the Sunday School presented its annual Thanksgiving Program. The church was very appropriately decorated with the fruits of the harvest season. We have manifold reasons for thanksgiving, and we praise the Lord for all of his goodness unto us.

Mrs. Lenora Schamuhn, Reporter



Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, and the nine young people whom he recently baptized on their confession of faith in Christ.

### Many Programs of Blessing At Trochu, Alta.

After the blessed days of our General Conference, we of the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School to which about 60 children came. The children brought together \$30.00 toward the New Hope Settlement work in the Cameroons. Our C.B.Y. has also been active in the creation of an acceptable constitution. They have had the responsibility of publishing "The Baptist Bugle" for the young people of the Alberta Baptist Association. The film, "Centerville Awakening," was sponsored by them.

Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday was another great highlight in our church. We heard many wonderful sermons from the children of the Sunday School in their program, and our hearts were blessed richly in the special program by the German Mixed

Choir of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton. The offering for our general missionary work was over \$900. A group of juniors and intermediates known as "The Missionary Echoes" are also faithful and active. We are praying that God may send a revival among our people during the two weeks of meetings with Rev. P. T. Hunsicker of Prince George, B. C.

Robert R. Hoffman, Pastor

## Southwestern Conference

### Harvest Mission Festival Celebration at Shattuck, Okla.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church at Shattuck, Okla., held its annual Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 26. We were happy to have Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary nurse from the Bansa Hospital in Africa, with us for the day. She related some very interesting experiences as a nurse in her morning message. At noon a basket dinner was served and enjoyed. For our afternoon meeting, the children presented a program of songs and

## Northern Conference

### Anniversary and Missionary Meetings at Racine, Wisconsin

The 32nd anniversary program of the King's Daughters Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin, was opened by the president, Mrs. William Genich, welcoming guests and members. Each person was presented with tokens of her birthday month and seated at tables corresponding to the season of the year. Mrs. Oscar Johnson, guest speaker, brought to everyone's attention what "the well-dressed Christian woman will wear in the fall of 1958" by telling what the Bible says about our spiritual apparel as found in Colossians 3.

On September 17 we were happy to have Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary of the Cameroons, Africa, at our mid-week service. She also showed pictures of her work at the Bansa Hospital. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, we had Rev. David Keiry, missionary to the Spanish-speaking people of Colorado with us for a special service.

We are in the midst of our "Every Member Commitment" program at this time. Our objective is to make us conscious of our stewardship responsibilities. Rev. D. Raymond Parry is pastor of our church.

Mrs. Hugo Schacht, Reporter

### Women's Sessions at Iowa Association, Baileyville, Ill.

At the Iowa Association held at Baileyville, Ill., the Woman's Missionary Union breakfast was given on Oct. 8 at the Forrester Grove Presbyterian Church. Then the Woman's Union held a short business meeting with our president, Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Victor, Iowa in charge. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Fred Schmidt reelected president; Mrs. Robert Sage, Sumner, Ia., vice-president; Mrs. William Zaltzbrenner, Victor, Iowa, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Vernon Link offered the closing prayer.

Mrs. Fred Schmidt presided at the afternoon Missionary Meeting. Mrs. C. Husinga of Aplington read the Scripture and Mrs. Harm Sherman led in prayer. This was followed by a violin solo by Mrs. Eldon Schroeder of Elgin, Iowa, welcome by the local president and the response by Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington. We were favored with a trio by Mrs. Marquardt of Steamboat Rock, Mrs. Zaltzbrenner of Victor and Mrs. Sanders of Baileyville. We enjoyed a fine inspirational message by Rev. Earl Ahrens. The offertory was played by Mrs. Robert Sage at the piano and Mrs. Harry Luiken at the organ.

Mrs. M. B. Potratz, Reporter

## Pacific Conference

### Special Church and Sunday School Programs, Missoula, Mont.

Rev. George Breikreuz of Portland, Oregon, taught a Teachers' Training Course at Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, during the week of Sept. 21 to 26. On Friday evening, the course closed with a fellowship dinner.

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The tables were decked to represent all 12 months of the year, each bearing a huge birthday cake appropriately decorated.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, the Sunday School conducted its annual promotion day exercises with a special program held in the main auditorium. Rev. Henry Hildebrand of the Briarcrest Bible Institute was our speaker during evangelistic services Sept. 29 to Oct. 5, resulting in several decisions for salvation and several rededications.

