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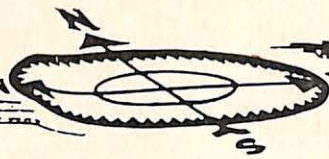
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Lord Rank, British film magnate, is presenting a copy of the famous equestrian statue of John Wesley to the newly erected Wesley Theological Seminary on the campus of the American University, Washington, D. C. The original statue stands in front of the "New Room" at Bristol, where the founder of Methodism had his headquarters for many years. This gift is to be a demonstration of the wide range of world Methodism and a token of Anglo-American friendship.

—The Watchman-Examiner

A complete Concordance containing a printed listing of every one of the more than 800,000 words in the Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible, arranged according to order of appearance and a complete description of its location—book, chapter, and verse has been published by Thomas Nelson & Sons. The James Strong Exhaustive Concordance, published in 1894, required 30 years of effort; the complete Concordance published in 1957 was electronically compiled by UNIVAC in approximately 400 hours.

Of 1,740 pastorates in the Evangelical Church of Saxony in East Germany, 647 are vacant, it was reported at a meeting of the Gustav Adolf Society of the Evangelical Church in Germany. Earlier in 1959, Bishop Johannes Jaenicke of the Saxony Church had said there was little hope for a quick improvement in the situation because of a drop in the number of theological students. The Gustav Adolf Society was founded in 1832 to aid Protestantism in diaspora areas.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Two American Moslems recently returned from Cairo say they have the support of President Gamel Agdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic for Islamic missions work in the United States. Nasser donated \$50,000 for a new Islamic center in Detroit and promised early dispatch of four or more Moslem priests to the United States, according to Casim Olwan, owner of a Toledo, Ohio, restaurant, and James Kalil, sheriff of Wayne County, Michigan. Kalil is president of the Federation of American Moslems, having succeeded Olwan in the post. There are said to be 80,000 Moslems in the United States and Canada—not all faithful—spread through 39 states and five provinces.

—Christianity Today

A record-breaking increase of 5,368,063 in 1958 has brought church membership in the United States to an all-time high of 109,557,741. This represents 63 per cent of the country's estimated population of 173,374,000—the highest ration of church membership to the number of people in American

history. The 1958 gain was a rise of 5 per cent as compared to the population increase of 1.7 per cent. Of the 1958 grand total of church members, 61,504,669 are Protestants, 39,509,508 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, and 2,454,318 Eastern Orthodox. The statistics are from the 1960 Yearbook of American Churches, published by the National Council of Churches.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London. Restoration of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England—the church of Charles H. Spurgeon, one of the greatest Baptist preachers of all time—is now complete. The six-pillared Corinthian facade is all that remains of the 1861 church that Spurgeon knew, but it dominates the scene in the "Elephant and Castle" area which the London county council is now redesigning. A congregation like Spurgeon's—5,000 twice each Sunday—is not within the realm of present hopes, but the new church will seat 1,750 and

has ample accommodations for youth and children's work. The architect was ingenious in fitting the new church behind the old facade.

—The Christian Century

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., called on American Negro Baptists to become "Christian colonists" in Liberia and Ghana. This Convention is the largest Negro church organization in the world with some 5,000,000 members. Under the program, American Negroes skilled in farming, medicine and other fields would live in the two African republics and become citizens. Their transportation would be financed by the convention which also would buy land for them. Dr. Jackson said the project has the backing of President William Tubman of Liberia and is under consideration by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana.



Baptist Briefs

Sixty Are Baptized in Yugoslavia. Sixty new converts have been baptized in services at Sisak and Daruver, Yugoslavia, during the past summer, Rev. Josip Horak reports. Mr. Horak tells of a new church which was established in January 1959 in a village far from the railroad station. "We walked through terrific mud there and established the church with three laymen. Now it was a great joy to see nine new members."

Texas Baptist Brotherhoods. Some 1,800 messengers to the Texas Baptist Brotherhood's annual convention at Austin unanimously adopted a resolution urging President Eisenhower to openly attend Christian worship services when he visits Russia. The brotherhood is a 75,000-member lay organization that emphasizes stewardship, evangelism and world missions. A goal of winning 100,000 converts to Christianity in 1960 and enlisting 200,000 men in the brotherhood organization by 1974 was adopted.

Movie-Goers Buy Bibles. Students of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, are taking advantage of the curiosity being aroused by *The Ten Commandments*, a motion picture being shown at one of the city's theaters. Three or four students establish themselves outside the theater with a supply of Bibles and sell from 15 to 20 copies each night. The manager welcomed them and even made one of the dressing

rooms of the theater available as a storage room for the Bibles.

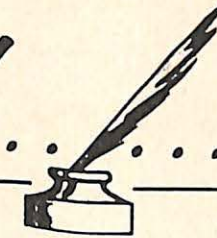
Baptist Jubilee Advance in Japan. Japanese Baptists have launched a five-year advance program to coincide with the Baptist Jubilee Advance in North America. In their 13th annual postway convention, held at Amagi Baptist Assembly, more than 250 messengers and visitors enthusiastically adopted a "Five-Year Evangelism Advance Program" that will seek to double the present number of organized churches by 1964. Secretary of Evangelism Noboru Arase declared at the convention meeting that "we must go to the ends of Japan with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every Baptist must be a steward of the Gospel."

Congress Speakers at Rio De Janeiro. Daily schedules and the selection of speakers for the Tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro were considered in detail at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Administrative Committee in Washington. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Southern Baptist (U. S. A.) foreign mission leader, will preach the congress sermon. Dr. W. D. Jackson, a British Baptist leader, will deliver the Keynote Address, "Jesus Christ is Lord." Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, American Baptist secretary of evangelism, will speak on evangelism and personal soul winning. Dr. Lam Chi Fung, president of Hong Kong Baptist College,

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Editorial



Stepping in the Light

Throughout this year 1960 everyone of us ought to be deeply concerned about stepping in the light of God's ways and truths. Then the darkness of bewilderment and fear will not engulf us. Then we shall not be in doubt as to the best road on which our pilgrimage should take us.

Every day of 1960 should unfold to us the joys of a closer walk with God. We grow in Christian grace as we cultivate a close and intimate companionship with our Christ and Savior. Someone has said: "The closer we walk with God, the brighter his light shines upon our way."

The resolve of every new day of 1960 should be to know more of God's will for ourselves, to commit ourselves more completely into God's hands, and to experience the joys of stepping in God's light. We shall have to study the Scriptures and to live by the eternal truths that shine from its pages. This year's theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasizes this fact: "New Light for You." That will be the marvelous experience for each one of us in 1960 if we walk more closely with him.

"Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior

Upward, still upward we'll follow our Guide."

There is great blessing in going one step at a time, and in living each day as a precious gift from God. Most of our worries in life arise in unwarranted concern about the events of tomorrow. God wants us to trust him and to walk, step by step, in the light that he casts upon the next experience and this new day. You will remember Jesus' words: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself" (Matt. 6:34 R.S.V.). "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

"Trusting the arm that is strong to defend us

Happy, how happy, our praises each day!"

When we are stepping in the light, we come to appreciate the privilege of giving a faithful account of our stewardship to God. That will be the crowning blessing of every new day if God can review our service for him and say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." But this will require a constant alertness on our part to use the talents and things that God has entrusted to us from his Kingdom.

A Sunday School boy defined stewardship in this way after a lesson on the subject in his class: "Stewardship means that life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things, to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the owner of the ship, but I'm the captain of it." How simple, how true, how inclusive is his definition! It is the picture of a true disciple of Christ stepping in God's light.

"Looking to him for the grace freely promised,

Happy, how happy, our journey above."

May the beauty of the Lord, your God, be upon you and your journey throughout 1960 as you "walk in the steps of the Savior, stepping in the light." Then no darkness will overshadow you, and no fear will assail you. You will be constantly and victoriously "led in paths of light!"

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Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald" for the past 25 years.

The 25th Milestone in an Editor's Pilgrimage

Some reminiscences and, more important, some comments on our future outlook as North American Baptists, as seen from the editor's desk.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor
of the "Baptist Herald"

IT IS MY confident faith that God has great things in store for North American Baptists in 1960. This is not mere wishful thinking. This is a deep assurance that has grown out of the experiences of this editor during the past 25 years. Because I have seen with others what God has wrought in our midst, I must greet this year and the future with this note of confidence that "the best is yet to be."

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES

What tremendous, revolutionary changes have taken place in this quarter of a century! We have gone through several devastating wars with their blight on the minds and bodies of people. Men and women now travel in jet propelled planes at 600 miles an hour and cross the North Pole and the world's oceans as normal events in the course of a day. Some of us can remember when we thought it best to give the Dakotas and the plain states back to the Indians because of the continued drought and dust storms there. Today they are enjoying an amazing prosperity along with the rest of the country. The topic of "the population explosion" is the latest phenomenon, as we are awakening to the problems of our modern day with skyrocketing population increases in many parts of the world.

Our North American Baptist General Conference has also witnessed some amazing changes and developments. We have a new corporate name. We also had a "face lifting" job accomplished with great skill on many of our churches. Twenty-five years ago, no one would have dared to have dreamed of the wonderful new church buildings and luxurious parsonages

that are now being enjoyed by our conference churches. We have grown from 36,000 to 51,000 in membership and from 272 churches to more than 300 churches, including the Church Extension projects that have been begun. But this is only the outside framework with the real glory and power to be found in deeper and more significant facts.

"WE ARE DOOMED UNLESS — !"

Twenty-five years ago in the first issue of the "Baptist Herald," that was edited by me, (January 1, 1935), Rev. O. E. Krueger wrote an article entitled, "We Are Doomed Unless —." At the outset he asked the question: "Shall we paint a glowing picture or shall we dip our brush in the pigments of gloom?" His answer was a bugle call of hope and challenge in these words: "We are doomed unless we give to Christ the place which we have given to the church. Labor cannot be substituted for love. Science cannot take the place of surrender. Many may still be willing to assume great tasks and heavy burdens but will not surrender to God." For Dr. Krueger, this surrender of the self in being willing to be crucified with Christ is the real symbol of Christianity in a triumphant life and in a forward-looking denomination.

At this twenty-fifth milestone in my editorial ministry, I can see many evidences of this spiritual progress and growth in our North American Baptist General Conference. Our enthusiastic participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program is an indication of our concern for EVANGELISM. Thousands of our people worked faithfully in the Soul Winners' Fellowships.

Our young people witnessed for Christ in their program of "Operation Thousand for Christ." About 170 of our churches took part in the simultaneous revivals with almost 200 of our pastors enlisted for this ministry.

EVANGELISTIC WITNESS

During the second year's program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, the requests for the Bible Reading Packet have amazed our leaders. Four thousand of the packets with their inspirational reading material have been sent to our churches and another thousand packets will probably have to be prepared. A sound spiritual foundation can be discerned in our denominational life in our Bible-believing people, who accept the Bible as God's Word "from cover to cover," and in the gratifying emphasis of our churches on a glowing evangelistic witness for Christ.

At this twenty-fifth milestone, the missionary outlook of our denomination is remarkable. From a missionary group of three in 1944, we have multiplied our missionary personnel to 77. During these years, the Cameroons Mission Field has added the ministry of the Bansa Baptist Hospital, the New Hope Settlement for lepers, scores of mission schools, our participation in the teaching program of the Cameroons Protestant College, hundreds of new buildings for schools and clinics, and tens of thousands of baptisms of born-again believers in Christ among the nationals. This is one of the missionary wonders of our day to which you and I have been, not only eye witnesses, but active participants as well.

During this twenty-five year span, we have followed God's commission to

go with the Gospel to the Indians of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, to the Spanish-Americans of Colorado and Texas, and to new and needy fields in Japan. We have launched forth into new areas and have gone through new doors as God has opened them to us. In Austria we have continued a worthy missionary ministry, after a colossal relief ministry to the people of Germany following World War 2.

FIFTEEN NEW CHURCHES

At this twenty-fifth milestone, I consider our Church Extension objectives to be among the strongest evidences of our virile spiritual life. We caught a vision of this program in 1952 at the General Conference in Philadelphia, but we tackled the God-given job slowly and with some timidity. We are now beginning to see the magnitude of the challenge and the glory of the task. At present, there are FIFTEEN new Church Extension fields or projects which have just been begun and for which the foundations are just being laid in visitation work, organizing the churches, winning the people for Christ and building the church edifices. This is a most encouraging sign on our denominational horizon. Nothing like it has happened before during the past 25 years!

At this twenty-fifth editorial milestone, I see the banner, ADVANCE, everywhere. One of God's miracles in our midst during the past quarter century was the relocation of our Seminary from Rochester, N. Y. to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. God made his people willing to undertake this program, and then showed us "the new land" to be possessed, and finally crowned our fund raising efforts with marvelous success.

DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE

That advance in our building program continues. The plans for the new Seminary library and the construction work on the new building for the Publication House and denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois, ought to open the eyes of the most timid North American Baptist that God is leading us onward in this ADVANCE. These buildings are needed for our more effective ministry as a conference in the service of Christ. We are assured that our people will continue to have a mind to work and to give toward this worthy undertaking.

For many years we talked about and prayed for a more united and efficient setup as a denomination. The position of executive secretary had been created in 1934 (more than 25 years ago) with the creation of the General Council. But under Dr. William Kuhn, who was also general missionary secretary, the executive secretary was like a fifth wheel on our denominational wagon.

