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"One of Life's Great Experiences"

By George Friden of Stockholm, Sweden

THE 6th Baptist Youth World Conference at Beirut, Lebanon July 15-21, 1963, will be the experience of a youth-time for all who attend. Here, George Friden, a Swedish educator and Baptist leader of Stockholm, recalls his trip to the initial youth conference at Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The Baptist Youth Conference week in Prague in August 1931 has remained in my memory as one of my life's great experiences.

Even before then I had in some way enjoyed international contacts. After completing my studies at our Baptist seminary in Stockholm I had spent a few years at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, USA. Later I had two happy and enriching years of teaching at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn. During those eventful years in the United States, then as now a melting pot of a great number of nations and races, there were many sacred bonds of international friendship knit together.

That international outlook was broadened in Prague. The background of the ancient city of the martyred John Hus, the renowned pathfinder for freedom, gave our gathering a sacred touch. The program was planned with great care and foresight for practical purposes. There was a marvelous melting together of many tongues into one family worship and one family council, putting its stamp on all sessions. Because of these and other reasons the Prague gathering was made a unique happening.

I have again looked into my diary from those days. It records still glimmering words from the greeting addresses spoken by our hosts and leaders H. Prochazka, Prague; J. H. Rushbrooke, London; W. O. Lewis, Paris; E. Gill, Rome, and others. In my diary there is a quotation from an address by one of these Christian statesmen: "Tell me how ten of the brightest young people of any nation are thinking today and I dare predict to you the future of that country." I presume that this statement has echoed in many tongues, and certainly not in vain. I have a Prague note, too, in my Bible at the passage Matt. 16:19: "A church that has ceased to bring a message about the living Christ has ceased to exist as a Christian church and cannot expect any manifestation of divine power in her activities." That searching statement was made by H. Tribble, of the USA, in his conference sermon.

The Prague week thus stands out in my memory as a great youth conference, helping us onward toward discoveries of common tasks and common resources.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover photograph of Rev. John Binder of Forest Park, Illinois (left to right), Rev. L. A. Maxwell, and Rev. C. W. Black was taken as they were boarding a Pan American jet for Europe and the Middle East. These gentlemen were three of a group of seven North American Baptist youth leaders who recently made a tour of the Middle East in the interest of the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference which will meet in Lebanon, Beirut in 1963. The trip was sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance.

Pictured with Mr. Binder are Rev. Lovelle A. Maxwell of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and Rev. C. William Black of the National Baptist Convention of America.

The thrilling story of the trip of this group to the Holy Land is described by Mr. Binder in this issue. Further information and literature about the special tour to Lebanon and the Holy Land in 1963 can be secured from him.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

MISSIONARIES' FURLOUGHS. Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss arrived at their home in Detroit, Mich., about August 15 on their first furlough. They left West Cameroon, Africa on July 7th. Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and their son, Billy, sailed from England on August 1st on the "S S Nieuw Amsterdam" and are now at home in Tacoma, Washington on their furlough. Towards the end of August Miss Ida Forsch is due to leave West Cameroon for her home in Canada.

MISSIONARIES GOING TO AFRICA. On August 29 Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital, and Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, new missionary nurse, will be sailing on the "S S Queen Elizabeth" bound for England and later for the Federal Republic of Cameroon. There is a possibility that Miss Minnie Kuhn, another missionary nurse, may be returning to Africa with them. Dr. Eugene V. Stockdale and his family will also be sailing at that time for England where Dr. Stockdale will be studying tropical medicine for three months at Liverpool.

LEPROSY PATIENTS DEDICATE CHURCH. The story and pictures of the beautiful new church at the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, West Cameroon that appear in this issue (pages 6-8) will thrill every reader. Pictures of the church under construction first appeared in the 1962 ANNUAL, page 5. The church represents the sacrificial gifts of the leprosy patients and other Africans, the architectural planning of Missionaries Gilbert Schneider and Laura E. Reddig, the hopes and dreams of African chiefs and leaders, and the marvelous blessing of God. Read the heart warming article by Laura Reddig!

N A B CHURCHES NOW TOTAL 317. Six new North American Baptist churches were received into our denominational fellowship this summer. They are the Crestview Church of Minot, N. Dak.; the Temple Church of Lemmon, S. Dak.; the German Bethel Church of Sudbury, Ontario; the Baptist Church of High Prairie, Alberta; the Trinity Church of Kelowna, B. C.; and the Redeemer Church of Columbus, Neb. Since the Forestburg Church of Alberta disbanded, there was a net increase of five churches over that of last year, making a present total of 317.

NEXT ISSUE

THE BEGINNING OF THE REFORMATION IN ENGLAND

Professor Hugo Lueck

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Editorial

Like the Face of An Angel

It's interesting to study faces in a crowd. Each one is different with its own dramatic story portrayed in the facial features. The memories of exciting adventures are reflected in the glint of the eyes. The battles that were won and the hardships that were overcome can be clearly seen in the scars that remain. But the story of every face is most clearly seen in our encounters with God. Such a spiritual experience lights up a radiance in a person's life "like the face of an angel."

The face of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, spoke with such power, both in life and in death. In Acts 6:8 we read that "Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people." Everything he did was a demonstration of the fact that God was with him. His face was the window of his soul through which his faith in Christ shone. Even when false witnesses were set up against him to persecute him and the council tried to sit in judgment over him, we are told that "all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15).

This inner glow in Stephen's face was not unusual. It has happened again and again down through the centuries. Like Isaiah of old, their eyes "have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." In them the "whole earth is full of his glory" and the reflection glows with a heavenly light in their faces.

These are God's people who have a zest for living, a joyous aliveness that shines through the windows of the soul. Our faith in Christ should lead us to a fulness of life, experiencing the riches of his glory, and to a contentment that leaves us at peace with all of life. Recently "The War Cry" of the Salvation Army asked the question, "Does Your Face Shine?" After considering all of the possible answers, the author reached this Christian conclusion: "Certainly, if we were careful to think of others, to reverence and worship God, to be content with our place in life, to be unafraid and free from fear, our faces would be different from others in the crowd."

The Christian exerts a contagious influence upon others without being aware of it. It might be called the Christian's halo, "like the face of an angel." Moses' face shone with an unearthly glory as he came down from Mount Sinai, but he was utterly unaware of it. Stephen exerted an influence on Saul, even in his death, that opened Saul's soul to the redeeming power of Christ's grace. This is the trait that makes of God's children "a peculiar people" with the beauty of Jesus Christ to be seen in their lives and deeds.

Such a reflection of eternity that points Godward is the Christian's peculiar possession. He points others to the Cross of Christ. He directs them to the eternal truths of God's Word. His life shows the worthwhileness of setting one's affection on heavenly things. Through such a Christian, the face of God shines through with the meaningful glory of eternity, "like that of an angel."

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You will never forget this exciting
adventure to Jordan and Israel on
your trip to Beirut, Lebanon . . .

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

By Rev. John Binder, Youth Director,
Department of Christian Education



WHERE JESUS TAUGHT IN CAPERNAUM

A synagogue in Capernaum, perhaps the one where Jesus taught.
(Mark 1:21)—Photo by Olcott.

NO ONE WHO has travelled in the East or made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land will ever forget this exciting adventure. To actually see the places that you have read and heard about all your life is a very moving experience. It will affect your whole outlook for years to come. The scriptures will take on new meaning as you read them again.

Therefore, all the Baptist youth attending the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963, will definitely also want to go south and visit what today is known as Jordan and Israel. This is

included in the three-week tour we are planning, as well as a brief tour of Europe. Seven directors of Baptist youth work in America made this thrilling tour recently to make arrangements for the conference. After touring Lebanon, it took us only about an hour to fly from Beirut to Jerusalem, Jordan.

The country is a photographer's delight: from the heights of the rugged, purple-hued mountains of Moab, to the gently rolling hills of Jerusalem; and from the deep tropical Jordan Valley with its luxuriant vegetation to the Dead Sea, 1297 feet below sea



THE ETERNAL CITY OF JERUSALEM

Down through the ages many battles have been fought in an attempt to occupy Jerusalem, which has been completely destroyed and rebuilt many times.

level, the lowest spot on earth. Winter often brings snow to the mountains and spring carpets the countryside with multitudes of beautiful, many-colored wild flowers. The rain falls only in winter from November to April, and for the rest of the year Jordan rarely sees a cloudy day.

Jerusalem and its vicinity constitute the main tourist center in Jordan. Jerusalem was founded in prehistoric times. Down through the ages many battles have been fought in an attempt to occupy this eternal city, which has been completely destroyed and rebuilt many times.

Following World War I, Jerusalem and Palestine were ruled as a British Mandate until May, 1948, when Britain withdrew and strife broke out between the Arabs (ancient inhabitants of the land), and the Jews, who for about 40 years had been arriving in increasing numbers from all over the world, with the intention of setting up a Jewish state. The present armistice line, drawn as a result of this conflict, divides Jerusalem into two parts. The greater part of the new city, which has grown up during the last 50 years, is in Jewish hands (Israel), while the old historical city is in Jordan under Arab control. The majority of important religious and historical sites are located in the Old City, which is surrounded by a massive wall built by the Turks in 1540-42.

COUNTRY OF JORDAN

Jordan is an Arab country. Arabs have been living in this area since long before the Christian era. In April, 1950, after the end of hostilities be-

tween the Arabs and Jews in Palestine, the Jordanian Parliament approved the new state to be called "The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." Jordan's present monarch is His Majesty, King Hussein.

In Jerusalem, the most famous city of Jordan, you will find few honking motor horns, no neon signs, and no traffic jams snarling the streets. Down through stormy ages, Jordan has managed to preserve an atmosphere of serenity and calm in a hurried world.

Jordan is unrivalled in its sacredness. This little country holds the most holy places of the Christian and Moslem worlds: Bethlehem, the town of David where Christ was born; the Old City of Jerusalem, within whose present walls Jesus was tried, tormented, crucified and buried, and which contains the supposed site of the Prophet Muhammad's miraculous journey to heaven; the River Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, and many a town, village and alley are but few of the hallowed places in Jordan that unfold the story of the Bible in its full glory.

Here, religion and history are entwined. Side by side stand dominant the remains, ruins and monuments of days gone by. Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians, each in turn came and conquered, leaving behind a coin, a pillar, a portal, a palace, a citadel, a road, a city . . . a story.

Present-day Jordan is the product of these great civilization and offers the modern visitor revealing glimpses into this great past.

COUNTRY OF ISRAEL

Shalom! We were greeted by the



BAPTIST YOUTH LEADERS AT SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Left to right: William H. Jenkins, Southern Baptist; Lovelle A. Maxwell, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; David Evans and his wife, American Baptist Convention; Bruce Neal, Canadian Baptist; John Binder, North American Baptist; C. William Black, National Baptist Convention of America; Arab guide in Jordan for the party; kneeling at front Gunnar Hoglund, Baptist General Conference.

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BETHLEHEM, THE TOWN OF DAVID

In the little country of Jordan, you can see the town of Bethlehem with its many sacred associations, where Christ was born.

Israelis with this Hebrew word, which means "peace to you," as we crossed through the Mandelbaum Gate and the area of no-man's-land from Jerusalem, Jordan into Jerusalem, Israel. This is the only crossing point along the present armistice line. This eternal city is divided. There may be a lot of truth to the old Jewish saying, "If there is no peace in Jerusalem, then there is no peace anywhere in the world."

Jerusalem, Israel, is a modern city in contrast to old Jerusalem, Jordan. We saw many interesting things, old and new, such as the Tomb of David and the Hebrew University that has a display of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The present Israel is only about fourteen years old. On May 9th we witnessed their 14th Independence

Day parade in the new, most progressive city, Tel-Aviv. It was a day of remembering those who had died to establish their independence and also a day of reaffirming their hold on the present State of Israel. They will defend it at all costs.

The citizen enjoys the fundamental human and civil rights and freedoms, including the freedoms of worship and speech, of association, assembly and the press, to hold property and to exercise any profession, trade or business.

When you drive out into the countryside, the most impressive sight is the innumerable trees growing in the valleys and on the rocky hillsides. They are taking seriously the words of Leviticus 19:23, "And when you shall come into the land you shall plant all manner of trees." When you get to the desert area in the south, the Negev, you see that they are literally making the "desert bloom" as predicted in the Old Testament. They gather water from the mountainside during the rainy season and store it underground for use during the dry season.

SACRED BIBLE PLACES

While in Israel you will also want to go north to such places as: Cana, the traditional scene of Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine; Capernaum, the site of the famous ancient synagogue, and where Jesus healed the Centurion's servant and spent most of his earthly ministry; Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus; Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount; Mt. Carmel, where Elijah confounded the priests of Baal (we slept on top of this mountain in a hyper-modern motel); Mt. Tabor, traditional site of the transfiguration.

At a certain place the Lord Jehovah had once made it abundantly clear that Sodom and Gomorrah must go.

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Two thousand Africans, including most of the leprosy patients, helped to dedicate this beautiful new church and afterwards to feast on the steaming fufu balls and from kettles of delicious beef

Mbingo's God Palaver House in West Cameroon

Article and Pictures by Miss Laura E. Reddig,
Missionary to the Leprosy Patients
at the New Hope Settlement



The veranda and entrance (left) to the newly dedicated New Hope Settlement Church at Mbingo in West Cameroon, showing the bamboo covered pillars, the lattice-work windows and woven mats on the ceiling planned by Missionary Gilbert Schneider.

