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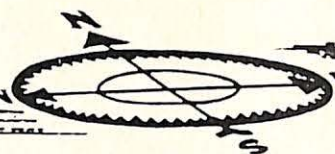
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● Five Protestant missionaries have returned to their posts in Iraq after an absence of several months, following political disturbance in the country. In April, 1959, while these five were on furlough in Lebanon and the U. S., the National Council of Churches reported that 14 Protestant missionaries were forced to leave Iraq. That left an estimated eight or ten American Protestant missionaries in the country.

● There has been an unprecedented demand for Scriptures in Brazil since publication late in 1959 of a revised Portuguese Bible, according to the American Bible Society. The Sociedade Biblica de Brasil hopes to produce a minimum of 300,000 Bibles in the new version during 1960, if paper supplies and funds permit. Paper is rationed by the Brazilian government.

● Belgian Congo editions in 20 different dialects of an illustrated booklet "Stories of Jesus for Children Everywhere" have been prepared under the auspices of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association. Altogether, more than two million of the books have been printed and distributed in some 110 areas of the world. Resources for sending out the booklets, now in an even 50 languages and dialects, come chiefly through gifts of children in the U. S. and Canada.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Latest statistics released show 678,258 Christians in Japan, a gain of approximately 35,000 over figures compiled in 1958. According to the Japanese-language Christian Year Book for 1960, these include 376,267 Protestants, 266,608 Roman Catholics and 35,293 Eastern Orthodox. The yearbook totaled Protestant baptisms at 19,655; Catholic baptisms at 19,123; and 409 for the Eastern Orthodox.

● Considerable discussion has been aroused by the suggestion that the Church of England establish a part-time priesthood and provide for some sort of service like that rendered by the now disbanded worker-priest movement in France. A part-time priesthood, it is argued, would help relieve the acute shortage of clergy which exists in the church. There are now 1,500 fewer men on the active list than there were ten years ago, and it is estimated that by 1961 half the clergy will be over 65 years of age. Industrial areas in the north of England have been particularly hard hit.

—Christian Century

● Yugoslavia "will not for the time being" restore diplomatic relations with the Vatican, an official spokesman of the Yugoslav Foreign Secretariat has announced in Belgrade. He

added that "there is nothing new" in the Government's relations to the Vatican. Yugoslavia broke off relations with the Holy See in December, 1952, charging Vatican interference with the country's international affairs.

● A \$1,000,000 five-year relief and rehabilitation program to aid some of the more than 3,000,000 Hindu refugees in West Bengal and Calcutta was approved by the Board of Managers of Church World Service. Known as Project Doya (Mercy), the program calls for a variety of educational and practical self-help projects, rather than for direct relief, to benefit the refugees who poured into India from East Pak-



Baptist Briefs

● **Southern Baptists Enter Guinea.** Guinea is the newest mission field for Southern Baptists (USA). Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Poe, who have served in Nigeria and Ghana, have been granted permits to enter the Republic of Guinea. They are at Conakry, the capital. Guinea is the 42nd country in which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are under appointment. It is expected that other countries of French West Africa will be entered in coming months.

● **Plans for Graham Crusade in Germany.** Plans were mapped at a conference of the Evangelical Alliance in Germany for a crusade to be conducted by American evangelist Billy Graham in September. Mr. Graham is scheduled to address several rallies in Berlin, Hamburg and Essen. When he was in West Germany in 1955, Mr. Graham attracted 230,000 persons during a one-week crusade. About ten percent of those attending the rallies made "decisions for Christ."

● **Theologian at Baptist Conference.** Dr. Markus Barth of the University of Chicago described a good sermon as one which makes both the preacher and congregation "suffer." Dr. Barth, son of the Swiss theologian, Dr. Karl Barth, gave a series of talks at the American Baptist Evangelism and Bible Conference. If the sermon is good, he said, the preacher has suffered because he has devoted long and hard work preparing his message. On the other hand, he said, good preaching will make the listener suffer pangs of conscience, instead of making him feel comforted.

● **Rio Speaker Honored.** Dr. Lam Chi Fung, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been honored in recognition of his outstanding Chris-

istian after the partition of India in 1947.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Businessmen in Cucamonga, California, are investing \$15,000,000 in a 220-acre "Bible Storyland" scheduled to open Easter Sunday, 1961.** Projected as a tourist attraction to compete with Disneyland in nearby Anaheim, "Bible Storyland" will include replicas of the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, Jonah's whale—even the "Pearly Gates of Heaven." Visitors will be able to "sail down the Nile," ride biblical animals, browse in exotic shops, and watch chariot races in a simulated Circus Maximus.

—Christianity Today

tian leadership and contribution to Baptist work around the world. He was honored in 1957 by the Queen of England with an Order of the British Empire for his outstanding welfare and educational affairs; and recently by the French government of Indo-China with a Coronation Medal and an Order of Dragon. Dr. Lam, president of the Hong Kong Baptist College, and chairman of the United Hong Kong Christian Baptist Churches Association, will give one of the opening addresses at the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio.

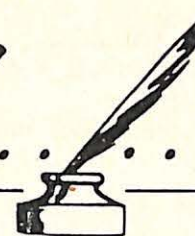
● **Gift for Green Lake.** A \$200,000 gift to provide two dormitories, accommodating 92 members of the student staff at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Omer E. Robbins of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Redlands, Calif. Mr. Robbins is chairman of the Assembly's development committee and has recently completed a 3-year term as president of the Assembly board. The Robbins' gift of \$200,000 and a pledge of \$25,000 from the Kresge Foundation of Detroit, will make it possible to erect and furnish the two dormitories. Construction will begin in April.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Baptist Accused of Proselytizing.** A 45-day prison sentence has been imposed on Rev. Spiros Zodiates, an ordained Baptist minister, in Chalkis, Greece, for using the title "Reverend" before his name in articles for Greek gospel publications. The sentence was imposed by the (lower) criminal court of Chalkis. *Ekklesia*, the official organ of the Orthodox churches in Greece, brought the situation to world attention in an article commending the

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Editorial



Bring an Offering to the Lord!

If we feel the hands of the living Christ clasped in ours and enjoy his ever-present companionship, then we must hear his words, spoken clearly to every disciple: "Bring an offering unto Me!" We pay only lip service if we fail to demonstrate our love to him and worship of him with the deeds of our lives and the gifts of our possessions. As the Risen Christ, he stands over against the treasury of every church and of every person's heart and witnesses the spirit of giving that is shown there.

At the time of the return of the Ark to Jerusalem, David, the king, held a great festival of praise with his people. The Lord God had revealed his greatness and he was "greatly to be praised." David called on the people to "give unto the Lord glory and strength," to "give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name." But this could best be shown by the people of Israel as they heeded the king's words: "Bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

The Easter season reminds us deeply and profoundly of all that Christ has done for us as our Savior. He died for our sins. He gave himself as a ransom for many. He suffered on our behalf. He became for us the Way, the Truth, the Life which alone lead to God.

But it is also this Easter season that should prompt us to stand before him with gifts of love in our hands, with the deeds of love that are well pleasing to him, with gifts that will extend the ministry of his hands and Gospel into all parts of the world.

"Oh, let me give
Out of the gifts thou freely givest;
Oh, let me live
With life abundantly because thou livest;
In darkest places, for thy light is mine;
Oh, let me be
A faithful witness for thy truth and thee!"

—Frances Ridley Havergal

As North American Baptists we have always believed firmly that the Easter offering belongs to the work of furthering the Gospel of the living Christ to the ends of the earth. We have tried to hear and to heed the divine command of the Savior: "Bring an offering unto the Lord!" There are many other times in the year when the offerings held in our churches can go for all kinds of local purposes and for building funds. But the Easter offering should focus our heart's attention upon the truth: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name!"

The Easter offering this year will again be designated for the missionary work of our North American Baptist General Conference to make Christ as the Savior and living Lord known to peoples everywhere. Easter Offering envelopes and posters have been sent to all churches announcing the purposes of the offering. Now it remains for each one of us individually to bring an offering to the Lord at this Easter season, to come before him and to worship him in the beauty of holiness. What will be your offering to the Risen Christ, your Savior?

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The Compassion of the Risen Lord

The Risen Christ walks among men today, but now in resurrection power. Because he lives, "ye shall live also."

By Rev. J. R. Kruegel of Trenton, Illinois

OUR DAILY newspapers testify to the fact that we live in a troubled world. The front pages tell of bloodshed and crime. The middle pages seek to help troubled wives and teenagers cope with their problems. And the back page comics like "Dick Tracy" and "Little Orphan Annie" indicate that life is not a comedy but a tragedy.

The world has not changed much since Jesus walked among men, for then life was full of tragedy, too. As Jesus passed by, men cried out for help. Looking on them with compassion in his heart, Jesus stretched forth his hand to heal the sick, cure the crippled, liberate the demon possessed, and raise the dead.

The very same Jesus walks among men today, but now in resurrection power. If men would only turn to him, they would find the basic needs of their hearts and minds fully satisfied, for the compassion of the Risen Savior is the "power of God unto salvation" to transform sinners into sons of God, who are able to live above the tragedy of this world.

The Bible tells us that the Risen Savior ministered in compassion to his disciples, turning the doubter to faith, the mourner to joy, and the backslider to fellowship.

COMPASSION FOR THE DOUBTER

On the road to Emmaus, the disciples told the "Stranger" that all their hopes for a better life had been dashed to pieces when Jesus was crucified. However, the compassionate "Stranger" ministered to their doubting hearts through the Scriptures and kindled again the flame of hope. At the dinner table that evening, when he showed them that he was their Risen Lord, their despair vanished, joyous faith returned and they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

Tragedy may blind our hearts and remove our faith for a moment, but when we fix our eyes on our Risen Lord, faith returns and joy floods our souls.

Thomas was probably an honest doubter, for the Risen Lord had compassion on him and showed him the visible evidence of the reality of his resurrection. Thomas' skepticism fled and his faith was renewed.

In this so-called scientific age, our Risen Savior's heart goes out to the honest doubter who really wants to know. The science of archeology has helped many with its evidences from ancient cities, monuments, tablets and inscriptions. However, the greatest evidence of Christ's reality today is found



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

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in the multitude of lives transformed by the Risen Lord Jesus. Former skeptics have proved for themselves that the Compassionate Savior reaches the deepest needs of their hearts.

COMPASSION FOR THE SORROWING

Mary Magdalene knelt outside the empty tomb weeping. She thought that they had taken away her Lord. When she asked where his body lay so that she might care for it, the "Gardener" answered with one loving word, "Mary." Instantly she knew that it was her Lord risen from the dead. Sorrow was swept away and joy flooded her heart.

One day, perhaps, you too stood by an open grave. Your heart ached and tears filled your eyes. Then you heard

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For the Ministry of the Gospel
of the Risen Lord and Savior.

the pastor read, "Because I live, ye shall live also Now is Christ risen from the dead The dead shall be raised incorruptible Death is swallowed up in victory thanks be unto God." Through his Word the Risen Savior ministered to your heart, restoring peace and quietness.

Some day our Risen Lord will call us forth from the grave. Transformed, to be like him, we shall enter into his holy presence, free from earthly sorrow, tears and trials. All the joys of heaven will fill our souls. Then we will know in full the Compassion of our Risen Lord.

COMPASSION FOR THE BACKSLIDER

When Jesus looked out over the crowds of people, "he was moved with compassion on them" because they were as sheep going astray. Israel, God's chosen nation, was backslidden, wandering away from God into a life of sin.

Among his own disciples, there was backsliding, too. Perhaps Peter is the most prominent example. When he was bold to declare his faithfulness, Christ warned him of his overconfidence. When Peter denied his Lord three times, he went out and wept bitterly.

In this bitter, backslidden condition, he remained for several days. However, the Lord Jesus had not forgotten him. Even the angels at the tomb had a special message for him when they said to the women, "Go tell his disciples, AND PETER . . ." A brief, but special, mention is made that Christ appeared to Peter, apparently in the absence of the others.

However, the chief evidence of Christ's love for backslidden Peter is seen one early morning while Jesus and his disciples were eating breakfast on the shore of Galilee. With the threefold question, "Lovest thou me?" the Lord Jesus tenderly, but firmly, pulled at Peter's heart strings until he admitted his failure and was renewed in fellowship with Christ.

So the Risen Lord is concerned for all of his own. Whenever we drift away from him, his heart opens toward us to draw us back.

If you, my reader-friend, have wandered away from the Lord Jesus, if you have denied him as Peter did, and have still not come back, remember that the Risen Lord is looking down upon you, waiting for your return.

If you feel something tugging at your heart strings, look up. It may be the Risen Lord in his loving compassion speaking to you.

Colossians' Picture of Our Salvation

A Further Study from Paul's Letter to the Colossians Concerning "Salvation Via Migration" by Rev. George G. Kimsey of Indianapolis, Indiana

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

ADOLF DEISSMANN, the great German scholar, grew tired of the classroom and what he called, "the classroom Paul." Leaving the university in the spring of 1909, he traveled the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, touching every city that St. Paul had touched.

In the month of March his party chanced to be on the site of the ancient city, Tarsus. While standing there, looking on the ruins, he said:

"High in the air were immense squadrons of storks, coming from over the sea. They were the storks of Asia Minor and Europe on their way northward from Africa in the south. They had come down the valley of the Nile and up the valley of the Jordan over Syrian Antioch. Then they had probably flown across the Bay of Alexandria and were now equipping themselves for the flight over the Taurus, some detachments getting provisions in the broad wet fields, others beautifully maneuvering in the air, while other legions were already making a steady and quiet course for the passes of the Taurus."

The prophet Isaiah uses a similar figure, "as birds flying" (Isa. 31:5). Jeremiah pictures the storks in their migration: "Yea, the stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming" (Jer. 8:7).

