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• Soviet Zone authorities have barred the Evangelical Bible Society of (East) Berlin from displaying its products at the Leipzig Spring Trade Fair. In previous years, the Society's stand had attracted many visitors. "Lack of exhibition space" was given as a reason for the ban. The Evangelical Bible Society of East Berlin is one of the chief Bible producing agencies of East Germany.

• Merger of two Protestant agencies providing religious literature in Braille and recordings for the blind was announced at the annual meeting of the John Milton Society for the Blind. The 81-year-old Society for Providing Evangelical Literature for the Blind of Philadelphia is merging its assets with the John Milton Society "as soon as legal procedures can be taken care of."

• The 1960 census will be the first to count U. S. missionaries abroad. Special census forms will be distributed to all Americans living overseas with the request that they be filled out and returned to appropriate authorities. In the past, the U. S. census has counted members of the armed forces and their families who are abroad, but never civilians.

• Mrs. Rudd Brown of LaCanada, California, granddaughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, delivered the Founders' Day address at Bryan College March 20th, celebrating the 100th anniversary of her grandfather's birth and marking the 30th year of the college. Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, is president of the college. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Ruth Bryan Owen, who as diplomatic representative to Denmark under the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first woman Minister in American diplomatic service. —*The Watchman-Examiner*

• A Billy Graham Spanish-American crusade, designed to reach New York's Spanish-speaking population, is scheduled for Nov. 6-13 under sponsorship of the city's Protestant council. According to council spokesmen, the decision to sponsor the bilingual campaign was made after Spanish-American clergymen and laymen petitioned for it. Graham is to preach nightly, assisted by an interpreter. A Billy Graham team office has been opened here to coordinate plans for the crusade. Directing it is Walter Smyth of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, who will be assisted by Joseph F. Quick, the Protestant council's secretary for evangelism.

• J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, has called for stronger action against "filth purveyors" who corrupt America's youth. Writing in the monthly *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, Mr.

Hoover recommended tougher laws and stiffer sentences to cope with "smut salesmen." Obscene literature, he wrote, is spread across the land through films, decks of playing cards, photographs, comic books, salacious magazines, paperback books, "and other pornographic products." Drugstores and candy shops which were pleasant meeting places in the past, he said, "now display publications which a few years ago would have had a place only in the bawdiest gathering places." This "is robbing our country and particularly our younger generation of decency—it is a seedbed for delinquency among juveniles and depravity among all ages."—*Signs of the Times*

• A special prayer room in the New Senate Office Building in Washington, D. C., has been dedicated for the use

of the Ladies Prayer Group and for others. The Ladies Prayer Group is composed of wives of Senators. The Men's Prayer Group is made up of certain Senators who have a special interest in strengthening the religious and devotional life. Both groups are affiliated with the International Christian Leadership, a national organization composed of more than 200 such prayer groups. Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S. C.), an active Baptist deacon, spoke at the dedication of the ladies' prayer room. He said, "Man requires and demands a divine power as a source of help and guidance. Here in this room you may gather. In its quietness you may ask for divine intercession, spiritual guidance and seek forgiveness for the errors of the flesh."

—*Baptist Press Association.*



## Baptist Briefs

• **Journal of Church and State.** Baylor University Press of Waco, Texas, has begun distribution of a new semi-annual publication, *A Journal of Church and State*. Editors are three Baylor University professors: James E. Wood, professor of religion; E. Bruce Thompson, professor of history; and Robert T. Miller, professor of political science.

• **Japan to Invite Billy Graham.** The executive committee of the Japan Baptist Convention has voted unanimously to invite Billy Graham to Japan. In a planning session at Amagi Baptist Assembly, Convention leaders named a fifteen-man invitation committee. A resolution stated, "We believe the time has come for Billy Graham to conduct a crusade in our nation."

• **Madrid Church, Spain, Reopened.** The Third Baptist Church of Madrid, Spain, closed by the Spanish government since September, 1958, has been granted official permission to reopen. An official document, received by Pastor Jose Nunez from the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, points out that the church is being reopened "after the particular circumstances that surround the case have been carefully considered." Members of the Baptist church in Elche, meanwhile, have been informed they must cease to meet in the pastor's apartment above their closed building. Several other Baptist churches in Spain continue to be closed.

• **Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.** The American Baptist Convention lost the financial support of its largest

congregation this month when the 4,300-member First Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, voted to cut off funds in protest of the convention's affiliation with the National Council of Churches. A congregational vote—1,170 to 235—followed by a month the vote of the church's deacons—32 to 7—to discontinue the convention appropriation. Major concern of the deacons, a spokesman explained, was that the NCC supports social and economic positions contrary to Baptist belief in separation of church and state.

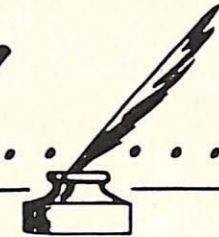
• **Australian Baptists En Route to Rio.** The first large delegation to leave their homes bound for the tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro June 26-July 3 boarded ship at Sydney, Australia, March 15. Baptists from every state of the Australian Commonwealth and one from the pioneer Baptist work in New Guinea made up the party of 40 members. Their ship, S. S. Liner Himalaya, headed first for Auckland, New Zealand, where New Zealand Baptists also were to board. In Washington, USA, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, greeted news of the sailing—more than three months before the Congress opens—as evidence of the world-wide nature of the Rio meeting. Some 20,000 Baptists, representative of the world's 23,000,000 Baptists in 106 countries, are expected.

• **Jubilee Advance Reaches Baptists Around World.** The spirit of the Baptist Jubilee Advance has spilled over into Baptist work around the world,

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# Editorial



## Straight for the Goal!

The Apostle Paul set high and lofty goals before him in his Christian life. His entire striving was expressed in these words of his to the Philippian church: "reaching forth unto those things that are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This was the highest honor and the greatest prize which he could achieve—"the honor of being called by God in Christ," as translated by J. B. Phillips' "The New Testament." The Apostle Paul's secret of Christian greatness can be found in this determination of his: "With hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead, I go straight for the goal."

The Christian life is a clear and constant vision of the high goal in Christ that rises majestically above us. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above" (Col. 3:1-2). We are to "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" that in all things he might have the preeminence.

If this is our constant striving in the Christian life for each one of us personally, then we must also keep other goals before us. We must have objectives for our churches and our denomination, as well as for the groups of Christian people with whom we are associated. We must strive eagerly and earnestly to reach them—"with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead."

We cannot be observers in this arena of action in which we are serving Christ. The story was recently told in "The Secret Place" concerning a rich father of a teen-age boy in Siam who took him to a Christian school, saying that he wanted him to learn the game of football. "But," he said, "I do not want my boy actually to engage in the game. I have brought my servant to do that. My son is to watch what others do." That kind of side-line watching will never do in Christ's Kingdom! We must go straight to the goals with the utmost of our strength and with complete determination.

As North American Baptists, we have joined other Baptist groups by the millions in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. We have set goals for ourselves in this inspiring program. Let us not forget them nor lose sight of them. Our goal in soul winning has for its objective a net gain of 10,000 in membership by 1964. Other goals include 50 new churches to be formed, 100 new missionaries to be under appointment and the raising of an annual denominational budget of one million dollars by 1964. Impossible? Far from it, if with Christ and "with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead, we go straight for the goal!"

Our Denominational Advance Building program has its worthy objectives of new buildings for the Forest Park headquarters and the Seminary library, now under construction or in the planning stage. Our Woman's Missionary Union has set its missionary goals high for the triennium. Every local church and every denominational society is lifting its eyes of attention upon objectives still to be attained. This is the glory of the Christian life and the joy of achievement in Christ—"with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead, going straight for the goal!"

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Momentous issues affecting the lives of millions of Americans and determining the principles of religious freedom are at stake in the United States in this crucial election year.

# Shall a Roman Catholic Be President?

What are some of the dangers involved

By the REV. J. B. ROWELL, Th.D.

A STORM of protest came from the Jesuits and Romish press of America when Senator John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts, in a press interview, dared to claim his rights as an American citizen, in the event of his becoming President of the United States. In this press interview, it is reported that Mr. Kennedy stated, "Whatever one's religion in private life may be; for the officeholder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution."

In this connection, a report from Indianapolis (Feb. 28, 1959—A.P.) observed: "A Catholic newspaper complains in its latest issue that Catholics are fighting among themselves over Senator Kennedy's recent statement about an officeholder's duty and his religion" (The Seattle Times, Feb. 28, 1959).

## SUBJECT TO THE POPE

By their hurried protest against Senator Kennedy's statement as to the non-interference of his church with his position as officeholder, the Jesuits made it clear to all American citizens that, in the event of a Roman Catholic becoming President, the Roman Church

would take precedence over the office of the President. It is well for America and American citizens, especially those who have the privilege to express themselves, that the Jesuits and the *Ave Maria* publication and others were so outspoken as to the Roman Church, and her hierarchy taking first place in the affairs of State.

A Jesuit leader taught that a Roman Catholic political ruler is subject to the Pope. This is where the danger would lie in having a Roman Catholic as President. A modern Jesuit, a missionary of the Society of Jesus, the Rev. F. X. Weninger, gave the

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papal pronouncement in relation to the supremacy of popes over rulers:

"If any king succeeding, or any bishop, clergyman, or laic, shall essay to infringe the decrees of the Pope, he should incur the anathema of Peter and of all his successors" ("On the Apostolical and Infallible Authority of the Pope," sixth edition, pp. 226, 227).

This statement affirms that, if a Roman Catholic President were to carry out the will of the State, when contrary to the will of his church, he would incur the anathema of the Pope. This makes the question under consideration a *serious* one.

Educated in a Jesuit seminary and knowing their program, a former Jesuit trainee revealed much-in-little, when he said:

## AMERICA'S FUTURE

"Roman Catholic leaders believe they have Protestantism on the run in America. . . . The Jesuits are the sharp-est generals in this struggle for America's future. The Jesuits have urged the Catholic Church in America to label every criticism of the Roman Catholic Church as 'bigotry'" (Reprinted from *Christianity Today* by permission, *Protestant Action*, Feb. 1958).

Dealing with the question, "whether a Catholic should be President," Archbishop William O'Brady, of St. Paul, said:

"Our nation's founders had wisely planned that there should not be any privileged church in our pluralistic society" (see *The Register*, Denver, Colo., July 20, 1958).

This attempt at plausibility, there being no privileged church, is in direct contrast with the demand of the Roman Church for the exclusion of all other churches. Before any American citizen casts his vote, let him read, and reread, this claim:

"It is necessary, even in the present day, that the Catholic religion shall be held as the only religion of the State to the exclusion of all other forms of worship" (*Syllabus*, Pope Pius IX, Art. 77).

## ROME'S POLICY

This is Rome's policy wherever she holds sway. Lecky, the historian, gave this characteristic description of the Roman Church, "In the minority, a lamb; on equality, a fox; in the majority, a tiger." History has proved this to be true.

"Make America Catholic," is Rome's frequently expressed slogan. Archbishop Ireland gave wings to this slogan when he said: "The work is to make America Catholic. . . . Catholics in America are loyal to the Church and devoted to her chieftains" ("The Church and Modern Society," 1896).

## BASIC CONSIDERATION NO. 1

Rome's master stroke will be a Roman Catholic President. There is no doubt but that, if "Catholics in America" knew the full program and purpose of their "chieftains," many of

them would no longer be loyal to their church.

On the horizon of Protestantism is the extinction of the Roman Church. She is not satisfied with being a church among churches. Her aim is to be the one church "to the exclusion of all other forms of worship."

1. *Immediate Exclusion of Protestantism.* One of the most authoritative textbooks used in the schools and colleges of the Roman Church in America, says:

"In the case of the return to the Faith of a Protestant ruler, she [the Church] should also require on his part the immediate exclusion of all Protestant forms of worship" ("Christian Apologetics," by the Rev. W. Devivier, S. J., vol. II., p. 542).

Could Rome's intention be stated more bluntly! Americans, take warning!

2. *To Exact Belief and Obedience.* The same Jesuit textbook openly affirms:

## "ONLY TRUE RELIGION"

"We have shown that the Catholic religion is the *only true religion*. . . this Church *alone* has, by the will of God, the right to establish herself, to spread herself, and to exact belief and obedience from all men. . . . Hence it follows that neither the individual citizen nor the government can lawfully oppose obstacles to this *exclusive right* of the Catholic Church" (*ibid.*, pp. 533, 534; italics as in the textbook).

What chance would Protestants have with a Roman Catholic President obedient to his church? Protestants believe that every man has the right to his own religious convictions; but the Roman Church demands that no member shall act independently of his church.

3. *Penalty of Death for Heretics.* The Roman Church offers no toleration for Protestants. All Protestants are *heretics*, since a heretic is one who thinks and believes contrary to the teaching of the Roman Church. A modern canonist of the Roman church, viz., Father Marianus de Luca, S.J., in his Canon Law, entitled, "Institution of Public Ecclesiastical Law," bearing the full approval of Pope Leo XIII, states:

## PENALTY FOR HERITICS

"Nevertheless it is a Catholic tenet that the Church may justly inflict on heretics the penalty of death" (Suarez *2 de Fide Disp.* xx., sect. 3, n. 28).

This authoritative utterance, also declaring heresy "must be rooted out with fire and sword," was published with the approbation of the Jesuit Order, and by "Franciscus M. Carini, Provincial of the Roman Province, S.J.," and "Dated at Rome on the sacred days of Saints Peter and Paul in the year of Jubilee, 1900."

4. *Rome's Laws To Go Into Effect.* The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, in the "Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States," in dealing with pastoral rights,



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## SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY

"Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King."

asserts: "The full application of these laws is impracticable; but in proportion as they become practicable, it is our desire, not less than that of the Holy See, that they should go into effect" (see "The Catholic Library," Approved by Archbishop Corrigan, of New York).