BRIGHT AND early on Sunday morning, May 27th, Buba, the Mohammedan patient, slipped a coin into the missionary's hand. "Take this to the new church," he requested. It was a shiny fifty-franc coin.

Did Buba really realize what a miracle it was that he was alive? With countless reactions to drugs and lep-

rosy, he was often at death's door. This bright coin meant more than a sacrifice to Buba. The missionary returned it, saying, "You come to the church, and give it yourself." Buba liked the idea.

TAXI SERVICE FOR PATIENTS

In two hours of taxi service, Dr.

Jerome Fluth and Barbara Kieper, with two Land Rovers, brought all hospital patients to the New Hope Settlement Baptist Church of Mbingo in the Federal Republic of Cameroon. Only about six very sick ones remained behind. The hospital patients were all decked out in new White Cross pajamas and gowns, all prominently marked with BNHS for Bamenda New Hope Settlement in West Cameroon. They hobbled on crutches, leaned on sticks, helped each other, were carried or crawled by themselves to sit on the long seat on the church veranda. They had ringside seats!

All the patients from the segregation village at the foot of Mbingo hill came by the same taxi service. These were the first to give money toward the new church. Out of their ten shillings of sustenance aid, each gave one shilling (14c). The most crippled of all the patients, they nevertheless brought along their little drums for the joy-making and came dressed in their best.

Eighteen neighboring churches were invited, and guests began arriving Saturday afternoon. Since Mbingo has no hotel, the visitors got the beds, and the Mbingo Baptists slept on the floor in their various houses.

CHURCH YARD AND FURNITURE

Dr. Fluth led the hustle and bustle of the final week of completing the building. Everyone, even the smallest school girl and boy, helped level and clean the yard and road. Shadrach completed the second coat of cool, pale green paint on the interior of the

church. The tall bamboo-covered pillars were painted with wood preservative against insects and weather.

A large and beautifully carved chief's chair was polished up to become the pulpit chair. Two nicely carved, long-handled offering plates were installed. The artificial flowers donated by Salihi, the Mohammedan trader, were placed on the platform. Two empty paint drums, covered with woven mats, became huge pots for greenery on either side of the church front. Carpenters worked overtime to complete more benches.

This church represents the gifts and work and prayers of people of several continents, colors, faiths, and many tribes and languages. But as Deacon Elias said, they are the prayers of Christians everywhere which really brought everyone and everything together to build this church.

By eight o'clock in the morning, guests and Mbingoites began filling the school playfield just below the church. Visiting church groups, together with their drums and choirs, could be heard approaching from every direction. Those arriving by "African time" (30-45 minutes late) were "shushed" at some distance, so as not to disrupt the program which began on time.

THE CALL OF THE BIG DRUM

A little before nine o'clock, a joyful song arose from the large crowd on the playfield, and everyone began to march around the church. (The patients were thrilled with their ringside seats!) After one trip of singing around the church, everyone halted before the main door for prayer.

Just as the heads were lifting and the eyes were opening, the big drum took its part on the program. For about five minutes, Pastor Stephen Nteff really made that drum "talk." People gathered around the little drum house to watch a good drummer at his best.

The drum house was described as a little chicken sitting in front of its mother. (It is a miniature model of the church, even to the covered pillars and the mat ceiling. In addition, it has a 30-foot cross towering high above the tallest part of the church. Made of hardwood iroko, the drum is eight feet long, over two feet in diameter, and it required 16 men four days to carry it from the forest to the Settlement.)

With a 30-point program to complete, Pastor Philip Nshing, the dedication chairman, announced that only Cameroons Creole (pidgin English) would be used. Time did not permit interpreters.

WELCOME TO 2000 PEOPLE

Sam Gabe, faithful overseer at the Settlement since its embryonic days, welcomed the estimated 2000 guests to share in this happy day and to join in praising God. Laura Reddig gave a brief history of the church, mentioning also that in two weeks it would be the 10th anniversary of giving the



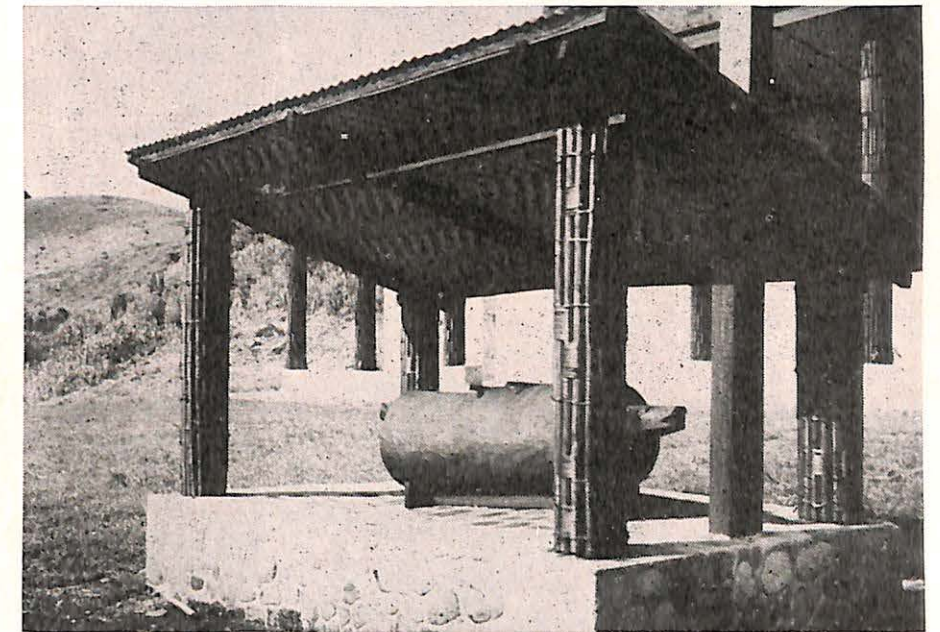
The carved pulpit chair and offering plates, carved by the Christian nationals, of the new church at the New Hope Settlement.

first Dapsone pills to leprosy patients in West Cameroon. Pastor Nteff held our attention with several "remembers" from the Scriptures. "Open the Gates of the Temple" was reverently sung by Missionary Donald Witt. One patient later said of this solo: "He sang right to my heart, as if God were reminding me to be glad."

Chiamba, deacon of the nearby Mbingo II church, thrilled the vast audience as an enthusiastic and worshipful song leader. Evangelist Robert Jam led the congregation in a thanksgiving prayer. The Gilbert Schneider family, (now on furlough), "saluted" the church by cablegram with Psalm 26 as their dedication message.

Pastor Nteff, in his opening remarks, expressed his appreciation of Mr. Schneider's plans for the architecture in which the bamboo-covered pillars, the bamboo lattice-work windows, and the woven mats on the ceiling resembled those of the grassland chief's palaver houses. These palaver houses are the largest and most important buildings in each village. There all important decisions are made and judgments executed.

Here at the New Hope Settlement, where so many tribes were represented, it was right that the best and largest building of the Settlement be the God-Palaver House. Here all could listen for God's orders, plans and judgments, and receive directives for important work to be accomplished for his glory.



THE CALL TO WORSHIP AT MBINGO

The drum house and its deep-voiced drum which was hand carved from hardwood iroko. The drum is eight feet long and two feet in diameter. It required 16 men four days to carry the original log from the forest to the settlement.

Rev. Philip Nshing, the field pastor, then cut the red ribbon declaring the church open to the worship and glory of God. One of the Settlement girls, carrying a Bible, preceded the Mbingo deacons into the new church. Pastor Nshing had announced: "This church was built for the Settlement patients, so those sitting on the veranda will walk in slowly. Then the strong people will follow." The remaining benches were quickly filled, and standing room was soon packed, sardine-like.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE

Various guest churches participated in song, sermon and prayer. Daniel

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

Church-Teacher Obed Song talked about three types of houses: the physical structure built of materials, the spiritual temple, and the place prepared by Christ in his Father's House. Dr. Fluth brought practical suggestions relating to church growth in today's West Cameroons. Songs were sung by the Settlement Women's Meeting, the 3-H Girls, the Boys' Brigade, and the whole Settlement school. The 12 Baptist missionaries present sang "To God be the glory, great things he hath done!"

The carved offering plates took up the first offering in the new church.



THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT MBINGO

The beautiful church at the New Hope Settlement in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, showing the drum house, the stone pillars covered with Indian bamboo, the towering Cross, and the hill on which Dr. Jerome C. Fluth and his family now live.

This consisted of Nigerian coins (not yet exchanged), Cameroon francs in coin and note, 3 eggs, one whole cola pod, and 2 cola nuts. (The total amounted to \$22).

Pastor Nshing, in his closing remarks, challenged every Christian to



A badly crippled leprosy patient shows his joy at being able to share in the dedication service for the new church at the Settlement.

dedicate himself anew to live for Christ in this new Africa. In the final prayer, he mentioned again with gratitude, the Christians in America, whose gifts and prayers made possible this day of dedication and blessings.

FEASTING ON "HEZEKIAH"

The vast congregation poured out onto the school playfield, each drum-



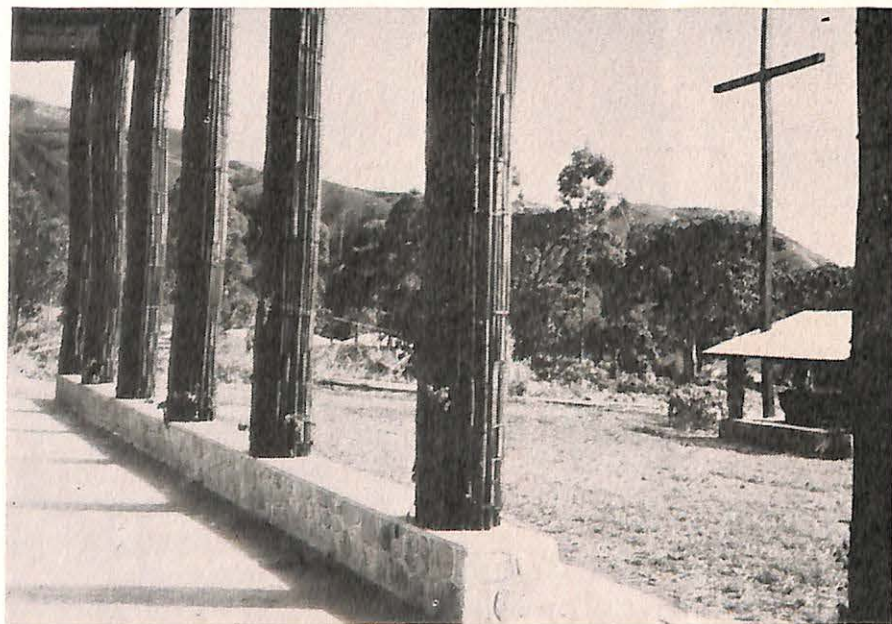
THE NEW SANCTUARY FOR LEPROSY PATIENTS

An uplifting picture of the church's interior, showing the benches, cross behind the pulpit, and sunlight streaming through the west windows. The "greenery," used as decorations, is still there from the dedication service.

mer gathering his singers around him. This occasion called for rejoicing!

Some of the Settlement staff and patients missed most of the dedication service in order to have the feast ready. Large basins of steaming fufu balls soon arrived, with kettles of beef, egusi and palm oil. "Hezekiah," the most ancient and immense of the Settlement bulls, no longer roams the hills at Mbingo. His delicious beef delighted two thousand palates that day! A really worthy end for so grand an animal!

Feast-filled, and with completely happy hearts, the guests went back home, a-singing all the way. Mbingo-



"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY"

The leprosy patients at the New Hope Settlement can sing this song as they look out from the church's veranda and bamboo-covered pillars to the 30 foot Cross and drum house and beyond that to the high hills of Mbingo.

ites sighed with joyful tiredness, looked again at their beautiful church, and praised God for the great things he had done.

PRESIDENT AHIDJO VISITS OUR MISSIONARIES AT KUMBA

By Mrs. George Henderson of Kumba, West Cameroon

Recently, we at Kumba, had a "State Visit" from the president of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, the Honorable Ahidjo. It was a grand, glorious occasion! Thirty men were chosen to be introduced to President Ahidjo, and George Henderson was one of the honored ones. There was a formal dinner at our Government Training Center, and we were invited. However, I turned into a Head Steward rather than a guest. The stewards were all excited and nervous, and so I tried to help them keep things running smoothly.

For dessert I baked a huge, huge cake and decorated it like the Cameroon flag. Both President Ahidjo and Vice-President Foncha were so pleased. They came to me after the dinner to shake my hand and to thank me. George had decorated the hall, and it really looked lovely.

All the ministers were so pleased because they always have the opinion that in order for anything to be lovely, it means that everything must be imported. However, we showed them that the Cameroons can produce anything as lovely as London or New York!

"Christianity is a missionary religion, converting, advancing, aggressive, encompassing the world; a non-missionary church is in the bands of death."—Max Mueller.