SALVATION IN CHRIST

It is strange that St. Paul, a master of great metaphors, never pictures the birds or flowers in his writings. It is also strange that the term salvation appears in every letter of Paul's except the one to the church at Colosse. Though the term salvation is not to be found, the meaning is made clear in the verse we have selected: "(God) who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

Salvation is always from something to something. The moment Zacchaeus said, "I restore fourfold" (Luke 19:8), that moment Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house." When Zacchaeus saw the ideal Son of Man, he was changed from a despised tax collector to a Son of Abraham. When the woman at the well caught the vision of the spiritual, she forgot the material and became an evangel. Peter told the rulers, "Neither is there salvation in any other" (Acts 4:12). At

Philippi a certain damsel fled from much gain by soothsaying into the light of Christ by the way of salvation (Acts 16:17).

There are three phases to salvation: initiation, continuation, and consummation. Paul expresses the initiation in Romans 10:10 when he says, "Confession is made unto salvation." He expresses continuation in Philipians 2:12, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." The consummation is expressed in Hebrews 9:28, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without (apart from) sin unto salvation."

Paul tells the Romans that the Gospel is the power of God from sin unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Here in Colossians he says that God hath delivered (rescued) from the power of the kingdom of darkness in which we were held as slaves. He has translated, changed us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

Following this picture of salvation, Paul gives one of the greatest Christologies (vs. 14-20) that appears in the New Testament. This we will treat in another article. Let us turn now to some of the practical applications of the figure, salvation via migration.

A CHOICE IS INVOLVED

When birds take their flight from the impending dangers of the frigid north, they seek a home in the land of flowers favored with warmth and beauty. They are fleeing from darkness with its lurking dangers to the land of light with its comfort and hope.

Always it involves a choice. They must either flee for freedom or be caught in the storms of death. Nature has appointed the day when they must rise and take flight for security or default and perish. If by instinct they plume themselves, weigh the winds, and use the resources provided by nature, they always find the powers with them are greater than the powers against them.

"There is a Power whose care Teaches thy way along that pathless coast— The desert and illimitable air— Lone wandering, but not lost."

Who pointed the way for the birds of the heavens? They follow a well beaten path. As the Psalmist said, (Ps. 77:19), their paths follow the great waters. In the ancient world they come down from the Black Sea, cross the Taurus Mountains, follow the Mediterranean coast or farther inland down the Jordan on their way to the

long stretches of the summer Nile. Here in our land their flight is down the Hudson and the Atlantic coast, or down the Father of Waters or the far west coast. Some of them go all the way from Hudson Bay to Argentina and Chile.

One asked Jesus, "How can we know the way"? The answer came, "I am the way, the truth and the life." As Paul, in the passage under consideration, points the way from the power of darkness to light, he uses great terms: redemption, forgiveness, image of the unseen God, the firstborn from the dead, having made peace through the blood of his cross, to reconcile all things unto himself. The way of the cross is the well established path along that pathless coast. It is the way we must rise and follow or perish.

SEEK THE THINGS ABOVE

One autumn traveling along the levee of the great Father of Waters, I saw Bryant's poetic picture:

" . . . Far, through their rosy depths,
dost thou pursue
Thy solitary way?
 . . . All day thy wings have fanned,
At that far height"

The naturalist tells us that birds fly at great height from one to three miles above the earth. Too many of us live on too low a plane. Moses' face shone after thirty days on the mountain. Jesus sought the Mount of Beatitudes, the Mount of Transfiguration, of Calvary, of Olivet.

Again, the naturalist tells us that the winds favor the heights. Paul says, "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:12). If we are to live in heaven we must think heavenly thoughts. A free translation is, "Keep on thinking the things above."

We turn again to Bryant's lines:

" . . . Vainly the fowler's eye
Might mark thy distant flight to do
thee wrong"

Birds are endowed with keen sight and sharp hearing. The waterfowl can detect the ravishing eagle more than ten miles away. One shriek in the night, and he alters his course.

No wonder Jesus said, "Take heed how you hear." And Paul warned, "Servants, don't just be honest and loyal when your master is present; that is 'eye-service' (Col. 3:22), and will not stand the test of your great Master." Train your eyes to be keen in detecting those things that would harm your flight. Train your ears to

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The 1960 Christian Leaders' Conference

Announcement of Program Plans and Available Accommodations at the Christian Leaders' Conference to Be Held in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 8-12, 1960.

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Secretary of the CBY Fellowship

THE WELCOME MAT is out at the North American Baptist Seminary in the friendly city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the host of leaders and other young people who will be coming from far and near to the Christian Leaders' Conference from August 8-12, 1960. From all plans and indications, this will prove to be the best Leaders' Conference conducted thus far.

Because of the many areas and phases of church work which will be covered, the program is sure to please you and to meet your particular needs. Therefore, we urge you, even now, to set aside the days of August 8-12 for a spiritual feast and a practical training in Christian education.

Registration blanks have recently been mailed to your church. These must be returned as indicated in order to insure your enrollment in the section of your preference. We are asking each one to sign up for one of the three sections, conducted daily from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Registration at the Conference will be on Monday afternoon, August 8, from 3:00-5:00 p. m.

DAILY PROGRAM

After signing in, getting settled in your room, and enjoying a delicious 5:30 supper, we will gather for the opening service at which time Rev. Frank Veninga, president of the Seminary, will give the keynote address. Following this spiritual fellowship, we will have an opportunity to get ac-

quainted with one another at the fellowship hour.

Briefly, the daily program will be as follows:

- 7:00- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15- 8:50 Bible Study
- 9:00-12:00 Youth-Adult Section
- Children's Section
- Camping Section
- (Informal fellowship and coffee in each section every morning)
- 12:15 Dinner
- 1:30- 3:00 Camping Section continued. Audio Visual presentation
- 3:00- 5:00 Recreation
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:45- 7:30 Choir rehearsal
- 7:30- 9:00 Evening service.

Each morning the entire group will gather for the Bible Study hour, led by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke. It is good to begin the day with thoughts of God and his message for us as revealed through the Scriptures.

During the morning hours of 9:00-12:00, there will be three sections conducted simultaneously. You are requested to choose one section which you will attend the entire week.

YOUTH-ADULT SECTION

There will be two class sessions in the YOUTH-ADULT section. "The Place of Young People in the Church Program" will be for CBYF members, youth leaders, and teachers of youth classes in the Sunday school. The entire scope of youth work in the church

will be covered during the week. "The Place of Adults in the Church Program" will be geared specifically for all adults and teachers of adult classes in the Sunday school.

The CHILDREN'S section will meet at the First Baptist Church for instruction in the Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior departments. The first hour will be spent in instruction and evaluation with the teachers, and the last two hours each morning will be devoted to observation sessions with the teachers observing the leader working with the boys and girls. There will also be a demonstration on the use of Southern Baptist closely graded materials and Judson Press closely graded materials. Teachers in these four departments cannot afford to miss out on this valuable instruction and observation.

For the observation sessions, it will be necessary to designate specific age limits for children who will participate, and registration will have to be restricted, due to limited facilities. Registration will be conducted on a "first come, first served" basis for children who will be permitted to participate in the observation sessions. Parents will be responsible for their children, except for the hours from 9:00-12:00, Tuesday through Friday.

CAMPING SECTION

The CAMPING section will center its interests in a new approach to Junior Camping. We will be dealing with such topics as the philosophy of camping, chapel time, Bible training, devotional life, various camping skills, and evening programs. The Camping Section will continue over into the afternoon, 1:30-3:00, at which time other persons from the forenoon sections will be welcome to attend. Instruction classes will be so arranged that the afternoon sessions will be of value to those who audit these sessions.

We are asking each of our Junior camps to appoint one or two representatives to come to Sioux Falls for this training period. Those who take this special training in Junior camp work are also invited to stay for the South Dakota Junior Camp, August 15-19, where this program will be put into actual practice.

The afternoon program will also include an audio visual presentation, plus recreation for the entire group. All those interested in singing will be asked to meet at 6:45 each evening for choir and choric reading practice. The evening programs will include brief denominational reports, special music

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Helpful and interesting discussions will be conducted at the 1960 Christian Leaders' Conference to be held at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from August 8-12, 1960.

Remember the Church in Your Will

As a Christian faces the sunset years of life, he will want to continue the Christian stewardship conviction, which he has actively followed in his weekly offering envelopes—by making a Christian will.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

MAKING A WILL is a unique and stimulating experience. Have you ever made a Will? The contemplation of such a step involves a new look at one's self in the light of those whom we expect to survive us. How we will appear to those we have left behind suddenly becomes important.

A Will speaks from the moment of death of the Testator and constitutes the last revealing expression of his personality which he shall ever be privileged to project upon this earth. Modesty, vanity, prejudice, fear, strong family pride and affection, a sound sense of justice as between persons in equal positions, excessive tax-consciousness—may be and often are written into the Will.

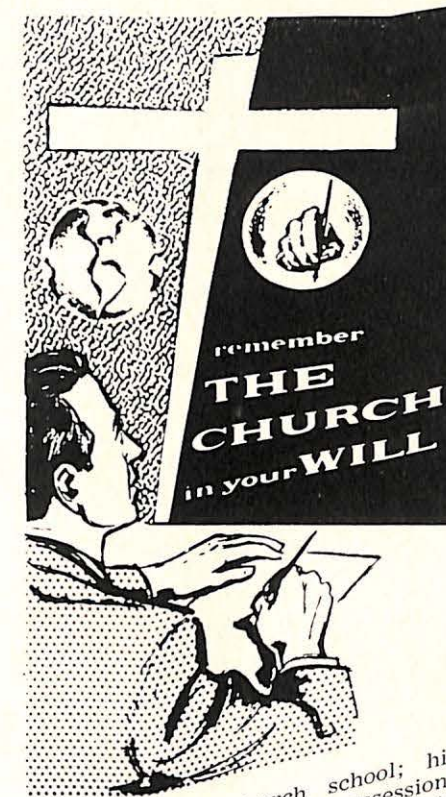
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

In these days of abundance, a much larger percentage of the people, comprising the vast middle interest, have more possessions at the time of their death than at any other time in the history of our country. Those who are Christians have definite responsibilities of Scriptural stewardship that God has entrusted to them. Christian stewardship has been defined as "the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions, based upon the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in his service for the benefit of all mankind, in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love."

On the basis of this definition of Christian stewardship, certain matters become apparent:

1. *Will making is an essential part of Christian stewardship.* Every Christian comes to church on Sunday morning and makes his weekly offering as an act of worship. Giving is as necessary to the Christian life as breathing is to the physical life. Giving is a form of prayer in which we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," through me. In the course of the years, a careful, thrifty Christian will save some money beyond his immediate needs. As he faces the sunset years of life, he will want to continue the Christian stewardship conviction, which he has actively followed in his weekly offering envelopes—by making a Christian Will. All of a Christian's time, talents and possessions are to be used to God's glory.

2. *Will making is a matter of faith.* The Christian believes that all he has came first from God. His life has been mediated through his parents; his Christian faith was mediated through



his church and church school; his money and other earthly possessions came as a result of God's goodness in creation and man's work with God. The Christian believes that God's greatest gift is Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord.

Recently, a distinguished Protestant layman retired from his work in New York and returned to his native state in the West. He made his Will, which in part read, "I, John Doe, of New York City, believing as I do in the just, creative and sovereign God Almighty, the Father of all mankind, and in his Son, Jesus Christ, my personal Lord and Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, who moves everywhere upon the hearts of men to enlighten and guide them in all Truth, and accepting as I do the Judaeo-Christian philosophy of life, from which comes our concept of moral values which are so basic for the establishment of Law, Order and Justice, as well as for our corporate and personal conduct, and also for the freedoms and privileges we enjoy under our Constitutional Democracy . . ."

This outstanding layman continued, "The time has come to close this trust and give a final accounting of the temporal property which he, the trustor, the creator of all things, has placed in my care as the trustee." This unusual man, in a very clear and direct way stated what most Christians

feel, and express less dramatically. A Christian's Will should witness to his faith in both its words and its intent.

3. *Will making is a matter of values.* The way a man spends his money is the surest clue to the kind of person he is. Making a Will is, in reality, spending money. The same criteria of values, both negative and positive, which have influenced the Christian in his daily decisions for stewardship should also influence the decision as to where his money goes at his death.

4. *Will making gives a larger opportunity for Christian witness and work.* Most church people have only modest means. They give regularly and systematically a portion of their income throughout their lifetime, but, in the sunset years, they have the unusual privilege of giving a considerable bit of money in one lump sum in the making of their Wills. Oftentimes the children are well established and there is no further need to take care of the family. At least on this occasion, the modest Christian can become a "big" philanthropist. He can make a sizable gift for ministers' pensions, building new churches, or sending out missionaries.

5. *Will making, if it is Christian, provides for both family and the church.* Certainly, the family with its children and grandchildren are among God's greatest gifts. At each stage of a Christian's life, he will have different family responsibilities. When the children are young and in need of care, the Will should reflect this situation. As the children grow up and found homes of their own, the Will has a different place. Every Will should be reviewed at regular intervals of four or five years. Remembering the church in a Will is not a matter of excluding the family and remembering the church. It is a matter of remembering both.

THE PASTOR'S PRIVILEGE

The stewardship ministry of the pastor is one of the basic responsibilities of his vocation. If a divorcee is threatened because of the mishandling of money, the pastor brings good financial counsel into the picture. If a man's niggardliness is depriving him of great joy in Christian service, it is the pastor's duty to lead him to a higher standard of giving. If a man's Will does not reflect the basic Christian concerns of his life, it is the pastor's privilege to counsel with him in this situation.

