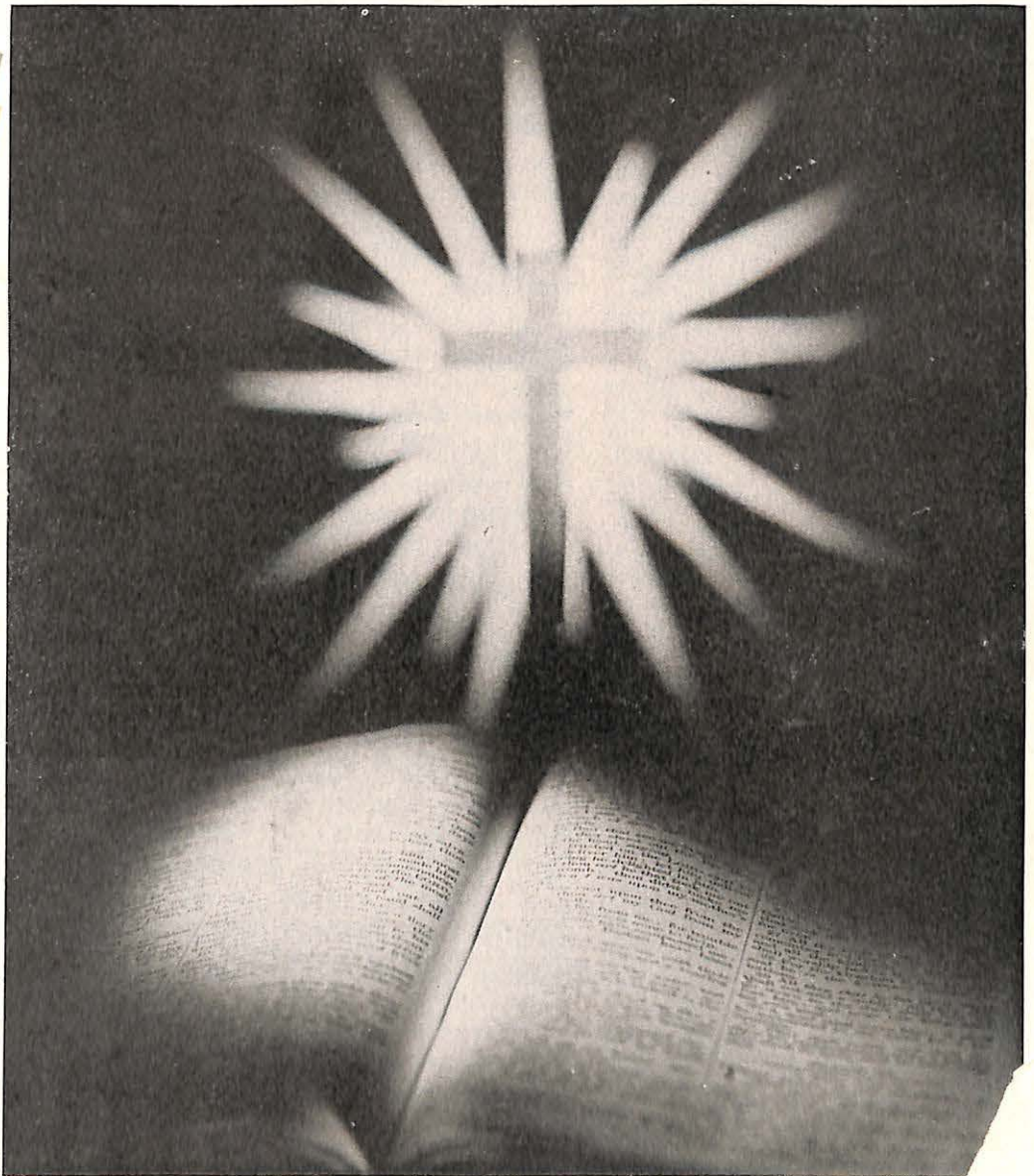


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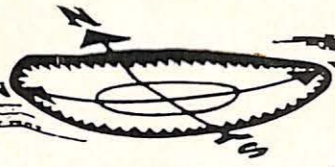
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■ Baptist Jubilee
Advance Number

■ Luther Rice, Baptist
Missionary and Crusader

Yes,
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on
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Word.

March



of Events

● A dramatic film built around Billy Graham's 1959 campaign in Australia is slated for spring release. Titled "Boomerang," the film stars Georgia Lee and Dick Clark, both well known to the Hollywood Christian fellowship. An Australian actress who made a decision for Christ during Graham's Sydney meetings also is in the cast. Director Dick Ross of World Wide Pictures says the fall filming was done under a "continued spirit of revival." Ross will accompany Graham to Africa to make a documentary and TV films.

● In a recent address before the American Bible Society Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York State said he hoped "more and more persons with religious backgrounds" will become teachers and administrators in the state educational system. No two subjects are of greater importance, he declared, than religion and education. He endorsed the state policy of week-day religious education on released time but emphasized the importance of religious training in the home. The separation of church and state, said the governor, does not mean that there is no connection between religion and education.

● Christians may some day constitute the dominant religious group on Taiwan, where they now constitute but one out of 25 persons. So said Hollington K. Tong, onetime Chinese ambassador in Washington, in a statement quoted in the *New York Times*. Mr. Tong, a lay Presbyterian preacher and senior advisor to President Chiang Kai-shek, is writing a history of the expansion of Christianity in Taiwan. At present Protestants outnumber Roman Catholics there by 230,000 to 170,000, although the 1,200 missionaries are about equally divided between the two groups. Presbyterians, who came to Taiwan first in 1865, are the largest of 60 Protestant groups, almost all of whose missionaries have entered the island since the communists overran the mainland in 1949.

—*The Christian Century*

● Rich copper deposits in Israel pinpointed in the Bible 3,000 years ago today are producing needed metal for the young state. Just as the Israelites were to enter the promised land of Israel 3,000 years ago, Moses gave them a description of the land: "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land . . . a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass."—Deut. 8:7-9.

—*Congress Weekly*

● Ruins believed to mark the site of Gomorrah, biblical city of "brimstone and fire," have been found 40 feet be-

low the surface of the Dead Sea. Jordanian officials said the ruins were spotted by airplane pilots and that skin divers have been assigned to photograph the area at the south end of the sea off the Lisan peninsula. According to Genesis 13:13 and 19:24-25, Gomorrah and Sodom were destroyed by "brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven" because of the wickedness of their inhabitants. If the site is confirmed as Gomorrah, the area will be dammed off and drained.

● Work on Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., which started 52 years ago, is to be resumed, accord-

ing to Episcopal Bishop Angus Dun. He announced bequests make possible the construction of the south transept and other work. Total cost will be \$1.8 million; construction will take five years. When the new transept, which overlooks the main part of the nation's capital, is finished, the cathedral will be 70 per cent completed. Except for stone-carving projects and installation of windows and memorials, no work has been done since 1955. Thus far, \$11 million has been spent. When construction began in 1907, it was estimated it would take 100 years to complete the Gothic structure.



Baptist Briefs

● **Negro Baptist Leader.** Martin Luther King, Jr., has resigned the pastorate of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., to become co-pastor with his father of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. The change will give him more time to direct the campaign of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which he heads.

● **Largest Baptist Church.** The First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, one of the largest Baptist congregations in the world, with 11,883 members, adopted a budget of \$900,000 for 1960. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, reports that the goal amount was exceeded with pledges of \$927,000. The church hopes to raise still \$200,000 more during the year to retire indebtedness on church property.

● **Dr. Johnson to Retire.** Dr. Mordecai Johnson, a Baptist minister who for 33 years has been president of Howard University at Washington, D. C., has announced his retirement effective in June 1960. Howard University is the largest Negro institution of higher learning in the world. Dr. Johnson is a well-known author and lecturer as well as educator and clergyman. He came to the presidency of Howard in 1926 from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Charles- ton, W. Va.

● **19,000 Baptists in Hungary.** News of Hungarian Baptists has reached London in a letter to Dr. E. A. Payne from Pastor M. Baranyay, 70-year-old retired director of the Theological Seminary. Pastor Baranyay states that the number of baptisms is increasing and the total membership of Hungarian Baptists is above 19,000. Pastor Path Geza has been appointed director of the Seminary in his place, but Pastor Baranyay continues to give lectures and do mission work. Mr. Baranyay recently celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination.

● **Dr. R. G. Lee to Retire.** One of America's best-known Baptists leaders, and one of its most eloquent pulpit orators, has announced plans of retirement. On the eve of his 32nd anniversary as pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., Dr. Robert Greene Lee announced his retirement effective in February. Dr. Lee, 73, was the only three-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the last two decades. Converted and called to the ministry at the age of 12, Dr. Lee was probably best known for his famed sermon, "Pay Day Some Day," which he reportedly preached more than 600 times. During his three-decade ministry with the Bellevue Church, the membership swelled from 1,400 to more than 9,300 members.

● **Dr. Reuben E. Nelson Dies.** Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, former general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, died January 6 of a heart attack. He was 54. Dr. Nelson had served as general secretary 1950-59 when he retired because of illness. Before holding that post he was director of promotion for the American Convention. Dr. Nelson was a graduate of Des Moines University. He received degrees from Bethel Seminary, and

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BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE ISSUE

Theme for 1960:
Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training

Nineteen million Baptists are aggressively going forward in this great evangelistic crusade and in their witness for Christ in North America.

Editorial



The Baptist Jubilee Advance

Baptists are deadly in earnest about witnessing for Christ on this North American continent. Nineteen million of these Baptists have been welded together in an inspiring evangelistic program known as the "Baptist Jubilee Advance." We as the North American Baptist General Conference are one of seven Baptist bodies participating in this forward looking movement of winning North America for Christ.

In 1964 Baptists of this continent will celebrate the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the founding in 1814 of their first continental convention—"The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions." It was an organization set up through the inspired efforts of Luther Rice (see his life story on pages 10 and 11) to provide funds for the mission work of Adoniram Judson in Burma (see page 12 of this number) and of others who were to go as Baptist missionaries into all parts of the world.

But the Baptist Jubilee Advance is far more than the celebration of an anniversary. Its very name implies a going forward—a launching out—a spiritual advance! An honored preacher in Canada, according to Dr. Thomas B. McDormand, once said: "It's all very well to talk about our history—let's get busy and make some more."

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a five year program of *making Baptist History* in a dynamic and stirring witness to the saving power of the Gospel of Christ on the part of these millions of North American Baptists. Such a movement of advance and an evangelistic outreach are a fitting observance of the achievements of our spiritual forefathers. EVANGELISM has become the uniting watchword.

During the first year of this program, Baptists have experienced a closer unity of purpose and a greater intimacy of fellowship than they have ever known before on this continent. During the first year (1959) they carried on an evangelistic witness through cooperative effort. This year (1960) they are united with one purpose and goal in mind of "Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training." This entire issue of the "Baptist Herald" features our Conference's participation in this second year's program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Dr. John Bradbury, editor of the "Watchman Examiner," calls this "the most immediate need of our Baptist fellowship in this country. Disunity and the slandering of Baptist churches by their co-believers must become a thing of the past. A people called of God to bear witness to the true church fail in their mission when their attitudes contradict this responsible calling."

The Baptist Jubilee Advance has declared this as one of the fundamental principles of the five year program "that we make the whole matter of cooperation an object of earnest prayer and maintain the faith that we learn more about going forward together in winning America and the world to Christ."

Therefore it becomes your Christian responsibility to read this Baptist Jubilee Advance issue carefully, to use the Bible Reading Packet diligently, and to witness to Christ's saving power and glorious Gospel winsomely.

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A Year's Journey

by Annie Kendall Wilson

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DURING a writers' conference I sat late one night in a secluded corner, reading the Bible. Voices blended with a tinkling piano not far away, and scattered groups of writers were sitting around "writing" out loud.

A young girl, starry-eyed from her first conference, whirled by. "Why aren't you in one of those interesting group sessions?" she asked. "Can't you wait until you get home to read the new books? You should be talking to their authors."

"I'm reading the Bible," I said, turning a page.

"I don't believe it." She stooped down to look. "Well!" she exclaimed, and silently rushed away.

Her whirring thoughts were almost apparent: "Pearls of wisdom dropping all around, and you sit here reading the Bible. Why didn't you stay at home?"

READING THE BIBLE

The conference was wonderful. It filled me with inspiration, even admiration for my fellow workers. But the pearls eluded me. Reading the Bible was a natural part of living, something to be done every day, wherever I happened to be.

I made my first attempt to read the Bible when I was twelve years old. I held out until well into the Psalms. Mother had offered me a prize to read it through, but she knew it wouldn't work. Her father had made her the same offer. She didn't read the Bible through then either, but she did form the habit of daily reading. So did I, eventually.

For years I had a childlike acceptance of life, dodging difficulties with much prayer and conscientious resolves to do better. My husband was an invalid much of the time, and I knew a long period of mental anguish during the illness of my father and mother-in-law with cancer.

My responsibilities seemed greater than I could bear. I needed more spiritual understanding to support the faith which had sustained me thus far. Mother insisted that I would get it by reading the whole Bible. I tried, but it took me two years that first time. Then I determined to bolster my courage with a Bible-reading plan of my own.

I cannot be certain just how or why I began reading the Bible as I now do, but I am sure of the results.

TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER

I was more than forty years old at the time. My husband and I were operating a cafe and living in a two-room apartment upstairs. I used my leisure to write. I put as much of myself into my writing as possible, and it took a great deal of study and research. Feeling inadequate for the task, I searched the Bible.

This may have had some bearing on

my decision to read the Bible more diligently. On the other hand, the idea may have come like a light. It was as if I had been tapped on the shoulder and turned around to start in another direction—a better one.

On January 1, 1946, I began reading as many pages each day as would take me through the Bible by December 31. Downhearted or happy, at home or abroad, I stuck to my plan. And each year since, I have made the long journey from Genesis to Revelation, leaving a sign—date and comment on the margin.

My daily reading for the first few months is four pages each day. When I come to the last chapter of a book, I reread, making delightful calls on my old friends—Isaiah, David, Job, Paul, and the four writers of the Gospels. The last night of the year I read the last chapter, and make some notation on my spiritual well-being.

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS

I slip out of bed quietly in the middle of the night if I suddenly remember my Bible reading. I have read my Bible on trains and in bunks, in dormitories, in hotels, in camps, under open skies, in quietness, and in uproars. I've read by candlelight, flashlight, campfire, and lantern light. Nothing I have done in life has yielded such a rich harvest as this daily reading of the Bible.