Let us meet the tremendous challenge of evangelism through Church Extension that confronts us today in every church

Church Extension Emphasis in 1962

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

OUR NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST work of Evangelism through Church Extension concerns itself directly with strengthening the basic potential of our denomination. As souls are won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and are added to our churches, and as we organize new churches and claim new areas for Jesus Christ, our denominational base becomes wider and the potential of our denominational fellowship becomes stronger. With these added reinforcements we can expect to do greater work for God in days to come.

According to statistics, our giving for North American Baptist missions during 1961 was about \$16.50 per member. As a body of nearly 52,000 members we gave a total of about \$850,000 for the work of our denomination. What a wonderful help it would have been, if instead of 52,000 members we would have been 62,000 or 72,000 members strong! On the basis of \$16.50 per member, we would have given \$1,015,000 with a membership of 62,000 or \$1,188,000 with a membership of 72,000.

OPEN DOORS BEFORE US

Imagine what this would have meant in terms of greater service for our Lord and Savior! How it would have strengthened every branch of our denominational work! What a wonderful help it would have been in sending the Gospel to all parts of the world!

We urgently need more North American Baptist churches with more dedicated North American Baptist members who will help us strengthen our supply base from which to do a greater work for God. We need to start more new Sunday schools and more new churches, and we need to start them now. The challenge to claim new areas for Christ and to evangelize through Church Extension is confronting us now. Never in the history of North American Baptists have the opportunities been greater. These doors of opportunity will not remain open indefinitely. Jesus said: "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

We praise God for what already has been done through our program of evangelism and Church Extension. In the past few years, we have started and assisted more than 60 new churches through Church Extension. Of this

number, 16 have already become self-supporting, 18 are presently under the supervision of the Church Extension Committee, and the rest are mission supported churches. The total membership of these churches is approximately 4,000 and the Sunday school enrollment 5,500.

CHURCH EXTENSION GIFTS

During the past year, 1961, our churches have supported our denominational Church Extension program financially in four different ways. First of all, they have contributed for Church Extension through our denominational budget. A total of \$34,406 was sent to Forest Park as mission contributions designated for Church Extension. It is extremely important that our churches continue to send in mission contributions for Church Extension operating purposes, because it is from these contributions that we must pay the salaries of our Church Extension pastors, their moving expenses, rents, and whatever else is necessary to operate an aggressive



Dennis Milbrandt of Calgary, Alberta, turns over a Church Extension folder, filled with money that he has collected, to Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. Dennis is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt.

Church Extension program.

Since this year 1962 has been specially designated as our Church Extension Emphasis year, we are hoping that our churches will at least double their mission contributions for Church Extension operating purposes, so that we might be able not only to support the Church Extension pastors we already have on the field, but that we might send out more Church Extension pastors to start more churches and claim more new areas for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Another way in which our churches supported Church Extension in 1961 was by giving to specific Church Extension building projects within local associations and conferences as approved by the denominational Church Extension Committee. Over \$32,000 were sent to Forest Park for such specific Church Extension building projects.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

A third way in which support was given to our Church Extension program was through the Church Extension Builders. Approximately 3,500 North American Baptists have joined the Church Extension Builders who have agreed to make a special investment for God and for souls by giving at least \$1.00 to each of ten appeals a year to help build new churches in new areas. These Builders contributed almost \$29,000 during the past fiscal year.

The Church Extension Builders' funds are considered by the Church Extension Committee on a 50-50 basis. That is, the church gets 50% as an outright gift mortgage grant and 50% is considered a repayable loan. The reason for making a portion of the Church Extension Builders funds repayable is to build up a Revolving Fund from which to make loans to other Church Extension groups which are getting started and which need help to build their first unit in which to have Sunday school and services. The Church Extension Builders program is the most natural way of gradually building up a substantial revolving fund without overburdening the local church.

Every North American Baptist is invited to become "a plus giver" by join-

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The Supreme Court decision on prayers in the public schools constitutes one of the finest documents in the history of church-state relations on the United States

The Storm in the Capital

An Important Interpretation by Mr. W. Barry Garrett, Associate Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

THE LID BLEW off when the United States Supreme Court announced its decision, June 25, that official government prayers in the public schools are unconstitutional. Clergymen, legislators and parents throughout the country have poured rivers of venom on the Supreme Court for its decision. Not since the 1954 decision on school desegregation has there been such a public reaction to the nation's high court.

Shouts against the Court members have been heard across the nation. "Impeach the Supreme Court!" "Pass a constitutional amendment to reverse their decision!" "Proof that they are Communist sympathizers!" "Another step toward the secularization of America!" "The decision is the most tragic in the history of the United States!" "June 25, 1962 will go down as a black day in our history!"

These and many other bitter reactions fill page after page of the Congressional Record. The newspapers have been full of quotes from the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other clergymen who condemn the decision.

Fortunately, however, emotions are beginning to subside and the public is beginning to ask, "What happened? What was the actual decision? Is there really any cause for alarm?" Common sense is beginning to return. Reason must take over before the Congress or the public does something which would be regrettable.

THE STORM EXPLAINED

Pent-up Anger: For the past decade feeling against the Supreme Court has been rising. This is natural and in line with the history of the Supreme Court. Major court decisions have always resulted in: (1) moves to limit the terms and powers of the Court members; and (2) efforts to amend the Constitution to reverse the Court's decision. So far neither has been done.

A large part of the explosion against the Court comes from sectional and political differences. Much of the nation views this reaction as a carry over from earlier historic divisions. Time heals most wounds, but some are slow to heal.

Johnny Didn't Read: Much of the reaction to the Supreme Court decision is irrelevant to what the Court did

and said. Plainly, many clergymen and members of Congress have not read the decision. Some have obviously relied on the less competent newspaper reports. They heard a rustle in the bushes and shot before they looked.

When people take time to read the full text with care, most Americans will agree that the Court's decision and the accompanying opinions constitute one of the finest documents in the history of church-state relations in the United States. An almost full text of the Court's opinions was published in the leading newspapers in Washington and in New York. Probably many other papers in the nation did the same thing.

There is no excuse for a member of Congress or for a clergyman to express uninformed and unintelligent opinions in a case as important as this decision on "official" religion in public schools. All have a right to disagree, but they have a responsibility to be informed if they are to be respected leaders.

Aid to Parochial Schools: The Roman Catholic hierarchy has been bitter in criticism of the Court's decision. This is to be expected. The Cardinals see their campaign for federal aid to parochial schools disappearing as vapor on a hot summer day. This decision makes the Catholic Church's chances for aid from the federal government for its parochial schools almost nil!

Already it has affected the bills on higher education that are tied up in Conference Committee between the

House and Senate. A scheduled meeting of the Committee was postponed a week in order for the Court's decision to be studied. Even spokesmen in the House for Federal grants to church-related colleges are pessimistic about their chances. The Court's decision will affect elementary and secondary parochial schools even more directly.

Politics: Congress is tense and nervous. Frustrations over inability to enact a far-reaching legislative program and jumpiness over approaching elections this fall lead Congressmen to grasp at any diverting issue. The Regents' Prayer case is made to order. They are taking full advantage of it.

The play to the grandstand is in full swing. Like love for mother, Congressmen cannot appear to be against God. Little children need religious education, and legislators cannot be against this. Votes are too important for them to take any chance on losing them by agreeing with the Supreme Court.

Basic policies of American life should be decided on principle. Reactions to decisions should be made on the basis of right or wrong rather than on prejudice.

WHAT WAS NOT DECIDED

The Court did not say that children cannot pray in the public schools. It did not even say that classes cannot have prayer nor that teachers must not refer to God.

The Court did not say that Bible reading in the public school is unconstitutional. This problem will come up in the next session of the Court.

The Court did not eliminate "God" from our public life and did not rule out references to Deity in national ceremonies and observances. Prayers on public occasions are unaffected.

The Court did not limit the free exercise of religion, and it did not say that people could not practice their religion in public places and on public occasions.

The Court specifically said, "There is of course nothing in the decision reached here that is inconsistent with the fact that school children and others are officially encouraged to express love for our country by reciting historical documents such as the Dec-

laration of Independence which contain references to the Deity or by singing officially espoused anthems which include the composer's professions of faith in a Supreme Being, or with the fact that there are many manifestations in our public life of belief in God. Such patriotic or ceremonial occasions bear no true resemblance to the unquestioned religious exercise that the State of New York has sponsored in this instance."

WHAT WAS DECIDED

The Supreme Court said that prayer "composed by government officials as a part of a government program to further religious beliefs" is unconstitutional.

The point of the decision is that the Court said that the Regent's Prayer in New York State was an "official" prayer and thus it violates the rights of the citizens of New York and of the United States under the provisions of the 1st and 14th Amendments.

The Court said that such an "official" prayer constitutes an establishment of religion, thus violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Justice Douglas dissented from this reasoning, although he agreed that the Regents' Prayer is unconstitutional.

The Court said that the establishment of religion has a tendency to destroy government and to degrade religion. Furthermore, the Court opined, that governmentally established religions and religious persecution go hand in hand.

Rather than its decision being an attack on religion or a furtherance of the secularization of American society, it was the opinion of the Court that it was rendering a service to religion.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

The customary types for handling this kind of crisis are now prevalent. Among the current proposals the following are most prominent.

1. Either impeach the Supreme Court justices, or limit their term of office. At present their appointments are for life.
2. Amend the constitution to state specifically that in spite of the First Amendment it is not unconstitutional to have prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. This proposal ignores the fact that such practices have not been ruled out by the Court's decision.
3. President Kennedy said that some will agree with the Court and others will disagree. But as believers in constitutional government we must abide by the decision. Respect for the orderly processes of government must prevail.
4. Teach the true meaning of prayer to our children at home and be faithful to the churches. President Kennedy said that this simple remedy is open to every American. He urged the nation to avail itself of this opportunity.

Cameroons Missionaries Request Books

REQUEST FROM MISSIONARY GILBERT E. GORDON

Here are some specific requests from our missionaries in the Federal Republic of Cameroon for books and magazines:

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, in bound volumes preferably, from 1935 or 1940 to the present. We need three copies of each of these volumes.

THE PULPIT COMMENTARY, 1950 printing. We need two copies, one for Ndu and one for the Cameroons Protestant College.

BRITANNICA ENCYCLOPEDIA—11th and 14th editions, both. (I think the 14th edition is the more modern.) The Ndu field could use the 11th edition particularly, since it has greater emphasis on theology than the modern set.

AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA—Up to date edition.

If we could get these four items, second hand and free, from someone who wants to make a gift of them, it would be greatly appreciated.

REQUEST FROM MISSIONARY BERNEICE WESTERMAN

We can use the following books and magazines for our Sunday school work in the Federal Republic of Cameroon: A subscription to "His" magazine, "Time," or "Christian Life."

We could also use second hand books on *World Literature*, such as Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Bronte, Mark Twain and R. L. Stevenson.

We would also welcome *World Poetry* books with well known poets represented as well as outstanding *Biographies*.

Do not send these books directly to West Cameroon. First of all, write to Dr. R. Schilke, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, informing him what books and magazines you have to present to the Cameroons, describe the condition of these books, whether good, fair or bad, and state whether you can also take care of shipping expenses to Africa or not. Dr. Schilke will then inform you how the books or magazines are to be sent and to which address.

Available Films and Slides

Announcement by Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

"GATEWAY TO THE HOLY LAND"—Sound film—color.

A colorful trip to Beirut, Lebanon and other parts of the Holy Land. An inspiring preview of what is in store for the friends and delegates to the 6th Baptist Youth World Congress, July 15-21, 1963. Fifteen minutes of inspiration and information. Rental: \$3.00.

"WHAT'S IMPORTANT?" Sound film Stewardship education for your church! The film emphasizes the stewardship of day-to-day work. Claude, the campus caretaker, is ridiculed for being conscientious and for talking so much about God. When an insurance

executive tells of Claude's influence on his life, ridicule turns to admiration. Rental: \$5.00 or offering.

"CONTACT FOR CHRIST"—Japan. Kodachrome slides. Tape and Script.

This gives you an insight into some of the work being done by our missionaries in Japan. Rev. Fred Moore's voice on the tape has an urgency and a plea in the message as he describes each picture and shows you step by step how "contact for Christ" is made in Japan. Fifteen Minutes. Rental: \$2.00 or missionary offering.

"OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN CAMEROONS"—Kodachrome slides. Script.

An introduction to the tremendous growth of our schools and the many Cameroonians who are attending them. Training for Christian service, these Africans are taking their places in the fields of evangelism, in the ministry and in teaching. Fifteen Minutes. Rental: \$2.00 or missionary offering.

"THE MISSION SECRETARY VISITS THE CAMEROONS"—Color film with Script.

An overall picture of the evangelistic work and the Christian education and medical progress in the Cameroon. Two films—30 minutes. Rental: \$5.00 or missionary offering.

For film reservations and information write to:

North American Baptist Headquarters
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, Illinois.

GET THE FACTS ABOUT THE COURT DECISION ON PRAYER

Much misinterpretation and misinformation has been published about the recent Supreme Court decision on "official" prayer in public schools. As a service to the Baptist people and to the general public, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is making available mimeographed copies of the complete text of the decision, including the one dissenting opinion. Cost is 25c per copy. Ask for "Supreme Court Decision" and send 25c in coin to:

Baptist Joint Committee
on Public Affairs
1628 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Reviews of Current Books

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

A PROTESTANT PRIMER ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM by Angelo di Domenica. Osterhus Publishing House—1960—168 pages—\$2.50.