It is the minister's high calling to lead his people in the basic Christian ideal, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

New Experiences for "God's Volunteers"

By Miss Georgia Hunter, Reporter for the "God's Volunteers" Team

FOLLOWING the Christmas holidays, "God's Volunteers" resumed work in the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, where Rev. Alex Sootzmann is pastor. It was quite a new experience to us, seeing oranges on the trees, oil wells in action, and even baby alligators kept as pets! We made about 45 visits for the church in this farm community, and rejoiced over the large turn-out at the evangelistic meetings.

MOWATA CHURCH, LA.

Three young people made decisions for Christ during the meetings, and several others indicated their desire to walk in a closer fellowship with the Lord. In addition to the regular visitation program, we visited the sick on several occasions, and also participated in two morning chapel services at a Baptist High School near Branch, La.

Enroute to our next assignment, we stopped in Texas long enough to see the Gulf of Mexico (for the first time) and then stayed over in Dallas, Texas, one night in order to have an evening service at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church where Rev. Clemence Auch is pastor.

CHEROKEE, OKLA.

In Cherokee, Oklahoma, we worked with Rev. Kenneth Unruh at the newly re-located Bethel Baptist Church, making about 100 visits to potential prospects for salvation or church membership. It was a real thrill for two team members to lead an elderly man to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ

while they visited in his home.

But what of the many who reject Christ even when he is brought right to their hearts' door by those who witness? "God's Volunteers" need the prayers of concerned Christians who care that souls are dying! You may hold the keys to some of these closed doors we encounter. Are you praying?

A new experience was added to our list when Brother Unruh obtained permission for us to participate in a school assembly in both the grade school and high school in Cherokee. We rejoice over the children who may have heard the old Gospel story for the first time.

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

"Busy" was the password in Junction City, Kansas! We worked with Rev. Edwin Walter of the Mt. Zion Church, which is a country church, and also helped him in beginning a Church Extension work in the city. Evening services were held the first week in the Mt. Zion Church, where two young adults found Jesus Christ as their needed Savior.

Then the services were continued the second week in the city, and we were happy to have another young man find the Lord there. There were also several young people who chose to follow the Lord in baptism, as the Holy Spirit indicated their need to them during the meetings.

Approximately 350 visits were made in this area, and a large number of prospects for the church were found. Some canvassing was done in the area of the new church.

DIGHTON, KANSAS

The campaign in Dighton, Kansas, was for just one week of visitation at the First Baptist Church where Rev. Wm. R. Berger is pastor. We had opportunity to participate in the Sunday services and the mid-week service, in which the members of the church were challenged to carry on the program of visitation evangelism. About 30 homes were contacted with a witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

We were able to give out invitations to all the grade school children one day, and to conduct a special children's rally the next afternoon, with 36 youngsters in attendance.

FLYING WITH A CHRISTIAN STEWARDESS

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ly happens in America; one need not go to foreign lands.

A CHRISTIAN WITNESS

There have also been numerous missionary families travelling with their children, completely exhausted by their long hours of travelling. It is serving such as these and their gratefulness that bring extra compensation in our work. Recently a banker from Viet Nam, who spent a year in New York studying the American banking system, told how the churches are constantly threatened by communism and expressed the bleak outlook of being crushed by this evil influence in a matter of time. He pleaded that Christians remember them in prayer.

It is at a time like this when one observes with disgust the majority of our American public whose chief motive of living is a whirl of entertainment, only being able to talk about the night clubs and bars of the city they have visited. It would appear that the people who make America a nation need to be awakened so that we can fulfill our obligations as a Christian country. I realize it behooves me to radiate and to present Christ to my fellow-travellers on life's brief flight!

If you have been flying the Jet DC-8 today between Chicago and Seattle, you have been in the air for four hours and 10 minutes. You have been served a delicious dinner, which you have enjoyed leisurely, and you have had time to read your current issue of the "Baptist Herald" that you brought with you, or glanced through the magazines offered to you. It is now time to fasten your seat belt for landing.

If you should travel on the flight I am working, I should be delighted if you would identify yourself as a fellow North American Baptist! We'll have a wonderful trip together!

Flying With a Christian Stewardess

By Miss Lillian E. Peter

of Seattle, Washington



Douglas DC-8 Jet Mainliner service of United Air Lines from Chicago to the Pacific Coast make the nonstop trip to San Francisco in 4 hours 15 minutes; to Los Angeles in 4 hours 5 minutes. Miss Lillian Peter is a United Air Lines stewardess.

WELCOME ABOARD your Mainliner flight! Let's take an imaginary trip today. The destination is your choice—perhaps to exotic Hawaii, exciting San Francisco, glamorous Los Angeles, busy Chicago, captivating New York or to any of the popular cities in the United States including Vancouver, B. C., Canada. I am your stewardess, and my job as your hostess today is to make your trip as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

As you recline your seat, with your seat belt fastened, our plane is climbing to an altitude of 21,000 feet. Regardless of the number of times you have taken this trip, you marvel that the distance, which seems so great, shrinks to diminutive proportions as we wing our way into the deep-blue horizon.

GOD'S HANDIWORK

Whether you are viewing the Grand Tetons, marveling at the checkerboard squares of field crops over the western plains, being intrigued by the majesty of the Pacific Northwest mountains, or thrilling at your first glimpse of the enormous crater of Diamond Head at the tip of Oahu on your approach to Honolulu, it is a tremendously awe-inspiring experience. You recall the words of the Psalmist: "How great are thy works, O Lord!" and again you remember the verse in Genesis, "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

As a cup of coffee is served to you, you like other passengers are wondering, "Who are the men up front to whom I have entrusted my care this day." Most all crew members are family men and my co-workers represent almost every denomination and faith that exist—Catholics, every branch of Protestantism, including Mormons. Among the crew there are those who are actively engaged in church work, Sunday School classes and boys' work. Each realizes that his job as captain, co-pilot or flight engineer carries the greatest of responsibility and that to-

gether theirs is the most precious of cargoes—human lives.

You are looking around at your fellow-passengers and wondering who is travelling today. You name the occupation and in the course of two years of scheduled flying it has no doubt appeared on the passenger list. There have been numerous people from the entertainment world. There have been many from the political field—Senators, Congressmen and Ambassadors.

General Carlos Romulo, former United Nations President, now Philippine Ambassador to the U. S. A., left a most lasting impression by his unassuming and congenial manner. And most recently, the premier of British Columbia, the Honorable Bennett, and his son were on board. To single out individual cases of celebrities and important people carried would take a lengthy manuscript.

Although it is always a pleasure to be hostess to distinguished airline

travelers, yet it is Average Mr. and Mrs. America who are most interesting. We have passengers like the five-year old girl (and many children under 12 years travel unaccompanied) who looked up inquiringly as she asked, "Does this plane take me to heaven?"

Then, there are the elderly travelers, whom one admires for their adaptation to the trend of new and modern transportation, such as the little old lady who insisted on keeping her coat in case someone left a window open. Also there was the lady who had a look of relief on her face when she saw the white pillows in a row overhead and said, "I see you have parachutes on board."

AIRLINE TRAVELERS

It is always a pleasant experience to enter into the enthusiasm of those who are travelling for happy occasions. Perhaps the long-anticipated vacation, a golden wedding anniversary, the welcoming of a grandchild, the honeymooners on the trip won to New York or Chicago that excites and brings sparkle to the eyes of the teenage boy or girl. However, there are times when one asks for special guidance to comfort those travelling on an emergency, such as an illness, death or accident. Then there was the unusual case of the heartbroken mother who sobbed out the story of her daughter's suicide.

It is always of special interest to meet the clergymen on board. Not many months ago Bishop and Mrs. Pike were passengers destined for San Francisco, California. In contrast to this was an archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church who walked up the ramp in his habit, Asiatic-type slippers, greying beard. A figure of antiquity walking to a modern conveyance made quite a scene. However, one could not help but feel a chill of pity when noticing the congregation that met the rather old, emaciated priest, kneeling on the ground at his feet and kissing his none-too clean hands. This actual-

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"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" AT THE MOWATA CHURCH, LA.

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



Miss Lillian E. Peter, United Air Lines stewardess, who is faithful in giving her Christian witness as a member of a North American Baptist church.



The famous Michael Church and Glockenspiel Cafe in Salzburg, Austria.

Instruments for God's Use and Glory

The thrilling story of four American young people, studying at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, who are singing their way into the hearts of people in Austria, Italy and Germany and glorifying Christ!

By Miss Louanne Fuchs of Oak Park, Illinois

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation; Come ye who hear, Brothers and Sisters draw near; Praise him in glad adoration!

SO BEGAN the program at the Christian Servicemen's Center in Naples, Italy, December 27, 1959. The Sixth Fleet had just come into port and several thousand sailors were wandering around the city of Naples. It was the second day after Christmas, and Varsity Ensemble was presenting a musical program for the sailors and officers.

The chapel was literally packed, the overflow extending into a room at the back and a hallway beyond that—packed with men from every walk of life. Many were rough and rowdy. Some were young fellows just out of high school. Many were lonesome for wives they had not seen for six months or more and children they had never seen. Only a few were Christians!

OUR PROGRAMS IN ITALY

Praise God for such an evening! Praise God for loving each one of these men so much that he sent Christ, his only begotten Son, into the world. *Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.* As Donna Bergstrom was singing this beautiful carol with string accompaniment, my thoughts flashed back to Christmas Eve in Rome. Varsity Ensemble had presented a Christmas program in an English Methodist Church

in the heart of the great city, the first time they had ever had a service on Christmas.

At 12:00 the huge bells in St. Peter's reverberated throughout the city, and St. Peter's Square was alive with the throng of people on their way to midnight mass. We noticed how strong Catholicism was here in the "Eternal City." And we were equally impressed with its grasp on the people when we visiting the imposing Gothic Cathedral of Milan: the smell of incense, the mistiness, the cold, the darkness of the building . . . but, above all, the darkness in the people's faces.

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, when thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for thy holy Nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for thee.

Ah yes, as we sang this hymn, my mind turned to the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna, Austria, where we participated in the 90th anniversary of the church and in the Austrian Ministers' Conference. This little hymn, requested again and again, was one which particularly touched the hearts of the people.

After the evening service we were taken to the home of a minister and his wife, where we, together with a Yugoslavian couple, had "Abendbrot" and a most rewarding time. Our eyes were opened that night to a world we had never known existed. Pastor Ostermann, as a prisoner of the first World War, spent seven months in a prison in Siberia, in a grossly over-

crowded cell. For six months the men were forced to stand continuously. Daily the dead were replaced with new prisoners.

In his years as a minister in Siberia, Pastor Ostermann once baptized 110 people at 2:00 A. M. First a hole was cut in the ice, then the candidates went into the water, were baptized, wrapped in skins, and taken to a shack where they thawed out in front of a small wood stove. As this man of God told us:

MISSIONARY OSTERMANN

"During such hard times, hundreds were baptized. Where the enemy is strongest, the Christians are strongest. Though our Bibles were burned and we could not read them, our people had God's Word stored in their hearts, and no man could take that away."

Forced to leave the country, he and his wife came to Austria with their three small children, not a penny in their pockets, no food, no belongings, and only the clothing they had on. Not knowing where to turn, they came to the Mollardgasse Baptist Church where brothers and sisters in Christ took them in; and they have worked in Vienna ever since. We could never forget this couple. Though they have little in the way of material goods, yet they are rich; for they have a priceless Treasure.

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht Yes, it was in Niederalp, Austria, where we first sang that beloved carol. All the neighborhood children, under the direction of Nell Pearson, of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, were

giving a Christmas play in a tiny Lutheran Church. In one corner stood the angels in their white robes, and in another stood a motley crew of little shepherd boys, dressed in the typical Austrian costume: short "lederhosen," knee socks, heavy ski shoes, and a green hat with a tall feather.

STUDENTS IN SALZBURG

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. But why did he come, and what has he done for you and me? With this thought Varsity Ensemble began the second part of the musical program for the Servicemen's Center in Naples.

We are four students from Oberlin College who, with the other members of our class, are spending our junior year studying music at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Because of the cultural heritage of Europe, we four: Donna Bergstrom of Oak Park, Illinois; Steve Clapp from Ramsey, N. J.; Rodney Schmidt from Salem, Oregon; and I, believe that music may be used, appealing to this culture, for an effective witness to Jesus Christ . . . Instruments for his use. *Not unto us, O Lord, only to thee be the glory. Thy name alone is the theme of our song and our story!*

As we continued the program, *God leads his dear children along* reminded us of journeying mercies throughout the travelling in our Volkswagen Microbus where icy mountain roads and the unpredictable Italian traffic kept our Guardian Angel working overtime! (As far as we could determine, the Italians have only two traffic rules: stop at red lights, and don't hit anyone!)

Grand é Tua fedeltà Padre d'amore . . . greeted us as we entered the Watchnight Service of the missionary conference in Florence to which all evangelical missionaries in Italy had been invited. The missionaries were learning to sing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* in Italian, and Varsity Ensemble was to sing it later in the service. How rich those four days in Florence were as we heard these servants of God speak, as we saw the love of God radiate through their lives, as we saw how faithful he had been.

We shared in the Bible Studies of Dr. Rene Pashe of Switzerland, and thrilled to the testimony of Harry Liu, Chinese missionary to his own people and a member of the Pocket Testament League. These words still remain clearly in mind:

"When we are called, it matters not how much we can do—but how much God can do with us and through us. And this depends on how much we are yielded to God."

