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## Science Sermons at World's Fair

ONE OF the first exhibitors with a firm intention to participate in the Seattle World's Fair is located on the grounds in what is now called the "Sermons from Science" Pavilion. Visitors to this unique religious display are literally being shocked into the realization of the close connection between God and science.

Sermons from Science are making its second bow before world's fair audiences. In 1939 a similar program was conducted at the San Francisco World's Fair. Dr. Irwin Moon became world famous with his Sermons from Science at Treasure Island. In his original presentation he used equipment which he had built in his basement to illustrate his lectures.

Seattle Fair visitors are being challenged by Dr. George Speake, who has for several years conducted "Sermons from Science" showings among our armed forces. Speake is a graduate in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. After service in the Navy as a fighter pilot he joined the Moody Institute of Science. In recent years he has travelled thousands of miles to the far reaches of our military bases to both entertain and to bring the message of the Gospel to men in uniform. Military planes have carried his cargo of gear to the icy wastelands of the Arctic and to the burning desert bases where men are stationed.

His purpose is to show the relationship between God and science. In his demonstrations he develops in his audience an awareness that learning and inventing are in themselves miracles which only a Greater Being can provide for man.

To amaze his audiences he displays such phenomena as a talking flashlight which creates sounds electronically on a beam of light; he sets a pine board on fire held in his hands by passing on millions of volts of electricity through his body; he supports objects on invisible pillars of sound.

Speake insists his performances are not a magic show nor a subterfuge to dupe the gullible. "The performance is a very serious one in a time when science is a subject discussed in every household. I want people to see the interesting things that can be done to illustrate scientific truths.

"My presentations are not church meetings and we don't sing hymns. Sermons from Science is not another church. It is a place where people can see the truth of a living God in an atmosphere of cold, calculated science and demonstration. If they believe what the eyes and minds will tell them during my performances I know I will reach thousands who have never seriously considered the claims of Christ. This is the premise of Sermons from Science and it is already proved very sound," Speake concludes.

—"The Tie," Minnesota Council of Evangelical Churches.

### WORLD'S FAIR AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

- Visit the "Sermons from Science" Pavilion sponsored by the Moody Institute of Science.
- See the motion picture film setting forth man's birth, life and death in relation to biblical themes.
- See the stained glass facade, "Jesus Christ—the Same Yesterday Today and Forever" in the Christian Witness Pavilion.
- Visit the Christian Witness Pavilion near the Hall of Science.
- See the Moody Science films adapted from Dr. Moon's early presentations and bringing an unforgettable Gospel message.
- Meet Dr. George Speake and see his fascinating demonstrations on "Sermons from Science."

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS.** We are continuing to make encouraging progress in our contributions toward God's Kingdom work through our denominational enterprise. During June 1962, our churches contributed \$53,978.53 for all purposes in comparison with \$47,157.35 given in June 1961 and \$40,228.08 in June 1960. Budget contributions for the three month period from April 1, 1962 to June 30, 1962 have been \$170,961.27 which is a considerable advance over similar periods in 1961 and 1962.

**GEBAUER BAPTIST CHURCH.** The Baptist students of the Cameroons Protestant College in Bali, Federal Republic of Cameroon, have organized a Baptist church at the school and have named it the Gebauer Baptist Church as "a measure of their esteem for the former field superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission." This news was reported by Mr. Gilbert Gordon, missionary and teacher at the school.

### FRONT COVER PICTURE

This exciting picture from the air shows the towering Space Needle and unique buildings of the Seattle World's Fair with the city of Seattle in the background. The buildings of the Hall of Science are at the bottom of the picture. EDITOR.

**MISSIONARIES HOME ON FURLOUGH.** Miss Florence Miller of Japan returned to the United States in July, following a trip to several European countries. Miss Berneice Westerman of Africa returned to her home in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in June. Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Haupt came to the United States on July 31st following the completion of his special students in London, England. Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and their son, Billy, are arriving at home in Tacoma, Wash., in the near future. The promotional schedule for all of these missionaries has already been completely filled.

**MISSIONARIES SAILING FOR AFRICA.** On August 2nd Miss Esther Schultz and Miss Alma Zimmerman are sailing from New York City for England and the Federal Republic in Cameroon, Africa. Miss Schultz is returning to her teaching ministry and Miss Alma Zimmerman will be teaching at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre of Soppo for her first missionary term of service.

### NEXT ISSUE

#### A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

By Rev. John Binder

## Editorial

### The Harvest of the Years

During these summer days, the harvest of the fields and of our gardens is coming into its ripening glory. Such prospects for a good harvest are a wonderful sight. The Dakota prairies in June were lushly green with farmers beginning to look forward to a fine harvest in the fall. The rolling slopes of the mountains in the West were covered with wild flowers like a carpet of many colors. In the Pacific Northwest, we feasted on the luscious harvests of giant strawberries, fruits of all kinds, and vegetables. Returning to Chicago, the train sped through the corn fields of Iowa. Every farm was a dramatic testimony of the good harvest in the not too distant future.

God's law of life, as exemplified in the Scriptures, is that "we are to grow up in every way." Across the years every Christian should give ample evidence of growth toward maturity. In his Christian life, he is no longer a child, "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine," but firmly grounded in the Word of God, able to give a reason for his faith. He has met the tests of life with increasing firmness and strength, adding faith to virtue, and knowledge to temperance, and godliness to brotherly kindness. (2 Peter 1:5-7). The Apostle Peter goes on to say that if these things be in you and abound to a good harvest, "ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

You will be a mature Christian, no longer interested in childish things, no longer insisting on having your own way, no longer having to be pampered by others or, as the Apostle Paul expressed it, no longer having to be fed with milk like babes in Christ. The evangelist, Billy Graham, has said that this is the greatest need in America today that Christians will really live as fullgrown Christians, giving a dynamic and winsome testimony of what the abundant, joyous and victorious life in Christ really is.