I SAW THE LIGHT by H. J. Hegger. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company and distributed by the Baker Book House—1961—171 pages—\$3.75. (Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

The above two books are highly informative on the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant Primer is a second edition of the original published in 1949. The author was born in Italy of a Roman Catholic family and is an authority on Catholicism. He has been active as an Italian Baptist minister for 58 years. For Protestant ministers, as well as for Sunday school and church officers, this book is an indispensable reference manual for use in counseling young people contemplating a mixed marriage. It also points out the difference between the traditions and dogmas of the Roman Church over against the truth of the Bible.

"I Saw The Light" is a translation from the Dutch and is a spiritual biography of a young Hollander, trained in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, who gradually came to a real conversion experience. Mr. Hegger's description of his pilgrimage is often philosophical and mystical, and the reader may not always agree with his theological position, but his sincerity and his faith in Christ cannot be doubted. His earnest and solemn spirit reminds one of his neighbor of a hundred years ago—the sober Dane, Soren Kierkegaard.

LET'S GET MARRIED by Roger H. Crook. Bethany Press—1962—96 pages. \$1.85;

QUESTIONS YOUTH ASK by Donald E. Demaray. Baker Book House—1961—98 pages. \$1.00 paperbound;

STARLIGHT TALKS TO YOUTH by J. Vernon Jacobs. Baker Book House—1961—168 pages. \$2.50.

These are excellent books for young people. "Let's Get Married" is written for engaged couples and for Christian young people who are aware of their need to have marriage interpreted to them in spiritual terms. Most of the material in the book is based on the author's insight and experience learned from countless pre-marital interviews. It is not a sex manual but a guide and counsel for all areas and responsibilities relative to marriage from the Christian viewpoint.

"Questions Youth Ask" has some additional advice on choosing a marriage partner and the danger of mixed marriages. Further questions deal with vocation, Bible, Communism, drinking, suffering and cults. Included at the end of each chapter are a number of

questions for discussion which are helpful and practical for youth meetings.

Mr. Jacobs has taken advantage of modern science, including Mt. Palomar, missiles, space, satellites, and has focused the attention of young people on the heavens. "Starlight Talks to Youth" presents spiritual lessons which inspire and challenge the high school and college age groups. Some of the material can be recommended for summer camps. Beautifully and excellently written.

THE MAZE OF MORMONISM by Walter R. Martin. Zondervan Publishing House—1962—186 pages. \$2.95; **MORMON CLAIMS EXAMINED** by Larry S. Jonas. Baker Book House—1961—85 pages. \$1.00 paperbound.

After studying the exhaustive information in these two volumes, the reader may wonder how the Mormon Church built up such an image or respectability in America and other parts of the world. They have high educational standards, laudable ethics, political influence, untold wealth and intense missionary zeal. It seems incongruous over against their pseudo-history, questionable theology and false doctrine.

It is one of the fastest growing cults in the United States. Unlike the Jehovah Witnesses, it does not appeal very strongly to the uneducated. Mormons have more adherents listed in *Who's Who in America* than any other one religion, and their leaders hold places of honor and power in all branches of government, industry and education.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Jones do not attack the church nor its leaders as such, but rather expose their fallacies and contradictions. The Christian viewpoint, based on Scripture, is contrasted with the major teachings of Mormonism. The information is valuable for all those who must be prepared to refute un-Christian doctrine. Both authors have documented their historical, theological and apologetical survey, much of which has come from the Smithsonian Institute and the Library of Congress.

SAUL, THE MAN WHO DID NOT COME BACK AND OTHER SERMONS by W. B. Walker. Baker Book House—1961—71 pages. \$1.00 paperbound.

These are eight short biographical sermons based on Saul, Job, Jacob,

Elijah, Joshua, Joseph, Daniel and Andrew. They are simple messages and the author makes no claim to scholarship nor profundity. "They are the outflow of a busy pastor's heart" says the author, and some of them seem to be written "on the run." The fact that they are liberally illustrated makes it interesting reading.

CHRIST'S WORDS FROM THE CROSS by Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—120 pages—\$1.95.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon is generally recognized as one of the greatest preachers the world has ever known. This "Prince of Preachers" published more than 1900 different sermons during his lifetime. His pulpit in London, England became a mighty influence for the Gospel for decades, even after his death in 1892.

These messages resound with the fire and conviction that characterized Spurgeon's long and faithful ministry. The seven last words of Jesus on the Cross are interpreted with a glowing faith and a golden pen by this master pulpiteer. Here is an excellent source book for preachers, a valuable devotional volume for all readers, and a classic in the annals of religious literature. By reading this fine book, you will become acquainted with one of the world's greatest preachers and walk more closely with Christ!

VARIETIES OF CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS by Bernard Ramm—Baker Book House—1961—200 pages—\$3.95.

This volume is a textbook for the study of Christian apologetics or, more broadly, for the study of the philosophy of religion by the eminent professor of systematic theology at the California Baptist Seminary, Covina, Calif. The first edition met such a need and, when it was exhausted, it was decided to re-write the book to make it serve better as a text. Quite a number of improvements were made in simplifying and clarifying the text, in bringing the material up to date and in eliminating critical footnotes.

The question of strategy is basic bedrock in Christian apologetics. How is truth applied to Christianity? What constitutes a demonstration that a Christian does possess knowledge? Are theological claims much like the probability statements of science? Unless an apologist is clear here, he will find it difficult to be clear elsewhere.

This is a thoughtful and thought provoking book for every Christian minister and student of the Bible. The author is both an evangelical interpreter of the Word who can be trusted, and a Baptist teacher who is held in high esteem in theological circles. This fine book will give you a clear and concise reason for your Christian faith!



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 26, 1962

Theme: **GOOD TIDINGS TO THE EXILES**

Scripture: **Isaiah 40:1-5; 52:7-9.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Kingdom of God is the true land of beginning again.

INTRODUCTION: Isaiah is considered the greatest prophet in the Old Testament. His greatness was also recognized by the Jews. This seems strange, for Isaiah came closer than anyone in revealing the coming Messiah, and his writings often came close to New Testament teaching. His name is often mentioned in the Gospels by Jesus and his first sermon in Capernaum was based on Isaiah.

To many of the Jews, especially the devout, the years in exile seemed long and endless. Many of the captives who had been carried away had died in a foreign land. Others had been born and lived most of their lives in Babylon. The longing to return to the land of Judah was not as intense as that of their parents. But because of the family traditions and their religious teaching and training, they were inspired with loyalty to the Promised Land. Many had a desire to see the city of Jerusalem and to visit the land of their fathers.

I. TIDINGS OF COMFORT. Isaiah 40:1-2.

Many will recognize the opening words of Isaiah 40 as the beginning of the Messiah oratorio. It opens with a plaintive note of hope and ends with the glorious fulfillment of the Hallelujah Chorus. A similar sequence is found in the short passage of Scripture on which our lesson is based. The urgency and compassion of the message are felt by the repetition of the word "comfort." It is in sharp contrast with the oracles of judgment which Isaiah was commissioned to speak earlier in his prophetic writings. The suffering of Judah softened their hearts and made many of them ready for repentance, and they hungered for the gentle, compassionate and forgiving grace of God.

II. TIDINGS OF PREPARATION. Isaiah 40:3-4.

Although Judah was punished severely for her sins, and forgiveness was granted, there was still a period of preparation before she would be restored to her homeland and national independence. But this preparation also had a more far reaching implication, for the prophet spoke of a glorious revelation

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—the advent of the Messiah. This event demanded an ongoing preparation and was brought to its fulfillment in the preparatory work of the last prophet, John the Baptist.

III. TIDINGS OF A REVELATION. Isaiah 40:5.

So far, all the revelations of God were fragmentary, beginning with Isaac, Jacob, Moses and the prophets. The revelations of God were also localized and were almost the exclusive property of Israel. When the actual glory of the Lord will be revealed, "all flesh shall see it together."

IV. TIDINGS OF SALVATION. Isaiah 52:7-9.

Notice the sequence of the message—good tidings, peace, salvation, thy God reigneth. Only when God truly reigns in the heart, can there be genuine salvation and peace. Jesus Christ has brought an all-encompassing redemption, not only to Israel, but to all people, and where his salvation is experienced, there is real joy and much cause for singing.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Has the work of preparation ceased with the coming of Jesus Christ into the world?
2. Does God punish us today in the same way that he punished Judah for her disobedience?
3. If Christ has taken the "punishment" for our sin, why should we also be punished?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 2, 1962

Theme: **REBUILDING THE HOME-LAND**

Scripture: **Ezra 1:1-3; 3:1-2; 7:6-10.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

INTRODUCTION: The Psalmist expressed the true feelings of his fellow-captives when he wrote: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion . . . For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; . . . How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" (Psalms 137:1-4).

For the background of our lesson, we are aware of a foreign land, a captive people, a deep national longing for the homeland. Their homesickness was both spiritual and physical. God was felt to be nearer and dearer. Jerusalem and the temple were considered sacred, and their entire nation

was indeed a holy land. Although Persia was a nation of glory and splendor, a world empire, a land of material prosperity, whose king was far more righteous than many of the later Judean kings, the Jews nevertheless chose their ruined and desolate land rather than serve under the splendor of the Persian court. They had a hunger and a thirst that no foreign palace could satisfy. Rather a hut in a holy land than a palace in a heathen nation!

I. GOD WORKING THROUGH A HEATHEN. Ezra 1:1-3.

God does not work only through saints. In spite of the fact that Cyrus was a heathen who knew little about religion and theology, and cared little about the Jews and their beliefs, he was nevertheless an instrument through which God's will was brought to pass. So highly did Cyrus think of himself that he believed that the Lord God of heaven had given him all the kingdoms of the world. There is no doubt that he exaggerated his own importance, considering the small area of the known world at that time. Perhaps he even had ulterior motives in permitting the Jews to return to Jerusalem, and helping them to rebuild their temple. Even so, God's plan for Judah was being fulfilled which was spoken of by Jeremiah the prophet. (Jeremiah 25:12).

II. FIRST THINGS FIRST. Ezra 3:1-2.

The first united effort of the people was manifested when they built an altar unto the Lord. The spirit of worship and the need for fellowship with God were so strong that there was no need of coaxing and prodding the Jews to meet at a certain place and at a certain time. They wanted to be there! When their material and physical needs were at their lowest, their desire for the altar of sacrifice was at its highest. God must have the central and most important place in their lives if he is to lead and guide them in this tremendous work of physical and spiritual rehabilitation.

III. GOD WORKING THROUGH A SCHOLAR AND PRIEST. Ezra 7:6-10.

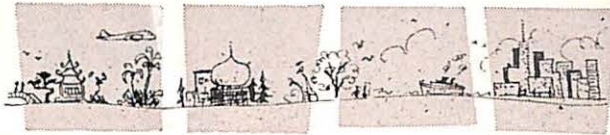
God does, on occasion, work through a heathen. But he works more often and more consistently and more meaningfully through his saints. He works best through those who study his Word and serve him out of a pure heart. Ezra was better able to perform God's will because he was better acquainted with God and his Word.

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ORDERS FOR BOOKS

All books reviewed on this page, as well as other books, can be ordered from the **ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.**

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **DR. EVANS RETIRES.** Dr. Louis H. Evans, Sr., minister-at-large for the United Presbyterian Board of National Missions, has resigned his post after traveling nearly a million miles and making thousands of lectures and speeches. Dr. Evans, who served as pastor of Hollywood's First Presbyterian church for 12 years, concluded his worldwide ministry on reaching his 65th birthday. Dr. Evans will continue to carry out several special assignments for the missions agency. His resignation was announced by Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh, the board's general secretary, who said no successor has been named as yet.

● **FORMER MISSIONARY BECOMES CONSUL-GENERAL.** The U. S. Department of State has announced appointment of Dr. Paul F. Geren, prominent Southern Baptist educator and author, as American consul-general to the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. Dr. Geren will leave the post he has occupied for the past year as deputy director of the Peace Corps to accept the diplomatic assignment. His new office established him as the principal U. S. representative in an area of Africa that is moving toward independence under stress of racial tension. A career foreign service officer, he has been "on loan" to the Peace Corps during its organizational period.

● **KAGAWA FUND ESTABLISHED.** A Kagawa Fund in honor of the great Japanese Christian leader, Toyohiko Kagawa, has been established for the library of the International Christian University in Japan. The gift of \$1,000 was made from the estate of the late E. W. B. Mark of San Diego, Calif. A second \$1,000 gift has been pledged from the same estate. The Kagawa Fund is the first such endowment set up to purchase books for the ICU library. The gift from Mr. Mark's estate is a natural corollary of his longtime admiration of the life and work of the Japanese evangelist. Mr. Mark, for many years a teacher of physics in the San Diego High School, had heard Dr. Kagawa speak, and owned and read many of his books.