ITALY, AUSTRIA, GERMANY

For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. As once again Steve Clapp played this arrangement on his violin, my thoughts turned to those little boys at Comandi Institute, who begged to hear the "sparrow song." So many memories: meals in the dining hall with the boys—real Italian cooking with its pasta, dried



THE VARSITY ENSEMBLE IN AUSTRIA

This picture taken in the sanctuary of the Baptist Chapel, Salzburg, Austria, shows (left to right): Rodney Schmidt, Donna Bergstrom, Steve Clapp and Louanne Fuchs. (Miss Fuchs is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs, Oak Park, Ill.)

fish, finocchi, and panetone cake; sings around the piano with Italian Christians; the boys surrounding us for autographs and excitedly looking up the Scripture verses placed after our names; and the Garlic Four—an Italian male quartet which, during one recording session, gave itself this nickname out of sympathy for our position across the mike.

Truly, *What a Wonderful Savior* we have! On World Wide Communion Sunday, our first Sunday in Europe, we worshipped in the small Baptist Church in Salzburg where the majority of the members are Yugoslavian refugees. As we followed the service in German, we were particularly struck with the unity we have as believers in Christ Jesus. The pastor, Rev. Ernst Schiffer, recognized us almost immediately and invited us to share in the services, which we have done each week since. We became concerned, however, lest it would appear that we were in any way "taking over," and so we went to him with the problem. His answer:

"The first time you played my people were stirred to tears. They have grown to love you and your music, not only because it is art, but because it is art with a blessing."

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. These words have become significant since our recent weekend in Augsburg, Germany—a city so noted for its historical Protestantism. Remembering Luther's struggles brought to mind similar ones which the young Austrian churches of Bad Ischl and Seekirchen are experiencing. And with the playing of *Ein Feste Burg* we closed the second portion of our program.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

After a short time in which we had the opportunity of sharing with the servicemen what Christ has done for us, Steve Clapp introduced our last group: ". . . He's come What has he done? Why did he do it?"

. . . ." *O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.*

Four months ago we were on the Mauretania crossing the Atlantic Ocean. With the wind around me and the spray on my face, I always found it refreshing to spend time on deck watching the sea and meditating. One particular night the sea was very rough; great swells, waves dashing wildly into the ship, the spray reaching up and covering me *rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.*

We sang this beautiful Welsh hymn many times aboard ship with a shoemaker from Carmarthen, South Wales, who was returning from a hymn-singing convention in Toronto. How pleased we were to find this hymn equally loved in churches throughout Italy: a Waldensian Church in Verona, a Baptist Church in Rome, a Swiss Presbyterian Church in Naples, a Nazarene Church in Florence, and a Methodist Church in Savona.

The program continued *Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, O Sacred Head once wounded, Beneath the Cross of Jesus.*

All heads were bowed; all eyes were closed. Men sobbed. One could feel the power of the Holy Spirit in that packed room as he pierced men's hearts. As the invitation was given, many raised their hands and three sailors publicly confessed Christ. One of these came to us later, saying:

"My wife's been praying for this day for three years. I never could see anything in Christianity until I saw it in your faces tonight."

Not unto us, O Lord, only to thee be the glory! Great is thy faithfulness! Grace tells a wonderful story. Thou art the same. Praise to thy glorious name! We shall forever adore thee.



The Baptist Chapel and Mission Station at Essling, a suburb of Vienna, Austria.

Throwing Out the Lifeline in Austria

God's blessings on wonderful meetings at the Chapel in the Vienna Woods, in the town of Gols on the shore of Neusiedler Lake, and in the suburban, booming city of Essling.

By Dr. W. J. Appel,

Director of the Austrian Mission Fields.

FOLLOWING the First World War, there was desperate need for living quarters in Austria. One reason for this was that in the days of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire many people had left Austria to locate in various areas of the extensive empire. Following the changes that took place, these people returned to their homeland, where thousands of homes had been destroyed, and were now looking for a place to live.

A second reason for this was the fact that many young people were now seeking to establish new homes. However, the cost, with the increasing inflation, even if it were possible to find a place, was beyond their means.

CHAPEL IN THE VIENNA WOODS

As a result of this situation, the Eden Building Project was established in the Vienna suburb of Huetteldorf in the beautiful Vienna Woods. Among the many homeseekers was a member of the Baptist Church of Vienna, Mr. Ferdinand Schmid, who applied to the city authorities for assistance. In answer to his request, his attention was directed to this new Eden development which had just been designated for family dwellings.

Brother Schmid discovered a number of other men with like needs, among whom were several Methodist brethren, and together they united to form an enthusiastic group of home-builders. Further devaluation of the currency and the scarcity of building materials presented real problems at this time. Their search finally led to some natural stone in nearby Wolfersberg, a mountain in the vicinity.

With some surplus military equipment, a narrow-gauge track was laid from the newly-discovered miniature quarry to the location chosen for the erection of the first buildings. Several

young Jews, anxious for the training in preparation for their migration later to Palestine, offered to prepare the stone for building for a small remuneration. This made possible the erection of the first five homes.

Among the first homes was one known as No. 12, which eventually became the residence of Rev. Rupert Ostermann and his family. Here for nearly twenty years, worship services and Sunday School were held each Sunday and Bible Study and prayer meetings conducted during the week.

Finally the time came when, with the help of fellow-believers in America, the Chapel in the Vienna Woods, in the heart of this new settlement known as Eden, became a reality. Each year the members have set apart one

Sunday as a day of thanksgiving for the building which they have increasingly come to appreciate and love as the House of God.

The year 1959 marked the 10th anniversary of the erection of the Chapel in the Woods, and special commemorative services were held. This was a time of great rejoicing, and, under the able leadership of Pastor Franz Traudisch, a 1958 graduate of our Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, the Huetteldorf Church looks forward hopefully to its second decade in an expanding community where the need for a Gospel testimony continues to grow.

WONDERFUL MEETINGS IN GOLS

In the Hungarian uprising of 1956, when thousands of refugees sought a



AUSTRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sunday School children of the Baptist Church at Huetteldorf, a suburb of Vienna, Austria, present the Christmas program with the manger of the Christchild in the foreground.

way of flight into freedom, many chose the waterway. Along the border between Hungary and Austria lies Neusiedler Lake, an extensive but shallow body of water in which grow acres of tall, sturdy reed. This abundant growth affords a most effective hiding place.

Along the shore, on the Austrian side of the lake, lies the primitive little town of Gols, numbering several thousand inhabitants. The surrounding countryside is level and the climate milder than the more mountainous areas, accounting for acres upon acres of lettuce grown in the early spring, supplying the needs of the nearby metropolis of Vienna and other towns. Extensive vineyards abound for many miles around, and an abundance of wine is produced here each year.



Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Baptist Chapel in Essling, Austria.

Rev. Martin Gigseder, our evangelist in Austria, recently conducted a series of meetings in Gols, and concerning these he writes:

"Pastor Rupert Ostermann, our Mission Secretary, has visited Gols periodically for several years and has frequently suggested the need for a series of evangelistic meetings. Missionary Alois Peter spent several weeks beforehand in Gols, preparing for this effort, and the people were ready to bid me a hearty welcome. The only Baptist in Gols placed a room in his home at my disposal as a gathering place for the meetings.

"Accompanying me were Missionary Lange and the Children's Worker, Miss Ethel Lutke. Brother Lange brought his accordion and slide projectors and Miss Lutke her flannelgraphs and equipment. For twelve days we gathered in the afternoon with a group of between 12 and 15 children, some of whom brought their parents with them. In the evening, between 30 and 50 adults came to hear the Good News.

"We had the opportunity of dealing

From the Professor's Desk

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

I can understand Matthew 6:24, but what is meant by Luke 16:9?

The verse in question reads as follows in the Authorized Version: "And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." This translation leaves much to be desired. The Revised Standard Version is far superior and helps to clarify at least some elements in the verse: "And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations."

Luke 16:9 is the climax to the difficult parable of the Unjust Steward. The parable tells the story of a rich man's steward who was called to give an account of his stewardship before his master. Aware that he was about to lose his job, he hit upon an idea to insure his future. He would charge his master's debtors considerably less than they actually owed by falsifying the accounts. By this means he would ingratiate himself with the debtors. When the steward's master discovered his plan, he did not condemn him for his dishonesty, (as we would suppose he ought), but commended him for his prudence in trying to provide for the future!

This parable has greatly suffered at the hands of its interpreters. A tremendous literature has arisen concerning it, and much of it is useless, because it violates or disregards the cardinal principal of parable inter-

pretation, viz., a parable is not an allegory, every part of which has a specific meaning, but a story with one main point.

When this is remembered there is no moral difficulty in the parable. The steward was obviously a dishonest man, (he is specifically called such in verse 8), but it is not his dishonesty which is commended in the parable. He is commended for his worldly prudence in supplying friends for himself for the time of need.

Now this brings us to the application or essential point of the parable: "for the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light." Or to state the essential point in another way: Some of the ingenuity and acumen that men display in providing for their material welfare should be utilized in the more important matters of the spirit.

More specifically, verse 9 suggests that money, (called "unrighteous mammon" probably because injustice is so often involved in its acquisition and use), can be used for high spiritual purposes. By its proper, generous and unselfish use, it can bring blessings to others—friends can be won, as the text suggests. And these friends, made by the proper use of wealth, are in this passage depicted as welcoming the giver into heaven itself! Ambrose, the spiritual father of Augustine, commenting on the parable of the Rich Fool said: "The bosoms of the poor, the houses of the widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever."

personally with a number of interested persons, and three women made decisions for Christ. Our concern at present is that a way may be opened to maintain meetings regularly in this town."

A BAPTIST MISSION IN SUB-URBAN ESSLING

For many years our Vienna Baptist Church has maintained, among others, a mission station in the suburban area known as Essling. Here too a series of evangelistic meetings were recently held, concerning which Pastor Anton Kurti reports as follows:

"That the Lord has done great things and can do great things, many believe. But not all agree that God desires to do something great for us

CHRISTIAN HOLINESS

Holiness in us is the copy or transcript of the holiness that is in Christ. As the wax hath line for line from the seal, and the child feature for feature from the father, so is holiness in us from Christ.—Philip Henry.

NOW. We have had this experience in Essling during a time of evangelistic effort. This was the first such endeavor, and we sought to prepare carefully and prayerfully for the coming of our evangelist, Rev. Martin Gigseder, who brought a Gospel message each evening. On the first night sixty persons crowded our little chapel. The average attendance for the twelve nights was 46, which was very good considering a membership of only 28.

"God manifested his grace and power in the fact that a number of precious souls professed personal experience with Jesus Christ. The last evening was especially blessed. Following the message, 'The Debt is Paid,' one man asked permission to give his personal testimony to the truth as it had been proclaimed. A mother requested prayer for her wayward son. Several other people asked prayer for the sick in their family circle.

"A service of rededication brought this memorable series of meetings to a glorious close. We now sense the responsibility of helping those who have made decisions and shall endeavor to guide them in the new way of life."

We the Women

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

"KING OF KINGS"

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead tells about the time he attended an outstanding rendition of Handel's "Messiah" in the Royal Albert Hall of London. With him on this special occasion was his father-in-law, then in his seventies. As the audience stood for the "Hallelujah Chorus" and the great song rose to stupendous heights,

"King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; He shall reign forever, forever, and ever; Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!"

tears streamed down the furrowed cheeks of the older man. When he had regained his composure, he whispered, "That was my Savior they were singing about!" It was the thrilling emphasis placed on the little word "my" that Dr. Weatherhead could never forget.

In these weeks preceding Easter, as we again read and study the significant story of Christ's suffering and death, we would do well to ponder the question of the Lord's preeminence in our lives. Have we made him our King of kings, Lord of lords? Or, is the place we give him in our lives only secondary? To make him King, indeed, is to live life at its fullest, its best. He not only died to save us from our sins, but he arose to give us life eternal. That life eternal begins on earth, where he promised to give us the "more abundant life"—and transcends death and the grave into a life beyond in the "place prepared for you."

Only by making Christ King of kings in our lives can we attain life's highest degree of perfection. So many of us are willing to designate certain areas of our lives to God,—to let him rule over our Sunday activities, for instance. But unthinkingly, perhaps, we reserve the right to retain command of our weekly affairs—our business matters, our social life, our relationships with others. How different this world would be if each professing Christian made him King of kings over every facet of life!

To crown him Lord of lords requires sacrificial living, not unlike the Master's own willingness to lay down his life. Each time we give of ourselves for his Kingdom, we become a little more like kings ourselves. Self-denial, service and sacrifice are Christ's measures of greatness. To give all that we are, and all that we possess, unre-servedly, constitutes true discipleship. It is then that he becomes King of kings, the supreme Ruler of our lives. Ruling our lives, Christ helps each of us to be "kings and priests unto God."

My First Christmas in America

By Flavius Martin, Cameroons Student Studying at the North
American Baptist Seminary



Flavius Martin, Cameroons student at the Seminary, is flanked by Rev. Edwin Michelson (left) and Rev. Kenneth Unruh (right) behind the pulpit of the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla.

FINALLY the Christmas Vacation Tour was beginning! My companion was Rev. Edwin Michelson, a former missionary friend in the Cameroons, Africa. Within two weeks, we travelled more than 2,500 miles across extensive farm lands and towering cities. We visited 12 outstanding Baptist churches in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, and lived with several American families. Often we were faced with kind hospitality and formidable guest-books! Once we ran into "color bar" in a roadside restaurant in Oklahoma, but the whole tour nevertheless was exciting and enjoyable.

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and choric readings, play readings, and a missionary emphasis.

AMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Adequate preparations are being made for your comfort while at Sioux

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Impressive large-sized churches, modern in designs, rise all over the country. There were glittering seats, expensive musical instruments and robed choirs. Christmas gaiety was displayed everywhere. Live crèches occupied the front of parsonages and church buildings, while Christmas trees with resplendent lights gave color to the night meetings.