Such a spiritual harvest will find us "growing up into him as the head, even Christ." Perpetual growth is needed in the life of each one of us if we look to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. Every time the Apostle Peter reached one level of attainment, Christ called him on to a new one. Christ in all of the revealed glory of God is known to those who go on in their experiences in him. In their knowledge of the Son of God, they are constantly striving "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Such a harvest across the years in your witness and service for Christ will mean a fruitfulness of life, blessing others and honoring Christ. That is the greatest memorial that can be erected by anyone in the Name of Christ. The influence of your life for good, the deeds scattered like seeds along the way, and the joys that you will experience and show forth to others will be the crowning glory of your life. May this be the harvest across the years and the glory of eternity for years to come unto "the stature of the fulness of Christ."

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The idealism of youth is one of life's greatest gifts that, if used aright in Christ's service, can lead to glorious joy and overwhelming success . . .

## Living Up to Our Ideals

By Rev. Donald N. Miller, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin



PRAYER OF SOLOMON

"Give thy servant an understanding heart that I may discern between good and bad" (I Kings 3:9).—Photograph by A. Devaney, N. Y.

FOR A BEGINNING to this message, I should like to reach back to the Old Testament to the story of a man who began well in life but ended poorly. It is the story of Solomon. When Solomon was a young man, perhaps twenty years of age, he had a dream. And in the dream God appeared to him and offered him anything his heart desired. And Solomon, who might have chosen long life, riches, and vengeance upon his father's enemies, chose instead an understanding heart—the ability to discern between right and wrong.

### A NOBLE CHOICE

It was a noble choice, and God commended him for it. And for many years Solomon lived a noble and commendable life. He had a deep concern for the things of God and the people of God. With the best cedar and stone that could be imported, he built the temple of God. With his pen he wrote many wise sayings so that men from all over the then-known world came to sit at his feet. With his scepter he ruled the children of Israel with love and understanding.

But toward the end of his life, he lost the idealism of his youth. His heart went after other gods. And because of it, his kingdom was rent asunder. And sin and shame were visited, not only upon himself, but upon his children and children's children.

Like Solomon, many men begin well in life. They come from Christian homes. They have within their reach the ability to make a great con-

tribution toward the Kingdom of God. They are elected "most likely to succeed." But they end in bitter failure and utter ruin, a far cry from the man they might have been. Why? Why do so many young people begin with promise and potentiality and end so poorly?

The story of Solomon suggests three possible reasons. And if we can be alive and alert to what it was that



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caused Solomon's downfall, then we can be prepared when the same temptations threaten to destroy our ideals. What then was it that caused Solomon's downfall?

### THE CHOICE OF A WIFE

The first thing that caused Solomon's downfall concerns his wives. The Scriptures tell us that Solomon had seven hundred wives, in fact, an additional three hundred concubines. The number of wives he had, of course, is not important for our thinking at this time. But what is important is that the women, whom he chose to be near him, worshipped pagan deities. In short, they were not the kind of women who were very likely to contribute toward his spiritual welfare. The fact of the matter is the "they turned away his heart after other gods."

How often does it happen that the downfall and spiritual decline of a young man can be traced back to the time when he became "friendly" with a certain girl? Or how often does it happen that a girl loses her appetite and appreciation for spiritual things the moment she marries a certain boy? Every minister knows something of this. And when he talks to them about the dangers of a permanent relationship with a non-believer or nominal Christian, they usually say that they intend to win the other person to Christ. And sometimes they do! But more often than not, it is the Christian who is led astray rather than the non-Christian who is led to

Christ. How important it is then in the choosing of a life-partner that we choose one who will not pull us down in our relationship to Christ, but rather build us up.

The story is told of several children who were playing on a rainy day. Since they could not go out, they decided to have a wedding. The minister's son was the preacher and the other children were members of the bridal party. After they were assigned their parts and were properly dressed for the occasion, the ceremony began. The officiating clergyman had witnessed a number of weddings which his father had conducted and so he had a pretty good idea as to how things should be done. Suddenly, however, he could not remember how his father concluded the ceremony. Finally, he remembered something he had heard his father say, and so he ended with these words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

We smile. And rightly so. Yet how tragically true it is that some young people are not ready for marriage when they come to the minister and ask him to marry them. It is not uncommon for a boy to spend many weeks and months examining a car before buying it. Yet that same boy will pick a wife by moonlight and marry her the first chance he gets. Or a girl will choose a boy for a husband because she thinks he's "cute" or because he drives a convertible.

Certainly, it's desirable to marry a woman who has a pretty face or a man who has a pocket full of money but the passing years have made it increasingly plain that its not these things that are important in marriage. Rather it is character. It's nice to have all three—beauty, character and money, but, young people, if you have to choose, choose character.

### WEALTH THAT ENRICHES LIFE

The second thing that caused Solomon's downfall was his wealth. And there is no question about the fact that Solomon was a wealthy man. The Chronicler tells us that Solomon's yearly income was 666 talents of gold, which was the equivalent to about 16 million dollars a year. And this is to say nothing about the money which he received in taxes from trade with other countries and the tribute money he received from vassal kings and rulers. Solomon, in fact, was the wealthiest man in the then known world.

But Solomon used his wealth foolishly. He used it to satisfy his own selfish lusts and luxurious tastes. He spent his money on horses and houses. He drank out of cups that were made of pure gold. All this he did while the common people groaned under the burden of enforced labor and taxation.

Now wealth in itself is not evil. It all depends on how it is obtained and used. It can be used to build hospitals, homes and churches. Or it can be used to build bars, breweries

and brothals. It can feed a hungry mouth. Or it can strangle a man's soul. The latter, in fact, is the reason why Jesus told the rich young ruler to go and sell all that he had and to give it to the poor. It was because his wealth was blinding him to the true values of life. And money, no matter how small, can do that!

Two men—a father and a son—were once standing by a seashore discussing the values of life. And in the course of the discussion the son expressed the viewpoint that money was the all-important commodity in life.

The old man, however, having experienced sickness and sorrow and death and knowing how helpless money can be at times such as these, determined to teach the boy a lesson.

"See that beautiful sunset," he said.

the then-known world came to listen at his feet. But Solomon, instead of giving himself to the righting of wrongs and the serving of God's people, used his God-given ability to enslave the people. He levied taxes on them. He built a fleet of ships to bring in more gold for further self-glory and gratification.

