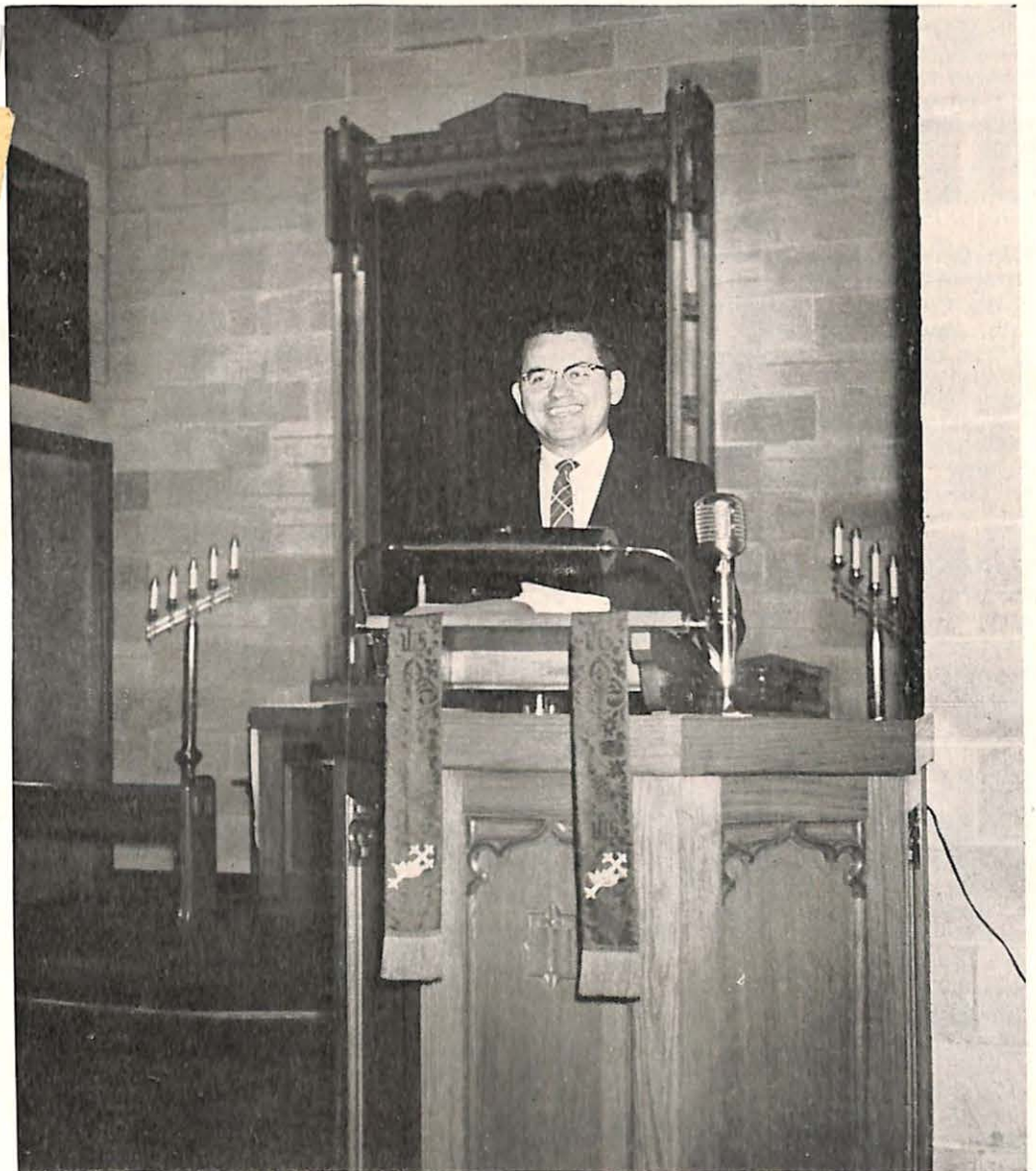


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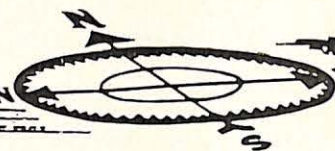
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● The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is sponsoring a 10-week series of half-hour religious dramas and documentaries based on work of Christian churches. The new program, called "Heritage," is being produced in cooperation with the National Religious Advisory Council. Both Protestant and Catholic themes will be presented.

● Dr. Edwin H. Rian will become president of Biblical Seminary in New York in May, succeeding Dr. Dean G. McKee, who will have served in the post 14 years. Rian, now president of Jamestown (North Dakota) College, said in accepting the reins at the 60-year-old non-denominational graduate school (enrollment: 169): "I am honored to be associated with Biblical Seminary, which is known for its ecumenical spirit and emphasis upon the Bible with its testimony to Jesus Christ and his Gospel for the whole man and the whole world."

—Christianity Today

● In October Cecilio Arrasti, Cuban Presbyterian evangelist and a member of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, preached at an evangelistic campaign at Luna Park in Buenos Aires. The big stadium was three-quarters full during each of the 12 nights of the campaign; attendance reached 20,000 the final night in spite of heavy rain. About 600 "decisions for Christ" have been reported. A small conservative group opposed the campaign, charging Arrastia with "Barthianism." The series was the second sponsored by United Evangelistic Campaigns, an interdenominational group. At the first, in 1957, the speaker was Oswald Smith of Toronto, Ont.; Billy Graham is on the schedule for 1962.

● Assemblies of God established 1,580 new churches during the last five years, it was reported at the denomination's 28th biennial General Council. Organized in 1914, the Pentecostal body now has more than 1,113,000 members in 71 countries throughout the world, including 505,500 in the U. S.. It comprises some 9,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained ministers.

● Oregon's energetic young governor, Mark Hatfield, will be the keynote speaker at the annual founder's banquet at the Dallas Theological Seminary February 26. Governor Hatfield is an outstanding Christian leader as well as political figure. His busy schedule includes many trips to address Christian organizations and he is moderator of the First church, Salem, Oregon, as well as Sunday school teacher.

● New York City has been called "the largest Puerto Rican city in the

world," with almost 700,000 Puerto Ricans living here. The need to help these newcomers adjust to the habits of millions of others is one of the most important challenges to American Baptists in the metropolitan area. To help them do this effectively, Rev. Santiago Soto-Fontanez was recently appointed director of Spanish-speaking work. Mr. Soto-Fontanez will continue to be dean of the Baptist Institute which was founded 4 years ago and has grown into the "most effectual educational unit we have at the moment." Over 100 Puerto Rican teachers and ministers are studying at the institute which offer instruction 32 nights a year.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Bible Society Sesquicentennial. It was during the Napoleonic wars, in



## Baptist Briefs

● **Advance in Newfoundland.** Baptist work in the island province of Newfoundland is less than ten years of age, but strong preaching points have been established in St. John's, the capital city, and at Cornerbrook. Rev. Freeman Fenerty is the minister at St. John's and Rev. Gordon Gower directs the work at Cornerbrook where a new church was dedicated in October. Maritime Baptists, working in the Maritime United Baptist Convention, operate Acadia University at Wolfville, N. S., which institution is 120 years old. Dr. T. B. McDormand recently went there as an executive-president.

● **Baptist Journalism in Washington, D. C.** Significant advances in Baptist journalism in the nation's capital marked the opening of 1960. A new Baptist news service was inaugurated and two Baptist magazines offered enlarged services. Baptist Public Affairs (BPA), a Baptist news service out of the office of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will serve the Baptist conventions of America with a coverage similar to the Baptist Press of the Southern Baptist Convention. W. Barry Garrett is the editor. The Baptist World, a monthly Baptist world magazine, published by the Baptist World Alliance, enlarged from pocket size to an 8½ by 11 inch page format. Circulated in 82 countries, the Baptist World is edited by C. E. Bryant.

● **Religious Liberty Conference in Washington, D. C.** The fourth national Religious Liberty Conference, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee

1809, that a courageous band of men gave Bible society work its root in this country. During 1959 the National Bible Society of Scotland celebrated the 150th anniversary of that event. In the past century and a half the various Bible societies throughout the world have among them raised from 72 to over 1,100 the number of languages into which the Bible or parts of it have been translated. In at least 300 cases the task has involved reducing a language to writing for the first time. Even so, the Bible has still to be translated into half the world's known languages and dialects.

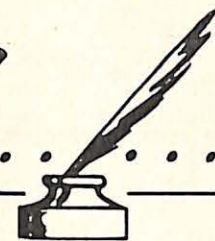
● The independence of Cameroon, West Africa, which was proclaimed on Jan. 1, was greeted by many of the church bodies working in Africa

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on Public Affairs, has been slated for September 7-9, according to announcement by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director. The conference will meet in the nation's capital city at the Calvary Baptist Church. The problem to be discussed this year will be "The Churches and American Tax Policy." Former conferences have discussed the use of public funds for church institutions and the place of religion in education. A future conference will discuss "Baptists and Higher Education." These religious liberty conferences are not "official" meetings to arrive at policies or to make pronouncements, but they are discussion groups of responsible Baptist leaders in which they discuss their common problems and try to understand how the Baptist insights are related to current church-state issues.

● **1,800 Attend Youth Conference.** Mendoza, Argentina, a city with a Baptist population of 500, was host to 1,800 young people at an Argentine youth conference. Four hundred of the visitors came from Buenos Aires. Rev. Arnoldo Canclini of Buenos Aires, writes that "one of our ideals now is to get related all the Baptist work in nearby countries: Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile. We have visited all of them except Bolivia and Chile, but 20 Chileans were present at Mendoza. A workshop in either Rio or Sao Paulo is being planned to begin a new era in youth work all over Latin America." The Argentine young people publish a magazine, *Tribuna Evangelica*, which will celebrate its 15th anniversary of continuous publication.

# Editorial



## Our Modern Megalopolis!

Everyone must be keenly aware of the urban revolution that is now taking place in North America. The former little, quiet town of Anaheim, Calif., with 20,000 population, in a few years became a sprawling, immense city of about 100,000 population. As North American Baptists, we now have three church groups in that community. We have been watching the population exodus into the suburbs of our country until they are booming more than ever.

Recently a startling article appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" by Harold H. Martin that described this "modern Megalopolis," a metropolitan monster of a vast and continuous row of vigorous subdivisions, shopping centers, highways and factories stretching for hundreds of miles in different parts of the country.

The author described this new scene in these colorful words: "The great population explosion of the past dozen years has taken us by surprise. We are a nation in swift transition from a rural to an urban way of life, and all the old patterns of the past are being broken. Never again will the face of the land be the same—a green and empty country dotted with farms, villages and little towns. Before the century is out, not only the Northeastern Seaboard but all the land along the Great Lakes, the Gulf and the Pacific Coast will be built up. Inland from all the shore lines Suburbia will reach out toward the horizon!" That is his picture of the modern Megalopolis!

This new America with its building boom and seething waves of population ought to arouse every Christian with others to plan boldly and promptly to meet these changing needs. In Christ's Name we must be ready for this new America—this modern Megalopolis. The author in the magazine article was deeply concerned about the secular plans for the future. "Whether this new America will be ugly or beautiful, efficient or inefficient, orderly or disorganized, **depends on what we do now**—before all the open land is gone." The Christian reader is bound to add—"Whether this new America will be Christian or pagan, will know of Christ and his Gospel or not—**depends on what we do now!**" That is the challenge of Church Extension facing this modern Megalopolis.

The magazine article rang a note that has a spiritual challenge: "Make big plans; aim high in hope and work!" That is the plan of our Church Extension work as North American Baptists with 43 projects already begun or being started in these days. But we need the support of our people—your prayer support, your gifts and contributions, your assent to these high hopes and dreams and bold plans!

In these new cities there are springing up everywhere like mushrooms and that are beginning to form the intricate pattern of this modern Megalopolis, we must plant the Church of Jesus Christ, establish Sunday Schools and preach the Gospel of redeeming love. Our General Conference too is in a transition from a rural to an urban denomination. We ourselves will grow stronger as we establish these new urban churches and are faithful to Christ's commission to proclaim the Gospel to people **wherever** they are! Christ commands us to minister in his Name to this new Megalopolis!



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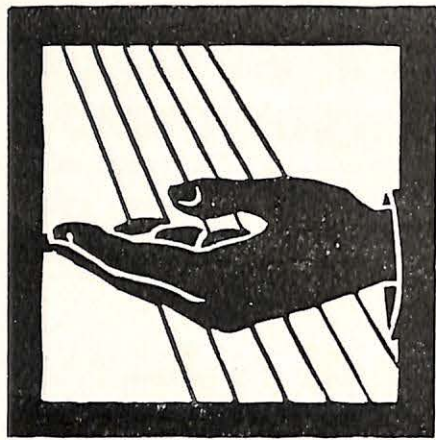
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—Sketch by Harmon

### The Third of a Series of Studies of the Book of Colossians.

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Colossians 4:5).

# Redeem the Time!

By REV. GEORGE G. KIMSEY  
of Indianapolis, Indiana

THE SCENE opens in the ancient city of Tarsus, capital of Cilicia; the time, the early dawn of the Christian era. The last faint streaks of sunset glow have faded from the hills. The rabbi has hurried through the Hebrew section of the city blowing the shophar, announcing the coming of the Jewish New Year.

Young Saul and his parents had visited the market place (agora) the evening before and had bought select foods for the New Year's sacred meal. Now that the meal is over, the neighbors and Jewish friends begin to gather in this pious (holy—*hagios*) home to celebrate two things: the coming of the New Year, and the freedom that a slave has bought (redeemed—*ex-agorazo*). The mother of Saul has invited the ex-slave as honored guest.

#### A PURCHASED FREEDOM

The visitors sit around the room in a very informal manner and sip wine. The father covers his head, takes the sacred scroll and reads from the law, the psalms, and the prophets. The sacred scroll is replaced. Then the mother introduces the slave and tells how he has gained his freedom.

The story goes something like this: Years ago in Jerusalem, a young man was captured, brought to Tarsus and sold at auction into slavery. Each year he saved all the drachmas he could and deposited them with the priest in the temple. Finally, the day came when he had saved enough. That afternoon he and his master went to the temple and in a special ceremony the priest gave the money to the master. Thus the slave had purchased (redeemed—*ex-agorazo*) his freedom.

The hour grew late and the neighbors went their various ways. As his mother fastened and made secure the warm blanket around young Saul's body, little did she realize she had made secure in the child's mind the central theme of Christianity—redemption.

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” The word “redeeming” (*ex-agorazo*), as in the story of the old slave, means to buy your opportunity completely, make the most of the passing seasons. Paul wrote the epistles of Ephesians and Colossians

#### FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows the Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, pastor of the newly organized Glenbard Baptist Church. This is one of the 43 Church Extension projects receiving support of the North American Baptist General Conference. The Glenbard Church is meeting at present in a former Lutheran church. The front cover picture shows Mr. Salios in the pulpit of that church, from which he, as a Baptist preacher, is preaching the Gospel of Christ! An article about the church appears on page 6 of this issue. EDITOR.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world, who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible.

