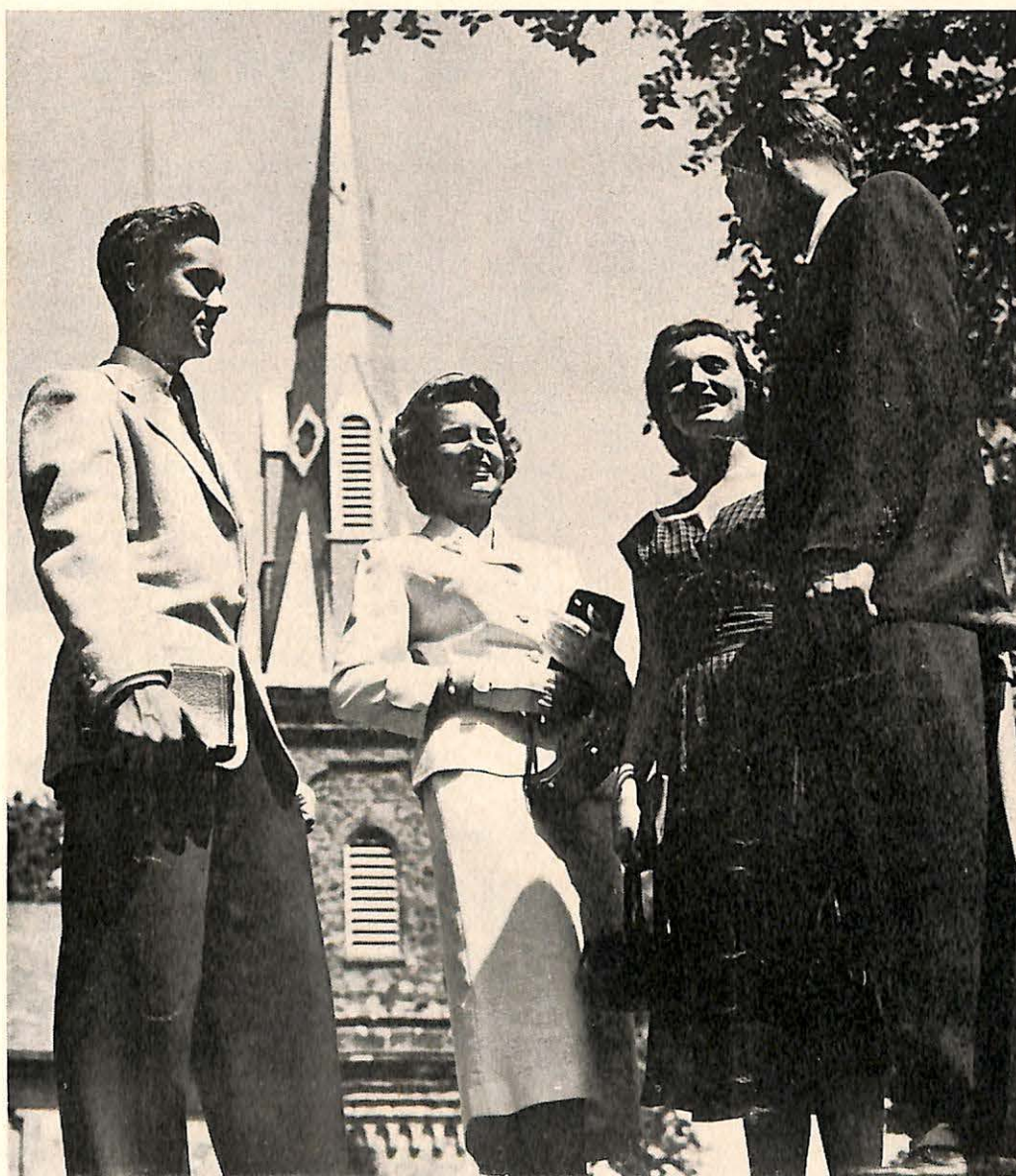


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● Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famed Protestant medical missionary in Africa, will be honored by American businessmen on his 86th birthday, January 14, with donations of supplies totalling 86 tons—a ton for each year in his life. Coordinating gifts is Religious Heritage of America.—*Christianity Today*

● Five U. S. Methodist seminaries are undertaking a 10-year project to publish the "first complete definitive edition" of John Wesley's works. Co-operating in the effort, expected to result in some 35 volumes, are scholars from the theological schools of Southern Methodist University, Emory University, Boston University, Drew University and Duke University.

● A memorial "Tower of Christmas Peace" will be erected at the grave of Franz Gruber, composer of the internationally beloved "Silent Night, Holy Night." The grave is located at Hallein, Austria. The memorial is expected to be completed by Christmas, 1963. Gruber, a Catholic schoolmaster and organist, was born at Hochburg, Upper Austria, in 1787 and died in 1863.

● Five evangelical denominations are planning joint publication of a youth quarterly which will make its debut early in 1961. Cooperating in the venture are Wesleyan Methodist, Free Methodist, Pilgrim Holiness and Evangelical Friends churches and the Church of the Nazarene, at whose publishing house the 64-page digested magazine will be printed. The quarterly will be known as *Aldersgate Teen Topics* after Aldersgate Street in London, where John Wesley was converted.—*Christianity Today*

● Wycliffe Bible Translators have announced plans to advance the group's work into the still Bibleless tribes of West Africa. The advance will soon be launched in one of 4 West African countries: Ghana, Sierre Leone, Portuguese Guinea, or Liberia. A preliminary survey of the area already has been made by Dr. John T. Bendor-Samuel, director of the annual Wycliffe Language Course in England and newly-appointed director of the West African project. Serving as associate director is Jack Henderson, formerly engaged in administrative work at the Wycliffe Peruvian headquarters.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

● For the first time on radio, the entire Bible is being read from beginning to end, with no omissions, over radio station WOR, New York City. The reading is being done by Galen Drake, well-known philosophic commentator and interviewer. As a public service presentation of WOR, and RKO-General station, Drake reads a

15-minute portion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on Monday through Friday at 11:45 p. m. He estimates that it will take him two years to complete the reading—and fulfill a 30-year ambition.—*The Beam*

● Although the United Nations is only fifteen years old, its achievements are legion in number, vast in global impact. They began in 1946 with Russian troops evacuating Iran. They include help to Greece, freedom for Italian colonies, partition of Palestine, establishment of Israel, adjustment of the Kashmir dispute, independence of In-

onesia, Suez Canal settlement, help to Lebanon, and collective action in Korea. In 1956 came the U. N.'s only failure, when its condemnation of Russia in Hungary was ruthlessly ignored. Its most brilliant achievement came last September when a vote of 70 to 0 sustained the freedom of Congo against Russian interference. And in its unanimously adopted Declaration on Human Rights, the U. N. has set forth a charter on human freedom, regardless of race color, creed, unparalleled in history.

—Wm. B. Lippard, *MISSIONS*



Baptist Briefs

● **Dr. Bender at New Delhi, India.** Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, professor of Philosophy of Religion and Theology at Eastern Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., is one of 9 delegates elected by the American Convention to attend the 3rd Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, November 18-December 6, 1961. He will serve as an alternate for Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological School.

● **Linfield College Honors President.** Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., and past president of the American Baptist Convention, has been honored in the naming of Linfield's newest building, a \$750,000 dining hall, seating 1,000 persons. Dr. Dillin has been president of Linfield since 1943 and instrumental in the advancement of the college's spiritual, academic, and physical opportunities and facilities. The new Harry Dillin Hall honors this devotion to Christian higher education.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

● **Baptists in Liberia.** Baptist work began in Liberia in 1822 when liberated slaves from North America moved to the West African area to establish new homes. They named their country Liberia, meaning a place of freedom. Lott Carey and six other colonists had actually constituted the First Baptist Church of Liberia while they were members of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va. Growth of Liberian Baptists has largely been indigenous and has trained some able leaders, including Rev. W. R. Tolbert, vice-president of the Republic of Liberia,

president of the Liberian Baptist Convention and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

● **Lessons from the Congo.** Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, USA, has recently visited the strife-torn Congo. He observes: "I have come away from Africa with a renewed sense of the urgency of the world task of Christians. What has happened in the Congo does not indicate a failure of missions, but the lack of enough missionary effort. Where people are not controlled in their hearts by a sense of responsibility to God and love for their fellow men, human relationships will be on a level of tragedy and sorrow. But where the gospel of redemption is received in hearts, and understanding is gained of its implications in practical living, there is a basis for solving the problems which confront people."

● **Baptist Hospital in Brazil.** The first Baptist hospital in all Brazil is now under construction at Fortaleza, a city of about 400,000 people, capital of the state of Ceara. Mrs. Everett Gill, Jr., widow of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Latin America in whose memory the hospital will stand, told a crowd at the cornerstone laying, "Because of your faith and the faith of Baptists throughout the world, this building will rise here to remind all who look at it that our Saviour heals our sicknesses and forgives our sins." Erection of the hospital is made possible through an initial gift of \$15,000. Brazilian Baptists have assumed responsibility for the remainder of the money needed, and the project is expected to be completely independent of missionary support after its first year of operation. The building will have a capacity of 150 beds.

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Editorial

Diversities of Gifts

Guest Editorial by Rev. John Binder, CBYF General Secretary

Today, as possibly never before, our nation's moral and spiritual integrity and freedom are threatened. We hear a great deal these days about world revolution. Again today, America needs a rebirth of great spiritual convictions. Our youth has the potential to meet this challenging hour.

In a world as complex as ours, is it realistic to expect that Christian youth can really make a difference? Yes! God has dispensed a variety of gifts to this young generation. God knew the need of the hour and he has granted gifts great enough to meet every need. According to the task so shall his grace be. Youth has a special role because they have ahead of them more years of service than those who are older. Presumably, too, they have more energy and zeal.

Youth—the God who has given you these gifts is calling you into his service! Do you hear him? When God wants to call someone into his service, he does not need a burning bush or a blinding light on the road to Damascus. He can speak directly through your everyday experience or through those already in his service. The Holy Spirit has not acted once and for all, but continues to lead and to call. We must learn to become sensitive to the daily leading of the Spirit of God.

Youth is a time of decision. In anticipation of life's work, you are challenged by many possibilities. There are over 44,000 occupational titles describing the activities of the citizens of America. There are many great fields to any one of which a young person may give his life and within each of which one will discover multiplied specific vocations. There are many worthy fields, and we need a good witness in all of them, but you may be called to the highest ministry of all and give yourself to labor among men on the plane of their relations with God. This great decision of life is made in youth.

Youth Week this year gives young people the opportunity to try their hand at the various tasks within the total church program. We hope youth will learn to appreciate and value the church more highly and to help others to know Christ, the Head of the Church. Our theme and program arise out of the divine challenge of Paul, "For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them" (Romans 12:4-6).

It is not the intention that the Christian is to use these gifts for his own enjoyment and advancement. The gifts are given to him that he may serve with them. To build a house today, a variety of well-trained and experienced people are needed such as: an architect, a landscaper, a plumber, an electrician, and an interior decorator. If one of these fails at his job there is a weakness in the house. Young people—God is counting on you to use the gift that he has granted you. Will you fail him? We have the confidence in you that you will be **Found Faithful.**

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All Gifts in Full Capacity

Are you using all of your gifts in full capacity? No one can answer this question but yourself. This is a matter between you and God after having read this provocative article.

By Mr. Allan Gerber of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

YOU ARE a gifted person. Every person has some gift or talent. As a possessor of talent you have a responsibility to God to be a faithful steward of your talent as I Peter 4:10 tells us. Even as God wants complete consecration of our lives, so he wants complete consecration of our talents. The primary issue in the stewardship of talent is not the quantity or the nature of talents but the way that they are being used. Whether more or less gifted, we are called upon to give gifts in full capacity.

What is involved in giving all gifts in full capacity? The first two words of the theme give the first clue. We are to use *all* gifts. Using all gifts means that we use those gifts which our friends may laugh at. We use those talents which require a great deal of effort to develop and maintain. We even use those talents which we do not like or which we think are insignificant and useless.

THE LARGER STEWARDSHIP

What is meant by full capacity? Full capacity means the use of each talent as much and as often as a faithful following of God's will requires. There must be stewardship of time and a proper balance in the use of our several gifts. Full capacity also means that there will be a unity of purpose and direction. We cannot serve both God and mammon with our abilities any more than we can in any other area of life. Our talents, to be used to full capacity, must be used for a single purpose—the service of God.

Charles A. Cook in *The Larger Stewardship* says, "To be a steward of skill is so to relate it to God and the things of God, that it will serve him in whatever it may be employed." Even the talents with which we earn a living are not to be used for this reason alone, but for the glory and service of God even while earning a living. The church can also use the business ability of the businessman and the artistic ability of the professional artist.

Not all talents are obvious, however. We have a responsibility not only to use our known talents but to develop our talents and to cultivate those which may be hidden and unknown at the present time if we are to use our talents in full capacity. Many talents require effort to be of use but that should not deter us from putting forth that needed effort.

IN GOD'S SERVICE

How can we help ourselves to fulfill our responsibility of using our gifts in

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full capacity? We must, first of all, yield our entire selves, our whole life, to God for his service. When we give ourselves to him, our talents and abilities are included; and when we are sensitive to the Spirit's leading in our

GOD'S PLACE FOR YOU
Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care:—
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care.
He set you there.