The hand of fellowship was extended on Oct. 12 to a fine couple who come to us from another Montana city. A baptismal service was held in November with our pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, baptizing several converts.

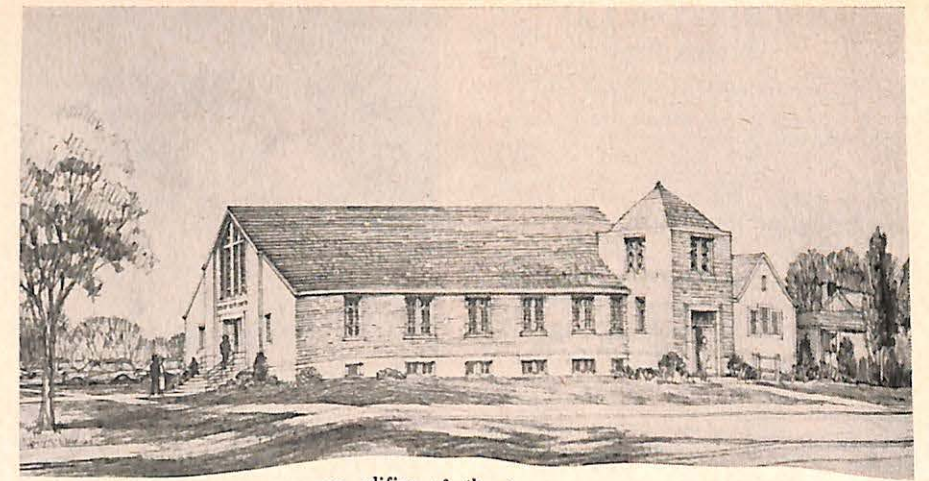
Mrs. E. Junkert, Reporter.

### Pacific Northwest Sessions At Odessa, Wash.

The Baptist Church in the beautiful city of Odessa and in one of Washington's prosperous agricultural areas was host to the Pacific Northwest Association, Oct. 16-19. Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Kopf, together with their congenial and industrious people, rendered a splendid Christian service in entertaining the guests. The main theme of the program was: "I Will Build My Church." Prof. Roy Seibel brought the opening message and other addresses.

The other messages on the program were as follows: "Building Through Prayer," Walter Berkan; "Building Through Evangelism," C. Remple; "Building Through Preaching," F. E. Klein; "Building Through Stewardship," Henry Smuland; "Building Through Visitation," Robert S. Hess; and "Building Through Missions," Herbert Schauer. The brethren, R. Kaiser, and S. Kisson, led the morning devotions. We also had the joy of having Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch from our Japanese Mission field with us. Brother Auch stimulated our missionary interests as he reported on the work that our noble staff of missionaries are doing in the Land of the Rising Sun. Next year, the Lord willing, we shall meet in Missoula, Mont.

F. E. Klein, Reporter.



The architect's sketch of the new edifice of the Temple Baptist Church, Cheektowaga, near Buffalo, N. Y., of which Rev. W. C. Damrau is the pastor.

## Eastern Conference

### Ground Breaking Ceremony, Temple Church, Cheektowaga

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, the Temple Baptist Church of Cheektowaga, N. Y., gathered to break ground for the erection of a new church edifice. The new building will have a sanctuary seating about 300 persons and a basement for Sunday School use. The cost will be about \$125,000. The small chapel now in use will be re-modeled into an educational building.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner was the guest speaker and brought messages of inspiration and encouragement both at the morning worship service and at the ground breaking ceremony. It was with great joy and expectation that some 200 members and friends of Temple Church gathered to witness the breaking of ground for the new edifice. Rev. Walter C. Damrau presided, and Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., gave the invocation.

Participating in the ground break-

ing were Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the church; Mrs. Rose Fuchs, oldest member of the church; Walter Schmidt, Sr., chairman of the Building Committee; Roland Stephan, church moderator; Earl J. Stumpf, chairman of the Board of Deacons; James J. Archer, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Frederick W. Hall, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer, president of the Women's Missionary Society; James J. Zier, president of the Men's Fellowship; James Hiestand, president of the Senior Youth Fellowship; and Kenneth W. Hodgson, president of the Junior Youth Fellowship.

Special greetings were received from the churches of the Eastern Conference, neighboring churches of the community and from Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, Jamesburg, N. J., a son of the church. A delegation from the churches of Erie, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Hamilton, Ontario, was present. The Women's Missionary Society presented the church with a check for \$1,000 for the Church Building Fund. After the ceremony lunch was served, followed by a time of fellowship.

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