● **GREATER CHICAGO CRUSADE.** Contributions to Billy Graham's Greater Chicago Crusade, made before and during the 19-day evangelistic campaign, were estimated at \$719,000 by Herbert J. Taylor, chairman of the crusade executive committee. Mr. Taylor said about \$350,000 was received in the months prior to the crusade and another \$369,000 was collected during the rallies in McCormick Place. No collection was made at the final rally in Soldier Field which had a

total attendance of about 116,000 persons, largest North American audience in the evangelist's career. Mr. Taylor said the crusade budget of \$500,000 was reached nearly a week before the meetings ended. The Chicago crusade reached a total attendance of some 703,000 persons, with 17,130 making "decisions for Christ."

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **HALT FLOW OF S. S. LITERATURE TO CUBA.** A sudden halt in the delivery of U.S. produced Sunday school literature to Assemblies of God churches in Cuba is the first break in their

missionary work since Castro came to power, workers on the Island report. This stoppage has necessitated the mimeographing of literature to keep work of the Sunday schools in operation. It is thought that the materials are being held in customs where it is being read before being sent on to the churches. Besides the problem of receiving literature from the U. S., churches have experienced problems in currency exchange for literature and other church related material. In spite of the delay in the delivery of literature, missionaries indicate a spirit of revival exists among the nationals.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Dr. Paul H. Conrad Dies.** Dr. Paul H. Conrad, former director of Stewardship, Council on Finance and Promotion (now the Division of World Mission Support) of the American Baptist Convention, 1940-51, died June 5. At the time of his death, Dr. Conrad was pastor of the Hope church, Albany, N. Y. His other pastorates included: North church, Port Chester, N. Y., and Rutherford church, N. J., where he was pastor before 1940. Dr. Conrad was widely known to American Baptists for his books, leaflets, articles, and lectures on stewardship.

● **Radio Conference for European Baptists.** Representatives from 15 countries met at Ruschlikon Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, June 27-July 4 for a workshop on the use of radio and television for religious broadcasting. The conference, a first among European Baptists, was designed to offer training in the use of radio especially as a means of conveying the Christian gospel. It was sponsored by the Radio Committee of the European Baptist Federation. "This conference dealt with the problems and interests of the individual countries," said Gordon Lahrson, committee chairman.

● **Prison Inmates Build Baptistry.** Fifteen inmates of the Eastern Correctional Institution, a Pennsylvania state prison, built their own baptismal pool so they could be immersed for baptism by the prison's American Baptist chaplain. Thought to be the first such baptism in a Pennsylvania state institution, it was conducted by Rev. Leonard Smalls, first Negro to be appointed an official state prison chaplain. Those baptized were from an inter-racial group of 26 converted by

the chaplain after 6 months of religious instruction. Chaplain Smalls is accredited by the American Baptist Convention. —The Watchman-Examiner

● **Southern Baptist Convention.** Doctrinal problems came under close scrutiny during the annual convention of the Southern Baptist convention in San Francisco early in June 1962. At issue was the publication of a book by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board which is considered by some as being theologically liberal because it states that some parts of the book of Genesis are figurative rather than factual. To state its position the group passed a resolution affirming its faith in the whole Bible and appointed a committee to study the possibility of rewriting the denominational statement of faith to serve as a guideline.

—United Evangelical Action

● **Most Southern Church.** The Southernmost city of the world, Punta Arenas, a port on the Strait of Magellan, in Chile, South America has captured the concern of Chilean Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile. Punta Arenas is about 53° south latitude.

The Chilean Baptist Convention, in an annual session at Santiago, voted to extend its work to Punta Arenas as soon as possible and to provide support for a national pastor.

Missionary John H. McTyre, who made a survey of the Punta Arenas area, discovered that the city is a port for ships of every nation as they pass between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and it also harbors colonists from many countries. The city has mushroomed in the past three years to a population of more than 60,000 due to discovery of oil.

● The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas has announced that its pastor, Mr. Charles P. Love, has resigned and has assumed the pastorate of a Southern Baptist Church. He has been a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas during the past few years.

● From June 18 to 28 the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, held its Vacation Bible School with 157 children enrolled. Twenty teachers and assistants served on the staff. The offerings for the Indian mission fields amounted to \$60. At the closing exercises on Friday evening, June 29, a total of 329 people were in attendance. Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. August Lutz recently resigned as pastor of the Liberty Street Baptist Church (Meriden, Connecticut) which he had served since 1947. His resignation has already taken effect. He is now engaged in business in the city of Meriden, supplying pulpits as opportunities are presented. The Meriden Church is prayerfully considering a successor.

● Rev. Philip R. Grabke of Edenwold, Sask., missionary to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan since 1960, presented his resignation to the Board of Missions in July and announced that it would be effective at the end of August. His resignation was accepted. Mr. Grabke is hoping to continue his Christian ministry as the pastor of a church.

● Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, will be enrolled in the Princeton Theological Seminary this fall (September) at Princeton, N. J., taking graduate studies in theology. During the past summer, he supplied the pulpit of the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, while studying at Butler University. His wife will be teaching this fall in nearby Jamesburg, New Jersey.

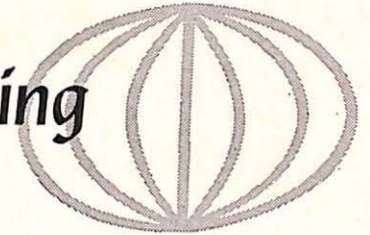
● Rev. Lawrence George, formerly pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana has accepted a call extended to him by the Gray Road Baptist Church of Indianapolis, a Church Extension project of the First Baptist Church of the city. It is a church of about 40 members in a new residential area which is affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptists.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, has called Rev. Arthur J. Fischer of Linton, North Dakota to serve as its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Sheboygan Church on Sunday, August 26, succeeding Rev. F. W. Mashner, now of Erie, Pa. Mr. Fischer has served the church in Linton, North Dakota since 1952. This is his first pastorate beyond the Dakota Conference area since his ordination in 1935.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Ra-

cine, Wisconsin, has extended a call to Mr. Herbert W. Berndt of Rochester, N. Y., to become its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. He is a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He was the exchange student to the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, a year ago. Mr.

what's happening



Berndt has announced that he was beginning his work in Racine on Aug. 1st, succeeding Rev. Richard Lawrenz.

● Miss Louanne Fuchs of Oak Park, Ill., has received an appointment by the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., as an instructor of piano and music theory. In August Miss Fuchs received the Master of Music degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. She is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. She will begin her service on the teaching staff of the University of Redlands on Sept. 20.

● Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, celebrated his 25th ordination into the Christian ministry on July 22nd. This service in 1937 was held in Grand Forks, N. Dak., at the Grace Baptist Church of which he was then the pastor. Rev. A. W. Bibeheimer, now of Winnipeg, Man., preached the ordination sermon. This anniversary event was observed by the Grand Forks Church on July 29 when the ground breaking exercises for the new church building were also held with Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor, in charge. Rev. J. C. Gunst was present for the festivities of this day.

● Mrs. Magdalena Fuchs of Hettinger, N. Dak., was called to her heavenly Home on June 23rd at 74 years of age. She had attended the sessions of the Central Dakota and Montana Association in Herreid, S. Dak., two weeks previously. The memorial service was held on June 28 at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger with Rev. Ronald F. Dermon, pastor, officiating. Rev. R. H. Zepik of Plevna, Montana and Rev. E. R. Oster of McClusky, N. Dak., assisted. Four sons and a daughter sur-

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vive, including Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Fred Fuchs of La Salle, Colorado. Interment was in the cemetery at Plevna, Montana.

● The parents of Rev. Paul Galambos of Buffalo, N. Y., observed their 60th wedding anniversary in Rothenbergen, Germany. They are Mr. and Mrs.

Adam Galambos, who were married in Gyoerkoeny, Hungary and where they were members of the Baptist church until their forced transfer to Germany in 1946. They are 89 and 88 years of age, respectively. They have five living children, 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Mr. Adam Galambos served for many years as a lay preacher in the Baptist church in Hungary. His son, Rev. Paul Galambos, is pastor of the Austin Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

● On Sunday, June 24, Dr. C. E. Seecamp, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., baptized 4 converts, 3 of whom were from the nearby church at Mound Prairie, Minn. Dr. Seecamp serves the Mound Prairie church every second Sunday morning at 9:15 A.M. The 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hays of the La Crosse church was held on Sunday evening, July 8. The pastor spoke on Psalm 37:5. The Vacation Bible School was held from July 9 to 13 with 35 children in attendance in addition to several teachers. A Vacation Bible School was also held in the Baptist Church of Mound Prairie, Minn., with 31 children in attendance. Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp served as teachers in that school.

● On July 15 Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Illinois, returned from a two week trip by plane to the Orient. On Sunday, July 8, he attended services in the Baptist Mission chapel at Kyoto, Japan and fellowshiped with our missionaries. He took part in the dedication of the missionaries' home of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern in Tsu on Monday, July 9; visited the Osaka Biblical Seminary; and spent some time at our mission fields in Ise and Matsusaka. He also met Miss Erna Redlich of Forest Park, Ill., and Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon, in Japan on their tours to the Orient. Mr. Johns also visited Hong Kong, Bangkok in Thailand, the Taj Majal and New Delhi in India, and Beirut, Lebanon.

The Shattered Wall

The tangled threads of human lives are woven together into a moving tapestry of emotion and drama.

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, left town because of a fight with another young man. He abandoned his car and took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's End." He took an assumed name, Howard Ramsey, and got a job in a snack bar on the ferry boat. There he met a girl, Deidre Fleming, who lived in Westwego, across the river, and worked in the Sunset Cafe. He struck up a friendship with her and they had several pleasant dates together. One afternoon Harlan witnessed an accident in which a little girl was critically injured. He went to the girl's aid, thus saving her life. Later Dr. Mead put Harlan in charge of the hospital management. He even assisted in emergency cases. During the following winter a flu epidemic broke out, and the pastor of the church, a friend of Harlan's, became very sick. His triumphant faith was a source of amazement to Harlan. He discussed this fact with Deidre. They were two lost souls, drifting toward eternity.

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Since nothing had happened in all this time, Harlan thought that if they had searched for him, they surely must have given it up by now and had put his disappearance as another unsolved mystery. He no longer looked with suspicion and fear upon every stranger who passed through the town, though when someone gave him more than a passing glance, he became uneasy. He couldn't forget the incident of the man on the ferry. If that man should return and should see him in the hospital, he might be sure that Harlan wasn't just that other's double, but that he was the same person.

He was more content than he had thought he would ever be when he had first accepted the position at the hospital and there was a measure of peace within him. It was not the peace of which the pastor had told him. It was more of a lull after a storm, for he still had his regrets and his moments of depression when thoughts of the past came to him. Some chance incident or some scene in the operating room would suddenly recall the past and pain would shoot through him as

keen as that which the patient endured, pain that no surgery nor drug could allay.

When the weather permitted, he and Deidre rode upon the lake. They both loved it. It was quiet and peaceful except when its waters were disturbed by some reckless speed boat enthusiast. At the time of the evening when they usually went for their ride, there were not many speed boats on the lake and they could enjoy the quiet and the beauty of the scenery around them.

"This town surely wasn't named correctly," Harlan remarked one evening as he looked at the river flowing from the far end of the lake. "It isn't the river's end, it's just its beginning. They had their geography all wrong."

"I don't suppose they were thinking about geography when they reached here. It was the end of the journey for them."

"Just like it was for us," he said.

His voice was serious. His words recalled their plight.

"It's strange how we two met," he said after a while, "when we were both trying to get away from the thing that had hurt us and from the place where we had received that hurt. And in this far place. This proves the old saying that truth is stranger than fiction. But I'm glad that our paths crossed. I have been so happy knowing you, and I would have been so lonely without you."

"You might have met someone else who might have been able to make you happier than I have done," she said as her heart began to beat faster under his tender gaze.

"Impossible. I haven't seen anyone here whom I would exchange for you and your friendship."

His eyes hinted of something more than friendship, something she longed to hear him say. But he never did say

it. So often he would say things like this and there would be the look in his eyes that she saw there now, then he would end his remarks lamely with that old word friendship. She wondered if she would ever hear him say that he loved her.

One evening Harlan paddled toward the upper end of the lake. They went some distance from their landing and out into the middle of the lake, something he seldom did, for it was there that the speed boats usually went tearing over the water, either racing or passing as near to some other boat as they dared without sideswiping it. It was a favorite trick of the young fellows, but a dangerous one which had caused more than one accident to others in small boats or canoes.

They were interested in talking and Harlan didn't notice that one of these speed fiends was out on the lake. He had no warning of its approach until the boat came sweeping past, leaving a dangerous backwash of waves.

He managed to keep the canoe afloat, but as he got safely away from the waves, the boat returned. This time it came nearer, in a foolish attempt to come as near as possible without touching them. As the boat roared down upon them, Harlan cried out to the driver, but he didn't hear. He gave them a laugh and a wave of his hand as he sped past, never looking behind to see what had happened. He had missed them, just given them a scare and that was all he wanted.

Though Harlan struggled to keep the canoe afloat, the frail craft was no match for the swells that rushed against it. It toppled over like an egg shell, throwing them both into the water. He went under, but soon rose to the surface. He looked around for Deidre but she was nowhere in sight. Then he saw her rise to the surface,

gasping for breath and coughing from the water she had swallowed. She was thrashing wildly and Harlan saw that she didn't know how to swim.