Whatever your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His
Who set you there.
—John Oxenham

lives, he will show us how best to use our gifts. It is only when a person relates his whole life to Christ that he can be of maximum service to him and use his talents to their full capacity. When he views all of life from God's point of view, life takes on a new per-



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spective and faithful use of talents seems important.

Specifically, two realizations will greatly help us to be good stewards of our talents. The first is that each and every talent which we have is from God, not really our own but a trust from him. When we fully grasp this fact, it is much easier to give God the control of our talents and let him direct their most efficient and maximum use.

The second realization is that each of our talents was given to us for the specific purpose of being used for God. We do not have any talents that just happen to be part of our physical make-up and which have no real purpose. God has given us our talents to use. Thus it becomes important that we use each talent to fulfill its purpose in God's service.

If our talents should be used in the way described, why are so many talents being wasted? To be sure, we all need a deeper and fuller dedication to God, but part of the answer can be found in the lack of specific opportunities for the use and development of talent. The program of the church would benefit by the use of local talent, and the young people would benefit also.

"LEARN TO DO BY DOING"

It is not enough to merely use the known talent, however. The local church should search out talent and encourage young people to use their talents. Talent inventories can be taken to find where interests lie and to determine what talents the young people have, and then action should be taken so that opportunity is given for service by the use of talents.

Young people must bear some of the responsibility themselves to discover their talents and to find ways of service by the use of talents. Self-examination may yield some surprising results, especially if a person has not done it before. The rule, "learn to do by doing," applies here, too. If you are not sure whether or not you can do a certain type of service, try it. Experimentation has a definite place.

Are you using all of your gifts in full capacity? No one can answer this question but yourself. This is a matter between you and God. No standard can be set to say when a person is using his talents enough. Nothing less than our best is enough for the Lord Jesus Christ and, in the use of our talents for him, that means "all gifts in full capacity."

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Youth's Gift of Prayer

There is a basic need for a church-wide prayer concern. Support your young people in prayer so that they will present a relevant, vigorous witness for Christ as "the light of the world,"

By Mr. James Schacher of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

AN INDIVIDUAL average of five minutes of time spent in prayer each day! This was the astounding discovery of a group of Christian men who banded together in a prayer and discussion group. Even more notable is the fact that these were not laymen but ministers of Christ, shepherds in charge of the spiritual well-being of large congregations in a great American city!

Though not forgetting that the quality rather than the quantity of prayer is most important, yet it seems that this incident illustrates much of the general temperature of our present-day prayer concern. Since every Christian has the gift of being able to pray, the task is chiefly one of doing just that—*praying!* This concerns every church member, whether old or young.

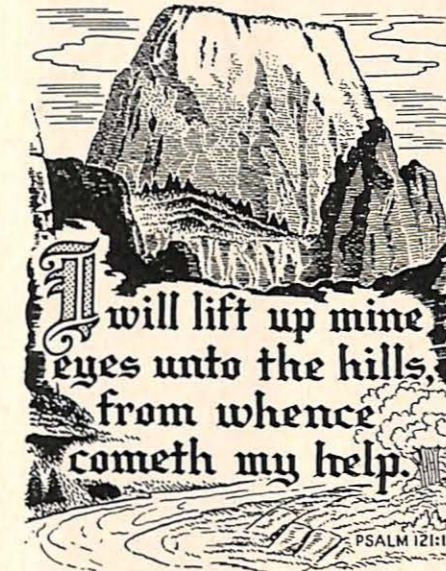
EFFECTUAL PRAYER

In promoting this church-wide prayer concern for youth, what would be the result if we started by noting down on a sheet of paper the amount of time that we think we spend in prayer every day, and then for a week keep track of what we actually do? Obviously, this would vary with every situation, but strife among Christians, indifference of church members, the advance of materialism, etc., indicate a dire need for more "effectual prayer."

"Lord, bless our young people. Help our youth to grow in grace." The general concern voiced in the above prayer is, without question, not to be neglected. However, this overall approach fails to grapple with the specific needs which confront our youth. What do we expect from the Lord if the *emphasis* of our requests is all-inclusive? How do we know if God has answered our universal petition? How do we even perceive if his answer has been "No"?

A child's approach to his father is not, "Be good to me today, Dad. Help me in my needs and wants," but rather he asks for a dollar or explains why he wants the car. Our Lord's parable of the persistent friend (Luke 11:5-8) is meaningful mainly because the request concerns something definite, namely, bread. Can you imagine the friend waiting outside the door and crying again and again, "Be good to me, friend; open up to me and bless me"? In determining the church-wide prayer concern, we need to investigate the specific needs of young people.

Important to every person is his social life. Young people, especially, need friends and companions with whom they can share their thoughts and ex-



The accomplishments of our lives depend a great deal on our faithfulness in the ministry of prayer.

periences. Also, mixed marriages due to mixed dating frustrate God's purpose in life for many young people. The thrill and fun of the moment obscure serious thinking and responsible acting. The course of action to meet this problem is a case of definite prayer concern.

NEED FOR WORKERS

Mom and Dad often have a mental picture of what their children should be and should do. Young people growing up in a changing environment have many different ideas. Will the parents be heartbroken or will they understand as their children channel their lives into other areas? Will the young people be overcome by the tendency toward secularization or will they find this as a challenge to greater consecration?

A matter of acute concern to our denomination right now, and to many other Christian groups, is the great need for **WORKERS!** Able, informed and devoted lay workers are required for our local churches of the future and, even more desperately, pastors and missionaries are needed! For example, it has been reported that our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will

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need to double in size if it is to meet the demand of today. Where are those who are willing to commit themselves to this task? This accomplishment depends a great deal on faithfulness in the ministry of *prayer*.

Teen-age years are filled with unique problems and difficulties. Behind a nonchalant attitude, there may rage many battles concerning frustrated dreams and new responsibilities. For the first time in their lives they are left to their own resources. Adults need to offer their prayerful support as youth are worried about what their friends will think. Their first employment for income, their need for personal achievement and the necessity of choosing standards are crucial issues for them. For instance, how will they answer the idea that "you have to cheat a little to get by in the business world"?

Are these matters not prayer concerns of the church? To be sure, it is not always in good taste to be this specific in public prayer, but these things motivate young lives. They form habits and attitudes which will directly influence their service for Christ.

PRAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Above all, there is a basic need for prevailing before God that they will find greater commitment to Christ. Giving of time, talents and income, maintaining devotional life, and witnessing are not only privileges but also responsibilities. They associate with the unsaved every day. Many of their classmates and friends will be leaders in the world of tomorrow! They must be supported in prayer that they will live uprightly and as the "light of the world" present a relevant, vigorous witness.

These matters ought to challenge young people and adults as well, to refuse to be satisfied with "saying their prayers" or "going over the prayer list." Further than that, it should encourage praying about what they've been thinking and saying. These living issues are sometimes so obvious that they are taken for granted.

Finally, we must not be so concerned about our prayer concerns that we forget the One to whom we pray. Avoiding the artificiality of "working up" a feeling of his Presence, we can simply, but consciously, pause to recognize that he himself is listening. Our Lord's nearness is as certain as if we could see and touch him. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This promise includes our prayer life.

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Youth Channels Its Gifts to the Church

We know that wherever there is youth, there is added energy and vitality. If this youthful power is put to work for God, it can be that added quality so greatly needed by the churches of today.

By Miss Dorothy Pritzkau of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience."

(I Timothy 1:18, 19a).

AS WE READ these words that Paul has written to Timothy, we cannot help but be inspired and challenged by them. Timothy probably came to know Christ as his Savior when he was a teenager, and we can assume that he showed great promise as a potential worker for his Lord. The encouragements of his elders were an inspiration to him as he grew in grace and faith. However, a constant battle must be waged against sin. This was the battle into which Timothy entered.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

In faith and a good conscience, Paul has given us the key to an effective and victorious battle against the forces of evil. As we read Paul's writings, we find that faith extends far beyond the assent of the mind to the work of God in Christ. It captures the heart and re-directs the will in such a way that we belong to God with all our heart, mind and strength. Paul, in including the requirement of a good conscience, shows the interdependence of correct moral living and faith.

As we look at this passage we see two people—Paul and Timothy. Yet implicit in this are all the people of the church who can either help or hinder Timothy in carrying out this charge. Let us apply these words to the youth of our churches today—our Timothys. Many of them have come to a point of decision. They will choose either to lay the gift of their life at the feet of Christ, or to channel their talents to other areas of life. Will the church open the way for them to channel their time and talents into its life stream, or will the church neglect their education in "churchmanship" and let them learn as best they can from the " gleanings"?

So often we speak of growing in faith and grace. We know that this growth does not come through inactivity, but through participation in the work of the church. As you read this, ask yourself the question, "What opportunities for learning and service are offered to the young person who has yielded his life to Christ?"

As a church seeks prayerfully to help its young people, the best place to start is in the youth group itself. A youth group must have a purpose, not only stated, but living in the hearts and minds of each member of the

group. In this connection, the advisors of a youth group are of prime importance. They must always be alert to see whether the needs of the young people are being met by the program. We must not fail to consider long-range needs, needs which can be met with much more ease later on if acquaintance and preparation are made now.

YOUTH AS CHURCH OFFICERS

The Youth Week material for 1961 suggests that young people be appointed to serve in the various offices of the church during their week. It suggests a youth week pastor, Sunday School superintendent, deacons, teachers, etc. This will give them a foretaste of their service as adults. One week, however, is not long enough to learn the implications inherent in these positions. Therefore, it is desirable to have a plan in which the education is of longer duration and in which all the youth will have opportunity to become acquainted with more of the offices of the church.

The group as a whole should be instructed by the pastor as to the organizational pattern of the church. They should be helped to understand the relationships of each position to the other and to the church as a whole in order that a spiritual unity is formed. A rotating schedule can then be worked out in which the young people take turns working with the various groups in the church for a designated period of time, preferably not less than a month.

The pastor will want to counsel and



What opportunities for learning and service are offered by the church to the young person who has yielded his or her life to Christ! (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

guide each young person and explain to him the role of the pastor and his family in the life of the church. Thus the future leader will better understand the joys and pressures which enter the pastor's life. This knowledge will also enable him to be a better church member.

The deacons and trustees will want to acquaint their charges with the qualifications and duties of these positions. It will be most advantageous if the young person can accompany and assist in some of the duties.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

If the church has a board of Christian Education, it will be desirable to gain from them the overall view of the educational program of the church. Special effort should be given to including the young person in the planning and evaluation sessions. In all of this the young person should be helped to see the centrality of the church as a spiritual unity with each office working toward the glorification of God.

After they have become familiar with the work of this group, they will be channeled into the adult, youth, and children's work where they can gain practical experience as well as education as to how these programs are set up. They can be guided in gaining a knowledge of the aims and objectives of the men's and women's work and can be a part of helping these aims to be realized. Although the fellows will not gain as much practical experience in women's work as the girls, and vice versa, a knowledge of the respective aims and objectives is essential.

In most churches our young people are active in the children's work, and this is good. But they should be made aware of the overall pattern of the work, the emphases presented in the Sunday School material from quarter to quarter and year to year, the work of the Junior CBYF and Vacation Church School. They need to be guided in the understanding of children and their needs.

We must not neglect the area of music which is so vital in our church life today. The young person should either discuss with the choir director the purpose and quality of music in the church, or he should be pointed toward books which will help him to understand church music. The choir is a good place to learn loyalty and devotion, as well as to gain many blessings through participation.

Some churches have set up a scholarship fund to teach young people organ music or to aid them in learning

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Youth's Gifts in Missionary Action

Try dedicating your talents to the Lord, and you will take your place as "a good steward of God's varied grace" and as a disciple you will go into all the world for Christ.

By Mrs. Barbara Binder of Forest Park, Illinois.

TODAY, in a sense, is the "fulness of time." Thinking back to the preparation of the world for the advent of Christ, one sees the tremendous advance which has been made. This advance should cause the propagation of the Gospel to be so rapid, so sought after, that all should have heard of Christ the Saviour by now. The majority of the world should be Christian.

The time into which Christ was born was God's own appointed time. The Graeco-Roman world had developed to its height. Traveling was easier because of the construction of a network of roads. A postal system, law, a universal language and trade had been established. Because of the Jewish dispersion, synagogues sprang up throughout the then known world. These synagogues later became a bridge to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today the most intricate and far-reaching communication system, the best transportation facilities, multiple publications at a low expense, education for almost all, and an abundance of materials for understanding peoples of other lands exist. With all of this, it is to be lamented that less than ten per cent of the world's population is Christian.

CONCERN FOR THE WORLD

What has happened to the interest and concern for the world? Do you recall your enthusiasm and the hope that one day possibly you would be a missionary? Do you remember how challenged you were after hearing a missionary speak of winning the lost to Christ? During the complicated time of becoming and being a teen-ager, this concern lessened. Why? Does one escape the responsibility of propagating the Gospel during certain periods of his life, for example, the time of youth? Possibly the excuse is used that one must go—so one must be already in his missionary vocation; or one must give money—so one must be earning a good, steady salary; or one must pray—so one must be a mature Christian, so that God will hear the prayers for the mission field. Is this true?