All our meetings were well attended by many teen-agers. Many questions, revealing a keen interest in missions, were asked after every meeting. Among the questions asked were these:

1. How can we help the churches in the Cameroons today?
2. Is the work of evangelism finished in Africa?
3. Is there still room for witness and service?
4. Are Communism and Nationalism a threat to Christian endeavor in Africa?
5. How will you serve your churches when you return home?
6. What do you think of American churches? Are our standards higher than yours?

All of these questions demand thoughtful considerations.

GENERAL RESPONSE

Needless to say, the general response in all the churches and parsonages was overwhelmingly kind and enthusiastic. Curry and rice, a favorite African dish, was served for Christmas. Pastors, who were alumni of our Seminary, talked about the good old days. Prospective Seminary students await their turn with anticipation. It would be impossible to mention all my hosts by name, but I wish to thank all who helped to make the tour a real success.

Falls. Dormitory facilities will be available at the North American Baptist Seminary and also at the Sioux Falls College for single individuals. A number of homes will be available for couples without children. Those coming as a family will find excellent quarters at a hotel or motel in the city. Your church leaders will be supplied with names and rates of available hotel and motel accommodations. Meals will be served at the seminary at very reasonable rates. Children ten years and under will be served at half price.

Your summer of 1960 will be complete only if you include the Christian Leaders' Conference in your plans. You can't afford to miss it. We will be looking for YOU!

Postscript: For further information write to Rev. Lawrence Bienert, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

● Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bushkowsky of Winnipeg, Manitoba have announced the birth of a daughter on Feb. 8, to whom the name, Miriam Faith, has been given. Mr. Bushkowsky is the assistant pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man.

● Rev. James Brygger recently resigned as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, and announced that he had accepted the call to a church in Sioux City, Iowa. He began his ministry in this church of another convention on March 1. He served as pastor of the Central Church in George, Iowa, since 1955. His new address is given elsewhere.

● Rev. Jack Davis has resigned as the pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla. He began his ministry there in 1959, after having finished his studies at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has already brought his ministry at the Gotebo church to a close. His plans for the immediate future are not known at the denominational headquarters office.

● Rev. Ernest Lauth of Gladwin, Mich., has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Frederick, Mich., a church of the General Conference of North America. He has been preaching in the Frederick church since November 1959. However, he and his family will not move to Frederick until after the close of school in the spring. Mr. Lauth was formerly pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich.

● From Feb. 28 to March 6 special meetings were held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., for the deepening of the spiritual life. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was the evangelist. The Sunday School's Leadership Training Class began on Monday evening, March 7. The Men's Brotherhood has recently elected its officers with Mr. Horst Flemming as the president. Rev. Assaf Husmann is pastor of the church.

● On Feb. 17 Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, former Southern Cameroons missionary, and Mr. Reinhold Walter Schaub of Gatesville, Texas, were united in marriage. The ceremony took place at the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., with the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fischer, officiating. The "Baptist Herald" family extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Schaub for a happy life together. An illustrated report about the wedding ceremony appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The women of the newly organized Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton,

Alta., have organized as a Mission Society. Mrs. W. Link has been chosen to serve as president. The charter membership consists of 25 women. Mrs. J. Tobert, secretary, reported: "We have decided on a budget and our goal is to be \$1,000." Most of this money will be used to help furnish the kitchen and Ladies' Lounge in the Educational Unit which the church is planning on building this year. Rev. E. P. Wahl is pastor of this new church in Edmonton.

● The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held its Missionary Conference from March 25 to 27 with Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and Miss Eleanor Schulert, Cameroons missionaries, serving as guest speakers. On Friday, Feb. 26, the annual Father and Son Banquet was held. Rev. William Lufburrow who had spent "five days and nights on skid row in New York City" was the special speaker. Mr. and Mrs. David Wynn of the church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 14. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is the pastor of the church.

● Rev. Frank Armbruster of Roach, Missouri, has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas. This community is near Bison, Kansas, where there is a thriving North American Baptist church. The Hoisington church is unaffiliated at present, but there is a possibility that it will receive denominational aid and become affiliated with the North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Armbruster has accepted the call and began his ministry there on March 13, 1960. He was formerly pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas.

● Miss Geraldine Glasenapp left Tiko, Southern Cameroons, by boat shortly after March 15, bound for the United States and her first furlough at home. She will sail via England. Her home church is the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. William Rentz and their family will sail for Canada in April to enjoy their first furlough. Their home is the Emmanuel Church of Morris, Man. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson arrived in Kumba, Southern Cameroons, early in February, where they have been assigned their present ministry. Their major work will be "Evangelism in the Coastal Areas."

● The Baptist Church of Oak Bank, Manitoba, has extended a call to Mr. Milton Falkenberg to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Falkenberg has been a student at the Briercrest Bible Institute in Saskatchewan during the present school year. He will

begin his ministry in the Oak Bank church on May 1, 1960. The Oak Bank church was formerly a mission of the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Man. Recently the congregation voted to have its own full time pastor but it will continue to be a mission of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church which will share in paying the salary of the Oak Bank pastor.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 7, Rev. Merle Brenner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, baptized 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Another candidate, who was ill with flu at the time, was baptized on a later Sunday. These young people were received into the fellowship of the church by the pastor at the following communion service. The Men's Brotherhood of the church has recently worked hard at taking care of building repairs with Mr. Everett Wilkerson as the foreman. The church has adopted the Every Family Subscription Plan of the denomination.

● Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern will be visiting every North American Baptist Church in South Dakota from April 13 to 24 on a busy promotional schedule. These missionaries of ours to Japan will start in Rapid City, S. Dak., and bring their ministry to a close in Madison, S. Dak. They will also spend Friday, April 22, at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and address the Bender Fellowship meeting that evening. Their messages and pictures concerning the Japan mission field, where they have served with such effectiveness since 1952, will be greatly appreciated by the large audiences that ought to greet them everywhere.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 21, five North American Baptist Seminary students conducted the service at the Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn. The guest speaker was Mr. Flavius Martin, a Cameroons student who comes from Victoria, Africa. The quartet of students, providing the special music, was composed of Bill Keple of Martin, N. Dak.; Walter Keiber of Calgary, Alta.; LeRoy Kiemele of Linton, N. Dak.; and Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Man. The offering was designated for the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. David J. Miller, pastor, was in charge of the impressive service.

● Mr. Carl R. Bender of Lombard, Ill., son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, former missionaries to the Southern Cameroons, died of leukemia on Feb. 27 at the age of 50 years. He leaves to mourn his departure his bereaved widow, Jane; two sisters: Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry and Carmin H.; and two brothers: Dr. Thorwald W., professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., and Herbert E. He was buried at Charleston, Missouri, on Tuesday, March 1. On Sunday, March 6, Dr. Thorwald W. Bender was the guest speaker at the

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin and had died there. He went to 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 this city, Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. 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. Circumstantial evidence was against her, and she was sentenced to Angola, the state prison, for 18 months. After some months of intensive investigation, the real culprit was found, Mr. Rogers, the owner of the store. Sutton, the lawyer told the good news to James Thornton. Impulsively James remarked: "I don't believe the courts know what justice is!" He had never mentioned his past experiences to anyone, and now he had to explain.

CHAPTER TWELVE

"It happened a long time ago," he explained. "Someone I knew was jailed for something he didn't do. He was set free when the law found out that it had made a mistake."

He hoped that this lie would take Sutton's mind off of what he had let slip.

"Nothing matters now but that Faith will be free. How long will it take to get her out of that awful place?" he asked.

"Not long, I'm sure. Of course there is some red tape, but that ought not to take long. We'll get her out with full exoneration as soon as possible."

James took the night bus to St. Francisville and went to the prison the next day. He had an order allowing him to see Faith even though it was not a regular visiting day. He was told that she was in the hospital. His fears were realized and he got there as quickly as he could.

When he saw her he was more

shocked than he had been on that first visit to the prison. Her eyes were bright with fever and her face was flushed, but she was so thin that he imagined he could see the bones beneath her fair skin. Her hands on the sheet looked so frail that he was almost afraid to touch them.

"Jimmie!" she cried weakly as he came and stood by the bed. "I was wishing for you. How glad I am that you are here! I can't take it here much longer." Her lips trembled though she tried to keep her voice steady.

"You're not going to have to take it any longer, my darling," he told her as he sat down by the bed and took one small hand in both of his. He bent and kissed her forehead. "You've suffered too much already. They found the real thief and you will be set free in a few days, exonerated from the charge."

"Was it the bookkeeper?"

"No. It was Rogers. I can't understand why they didn't suspect him in the beginning. I can't understand why that insurance company didn't put their investigator on the case. They were so sure that you were the guilty one that they didn't bother to go into the case with any real interest. If that fellow ever gets out of prison and I can get my hands on him, I'll take care of him."

"That wouldn't undo what's been done," she warned. "How soon can I get out of here?"

"Sutton said it would take a day or so, but just as soon as I can get to town and get an ambulance, I'll have you taken back. They owe you that much and I'm going to see that they send for you at once."

He noticed her short breathing and that her cough was worse than when he had seen her last and cold fear gripped him. He remembered his moth-

er's symptoms and he sickened when he thought of what had followed. He had not known then what he knew now and he had not paid too much attention until he knew the worst, but now he saw those same symptoms. He tried to encourage himself as he sat looking at her. Perhaps this was just the result of what she had been through, the shock, the despair and the lack of food. When he could get her back where he could give her everything she needed and she was happy again, these symptoms would disappear. His heart was heavy with foreboding, however, when he left her and returned to the city.

He went at once to see Sutton and told him what he had found. Sutton got an immediate interview with the district attorney. James went with him and, in spite of Sutton's warning and his promise to say nothing, his wrath exploded when he met with the district attorney's seeming indifference to the situation.

"Of course I'm sorry that this had to happen," he said, "but sometimes we do make mistakes."

"You're sorry the court made a mistake!" James exploded. "It was you and it was a stupid miscarriage of justice. It was all your fault and if that innocent girl dies, you will be her murderer. Yet you sit there calmly and say that you're sorry! You should have taken the time to look into the case instead of jumping at conclusions and sending her off to prison to get sick and perhaps die."

The district attorney eyed him coldly.

"This interview is between your lawyer and myself. Will you step into the next room until we have finished?"

He rang a buzzer and James was escorted into the waiting room while Sutton and the district attorney finished their business.

When Sutton came out he gave James a look of disapproval.

"That was a foolish thing to do," he said. "It didn't do any good. You promised not to say anything."

"I'm sorry," James apologized, "but I lost my head when I thought of what his mistake has meant to Faith. Did he agree to see that she is sent back at once?"

"Yes, he said that he would have an ambulance sent for her. Her acquittal has already been signed."

"A signed acquittal!" James exclaimed wrathfully. "That is all she gets in return for what they have made her suffer!"

"Try not to be so bitter," Sutton urged. "It won't help matters and the best thing you can do is try to forget what has happened and to be happy now that you two can be together again. Holding such vindictiveness in your heart will only keep you from being happy."

"I never expect to forget it," James retorted. "It's easy to say forget, but if you've ever tried it, you know that it's impossible. Not something like this. I want to go up there with that ambulance."

"I'll see if it can be arranged," Sutton promised.

"There's no question about seeing whether it can be arranged. I'm going. They owe me that much. They should be sued for false imprisonment."

"That would be hard to do, so don't think of trying it," Sutton advised.

When James returned to work his face was like a storm cloud. The others in the office wondered what had happened. They knew, of course, about the trial. Finally one of them asked him if he was in more trouble.

"Yes, plenty," he replied. "They're bringing my girl home in an ambulance. She's sick. That rotten court has just about killed her. I'd like to tear every one of them apart, from the judge on down, everyone who had anything to do with sending her to prison."

They offered their sympathy. They could understand how he felt, but they did not respond to his outburst of bitterness and fury.

He made the trip to Angola with the ambulance and came back sitting beside Faith. They made the trip for the most part in silence. He did not want to tax her strength by letting her talk.

When they reached the rooming house, she gave him a smile and whispered, "It will be good to be at home again and to know that I'm free at last."

They carried her gently upstairs to her room and Mrs. Thomas hovered near, willing to do anything that would make her more comfortable.

"I'll bring you some good soup that I've just made," she offered. "You'll need to get fattened up and get your strength back."

"I shall feel like eating now," Faith

told her and gave her a feeble smile.

"I think we'd better get a doctor first and see what he says," James suggested.

He phoned Sutton and asked him to recommend a good doctor. He gave James the name of his own physician and offered to phone the doctor himself. It was not long before the doctor arrived.

His face was serious as he examined Faith and James' heart sank lower into the depths as he watched the long and thorough examination and listened to the doctor's questions. Finally he turned to James.

"I hate to tell you this, but I am pretty sure that she has a cavity in one lung."

James looked at him as if he had just received the death sentence for himself. Faith did not hear what was said, but she could tell by the look on James' face that the news was not good.

"What is it, Jimmie?" she asked. "I want to know."

James hesitated. He did not want to frighten her, but the doctor whispered, "She will have to know, so you had better let me tell if you don't want to."

James nodded and the doctor turned to her and explained her condition as encouragingly as he could.

"You have a little cavity in one of those lungs that must be filled up. That is why you have that cough that keeps hanging on. We'll get you to a hospital and get to work on you so that you'll be well again. Just keep as quiet as you can and eat all the good food you can. And drink lots of milk."

James followed him into the hall.

"What shall I do?" he asked.

"I'll make arrangements for her to be admitted to the Dibert Memorial Building. That is where tuberculosis patients are kept. She will get the best of attention there and it won't cost you anything. I'll look in on her and do everything I can to help her get well."

"How long do you think it will take?" James asked tensely.

"That's hard to say," the doctor replied. "Much depends upon her response to the treatment and upon the extent of the cavity. X-rays will determine that. It may take six months or a year or longer. I can't tell you any more than that."