## BASIC CONSIDERATION NO. 2

A President of the United States is not chosen because of his loyalty to this or that religious denomination, but on the grounds of his allegiance to God and the American Constitution; and, as the representative of a free people. Yet the freedom of presidential action is challenged by Rome.

1. *The Pope Is Undivided in Dual Capacity.* A Roman Catholic President would be committed to render his first loyalty to the Pope. As a temporal power, the Vatican State is as much a foreign power as is Italy, Spain, Russia, or any other country. The Pope's title of "Sovereign of Vatican City" designates him a foreign potentate, whatever he may be as a spiritual leader.

The Pope cannot be divided. He claims to be both spiritual ruler and temporal sovereign, and he claims allegiance from Catholic subjects in both realms. The Roman Church teaches that spiritual and temporal sovereignty are united in one person—the Pope.

2. *The Pope Is Held To Be Superior to the President.* Here is a statement as clear as daylight from the Rev. Henry A. Brann, D.D., LL.D., in his work bearing the imprimatur of John M. Farley, Archbishop of New York. This writer affirms:

## ROME'S "ELECTED MONARCH"

"The Sovereign Pontiff . . . is an elected monarch . . . he is above the civil power in his spiritual capacity as Chief Priest and Chief Executive of the Supernatural Order. He is the supreme judge of faith and morals for the rulers as well as for the people. . . . It is evident that the people must find in this authority of the Pontiff a protector of their rights. He is above their king or

president, and when they appeal to him for a decision in a case disputed between them and their ruler, it is his duty to decide." ("Waifs and Strays," vol. ii., pp. 187, 188, published by the Roman Missionaries of Mary).

According to this, the Pope is to decide in cases in dispute between people and President. Could the people of "The land of the free" tolerate this?

3. *The Vatican Is Above the White House.* Rome's "elected monarch," the Pope, can overrule and outrule the President. In the Jesuit textbook for American schools, already quoted, "Christian Apologetics," we find this audacious claim:

"All the Fathers of the Church," says Cardinal Tarquini, S.J. (1874) . . . 'have always taught that the purpose of civil society and its government should be subordinate to the Church, just as the body is subject to the soul.' This is also shown by the decisions of the Holy See" (vol. ii., pp. 518, 519).

## GOD PROTECT AMERICA!

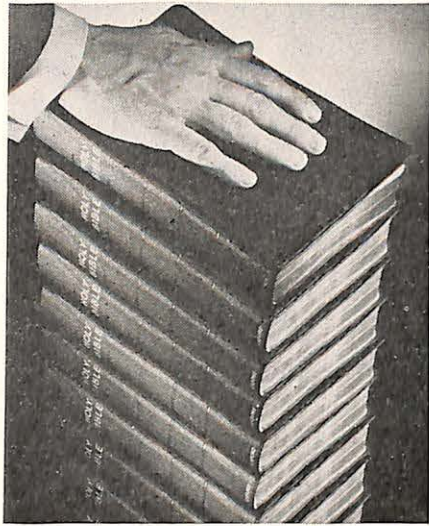
4. *The State Should Enforce Church Penalties.* The unquestioned authority, "Christian Apologetics," endorsed by the Archbishop of San Francisco, and containing the approbations of many Bishops, Archbishops, and Cardinals, makes this astonishing claim:

"The State owes to the Church positive and direct assistance . . . it is its duty, for instance, to place its legislation in harmony with divine and ecclesiastical laws; to sanction, as far as circumstances demand and permit, the laws of the Church, by enforcing temporal penalties upon their transgressors; to provide, if necessary, for the support of divine worship" (vol. ii., p. 520).

This spells out Rome's purpose, viz., that the laws of the United States shall some day, be framed in agreement with her ecclesiastical laws—the laws of the Vatican.

American citizens! Be faithful to your obligations. May God protect America!





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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16).

# Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You

The Fourth of a Series of  
Studies on Colossians

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"**H**OW to Study the Bible" is the theme of magazines, journals, newspapers, tracts and books of many sorts. So with Luke, the beloved physician, we say, "For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of these things . . . it seemed good to me also . . . to write unto thee . . . most excellent Theophilus" (*Theos, philos*—lover of God).

The theme is more prolific than the thought. We shall pursue the theme from its urgency: why study the Bible? It is always good if the reader can ascertain what is being said. So we will try to assist in two ways: first, by pegging our thoughts on words beginning with "A"; second, by letting the Scriptures speak, thus stripping the thought of artless redundancy.

## THE WORD'S AUTHORITY

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because it is endowed with AUTHORITY. As Jesus taught and mixed with crowds, they felt an authority they had never felt before. Skinned, scattered and fagged as sheep having no shepherd, his words lifted them and put them on their feet. "They were astonished at his teaching for he taught them as one having authority" (Matt. 7:29).

Though the Bible is a library of sixty-six books, there is a unifying theme through all which centers around the authority of the Scriptures. Moses made it a blueprint for Joshua (Joshua 1:8). It was Joshua's motivation in reforming the nation (II Kings 23:2). Jeremiah saw it as a consuming fire and a crushing hammer (Jer. 23:29). Isaiah compared it to rain and snow on desert ground (Isa. 55:11). Ezekiel saw it as a life changing force (Ezek. 37:7). Jesus met the evil force with, "It is written" (Matthew 4), and declared to his critics, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Paul saw it as a defensive weapon (Eph. 6:17). The writer of Hebrews saw it a living, powerful, probing instrument (Heb. 4:12). John closed the Revelation warning that no man "add to or take from" the words of this Book.

## THE WORD'S SUFFICIENCY

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because it is AMPLE. It is the only book that says, "My God shall supply every need of yours" (Phil. 4:19). Sir Walter Scott spoke of the Bible as the Book of books and wrote:

"Within this ample volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries.  
Happiest they of human race  
To whom their God has given grace  
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch, to force the way;  
But better had they ne'er been born  
That read to doubt or read to scorn."

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because it will ABIDE. On Mount Olivet at the close of his earthly ministry, looking across the temple area, and

down the centuries of judgment, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words in no wise (double negative) shall pass away" (Matthew 24:35). William Olney expressed it:

" . . . Here it is, beneath my hand  
The word, which shall forever stand:  
Unalterable, enduring, sure,  
Flows the divine fount fresh and pure."

## CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because he is the ANSWER. If ye be risen with Christ and are seeking those things which are above, Christ is the answer. If you desire to "mortify" the passions of the flesh, Christ is the answer. If you desire to put off the old man with his deeds and put on the new man, renewed in knowledge after the image of him, Christ is the answer. If you desire, above all these things, to put on love and allow the peace of God to be "the umpire" in your hearts, then let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

" . . . Weary seekers of the best,  
We come back laden from our quest  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read."

—Whittier

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you. Why? Because he is ADEQUATE. Paul in his Christology (Col. 1:13-19) says that Christ is the one who delivers us from the power of darkness and translates us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love. He is our redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God. He is the firstborn of every creature.

By him were all things created and all things were created for him. In him all things hold together. He is the Head of the body, the Church, preeminent in spiritual things. He is the firstborn from the dead. It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us" (Greek, *katharizei*, habitual action—goes on cleansing us) from all sin" (I John 1:7).

## ITS POWER TO CHANGE

Not only is Christ adequate, but let his Word dwell in you richly because it is the ALCHEMY in life's wear and tear. Would you have a Christian home? "Wives submit yourselves . . . it is fit in the Lord" (Col. 3:18). "Husbands love your wives" (vs. 19). The two become one only in the highest quality of love. Are there juvenile problems? "Children, obey . . . for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (vs. 20). "Fathers" . . . every member of the family is responsible; "For ye serve the Lord Christ" (vs. 24).

Personal Christianity and home relations are bound up in a bundle together. Joshua stated it centuries before, "If it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye

will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Bishop McConnell tells the story that as a boy he used to look with awe and fear at the pictures of prehistoric monsters, the ichthyosaurus, the pterodactyl and others. These monsters seemed so immense that he wondered how men ever managed to rid the earth of them. In later years, he learned that the climate gradually changed and the monsters died.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly and its alchemy will change you, your family, your home, your church. There will come a new atmosphere and environment. We do not solve the problems. Let the Word of Christ in you change the climate and resolve the problems.

## CHOOSE THE GOOD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you "Let it do this in a rich way by filling every nook and corner of your life" (Robertson). We do not live life in a vacuum. There is an ALTERNATE. It is imperative that we choose. The people at Colosse had questioned the person of Christ. Therefore, the enemies, Judaizers and gnostics were subverting the church. Moody said, "This book will keep you from your sins or else your sins will keep you from this book."

The Psalmist said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. 66:18). He could have said, "Neither can I hear the abundant word of Christ." In the companion epistle of Ephesians, Paul said, "Be not drunk with wine (it can't fill the vacuum) but be filled with the spirit" (Eph. 5:18). He is dealing with the same alternative—sensation or inspiration.

Let the Word of Christ have a continual home in your hearts. Then you can teach and ADMONISH each other, applying it to every walk of life. Blessed is the man who has a job where he can provide for his loved ones, a home where he can love and be loved, and an altar where he can pour out his heart to God "in psalms, hymns, and praise" (Col. 3:16f).

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you and it will make you an ARTIST in the great art of Christian living. It will save you from being artificial. Paul wrote to Timothy: "The scriptures are able to make you wise unto salvation. Every scripture is God-breathed and profitable . . ." in righteousness. And then he states the purpose of it all, that the man of God might be an artist (Greek, *artios*) and leave an artistic touch (Greek, *ek*, intensive; *artios*, literally, exactly right) in every good work (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

"Give me a man of God—one man  
Whose faith is master of his mind  
And I will right ten thousand wrongs  
And bless the name of all mankind."

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because it is great in its ADAPTABILITY. Would you know the secret

# Baptist Chaplain in Korea

Some Observations by Chaplain (Major) Leslie Albus, Stationed in Korea

**M**ANY TIMES when reading of the exploits of the early church, a certain feeling arises because there are no more pagan lands to Christianize. Americans have become so well acclimated to an all-Christian culture that they feel there is no other. They order their lives on this premise, expecting all people to behave according to this principle, whether they actually are Christian or not.

Coming to Korea changes the situation. Here there is a population which is about 7 to 14 per cent Christian. How are they to act under these circumstances? Many do not know, and therefore they find existence here difficult.

## CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS

The lack of Christian fostered activities (schools, churches, hospitals and other charitable institutions engendered by love) amazes the newcomer. They also do not understand some of the common practices of the land. These stem from a culture about 4,000 years old, but they are not founded on Christ.

The temptation is to compromise Christian thought with the pagan. Many fall in this way; so this is not the answer.

The answer lies in being uprightly Christian, even though this may set them apart and mark them in certain quarters, but they can never win the lost by going the way of the ungodly.

of happiness? Read Colossians 3:12-17. Paul was born between two worlds: the world of Greek mythology and the world of Hebrew theology. His life was a battle between Mars Hill on the Mount of the Areopagus and the Hill of Calvary near Mount Zion. He was forever facing changing situations.

At Colosse, he had to meet one error after another. He did not hide from truth or philosophy. He met head on the thinkers of his age. He had to deal with one heresy after another. All his writings are biographical and demonstrate how he adapted and adjusted the Gospel to new conditions and used it in new situations. Every epistle was written with a special purpose and to meet a definite problem.

To him the Gospel was ever the power of God unto salvation. While the Greek god, Atlas, took the speculative philosophy of Athens on his back and vanished into legend, Saul of Tarsus took the Word of God upon his back, moved empires off their

Those who have remained steadfast have found the Christian group in Korea to be a very devout group. They do things here which would find no support at home. For instance, many prayer meetings are held at 4 a. m. The church is crowded at that hour. This would not be popular in the United States.

## CHRISTIAN WITNESS

The so-called Christian Americans find they have a decision to make when reaching here. This decision is one that the Christian anywhere has to make. It is the question of the Sermon on the Mount as to what the position of the believer is. It is the question which Christ answers by saying, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16).

If all Christians coming to Korea would practice this, the percentage of Christianity here would rapidly change.

(We have many devout Christians in the Armed Forces who are doing great things for the Korean Church. The missionaries here are grateful for their presence and help. May God grant us wisdom to do his holy will!)

hinges and set the course of history for the Prince of peace.

## LIFE'S GREATEST ADVENTURE

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you because it lures to life's greatest ADVENTURE. When one of our great ships was sinking at sea and the band began playing, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," a famous Christian actor said, "Gentlemen, in a few moments we are going out on life's greatest adventure."

Across the pages of the Bible rings the clarion call, "Come! come! come!" Moses said to Hobab, "Come thou with us" (Num. 10:29). Isaiah said, "Come, buy water, wine, milk" (Isa. 55:1). Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye . . ." (Matthew 11:29). Paul said, "Today is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). John said, "The spirit and the bride say, come" (Rev. 22:17).

The lure to life's greatest adventure is our strongest deterrent from evil, our deepest motivation for righteousness, and our highest challenge to let the Word of Christ dwell in us. God is our adventure!





Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, missionaries stationed at Ndu, Southern Cameroons, who are now in the U.S.A. on furlough.

## The Power of God's Word in Africa

Our center of missionary emphasis in the Cameroons has been a program of instruction in God's Word through Bible courses, Christian Day Schools, Sunday Schools and a Training Center.

By Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer,  
Cameroons Missionaries

SEVERAL GREEKS, who journeyed to Jerusalem to worship at the Feast, approached Philip, Jesus' disciple, with the request, "Sir, we would see Jesus." These Gentile Greeks had a longing in their hearts, and they sought out the Savior diligently for they, no doubt, had heard much of him and had seen evidences of his power in the lives of many.

From a far distant village in the Cameroons, two young men came to Mbem, who also had heard about our Jesus. They sought work so that they could stay and hear more of this Gospel message and ask questions concerning Christ. After several months, they returned to their village and told their families, friends, village heads and chief what they had heard.