Looking back over these twenty-five years, I believe firmly that the unfolding of this position of executive secretary with greater leadership powers



DR. LEUSCHNER AT SYLVAN LAKE YOUTH CAMP

From July 13 to 20, 1952 the Alberta Youth Camp was held on the shores of beautiful Sylvan Lake. When the Indian chief, John Bear, visited the camp, the group picture was taken. Mr. Leuschner is seated at the right of Chief Bear.

and responsibilities has brought our denomination untold blessing. In addition, Dr. Frank H. Woyke has filled this position as executive secretary with spiritual dignity, a winsome humility, a democratic friendliness and an efficient leadership.

OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

One of the greatest things that has brought recognition and honor to us as a denomination in these recent years has been the increasing active participation by our executive secretary, Dr. Woyke, in the program of the Baptist World Alliance. He is serving with distinction on the executive committee of the Alliance, on its Relief Committee, on the Baptist Joint Committee for Public Affairs, and the permanent committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. He is also a member of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. Our Conference is now listed in all records of church bodies with its membership totals and contributions.

It was almost inevitable that the entire denomination should be reorganized for a greater unity of effort and ministry. The four new positions of District Secretaries have already brought us as a denomination amazing spiritual returns. The farming out of our publications, the creation of the Education and Publication Society, the relocation of the Publication House to Forest Park, and the opening of a new bookstore have virtually revolutionized our publication ministry "for the best interests of all concerned." The reorganizing of our Christian Training Institute into the Bible College, Bible School and High School departments has lifted our Edmonton school to new heights of service for Christ.

NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL

At this twenty-fifth milestone, I find myself humbled and even chastened by my lack of faith in years gone by. I have often said that I am amazed by the marvelous things that

God has done for us as North American Baptists *in spite of ourselves*—in spite of our lack of faith and willingness to launch out.

The NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL is an illustration of this truth. When the proposition of the new denominational hymnal was first considered some years ago, there were many expressions of doubt about its need, as to the work to be done on it, and the prohibitive financial cost. A few leaders caught the vision of such a denominational hymnal, putting a song of praise and joy unitedly into the hearts of our people. But God has blessed this song book of ours far beyond our fondest dreams and most visionary hopes. The second printing of 15,000 copies which will be available soon, ought to be better and more popular than ever.

WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

These are some of the encouraging things in our denomination that seemed impossible or visionary 25 years ago—the separate departments of the Sunday School Union and Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship; a mission project of \$60,000 for the triennium by the Woman's Missionary Union; cathedral-like church buildings for our North American Baptist people costing \$250,000 and more; a layman's organization, "Baptist Men," with their own objectives, summer conferences and program packets; 77 missionaries serving Christ in our behalf around the world; almost 50 leaders and missionaries serving each summer at youth camps and conferences under the Summer Visitation Committee; per capita giving of our people amounting to \$96.81 in 1958 and total contributions for all purposes by our people approximating five million dollars in one year (!); attendance at a General Conference session of more than 6,000 for the Sunday afternoon service at Edmonton, Alberta, in 1958; a Church Loan Fund which would help our

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President Veninga (right) chats with some of the North American Baptist Seminary students: (left to right) Loren Lange, Carl Bieber (student council president), and Allen Gerber.

Should Baptism by Immersion Be a Requirement for Church Membership?

This address was given at the Pittsburgh Baptist Ministers Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa., together with two other presentations which concerned themselves with "Associate" and "Open" church membership. It deserves the earnest attention of every reader of the "Baptist Herald."

By Rev. Frank Veninga, President of the North American Baptist Seminary

A WOMAN got on the street-car with a large brood of children. The jovial conductor remarked, "Well, well, is this a picnic or are they all yours?" The harassed mother quickly replied, "They're all mine and it's no picnic." No normal family is a continuous picnic, for there are differences of opinion when two or more people, even brothers, get together. And there are differences of opinion when ministers, especially Baptist ministers, get together to discuss and consider "Associate," "Open" and "Close" Membership.

IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

My treatise of this phase of church membership is in the classification of "close" membership. Personally, I resent and reject that classification. To me, church membership is never "closed" but always "open" to all desirous to meet the Biblical requirements. Church membership is a responsibility and a privilege and should be given the utmost thought and careful consideration. As ministers we have the responsibility of leading and guiding our people in this spiritual venture.

In our excellent Baptist literature—leaflets, pamphlets, and books—we clearly stress our position and interpretation of baptism, which is historically, traditionally and Biblically baptism by immersion. This literature is frequently proudly displayed in "associate," "open" and "close" membership churches. Yet when we come to the applicability and practicability of baptism as a requirement for church membership, we frequently set it aside and welcome those who refuse to meet the Biblical requirement of believer's

baptism. Thus we confuse the issue, minimize the importance and symbolism of baptism, and weaken our position.

Recently one of our ladies, whose husband is a member of a Lutheran church, transferred her membership to another Baptist church. While discussing this transfer with her I said, "What about your husband's membership?" To which she replied, "Oh, he can join with me without being re-baptized, and he can remain a Lutheran." And then she added, "I'm sure his church would not be that generous." How confusing, how detrimental, and how unscriptural!

NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

Believer's baptism is not some arbitrary requirement for church membership; it is New Testament teaching and experience. We will, no doubt, be in full accord when we state that the most basic of all Baptist beliefs is that the Bible, the Word of God, is our final authority for faith and practice. Concerning the ordinance of baptism, we have a clear and unquestionable directive from our Lord, from the apostles, and from the practice of the early church.

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:18-20). Baptism was as much of a command as the "making of disciples," "teaching" and "preaching." Our Lord stated emphatically that all who believe on him should be baptized. He set a wonderful ex-

ample for future followers when he was baptized at the age of thirty in the Jordan River. Baptism is the way Jesus commanded each believer to confess him before others.

Baptism was the established practice of the first-century Christian church. We read in Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." In Acts 2:41 we read, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." There are numerous other references (Acts 8:36-38; 9:17-18; 10:44-48) from which it is quite evident that as far as God's Word is concerned only believers were baptized, and *after* baptism, (which was always baptism by immersion), they became members of the church.

I do not find a single reference where anyone asked to be an "associate" member, or asked to join an "open" membership church. The directive is clear, concise, to the point: repent, believe, be baptized, be added to the church. Why should we attempt to change this directive?

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

Dr. J. M. Pendleton in "Christian Doctrines, A Compendium of Theology," published by the American Baptist Publication Society, states the following on pages 330 and 331, "A church is a congregation of Christ's baptized disciples, united in the belief of what he has said, and covenanting to do what he has commanded. . . . It is manifest that membership is preceded by important qualifications.

These qualifications may be considered as moral and ceremonial. All moral qualifications are embraced in Regeneration, with its attendants, Repentance and Faith. . . . Baptism is the ceremonial qualification for church membership. There can, according to the Scriptures, be no visible church without baptism. An observance of this ordinance is the believer's first public act of obedience to Christ."

A helpful book, frequently used by the pastor in his CLASS OF INSTRUCTION FOR NEW MEMBERS, was written by Wayne C. Clark. "The Meaning of Church Membership," published by The Judson Press, states the following on page 60: "It may be well to emphasize the fact that baptism is the door to membership in the church. During the days of the New Testament church, believers were considered members of the church (which they called 'the body of Christ' or 'the called-out ones') when they had been baptized. They were not considered members of the church prior to their baptism."

Ralph M. Johnson and R. Dean Goodwin have produced "A study book for those who want to know more about American Baptist Churches and their work together in a great world mission" entitled, "Faith and Fellowship of the American Baptist," published by the Council on Missionary Cooperation of the American Baptist Convention, in which they state (page 13), "A local Baptist church is patterned after the fellowship of the early followers of Jesus Christ. Like the early New Testament churches it is made up of members who have repented and accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and have been baptized."

ESSENTIAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Daniel L. Eckert in an article, "New Testament Baptism," appearing in the November 17, 1955 issue of "The Watchman-Examiner" stated our position very clearly when he said, "Baptists are not inconsiderate when they teach and require for themselves, and all who would share their maximum life in Christ, an apostolic doctrine of baptism as essential for church membership, while at the same time they insist that baptism is not of itself a saving ordinance."

Now I know that, as Baptists, we insist that Christians ought to be left free to practice the teachings of God. Should we force those who come to our churches and apply for membership to be immersed? Heaven forbid! We cannot force anyone to become a Christian nor can we force anyone to be immersed. This is each individual's own careful and prayerful decision. We can, however, counsel and guide these individuals in these important Scriptural matters.

As we do not accept anyone into the fellowship of a Baptist church prior to a declaration of faith in Jesus Christ, so we ought not to accept anyone into the fellowship of the church prior to Biblical baptism. By permit-

Come, Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation;
Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm;
Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence;
Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.
Straighten our crookedness.
Fill our emptiness,
Dull the edge of our pride,
Sharpen the edge of our humility;
Light the fires of our love,
Quench the flames of our lust;
Let us see ourselves as thou seest us
That we may see thee as thou has promised.*

Author unknown

ting people to become members of a Baptist church without meeting the specific command of Christ and the practice of the early church, we weaken our position, we confuse our people, we neglect tradition and minimize the importance of believer's baptism. How can we possibly have the unity of the Spirit if we ignore the Spirit's teaching on baptism as a necessity for church membership? As a rite symbolizing initiation? We have believed, and I trust we will continue to believe, that a church is a body of baptized believers.

Recently our oldest boy turned sixteen and was most anxious to get his driver's license. In order to get this license he had to meet certain requirements. He had to get a learner's permit; he had to meet with the officer of the law; he had to pass a test. Did he mind all this? Did he say, "I don't want to take the test"? To be sure he didn't. He met the require-

ments and is today driving having his driver's license in his possession. Was his freedom taken away because he had to meet these requirements?

WHAT BAPTISTS SHOULD DO!

What then are we to do with those who refuse to be immersed and yet are desirous to be affiliated with the church? We should minister to these in the same capacity as we minister to those who are already in the church. These may well be considered as our prospects and should come under our "Watchcare" program. We should, however, not bring them into the membership of the church and then seek to convince them of their need of baptism. This is poor logic and is not in harmony with Scripture. They should first be convinced of the need of baptism and then will follow the privileges and the joys of church membership. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). We are commanded to baptize and afterwards to help them mature in the Christian faith through teaching.

In my own experiences of 17 years serving four churches in various localities of our country, I have made many friends among Christians of other denominations. I have always sought to work in harmony and cooperation with my fellow-ministers. I have discovered that we can love one another in the unity of Christ and yet remain true to our convictions. And those of other denominations will respect us more if we believe something. There would be greater respect if we had unity at this point.

My answer as to the requirement of baptism for church membership is the direct command of Christ, my Lord, and the teaching of the apostles in the New Testament churches. In Luke 6:46 Jesus says, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" And again, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14). "What saith the Lord?" should be the sole authority for guiding our Baptist churches in their doctrine, ordinances, polity and practical life.



President Veninga delivering the Fall Convocation address on "Straight Thinking in Troubled Times" in the Seminary Chapel.



The First of a Series of Studies
of Colossians and Ephesians.

The Holy and Faith- ful Ones!

By REV. GEORGE G. KIMSEY
of Indianapolis, Indiana

DO YOU LOVE WORDS?
Your chance for heaven is much greater if you love the "sight, sound, smell, and taste of words." There is power in a word. Solomon in all his wisdom perceived their value when he said, "A word in season, what a help it is" (Proverbs 15:23 Moffatt); and again when he said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

PERSON OF CHRIST

The epistles of Ephesians and Colossians were written while Paul was in prison in Rome and are known as the prison epistles. They were written at about the same time, and much of the thought is the same. In Ephesians Paul magnifies the Church as the body of Christ. In Colossians he magnifies the Person of Christ in order to meet a problem that had arisen as to the Person or deity of Christ.

The two epistles were written after a long period of meditation and reflection. They are both saturated with prayer. Like all other books of the Bible, they were written in the face of a grave problem and with a definite purpose.

It is well to remember that the letters were written, edited and ready to go, and then the salutations (Ephesians 1:1-2, Colossians 1:1-2) were written on the corner of the manuscript. As has been said, the epistles were written in deep reflection, but the salutations were written afterward as crystallized meditation.

"To the holy (saints) and faithful ones" was never intended to be mere words in a formal salutation. These two words are the heart of all that has been said in the two epistles. Like the motif in music, they are the main strain through both the epistles. If the two words and their related meanings were taken out, the motif of the writings would be destroyed.

THE WORD "HOLY"

Where did Paul get the words? What is their background? What is their significance? Why does he tie them together with the definite article so that their meaning is practically inter-changeable?

First, the word "holy" (Greek,

BIBLE READING PACKET

During the first three months of 1960, many of our churches will use the textbook on Colossians by Dr. W. W. Adams for a special Bible study in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. This 32 page brochure appears in the Bible Reading Packet that is available at 25 cents per packet. The series of brief articles on Colossians by Rev. George G. Kimsey, Baptist pastor of Indianapolis, Indiana, that begins in this issue (page 8) will open other windows of understanding for every reader upon this important epistle of Colossians.

hagios) with Paul is biographical. It was taught him by his mother in his childhood home in Tarsus. This Jewish mother and her husband had moved to Tarsus from Galilee that the family might have better cultural opportunities. At night around the fireside she told young Saul the stories of how God had made his people a holy nation (Deut. 7:6). She told the story of: 1) Abram, "Get thee out from thy country"—holiness (Gen. 12:1); 2) Moses, "The place thou standest"—holy (Exodus 3:5); 3) Joshua, standing on holy ground (Joshua 5:15). The word "holy" (Gr. *hagios*) means separated, set apart, dedicated, committed; also a manner of life with a "sense of mission." It is the motif word of the old covenant. It gives a "sense of mission" to all God's dealings with the Hebrew people.