—Woodrow Wilson

in the sunset hours of his life.

Looking back he saw that in change comes opportunity. How blessed to say, “Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds” (Luke 19:16). It was not a message to sinners. It was a message to the saints in Ephesus and Colosse. Make the most of every opportunity!

#### HOURS AND SEASONS

“The time” (*ton kairos*). There are two words (*chronos* and *kairos*) used in the original for time. Jesus used them in Acts 1:7. The times (*chronos*), the counting of hours, days; and seasons (*kairos*), seasons, occasions, epochs. Here it signifies seasons, opportunity.

What is the motive? “Because the days are evil.” Wickedness is organized and gaining in power and momentum. It was so in the days when Paul was writing. It has not changed. Carl Sandburg speaking before the United States Senate last year said that the greatest lesson of life is to learn the stewardship of time. Then he added, “Many of our American people have not learned it.”

“Take time for ten things:

1. Time to worship—it is the highway to reverence and restores the soul.
2. Time for work—it is the source of power.
3. Time to think—it is the source of success.
4. Time to read—it is the fountain of knowledge.
5. Time to help and enjoy friends—it is the source of happiness.
6. Time to play—it is the secret of youth.
7. Time to love—it is the one sacrament.
8. Time to dream—it hitches the soul to the stars.
9. Time to laugh—it is the singing that helps with life's loads.
10. Time to plan—it is the secret of being able to take time for the first nine things.”

—George Frickel.

“For everything there is a time and a season,” (*kairos*) opportunity (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Seize it and make the most of it. Go into this year and buy your opportunity (redeeming) for eternity. “He hath made everything beautiful in its season; also he hath put eternity into man's mind” (Ecclesiastes 3:11 RSV).

The passing year is gone forever. Tomorrow is but a dream of hope. Seize the present and make the most of its opportunities. The seasons are brief. Buy for yourself while the buying is good.

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# “Operation Africa” and Billy Graham

The latest news of the evangelistic “safari for souls” by Tom McMahan, Religion Editor of “The Columbia Record,” Columbia, South Carolina.

GOD'S TRUMPETER of the 1950's has opened his second decade in the limelight with an African tour which he considers his most ambitious and, in some ways, most difficult campaign.

As Billy Graham boarded an airliner in New York for a 20-hour non-stop flight to West Africa, behind the famous evangelist was a very personal “year of decision.”

Early in 1959 an eye ailment brought doctors' orders to slow down and a breath of concern swept the evangelical world. But that visual trouble, now cleared up, was only an outward symbol of a quest for new spiritual victory and a fresh sense of direction for his ministry. With the inner struggle came outward signs of God's increased blessings.

Meanwhile, the man with no certain dwelling place for two-thirds of the time was increasingly aware of the price his growing family was paying for his months away from home.

#### RESTLESS AFRICA

Just ahead was a schedule that would tax to the utmost the resources of the seasoned crusader, now deeply conscious that he and his team mates were no longer boys whose mistakes would be overlooked, but men in their early 40's with responsibilities that he said “may be too great.”

In restless Africa, the tide of independence and self-rule was running strong in most of the nine countries where big mass meetings were scheduled during January, February and March, along with conferences with national leaders, missionaries and student groups.

Everywhere Billy's stabbing finger and ringing voice are pointing to Christ as the One Who alone makes men truly free. Wherever men listen, he is crying aloud that only “a nation under God” can have “government of the people, by the people and for the people.”

The message was relevant in Nigeria which stands on the threshold of political freedom. It struck home with force in Ghana where some observers sensed an uncertainty about the direction being taken by leaders who only yesterday tasted the heady draught of power. In the color-conscious Rhodesias, a decision was shaping up that some feared as the harbinger of racial war while others saw the portent of a great peaceful amalgam leading to tremendous prosperity.

At every other stop on the tour, the story has had only slight variations, although outward scenes were

#### Itinerary of Billy Graham in Africa

Liberia	-----Jan. 20-22
Ghana	-----Jan. 23-26
Nigeria	-----Jan. 27-Feb. 10
So. Rhodesia	-----Feb. 19-23
No. Rhodesia	-----Feb. 24-25
Tanganyika	-----Feb. 28
Kenya	-----March 1
Ruanda/Urundi	-----March 2-3
Kenya	-----March 4-6
Ethiopia	-----March 7-10

enormously varied. All over the “Dark Continent” nations are struggling to be born or were groping toward maturity.

The Graham team's schedule has been tight and demanding. Sixteen cities were on the itinerary in Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the Rhodesias, Kenya, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and Ethiopia.

#### INTENSIVE PREPARATION

In almost every place an associate evangelist, one of them an American Negro, is holding a week-long meeting in preparation for a one or two-day stand by Billy Graham.

There is a studied effort to make the meetings training grounds for African Christian leaders, in the spirit of the indigenous principle. The immediate goal of seeing thousands come

to Christ is overshadowed by the hope that missionaries and nationals, as well as the team, will be swept by a breath of revival power that will kindle perennial fires of evangelism.

An experiment in the area of challenge to personal witnessing was undertaken late in 1959 by two Graham team members who crisscrossed Africa to button up preparations for the tour. They talked with Christian house boys in the hotels, and a number of the lads responded by seeking immediately to win some of their buddies to Christ.

Adversaries stood across the path as the larger ministry opened on cricket fields and race courses and in stadiums. Not the least obstacle was the confusion of tongues. In some places, local leaders begged for the use of four or five translators to relay each sentence of the sermons. Reluctantly the team decided to limit translation to two languages at any one place, because more than that would distract overmuch.

Also potent was the enmity of resurgent paganism, expanding Islam and a many-hued cultism, not to speak of the devilishly clever propagandists of Marx and Lenin and Nikita Khrushchev. Political leaders told Graham team members that the Mohammedans are winning 10 converts from pagan-

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LIBERIA DECORATES BILLY GRAHAM

MONROVIA, Liberia—President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia explains details of Grand Commander, Humane Order of African Redemption, after presenting the decoration to American Evangelist Billy Graham in a ceremony at the executive mansion in Monrovia. Mr. Graham received the honor at the beginning of his 10-week African Crusade, which began here.—Religious News Service Photo.

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The congregation of the newly begun Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill., with Rev. and Mrs. Connie Salios at the left, front row.

## The New Glenbard Baptist Church

Story of a new Church Extension Project at the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, by Rev. Connie Salios, Pastor.

THE GLENBARD BAPTIST Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, the Chicago area's newest North American Baptist Church Extension outreach, is located in Glen Ellyn, a rather comfortable appearing and well established suburb about twenty miles from downtown Chicago and right next door to Wheaton, Illinois.

### EARLY DEVELOPMENTS

Glenbard is the outgrowth of a desire on the part of three families who lived in this area but who attended the First Baptist Church of Bellwood to help realize a dream of Bellwood to sponsor a mission church. The first meeting was held in July, 1959, and a month later weekly Thursday evening prayer sessions were initiated.

Where to meet was never a problem. A ten-year-old Lutheran church building was up for sale, and they allowed us to use their property thinking and hoping that we might buy it. To buy or not to buy is a major item of prayer right now, but this issue must wait on two other important factors: more people must be reached and we should have some kind of impression as to the seeming destiny of our work, whether it will be in an established area or a new housing development.

During the middle of September 1959, our prayer meetings were changed to Wednesday nights and some of our people participated in the preparations for the Billy Graham Wheaton Crusade. Four families from Bellwood: the Browns, Rosios, Volkman and Kuppers; and one family formerly of Forest Park, the Len Busch family, comprised the starting membership. The men of our denomi-

national headquarters have shown their active interest by prayer and encouragement and through the advice of Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Church Extension.

### CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

Two important steps were taken during the first part of September. The group asked the North American

Church Extension Committee to adopt Glenbard as one of its projects and extended a call to Rev. Connie Salios to become the first pastor. Both steps were in the right direction, and Pastor Salios and people appreciate the pastoral subsidy granted by the Church Extension Committee.

The pastor began his work the first Sunday in November, 1959. Sunday School was conducted in the William Volkman home for the first two weeks in November, and evening services were held in the church. On November 15 the Lutherans moved into their new building, and we began a full Sunday program in the church building. Attendance has been good because friends and relatives have visited with us to encourage us. We average 25 to 35 on Sunday morning and evening and anywhere from 10 to 20 on Wednesdays.

### FORWARD WITH CHRIST

Glen Ellyn with a population of over 15,000 people has only one other Baptist church of the Conservative Convention located north of town, and we are on the south side. The population trend is moving west. Those who know, because they study population growth and movement, tell us that we are in a strategic location.

We are seeking now to reach our community. Two new families have been added, a calling program is in the making, financial pledges have been made and giving to missions is underway. The theme of our Watchnight Service was "Forward with Christ" and throughout 1960 we plan to be "ready for anything" and to go forward with Christ.



GLENBARD SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

A new Sunday School class for the younger children of the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, in action.

# 115 Pastors Volunteer as Evangelists

May we as North American Baptists move forward under God in a program of evangelism by which the lost will be saved and the saved will be enlisted to win still others to Jesus Christ!

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism.

ONE HUNDRED and fifteen North American Baptist pastors have volunteered to give eight days of their time to serve as denominational evangelists and Bible teachers during the year 1960. Each has registered his decision with our Department of Evangelism.

What a wonderful expression of redemptive concern on the part of our pastors! What an encouraging sign on the horizon of our denomination!

### PASTOR-EVANGELISTS

If all of these pastors, who have enlisted, could be used as evangelists and Bible teachers in our churches this year, their services would be equivalent to the services of no less than six full time denominational evangelists.

At the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1958, it was decided that our own evangelistically capable pastors should be used in our denominational program of evangelism. Instead of employing more full time vocational evangelists in our denomination, the Department of Evangelism was to promote the use of pastor-evangelists who would serve in local areas wherever needed.

In an effort to implement this General Conference decision, a program of volunteer pastor-evangelists and Bible teachers has been adopted for 1960. Without any coercion except the coercion of the Holy Spirit, those pastors who found joy in making such a contribution were given the opportunity to do so. Especially in view of the fact that the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for 1960 is Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training, pastors have been invited to volunteer, either as evangelists or as Bible teachers.

The response on the part of our pastors has indeed been most gratifying.

We have much reason to praise God and to be thankful for the faithfulness of his servants. Over one-third of our active pastors have registered their willingness to participate in our denominational program of evangelism for 1960. This is a wonderful percentage, considering the fact that for various reasons not every pastor can make himself available in this way every year. Some who have not been able to help this year will want to serve next year, if this program should be continued.

These pastor-evangelists and Bible teachers are prepared to serve in our churches on the same basis as a denominational evangelist would serve. They have willingly offered to do this ministry, not for any personal mone-



Rev. Daniel Fuchs, the denomination's Director of Evangelism and Church Extension.

tary gain, but simply with the sincere desire to glorify Jesus Christ and to help promote the program of evangelism in the local church for the strengthening of the Christians and the salvation of the lost.

Surely, God will honor these sacrificially consecrated efforts of our pastors as they willingly inconvenience themselves for Christ's sake in this way, and as they freely give of their energy of mind, heart and will to this cause of redemptive action in our denomination. We can hardly imagine what this sacrificial service on the part of our pastors can mean in terms of soul winning through our denominational program of evangelism!

### REQUESTING EVANGELISTS' SERVICES

Churches requesting the services of these evangelists and Bible teachers may send their request to the Director of Evangelism, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Upon making such a request the church will be given two or three names of pastors who have registered with our Department of Evangelism. After the church selects the pastor of its choice, the Director of Evangelism will contact this pastor and have him come and serve the church.

It will be expected that as an expression of gratitude for spiritual blessings received, the church served by a volunteer evangelist or Bible teacher will receive a mission offering and send such offering to North

American Baptists, Inc., Forest Park, Illinois. The evangelist or Bible teacher may receive from the church an unsolicited gift but not a monetary donation. His traveling expenses will be paid from our office in Forest Park.

The emphasis in our larger denominational program of evangelism for this second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will again be a two-fold one. In addition to promoting evangelistic campaigns and Bible study meetings through our volunteer evangelists and Bible teachers, we are also promoting personal visitation evangelism in our churches through the Soul Winner's Fellowship and the work of "God's Volunteers."

In comparing our present North American Baptist methods of evangelism with those of the early Christian church, we are profoundly impressed with the fact that the early church far surpassed us in the use of personal evangelism. Personal soul winning was the strength of the early New Testament church. Visitation evangelism was the evangelism of Jesus and the apostles. Too often our North American Baptist churches are evangelistically weak and ineffective because they are poorly organized at this point. They have no program of organized and trained visitation evangelism.

### SOUL WINNER'S FELLOWSHIPS

It is for that reason that we are again emphasizing for this year the organization of a Soul Winner's Fellowship in every one of our churches. Each pastor is encouraged to hand-pick a number of men, women and young people from his church and carefully train them in the work of visitation evangelism. Then he is to give them specific assignments and send them out regularly to make contacts and to help win people for Christ and the church. Soul Winner's Fellowship Packets are available from our office in Forest Park.

Evangelism is God's love seeking the lost. It is leaving the ninety and nine and going after the one that is lost. Evangelism is being obedient to the great commission. It is the spirit which says: "Here am I, Lord; send me!" For us as North American Baptists, evangelism is the activity from which proceeds our growth, our conquest, our enlargement.

May we earnestly, passionately, convincingly move forward under God in a program of evangelism by which the lost will be saved and the saved will be enlisted in winning to Jesus Christ still others who are lost!



# Our Spanish Baptist Church in the Valley

The story of the organizing of the Bethel Baptist Church in Del Norte, Colorado; of a recent baptismal service; and of the study class of Colossians by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary to the Spanish Americans.

*"BEHOLD upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace" (Nahum 1:15).*

So it is in the mountains of the San Luis Valley of Colorado that many hundreds of people have been won to the Lord through the years since missionaries first brought the good tidings of peace through faith in Jesus Christ. But lack of consistent follow-up work and records have meant that many of these are unknown to your present missionaries and those who preceded them.

## BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

The first missionary in this area was Rev. J. J. Reimer, whom our people still mention, who began his ministry in 1944. In the early years a church was organized in Saguache. On December 31, 1958, fourteen years after the work was begun, a Spanish Baptist Church was organized in Del Norte. Thirteen persons expressed their desire, in a standing vote, to organize. They were: Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry; Miss Helen Lohse; Gaspar, Venerita, Honorio, Armando and Elsie Blea; Epimena and Frieda Medina; Fedelina Lujan; and Cecilia and Priscilla Madril.