### PRESENTING CHRIST

These hearers also were fascinated by this message and called for the missionaries to come and tell them more about this Jesus of whom they had heard. It was a thrill to be present with Brother Ahrens and present Christ to these needy people who were hungry to hear and ready to receive.

Whether we are speaking of the seeking sinner or the unconvinced pagan, this we know that they all want to see Jesus in evidence and in power. A village head once approached this missionary and complained that the Christians, or so-called Christians, were participating in his own pagan ways.

"Why don't they live like a Christian if they say they are one," he said.

"We don't want them if they say they have taken the Christian Way." Even the pagan dislikes those who give only lip obedience but do not accompany their words with Christian living.

The condition of the unbeliever is desperate. He is condemned (John 3:18), without hope (Eph. 2:12), and lost (Luke 19:10). There is no way by which he may be saved except through Jesus (Acts 4:12). That men may see him and know him is the purpose and goal of our ministry to the pagan and believer alike.

In order to present our lovely Lord to our Africans, we have used every means at our command and have tried to reach every level of African society, whether infant, school child, farmer, laborer, councilman, village head or chief.

### BIBLE TRAINING CENTER

Our center of emphasis has been in the church and church teacher or preacher and to instil in them a keener desire to know and to study the Word of God. Each year a series of study courses is given for all of our preachers and for any others able to read and write. These courses are set up by our Bible Training Center and present a uniform program for all fields throughout our Mission.

On afternoons after classes, village visitation is carried out and a witness is given to every home and person in the area. On week-ends, the preachers return to their churches and villages and begin practicing that which they have been taught. This continues for

a month in each area where courses are held.

Throughout the year, the preachers are checked to see if they are putting to use the things which they have learned. Testimony-time, on the closing day of each course, is a thrilling event. To hear how lives have been touched through the study of the Word is an enriching experience.

One pupil testified, "My papa taught me medicine but never wrote it in a book. This lesson I get now is one I can study. I will study even when I am in bed at night and examine myself. I must work and study so I can be a teacher some day like our missionary."

### READING THE SCRIPTURES

We feel that the true test of our preachers' desire to learn comes when we ask, "Who will go for further training in our Bible Training Center at Ndu?" More persons each year are seeking this training, in spite of the fact they must now pay a fee where previously tuition was free. It is a difficult step, for it means moving their entire families and leaving their farms and means of livelihood. But it is rewarding to the one who steps out in faith, believing the Lord will guide and provide. It is to men such as these to whom we commit our church of tomorrow in the Cameroons.

Teaching adults to read and to write is a vital and important task which we encourage and need to employ more fully. We in America believe that

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Junior Church at the Brook Dale Baptist Church (left) in the Brooklyn Center suburb of Minneapolis, Minn., and a worship service of the church (right) held in a local grade school building.

## Launching Out for God

The latest news from the Brook Dale Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., one of the denomination's 48 Church Extension projects.

By Rev. Adam Huber, Church Extension Pastor

EVERY ONE of our 48 Church Extension projects can be termed a "Launching Out For God," because in a very real sense it is an adventure in faith. Those of us who are engaged in this pioneering venture are experiencing God's leading in a very real and dramatic way. Often we stand amazed at God's performance of miracle after miracle.

When the work in the Brooklyn Center suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was begun in April 1959, those of us, 40 in number, who had dedicated ourselves to the cause, tried to project our vision to a year hence. Knowing the omnipotence of God and his concern for man, we were confident of his abundant blessings if only we would be faithful. Now, only a year later, our field of service has enlarged to the extent that we are now ministering to over one hundred people.

### ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE

During the first two months, we met in a little hall of the American Legion with a seating capacity of about fifty, a very inadequate building and poor facilities, but the only place available to us. In June, two months later, we were able to gain permission to occupy one of the local grade schools which facilities we are now using and which we hope to occupy until we are able to build our own church. The school auditorium and class rooms provide us with adequate facilities and, even though we miss the worship helps that a church sanctuary provides, we have experienced spiritual mountain tops. We have seen an influx of many families, so that we have had as many as 83 persons attending a worship service and 96

attending our Sunday School Christmas program.

Brooklyn Center is a new suburb in which about 95 per cent of the people are young married couples with children ranging in age from fifteen years down. Our church program, of necessity, must therefore be adapted to the situation. We are presenting an aggressive intermediate and junior program. Since we have access to the school only on Sundays, we use our homes for the weekday church program.

### CHURCH SERVICES

On Wednesday nights we meet in two homes. The adults meet for Bible study and prayer, while in another home the juniors meet for Bible training, prayer and also a Junior Choir rehearsal. It is important for the juniors to perform occasionally in order to stimulate their interest in the work.

On Sundays we meet for Sunday School, worship service and Junior Church. We also have an adult choir, male quartet and other musical talent that we use. The Lord has blessed us with good leaders and teachers as well as with musical talent so that we are

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**CHURCH EXTENSION**  
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for this year for  
North American Baptist Churches.  
Give and pray for this evangelistic  
outreach of ours in the days ahead  
of us!

able to present an appealing program.

Our ladies have organized a Woman's Missionary Guild which has proven a real blessing and help in this new work. Besides carrying on an active mission program, it has done admirable work in helping towards integrating the people. Integration is one of the real problems and needs in a new work. To aid in this matter, we have held a Fellowship Meeting, if possible, once a month. This has helped a great deal to create a feeling of unity among our group. In every way possible we try, by the help and grace of God, to win, instruct and integrate into our fellowship those who have been entrusted to our care.

### HARVEST OF SOULS

One of the highlights of this ministry is to see people, mostly young parents, seek and find the Savior. God has worked his miracle of grace among us, and therefore we rejoice. We trust him for a rich harvest of souls in the future. We are now anticipating our first baptismal service.

This month we are planning officially to organize our church. Even now, we are busily engaged in making plans for a building program. You, who have contributed to Church Extension, have helped in the purchase of a fine piece of land for our future building site. The Minnesota State Association has pledged itself to help in a financial way. Our own people are being trained and are beginning to see the real value in tithing their income so that, before the year 1960 is over, we trust the Lord for a first unit on our own building site. Pray and believe with us, and we know that God will provide!



# An Invalid Ministry to God's Glory

The story of Rev. Albert "Bob" Jesser of Underwood, North Dakota, by his personal friend, Mr. James Schacher

"I CAN'T believe it! You mean . . . ? ? ?"

"That's right. Something is wrong with Bob Jesser's legs so that he can hardly walk!"

"It doesn't seem possible. He held special meetings here not long ago."

Many people were shocked when they learned that multiple sclerosis had struck an aspiring young evangelist.

Albert "Bob" Jesser is a native of Underwood, North Dakota. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1949, the same year that he graduated from high school.

"That summer I found a construction job," recalled Bob during an interview, "but somehow I couldn't let myself become satisfied with life. I had an unexplainable gnawing deep down inside."



Rev. Albert "Bob" Jesser of Underwood, N. Dak., in his wheel chair.

## NORTHWESTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

So the following summer, 1950, he decided to enroll in the Northwestern Bible College at Minneapolis. It was here that he learned about witnessing—by doing it. He found ample opportunities in hospitals, missions and church services.

Seated in his wheelchair in his home during the interview, Bob spoke with peaceful reflection. Of better than average height, Bob intertwined his fingers slowly together and then apart as he related his unusual tale. The leisurely atmosphere failed to suggest the extra energy with which he had attacked the evangelistic challenge confronting him in his time of active service.

"The folks in Yakima were thrilled with the work you did there—they are hoping that you will come back—and other fellows just like you will come back and help in the days to come." So remarked Torrey M. Johnson, founder of Youth for Christ International, after a Washington campaign conducted by Bob and his roommate from Northwestern, Gerald Arnold. It was increasingly evident that Bob had begun to discover that the fields "are already white unto harvest."

Compelling factors were at work in Bob's heart. He recounts, "Something caused me to feel that it was MY duty to obey the Great Commission and do as much as it was possible for me to do in full-time service."

## ORDAINED IN 1953

He revealed the workings of his soul to his pastor at that time, Rev. Fred J. Knalson. After prayerful consideration, his home church scheduled the ordination for the spring of 1953. A few months later, Bob completed

his course of study and graduated from the Northwestern Bible College.

But at this very point, where even greater things were being promised, a bombshell was in preparation. During the month of March, 1953, he had been taken ill and had spent some time in the college infirmary. It seemed, innocently enough, as one of those things which the doctors could not quite diagnose. But he appeared to recover and so resumed his normal activities.

As Bob continued to travel and preach he gave himself completely to his work. "He was very sincere, and he spoke with unforgettable enthusiasm," recalled one observer.

However, by the next summer of 1954, it was apparent that his muscular co-ordination was failing. There was yet a good deal of uncertainty by the doctors, and he had not become aware of the significance of his situation.

Slowly and inevitably in the trans-

## STORY BEHIND THE ARTICLE

"Bob" Jesser is a member of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., and was the first person ordained in the church. His pastor, Rev. Richard Grenz, suggested that this article written by a North American Baptist Seminary student, Mr. James Schacher, be made available to "Baptist Herald" readers. It has also been suggested that Bob Jesser would be delighted to hear from "Baptist Herald" readers, especially from those who could share with him a similar problem or a word of encouragement. His address is Rev. Albert Jesser, Underwood, North Dakota. EDITOR

piring months, Bob's condition grew worse. Finally, in the middle of the summer, 1956, Bob's neighborly, small-town community was dumbfounded when he discontinued his evangelistic activities and returned home. He was completely losing his power to walk!

The effect which this startling development had upon the town was striking. "Why would God allow his servant to be struck like this?"

A housewife asked, "There are so many who aren't effective for the Lord, why did it have to be Bob instead?"

Others wondered, "Why does God allow such calamities anyhow?"

The very incident drew spiritual matters to the attention of people who did not even profess to care about the things of God. The nature of the Creator, his ways and dealings with humanity, suddenly confronted many indifferent hearts. Street corner visiting and "across the fence" conversation inevitably diverted to this puzzling topic.

## HIS WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Many offered their solutions, "No one would grow without trials . . . probably some have a special calling in this respect."

"Even the greatest Christians, sooner or later, will have to leave their field of service. God knows best if he allows it to be 'sooner.'"

But the best answer may be offered by Bob himself. "I definitely believe the Lord has a will and a purpose in this. The reason, I don't know, and probably won't until glory; however, I am a minister where I'm placed of God."

In spite of this, it's probably that Bob realizes very little of how much of a witness he really has been. A Sunday School teacher illustrated to a young people's class that a Christian's happiness should not be dependent upon outward circumstances: "Take Bob Jesser, for instance. Is there anyone who radiates more joy and happiness? Though his helpless state appears not to be getting any better, yet he's got real victory there."

## PRESENT TESTIMONY

Rev. Richard Grenz, Bob's present pastor, observed, "I've talked to people who've marveled at his patience and especially his cheerfulness."

"One day when Bob fell down and then wasn't able to get up by himself, he just lay there sprawled out and laughed," remarked one young person respectfully.

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BAPTIST HERALD

# God Send Us Men of Steadfast Will

A Challenge to All Laymen by Mr. Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minnesota

## AN INTRODUCTION

By Raymond E. Engelbrecht,  
President of Baptist Men

THE ARTICLE for this issue was written by Mr. Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Hirsch served in 1949 as the first president of "Baptist Men," the denominational organization, when "Baptist Men" was organized during the General Conference sessions in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At present he is president of "Baptist Men" of the Northwestern Conference and is a member of the Board of Directors of "Baptist Men," the denominational organization.

Mr. Hirsch has done much in the interest of our laymen's work, both in his conference area and throughout the denomination. He is a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

## CHRISTIAN LAYMEN IN ACTION

By Mr. Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis,  
Minn.

It has been my privilege to belong to the Men's Brotherhood of our church for nearly thirty years. What this has meant to me cannot be adequately expressed in words. This organization has been active and alert and has exerted incalculable influence on our entire church life.

In too many of our churches, the laymen are satisfied to leave the work to their pastor and the various women's societies. During these many years, the Men's Brotherhood of our church has held varied programs and has set some high goals to achieve. Numerous men have been brought into the church's membership through this fellowship. Bible study, a deeper prayer life and regular attendance to other services of the church have been encouraged.

To have a successful Brotherhood there must be a well planned program. A discussion on social and political issues, encouraging better citizenship, is very interesting. An occasional tour through some business establishment is always enjoyed and found to be educational and helpful in many ways. The men for many years have collected old newspapers and sold them to help sponsor several worthy projects. They have helped finance athletic teams for the young boys in the church.

Many a father and son have become better acquainted through the Men's Brotherhood. We have found that with more men, having some position in the organization, the greater will be the interest that is created. Through our Brotherhood, we continue to strive for better and greater

achievements for the church and our Lord and Master.

As Christian laymen, we must be active and on guard at all times. It is so easy just to drift along with the world. When we are fishing on a beautiful lake and begin to drift, how do we straighten our course? Not by measuring our position with the other boats on the lake but rather by a fixed object on the shore. The Apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 10:12 warns us against measuring ourselves with other men, for this is not wise. We are to measure ourselves by the fixed Object who is Jesus Christ. We must be men dedicated to Christian consecration and service.

## LAYMEN ON GUARD

Every Christian is called to be a missionary in his own sphere, in his own small world in which he lives. Each of us has a mission assigned to us, an objective which we are to attain in life. But we must confess that we have been drifting so often from this goal.

Every day someone is taking your measurement. The financier measures you by the money you amass, the foreman by the work you put out and the professor by the intellect you display. But Christ measures men by the fruit they bear and the work we do for the furthering of his Kingdom.

Perhaps this should be our prayer each morning:

"Now I get me up to work,  
I pray the Lord I may not shirk.  
If I should die before the night,  
I pray the Lord my work be right."

We are called to service, to work before the night comes, when man works no more.

## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Have you ever stopped to consider the first two questions asked in the Bible? The first, "Where art thou?" and the second, "Where is thy brother?" These two questions, like the two great commandments, emphasize our relationship to God and to men. Do these questions imply that we are not right with God unless we are right with our fellowmen? God is not interested primarily in our worship, our prayers or our offerings, as important as these might be. Our Lord is first concerned about our brother and what our relationship is to him.

As laymen we must be careful that we do not find ourselves so busy in all our efforts that we neglect to have time for the most important responsibility the Lord has called us to do. We read in John 15:8 and 16: "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that

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## HAPPY FELLOWSHIP AT THE 1959 LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

Left to right: Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Bible teacher; Mrs. Ted Hirsch, Mrs. E. Fred Abitz, Mrs. Walter W. Wessel, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Camerons missionary; Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke. (Photo by Roy Seibel).





MARACANAO GYMNASIUM AND STADIUM IN RIO

The 25,000-seat Maracanao Gymnasium (left) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where the sessions of the Baptist World Congress will be held, and right the immense Maracanao Stadium where Billy Graham will address a great Baptist rally on Sunday, July 3, 1960.

# The Stadium Brazilians Built

The Meeting Place of the 10th Baptist World Congress to be Held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26—July 3, 1960.

**B**RAZILIANS first gave voice to their great dream of an enormous sports festival in 1938. Although at that time there were large stadiums in Brazil, there was no structure in all the square miles of their country in which such a massive event could be held.

Delegates representing the Brazilian Confederation of Sports at the 1938 Congress of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) in Paris expressed their hope of issuing an invitation to one of the world's greatest sports events: the spectacular World's Association Football Championship Games (known in America as soccer.)

## "BATTLE OF THE STADIUM"

When the delegates returned to Rio de Janeiro, they plunged into what soon became known as the "Battle of the Stadium." Their goal: a sports center capable of accommodating the vast throngs that would be attracted to Rio for the games.

A decade later, on August 10, 1948, the "dreamers" first glimpsed victory. The first stone was laid for Brazil's now world-famed Maracanao Stadium.

Into it went enough cement which, had it been stacked in bags, would have reached 232,900 feet—one hundred times as high as Corcovado Mountain. Iron bars in Maracanao

Stadium would circle the globe, not once, but *three* times. With the stone used, a monumental prism nine thousand feet high, with a 180,000 square foot base, could have been erected. Bumper to bumper, a line of trucks laden with building materials for the stadium would have stretched more than 200 miles.

## WORLD'S LARGEST STADIUM

Victory was finally won on June 24, 1950. Approximately 155,000 people from all corners of the earth assembled comfortably for the opening match of the semi-finals of the World's Fourth Association Football Championship

**CREDITS**  
The gigantic 25,000-seat Maracanao Gymnasium and 155,000-seat Maracanao Stadium, in which the tenth Baptist World Congress will meet at Rio de Janeiro, are perhaps the two largest masterpieces of "postless" architecture in the world. This article, telling how they came to be built, is contributed by Carey Mein, attache at the Brazilian Embassy in Washington and the son of missionary parents. It appeared first in "The Baptist World" and is reprinted in the "Baptist Herald" by special permission. EDITOR

Games. Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, England, Italy, Paraguay, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, the United States and Yugoslavia vied with each other for the Jules Rimet Cup.

Under the protective shadows of Rio's mountains, Maracanao Stadium stood as a testimonial to the Brazilians' spirit, foresight, planning, hard work and vision.

The same spirit that led them to build the world's largest stadium (probably the greatest all-concrete structure on earth) governed the ground breaking for "Maracananzinho," "Little Maracanao."

Little? With a capacity of 35,000 and complete facilities for basketball, volleyball, boxing and ping-pong, "Little Maracanao" also houses some 550 athletes in its eight comfortable dormitories.

Gigantic Maracananzinho Gymnasium was inaugurated in October of 1954 when it served as the stage for the Second World Basketball Championship Games.

## SPIRIT OF BRAZIL

Dreams continue to unfold. In the future there will be a swimming pool with a 25,000 spectator capacity; a stadium for track and field events, where 20,000 fans can easily be seated; a tennis court encircled by a grandstand for 10,000 people, and a velodrome with stands for 5,000 bi-

cycle-racing enthusiasts. The final touch will be a playground for 500 children.

The project is an insight into the spirit of the Brazilian people, and a look at the work which went into building these massive structures. We are personally happy that thousands of Baptists coming to Rio in June will be able to use them for what may be the best Baptist World Congress.

## AN INVALID MINISTRY

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Bob probably has his dark moments and trying times, but frequently he is able to contribute a heartfelt testimony during church, "I especially like the last part of Galatians 2:20, 'and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.' I praise the Lord for his goodness and watchcare over me. Truly, I know the Lord has given me patience and endurance which I did not have in myself. I intend throughout my life to be of service to him."

Though he experiences no physical pain, his coordination shows continuous sign of deterioration. Bob has had to change from the cane to crutches, and now he is completely confined to the wheelchair.

His face lights up when he tells of other victims of multiple sclerosis who have been similarly afflicted and who have been rehabilitated to various degrees. "I read in a newspaper of a lady who had been at a certain hospital, and she was in worse shape than I'm in. I wrote to her and she said that she's been in this hospital for three months, and now she can get around almost like normal."

## HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Indicating that the cost for specialized service was prohibitive, he added, "I've been looking into all of the possibilities and, if the Lord would raise me up, I definitely feel I would enter a seminary and then continue in the ministry."

Bob's present range of everyday activities is quite restricted. His eyes bother him if he reads very long, but typing with one finger, he can carry on limited correspondence. Occasional visitors do much to brighten up his hours. One of the most remarkable features is that he attends church regularly. This is possible only with the aid of faithful relatives. They carry him inside on his wheelchair, and then lift him into a pew.

The change to an inactive life has been a real hardship to which to adjust, but if an award were given for persevering hope, Bob would probably rate at the top. Unknowingly he summed up his courageous attitude at a New Year's Eve Watchnight Service, "I must say this, that the Lord has been good to me and, if it's within his will, I still believe I'll be made well some day!"

# From the Professor's Desk

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

What was Paul's "thorn in the flesh" to which he refers in II Corinthians 12:7?

The verse to which you refer is found in a section of II Corinthians in which Paul defends his apostolic authority against certain Corinthian teachers who were expressing doubts as to whether he was a *bona fide* apostle. Paul cites as evidence the special revelations he had received from God (12:1-3) which were of such an outstanding nature that he might even have reason to boast. But in order to keep him from "being exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations," there was given to him a "thorn in the flesh." He further describes it as "the messenger of Satan to buffet me." What was this thorn in the flesh?

The answer given to this question will be largely dependent upon how one renders the two Greek words translated in the AV and RSV "in the flesh." If, as most Protestant interpreters have understood them, these words have a locative sense (*i. e.*, they indicate *place*), then "flesh" denotes the physical body and the "thorn in the flesh" is some physical ailment from which Paul suffered.

Numbers of guesses have been made as to just what sickness Paul experienced. Sir William Ramsey thought it was malaria. He reached this conclusion from Paul's remark in Galatians 4:13: "you know that it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first" (RSV). Ramsey thought that Paul contracted ma-

## POWER OF GOD'S WORD

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daily reading of the Scripture is a necessary part of the Christian's life. But probably 85 per cent or 90 per cent of the people in the Cameroons are unable either to read or write. If our Christian Church is to make its testimony felt the believers must learn to read and to study God's Word. Each church is encouraged to conduct its own classes in reading and writing in connection with classes for new converts.

We have two important mediums for reaching African youth—our Christian Day Schools and Sunday Schools. Daily our schools touch thousands of young lives for Christ. These will be tomorrow's leaders in the land. The majority of the young people, however, do not attend school. We strive to reach these through our Sunday Schools. Throughout the week, the young people are busy on their farms or with family obligations of various kinds. On Sundays they are free, and we have an opportunity to seek them

laria in the low-lying district of Pamphylia which caused him to seek the high country around Antioch of Pisidia, which was located in the Roman province of Galatia. This malarial fever became a constantly recurring thing and was Paul's thorn in the flesh.

Probably the most popular theory is that it was eye trouble of some kind. This is based on Paul's statement that the Galatians would have plucked out their eyes and given them to him (4:15). Neither of these suggestions can be proved from Scripture, and they both suffer from the additional disadvantage that the New Testament presents Paul as a man of tremendous physical prowess.

The other possible translation of the phrase is "thorn *for* the flesh." The phrase, according to this interpretation, would be a dative of disadvantage. If taken this way, "flesh" would have the more typical Pauline meaning of "the lower nature," and "thorn" would refer to experiences which would buffet the "old nature." The "thorn," then, was probably basically spiritual in nature and might refer to any experience which would pierce the bubble of Paul's pride. Chrysostom thought it more specifically to be hindrances to the progress of Paul's preaching.

Whatever the "thorn in the flesh" was, Paul sought the Lord earnestly that it be removed. Three times he thus prayed, but God's will was that through it he might find new strength from God. It is indeed in frustrations, vexations, hindrances, disappointments and disillusionments that we find God's all sufficient grace and strength.

out for Christ and to teach them of his love for them.

Another important part of our ministry is in the Womens' Work. In many of our churches, the women are the stabilizing influence. The young men and husbands of many of our women go to the coast to seek employment in the plantations, and the women are left behind. They carry on much of the work in the churches while the men are gone.

The importance of the mother in the home, in bringing up her children to know and love the Lord, is an important task by itself in a pagan community. These women are also learning the importance of proper Christian instruction for their daughters and the daughters of other friends who are not Christians.

No doubt, many may wonder and ask, after having heard much about missions, "Is the field truly white unto harvest?" We would repeat with emphasis the words of Joshua that "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The door is still open, and we must continue to work while it is yet day.



# We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG

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## A RECIPE

NOTHING delights a woman more than finding a new recipe with which to surprise her family or friends. All of us spend many hours in the kitchen preparing appetizing meals for those dearest to us as well as visitors to our homes. A new recipe is often just what we need to vary our daily menus and to give zest to otherwise commonplace meals.

To have someone ask me for one of my recipes is always a compliment. Let me share with you a recipe that is not my own, but one that has become mine through the study of God's Word. You will find it is Philippians 4:6, 7. These words of Paul can be aptly called a "Recipe for Peace of Mind."

Written at a time when Paul was a prisoner in Rome, threatened with death, makes these words all the more significant. Paul's absolute, unequivocal faith in God prompted him to write his good friends, the Philippian Christians: "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul had found the serenity and peace of mind that all of us desire, even in the midst of the tempest that raged about him.

What are the ingredients of this recipe for peace of mind? First of all, we must have a measure of trust—or faith. It means banishing anxiety, which is always a useless expenditure of nervous energy. Worry is a woman's worst enemy. It can actually harm us physically and mentally. Worse still, it often arises from a lack of faith in God. Doubting the wisdom and love of God is one of the roots of sin.

The second ingredient of this simple recipe is prayer—a great deal of prayer. There is no danger of using this ingredient too generously. The two ingredients of our recipe go together. If one is not prayerful, he is very likely to be overly anxious, worried and seldom serene. Prayerfulness is an attitude as well as an act.

Prayer changes things by changing ourselves first. Having submitted all our anxieties to God, we must then let God do his will. Our prayers should likewise be in a thankful tone. Genuine thankfulness is a mark of Christian maturity. Counting our blessings produces contentedness.

True peace of mind takes only two simple ingredients—FAITH and PRAYER. The peace that passeth un-

# 1959 Scripture Grand Award Winners

Award Winners in Our Scripture Memory Program Listed by Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

THE MONTH of May means that another year of Scripture Memory work will soon be completed. The number of boys and girls enrolled in the course increases each year. The number of children who completed the work climbed from 1,738 in 1959 to 1,927 in 1959. We are looking for an even greater increase in that number when the reports arrive at our office in June, 1960. When a child has been enrolled in the Scripture Memory program for nine years, or who has completed all nine courses of the work, the Sunday School Union presents the Grand Award, Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST, to that child. The number of Grand Award winners becomes larger each year. The 1959 Grand Award winners were the 69 memorizers listed below:

### Grand Award Winners Scripture Memory Program

Arndt, Jeanette, Springside, Sask.  
Bauer, JoAnn, Herried, South Dakota  
Berndt, Marjorie, Herreid, South Dakota  
Burgstahler, Alan, Cathay, North Dakota  
Cook, Michael, Carrington, North Dakota  
Decker, Karen, Plum Creek Church, South Dakota  
Deutschmann, Morris, Manitoba  
Dobrinski, Dorothy, Lorraine, Kansas  
Edzards, Joyce, Emery, South Dakota  
Eggert, Ronnie, Victor, Iowa  
Fandry, Carol, Vancouver, B. C.  
Fisher, Sharon, Okeene, Oklahoma  
Fritzeimer, Sheryl, Stafford, Kansas  
Gabelmann, Carol, Vesper, Kansas  
Giese, Diane, Holloway, Minn.  
Giese, Joan, Holloway, Minn.  
Goltz, Howard, Springside, Sask.  
Gunter, Janice, Vancouver, B. C.  
Hagel, LeRoy, Wishek, North Dakota

derstanding can be yours today if you claim God's precious promise—"Cast all your cares upon him, for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

### ADVANCE BUILDING FUND COIN FOLDERS

The coin folders which were distributed a few months ago among the Sunday School scholars are due on June 20, 1960. Your Sunday School treasurer should forward BY CHECK the amounts collected and designate it for the Advance Building Fund. Sunday Schools can have a vital part in reaching the goal of \$250,000 for the building in Forest Park and Seminary Library Building in Sioux Falls. Additional coin folders are available from the Promotional Department of our denomination.—G. K. Zimmerman, S. S. Union Secretary.