The greatest blessing I have received from reading the Bible is in being able to call to mind verses to apply to my every need. If I am tempted to indulge in self-pity, I remember, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" If I am angry: "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." If I am tired or depressed with work piled up: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

I came to know Jesus intimately by following him through the four Gospels. I heard him talk with the woman at the well, who said, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." I saw him bless little children, heal the sick, walk in the field, accept the ointment, even prepare food for cold, hungry fishermen.

CHRIST'S WORDS FOR LIFE

Paul, more than any other, has helped me to adapt Jesus' teachings to my daily life. His examples and exhortations illumine Christ's words and seem to give them even greater clarity than when they were first spoken.

One day in my early reading I was filled with exaltation when I read Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Christ's teachings, it had seemed to me, were directed to his disciples. But when I comprehended that Jesus came

as an offering for the sins which I constantly committed even while trying to do right, I found peace and a nearer approach to heaven.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Paul says in Romans 10:17. My faith has increased from reading the Word of God.

My note for 1950, written in the back of the Bible, says, "The best year spiritually." The one for 1951: "I am beginning to realize what faith is, and I am looking forward to a greater knowledge in 1952."

While traveling through the Bible each year, I find many things I had not noticed before—new meaning to old passages. The verses are the same, but time has changed me. Last year's convictions, after a year of searching the Bible, may seem as small and empty as the old birds' nests clinging to the trees.

There are many interesting incidents which show that human nature is still the same. Moses used his thick tongue as an excuse to keep from leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. Aaron only threw gold in the fire, and it came out a calf. It is recorded of Jacob and Rachel's romance that it was love at first sight at their meeting at the well. Here also is the first mention in the Bible of a man kissing a woman.

HOW A LIFE WAS CHANGED

A personal blessing and answer to prayer probably changed my whole life. In my early teens Mother was ill for a long time, and near death many times. There were five younger children, and I was the only help my father had.

Mother was sunshine and laughter, music and hope to us all, and the thought of losing her was unbearable. One day I read, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." These words lifted me to a high pinnacle. Of course I could believe; God could do anything. Then I prayed desperately day and night.

Once when it seemed that she was dying, I lay across the bed in a darkened room, praying. Overcome by anguish, I fell asleep. Later my father called. "Your mother is better," he said. "She will live."

She is still living. A cheerful whistle comes from her room despite her eighty-two years.

It seems that in searching for God through reading, I find him everywhere—in killdeer flying in the moonlight, a butterfly wobbling on new wings, childish laughter, a katydid's song, the sound of wind in the pines.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

My old diaries are filled with questions—how to find peace, to have faith, to control myself, to be more Christlike. Since reading the Bible daily and completing it yearly, I am finding answers: faith becomes strong-



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"Seated one day at the organ"

The Organist

By Phyllis Bourziel of Muskegon, Michigan

Alone, enclosed within the listening walls
She pauses, as if waiting for some cue
From Unseen Being.

She begins to move
Her fingers, feeling out the white on black.
They rouse, then gather urgency: melodious
Phrase leads on to phrase, not pausing, lest
A breath be taken, and the sequence lost.

The melody reverses and begins
To flow against itself, producing depth.
Not lonely anymore, it surges forward,
Upward, reaching heights it could not reach
Alone.

Soul, married to the harmony,
Becomes transcendent of the instrument
And culminates at the ethereal Throne.

er with exercise, self-discipline comes with patience, peace comes with yielding.

My comprehension and awareness have deepened. No matter how worried or upset I am through the day, when it is time for the familiar reading a certain peace descends upon me. There are flashes of illumination when I feel that I am on a higher plane and can almost see over the hill into eternity.

It is like riding toward the sunrise

in early morning and seeing the light but not the sun. Soon, tomorrow, I will dip down again into the dark valley of everyday living, but I know the light is still there.

This wisdom has come slowly with the years, but it has brought me so near to God that I often feel if I put out my hand, he is there.

Then I read the last verse, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen," and I write with a great conviction, "All is well."

Baptist Jubilee Advance Objectives

Objectives of the 1960 Program of the BJA

OBJECTIVE ONE

By Rev. Alfred Weisser
of Herreid, South Dakota

1. To search the Scriptures anew through Bible reading and study in home and church.

To commit ourselves for a more effective witness in life and word for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the winning of precious souls for him is a most worthy objective.

We live in a time of great uncertainty in every realm of human experience. Thus we need again become aware of the fact that we have available, at our fingertips, a certain word for an uncertain time. One of the greatest things that could happen to mankind today would be to learn again and be assured that "the Word of God standeth sure," that it is absolutely trustworthy, and that God will bring to pass for his people what is pleasing in his holy sight as they learn of him in his Word and walk in his ways.

It would be the greatest of stabilizing forces, in a time of instability, for the mind and spirit of individuals, homes and peoples. The individual today needs something abiding to which to cling. The homes of today need solid foundations to build upon, for many are crumbling into the dust of false hopes and ambitions. The people desperately need the bonds of Christian love and fellowship as depicted in this certain Word of God.

This Word is a sure and certain word about multitudinous things of which we are now uncertain. Even Christian homes and people have been driven hither and yon by many an uncertain word and they need to turn again to God's abiding Word. It would cause us to "turn from these vanities to the living God" (Acts 14:15).

Searching the Scriptures would bring about a resurgence of spiritual life in homes and churches alike. It would serve, indeed, as "a balm in Gilead" for broken homes and lives.

This Word would point the way to walk, to live, to go through the maze of uncertainty to the "way everlasting." It would point us to a cause—a reason to live—and give us the will to help others to live in the Lord as we witness to his saving power in word and deed in our own lives, thus letting the Word and spirit of God be the effective agents in winning friends and loved ones to the living Christ.

We, with multitudes of fellow-Christians, then, would set our feet steadfastly toward "the city whose builder and maker is God." Indeed, our lives here below would already glow as with "a bit of heaven."

OBJECTIVE TWO

By Dr. A. S. Felberg
of Edmonton, Alberta
President of the Christian
Training Institute

2. To make a soul-searching study of the nature of the Church and its educational imperative.

The Church of Jesus Christ is divinely called, appointed and ordained to its task. The miracle of its existence is the proof of its divine order. It cannot be substituted by any man made thing. The church lives in spite of meager support. It is the only resolute, undefeated, thriving communion on earth. It is the Church of Jesus Christ, the only escape from the agony of time. She has her power because of him who bought her with his life and blood.

The church is to stand for the things for which Christ stood. The voice of God, through the preaching of his Word must be heard through her, in order that the standard of mankind may be lifted, the biblical sense of right and wrong be implanted upon the hearts and minds of people, a protest against sin and evil be stressed with conviction, the Way of Salvation clearly voiced, its membership called to a life of separation from worldliness unto holiness, and the message of hope and life eternal brought to a distressed world.

What is really the test of the church? It is the proof how well it enables people to see the Kingdom of God, how many are born again through its ministry of the Gospel. This is the test of the church, whether it is leading people to see things as God sees them, distinguishing between the natural and the spiritual things, to desire the spiritual, choosing to mind the things of God rather than man and striving after the mind and Spirit of Christ.

The church needs to restore the Gospel of Christ as the good news to the weary world with conviction, clarity and in the power of God. Unless the world finds the way and hears the voice of the church saying, "This is the Way, walk in it," the world is doomed. Our first line of defense must be those wide and deep spiritual resources which are the priceless possessions of the church of God.

We must prepare for this great mission of the church in our day and the spiritual task before us. If we fail in our task, we discredit God. If we fail God, we perish. God is waiting to use you and me but we must be educationally and spiritually prepared, to be used of God.

OBJECTIVE THREE

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman
of Hamden, Connecticut

3. To provide an intensive program of training in church membership and leadership.

There is a relation between the quality of a church's membership and that of its leadership. Though leadership may be refined and improved through training, and it ought to be, it will ever reflect the character and quality of the local fellowship.

The prerequisites for church membership, broadly speaking, are conversion, baptism and an evident Christian life. These three ought to be studied in order that one may know what he has done and why. Active church membership, however, demands more than a testimony! A careful reading of the first six chapters in Acts will show, among other things, that the early Christians were committed to (1) the fellowship of God's people, (2) a stewardship in terms of time, talent and treasure, and (3) the necessity and dignity of all Christian service.

In addition to the above, church leadership should first meet the conditions laid down by the apostles in Acts 6:3, that is, that it be reputable, spiritual and practical. Our standards should be high! Our guide in this venture is the Holy Spirit and our basic text book is the Bible.

Leadership may be improved through experience and training. Before we look for new and novel ways to do this, however, we might exploit the resources of our Sunday Schools and midweek Bible studies and our youth, women's and men's fellowships as opportunities for leadership training. Since we spend our time attending these functions, we ought to make them intensive training programs for growth in "grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!"

Specialized leadership training is needed to implement these activities and further to refine leadership ability. If all our NAB churches would take advantage of the present opportunity to improve their Bible teaching and training, what a greater blessing would fall upon our denominational fellowship in the near future!

OBJECTIVE FOUR

By Rev. Adam Huber
of the Brooklyn Center Project,
Minneapolis, Minn.

4. To alert each church to the demand of the Gospel for the continuous spiritual growth of all its members,

especially the new converts.

In his book, "Where Are The People?", its author, Sidney W. Powell, includes a chapter titled, "Closing the Back Door." In his remarks he touches upon a problem that seems of little concern to our people today. In our evangelical churches, the front doors are wide open, but what about our back doors? People slip out of our churches at almost the same rate as they enter.

Do we have a remedy? I believe we have. It can be phrased with four words—"BACK TO THE BIBLE." In almost all sciences a textbook is out of date in a very few years except in mathematics. Even though figures are as old as "Adam," they are new and workable as we apply them to modern problems. The same analogy can be applied to the Bible; although by its age in years it is ancient, yet by its infallible teaching it is as new as day! We must realize that God is Author as he is the Author of mathematics. With this in mind, we begin to apply it and find that it works. The Bible applied is the answer!

I am now personally engaged in Church Extension work in a suburb of Minneapolis, Minn. In these new urban centers, we find mostly young families from both rural and urban communities. Mostly they are nominal Christians and overwhelmingly spiritual illiterates. Today, while preparing this article, a lady from the community called to ask for help in a conflict with Jehovah's Witnesses. Sometimes these heralds of apostasy are angels in disguise. This telephone conversation opened for me the door to a Bible study in our neighborhood with a number of young families. This is the answer. We had been praying for just such an opening; now we trust the Lord's leading. This type of Bible study should be carried on by the church. It should be led either by the pastor or some other qualified person. What a blessing these neighborhood Bible studies can be!

Another area in which the church desperately fails is in helping the young converts to grow and to take their places in the ranks of Christian warriors. In most churches, the pastor conducts a training session before baptism, but what further measures are taken to help these young Christians? I would suggest that a definite program of duties and obligations for a new convert should be set up and a mature Christian be asked to become his helper and counselor. In this way, both people involved will benefit and the Lord's work will prosper.

OBJECTIVE FIVE

By Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the
McDermot Ave. Baptist Church,
Winnipeg, Man.

5. To strengthen the educational work of the church, including evaluation and coordination of all its organi-



1960 EMPHASIS COMMITTEE OF THE BJA.

Left to right, seated: W. L. House, Southern Baptist; Kenneth Cober, American Baptist, Chairman; Mrs. Major L. Johnson, American Baptist. Standing: G. K. Zimmerman, North American Baptist; Charles I. Denkins, National Baptist; S. Robert Weaver, Canadian Baptist Convention.

zations and activities.

A church, according to the New Testament pattern, is a group of saved, baptized people who have voluntarily banded themselves together according to the laws of Christ for the doing of his will. A Baptist church, if it worthily wears this name, is such a church. Upon the basis of the revelation in the Bible and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the church seeks the will of God both as to faith and practice. All members, individually and collectively, including all organizations of the church, are responsible to obey Christ's command "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

This task is far too big for the pastor alone, or even for the Sunday School. If our children, our youth, and all of our members are to "grow . . . in knowledge . . ." then all organizations and groups existing within the local church must be dedicated to the task of teaching, regardless of what other objectives they may pursue. The winning of souls is our primary goal, but if these souls are not properly taught and trained, they are bound to remain immature, weak and ineffective.

To achieve this objective, it will be necessary that all organizations take a closer look at their practices and goals. What part, if any, of their respective programs is contributing toward the educational task of the church? In retrospect, have those who attended the various functions during 1959 learned more about the Word, the Lord, the Christian life? Do we have a common goal within the church, or is every group merely seeking its own ends without any thought of coordination? Naturally, this does not mean that every organization become a

glorified Sunday School class. Nevertheless, the objective of "teaching them" must be kept in mind in all of our planning and in our activities.

The pastor, as the key person, bears the primary responsibility for the coordination of church activities, but it is actually the responsibility of the whole church as well. A Board of Education, or a committee that functions much along the same line, should be formed in every church in order to unify and to administer the educational work. A church must function as a unit in its purpose, its organization, and its activities. These recent years have shown an encouraging trend in that churches pay increasing attention to the educational side of the total program, both in buildings, equipment and plans. Practical results indicate beyond the shadow of a doubt that the "strengthening of the educational work of the church" will bring about present as well as future growth. It will also mean that we are obedient to the clear command of his Word.

OBJECTIVE SIX

By Dr. John Wobig
of Portland, Oregon
Moderator of the General
Conference

6. To make clear the nature and abiding relevance and authority of historic Baptist principles.

One of the things that need reaffirmation in this second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance concerns the distinctive principles of our faith. The Baptist position is still misunderstood by many people today. There are many Baptists who have only a vague idea

of what they believe and stand for. One of the objectives in this year's study is to make clear the nature and abiding relevance and authority of these historic declarations of Baptist beliefs.

We need to lay hold once again of the creed that finds its basis only in the New Testament as our absolute and sole authority, divinely inspired and unifying in the acknowledgment, experience and obedience of the truth, and sufficient for all religious needs. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Gal. 1:8-9).

We must recognize anew the right of private judgment and liberty of personal opinion. (Romans 14:5, 12; John 7:17; Matt. 23:37; Luke 9:52-56).

We must stress the plain teachings of the Scriptures that regeneration must precede baptism and church membership and aim to adjust people to fit into the New Testament teaching. (John 3:3; Acts 5:13-14; 2 Cor. 6:14-18). We must defend the two beautiful symbols of baptism and the Lord's Supper that need not to be proved or explained but ever stand as living pictures of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 3:13-17; Romans 6:3-6; Col. 2:12; Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:20-29).