He knew that she might get a strangle hold on him if he approached her from the front, yet he must get her before she went down again. Acting upon impulse, he dove under and swam to her. Coming up behind her, he grabbed her under the chin and swam toward the shore.

"Don't struggle and don't be afraid," he gasped as he towed her through the icy waters. "Just keep quiet and we'll be all right. If you struggle we'll both be drowned."

She obeyed his instructions, though she was gasping for breath and she began to choke as now and then she dipped under. When he was sure she wouldn't try to grab him, he caught her by her dress collar so that she could breathe better and he made his way laboriously to the shore. The water was icy cold and he hoped that he wouldn't get a cramp in one of his muscles. If that happened, they might both go down.

When at last they reached the shore he pulled Deidre gently from the water and let her lie there for a moment, while he lay down not far away and rested. Her eyes were closed, but he saw that she was breathing, though somewhat spasmodically. He was too exhausted to crawl over to her and try to help her, but he knew that she would soon be breathing more naturally, so he tried to regain his own exhausted strength.

After a while she opened her eyes and looked about her, then she struggled to a sitting position and sat there coughing, with her head in her hands. He rose and went over to her and sat down beside her. He saw that she was crying. Muffled sobs sounded between the coughing.

"Don't cry, dear," he said, putting an arm around her. "You're all right now. You'll soon be as good as ever."

She raised her face, lovely even with her hair dripping down upon it, then she laid her head against his breast and sobbed softly.

He held her in his arms until the sobs and the coughing subsided, then he bent over and kissed her upon her forehead.

She looked up at him and smiled wanly.

"Thank you for saving my life," she said in a voice that was still choked with sobs.

"Don't thank me," he told her. "I'm thanking you for not drowning. If you had gone down and never come up, I wouldn't have wanted to make it to the shore. I couldn't go on without you."

She laid her head back upon his breast with a little sigh.

"I love you, my darling," he whispered as he laid his cheek against hers. "I never meant to tell you, because I felt that I shouldn't, but I can't keep the words back any longer. You're everything in the world to me, all I

ever hope to have. Say you love me, if you do."

"Haven't you known it all along?" she asked as she looked into his eyes so near her own. "I tried not to let you know, but I'm afraid I did."

"Don't be afraid any longer, but just say you do," he insisted, smiling down upon her.

"I do," she repeated with a tremulous smile. "I love you, I love you, I love you!"

He kissed her and joy flowed through them, in spite of wet, shivering bodies. He held her for a moment while she clung to him, then he heard the sound of a car and released her. He must get her back to town before she took cold and developed complications. He rose and went to the road as a car came in sight and he hailed it.

The occupants had been watching the antics of the speed boat from the other end of the lake and they saw when the canoe upset. They called to the boy who was driving the speed boat but he didn't hear them. Then they got in their car and drove slowly along, hoping for some sight of the two. They feared that they had drowned.

They took Harlan and Deidre back to town and Harlan insisted that Deidre should be taken to the hospital for a check-up and observation.

He suffered no ill effects from his experience and as soon as he had gotten into dry clothes and had a strong cup of coffee, he felt himself again. He went in to see how Deidre was getting along and saw that she was having some hot broth.

"She'll be all right by morning, I'm sure," the nurse told him.

Harlan could see that the nurse was curious about what had happened, so he told her. She gave Deidre a closer inspection and there was a little smile upon her lips as she left them together.

"She smells a mouse," he remarked with a laugh as he sat down.

"Don't speak in such terms of the wonderful thing that has happened to me," she reproached him. "I kept hoping that you would fall in love with me, but I never dreamed that I'd have to get soaked in that icy water to draw it out of you."

"Are you sure that you weren't putting on an act to make me break my firm resolution not to tell you?" he asked with mock severity. "Are you sure that you can't swim?"

"I'm not that good an actress," she said. "I never was so frightened in my life. I thought I was really gone." She shuddered and fear was stamped upon her face and in her eyes. "Let's forget it for now," he advised. "You rest and see if you can't get some sleep."

"I can't sleep," she told him. "Every time I close my eyes, I see myself going down under that water and wondering if I'll ever get back to the top."

"I'll see that you have something to make you forget everything for a while."

He bent over and kissed her and she put her arms around his neck as her

lips clung to his, then he left her. He gave instructions to give her a sedative and she was soon fast asleep. He went in a little later and stood beside her, watching her as she lay there, so lovingly, like a little child, with her hair spread out upon the pillow, giving her the little girl look that he remembered when he had first met her.

He realized how infinitely dear she had become to him, how much a part of his life, and he was glad that he had told her that he loved her, glad that she loved him. But from now on, what would it be? He couldn't argue the question, for he couldn't give the answer. The future would have to decide that. He was determined to take every moment of happiness in the present while it lasted, for he didn't know when it might be snatched away from him.

Deidre seemed to have fully recovered from her harrowing experience the next morning. Since she didn't have to go to work until afternoon, Harlan insisted that she remain in bed until noon. The nurses smiled at them as he walked to the door with her when she left and they cast knowing glances at each other. They had seen the evidence of romance and, though some of them had hopes in his direction, they had to admit that if he really was in love, he had chosen a beautiful girl for the object of his affections.

The news of the accident had spread and when Deidre returned to work she was the center of an inquisitive group. She had to relate every detail of the affair. The manager joined with the others when they told her how glad they were that she escaped drowning.

That evening Marvin Jacobs sat at one of her tables and greeted her with a smile when she came to give him the menu.

"I hear that you had quite a trying experience yesterday," he said.

"I surely did. I never was so scared in my life. I thought sure I was a goner."

"I'm so glad that you were saved and that you had no bad results. The Lord was merciful to have spared your life."

She cast a quick look toward the manager, but he gave her a smile and a nod. She felt relieved, for she knew that he wouldn't be angry with her if she continued to talk to Jacobs. He knew the pastor and he respected him.

"I never thought of it that way," she confessed, "but if that's true, I surely do thank Him for saving my life."

"I'm sure that He saved your life because He knows that you're not ready to die. He has given you another chance to think over the fact that you not only owe Him your life, but you owe Him your soul as well. He's more concerned over that than He is over your life. Have you ever thought of that?"

"No," she admitted, "I don't suppose I have thought of it in that way."

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50TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, VENTURIA, N. DAK.

Guest speakers and honored guests (left) at the Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., (left to right): Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond F. Dickau, Mrs. A. Guenther and Rev. John Rummel. Sons of the church are shown at the right: Rev. Norman Miller, Rev. Harry Haas, Rev. Curtis Haas and Rev. August Bertsch.

50th Anniversary at Venturia, N. D.

Report from the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota, by Mrs. Howard Breitling

"HITHERTO HATH The Lord Helped Us." I Samuel 7:12 was the program theme used by the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., from June 15 to 17 in commemorating the church's 50th anniversary. Gratefully we acknowledged God's guidance and blessings through the years. In remembering the past and its achievements, we realize that each Christian in his own lifetime and generation must experience anew the great truths of the Word which have been proclaimed through the years in this church.

LIVING CHARTER MEMBERS

The Venturia Baptist Church was organized in 1912. Now after fifty years, it was interesting to look back over the pages of time to review the precious labors of these saints who made this courageous beginning. We would pay tribute to these earnest, God-fearing charter members who are still with us today: Mrs. Jacob Schnabel, Mrs. Christ Dohn, Mrs. Christina Bertsch, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Christina Tesky and Mr. John Wiedman.

Our festivities began on Friday evening, June 15, when our church family enjoyed a Family Banquet. Rev. Raymond Dickau from Parkersburg, Iowa, a former pastor, spoke on "A Passion for Progress." On Saturday evening in an all-German service, Rev. John Rummel of Lodi, Calif., the first pastor of the church brought the message, "Ich Habe." On Sunday during the Sunday school hour, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller of North Freedom, Wis., gave a challenging lesson. Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary in Souix Falls, S. Dak., spoke on "Remember" at the morning service.

Greetings and congratulations from former pastors, former members, guest churches and other guests were heard at the afternoon service. The Sunday evening service brought our activities to a close with Dr. Lang speaking on

Vacation Bible School in a Tent

A colorful report from the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Mrs. Eleanor M. Rhodes

"ALL OUT FOR Holiday Park Baptist Vacation Bible School!" Pastor Dale Chaddock shouted these words as he pulled the big blue and white bus into the parking lot. Fifty to fifty-five children piled out of the bus, running for their classes while the bus made another trip for more children.

ENROLLMENT OF 186

What was so unique about this Vacation Bible School at the Holiday Park Church, Pittsburgh, Pa? Every thing appeared normal except for a large 16 by 32 foot tent. This tent was the classroom for over 20 preschool children. Since the average attendance was 135 children, it was necessary to provide more space for classes. The beginners and primary children studied in the church basement, the juniors in the sanctuary and the intermediates in the parsonage. The total enrollment was 186 compared with 131 a year ago and 71 two years ago.

Stressing the point that "the two weeks of Bible school presented a time comparable to a year of Sunday school classes," Pastor Chaddock urged the teachers to prayer and consecrated ef-

"The Challenge of the Future." Beautiful messages in song by the choir and other special music contributed much to the blessings of the celebration.

The sons and daughters of our church now in Christian service are: Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary to the Cameroons of Africa; Rev. Norman Miller, North Freedom, Wis.; Rev. David Keiry and his wife, the former Priscilla Haas, Spanish American Mission field in Colorado; Rev. Harry Haas, Sumner, Iowa; Rev. August Bertsch, Waubay, S. Dak.; Rev. Curtis Haas, Pound, Wis.; Chester Strobel, a second year student at our Seminary; and Oliver Bender, a third year college student and pre-enrolled in our Seminary.

FAITHFUL PASTORS

The pastors who have faithfully served us have been: Rev. John Rummel, 1913-1917; Rev. John Reichert, 1918-1924; Rev. Gustave A. Alf, 1924-1926; Rev. A. Heringer, 1927-1934; Rev. Adolph Guenther, 1935-1945; Rev. C. T. Remple, 1946-1949; Rev. Raymond Dickau, 1949-1957; Rev. Orville H. Meth, 1957-.

And so after 50 years the Word of God is still being preached and the door of the church is still open for those who would like to come in. The invitation that Jesus gave still stands, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

fort to win the children to Jesus. Many homes were opened to the Word of God. As the Scripture verses were carried home to be memorized, parents heard anew the "good news" of Jesus Christ. Parents sought answers to questions concerning the Bible and several new homes were placed on the prospect list.

As the children became acquainted with the Scriptures, many re-dedicated their lives to Christ. Seven juniors earnestly sought and received Christ as their Savior. Three intermediate girls, hearing the wonderful promise of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, gave their hearts to him in humble gratitude.

CHILDREN'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Several days were spent encouraging the children to give their own testimonies. As they did so, it seemed to give them more confidence. They also learned to witness for Christ to one another. Since the emphasis was on the story of salvation, crafts and recreation took second place.

The goal of \$80 for the ten days was attained. This offering was used for

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Children's Work at Springside, Sask.

The story of an enriching and interesting program for children at the Springside Baptist Church by Mrs. Viola A. Pahl

THE MOST pleasant and rewarding work in the church is with the children's organizations. Children are—how shall we word it?—so enthusiastic, spontaneous, without fears and prejudices, natural and pliable. At the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., there is an excellent children's program being carried on so that in any age group an activity can be found to suit every need.

Very rewarding is the Scripture Memory Course which is sponsored by Mrs. Sylvia Nehring. This year 52 children enrolled. It was a privilege to give 5 Grand Award prizes to Audrey Minke, Wayne Minke, Dale Hoffman, Douglas Goltz, and Donald Goltz. Certainly, their lives have been enriched by the years of learning God's precious Word.

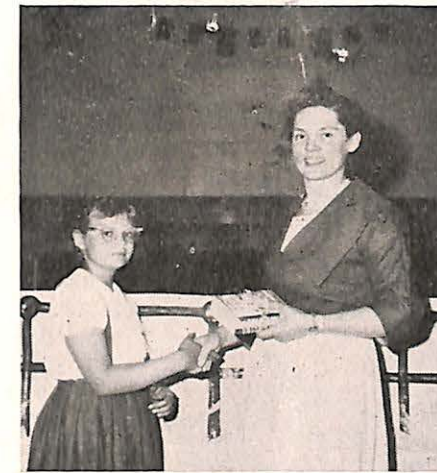
TELEPHONE QUIZ

A new venture, which was carried on from January until June, has proved to be quite successful. This has been the "Telephone Quiz" contest. It was felt that the boys and girls were not getting enough benefit from the wonderful stories in Junior Mission material and the missionary stories sent out for use in Vacation Bible Schools. With a file folder packed full of these stories, Mrs. Viola Pahl sorted the stories to the age level of those in grades 4 to 8. Each week the enrolled Quiz Kid received one story through the mail.

Sometime during a three-day period, the Quiz Kid received a telephone call from the Quizmaster and ten questions were asked concerning the missionary story. Points were carefully kept, and prizes were awarded to the winners. Miss Terry Tillman, the youngest Quiz Kid, a grade-four student, received 100% in every Quiz. Through this contest, the boys and girls are not only hearing or reading about our missions, but through the answer and question method, they are learning about our denominational program.