Harris, David, Vancouver, B. C.  
Harris, Ione, Vancouver, B. C.  
Hartsell, Carol, Stafford, Kansas  
Hearn, Merlyn, Stafford, Kansas  
Hepting, Elaine, Vancouver, B. C.  
Hildebrand, Ellen Jean, Stafford, Kansas

Hilty, Ronald, Colfax, Washington  
Hoffman, Archie, Fredonia, North Dakota

Hoffman, Roger, Springside, Sask.  
Huston, Nick, Beatrice, Nebraska  
Jacobs, Kathy, Sheffield, Iowa  
Jahn, Susan, St. Paul, Minn.

James, Janice, Odessa, Washington  
Krein, Beverly, Goodrich, North Dakota

Krispense, Steven, Strassburg Church, Kansas

Lang, Larry, Goodrich, North Dakota  
Lengefeld, Elizabeth, Branch, La.  
Maas, Ronnie, Vancouver, B. C.  
Mikkelsen, Ruth Ann, Holloway, Minn.  
Montay, Gladys, Springside, Sask.  
Moser, Larry, McLaughlin, South Dakota

Paschke, Bobby, Morris, Manitoba  
Penner, Lorna, Morris, Manitoba  
Pepple, Dellan, Cathay, North Dakota  
Pullmann, Adeline, Springside, Sask.  
Renz, Shirley, Paul, Idaho  
Rueb, Robert, Tyndall, South Dakota  
Scheffler, Linda, Creston, Nebraska  
Scheffler, Sandra, Creston, Nebraska  
Schlafmann, Jarvis, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

Schmidt, Karen, Goodrich, North Dakota

Schulz, Siegrun, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Socolofsky, Harold, Strassburg Church, Kansas

Splitter, Clarissa, Lorraine, Kansas  
Stemper, Richard, Tyndall, South Dakota

Stewin, Judith, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Sturhahn, Richard, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Tammen, Carol, Emery, South Dakota  
Terveen, Gloria, Emery, South Dakota  
Tessman, Eugene, Goodrich, North Dakota

Van Amburg, Larry, Vesper, Kansas  
Wagner, Sharon, McIntosh, South Dakota

Weber, Arlene, Medicine Hat, Alberta  
Weigand, Verna, Stafford, Kansas  
Wendelburg, Loren, Stafford, Kansas  
Widener, Austin, Ellinwood, Kansas  
Wilcke, Allen, Stafford, Kansas  
Williams, Alvena, Tyndall, South Dakota

Witt, Merle, Branch, La.  
Zilkie, Louise, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Our sincere congratulations go to these fine young people! It is our prayer that they will continue to hide God's precious Word in their hearts. We are making preparations to send out a large number of awards to the 1960 Grand Award winners this summer.

# What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., has extended a call to Mr. Paul Siewert of Minitonas, Man., a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary. He has responded favorably to the call and has announced that he will begin his ministry in Leduc soon after graduation from the Seminary on June 15. He will succeed Rev. Fred J. Knalson, now of Mott, N. Dak. Mr. Siewert was a member of the 1958 Seminary quartet that sang at the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alta.

● From April 6 to 8 Rev. L. Bienert, editor of "Youth Compass," and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," attended sessions of the Associated Church Press in Washington, D. C. Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, Baptist editor and president of the Associated Church Press, presided. Among the many speakers were Mr. Christian Herter, U. S. Secretary of State, at a briefing session at the Department of State; the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, vice-president of the U. S.; Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; and Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C. More than 125 editors were in attendance, representing 150 publications with a reading constituency amounting to about 30 million.

● The Sunday Schools of the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Man., and the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., held a joint leadership training course from March 28 to 31 with Rev. Arnold Rapske, a member of the Christian Training Institute faculty, as instructor. He taught the course, "Building a Better Sunday School." Thirty-one students were enrolled and 13 completed the examination for credit. Mrs. L. Zilkie, pastor's wife, reported: "It was an eye-opener to us as Sunday School teachers and officers to see how we can improve our school. It has been many years since we have had such a course, and now, since this one was considered so successful, we expect to continue having one each year hereafter."

● The Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alta. had the privilege of having Rev. L. Bienert, C. B. Y. F. secretary, from March 20-23 to conduct a study course on "Vital Problems in Christian Living." The sessions were well attended and the young people showed a keen interest in the study. The neighboring Carbon C. B. Y. Fellowship responded to the invitation to share in the study. The last session concluded with a fellowship in the lower auditorium of the church and

refreshments were served by the C. B. Y. F. Rev. William Effa, pastor, reported: "The young people experienced new blessings from the Word of God through Brother Bienert's ministry."

● During the month of February, the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, held a study course for many of its people. Ten persons completed the teachers' training course on "Jesus, the Teacher" and have been awarded their certificates. Others who attended were spiritually blessed by the course. From March 6 to 17 Rev. Everett A. Barker of Salem, Oregon, conducted evangelistic meetings in the Paul church. Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies reported: "Several persons responded to the call of Jesus Christ, and our hearts were strengthened, enriched and encouraged to serve him more diligently." Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies is pastor of the church.

● Deeper Life Meetings were held at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., from March 20 to 27. Rev. A. Braun, pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., served as the Bible teacher bringing a study on the book of Ephesians. One person came forward for rededication and two people came forward for salvation. Mr. Neil A. Walther, reporter, expressed the thanks of the church to Mr. Braun for this appreciated ministry. Several weeks before these meetings, Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor of the Underwood church, helped with a week of meetings in the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak.

● North American Baptist students in Detroit, Mich., and vicinity held a fellowship gathering on Friday evening, April 1, with 36 persons, including 7 local pastors, in attendance. They met at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. John Ziegler and Rev. M. Wolff. Rev. L. Bienert, C. B. Y. F. secretary, spoke on "You and Your Denomination" and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of the Education and Publication Society, brought a devotional message. This was followed by a time of fellowship and a luncheon. The students are attending various schools in the Detroit area.

● Mr. Robert J. Dittrich, treasurer of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., for the past 36 years, was honored recently following his resignation at the annual parish meeting. He was succeeded by Mr. Alex Murray, assistant treasurer. Mr. Dittrich, a retired employee of the Crane Company and former treasurer of the Bridgeport Savings Loan Association, was presented with a cer-

tificate of appreciation and a gold watch by members of the church. Rev. William E. Christensen, pastor, paid a high tribute to his faithful ministry. Mr. Dittrich will continue to serve as the assistant treasurer.

● Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Kankakee, Ill., served as evangelist from April 3 to 10 at the Parkway Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., where Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt is the pastor. This was a part of the Evangelistic Crusade in which a majority of Baptist churches in the District of Columbia and vicinity held simultaneous meetings. The attendance at the Parkway Church services reached a high of 125 persons during the week. Every noon the pastors and evangelists met for a luncheon to confer together and to pray for the services.

● Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Chicago, Ill., a deacon of the Forest Park Baptist Church and formerly general missionary secretary of the denomination, was the author of the meditation used on April 8, 1960 in "The Secret Place." This daily devotional quarterly for family and individual use is read by one and a quarter million people around the world. It has a circulation of more than 485,000. It is published by the American Baptist Publication Society and the Christian Board of Education. The title of Mr. Dymmel's meditation was "Betrayed by an Accent" (Matt. 26:73).

● The Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., have extended a call to Rev. David Zimmerman of Cathay, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He will conclude his ministry in the Cathay church on June 30, where he has served as pastor since 1954, and will begin his pastorate with the Tyndall and Danzig churches on July 1st. He will succeed Rev. Ruben Herrmann, now of Calgary, Alta. The interim pastor at the Tyndall and Danzig churches is Rev. Arthur A. Voigt of Avon, S. Dak., whose ministry is deeply appreciated by the congregations.

● The Woman's Missionary Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its annual election of officers on Tuesday evening, March 29, with the following results: president, Mrs. C. B. Nordland; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Erwin Wuttke; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Gnass; and corresponding secretary, Miss Erna Redlich. The outgoing president, Mrs. Frank H. Woyke, was in charge of the program which featured the ministry of "God's Volunteers." Pictures of the team were shown and interpreted by Mrs. Clarence Nelson and Miss Ilse Fuhrmann.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Jack Fullard to which he has responded favorably. He is also pastor of the Birkett Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., which he continues to serve in a joint ministry.

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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 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. Faith was released but during her prison term she had contracted tuberculosis. It was decided to take her to a hospital for tests and treatments. In the hospital a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and also directed James Thornton to his need of the Savior.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

JAMES MET LINDA frequently after this, either in the ward or on their way out. Occasionally he rode with her downtown and he looked forward to this opportunity to be with her. After that first time she had never approached him further about his spiritual condition, but she did make him conscious of the fact by remarks about Faith and the peace and hope she now had and also by telling him some of her experiences with other patients.

She told him about a thrilling experience she had had when she had talked to a patient who had been brought in after a severe hemorrhage. He was a horrible sight, for he was covered with blood and was too weak to be cleaned. He had several days' growth of beard on his face and he was blind in one eye. The eye was still there but it was white and swollen as some injured eyes are.

This man knew nothing about salvation when she slipped into the room

where he was alone and asked if she might talk to him. When she began to talk to him and explained what salvation meant, he had been willing to accept the Lord and there were tears streaming down his face when he prayed, but there was a smile upon his lips when she left him. When she went back to see him on her next visit he was a changed person and he greeted her with such a smile that it brought joy to her heart.

"He told his wife about me and from then until the day he died he called me his angel. I think he got the idea from some picture he had seen. It was a joy to talk to him, for he was eager to learn as much as he could about the Bible.

"He was different from many others," she remarked. "Many are indifferent to the fact that they are lost and many others seek to justify themselves by saying that they never harmed anyone and they do all the good they can, while others are just so indifferent that they do not care. They are the ones I grieve over. I pray for them that they may see their danger and their opportunity and that they will remember what I tried to tell them and will get right with God. It will be a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God with a soul that has not been cleansed by the blood."

He wondered if she had been praying for him. He hoped that she had, yet he was afraid that she had. How could he ever be saved when he had such plans in his heart and such hatred and vindictiveness there?

Even though her conversation often disturbed him, he was eager to be with her at every opportunity, for when he was with her she seemed to give him a sense of peace. While he listened to her interesting conversation he admired her beauty and her strength of character. She was different from any-

one he had ever known.

"I shouldn't bore you with my little personal experiences," she apologized after she had related this experience. "Though they mean much to me, I know they can't mean anything to you, and I'm sure you're not interested."

"But I am," he insisted. "Just to hear you tell them makes them seem wonderful."

His words and his look did not hint of anything but friendship, but she turned her eyes away and faint color suffused her clear skin. When she left him at his corner and drove toward home, there was a frown upon her face and a worried light in her eyes. She set her lips firmly together as the car shot forward at higher speed.

She would not see him again. He belonged to that poor little girl who loved him so much. What right had she to be interested in him except for his soul's salvation? He was good-looking, but she had met other boys who were just as goodlooking and had boys who were Christians, boys she had known all her life. She knew nothing about this stranger and he was in love with Faith, so why should she be interested in him? She would not see him again. She could not afford to become interested in him in that way. Nevertheless that unconscious look of admiration that he had given her brought a quickening to her heart even while she reproached herself for it.

As time passed Linda found that it was not easy to avoid him. Frequently Faith asked her to wait until he came and begged her to talk to her about the Bible while he was there, so that perhaps he might hear and want to be saved. She was anxious for him to have what she had and this was the only way she could think of to witness to him, for her own feeble efforts had failed miserably.

Linda could not refuse and made it a

point to be there occasionally when he came. He would find them talking and would take a chair on the other side of the bed and sit silently while they read and talked. His eyes never left Linda's face and she felt his absorbed gaze and tried not to feel self-conscious as she gave out the Word. She prayed that in some way he might be impressed and that his heart might be opened to the Word. She did not remain long and went to see other patients, but when the bell rang he would be at the elevator waiting for her.

"Could I beg you for a lift?" he asked one afternoon as she was about to leave without offering to take him.

"I'm sorry, but I am not going your way today," she told him.

She felt reproached by his look of disappointment, but it did not make her relent as she drove home another way. She felt that she was being mean, but she felt that it was best. After this she saw little of him except in the presence of Faith. Then something happened that brought them together and changed the course of both their lives.

Faith had a bad hemorrhage, the terror of all tuberculosis sufferers, the sword of Damocles which hung over every one who had a lung cavity. Sometimes these hemorrhages were slight and caused no immediate danger, but sometimes they were severe when a larger vessel had given way beneath the onslaught of that deadly invasion of disease. Faith's was severe and for a time it seemed that she would die before it was checked. She was transferred to the dangerously ill ward which every patient dreaded, for they knew how hopeless their case must be when they were taken there.

When James arrived, he found her looking so near death that his heart almost stopped beating. Linda was sitting by the bed talking to her and though Faith could not speak, for she was too weak, a faint smile flitted across her face as she nodded weakly in response to Linda's words.

He sat on the other side and took her hand, so thin and lifeless, and held it tenderly. He couldn't speak for a moment, for he was so shocked and heartbroken that he was afraid he would break down if he uttered a word.

Faith turned to Linda and her voiceless lips formed the words she couldn't speak, "Tell him," they said.

"She wants you to know that she is not afraid," Linda told him. "I talked to her yesterday after you left. She had a slight hemorrhage, but it was checked soon and I stayed with her. She was so sure that she was in God's hands that she had no fear. She knew that whether she lived or died, it would be in God's plan for her and she was satisfied."

"But I'm not satisfied!" he cried desperately. "Can't they give her blood or something to get her well? They can't let her die! They can't! I need her so!"

"They're doing all that can be done,"

she assured him. "We'll have to leave her in God's hands and pray that He will take care of her."

Faith gave his hands a weak pressure and nodded while she smiled. Her lips formed the words, "I love you."

"I love you, darling," he said as he leaned nearer, "and I'm not going to let you die. I need you here with me."

Just then the nurse came in with the doctor. James asked if he might stay with her, but he was advised to leave. She was to be given a sedative and would need absolute quiet. He left reluctantly, knowing that he could do nothing if he stayed and Linda promised to come back later and sit with her.