We must preserve the simplicity of the Baptist organization which gives to every local church the right to govern itself and does not recognize any ecclesiastical court or higher jurisdiction, although cooperating with our state and national organizations in a voluntary and advisory capacity. (Eph. 5:23; Matt. 18:15-17; Acts 15:4, 22, 23, 25-28; Acts 2:41-47, 6:1-6). We must emphasize afresh the equality of all believers and their right to approach God directly or cast their vote in a purely democratic way. (Matt. 23:8-12; 1 Peter 2:5, 9).

We must constantly declare that the Church is one body in Christ and that all believers are priests before God. (1 Peter 2:5; Rev. 1:6).

The New Testament is clear and authoritative on all these great principles. And the Old Testament was a typical and educational system fulfilled by Christ. We find the true idea of the Christian Church and all that pertains to its members, ordinances, government, worship, mission and priesthood in the New Testament. It is written for us to study and by which to establish our faith. May we through private study and in group discussions acquaint ourselves with these vital distinctive teachings!

OBJECTIVE SEVEN

By Rev. Frank Veninga
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President of Our Seminary

7. To encourage our colleges and seminaries to train our present and potential church leaders for more ef-

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fective participation in the teaching ministry of the church.

The Baptist family is succeeding through the Baptist Jubilee Advance and its Bible-centered program in reaching meaningful objectives. One of the objectives in this year's program is the training of present and potential church leaders for more effective participation in the teaching ministry of the church.

To accomplish this purpose it is suggested that the Bible receive a more prominent place in the teaching and training program of our educational institutions. A greater knowledge of the Bible should be one of the outcomes of Christian education. True Christian education involves an assimilation of the inspired Word into the student's entire life: spiritual, mental, social and physical (Luke 2:52).

More than four hundred years ago William Tyndale said that he perceived "... it was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth, except the Scripture was plainly laid before their eyes." Without a thorough knowledge of the Holy Bible, church leaders are simply ill-prepared to make a meaningful contribution to the ongoing mission and ministry of the church.

The Bible was the driving power of the church in the early centuries, in the Reformation, the Puritan movement, the Wesleyan revival, in denominational expansion and in the beginning of the world mission of the church. Such it must be today.

There is great need and tremendous opportunity for exalting the Bible's significance in our teaching and preaching ministry. To us as Baptists, there is no other official ecclesiastical document but the Holy Bible. It is the cornerstone of all we teach, and the guide in all the work we do.

Those who have been entrusted to teach and interpret its sacred message must, not only master the Book, but must allow the Word of God to exert mastery over them. "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97).

With a high regard for the "Book of books" and a practical application of its timely and timeless message, our trained and devoted leaders will be enabled to lighten the darken pathways of life. All will thus come to

know that the Bible is indeed mankind's greatest treasure.

OBJECTIVE EIGHT

By Rev. H. John Vanderbeck
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8. To intensify our evangelistic efforts within the teaching and training program.

The eighth objective of the Baptist Jubilee Advance for 1960 is "to intensify our evangelistic efforts within the teaching and training program."

In his masterpiece, the *Republic*, Plato confronts the reader with his simile of the cave. He compared some people to cave dwellers who never leave the darkness of their cave, and whose only light is that which comes from their own fire. Because they don't know any better, they believe that this small fire of theirs is the only source of light. To them, this little fire represents the final reality. "We can't reach out for anything greater than this," they say as they watch their fire flicker and sputter in the gloom of their cave.

The very sad commentary on this simile is that today there are so many who persistently refuse to come out of their mental, social and spiritual caves into the vast world of spiritual opportunity into which God has sent his own to labor and witness. So many are content with things as they are. They are indeed happy to sit back and watch their flickering embers instead of bringing fagots for a blazing fire.

This is why the objective of evangelism in 1960 is more than a goal of the Jubilee Advance—it is the *spiritual imperative of the Church of Christ*. "Go ye," said the Master. And the church responds to this thrilling declaration by sitting contentedly at its little sputtering fires. In the strength of the Lord, and in response to his command, let us build fires of evangelistic effort and come out of our caves of complacency.

How may this objective be reached? Here are a few suggestions: inaugurate a program of training and teaching in evangelism for your church—the *uninspired cannot inspire*. Discourage superficial Bible reading and encourage a Bible reading program with depth and study. Lead the workers of the church in a real effort of "evangelism in action"—canvassing, enlistment, and follow-up visitation. Begin a pastor's class for concentrated Bible study and use the mid-week service for well organized and well prepared systematic Bible teaching. Much effort is required and many more things can be done, but the results are rewarding—amply so!

Let us come out of our caves and away from our sputtering embers. Let us, in Christ, build blazing fires. "Evangelism in action" is the glorious fruit of lives grounded in the truths of the Word of God.

BAPTIST HERALD

Blessings of the Baptist Jubilee Advance

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union and a Member of the B. J. A. Committee.

THE SUCCESSFUL launching of the Bible Teaching and Training emphasis for 1960 has been a very encouraging experience for those of us who have worked for many months to prepare the objectives and suggestions to be used in this year of concentrated Bible study for the Baptist Jubilee Advance. At the outset of this new year, we must again look to God with gratitude that the Bible is available to each of us and that "New Light" on God's message to us is possible as we enlist for a concentrated reading and study of his precious Word.

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE READING

A number of events suggested for this year of Bible Teaching and Training have already taken place. There are abundant blessings in store for us in the coming months as individually we participate in church activities, family worship and private study of the Bible. The emphasis on enlisting for a systematic reading of the Bible needs to be considered by all of us as a unique opportunity to strengthen our faith in God and understanding our place of service in God's Kingdom.

Some helpful suggestions on Bible reading are found in the packet which is available from the North American Baptist office in Forest Park, Illinois. Among the materials is a "Bible Reading Record" which contains a schedule for reading the entire Bible in one year. A number of leaflets on the Bible, which are included in the packet, will serve as excellent guides to obtain many spiritual blessings from systematic Bible reading.

Another area which needs our careful attention is that of the family altar. There is ample material available for making the family devotional service of great significance to members of your household. Various Bible translations are available and should be used in family worship, for they help young children to understand its message better. The packet contains information on suggested devotional literature.

Our own North American Baptist Daily Bible Reading outline is an excellent guide for daily Scripture readings. A supply of these outlines has been made available to all pastors. Additional copies are available from the North American Baptist office in Forest Park, Illinois.

BIBLE STUDY COURSES

We rejoice over the many Bible study courses which have already been conducted in our churches during the

winter months, and we hope that every church will schedule one or more courses for 1960. Again, we are able to share with you in the Bible Reading Packet an excellent list of study books on the Bible. Some of our churches are setting aside an entire week for this purpose in order that a concentrated effort can be put forth on Bible study. Several churches reported that they have used one of these study courses in their prayer meetings.

The Word of God can change many lives in 1960 to become more like that of Jesus, our Savior. This, however, will require adequate planning and preparation by leaders and faithfulness on the part of every church member in launching this program. Bible study courses will make for better Sunday School teachers and scholars.

DISCIPLINED BIBLE STUDY

We will have opportunities to share in Bible study courses offered in our church and thereby experience the blessings which come from using the Bible in our family worship. In addition to this, a goodly number of our people ought to launch out on an individual disciplined study of the Word by reading books which will help to "rightly divide the Word of Truth." We are suggesting some books for a disciplined Bible study in the packet.

Sunday School teachers will especially find it helpful to secure some of these books for a better understanding and interpretation of the Scriptures. This special effort will help to make clear the call of the Lord to those who need to declare themselves ready to prepare for full time Christian service.

Full surrender and obedience to the will of God can bring about an adequate supply of pastors for our churches and workers for our mission fields as young people seek to follow the leading of the Lord. Those who will be faced with making decisions about the Lord's calling must find assurance that it is the leading of the Holy Spirit. "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God" (Hebrews 5:4).

SPIRITUAL GOALS FOR 1960

Our expectations from pursuing this concentrated Bible study in 1960 should bring about (1) a "New Light" on deepening our spiritual life; (2) a more adequate knowledge of God's Word and (3) a sincere commitment to serve Christ wherever he leads. Many will remain in their local churches as better equipped servants of the work which has been entrusted to them, and others will go even unto the "utmost parts of the earth" as the Lord calls and leads.



A BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE DISCUSSION

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman (center) emphasizes a point about the BJA objectives in discussion with Dr. Kenneth Cober (left) of the American Baptist Convention, and Dr. Clifton J. Allen of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Sketch of Luther Rice, from "The Baptist Witness" (Copyrighted by the Judson Press).

Luther Rice, Baptist Missionary and Crusader

"The coming of Luther Rice with his untiring efforts for Christ and the cause of missions was the most important event in Baptist history in the 19th century."

By Mrs. Mary Miles of Seattle, Washington

IN A LONELY GRAVE in Edgefield District, South Carolina, lie the remains of a man whose name should be loved and honored by every Baptist. When he died, there were no relatives among the mourners. A few friends laid his body to rest in the little cemetery of Pine Pleasant Baptist Church. Yet he was as much at home here as anywhere, for like his Master he had no place to call his own, and no worldly possessions. His last will and testament simply read: "Send my sulky and horses and baggage to brother Brooks . . . and say that they belong to the college" (Columbian College).

This man of God who had denied himself houses, brethren, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, lands for the advancement of the Kingdom of God was LUTHER RICE. He it was who first aroused Baptists in America nearly 150 years ago to unite in the cause of foreign missions. Regarding him, a noted historian said, "The coming of Luther Rice was the most important event in Baptist history in the 19th century."

At the close of the 18th century the churches of America were wrapped in selfish slumber, totally ignoring the command of their Lord to carry the Gospel message into all the world. Not one missionary had left these shores.

SCRAP OF PAPER

It was during this period that Luther Rice was born on his father's farm at Northborough, Mass., on March 25, 1783. His intention was to make farming his career, but God had other

plans for young Luther. With his parents he was a regular attendant at the Congregational Church, and was quite satisfied with a mere "form of godliness" until, at the age of nineteen, he came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. For months he suffered mental unrest and seemed unable to fix his faith in Christ.

One day he suddenly realized that the cause of his inability to find peace lay in his unwillingness to give himself wholly to God. Placing a blank sheet of paper on the table before him, he wrestled with the question: Am I willing to sign my name at the foot of this page and let God fill in my life's story as he chooses? It was a difficult decision. The fate of multitudes lay in the balance while he toyed with his quill. Then decisively he signed his name, LUTHER RICE.

From the moment of his conversion Luther was dominated by a desire to win the lost, not only his neighbors and friends, but those living in distant lands. He soon discovered that his was "a voice crying in the wilderness." His home church and even his father regarded him as a fanatic. Since it became necessary to leave the farm, his thoughts turned toward training for Christian service, and in the fall of 1807 he enrolled at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. Here he found two other students who shared his vision. Convinced that the churches in America were "criminally wanting in exertion" with respect to the great commission, the three students met regularly for prayer in the shelter of a haystack near the college.

In 1810 these three young men transferred to Andover Seminary, where they discovered two or three others of like mind, including Adoniram Judson. Through their united efforts, they succeeded in getting the Congregational churches to organize, in the summer of 1810, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

FIRST U. S. MISSIONARIES

A year and a half later, this Board accepted four young men as its first missionary appointees—Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Adoniram Judson and Gordon Hall. A fifth was accepted on condition that he raise his own support and outfit. This fifth man was Luther Rice. The news reached him six days before the date set for the commissioning service at Salem, Mass., but in that incredibly short time, traveling day and night on horseback, he succeeded in raising the necessary funds.

With the four others he presented himself for ordination before a gathering of between 1,500 and 2,000 people on February 6, 1812. Twelve days later he left Philadelphia for Calcutta, India. Since the only woman he had ever loved refused to go with him to the foreign field, he went alone.

On the long voyage to Calcutta, which took more than four months, Rice became very ill, and relief on reaching his destination was quickly turned into disappointment by the refusal of the British East India Company, then governing southern India,

to allow the missionaries to remain. Yet never for a moment did they interpret these adverse circumstances as an indication that they should retreat. Regarding them rather as attacks of the enemy, they refused self-pity and discouragement.

The voyage to India had afforded ample time for Bible study, and both Judson and Rice, on separate ships, had been led to explore the Scriptural teaching regarding baptism. Each came to the conclusion that immersion following saving faith was the only form of baptism taught in the Word. Acting on their new light, the Judsons and Rice were immersed shortly after their arrival in Calcutta.

What this meant, cut off as they were from the homeland by thousands of miles involving months of toilsome travel, it is hard for us even to imagine. Not only were they unwelcome strangers in a foreign land, but by their decision regarding baptism they had most likely severed their life line with the congregational churches which had sent them out. Time would tell.

AROUSING THE BAPTISTS

For the present Mr. and Mrs. Judson and Rice decided to escape to the Isle of France. From the human standpoint, their prospects were very bleak, Rice being so weak that he despaired of life itself. It was clear that one of them should return to America to lay their case before the Board of Commissioners, and it was agreed that Luther Rice should undertake this mission, with the hope that he would regain his health and return very soon to work with the Judson wherever the door should open.

Accordingly he sailed for the homeland, arriving in New York September 7, 1813, in time to appear before the Board at their annual meeting in Boston. Some days later he was told they had voted to release him and the Judsons, and thus he felt free to approach the Baptists.

At that time there were 70,000 Baptists along the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Georgia, but they were a "scattered and feeble folk, lacking in solidarity." In Boston, under the able leadership of Dr. Thomas Baldwin, a Baptist Foreign Missionary Society had already been organized, being one of several such small societies in the New England states. The Boston Society, having heard by letter from the Judsons that they were trying to establish a foothold in Burma, had undertaken their support.

But Luther Rice was possessed with a burning desire to see the Baptist churches united in a common effort to evangelize a lost world. He envisioned a general convention, with delegates drawn from Baptist churches in every part of the country. To this end he traveled extensively all over New England and the southern states, the flame of his ardor igniting missionary fires in every community where he went. He found that his Bap-

tist brethren were for the most part not "criminally negligent" but lacking in opportunity and direction.