BY FAITH

Where did Paul get the word "faith" (Greek, *pistos*)? It is not an Old Testament word. It was conceived in Habakkuk 2:4, "The just shall live by faith." But, in reality it was born in Bethlehem, tried in the fires of Calvary, and became a flaming truth early on the third morning.

Now faith is faith per se: that is, faith is in regard and according to its object. For example, by faith in soil, seed and seasons, the farmer gets what farming can do; by faith in banks and bonds, the banker gets what money can do; by faith the teacher through schools gets what education can do; by faith the scientist sets up his hypothesis and by science opens the secrets of the universe and outer space. By faith in prayer, Elijah opened and closed the heavens at his will (James 5:17).

But faith takes on its real significance when it centers "in Christ." "If ye than be risen with Christ," and having faith, "seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1), then like Paul you get all of Christ and "your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). This is biographical with Paul and is one of the many proofs that faith was born with the New Testament and is the motif strain through all its pages.

DEDICATED TO CHRIST

Now strange yet thrilling as the truth is, Paul synchronizes the two words "holy" and "faithful" together here with the definite article, and like a focal spot in photography superimposes one upon the other. The word "holy" (Gr. *hagios*) is the motif word of the old covenant, yet it certainly is not absent from the new. The word "faith" (Gr. *pistos*) is the motif word of the new, yet it was present in all the old. For example, "by faith Abraham," "by faith Moses," "by faith Joshua." The two words are synchronized and can be super-imposed the one upon the other anywhere in the two epistles.

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A Guided Tour of Salzburg, Austria

Jewels in the crown of our Lord will be seen in the Baptist churches and mission fields of Austria.

By Dr W. J. Appel, Director
of the Austrian Mission Field



In Central Europe snow-crowned peaks rise majestically to entrance every sightseer with this mountainous glory.

HAVE YOU EVER traveled the Alpen Road leading to the majestic Grossglockner peak, the highest point in Austria? Or have you visited the beautiful Salzkammergut Valley with its many lovely lakes mirroring the chain of mountains round about? Have you ever climbed the bride's marble stairway leading to the beautiful chamber where the knot is tied! The ever-present guides in the heart of old Salzburg thus seek to allure the bewildered tourist to join the next sight-seeing party to these glorious points of interest.

We, as your representatives in Austria, would like to invite you to join our party on a weekend trip to view some phases of the Baptist work in the Salzburg area.

Across the picturesque Salzach River, through the narrow winding streets with their fascinating shops and quaint houses, we shall take you to the Salzburg of tomorrow, the most rapidly growing section of the city,

called Lehen, in the heart of which is located our Baptist Church. As we near the church we find the sidewalks and streets overrun with pedestrians, motorcycles, bicycles and countless automobiles. Ten thousand people have just left the outdoor sports field after an exciting game of football.

We are relieved to enter the Salzburg Baptist Church to join the quiet of a little group of folk who have met for a Saturday evening prayer service. The pastor is presenting the most pressing prayer needs in the life of the church—the services for the morrow, the sick and aged, the lonely, etc.

Then come several special prayer requests. The first concerns a lonely middle-aged couple, recently among nine baptized into the membership of the church. Shortly after their baptism, one of the local priests visited their home, and for a period of two hours warned them of the folly of the step they had taken, stating that

they were sealed by the devil and doomed to eternal condemnation. As a result, the woman was so disturbed and emotionally upset that a period of rest and spiritual nurture was absolutely necessary. The husband, who had just returned from the hospital after a serious illness, was in a very weak condition and also needed a time of recuperation.

Arrangements for a five-weeks' stay in a Christian rest home in north-western Germany were made possible without cost, but the pastor asked that earnest prayer be made for the solution of some problems which might prevent their taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The second request concerns a family of six children, the mother of whom was so ill that a time of complete rest was ordered by her physician. How to care for the children during her absence presented a seemingly impossible problem. Before the pastor finished presenting the case, two women offered to care for three of the children and suggested the names of others whom they felt might care for the rest.

The third prayer request had to do with a child soon to be born out of wedlock, for which the expectant mother requested a Christian home.

A season of earnest prayer followed, and, after the singing of a hymn, this precious hour came to a close. With a reminder to be on hand promptly at nine o'clock the next morning for the worship service, we bade each other farewell, thankful for the presence of the little Baptist Church in the fourth largest city of Austria.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and our group again met at the Salzburg Chapel. The worship room was filled to capacity. It was our privilege to greet four young music students from the Conservatory of Mu-

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THE VARSITY ENSEMBLE FROM OBERLIN

Students at the Mozart School of Music in Salzburg, Austria, who are conducting special evangelistic programs in Austria and Germany (left to right): Stephen Clapp, Donna Bergstrom, Louanne Fuchs and Rodney Schmidt.

January 7, 1960

Church Extension in Wichita, Kansas

By Rev. Edwin Michelson, Church Extension Pastor

THE POPULATION increase of the city of Wichita, located in the delightful state of Kansas, is 74,000 for the past period of nine years. The total number of souls in the city is 242,000 with many more thousands in the suburbs. The airplane factories and two universities in the city attract many workers and students from the hinterland. It is estimated that the city will grow up to 600,000 in the next few decades.

An appreciable number of the city's newcomers come from our North American Baptist churches from the state of Kansas as well as the surrounding states. A great deal of interest and spiritual concern have been evident these many years on the part of believers with a burden for souls for a North American Baptist church in Wichita to shepherd the migration from our churches as well as to hold forth a witness for the lost.

The history of our attempts at es-

what, we were certain, was the Lord's will. By the last week in July we had visited the city and rented a home and arranged for the renting of the Bryant Public school. The seven Michelsons arrived in Wichita on September 7th in time for the opening of school for the children.

CHURCH WORK ESTABLISHED

The following month was spent in locating and interesting the people from our churches who are now living in Wichita in the new project. It took 1,500 miles of city driving as well as in the suburbs to run down the addresses so kindly supplied by our neighboring pastors. Some of our people had already found a church home elsewhere, and some were no longer interested in spiritual things.

It is a happy note to be able to report that almost half of those contacted showed genuine interest. One couple said, "Oh, we are so glad you

called on us. We have been waiting for two years for the new church."

On October 11, 1959 we had our first Sunday School and worship service. There were 17 present at both services. We began with three Sunday School classes. By the sixth Sunday, we had to add another class and had 30 present. In the first six Sundays we had an average attendance of 26. Strangers meeting for worship in a school gymnasium may find the first meetings wanting, but we now feel that we are no longer strangers. We are united in the bonds of fellowship in Christ, our Lord. It is a thrill to see our people making plans for a future church.

Our first meeting was a prayer service on September 30th in the Michelson home. It was a blessing to us to meet in this way around God's Throne of grace and fellowship. We believe the continued prayer meetings will be the receiving of power and direction for the new work here.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS

The kindness and interest of our Southwestern Conference churches have been of great encouragement to us. We have a real feeling of working together in this part of the Kingdom work. The Zion Church at Okeene, Okla., sent us their used Service Hymnals, and others have supplied materials and have been helpful and prayerful. The Men's Chorus from Strassburg near Marion, Kansas gave us a concert to inspire us.

We are now ready to give more of our time and effort to the highest of our tasks, namely, the winning of the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ. The door to door visitation in the area of our special interest has revealed that one out of every three contacts is a prospect who is unsaved or has grown cold in the Way. "The least of these" are to be found everywhere. We are much encouraged here in Wichita.

Promising Beginning at Stockton

The Story of the Lincoln Village Church Extension Project Near Stockton, Calif., by Rev. G. G. Rauser, Pastor

GOD'S WORD tells us that "to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." It is not always easy to follow God's direction. However, I have found that it is the most blessed life, filled with joy and peace and with God's continued blessings in so many ways.

Since the second Sunday in August we have been working here in Lincoln Village, which is located north of Stockton, Calif., and has a population of over ten thousand people. There

are three grammar schools and one large high school, and all of them are having room problems. The high school is in the process of enlarging its buildings. The field is truly white unto harvest! We are so anxious to have our church building finished so that we can do our work which God gave us to do.

It was very hard for Mrs. Rauser and myself to leave our beloved large church in Lodi (First Baptist Church)

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Church Extension in Minot, North Dakota

By Rev. Elmo Tahran, Church Extension Pastor in Minot, North Dakota

THE WORK OF Church Extension is one of the most necessary endeavors of the Church of Jesus Christ in this day. This is the heart of missions. This is the supply line of missions. This is God's plan for witness and church program. This is "beginning in JERUSALEM." If we begin here at home, then we can be sure that the Lord will advance our front into the rest of the world.

I am thankful and thrilled to be a part of the Church Extension work of the North American Baptist Conference. This is a sign of vision on the part of our leaders and people who have responded to the challenge of reaching our fellow-Americans with Gospel-preaching, new churches.

DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

It has been a real joy to come to Minot, work in this growing city under the guidance of the Lord, and establish another Baptist witness. I was anxious to get here and to begin after having been in Europe in our Army and Air Force Bases. After meeting many of our military personnel and speaking with them concerning their spiritual needs and desires, I became more convinced of the need of more churches here at home. Officially, I became Church Extension pastor in Minot on September 15, 1959.

Since each locality or situation is different, it was difficult to find any information that would solve all the problems and needs that are involved in establishing a new work. There were some North American families in Minot and my first consideration was to visit them and seek to interest them in beginning a new church.

After visiting them, the next step was to begin with some door-to-door calling in new areas, apartment houses and trailer courts. All of these efforts were bathed in personal and family prayer on our part. In all of the visiting, there has been joy of being able to witness of Christ and to leave two tracts, "These People Called Baptists" and "Four Things God Wants You to Know."

Our first three Sundays of services were unattended. Needless to say, these were the discouraging and trying times, but they were also times of learning precious lessons from the Spirit of God. You can readily see how thrilled we were when, on the first Sunday we had anyone come to our services, we counted 16. Our number has been as high as 23. We have had services in our home, and we have found that this lends itself to a closeness of fellowship and friendship—two ingredients which are essentials in the building of a Christ-honoring congregation. We have found those who have been coming to be interested in



Rev. Elmo Tahran, Church Extension pastor in Minot, North Dakota.

the work and interested in reaching people for Christ.

CRESTVIEW ADDITION

We are hoping that we may locate in a new area of north Minot which is called the Crestview Addition and which is an area that is growing and being developed. Already three other

denominations have purchased property in this same area. This is a challenge to us to trust God to bless our efforts to establish a New Testament Baptist witness before we are crowded out.

As we continue to work here, we are constantly trusting the Lord to lead us to the right homes and to send us those who are of like mind and heart. We desire the prayers of all our North American Baptists. May we all, as we have our visions enlarged, remember that a true vision of outreach is a blessing from the Lord, for where "there is no vision the people perish." As we recognize the vision, let us also remember that "they that trust in the Lord shall not be ashamed."

**CHURCH EXTENSION
GOAL — \$50,000
for the year, 1959-1960!**

We believe that the words of the Apostle Paul are true of the work of Church Extension in all of our fields: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). Therefore we need to cast ourselves upon Christ Jesus that he would use us for his glory. Will you pray for us and for all of our Church Extension workers? If you will, then let us remember that together we will be able to say: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are GLAD."



Airplane view of the booming city of Minot, North Dakota, showing the downtown business district, some of the factories, and the residential districts reaching out into all directions.



CHURCH EXTENSION, WICHITA, KANSAS

Following one of the first Church Extension meetings in Wichita, Kansas, this picture of the congregation was taken outside the Bryant Elementary School with Rev. Edwin Michelson at the left.

Establishing a church here has not been a happy one. However, the Lord is faithful, and we look for better things in the city of Wichita.

Early in the year 1959, at the urging of the Southwestern Conference and the three Associations, the District Secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and the Southwestern Conference Mission Secretary, Rev. Walter Weber, made a new survey of the city. They found that those concerned were favorable to the proposal for a North American Baptist church, and that the field was a promising one. They proposed our location in the northwestern part of Wichita where land is available on 13th Street.

In July 1959, the Church Extension Committee gave us a call to the Wichita challenge. We responded with

"God's Volunteers" as Christ's Witnesses

By Miss Georgia Hunter, Correspondent for the Team

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ."

A HUSH HAD FALLEN upon the happy group in the study, as "God's Volunteers" knelt to ask the Lord's direction and presence for the afternoon visitation. ". . . and Father, open hearts to the true meaning of Thy Gospel this day," prayed Don earnestly, as he concluded the prayer time.

"Rose and Don, would you canvass the housing project today?" asked Gladys, the team leader, as she gave out the day's assignments. "It means a lot of walking!"

"Oh, that's fine with us," said Rose. "We don't mind walking, do we, Don?" He just winked and showed his ready smile as he gathered the tracts and invitations which they would be distributing.

"Okay, then! Jackie and Glenn, you can start out by the school where all those new homes are. Georgia and I will drive out to some of the farms, and the pastors are going to call on some of the known prospects. Oh, if only some of the church members had come today! They just don't realize how vital they are in the visitation program. I suppose we should be thankful for the few who have come out regularly, and continue to pray that God will show the Christians their responsibility in witnessing."

A few minutes later, Jackie and Glenn walked up to the door of a home on Main Street. Breathing a prayer for boldness and wisdom, they pressed the bell.

"Yes?" answered a young woman. "What is it?"