Faith rallied enough to talk to him when he came back the next day. Linda phoned him at the office to tell him that he need not come back that evening, for Faith was still sleeping and needed the rest.

The next day Faith greeted him with a smile and seemed so much stronger that he was encouraged.

"I'm glad I can talk to you, Jimmie darling," she said in a weak, thin voice. "I did want to tell you not to worry about me. If it is God's will for me to live, I shall be glad, but if it is His will to take me home, I shall still be glad. I shall be with my mother and I know how happy she will be to see me safe with my Lord after all these years of refusing to listen to His voice."

"What about me?" he asked in stricken tone. "I won't have anyone. I shall be alone and I don't think I can stand it. You can't go and leave me, darling. I won't want to live without you."

"Linda will help you," she told him. "You will learn to love her as much as I do. She can take my place in your life and keep you from being lonely."

Her words startled him for a moment, then he realized that she had not meant what he had thought. The love she was talking about was that of friend for friend. He shook his head.

"No one can ever take your place."

Linda was standing in the doorway and had heard what they said. She turned to leave, hoping that they had not seen her. Faith's words had stirred up emotions which she had thought she had conquered. Faith saw her and beckoned to her to come in. She came to the bed and gave James a nod, then smiled down at Faith.

"I just dropped in to see how you are," she said. "I will come back later and I'll stay with you as long as they will let me."

"Please don't go," James begged. "You've been wonderful to her and she seems to gain strength by just having you near her. I shall have to leave soon."

"I'll be down the hall with Jane," she said. "I'll come back when you leave. Faith needs you."

She left them and walked slowly down the hall to the ward at the other end. She needed time to still the wild rebellious beating of her heart. She did

not feel like talking to anyone just now, but Jane needed her and she had promised to come. She had seen the look of surprise on James' face when Faith had spoken about her. She wondered what he thought. She felt like a thief as her heart kept up its mad pounding. She felt guilty that she should care for him, as guilty as if she had deliberately tried to take him away from Faith to whom he belonged. She knew that she could not control her rebellious heart and that she had never consciously given him anything but friendship and the effort to witness to him, with the hope that he would be saved, but she felt depressed and miserable while she tried to give a message from the Bible to Jane.

The next day she was with Faith when he came. Faith had had another hemorrhage and Linda had phoned for James to come at once. When he saw her ghastly face and the deep circles under her eyes, he knew that she was dying. She was barely conscious, but when he knelt by the bed and took her hand in his, her thin little hand which was already cold and almost lifeless, a glimmer of recognition crept into her eyes. Her bloodless lips curved in a faint smile, then in a few moments, like the flickering glimmer of a little candle flame, her life went out and her soul was on its way to join the mother who had prayed for her through the years and to meet the Lord who had been so long suffering and so willing to receive her unto Himself.

James bowed his head upon the bed and sobbed convulsively, unashamed, like a child whose heart has been broken. Linda sat with tears in her own eyes. She had loved the small sufferer as if she had been a child, though Faith was almost as old as she was. Faith was her child in the Lord. In her heart she was rejoicing that she had been permitted to lead this girl to Him and she bowed her head and offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Then she prayed earnestly that the heartbroken man on the other side of the bed might find peace in the only Source of peace and comfort.

An orderly came in presently with the roller that was to take Faith's body to the basement in the main hospital to await whatever arrangements were to be made. James was spared the sickening sight of that roller going down the hall with that small body wrapped in brown paper, a sight which brought a shudder of terror to every patient who saw it. He left with Linda and they went to the lobby in the main hospital. He knew nothing about funeral arrangements there and he asked her to advise him. Customs were often different in this city with its old world atmosphere.

That night they sat alone in the funeral parlor. A few who worked with James at the office came to offer their sympathy and then left soon afterwards. A large spray from the office force lay upon the casket.

James rose and went again to look

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# A Diamond Jubilee in Minneapolis

Report of the 75th Anniversary festivities of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., by Mrs. John Adam, Sr., Historian

A DIAMOND JUBILEE is a memorable milestone for a church! The Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., gratefully acknowledged God's divine guidance and blessing through the years at its 75th anniversary program, March 24 to 27. In remembering the past and its achievements, we do so insofar as it inspires us to greater things in the future. Our anniversary theme, printed in large sparkling letters in front of the church, "Continue in the Faith" Acts 14:22, will always live in our hearts.

## MISSIONARY SPIRIT

A diamond is a precious stone, indestructible and durable, so cut, fashioned and polished that the light drawn into its center is again given out in sparkling brilliance, even in the dark. In reviewing our history, we observe how we have taken in the Gospel and again have given it out by the sending of many of our young men and women into full time service in our own land and across the sea.

We would pay special tribute to the consecrated, God fearing charter members, who opened their homes and witnessed to others; also to the missionary-minded pastors of Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, who visited

the German-speaking families of the "Minneapolis Station." On March 1, 1885, 35 charter members met with the Rev. F. A. Petereit in the John Siemmers home and organized the

Ave., North, was bought for \$2,000. This served as a place of worship until 1904 when it was torn down and a beautiful brick church was built on the same lot. In 1948 we re-located



Church Choir of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., at its 75th Jubilee program with the choir director, Mr. Alvin Quiring, at the right.

"First German" Baptist Church (later changed to "Faith" Baptist).

A few months later, a small mission built on a sand hill, at 712—20th

and our present complete edifice at 4350 Russell Ave., North, was dedicated September, 1954.

Our festivities began Thursday evening with a Christian Fellowship Service. We were fortunate in having three of the "sons of the church" come home to participate in these special days. Dr. George Lang of the Seminary brought a heart stirring message on Thursday, Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, on Sunday morning and Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee in the evening.

On Friday evening an informal church family dinner was enjoyed with over 230 members and friends. Mr. Alfred Brachlow, one of our faithful deacons, presided in his genial, inimitable manner, adding much to the spirit of the evening. Our historian gave a brief review and Rev. Adam Huber, a former pastor, brought a challenging message. Beautiful musical selections at every service contributed much to the blessings of the celebration.

The pastors who have served us so faithfully are as follows: Rev. Frederick Petereit, 1884-1886; Rev. Jacob Albert, 1886-1893; Rev. Herman Kaaz, 1894-1898; Rev. Frank Goergens, 1898-1901; Rev. August Boelter, 1902-1910; Rev. Albert Lang, 1912-1918; Rev. Fred Hahn, 1919-1925; Rev. William Appel, 1925-1930; Rev. Henry Hirsch, 1930-1941; Rev. Lewis Berndt, 1942-1951; Rev. Adam Huber, 1952-1959; and Rev. Robert Zimelman, 1959-.



75TH ANNIVERSARY, FAITH CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS

The Sunday morning program of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., during its 75th anniversary festivities with Dr. Frank H. Woyke (seated) as guest speaker and with the quartet (left to right: Paul Becker, Victor Gunst, Wayne Bibelheimer and Douglas Woyke) rendering a selection.

# Dedication Day Services, Norridge, Ill.

Account of Festivities by Miss Ruth Hess, Reporter for the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois

SUNDAY, April 3, was the eventful day for the dedication of the newly constructed First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois. This day also marked the culmination of three years of planning and working by the mem-

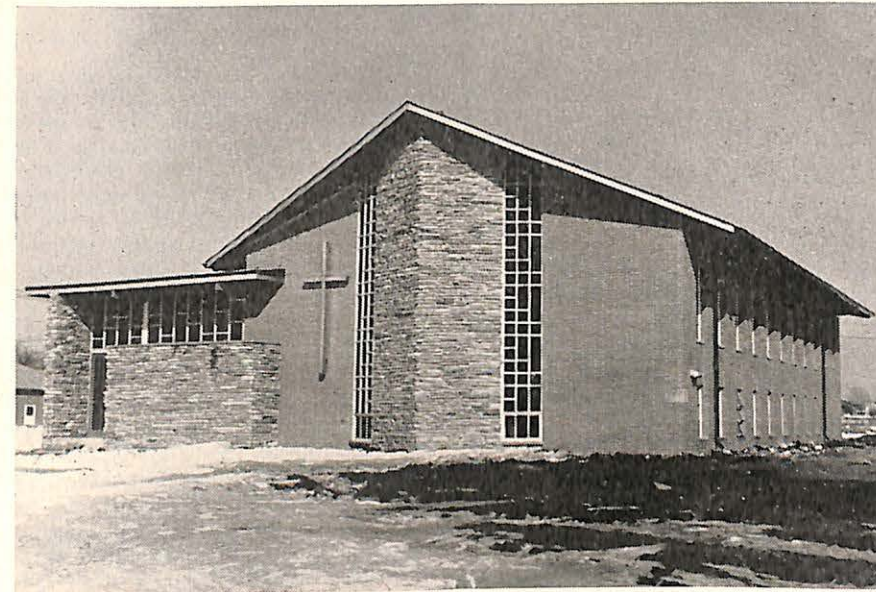
glass picture window of Christ with his arms extended, towers over ten feet high at the front of the altar, and depicts Christ's cordial welcome to "Come Unto Him." In the morning sermon entitled, "A Conditional Promise For Us," our pastor, Rev. Walter

The members marched proudly but solemnly down the aisles in their black robes and gold sateen stoles. The church was packed. Its seating capacity of 200 had easily been filled by the city of 200 in attendance. After the 250 people in attendance by Mr. inspiring Bach organ prelude by Mr. Cosmo Teri, church choir director and organist, and the Call to Worship and Invocation by Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home, the congregation joined in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." What tremendous singing! The impact and tremor of song and organ were but a reminder and revelation of a greater and more glorious future day.

With all their hearts the choir resounded "Praise, O Praise, Our God and King." Their voices rang loud and clear. The acoustics were virtually perfect. Following the singing, Rev. Harold Gieseke, who also led the hymn singing, read the Scripture passage, I Cor. 3:9-13. The presentation of the keys of the building then took place. The keys were handed to Mr. John Stengel, chairman of the Building Committee, by Mr. Robert Stauber, the church architect. These actions were quick but decisive. The church was now ours to have and to hold.

The hymn, "All Things Are Thine, No Gift Have We," was then sung by the congregation, following which greetings were extended by the various invited churches present as well as by Dr. M. Vanderbeck and Dr. M. L. Leuschner who represented the Central Baptist Home and our denomina-

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NORRIDGE, ILLINOIS

The newly dedicated edifice of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois, Rev. Walter Schmidt, Pastor.

bers of the two Chicago North American Baptist churches (Grace and Humboldt) which had merged into one. It was a cool, misty Spring day, and the people came. They were anticipating a great day of events, and they were not disappointed.

## MORNING WORSHIP

At 9:30 A.M. we met for our Sunday School session at the Chapel of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, where it had been our privilege to conduct services for the past two years. After the opening exercises, the people marched over to the new church which is located directly behind the Home grounds on the corner of Canfield and Leland Avenues, and there worshipped the Lord for the first time in the new church.

The thoughts and hearts of all were one. How thrilling! How glorious! The exterior of the 40 by 70 foot church, which is built of brick and stone, was not only beautiful to look upon but the interior was equally, if not more, beautiful. The warm atmosphere of the sanctuary, created by the simple lines of the light oak pews, the light mahogany paneled choir loft directly behind the pulpit, and the matching light finished organ and piano, all instilled a very reverent and meditative place of worship.

The beautifully illuminated, stained

Schmidt, admonished us to recognize the importance of God in the establishment of a church.

The afternoon service commenced with a processional by the church choir.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

The beautiful and worshipful sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois,



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 22, 1960

### Theme: SINCERITY IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-13

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christianity is not to be displayed at a religious trade fair, but it is to be used and practiced in everyday life.

**INTRODUCTION:** In some Christian circles, the thought is often expressed that sincerity is not enough. After all, there are many atheists as well as Communists who are sincere. Sincerity without truth is dangerous. Of course we cannot have one without the other. No patient who is in danger of dying will put his life in the hands of a surgeon who lacks knowledge of his particular disease. He trusts the man who possesses ability and skill as well as sincerity.

Jesus was speaking to men who claimed to have a great deal of religious knowledge and truth but were insincere in practice. The scribes and Pharisees were so devoted to the letter of the law that they lost the spirit of true religion. They were more interested in the "sound effects" and "stage props" than in the real part that religion played in their lives. How they looked to people was more important than how they looked to God. They forgot that "the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

#### I. GIVING TO BE SEEN BY MEN. Matthew 6:1.

Jesus dealt with three aspects of religion which held a primary place in the lives of the Jewish people: alms giving, prayer and fasting. Personal righteousness was developed around these three ceremonies which soon became the greatest obstacle to true religion. In their giving the scribes and Pharisees tried to "show off" their goodness rather than "show off" their love of God. They advertised themselves, not God. To "sound a trumpet" was a figure of speech which we use when we say "blow your own horn." For this they already have their receipt marked, "Paid in full." No other reward is available.

#### II. GIVING TO BE SEEN BY GOD. Matthew 6:2-4.

Such giving, of course, is a rarity. Lloyd Douglas gives us an insight of what it is like in his book "Magnificent Obsession." Even though much of our giving is seen by men, it is not for that purpose that we give. It is the attitude and spirit of giving that Jesus emphasizes. Never give because you wish to

display your goodness, but let the love of God constrain you to give.

#### III. PRAYING TO BE HEARD BY MEN. Matthew 6:5.

As in their alms giving, the Jews also made a great public display in prayer. When the hour of prayer came, the people stopped their activity and took time to pray. Whenever a person happened to be in the shop, in the home or on the highway, he stopped and raised his hands in prayer. Many of the scribes and Pharisees had the habit of always being in some conspicuous place when the hour of prayer arrived.