The Junior Choir, attended by children from grades 3 to 8, has been a blessing to the church during the year at various programs and services. About 20 children sing in the choir which is directed by Mrs. Sylvia Nehring and assisted at the piano by Mrs. Ed Breikreuz.

The Junior C.B.Y. is sponsored by Mrs. Viola Pahl and meets on Wednesday evenings so that those parents who have to drive in from the country can attend prayer service while the Juniors have an informal time of fellowship. A series of flannelgraph stories on the Christian's two natures was presented recently. At the close of the course, each Junior was assigned one aspect of the series and



Terry Tillman of Springdale, Sask., receives first prize from Mrs. Viola A. Pahl for 100% marks in the Telephone Quiz Contest held by the Springside Sunday school.

these short talks were then presented at the adult prayer meeting. The Junior CBY also holds an annual program in conjunction with the Junior Choir. This year the theme was nautical and the play, "The Good Ship Zion," was presented most effectively.

Other media of activities for children are reflected in a boys' club at which Intermediate boys made model airplanes. There are two Children's Church classes: one for beginners and one for primaries. Musically-wise from time to time, small groups are trained together to form orchestras or bands. Teaching instruction can be had in several instruments to prepare Juniors for the church orchestra. In these many ways we are endeavouring to follow Christ's commission to "feed his lambs" and to "let the little ones come to him."



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK, SPRINGSIDE, SASK.

Picture at left: Grand Award Winners for Scripture Memory Course: (left to right)—Audrey Minke, Douglas Goltz, Mrs. Sylvia Nehring (sponsor), Donald Goltz, Dale Hoffman, (missing, Wayne Minke). Picture at right: Cast of the play, "The Good Ship Zion," presented at the Junior CBY annual program.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

Ask your pastor or Builder Captain about joining this worthy evangelistic ministry. Another appeal will be sent out in Sept. 1962.

CHURCH EXTENSION EMPHASIS

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ing the Church Extension Builders. We need 10,000 Church Extension Builders to help us provide capital funds for building new churches. It is easy to join. Fill out an enlistment card, attach \$1.00 and give it to your Builders Captain, or mail it to Church Extension Builders, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

CHURCH LOAN TRUST FUND

Our Church Loan Trust Fund is another avenue through which support has been given to our Church Extension building program. The Trust Fund gives our people an opportunity to invest their reserve funds with our denomination at 4½ and 5% interest. Our people are encouraged to continue to invest in this fund and to let the Lord use their reserve funds also to build new churches and reach souls for Christ.

Let us fervently pray God to help us meet the tremendous challenge of evangelism through Church Extension that confronts us today. Having prayed, let us allow the Holy Spirit to move our hearts as never before to supply the material needs for sending out more Church Extension pastors, for building more churches in new areas, and for reaching more souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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the support of two leper children at the New Hope Leper Settlement, Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa. A total of 1600 cookies were used with 75 gallons of Kool-Aid and 35 pounds of sugar for refreshments. These were donated by various members of the church.



OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Eastern District

Centennial Birthday Celebration At Chicago's Central Home

"My good health is just the gift of God," Mr. Charles Anderson declared on his 100th birthday, celebrated July 10th at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Norridge, Illinois where he has been a guest for the past 11 years. Mr. Anderson reported that he has never had a serious illness in his entire life and estimates that he has spent less than \$50 on medical bills in his century of life.

At noon on July 10th, a banquet dinner was prepared by the Home's two cooks for all of the Home's family. Also present were Mr. D. B. Granzow, president of the Home's Board, and his wife; Dr. John T. Ryan, the Home's doctor; and representatives of the International Brotherhood of Machinists, of which Mr. Anderson has been a member for almost 80 years.

Afterwards Mr. Edward Meister, the Home's superintendent read from Psalms 1 and 90 and read letters of congratulation from the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; from Richard J. Daley, mayor of the City of Chicago; from Mr. Harold Dierkes, Village Clerk of Norridge; and from Dr. F. H. Woyke, Executive Secretary of our North American Baptist Conference.

Edward Meister, Superintendent

Events at Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

The Community Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio sponsored a Loyalty Banquet on February 23. Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the speaker. The banquet was well attend-



A CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. Edward Meister (right), superintendent of the Central Baptist Home, Norridge, Ill., helps Mr. Charles Anderson, a guest in the Home, to celebrate his 100th birthday on July 10th.

ed in spite of a terrific sleet storm that made travel hazardous. "God's Volunteers" were with us from April 3-15. These young people, together with Rev. Walter Hoffman, really sparked new zeal and interest among our people.

On Sunday, May 6, a ground-breaking service was held at our building site on Bellbrook-Fairfield Road. A total of 110 people attended. Dr. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., brought a challenging message. The Fellowship Baptist Chapel choir of Fraser, Michigan presented a sacred concert preceding the ground-breaking. Those

participating in the ceremony were Rev. John Ziegler, pastor; Dr. Schilke; Rev. Helmut Riemer, pastor of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church; Gene Fanger, chairman of the Building Committee; William Thompson, moderator; Gene Weng, deacon; Ray Taulbee, trustee; Judy Baar, CBY; Helmut Behrend, oldest member; and Mary Conner, youngest member.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 11-17 with 68 persons enrolled. Fourteen teachers worked with 8 classes. A nursery was also provided. Four decisions for Christ were made in the Junior classes. There were 85 in attendance at the closing program.

Mary Thompson, Clerk

Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Kankakee, Illinois

Approximately 200 members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., gathered in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday evening service, June 24, to honor Dr. Louis R. Johnson and his family. He has accepted the pastorate of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he commenced his ministry early in July. Congregational singing was led by the choir director, Marshall True. Mrs. True, church organist, accompanied at the organ and Mrs. D. Hustedt at the piano. Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, moderator, presided at the service. Mr. John Gernenz, a life-long member of the church and a former chairman of the Deacons' Board, spoke on Isaiah 40:31.

A male quartet consisting of Ron Hayhurst, Roy Johnson, Jr., Richard Reeley, and Marshall True sang. Robert C. Johnson gave a humorous reading on "Texas." The Ladies' Trio of Irene Beasley, Sharon Salzman and Ruth Eichholz also sang. Mr. Arthur Salzman, the present chairman of the Deacons' Board, gave a brief talk. On behalf of the church the moderator presented, as gifts from the church, a portable electric typewriter and a silver tray and tea pot. The church choir had previously presented Mrs. Johnson with the coffee pot. The Salzman Guild also presented the creamer and sugar bowl to make the matching set complete. Rev. William Morrison pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Reeley presided at the refreshment table and Mrs. Luhrs poured coffee, as many church members expressed their best wishes to the Johnsons in their new pastorate.

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, Reporter

Rev. Fred Plastow Ordained at Detroit, Michigan

On June 12, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., called the ordination council for Mr. Fred Plastow into session. Rev. Adolph Braun of Warren, Mich., was elected moderator and Rev. Eugene K. Stroh of Troy, Mich., was elected clerk for the council. Twenty representatives of 11 Detroit area churches were present.

Mr. Plastow then proceeded to give his statement of faith and conversion experience. During a missionary conference at Ebenezer Baptist Church, he felt the Lord calling him to missionary service. To better prepare himself, he entered the Moody Bible Institute. While at school, the Lord

directed his attention to the spiritual needs of Morocco. At Moody he also met his wife and she likewise felt the Lord calling her to the mission field of Morocco.

Hearty approval of the candidate and his presentation was expressed by members of the ordination council. A very fitting ordination service was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, June 19th. Rev. John Barcus, representative of the Gospel Missionary Union and close friend of Mr. Plastow, brought the ordination sermon. A Bible was presented to Mr. Plastow on behalf of Ebenezer Church. Rev. Fred Plastow concluded the inspiring service with the benediction and a host of friends pledged their prayer support for the couple as they prepare for a difficult field of service.

Eugene K. Stroh, Reporter

Reception for Pastor's Family at Erie, Pa.

Climaxing weeks of beehive activity, a reception was held June 13th by the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., for Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Mashner and their four children. Pastor Mashner began his ministry the following Sunday on "Father's Day." This reception was unique in that its guest speaker was Missionary Gilbert Schneider, who is also a former classmate of Mr. Mashner. After the Mashner family had been given words of welcome by the moderator, William Siegrist, on behalf of the church, the Evening Circle through Mrs. Wm. Siegrist extended a welcome from that organization. Then the WMU president, Mrs. Merle Gibbons, presented Mrs. Mashner with a lovely corsage. Greetings from both the Senior and Junior CBY groups were given by Linda Love. The "key to the church" was presented by trustee chairman, Merle Gibbons. Robert Eichler brought a welcome from the Sunday school.

Missionary Schneider donned a colorful gown of an African "big man" and brought greetings from Africa. He left with us a most challenging "dare" to be upholders of our missionaries. Rev. Joseph Troup, interim pastor for several months, took part in the service, after which Rev. W. S. Argow, former pastor, now in his 87th year, brought challenges to both pastor and people. The CBY presented a short skit in which they buried "Old Man Can't" and brought forth "We Can't!"

Mrs. Robert Eichler, Reporter

Central District

Lincoln Valley Church, N. Dak., Observes 25th Anniversary

Sunday, June 17, was a memorable day for the Lincoln Valley Church, Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., with three services held to commemorate the church's 25th anniversary as an organized church. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., spoke at the first two services and Rev. A. Krombein of Mercer, N. Dak., spoke at the evening service. Rev. M. Vietz, the present



Ministers at the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church's celebration, N. Dak. Left to right: E. Broeckel, Jacob Ehman, Milton Vietz, A. Krombein and E. R. Oster.

pastor, read letters of greeting from the former pastors: Rev. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Rev. F. H. Fuchs of La Salle, Colo.

The historical review of the church as a station from 1900 to 1937 and as an organized church from 1937 to 1962 was presented to the 170 visitors and 16 former members who were present. Greetings from sister churches were brought by Rev. E. R. Oster from McClusky, Rev. Jacob Ehman from Goodrich, Mr. Wehr from Anamoose, Mr. Rust from Mercer, and Mr. Martin from Rosenfeld. The offering amounted to \$137.29. We thank the Lord for Christian parents and for God's servants sent to us during these years. Their ministry has not been in vain.

Reinhold Pfaff, Reporter



WELCOME NEW PASTOR AT ERIE, PA.

Rev. Fred W. Mashner (left), new pastor at the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., is welcomed by Rev. W. S. Argow (center), former pastor, and by Rev. Gilbert Schneider, a classmate of Mr. Mashner and missionary in West Cameroon, Africa since 1947.

Vacation Bible School Is Held at Herreid, S. D.

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., from June 11 to 15. A total of 56 pupils and 15 teachers participated in the school. Mrs. E. A. Bischke was the director, and Rev. Alfred Weisser, our pastor, was in charge of morning devotions. The theme was "The Bible Tells About God." An offering was taken daily for foreign missions.

On Friday afternoon the teachers and pupils enjoyed a picnic at the city park. The program was held Sunday evening with a capacity audience attending. We pray that the Word that was planted in the hearts and minds of the children might bear fruit.

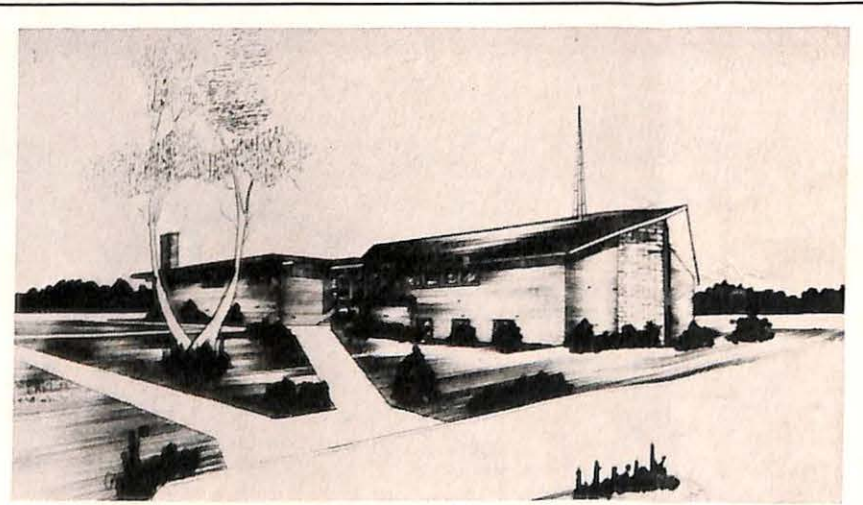
Mrs. Herbert Rudolph, Reporter

60th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye of Waco, Texas observed their 60th wedding anniversary on June 27th. They observed the day quietly, since Mrs. Doye has not been in good health. In the evening several members of the Central Baptist Church and the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Hinz, visited the Doye's and presented a short program.

Mr. and Mrs. Doye were married in the state of Thuringia in Southern Germany on June 27, 1902, and came to the United States ten years later. They came to Waco in 1913 and have been active members of the Central Baptist Church since that time, Mr. Doye having served as deacon for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Doye brought up six foster children, four of whom are living. Among them are Miss Margaret Kittlitz, former missionary nurse in West Cameroon, Africa, who at the present time is living with them.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter



The architect's sketch for the new building planned by the Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. Ground was broken for the new church on Sunday, May 6th.