Again, how often does it happen that a young person has a keen mind, but instead of using it for good and God, he uses it for his own advancement and interest. He uses it for something quite cheap and trite by comparison.

Gaston Foote, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, tells of an acquaintance he met when he was in grammar school. His name was Happy Jack. Happy Jack had a fancy white wagon with red



THE IDEALS OF YOUTH

The idealism of youth is one of life's greatest gifts that, if used aright in Christ's service, can lead to glorious joys and to overwhelming success. (Photograph by Harold M. Lambert).

And as the boy looked into the western horizon and saw the sky painted in a dazzling array of colors, he knew it was the most beautiful sunset he had ever seen. Then reaching into his pocket, the old man withdrew a coin and held it up to his eye.

"See son," he said, "even a penny can be held so closely to the eye as to shut out the sky and blind you to the eternal values of life."

So it is! Many people never raise their eyes above the level of things that money can buy. They never see the needs of their neighbors. They never hear the groans of the world. They see only the satisfaction of their selfish desires.

### WISDOM FROM ABOVE

The third thing that caused Solomon's downfall was his wisdom. He had a keen mind. Men from all over

wheels. He sold hamburgers, peanuts, popcorn and candy to children during recess and after school. The interesting thing about Happy Jack, though, was that he had a marvelous memory. He could quote Shakespeare by the hour. And he had the ability to portray the characters in his plays. But what was Happy Jack doing? He was selling hamburgers.

Or here's a man who had the mind and ability to interpret with meaning the Scriptures and to teach a class of boys and girls. But what does he do with his God-given ability? He uses it to study the batting averages of the major league baseball players. And these things, of course, change every day. And you say to yourself, if only he'd use his ability for God and something more lasting.

Or here's a woman who has the

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John Jasper, born 150 years ago, a slave for 50 years, was one of the greatest Negro preachers of his day whose long strides to Glory Land are still remembered today. . .

## Philosopher and Preacher in Ebony

By Hazel Thomson of Chicago, Illinois

WHEN JOHN JASPER died in 1901, an overflowing crowd came to his funeral at the largest white Baptist church in Richmond, Virginia. Crowds at a funeral are not unusual, but John Jasper was an 80-year-old, ignorant, uncouth, Negro preacher and philosopher.

Not only did crowds follow John Jasper at his death, but during his lifetime hordes of people of all races, creeds and pedigrees crowded to hear him preach and lecture.

### A GREAT NEGRO PREACHER

His death notice in the RICHMOND DISPATCH called him a "Richmond Institution," and said, "He was a national character and he and his philosophy were known from one end of the land to the other. Some claimed that he became famous simply because he clashed with scientists and declared the sun rotated. In one sense this is true; on the other hand his fame was due to a strong personality, deep earnest conviction, and a devout Christian character. He made an impression wherever he went; took the Bible literally and accepted it as the inspired Word of God."

William Hatcher, the Baptist minister who preached at his funeral, and also his biographer, called him "a battlefield: the general, staff, officers, soldiers, artillery and musketry! He was the preacher, choir, deacons and congregation!"

This famous Negro, known as the unmatched Negro philosopher and preacher, made an odd picture to look at. His limbs were long, his torso short. He seemed loosely put together. His ebony face which boasted a Ulysses Grant beard, carried an un-

attractive bulge around the cheekbones. But his face was so luminous and radiant most of the time that people were attracted to him, whether they desired it or not.

### A SLAVE FOR 50 YEARS

John was born a slave on July 4, 1812. In fact, he remained a slave for fifty years, and was a preacher in slavery for twenty-five years.

It was said that his mother, Nina, gave birth to 24 children. John was the last one, born two months after the death of his father. His mother, who was chief of the servant force in a wealthy family, had contact with cultured people. Though John never received any formal education, he did benefit from his mother's valuable experiences.

His father had been a preacher. No Negro preachers were allowed to acquire independent congregations during this period. But some kind masters would permit them to minister and even travel among their own people.

John worked in the fields until manhood. Then he was transferred to a tobacco factory in Richmond. He was known as a gay young man, full of "dangerous energies." He seemed to have a flair for the young women of his race and was the life of the party.

But on July 25, 1839, when he was

### RHAPSODY IN BLACK

This fine book of 149 pages is "The Life Story of John Jasper" written by Richard Ellsworth Day and published by the Judson Press. This book for \$2.50 can be heartily recommended to those who want to read more about this great man of God and Negro preacher. EDITOR.



John Jasper, outstanding Baptist Negro preacher of Richmond, Virginia. July 4, 1812 — March 28, 1901

27 years old, something happened that changed all that. It was the day of his conversion and he loved to describe it wherever he went.

The burden of sin had engulfed him as he worked that morning in the factory.

But let's let him tell it.

"De darkness of death was in my soul dat mornin'. My sins was piled on me like mountains—tho't I would die right den. An' wid what I s'posed was my las' breath, I fling up to heav'n a cry of mercy. 'Fore I know'd it, de light broke; I was light as a feather; my feet was on de mountain; I felt as if I could'nock off de fact'ry roof wid my shouts."

He decided, however, to keep the experience quiet. But then he noticed the elderly man who had tried to lead him to Christ. He just had to tell him. Jumping over there and revealing his secret, he hustled back to work. Then he thought of the old lady who had been praying for him. So he had to tell her.

"So I skip along as quiet as a breeze," he continues, "and started to whisper in her ear." But the whisper got to be a loud affair!

"It wud have been a jinial revival in de fact'ry dat mornin' but for one thing," said he.

### "GO, TELL EVERYBODY!"

The overseer came to investigate the racket. He told him to go back to work. "An as he had sumptin in his hand dat looked ugly, it was no time for makin' fine pints, so I went back to work quick."

Then Mr. Sam Hargrove, the owner, came to investigate. He called Jasper to the office.

"Tell me all about it," he requested.

"Mars Sam," answered Jasper, "ever since de 4th July I ben cryin' after de Lord, an' jes now out dar God tuk my sins away. I didn't mean to make noise, but 'fore I know'd it de fire broke out in my soul, an I jes let go one shout to de glory of my Savior."