GOD'S MAN OF THE HOUR

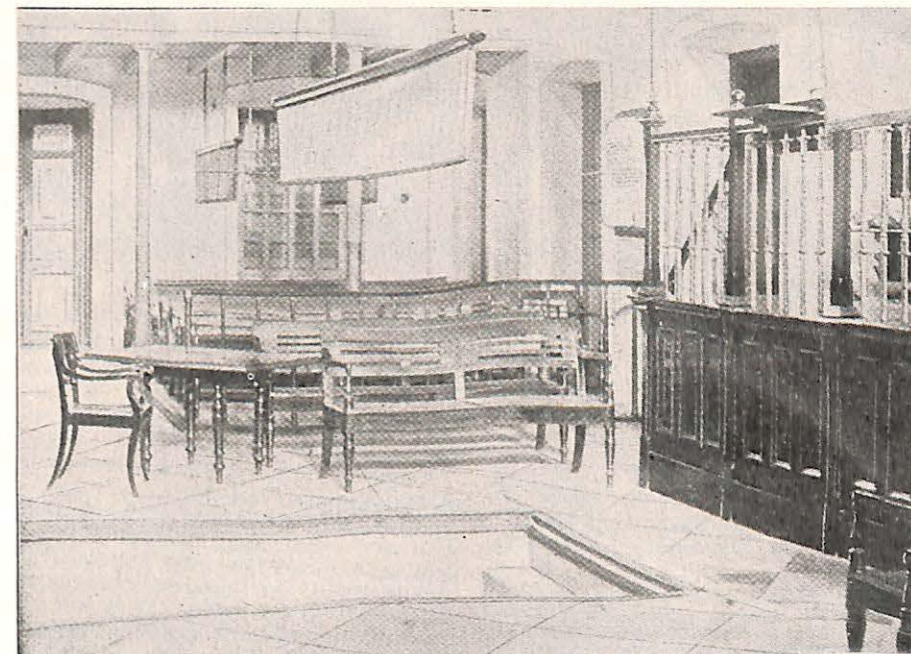
Luther Rice proved to be God's "man of the hour." As a result of his untiring efforts, the first "General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions" convened in Philadelphia on May 18, 1814, meeting thereafter every three years and becoming known as the Triennial Convention. The Board adopted the Judsons as their first missionaries, and requested Mr. Rice to continue his efforts in the United States for a time.

"Extremely painful" were the words

nomination to a united missionary effort, Luther Rice worked with others for the establishment in Washington, D. C., of Columbian College, which was given its charter early in 1821 as an institution of higher learning. The school later developed into The George Washington University. He is also to be credited with launching, in 1817, the first Baptist missionary periodical, *The Latter Day Luminary*. By his varied efforts "he changed the scattered Baptist churches into a Baptist denomination."

A HOLY ZEAL

For eighteen months before his death Rice was never well, overwork and anxiety having brought on a re-



WHERE LUTHER RICE WAS BAPTIZED

This historical photograph of the baptistry of William Carey's church in Calcutta, India, was taken in 1899. Here Adoniram Judson and his wife and Luther Rice were baptized in 1812 and announced their intentions of serving as Baptist missionaries.

Mr. Rice used to describe his feelings when the door was closed to his return to the foreign field—temporarily, as he thought. Yet he threw his whole soul into the work of arousing the denomination to its duty toward those in heathen darkness. "To this everything else must yield," he wrote. On horseback and in sulky he traveled thousands of miles yearly, and often spent much of the night in writing necessary letters.

The months stretched into years, and still the great work of rallying the denomination detained him in the homeland. For twelve years he labored selflessly, received \$400 annually above his traveling expenses. After this he refused any remuneration whatever, even contributing his small savings because of the Board's financial stringency. This was no "man clothed in soft raiment." Here was "a prophet . . . and more than a prophet!"

In addition to stimulating the de-

turn of the disease from which he suffered on the voyage to India. But as his health failed, his spirit seemed to soar to ever greater heights, and he pushed forward with the intensity of a man whose days were numbered.

In September 1836, while traveling in the south, he was no longer able to force his weakened body to serve his eager spirit, and on the 25th he went Home to his reward. "At the time he came into public life," said Rev. Stephen Chapin at his memorial service, "the American churches were profoundly slumbering . . . and no foreign missions were thought of . . . Now the missionary spirit is burning with a bright and spreading flame, and missionary stations quite encircle the globe."

During the present Baptist Jubilee Advance let us honor the name of this devoted missionary crusader, and pray that a double portion of his spirit may descend on twentieth century Baptists the world around.

"To the Golden Shore"

The review of the dedicated life of Adoniram Judson and of the thrilling missionary book and biography by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications.

ADONIRAM JUDSON is one of the brightest stars in the missionary firmament of Baptists. This star is still shining today with dazzling brightness and exemplary power. Books and articles on Adoniram Judson are flowing from printing presses, and a full length moving picture on his amazing life will probably be filmed soon.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

One hundred and fifty years after his decision to become a Baptist, while on his way to the mission field in India, 19 million Baptists are engaged in a stirring evangelistic crusade called the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Adoniram Judson was the inspiration for this Advance. His sacrificial decision 150 years ago fanned the missionary fires in 1814 in the United States to organize "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions."

In 1964 the Baptist Jubilee Advance program will culminate with a glorious celebration of this sesqui-centennial event as Baptists of North America unitedly witness to the saving power of the Gospel and thank God for the great hearted missionary, Adoniram Judson!

It is almost impossible to see how the life of this man, Adoniram Judson, could be condensed into the pages of a book. His life of 62 years is a thrilling monument to the wonders of God's grace in a soul dedicated to his will. His feet stood astride three continents of the world, across several devastating wars, and across large sections of entire denominations in the United States. He blazed the trail for Christian missions on our continent among Baptists, and literally lifted the door of Burma off its hinges to make an opening for Christ into the land and people of Asia.

BOOK OF THE CENTURY

But the biographer's miracle has happened. The most thrilling, graphic and captivating missionary book that has ever been written is the biography of Adoniram Judson entitled, TO THE GOLDEN SHORE by Courtney Anderson. This book of 530 pages, published by Little Brown and Company of Boston and Toronto (price, \$6.00) will move you to tears, give you "goose pimples" of excitement, arouse you to missionary action and amaze you that so much could happen to one man who survived such ordeals. This is the missionary book of the century that every Baptist must read if he or she wants to understand the under-



ADONIRAM JUDSON

The last leaf of the Burmese Bible is held in the hands of Judson with thanksgiving to God on Oct. 24, 1840.

lying motivations and objectives of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Adoniram Judson's life was like that of the Apostle Paul, with Christ confronting him at every turn of the road and with dramatic events happening to him when "the impossible" became reality. With a deeply religious background in a Congregational manse and with an unusual educational training, Adoniram became a wild, reckless youth in his thinking until Christ met him on his Damascus road. Like the prodigal son, Adoniram tried everything for excitement in New York City until the tragic death of his for-

mer college chum in a room next to his in a shabby hotel brought him to his senses and to a surrender of his life and will to Christ!

JUDSON'S MISSIONARY DECISION

Adoniram Judson's decision to become a foreign missionary shocked his parents and blazed the trail among the college men of his day in New England. The famous "Haystack Meeting" had been held two years previously, and there were several other men who also dedicated their lives for foreign missions. But Adoniram was the leader in this group, convincing the doubters, inspiring the churches to support them, and planning ahead with a dauntless faith.

The excitement in Judson's life had just begun with this decision. It is a little known chapter in his life how this young man had to go to London, England to meet with the leaders of the Congregational Church there to secure financial support for their going to the field, to find out about the necessary preparations and to learn concerning the various fields of endeavor for missionaries.

But on his way to England in 1811, their boat, "The Packet," was captured by a French Privateer and this young college lad was taken prisoner. The story of his escape from prison reads like a miraculous account from the book of Acts. He went on to England to spend six discouraging weeks there, trying to secure financial support for the daring venture of these dedicated young missionaries in America.

Seldom has a man of God experienced such high and thrilling joys and



River scene in Burma, where the first Baptist missionaries labored and preached the Gospel following the organizing of the first Baptist foreign mission society in 1814.

tasted such dregs of discouragement and tragedy in the same pilgrimage! This life story of Adoniram Judson blends these two motifs in the exciting pages of this book. The romance between Adoniram and Nancy Hasseltine, the holy moments of his ordination to the Christian ministry, the youthful eagerness of these young people commissioned to the mission field, the profound joy of imparting the Gospel to the Burmese people, the ecstatic thrill of having finished the translation of the Bible into the Burmese language—and later the preparation of a dictionary—, how these wonderful joys sparkle like diamonds in Judson's life.

But the dark hours—as black as the night—were there also. Judson had to preach and labor and evangelize for six long years until the first convert was won for Christ in Burma. He saw the pallid hand of death lay hold on his children and wife and second wife. He spent years in a squalid and vermin-infested prison. He faced persecution at the hands of officials, and felt his body wracked with pain because of tropical diseases.

This is only a little window of insight into Judson's experiences of despair as pictured in this book of the account when he was in prison: "Adoniram, his hair and neck in filth, his arms sore from the cut of the cord, his ankles already chafed raw from the three pairs of heavy iron fetters on his elevated feet, was alone with his thoughts. They were bitter and depressed. What had he brought to those who depended on him? Nothing but death" (page 306).

THE WORD OF GOD

But the Word of God shines brightly through the darkest hours in Judson's life. He was never disobedient to that heavenly vision. The reading of the Word convinced him and his wife of believer's baptism on their way to India as Congregationalist missionaries, and he was immersed in India on conviction of his faith. This began the Baptist missionary cause for the North American continent.

He looked to the Word for every encouragement and guidance. In periods of melancholy, he sought personal meditation. "So his Bible under his arm, he went over the hills behind Moulmein, Burma, deep into tiger-infested jungle, until he found a place that suited him near a long-abandoned moss-overgrown pagoda. Here he began spending his days reflecting, praying, reading the Bible" (page 390).

Judson's great work was the translation of the Word into Burmese which is still in use today. His wife, Sarah, wrote prophetically of its blessing: "The translation of the Bible into Burmese is an event, to which thousands have looked forward with joyful anticipation, for which, thousands now perishing in their sins, should fall on their knees in thanksgiving to God, and through which, thousands yet unborn will praise him forever."

From the Professor's Desk

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

Would you please explain Hebrews 4:12 in your column? This verse was appealed to in an ordination examination in support of trichotomy (belief in THREE essential elements in man's being, body, soul, and spirit) over against dichotomy (TWO essential elements, body and spirit or soul).

Hebrews 4:12 reads: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This verse occurs in one of the hortatory sections of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The author has just stated that the Rest of God is still left open to the people of God through the failure of Israel to enter into it. He now admonishes his readers earnestly to strive to enter into it and to beware of unbelief which the Word of God is quick to detect.

This Word of God is not to be trifled with. The Israelites in the wilderness were a case in point. They could not enter into his rest because of unbelief (cf. 3:18, 19). The specific Word of God which the author has in mind is the Word which warned the people of God in the wilderness, but by implication every Word of God is included. That Word is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword.

Now the real difficulty in this verse lies in the words which follow. A. B. Bruce, whose commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews is second to none, states clearly the meaning:

"Does the word divide soul from spirit, or both soul and spirit, not only soul, but even spirit? And what are we to make of the mention of joints and marrow, after soul and

spirit? Have we here a mingling of metaphor and literal truth, and an accumulation of phrase in order to heighten the impression? or is it meant that 'joints and marrow' are the subject of a distinct action of the word? Believing that we have to do here with rhetoric and poetry rather than with dogmatic theology, I prefer a free, broad interpretation of the words to that which finds in them a contribution to biblical psychology and a support for the doctrine of the trichotomy of human nature, which, with all respect for its patrons, savours, in my opinion, of pedantry. The simple meaning of the passage is this: The word of God divides the soul, yea, the very spirit of man, even to its joints and marrow. It is a strong, poetical way of saying that the word penetrates into the inmost recesses of our spiritual being, to the thoughts, emotions, and hidden motives, whence outward actions flow, as easily and as surely as a sword of steel cuts through the joints and marrows of the physical frame. Thus understood, the second part of the description leads naturally up to the third, which speaks of the critical function of the word, in virtue of which it is 'the candle of the Lord searching all the inward parts'" (*The Epistle to the Hebrews, The First Apology for Christianity*, p. 165).

This passage, then, is not a proof text for trichotomy and was never meant to be so used. It is rather a statement of the penetrating power of the Word of God.

Adoniram Judson returned to the United States in 1882 after a long absence of 33 years since he had gone forth as a young missionary. This was his first and only furlough trip! As an elderly man, he was introduced to American audiences to the effect that "the thing for which these missionaries went out, the Word of God, will stand fast and eventually prevail."

The most deeply moving section of the book remains for the closing chapter. Judson was certainly one of God's brightest heralds of the Cross. He pioneered in Burma in a missionary work that is still greatly blessed of God. His achievements were immortal. But for 40 years he had been trying to love everyone else as much as the Savior had enjoined. For forty years he had considered it a sin to love himself and to be moved by feelings of pride. Now he struggled spiritually in the conquest of self in a severe searching of his own heart. Then one day in January 1850, shortly before his death, he could say to his wife: "I have

gained the victory at last. I love every one of Christ's redeemed, as I believe he would have me love them."

Here in this story of Adoniram Judson, you will be challenged by a life that loved Christ sacrificially and that loved people compassionately, by a life that faced dangers and privations and conquered victoriously, by a life that stirred Baptists of North America to undertake a great missionary work for Christ and the Gospel. Every North American Baptist should become intimately acquainted with Adoniram Judson through the reading of this fine book, through the perusal of the abbreviated but important article about him that appears in the 1960 ANNUAL, and through various articles in other publications.

In these days and years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program, 19 million Baptists of North America are rising to thank God for such a dedicated man as Adoniram Judson whose entire life was an amazing triumph in Christ—even "to the golden shore."

We the Women

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

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

The first Friday in March (March 4) is one of the most important days on the Christian woman's calendar this year. It is the World Day of Prayer—a day set apart to unite Christian women the world over in a concerted effort in prayer. From the earliest dawn, till the last minute of that day has ticked into eternity, Christian women will storm the Throne of grace in praise, petition and intercession. The potential power of such prayers in faith staggers the imagination and exalts the soul.

The theme for the day—"Laborers Together With God"—will point up the opportunities that we as Christian women have, and show us anew the responsibilities which are ours. The term "laborers" implies work to be done. "Together with God" elevates that work to the realm of divine direction and purpose. The very fact that we Christians have been chosen by God—"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you"—to form a partnership with him gives life new meaning and purpose.

It sheds a glory on activities that might otherwise be difficult, commonplace or even monotonous. It is when we do the possible that God can do the impossible. How much can be accomplished "together"! How helpless we become attempting to do his work, relying only on our meager resources!

Not only are we to work *with* God, but also *for* him—as the Revised Standard Version reads: "For we are fellow workmen for God." No matter what our calling or position in life, we are called to be craftsmen for God. He has no one to do his work but you!

In Phillips' translation of this familiar text, we perceive another interpretation. He says, "In this work, we work with God, and that means that you are a field under God's cultivation, or, if you like, a house being built to his plan." What a thrilling thought! We are to yield our lives that they can become fields producing wonderful fruit under God's cultivation! We are to be a house, beautifully built for a special purpose according to the plans of the Master Builder!