"We represent the First Baptist

Church, and are taking a religious census of your street. Would you like to tell us your name and church affiliation?" asked Glenn.

"Surely! Our name is Smith, and we are members of the **** church, where our three children attend Sunday School. Is there anything more you need to know?" she inquired politely.

Jackie completed the visitation card information and gave Mrs. Smith the invitation to the evangelistic meetings the next week, asking her to bring the family on a night which would not interfere with her own church program.

Outdoors again, Glenn grinned and said, "It's really nice to start off with someone so friendly, isn't it? I believe she is a Christian, too, from the way she radiated joy when we gave our personal testimonies."

"Yes, she seemed to love the Lord!" replied Jackie, as they approached another door.

WITNESSING IN HOMES

The response to inquiry at this house was abrupt and short, as the lady said, "No, it's not necessary for me to tell you that!" and slammed the door without further discussion.

"Well, let's keep going," said Jackie cheerfully. "Oh, look at those cute little boys next door! Hi, kids, are you making a snow-man? Here, Glenn will help you with it." As Glenn worked, Jackie talked with the boys about the Lord Jesus, but they did not seem to know him, nor did they attend Sunday School. "Let's go in and talk with their mother."

The lady was talkative, stating, "No, we don't attend church here. I know religion is good, and the boys should go to Sunday School, but we just never seem to get them started."

The Volunteers talked at length with this mother, praying in their hearts that she would see her need of a Savior, rather than just religion. She seemed to show a real interest as they showed her Bible verses concerning salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, and Jackie noticed tears in her eyes after they had prayed with her.

"Well, I'd like to think about all this, and I'll read the Gospel of John which you gave me," she assured them, "and we'll be at your meetings too!"

"Thank you, Lord," sang Jackie and Glenn as they continued on down the street. What a wonderful day! At least one "good prospect" to add to the Team's prayer list. Who knows what is in store at the next home they will visit? The Lord knows!

This is a fictitious account of a very realistic day with "God's Volunteers" on visitation. Some visits bring joy, while a few bring sadness. But we know that God has called us to these fields, and will answer our prayers.

WONDERFUL CAMPAIGNS

"God's Volunteers" have covered a great deal of territory in the past six weeks, moving from our first campaign in Trenton, Ill., to the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., where Rev. Robert Cook is pastor. Primarily we went prospect calling there, and really enjoyed it. The evangelistic services were well attended, and we rejoiced at the number of Christians who consecrated their lives to the Lord. While there, we participated in three morning devotional radio broadcasts, and also conducted daily children's rallies.

From November 3 to 15 we canvassed about 1,650 homes near the new Temple Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York, where Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor. Many new people attended the Gospel meetings, and the team praised God for the lives dedicated to the Lord's service and for those who found Christ as Savior during the campaign. We also assisted with a radio broadcast there, which was for teenagers, and were guests at the Youth Time Rally, at which two young people accepted Jesus Christ.

We didn't go far to our next church; the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, with Rev. A. H. Fadenrecht, is also in Buffalo. Again, due to a new church location, the team did canvassing in the area, covering about 1,110 homes, with the assistance of church members. People were both cordial and interested as we visited, and many new prospects were found in this area.

God has given us a wonderful mission field and a zeal to cover it, but you are a key figure in what we attempt! "Brethren, pray for us!"



EDITOR LEUSCHNER IN BULGARIA

In 1938 Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Rev. M. L. Leuschner visited the Balkan countries and our mission fields in Europe. Here Mr. Leuschner is shown in front of the Baptist Church in Lom, Bulgaria, as he is on his way to the nearby Gypsy Mission Field at Golinzi, Bulgaria.

25TH MILESTONE

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churches with loans for new buildings totalling more than two million dollars; and our Baptist missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, heading up the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the city of Victoria and the printing of a new stamp honoring the Baptist missionary, Alfred Saker! These can only be described as the "wondrous things that God hath done, whereof we are glad."

Twenty-five years are only a brief span in the ongoing pages of history. But they have been wonderfully blessed and tremendously important years for us as North American Baptists. By God's grace, we have reached a new high plateau of service and witness for Christ. We are more confident than ever that God has a future ministry for us and that he has greater blessings and tasks for us in the days ahead. That faith gives us joy and strength to advance in Christ's Name as we face "the unfinished task" set before us.

THE PRINTED RECORD

How thrilling it has been for me as editor of the "Baptist Herald" to attempt to record this unfolding story in the pages of our publication for these twenty-five years! This task has meant "rubbing elbows" with our leaders and pastors in committee meetings and in conferences, visiting our church-

From the Professor's Desk

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

I recently read an article in a leading Christian magazine in defense of capital punishment. Is capital punishment taught in the Bible?

I can find no evidence that the New Testament either advocates or condemns capital punishment. The text suggested as evidence in the article to which you refer, viz., Matt. 5:21, 22, where the word "judgment" is taken to mean "capital punishment," will not bear the test of exegetical examination. Conclusions in either direction, whether for or against capital punishment, are arrived at by inference and not by clear statement of fact so far as the New Testament is concerned.

The Old Testament presents an altogether different picture. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, the Lord declared: "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image" (Gen. 9:6, RSV). This is clearly capital punishment. Because of the sacredness of life ("for God made man in his own image") murder was to be punished by death.

Now since the New Testament does not indicate either way, the vital ques-

es to the fathermost corner, receiving the avalanche of letters, manuscripts and reports from our wonderful missionaries, and waiting on God for the necessary spiritual resources to carry out the task. It has been a glorious, heart warming quarter-century! But, believe me, with God's guidance and blessing "the best is yet to be" for North American Baptists in their witness for Christ!

tion for Christians is, "Does this Old Testament teaching apply today?" Any adequate answer to this question must take into account Jesus' statement that he came to "fulfill" the law. This fulfillment, among other things, involved the passing away of all that was temporary in the law, just as the fulfillment of the blossom by the fruit involves the passing away of the blossom. But was capital punishment involved in this fulfillment process? Two factors seem to point in this direction: (1) capital punishment is not taught in the New Testament (John 8:1-11 might even suggest that Jesus condemned it); (2) capital punishment was meted out in the Old Testament not only for pre-meditated murder but also for adultery, incest, idolatry, practicing witchcraft and cursing one's parents! No Christian would want to revert back to such stringent practices.

It would seem that a decision by Christians on this highly debatable subject must be arrived at by considerations in addition to the Biblical data. Some of these are: the protection of society, the sacredness of life and the possible re-habilitation of the criminal.

The moderator of our Austrian Union, Rev. Rupert Ostermann, brought a challenging message. Words of welcome were expressed by representatives of the various groups. Pastor William J. Appel, the European representative of our Conference, led in the prayer of consecration.

A TOUR OF SALZBURG

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The new pastor, Rev. August Hirnboeck, for a number of years has been the pastor of our group at Bad Ischl. His new field at Seekirchen will entail many difficulties, but the work will be a real challenge.

We have enjoyed the privilege of guiding you on this tour of less recognized yet most important glories of Austria, the jewels in the crown of our King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of these four students, Louanne Fuchs, is the daughter of our Secretary of Evangelism and Church Extension and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs. These young people have been serving faithfully at the Sunday morning worship service of our Salzburg Baptist Church.

For the afternoon hours, a formal welcome to the new pastor of our group in the little town of Seekirchen, located about twelve miles from Salzburg, had been planned. Here we joined representatives of a number of our churches of that area in a neat little chapel, part of an old residence which was the gift of the Southern Baptist Convention to our Baptist Union in Austria.

THE HOLY ONES
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The truth is deeper than words. O blessed truth! There is no faith that does not separate, set apart, dedicate, commit, and have a sense of mission "in Christ."

"Ephraim is a cake not turned" (Hos. 7:8). Half-way surrender is the blight of Christian commitment. The world and the future belong to the dedicated and the enthusiastic.

"There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith (committed, holy) we can see it afar . . ."



"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" AT THE SEMINARY

Left to right: Rev. Walter Hoitman, director; Glenn Neumann, Gladys Hoogestraat, Jacqueline Young, Georgia Hunter, Donald Harrison and Rose Cicansky.

We the Women

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

DO IT NOW!

There is a simple sign under the time clock of a certain factory that reads, "DO IT NOW." As we begin another New Year, let us ponder for a moment the vital truth contained in these common little words.

Each day brings its share of opportunities to achieve, to progress, and to widen our horizons if we know how best to use the time which God gives to each in equal measure. Everyone has the impulse to do something good or worthwhile at one time or another. But only those who have learned to apply the sage advice in our motto, "DO IT NOW," have tasted the rewards of accomplishment and success.

Accepting "Now is the time of salvation" brings souls into the Kingdom of God. It is the open door to life eternal to anyone who will "DO IT NOW." To procrastinate is often to be lost forever.

Opportunities to do good present themselves daily to most of us. How often we can lighten a load with a cheerful word, a friendly smile, a helping hand. For people who wait to do that something unusual or spectacular at a given time, that rare sometime may never come.

"DO IT NOW" can gear our lives to new determination in the days ahead. To observe this simple precept daily is like turning over a new leaf. It will help us overcome little time-wasting habits, that keep us from being our best, serving God and our fellowmen most effectively, and form filling our lives with countless happy moments.

Our little motto also points up the fact that NOW is really the only time which we have. Yesterday is gone; tomorrow may never come. The importance of "now" cannot be over-emphasized, no matter what we are doing. If we give a good account of every "now," we can live serenely and be at peace within ourselves. There will be no haunting regrets, gnawing fears, or dread tomorrows.

As we begin a New year, none of us can know what lies ahead, but we can face each day confidently in the assurance that God is there to lead, direct, comfort and restore. He is the same today and now as he was yesterday and in ages past. With the Psalmist let us say: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

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Baptist World Alliance Sunday

A Message for All Baptists for Sunday, February 7, 1960.

TO FELLOW BELIEVERS IN EVERY LAND:

Baptist World Alliance Sunday returns with its reminder of the worldwide fellowship which is ours in the family of Baptists. It speaks of the common faith we share, the common task to which we are committed, the one fellowship into which we are called, and, above all, the one Lord to Whom we belong.

SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

This special Sunday on our Baptist calendar is not merely for the adorning of the day with sentimental thoughts of our fellow-denominationalists. It is for the deepening of faith and loyalty, for the enlarging of our hearts in Christian love and for the strengthening of our wills to service.

The supremacy of Christ, "Jesus Christ is Lord," is the challenging theme of the Tenth Baptist World Congress which will bring together at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this year representative of our 23,300,000 fellow Baptists scattered throughout more than 100 countries. This was the conviction that lit the hearts of the early Christians and undergirded the witness of

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE MINISTERS

The pastors of the Northwestern Conference churches will hold their Ministers' Conference from Jan. 26-28, 1960 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. All correspondence should be addressed to Dr. C. H. Seecamp, 1011 S. 20th St., La Crosse, Wis.

Baptist people across the ages. We should remember on this Alliance Sunday those who even today are suffering because they believe uncompromisingly that Christ's lordship is supreme, both for the individual soul and in the affairs of nations. And in this remembrance we are called to ponder the depth of our own loyalty and our willingness to suffer if need be.

COMPULSION TO EVANGELIZE

We are called, too, to a greater love for men. Until we feel deeply the needs of our fellow-men, and until the constraining love of Christ truly lays hold upon us, the strong compulsion to evangelize will not be with us. Our chief concern must not be our numbers or our status, our power or our possessions, but to make known the saving love of him, our Lord, "who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Unless his Spirit is seen in us, unless his love finds opportunity through us, all our activity is empty show.

As we pledge loyalty to Jesus Christ as our Lord, our hands will meet in a renewed spirit of oneness and there will run through our ranks the power that comes from him who strengthens us. With faith and loyalty, with love and deep concern, with wills surrendered and our lives wholly committed, may the whole family of Baptists offer themselves anew to him whose right it is to claim our utmost service.

Theodore F. Adams, President
Lawrence A. North, Vice-President
Arnold T. Ohn, General Secretary
Erik Ruden, Associate Secretary
Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary

Thanksgiving for the Bible

O GOD, who didst move holy men of old to record thy holy way with thy children, we give thee thanks for this sacred Book, our Bible.

We praise thee for the noble company of martyrs who preserved these words and who have translated them into the many languages of the world.

We thank thee for men who with great difficulty have made possible the rapid printing of thy Word.

We are grateful for thy missionaries and devoted servants who have carried the Scriptures to people around the world.

We thank thee for parents and ministers and teachers who have so opened to us the Scriptures, that our hearts have been lifted up and we have yearned to read for ourselves the living revelation of thy will for us.

Above all, O Holy Spirit, we are grateful for the guidance which thou dost give, enabling us to find in the Bible our Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

In his blessed name we offer this our thanksgiving for the Bible. Amen.

—Bible Society Record.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Walter F. Berkan of Elk Grove, Calif., have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 19, 1959 who has been named Kristine Grace. The Berkans have two other daughters, Ricki and Corales. Mr. Berkan is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove.

● The Baptist Home for Aged in Portland, Oregon, has appointed Rev. Henry W. Barnet as the superintendent. Mrs. Barnet is not serving as the matron, as stated in the Nov. 12 issue of the "Baptist Herald." The Home has employed Mrs. Jennie Crawford, a former nurse, as the hostess in the Home. The Home is located at 823 N. E. 82nd Ave., Portland 20, Oregon.

● Some time ago Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor of the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota, presented his resignation to the congregation and announced that he had accepted a call from the Temple Baptist Church of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He brought his four year ministry to a close on Oct. 4, 1959. A report about the farewell service appears elsewhere in this issue. The Temple Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, belongs to another Baptist fellowship.