#### IV. PRAYING TO BE HEARD BY GOD. Matthew 6:6-13.

When Jesus condemned public prayer, he certainly did not mean there was no place for such praying. He was merely condemning the display of prayer. The more time a Christian spends in private prayer, the more natural and sincere he will be in public prayer. The quality of prayer is much more important than the quantity of prayer. The pattern of the Lord's Prayer is evident, first of all, in its brevity. It is direct, genuine and reverent. Only two subjects are emphasized: the glory of God and the needs of men.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 29, 1960

### Theme: TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** To seek first the Kingdom of heaven is to go on the greatest "treasure hunt" in the world.

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus did much of his teaching by making use of contrasts. He often pointed out the difference between good and evil, wise and foolish, rich and poor, light and darkness, spirit and flesh, truth and hypocrisy, pride and humility, love and hate.

In today's lesson he gives a striking example of the contrast between treasure on earth and treasure in heaven. There are many great treasures on earth: the gold in Fort Knox, the diamonds in the Kimberley mines of South Africa, the jewels of the royal family of England, the oil fields of Arabia. And yet the combined treasures of all the

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nations on earth are not equivalent to the value of a single soul. Neither can the treasures of the world give joy and satisfaction to the soul. These great sources of wealth can be used in and for the Kingdom of heaven, but they can never be a substitute for the Kingdom of heaven.

The greatest treasures on earth are not measured in terms of silver and gold, but in terms of love, joy, peace and contentment in the hearts and souls of men. The treasures which are most permanent are those gained in unselfish love and service.

#### I. INSECURE SECURITY. Matthew 6:19.

Any security which is based only on the material things of life is by its very nature insecure. It can be either lost or stolen, or at best it can provide only a physical security for a few years. Sometimes earthly security is in the form of health, fame, power and pleasure. All of these have been known to disappear overnight.

#### II. THE BURGLAR PROOF VAULT. Matthew 6:20, 21.

A bank can insure our money, but it cannot guarantee that the bank will not be robbed. Burglars have been known to break into the heaviest and safest vaults. The only way to keep burglars away is to store up treasures which a thief does not want. To lay up treasures for ourselves, we must think in terms of faith, hope, love, purity, meekness and service. Against such we need no burglar insurance, because no burglar is interested in stealing that kind of treasure. If our lives are hid with Christ in God, then our treasure is safe in a vault which cannot be robbed.

#### III. THE CHOICE OF MASTERS. Matthew 6:24.

There is no person without a master. It may be that you serve yourself, your possessions or God. The primary choice is between good and evil. You cannot travel in two directions at the same time. If you are greedy, you cannot, at the same time, be generous. There is no neutral ground. If you refuse to make a decision for Christ, then you have already made a decision against Christ.

#### IV. TRUSTING YOURSELF OR TRUSTING GOD. Matthew 5:25-34.

Jesus has quite a lot to say about the common sin of anxiety or worry. According to Jesus, our anxiety begins when we worry too much about material things. Imagine what saints we would be if we worried as much about our spiritual welfare as we do about our physical welfare. This is exactly what Christ wants us to do—to be concerned about seeking him, his Kingdom, his righteousness. The material things are secondary and fall into place naturally once we dedicate our lives fully in service to him.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northern District

### Special Events at Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." The past months surely have proven to be a great blessing for us at the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta. Especially do we look back with delight to the days of the Tri Union, Jan. 29-31, for which we had the joy of serving as host. It was a very well attended week-end conference with a good program climaxed by an inspiring song fest.

A month later, we met daily, both afternoon and evening, for "Deeper Life" meetings. Dr. Bernard Schalm of Edmonton, Alberta, was our guest speaker. The afternoon Bible study was centered on the "Sermon on the Mount," and was most enlightening and instructive. Each evening messages from the Gospel of John stirred our hearts. Since then, we have had a visit from the Christian Training Institute with the Male Chorus presenting an inspirational service by word and song.

R. Hoffman, Pastor

### Evangelistic Services at Faith Church, Regina, Sask.

Special services were conducted at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., from Feb. 28 to March 13, with Rev. Henry Unrau of the Briercrest Bible Institute as evangelist. The campaign was planned so that each night the appeal was directed to a particular group: children, young people, men, women and families. Despite unpleasant weather conditions, the attendance at the services averaged 155. Nine first-time decisions for Christ were recorded, and 21 Christians responded to the invitations and sought the Lord concerning specific needs in their lives. That many other decisions were made was apparent when, during the closing service, a large number publicly indicated that they had taken definite steps of faith during the campaign.

Since then, special help with personal devotional periods has been given by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz, to all who responded to the invitations, and a number of persons have indicated their desire to follow the Lord in baptism.

—Sarah Olmstead, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Evangelistic Campaign, Napier Parkview, Benton Harbor

A successful evangelistic campaign was recently held by the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., with Evangelist George Sweeting assisting. The auditorium was filled every night as the artist-preacher addressed the congregation. Decisions for Christ were registered at every service and each convert was dealt with per-

sonally in the inquiry room.

The climax of the campaign followed the close of the meetings at a regular church service when 12 adults publicly expressed their desire to receive Christ as Savior, or presented themselves as candidates for baptism and church membership. A class of instruction looking forward to baptism and church membership is planned for the immediate future.

R. Shepley, Reporter

### Annual Meeting, Home for the Aged, Chicago

The news from the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., will be of interest to many. At the annual Board Meeting the following officers were re-elected: Mr. Daniel Granzow, president; Mr. Edward Meister, vice-president; Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, secretary; and Mr. William Krogman, treasurer.

At the annual meeting of the Home, a special program was rendered which was appreciated by the many who attended. The Chapel was filled to overflowing. Miss Thelma Jennings of the Moody Bible Institute gave four vocal selections. Dr. M. Vanderbeck spoke on "The Sunset Years," and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke spoke on "A Friend Indeed." Mr. Daniel Granzow, the president, brought words of welcome, and Mr. Edward Meister, the vice-president, was in charge of the program. Refreshments were served afterwards.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent

### Several Banquets at Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., held its annual Father and Son Banquet on March 15. Rev. Fred Holzhammer, returned missionary from the Southern Cameroons, was a guest and Judge Nathan Kaufmann of Detroit, Mich., was the guest speaker. That same evening Mrs. Fred Holzhammer was the speaker for the Bethany Sunday School Class banquet.

The Berean Sunday School Class held its annual banquet on March 22 with



Nine young people who were recently baptized by Rev. Loren Weber (center, back row, under picture), pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak.

Mrs. Walter Pieschke, Sr., bringing a report on the Holy Land, written by her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Larson visited Beirut, Lebanon, who recently visited Palestine. Dr. Vernon Larson is an executive officer of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. A film strip was also shown of the Holy Land.

A special evening of recognition was given to all Sunday School teachers who serve faithfully and also those who have served in the past. Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Ridgemont Church of Detroit, was the guest speaker. He stated that "Sunday School teachers have the wonderful and tremendous responsibility of dispensing the Word of God to their pupils."

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

## Central District

### Baptismal Service Is Held at Rapid City, S. Dak.

On Sunday, March 20th, a baptismal service was held by the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, South Dakota, in which 9 candidates were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Loren Weber. Because we have no facilities for baptism, the First Southern Baptist Church very graciously permitted us to use their church in the afternoon for the service. It was a time of spiritual rejoicing for everyone present to see these new Christians obey the command and follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ by being baptized.

Also on Friday, March 25th, the men of the church met to organize a Men's Brotherhood. There were eight men out for the first meeting. The following officers were elected at this meeting: John Kwyzla, Jr., president; Harold Rhodes, vice-president; and Elden Odegaard, secretary and treasurer.

Loren Weber, Pastor

### Open House at Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak.

The 2nd annual Open House at the Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak., was observed March 14 with visiting hours both in the afternoon and evening. In spite of unfavorable weather, 130 persons were registered in the guest book, many of whom were out of town friends and relatives of the residents. The Home is now filled to capacity and a number are on the waiting list. There are 27 residents, 17 women and 10 men, with the average age of 82 years.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the West Center Street Baptist Church. A cake in the form of a cross was made and donated by Miss Betty Augustad. The Board of Directors had a supper and meeting in the evening, at which time a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of enlargement. The Lord is blessing this ministry which brings both spiritual and physical comfort to many who need nursing care. Rev. D. S. Wipf is the superintendent.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter



## Special Meetings, Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota

The theme of the special Bible study meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., March 6 to 13, was: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6). We have felt the need of a deeper understanding and a closer walk with the Spirit of God. During the week preceding, our people met for cottage prayer meetings. A leader was assigned for each prayer meeting and the members were urged to attend one of the two meetings scheduled for each evening.

Rev. David J. Draewell, pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, spoke from the Word of God on the following subjects: The Creations of the Spirit, The Promise of the Spirit, The Ministry of the Spirit, The Fruit of the Spirit, The Filling of the Spirit, The Sin Against the Spirit, The Invitation of the Spirit, and The Gifts of the Spirit. At the concluding service, many expressed thanks for being helped in their understanding of the Person and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Our speaker ministered to us through the arrangement of the Denominational Advance Program, for which we are very thankful.

Mrs. John M. Super, Reporter

## Surprise on Pastor, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

On Sunday evening, March 6, the members and friends of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., held a surprise "This Is Your Life" program on our pastor, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, and his family, Mrs. Ganstrom, Norris and Glennis, to mark five years of service with us.

The program, led by our moderator, Herbert Legler, Jr., consisted of tape recordings prepared especially for the service with slides and photographs of related events shown on the screen. Among others we "heard" and "saw" the families of Mr. and Mrs. Ganstrom; several missionaries, including Miss Laura Reddig and the Michelsons; and Flavius Martin, our Sioux Falls seminary student from the Cameroons. We also heard letters, one from our own missionary, Delores Henne, and had a few "live" guests such as Mrs. Ganstrom's brother, Rev. Glenn Nordquist.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, our Central District Secretary, was called upon from the audience to say a few words and to close the service with prayer. A lunch was served after the service to over 200 persons who were present.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter

## God's Volunteers at Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak.

From March 8 to 20, God's Volunteers were at the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak. From March 8 to 11 the members of the team visited in the homes of a long list of prospects prepared by the church for the occasion. Rev. Walter Hoffman joined the team for the "Crusade for Christ" from March 13 to 20. The program of visitation proved very successful with a number of good prospects for salvation and church membership being contacted.

During the "Crusade for Christ" a

wonderful spirit prevailed with the attendance reaching as many as 200. The visitation program continued throughout the Crusade. Mr. Hoffman preached the Word with clarity and conviction. The team members adapted themselves to every occasion and were tireless in their ministry of testimony, song, children's stories and personal work. They made many friends for the church. Thirty-four first time decisions were made for Christ, mostly children.

The facilities of the newly purchased church were often strained to capacity. The fine cooperation of our church was seen in prayer preparation for the Crusade and in going with the Volunteers with a living testimony for Christ. The church held a baptismal service on Palm Sunday evening, April 10.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor

## South Texas Association and Church Dedication, Elberta

The Berean Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama, entertained the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association from Feb. 18 to 21. The messages with the theme, "The Fundamental Necessities of Our Faith," were presented by the pastors of the churches. We were privileged to have two missionaries as guest speakers. They were Miss Laura Reddig of the British Cameroons, Africa, and Rev. Raymond Castro of Rio Grande City, Texas. Miss Reddig gave a report of the work being carried on in the Cameroons and illustrated her talk with beautiful color slides. Mr. Castro also gave a report and brought several messages including the Sunday morning sermon. A special missionary offering in the amount of \$108.94 was received.

Among the special highlights of these meetings was a film, "Millions Missing," shown on Saturday night. Another was the dedication service of the new Berean Baptist Church building held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21. Bringing the dedicatory message was Rev. Bertie Singletary, pastor of the Kelly Ave. Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. Special music for this and other services was presented by Mrs. Ludwig Casselmann and Mrs. Bieber of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana.

At the business session held on Saturday morning, Vernon Bruhn of Elberta was re-elected as secretary-treasurer and Rev. W. H. Oden, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, was elected moderator.

Vernon Bruhn, Reporter

## Prayer Program and Special Meetings, Ellinwood, Kansas

The World Day of Prayer was observed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, along with its monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, March 4th. Thirty-three members and guests received many blessings during the season of prayer, special music, and hearing the guest speaker, Miss Beulah Carpenter from Rapid City, South Dakota, who is a missionary from French Equatorial Africa. She spoke on "Laborers Together with God." Mrs. L. D. Davis was the program leader. On Thursday evening, March 10, the Men's Brotherhood Banquet was held with Russel

Scheufler as toastmaster. The guest speaker was Dr. Douglas Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas. Mr. Leonard Kasselmann was the chairman of the banquet committee.

The blessing of our spring meetings from March 26 to 31 with the Spirit-filled ministry of Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wilmington, Delaware, continues to inspire us for greater service for Christ. The morning Bible study sessions and the evening teaching hours were well attended. Mr. Miller clearly taught our relationship to the Person of the Holy Spirit from the Word of God and the experience of being Spirit-filled and controlled by the ministry of the Spirit.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

## God's Blessings at Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak.

"He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully" (Jer. 23:28). This was wonderfully demonstrated to us at the Corona Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., with the inspirational singing and soul searching messages of "God's Volunteers."

Sunday School and Bible School teachers are now taking a study course, "How to Teach," with helpful discussion periods led by our pastor, Rev. W. D. Dachtler. This has also been a time of new beginnings. Our youth group is printing a monthly news paper, "The Torch," dedicated to the task of reaching Corona for Christ. An orchestra of Juniors and early teen-aged young people was organized under the leadership of Mr. Dachtler. They help to beautify our evening services monthly.

We were especially blessed by the cantata, "Love Transcending," given by our choir and also by having the North American Baptist Seminary quartet with us for an evening service. We give thanks to God "who doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."

Mrs. Elmer Harms, Reporter

## Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Billings, Mont.

On Sunday morning, March 20, Rev. Wesley Gerber gave his farewell sermon to the members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana. On that same Sunday evening the members and friends of the church held a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Gerber and family. The program was in charge of one of the deacons, Mr. Roy Seidel. Scripture was read by Mr. August Junkert and prayer offered by Messrs. F. Albrecht, H. Fuchs and D. Fuchs.