James thanked him as he left, then he went back to Faith.

"The doctor didn't fool me with that baby talk," she told him. "I have tuberculosis. I'm afraid, Jimmie! So afraid! It's a terrible disease. I know I'll never get well. Oh, Jim, why did it have to be this way? Why did God let this happen to me?"

Once more, in the face of terror and despair, she failed to remember that she had no claim upon God nor any right to question Him. Even now she did not remember all the years past when she had had every opportunity

to become God's child and to come within His arc of safety, where she would have had strength and faith enough to meet every testing without fear, knowing that she was safe in Him, no matter what might come.

James knelt by the bed and put his arm around her and held her close. He put his cheek against hers which was so hot with fever and murmured endearments to her.

"You're going to get well, darling. God won't let you die. He can't! I need you and we're going to get married and we'll live happily out west somewhere where you can get strong and well again. I want to marry you right away, little one, so that I can give you all the attention you will need."

She stroked his head with her thin hand and smiled tenderly into his adoring eyes.

"I can't marry you until I'm well again. It wouldn't be fair to you. I wouldn't want to be a burden to you any more than I have been. I've been a burden and a worry to you ever since we first met. And I did so want to make you happy."

"You do make me happy by just loving me," he said and kissed her on her cheek. "We'll argue about getting married when you're a little stronger. Here is Mrs. Thomas with some soup. Eat a lot, for it will do you good."

"I'm sure that this will help to make you feel better," Mrs. Thomas remarked as she set a little bed tray before Faith and helped to prop her up with pillows.

"Now I think you should try to get some sleep," James told her when she had finished.

"I shall try. I'm tired," she admitted. "That soup was the best food I've had since I left here," and she gave Mrs. Thomas a smile. "Thank you."

They left her and James went to his room and threw himself on the bed. It was still early but he felt exhausted. The shock of knowing Faith's condition had left him weak and utterly spent. It seemed more than he could stand. Just one misfortune after another and now this. What next, he wondered. He turned his face to the wall and tried not to think, for thinking only made him more miserable. Finally he slept, but his dreams were mixed up dreams of horror and he awakened without feeling refreshed.

He went to see Faith but the doctor had left something to make her sleep and she had not wakened. He went back to his room and undressed. The night was long and he spent hours in sleepless tossing while his thoughts whirled in a rebellious storm against this blow that fate had dealt him. In this dark hour he could not reach out from the darkness to the One who could have given him peace, so in his heart there was nothing but fear and wretchedness while he fought off despair.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 10, 1960

Theme: HUMILITY IN THE KINGDOM

Scripture: Matthew 5:3-5; Luke 14:7-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: No man struts into the Kingdom of heaven. Only the meek and lowly may enter.

INTRODUCTION: In the Cross, we see Christ in the greatest sacrifice ever made, while in the Sermon on the Mount we hear Christ in the greatest sermon ever preached. On the Cross, we see his greatness as our Savior; in the Sermon on the Mount, we see his greatness as our Teacher.

It seems significant that we have only three simple verses from the Sermon on the Mount as the basis for today's lesson. Is it not because every word and sentence which Jesus uttered in this great sermon is so full of truth and power that we can digest only a very little at a time? Even so, it seems that Jesus' words are an inexhaustible source of truth and inspiration. If all Christians were to study the truth of these three verses, apply them personally and judge themselves in their light, they would be transformed into persons whose natures would be entirely different. The sin of pride in the church is one of the primary causes of the church's ineffective witness.

I. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT. Matthew 5:3.

Since Luke refers to this beatitude as simply "the poor" (6:20), and Matthew as "the poor in spirit," we have a two-fold interpretation. Certainly not all poor are blessed. Poverty stricken people are just as wicked as the rich. Perhaps the meaning of the beatitude would be clearer if it read, "Blessed are the poor by choice."

Matthew's beatitude has an added interpretation, "the poor in spirit." Some translations have, "Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need," or "Blessed are the renounced in spirit." These are the ones who are conscious of their spiritual poverty and are open and receptive to God's spiritual riches.

II. BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN. Matthew 5:4.

Note again that this beatitude does not say, "Blessed are the mournful." Jesus did not refer to those who are continually unhappy and go about with long faces. Neither did he mean that all who mourn are blessed. He referred to those who in genuine mourning find comfort and strength, who, during deepest sorrow, find peace, who

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"The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he grows the more lowly he bends his head."—Guthrie

feel genuine sorrow for their own sin and the sins of the world and who are anxious and active in doing something about it.

III. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK. Matthew 5:5.

Charles Dickens has given us a graphic illustration of what it means not to be meek in the form of Uriah Heep, who went about telling everyone, "I am a very meek man." A meek person is humble in spirit, free from pride and arrogance and lowly in mind. Meekness is not weakness. It cannot be measured by brawn or muscle. It is a spiritual force guided by total surrender to the will of God and becomes evident in love, courage and unselfish service.

IV. HUMILITY IN PRACTICE. Luke 14:7-14.

Again we have the Sermon on the Mount linked with a parable. In the Sermon Jesus set up the laws of the Kingdom of God, while in the parables he made them clearer by illustration.

The truly humble need not look for honor; they are honored. They are in the way of the Lord, but they do not get in the Lord's way. They keep in the shadow and they keep God in the light.

In the second parable Jesus was trying to say to us today, "Instead of trying to keep up with the Joneses, be more concerned about those who cannot keep up with you."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 17, 1960

Theme: CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The resurrection of Jesus Christ makes it possible for us to live a resurrected life.

INTRODUCTION: We break into the sequence of the lessons on the Sermon on the Mount and parables in order to bring an appropriate Easter story. This is not the story of the facts of the resurrection as recorded in the gospels, but a practical Pauline application of the resurrection as it should be lived in the life of the Christian.

The Editor of "Sunday School Lessons" is Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

It seems a little strange that Paul should be writing to a church with which he had no personal contact. He did not found the church at Colossae. Epaphras (1:7), a citizen of Colossae, and fellow-servant of Paul, was probably the one who brought the Gospel to these people and organized them into a church.

Some of the members were influenced by heretical teaching and were spreading the heresy among the entire membership. Epaphras went to Paul for help and advice and the letter to the Colossians was the result. It is an attempt to restore the risen Christ to his proper place as the head of the church and to urge the followers to put him first in their hearts.

I. SEEKING THE RESURRECTED LIFE. Colossians 3:1-4.

The surprising and disappointing thing about the Colossians is that they should have been so easily misled by false teaching after they had tasted the blessings of the resurrected Christ and the resurrected life. There is a danger here which should be evident to Christians today, that in spite of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ there is still a temptation to listen and follow false teaching. Christians must continually seek the things of Christ, to cultivate love and affection for the things above, and to remain constantly "hid with Christ in God."

II. OUTSIDE THE RESURRECTED LIFE. Colossians 3:5-7.

There was a time when these Colossian Christians were outside the resurrected life, living a life of sin and evil, uncleanness in mind and body, selfishness and disobedience. Paul gave them a picture of what they were like and what the end would have been had they continued such a life. Why therefore should they go outside of the grace of God looking for salvation after they already enjoyed the blessings of salvation inside the fold?

III. INSIDE THE RESURRECTED LIFE. Colossians 3:8-11.

The apostle did not want them to put their old filthy and sinful rags back on again after they were rid of them. With the new garment of salvation, they should not only look like new creatures, but they should live like new creatures. The image of Satan has been cast off and the image of Christ has taken his place.

IV. THE IDEAL RESURRECTED LIFE. Colossians 3:12-14.

Paul advises them to look upward, to look inward and to look forward. They are not to look backward toward degeneration, but to look ahead to continued regeneration. With the garment of salvation, there is also included a whole new wardrobe. They were to continue putting on additional garments of holiness as they strove for more kindness, humility, forbearance, love, peace—until "Christ is all and in all."

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Special Programs, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.

We are pleased to report a successful Scout Sunday observance at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. There were 221 people in Sunday School, and 245 attended the 11:00 o'clock service. The sermon at the worship service was "How To Be a Good American." The Scouts and youth of the church completed a project of distributing church posters to all of the new homes in the area. The church held a Personal Evangelism Conference during the days of March 22-24. Discussion and demonstrations were designed to help members become better equipped for soul-winning.

The series of lessons on Colossians, using Dr. W. W. Adam's brochure, has been completed. The 1960 Baptist Jubilee Advance theme, furthermore, will be emphasized as the church engages in the study of Paul's letter to the Romans each Wednesday evening.

Clarence H. Walth, Pastor

Osoyoos Baptist Church, British Columbia, is Organized

On January 13, 1960 a special business meeting of the Baptist Mission at Osoyoos, B. C., was called by the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, for the purpose of organizing the church. It was decided that the name of our fellowship shall be the Osoyoos Baptist Church. Thirteen persons—five couples and three women—gave a testimony of their conversion and baptism and requested that their names be put into the record as charter members. Another Baptist woman was in the hospital at the time and could not be added.

There is a spirit of unity, joy and confidence in our group, and all gladly took upon themselves the responsibilities of offices assigned to them by vote of secret ballot. Since the organization, two families with five and four children, respectively, withdrew their children from other Sunday Schools where they attended for years and are now bringing them to our services. The fact that the denominational Board of Missions is assisting this church financially with \$300 has created a financial stability and given our people confidence, because they are not alone in this undertaking as a small group.

G. Beutler, Pastor

Wedding News from Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer of Emery, S. Dak., and Mr. Reinhold Schaub, of Gatesville, Texas, were united in marriage at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on Feb. 17, 1960. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kenneth Fischer, assisted by Mr. Loren Fischer, pastor and assistant pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church. Mr. Gale Borden sang *Because* and *The Lord's Prayer*. Mrs. Gary Ream accompanied



The congregation of the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak., on Sunday, Feb. 7, with Rev. Fred J. Knalson at right (holding Bible)

him and played appropriate wedding music. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. H. A. Weeldreyer, of Emery, S. Dak. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Edzards of Fontana, California, sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride has served her Lord in the mission fields as a nurse in the Cameroons in Africa for eight years. The "Weeldreyer Circle" of the Magnolia Baptist Church, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Glenn Schlegel, which has adopted Miss Weeldreyer as their special missionary, were in charge of the reception. A beautiful wedding cake was baked by Mrs. William McLaughlin. The couple received many lovely wedding gifts from members of the church. The groom is an interior decorator. Their plans for the future are indefinite. It is the sincere wish of the members of the Magnolia Church that the Lord will richly bless the marriage.



—Photo by Donald Bohnet

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schaub at their wedding reception at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. Mrs. Schaub is the former Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary-nurse in the Southern Cameroons.

riage of this couple who are serving him so faithfully.
Mrs. Robert Froslie, Reporter

Central District

Northern North Dakota Youth Singspiration at Martin

More than 250 young people met in the school auditorium at Martin, North Dakota on February 7 for the annual Northern North Dakota's CBYF Singspiration. The gathering, which had been scheduled for the Christmas holidays but postponed because of inclement weather, was the largest gathering held by this group in many years.

A lively song service led by Rev. Elmo Tahran of Minot began the afternoon service, followed by a welcome from the local church by its CBYF president, Kirby Seibel. The program included reports of the Washington, D. C., convention sponsored by Youth For Christ, and a "Brainstorming session" conducted by Rev. John Benham of the First Baptist Church in Minot. Taking part were 8 panelists (representing officers of various CBYF groups) and 8 secretaries who recorded the suggestions of the panelists on the subject, "How can We Improve our CBYF." These were later duplicated and sent to each group in the association. The evening message was given by Rev. Elmo Tahran and music provided by a young people's mass choir directed by Jack Benham of Minot.

Mrs. Gilbert Kessler, Reporter

Pastor's Reception by Baptist Church, Mott, N. D.

Sunday, Jan. 31, proved to be a mountain top experience for the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak. It was our privilege to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson; his wife, Dorothy; and son Stephen. A special program and reception were held that evening. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., who served as supply pastor, was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Marie Becker of Bismarck led the song service and also spoke on the origin of our church since she and her late husband, Rev. Emil Becker, were instrumental in starting the work here. Mr. Sam Yeske of Alberta, Canada also spoke.

Visiting churches represented were the New Leipzig Baptist Church and Grace Church of Hettinger, with their pastors, Rev. Allan Strohschein and Rev. Iver Walker. Mr. Rudy Fiedler, deacon, extended the hand of fellowship in behalf of the local church. Kurt Bleckensdorfer spoke in behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. C. E. Schwartz for the Woman's Mission Circle; and Jerald Auch in behalf of the C.B.Y.F. Mrs. Walter Auch gave a most appropriate reading, "The New Minister." Mr. and Mrs. Knalson gave heart warming responses. We as a church thank God for answered prayer in sending the Knalsons who can lead us to even greater heights.

Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Reporter



The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota, with Rev. Howard Westlund as pastor, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

50th Anniversary of Calvary Church, Carrington, N. Dak.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., reached its 50th milestone on Sunday, Dec. 6. Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., one of the former pastors, was guest speaker. The church had its humble beginning in rural Foster County. In February 1945 the church voted to change its name from Pleasant Valley Baptist Church since the removal from the Pleasant Valley Community to Carrington in January 1944. At the time of the removal, the congregation at Carrington was a mission of the Pleasant Valley church, having been established in 1918.

Rev. Howard Westlund, our pastor, Michael Cook and Robert Leppke had the privilege of attending the Capital Teens Convention in Washington, D. C. Rev. Earl Day of the Sudan Interior Mission was guest speaker on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 during the pastor's absence. The choir of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., presented its Christmas cantata in our church. The Watchnight Service was in charge of the deacons. The Moody film, "Hidden Treasure," was shown. During the latter part of January, the Book of Colossians was studied at special services.

Mrs. Verna Meyer, Reporter.