These are the charter members of the church. Cecilia was elected as clerk and instructed to write to the various churches and obtain church letters. Gaspar Blea's letter came from Saguache, Colorado. Mrs. Blea and Elsie's letters came from the First Baptist Church in Del Norte.

The Keiry's letters came from Corn, Oklahoma and my own from Trinity Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The rest were accepted on their record of baptism.

*"EDIFY one another . . ." (I Thessalonians 5:11).*

From January 4-8, 1960 this church group met together with other interested Christians to study the book of Colossians as many of our North American Baptist churches have been or will be doing. We prayed much that the Holy Spirit would speak to hearts during these days that Christians might be challenged to "present their bodies a living sacrifice."

Colossians, we know, was written by Paul upon hearing that a church had been begun in Colossae. This was good news to his ears, and he wanted them to know how happy he was that this had taken place. But news had also come that there was heresy abroad, and Paul wanted to correct this error and challenge them to put Christ first in their lives.

What a time of blessing this was in the San Luis Valley, as we met, under Rev. Edward Keiry's leadership, to re-examine our lives in the light of Colossians and to edify one another and exhort one another to put Christ first, and determine to do more for him who has done so much for us.

*"THIS is none other but the house of God" (Genesis 28:17).*

But I have not yet told you the name of our church. If you follow the acrostics of this article, you will soon see that it is BETHEL. And Bethel means that it is the House of God. This was just what we wanted it to be, and, after considering many names, Bethel was chosen for our Spanish church. Had we named it the First Spanish Baptist Church of Del Norte, it would have been the THIRD "First Church" in this small city.

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

In our House of God, Sunday School and morning worship services are held on Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings. In Monte Vista, where some of our members live and attend church, they also hold Sunday School, morning and evening worship services and also prayer meeting. How we covet your prayer for each of these services, that God may be glorified and his Word not return void. These are not our only activities, but the most important ones.

*"HAPPY are ye if ye be reproached for the name of Christ," says the Apostle Peter.*

Recently it was our joy as a church to welcome four new members, bringing our membership to 17. Ganara Peña and her daughter Helen, Gloria Medina and Estella Salazar entered the waters of baptism on November 1, 1959.

The words of Peter were especially meaningful to Ganara Peña who is the mother of 7 children and the wife of a man who is drunk most of the time. After her conversion, she won her daughter to the Lord and in the summer of 1959 brought her small son to be dedicated to the Lord, much against the protest of all her relatives. The husband knew, although he would have no part of it, but later, while under the influence of wine, vowed that he would hang both his wife and myself if we really had dedicated the boy and he could not be baptized and receive a proper name.

## REDEMPITIVE CHANGES

Since his wife's baptism, he has become even more hostile, especially toward me, and Ganara has been told that if she cares to go to a movie with her husband she can have baby-sitters, but not if she is going to a church function. Yet—unsaved relatives continually ask about the Word of God because of the change they have seen in this woman's life.



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DEL NORTE

Some of the Spanish Americans (left) who attend the Sunday worship services in Del Norte, Colorado, Minnie Medina (center) leads one of the church meetings. She lives in Center, Colorado. Ganara Peña helps at a children's meeting (right) in Del Norte which was a party for the youngsters.

*"EVEN the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:26-27).*

Christ IN YOU makes the difference. Again and again this was stressed in Colossians. It's not that he died, but because we have accepted him and he lives in us—that we have the hope of glory!

Ganara Peña is not alone in her witness. Perhaps many of you have read the stories of others of our church members, as the story of Minnie Medina in the pamphlet, "Out of the Darkness," and the story of the Blea's in "Peace with God." Much more could be told of their witness for Christ.

**PRAYER REMINDER**  
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*"LET us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).*

Since organizing our church, the efforts of Satan have been redoubled. There are many temptations, such as returning to a church where there are many people attending, buying TV's and watching endlessly, attending the movies, etc. Also the idea, "Maybe, after all, we'll have a second chance after death," creeps into their thinking since they've heard it so often in another church. But the Word tells us to be faithful, to study the Word and to pray without ceasing.

The January issue of "Moody Monthly" has an article entitled "One for God" in which the point is emphasized that there should be many more Christians than there are. If each Christian would win one more a year, we would double our membership yearly. Since Bethel Church here now has 17 members—if each of those members won one person in 1960, our membership could be 34 in '61, 68 in '62, 136 in '63, 272 in '64, and 544 in '65.

## PRAY FOR THIS FIELD

Will you join us in praying the Lord of the harvest that he will not only send more laborers to the field but that our Christians will become burdened for non-Christians around them and each one will win just one, at least one, during this coming year? Why? To glorify HIM!

## Let Me Go Back!

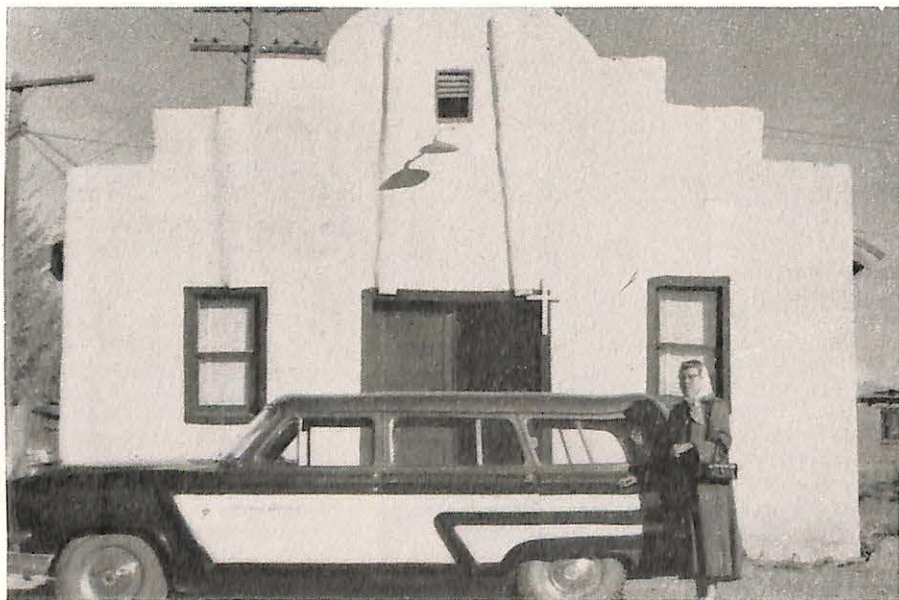
Words of a Missionary by Mary E. Albright

Let me go back! I am homesick  
For the land of my love and toil,  
Tho' I thrill at the sight of my native hills,  
The touch of my native soil.  
Thank God for the dear home country,  
Unconquered and free and grand!  
But the far-off shores of the East, for me,  
Are the shores of the Promised Land.

No longer young—I know it—  
And battered and worn and gray,  
I bear in by body the marks that tell  
Of many a toil-filled day.  
But 'tis long to the end of a lifetime,  
And the hour for the sun to set;  
My heart is eager for years to come;  
Let me work for the Master yet!

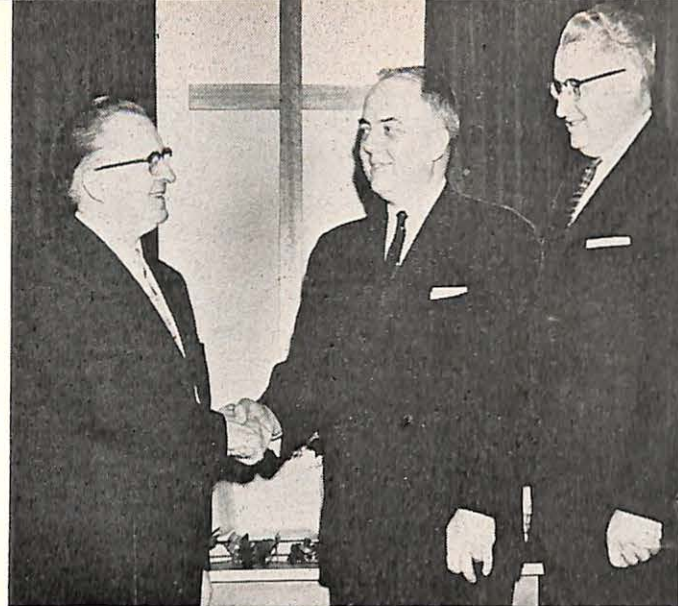
My brain is dazed and wearied  
With the New World's stress and strife,  
With the race for money and place and power  
And the whirl of the nation's life.  
Let me go back! Such pleasures  
And pains are not for me;  
But oh! for a share in the Harvest Home  
Of the fields beyond the sea.

For there are my chosen people,  
And that is my place to fill,  
To spend the last of my life and strength  
In doing my Master's will.  
Let me go back! 'Tis nothing  
To suffer and do and dare;  
For the Lord has faithfully kept his Word;  
He is "with me always" there!



Miss Helen Lohse, Spanish American missionary and her station wagon, in front of the Bethel Baptist Church of Del Norte, Colorado.





## Inauguration of Dr. A. S. Felberg as the C.T.I. President

By Rev. Arnold Rapske, Instructor and Librarian  
at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton,  
Alberta.

Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, receives the congratulations from two denominational leaders, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke (center) and Dr. Frank H. Woyke (right).

**J**ANUARY 21, 1960, will be regarded as an eventful day of historical significance in the life of a man and an institution. The man is Dr. Albert S. Felberg, and the school is the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. For this historical day, both the man and the institution were well prepared.

### C. T. I.'s FRUITFUL MINISTRY

The Christian Training Institute in its beginnings, under the direction of Rev. E. P. Wahl, underwent several significant changes in its program. The first decade saw the addition of a high school, and the second witnessed the addition of a theological department for the training of pastors. With the birth of these two schools, there were birthpangs and also some new adjustments to be made. One writer commented on the Christian Training Institute as going through the adolescent stage, that period of "Sturm und Drang."

Now, in its twentieth year, it is to be hoped that the major adjustments of growing up have been made, and the school is prepared for a life of fruitful ministry. The Board of Trustees has taken an important step in the achieving of this goal by securing the services of Dr. Felberg. Rev. R. Kern, at the induction, put it in these words, "We believe he is God's man for this position."

Dr. Felberg, as friends and fellow-workers will admit, is a man who is talented in several areas of service.

His educational career demonstrates the determination he has had to secure the best of training for the task of the ministry. His youth was spent in East Prussia where he acquired a high school education, a seminary training at the Preussisch Bahnau Seminary, and a university course at the University of Koenigsberg.

### DR. FELBERG'S PASTORATES

Dr. Felberg's pastoral work began in Germany, but the major part of his service was spent in Canada and the United States. As pastor of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., he made that rather rare experience of conducting a baptism in a river that was covered over by ice. In his present task, that has enough pioneer work in it, there may be ice of another kind to be broken.

During his ministry in Lodi, California, he not only witnessed a building program, but, during the eleven years of his ministry, he managed to acquire a theological education that culminated with a Th.D. degree in 1947. During these eleven years, he had training in weekly radio broadcasting; a training that is now proving useful. The Institute presently broadcasts weekly over two Alberta stations.

When the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, called Dr. Felberg, this story was circulated. Two of the members met on the street and were much impressed at the prospect of getting their new pastor. Said the one, "And he can even perform

operations; he is a doctor." The members of the church did not get their medical doctor, but they did get a man who was quite deft at operations—on the pocketbook. Under his leadership, a \$352,000 church building program was carried through. Financial skills should prove to be a valuable asset in this expensive business of Christian education.

Other preparation included two years of experience as teacher in our own seminary, and one year as denominational evangelist.

The man chosen by the Board to guide the Christian Training Institute in its present program of expansion into theological education, Bible school and high school education, is no novice. He comes to the task well equipped.

### INAUGURAL BANQUET

The official relationship between man and school was confirmed on this inaugural day. The days immediately preceding the inauguration constituted the week of spiritual emphasis. Rev. F. Veninga, president of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., led both students and faculty to a renewed dedication to the task of serving Christ, as he spoke during this week. This was a fitting preliminary to the day of inauguration.

Late in the afternoon of January 21, some 180 guests from as far away as New York City and Vancouver, B. C., began to assemble for a banquet held in honor of the president and his wife. The well-prepared dishes and the efficient serving by the students were a tribute to Mrs. Felberg's abilities as a hostess. Mrs. Felberg serves as dean of women and matron.

The program was extended, but the time went by very quickly. It hardly seemed possible that guests had listened to 13 speeches, an address

by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, and the response by the president. Rev. A. Lamprecht served as master of ceremonies.

The head table seated an array of dignitaries such as the school has possibly never before witnessed. There were two presidents of theological schools, the president of the University of Alberta, a member of Parliament of Alberta, a member of the Department of Education of the province, a city alderman, Dr. Smalley who for 23 years has been secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, besides our own denominational representatives, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. William Sturhahn, and others.

### FESTIVITIES OF INAUGURATION

The remarks of those outside our denominational fellowship were pertinent and gratifying to hear. They welcomed the president as head of an institution that shows spiritual concern, as it is not possible in other institutions such as a university. They voiced the impression that the school is making its own unique and very worthwhile contribution to both city and province. In addition to the spoken congratulations, there were telegrams from the children of the Felbergs, from the moderator of the General Conference, from the seminary Board of Trustees, and from Dr. S. A. Witmer, of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. Students provided fitting music effectively rendered under the leadership of Rev. E. B. Link.

The formal inauguration service at the McKernan Baptist Church was well attended. The academic process-



DR. A. S. FELBERG, PRESIDENT OF C.T.I.

Following his induction as president of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., Dr. Felberg responded by expressing the desire that he might be advisor, counsellor and instructor of the student body.

sion added color and dignity to the occasion. The words of the opening hymn were a prayer of dedication:

"We pledge to thee, O Lord of our vocation,  
Ourselves, our strength and all that  
in us lies."

This spirit of dedication was the prevailing theme of the evening. Rev. H. Waltereit, chairman of the Trustee Board, presided over the meeting. Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary,

presented a thought-provoking address on the topic, "The Church and the Task of Education." There was the timely reminder that education is never the full responsibility of the state. The church must assume its share of responsibility for the religious education of those entrusted to its care. The listener received the impression that here was a man who spoke with authority and conviction on one of the most important subjects of concern to the church.

### DEDICATION TO HIGH PURPOSES

Rev. W. Muller then read the statement of the Board's action in calling Dr. Felberg to this position. Rev. R. Kern, represented the Board of Trustees in the actual induction of the president into his office. Rev. William Sturhahn gave the charge to the Institute, and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke gave the charge to the president. Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus, led the congregation in a prayer of dedication. Again the students enriched the evening with songs of praise.