● Recently Rev. R. Milbrandt, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, had the privilege of baptizing three persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Five others were received into the church's membership by letter. On Sunday, Nov. 8, the church dedicated its new modern parsonage next to the church building. Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, was the guest speaker. The reporter of the church is Mrs. Merton Klippert.

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey, at a business meeting on Oct. 28, 1959 voted to become an independent church and to withdraw from the North American Baptist General Conference, effective immediately. In a letter signed by Lily Smith, clerk, and Raymond C. Brower, pastor, and sent to the headquarters office, it was stated: "We have been a small group for many years, and it was felt that the benefit derived from remaining in the denomination was very little."

● Evangelistic services were held by the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., from Sunday, Nov. 15, to Sunday, Nov. 22, with Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, as the evangelist. His fervent ministry was deeply appreciated by the congregation and friends of the community. The Men's Chorus sang at the close

of Sunday evening service. Rev. Le-land H. Friesen, pastor of the Emery church, brought the Thanksgiving Service message on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25.

● From Nov. 23 to Dec. 4 Rev. Bert E. Milner, pastor of the Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., conducted special meetings in Swan River, Man. In the Springside Baptist Church a visitation evangelistic program is being carried on. During the special meetings conducted in Springside in October, 34 people made decisions of dedication. The groups, which are doing this personal evangelistic work, have been encouraged by the reception they have received as they have presented their own experience of salvation in the homes of non-members.

● The East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has extended a call to Rev. William Shoemaker to which he responded favorably. He is already serving the church as its full time pastor, and he and his wife are residing in the parsonage next to the church. Mr. Shoemaker is a student at the University of Chicago, engaged in graduate studies leading toward the Ph. D. degree. He has held pastorates in Cicero, Illinois and Macon, Georgia. The reception for Rev. and Mrs. Shoemaker was held by the church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6.

● Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler began their ministry at the First Baptist Church, Oroville, Wash., early in November. On Thursday, Nov. 19, a reception was held by the church welcoming them. They are also serving the small Baptist group in Osoyoos, B. C., across the border. Their daughter Anita is supervisor of the operating room and teaches medical surgery nursing at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak., since her graduation in 1958. Their son Gracen is enjoying his studies and fellowship this year at Edmonton's C. T. I. before he begins his university studies.

● On Sunday, Oct. 18, the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas, celebrated its Harvest Mission Festival

DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT

Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., died suddenly of a heart attack in his home on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8th. He was one of our denominational supply and interim pastors in recent years and rendered an appreciated ministry in many churches. He was one of our most dynamic ministers, having served since 1910 in large and influential churches. Tributes to his ministry and his obituary will appear in the next issue. EDITOR.

with Rev. Edwin F. Voigt, pastor, in charge. Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas was the guest speaker. Following the morning service a potluck dinner was served in the church basement. A display of harvest blessings was placed in the front of the sanctuary entitled "Thanks to God." This was a contribution of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes. The offering of the day was \$1,702.98 "for which we indeed thank the Lord," as reported by Mrs. Edwin Voigt.

● Recent guest speakers at the chapel services of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have included the Honorable Karl Mundt, senator of South Dakota in the United States Senate, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Harold Lundquist, president of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis of Sydney, Australia, brought a series of messages in the Seminary Chapel and classrooms and was "well received and gladly heard," as reported by President Frank Veninga. The inaugural festivities of the new seminary president, Rev. Frank Veninga, were held on Friday, Dec. 11, and will be reported later in the "Baptist Herald."

● Recently the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., purchased four lots for relocation. "We're happy to be so crowded out because it shows that the people of the church are active," it was reported. On Oct. 11 the church had a share in the observance of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fischer. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1, Rev. Thomas D. Lutz, pastor, had the joy of stepping into the baptismal waters with three children and one adult. "We have never had such a large group at any baptismal service throughout our ministry as on this night. People spoke about the service for days afterwards," Mr. Lutz said.

● The 20th anniversary of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, as a Bible School was celebrated at the opening program of the Bible School Department on Oct. 29, held in the McKernan Baptist Church. Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus, spoke on "The Highlights of Our Bible School's History." Dr. A. S. Felberg, president, presented the school's program and announced the total enrollments as follows: in the Bible College, training for pastoral service, 18; in the Bible School department, training for church work, 38; and in the High School department, preparing for vocational service, 24.

● School No. 9 of the Magnolia District in Anaheim, Calif., has been named the "Mrs. Esther Leuschner Walter School" in honor of a teacher of nearly a quarter-century teaching service in the district. Mrs. Esther Walter is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Max

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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. There in prison his father had died some time later and his mother 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. Thornton tried to comfort her. "In time you will get over the keenness of your grief and you will be happy again," he said to her. 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, in order to cheer her, took her to see "the old city" of New Orleans. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. He helped Faith to dispose of her aunt's belongings and counseled with her as to her future plans. But he was disturbed by the wild scheme of revenge still in his heart.

CHAPTER SIX

FAITH DECIDED to give her aunt's clothes to a poor family in the neighborhood that the lady next door had told her about. The furniture was finally sold through a secondhand furniture dealer. James felt that she was getting only a pittance of the real value of it, but they both decided that this was the easiest and quickest way to dispose of it.

When at last the house was empty and was cleaned, and the remainder of the rent paid, she turned the keys over to the landlord and that chapter of her life was ended.

"Now I'll look for a position somewhere," she said as they went back to the rooming house. "I'll try to keep the money I have for a rainy day, and I'll feel much better now that I do have a little more. I won't be jittery whenever I spend a dime."

"I'm beginning to feel that way," he

said. "I shall get something to do as soon as possible, now that your affairs are attended to."

"I thought you came here on a business trip," she said, surprised.

"I did, but I didn't say that it would bring me any money immediately. I've been delayed, so while I'm waiting I'll try to get something to do."

"I've been the cause of that delay," she said with a worried frown. "I'm sure I have and I'm sorry."

"Don't let that worry you. You haven't delayed me enough to amount to anything. I'm not at all sorry."

"I'm glad you're going to stay here for a while. I was afraid you'd be leaving soon and I was beginning to feel lonesome already. You're the only friend I have, remember."

"I'll be sticking around for a while," he told her with a smile, "so don't feel lonesome yet. By the time I'm ready to leave, you'll have lots of friends. You'll be able to meet them when you go to work."

"I don't want any other friends as long as I have you."

The words slipped out, for she was thinking aloud. As soon as she had said them and saw the startled look on his face, she realized the blunder she had made.

"I shouldn't have said that," she stammered, while the color flooded her face. "What I mean is that I've been so well satisfied with your friendship since you've been such a comfort and such a help that I haven't felt the need of making other friends. It is hard for me to make new friends. I know that I shall, though, when I get out where I can meet people, but I shall always keep you at the top of the list."

She gave him a smile and he nodded without replying. She knew that she had only made matters worse, for she saw the disturbed look in his eyes. She wondered if he had guessed the

truth and fear filled her at the thought that he might have. If he had, then he might avoid her or perhaps not be so friendly, for fear that she might be pursuing him.

"I think I shall go down in the French quarter and see if I can get a job in one of those antique shops. I'd love to work there with all those lovely things. I saw a sign in one of the windows saying that they wanted a salesgirl. What do you think about it?"

She was anxious for him to forget her blunder.

"If that is what you want and if it pays enough," he replied. "It might do for a start until you can find something better. They may want references. I never thought about that before," he added dubiously.

"I never thought about that either," she said. "Even if I had references, they might not do me any good in this place, since my home is so far away."

He had been thinking about that same thing for his own needs. He had references, but he did not know whether they would be any good here.

They went to the shop where she had seen the sign and she was overjoyed when she found that the place had not been filled and that she could have the job. She told the owner of the place the truth about herself and he accepted her without demanding any references. The salary would not be large, but it would be sufficient until she could find something better.

"That's a big load off my mind," she sighed as they left the shop. She was to start work at the beginning of the following week.

When they returned to the rooming house, James found a letter from one of the firms he had contacted, requesting an interview. He left at once to seek that interview. The position was with a large shipping concern.

He obtained the position and was to start work the next day. The man whose position he was to fill had died just a few days before.

When he returned to his room he got out his list of Martins and looked it over. There would be less time to interview the men on the list now that he was working. Faith had really been a hindrance to his plans but he did not regret it. He had enjoyed being with her more than he had thought possible and more than he realized until now, when the time had come when they would not see so much of each other. It had been a long time since he had any companionship with a girl and he found it a new and fascinating experience. She seemed such a child in her helplessness and her dependence upon him that he could scarcely realize she was as old as she was. He conceded to himself that he had enjoyed having her depend upon him even though in the beginning he had resented being bothered with her.

He had thought that before now he would either have found Thomas Martin or he would have been forced to concede that the man was no longer in the city, or, if he was, that he had changed his name, making it impossible for James to find him. He felt now that there was no hurry. Since he had a job he could take his time to continue the search.

He would have time now to plan what he would do if he found his victim. Until now he had not even tried to think of a plan. While his mother was living there was no need to plan, for it had been a nebulous but grim fact in his thinking. But now that he had time to think, he might work out a plan.

If he found this man, just how could he make him suffer before he put an end to his evil life? He would not shoot him, for then death would be too quick and too easy. And a shot could be heard. He must think of a way to get this man alone and in his power. Then he would tell him why he was going to kill him. While his victim was waiting in terror for death, he would relate in detail all the years of suffering his father and mother had endured.

It was a horribly fantastic scheme that he was brooding over, reminiscent of the old days of feuds in the mountains of the east or of torture by the Indians in the early days of the west. How he would kill his victim he did not know, but he was determined to work out some plan that would be sure to succeed.

Suddenly the horror of this thing swept over him and he shuddered in spite of himself. He did not realize how this violent hatred had tinged his whole life, nor did he realize that if he let it grow within him to fruition, it would embitter his whole nature and wreck his life. He had dedicated himself to this and he would not give up until he had either accomplished his purpose or was convinced that he could never find his man.

He looked over the list and decided to try to find the second man on that list. This man had an office near his place of employment and he decided that he would try to find him during his lunch hour at the first opportunity.

A knock on the door interrupted his thoughts and he put the list away and answered the knock. It was Faith.

"I didn't know whether you were in or not," she said. "I'll wait for you downstairs if you're not ready to eat now. That is, if you still want me to go with you."

"I'll be right down. And why shouldn't I want you to go with me?" he asked with a smile. "Has the world suddenly changed since you've gotten a job?"

"I just thought that now you wouldn't need to bother with me any longer and you might want to be by yourself for a change."

"I'd still rather have company when I eat," he assured her. "I'll be right down as soon as I wash."

He joined her and they went to their usual place. While they waited for their order he told her that he was going to work the next day.

"Oh, dear!" she exclaimed. "I'll be all by myself for almost a week. I'll feel as if I've been deserted. I've grown used to having you around to talk to whenever I begin to feel lonesome."

"You'll have time to look in some of the stores," he suggested. "I've noticed some interesting looking ones down on Canal Street."

"I could do that, but it isn't much fun window shopping alone. But there I go, spreading gloom when I should be glad that you have a job, too. I am, really. But it will seem strange, eating all alone. I'll be talking to myself and pretending that I am talking to you."

"There'll be no need to pretend. I'll still have to eat. We can still have breakfast and dinner together and we may even manage to have lunch together often. You won't get rid of me that easily."

"I was afraid you'd be wanting to get rid of me."

She let her eyes drop, for she could not meet his suddenly intent gaze. Once more she had blundered. Perhaps he had guessed how much she loved him. But he could never guess how much she cared! How could he ever possibly guess that?

"You'll be finding a pal before long and you'll be giving me the high sign to stay away," he said, breaking the sudden silence.

She smiled. "I'll do my best to look for that person and let you off the hook."

He wondered, as they began their meal, how he would feel if she should do that. There would be a vacancy in his life if she did. He realized now how completely she had filled his life in the short time they had known each other. It would seem strange if he

should see her with some other fellow. It wouldn't seem right. It was his right to look after her and to keep those lovely gray eyes free of tears. Where would it all end, he wondered. There was hope for a bright future for her, but for himself—what?

JAMES WAS PLEASED with his job and with his salary. It was more than he had hoped for. He knew that he would need money if he should have to make a quick getaway. He spent many worried hours trying to plan some scheme that would enable him to carry out his plan and make it possible to get away before the murder was discovered.

The full horror of the thing bore down upon him more strongly, the terrible reality that he was planning a cold-blooded, brutal murder, but he fought against it and continued planning, nevertheless. He must do this thing, he must avenge his father's death. If he did not, he would be failing his father and his mother. The man who had done this to them and had escaped punishment by the law must be punished by him. He should not be allowed to live.

He knew nothing of what God had said in His Word, that "vengeance is mine, I will repay." He would not have given up if he had known. Since the law had failed to punish the real criminal, he would do what the law had not done.

During the first weeks on his job he was too intent upon getting adjusted to his work to take time to pursue his search, but during his leisure hours when he was alone he thought of nothing else. The more he saw of Faith, however, the more distasteful his scheme became. He tried not to think of her, but his thoughts would wander to her in spite of his every effort. Thoughts of her would intrude upon him while he was studying the map and comparing it with his telephone list. He would throw the map aside in disgust and pick up a book. He had stacked on the table a collection of books from the library. They were all murder or mystery stories. He was interested in following the schemes of murderers and their attempts to outwit the law. His whole mind was becoming more warped as time passed.