The point is—the time being crucial and youth being the future of the world—that there is the inescapable responsibility of youth to propagate the Gospel NOW and to promote and support home and foreign missions. How is this to be accomplished? Our Youth Week theme is "Diversities of Gifts"—the stewardship of your talents.

Have you considered giving a missionary twist to your talents, hobbies and interests? Try dedicating your talents to the Lord, and you will take



There is the inescapable responsibility of Christian youth to propagate the Gospel NOW and to promote and support home and foreign missions. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

your place as "a good steward of God's varied grace" and as a disciple you will go into all the world. Here are some suggestions for using your talents in missionary action at home.

A youth with a knack for photography and/or audio-visual aids has an unlimited means of establishing proper concern for and understanding of the peoples of the world, as well as presenting a challenge. Slides, filmstrips, films and a picture collection are invaluable aids. These can be obtained from our headquarters office.

Another youth is outstanding in public speaking. He does research in missionary materials and composes and delivers to your group an informative and challenging message on some aspect of missions. Some young people are experienced debaters. Their talents are used in presenting a discussion of needs, problems and responsibilities connected with the mission fields, as well as suggestions and projects which the group undertakes.

A youth who is fascinated by new discoveries—a potential "researcher"—delves into a specific feature of a land or people. He presents his findings to the members of the CBYF.

Other youth exhibit their "gifts" in school dramatics. They prepare in church, possibly even write, and produce a missionary pageant or play, constructing their own authentic scenery and sewing native costumes. One of the young people writes and presents a dramatic monologue which gives insight into the life of a missionary or a native Christian.

A desire to work on radio or TV is satisfied through the staging of a missionary broadcast in the form of an interview, a discussion panel, a dramatization, a newscast and commentary, quiz shows and commercials for the support of the designated mission project.

Artistic young people arrange displays, decorate bulletin boards or make sketches and paintings. These depict the customs, traditions, lands, people and their need for the Gospel. Those who are musically inclined construct native musical instruments, present songs of the land and teach appreciation of the people's music to the group. Tape recordings are exchanged with a youth group on the mission field.

Some youth dream of being librarians or file clerks. As the result of using their interest now in missionary action is a missionary file consisting of articles from the BAPTIST HERALD, JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL, pamphlets, booklets, brochures and missionary packets. This file is invaluable resource for missionary information in your CBYF. The purchase of missionary books and the reading of them are promoted through this person. Book displays invite interest in missions.

TALENTS IN ACTION

Every talent can be used for the Lord in missionary action. One who loves to collect items establishes a CBYF museum containing authentic clothing, utensils, curios, jewelry and handcraft native to the mission fields. Exhibits and displays encourage mission support. A youth who has the urge to sell something uses his talents to sell the mission project to the group. Young people who have a knack for planning recreational time do so with a mission emphasis. Decorations, games and food are those of the mission field.

A youth with interest in agriculture or architecture does research in these areas, compares and contrasts his findings with those of his homeland and builds scale models, so the CBYFers come to appreciate the contrasts in the life of their "brothers in Christ."

What is the object of using your talents in missionary action now? The Gospel is vital. It is indispensable. What you do in the world is crucial, for you are the world's future. You must spread the Gospel now. All of the foregoing youth are using their talents, some on an even larger scale. Our CBYF's have established mission goals of over \$25,000 for 1960-61.

God has given you talents. He ex-

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Talents — Diversities of Gifts!

Every CBYF member has a definite position to play on the football team. How about it; will it be a touchdown?

By Miss Marion H. Stahl, Member of the CBYF Executive Committee

TOUCHDOWN!!! The fans are on their feet cheering their victorious team. The exuberant cheer leaders are bursting with pride as they beat out the rhythm to the enthusiastic stands, shouting a combination of school song and TOUCHDOWN!!! Wonderful is the excitement of victory!

Football is really an exciting game. Your presence at a game, no matter how much or little knowledge you may have of the plays, can really set the blood pressure called "team spirit" rocketing skyward.

Well, CBYF'ers, all of us, as members of our various CBYF groups, are engaged in one of the most fascinating football games that could ever pace our nation. Let's line ourselves up as teammates to see what position the Lord would have us play in this important game. Each of us has a particular talent. But each talent, whether we have one or ten, acts as a very important position on the team. Let's see what the Lord has to say to us concerning our particular position.

CHRIST'S WORKING TEAM

First of all, and most important, you've got to be a *born-again Christian* to get on Christ's working team. Second, we must *make him the Coach in our lives*, calling all the plays and giving all the signals. Okay, CBYF'ers, have you passed the basic training? If so, let's put on our football armor of Faith, Prayer, and daily Bible Study, and I'll meet you out at the football stadium for some good action.

Here we are. The day is crisp and clear, and everyone is in fine team spirits. Let's *analyze our game*. How about the *football*? This is the glorious Gospel of hope that has been entrusted to God's teammates here on earth. Everything revolves around the football. Ever since the great "Kick-off" when we entered God's team, our one aim should be to carry the football to all parts of the field.

Where do we stand in the game? We've reached the *quarter mark*. Wasn't it a glorious quarter? The team concentrated on "TIME." CBYF'ers, we discovered how very important timing is in a play. During our workout, we looked into every play of our lives as teammates in our devotional, church, recreational and witnessing activities, on the job and at school, and found that we really were throwing precious time around. The coach has told us that our seconds are counted in this earthly game. We had better get "on the ball."

Here we are ready for the second quarter. The Coach has his teammates

gathered around him. The next quarter, the team *will concentrate on team work*. To make this a quarter no one will forget, everyone must play his particular position with great skill and enthusiasm. The instructions from the Coach are very clear. Listen: Ephesians 4:16—"For from him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts closely) joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part (with power adapted to its need) is working properly (in all its functions), grows to full maturity, building itself up in love."

PLAYING THE GAME

Okay, the huddle is over. The banner, "Found Faithful," is flying high. The band play out:

"Now in the days of youth,
When life flows fresh and free,
Thou Lord of all our hearts and lives,
We give ourselves to thee.
Our fervent gift receive,
And fit us to fulfill
Through all our days, in all our ways,
Our heavenly Father's will."

Okay, let's examine ourselves to see what position we are going to play in the football game this year. Take all the talent that the Lord has given to you and lay them on the table, determined that before you are finished, you will have fitted yourself into some position.

Weeks before a game is played, many teammates are already planning and working on the advertising of the



Each of us has a very important position on the team, a particular talent to use, in the game of life. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

game. Has the Lord given you particular talents to play this position? Without extensive, properly timed and attractive advertising, the game would be very unsuccessful.

How about radio and television announcers, who have a talent for making unusual announcements that will attract the young people? Choral speaking and musical readings are talents that, when developed, can play a very important part for variety in programs. We are all being daily televised to the world around by our Christian lives.

How about you CBYF'ers who have a special talent of friendliness? These are the cheer leaders and fans of our group. Form a Welcome Committee and go after new members and friends who appear in church and give them a personal "invite" to CBYF. When they do come, sit with them and fellowship with them, and even invite them again.

We find that some of us are reserved and quiet. BELIEVE ME, THIS IS A TALENT. A very rare talent. However, it is nonetheless important. The team also needs score-keepers, time-watchers, even the alert water boy. Sure their names aren't always out front, but they are as important as a tackle, because accuracy and alertness are indispensable.

MAKING THE PLAYS COUNT

Then we come to the tackles, offensive and defensive guards, ends, centers, fullbacks, halfbacks, and the all-important quarterback. These would be the CBYF'ers who do the actual running of the game. The officers. You've been gifted with a very responsible talent—leadership. How are you making your plays count?

Guards, I would like to compare you with people with unusual talents, such as chalk artists, CBYF'ers who have musical talents, other talents that "guard" against monotonous programs. How many volunteers do we have to play center? They are those who have the talent of being on the alert for new program ideas, presenting them attractively to the program committee. New plays always throw the opposing team off guard.

How about the talent of having a good sense of humor? Certainly, it is a godsend. Without humor in a football game, when things get "hot under the collar," I'm afraid a great deal of bad sportsmanship would come out. Use it for the Lord.

It sounds like we're filling lots of our football positions with CBYF'ers. Others are still standing, saying, "I have no talent." To say this is to in-

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BAPTIST HERALD

Visitation Programs Produce Results

"A church without a visitation program has little outreach." The CBYF members and Sunday School leaders can contribute greatly to a church's successful ministry by following these helpful suggestions.

By Mrs. H. J. Legler, Jr., Director of Christian Education, Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

A CHURCH without a visitation program has little outreach. "What are you saying? We have our church doors open all day Sunday and during the week for our midweek service. People are certainly welcomed to come and worship with us."

Yes, it's true that they are welcome. Occasionally you do find a family who visits with you and after a time joins your fellowship. What about the regular members who have dropped out? What about those new people down the block? Are all the names on your Sunday School roll more than a name? Do these names represent active Sunday School scholars who seldom miss? If not, why not?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

We have protected our own negligence in visiting others by pointing a finger at the Sunday School teacher and saying that this is his job. This is not true. The church is not made up of Sunday School teachers. It is comprised of a group of people banded together for one cause, the promotion of the work of Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior and Lord.

If this is true, and it is, then the work of visitation becomes the responsibility of each one of us. It is not only the Sunday School teacher that must do the calling in order to get more scholars, or to encourage present scholars to become more active. No! The entire church must do the calling.

No doubt, the pastor is visiting in the homes of his people. It is his responsibility to do so. The congregation expects this and certainly has a right to do it. This is one way the pastor can better serve his people as he meets them in their homes. Most pastors have a systematic plan of visitation. They plan to visit every home in their congregation yearly, depending upon the size of the church.

In a visitation program that produces results, we do not stop with the pastoral visits. Actually, such a program only begins with the pastor. He is usually the best person to supervise an effective visitation program.

Under his guidance, the deacons of the church also call. As a lay person there is a wonderful opportunity for the deacon to be an effective witness. The party called on can see a layman living a Christian life in everyday activities. The deacon and his wife can give spiritual stimulation to the home by the interest shown.

Others who must be out calling regularly are those whom the Lord has called to be Sunday School teachers.



"Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14, 16).

THE CHURCH'S POTENTIAL

When we realize that 85 per cent of our church members come from the Sunday School, one can see the potential for the church of tomorrow. Contacts made by the Sunday School teacher with the home have inestimable value to pupil and parent alike. The Sunday School teacher should be checking on absentees regularly. Perhaps there has been a misunderstanding that can readily be corrected by the visit. This may be a source of spiritual help to all in the home. Above all, the Sunday School teacher should let it be known that his call is on the pupil and parent.

It is not only the teacher who should call but the Sunday School superintendent, department superintendents, and also the assistant teachers. Many times a family can be won to Christ because of the interest and love shown a Sunday School pupil by others than his teacher.

All churches have an every member canvass at some time. Such a program is a good contact for fellowship among the members in addition to giving quite a few consecrated members an opportunity to serve.

The Woman's Missionary Society's calling program can do much toward building up church services, Sunday School attendance, and the Woman's Missionary Society. It tends to unify the women around the church and its program.

VISITATION TEAM

Many churches have found it helpful to have a regular visitation team. This group is a volunteer group, that meets at the church on a designated evening. After receiving instruction from the pastor or leader, they go out by two's to canvass an area, visit prospects, or call on members and friends of the church.

Because this is done at regular intervals (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly), experiences from the previous calls can be shared.

No visitation program can be effective without proper records. If the records are up-to-date and well organized, the success of the work will increase. All visits must be recorded. When a visit is to be made, the visitor can check to see when the last visit was made, who made it, the circumstances attached, and receive other information that may be helpful in making his visit.

Where do we begin? Unless the area has been canvassed recently, it may be well to have a canvass to find prospects in the immediate area of the church. If you have members in the area to be canvassed, they can be a great help to you by turning in the names of those they know are not attending any church. By keeping your eyes open to homes for rent or sale, you may make the first contact in your community to a newcomer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FILES

Your Sunday School files should be another source of assistance to you. Here you will find the names of those whose children come to your school and whose parents are never seen. These are homes that must be visited. Let the parents know that someone besides the Sunday School workers and pastor is interested in their child and in THEM.

When making the call, be sure you know your church, its organization, program and leaders. Visit for the entire church. There may be just one organization that this person would enjoy, but through that organization he can be brought to the Lord Jesus Christ and into the church's fellowship.

As you call, be prayerful. Speak well of your church and pastor. Be courteous, poised, and sensitive to the feelings of those on whom you are calling.

Share with them the wonderful things the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you. You will receive as great a blessing from an experience such as this as the one on whom you are calling.

Interview

with **DR. FRANK H. WOYKE**
N. A. B. Executive Secretary

Why Is a Further Appeal for the Denominational Advance Building Fund Needed?

During the months of January and February 1961 our North American Baptist churches will announce a special offering toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund. Or the congregation will be advised by the pastor how the people can give to the Fund. This will be the final appeal to be made in our churches. Additional pledges

can also be received for the Seminary Library. Since many questions have been raised about this second appeal and the Fund, we have asked Dr. Woyke, executive secretary, to give us the ANSWERS. A new leaflet, distributed in the churches, gives additional information.

QUESTION—To refresh my memory—just what is the Denominational Advance Building Fund?

ANSWER—The Denominational Advance Building Fund is a special appeal for \$250,000 launched in the fall of 1959. The Fund is to be divided equally between two projects: the new building in Forest Park, Illinois and the new Seminary Library building in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

QUESTION—Why were these new buildings needed?