In our united prayer effort, "Laborers Together" has a further significance that is worthy of consideration. On this day we Christian women of the world are united in a singleness of purpose. Together we pray for the needs of a sinful world.

May this universal observance of the World Day of Prayer prove a special blessing to all who participate, and to those who are touched by the mighty power of prayer the world over.

Winning Them One by One!

The Story of the Ministry of "God's Volunteers"
by Miss Georgia Hunter

"LET THE WORD of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Strains of the piano prelude, "I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus, the Nazarene," reached "God's Volunteers," as they were gathered in prayer. A signal was given by the music director, Jackie Young, that it was time for the evening service to begin. Assembling on the platform, each team member was thrilled to see the room nearly filled to capacity—a wonderful sight! There were several new faces tonight; no doubt, the result of recent visitation.

The church organist and Jackie accompanied the congregational hymn singing, and then the pastor led in prayer, thanking God for his unspeakable Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the many in attendance tonight to hear his Word.

"SOULS FOR JESUS"

"And now I'm very happy to turn the service over to our evangelist and God's Volunteers." The Team began by singing their theme song, "Souls for Jesus," and then introduced one another, telling of each one's home town, team duties, etc.

"The next group song, 'Win Them, One by One,' is somewhat of a sub-theme song, because it so vividly describes the purpose of the Volunteers—the winning of souls for Christ, not just by the evangelist, but by every Christian!" said Rev. Walter Hoffman.

Following the announcements, the mixed quartet of Jackie, Rose Cicansky, Don Harrison, and Mr. Hoffman, sang "Drinking at the Springs of Living Water—happy there am I—my soul they satisfy—," telling of full satisfaction in Jesus Christ.

"It's story time, boys and girls!" said Georgia Hunter, "and the story tonight is about the Little Red Hen, who died to save her chicks, just as the Lord Jesus died to save you and me—." The children were bright-eyed and attentive as they heard the old Gospel story again.

"Jesus Christ is the Way—the Truth—and the Life, and he's mine, mine!" sang the congregation heartily, as Glenn Neumann led in chorus and testimony time. This is a favorite feature each night, when the congregation contributes with their testimonies to Christ's saving power. Many had the boldness to speak their praises tonight. "It's wonderful to hear you testify of your love for the Lord," said Glenn, "and now, one of God's Volunteers would like to share his personal

testimony with you—Don Harrison."

"Oh, how I rejoice in the fact that the great God of the universe has taken a personal interest in me" exclaimed Don. "How I rejoice that this omnipotent God has chosen me to represent himself to others. I can't begin to understand the fullness of his grace and power. In spite of all my sinfulness and limitations, the Lord has used my life to reveal Christ to those without understanding of him. What a joyous experience it is to see others accept the wonderful Christ who has blessed me so richly. I thrill in anticipation, knowing that, as he has used me—and all of God's Volunteers, he will continue to perform a good work until the day of Jesus Christ! For great is his faithfulness!"

Gladys Hoogestraat's testimony in song, "I Would Be Like Jesus," shared the sincere prayer of each of the Volunteers: to be more like their Lord, more conformed to his image. As she sang, you could see the response of the people. With bowed heads, they listened, perhaps comparing their lives to Christ's.

Rev. Walter Hoffman began his Gospel message by singing "The Great Judgment Morning," and then the message of man's sin and God's salvation through his Son rang clear and plain—and to the hearts of those listening. Perhaps some yielded—some rebelled—some found needed encouragement. Whatever the result, the two-edged sword of the Spirit, God's Word, was preached!

This is our ministry, preaching, telling and singing of our Lord and Savior! Our satisfaction and joy and strength are in him. Our encouragement and progress are in you, our prayer warriors! Are you doing your part in the ministry of "God's Volunteers"?

DECEMBER EVENTS

The Volunteers moved up into snowy Arnprior, Ontario, on Dec. 1st, working with Rev. Eldon Janzen at the First Baptist Church. We found the fellowship warm and the Canadian hospitality wonderful! The Lord's business kept us busy, as we visited in about 60 homes, dealing with the unsaved, visiting the sick and aged, and inviting people to the special gospel services. We visited in an old folk's home, conducting an afternoon service there, and two of the Volunteers assisted in the public school religious education classes one day.

In addition to routine activities, we had some wonderful times of fellowship with the young people there. We are thrilled and rejoicing over the seven young lives who yielded to the

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lang of Parma, Ohio, have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 10th who has been named Mark Harold. This is the first child in their family. Mr. Lang is the pastor of the Snowview Baptist Church of Parma, Ohio, a Church Extension project of the denomination.

● The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, has extended a call to Rev. Wesley Gerber of Billings, Montana, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings since 1955. He has accepted the call and has announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Durham Church on April 1st. He will succeed Rev. Norman Miller, now of North Freedom, Wis.

● The Board of Missions has granted Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Camerons missionary-nurse, a leave of absence at her request. This was done with sincere regrets by the Board, effective Jan. 1, 1960 and continuing for an indefinite period of time. Miss Kittlitz has served as a missionary-nurse in the Camerons for several terms. At present, she is also employed at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

● The former Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, has officially changed its name to the Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Adolph B. Welk began his ministry in the Prince George church on Nov. 15, 1959. The congregation is now undertaking a rather expensive project of renovating the church edifice. The ordination service of the pastor was also held recently by the church.

● The Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., held a joint Watchnight Service with the church at Turtle Lake, N. Dak. It was a blessed experience for the congregations to witness the baptism of 3 converts by Rev. Edward Oster of the McClusky Church. On Sunday, Jan. 10, Mr. Oster extended the hand of fellowship to these 3 persons and received 4 others, representing an entire family, into the membership of the McClusky Church, as reported by Mrs. Herbert Engel.

● On Sunday morning, Jan. 3, seven new members were welcomed into the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke. A total of 54 of the Evergreen Church people are enrolled in the New Testament reading program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The church has again adopted the Every Family Subscription Plan for our publications. The Christmas offering of the Church School amounted to \$100.50.

● Mrs. Martha A. Wedel of Anaheim, Calif., wife of the Rev. Herman C.

Wedel, passed away on Dec. 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Wedel served the following churches in our Conference: River Rouge, Mich.; Harrison Valley, Pa.; Randolph and Holloway, Minn. Twelve years ago they moved to Anaheim, Calif., where they became members of the Bethel Baptist Church. The memorial tribute to Mrs. Wedel, prepared by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● Rev. Vernon Link, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, has announced that he has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Independence, Iowa. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. He began his ministry in the Independence church on Feb. 1st. Mr. Link stated: "In the future, we will welcome any call or opportunity to come back and serve in the North American Baptist Conference. It has been a joy to serve in it in the past."

● Rev. Jack I. Krause presented his resignation to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, on Sunday, Nov. 14. He also announced that his resignation would be effective on Jan. 5, 1960. He served as pastor of the Marion church since 1957. He and his family have returned to California where their future plans have not been disclosed. Since Sunday, Feb. 7, Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Ill., is serving as the interim pastor at the Emmanuel Church of Marion.

● The Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, has asked Rev. Bernhard Goetze to serve as the interim pastor of the church for the present until a full-time minister has been secured. Mr. Goetze is the father of the former pastor, Rev. John Goetze, who began his ministry on Dec. 20, 1959 in the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. Bernhard Goetze has been engaged in independent missionary activities in Europe for many years and still maintains an active interest in this work.

● The new office secretary for Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, in the headquarters office of Forest Park, Ill., is Mrs. Erika Borr-

MRS. WILLIAM KUHN

Mrs. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., the widow of the late Dr. William Kuhn, was called Home on Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, after a brief illness. She had been a guest in the Central Home for the Aged during the past three years. The memorial service was held on Friday afternoon, Jan. 29, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in charge. A tribute to Mrs. Kuhn will appear in the next issue.

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mann of Medicine Hat, Alberta, a member of the Grace Baptist Church. She began her office ministry on Feb. 1st, succeeding Miss Gretchen Remmler. Miss Remmler has served in the denominational office for 38 years and as Mr. Schilke's secretary for the past 9 years. She will continue to carry on the White Cross ministry at the headquarters office.

● The Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kansas and the Church Extension Committee of the denomination have rented the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Junction City, Kansas, for the holding of Church Extension services beginning with Jan. 31st. At that time the "God's Volunteers" team also began its ministry with the Mount Zion Church by canvassing the area of the proposed new church in Junction City and conducting evangelistic services with Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, bringing the messages. Rev. Edwin F. Walter is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Jan. 31, the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., held its Fellowship Supper with a missionary emphasis. Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger were guests of honor and Dr. Dunger spoke about his recent trip to Africa. Beginning Jan. 14, a Leadership Training Course on Colossians is being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, at weekly intervals. During the month of January, the pastor also brought the messages on the South Dakota Association's radio broadcasts, "Chapel Cheer." The church is making intensive plans for its observance of its 75th anniversary to be held on July 31 and August 1, 1960.

● New Year's Eve was spent at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., with three wonderful and blessed hours. The first hour featured a musical program with the pastor, Rev. W. Berkan, in charge. There were duets, solos and instrumental numbers, besides congregational singing. Mr. Berkan gave various New Year's readings during the program. The second hour was a time of fellowship. The last hour was reserved for quiet meditation, including the observance of the Lord's Supper in a candlelight service. As the New Year was ushered in, the church chimes rang out to the world, as reported by Mrs. Leonard Fandrich.

● Rev. William E. Goding, Director of Public Relations at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has accepted a call to serve as University Pastor and Director of the Baptist Student Foundation at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington. He will spend a limited amount of time with similar responsibilities on the campus of the University of Idaho. A graduate of Northern, he has been a member of the administrative staff there for the past three years. Mrs. Elizabeth (Meister) God-

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. In prison his father had died some time later and his mother had passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas, bound for New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. But in New Orleans Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. James Thornton helped her to find a room in the Garden District and also to get a job in an antique store. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that had happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. He helped her to dispose of her aunt's belongings and counseled with her as to her future plans. But his plans were different! He was determined to find his father's enemy and kill him. As a result, he didn't have much time for Faith, but she became more and more interested in him.

CHAPTER NINE

ON Christmas day they decided to have dinner at one of the downtown restaurants famous for its French cuisine. It was a lovely place, the atmosphere of which made them somehow seem very close. Faith fondly admired the dainty corsage Jim had given her for the occasion. They had exchanged gifts that morning. This dinner date was something special.

She gave him a radiant smile. "I shall remember this day as long as I live," she said.

"Dear me!" he exclaimed. "You've a long life ahead of you."

"It will always be a beautiful memory," she repeated, and she spoke with meaning in her voice.

"Your future husband might object to such sentiment," he said playfully.

"There will be no future husband," she said as her serious eyes met his amused gaze. "I shall always belong to you, Jimmie, even though you may

be so far away."

Their gayety suddenly departed and they finished the meal in almost complete silence.

The shop where Faith worked was crowded with visitors who would be coming in increasing numbers until after the Mardi Gras season and she worked late every day. She came home exhausted and went to bed as soon as she reached her room. She could not get her strength back and she dragged through the days fighting exhaustion.

James had not seen her for over a week for he was also busy working at the office. One morning he received an urgent telephone call. It was from Faith.

"Jimmie, can you please come?" she wailed. "They have arrested me and I'm in jail."

"What have they arrested you for?" he cried in dismay.

"They say I stole a lot of jewelry." She was crying so that she could scarcely talk. "Please come. They want me to hang up."

"I'll be there as soon as I can get there," he told her. "Don't worry. We'll get you out. And don't cry. Everything will be all right."

He got his hat and coat and after a hurried explanation to his superior in the office, he went outside and hailed a cab.

What on earth had happened that she should be accused of stealing, he wondered. He knew that she was not guilty.

A sudden thought arrested him. The law had a most amazing memory for faces. He wondered if those he would be forced to meet in trying to help her would remember him after he had broken the law. But that was a foolish thought born of his own sense of guilt and fear. He was in the depths of gloom as he reached the prison and

mounted the broad steps and went inside.

James got to the Parish Prison as soon as he could and finally obtained permission to see Faith by herself. He was taken upstairs and down the gloomy corridor to a room near where the female prisoners were kept. The matron remained nearby while they talked.

When Faith saw him she burst into tears. Her eyes were red with weeping and the matron remarked that she had been crying ever since she had been committed. He took her in his arms and tried to comfort her. When she had become calm enough to talk she told him what had happened.

"They accused me of stealing a lot of valuable jewelry that had come in on consignment," she said. "You know I didn't steal it, don't you, Jimmie? I couldn't do a thing like that."

"Of course you couldn't," he said, stroking her rumpled hair. She seemed smaller and more fragile than ever as he held her. "What grounds did they have for accusing you?"

"They found a diamond ring from the lot in my coat pocket. It was caught in a corner of the pocket. I don't know how it got there. Someone must have put it there to make them think that I stole the other things. That's what I told them, but no one would believe me. My boss, Mr. Rogers, said that things had been missing ever since I started working there, just little things and he suspected me, but he didn't want to accuse me until he had proof. He's angry because he has to make good that loss, if they don't find the jewelry. They searched me as soon as they brought me here." She began to cry again.

"That's routine work," the matron informed James. "I search all the

prisoners to be sure that they don't have any concealed weapons or narcotics."

She had seen James' angry look directed toward her and while she was used to angry looks and accusations, somehow this terrified young prisoner who seemed such a helpless child had aroused her sympathy. She had become hardened in her work and usually was not convinced when a prisoner protested her innocence, for they all did that, but this girl was different. She felt that if this girl had committed a crime, it must have been her first offense and she must have been terribly desperate to have been tempted to commit it.

"I'll get a lawyer and we'll get you out of this in no time at all," James assured her. "Just buck up and try to be brave. I'll come back as soon as I can. Promise not to cry any more. If you keep this up, you'll get sick and that would make matters worse."

"I'll try," she said tremulously and smiled faintly.

He bent and kissed her, then let her go back to the cell with the matron. She gave him a despairing look as she went out and the door closed behind her.

When James got back to the office he asked his office manager if he knew a good lawyer, then he went to see Mr. Rogers at the shop. The man seemed to be in a state of nervous fury. He said that this was the worst blow he had had since he had been in business. He said his insurance policy on burglary had run out recently and he had neglected to have it renewed. This loss would represent more than he could pay and would almost bankrupt him.

James asked him why he had not taken more precautions against theft if the jewelry was so valuable. His only excuse was negligence.

"I should have known better, but nothing like this has ever happened before. I've had sickness at home and other troubles and I've been so worried that I just let things go. I never should have left that girl in charge of that show case, but I didn't think. I'll beat it out of her if she won't confess where she hid the jewelry."