Mars Sam listened intently, then said, "I believe the way you do. We are brothers in the Lord."

After a bit, he queried John. "Did you tell anyone about your conversion?"

"I tell 'em 'fore I know'd it, an' I feel like telling ev'rybody in de world about it."

Then something happened that made the event a crowning point in Jasper's life. His boss told him to go and tell everybody, and gave him the day off!

"Oh, dat happy day!" continues John. "Can I eber forget it. Dat was my conversion morning', an' dat day de Lord sent me out wid de good news of de kingdom. For mor' den 40 years I've ben tellin' de good story."

### PREACHER OF THE WORD

Thus John was called to preach on the day of his conversion.

It began to stir in him a desire for knowledge. He could not read, but he says, "In de dead of night a slave who had learned to read giv' me lessons outen de New York spellin' book. When I got de light uv de less'n into my noodle, I fairly shouted—gettun a crum here an' dar until I could read de Bible by skippin' de long words, tolerably well."

Outside of personal witnessing, John's preaching was limited. However, Negroes always had funerals and they were big events. John's fiery oratory began to become known and he had many invitations to officiate. He was a master in the art of picturing triumphant death beds, the opening of the pearly gates, and judgment day episodes. All this stirred an uproar in Negro hearts, and shouting, groans, even fainting, were the logical results. Without it, there had been no funeral!

Subsequently he became the pastor of a Negro church in Petersburg, Virginia, going two Sundays a month.

It was not until he was 50 years old that he was liberated from slavery. He found himself with no home, no money; nothing but the future to make his fortune. But he had one ambition: to build his own church.

### A CHURCH OF 2000 MEMBERS

He settled on an island near the James River, first meeting in an abandoned house, then a deserted stable. Many liberated slaves were converted and baptized in the river. Eventually, they purchased an old Presbyterian Church for \$2,025. It was a magnificent structure to them.

But soon most of the crowds were on the outside. They enlarged and remodeled. By this time Jasper was 60 years old. Membership rose to 2000

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CAPITOL SQUARE IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

In the foreground is a monument honoring George Washington. The Bell Tower, erected in 1824, is near by. Jasper said he was seated on a bench near the Bell Tower when God's arrow of conviction first struck into his proud heart.

and it was necessary to build another church. It was called the Sixth Mt. Zion Church of Richmond, Virginia.

Jasper's "pictorial preaching" drew crowds from every rank and file—governors, judges, ministers, scientists, the wealthy and the poor. There were many, however, who abhorred him; some of his own race, especially the new school of preachers. They thought he was an offence to the ministry. He was ungrammatical, used vulgar gestures (like circling the pulpit with his ankle in his hand!) "He laughed, shouted, and acted a dozen characters in three minutes," says his biographer.



The monument in Woodland Cemetery, Richmond, which marks the grave of John Jasper. Inscribed on it are his last words: "I have finished my work. I am waiting at the River, looking across for further orders."

On one occasion a professor took his 10-year-old son to hear Jasper. He was speaking on the Raising of Lazarus. In the process the boy begged to go home. After the service he asked his son, "Why did you want to leave?"

"I thought he had a dead man under the pulpit and was going to take him out," replied the frightened lad.

### "THE SUN DO MOVE."

His most notorious sermon, which he preached 250 times, and was 90 minutes long, was "The Sun Do Move." It was a sensation, though he never had intended it to be. It started innocently enough through the friendly discussion of two of his members as to whether the sun revolved around the earth. As they couldn't decide, they asked their old pastor. The sermon overflowed with humor, keen sarcasm, and fervent earnestness as he "proved" from the Scriptures that the "sun do move."

Many people, of course, went to hear him for amusement and considered him quite the ignoramus. But his loyal congregation supported him with shouts, "Yas Lord; dat's so, Brer Jasper, glory, glory!"

Though John Jasper may have been wrong in many of his convictions, he was definitely not a hypocrite. He often admitted his defects.

Once in a sermon he said, "Brethren, God never lies. Man lies. I lie sometimes, I am sorry to say. I oughtn't to lie, and it hurts me when I do. I am tryin' ter get over it, an' I think I will by God's grace; but der Lord never lies."

Today a monument, erected by those who loved him, stands over his grave as a memorial to this uncouth, ignorant, Negro slave, who allowed God to use him as he was.

Do we still utter the AMEN through  
Christ to the glory of God? Or has  
this important word lost its importance for us?

# Amen! Amen! Amen!

A Provocative Message by Mr. Reinhold Kerstan, Assistant Pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

IT WAS IN the 16th century that the English composer, Thomas Morley, stated, "I find no better word to say after a good prayer than AMEN." This old Hebrew expression, which literally has been taken over into Greek and into almost all languages into which the Bible has been translated, has become perhaps the most widely known word in human speech, being used today in worship not only by Christians, but likewise by Jews, and as AMIN even by the Mohammedans.

What is the origin of this word? Why has it been used universally? Why has it come into discredit on the part of the congregations in our churches as well as in others? What does the Bible say about the usage of AMEN?

## DISTINCT USAGES OF AMEN

Looking into the Old Testament we find that Amen was used by individuals as well as by a congregation. However, there were certain distinct usages, of which only a few shall be mentioned here:

1). It was used for the purpose of

adopting as one's own what had just been said. "So it is" or "so shall it be!" At the occasion of the enthronement of Solomon, we read that the officials answered to the speech of King David, ". . . and they answered the king: Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, say so" (I Kings 1:36).

2). AMEN was employed when an individual or the whole nation confirmed a covenant or oath made or spoken in their presence. (Deuteronomy 27:15ff).

3). AMEN was used as a testimony of the praise of God in response to a spoken doxology and at the end of the Psalm books. (Psalm 41:13).

4). AMEN was found at the close of public prayers and thanksgivings: "And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:6).

The use of the AMEN in the services in the synagogue was frequent. There is strong evidence that in the synagogue worship, the response of AMEN was even considered of greater importance than the benediction itself. So one is not surprised that Rabbi

Meier taught that a child is able to inherit the future world as soon as he can say, "Amen." From this idea arose the Jewish custom of teaching the child AMEN as soon as it began to speak.