ANSWER—The need for the new building in Forest Park arose primarily out of the relocation of the Roger Williams Press from Cleveland, Ohio to Forest Park, Illinois. This building houses the offices and stock room of the Roger Williams Press. In addition, space has been provided for an off-the-street Christian book store, which has been named the Roger Williams Book Store.

The building also provides added facilities for headquarters offices. Among these are: a beautiful new conference room; a missionary trophy room; the General Council offices; a kitchen and dining room for the entertainment of boards and committees; and an enlarged area for the multigraphing and mailing department.

The need for the Seminary Library building is obvious. When the Seminary building was constructed about ten years ago, the library wing was omitted with the understanding that it would eventually have to be added. Only a limited area for library purposes could be provided in the original building. Since the Seminary is now in process of meeting the requirements for full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools, it is imperative that adequate facilities for library purposes be provided.

QUESTION—How much has been pledged and contributed toward this

Fund thus far?

ANSWER—As of December 23, 1960 we have received in cash and pledges a total of \$202,268.16. Of this amount a total of \$139,999.53 has been received in cash.

A large share of the amount pledged and contributed has been designated simply for the Denominational Advance Building Fund. Many contributions have been designated either for the Forest Park Building or for the Seminary Library Building.

QUESTION—Since you are now appealing for an additional \$100,000 in cash and pledges, are you not asking for more than the original goal of \$250,000?

ANSWER—Yes, if we reach our goal of an additional \$100,000 in cash and pledges, the total will amount to approximately \$300,000 now.

QUESTION—Why is the goal higher now than it was originally set?

ANSWER—There are a number of reasons why it has become necessary to set a higher goal.

1. Experience shows that a building program usually costs between five and ten per cent more than the original contract price. This has been true of our Forest Park Building, where we have encountered additional costs amounting to \$15,000. The remodeling of the old building, especially in connection with improving the air circulation system, is also costing considerably more than had been originally estimated.

2. The original estimate for the Seminary Library Building was \$125,000. In order to meet the requirements for a standard library, certain changes had to be made in the plans. These changes will cost an additional \$15,000, bring the total cost of the building to about \$140,000.

3. I should also point out that the total appeal is for cash and pledges.

We know that, for various reasons, some pledges will remain unpaid. Some who make pledges will be called to their eternal reward before they finish payment. Some may be faced with the loss of a job or a crop failure, and still others may lose interest and become indifferent.

QUESTION—Is this appeal for a total of \$300,000 not a great deal of money to spend for these buildings?

ANSWER—Permit me to answer this question by calling attention to some comparative costs.

1. A denomination providing approximately the same services as are provided by our Forest Park headquarters office has spent more than twice this amount during the last decade for its headquarters building. We were fortunate in purchasing our old building at a very favorable price about sixteen years ago. Including improvements, this building cost us only about \$50,000 prior to our present building program.

2. Many of our city churches have spent more than this amount for their own church buildings. We know that the expenditure of these funds has been necessary and proper. But our denominational offices and our Seminary facilities must also be adequate.

3. Building costs, especially in areas like Chicago are extremely high today, so that \$150,000, or even \$350,000 will not construct anything very large or elaborate.

QUESTION—If we responded to the first appeal, should we make a further contribution?

ANSWER—We welcome all contributions toward the Advance Building Fund, whether a response was made previously or not. We know that some of our people will feel that they cannot make a further contribution. This additional appeal is, of course, intended especially for those who have not yet

made a generous contribution toward the Advance Building Fund.

QUESTION—How are churches that operate on an annual budget expected to respond to this appeal?

ANSWER—The expenditures needed for such buildings are special and non-recurring. Once constructed, these buildings will last indefinitely. For this reason, it is our hope that even churches that operate on an annual budget will undertake a special solicitation or make a special effort for the Denominational Advance Building Fund. We believe that this is the procedure followed when such a church undertakes a building program of its own.

For those churches that have an inflexible rule preventing any special solicitation whatsoever, we suggest that a certain amount be included in the annual budget of the church for several years for the Denominational Advance Building Fund.

QUESTION—How much is needed on a per capita basis?

ANSWER—If we are to reach our total goal of \$300,000, we need a contribution of about \$6.00 per member from all of our people.

QUESTION—Are larger contributions still needed?

ANSWER—Larger contributions are definitely still needed. There are a number of reasons for this.

1. Although we lament the fact, we all know that a sizable number of our people are spiritually indifferent and will not contribute their share. It will therefore be necessary for others to contribute larger amounts in order to make up for this loss.

2. Some of our smaller churches are struggling valiantly to meet their budget for local expenses. Since these churches will find it extremely difficult to meet their per capita share toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund, large contributions are needed to make up the difference.

QUESTION—Are projects still available?

ANSWER—All but a few of the projects are still available for those contributing \$200.00 or more to the Fund. Literature is being sent to all of our churches listing these projects.

A number of projects are also available for adoption by organizations such as Sunday Schools, CBY Fellowships and Women's Missionary Unions.

QUESTION—Will this be the final appeal for the denominational Advance Building Fund?

ANSWER—The Denominational Advance Building Fund period runs until March 31, 1962. Pledges and contributions will be welcomed at any time until that date. This will, however, be the last special appeal to be made for the Denominational Advance Building Fund.

Denominational Advance Building Fund

Interim Report of Cash and Pledges by Conferences as of
October 31, 1960

Conference	Total Cash and Pledges	Total Paid	Per Capita
Atlantic	\$ 12,198.40	\$ 8,478.10	\$2.95
Central	40,036.91	29,359.91	4.42
Eastern	8,036.27	5,696.86	2.84
Dakota	36,377.26	23,086.52	4.89
Northern	22,171.89	12,909.61	2.80
Northwestern	19,541.65	14,136.65	2.94
Pacific	36,682.21	21,566.39	4.08
Southern	4,734.34	4,069.34	5.04
Southwestern	13,489.85	10,726.35	5.37
Miscellaneous	1,807.57	15.00	
Total	\$195,076.35	\$130,044.73	\$3.87

QUESTION—If I make a pledge now, how much time will I have in which to make payments?

ANSWER—It is intended that contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund be made by March 31, 1962. If some pledges should remain unpaid after that date, however, payments on such unpaid pledges may be made during a reasonable period thereafter.

QUESTION—How far has the work progressed on the new building in Forest Park?

ANSWER—The new building in Forest Park is virtually finished and is already in use. The remodeling job on the old building is at the present time under way and should be finished early in 1961.

All the members of our headquarters staff are deeply grateful to God and to our denomination for these new and enlarged facilities.

QUESTION—When will the dedication services be held?

ANSWER—No date has as yet been set for the dedication services. Some of us are suggesting that the formal dedication service be held in connection with the annual sessions of the General Council, which are tentatively scheduled for May 26-27, 1961. At that time representatives of all of our local conferences and of our cooperating organizations will be present. As soon as a definite date has been set for the dedication services, announcement will be made in our denominational periodicals.

QUESTION—When will construction of our new Seminary Library building begin?

ANSWER—Contractors are at the present time examining the plans and specifications of the new library building and are preparing bids. Bids are to be opened at the Seminary on January 20, 1961 and construction is to begin in the spring of 1961.

QUESTION—When will construction of the Seminary Library building probably be completed?

ANSWER—We hope that construction of the new Seminary Library building can be completed by the end of 1961.

TALENTS OF YOUTH

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sult God's handiwork. All of us have either a talent or many talents. Look at the story in the Bible, and see how God holds us responsible for the talent or talents he has given to us, and the greater responsibility if we do not make use of the talents given to us. (Read Matthew 25:14-30)

Perhaps you need a work-out session to discover your talent or talents. Start by playing several positions and testing yourself. Suggest to your captain that you have a "Talent Hunt." This could be very effective in a regular CBYF meeting or even in a social. Have well-prepared questionnaires to discover unusual talents. Do this well in advance and then share the results with the Program Committee.

So all of us are now out in the field, practicing to put our particular positions into great team-work. Some of us have one talent; others have been given ten. The CBYF'er with ten talents must see to it that all ten are put into play. Remember that the Bible says that much will be demanded from those to whom much has been given. Whether one or ten, we must use it to the fullest degree for Christ.

CBYF'er, what is your position on the football team this year? Each of you has a definite position to play.

CBYF'ers, we have a wonderful "GOAL TO GO." An active CBYF puts all of the talents that have been given to us into active team-work. This will lead to a more interesting CBYF program which will increase our membership and win more souls to Christ. Come CBYF'ers, let's "get that point." Let's make this year an undefeated season. How about it, will it be a TOUCHDOWN? Our great Coach will reward us by saying: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."



The excitement of Graduation Day for Karl Bieber at the North American Baptist Seminary.

The Church's Role in Providing Pastors

We are in serious danger of jeopardizing tomorrow's progress by failing to train our potential leadership today. This problem must be dealt with on the local church level.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke,
Secretary of Education and Publication.

THE CHRISTIAN church today faces a major problem. It can be simply stated. While the work of Christ is steadily advancing—notably in the area of Church Extension—and the need for pastors is increasing, the number of men enrolled in seminaries and ordained into the Gospel ministry is actually declining. We are in serious danger of jeopardizing tomorrow's progress by failing to train our potential leadership today.

For example, in the two years, 1957-59, the number of men enrolled in the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention dropped by 600. This occurred despite the addition of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri! In 1951, Southern Baptists ordained 1,996 new ministers. In 1959, only 840 were ordained. President Duke K. McCall of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky expresses his concern in these words: "There is no better barometer of the spiritual life of a denomination than the commitment of young life to the call of God. When the barometer starts falling . . . then it is time to fall to our knees and cry for God's forgiveness and help" (Editorial, "The Tie," October 1960).

STORM WARNINGS

Are such "storm warnings" apparent in our own denomination? They are. If our present need is for almost thirty young men to enter ministerial and missionary ranks each year, we must conclude that we are not now meeting this need. (See Dr. F. H. Woyke's article, "The Pressing Need for Christian Leadership" in the Oct. 27, 1960 issue of BAPTIST HERALD.)

In the last two years (1959-60) we have graduated from our own schools 18 men prepared to be pastors of

churches. Three of these, for various reasons, are now not serving in such a capacity. That brings the number in service to 15. *But in these two years, we have established some 25 new churches requiring pastors!* Even if we add our young men who have been trained in other schools, it is clear enough that we are not producing the leadership we need in our denominational family. As our work expands, the need will become even more desperate.

It is my conviction that the problem presented by these figures is a spiritual one and must, first of all, be dealt with on the local church level. Our 300 churches and their praying members must face these facts and do something about them. In President McCall's words, "It is time for a realistic reappraisal and appropriate action." We ought to be clear on our basic need. It is not, first of all, for more students. It is for committed men, able to lead our churches.

President Montgomery of The College of the Bible, visiting our Seminary recently, said, "The churches need pastors more than the seminary needs students." If our churches awake to their task, our schools will have all the men and women they can train. We ought also to be clear on this: God, through his Holy Spirit, still does the calling. We cannot "promote" men into this vital task. But we can engage in "calling out the called." We can provide the spiritual atmosphere in which God speaks to his future prophets. Once they know they are chosen, we can help them become effective ministers of Jesus Christ.

Specifically, what can members of North American Baptist churches do to provide pastors?

1. *We can become aware of the need.*

That is the purpose of this article in the BAPTIST HERALD. (This is the second of a series. The third article will appear in the issue of February 2, 1961). For years now, pastors have been providentially provided for our churches. In view of our shrinking supply of pastors, is it not altogether fair and right that we should be concerned about providing pastors and leaders for other churches? How many of our young people are now preparing for Christian service? They are questions like these that we must raise in our own hearts.

WHAT WE CAN DO

2. *We can seek to make ours a spiritual church.* All of us know certain churches that possess a spiritual warmth, a prayer power, and an evangelistic zeal that are truly apostolic. In such a church, it is the normal thing for young men and women to surrender their lives for the service of Christ. Is our church like that? Are we really serious when we say that spreading the Gospel is the most important work in all the world? Do we really hold the office of ambassador for Christ in high esteem? It will be difficult to produce pastors in a church as luke-warm as Laodicea or as dead as Sardis!

3. *We can pray.* "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," said Tennyson, and this is particularly true of the united intercession of a body of believers. We have yet to see what could happen if our church members prayed together like those in the Book of Acts. (See chapter 4, verses 23-31.) The most important word about recruitment was spoken by Jesus in Luke 10:2: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: *pray ye therefore the*

Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." The need for pastors should be high on our own prayer list. Not a prayer meeting should go by without our voicing this petition before God's throne. The problem of Christian leadership will yield to prevailing prayer.

OUR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

4. *We can keep our loyalty high.* A smaller denomination like ours has an advantage in recruitment. Our minds can encompass our task and we can know our workers personally. For years, "Camercons" has been a household word in our Baptist family. Is not this the reason why we have had a steady stream of consecrated men and women going there? We have all felt it: This has been *our* job! So we have given, prayed, and gone to Africa. Now we have another family need: pastors at home. Let's assume the family responsibility!