Faith was so lonesome during the days that intervened until she was due to go to work, that she was utterly miserable. She had to eat alone at lunch time. Immediately after their brief morning meal, James boarded the bus and she was left alone. She wandered through the stores and saw many things that she would have liked to buy, but she could not afford to spend her money except for necessities. She counted the hours until James would return, and their evening meal was the one bright spot in the long day.

"I'd die of loneliness if I weren't

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 17, 1960

Theme: **THE GOSPEL VERSUS LEGALISM**

Scripture: Acts 15:1-2, 12-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is not what you do for God that saves you, but what God does for you and with you.

INTRODUCTION: The greatest effort that man has ever put forth is the effort to save himself. No effort has been so persevering, so strenuous and so full of zealotry and at the same time so frustrating. To this day millions continue to believe that through their thoughts, their actions, their goodness, their austerities, their sacrifices and their prayers they will please whatever gods there be and so win or earn their way to some future kingdom. Even many so-called Christians rely more on their Bible reading, prayers, church attendance and social work than they do on God's grace. It is a rigid self-discipline rather than the free gift of God. They seem to say, "See how holy and good I am," rather than "See how holy and good God is."

The historic council of Jerusalem was crucial, for it was to decide whether the church of Jesus Christ was to be bound or free. It was a question of putting new wine in old bottles, of patching up a garment. (Matt. 9:17). Did the "garment of salvation" need the patch of Jewish ceremonial law, or did Christ make all things new? The council was really a "tale of two cities"—Antioch in Syria which was more Gentile than Jewish and to whom the ceremonial law meant very little, and Jerusalem in Judea which was more Jewish than Gentile and to whom the ceremonial law of Moses was still sacred.

I. PRESERVERS OF TRADITION. Acts 15:1.

"Remove not the ancient landmark" (Prov. 22:28) can be used in the spiritual as well as the material sense. All of us are bound by a certain amount of tradition. Every time an attempt is made to change the church building or organization, we hear the strong protests of those who want to preserve the past. It is difficult to give up old ideas, old places, old methods. This is not to infer that everything that is old should be discarded and everything that is new should be accepted. Jesus said, "Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old," (Matt. 13:52). We are to preserve the best of the old and accept the best of the new. And God knows how much we

need his grace and wisdom to know the difference!

These well-meaning Jewish Christians were afraid to let go of anything of the past. Not only were they afraid to let it go, but they wished to impose it on others who had no understanding and no need of it. Jesus Christ was sufficient for them.

II. SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW. Acts 15:2.

It takes a great deal of diplomacy to introduce something new and tactfully to discard the old. Jesus himself said that he had not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it. Christ came to add something better, something higher, something deeper. The main difference between these two parties was that the Jewish brethren were concerned about preserving the letter of the law, while Paul and Barnabas and the Gentile Christians were concerned about preserving and interpreting the spirit of the law. Jesus is not merely a printed word, but the living work; he is not the law of Moses inscribed on tablets, but the law of love inscribed on human hearts.

III. THE METHOD OF DISCUSSION. Acts 15:12-18.

In spite of the seriousness and the tenseness of the situation, it can readily be seen that the Spirit of Christ was present at this important early church conference. They did not criticize and condemn each other but they debated and discussed only the issue involved—the incontestable fact that salvation had come to the Gentiles. The method of presenting the argument was, first of all, by example and experience and then to prove and strengthen the argument by God's Word in the Old Testament spoken by the prophets. (Amos 9:11-12). Whether or not the essence of the Christian life was an inner regeneration of heart or the continuation of certain Jewish practices had to be settled once and for all.

IV. THE SOLUTION. Acts 15:19-21.

We can see that these saints of God were men of action. The issue was not left in the air, nor was it tabled for some future conference. Definite action was taken! Both parties seemed to be satisfied. The Gentile Christians were to keep themselves pure by observing the good elements of Jewish law, and the Jews were evidently satisfied by not being told to give up all their ancient traditions. There was even room for a little compromise. In the next chapter we are told that Paul took

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Timothy and "circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters" (Acts 16:3).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 24, 1960

Theme: **THE CONVERTING POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

Scripture: Acts 16:13-15, 25-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: You must believe the Gospel enough to live the Gospel. Only then will it be for you a saving Gospel.

INTRODUCTION: Some Scripture is profitable for instruction, some for edification, some for reproof. As you teach the lesson today, remember that this portion of Scripture deals with conversion, and assume that in every Sunday School there are some who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This should be a special opportunity and responsibility for you as a teacher to point out to the members of your class the power of Jesus Christ to convert lives and to transform them. Like Paul, you have a great treasure, the Gospel of our Lord, and your teaching, like that of the Apostle, can penetrate the sinful hearts of the unsaved through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This lesson ought also move the teacher to examine himself. Paul was able to bring the converting power of the Gospel to others because he experienced the converting power of God in his own life. The change in him was so obvious that he was transformed from the chief of sinners into the chief of apostles. The clearer the converting power of the Gospel becomes in the teacher, the easier it will be for him to teach and to proclaim that power to others. The subject of conversion can best be taught by a converted life.

I. GOD'S GUIDANCE AND CONVERSION. Acts 16:6-12.

The incidents related in today's lesson are experienced on Paul's second missionary journey. Philippi was not originally a part of his missionary itinerary. As far as Paul's knowledge of Philippi was concerned, he must not have expected much enthusiasm for the Gospel. It was definitely a Roman city and there were few Jews there. Paul's trouble here came from the non-Jewish authorities. Human judgment alone would have overwhelmingly decided against a church extension project in Philippi. But it was to this seemingly hopeless field to which Paul and Silas were guided, and what a loss it would have been if they had disobeyed the guidance of the Holy Spirit through Paul's vision!

II. PRAYER AND CONVERSION. Acts 16:13-15.

There is not a single instance in the entire Bible in which God ignored prayer. Indeed, we have the greatest cause for praying when we see how marvelously God answered the prayers

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BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

60th Anniversary of Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Indeed, the Lord has been faithful to the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., these past 60 years and we are grateful for his blessings to us. Our 60th anniversary celebration began Sunday morning, Nov. 22. Dr. John Wobig, moderator of our denomination, was the featured speaker. His theme was, "What the Years Bring," looking back over 60 years of service. From small beginnings we have grown to a membership of over 400, and are now enjoying our worship services in a new sanctuary.

On Sunday evening, Dr. Wobig challenged us with his message, "You Are God's Opportunity." Many friends joined us Wednesday for the Anniversary Musicales. We were richly blessed by the singing of our choir and other special numbers.

On Friday we gathered with the women to celebrate their 50th anniversary. After a delicious turkey dinner, we enjoyed a colorful pageant, "Fifty Golden Years," telling the history of our Woman's Missionary Society. The special musical numbers, speakers and pageant made our anniversary celebration a time of spiritual uplift to us all. Our prayer is that we, in turn, might continue to be a blessing to our community.

Jo Ann Dugwyler, Reporter

California Association Sessions at Magnolia Church, Anaheim

The sessions of the California Association were held in the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, during Nov. 5-8. All in attendance were well entertained. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, the host pastor, admirably kept all things moving in an orderly fashion. Due to the absence of our moderator, Rev. G. G. Rauser, the vice-moderator Rev. E. Mittelstedt led the sessions. The efficient manner in which he conducts the Association meetings is always appreciated.

The music was furnished, for the most part, by members of the host church. A strong spiritual tone pervaded the sessions as the various brethren spoke on aspects of the great theme, "The Blood That Speaketh" (Heb. 12:24). The ministry of our missionary, Rev. Ben Lawrence, and that of our district secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, were greatly appreciated. The Woman's Missionary Union program led by Mrs. Fred David, was held on Friday afternoon. The Missionary Rally convened on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Ben Lawrence was the speaker at both of these services.

Among other Christian workers, who visited the association, was Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif., well known to many. Several new pastors and their wives were welcomed.

Henry F. K. Hengstler, Reporter

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Rev. D. Lehman of Buffalo, N. Y., speaking at the Thanksgiving Service in St. Catharines, Ont., with Rev. A. Hart, pastor of the Immanuel Church, seated.

Eastern District

Thanksgiving Program, Immanuel Church, St. Catharines, Ontario

Sunday, October 11, was a very special day for us at the Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario. As we entered the church and saw the beautifully decorated altar, our hearts were filled with thanksgiving to the Creator of all things. Our motto for the program was Matthew 6:19. As the Sunday School brought us the message in recitations and songs, we realized that we have much to give thanks for. The young people then brought us a dialog, "The Thanksgiving Turkey," in which we were shown that we should think more of others than of ourselves.

We were pleased to have the Buffalo, N. Y., German Choir in our midst who served us with songs throughout the service. Rev. D. Lehman of Buffalo, N. Y., then brought us a message in which he emphasized that as Christians we should never forget to thank our Lord for the rich blessings which we receive daily.

Hilda Maier, Reporter

Rev. A. Fadenrecht's 4th Anniversary in Buffalo Church

Sunday, Nov. 1st, marked the beginning of the fourth year of the Rev. Albert Fadenrecht's ministry at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York. The sanctuary of the new church was well filled for the impressive communion service on that Sunday morning, as well as for the evening Gospel Service. At the close of the evening service, Mr. Dan Earnst, chairman of the Board of Deacons, asked for the chair. At this time, in behalf of the church, he commended Brother Fadenrecht for his faithful, progressive, and spiritual leadership during the past years.

A beautiful bouquet and a substan-

tial monetary gift were then presented to the pastor and his family. Pastor Fadenrecht responded with words of appreciation for the members' heartfelt unity of purpose and service through the relocation period.

Mrs. Irene Stocker, Reporter

"God's Volunteers" at Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, "God's Volunteers" arrived at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa. The group consists of six young people and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director. They conducted services in our church for a week. The group had an interesting program with special vocal numbers and group singing. Each night one of the Volunteers gave his or her personal testimony. There were stories for the children, too. Before his sermon each evening, Mr. Hoffman favored us with a solo. On Sunday the Volunteers had charge of the morning and evening services. They also had part in the young people's meetings.

Each day the Volunteers along with members of the church met for prayer and then went out conducting visitation evangelism in different homes in the community. The week seemed to slip by so quickly. Mr. Hoffman returned home on Thursday, but the Volunteers remained with us until Monday, Nov. 2nd. They made a sight-seeing trip to Philadelphia on Thursday, and on Friday visited a few more homes.

We are thankful for the services which "God's Volunteers" and Mr. Hoffman have brought to us and pray that God will continue to bless them in their ministry.

Mrs. Philip Beck, Reporter

Annual Meeting of Woman's Union, New York City

The 68th annual meeting of the Woman's Union of New York and vicinity was held Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Second German Baptist Church, New York City, and what a wonderful meeting it was! This Sunday afternoon the meeting was opened with a song service followed by Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. William Schmidt welcomed the members and guests in behalf of the president of the host church with response by Mrs. Charles G. Kling, president. We were then favored with a very fine selection by the Mixed Choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church. A total of 221 members and visitors responded to the roll call.

Miss Harriet Kern rendered two very fine selections on the piano. The Memorial Service was held by Mrs. R. Arndt and her topic was based on Revelation 14:13. The String Ensemble of the Second Church favored us with two very enjoyable selections. Our speaker, Rev. E. Wolff, then brought a very inspiring message based on II Timothy, placing stress on our obligations, as parents, to our children and grandchildren and showing them what faith can do.

Elizabeth Baines, Secretary

Central District

65th Wedding Anniversary, Carl Langs, Plum Creek Church

Friends and relatives gathered at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., on Saturday evening,



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lang of Emery, S. Dak., members of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Sept. 26, to attend the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lang. They were married at the Plum Creek Church on Sept. 27, 1894. They have been active members in this church all these years, being life-long residents of this community. Thirteen children were born to this couple. One daughter was unable to attend the celebration.

Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor, acted as master of ceremonies. His message was from I Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Walter Jucht led the group in the German singing. A duet was given by Mrs. Lydia Jucht and Mrs. Amelia Edzards. German readings were given by Mrs. Gus Radel and Mrs. Emil Lang. Sandra Lang gave a musical reading. Several selections on the accordion were given by Richard Radel after which Harley Radel brought a reading. Mrs. Vernon Janssen and Mrs. Harvey Wollman sang "My Lord and I." Mr. Ted Lang spoke in behalf of the children after which a delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter

New Parsonage Dedicated, Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Thanksgiving time at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., held special significance for us since we were able to dedicate our new parsonage, located less than a block from the church, at 4334 Queen Ave., North. Our trustees are to be commended for securing this new, completely modern, owner built, brick and stone house for a sum well below its original price. It is a perfect home in every detail for a parsonage and we give the Lord praise for his leading in the transaction.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 22, the formal dedication was observed with Mr. Arthur Wick, chairman of the trustees, presenting the keys to our

pastor, Rev. Robert Zimbelman. Mr. Henry Fluth, moderator, led the congregation in the responsive dedicatory reading after which our pastor spoke on "The Blessings of a Christian Home" and its responsibilities. Open house was observed in the afternoon and members and friends had the opportunity of being guided through the home by the trustees and their wives. Esther Adam, Reporter

Dedication of New Parsonage, Venturia, North Dakota

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., held its Mission Festival and dedication for the new parsonage in a combined service. Our guest speaker was Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary. In the afternoon we had our dedication service for the new parsonage. Our pastor, Rev. O. H. Meth, was in charge. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer led in the song service. Rev. A. Reeh read Scripture, and Rev. V. Prendinger led in prayer. The dedication message



The new \$24,250 Baptist parsonage at Venturia, N. Dak., of which Rev. and Mrs. Orville H. Meth and family are the first occupants.

was presented by Rev. J. C. Gunst. A vocal solo, "Bless This House," was given by Chester Strobel. Following the dedication program, remarks were made by Marvin Lehr, carpenter; Daniel Miller, building chairman; and Roy Schnabel, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The new parsonage is a ranch type frame structure, 76 feet long, including garage. It is finished in birch throughout. There are three bedrooms, a study, bathroom, utility room, kitchen, dining room, living room, and a full basement. Cost of the building including materials, rugs and labor is \$24,250.36. Members and friends of the church donated many hours of labor to reduce the cost. With the help of the Lord, \$9,683.45 have already been paid toward the debt. Donna Miller, Reporter

Bible Study and Mission Program, Ellinwood, Kansas

Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible at the North American Baptist Seminary, recently presented a series of lectures, "A Plea for Vital Christianity," at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 8, the women of the Missionary Society held

their annual program with Mrs. Harold DeWerff, president, presiding. Mrs. Leonard Kasselmann led the devotions. Mrs. Stanley Ringering, secretary; Mrs. Howard Keeler, treasurer; and Mrs. Everett Wilkerson, chairman of White Cross Committee, gave their annual reports. Mrs. Jerome Jansen of Lorraine presented the featured musical number with several marimba solos. Others taking part were Mrs. August Kreuger, Mrs. Emil Scheufler, Mrs. Jack DeWerff, Mrs. Paul Scheufler, Mrs. Kenneth Scheufler, Mrs. Sam Hildebrand, Mrs. DeVon Dewey, Mrs. Merle Brenner, and Mrs. Vernon DeWerff.