"If you do, you'll get the beating of your life," James told him. "She didn't steal that jewelry. I'm sure of that."

"Well, I'm sure she did," Rogers argued. "I should have known better than to have hired her. She didn't live here. She was just a drifter. She might have been in trouble with the law somewhere before she came here. That little baby face of hers is a good front for a thief. She sure used me for a sucker."

"That's a lie and I ought to choke it down your throat," James cried furiously. "She's not a thief and she wasn't putting on any front."

"Getting riled up won't help her any," Rogers said. "If you're such a good friend of hers, how do I know that you're not mixed up in this your-

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self? That girl had one of the rings on her when the police came. It was down in a corner where she overlooked it. What do you say to that?"

"I say that it was a plant," James repeated.

He restrained his anger, for the man's hint that he himself might come under suspicion made him realize that he might be in danger of being accused as an accessory to the crime. If this should happen, he would not only be where he could not help Faith, but it would also endanger the success of the crime he planned.

"Why don't you take a look at that shriveled bookkeeper over there?" James asked as he saw the man standing nearby. "He could be the guilty one."

Rogers uttered a short laugh. "Accuse old Tom? I'd as soon accuse myself. He's been with me ever since I started in business. He's got a part interest in this business. Why should he steal from himself?"

"I don't know, but I mean to find out," James said as he left. He phoned the lawyer who had been recommended to him and had a conference with him. He told the lawyer, Mr. Sutton, what his suspicions were and Sutton advised him to hire a detective to trail the bookkeeper. The detective might find something that would prove Faith's innocence before the case came to trial.

James phoned the agency that Sutton had recommended and engaged a detective by the name of Grogran. The price seemed enormously high and he realized with a sinking sensation that his small savings would be terribly reduced. He was not caring about that now, however. His main desire was to get Faith acquitted.

When he returned to the rooming house that evening, a worried and indignant landlady met him in the hall. The police had been there and they had searched Faith's room.

"They told me that she was arrested for stealing a lot of jewelry," she told James. "I don't like things like this to happen in my house, Mr. Thornton. It will give me a bad name. I don't like to ask you to move, but I don't want any unpleasant publicity."

"I'll move as soon as I can find a place," James told her, "if that is what you want. But do let her things stay here for a while. I know that she is innocent and when they acquit her, you'll get a lot of publicity, but it will be good, not bad."

"I'll think it over," she said, mollified. "I like the little girl. She was sweet and seemed like a helpless child. Made me think of my little girl, just her age when she died. I'm glad you're so sure she's innocent. I'd hate to think she could do a thing like that."

"I'll stake my life on her innocence," James declared.

"You think a lot of her, don't you? It was good of you to take her under your wing when she was in trouble."

"I love her and I'm going to marry her," he said slowly.

Marry her! What had he said? How could he marry her? But when the words were out he knew that he would do just that. Just now all thoughts of his scheme for vengeance and murder were banished. When Faith was released, he would marry her and take the consequences, the risk of having her turn from him in loathing, if she learned what he planned to do. They would go away together when his mission had been accomplished, and try to be happy somewhere far from here, even though the shadow of the law might hang over them for the rest of his life.

The landlady gave him a smile and her irritation over the visit of the police vanished suddenly and entirely.

"How romantic!" she exclaimed. "I do hope that you get her out real soon. I'll give you my best front room at no extra cost."

"Then you don't want me to move?" James asked with a faint smile.

"No. You just stay on here and don't worry. I know you'll get her out soon."

They went to Faith's room. It was in shambles. The police had literally torn it apart in their search for the stolen jewelry. He and the landlady straightened it out and then James went to his room. He had forgotten that he had not eaten, but he was too upset to even feel hungry. His sudden declaration that he was going to marry Faith had given him a shock. He had long fought against this desire, but at last it had conquered his determination to overcome it. When she got out, if she got out, he conceded gloomily, she would need him more than ever. She would have no job and, even if she were acquitted, she would have a hard time finding work, for the stigma of that arrest would follow her even after she was free. He put his head in his hands and tried to think clearly, but his thoughts were a confused jumble. Finally he got up and went out to get something to eat, then he went to bed and tried to sleep, but for hours sleep would not come.

He tried to see Faith the next day but was unable to receive permission. He was told that he would have to wait until visiting time. He phoned his lawyer and later that afternoon they both went to the prison. Faith was not crying now, but she looked so pale and wan that she was a pitiful figure. She told her story to the lawyer and he agreed with James that that ring must have been a plant. There was no one else who could be the guilty one but the bookkeeper, but they would have to prove his guilt and that would be hard to prove unless the detective could unearth something.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 28, 1960

Theme: A PRISONER FOR CHRIST

Scripture: Acts 21:27-39

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The strength of a ship is determined by the storms through which it has gone; not by the calm seas over which it has sailed.

INTRODUCTION: Last week we followed Paul as he made his departure from Ephesus and his voyage through the Mediterranean Sea as he travelled on to Jerusalem. His farewell to the elders in Ephesus is one of the most touching scenes in the New Testament. As we read how they wept on his neck, kissed him and sorrowed for him, because they despaired of ever seeing him again, we feel the love and concern they had for one another. There is no love that binds our hearts more closely than Christian love.

From now on to the end of Acts, Paul is entirely in the hands of the Romans. His arrest in Jerusalem and his appeal to Caesar and ultimately his beheading in Rome cover a captivity of about five years. There is some evidence that points to a short period of freedom and a second and final imprisonment. Paul had enough Christian sense to run from danger, but he also had enough Christian courage to face danger when he could not and should not run from it.

He lived in a time when people looked upon Rome as the greatest power in the world. Roman legions were stationed everywhere, disciplined, trained and equipped with the latest weapons of destruction. Yet what Christian would choose the Roman power above the power of the Holy Spirit which enabled Paul to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"? And in these days of guided missiles, let us pray that God might find more guided men like the Apostle Paul.

I. THE DANGERS OF COMPROMISE. Acts 21:21-27.

It is often difficult to know how far we should go in trying to please those who are weak in the faith. Paul definitely made an attempt here to try to win the good will of his brethren, the Jews. Just how far Paul could be "all things to all men" without weakening his convictions, we cannot tell. Only a strong spiritual man like the apostle can be the judge of that. But it must be said to Paul's credit that he always went as far as it was possible for him to go without compromising his principles in order to win men to Christ. In this instance it was certainly not necessary for him to "purify" himself by means of the

Jewish law if he already found purity and continued to find it through the Lord Jesus Christ. Some time previously, he gave up preaching to the Jews and preached only to the Gentiles. Now he made another attempt by other means to reach them, and ultimately it cost him his life.

II. THE DANGERS OF TRUTH. Acts 21:31.

One of the greatest dangers of proclaiming the truth is that people will pervert it. These Jews were condemning Paul for his teaching, but their accusation was far removed from the truth of the Gospel which Paul preached. They picked out a small part of the negative aspect of the Gospel and magnified it a hundredfold and presented it as a positive heresy. In order to pervert the truth, which Paul preached still further, they added a few lies of their own. As with Jesus, they wanted an excuse to do away with Paul, and for such a purpose one excuse is as good as another. Their argument was based primarily on the amount of noise they made, rather than on reason and logic.

III. ADVANTAGES OF THE CIVIL LAW. Acts 21:32-37.

When bigotry and intolerance once enter into the religion of the people, then lawlessness and lovelessness take over. It becomes a danger and a menace. In such cases, it is far easier and better to see justice and safety in a civil law rather than in religious authorities. Paul found refuge a number of times in the fact that he was a Roman citizen. His Jewish citizenship was a constant threat to him.

IV. PAUL'S TESTIMONY. Acts 21:37-39ff

The apostle's last great appeal to his Jewish brethren was in the form of a dynamic personal testimony. He could have strengthened his case by taking advantage of his protector by accusing and condemning the Jews for their criminal assault. But he was not concerned about his physical danger. He was concerned only about the spiritual danger of the Jews who continually rejected Christ.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 6, 1960

Theme: GOD'S PROTECTING PROVIDENCE

Scripture: Acts 23:6-11, 16-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Man can do no more than God permits, and

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then he can do it only in God's time and in God's way.

INTRODUCTION: Last week we discussed the circumstances which led to the arrest of Paul. Sad to say, his own countrymen, his brethren, the Jews, were the cause of his imprisonment. Because he was accused of taking a Gentile into the sacred precincts of the temple, a riot broke out among the Jews of such serious proportions that the Roman law had to take drastic action to insure the peace. After his account of his conversion and the closing statement of his call to be a messenger to the Gentiles, the fanatical mob again tried to kill him. "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live" (Acts 22:22).

The chief captain decided to scourge Paul in order to force some additional information from him. But when the Apostle declared his Roman citizenship, quickly, and with considerable alarm, he sent Paul back to his cell. Therefore, in order to give Paul a fair trial, he commanded those who believed they had just charges to appear and present their accusation.

Throughout all these proceedings Paul felt safe and unafraid, assured that, come what may, he was in God's hands.

I. WISDOM OF THE RIGHTEOUS. Acts 23:6-8.

Jesus advised his disciples to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). This is one instance in which Paul found it convenient to employ this type of wisdom. On the surface it seemed to be a shrewd trick on Paul's part to set his judges against each other. If a trick was implied it is just as true to say that Paul stated what he sincerely believed and what he of necessity must preach. The resurrection was one of the main tenets of his faith and it was not the first nor last time he proclaimed the doctrine. He stated his belief in the resurrection again when he appeared before Felix (Acts 24:21).

But that the early Christians showed evidence of unusual wisdom in times of trouble and danger was brought out repeatedly. It was noticed a number of times when Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin. When Stephen faced the council, they could not withstand his wisdom by which he spoke. And now Paul is experiencing that spontaneous wisdom promised by Jesus for such times as these (Mark 13:11).

II. CONFUSION OF THE UN-RIGHTEOUS. Acts 23:9-10.

Even an enemy can be won as a friend if you uphold his prejudices, beliefs and convictions. How quickly a complete change of heart is experienced when a common denominator is found, even in one small area! A short while ago Paul was considered so evil he was not fit to live. Now he is considered to be such a good man

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BAPTIST HERALD

Dedication of Portland's Southwood Park Church

Report of Dedication Services Held by the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, by Rev. Albert W. Wardin, Jr., Pastor.

THE Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, dedicated its new church building to the glory of God on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22nd. Three-hundred and twenty-eight persons attended the service of dedication. It was a very memorable event in the history of the church.

DEDICATION SERVICE

Rev. Frank Friesen, former pastor of the church when the new building was begun and now the denominational interim and supply pastor, was guest speaker and brought the dedicatory address. Rev. Albert Wardin, pastor, gave the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor of the "mother church," Bethany Baptist Church, read the Scripture passage, and Rev. Henry Barnet, a former pastor, gave the opening prayer. Greetings from the Oregon North American Baptist churches were extended by the pastors, and greetings were also brought from three neighboring Conservative Baptist churches. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, brought greetings from the North American Baptist General Conference.

A unique feature of the program was the playing of a tape recording from Rev. Fred Moore, North American Baptist missionary in Japan, who also gave greetings. Letters were read by the church clerk, Mrs. Elmer Schaber, from Rev. Myrl Thiesies of Paul, Idaho, and Rev. Bruce Rich of Janesville, Wisconsin.

Special gifts to the church were also recognized. The church was given a beautiful myrtle wood pulpit constructed by one of its members, Mr. Elmer Schaber. The baptistry picture of the River Jordan, at the traditional site of Christ's baptism, was painted by one of its members, Mr. Gaylord Metcalf, from a colored photograph taken by the pastor when the latter was in the Holy Land in the summer of 1958. A lovely vase from Japan was given by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Special music for the service was presented by the church's youth choir and by a violin and accordion duet played by Mr. Palmer Olson and his daughter, Miss Joy Olson. A dedication offering of over \$500.00 was received. Rev. Otto Roth, former supply pastor, pronounced the benediction, and refreshments were served.

Preceding the dedication service on the preceding evening, Saturday, Nov. 21st, the church had a dedication-missionary dinner and program. A delicious turkey dinner was served with

joined in this service.

BUILDING OF CHURCH

The construction of the new building has taken much time, and much effort was expended by the members and friends of the church in order to erect it. The church, then known as the Villa Ridge Baptist Church, purchased property in Dec. 1954, in order to relocate by the new Southwood Park district.

Construction did not begin, however,

**75th ANNIVERSARY,
MINNEAPOLIS CHURCH**
The Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., will celebrate its 75th anniversary from March 10 to 13, 1960. The theme will be "Continue in the Faith" (Acts 14:22). All former members and pastors are invited to attend the festivities or to send their greetings.
Mrs. Edward Quiring, Church Clerk



SOUTHWOOD PARK CHURCH, PORTLAND

The beautiful sanctuary of the Southwood Park Church, Portland, Oregon, showing the magnificent myrtle wood pulpit and the baptistry picture of the Jordan River which were constructed and painted respectively by church members.

around one hundred persons present. Moving pictures of the construction of the church building were explained by Mr. Vernon Chausse, and Rev. Frank Friesen gave historical reminiscences. A booklet, containing a history of the church written by the pastor and church directory, was given to the members and friends present. Slides with tape recording of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore and family were shown. A missionary offering for the purchase of land in Kyoto, Japan, for a new church, was received.

At the evening service, after the afternoon service of dedication, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg gave the message and presented the Denominational Advance Building Fund program. The newest North American Baptist Church in Oregon, the Wichita Baptist Church,

until July, 1956, and after difficulties and delay, the church was finally able to move into its new building for the first continuing Sunday services on Mother's Day, May 10, 1959. Today the building and property are valued at over \$50,000 and the structure contains 7,405 square feet. The auditorium will seat 220 persons.

Although the church, at the time of the dedication, had only around 60 members, this tremendous project for such a small group was accomplished through many hours of volunteer labor by the men of the church, by the faithful giving of its members and friends outside of its membership, and, above all, because of the Lord's gracious blessing and help. One must truly say, "To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

25th Anniversary of Women's Society, Jansen, Sask.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Indeed, the Lord has been faithful to our Women's Missionary Society of Jansen, Sask., as we celebrated our 25th anniversary on November 8th. The ladies presented their annual fall program in German and English. There were special numbers in song and two dialogues, making our celebration a time of spiritual uplift to all. Letters of congratulations were read from former presidents and pastors. Congratulations were extended from the various departments of the church.

The secretary and treasurer gave interesting reports on the 25 years of service. The society was organized by Mrs. G. P. Schroeder. Since then, six presidents have liberally given of their time and talent to serve in the church and community. Our prayer is that we, in turn, might continue to be a blessing to all.