In response to the challenges presented to him, Dr. Felberg expressed the desire that he might be an advisor, counsellor and instructor of the student body. He also voiced his prayer that the young people be brought face to face with the reality of almighty God.

Guests and congregation were invited to a reception held in honor of the president and his wife. Wives of the faculty members served as hostesses at the tea in the lower auditorium of the church.

With much joy, and yet with great weight of responsibility, Dr. and Mrs. Felberg became officially related to the school of which they have already become a part.



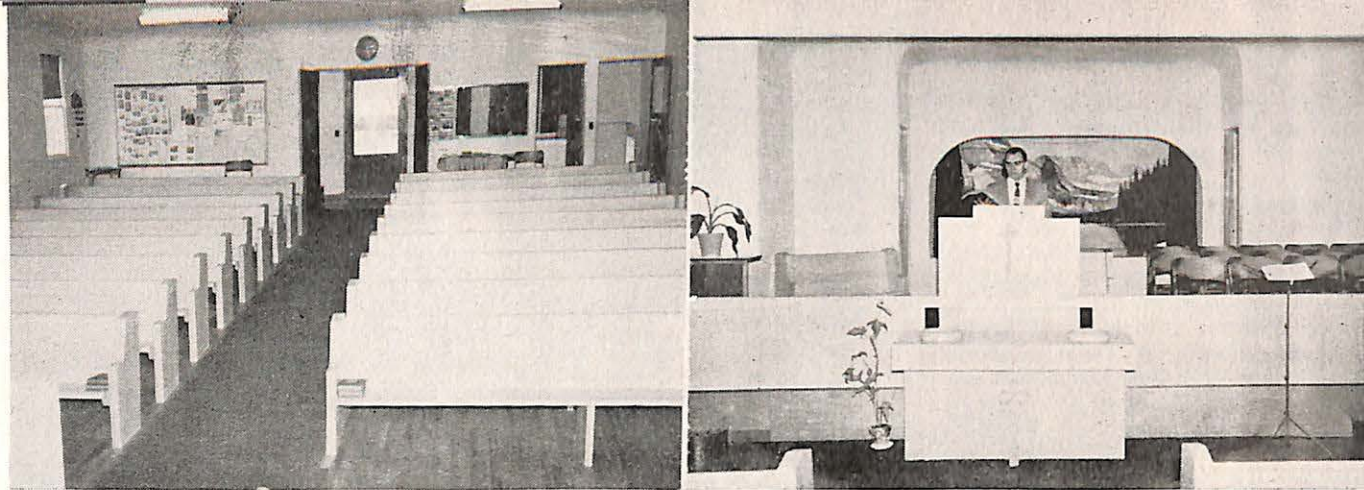
THE INDUCTION OF THE C.T.I. PRESIDENT

Rev. R. Kern (left) of Brooklyn, N. Y., represented the C.T.I. Board of Trustees in the actual induction of the president, Dr. A. S. Felberg, into his office of leadership.

March 3, 1960

**SPRING CONVOCATION**  
at the  
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The renovated First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana, showing the new pews (left) and the pulpit furniture (right) with Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor, behind the pulpit.

## An Adventure of Faith, Toil and Prayer

A Story of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana, by Rev. Jacob Ehman, Pastor.

**W**E OF THE First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana would like to share with you an experience of faith, toil and prayer. The Lord undertook to help us as a church when we were in need of new pews, chancel furniture and song books. It was an experience which has drawn God's people into a closer relationship with the Lord and has revealed to them what the Lord can do.

It was obvious that we needed new pews in our church. How to raise the money to purchase them, when it seemed that the financial responsibilities for the church were already strained by our budget, was a mountain not easily climbed.

### A DIFFICULT TASK

In December 1957, the trustees of the church decided that the pastor should investigate the cost of pews. The first letters went out December 17, 1957 to three different companies for 18 pews, 10 feet long. This was exactly two years to the date before the pews, chancel furniture and song books were delivered.

When the response came from these companies, everyone felt that we should do our best to undertake this project. At our monthly business meeting on January 15, 1958 the church again reviewed the possibilities.

On March 11, 1958 the trustees recommended the following plans to the Board:

1. that we take a special offering for pews every six months beginning with April 16, 1958;
2. that the people save up for a drive as they wish and that they give as they were able;
3. that the offerings be taken at our business meetings and the money be invested in government bonds to draw interest until needed; and
4. that the goal be set at \$2,500 to cover this furniture and delivery costs.

On January 14, 1959 the church decided to consider purchasing this furniture when we had raised \$1,500. Again the pastor contacted the pew companies regarding appointments to see samples and to give a more accurate price on the total cost of the church furniture. After seeing a few samples and getting a more accurate price, we realized that \$1,500 were not enough.

It was somewhat discouraging but we prayed harder and kept going ahead collecting money. The church decided to send out a letter to every member or church family and to remind them of our drive for pews. The response was most rewarding.

### WITH GOD'S HELP WE DECIDE

By Sept. 9, 1959 the pew fund had risen to \$1,687.02. On October 7 another offering was received which brought the total to \$1,994.30. A few days later the church decided to get the final quotation from the lowest bidder. It was then decided to secure our pews from State Wood Arts, Redfield, South Dakota. By November 4, 1959 enough money had come in to purchase the pews, and at a special business meeting the church decided to place the order which amounted to \$2,367 with the cost of delivery.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, we were told to have several men ready to help install the pews at 8:00 A. M. Six men showed up, but no pews arrived. We waited until 11:00 A. M. while a steady voluntary guard stood at the window to watch for the truck to show up. Finally after waiting for hours and telephoning considerably, we were informed that the truck was in town, asking directions to the church buildings. It was like music to the workers' ears! Shortly thereafter, everyone was working, carrying the new pews to be assembled, happy that they had come and that this dream for which we had prayed had become a reality.

The men worked all that afternoon

and late into the night. Early again the next day (Friday), all the pews and chancel furniture had been assembled and put into place. What a sight to behold! It made you feel like weeping for joy to see what the Lord had done.

### NEW HYMNALS

Last summer the women of our church noticed that our hymnals were getting to look quite ragged. At the Association sessions held in our church, they arranged for a Women's Luncheon and designated the profits from the luncheon for the new hymn books. When the ladies learned that the new pews would be here before Christmas, they stepped up their efforts to get these hymnals by selling Christmas cards and candy. As soon as the money was in, they sent off the order for the new song books.

Here again we saw the Lord's guidance. On Friday, Dec. 18, after the pews were all assembled and the church cleaned for the Sunday service, the parcel post package arrived with the song books so that by Sunday morning everything was here. What a day of rejoicing it was when the people came to the service and found that everything had been installed and was ready to be used!

Was it by accident that everything worked out as it did? No! No one could convince our people that it was an accident, because we know that it was by faith, prayer and the hand of God that all this had been brought to pass. The Lord worked things out for us when our hands were tied.

It took faith to launch out into such a great undertaking, especially at a time when the financial burdens borne by the church were heavy. It was prayer that strengthened the church to go on. It was the Lord who undertook to help us, and we praise him for all the wondrous things he has done.

## "OPERATION AFRICA"

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ism for every one new follower of Jesus Christ. Old tribal loyalties, replete with animistic rites, are growing with the spirit of nationalism.

### MISSION PIONEERS

During his first great journey across the then-uncharted continent of Africa, David Livingstone wrote in his journal that the work of pioneers ought not to be judged by the few converts they can report but by the fact that they are diffusing a knowledge of Christianity throughout the world. Then, in a burst of prophetic insight that is being fulfilled in greatest measure in Billy Graham's crusades, the intrepid Scotsman penned these words:

"Future missionaries will see conversions following every sermon. We prepare the way for them. May they not forget the pioneers who worked in the thick gloom with few rays to cheer except such as flow from faith in God's promises! We work for a glorious future which we are not destined to see."

If the great heart of African exploration is watching the Graham crusade from the battlements of heaven, he knows that the young man who resembles him in many ways, yet is so very different in his powers of speech, has not forgotten those who laid the foundations on which he is building during these weeks.

At a meeting of his team on the eve of his departure for Africa, Billy Graham said that no one has told adequately the story of the contribution of the early missionaries in the opening up of Africa. "There would be no Christianity at all in Africa but for the Christian explorers and self-sacrificing missionaries," he added.

### LONELY FAMILIES

Often Billy has said that his own reward in heaven will be much less glorious than the crown given some obscure missionary who labored and died in obscurity without seeing much fruit from his labors. It is faithfulness to the Lord's call that counts, and all the limelight and the praise of men can be snares, he explains.

It should be said, however, that Billy and his associates are also paying a price as they follow their Lord. Whose reward on earth is a cross. One of the costs is loneliness—for themselves and for their families. Billy Graham's little two-year-old son Ned often toddles over to an oversize picture of his father and prattles: "Daddy Gone." And the other day Ned's older brother Franklin, not yet eight, asked plaintively, "Daddy, why didn't you come home last night?" When his father replied that he would be home tomorrow night, the lad posed a question that wrenched the heart strings: "Daddy, why do you come home and then leave so soon?"

So the team presses on, like Jere-

## From the Professor's Desk

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

*Does II Timothy 2:15 lend any support to the dispensational approach to Scripture?*

Perhaps a word of explanation with regard to the "dispensational approach" is in order before attempting an answer to this question. Dispensationalists divide Scripture into chronological segments called "dispensations." According to the *Scotfield Reference Bible* which espouses this system, "a dispensation is a period of time during which man is tested in respect of obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God." Seven dispensations are generally recognized: Innocency, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law, Grace and Kingdom. Now the important thing for dispensationalists is to keep these periods separate and distinct. It will surprise most readers of the New Testament that according to Scofield "the Sermon on the Mount is law, not grace."

Now the question is whether II Timothy 2:15 supports this interpretive scheme. The crucial words in the verse are "rightly dividing." The underlying Greek word is a compound made up of the adverb "straight" and the verb "to cut." Originally the word meant simply "to cut straight." This word is not used elsewhere in the New Testament. However, in the Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Old Testament, it occurs twice (Pro-

verbs 3:6 and 11:5), and both times it is used with the word "ways." Arndt and Gingrich's *Lexicon* defines the Old Testament usage of the word "to cut a path in a straight direction" or "to cut a road across country (that is forested or otherwise difficult to pass through) in a straight direction."

Apparently, in later Greek, the idea of cutting in this compound verb lost its force and by New Testament times the compound came to mean "rightly handling" (cf. RSV). Arndt and Gingrich paraphrase its meaning in II Timothy 2:15 as follows: "guide the word of truth along a straight path (like a road that goes straight to its goal), without being turned aside by worldly debates or impious talk." E. K. Simpson (*The Pastoral Epistles*, p. 137) says that the word "enjoins on every teacher of the Word straight forward exegesis. As the subject matter is trustworthy, let it be trustfully handled."

It is highly improbable, on the basis of the above evidence, that the Apostle Paul had in mind in II Timothy 2:15 a fragmentation of the Bible into various dispensations. He is admonishing his spiritual son Timothy to handle aright the Word of truth. For Paul this meant, among other things, to guard it (II Tim. 1:14), to preach it (II Tim. 1:8), to follow it (II Tim. 1:13) and even to suffer for it (II Tim. 2:3).

miah with a burning in their bones, a feeling that the world's need is so immediate that the Gospel message must be heralded abroad by every available means, at whatever sacrifice.

What will come of "Operation Africa," this unprecedented "safari for souls" in a continent in commotion where the catalyst of freedom-consciousness is plummeting whole nations toward dates with uncertain destinies?

### PRAY FOR TEAM!

Larry Love, overseas advance man for the Graham team, returned from 200,000 miles of exploratory traveling in Africa last summer with the conviction that the crusades there could affect the course the continent will take—decisively. "Billy Graham will get a hearing in Africa such as no one else has ever had," he said. "The world is going to be astounded at what will happen, just as the great meetings in Australia so far exceeded everyone's expectations."

In the light of the need and the challenge and the exciting possibilities of the campaign, all the members of the Graham team have asked Christians everywhere to pray that God will do "great and mighty things"—for his own glory.

With the great apostle they re-

port: "A great door and effectual is opened . . . and there are many adversaries." And, with Paul they appeal to all their fellow-believers: "Brethren, pray for us!"

### MARCH OF EVENTS

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through the National Council of Churches. Speaking for the Africa Committee of the Council's Division of Foreign Missions, the Rev. Theodore L. Tucker, executive secretary, stated: "In welcoming independent Cameroon to the family of nations, I would like to echo the words of Philippe Seppo, a delegate from Cameroon to the first All-Africa Church Conference. "The motto for all Cameroon today is Peace, Work and Country," he told that history-making body." Of Cameroon's 3.5 million population, said Mr. Tucker, there are an estimated 450,000 Protestants. Most recent figures available show the Presbyterians leading with some 85,000 followed by the Reformed Evangelical Church, Cameroon Baptist Union, Lutherans and Seventh Day Adventists. Mr. Tucker pointed out that in attaining its independence from France the new nation has Anglicized the spelling of its old name to Cameroon.



# We the Women

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

## HIGHWAYS AND GOALS

We Americans are people "on the go," as we say. Our complicated lives are filled with activities that take us many places in a few hours. To facilitate our constant goings, there must be roads. Each year there is a greater demand for better highways. The country is gradually being criss-crossed with a net-work of super-highways at a cost of millions upon millions of dollars to the tax-payers. We need good highways to make it easier to get to our jobs, to school, to church, or to the community shopping center.

Some time ago I heard an educator say, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." The simple truth of this statement is obvious. To be successful in life, we must have aims or goals. Without definite plans, we may drift uselessly through life without purpose or direction. Setting standards to achieve gives purpose to any undertaking and results in accomplishment.

"We, the Women" know where we are going. We have definite goals in our missionary giving, in our White Cross work, and in our share of the Denominational Building Fund Advance. We have set our aims high. Our Woman's Missionary Union has determined to attain a goal of \$60,000 in special missionary projects. We have laid plans to gather an additional \$12,000 for our share in the building projects being undertaken by our denomination. Such high goals challenge our very best efforts. To achieve them, we need to make personal sacrifices for the cause of Christ.

How far have we come in attaining our goals? There is no better time than the present to take stock of our achievements. Has your society contributed toward our missionary goals lately? How many of you have distributed mite boxes to gather offerings for our building projects? Let us not forget that the Lord needs your gifts and mine for his important work. Coupled with our prayers, these gifts can be a powerful force in spreading the Gospel to those who still sit in darkness.

Our theme, "On Life's Pathway With Christ," gives direction to our endeavors. "With Christ" is a comforting thought and assuring reality in every phase of our work. Not only do we travel the paths of life with him, but we must also travel the paths of service and self-denial for him. As we yield our lives unreservedly to him, God will lead, and we can claim his promise—"In paths that they have not known I will guide them, I will turn the darkness before them into light" (Isa. 42:16).