Vacation Bible School at Spring Valley Church, S. D.

We are happy to report a very successful Vacation Bible School held the first week in June at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak. The teachers were our pastor, Rev. Raymond Hoffman, and his wife; Mrs. Marlyn Rand and Miss Carol Schneider, with Judy and Adeline Johnson assisting. Both teachers and pupils reported a very enjoyable time, and there was one decision for Christ.

During the week of June 11-17 we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman with us for evangelistic meetings. These meetings were also well attended and we had wonderful times of praise and fellowship as well as times of deep soul searching. Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk



Vacation Bible School teachers and pupils at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota

Vacation Bible School, Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School the week of June 11 to 15. We used the theme "My Bible and I." Mrs. E. S. Fenske was the superintendent with Rev. E. S. Fenske as the devotional leader who also assisted Mrs. Fenske in the Bible study of the Junior Class each day.

The teachers were: Mrs. Jake Schopp as the Primary teacher; Mrs. Fenske, Junior teacher; and Mrs. Wilbur Quatier as the teacher for the Beginners. Our pianist was Mrs. Ray Kessler. Karen Kessler also assisted the teachers a few days. There were 20 pupils enrolled. We are thankful to God for the blessed time we had together. We are also grateful for the precious Word of God that we were privileged to study together.

Mrs. Wilbur V. Quatier, Reporter.

Summer Activities at Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Society and the Missionary Guild of the Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., held their annual Mother's Day observance with each member bringing a visitor. On June 3rd the young people of the Underwood Church presented the play in our church, "Converting Dad to Missions." The entire play had a wonderful message for all who attended.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 11-15 with a total attend-



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak. Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Faul are in back row, just in front of the baptistry.

ance of 85. Fifteen of these were teachers and helpers. The theme was "Patriots of Christ." Rev. E. J. Faul, pastor, taught one of the classes. Mrs. Faul had charge of all the music and singing with their daughter Sylvia serving as pianist. A fine program was given on Sunday night, June 17, by the children. Handwork was displayed in the church basement.

Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter

Special Programs for Parkston and Tripp Churches

Traditional spring activities again enriched the fellowship of the Parkston and Tripp Churches of South Dakota. On Palm Sunday, April 15, four converts were baptized on confession of faith in Christ. One of these candidates was won to Christ during Bible School in 1961, and the other four through special meetings in January 1962 with Rev. H. Palfenier. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on Maundy Thursday at which time the church met in Tripp.

Another successful Vacation Bible School was held from June 4-10 with 21 children enrolled, and with an excellent daily attendance. Two children accepted Christ during the school. On Sunday morning, June 10, a school program was presented to the joint meeting of the combined stations and the group went to the park in Parkston for the Sunday school picnic. The pastor and his wife appreciate the help of Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff and Miss Lois Mehlhaff as fellow-teachers, as well as that of Miss Sylvia Mehlhaff and Miss Laura Buening as helpers.

Elmer Buening, Pastor

Special Services at Mt. Zion Church, Kansas

On Sunday, May 13, a farewell service was held at the Bethany Baptist Church and Church Extension project at Junction City, Kansas, for Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Walter who had served this field faithfully since 1959. Special musical numbers were given by various



Rev. Elmer Buening, pastor of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches, S. Dak., and five young people whom he baptized on Palm Sunday

Sunday school classes. Several members reported on the work in Junction City since the arrival of the Walters and expressed appreciation on behalf of the congregation for their efforts and fellowship. Prior to the service, a picnic dinner was given in honor of the Walter family.

A picnic dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Priestley on Sunday, June 10. Mr. Priestley is serving Mt. Zion and Junction City as pastor for the summer months.

Mrs. Gordon Zoschke, Reporter

Baptismal Service at Grace Church, Gackle, N. Dak.

A fine audience of over 100 was in attendance at the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, June 24, when six young people took the obedient step of baptism. Four girls and two boys made up the group. They are Jean K. Anderson, Carol Heller, Dona Hummel, Pamela Martin, Rory Metz and Ervin Wolff, Jr. In addition to these, Mrs. A. F. Lehr of Lodi, Calif., was also given the right hand of fellowship by the pastor,

Rev. Bernard Edinger, preceding the communion service.

The six young people baptized had completed 12 study sessions when the "Comprehensive Evangelism" course (with revisions by the pastor) was presented to them. Twenty-four members have been received into the church under the ministry of the present pastor who has just completed four years with the church.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor

Baptism and Church Extension Program, Hutchinson, Minn.

On Sunday, June 3rd, a baptismal service was held at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn. It was a thrill to see the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of three adults who were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Bert Itterman. They are Mrs. Joe Peterson, Mrs. Leonard Tipka and Mrs. William Ball. At the communion service, held that evening, Mr. Sheldon Miller was also received into the church. He is married to the former Arlis Fratzke of our church and hopes to enter the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall. On the following Sunday we expressed our appreciation to Mrs. Clyde Watford (the former Ellen Krueger) who has labored faithfully with us during the past year and who now plans to join her husband who is stationed with the armed forces in France.

On Sunday, June 10, a very interesting film on Church Extension was shown. Afterwards 16 people signed up to become Church Extension Builders. If all of our church people band together for this worthwhile cause, then we can go forward with Christ in this worthwhile work.

Mrs. Henry Schott, Reporter

Northern District

Ordination of Rev. A. E. Gerber at Camrose, Alta.

The ordination of Allan Ernest Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gerber, took place at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, on June 22nd, with 19 delegates present. The moderator was Rev. Herbert Hiller and the secretary was Rev. A. Rapske. Mr. R. G. Soderstrom introduced the candidate. His testimony in regards to his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views were stated very clearly. The Council recommended most heartily that he be ordained to the Gospel ministry.

The ordination service took place in the evening with Rev. A. Lamprecht as chairman. The Scripture was read by Mr. Richard Hohensee and prayer offered by Rev. Charles Littman. Minutes and letter to the churches was read by the clerk, Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom. We were favored with a duet by Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman. The ordination message was ably given by Professor Arnold Rapske. The dedication prayer was offered by Rev. R. Neuman. Rev. Wesley Gerber, brother of the candidate, rendered a solo, "A Charge to Keep." The charge to the church was given by Mr. Fred Taubensee and the charge to the candidate by Rev. Wesley Gerber. The moderator welcomed him into the ranks of the

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ministers. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Allan Gerber, who is now serving the Baptist Church at New Leipzig, N. Dak.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Western District

Bible School and Hymnal Dedication, Odessa, Wash.

Another busy week of Vacation Bible School has passed for the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash. Twenty children and six teachers came every day to study and work together using the theme, "God and His World." Correlated handwork kept the children interested throughout the week. One class made models of musical instruments used in the Bible and used them in the program. The original poems written about God's creation were also an interesting feature of the closing program which was held on Friday night. We are thankful to God for always providing our needs and again supplying the necessary teachers so that we could hold this Bible School.

On Sunday morning, June 10, it was our joy to dedicate 120 new hymnals which were purchased by the church. "The All-American Hymnal" is the title of the book which is being used in our services to sing praises unto him.

Mrs. Edward Kopf, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Those who say they will forgive, but can't forget an injury, simply bury the hatchet, while they leave the handle out ready for immediate use.—D. L. Moody.

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1962	June, 1961	June, 1960
Atlantic	\$ 2,638.89	\$ 2,929.19	\$ 2,260.05
Central	15,266.54	7,726.50	6,496.87
Dakota	6,994.09	6,418.19	10,246.73
Eastern	1,228.78	2,013.36	1,670.02
Northern	5,984.62	7,530.43	5,873.14
Northwestern	10,046.51	6,104.12	7,948.57
Pacific	3,425.88	7,555.96	2,189.07
Southern	2,647.60	2,580.09	892.39
Southwestern	3,156.79	3,279.51	2,651.24
Inter-Conferences	2,588.83	20.00	
Total Contributions	\$ 53,978.53	\$ 47,157.35	\$ 40,228.08

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
Jor the month of June, 1962	\$ 48,284.58	\$ 4,268.95	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 53,978.53
For the month of June, 1961	37,735.44	4,588.52	4,833.39	47,157.35
For the month of June, 1960	32,969.62	1,674.46	5,584.00	40,228.08

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1962 to June 30, 1962	\$170,961.27	\$ 30,785.83	\$ 4,418.98	\$206,166.08
April 1, 1961 to June 30, 1961	139,103.11	8,909.86	19,407.73	167,420.70
April 1, 1960 to June 30, 1960	131,218.25	3,547.22	18,095.98	152,861.45

Obituaries

MR. MATTHEW KIEMELE of Lodi, California

Mr. Matthew Kiemele of Lodi, Calif., was born in South Russia. He passed away on June 6, 1962 at the age of 80. Upon coming to America he made his home in South Dakota and North Dakota and from there he moved to Lodi where he lived for the past 16 years. Mr. Kiemele had a heart condition and on the morning of his death, just minutes before, he had visited with his pastor in a local garage where he had some work done on his car.

A faithful member of First Baptist Church, he was for many years the teacher of a Bible Class. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two children: Tobias of Galveston, Texas, and Mrs. Evelyn Canada of Hayward, California. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. August Haas of New Rockford, N. Dak., six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California

AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. LAURA NESTEL of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mrs. Laura Nestel, nee Glewwe, of St. Paul, Minn., was born in West St. Paul on February 13, 1895 and passed to her reward on July 6, 1962. She was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ as her personal Savior on April 5, 1908 by Rev. Herman, and was received into the fellowship of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., remaining a faithful member until the time of her death.

She is survived by one son, Robert Nestel of Seattle, Washington. Her husband, Gustave Nestel, preceded her in death in 1961. The other survivors are: one sister, Emma Glewwe; 6 brothers: Emil, Frank, Otto, Henry, William and Walter. Mr. Bob Ricker and Rev. Henry R. Schroeder had charge of the funeral services on Monday, July 9th. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow with them" (Rev. 14:13).

Riverview Baptist Church
West St. Paul, Minnesota

HENRY R. SCHROEDER,
Officiating Minister

MAN'S MIND

The smashing of the atom
Has not made man wise,
All that it has seemed to do
Is to cut him down to size.

If he makes a bigger H-bomb,
He seems smaller, to compare.
O what learning man has left un-learned!
In God lies his greatness rare.
—Rev. E. Buening, Parkston, S. D.

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INVITATION TO BEIRUT, LEBANON

All Baptist youth, youth leaders and pastors are invited to attend the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963. Arrangements with a travel agency for a three-week tour of Lebanon, the Holy Land and Europe in connection with the youth conference in 1963 are being made. The cost is not definite as yet, but it will be from \$850 to \$1100, including air travel, on-ground travel, all lodging and meals. If you wish more information, write to: John Binder, Director of Youth Work, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE

(Continued from page 5)

When he could not find as many as ten righteous people among the twin cities' swarms of lechers and gamblers, he consumed them all in fire and turned Lot's wife into a pillar of salt. Today the site of ancient Sodom—now a potash mine—is marked by a slab in the desert not far from the Dead Sea.

Yet man never seems to learn. Recently in Jerusalem, one Koppel Rosenberg claimed to have "unlimited" financial support from Miami Beach hotel entrepreneurs to rebuild ancient Sodom as a modern-day Las Vegas—complete with wide-open gambling. Warned Israel's orthodox Agudat Party: Wasn't once enough?

MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

Everywhere you go history is written and seems to cry out, even from the rocks, but the most moving experience for us was to sit quietly at

the northern tip of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. The waves of the sea seem to repeat for us the many events that took place here during Jesus' day. Capernaum was a thriving city but Jesus predicted its ruin if the people would reject him. They did reject him and now there are only ruins left.

The Mount of Beatitudes still seem to echo Jesus' sermons but most people do not hear them. They have never heard them. He, Jesus Christ, is speaking today and we must listen or bear the consequences!

NAB STUDENTS IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL, MINN.

The names and addresses of NAB students attending colleges or universities, Bible Schools or seminaries in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minn., should be sent by pastors or relatives to Mr. Wayne Bibelheimer, 7022 Markword Drive, Minneapolis 27, Minn. This information is requested by the Planning Committee of the NAB Student Fellowship in the Twin City Area for future programs and occasions that will be held for these students.

Richard Rabenhorst, Correspondent

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 13)

He was a ready and a skillful scribe. He studied to show himself approved unto God, a workman who was not ashamed, a divider of the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15).

Not only was Ezra interested in preparing his own heart, but he felt responsible for the preparation of all the hearts of Israel. He prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, to do it, and to teach it in Israel. It was a great program that he laid out for the building of the temple and for the building of souls.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How is God using today's rulers to accomplish his purposes?
2. Is it Christian to accept favors from the ungodly?
3. Have we been as active lately in rebuilding souls as we have in rebuilding churches?

GERMAN SONG BOOKS WANTED

If any churches should have copies of the song books, "Evangeliums Saenger I, II, or III" or of these song books without notes, which are in good or fair condition, then you can help the Baptist Church of Ramirez, Argentina, Rev. Hermann Fiebig, pastor. Send such information about the number and condition of the books to Rev. L. Bienert, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, and he will send instructions to you how and where to send the books.—EDITOR.

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