Mrs. Walter Block, Reporter

Watchnight Service, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

In November we of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, had the privilege of having Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., with us as guest speaker. This week's theme was "A Deeper Life," giving us as church workers the opportunity to "Go Deeper" in Bible study, prayer and Christian service. This week was a great blessing to us.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, a large congregation witnessed a baptismal service at which time three persons entered the waters of baptism on confession of faith in Christ. Special music was supplied during this hour by a duet. The second hour was spent in a time of fellowship.

The final hour of the old year was spent in the main auditorium, at which time the newly baptized members received the hand of fellowship around the Lord's Table. Two other young people came into our fellowship by letter and testimony. A prayer session was held to usher in the New Year.

Mrs. D. Hammer, Reporter

Western District

Harvest Festival and December Programs, Paul, Idaho

Due to the late harvest of the fall crops, Harvest Mission Sunday was postponed in the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, until Dec. 6. The church sanctuary was arrayed with the bountiful blessings of edibles which the Lord has provided. After the morning worship service we enjoyed a potluck dinner in the church annex. The afternoon service was also centered around the theme of harvest-missions and was a



The Woman's Missionary Society of Jansen, Sask., at its 25th anniversary celebration.

blessing to all who attended. We had a number of visitors from neighboring towns with us.

During the month of December our C.B.Y. group was very busy practicing their Christmas play, "The Christmas Voice," which they presented Dec. 20. The play presented a real challenge and message for each one present. Our C.B.Y.F. also enjoyed a night of Christmas carolling in the Rupert area on Dec. 23. Afterwards they enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments at the home of the Paul Schafer's. About 15 were present.

Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter.

Woman's Union Anniversary Program at Missoula, Montana

God has truly blessed us as the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, in so many ways and we are very grateful. In November we had our annual "Jahresfest" program which consisted of a song service, Scripture, prayer, two songs by our ladies, numbers by a duet, a quartet, several readings and a special message by Rev. C. T. Remple, our pastor. Coffee and cake were served after the program.

In December we had the privilege of



The choir of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California.

honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Rosen on their golden wedding anniversary with an "open house." Many friends and neighbors came to congratulate this couple and to wish them God's richest blessings in the years to come.

Martha K. Oelke, Secretary

Christmas Programs, Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., conducted the service as follows: organist, Larry Mantz; singing of Christmas hymns led by Darrel Schuh; responsive reading from the hymnal, "Christmas"; welcome by the president, Miss Geraldine Stabbert; and remarks by pastor, Rev. W. Berkan. The C.B.Y. then presented the play, "Star of Light" by Karin Asbrand.

On Dec. 23, the annual Sunday School Christmas program of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove was held with the superintendents, Mrs. John Wagemann and Henry Rauser, leading. The pageant by the Junior Department was entitled, "O, Come ALL Ye Faithful." The singing was by the C.B.Y. choir and led by Dr. Darrel Schuh. The attendance was 313. The offerings for White Christmas amounted to \$179.00. This was designated for assistance in the disaster on the Japan mission fields.

The First Baptist Church Choir presented its cantata on Dec. 27, under the direction of Mr. Ed Schuh. On the picture, first in front row, second from left, is the pianist, Miss Geraldine Stabbert, and first on the right side (front row) is the organist, Mrs. Ed Neher. This hour of music was a real blessing to all that attended.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Watchnight Service at Inglewood Knolls Church, California

With echoes of Christmas still prevailing, members and friends of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, California, met in the church for the traditional New Year's Eve service. It was Church Family Night as well as the official launching of the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Program. Chairman and presidents of the respective church organizations brought reports of 1959 and a challenge for 1960. After the reading of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Proclamation, the play, "New Light For You," was presented.

At the close of the program, another important event took place to climax the enjoyable evening. Our pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, and his dear wife, Elizabeth, were taken completely by surprise when the church observed their silver wedding anniversary. After appropriate remarks by Mr. John Wolff, chairman of the board of deacons, the honored couple were presented with a silver money tree from the church. A beautiful orchid corsage was pinned on Mrs. Mittelstedt by the president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. To ring out the old year, the

C. B. Y. served refreshments, under the guidance of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bower. Our church is grateful to the Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt for their faithful ministry during the past 17 years. We pray that God will continue to bless them as they work for his cause.

Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary of the Loewens, Portland

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen of Portland, Oregon was celebrated with an Open House at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Wilson, on August 23, although their anniversary date was May 19, 1959. The family surprised their parents by securing matching wedding bands, and Dr. John Wobig, their pastor, presented them in a double ring ceremony and brought fitting words of congratulation. They have seven children: Arthur and Walter of Chicago, Ill.; Victor, Louis and Mrs. John (Esther) Wilson of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Jerome (Linda) Sedgwick and Ted of Pleasant Hill, Calif. All were present except Arthur. Also present were 14 of the 17 grandchildren and two sisters and a brother of Mrs. Loewen.

Mr. and Mrs. Loewen were married May 19, 1909 in Winnipeg, Canada. From 1909 to 1911 they lived in Odessa, Russia. In 1911 they returned to Winnipeg and were members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. In 1923 they moved to Chicago, Ill. where they joined the Foster Ave. Baptist Church. In 1946 they went to Portland, Oregon and united with the Trinity Baptist Church where they are still members.

Mrs. Victor Loewen, Reporter

Eastern District

Dedication of Educational Building at Dayton, Ohio

The Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, has completed an educational building. The building includes classrooms, youth rooms, nursery, chapel, lounge and a large social room and kitchen. Two years ago the church faced the challenge of an increasing membership and inadequate facilities. With a program of prayer, planning and pledging, which became known as the Forward Vision program, the congregation has moved steadily ahead to achieve this goal of a new educational building. We look forward to the opportunities for greater effectiveness for Christ's Kingdom which will now be ours!

The service of dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, with a large number of people in attendance. Greetings were extended by Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District Secretary for the North American Baptist General Conference; by Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, representing the Ohio Baptist Convention; and Rev. Willis R. Ford, for the Church Federation of Greater Dayton. Dr. Herman von Berge led in the call to worship and the dedication address was given by Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of the city. The presentation of the building was made by Jack Taylor, chairman of the Forward Vision Committee.



Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen of Portland, Oregon, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Chairmen of the Dedication Committee were Bud and Jean Adams. Open House was held in the new educational building from 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Helmut H. Riemer, Pastor

"God's Volunteers" Team at Arnprior, Ontario

We, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, were happy to welcome "God's Volunteers" in our midst from Dec. 1 to 13. During the first week, the six young people carried out a program of visitation during the afternoons and evenings. Rev. Walter Hoffman conducted evangelistic services from Dec. 6 to 13. The singing, testimonies, stories, prayers and an inspiring message each evening proved to be a blessing to all who attended. Several young people came to know Christ as their personal Savior during these two weeks.

The young people of our church en-

joyed several fellowship evenings with "God's Volunteers." These included a sleigh ride, a toboggan party, young people's meetings and social times. Although they were only with us for two weeks, we grew to love them dearly and we pray that the Lord will guide them as they continue serving our Master.

Lorraine Scheel, Reporter

Holiday Season at Grosse Pointe Church, Michigan

The Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, Mich., praises the Lord for a happy holiday season. On Dec. 20 the Senior and Junior Choirs rendered an inspiring service commemorating the birth of our Lord. The Sunday School gave its program on Dec. 23 at which we welcomed home our own church members, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and daughters, from the Southern Cameroons, Africa, where they have served as missionaries.

The dawn of the New Year was observed with a communion service and a Watchnight message by Rev. M. Wolff, assistant pastor. The Week of Prayer was held with a different group leading every night.

On Jan. 3 the annual Tithing Education program was presented with the message, "To Whom Much is Given," by our pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle. It is our conviction that once each year our entire membership should face the issue of tithing simply as a discipline by which we examine our hearts in the matter of giving to the Lord's work.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

Inspirational Activities, Redeemer Church of Warren, Michigan

Revival meetings from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 were conducted at the Redeemer Church of Warren, Mich., by Rev. Edwin Miller of Wilmington, Delaware. His theme for each message was "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives." These meetings left a lasting imprint upon our hearts and lives. The ordinance of baptism was observed Dec. 13 when 10 converts were baptized by Rev. Adolph Braun, our pastor, and on the following Sunday



SHROYER ROAD CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO

18 new members were added to the church.

Our Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles," by John W. Peterson, was given Sunday evening, Dec. 20. The Christmas Eve program given by the youth of the church was an enjoyable occasion. The New Year's Eve Watch-night vigil was an impressive and deeply spiritual service, consisting of special music, a period of fellowship and refreshments, a testimonial time, and fellowship around the Lord's Table. We welcomed the New Year by joining hands to "bless the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." We are especially thankful for the rich blessings that have been ours during the past year and are trusting God for the continued outpouring of his Spirit upon us.

Ruby R. Smith, Periodical Secretary

Reception for Pastor, East Side Church, Chicago

A Welcome Service was held in the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., for Rev. and Mrs. William Shoemaker on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6th. The service was led by William Harris, with Rev. Harold Gieseke as guest speaker. Musical numbers were sung by Ethel Diezi and Rev. Fred Sonnenberg. Our new pastor and his wife were sincerely welcomed by a representative of every branch of our church, by neighborhood pastors and by Mr. Gieseke from Headquarters. A Social Hour followed to which all present were invited. The evening service was well attended at which time three adults were baptized.

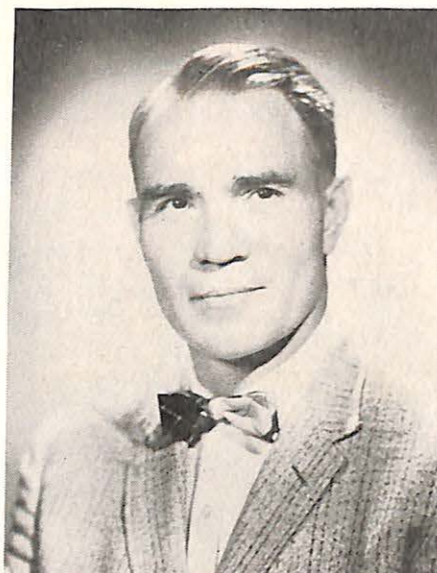
Mr. Shoemaker and his wife came to us from the Crestview Baptist Church belonging to the Augusta Association of Baptist Churches in Augusta, Georgia. Since returning to Chicago, he has earned a Master of Theology Degree at Northern Baptist Seminary and for the past year, until coming to us, he has ministered in Baptist churches on engagements arranged by the Seminary. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. Degree at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Edward J. Engbrecht, Church Clerk



ZION CHURCH PARSONAGE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Rev. and Mrs. John Goetze and their son stand in front of the new parsonage of the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.



Rev. William Shoemaker, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Festive Services, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The young people of the Erin Ave., Church, Cleveland, Ohio, gave a splendid Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Erwin Tomm, our C.B.Y.F. president, and a group with him led us by means of fine poetry, music, and spiritual selections to a greater understanding of what Christmas is really all about. Our Sunday School presented an excellent program on Christmas Eve before a church filled with parents and children, families with whom we are in contact through the Sunday School. The offering was dedicated to the children of our Mission Fields and amounted to \$303.25. Our superintendent is Mr. Gerald Luebeck.

During the Watchnight Service it was my privilege to baptize 10 converts. We began our Watchnight Service at 8:00 p.m. and the people kept on coming filling the church to capacity. It was one of the finest Watchnight Services we have ever experienced. On Sunday evening, Jan. 3rd, the hand of

fellowship was extended to all these new members and together we observed in sacred solemnity the Lord's Supper. Our entire group of deacons was presented to the Lord, but in particular several newly elected deacons were dedicated to the Lord.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor

Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, Celebrates 105th Anniversary

A festive atmosphere pervaded the activities of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, January 10th. Our pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, brought a lucid German message on Philippians 4:1-9. Following the Sunday School hour, Mr. Kern led the worship service by graciously urging friends present to accept Christ and join the church at the beginning of this year and on this 105th anniversary. In his challenging sermon, he reminded us that the church is built on the foundation laid by Christ with his life and death. We are living stones in the church and we have an obligation to make it grow. We are not founders, but builders.

After the fellowship dinner, we were given the opportunity of hearing a tape recording of the Christmas candlelight program given by our choirs. The annual reports of the various group activities and congratulatory messages from Mrs. Marie Krause and Miss Alethea Kose awakened happy memories and spurred us on to greater work for the Lord.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Central District

Pastor's Reception, German Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

With great joy and praise to God, we of the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., marked the beginning of Rev. and Mrs. John Goetze's ministry in our midst on Sunday, Dec. 20. Words of welcome were spoken to them and their son by representatives of the various organizations of the church in the morning service. Rev. John Goetze based his message on Luke 12:31.

In the afternoon a host of friends from the Milwaukee Baptist churches gathered with us and brought their greetings. Rev. R. Schilke represented the North American General Conference. Rev. John Goetze brought the message. The choir from the German Chicago Mission Church joined with our choir in bringing special music. We as a church want to stand behind our minister and his family in faithful prayer and service.

With much joy we observed our Watchnight Service in song, testimony, fellowship and prayer. "Serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). With this verse we greeted 1960!

Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, Reporter

Special Programs, Strassburg Church Near Marion, Kansas

Sunday, Sept. 27, was a day of blessing at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. We were privileged to have Rev. Harold Gieseke as our guest speaker for our Harvest and

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Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MRS. FRIEDERICKE AMMON of Ste. Rose, Manitoba

Mrs. Friederike Ammon, nee Ortlund, of Ste. Rose, Man., was born Sept. 23, 1876 in Ostfriesland, Germany, and passed away on Dec. 27, 1959, at the age of 83 years and 3 months. She was converted at the age of 13 and soon thereafter was baptized, and joined the local Baptist church. On April 29, 1906 she was united in marriage to Henry Ammon. This union was blessed with 3 sons and 2 daughters. In 1929, the family emigrated to Canada, and settled in the Ste. Rose District on a farm where they became faithful supporters of the Ochre River Baptist Church.

In 1955, Mr. Ammon preceded his wife in death. Services for Mrs. Ammon were conducted in the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River on Dec. 30. The deceased leaves to mourn 2 sons: Henry, Jr. and Fritz, both of Ste. Rose, Man.; 2 daughters: Mrs. Joanne De Vries of Ste. Rose, Man., and Mrs. Annette Oltrop of Makinak, Man.; 2 sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Ochre River, Manitoba
ARTHUR KLEWIER, Pastor

MR. JOHN SCHAFFNER of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. John Schaffner of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born Oct. 14, 1890 at Berlin, South Russia, and passed away Dec. 26 at the Harvey Hospital at the age of 69 years, 2 months, 12 days. He came to this country with his parents in 1902, settling 12 miles south of Anamoose where he resided until his retirement, when he moved to Anamoose, N. Dak.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bohlander on June 15, 1919 at Benedict, N. Dak. In March 1926 he was converted to a living faith in Christ and was baptized in July of that same year by Rev. Otto Lohse and united with the Martin Baptist Church, and a veteran of World War I. His passing is mourned by his wife; one brother, Henry of Anamoose; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Henne and Mrs. Rose Schlag of Salem, Ore. At the time of his decease he was a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church.