A program on holiday table decorations was presented by Mrs. Dale Burroughs when the Cradle Roll of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Lonnie McCarty on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 19. Mrs. Milten Meyer led the devotions. Refreshments were served to 9 members and 2 baby sitters.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

Mission Festival and Bible Study, Fredonia, N. Dak.

On Oct. 18 the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., observed Mission Sunday with Rev. A. Krombein of Mercer, N. Dak., as our speaker. A fine offering was given for foreign missions, Church Extension and other needs. In the evening Mrs. A. Krombein spoke to the Ladies' Aid on their 25th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Krombein served this church 25 years ago.

In November a two week Bible Study was conducted by the pastor, Rev. V. H. Prendinger, taking the book on the letter to the Colossians by Dr. W. W. Adams as our guide for four nights, and other subjects for the remaining evenings. Rev. Eldon Schroeder of El-



Women of the Berlin Baptist Ladies' Aid, Fredonia, N. Dak., at their 25th anniversary program.

gin, Iowa visited our church in the interest of the Advance Building Program. Our C. B. Y. F. members are very active, bringing a fine program once every month, taking over the entire service.

On Sunday, November 20, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. On the preceding evening the daughter and relatives arranged a surprise for them as they gathered at the farm home. The pastor brought a short talk, a few musical numbers were given, and then Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were presented with a money tree and other gifts.

V. H. Prendinger, Pastor

BAPTIST HERALD

Missionary Conference at Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak.

Seven new members were received recently into the Baptist Church of Isabel, S. Dak., upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in obedience to him in baptism. We held a Missionary Conference this fall at which Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Munger were our guest speakers who also spoke at our Mission Harvest Festival. The Mungers have been in Africa for 6 years under the Evangelical Alliance Mission. Mrs. June Munger spoke to the ladies about the life of an African woman and of being "useful vessels for the Lord." They showed many slides of life and their mission work in Africa. In spite of the fact that we have had poor crops and in some cases no crops, the total offering during the Missionary Conference was \$975.64, for which we truly praise God.

After the ladies of the White Cross work had filled their quota from headquarters, a box was filled with baby garments, blankets, etc., and sent to an orphanage in Korea. The women have again filled their new quota. Mrs. Ida Lutz, Reporter

Sessions of the Northern Association of North Dakota

The Northern Association of North Dakota met from Oct. 15-18. These days were very inspiring and we who were there are thankful for such an opportunity of feasting on the things of God. Our guest speakers, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, and Rev. Lowell Burkhardt brought excellent messages. Every message was thought provoking and caused one to count his blessings and responsibilities as a Christian. Our theme was "The Standards of the Believer," and our key Scripture was found in Matthew 5:1-16. It was a thrill to have Miss Laura Reddig, one of our great Cameroons missionaries, with us during these days.

It was our privilege as an Association to extend the hand of fellowship to two churches: the First Baptist Church of Minot whose pastor is Rev. John Benham, and the First Baptist Church of Jamestown whose pastor is Rev. George Robinson. The officers for the coming association year are as follows: moderator, Rev. George Robinson, vice-moderator, Rev. I. H. Schmuland; secretary, Rev. E. R. Oster; treasurer, Mr. George Kessler. E. R. Oster, Secretary

Building Improvements and Mission Program, Carrington, N. D.

We of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., would like to share some of our blessings with the readers of the "Baptist Herald." Four new members (adults) have recently been added to our church by letter. Our church has been beautified with wood paneling and new light fixtures installed. A beautiful pulpit and communion table were handcrafted by our pastor, Rev. Howard Westlund, assisted by several members.

On Nov. 8 our Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program at which time Laura Reddig showed us colored slides of the work in Africa. She made everything so real and interesting as only Laura knows how.

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NEW C.T.I. PRESIDENT

The inauguration of Dr. A. S. Felberg as the president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, will be held on Thursday, January 21. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication, will speak at the festive inaugural services as representatives of the denomination.

Rev. Earl Day, whom we claim almost as our local "own" with the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, Africa, was the speaker. A mission offering was taken. Currently our Sunday School is having an attendance contest with the Gackle Baptist Sunday School. This creates much enthusiasm. We observed the 50th anniversary of the organizing of our church group on Dec. 6 with Rev. Alfred Weisser as our guest speaker for the day. Mrs. Arnold Leppke, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell and Church Activities, Washburn, N. Dak.

Rev. Otto Fiesel brought his ministry of four years in the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., to a close Oct. 4, having accepted a call from the Temple Baptist Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Following the Sunday evening service, members and friends of the church gathered in the church parlors for a farewell. Representatives of various departments expressed appreciation of service and two musical numbers were rendered.

During the last week in October Rev. Bert Itterman of Hutchinson, Minn., visited us in the interest of the Denominational Advance Building Fund, and we were happy to have our District Secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, with us. On Nov. 8 the church observed Harvest-Mission Festival with Rev. G. Voegelé of the Germantown Church as guest speaker, who brought challenging messages for the mission cause. The offerings were designated for Church Extension and Missions.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 15, the Missionary Society gave a missionary program with Mrs. E. Becker, matron at the Bismarck Home for the Aged, as speaker. She brought a timely message on "Serving." Meetings were held two weeks at the latter part of November with Evangelist Joseph T. Larson and his wife of Denver, Colo. The evangelistic messages, aided by illus-

PASTORS' CONFERENCE, AUG. 3-7, 1960

The North American Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held August 3-7, 1960 at the Seminary buildings, 1605 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All ministers should reserve these dates and make their plans even now to attend. An excellent program is being planned for those days. Our churches should encourage their pastors to attend. Further announcements about the program and plans for financing the conference will be made in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

trations, charts and music, were a renewing of the Christians and souls were won to Christ.

Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Clerk

New Pastor and Harvest Festival, Dickinson County Church

In July 1959 the members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas voted to extend a call to Rev. Gerald Neugebauer of Dallas, Texas. The church had been without a resident pastor since June when Rev. Walter Weber left to take a new pastorate at Crawford, Texas. Mr. Neugebauer accepted the call and early in September, he, his wife and two children—Ronnie and Nonie, both four years of age—came to live in our midst. The manse had been redecorated inside and out before their arrival.

September 27 was Promotion Sunday in our Sunday School. In observance of Sunday School Week which followed, special attention was given to the needs of our Sunday School at the weekly prayer service and on Thursday evening of that week a conference for Sunday School workers was held. Rev. Edwin Walter of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Rev. Arthur Sandow of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, and Rev. Gerald Neugebauer were the speakers. Each spoke on some phase of the general theme "Born to Grow."

The Harvest and Mission Festival was observed on Sunday, Nov. 22. Rev. Lando Hiebert, Professor of Bible at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, was the guest speaker at all three services. At the morning service, "The Spirit of Thanksgiving" was the theme of the message. The young people had arranged beautiful fall decorations for the sanctuary and the basement. A quartet of young people from the Hope High School sang two special numbers in the afternoon. Special messages in song were brought by little four-year old Kenny Lyne and a duet by Mrs. Gerald Neugebauer and Mrs. Denny Lyne. A total offering of \$259.94 was received during the day. Recently the church purchased a mimeograph machine.

Mrs. Earl Rhodes, Reporter

Northern District

Lauderdale Woman's Society Tea and Bazaar, Edmonton

On November 17, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alta., conducted its annual tea and bazaar. To have a real homey atmosphere for the occasion, the parsonage was rearranged to accommodate the event. The study was turned into a bakery where delicious home cookery was displayed. Another room was used to display beautiful, hand made aprons, pillow cases, table cloths, dresser scarfs, and many other useful and decorative items. Folding tables with bright, cheery table cloths and vases of flowers were interspersed in the living and dining room areas and tea was served in this warm atmosphere to the many guests who visited the sale. Close to \$300 was realized from the efforts of our small but dedicated group. Rev. Fred W. Pahl, is pastor. Mrs. V. Pahl, Reporter



The site of the new Capilano Baptist Church on the southeast side of Edmonton, Alberta, where ground was recently broken for a \$60,000 Educational Unit.

Ground Breaking Ceremony, Capilano Church, Edmonton,

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the ground breaking ceremony for the new Capilano Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, was held. This new work, consisting of former members of Central Baptist Church, is being carried out on the southeast side of Edmonton. This has been a mission project of Central Church for the past year with the meetings being held in the Holy-rod School Auditorium, near the site of the new church.

The meeting was opened with a lively song service. Approximately 150 people were in attendance. Rev. E. P. Wahl, our pastor, was chairman of the afternoon service. Dr. A. Felberg of the C. T. I. led in opening prayer. Following the song, "Lead On, O King Eternal," sung by the Capilano Choir,

Rev. H. Hiller, pastor of Central Church, gave a brief talk. The first shovelful of earth was turned by Mr. J. Ohlmann, Chairman of the Building Committee. We were very fortunate in having several ministers in attendance: Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. H. Hiller, Dr. A. Felberg, Rev. G. Thiessen, Rev. H. Palfenier, Rev. A. Lamprecht, Rev. A. Rapske, and Dr. B. Schalm.

The property for the new church has been completely paid for, the cost being \$19,300.00. Our plans are to build the Educational Unit first at an approximate cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000. The permit for the building of the basement of the Educational Unit has been obtained, but due to inclement weather, we have been unable to start on it. We pray for God's guidance and blessing on this undertaking.

Delrene Ohlmann, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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of those who sought him with the whole heart. In such an out-of-the way place as Philippi, God found the means of answering prayer in a most wonderful way. We do not know how long these women had the custom of gathering by the river for prayer. It may have been years. Yet there is no indication that they were frustrated or impatient or weary. It was the prayer of faith and it was faithful prayer. Such prayer does not necessarily need a house of prayer; it needs only a place of prayer. True conversion is the result of true prayer. It prepares the heart for God's Word and for God's Holy Spirit.

III. CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONVERSION. Acts 16:25-32.

The Sunday School Union has for its motto, "Open Doors of Opportunity." We do not often think of a prison as an open door of opportunity, particularly when we are inmates. Yet Paul Bunyan can testify with Paul of Tarsus that the greatest open door of opportunity was a prison door, for out of it came "Pilgrim's Progress," the greatest religious book next to the Bible. But in order for us to see the open doors, we must first of all have

open hearts. An open heart is God's open door of opportunity. It is often easy to see God's guidance when the circumstances look favorable and the way seems open, but it takes a special measure of God's grace to see God's guidance when the circumstances are unfavorable and the way seems closed. Paul's midnight experience in the stockades in prison was an unfavorable circumstance which was instrumental in the conversion of the jailer and a house full of people.

See what God can do when his saints are praying and singing rather than complaining and sighing!

IV. THE EVIDENCES OF CONVERSION. Acts 16:33-34.

The jailer, by nature of his occupation, had to be something of a brute. He used chains and stocks; he whipped and scourged prisoners. He could be executed if but one prisoner escaped. And now this rough and tough jailer becomes a kind, gentle and loving servant. After he was saved, he was still a jailer, but we can imagine that he was instrumental in freeing his prisoners from the shackles of sin which were stronger than the iron bars of his prison.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Leuschner of Anaheim. She has been ill for the past few months but she hopes to return soon to the classroom and teaching ministry at the Salk School. A three column announcement about the naming of the new school appeared on Nov. 19 in the "Anaheim (California) Bulletin." Mr. and Mrs. Walter live at 546 S. Clementine St., Anaheim, Calif.

• The Calvary Baptist Church of Westaskiwin, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. William W. Sibley who has responded favorably and is already on the field serving the church. He has succeeded Rev. William Schumacher, now pastor of the Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Sibley has a Baptist background, but has recently served as pastor of a Christian Missionary Alliance church. He is a graduate of the St. Paul Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minn. A recognition service for Mr. Sibley as an ordained Baptist minister was held at the Westaskiwin church on Friday evening, Nov. 27, with pastors and laymen from neighboring Baptist churches participating.