Youth Week by First Church, Emery, S. Dak.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, the Senior CBYF of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., participated in the departmental openings of the Sunday School hour and in the evening worship service. On Monday evening the group visited a Home for the Aged near Emery and presented a program of music and readings followed by a brief message by our pastor, Rev. L. Friesen. At the Midweek Service five members gave brief messages relating to the Bible.

The banquet on Saturday evening was attended by the members and their parents. Stanley Friesen, our president, introduced the program of Scripture and instrumental numbers. The filmstrip, "Getting Along With Your Parents," was shown, followed by an interesting panel discussion. Mr. Karl Bieber from the Seminary brought Youth Week to a fitting cli-

max on Sunday evening with his message, "Challenging the Young People to Christian Training and Service."

There was a fine spirit of cooperation and willingness to serve manifested by the young people. May their desire to lead more consecrated lives increase daily!

Otto V. Bleeker, Counsellor

Eastern District

100th Birthday, Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.

The 100th birthday of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan was observed Saturday evening, Jan. 30th, in a special program given with several area churches as invited guests.



100TH BIRTHDAY CAKE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Pastors in attendance at the Centennial Banquet of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., on Saturday evening, Jan. 30: Rev. Harold Gieseke, Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Lennart C. Polson, Lincoln Ave. Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.; Rev. Frank Friesen, First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. William Hoover, Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. L. H. Broeker, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.; Rev. Reuben Anderson, Sawyer Highlands Baptist Church, Sawyer, Mich.; Rev. Robert A. Behnken, First Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. Guy Dillon, retired, St. Joseph, Mich.; Rev. Peter F. Kobe, Midway Baptist Church, Watervliet, Mich.; Rev. Reginald Shepley, Assistant Pastor, Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

The mayor of St. Joseph, Tom Sparks, brought greetings in behalf of the city. This was followed by the main feature of the evening, a thrilling message by Rev. William Hoover of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor. Mr. Hoover, representing our "daughter church," recalled historical events and offered a challenge for the present and future. Seated with him on the platform was our pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, who served as host, and pastors from nearby churches (See accompanying picture). Special music was provided by the choir from the First German Baptist Church, also our own choir, whose selection was an arrangement by Simeone of Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," under the direction of our church choir director, Mrs. Doyle Barkmeier.

Sunday, Jan. 31st, the church had the privilege of hearing two of our denominational leaders. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our conference, was guest speaker at the morning service. His sermon topic was "Christian Qualities That Do Not Change." Rev. Harold Gieseke, secretary of the Education and Publication Society, was the speaker during the Sunday School hour and the evening service. Beginning a new era, the church now looks forward with renewed consecration and to be ever mindful of our mission on earth—"Service to God, and service to man."

Mrs. Olive Bartz, Church Historian

Christian Couples Class, Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

The Christian Couples Class of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., entertained Foreign Exchange Students from Wayne State University at their February monthly meeting. The guests from India were Mr.

Thomas, a student in graduate nursing; Mr. Bakke of the Hindu religion, studying business administration; Miss Cecilia Gomez of the Philippine Islands, studying for a doctorate in teaching; and Mr. Fraser of Jamaica attending the Detroit Bible Institute.

Mrs. Boltwood, director of Christian Friendship work with the Detroit Baptist Society, moderated the program. Four of the students gave stirring Christian testimonies. The question and answer period was so interesting that it was difficult to bring it to a close. Meetings of this nature increase our understanding of people of foreign countries and increase missionary awareness and enterprise. Dr. Karl Klokke is the teacher of the Christian Couples Class.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

Pastor's Testimonial Dinner, Bible Church, Detroit, Mich.

On Friday night, Jan. 29, a testimonial dinner was held in honor of Rev. Purl I. Atkinson, retiring pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Among the guests present were Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor of Redeemer Baptist Church in Centerline, Rev. Herman Riffel, pastor of Bethel Church in Detroit, Rev. John Ziegler of Ridgmont Church in Detroit and Rev. Dwight Fry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Utica, who represented North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Braun delivered a testimonial message on behalf of the Detroit area Conference churches.

Among the 100 guests, there were some from out of town areas, such as Lansing, St. John, Ypsilanti, Kingston and Amhurst, Ohio. An attache traveling case was presented to the pastor by his grandson on behalf of the church. After many years of faithful service to the Lord culminating in his present pastorage, Mr. Atkinson is relinquishing the helm of his favorite "ship" to a younger man called out from among the congregation.

The new pastor of the Bible Baptist Church is Rev. Cleo L. Foley, accompanied by his charming and dedicated wife, Wanda, and new born daughter, Rebecca Lynn. Mr. Foley is an ordained minister who has studied at the Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga, Tennessee and the Detroit Bible Institute. Upon returning to Detroit, he and his wife united with the Bible Baptist Church.

Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Clerk

Reception for Pastor and Family, Lansing, Mich.

January 27 was a joyous day for the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. It was the day our new pastor, Rev. Robert Penner, and family arrived on the train from Dallas, Oregon. A bus load of the congregation and several cars were there to greet them with the song, "There's a Christian Welcome Here." They were then taken to their new parsonage, which the church had purchased and remodeled before their coming. The Ladies' Circles had filled the kitchen cupboards with canned goods.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 31, Mr. Penner presented his first sermon, "Wonderful Names of our Wonderful Lord" based on Isaiah 9:1-6. At 3 p.m. an informal reception was given for

all local pastors with Board Members and wives included.

The evening service featured songs, greetings from Art Boldt, chairman of the deacon board; Bonnie Morgan, church missionary; and Robert Baker, chairman of the trustees. Special music was given by the Junior and Senior Choirs. A challenge to the church was presented by Rev. Herman Riffel, former pastor of church, of Detroit, Mich. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed afterwards. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Mrs. Ruth Pletz, Reporter.

with scenic slides. The final hour was a message by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, and closed with a session of prayer.

Violet Holland, Reporter

Enriching Experiences for Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask.

At the Watchnight Service of the Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., our lives were enriched as we took time to "Count Our Many blessings" and were inspired by the messages brought by Mr. Allan Gerber, a student at our



PASTOR'S FAREWELL, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT

Joe Bush, 10 year old grandson of Rev. Purl I. Atkinson, presents him with a gift from the Bible Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on his retirement from the active ministry. Others in the picture are (left to right): Rev. H. H. Riffel of Detroit, Mich.; Steve Tomich, Rev. Henry Parish, Bill Smith, Sr., Rev. Don Green, and Rev. Cleo Foley, the new pastor of the Bible Baptist Church.

Northern District

Youth Programs at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

On November 15th, we of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, enjoyed the Christian fellowship with the young people of Grand Forks, North Dakota, who presented a heart-touching and challenging missionary play, as well as favored us with several musical numbers. The Intermediate Young People, a fairly new organization in our church, rendered a program, promoting the Christmas spirit on Dec. 13th. This was their first attempt and certainly proved to be a blessing, especially their play, "No More Christmas."

Another year of numerous blessings was brought to a close with our Watchnight Service on Dec. 31st. The first hour was devoted to the presentation of an inspiring play, "Paul In Rome" by the German young people. During the second hour the English young people brought a musical hour, including various musical numbers correlated

Seminary, and our pastor, Rev. John Wollenberg. At the annual business meeting, the church decided to purchase a new Hammond Organ which is enriching our worship and evening services.

From our Home Mission Treasury, we designated \$300 for the purchase of land for our mission work in Kyoto, Japan. In addition, \$200 were sent for the Maternity Center in the Cameroons. We are thankful to God for the wonderful missionary spirit within our church. On Jan. 31 we received an offering amounting to \$210 toward our share of \$5.00 per member for the Denominational Advance Building Fund. These monetary gifts are as result of the spiritual blessings upon our lives. We thank God for his continued blessings upon us under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. John Wollenberg.

Mrs. Joyce Guse, Reporter

Memorable Events in Edmonton And Central Church

In November, the members of 24 Baptist churches, in a city-wide Baptist Crusade in Edmonton, Alberta, met daily for two weeks with the

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Speakers' table at the banquet (center) held by the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., with Rev. G. G. Rauser (left to right), Rev. C. Walth and Rev. and Mrs. Ed Carnell. The picture at the left and right show some of the early progress that is being made on the \$56,000 new church building.

Church Extension at Stockton, Calif.

The latest report of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., by Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

SWAIN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH of Lincoln Village, just north of Stockton, California, is now incorporated, and the building of the church is progressing as quickly as possible. Lincoln Village is a city in itself in so far as population is concerned, but it is really a suburb of Stockton. It has an approximate population of 10,000 people, but churches are few and far between.

In the area, there are Catholic, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches, and a Baptist church of the American Baptist Convention, but none other. Some of the people drive into Stockton to go to church, but there are many, many people who have backgrounds of church affiliations of one kind or another but who have neglected to attend church since moving to Lincoln Village. This is an area where there is certainly much to do to win souls for Christ.

31 CHARTER MEMBERS

In April 1959, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser resigned their pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, and accepted the challenge and the leading of the Lord in starting the work at Lincoln Village. His resignation was to take effect on August 1, 1959. In September 1959, a small group of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rauser in Lincoln Village for their first prayer service.

Within a short time thereafter 31 persons, of whom 6 are children 12 years and under, indicated their willingness to help in this work, and they are the charter members of the church. We continue to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings, for Bible study and prayer service, and to conduct the necessary business. It is impossible to find a building suitable to conduct Sunday School and worship services, and this will have to be postponed un-

N.A.B. CHURCH EXTENSION GOAL — \$50,000

til the building is completed.

Soon after the prayer meetings were started, the church undertook a half hour radio program over station KCVR in Lodi, every Sunday morning. Many letters have been received, indicating the blessings that have come from these programs.

\$56,000 CHURCH BUILDING

Work on the church building is progressing as rapidly as possible. The church building will be of Crystalite Block, and will be 122 feet long by 45 feet wide. We expect to seat at



Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., a Church Extension project of the denomination.

least 175 people in the sanctuary, and also have seven classrooms, which should accommodate 200 pupils.

It is expected that the actual cost of the church will be about \$56,000. However, it is our hope and prayer that we will be able to complete it for about \$40,000 to \$50,000, because of the volunteer labor from the members as well as others. The Lord willing, our goal is for church services, and Sunday School to begin in the new church by Easter Sunday. Without a doubt, it will be necessary first to bring the children to Sunday School, and then through the children win their parents.

Donations to the building fund, the radio ministry, and to the church in general have been quite good, having received approximately the sum of \$3,000. The First Baptist Church of Lodi has indicated its willingness to assist financially in the sum of \$2,000 per year, as well as help with volunteer labor when the appropriate time is at hand.

This small handful of people undertook to prepare and to serve a delicious roast beef dinner for 150 persons, netting a profit of almost \$600 which has been put into the Building Fund. Rather than sell meal tickets, we accepted donations of \$5.00 per person for the dinner. The banquet room in the 540 Building in Stockton was obtained for the banquet, and the landlord reduced the rent by \$30.00 for this project.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

We thank God for this opportunity of serving him in a community where literally thousands of people never darken a church door, and it is our sincere prayer and desire that we may be used on this home mission field, and that others too might see the vision.

Obituary

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

MR. FREDERICK KUMMERFELDT of Moosehorn, Manitoba

Mr. Frederick Kummerfeldt of Moosehorn, Man., was born on Feb. 18, 1876 in Bromberg, Germany. He came to Canada in 1901. He was married to Ella Boroski in the same year. They lived in Winnipeg until 1913. The same year they came to Moosehorn to homestead. They farmed here until 1947, and then moved to the village of Moosehorn to retire. His wife preceded him in death on Sept. 7, 1951. His last years were spent with his children.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Moosehorn until his death. He enjoyed fairly good health until October 1959. On Dec. 15, 1959, he was taken to the Ashern Hospital and later transferred to the Winnipeg General Hospital, where he passed away on Jan. 19, 1960. He is survived by one son: Herbert, of Moosehorn; and one daughter, Mrs. Wichart, of Winnipeg; and 5 grandchildren. He was 83 years and 11 months of age when he died.

Moosehorn, Manitoba
BRUNO VOSS, Minister

MRS. LILY GRAHN of Moosehorn, Manitoba

Mrs. Lily Grahn, (Price) of Moosehorn, Man., was born in Moosehorn on May 9, 1908. She departed from this life to her heavenly home, Jan. 17, 1960, at the age of 51 years, 8 months, and 9 days. She was married to W. Grahn, Nov. 17, 1931. She leaves to mourn her husband, and two children: Elmer of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Helen Klappart of Moosehorn; also 7 brothers and 2 sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She accepted Christ as personal Savior in her early youth. She became a member of the First Baptist Church of Moosehorn in the 1951. Her life was a living testimony of the joy which is in Christ. Funeral services were conducted by Bruno Voss, pastor of the church. He spoke on I Sam. 20:3b, "There is but a step between me and death."

Moosehorn, Manitoba
BRUNO VOSS, Minister

MRS. ELIZABETH LAUER of Burlington, Iowa

Mrs. Elizabeth Thye Lauer of Burlington, Iowa, age eighty-six, passed away at Chicago, Ill., in the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Feb. 7, 1960. Born in Germany to John and Elizabeth Thye, she accompanied her parents to the Burlington community when she was eight years of age. She was married to the Rev. Phillip Lauer in Des Moines County of Iowa on Oct. 15, 1902. Her husband preceded her in death in July 1959. She was a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa.

Left to mourn her passing are a son, Fredrick, Benton Harbor, Mich.; two grandchildren, Carol and Eugene; a number of nieces and nephews in the Burlington area. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, brought the message. Our hearts rejoice in knowing that her death brought her into the presence of the Lord, whom she faithfully served.