5. *We can know the requirements for ministerial training.* For missionary service, we desire applicants with college degrees plus seminary or Bible school training. For the ministry, we urge a man to get the best college education he can afford and then to enroll in our Seminary—if this is possible. If not, we want him to have junior college standing followed by three years of undergraduate training in theology. Such training is given in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and in the theological department of our Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., established in 1958. What kind of school shall a man choose?

• *A school that stands for the historic, evangelical faith based on the inspired Word of God.* We believe that our schools can be so classified without qualification. We want every graduate to "show himself as one who owes his strength to the truth of the faith he has absorbed and the sound teaching he has followed" (I Tim. 4:6). Phillips).

• *A school that is small enough to have a "man to man concern for spiritual maturity."* In a smaller school there can be an adequate and satisfying professor-student relationship.

• *A school that affords information about and participation in denominational life.* The knowledge of our work and familiarity with our leaders gained in our school makes the student a more effective pastor following graduation.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

6. *We can go.* Like Moses. He saw the bush aglow and learned excitedly that God had come down to deliver his people. Then he was startled to hear God say, "Come now therefore, and I will send thee . . . that thou mayest bring forth my people" (Exodus 3:10). Perhaps *you* are the one to meet this urgent need for more pastors. Perhaps God has his hand on your shoulder. If so, will you become a well-trained, faithful servant eager to bring in his harvest?

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is a soul?

The Hebrew word for soul (*nephesh*) occurs more than 400 times in the Old Testament. The Greek word (*psyche*) occurs more than fifty times. The frequency of occurrence of these words indicates something of their importance in biblical thought and also complicates the task of defining their usage.

Nephesh means "that which breathes" (cf. the Latin equivalent *anima*), and this gives us a clue to the Old Testament meaning of the word. A "soul" in the Old Testament is simply an animated being, either man or animal. This meaning of the word is particularly evident in the statement found in Genesis 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Thus, in the Old Testament, a soul is man in his totality. The Old Testament writers do not say that man *has* a soul; rather he *is* a soul. This is very much like our modern usage of the term when we say, "Ten souls died in the crash," or "Poor soul!"

This same meaning for "soul" occurs also in the New Testament. Luke, in describing the attitude of the early post-Pentecost church, says, "And fear

came upon every soul" (Acts 2:43), meaning "on every individual." Our Lord uses the word similarly when he says, "What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Here the soul means the totality of the person. (The Revised Standard Version translates *psyche* here "life" in both occurrences).

"The soul is not something hidden away inside us, to be saved by Sunday worship and labeled for heaven, while all the rest of us remains earthy. It is the self." (G. Buttrick). And these selves of ours belong to God. There is absolutely nothing that we can give to him in exchange for ourselves. It ought further to be noted that this saying of our Lord is found in an eschatological context. Perhaps the Judgment is in view. Nothing can buy back a wasted life at the Judgment.

The New Testament uses the word soul in one other sense. The soul of man is his *spiritual* self which exists after death. Thus, the New Testament not only declares that man *is* a soul but that he also *has* a soul. A particularly important passage is Revelation 6:9 where John sees the "souls of those who had been slain." In this sense, the soul of man is his immaterial self which is immortal.

Cameroons' Plebiscite, February 11

An important announcement and call to prayer.

ON SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 1961, an important plebiscite will be held in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa. This decisive vote will affect not only the future destiny of more than a million people living in this trust territory administered by the United Kingdom but also the future of our North American Baptist Mission work. Pray for the people of the Southern Cameroons that God's will might be done and that the work of his Kingdom might be carried on without hindrance.

The holding of the plebiscite was recommended by the United Nations General Assembly in 1959 in order to determine the freely expressed wishes of the population of the two sections of the territory as to their political future. The United Kingdom, as administering authority in the trust territory, is responsible for the actual carrying out

of the plebiscites.

Ambassador Abdoh, a former foreign minister of Iran, for many years was Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations, and one time was chairman of the Assembly's Political Committee. He was elected by the Assembly in March 1959 to serve as United Nations Commissioner for supervising the plebiscites and to report to the United Nations on the conduct and results of the operation.

In the plebiscite, the two questions to be put to the people of the British Cameroons will be:

1. **Do you wish to achieve independence by joining independent Federation of Nigeria?**

2. **Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of Cameroun?**

(That republic was formerly the United Nations trust territory of the Cameroons administered by France).

The Federation of Nigeria became independent on October 1, 1960 and the Republic of Cameroun became independent on January 1, 1960. The British or Southern Cameroons lies between these two newly independent states.

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We the Women

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

OUR SHARE IN THE LORD'S WORK

As members of the Woman's Missionary Union, we belong to a fine denominational family. We have inherited a rich spiritual heritage of spiritual values that have helped to make our denomination among the outstanding small groups in America. Our denomination has produced many valiant men of outstanding achievement and notable spiritual stature. For all these blessings, we are grateful to God.

At present we are engaged in a final effort to raise the sum of \$100,000 necessary to build a new library for our Seminary—the part of our Denominational Advance Building Fund Goal that still remains to be reached. We know that this addition to our Seminary is something most urgently needed to maintain the high standards of our fine institution. It is our responsibility to contribute the necessary funds to carry out plans for this building.

**WOMEN'S WORLDWIDE
DAY OF PRAYER**
Friday, February 17, 1961

Our people have done nobly to provide the means whereby our Headquarters Building could be remodeled and a new wing added. The final results are a credit to our denomination. All of us can be justly proud of the fine new building which houses the facilities needed to carry out the business of the various branches of our work. It is a symbol of our growth and expansion. We are most grateful for such fine housing and modern facilities.

The task remaining calls for more sacrificial giving on our part. We, the women, have always done our share in carrying out any given assignment. Let us not fail this time. It has been suggested that if each member of our fellowship contributes \$5.00 per capita, we would have no difficulty in attaining our goal for the Seminary library. May we urge you to make an investment in the spiritual growth of our denomination?

Our future depends on the wisdom with which we build today. Since we would very much like to complete our drive for funds as early as possible, may we suggest that you send an offering of your January or February Missionary Society meeting to Headquarters and designate it for our Advance Building Fund. Please make this appeal a matter of vital prayer and give as the Lord has prospered you. He will add his blessing and "Well done." Remember, an investment in your denomination is putting your dollars to work for the Lord. Send them today!

Dedication of Tacoma, Wash., Church

Festivities on Nov. 6th at the Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., reported by Mitzie Neumann.

IN THE YEAR 1943, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington authorized a committee to proceed with the matter of obtaining an option on property suitable for a Mission work ministering to the defense workers of the Salishan Housing project. Since then God has blessed this work in a wonderful way as a Sunday School mission.

Years later it was felt that we should organize as a church and on May 4, 1958 the first organizational meeting was held. On May 25th of the same year, the Portland Avenue Baptist Church was organized.

Now two years later on Nov. 6th, the newly built sanctuary was dedicated. It was a very important day for our church. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23 was called to our attention many times during the day. We were privileged to have visitors of the Pacific Northwest Association with

us, which was convening at the same time.

The service of the day began with an interesting Sunday School hour with former members, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Rev. Edwin Kern taking part. We worshiped in reverence in the morning hour as Rev. J. Sonnenberg brought us a challenging message, "The Marks of the Church."

At 2:45 p. m. the actual dedication service was held. The church was overflowed. The choir rendered a fitting number, "Built on the Rock." Recognition of visitors and words of greeting from pastors and laymen of our Association were given. A report from Mr. Otto Stolz, chairman of building committee, was given. He stated that the total cost as up to date was \$24,000. Acknowledgments of outstanding service rendered were mentioned by our faithful pastor, Rev. Henry Smuland.

Rev. Harold W. Gieseke brought a very inspirational message on "The Church Our Lord Desires." This was followed by the Act of Dedication, a response by pastor and audience. Rev. Robert Hess, pastor of our mother church (Calvary), closed with the dedication prayer.

The day came to a close with our evening service. Mr. Henry Schmunk of Calvary Church led the song service. Slides of the progress of our church were shown followed by the message, "The Incomparable and Unchanging Christ," by Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash. We praise the Lord for the opportunity that we as the Portland Avenue Baptist Church have in reaching many souls for Christ.



The interior sanctuary of the \$24,000 edifice of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington.

What's Happening

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

Feb. 5, 1961

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NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE
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Profitable revival meetings were held from Oct. 16 to 26 at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak. Rev. Walter Damrau of Buffalo, New York, was the welcome messenger. "His spiritually Bible-centered messages were deeply appreciated," as reported by the pastor, Rev. E. Grygo.

NOW IN THE DAYS OF YOUTH

To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.
—John Oxenham

The attendance was gratifying. As a result of the services, the church has been able to welcome several new members. The love offering to the denomination amounted to \$304.83.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, was the guest speaker at the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., on Nov. 27 for "Church Extension Sunday."

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There was a fine attendance and over \$400 was received for Church Extension. On Sunday, Dec. 11, Rev. Eleon L. Sandau, pastor, had the privilege of baptizing Jim Cagle, Jr. In October the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to Jim Cagle's parents. Recently the church has been engaged in a series of studies on "The Life of Paul" at its Wednesday evening prayer services.

On a recent Sunday in December 1960, another "Discharge Service" was observed at the New Hope Settlement at Mbingo in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. As reported by Miss Laura E. Reddig, the total of symptom-free leprosy patients who have been discharged by our Settlement now totals 645! There are 1800 leprosy patients now being treated in 19 different centers or clinics. A five page illustrated article in the 1961 ANNUAL vividly describes a visit to these leprosy clinics by Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale. (Don't miss this exciting account! Editor)

The annual visit of the denominational secretarial staff to the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls S. Dak., will be on January 30 and 31. The reception for the students of the area will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 30. The senior students will be interviewed by the secretaries for recommendation to our churches. Those on the team from Forest Park, Ill., for the visit will be Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. John Binder, and Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

The Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J. has selected as its pastor Rev. Ronald Nasshau, a son of members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the church on Sunday, Dec. 11. He received his education at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, where he received a B.A. degree in Biblical education in 1955 and the B.D. degree in July 1960. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry by the Conservative Baptist Association of Long Island.

Sunday, Dec. 4, was a festive day at the Baptist church in Linz, Austria. The service of recognition of the church (which had withdrawn as a mission of the Bad Ischl church) was held in the morning. A baptismal service followed, in which the father of a large family followed the Lord's command in baptism. In the afternoon an installation service for Pastor Martin Gigseder was held. Representatives from the other churches of the Salzburg Association were in attendance, and the church was well filled for each service. The group has completed the much needed repairs to the parsonage and church with money borrowed from the newly created Revolving Loan Fund in Austria. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel have recently observed their 12th wedding anniversary with the Baptist church in Salzburg.



A narrow street in a typical town of Paraguay, South America.

SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez came back to his widowed mother, Dona Marta, after a year of military service in the Paraguayan army. He was now ready to continue his father's trade of making wooden saints in the workshop. He was also looking for a bride. His choice fell on Rosita. The women of the village said: "She is a good, hardworking, pretty girl." Soon after their marriage, Guadeloupe returned from military service and visited Zorillo and Rosita almost every day. Zorillo resented these visits because he was intensely jealous and regarded Guadeloupe as a "tricky friend." In fact Guadeloupe broke up the marriage and Zorillo left his wife. Four months later a sad Dona Marta prepared for the Day of All Saints. She couldn't understand her friend Luisa, who was always happy but who had been "blinded" by the evangelists with their Protestant Bible. Her heart was heavy as she went to the cemetery to light a few candles at her husband's grave.

CHAPTER FOUR

ROAD and cemetery were a blaze of color. The brilliant, multi-colored wreaths bobbed in their owner's hands and quivered with gaiety. To any outsider they must have seemed to mock the solemnity of the occasion that to most of the devout was one of poignant memories of past sorrows, as well as a reminder of the present sufferings in purgatory of departed loved ones.

Soon the flames of hundreds of candles were added to the colorful array. Then the voices of the throng mingled in a low drone as rosaries were fingered and prayers were repeated. Many a "Padre Nuestro" and many an "Ave Maria" were said that day.

Doña Marta threaded her way through the heaving crowd to a plot where various plants were struggling to survive the scorching sun. There a small wooden cross bore in crude letters the name of her deceased husband, "Andres Lopes." Dropping to her knees beside the grave, she proceeded to "plant" a candle at each corner,

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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and to light it from a tiny box of matches. This done, she drew her rosary from her pocket and joined the multitude, not in prayer, but in the saying of prayers. As she repeated the too-familiar words, her eyes flitted, as did those of the multitude, from one to another of the "faithful," finding here and there an old friend or acquaintance.

Once, as she looked across the rows and rows of graves and kneeling men and women, her eyes came to rest on one slight form and remained there for some time. During those moments her heart ached more for the living than for the dead. The form was that of Rosita, lovely still, but looking much older, for the healthy bloom of carefree youth had left her face. When Doña Marta had ended her devotions, she crossed to where Rosita and her mother were kneeling beside the graves of several brothers and sisters who had died in infancy. There she paused until they too had finished.

"Buenos dias, mis amigos." The greeting was quiet, but friendly and sincere, and she added the salutation urged upon them by the cura, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!"

The two women responded with equal friendliness, and as Doña Marta inquired with genuine concern for the health of Rosita, the young girl felt grateful for her kind words. No bitterness had ever come between them, and the little group stood for some time conversing together. The mother-in-law still regarded Rosita as a daughter, and her heart went out to this girl who was soon to become the mother of her own son's child.