• The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has announced that Mr. John Dearmin, a post-graduate student of Wheaton College, Illinois, and a graduate of Westmont College in California, has accepted its call to serve as Director of Christian Education. He began his ministry on Jan. 1, 1960. The Lodi Association of Evangelicals conducted its annual Community Thanksgiving Service in the Temple Church on Thursday morning, Nov. 26, with Rev. Aaron Buhler of the First Baptist Church bringing the message. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Temple Church, was elected president of the newly organized North American Baptist Ministers' Fellowship of the Central California area on Nov. 16. One of the first decisions of this Fellowship was the approval of a Church Extension Committee to consider areas in which new projects might be started.

• On Monday evening, Nov. 23, the organizational meeting of the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, was held. The chairman for the evening was Mr. J. Ohlmann. The purpose of the meeting was to organize as the Capilano Church and to elect officers. About 40 adults were present. It was decided to adopt the Church Covenant which was read by all charter members. The election of 25 officers followed. As a result, Mr. J. Benkie was elected moderator for a one-year term. Rev. E. P. Wahl, pastor, closed the meeting with a devotional, followed with prayer by several members of the group. The denominational Church Extension Committee is granting some financial assistance to the Capilano Church, so that it can be regarded as the 43rd Church Extension project of the denomination.

Obituary

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

MR. JAMES G. KIRSCH of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Gustav Kirsch of Portland, Ore., was born in Poland on Jan. 25, 1890 and died at Portland on Nov. 25, 1959 at the age of 69 years, and 10 months. In 1893 he immigrated to Winnipeg, Canada and then in 1909 came to Portland, Oregon.

On Nov. 26, 1919 he was united in marriage to Rachel Helsler which union was blessed with three sons and one daughter. He is now mourned by his sorrowing widow, Mrs. Rachel Kirsch; 4 children: Donald Kirsch of Eugene, Oregon, and James and Walter Kirsch and Mrs. Medville Grimberg of Portland; 3 sisters: Mrs. Julius Zink, Martha Kirsch, and Mrs. Henry Weiss; 12 grandchildren; besides many other relatives and friends. May the bereaved find comfort and strength through the assurance that the departed has found a better life and more perfect rest in God!

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MR. RUDOLPH FIMMEL of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Rudolph Fimmel of Portland, Ore., was born near Lodz, Poland on March 19, 1882 and died at Portland, Oregon on Nov. 9, 1959 at the age of 77 years, 7 months and 20 days. In 1903 he came to America and lived the rest of his life in Portland. On Feb. 26, 1910 Mr. Fimmel was united in marriage to Mary Ilk to which union three children were born. He was converted to the Christian faith in 1919 and baptized by Dr. Jacob Kratt. He became a member of Trinity Baptist Church of which he remained faithful until his death.

Those who sorrow over his passing are his now bereaved widow, Mary; three children: Mrs. Clarence Carlquist and Harry E. Fimmel of Portland and Arthur Fimmel of Evanston, Wyoming; 3 grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. May the Lord our God comfort all who mourn his departure with the hope of eternal life!

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MRS. EPHRASINA ALTMAN of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Ephrasina Altman, nee Netsch of Portland, Ore., was born in Podolla, Poland on May 20, 1873 and died at Portland on August 6, 1959 at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 16 days. About 1909 she came to Canada and several years later to Portland where she resided until her demise. While in Russia she was united in marriage to August Sichau. Six children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. In 1907 Mr. Sichau passed away. On May 20, 1910 she married Fred Altman and one child was born to them. Mr. Altman died in September of 1951.

She was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. F. Bueerman and became a member of the St. John's Baptist Church of Portland. In May of 1931 she joined Trinity Baptist Church of which she remained faithful until her death.

Those who mourn her departure are 4 children: Mrs. Lydia Restau, Mrs. Hattie Rahn, Mrs. Freda Seaman and Reinhold Sichau, all of Portland, and Ewald Sichau of Edmonton, Alberta; 2 sisters: Mrs. Agusta Kler and Mrs. Matilda Schnell; one brother, Herman Netsch; and other relatives and friends.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MRS. ANNA BEIER of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. Anna Beier of Emery, S. Dak., born January 16, 1873 in Brooklyn, New York, passed away Oct. 19, 1959 in Mitchell, S. Dak. Mrs. Beier found her Lord early in her youth and was baptized at the age of thirteen by Rev. J. C. Grimmell, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York.

She was joined in marriage to John Beier on Sept. 14, 1908 and lived in and near Emery for these many years. From 1908 to 1919 she was a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church and a faithful servant of the

Lord and member of the First Baptist Church of Emery since 1919.

Five of the Beier children are living: Fred of Visalia, Calif.; Carl of Freeman, S. Dak.; Mrs. Ben Lehr of Emery, S. Dak.; Mrs. Kenneth Carlberg of San Marino, Calif.; and Bertha Beier of Mitchell, S. Dak. All who knew her loved her and were inspired by her positive Christian attitude toward life.

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

MRS. JACOB DORMAIER of Odessa, Washington

Mrs. Jacob Dormaier, nee Katie Bitz, of Odessa, Wash., was born in Eureka, S. Dak., Jan. 2, 1892. She passed away on Nov. 21, 1959, at Odessa, Washington. She became a Christian in 1932 and was baptized by Rev. Kraat, becoming a member of the Berlin Baptist Church near Martin, N. Dak. She was married to Peter Frueh in 1912. Nine children were born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Frueh moved to Yakima, Washington, where Mr. Frueh died in 1938. In 1943 she came to Odessa and was married to Jacob Dormaier, who survives. While in Odessa she attended the Odessa Baptist Church and was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters and five sons, 30 grandchildren and two brothers; and 11 step-children. The undersigned conducted the funeral service at the Odessa Baptist Church on Nov. 24, using words of comfort from Matthew 11:28-30.

Odessa, Washington
EDWARD KOPF, Pastor

MR. JOHN A. BUECHLER of Cathay, North Dakota

Mr. John A. Buechler of Cathay, N. Dak., was born April 29, 1887, at Scotland, South Dakota. At the age of 8 years, he moved with his parents to the Germantown vicinity. On June 19, 1913, Mr. Buechler was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Seibold. At the age of 17 years, Mr. Buechler accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized June 26, 1904, by Rev. Wm. Wahl.

Mr. Buechler was a faithful member of the Germantown Baptist Church for over 55 years. During this time he served as Sunday School teacher, usher and also as deacon. His deeply spiritual and Christ-centered life has left a spiritual impact upon those in the church and in his community. Mr. Buechler went to be with the Lord on Nov. 20, 1959, at the New Rockford Hospital at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 20 days. He leaves to mourn his devoted wife, Lydia; one sister, Mrs. William Murlet, and one brother, Carl of Goodrich, N. Dak., besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Germantown Baptist Church
Cathay, North Dakota
GORDON VOEGELE, Pastor

DR. JOHN F. OLTHOFF of Emery, South Dakota

Dr. John F. Olthoff of Emery, S. Dak., age 83, died in the Baptist Home in Madison, South Dakota, on Oct. 29, 1959. He was born on March 5, 1876 to Rev. and Mrs. Ottje Olthoff in Applington, Iowa. He came to Emery with his parents in 1884. In baptism he was ministered to by Rev. J. J. Valkenaar, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, on Nov. 11, 1894. He was married to his now sorrowing wife on Jan. 23, 1902. Mrs. Olthoff proved to be a wonderful helpmeet in life and a devoted collaborator in the Gospel.

Dr. Olthoff attended the North American Baptist Seminary, then in Rochester, New York, from 1895-1901. In 1901 he was ordained by the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak.; where he held two pastorates over a total period of 19 years. Other pastorates held by Dr. Olthoff were in Cleveland, Ohio; Madison, South Dakota; Salem, Oregon; Tacoma, Washington; and Unityville, South Dakota. Dr. Olthoff's active ministry of 53 years was terminated in 1954 due to illness. He also served his denomination well in various capacities. He is survived by his wife, Hilka Olthoff, who is continuing to make her home here in Emery. Dr. George A. Lang brought the message at the memorial service assisted in the service by the various pastors of the South Dakota Association.

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

MRS. OTTILLIE HOFFMAN of Springdale, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Ottillie Hoffman, nee Stobee, of Springdale, Sask., was born on Dec. 24, 1911. She was born anew by the Holy Spirit of God at the age of 14, when she also fol-

lowed her Savior in baptism and was added to his Church. In 1932 she was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Paul Hoffman. This marriage was blessed with three daughters: Joyce, Janet and Carol, all of whom passed away soon after birth.

Mrs. Hoffman was a very active member in the Fonehill and West Ebenezer Baptist Churches. She served faithfully and well as a Sunday School teacher. She was a devoted member of the Woman's Mission Society. Here was also a life that felt and endured much suffering. She lingered between life and death more than once during the past ten years. And the grace of God alone bore her up.

She passed away in the Yorkton General Hospital, Nov. 14, 1959, at the age of 47 years, 10 months and 3 weeks. She leaves to mourn her husband Paul Hoffman, a son Roger, three brothers, and one sister. Springdale, Saskatchewan, Canada.

B. E. MILNER, Pastor

MR. FRED HEIN of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. Fred Hein of Killaloe, Ontario, was born Sept. 8, 1898 in Lyndock, Ontario and departed this life as a result of a car accident on Sept. 2, 1959 at the age of 60 years, 11 months, and 25 days. At the age of 16 years, in 1914, he accepted Jesus as his Savior, and on August 16, 1914 was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Lyndock, Ontario. Later he transferred his membership to the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario where he remained a member until his death. On June 18, 1919 he was united in marriage to Mamie Kauffeldt. This union was blessed with one son and three daughters.

Those who mourn his departure are his wife, Mamie; one son, Gilbert of Killaloe; 4 daughters: Mrs. Russel Nass of Round Lake, Mrs. Michael Grace of Killaloe, Mrs. H. Baxas of Woodstock, Miss Deanna Hein of Woodstock; 5 brothers, and 4 sisters. Funeral services were conducted at the home and in the Calvary Church. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery, Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario.

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THE LONG SEARCH

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going to work soon," she remarked. "I've gotten so used to having you with me that I feel lost all by myself."

"You'll be much happier when you find some girl that you can pal around with," he told her.

"How do you know what it takes to make a girl happy?" she asked. "I don't suppose you've ever felt as lonely as I do. Men are different."

He looked at her while a quizzical smile spread over his lips. "We're human and I suppose we get just as lonely as you do. I've been lonely." His face became serious. "I may know more in the future about loneliness than you could ever know."

He was sorry he had let those words slip. Their friendship had come to mean so much to him that he looked forward each day to the time when they could be together. He was thinking of the time which might be soon, when he would have to leave her and never see her again. The thought brought bitterness to his very soul.

"There's something worrying you," she said gravely as she looked at him with concern. "Would you mind telling me what it is? You have helped me so many times that I wish I could help you."

"It's nothing," he said, brushing his hand across his eyes as if he were brushing away an unpleasant scene. "I was just wondering where I would go and what I would do when my business here is finished."

"Won't you be going back to your home out west?"

"No. I have no home there any more. When I'm finished here, I'll be going somewhere, but there is no place where I really want to go."

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CHURCH EXTENSION

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and take up this Church Extension work. However, during recent weeks we have felt more encouraged than ever over the great possibilities here in this area. People are waiting for our church to be completed so that they can come and worship with us.

Since the latter part of September, we have been holding prayer meetings in our home. The first attendance was 29. We have not been able to find a meeting place for Sunday services as yet. So we are pushing our building program.

We hope to have the first unit far enough completed by the last of February, so that we can have our services in our own building. Our floor plan is 45 by 121 feet. We shall have an auditorium that will accommodate 175 people and Sunday School classes for about the same number.

GROUND BREAKING SERVICE

On Nov. 18th we set up our first membership list and the number came to 24. To become better acquainted with the people in this community, we have started a weekly radio program over the Lodi Radio Station on Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30 A. M.

On Sunday afternoon, November 1, we held our ground breaking service. There were about 300 people present. The pastors, Rev. Aaron Buhler, Rev. Robert Schreiber, Rev. Clarence Walth, Rev. Walter Berkan and the assistant to Brother Buhler, Mr. Arthur Brust, were present and brought greetings. Brother Buhler giving the message of the afternoon. We hope to be able to give the readers of the "Baptist Herald" more facts concerning God's operation in this place in the near future.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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will respond to addresses of welcome. Evangelist Billy Graham will preach at a closing evangelistic service.

● **Bell Rings for Bread of Life.** An old dinner bell is making its way across the Atlantic Ocean as an indication of good will between an American church and a new congregation in Nigeria. The unique international story started when Rev. Samuel Olu Makanjola, student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the Rockbridge Baptist Church of Willisburg, Ky., that his church in Nigeria was completing a new edifice but needed a bell. Pastor Robert Brewer led a search for a satisfactory bell and found it several weeks later. Carefully crated to protect it from damage, the bell—which once called farm hands from the field for lunch—now has begun its long journey to the Araromi Baptist Church, Igede-Ekiti, Nigeria. There it will call men again to eat—this time of the Bread of Life eternal.

● **Dr. Adams Given "Upper Room" Citation.** Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been named to receive the 1960 annual "Upper Room" citation for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship. The citation will be presented to Dr. Adams in Richmond, January 29, at the 25th birthday party of *The Upper Room*, a devotional guide published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism which has a circulation of more than 3,250,000 in 30 languages. It will be exactly 25 years to the day of the 1960 citation dinner since *The Upper Room* received its name in a meeting at Richmond, Virginia.