# Baptist Men, This Is Your Task!

By Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, President of "Baptist Men."

## INTRODUCTION

Our guest editor of the column for this issue is Mr. Llewellyn L. Lippert, president of Baptist Men of the Southern Conference. He is the immediate past president of the Men's Brotherhood of his church, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas.

We appreciate the fine service that local Conference presidents of "Baptist Men" render in their respective areas in the interest of "Baptist Men." We trust that this article will be a real challenge to the men in our churches to serve the Lord in a sacrificial way.

## SACRIFICIAL LIVING

By Mr. Llewellyn L. Lippert, President of Baptist Men of the Southern Conference

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Luke 5:4).

As we as "Baptist Men" enter into 1960, this command given by Jesus centuries ago comes singing loud and clear and with a sound of urgency, challenging us as men to get away from the shore and shallow water of unconcern, indifference and luke-warm Christian living, and launch out into the deep of concern for Christ's work, in labor for souls and in sacrificial living for our Lord. We have the men, we have the leaders, we have the capability of launching out and enclosing such great multitudes of fishes that our nets would also certainly break.

Our organization, though young, is doing a good work, but are we as individual men of local churches, as local conference organizations, aware of the tremendous potential which is ours as "Baptist Men"? When Jesus commanded Simon to launch out, Simon tried to make excuse for not doing so. When Christ through our pastors and leaders asks us to launch out in fuller service, more liberal giving, wider visitation, we are instantly ready with excuses as to why we cannot do it.

Someone once said, "The biggest liar in the world is the Christian who gives excuses for not doing his duty." That may be a hard statement, even though it's true, but God is equally straight to the point when he says: "And why

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## PRAYER IS THE KEY!

Prayer will give the key to unlock every door of spiritual opportunity and to the dungeons of doubt that hold us prisoners. To fail to use the key in our hands is folly.—Contributed by Walter Fritzeimer  
Stafford, Kansas

call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" God is not fooled by our excuses and neither is our pastor. We must learn as Simon, that obedience is a prerequisite of true discipleship.

Notice that what happened when Simon was obedient—"and when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net brake." It is almost impossible for us to comprehend the blessings which can be ours, and the work we can accomplish, if we are only obedient to the Christ of the Cross.

As a result of Simon's obedience, he was blessed beyond expectation, and the experience brought him closer to his Savior. God stands ready to honor his Word and throw open the flood gates of blessings upon us as "Baptist Men." Why hasn't it happened? Simply because we are not obedient in living out and out for Christ. We compromise here, give a little there, follow the line of least resistance, go to church when we feel like it and when it's most convenient, disregard the mid-week prayer service, take it easy on Sunday, put business before Christian living with the excuse that we have to make a living.

Why did the first church make such a tremendous impact on the world? Certainly not because of its numbers, but because of its quality, and that quality was a result of following the example set by its leader, Jesus Christ. Christ calls today, even as in that day, for great discipleship, world mission, and compassion for every soul, and that takes sacrificial living! Show me one man who has sacrificed for the cause and work of Christ, and I'll show you one thousand men who have yet to make one sacrifice for their Savior. Is it then any wonder that God has withheld the flood of blessings?

As we sacrifice, we become stronger Christians, ready and willing to follow our Savior. It is then that we begin fulfilling the purpose for which we were called—to bear fruit!

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16).

As we continue through 1960, let us launch out into the deep of more sacrificial living, and God will do his part.

# What's Happening

● The Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, is now being pastored by Rev. George Conway. He began his ministry in the Donna church on Nov. 1, 1959, succeeding Rev. B. F. Taylor who is now serving an independent church in California. Mr. Conway is a graduate of the Dallas Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. He is a Canadian in background.

● Dr. George A. Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is spending his sabbatical leave by studying the churches of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., especially in pastoral care and worship. He is planning on attending several professional conferences, especially in homiletics and pastoral theology. His sabbatical leave of absence began with Jan. 25 and will continue throughout the spring semester.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Willis Potratz of Emery, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in the Grand Forks church on April 3rd. He has served the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., since 1954. At the Grand Forks church, he will succeed Rev. Walter Stein, now of Detroit, Mich. The Grand Forks church is facing a challenging program of evangelistic outreach and a possible building program.

● The newly organized South Fort George Baptist Church of South Fort George, B. C. on the outskirts of the city of Prince George, B. C., has extended a call to Rev. Bert E. Milner of Springside, Sask., to become its first full time pastor. A report about this new church and the challenge of this field appears in the current issue of the "Baptist Herald." Mr. Milner has served as pastor in Springside, Sask., since 1955. His pastorate in the South Fort George Church will begin sometime this Spring.

● The Forest Park Baptist Sunday School of Forest Park, Ill., has adopted a budget for 1960 of \$1,300. The major portion of these gifts will go toward North American Baptist mission projects, including the partial support of Miss Ruby Salzman, Camerons missionary. It also includes contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund and the denominational Sunday School Union projects. Mr. Harold B. Johns is the general superintendent of the school.

● At the annual business meeting on Jan. 13, the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., voted to change its Building and Maintenance Fund into a Building Expansion Fund and to try

to add \$500 to it in 1960. There is a definite feeling on the part of the congregation and pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, that the church and Sunday School facilities will have to be expanded in the not too distant future. The church also adopted a \$6,080 budget, and a report was given by Mr. Amel Ranz, church treasurer, that \$1,334.44 had been given for benevolent purposes, the highest in several years.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has extended a call to Rev. William H. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., to become its pastor to which he has given a favorable response. He will begin his pastorate in the Portland church on March 31st. He has served the Dayton Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul as its pastor since 1952. In the Portland church he will succeed Rev. Henry R. Barnett, at present the superintendent of the Portland Home for the Aged. The Immanuel Church of Portland has recently dedicated a \$100,000 Educational Building and Chapel to the glory of God.

● Rev. Donald W. Rich has resigned as the assistant pastor of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, effective April 18, and announced that he would begin a new Baptist church in Port Orford, Oregon. This is a town in the southern part of Oregon on the coast, where Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abderholden, Mrs. Rich's parents, are residing. There is a great need for the witness of a Baptist church in this growing town and vicinity. Mr. Rich will begin his ministry in Port Orford at the close of April. He hopes that the new church can become identified with the North American Baptist General Conference.

● From January 11 to 15 the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., conducted a Leadership Training Course with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, the Western District secretary, teaching the course on church history and Biblical doctrine. There was an average attendance of 59 persons in the class, of whom 36 qualified for the test. Members of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., joined with the Elk Grove Church in the course. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich reported that "each evening was a wonderful experience for us." Rev. Walter F. Berkan is pastor of the Elk Grove church.

● Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher of Medicine Hat, Alta., have announced the birth of a son on Jan. 12, who has been named David Henry. This is their second son. Mr. Schumacher is pastor of the Temple Church of Medicine Hat. Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa of

Chancellor, S. Dak., are the proud parents of a daughter born to them on Jan. 26. She has been named Jerilyn Gaye. This is the second child in their family, the first being a boy. Rev. and Mrs. John Ziegler of Mount Clemens, Mich., have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 24, 1959 who has been named Mark John. Mr. Ziegler is one of the pastors of the Ridgemon Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., recently elected its new officers for the coming year. They are: Mrs. John Kwyzla, president; Mrs. Dale Saunders, vice-president; Mrs. Everett Crooks, secretary; Mrs. Walter Bangert, treasurer; Mrs. Eldon Odegaard, program chairman; Mrs. Harold Rhodes, social chairman; Mrs. Loren Weber, "Sunshine" chairman; and Mrs. Eddie Rasmussen, reporter. The devotions were led by Mrs. Saunders, using as her theme, "Journeys into the Unknown." The poem, "God Has Promised," was read by Mrs. Loren Weber, the pastor's wife, and a New Year's prayer was offered by Mrs. Odegaard.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., observed Mission Sunday on Jan. 31 with Miss Laura E. Reddig, Camerons missionary, as the speaker. From Feb. 15 to 26 special meetings were held by the churches of Gackle and Alfred with Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., as the evangelist. Recently Mr. Bernard P. James, the High School superintendent in Gackle, brought the Sunday evening message. The Men's Fellowship was in charge of this impressive service. The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle had the joy of having Rev. Peter Unrau, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., in a Sunday morning service recently. Rev. Bernard Edinger is the pastor of the Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred.

● Revival meetings were held in October at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., with Rev. Don Dalzell of Thief River Falls, Minn., serving as evangelist. A young man was converted and then baptized at the Watchnight Service by Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor. On the first Sunday of October the Ebenezer Church held its Mission Festival with Rev. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., serving as guest speaker. The offering that was approximately \$1,000 was designated entirely for missions and has been sent to our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. The pastor reported that the Baptist Church and community of Lehr have lost "a number of good families who have moved elsewhere" much to the regret of the pastor and congregation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

● The First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, held its North American

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# The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

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## SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. In prison his father had died some time later and his mother had passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas, bound for New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. But in New Orleans Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. James Thornton helped her to find a room in the Garden District and also to get a job in an antique store. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that had happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. At the store, where she worked she was accused of stealing jewelry and was taken to prison. James Thornton and a lawyer visited with her and learned from her that her store employer was probably the guilty party. But that would be difficult to prove.

## CHAPTER TEN

Faith looked more hopeless than ever when they left her. She asked James to have the landlady send some of her clothes.

"Just one or two of the oldest ones," she told him. "I don't trust those awful women in there. And some of them are so dirty that I won't want to wear anything I've worn here, if I ever get out." Her lip trembled and she was on the verge of tears, but she managed to control them.

His heart was heavy when he left her.

The trial was set for several weeks ahead. Though it seemed an eternity to Faith, in the eyes of the law she was only a name on the court records and no one else was concerned about the delay but James. Mr. Sutton said it was good that the trial was set so far ahead, for it would give them more time to work on the case. As yet they had found nothing.

James visited Faith as often as he

could and he was more worried every time he saw her. She was thin and pale. She told him that she could not eat. The food was as good as could be expected in a place like this, but she just couldn't eat it. She was living on milk and coffee.

It was difficult to talk to her through the double glass partition, with the speaking grill so low that they had to bend down whenever they talked.

"This place is awful," she told him. "I never dreamed that such terrible girls and old women existed. They use the foulest language I have ever heard. Some of them are brought in drunk and they begin to curse and rave when the liquor wears off and they get nervous when they crave a drink. Two of the girls are dope fiends and sometimes I'm afraid they'll hurt me or someone else when they get that craving. One of them was taken to some hospital this morning. She kept us awake last night with her screams and cursing."

He tried to say something that would comfort her, but there was little that he could say.

"Have you found anything yet?" she asked as she had done often before.

"Not yet, but I'm sure we will soon," he promised. "That detective will come up with something before long."

"But the time is getting short," she said. "I almost wish that they would take me to the hospital. Anything would be better than staying in this awful place."

"You will be in the hospital if you don't eat more," he warned. "I don't want you to get sick, because when you get out of here we're going to get married."

She stared at him with wide eyes and parted lips.

"Do you really mean that or are you just saying that to cheer me?" she asked.

"I mean it," he said smiling.

He wished that he could take her in his arms and kiss those trembling lips and stroke that lovely hair that had felt so soft beneath his touch.

"I thought you said there was no room in your life for marriage," she argued. "I thought you would be going away and then I'd be left all alone."

"I've changed my mind. If you're willing to marry me and take whatever life brings me, I want to have you with me wherever I may have to go. I can't leave you here alone to get into more trouble."

"Oh, Jimmie!" she exclaimed so softly that he could scarcely hear her above the din around them. "You have made me so happy that I believe I can eat again. I won't ever cry again until I can cry in your arms for joy."

The visiting hour was up and everyone had to leave. He watched her go through the door. She turned and threw him a kiss as she passed out of sight, then he went out with the others. He was not as hopeful as he had tried to make her believe, but he determined that he would not give up hope. This all brought back the memory of his father and that unjust sentence. Justice was sometimes blind and many had suffered through mistakes and failures to discover the truth. He hoped that this would not be another miscarriage of justice.

Finally the day for the trial arrived and neither the lawyer nor the detective had discovered anything to help them win their case. James was frantic, but he could do nothing but wait and hope, and hope was dim. He had never known the sustaining power of prayer, so he had no strength beyond his own feeble strength upon which to lean in this trying time. He could not eat and he also was losing weight. He tried to concentrate upon his work, but he found it difficult and he made mistakes which he would never have

made otherwise.

When the case finally came up for trial it was short and decisive. The prosecution bore down upon Faith unmercifully in an effort to trap her into a confession. Her lawyer did what he could to defend her, but since he had little to go on he knew what the verdict would be before he had finished his defense. She was at the mercy of the court and she was sentenced to eighteen months in prison.

The bookkeeper testified that he had seen Faith slip a small package into her coat the night before she was arrested. The theft was not discovered until the next morning. The prosecution had implied that she had had a confederate who had hidden the stolen goods. Her lawyer had succeeded in having that implication taken from the record, but still it had gone against her in the mind of the judge.

She had maintained her innocence even under the severe grilling the prosecution had put her through. When she heard the verdict she sank back in her chair, a white, crumpled little figure of despair and James feared that she was going to faint.

The matron came and took her back to her cell and left him stunned and raging against a fate that was cruel and unjust, and a justice that could be so blind.

"This may not be the end," Mr. Sutton told him, trying to give him some hope. "Now that she is convicted, whoever stole that jewelry will feel free and he may betray himself. I have an idea that may work. I couldn't have done it before, but now I can."

"What is it?" James asked.

He was not too interested. He felt that the worst had happened and that he would have to go through the same thing that he had lived through before. He would see someone he loved suffer for a crime she did not commit. He felt that Faith would wilt and get sick if she were taken to Angola. If she were sent there he would see her seldom, for the trip was long and he could not take time off from his work. He had spent so much money on the wasted services of that detective and for the lawyer that he could not endanger his job. He must keep that at all hazards.

The days would stretch out endlessly and there would be no ray of sunshine in his life until she was free again. He did not know how to pray for patience and for hope. He knew that if he ever found the man he was searching for, he could do nothing until Faith was out of prison. Just now he didn't care whether he ever found his man. All he wanted was Faith and she would be far away. The future looked hopeless indeed.

Faith was transferred to Angola, the state prison, before James was able to get back to see her. She begged for permission to phone him before she left, but since he was not a relative, she was not allowed to phone. When James went to see her at

visiting time, he was told that she was not there. He went to the warden and angrily demanded to know why he was not notified or given the chance to see her before she was taken away. The warden informed him coldly that they had not time to give notice to every boy friend of every prisoner who was sent away.