## NEW TESTAMENT TIMES

From the practice of the synagogue, the AMEN was taken over by the early Christians. This is evident from the writings of Paul and from passages in the Book of Revelation. (Cor. 14:16; Rev. 5:14; etc.).

In the New Testament we find a threefold use of this word:

1) as liturgical acclamation in the worship service,

2) as response to a prayer or doxology, and

3) in the mouth of Jesus, where it gained a special meaning.

Whenever Jesus desired to call forth special interest on the part of his hearers, or to invest his words with especial solemnity, he prefixed his statements with AMEN. Thus, he gave to this word a wholly different use, taking it as affirmation of his own words. (John 8:58, "Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, (in Greek: "Amen, amen"), I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.") See also Revelation 3:14 and II Corinthians 1:20.

After we have examined the biblical tradition concerning AMEN, we want to ask ourselves now what significance AMEN has for the worship practice of our days. Do we still—as the Apostle Paul put it—"utter the Amen through Christ to the glory of God?" Or has the word rightly lost its importance for us?

If we look into our NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL, we discover that most of the hymns end with an AMEN which, however, usually is cancelled in the worship services of many of our churches. It is a rather modern rediscovery of the Biblical practice, that the pastor's benediction or prayer is concluded with the AMEN of the choir. This is a proper and desirable use as long as the minister does not add himself the AMEN, and so would cause a doubling.

When for centuries, as we have seen, it was the custom to let the congregation speak or sing the AMEN, why did there come a change and what

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Another Church Extension building  
is dedicated, but there is still  
much more work to be done . . . .

# Dedication Festivities at Wichita, Kansas

By Rev. Edwin Michelson, Church Extension Pastor of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

THIS IS THE DAY for which folks at the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas have long been waiting, working and praying. It is a beautiful spring day, very unlike the dreary ground breaking day last fall when friends from out of town drove through rain and fog to open the witness for Christ on Memory Lane with us.

## FAST, THRILLING SUCCESS

Yes, this is a great day because the Lord has blessed our church with many good friends in the Southwestern Conference and elsewhere. We recall today especially our former plight of last summer when we were still meeting at the Hadley School and felt the ever increasing need of our own building. We had been led by the Lord to our location and had purchased ten choice lots on Memory Lane through our Church Extension Committee of the General Conference in the growing northwestern part of the city of Wichita. We had drawn up plans for our first unit (a 64 by 38 foot Educational Building with sanctuary to be added later). But we needed funds for the building. Our appeal through the Southwestern Conference Church Extension Committee and its chairman, Mr. Delmar Wes-seler of Lorraine, Kansas, met with fast thrilling success.

On the first anniversary of the organization of our church on the first Sunday of January 1962, we met in our own new building! We had many evenings of work left in painting and varnishing, but it looked like a temple to us as we gathered together in that way. Our building has washrooms, four permanent classrooms, a kitchen-classroom, and a worship center seating over 150 worshippers. When we build our sanctuary, we will make this building into 13 classrooms and washrooms.

## JOYS AND SETBACKS

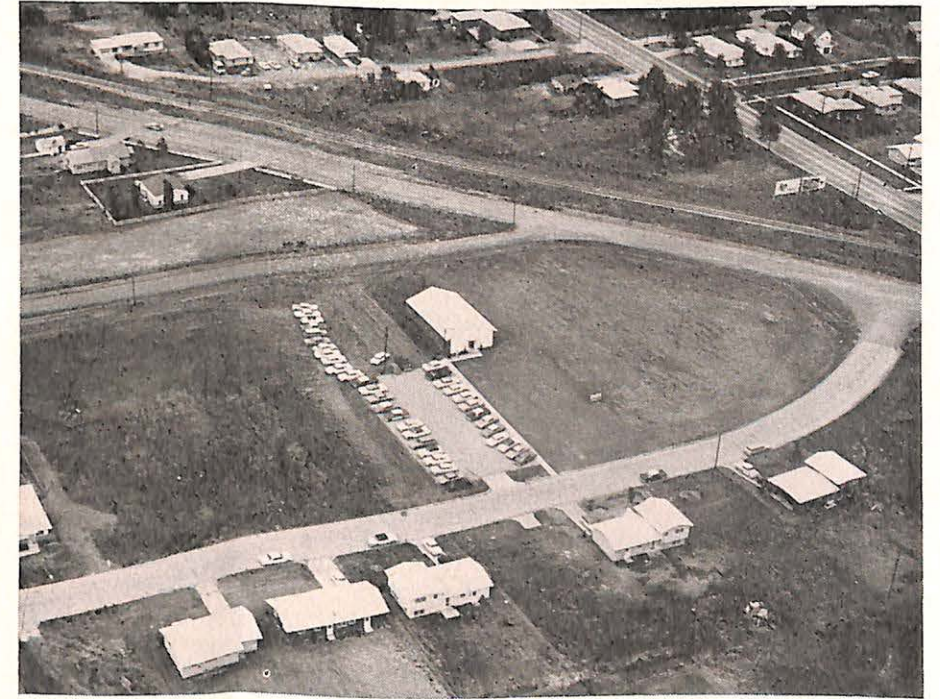
Joyfully we recall the initiation given our building by the 1961-62 "God's Volunteers" and Rev. Daniel Fuchs during early February 1962. Their thrilling testimonies and uplifting ministry benefitted our membership and helped add to our number. We are now 44 members in the church with an outreach to untold others who need the message of our redeeming Lord.

Just a week before this Dedication

Sunday when we returned to the church for our evening Gospel Hour and C.B.Y., we met with real shock. Possibly some prankster had come into the church in the afternoon and had put on the electric kitchen stove. Some plastic toys on the stove melted and caught fire and in burning filled the whole building with smoke and black soot. It meant a week of hard work and late hours, but the task of replacing the stove and cleaning up was finished late Saturday night in time for the dedication services. It worked out so that the insurance

parking lot, landscaping, shrubbery, chairs, tables, church signs and kitchen ware.