Oak Street Baptist Church
Burlington, Iowa
DONALD RICH, Pastor

MRS. MARY SCHLINGER of Ridgewood, New York

Mrs. Mary Schlinger of Ridgewood, N. Y., was born March 4, 1877. She was the oldest of five daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kebler. She accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Ridgewood Baptist Church. She was a loyal member of the church for 74 uninterrupted years, during which she served in the Church Choir and held the office of president in both women's organizations. She was also president of the Atlantic Conference Baptist Woman's Union. Mrs. Schlinger served in prominent positions of leadership in two of the Brooklyn Homes for the Aged. The Baptist Home for the Aged, and the Evangelical Home for the Aged, serving as president of the Board of Directors. A vital and active interest was maintained until her end which came on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.

To mourn her departure she leaves her

husband, Mr. John Schlinger; two sisters, Irene and Lillian Kebler; one grandson; many relatives and friends. Those same words spoken by Jesus can certainly be said of Mrs. Schlinger, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Ridgewood Baptist Church
Ridgewood, New York
RUBIN KERN, Pastor

MRS. HENRY BINDER, JR. of Racine, Wisconsin

Mrs. Henry Binder, Jr., nee Truelsch, of Racine, Wis., was born March 1, 1905 in Racine, Wis. She passed away January 27, 1960 at the age of 54 years from a blood clot on the lung. She was converted at the age of 14 and was baptized by the Rev. E. Umbach on Sept. 29, 1915. On Feb. 14, 1936 she was married to Henry L. Binder, Jr. Out of this union were born four children, one of whom, Paul Henry, died one day after his birth. The others are: Harriet 21, Gloria 18, and Mary 16, all of whom are members of Grace Baptist Church of Racine.

Before her marriage, she was active in Sunday School work, and served as president of the B.Y.P.U. as well as the choir. Following her marriage, she was president of both the King's Daughters and the Ladies' Missionary Society. She also belonged to the Kuppel's Club and choir and served as the financial secretary of the church, as well as a deaconess. She leaves behind her husband, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Grace Baptist Church
Racine, Wisconsin
R. LAWRENZ, Pastor

MR. KENNETH L. CHATSICK of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. Kenneth L. Chatsick of Killaloe, Ontario, son of John Chatsick and Minnie Zummach was born Sept. 1, 1914 in Killaloe, and departed this life Jan. 20, 1960 in the Pembroke General Hospital at the age of 45 years, four months, and 20 days. In 1931 he accepted Jesus as his Savior and on July 5, 1931 was baptized into the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church by Rev. William Jaster. He remained a member here until his death. On July 1, 1943 he was united in marriage to Rita Rice of Round Lake, Ontario. This union was blessed with one son and two daughters.

Those who remain to mourn his passing are his wife, Rita, of the home; one son, John James; and two daughters, Jackaline and Ann of the home; both his parents of Killaloe; four brothers; four sisters; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 22 in the Zummach Funeral Home and in the Calvary Baptist Church. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery of Killaloe, Ontario.

Calvary Baptist Church
Killaloe, Ontario
NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

MRS. PAUL FRIESEN of Gladwin, Michigan

Mrs. Kathrine Friesen, nee Berg, of Gladwin, Mich., was born in Hertzberg, Russia on Jan. 2, 1889, and departed this life to be with the Lord on Jan. 15, 1960, after a short illness. She reached the age of 72 years and 13 days. On Jan. 26, 1911, she was united in holy matrimony to Paul Friesen. They came to Canada in 1914 and then to Gladwin county in 1924.

She was born again of the Holy Spirit in her early youth and baptized in August 1904 by Rev. Johann Heinrichs. Now there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give at the day of his appearing.

Besides her husband, she leaves 11 children to mourn her departure: 7 sons: John of Madison Hts., Mich.; Paul of Detroit; William of Royal Oak, Mich.; Alvin of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ewald of St. Claire Shores, Mich.; Adolph and Harold of Gladwin; 4 daughters: Mrs. Jeanette Wesley and Mrs. Ruth Platz of Lansing, Mich.; Miss Agatha Friesen of Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. Louise Rumminger of Gladwin, Gladwin, Michigan

REV. LEON FRANCK, Pastor

MR. DWIGHT ENSLEY of Colfax, Washington

Mr. Dwight Ensley of Colfax, Wash., was born near Colfax, Feb. 26, 1878, and went home to be with the Lord Feb. 1, 1960, at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 5 days. On Nov. 29, 1903, near Colfax, he was united in holy wedlock with Mary Ummel. They made their home on a farm in the Onecho district, until they moved to Colfax 18 years ago. The Lord had given our brother talents of leadership which he used joyfully in the service of Christ. For 8 years he was the able Sunday School superintendent of the

Onecho Mennonite church, and also served as a teacher of the adult Bible class for 5 years. For 15 years he gave his talent to the teaching of a Training Course for Christian Workers.

The glorious assurance of God's salvation was the secret of his peace, the strength of his Christian faith, and the depth of his great convictions. When they moved to Colfax, he and his wife followed the Lord in baptism and joined the First Baptist Church here. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Naomi Krehbiel, Milwaukee, Oregon; three sons: Henry K. Ensley, Gladstone, Oregon; Grover W. Ensley, Scarsdale, N. Y.; and Bennet D. Ensley, Arlington, Va.; 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
Colfax, Washington
F. E. KLEIN, Pastor

MR. DANIEL RESCHKE of Calgary, Alberta

Mr. Daniel Reschke of Calgary, Alta., was born on Feb. 5, 1888 in Russia, and came to Leduc, Alberta in 1902 where he resided until 1911, when he moved to Trochu, Alberta. On July 21, 1908 he accepted the Lord as his Savior. He was baptized by Rev. Fred R. Mueller on August 2, 1908 and joined the First Baptist Church of Leduc. He loved and served his Lord as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, church clerk and deacon. On Feb. 23, 1913 he married Hilda Biebrich. In 1947 he moved to Calgary and again proved his love and loyalty to his Lord as he served in various capacities as Sunday School teacher and deacon in the Bridgeland Baptist Church.

In March 1953 he was afflicted with a stroke and since then his health had been failing. On Jan. 16, 1960 he was admitted to the General Hospital where he remained until the Lord called him to his eternal reward on Feb. 13, 1960, at the age of 72 years and 8 days. Those who remain are his wife; two daughters: Esther Reschke and Elsie, Mrs. Lawrence Samson; two sons, Benjamin and Walter; four grandchildren, and a great host of Christian friends who cherished his friendship.

Bridgeland Baptist Church
Calgary, Alberta
RUBIN HERRMANN, Pastor

MRS. ANNA ALLEN of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. John (Anna Marie) Allen of Stafford, Kansas, was born in Bison, Kansas, April 15, 1886. The influences of a Christian home brought her to a saving experience in Jesus Christ during her early youth. She was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church at Bison. Mrs. Allen married John Allen of Stafford, June 20, 1916. Together they shared the blessings of a rich family life.

Eight children were born to them, two dying in early childhood. Her husband preceded her in death, June 1, 1957. Mourning her passing are Mrs. Laverne Fink, Wichita; Mrs. Adele Kail, Tribune; Mrs. Irene Calvird, Mrs. Valetta Roe, Mrs. Elsie Pound, and Edgar, all of Stafford. To these are added their families including 12 grandchildren. Three sisters also mourn her passing. Mrs. Allen was a good and faithful Christian and an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She had that rare commodity of seeking earnestly the welfare of others.

Her passing on Feb. 10, 1960 came after an illness of about three months. The memorial service took place at the church, Feb. 13, with her pastor, Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, bringing appropriate words of comfort. The senior male quartet sang.

Calvary Baptist Church
Stafford, Kansas
HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor

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theme, "New Life for You." The ministers of each of the churches and the guest speakers met daily for prayer and fellowship. The two weeks were climaxed with a mass dedication rally on the closing Sunday afternoon. Many souls found a new life in Christ in the Central Baptist Church as we were blessed by the inspiring words of Rev. H. Palfenier of Forest Park, Illinois.

The German choirs of our Edmonton churches presented a Christmas concert in the Jubilee Auditorium, Dec. 13. The message was brought to us by Dr. A. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute. Another concert was held Dec. 20, with the five choirs participating as well as special selections.

New Year's Eve was a day of great joy and inspiration for the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., as 10 candidates followed the Lord in baptism, partook of the Lord's Supper and were given the hand of fellowship into the church family. A message by our pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, and songs brought the old year to a close.

Mrs. Joan Strauss, Reporter

Alberta Tri Union Youth Rally at Trochu

The mid-winter Tri-Union Rally of Alberta was held at Trochu from Jan. 29 to 31. The Trochu Baptist Church graciously consented to be the host church. Two one-hour workshops were held, embracing the three important phases of youth work. In charge were Mr. Arthur Smith, our Sunday School Director; Mr. Elmer Breikreuz, our Youth Director; and Rev. E Link, our Music Director. Our annual business meeting was held on Saturday morning.

Saturday evening was climaxed with a banquet prepared by the ladies of the Trochu Church. Dr. B. Schalm presented a challenging message entitled "A Life Worth Living," to 300 young people. Rev. and Mrs. A. Lamprecht featured a suitable program for our Sunday School hour. A heart warming message was then delivered by Dr. A. S. Felberg, C. T. I. president. On Sunday afternoon our Music Department presented a splendid program. Choirs from neighboring churches contributed to this hour of praise with the McKernan Choir from Edmonton being the guest choir. Offerings taken during this song festival amounted to \$471.00 which will be designated for our Camp Projects.

Velma Martin, Reporter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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services of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. Henry Hirsch of Anaheim, Calif., to become its interim pastor for a period of six months or as long as the Lord may lead. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch began their ministry in the Kyle church on Sunday, March 6. He has been serving as the visitation pastor in the Bethel Church of Anaheim,

Calif., for several years. The Kyle church has also announced the home-going of Mrs. Lena Knispal of San Marcos, Texas, on Feb. 11 at the age of 88 years. She was the only surviving charter member of the church. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Heidenreich of Kyle, Texas, as reported by Mrs. Adolph Hill, church clerk.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., sponsored a baby shower on Feb. 22 in the home of Mrs. Lincoln S. Love. This shower was something unusual in that the guest of honor was far away in Japan at the time. Members and friends of the Ladies' Society braved the cold snowy night to make their way to the Love home for this shower "by proxy." The gifts were brought unwrapped and then three of the older women, chosen as "judges" selected the most original, prettiest and funniest wrapped gifts. Pictures were taken during the evening which were enclosed with the gifts to go to Mrs. Walter Sukut who, though far away in Japan, yet was close to the women in thoughts and prayers, as reported by Mrs. K. Louise Eichler.

● Since New Year's Eve the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., has added 16 new members to the church roll. At present 3 adults and 6 children are attending a baptism and church membership class. On Friday evening, Feb. 12, the Ladies' Mission Circle sponsored the church's first Father and Son banquet with 34 men and boys attending. Walter Bangerter was the master of ceremonies. Rev. Joseph Carswell spoke on "Ready Made or to Measure, Which?" A cartoon film, "Dynamite," was shown and an offering was received for the church's building fund. "The men were so pleased with the banquet sponsored by the women that they installed a cupboard, a double sink and hot water heater in the kitchen," as reported by Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr. Rev. Loren Weber is pastor of the church.

● A long letter of greeting to all North American Baptists has been received from Dr. Ernest Wiesle, living at 297 Washington Avenue, Rochester 17, N. Y. At 75 years of age, he is now enjoying a well deserved retirement. He served five North American Baptist churches as pastor from 1907 to 1920, including the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., from 1909 to 1910. For a while he was the Secretary of Education for North Dakota for the American Baptist Convention. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Practical Theology from the University of Chicago. Later he taught in the International College (Y. M. C. A.) at Springfield, Mass. He is a graduate of our Seminary, class of 1907, having been recommended to the Seminary by our church in Aplington, Iowa. He would be delighted to hear from any of our people who remember his ministry in those earlier years.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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court for its sentence on Mr. Zodiates. It accused Mr. Zodiates as an "arch-propagandist" for Protestantism. Articles written by Mr. Zodiates appear in three-fourths of the newspapers in Greece, according to *Ekklesia*. Archimandrite Christopher Kalyvas, who brought the suit, claimed that only "married priests of the Greek Orthodox Church" had a right to use the title of "Reverend."

COLOSSIANS' PICTURE

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list the Delphic voice within, "for they enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."

Art is long and time is fleeting. We must be aware that we may go a long way and yet never arrive. In his "Lost Sheep," Alfred Soord pictures the birds of evil circling above ready to pounce upon their prey. The lost sheep might have become a fat dinner for the vultures. The lost coin may have never found its usefulness. One blow in the dark and the prodigal might never have arrived home.

THE REWARDS OF GOD

Of the three million wild ducks taking their flight each year to their summer home, more than one million never arrive. Salvation is harder for some than for others. Some fail to start in time. Some fly too low and are marked by the fowler. Others stop, gorge, and grow fat in the rich grain fields. Thus losing their desire for the heights, they are ultimately trapped by the hunter. Some become crippled or maimed, fall by the wayside and are devoured by beasts of prey.

A great group, however, *know the time* of their coming, and arise and take their flight. Every stroke of the wings bears them upward and onward as they keep the fly ways marked for oncoming posterity. The fowls of the air must choose their course or perish. Freedom and choice are more than privilege. They are obligatory.

Ah, but there are rewards! Life pays off. "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Col. 3:24f).

After a short season the green carpet will roll north, the clouds will disappear and the sun find its place in the sky. The skylark and robin will return, sing their glad refrains, brood their young, and again take their flight. That is their limit. Heaven has marked their bounds.

But not so with us. Our song is endless. In deeds of Light, and Love, and Life, here and now we sing the eternal song in "the kingdom of his dear Son."