He left the prison seething with impotent wrath and plunged into the depths of gloom. He determined to try to see her during the weekend and he went to Sutton's office to get his advice and help. He did not know the procedure for arranging to see a prisoner at Angola. He asked the lawyer if he had made any progress in Faith's case and once more asked him to tell what he planned to do.

"I don't want to give you any false hope," Sutton said, "so I cannot tell you what my plan is. I may be entirely wrong, but I have an idea that I am going to follow up. I'll let you know as soon as I can."

James had to be content with that. He took the bus on Saturday and went to Angola, hoping to be able to see Faith. He took more of her clothes than the landlady had packed for him and he also took a box of candy.

The women's section of the prison was a desolate looking, unattractive place. Several old buildings were surrounded by a high wire fence. In the enclosure there were a few trees, but the place looked neglected and the buildings were shabby.

The women were allowed in the yard and they were scattered about in groups. Faith was not in sight, but someone went for her. While he waited he had a chance to look about him at the prisoners. For the most part, they were a sodden, hardened-looking lot. There were one or two who looked as if they might be first offenders. They were young girls and he felt pity for them, for he knew that life would never be the same for them after an experience like this. He wondered if anyone else there was as innocent as he knew Faith to be. His whole soul sickened when he thought that if Sutton did not succeed in getting her free she would be in this terrible place more than a year. He didn't believe that she could live through it.

When he saw her coming toward him, he was shocked at the change in her even in this short time. She was ghastly, with dark circles under her eyes and lips as pale as her face. But even so, she looked like a frail lovely flower in an abandoned field of weeds.

He held out his arms to her and she came to him and hid her face against his breast while she sobbed convulsively. Unmindful of the curious stares of the others, he stroked her hair and whispered encouragement.

"Don't cry, darling. We have so little time to be together. I want to see you smile, not cry. I love you. Doesn't that mean anything to you?"

"Nothing means anything any more," she sobbed. "Why did this have to

happen to me? Why did God let it happen? He knows I'm innocent."

It was the same cry that many others had uttered through the years, many who never gave God a thought until they were in trouble, but who blamed Him for not protecting them from harm when they had no right to claim or expect anything from Him.

In this dark hour Faith did not stop to think of the times in the past when her mother had tried hard and prayed desperately for her salvation and she had turned a deaf ear to her mother's plea for her to accept Christ as her Saviour. Now when she lacked the strength and comfort that she so sorely needed, she did not even realize that, perhaps, if she lived in the will of the Lord, this might never have happened. She did not even reproach herself for her indifference to God in the past. She was too intent upon blaming Him for this trouble that had come because He had let it happen.

James had no answer to her question. He just held her close and whispered once more that he loved her.

"I'll die if I have to stay here in this place long," she told him as she wiped her eyes and raised her head. "It's terrible here. The prisoners are even worse than those back there in jail. Some of them are here for life and they are terrible. The girl I'm bunking with killed a man and got off with life. She acts sometimes as if she could kill me when she gets in one of her tantrums. The others say they think she is crazy. I'm afraid, Jimmie. Have you done anything to get me out? Isn't my lawyer trying to do something to find the one who really stole that jewelry?"

"He's working on the case, darling. He's doing all he can, but it takes time. Just try to be patient a little longer and I know you'll be out. Then we'll go away somewhere and start a new life together."

"You wouldn't want to marry someone who's been in prison," she said dolefully. "I don't see how you could want to."

"You ought to see. I love you and I know you didn't commit that crime. I love you enough to want to see you happy again."

"I don't think I'll ever be happy again." The tears began to slip from her eyes again.

He wiped them away as he led her to a bench nearby. He gave her the clothes he had brought and the candy. Both packages as well as his person had been searched before he was allowed to leave the entrance office and the clothes were slightly mussed.

"They're not particular how they handle things when they search a person," he remarked. "I was afraid they were going to take that box of candy away from me, for fear that it might contain dope. It was a good thing that it was still sealed. They're mighty particular about some things," he remarked bitterly, forgetting that he was trying to comfort her.

(To Be Continued)



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 13, 1960

Theme: BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS

Scripture: Acts 26:1, 19-32

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Paul did not appear before governors and kings to be judged by them, but he stood before them in order to witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** Temporarily Paul was under the "protection" of Felix, the governor of Caesarea. For two years the apostle sat idle because Felix hoped to extort money from Paul or his friends. Festus succeeded Felix and "inherited" the prisoner, Paul. In some respects, he was more honorable than his predecessor, for within a few weeks after his arrival he heard Paul's case in open court with Herod Agrippa.

The scene before us shows us two procurators and a petty king judging Paul. But as it turned out Paul judged them. His defense before Festus is one of the most eloquent witness for Christ ever made by man. It is a sad and tragic commentary on these rulers that such a dynamic witness never reached their hearts and souls. No blame for the refusal and rejection of the Gospel in high places can be laid on Paul. He literally preached his heart out hoping for the best. No matter how high and mighty the sinner may be, to Paul it was always a challenge. To many the presentation of the Gospel to these men may have seemed like a waste of time and effort. The important thing to the apostle was the opportunity to witness. Not to do so would have been a sin of omission.

**I. THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING FOR YOURSELF.** Acts 26:1.

A noted minister served a church made up largely of students and university professors. He tried to preach in a way that would make his audience appreciate his intellectual sermons. Soon he began to realize that he was not making an impression, intellectually or spiritually. One Sunday morning one of the university professors shook his hand on leaving and said, "Pastor, why don't you just tell us what Christ means to you?" He did, and soon Christ began to mean more to his congregation.

Paul, when given the privilege of speaking for himself, could have given a profound theological dissertation on God. He had the intellectual ability and education to do it. Instead he gave the simple story of his conversion which made a much more awesome impression on his hearers than any intellectual discourse. Paul used this op-

portunity to say what was most important, as though it was a matter of life or death to those who listened, which, in effect, it actually was.

**II. THE PRIVILEGE OF OBEDIENCE.** Acts 26:19-20.

We do not like to think what would have happened if Paul had been disobedient unto the heavenly vision. His loss and ours would have been immeasurable. He tried to be obedient to the law, but found it to be too difficult a taskmaster. Now in loving obedience to Jesus Christ, he found it life's greatest privilege. He was accused of being a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition among the Jews, a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes and one who profaned the temple. For this the Jews wanted to obtain the death penalty for Paul. In spite of being whipped, stoned, insulted and almost beaten to death, he remained obedient to the heavenly vision. His love for Christ would not permit him to hate even his worst enemy. Paul in prison and in chains stood head and shoulders above those who sat on their thrones.

**III. THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING FOR CHRIST.** Acts 26:21-32.

This is the highest and most noble privilege. Of course, this is what Paul did ever since his conversion experience on the Damascus Road. In speaking for Christ Paul realized he could do it only because he "obtained help from God." His audience was made up of both "the small and the great." His message was based on his own experience, and yet it was as old as "the prophets and Moses," and the heart of the message was always the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If Festus and Agrippa feigned ignorance of these things, Paul would not let them get away with so flimsy an excuse. "This thing was not done in a corner," so you don't have to make believe you know nothing about it. Not only was Paul's message rejected, but both rulers seemed glad that they did not have to set Paul free. That responsibility will now rest upon Caesar.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 20, 1960

Theme: PAUL'S VOYAGE TO ROME

Scripture: Acts 27:1, 21-26; 28:1-2,

11-14

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** A man's saintliness is proved in the

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storms of life rather than on calm and peaceful seas.

**INTRODUCTION:** There are many important and famous voyages recorded in history, notably Columbus' voyage across the Atlantic, the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth and Magellan's voyage around the world. Compared to these, Paul's voyage to Rome seems short, insignificant and of too little importance to record in history books. Yet to Christendom, Paul's voyage is still a great adventure and drama which inspires the Christian again and again. Commentaries are still being written about it, sermons are continually being preached on it and souls are still being saved and edified by it. No voyage has ever had a greater spiritual effect on people than the voyage of the little ship which took the prisoner, Paul, to Rome.

It is also interesting to note that the "we" narrative is resumed after it was dropped at 21:18. This, of course, refers to the fact that Luke was again Paul's companion. During the two years that Paul spent in prison, we do not know what "the beloved physician" did, but he must have been in close contact with the apostle for he was immediately ready to accompany Paul as soon as the voyage to Rome was undertaken.

**I. THE PRISONER BEGINS HIS VOYAGE.** Acts 27:1.

The word "determined" in this verse does not refer simply to the decision of the Roman authorities or even to an arrangement which Paul initiated by his appeal to Caesar. There is no doubt that the divine hand of God was in it for the fulfilling of the command given to Paul in Acts 23:11: "So must thou also bear witness at Rome."

**II. THE PRISONER TAKES CHARGE OF THE SHIP.** Acts 27:21-26.

God in his grace provided a likeable and an honorable "warden" in the form of Julius the centurion. Perhaps Paul was looked upon as being a prisoner of distinction because he was a Roman citizen and one who was to appear before the highest court. But Julius developed an affection for Paul, primarily because of his Christian character. In time of great crisis the centurion relied entirely upon Paul's counsel and practically let him take over the ship. The captain and the crew were not going to make the same mistake again when they refused to take Paul's advice and remain in Crete for the winter. The apostle was a very wise and practical man as well as a holy man.

**III. THE PRISONER INSPIRES AN ISLAND.** Acts 28:1-2.

We see Paul again as a practical man assisting in the gathering of wood to keep the fire going. He always seems to be in command of the situation, whether in the founding of a church or in so simple a task as mak-

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BAPTIST HERALD

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### News from the Baptist Chapel, Osoyoos, B.C.

On Christmas eve, Dec. 24, the Baptist Chapel of Osoyoos, B. C., celebrated the coming of our Lord. The little chapel, which seats about 75 people, was crowded to capacity. The program featured recitations by the children, musical selections by adults besides the congregational singing, and three brief messages in English and German, emphasizing the real meaning of Christmas. We also had the joy of listening to several musical selections brought by the children of Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler, our pastor and his wife, who were here for the holiday season.

Rev. G. Beutler assumed the leadership of our congregation on Sept. 20, 1959. His home is in Oroville, Wash., where he also pastors an American Convention Baptist church. Regular services are conducted by him here in Osoyoos every Sunday and Wednesday. We look with confidence into the future, relying on God's help in the spiritual growth of our church.

S. Siewert, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Gilbert Gordon at Portland, Ore.

On Dec. 22, 1959, an ordination council, called by the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, convened for the purpose of considering the propriety of setting aside Mr. Gilbert Gordon for the Gospel Ministry. The council consisted of twenty-five delegates from nine churches of the Oregon Baptist Association of the North American Baptist Conference. Rev. Eldon Seibold, pastor of the Glencullen Church, was elected as moderator to preside over the council. Rev. Dallas Keck was elected as secretary.

Mr. Gilbert Gordon gave testimony to his conversion, education preparation, call to the ministry, and doctrinal beliefs. The candidate had compiled his statement in a seven page mimeographed form which greatly expedited the examination. After a time of questioning the candidate, the council retired for deliberation. The council unanimously recommended to the Trinity Baptist Church, that they proceed with the ordination service. The ordination service was held that same evening with most of the pastors and churches, that were invited, participating. Dr. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church delivered the ordination message.

Dallas Keck, Reporter

### Pastor's Farewell at Salt Creek Church of Oregon

On Sunday evening, Jan. 17, the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon, held a farewell service in honor of its pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Penner, David and Diane. The Penners had been with our church for almost 6 years and recently accepted a call to Lansing, Michigan.

Mr. Dick Bartel, our newly elected moderator, presided. Rev. Edwin Schroeder, who will serve as interim pastor, read the Scripture passage and led in prayer. The various departments of the church responded with song, gifts and words of gratitude for the ministry that Mr. and Mrs. Penner have so faithfully performed among us. Mr. Walter Schmitke represented the Deacons' Board and the church.

Our sister church at Salem, Oregon, Bethel Baptist, dismissed its evening service and joined with us for the occasion. In the absence of their pastor, Rev. Everett Barker, Mr. Henry Schrenk brought the farewell words from their church, and Mrs. Walter Willeke responded for the Woman's Missionary Society. A reception and fellowship hour followed in the lower church parlors.

Mrs. Lester J. Voth, Reporter

### South Fort George Chapel, B.C., Is Organized

Recognition and dedication services were held at the South Fort George Baptist Chapel, South Fort George, B. C., from Oct. 11-13, 1959, on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. Rev. J. Sonnenberg, presenting the Pacific Conference, was present and acted as secretary of the examining council. Rev. Phil Daum of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C., was also present, and acted as council chairman. The organization of this new church is the result of 13 years of mission work by young people of the Hager Memorial Church of Prince George, and by others who labored with them.

Organized with 26 charter members, the South Fort George Baptist Chapel now has 41 members. Although there is as yet no pastor, there is a thriving young people's group, a young people's choir, and a mid-week prayer meeting, besides the regular Sunday meetings. South Fort George is a growing community adjoining the city of Prince George, and at the present time this chapel is the only organized church in a large area. The need is great. Pray with us that God will make us faithful workers in the harvest field at our door, that sinners might find a Savior, and come into the fellowship of the church.

Mrs. M. Lehoe, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Arthur Brust, Lodi, California

On Jan. 8, at the call of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, an ordination council was convened for the purpose of examining Mr. Arthur Brust for the Gospel ministry. Representatives from six of the California Association churches, as well as our Western District secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, and Dr. Walter Wessel made up the council to which Robert Brust gave

### THE CHRISTIAN'S WEAPON

Prayer based on God's Word is the only weapon man can use today to touch the invisible foe.

his testimony. Rev. John Vanderbeck of Anaheim was elected chairman, and Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi secretary of the council. Mr. Brust related the experience of his conversion and his call to the ministry. In a clear and positive manner his convictions on doctrinal beliefs were presented by the candidate.

The inspiring and Spirit-filled ordination service followed that same evening before a large audience, with Rev. Aaron Buhler conducting the service. The special music consisted of a trio composed of Mrs. Wanda Lippert, Mrs. June Goehring and Mr. Willis Faul; and a male quartet composed of Reuben and Levi Goehring, Emil Martin and Willis Faul. Dr. Walter Wessel of our Seminary brought the ordination message and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg offered the ordination prayer. Rev. G. G. Rausser presented the charge to the candidate and Rev. Walter Berkan of Elk Grove gave the charge to the church. A welcome into the fellowship of ordained ministers was given by Rev. Clarence Walth of Sacramento; the welcome into the ministerial fellowship by Rev. Robert Schreiber; and welcome into the fellowship of the North American Baptist Conference by Rev. John Vanderbeck. The benediction to this impressive service was given by Rev. Arthur Brust, who is serving as the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Parma Heights Church, Ohio Welcomes New Pastor

Rev. David Draewell, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Auburn, Mich. was installed as the new pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, on Sunday evening, January 4. Mr. Draewell succeeds Rev. Edwin W. Miller, who resigned in April after 11 years of faithful service, to become pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church in Wilmington, Del. Mr. Walter Lawrence, our moderator, presided, and the invocation was given by the chairman of the Pulpit Committee, Mr. Joseph Ludwig. A musical interlude was presented by the choir.