We see too that of our own people, there are many evidences of giving to the Lord's cause here in the form of labor and things. We trust that Memory Laners will be worthy of the prayers, gifts and soul concern of friends and of the calling of the Lord to the witness in Wichita and throughout the world. To this end we not only dedicate a building today, but we re-dedicate ourselves to the will of our Lord and to his Kingdom work.



MEMORY LANE BAPTIST CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS

A striking airplane view of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas (center of photo) on Dedication Sunday showing also the many new homes in this area. (Hal Pottorf, photographer).

covered the entire loss and our labor resulted in good fellowship in work and a healthier building fund.

As we come to our Dedication Day here at the church, we are humbled as we look about us and see so many evidences of sacrifice by friends of our Southwestern Conference sister churches. We see the beautiful pulpit furniture and offering plates, communion set, clock, coat hangars, carpeted pulpit platform, guest book, bulletin boards, S. S. register, hymnals, fans, kitchen sink, tiled floor, a sidewalk, an approach from the street,

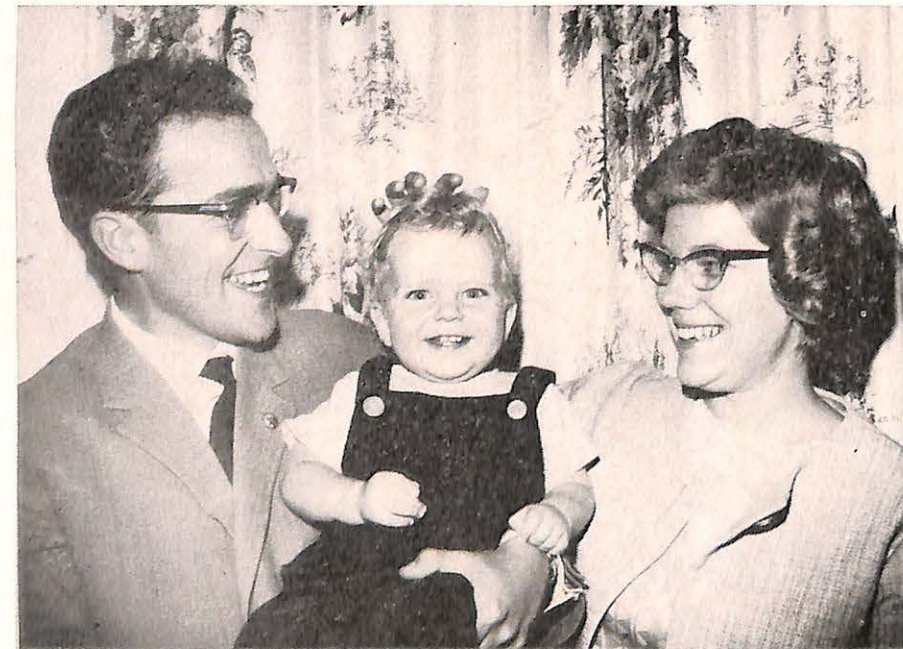
Oh, I see the folks from our sister churches are arriving for the dedication.

## DEDICATION FESTIVITIES

We the members of the Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas were truly blessed by the Lord on Sunday, May 20, 1962 when we dedicated our building to his service.

The dedication service was held on Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Rev. J. C. Gunst as guest speakers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Kerstan and their son at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from which Mr. Kerstan received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in May 1962.

*This Extension Project of the Grosse  
Pointe Church has grown with tremendous  
strides and with blessings from above . . .*

## Bloomfield Hills Church Is Dedicated

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

**I**N THREE FESTIVE services, Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, dedicated its splendid, new facilities on Sunday, June 10, 1962. Guest speakers for the occasion were Dr. Charles W. Koller, president-emeritus of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, vice-moderator of our General Conference and pastor of our sponsoring church, the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

for the churches of the community; and by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie for the General Conference and Grosse Pointe Church. Rev. Adolph Braun read the Word of God and Rev. Herman H. Rifled led in prayer.

Our architect, Mr. Frederick J. Horner, presented the keys to the general contractors, Mrs. Robert Palnau and Mr. Lee Walker, who are both North American Baptists. Accepting the keys for the church were Mr. Edward J. Russell, Sr. (Grosse Pointe) and Mr.

Dedication Sunday was brought to a fitting close with an informal evening service at 6 P.M. Charter members of the church told of God's leading in the life of Bloomfield Hills church. There was more beautiful music, and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie brought a thoughtful message on "The Anointing" (I John 2:27). It was a never-to-be-forgotten day in the history of this new church.

### THE CHURCH'S AMAZING PROGRESS

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church had its beginning early in 1960, when nine families living in the area (northwest section of Greater Detroit) explored the possibility of organizing an evangelical Baptist church. With the Lord's leading, 23 charter members formed the church on March 8, 1960. Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn was called to be the first pastor, and he served for one year. Then Rev. O. W. Stucky was the interim pastor for six months. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke has been the pastor since January 1, 1962.

For 21 months, the church worshipped in the Hickory Grove School. When the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church adopted Bloomfield Hills as its extension project, it was possible to plan for the beautiful building now dedicated. Ground was broken on the 4.4 acres acquired on Telegraph Road on July 23, 1961 and the cornerstone was laid on October 22 of that year. The first service held in the present building was on Watch Night, Dec. 31, 1961.

As it stands today, the church, including land and improvements, represents an investment of approximately \$105,000. The North American Baptist General Conference has contributed \$15,000 through the Grosse Pointe Church. The remainder represents the love, prayers and gifts of members in both churches. Present membership has grown to 60. Sunday school attendance is over 100. For May 1962, the morning worship service averaged 116.

The potential field to be reached for Christ is evident in the population figures of this rapidly growing section of Detroit. In 1950, Bloomfield Township had a population of 3,800. In 1960, the census figure showed 22,500. It is our only North American Baptist church on Detroit's west side.

The building just dedicated is a  
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**\$105,000 BUILDING OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS CHURCH**

The combination chapel and educational wing of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., providing for a congregation of 180 and a Sunday school of about 200. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

During the Sunday school hour, under the direction of Mr. Jack White, superintendent, Dr. Koller gave a stirring report of the Chicago Billy Graham Crusade. At the morning worship service, Dr. Koller spoke on "The World's Most Attractive Church," urging us to emulate the qualities of the First Church in Jerusalem.