Slowly they walked toward the great wooden cross, for the bishop had arrived and was preparing to celebrate mass. Quietly they stood and listened, joining from time to time in the singing and responses as they were accustomed to do, but Doña Marta, at least, found little response in her heart. As she watched, the wax from the many candles at the foot of the cross melted and ran together in a little stream that quickly became a thick grav pool. Doña Marta was reminded of the many candles she had burned the previous year for her son's happiness, and another doubt arose within her. If candles could not avail for the living, could they avail for the dead?

But what was the bishop saying? He was talking again of the "devil's

religion." His voice was raised in anger, and his face was livid with hate.

"The evangelicos are coming to the cemetery," he announced. "They are coming to preach and sing their blasphemous lies! They are coming to sow their wicked doctrines in the minds of the faithful. It is the duty of every true Catholic to refuse to accept their literature or to listen to their words!"

The angry voice was raised even higher as he waved a small leaflet above his head in the sight of the listening crowd.

"This is foreign propaganda under the guise of lovely words and pleasant phrases. This is the religion of Satan himself! Show yourselves true Catholics today, true sons and daughters of Mary, and turn deaf ears to this wicked doctrine!"

As the sermon ended, elbows nudged, fingers pointed, and attention was drawn to a little band that had quietly entered, carrying Bibles and hymn-books and a small portable organ. There were not many more than twenty persons in the group that stood a little apart, waiting respectfully until the bishop had finished his ritual.

The "spiritual father" left almost immediately, but not until he had spoken quietly to a number of boys by the gates, hinting strongly that a few stones might be used effectively to shut the mouths of the "imposters."

Strangely enough, the crowd was loath to leave. All turned their eyes on the evangelicos. Some were filled with anger, bitterness and hate, and did not hesitate to speak harsh words out of the abundance of their hearts before leaving. Some were curious to know firsthand what "the devil's religion" was like. Some, perhaps, felt pity for the poor deluded followers of so terrible a system. And perhaps there were two or three hearts, burdened and sore, that finding no comfort or strength in their own dead prayers and works and ceremonies, were beginning to doubt the truth of what they had all their lives believed.

At any rate, many stayed to listen, some openly, some under pretense of arranging the wreaths and candles somewhat better on the graves, or of having still other sepulchres to visit.

Doña Marta was among the latter. Her friends went on home, very slowly, it is true, that they might the longer hear the strains of sweet music now emanating from the tiny organ. The lone woman had explained to them that she wanted to visit the graves of sev-

eral old friends, and they were widely scattered through the cemetery.

The first hymn that rang out clear and strong was a hymn of triumph, "Up from the Grave He Arose," and as Doña Marta listened to its words of victory she thought, *How beautiful! Surely there is nothing wrong in that. We too believe that Jesus rose from the grave!*

They sang other hymns, hymns of hope and certainty, hymns of joyous expectation and assurance. The voices differed much in quality, but the faces of the singers all told the same story as the words they sang.

Not only Doña Luisa, but the other believers as well radiated that peace and joy that Doña Marta had already found herself envying.

A young man rose to speak, in his hand the hated Bible. With a clear strong voice he read strange and beautiful words.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; so that where I am, there ye may be also.

"And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

"Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Doña Marta found herself listening intensely. She had heard similar words, read by the priest at mass, but never had they sounded so good, so wonderful, so filled with assurance! But of course the "holy father" had said that it was easy to be deceived by fine-sounding words. She must be careful or she would be carried away with them. She had no intention of letting that happen!

She continued to listen as the young man expounded the beautiful passage he had read. Comparing it with other Scriptures equally as gripping, he exalted the Lord Jesus Christ as the Way to God, the only Way, the sure and certain Way. For the first time the wondering Doña Marta heard that the blood of Jesus Christ could cleanse from sin, and give free access to the Father's presence. There was too much in that short message for the darkened mind to take in all at once, and it was all too wonderful to be true! She then remembered again that it was a false Bible this young man was preaching from. How good it would be if this were only the truth!

The preacher finished his message, and the group sang another hymn. It was a joyful song about the Father's house and the many mansions. Oh, how those believers sang, as though they expected to step right out of their mortal bodies into the presence of a loving God and Saviour!

Then there were testimonies. Even

Doña Luisa spoke, with trembling voice to be sure, but bravely and clearly nevertheless, and told of how she had found perfect peace and lasting joy by believing in the Son of God. She had no fear of death, she said, for she knew now that death for the believer was only a doorway to heaven. Another told how he had been saved from a life of drunkenness, sin and shame, freely forgiven and empowered by Christ within to conquer all the vices to which he had once been the slave.

Oh, if it were only true! Oh, if it were only true! But it's all out of that wicked book that the devil invented to deceive the unwary. These are the lovely words that the bishop was warning us about! Thus did Doña Marta reprove the hunger that was beginning to gnaw at her troubled heart. Inconspicuously she wiped a tear from her eye and began her homeward way.

At the gate of the graveyard she was gently stopped by the young man whose words had held her spellbound. He greeted her courteously, offering at the same time a little booklet.

Only for a moment did Doña Marta waver, then she answered firmly.

"Gracias, muchas gracias, but I have my own religion, and I have no need of any other."

Slowly she wended her way back under the noonday sun to her humble home, her thoughts in a turmoil. The words spoken firmly to the young man at the gate were not convincing to her own heart.

Entering her *ranchito*, she stirred the fire, put on the iron kettle to heat and began to prepare the *maté*. She glanced at the images on the wall and a great guilty feeling came over her. She had been dishonoring them in her thoughts! Quickly she took them down one by one and kissed them, crossed herself, and replaced each one again with the greatest reverence to them. She would have to be more faithful in her prayers, she admonished herself, and in her attendance at the holy mass, or surely those sinful thoughts would lead her to destruction. The saints were good. She dare not judge them. If she and those dear to her had suffered, surely it was for their own purging, and there would be that much less to suffer in purgatory!

Another wave of guilt swept over her as she remembered her unkept promise, but she repressed it by arguing that if God had not willed to grant her petition, He surely did not require her to fulfill a futile vow.

It was all confusing and disturbing. On through the evening and into the night the controversy went on within her until her head ached, but finally the tired body fell asleep exhausted.

In the capital city of Asunción, where modern automobiles mingled matter-of-factly with ancient-looking, tired little donkeys on the rough cob-

blestones, a new sign could be seen on one of the poorer streets. It read, *Zorillo Lopes, Fabricador de Santos.*

Looking in above the half door, the ever curious pedestrians could see the newcomer at work. Zorillo's skill had not diminished. On the rude counter and hanging on the walls were many cleverly made images and crucifixes that gave evidence to patient industry as well. The attention of many a passer-by was held by the array, and not a few stopped to purchase one or more of the attractive little idols.

But the eyes of the idol maker were downcast, and his face morose. Little did he have to say in those first days to his customers; little about the present and nothing about the past.

If he said little, he thought much. During the dull hour of siesta especially, when no seeker of images entered to distract him, his thoughts reverted to, and revolved endlessly around, the painful and discouraging past.

Customers paid little attention to his moody manner. In a land where weapons of death were ever handy, where immorality ran rampant, where broken vows and broken homes were the order of the day, there was nothing uncommon or outstanding about a face with tragedy written across it!

As time went on, however, business grew, acquaintances were made, and Zorillo brightened somewhat. Customers began to linger in his shop a little longer than at first. The affairs of the neighborhood and of the nation were discussed, and the young man of business shared with his guests the *maté* that his own hands now had to prepare.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 18)

their request for such a sign on Scripture. God did it through Moses, now let him do it through you.

Again Jesus tried to impart a higher spiritual truth by speaking of the bread of life which feeds the soul. The bread in the wilderness added a few years to their physical life, but the true bread from heaven gives life everlasting.

IV. LIFE'S GREATEST TRAGEDY. John 6:36.

A sad prophecy was fulfilled, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." They saw Christ and heard Christ and rejected him. Physically they were as close to Jesus as it was possible to get, but spiritually they were poles apart.

V. LIFE'S GREATEST FULFILLMENT. John 6:37-40.

Christ has fulfilled man's deepest desire for security, love and service and it is based on nothing less and nothing more than faith in him.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 29, 1961

Theme: **JESUS' AUTHORITY CHALLENGED**

Scripture: John 5:9-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We must all accept some authority. Why not accept the highest and best as we find it in Jesus Christ?

INTRODUCTION: Jesus never denied anyone the right to challenge his authority. He welcomed it, because it gave him the opportunity to reveal his authority—an authority greater than any delivered to any other living soul. It was therefore through these challenges that Jesus was able to establish his authority and be accepted. The testimony was clearly given that "he spoke with authority and not as the scribes." His enemies were well versed in religious truth. They could quote other authorities, but they were far short of the divine authority which Jesus possessed as the Son of God. The basic problem of religion is the problem of authority. The Jews based their authority on Moses, the law and the prophets. These in turn were under the authority of interpretation and tradition. This was why Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount said: "It has been said by them of old . . . but I say unto you." He was the final authority, the Word of God spoken by the Son of God.

I. THE WHOLE MAN AND THE WHOLE LAW. John 5:9-12.

Here was the basic difference between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. They were concerned about preserving the whole law while Jesus was concerned about preserving the whole man. The priests, the scribes and Pharisees were engaged in the services of the temple—the sacrifices, the ritual, the law. Jesus was engaged in the service of man—seeking those who need health in body and soul. He knew how little the sacrifice in the temple would help; it was his sacrifice that would bring salvation to sinful man.

At the Pool of Bethesda, he also saw how utterly difficult it was for man to help himself. For many years this partly paralyzed man wanted desperately to be healed. He made superhuman attempts to be healed. He hoped some man would help him, but all to no avail. He, who had no man to help him, suddenly found help in the Man, Christ Jesus. The strange thing was that the Jews never took notice of this man before, probably never even spoke to him, and were not concerned about his broken body until he had broken one of their laws. Jesus saw the law of the Sabbath only through the law of love.

II. SIN AND HEALTH. John 5:13-15.

Sin cannot be ignored. Our bodies cannot ignore sin, for many illnesses are the result of sin. Above all, Christ cannot ignore sin. To the credit of this man, it must be said that his first action following his healing was to go into the temple. Jesus took the opportunity to give him the first and most important message, "Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." Jesus did not merely improve his health, but made him "whole"—fully restored him. The worst thing he could do was to return to the sin which almost destroyed him.

III. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS. John 5:16-22.

Repeatedly the Jews condemned Jesus for doing good on the Sabbath. They were unable to see that it was not the sin of carrying his bed on the Sabbath that hurt this man, but the sin which made it necessary for him to lie on his bed for 38 years. It was not the law which needed protection, but the man.

Jesus exemplified the dignity as well as the necessity of work. Such work does not depend on the day of the week, but upon the need of the hour. The authority for this kind of work is found in God himself who takes no holiday from doing good.

IV. THE REWARD OF ACCEPTING THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST. John 5:23-24.

The goal of life is not to seek some perfect interpretation of the law. Christ's goal for us is everlasting life through the authority of and loving obedience to his will. Faith in Jesus Christ honors God and brings with it an eternal loving relationship with the Father.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 5, 1961

Theme: **THE TRUE BREAD**

Scripture: John 6:25-40

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus instills within us an appetite for spiritual things which is more real than our appetite for material things.

INTRODUCTION: For a little more intensive Bible study, review the les-

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sons on the Gospel according to John and notice how often the word "believe" is mentioned. It is one of the key words in this Gospel and appears in one form or another throughout the book. Often the word "believe" is followed by "everlasting life" and between these two words, Jesus, the Son of God rises as the object of faith and the giver of eternal life.

The Gospel of John is in a real sense a "believing" gospel, a believing in the highest and best. Simply believing in the ritual and sacrifice in the temple at Jerusalem was not enough. It must be faith in Christ as the sacrificial Lamb. Belief in the law and the commandments is a goal far too low. Hearing the Word of God and believing in Christ should be the goal. Following Christ for the sake of receiving daily bread is nothing but a materialistic faith. Many who listened to Jesus and saw his miracles were willing to settle for three square meals a day and a life of physical comfort. But the bread of life and water of life which Christ came to give satisfies a deeper and more needful hunger and thirst. The soul, the everlasting part of us, must be sustained and nourished. Christ came into a world in which he had to convince people that their souls were starving and that they needed the true bread of life.

I. LIVES HIGHEST MOTIVE. John 6:25-27.

Jesus easily saw through the motives of the people who followed him. They were looking for an easy life, free food and a minimum of responsibility. They were looking for an ideal welfare state. But Jesus shocked them immediately by presenting a higher motive, a motive whereby they were not to satisfy their desires for a temporary life of ease, but an opportunity for satisfying the desire for everlasting life.

II. LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION. John 6:28-29.

They should have limited their question to the first four words, "What shall we do?" The second part seems to be an attempt on their part to answer the question. The implication was that, if they could perform enough good and acceptable deeds, God would look favorably upon them.

Jesus answered this all-important question in a way that seemed strange to them. Salvation is the gift of God and is bestowed freely upon those that believe on Jesus Christ, whom he has sent. Good works cannot earn this gift, but good works follow because the gift is received.