Greetings and welcome were extended from our two sister churches, Hillcrest, represented by Rev. Edward Kary, and Snowview Baptist, represented by Rev. Harold Lang. Greetings were also extended by the superintendent of the Church School, presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society and King's Daughters, chairmen of the Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees, and Board of Deacons. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary of the North American Baptist Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Draewell favorably responded in appreciation of the warm welcome extended them.

Mrs. Walter Miller, Reporter





Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Lashburn, Sask., in which 45 children were enrolled.

### Building Plans of Central Church, Erie, Penn.

At the closing service of the 90th anniversary celebration of Central Baptist Church, Erie, Penn., Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought the challenging message, "To Me to Live Is Christ." This was on November 4, 1951 and a deeply stirred congregation rededicated themselves to Christ and promised him to celebrate the 100th anniversary in a new building in a new location.

Recently Central Church acquired approximately 3½ acres of ground in Millcreek Township, considered to be a fast growing community in greater Erie. There will be adequate off-street parking and a playground area also. A new name, South Hills Baptist Church, will appropriately fit the pleasant beauty spot with rolling hills which will see ground broken in the early spring of 1960 for its first unit, a Chapel-Education Plan. "Central" plans and hopes to use the new facilities by mid-summer.

So "Central of the Forward Look," as our beloved Brother Leypoldt called her, is doing just that, with a profound sense of gratitude to the God of our fathers, pressing on toward the mark of our Centennial in 1961. Rev. Eugene Stroth is the pastor.

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

### Dedication and Baptism, Second Church, Union City, N. J.

On Sept. 19, 1959 dedication services were held for our new church wing and vestibule. We were privileged to have as our guest speakers, Rev. G. K. Zimman and Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary. The new church building, measures 13 feet wide, 56 feet long and is two stories high for three quarters of its length. Included in the wing are an office, nursery, two auditoriums, one upstairs and one down, sectioned off by folding doors for Sunday School rooms. To add to the beauty of the church, a new, modern vestibule has been added, the interior of which is finished with mahogany natural woods, including Swedish crystal chandeliers light the vestibule. The new facilities have already proven themselves to

be a blessing to us and to the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, at 4:00 P.M. nine young people were baptized. The names of those baptized are: (front row from left to right), Linda Lorrie Sparling, Linda Downs; second row, Susan Prendinger, Diane Walsh, John Emr Jr.; third row, Thomas Downs, Eddie Johnson, John Downs, and Linda Downs.

Richard W. Sparling, Pastor

### Northern District

#### Baptismal Service at Central Church, Yorkton, Sask.

During the last week of November we had "Deeper Spiritual Life" meetings at which Rev. O. A. Ertis of Lethbridge, Alta., brought us heart searching messages on "Sanctification." On Oct. 18th, Sunday morning, our minister brought a message on "The Believer's Baptism" and called the converted people to make a decision to follow the Lord in baptism. During several weeks, they were prepared for



Rev. Paul Galambos (center, front row), pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., and 13 persons whom he recently received into the church's fellowship by baptism and letter.

the baptism in classes. The examination took place in a public meeting. We have been greatly blessed by the clear testimony.

Sunday evening, Dec. 27, was the highlight of recent events. A full house witnessed it when nine converts were baptized by our pastor in the Name of Jesus. Before they took part in their first Lord's Supper, all the newly baptized persons knelt down and, while the congregation was standing, our pastor prayed with them with the laying on of hands. Together with them four more new members were also received into our fellowship. This was the third baptism in a little over three years since Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galambos have been laboring here. Altogether 14 persons have been baptized and 24 have been received with church letters and by testimony.

Paul Galambos, Pastor

#### Memorable Events at Baptist Church, Lashburn, Sask.

The Lashburn Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, can look back upon another year of Christian service in the communities of Lashburn and Waseca, Sask., under the leadership of Mr. Gunther E. Rochow, student pastor. Among the year's special undertakings were a Leadership Training Course in July and a Vacation Bible School in August, in which 45 children were enrolled.

August 30th marked a special occasion, as ten new members were received into church's fellowship, seven of them by baptism. Rev. William Sturham, Northern District Secretary, served as guest speaker who also baptized the converts. The church is also grateful for the ministry of the Brass Band from our Saskatoon Church, who joined the church in the celebration of this memorable day. "God is faithful, by whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 1:9).

Gunther E. Rochow, Reporter

#### Ordination and Recognition of Rev. Jake Neudorf, Fenwood

At the invitation of the Fenwood Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask., a

council convened on Dec. 10 for the purpose of examining and considering the ordination of its pastor, Jake Neudorf. Twenty-two delegates were present from seven churches as well as two delegates from the local church. Rev. E. L. Thiessen was elected moderator and Rev. John Wollenberg clerk of the council.

Brother Neudorf gave satisfactory statements of his conversion experience, his call into the Gospel ministry as well as his doctrinal statement. After a period of questioning as well as a time of discussion in private council, the unanimous decision was reached that as a council we recognized his ordination.

A service of recognition was held later that afternoon with Rev. Paul Galambos of Yorkton presiding. A challenging message was brought by Rev. B. Milner of Springside. A prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. L. D. Potratz of Regina. The hand of fellowship and welcome into the ministry was given by Rev. J. Wollenberg. Rev. R. Neuman led the song service and Rev. E. Hohn read Scripture and led in prayer. The service was closed by Rev. Jake Neudorf as he pronounced the benediction.

John Wollenberg, Council secretary.

### Central District

#### Baptismal and Watchnight Services at Herreid, S. Dak.

Nine persons, most of whom are adults, were baptized at the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., on New Year's Eve, and two others were received into the church's fellowship with our pastor, Rev. Alfred Weisser, preaching a most appropriate message and solemnly officiating at the baptismal service. Close to the midnight hour, after a social time in the lower auditorium, the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members. We were all blessed with the partaking of the Lord's Supper. Shortly thereafter, when we were on our knees in prayer, the new year was rung in.

We are now having weekly Bible studies on the book of Colossians, with Rev. Alfred Weisser in charge and the audience participating. We pray that this new year will have as many blessings and spiritual experiences in store for us as in the old.

Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. G. Klock

On Monday, Dec. 28, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. George Klock of Emery, S. Dak., gathered in the First Baptist Church of Emery to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have been active members in this Emery Church all these years. George Klock and Hannah Edzards were married Dec. 28, 1909 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edzards, with the Rev. Dahlman officiating. The Klocks farmed near Emery until 1949 when they moved into Emery. Rev. Leland H. Friesen is their pastor.

Six children were born to them: 3 boys and 3 girls. They have 15 grandchildren. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Elmer Schrader, acted as mistress of ceremonies as a short program was



Mr. and Mrs. George Klock of Emery, S. Dak., members of the First Baptist Church of Emery, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

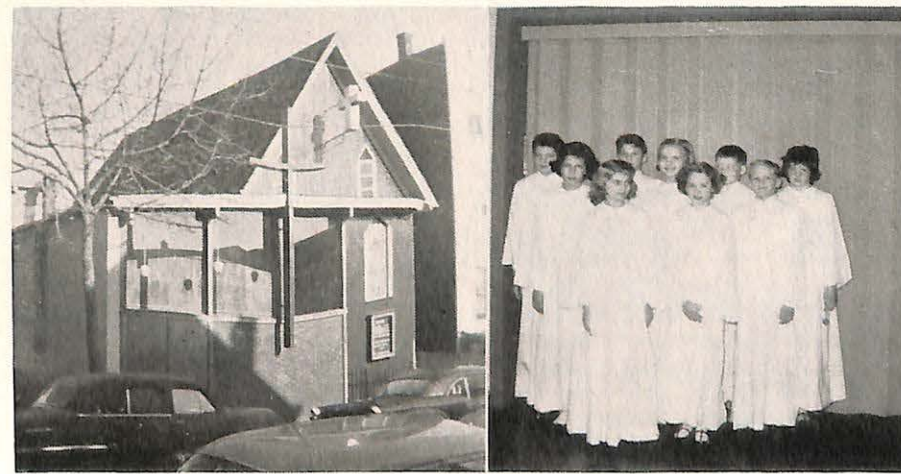
given by the children. From 2-5 P.M. we had Open House when many friends came to congratulate the couple.

Mrs. Elmer Schrader, Reporter

#### Annual Business Meeting of Riverview Church, St. Paul

On Wednesday, Jan. 13th, after a fellowship supper prepared by the Woman's Missionary Society had been served to over 160 persons, members of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, held one of its best attended annual business meetings. As we looked through our printed annual report for 1959, the words on the front, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," echoed in our hearts. We especially thanked God and rejoiced at the addition of 33 members to our church roll, an increase of over \$10,000 over our 1958 receipts, topping our 1959 goals by over \$3,500, and a \$30 increase in per capita giving, making over \$140 per capita for 1959. Encouraged by our record giving and the way God has blessed us, we voted to enlarge our present new church building plans and complete the balcony now rather than in the future.

From Jan. 5 to 10 the church held special meetings with Dr. Robert Mounce, Professor at Bethel College



The new church addition, or wing, (left), of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., and 9 young people recently baptized (right) by the pastor, Rev. Richard W. Sparling.

and Seminary, St. Paul, bringing a series of messages on prayer.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter

#### Recent Festivals at Shell Creek Church, Nebr.

Recently we of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebr., have felt especially blessed. On Nov. 22 during our annual Mission Festival we were privileged to hold a mortgage burning ceremony, thus signifying that our sanctuary which now stands remodeled as well as having had a new addition of Sunday School rooms is now debt free. We were also happy to have had a dedication service for the newly installed pews as well as for our newly purchased tables in our basement. It was our privilege to have had Rev. J. C. Gunst with us as special speaker for this occasion. Our ladies' Mission Circle also gave their annual program with Mr. Ernest Hildebrand as guest speaker who also showed pictures of his work in our African Mission Field.

On Dec. 7 we had a church fellowship Christmas Supper in our church parlors with Mr. Hildebrand again as our guest.

On Dec. 13 our choir rendered a Christmas cantata and on Christmas Eve the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program. The C.B.-Y.F. presented the film, "Silent Witness," on New Year's Eve after which we had an hour of fellowship.

Mrs. Allen Mohrmann, Church Clerk

#### Inspiring Events at Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak.

We of the First Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak., praise God for his benefits towards us. On Sunday, Sept. 6, Helen Lohse, spoke to us and showed slides of the work among the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. The following evening the church gave a birthday surprise for her and Mrs. Walter Klempel. The Harvest and Mission Festival was observed on Sunday, Oct. 18, with Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., as our guest speaker. This being "Men's Brotherhood Sunday," a men's chorus rendered two selections.

During the last two weeks of October, Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger, N. Dak., served as evangelist for our

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# Mrs. William Kuhn, God's Faithful Handmaiden

A Memorial Tribute by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications.

MRS. WILLIAM KUHN, nee Schulte, of Forest Park, Illinois, was a handmaiden of the Lord who beautifully adorned the Gospel of Christ, and whose saintly deeds and works will follow her in our beloved denomination for many decades to come. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 28, 1871, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schulte. She was reared in a wonderful Christian home and had a godly heritage. Her father served as the denomination's general treasurer for 36 years. Her uncle, Rev. G. C. Schulte, served as the general missionary secretary for almost 25 years, and another uncle, Mr. Herman Schulte, served as manager of the Publication Society for about 8 years.



Mrs. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Illinois, as photographed some years ago.

## "GARDEN OF GOD"

Dr. Kuhn, in writing the story of his wife's life in the "Baptist Herald" in 1950, had this to say of the Schulte household: "Being planted in the Garden of God, it was only natural that the four daughters of J. A. Schulte and Henrietta Schulte would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in the years of their childhood. The four Schulte daughters distinguished themselves by their interest and devotion in all matters pertaining to a healthy Christian life."

Ida Schulte was born again into a saving faith in Christ in the spring of 1884 and was baptized by Rev. J. C. Gubelmann, pastor of the First German Baptist Church, now the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, Pa., on Whitsunday, June 1884.

After attending public school, Ida Schulte became interested in receiving more education. At that time Temple College, a department of the Grace Baptist Temple of the city, of which Dr. Russell H. Conwell was the pastor, opened night school classes. Ida Schulte attended the night sessions of this college for six years. Then she became a special student at the newly established Baptist Missionary Training School and spent two years there. It was her heartfelt desire to become a foreign missionary.

## SECOND CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

But God had even a greater service in store for her. During the summer of 1896, the pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Philadelphia was away in Europe on a leave of absence. A young student by the name of William Kuhn, who was also a member of the same church, supplied the pulpit and before the summer was ended these two young people were engaged. On September 21, 1897 in a lovely church wedding they were married.

She kept voluminous scrapbooks about the happenings in our churches, the travels of her husband and the work of our denomination. She followed our missionaries with intense interest and with prayerful concern.

## EDITOR, "MISSIONS—PERLEN"

For 18 years she served as the editor of the German monthly publication of the Woman's Missionary Union known as the "Missions-Perlen," filling its pages with missionary news and spiritual articles. She sent chalice after chalice of spiritual refreshment to the local women's societies which could be enjoyed by all the Lord's handmaidens as they attended the monthly meetings.

Ida Kuhn was lovingly attached to her husband and profoundly absorbed in all of his work. In 1938, on a four-month tour to Europe and to the Balkan countries with Dr. William Kuhn, it was the privilege of Mr. Fuellbrandt and myself to write his almost daily cards and letters of deepest affection for his wife at home. Her teaching ministry and winsome influence for Christ are still felt in the churches of Philadelphia and Forest Park where she served with an illustrious record over many years.

We of the Forest Park headquarters office became more intimately acquainted with her on informal occasions, and especially at our annual Christmas parties, when we fellow-shipped together joyously. Then Mrs. Kuhn would get her opportunity to open her heart and to reminisce—to talk about her husband and his human frailties, much to his chagrin, and to our delight, to speak with a keen sense of humor and with an amazing insight about the changing events of life, and to reveal to us her warm sympathies for those in need and her love for the things of God. She was always giving herself to others in Christ's Name—sharing her possessions and gifts of life with others, and scattering the flowers of her gracious ministry along the pathway of others.