### DEDICATION SERVICES

The formal dedication service was held at 3 P.M. Although a much-needed rain fell outside, 280 people crowded into the building to dedicate it to the Lord. Greetings were extended by Mr. Homer W. Case, Township Treasurer, for Bloomfield Township; by Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Ebenezer Baptist Church for the 3,400 North American Baptists in the 11 churches of Greater Detroit; by Rev. Robert Shelton, pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan

Jack White (Bloomfield Hills), members of the Joint Building Committee and Mr. John N. Veneman, the church's moderator. Special music was furnished by the Redeemer Four, the male quartet of our Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, and by Mrs. Henry A. Friesen of Grand Rapids, Mich., formerly of our Colonial Village church in Lansing.

Pastor Harold W. Gieseke led the large congregation in the solemn Act of Dedication. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. O. W. Stucky of Detroit, who served as interim pastor for the last half of 1961. Dr. Koller's afternoon message was entitled, "A Dedicated People in a Dedicated House." After the benediction by Rev. Eugene K. Stroh of the Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Mich., delightful refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the church.

*The governor of Oregon, nine Association  
pastors and community leaders take part  
in dedicating this beautiful, new church . . .*

## Salt Creek Church Dedicates Sanctuary

By Rev. Clarence H. Walth, Pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon

**T**HE DEDICATION of a new sanctuary had not been experienced at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon for many years. But during May 10-13 a host of friends gathered to share in this great spiritual exercise of dedicating a sparkling new structure to the glory of God.

The edifice, featuring materials of natural wood, brick and glass, has a seating capacity of about 500. The church is located five miles northwest of Dallas, Oregon. We began construction of the \$90,000 unit in November 1961, and completed it by Easter Sunday, April 22, 1962. The building adjoins the other existing plant and blends wonderfully with the peaceful setting of the neighborhood.

### GOVERNOR HATFIELD SPEAKER

A Dedication Program Committee, consisting of Lester Voth, Mrs. Abia Haas and Franklin Green, started early in February to make arrangements for the dedication festivities. The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, governor of the State of Oregon, spoke at the opening night's service on Thursday, May 10. His subject was "Dedicated to the American Way of Life." Mrs. Hatfield was present for the special occasion, and both she and her husband were a great source of encouragement to the church.

The Adult Choir, under the able direction of Mr. Richard Nallinger, sang, "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." Others participating in that service included: Norman Gatz, contractor; Dick Bartel, Building Committee chairman; Jake Voth, Trustee chairman; and Rev. Edwin J. Schroeder, distinguished member of the church. Mrs. Abia Haas handled presentation of flowers to the honored guests.

On Friday, May 11, following a Basket Supper, Rev. James Spillman of Salem, Oregon spoke on the theme, "Dedicated To Youth." The Gospelsaires, a youth choir from the church under the direction of Mrs. Dorene Walth, sang "Built On A Rock." The Men's Chorus, directed by Mr. Walter Schmitke, also sang a sacred selection. Mr. A. H. Friesen, Mayor of Dallas, and Rev. Arthur Flaming, president of the Dallas Ministerial Association, brought greetings and remarks.

Open House was observed on Saturday, May 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Guided tours conducted by the Senior

Youth Fellowship resulted in a gratifying response from business people and residents in the area. The Priscilla Circle served delicious refreshments.

On Sunday, May 13, regular Sunday school classes were held at 9:45 A.M. Since it was Mother's Day, the 11:00 A.M. worship service was geared to the theme, "Dedicated to the Family."

of the Salem Ministerial Association. Rev. William Jeschke, Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, brought greetings from the Oregon Ministers' Fellowship. Rev. Eldon Seibold, Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, led in the singing of the dedication theme song: "Are Ye Able?" Dr. John Wobig, Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, led in the Dedication Prayer.



**JOY REIGNS AT SALT CREEK CHURCH**

Taking part in the joyous festivities of dedication at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon were the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield (left), governor of the state, and his wife, and Rev. Clarence H. Walth (right), pastor of the church, and his wife.

The pastor, Rev. C. H. Walth, brought the message. The Adult Choir sang "Gloria."

Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary of our conference, was the key speaker at the formal dedication service on Sunday afternoon. "Dedicated to the Glory of God" was the title of Mr. Sonnenberg's message to a large gathering. Mr. Ephraim Schrenk led the congregation in the opening hymn. This was a wonderfully inspiring service with people and pastors from each of our nine Oregon churches represented. In addition, Rev. Fred Moore, our missionary from Japan, brought words of greeting.

Rev. Fred A. David, Wichita Baptist Church of Milwaukie, led in the invocation. Rev. Henry W. Barnett, Stafford Baptist Church, read the Scripture passage. Rev. Arthur Schulz, Bethany Baptist Church, led in prayer. Rev. Everett Barker, Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, spoke in behalf

Rev. Henry Smuland, Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland led in the benediction.

The Johanna and Mildred Circles of the Woman's Missionary Union served tasty refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the afternoon service. The church is very grateful to the people of our Association churches for the encouraging response displayed during the dedication. Each intercessory prayer and gift is gratefully acknowledged. The Building Committee consisted of Dick Bartel, chairman; Abia Haas, secretary; Ben Lange, Ernest Loewen, Dale Overholser, Walter Schmitke, George Voth, and Mrs. Darlene Thiesies, color consultant.

The Salt Creek Baptist Church, 66 years old, dates back to July 19, 1896. Rev. Gustav Schunke was the organizing pastor, whose strong Christian influence has not been forgotten. Over

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This Extension Project of the Ebenezer  
Church of Detroit, Mich., with its new  
pastor and lovely new building is a  
glorious venture of faith . . . .