The various departments expressing appreciation for faithful services were: Sunday School by Ed. Wolff; Young People by Arlaine Albrecht; Junior C.B.Y. by Jane Opp; Woman's Mission Society by Mrs. Herman Fuchs; and deacons by Reuben Zimmerman. Several musical numbers were also rendered.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber responded with words of appreciation. A gift of money was presented to the Gerber family from the church. The Woman's Society presented Mrs. Gerber with a set of Corning Ware. The Junior C.B.Y. presented her with a book.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

## GOD SEND US MEN

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you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples." What a challenge this is to faithful service to Christian men today.

We can say with Josiah G. Holland:

"God give us men. A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith  
and ready hands;  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above  
the fog  
In public duty, and in private thinking."

To this we may add: Give us men who love God and their fellowmen, and who are ready to serve their Master every day. May we as "Baptist Men" go forth in 1960 dedicated to a program of service and the winning of our fellowmen.

### LAYMEN'S NEWS LETTER

"Baptist Men News Letter" is published quarterly for distribution to interested laymen in our churches. If you are not receiving it, please send your name and address to Baptist Men, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and your name will be added to the Baptist Men mailing list.

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# Obituary

## MR. ARVIN HEUPEL of Venturia, North Dakota

Mr. Arvin Heupel of Venturia, N. Dak., was born June 15, 1924 near Venturia and passed away March 26, 1960 following an illness of Hodgkins disease at the age of 35 years. After his conversion in 1941, he was baptized by Rev. Adolph Guenther and became a member of the Venturia Baptist Church. Having attended the local schools and Ellendale College of North Dakota, he taught in several rural schools for 13 years.

He leaves to mourn his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heupel; 3 sisters; Mrs. Arthur (Frieda) Dockett, Mrs. Gottlieb (Ida) Schauer of Wetonka, S. Dak., and Marlene of Minot; a brother, Gideon; and a host of relatives and friends.

Venturia Baptist Church  
Venturia, North Dakota  
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

## MISS HILDA SCHNEIDER of Hebron, North Dakota

Miss Hilda Schneider of Hebron, N. Dak., was born August 8, 1915 twelve miles south of Hebron. Here she was reared and also received her public school education. Under the ministry of Rev. Frederick Alf, she was saved in 1934. Rev. E. Mittelstedt baptized her in 1940. Her father preceded her in death in 1938. With her mother they moved to Hebron in 1943 and resided here until death.

After for 1½ years, she passed away peacefully March 17, 1960, having reached the age of 44 years, 7 months, and 9 days, leaving to mourn her mother, Caroline Schneider; and two sisters: Mrs. Rudolph Zimmerman, Glen Ullin, N. Dak., and Mrs. John Layer, Missoula, Montana, besides many other relatives and friends. The Missionary Guild, of which she was a member, sang "I'll Hold Thy Hand." The Male Quartet sang two numbers: "The Many Mansions," and "Gathering Home." The undersigned brought consoling words from Psalm 116:15 and Romans 8:24.

First Baptist Church  
Hebron, North Dakota  
ERVIN J. FAUL, Pastor

## MRS. MATHILDE DYMMEL of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Mathilde Dymmel, nee Huebner, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born April 15, 1881 at Erywangrod, Poland, and entered into her heavenly rest, March 8, 1960, in Philadelphia, after a brief illness. In 1889 Pastor Lasch baptized her as she joined the church upon confession of her faith in the Savior. On May 31, 1898 Pastor Eichorst solemnized her marital vows to Michael Dymmel. Thereupon the couple moved from the idyl-

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Mar. 1960	Mar., 1959	Mar. 1958
Atlantic	\$ 5,072.14	\$ 2,990.50	\$ 2,965.63
Central	17,332.79	3,898.93	4,379.06
Dakota	6,338.71	8,351.90	6,427.19
Eastern	2,532.32	2,130.06	2,788.07
Northern	7,808.37	6,119.74	4,656.76
Northwestern	8,876.35	11,000.14	6,241.78
Pacific	5,632.70	7,813.04	5,345.10
Southern	579.30	1,572.83	650.69
Southwestern	3,402.92	2,624.95	2,862.31
Misc.	685.18	500.49	599.87
Total Contributions	\$ 58,261.78	\$ 47,002.58	\$ 36,916.46

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Contributions Budget	Contributions Other	Bldg. Advance Denomination	Contributions Total
For the month of Mar., 1960	\$ 44,299.62	\$ 8,377.75	\$ 5,584.41	\$ 58,261.78
For the month of Mar., 1959	39,085.98	7,916.60		47,002.58
For the month of Mar., 1958	31,709.12	5,207.34		36,916.46

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to Mar. 31, 1960	\$611,412.52	\$ 67,321.97	\$ 93,072.70	\$771,807.19
April 1, 1958 to Mar. 31, 1959	610,072.22	75,276.95		685,349.17
April 1, 1957 to Mar. 31, 1958	539,227.32	54,525.50		593,752.82

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lic German village to the nearby town of Pabianice, where they lived until they had to flee for their lives after World War II. In 1947 they reached the USA and soon afterwards her husband, on his 80th birthday, passed on. All her life she bespoke unusual industry and responsibilities and achieved signal successes. Even at the age of 73, she attained her prized U. S. citizenship after arduous study. Her focus and refuge, though, always was and remained the Lord Jesus.

She leaves behind a sister, Mrs. Alwine Sturhahn, Vancouver, B. C., 8 great grandchildren and 19 grandchildren; two sons: Helmut of Chicago, Ill., and Caesar of Vancouver, B. C.; three daughters: Alma Weber of Bueckeberg; Selma Loeffler of Goettingen, Lilli Herke of Vancouver. During the last nine years she resided in the Home for the Aged and appreciated its fellowship and Christian care.

Pilgrim Baptist Church  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
ROGER W. SCHMIDT, Pastor

## MR. REUBEN KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. Reuben Kuehl of Killaloe, Ont., son of William Kuehl and Caroline Yurth, was born Sept. 28, 1912 in Hagarty Township, Ont., and departed this life March 27, 1960 at his home in Killaloe as a result of a series of heart attacks at the age of 47 years, 6 months and 28 days. At the age of 13 years, in 1927, he accepted Jesus as his Savior. That same year, on Sept. 27, he was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe by Rev. Wilfred Helwig. Later he transferred his membership to the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe.

On Oct. 22, 1938, he was united in marriage to Isabel Hein in Pembroke, Ontario. This union was blessed with five sons. He was a carpenter by trade and lived all his life in and around Killaloe and community. He leaves behind his loving wife, Isabel, of the home; 5 sons: Garry James of Kitchener, Ronald Keith of Whitby, Owen LeRoy, William Terry, and Donald David of the home; 4 brothers; and 7 sisters. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery.

Calvary Baptist Church  
Killaloe, Ontario  
NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

## MR. JACOB STOTZ of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Stotz of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born April 25, 1873 in Russia. In 1891 he came to this country and settled in the Eureka-Memmo, S. Dak., area. In 1896, he married Miss Katharine Bertsch of Memmo. The following year they moved to North Dakota and settled south of Anamoose. In 1946 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

For the last 2½ months Mr. Stotz resided at the Anderson Rest Home in Minot, N. Dak., from where he went to his "heavenly Rest Home." Mr. Stotz was a charter member of the Berlin Baptist Church and a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church at his decease. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck for a number of years.

To mourn his passing are 3 sons: Edward, John, and William, all of Anamoose; and 3 daughters: Helen (Mrs. Rudolph Wacker) of Anamoose; Ida (Mrs. Albert Roth) of Corvallis, Ore.; and Edna (Mrs. Albert Frueh) of Harvey, N. Dak.; 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

Anamoose, North Dakota  
MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

# Conferences and Youth Camps

and General Workers and Missionaries as Guest Speakers.

### May 19-22

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION at Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., Miss Laura E. Reddig and Dr. Bernard Schalm.

### May 29-30

GERMAN YOUTH CONFERENCE at German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Dr. M. L. Leuschner.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Mr. Fullard stated in a letter to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, that the members are "in the process of uniting the Birkett and Trinity Baptist Churches and that there are many problems attached to such a merger and re-location of churches." Rev. Jack Fullard's address is given elsewhere in this issue.

● The Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., dedicated its new Orga-sonic Baldwin organ on Sunday, March 8. The nearby Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., and the Congregational Church of New Leipzig joined the New Leipzig Baptist Church in these festivities. Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Mott, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. Mrs. Floyd Roehl, reporter, stated that "the church is busily preparing for its Vacation Bible School and other summer activities." Rev. Allan Strohschein is pastor of the New Leipzig church.

● Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, missionaries in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, have announced the birth of a son on March 24 who has been named Paul Eilert. This is their second child. Dr. Fehr is the medical missionary at the Banso Baptist Hospital. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries in Japan, have announced the birth of a daughter on April 5 to whom the name Katherine Marie has been given. This is the fourth child in their family. The Sukuts are stationed at Ise, Japan.

● Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alta., are planning to tour western Europe during July and August. Mr. Hiller, pastor of Edmonton's Central Baptist Church, has received the appointment as chaplain on the "S. S. Seven Seas" which will sail from Montreal, Canada, on July 1st. Mr. Ernie Rogalski of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute will be the summer student pastor at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton during the pastor's absence.

### DEDICATION, NORRIDGE

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tion, respectively. The dedication message, "Christ In His Church," delivered by Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District secretary climaxed the afternoon service. He charged that only by prayer, praise and dedicated service can the church be a living testimony to God; only then can Christ be in his Church.

The act of dedication progressed with a responsive reading by the pastor and congregation. God's blessing was petitioned first by the choir as they sang "Bless This House" and then by Rev. Walter Schmidt as he offered the prayer of dedication. The president of the village of Norridge, Mr. J. Sieb, extended to our church a hearty word of welcome to the community. The finale

came when the congregation once again united their voices and sang "The Church's One Foundation." What reverberation! Its echo long lingered on. The spirit of praise lingered too and continued on into the evening service.

### EVENING SERVICE

The time that elapsed between these services was spent in fellowship and with refreshments in the lower auditorium. This time afforded everyone the opportunity to survey first-hand the facilities of the new church. It was soon learned that the lower auditorium could be converted into eight good-sized classrooms when the heavy drapes were drawn across the room. Combination chalk and bulletin boards for class use were seen nailed to the wall. A small nursery room had been provided for at the front end of the auditorium, and at the rear a built-in cabinet kitchen had been installed. Directly above, on the main floor, the pastor's study is located. With the completion of the baptistry, the church will be fully furnished. This was made possible by the many memorial gifts of the church members.

In the evening service the organ and piano, both memorials, were dedicated. The organ recital and choir concert that were rendered were tumultuous and uplifting. In his message, "God Dwells Among This People," Rev. R. Schilke, mission secretary, attested to God's presence in our midst. He said that when God dwells among us, he will not depart from us. God's Spirit had been felt in our church. Thus did we dedicate our church to God this day!

### BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Dr. Theodore F. Adams, President of the Baptist World Alliance, told the semi-annual meeting of the BJA Committee at Washington. The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a joint movement of the major Baptist fellowships of North America. Extending from 1959 to 1964, the BJA celebrates the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist mission work in North America. Dr. Adams said that, although Baptists of other nations do not have the same occasion to celebrate, they are adapting the idea to their own history and traditions, and that an awareness of the unity of the Baptist movement around the world is growing. He said that part of the program of the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next summer will be given over to the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

● **Baptist Work Hindered in Cameroun.** Baptists in South Cameroun, Africa, an area aided by representatives of the European Baptist Foreign Mission Society, have been the innocent victims of violence led by rebel groups against the Cameroun government. Rev. M. Farely reports that at least three ministers have been killed and

others beaten and imprisoned. Despite this difficulty, Mr. Farely began his report with optimism. He revealed 600 new converts were baptized during 1959 and that a goal of 1,000 has been set for 1960. This 1960 goal will be possible, he admits, only if peace returns to the area. Then calmly he reports as follows: "Since the first of January one of the subversive bands has overrun the region of Petit Dibum. Our workers generally have been spared, though one was arrested, beaten and imprisoned for several days."

### THE LONG SEARCH

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down at the lovely face so calm and peaceful in death. The pale gold hair framed her face with soft curls and made that face appear more angelic than any artist could have painted it.

"She looks like a beautiful doll," he said in broken tones as Linda came and stood beside him. "She was such a helpless little thing, so dependent. When I was first forced to help her, I resented being bothered, but I grew to love it. Now there is no one. There's no use to go on living. There's nothing to go on for."

He turned away while tears coursed down his face unnoticed, and sat down while she came and sat beside him.

"You have much to live for," she told him. "You have your life before you and can make your life count for something, if you'll only try."

"What's the use?" he asked bitterly. "Everything and everyone I've ever loved have been taken from me. There's nothing left in my heart but hate. I hate the whole rotten lot of them who were responsible for her death. If she hadn't been sent to prison, she would have been alive now."

"Perhaps she would have lived a while longer, but she would have died before long. She had that cavity long before she went to prison," Linda told him, trying to take away some of the bitterness. "Please try to believe that she is far happier now than she could ever have been if she had lived. She told me not long ago that she was glad that this had happened to her. She said that if she had not come here, she would never, perhaps, have accepted Christ as her Saviour. She said she would be glad that this happened, even if she should die and never know the joy of being your wife."

"She said that?" he asked with wide, tear-filled eyes.

Linda nodded. "You see, the Lord meant more to her than even you. That is as it should be. It didn't mean that she loved you less, but that she had come to love Him more. But the love she had for the Lord was not the same as the love she had for you. It was something more precious."

"Well, I don't love Him!" he cried harshly. "He took her away from me when He knew that she was all I had left. He took everything else away and now her."

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