## TRIUMPHAL HOME GOING

Mrs. Kuhn made her heavenly home-going in response to God's summons on Wednesday morning, January 27, 1960, as a guest at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. She leaves to mourn her departure two sisters: Flora and Clara Schulte; several nephews and nieces; and a denomination with many churches that thank God for her saintly life. Of her it can be said in golden letters: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The memorial service was held on

Friday afternoon, Jan. 29, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in charge of the impressive service and bringing a brief tribute to Mrs. Kuhn. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of the Foster Avenue Church sang a solo. The Scripture passage was read by Rev. G. Schroeder of the Forest Park Church and prayer was offered by Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. Rev. C. B. Nordland, former pastor of the Forest Park Church, spoke on Mrs. Kuhn's selected text of Ephesians 2:8 and Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought the memorial tribute and obituary. The committal service at the grave in Forest Home Cemetery was in charge of Rev. R. Schilke and pallbearers were ministers of the secretarial staff and of the Forest Park Church.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. Fred J. Knalson  
Mott, North Dakota

Rev. Fred Trautner  
610—13th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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ing a fire. He must have been largely responsible for the good will and kindness of the people for the entire island seemed to be inspired by his Christian spirit.

IV. THE PRISONER ARRIVES AT HIS DESTINATION. Acts 28:11-14.

The entire voyage of Paul is not indicative of a condemned man looking ahead to imprisonment or death. Paul looks more than ever like a conqueror looking forward to new exploits in the capital of the world.

## DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Dec., 1959	Dec., 1958	Dec., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 4,556.32	\$ 3,918.47	\$ 5,822.31
Central	32,708.83	22,574.59	20,809.66
Dakota	17,709.77	21,119.04	19,194.60
Eastern	5,980.86	4,775.28	1,894.79
Northern	22,107.24	16,761.39	8,975.33
Northwestern	12,744.55	15,744.44	9,251.64
Pacific	23,525.12	23,743.86	14,057.44
Southern	2,169.08	1,051.12	3,455.06
Southwestern	6,535.10	8,355.85	7,074.84
Miscellaneous			43.00

Total Contributions -----\$128,036.86      \$118,044.04      \$ 90,578.67

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of December, 1959	\$103,821.22	\$ 24,215.64	\$128,036.86
For the month of December, 1958	110,105.59	7,938.45	118,044.04
For the month of December, 1957	79,907.95	10,670.72	90,578.67

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959	\$484,577.63	\$118,273.67	\$602,851.30
April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958	492,855.99	44,055.77	536,911.76
April 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957	424,642.62	38,147.63	462,790.25

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE

July 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959 ----- \$66,563.36

March 3, 1960

# Obituary

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

## MR. PAUL H. JAEGER

of Los Gatos, California  
Mr. Paul H. Jaeger of Los Gatos, Calif. went to his heavenly reward on December 26, 1959 after an extended illness. He was born on July 26, 1881 in Albany, New York, the son of the late pioneer Baptist minister, Rev. John Jaeger. For many years he was the employee of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in Turlock and Manteca, Calif. After retirement he moved to Los Gatos, where he was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church at the time of his passing.  
Surviving him are his wife, Tillie; two sons: Chaplain (Colonel) Vernon P. Jaeger, U. S. Army, currently in Japan, and Ray R. Jaeger of San Francisco, Calif.; 2 brothers: John of St. Paul, Minn., and Walter of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Emily Bryson of Pocatello, Idaho; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.  
Los Gatos, California

### THE FAMILY

## MR. MARTIN BOETTCHER

of Calgary, Alberta  
Mr. Martin Boettcher of Calgary, Alta., was born Oct. 15, 1881 in Tulsa, Rumania and passed away on Oct. 19, 1959 at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary at the age of 78 years, 4 days. In 1898 the family migrated from Rumania and made their home in Anamoose, N. Dak. Here he met and married Miss Magdalen Ehrmann in 1904. This union was blessed with five children. During 1910 Mr. Boettcher and family came to Canada settling near Maple Creek, Sask. After eleven years, they moved to Trochu, Alberta and then to Carbon, Alta., in 1926. In 1944 he retired to Calgary, Alberta. In 1931 his wife predeceased him. He was married to Miss Mary Klein in 1933. This union was blessed with one son, Wesley, who is at present studying in Moody Bible Institute at Chicago.  
Mr. Boettcher accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1904, was baptized by Rev. B. Schlipf. As to his church life, it must be said to his credit and to the glory of

### A WORD TO THE WISE

"Be not proud of race, face, place, or grace."

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

God, that the growth of the church and the winning of souls were closest to his heart. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Marie; 3 sons; 3 daughters, 2 sisters, 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and friends.  
Temple Baptist Church  
Calgary, Alberta  
REV. R. MILBRANDT, Pastor

## MR. MERTON KLIPPET

of Calgary, Alberta  
Mr. Merton Klippert of Calgary, Alta., was born on Feb. 25, 1885 in Collingswood, Ontario, and passed away Oct. 29, 1959 in the General Hospital at Calgary, Alta. He was born into a Christian family who took their religious convictions very serious. At the age of 19 he accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized. In 1907 he was married to Lydia Becker. This union was blessed with 3 daughters and 9 sons. His wife, two daughters and one son predeceased him. In 1947 he was married to Mrs. Louise Brost, nee Forsch.  
The Klippert family moved from Ontario to western Canada in 1910, settling in Kindersley, Sask. In 1928 they moved to Calgary, where Mr. Klippert was an employee with the Jenkins Groceries until retirement in 1956. Through his staunch faith and cheerful witnessing attitude, he brought the whole family to realize the value of a Christ-centered life. He leaves to mourn his wife, Louise; eight sons; 1 daughter; 17 grandchildren; 1 sister; and a host of relatives and friends.  
Temple Baptist Church  
Calgary, Alberta  
REV. R. MILBRANDT, Pastor

## MRS. MARY LUEDTKE

of St. Bonifacius, Minn.  
Mrs. Mary Luedtke of St. Bonifacius, Minn., died on Dec. 31, 1959 after a long illness in the Waconia Hospital. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Ohde July 3, 1879 and became the wife of William Luedtke June 30, 1905. Mr. Luedtke died July 7, 1938. Survivors include one son, Wilmer of St. Bonifacius; and 3 daughters: Mrs. Ethel Elg, St. Louis Park; Mrs. Stella Amachler, Minneapolis; Mrs. Emily Patocka, St. Louis Park; and 6 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Minnetrista Baptist Church in St. Bonifacius on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1960. The service was officiated by Rev. Thomas Harfst, pastor, assisted by Mrs. Olga Adam and Mrs. Dorothy Harfst. Interment was in the Minnetrista Baptist Cemetery. Mrs. Luedtke enjoyed serving and worshipping the Lord for many years as a faithful member of the Minnetrista Church. We praise God that she is now enjoying her Lord in his very presence.

Minnetrista Baptist Church  
St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

THOMAS HARFST, Pastor

## MRS. EMMA BOSSERT

of McIntosh, South Dakota  
Mrs. Emma Bossert of McIntosh, S. Dak., was born July 19, 1895 southwest of Eureka, S. Dak., and went to her eternal rest on Dec. 26, 1959, without any sign of pain or struggle, at the age of 64 years, 5 months, and 7 days. She was married to Jacob Berkhardt in 1916. To this union were born 2 children. Her first husband preceded her in death, Oct. 12, 1920. On October 6, 1928 she was married to Mike Bossert at McIntosh, S. Dak. To this union also 2 children were born. Her second husband preceded her in death Nov. 5, 1950. She leaves to mourn her departure, 4 children, 4 step-children, 25 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Emma Bossert came to know Christ as her personal Savior in 1920 at the age of 25 years and was baptized west of Linton, N. Dak., by Rev. R. Lutz on July 12, 1921. After her marriage to Mike Bossert, she transferred her church letter to the First Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak. She was faithful in her attendance at the services in the house of the Lord and, according to her talents, she was an active member in his work.  
McIntosh, South Dakota  
WALTER H. KLEMPPEL, Pastor

## PRAYER WARRIORS

When the early church confronted a crisis they made prayer—not their last resort—but their first.

Secret intercessors make it possible for public laborers to do their work and win.



## REPORT McINTOSH, S. D.

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church. One young man accepted the Lord as his Savior. On Dec. 31, we had a joint Watchnight and baptismal service with the Hettinger church. Rev. Walter Klempel had the joy of baptizing 4 converts. One of these is Marilyn, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Klempel. From Jan. 4 to 8 we observed the Week of Prayer. Mr. Klempel is planning to conduct a Bible Study in March on the book of Colossians with expositions by Dr. W. W. Adams.

Mrs. O. Lohse, Reporter

### Fifteenth Anniversary of Calvary Church, Billings, Montana

From Jan. 4 to 10 the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana held a series of "deeper spiritual life meetings" with Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger, N. Dak. These meetings were held during Prayer Week with the emphasis on the enrichment of our spiritual life. In connection with this, the church observed its 15th anniversary with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, as guest speaker. On Saturday evening, Jan. 9, a banquet was held in the church fellowship hall for friends and members of the church. Of the 14 charter members still living, 7 were present and were honored with corsages.

The C.B.Y.F. presented the play, "Build on the Rock." Rev. J. C. Gunst was the banquet speaker. On Sunday, Jan. 10, the church held its anniversary worship service with Mr. Gunst again as speaker. A junior C.B.Y.F. was recently organized with children from grade one through six. The group meets every Wednesday evening with an average attendance of 13. Mrs. Gerber is their director. Rev. Wesley Gerber is our pastor.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

### Special December Programs, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kans.

On Nov. 25th the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, held a joint Thanksgiving Service in our church with two neighboring churches. The speaker of the evening was Miss Nina Anderson, from the Hunter Methodist Church. There was also special music from each of the churches. On December 3rd our Ladies' Aid held its Christmas program. Each member brought a guest, and there were 48 women present. Each of the ladies made a stuffed toy for our mission field in Texas, which was displayed. Each woman also brought a tree ornament for the County Farm.

On Christmas Eve our Sunday School presented the pageant, "The Question." The Lord has richly blessed our church through all these activities, and we were praying for greater blessing in the coming days. Rev. Edwin F. Voigt is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Vernice Voigt, Reporter

### World Mission Conference at Buffalo Center, Iowa

The 5th World Mission Conference convened at the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, Jan. 10 to 15. Director of the New Tribes Missions, Kenneth Johnston of Fredonia, Wisconsin,

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"It is heaven only that is given away—only God may be had for the asking."

—James Russell Lowell

sin, was accompanied by Mrs. Siegfried Hackle, who with his family will labor as missionary teacher in Germany. Dr. M. R. Siemens of the Calvary Memorial Church in Racine, Wisconsin, gave the devotional messages during the week on "Grace, Mercy and Peace" with the evening series on "Faith, Hope and Love."

Missionaries Laura Reddig and John Hiebert brought challenging news from Africa in word and film, making us realize the great need for indigenous churches. Missionaries Don Lang and Kenneth Johnston depicted the needs and customs of the South American, moving our hearts in behalf of the multitude who do not know Christ. Missionary Flier Anderson impressed our young people by showing how the Lord can use an ordinary person in his service if that life is wholly yielded to him. The Junior Young People presented the Les Magees with a Short Wave Transistor Radio which will be used in their missionary work in Brazil. Mission giving exceeded that of all previous conferences.

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter

### Program Highlights at Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

We of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, would like to share some of the highlights of the many blessings which we have experienced in the mercies of God. Six new members were received into the fellowship of our church: 4 by baptism and 2 by letter. As a result, our membership has reached an all time high. A Missionary Conference was held this fall with Rev. Ben Lawrence and Rev. R. Schilke as guest speakers. We accepted the challenge of the Elgin Baptist Sunday School in an attendance contest, in which we were the victors.

Our choir rendered a Christmas cantata on Sunday evening Dec. 20. The following Sunday evening we gave the cantata at the Elgin Baptist Church. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, taught a study course, "The Ministry of Visitation," for young people and adults. New folding doors were installed in the ante-room of the church auditorium, a gift from the "B.B.B. Class." Thirty-one Sunday Scholars are enrolled in our Scripture Memory Course, who meet once a month for a special program. The team of "God's Volunteers" with the director, Rev. W. Hoffmann, were with us from Feb. 14-21

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk

### Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., Elects Officers

At the annual business meeting of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., on Jan. 14, the members of the church with the acting moderator, Rev. Loren Weber, elected the following officers: vice-moderator, Walter Bangert; church clerk, Mrs. Ralph Conners; treasurer, John Kwyzla, Jr.; Sunday School superintendent, Everett Crooks; assistant Sunday

School superintendent, Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr.; deacon for 3 years, Walter Bangert; deacon for 2 years, Jacob Walkert; deacon for one year, John Kwyzla, Jr.; deaconess for 3 years, Mrs. Walter Bangert; deaconess for 2 years, Mrs. Everett Crooks; deaconess for one year, Mrs. Jacob Walker; trustees, Al Colton, Everett Crooks, and Dale Saunders; Social Chairman, Mrs. Eddie Rasmusson; reporter, Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr. The church approved a budget of \$4,918.10 in addition to the \$2,300 mission support granted by our denominational Board of Missions. The church also voted to set up a church building committee to begin plans for a church building to be built on the south end of the church property. A building fund was provided for in the new budget.

God has wondrously blessed the work here this past year. We have received 13 members by letter into our membership. We lost 4 by letter and one by erasure. Our membership now stands at 49 and our pastor is holding a class for several who have expressed their desire to be baptized.

Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Baptist Mission Sunday on Jan. 17 with Dr. George A. Dunger, Seminary professor, and Mrs. Flavius Martin, national Christian from the Cameroons, Africa, and at present a student at the NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speakers. In October 1959 Rev. W. G. Gerthe, pastor, began a series of messages, "Through the Bible." At present the congregation led by the pastor is studying "Judges." The Sunday School's Christmas program was entitled "Christmas Pathways." A gift of \$100 was presented to the pastor and his family. The Christian Men's Fellowship of the church has presented a typewriter with Portuguese letters to the Les Magees for their missionary work in Brazil, South America.

● More than 150 young people and guests of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and vicinity attended the Student's Reception held in the dining hall of the North American Baptist Seminary on Monday evening, Feb. 1. They represented such institutions such as the Seminary, South Dakota State College, Augustana and Sioux Falls Colleges, Grand Beadler College and Sioux Valley Nurses' School. Mr. Arthur Patzia was in charge of the fine program with Mr. Don Richter directing the games. Members of the secretarial staff in Forest Park, Ill., and Seminary teachers were introduced. Rev. R. Schilke brought a brief devotional message and reviewed our denominational program. Dr. M. L. Leuschner showed the latest motion picture films of the Cameroons mission trip and visit by Dr. George A. Dunger during his year of teaching in Ghana. The Refreshment Committee was composed of Mrs. Walter Kerber, Mrs. Karl Bieber and Mrs. Alvin Harsch.