Anamoose Baptist Church
MILTON VIETZ, Pastor

MR. GOTTFRIED MUELLER of Lodi, Calif.

Mr. Gottfried Mueller of Lodi, Calif., was born May 1, 1883 in Southern Russia, and departed this life on Jan. 3, 1960, after a long illness. He reached the age of 76 years, 8 months and 2 days. On Feb. 19, 1909, he was united in marriage to Lydia Stickel, and the following year they migrated to this country and homesteaded near American Falls, Idaho. There he was converted in 1912 and became a member of the German Baptist Church. In 1929 he moved his family to Amity, Oregon, and joined the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon. Due to ill health, he moved to Lodi, Calif., in 1946, and joined the First Baptist Church. Their golden wedding anniversary was recently celebrated.

The union was blessed with 12 children, four of whom died in infancy. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Lydia; 3 sons: Arthur and Daniel of Portland, Oregon, and Arthur of Lodi; 5 daughters: Mrs. Hulda Vandehy of Lodi, Mrs. Thor (Irma) Roinstad of Albany, Ore., Mrs. Frieda Copenhaver and Mrs. Robert (Ella) Schmunk of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Donald (Ester) Price of Chicago, Ill.; 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. JOHN BETZ of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. John Betz, nee Vilhauer, of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Tyndall, S. Dak., on Sept. 4, 1878, and went to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 1960, at the age of 81 years, 3 months. Her girlhood years were spent in months. Her girlhood years were spent in Oklahoma, where she was married to John Betz on Oct. 9, 1898. This union was blessed with the birth of one son and four daughters. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death. She was born again

early in life and baptized on March 31, 1895, by Rev. Edward Graalman at Cooper, Okla. On April 1, 1921 she became a member of the Avon Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

Those left to mourn are one son, Chester, of Avon; 3 daughters: Estie of Avon; Mrs. Elgin Bangert, Waco, Texas; Mrs. Ernest Van Gerpen, Rapid City, S. Dak.; 6 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, 1 sister, and 3 brothers. Last services were conducted on Jan. 5, 1960 in the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota

PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

MRS. NIME R. MATTSO of Hutchinson, Minnesota

Mrs. Nime R. Mattson of Hutchinson, Minn., was born July 22, 1902 at Atwater, Minn., and passed away at the Hutchinson Community Hospital on Dec. 20, 1959, at the age of 57 years, 4 months and 29 days. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Olson of Atwater, Minn. In her early youth she found Christ as her Savior and was baptized shortly thereafter. On Feb. 21, 1923, she was united in wedlock with Arthur H. Mattson and to this union the Lord added three children. One daughter died in infancy.

Mrs. Mattson became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church in 1957 and served her Master with a positive and radiant testimony. At the time of her passing she held the office of deaconess in our church. After a period of illness for the past six months, she has gone to her heavenly reward. With her passing she leaves to mourn her devoted husband, two children: Merle Duaine and Margie Mae, both of Minneapolis, one sister, Ruth Ekbon of Willmar; one brother, Alfred Olson of Anaheim, Calif.; 5 grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Bethany Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
B. A. IFTERMAN, Pastor

MRS. HERMAN C. WEDEL of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Martha A. Wedel of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Peoria, Illinois on Jan. 18, 1885 and passed away at her home on Dec. 21, 1959. She lived a very active and useful life. She became a registered nurse and was superintendent of nurses at the University of Iowa Hospital, and the city health nurse of Peoria, Illinois for a period of three years. Then, during the first World War, she served as a nurse with the American Army, and was stationed in Russia for nine months. Later she was hospital superintendent at the Methodist Hospital of Peoria, Illinois.

She was united in marriage to Herman C. Wedel on Sept. 17, 1918 at Pekin, Illinois. Together they ministered in a number of churches: River Rouge, Mich.; Harrison Valley, Penn.; Randolph, Minn.; Holloway, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Wedel gave of themselves in the work of children while Martha was superintendent of the Volunteers Children's Home in Los Angeles from 1943-1948. They also were foster parents for Orange County with the Probation and Welfare Department for a period of 6 years. The Wedels have been residents of Anaheim for the past 12 years and members of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wedel leaves her husband, Herman, of Anaheim; one daughter, Mrs. John F. Driftmier of Washington, D. C.; one son, Gordon D. Wedel of Santa Ana; 3 sisters and 2 brothers in Illinois; and 2 grandchildren in Santa Ana.

Bethel Baptist Church
Anaheim, California
H. JOHN VANDERBECK, Pastor

MR. BENJAMIN ARLT of Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Benjamin Arlt of Ashley, N. Dak., was born January 30, 1889 in Friedenthal, Russia. The same year he came with his parents to America, arriving in Eureka, S. Dak., March 19, 1889. The family settled on a farm 17 miles northeast of Eureka where he resided until 1946, when he moved to Ashley. In January 1914 he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized by Rev. C. M. Knapp and united with the Baptist Church—Johannestal Station. Throughout the 45 years of membership he served in various offices, among them treasurer and Sunday School teacher. He was also active in local school and township affairs.

In Oct. 1908 he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Schock of Jewell. Mr. Arlt was in failing health for several months. He bore his illness and discomfort with patience. He passed away suddenly on Dec. 12 at his home having reached the age of 70 years. Mourners are Mrs. Arlt and 3 sons: Adolph of Ashley; Edwin and Reuben of Aberdeen; 4 daughters-in-law;

10 grandchildren; and 2 sisters. One son, Theodore, preceded him in death in June 1956.

First German Baptist Church
Ashley, North Dakota
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

MR. CHRIST KANDT of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

Mr. Christ Kandt of Golden Prairie, Sask., was born March 6, 1880 in Rumania. At the age of 12, he came to North Dakota with his parents. In 1911 he moved to the community which is now Golden Prairie. In 1915 he was united in marriage to Susan Martin. This union was blessed with five children: Lenora, Mrs. Henry Mulbier, Golden Prairie; Arthur, Kelowna, B. C.; Paul, Golden Prairie; Herb, North Surry, B. C.; and Helen, Mrs. Reinhard Arndt, Golden Prairie.

In June 1931 Mr. Kandt received Christ as his Savior and became a member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church. Later in 1945 Mr. Kandt was one of the organizers of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie where he was active teaching Sunday School for many years. He also supplied the pulpit during the times when the church was without a pastor. He will long be remembered for his testimony for the Lord and his faithfulness and loyalty toward the church. He passed away Dec. 18, 1959 reaching the age of 79 years, 10 months and 13 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, one sister and 3 brothers.

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan
REUBEN GRUENEICH, Pastor

MR. HERMAN A. SEMRAU of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mr. Herman Albert Semrau of Medicine Hat, Alta., was born Nov. 20, 1859 in Poland and died in the Old People's Home, "The Haven of Rest," at the age of 100 years. Mr. Semrau emigrated to the United States in 1901, living in Bessie, Okla., until 1910 when he came to Hilda, Alta. Here he farmed for 33 years before retiring to Medicine Hat in 1943. In 1879 he entered into marriage with Hulda Karneske, whom he lost in death in 1892. In 1894 he entered into a second marriage with Otilie Gervin, who was a devoted wife and mother until 1951 when she died.

Mr. Semrau accepted Christ as his personal Savior when he was 20 years old, was baptized and added to the congregation of believers by Rev. Friedrich Alf. His Christian life was one of great devotion to the cause of the Kingdom of God. He leaves to do him last honors, his 8 children: Gus, Walter and Mrs. John Weiss of Medicine Hat; Adolph of Camrose, Alta.; Otto of Vernon, B. C.; Emil of Vancouver, B. C.; Reinhard of California; and Mrs. Dietrich of Hilda, Alta.; 26 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Grace Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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that spirits or angels find him a worthy subject of communication.

The unrighteous are indeed like the chaff which the wind driveth away (Ps. 1). They are unstable and vacillating in all their ways.

III. GOD'S PROTECTING PRESENCE. Acts 23:11.

When God needs a man, there is not enough power in the world to do away with him. The Lord needed Paul as a witness in Rome. That he was a prisoner of the Roman soldiers was only incidental; he was, first of all, an emissary of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's protection is not only evident in the revelation of his presence and in the comfort and assurance of his voice, but his protection is also shown in a more practical way. He uses our friends as ministering and protecting angels. Even a boy can be used to be the means of protecting a great saint of God.

STRASSBURG, CHURCH, KANSAS

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Mission Festival. He gave a challenging missionary message in the morning, a message of praise in the afternoon, and an evangelistic message in the evening. The First Baptist Church of Durham and the Emmanuel Church of Marion were our guests for the day. Our choir and Men's Chorus supplied the music during the day and the Durham and Marion churches brought musical numbers in the evening. Our missionary offering during the day amounted to \$1035.50. We used our new dining tables for the first time that day. These tables were made by our Men's Brotherhood and the finish put on by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union.

On Nov. 1st, our Men's Chorus went to Wichita, Kansas, and had charge of the morning service where Rev. and Mrs. E. Michelson are beginning a new work. Watchnight was observed with a musical program made up of request numbers, an hour of fellowship and then a time of testimonies and prayer. This program was sponsored by the C.B.Y.F. The offering taken was for the organ fund. This is a project of the C.B.Y.F. group.

Mrs. Jonah Seifert, Reporter

Watchnight Service at First Church, Sidney, Montana

On Dec. 24th the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, held their annual Christmas program with a packed house. The children brought their verses with great delight as they told the message of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. On Sunday morning, Dec. 27th, our church dedicated their new pews, chancel furniture and song books. It was a day of great rejoicing to see what the Lord had done for us as a church.

On Dec. 31st we had our Watchnight Service. We began with a young people's play, and the young people being in charge of the first hour from 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. The last part of the service began with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, after which we had a time of singing, testimonies, a short meditation brought by the pastor, closing the old year and beginning the new with prayer with those of the congregation taking part.

Beginning with Jan. 3, 1960 the church is launching out on a new Sunday School contest which is to end the first Sunday in October.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor

Dedication of Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

Sunday, Dec. 13, was a day of great blessing and rejoicing for the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak. This marked the day when we were able to dedicate our beautiful church building to the Lord.

Under the able leadership of Rev. G. P. Schroeder, serving as Church Extension worker, our church was organized August 3, 1955 with a membership of 19. On Dec. 11, 1955 we welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke as our pastor and able leaders in our new undertaking. We met at the North Side Grade School at first and later in our unfinished church basement. The

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dedication service was held in the afternoon with a capacity attendance. Sixteen telegrams and letters of greetings were acknowledged. It was indeed a great blessing to have Dr. Frank Woyke, the denomination's executive secretary, as our guest speaker. Our pastor led the congregation in the Act of Dedication after which Rev. Edward Oster of McClusky, N. Dak., led in the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., and Rev. Carl Weisser of Streeter, N. Dak., also participated. The local choir furnished fitting musical numbers. A free chicken dinner was served at noon to 160 guests.

We are thankful that the Lord has answered our prayers in giving us a church building in which we may worship him and grow, both in spirit and numbers. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Mrs. Ernest Trautmann, Reporter

Christmas Season Programs, Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kan.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 8, the Homebuilders Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, presented a program with the president, Derril Widener in charge. Devotions were led by Mrs. Kenneth Scheufler. Mrs. Merle Brenner directed the play, "Soup, Sand, and Sagebrush" and those taking part were Mrs. Milten Meyer, Mrs. L. D. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kasselmann, Mrs. Vernon DeWerff, Mrs. Dale Burroughs, Mrs. Derril Widener, Mrs. Devon Dewey and children, Rita and Glenn. On Dec. 12, on Saturday afternoon, the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a Rabbit Drive which netted them 135 rabbits and one coyote. Emil Scheufler is the president. The men used this method of raising money for their various projects. On Saturday evening, Dec. 12, the C.B.Y. entertain the "Big 4" churches with a Christmas Party. Richard Meyer, president, presided over the program.

The church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Eve Sunday School program by the Decoration Committee with Mrs. Bill Madden, chairman. The program directors were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koch. The play, "A Gift for the Christ Child," was presented. An offering was taken for "children" in need throughout the world. The church also observed New Year's Eve with a Watchnight Service including a film by Billy Graham, "Southern Cross Crusade."

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ing, also a graduate of the seminary, has served as Northern's Registrar since 1957. She has been active in C. B. Y. affairs for a number of years, including a term of office as National Vice-President. The Godings expect to be on the field in Pullman, Wash., by mid-March.

● Two of the young men of the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, immigrants from Germany with their parents and more recently from Winnipeg, Man., have received high scholastic awards in Hamilton's secondary schools. Mr. Bernhard Kamutzki has been the recipient of the Silver Pin as a Proficiency Award from the Westdale Secondary School, Grades 9 and 10. His brother, Gunther, received the Canadian Manufacturers Association Award in the same school. Their father is one of the deacons and the Fellowship Fund treasurer of the church. Both Bernhard and Gunther Kamutzki sing in the male chorus, are active in youth work and have made large contributions in time and service to the building of the new church edifice. Rev. John Wahl, their pastor, sent this news item and wrote highly of the young men's dedication to Christ.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Andover Newton Theological School. He served as professor of New Testament at Bethel. He is survived by his widow, Edith H. and a sister, Effie V. Nelson of St. Paul, Minn. (Dr. Nelson served as the devotional speaker and Bible Study teacher at the North American Baptist General Conference sessions in 1949 held in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. His deeply spiritual messages will be remembered by many. EDITOR).

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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Lord Jesus Christ during our campaign! What radiant joy on their faces!

The mood was gay as we packed to leave Arnprior early on Dec. 14—headed for a two week vacation. We drove together to Rochester, N. Y., where the Andrews Street Baptist Church hosted us for dinner, and we gave them a brief introduction to the work of "God's Volunteers." Glenn remained here with his brother, and Georgia took a train from Rochester to Jacksonville, Florida, to visit her sister.

The others drove on to Detroit, Mich., where Rose left them to visit her sister, and in Minneapolis Gladys got a plane for her home in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. Walter Hoffman remained in Minneapolis also, and Jackie and Don went to their homes in St. Paul for the holidays. All in all, it was a wonderful time of rest for all of us.

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