III. LIFE'S MOST SATISFYING FOOD. John 6:30-35.

It was very difficult for Jesus to teach spiritual truth to these people who had only material things on their minds. They suggested that the sign which would please them most would be more free bread and they based

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

"God's Volunteers" at Fellowship Church, Camrose, Alta.

The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, had the privilege of having "God's Volunteers" in its midst for two weeks in October. They were busy each day making house to house calls in our city and in the evenings holding services at the church. They held several children's rallies in the afternoons. Their inspirational music was enjoyed by all present, as well as the story for the children given each evening. Rev. Walter Hoffman rendered a solo at every service and also blessed our hearts with his timely messages.

On October 30 a farewell was held at the church for Mr. and Mrs. George Traster, who are now residing in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. We regret very much having to part with our good Christian friends. They have been members of our church almost from its beginning. We wish them God's richest blessing as they now worship at the Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Men's Brotherhood at Edenwold and Davin, Sask.

We as laymen of the Edenwold and Davin Baptist churches in Saskatchewan have joined hands and have formed a Men's Brotherhood. Furthermore it was decided to join the Men's Brotherhood of the NAB General Conference known as "Baptist Men." Since our organization, we have met regularly once a month and have had some most interesting meetings, featuring such speakers as Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. Lorimer Potratz, Rev. R. Neuman and Mr. V. Cicansky who encouraged us greatly to go on in doing good for our community.

On Oct. 16 we held our annual Laymen's Program. The morning service was held at the Davin church and the evening service at the Edenwold church. Our laymen took over the complete services. Speakers were Mr. Victor Cicansky in the morning and Mr. Rudolph Kurtz and Mr. Darold Sauer in our evening service. Our Men's Brotherhood officers are: Mr. C. Hollerbaum of Edenwold, president; Mr. Ernest Rosom of Davin, vice-president; Mr. Alan Kramer of Edenwold, secretary; Mr. Walter Hoffman of Franks-lake, treasurer; and Frank Brucker, reporter.

F. Brucker, Reporter

Central District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. S. Maudlin

It was the privilege of the Victor Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Maudlin

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Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Maudlin of Victor, Iowa, who observed their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 30, 1960.

on their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Nov. 30, 1960. They had requested that the church should not plan a special program and reception for them. Their wishes were respected but they were the recipients of many congratulatory greetings and gifts, one of which was an attractive platform rocker presented to them by the church.

The Maudlins have been active members of the church for many years. Mr. Maudlin is at the present time serving as a deacon. May God continue to provide for their health and happiness in the future as he has so graciously done in the past.

Mrs. H. G. Folkerts, Reporter

Women in White Cross Activities, Isabel, S. Dak.

The ladies of the White Cross work, Isabel, South Dakota have been busy making baby garments, blankets, shirts and pants for the Baby Orphanage in Korea. One box was sent last fall and the one we have been working on is now completed and on its way. Some of the women have been doing fancy work making gifts for missionaries whom we have had the opportunity to meet



Women of the Missionary Society, Isabel, South Dakota, busy on their White Cross work.

personally. Several sets of dish towels, pillow cases and scarfs have been made by the group. Now a friendship quilt is being started.

The Woman's Mission Society held its annual program Aug. 7th during the morning worship service hour. The topic of the program was "Dare We Ignore the Challenge of the Unfinished Task?" Many blessings have been received in this group from letters received telling of the joys that the articles we have sent have brought to others.

Mrs. William Lutz
White Cross Chairman

Pastor's Reception, Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. D.

The Berlin Baptist Church was filled to capacity on Sunday, Nov. 6, as members and friends of the congregation gathered to welcome the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. David Littke. His sermon was based on I Corinthians 1:23. The choir sang two numbers, and lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

The welcome service began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with our deacon, Mr. Fred F. Wolf, as chairman for the service. Greetings were brought from the Lehr Baptist Church by Rev. E. S. Fenske, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer from the Ashley Baptist Church, and Rev. Hubbard from the Kulm Baptist Church. Greetings were also brought from each church department. Musical numbers were rendered throughout the service. After a wonderful response by Mr. and Mrs. Littke, we gathered again in the lower auditorium for refreshments.

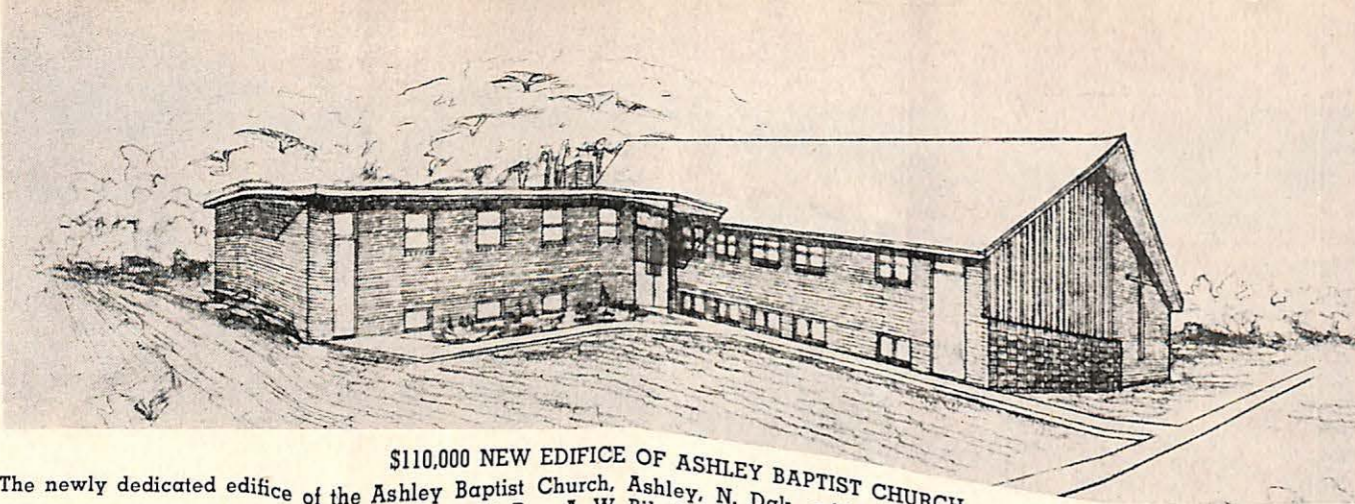
Theo. Wolf, Secretary

Events at Tyndall and Danzig Churches, S. Dak.

Many blessings have been experienced by the members of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist churches of Tyndall, South Dakota during the past weeks. The Harvest and Mission Festival was observed in both churches with a program by the Sunday School children. The beautiful fall decorations showed evidence of the many material blessings which God had provided during the past year. On Oct. 30 the combined Men's Brotherhood presented their annual program at the Danzig church, with Mr. Ernest Hildebrandt as guest speaker. A male quartet provided the special music.

On Nov. 1 the Danzig Woman's Missionary Society held its annual Guest Day with women from the Avon, Tyndall, Tripp, Parkston and Plum Creek churches as their guests. The guest speaker was Dr. Richard Schilke. After the program, which included special numbers by some of the churches represented, a delicious lunch was served. On Nov. 20, the women of the Tyndall and Danzig Missionary societies presented their annual combined program to a filled church. The program featured a missionary play, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush."

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter



\$110,000 NEW EDIFICE OF ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The newly dedicated edifice of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., with its worshipful sanctuary and fine educational unit. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer is the pastor.

Dedication of Beautiful, New Church, Ashley, N. Dak.

The newly erected Ashley Baptist Church in Ashley, North Dakota, was dedicated Sunday, November 13, 1960, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. For this historic event the three living, former pastors were also invited. Only Rev. Walter Stein was able to attend. He served as messenger in the closing meeting. The total cost of the new building was \$112,000. The main sanctuary is 40 by 88 feet with a seating capacity of 380, and the educational wing is 32 by 60 feet with fifteen class rooms. The Social Hall can seat 300 persons for serving meals.

Two settings were necessary on dedication Day. The dedication also marked the historic event of the membership forming themselves into one congregation. Formerly there were three groups: Jewell, Johannestal and Ashley. The fine response of the Ashley community during the building program and for the Dedication Day was greatly appreciated by our church. To God be the glory!

A. W. Bibelheimer, Pastor

S. S. Contest and Cradle Roll Program, Gackle, N. Dak.

As a result of losing the Sunday School contest between the Sunday Schools of Grace Baptist Church, Gackle people travelled to Carrington Church, Carrington, N. Dak., the Gackle people travelled to Carrington recently to present a program to the Carrington church. A delegation of 36 people attended. The Junior Department of the Sunday School presented a program, followed by several musical numbers by the Adult Department. Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of the Gackle Church, spoke on the subject, "Watch How Ye Build." Last year Gackle won by a slim margin, but this year Carrington won handily by a sizeable margin over the Gackle church.

On a Sunday evening in October, the Cradle Roll of the Gackle Church presented a unique program, honoring the 42 children who have been on the Cradle Roll since its inception seven years ago. Out of 39 who could have attended (two have passed away), 27 were present for the event. The accompanying picture shows 22 of the 27 who were present. The three ladies who

have served as Cradle Roll superintendents in the seven years read the roster of those who came into the department while they were serving. Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School, worked out the details of the unique program.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor

Mission Festival and Revival Meetings, Durham, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, has been the scene of various recent activities. On Oct. 9 Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber entertained friends and members of the church at Open House held at the recently redecorated parsonage. The Harvest Mission Festival of Oct. 16 was well attended. The Strassburg Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, fellowshipped with us. Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas, guest speaker for the day, presented three soul-stirring messages. The dedication of our new "North American Hymnals" at the morning session was a time of praise. To beautify the music for the occasion, an organ was placed in our sanctuary by a music company of Salina. Mrs. Wesley Gerber served as organist.

From Nov. 8 to 17, Rev. Herbert Vetter of the First Baptist Church of Isabel, South Dakota, was with us presenting the Word of God each evening. Special music and Gospel Magic were a part of each program. The final message, "Roadblocks to Hell," will long be remembered. The King's Daughters missionary group gave their annual missionary program on Nov. 20. The highlight of the program featured colored slides showing work being done among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter

Eastern District

Recent Highlights at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

In September, Miss Martha Hargreaves, a graduate of Wheaton College, was appointed director of Christian Education at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., with major responsibilities with the youth

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CRADLE ROLL "GRADUATES" OF GACKLE, N. D.

Twenty-two of the 27 children present at a program held by the Grace Church, Gackle, N. Dak., honoring the 42 children who have been on the Cradle Roll since its beginning 7 years ago.

of the church. Simultaneously with the construction of our Educational Building, the erection of a church parsonage on church grounds has also begun and it is hoped this will be ready for occupancy in February or March.

Spiritual inventories, introspection, and rededication resulted for a week of special services conducted by Dr. Norman Paullin. Dr. Paullin is well known to many of our people, having served as devotional leader during our General Conference at Philadelphia in 1952, and also having participated at our Laymen's Conferences in Green Lake. We are encouraged with the many friends who worship with us and who continue to be convicted of their need of a Savior. Recently six people have been added to our membership through baptism. We are grateful to the Lord for the spiritual advances being made under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Roger Schmidt.

Katherine Yung, Church Clerk.

Preaching Mission, Napier Park-view Church, Benton Harbor

A preaching mission of two weeks' duration was recently held in the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., of which Rev. William Hoover is the pastor. The speaker was Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, Wilmington, Delaware. An innovation of far-reaching proportions was a Bible Study Hour each morning. These sessions, together with the evening services, combined to bring upon the church a season of heaven-sent revival. As a direct consequence, several unsaved people were saved and many family problems solved.

The spirit of revival still pervades the church. It is being manifested in the prayer services and the evangelistic outreach of the church. It is being revealed in the heightened spiritual atmosphere of the church itself.

R. Shepley, Reporter

Baptismal Service, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday evening, Dec. 11th, will long be remembered by the membership and circle of friends of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The entire day was dedicated to the observance of "Universal Bible Sunday." During the evening service we were privileged to step into the baptismal waters with



PARSONAGE OF FIRST CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

Open House was held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the beautiful new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., by Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler and family.

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BAPTIST BALLOON LAUNCHING, BETHLEHEM, PA.

The launching of 225 balloons on Rally Day at the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Bethlehem, Pa.

ten precious believers. Before a full church and accompanied by special selections from the mixed choir and our musical group, each convert witnessed with joy and assurance that obedience to Christ brings victory.

The heavy snow storm that brought much snow did not keep our people from attending and participating. Some of these converts came from the German revival meetings with Dr. C. H. Seecamp of La Crosse, Wis., and others had attended weeks of special training classes for baptism and church membership ever since they had given their hearts to Christ during our Vacation Bible School. Again and again the name of Irmgard Kutrieb was mentioned as the one most instrumental in most of these conversions. We pray for continued strength and wisdom to be found faithful!

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor

Many Activities at Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

This fall, the Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst (Buffalo), New York, celebrated its first birthday in the newly relocated area. Highlight fall activities included participation in the Buffalo-Niagara Sunday School Parade. A float was entered, and there was a good representation of marchers. The Sunday School Convention (with all teachers attending) was followed by a week of special services with Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist.

To mark the beginning of Rev. Albert Fadenrecht's fifth year as Bethel's pastor, a lovely bouquet of roses was presented to the pastor and his family, and a social hour was observed at the close of the evening service on Nov. 6.

The consistent increase over last year's attendance has been most encouraging. The Sunday School presented an excellent Thanksgiving-Harvest Program on Nov. 20, at which time the foods which had been contributed were arranged in such a manner as to provide a beautifully decorated platform. After the service, the food was distributed to various local missions and needy families. An early morning service was held on Thanksgiving Day, followed by a fellowship hour.

Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht, Reporter

REPORT OF FIRST CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

The report about the new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., which is illustrated on this page, appears on page 22, column 3, under the reports from the "Western District." Editor

Baptist Balloon Launching on Rally Day, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Sunday School of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, conducted a balloon launching for Rally Day, Sept. 26. Each individual was given a balloon filled with helium gas. To the string on each balloon was fastened a slip of paper which contained the following information: the name and address of our church; a place for the name, address, church, date found, and city found for the finder to fill in and return; John 3:16; and an invitation to the various worship services of our church.

There were 225 balloons sent up. As of Nov. 6 there were 13 replies. In Pennsylvania we heard from Bethlehem, Allentown, Easton, Glenden, Lower Saucon, and Martins Creek. We also received replies from Carpenterville, Roxburg, and Rocksburgh in New Jersey. Each finder received a New Testament and a tract "Why and How You Should Read the Bible" by the American Tract Society. The prize for the greatest distance was given to Roland Lewis for his balloon found by Mrs. Melvin J. Teel at Roxburg, New Jersey which is approximately 19 miles from Bethlehem.

Mrs. Norma Beck, Reporter



Mortgage burning ceremony at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Left to right: Mr. Joe Klassen, Rev. P. Daum, Mr. Albert Sauer, Dr. A. S. Felberg, Rev. O. Patzia, and Mr. Ben Wolfe.

75th Anniversary Program, Bethel Church, Indianapolis

The 75th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was celebrated from Nov. 17 to 20. The services, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Lawrence George, began with

were recognized by the pastor, Rev. Emmanuel Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio, brought the message. His text was taken from I Cor. 3:9, "Labourers together with God." Friday evening was a time of fellowship. Mr. Paul Ramsey showed a film of the Holy Land.

On Sunday, Nov. 20th, it was our

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a homecoming service on Thursday evening. A skit was presented by the youth group depicting the history of the church. The male quartet rendered fitting selections in song. Former members and members of long standing

privilege to have Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our conference, as guest speaker. He challenged us with messages concerning the ministry of the church. On Sunday afternoon Dr. Woyke led us in a dedication serv-

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1960	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 2,474.64	\$ 4,410.24	\$ 1,656.07
Central	11,847.07	18,863.10	10,832.45
Dakota	17,280.68	25,440.88	17,923.66
Eastern	3,740.85	3,280.64	1,747.72
Northern	21,480.25	8,135.93	8,035.50
Northwestern	8,328.95	10,477.63	8,015.75
Pacific	10,269.03	18,713.42	9,604.31
Southern	548.20	1,924.33	1,509.08
Southwestern	17,500.79	7,444.07	6,340.29
Total Contributions	\$ 93,470.46	\$ 98,690.24	\$ 65,664.83

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Nov., 1960	\$ 86,054.76	\$ 3,656.20	\$ 3,759.50	\$ 93,470.46
For the month of Nov., 1959	54,334.49	4,542.42	39,813.33	98,690.24
For the month of Nov., 1958	58,298.26	7,366.57		65,664.83

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1960 to Nov. 30, 1960	\$398,574.86	\$ 12,281.33	\$ 40,731.53	\$451,587.72
April 1, 1959 to Nov. 30, 1959	380,756.41	44,137.41	49,920.62	474,814.44
April 1, 1958 to Nov. 30, 1958	382,750.40	36,117.32		418,867.72

ice of our new parsonage. The dedication was followed by an Open House.

We are grateful to Mr. Carl Hofmann who prepared the history of the church and to everyone who helped prepare our anniversary booklet which contains pictures, items of interest, the program of the church, history, and a list of members. We thank the Lord for our blessings through the years. This past year, we have seen our church grow spiritually and in numbers, and we are now in the midst of our expansion program.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

Western District

New Parsonage of First Church, Lodi, Calif.

The First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, has built a lovely new parsonage. It is in a choice location at the corner of Connie and Rose Streets. Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler and family are living in it. This home has 2,000 square feet of floor space; the three bedrooms, study, and living room are carpeted; study and family room are of birch paneling. There is a double garage, 23 by 15 feet covered patio, fireplace, and three bathrooms. The kitchen contains built-in oven and range, disposal, and dishwasher. The telephone has two extensions, and the house is wired for hi-fi. It is completely air-conditioned. The property has been fenced and landscaped. On November 6 an Open House was held with about 350 people attending. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Mavis Goehring, Reporter

Mortgage Burning Ceremony, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver

Another milestone in the history of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. was reached in November, 1960 when we celebrated the burning of the mortgage on our sanctuary, with an Anniversary supper in the church dining hall. Approximately 450 members and invited guests were seated at the lavishly bedecked tables. Included in the interesting program which followed were a film depicting the progressive phases of our church building program; a message by Dr. A. S. Felberg, who together with his wife had come from Edmonton, Alberta to be with us on this occasion; and finally the reading of the dedicatory response, followed by the actual burning of the mortgage. Participants in this act were the Executive of the Building Committee and our present pastors, Rev. O. Patzia and Rev. P. Daum.

Historically, our ground breaking ceremony was held in November, 1954, the entry into the lower auditorium facilities in June, 1955, and the dedication of the sanctuary in November, 1956. The church property and furnishings, exclusive of the parsonage have cost approximately \$335,000 which figure does not include the donated labour amounting to approximately \$20,000. Acknowledgment must be given to our former pastor Dr. A. S. Felberg who gave us dedicated leadership till his departure in August, 1959. Further recognition must also be given our present pastors.

(Mrs.) Eugen Lueck, Reporter

New Church at Napoleon, N. Dak.

The story of a building project costing \$30,000 with 12,000 donated hours by Rev. Henry Lang, Pastor

WITH THE Psalmist of old, we of the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., have every reason to praise the Lord and give thanks unto the Lord.

Many times during our building program, we heard the words, "Everything seems to work in our favor. God must be with us." It was good to believe this and to work for a united purpose to finish our new church edifice in record time with volunteer labor. This was done in less than six months from the time of our groundbreaking exercises and dismantling of the 54 year old church building.

The new church is 32 by 72 feet with an entrance of 16 by 18 feet in addition. The platform end of the church is 40 feet wide. There is a full basement with necessary Sunday School facilities, kitchen and dining area. This building is a wooden structure with brick veneer. Windows are all aluminum-combination units.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

The building project was a tremendous undertaking for us at Napoleon, since we have less than 100 members and most of them are not able to contribute too much financially. The church has had a building fund since 1945 and thus had saved up several thousand dollars. The Woman's Missionary Society and other organizations had also saved as much of their money as possible for this project. With the available funds from the denomination's Church Loan Funds plus the funds from the congregation, we proceeded in faith and the sacrificial efforts of our good people and friends of the community. This church had been self-supporting only since May 1, 1957.

Sunday, June 12, 1960 was groundbreaking day. On June 13 we began dismantling and in five days all that was left was the lumber on piles to be used again. We had a delay of almost seven weeks when the arches and decking were not available. We dedicated an almost completed church on Sunday, November 27.

An eleven member building committee was appointed of which the pastor, Rev. Henry Lang, was a member who was also appointed to supervise the whole building program. There were also 13 other committees appointed, each to do a special task. The pastor was consulted by all these committees as much as necessary. Can you imagine how much was involved in supervising this work? We had wonderful cooperation by our people, some of whom made tremendous sacrifices in time and money. Our older members who could not do physical work often said, "Brother Lang, we can't work, but we are praying." This certainly



Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., who supervised the church building project with 12,000 donated hours by members.

SEATING CAPACITY 275

The seating capacity is approximately 275. The cost of the completed structure, including all the new furniture, with a new piano was less than \$30,000. Dedication day, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker and also Rev. Richard Grenz of Billings, Mont., the first of the church's sons to be ordained, participating was a great day for the Napoleon Baptist Church. An offering of almost \$4,000 was received. A total of 12,000 hours were donated to the building project. Rev. Henry Lang has been pastor at Napoleon since August 1952.



The new edifice of the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1960.

Obituary

MRS. JACOB SCHORZMAN of Odessa, Washington

Mrs. Jacob Schorzman, nee Mary Goetz, of Odessa, Wash., was born Jan. 12, 1881, in Russia. She came to the United States with her parents at the age of 5 months. She died on Nov. 16, 1960. Mrs. Schorzman accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by Rev. Jacob Kraft at the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, in 1898. She was united in marriage with Jacob Schorzman on Nov. 16, 1903, and they lived in the Odessa area most of the time. Although illness often confined her to her home, she was a faithful member of the Odessa Baptist Church. Her cheerful spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, 4 brothers, and 3 sisters. Funeral services were held at the Odessa Baptist Church on Nov. 18, with the undersigned using Psalm 23.

Odessa, Washington
EDWARD A. KOPF, Pastor

MRS. DAVID MASUR of Nokomis, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Adina Masur, nee Steingreber, of Nokomis, Sask., was born on Feb. 20, 1900 in Wolynien, Russia and passed away suddenly in the Nokomis Hospital on Nov. 29, 1960,

having reached the age of 60 years, 9 months and 9 days. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and joined the Baptist Church. On Feb. 20, 1921 she was united in marriage to David Masur. The Lord blessed this marriage with four children, of which one son died in infancy.

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Masur emigrated to Canada, settling at Nokomis, where they remained all these years. Our sister Masur leaves to mourn her husband; one son, Lloyd, at home; two daughters: Alice (Mrs. Howard Falkenburg) of Camrose, Alberta, and Mildred (Mrs. Albert Allison) of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba; also four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted from the Nokomis Baptist Church on Dec. 2 with the undersigned officiating.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan
EDMOND HOHN, Pastor

MRS. DAN BUCHHOLZ of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Dan Buchholz of Avon, S. Dak., a daughter of Emanuel and Dorothy Buchholz, was born Nov. 24, 1903, near Avon, S. Dak., and died of a heart attack Nov. 25, 1960 in the Tyndall Hospital at the age of 57 years and one day. She was married to Dan Buchholz March 4, 1922 at Denver, Colo. This union was blessed with three daughters: Elenora, Irena and Delores. She is survived by her husband and two daughters: Irene and Delores; and two sisters and two brothers. Her daughter Elenora and one sister and one brother preceded her in death.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized March 15, 1931 by Rev. A. W. Lang at Tyndall and received into the

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membership of the Danzig Baptist Church. The memorial service took place Nov. 29 at the Danzig Church. The male quartet sang two numbers and her pastor spoke on John 17:24. Burial was in the Danzig Cemetery. May the Lord comfort her loved ones with the thought of a glad reunion.
Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches
Tyndall, South Dakota
DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

MR. EARL G. JURRENS of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. Earl G. Jurrens of Avon, S. Dak., was born on June 4, 1911, near Ackley, Iowa, and met with sudden, accidental death on Dec. 3, 1960, near Avon, at the age of 49 years, 5 months and 29 days. Upon his confession of faith in Christ as personal Savior, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Avon Baptist Church on Feb. 26, 1933. On Feb. 19, 1937, he was united in marriage to Miss Lois Heil at Avon. The Lord blessed this union with 2 sons and 3 daughters.

Besides his secular activity in farming and mail-carrying, he served for some years as a director of the Federal Land Bank, and was for many years a member of the school board. He also served faithfully for some years as an officer of the Men's Bible Class and as secretary of the Sunday School in the Baptist church. Those left to mourn are: his wife, Lois; 5 children: Barbara, Mrs. Theron Bochman, Denton, Texas; Keith and Kaye, in college at Vermillion; Mary and Duane at home; one son-in-law, Theron Bochman; his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Claus Jurrens; and 5 sisters.

Avon, South Dakota
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

YOUTH CHANNELS ITS GIFTS

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more about the directing and selection of church music. This has resulted in a

WARNING . . . !

Following are the names of seven Mischievous Misses who are responsible for most of our troubles: Miss Information, Miss Quotation, Miss Representation, Miss Interpretation, Miss Construction, Miss Conception, Miss Understanding.
—Temple Baptist Church Bulletin, Pittsburgh, Pa.

continuously effective musical ministry in the church.

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Last but by no means least, we must mention the blessings which will come to all through such a venture of faith. Faith is broadened, conscience is sharpened and strength is gained. With world conditions such as they are, the church needs good, competent leaders and members, and it is up to us to do our part to see that opportunities are opened for today's Timothys in order that this might be accomplished.

MISSIONARY ACTION

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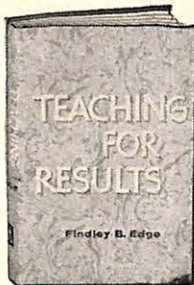
pects you to be good stewards of these talents, not to hide them or use them half-heartedly in his service. These are to be used without murmur nor complaint in his service. CBYF advisers and officers—it is up to you to give opportunity for these talents to be used in missionary action!

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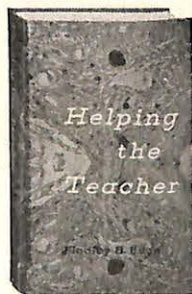
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