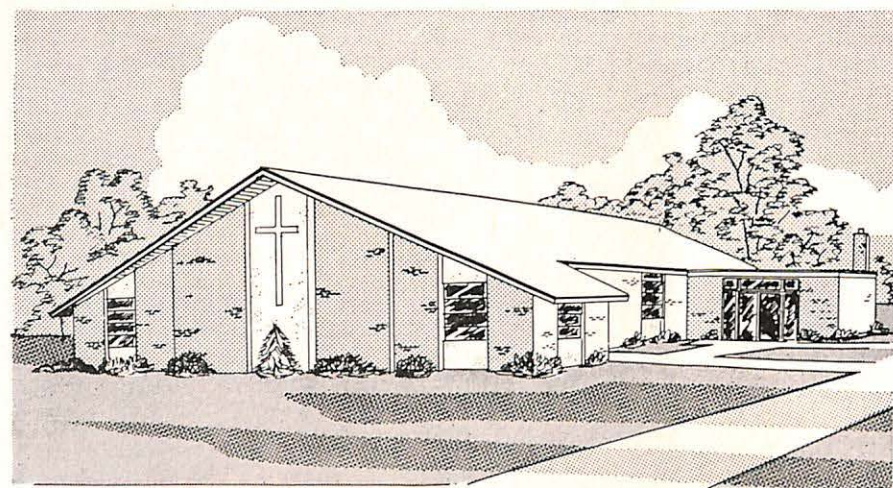
# Dedication of Bible Baptist Church

By Rev. Eugene K. Stroh, Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Michigan

TWO MONTHS AFTER occupancy of its new building, the congregation of the Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Michigan, was able to hold its Dedication Service on Sunday, June 17. We were pleased to have with us the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary of the North American

terial Union.

The Redeemer Baptist Church Choir, directed by Mrs. Ed Torp, sang the beautiful anthem, "The Beatitudes." This 35 voice choir was the first choir to sing in our new church and we were richly blessed by their ministry.



BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, TROY, MICHIGAN

On Sunday, June 17, this attractive new church, located at 2900 Lovington, Troy, Mich., was filled to capacity for the festive dedication services. Rev. Eugene K. Stroh is the pastor.

Baptist General Conference. Mr. Wolff served as guest speaker at our morning worship service.

## FESTIVE SUNDAY

The church was filled rapidly with members and friends as the 2:30 P.M. dedication hour approached. Mrs. Phylis Cate, Redeemer Baptist Church organist and one of three organists to play for us on this special day, prepared our hearts with a fitting prelude. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, led in the invocation followed by the congregational singing of the hymn, "The Solid Rock."

Greetings were brought to the congregation by the Honorable Robert Huber, mayor of the city of Troy; Mr. Irvin Draewell of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, chairman of the Joint Board of Control for Ebenezer and Bible Baptist Churches; Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren; Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Warren, and Rev. Louie H. Callaway, president of the Troy Minis-

Additional greetings were brought to the church by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church and by Rev. Emanuel Wolff, representing our North American Baptist General Conference.

The dedication Scripture, I Chronicles 29:16-18, was read by William O'Bryne, Christian Education Director of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rev.

### THANKS TO CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

In appreciation for the wonderful support we have had from the "Church Extension Builders," we of the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa would like to insert our expression of thanks in one of the issues of the "Baptist Herald."

We are very grateful for the generous contributions which have been designated for our work and we wish to thank all those who had a part in it. We trust and pray that the other Extension Churches will be as fortunate as we have been. Joan Marklein Kniep, Church Clerk

E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of our mother church, Ebenezer Baptist, challenged us from God's Word to be a way whereby men may find Christ as Savior and Lord.

### ACT OF DEDICATION

The Redeemer Church Choir sang the anthem, "Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone," and the pastor, Rev. Eugene K. Stroh, then led the congregation in the Act of Dedication. Dr. M. A. Darroch, associate pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, led in the prayer of dedication followed by the singing of the hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal." Rev. Herman Riffel, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Mich., concluded a spiritually inspiring service of dedication with the benediction.

At the 7:00 P.M. service, the 35 voice Chancel Choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nelson, Minister of Music, presented a "Sacred Musicales" that thrilled the hearts of listeners.

As we reflect upon our Day of Dedication we can only say, "Thanks be to God," and we are reminded of his own Word when he says: "I have heard thy prayer and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. I will take pleasure in it. And I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

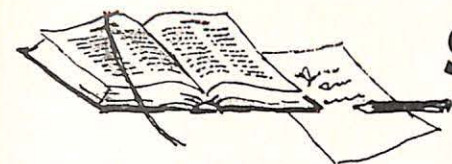
### BLOOMFIELD HILLS CHURCH

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combination chapel and educational wing providing for a congregation of 180 and a Sunday school of about 200. There is a nursery, pastor's study, church office, kitchen, and a large Fellowship Hall on the ground level. The entire building is of colonial style. Interior wall are off-white; the narthex is glass-enclosed. Pews and pulpit furniture are maroon and white and the carpeting is crimson. The gift of a Conn organ makes the worship services attractive. The 4.4 acres of property provide adequate parking and space for a large sanctuary and, possibly, a parsonage. The church is strategically located on Telegraph Road (U.S. 24) and is easily accessible from all parts of Greater Detroit.

May God's rich blessings continue upon Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church!

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# sunday school lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 12, 1962

Theme: **EZEKIEL PLEADS FOR REPENTANCE**

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1; 2:3-5; 18:1-4, 30-32

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Repentance is a humble recognition of our dependence on God for forgiveness and restoration.

**INTRODUCTION:** Bible scholars are not sure as to what the "thirtieth year" refers. It may be that Ezekiel is referring to his age, or thirty years after some important event. When the prophet came upon the scene, the Jews were in captivity for five years. He was originally a priest, but since a priest functioned only in connection with the temple in Jerusalem, he could no longer serve in that capacity. Ezekiel was nevertheless much concerned about the religious life of the people and, in order to minister unto them, he felt called to be a prophet. Literally his name means "God strengthens," and its meaning was very appropriate to the circumstances. Some of the Hebrews were like lost sheep, others were weak in faith, many were resentful toward God, and most of them unrepentant.

### I. THE PROPHET'S VISION.

Ezekiel 1:1. The people generally refused to look up to God. They were so overcome by their present circumstances that their daily lives were continually overshadowed by the dark clouds of their captivity. Ezekiel was one of the few who kept the faith, and because he continued his contact with God, the heavens opened and he saw God's plan more clearly. His vision of God enthroned on a chariot was his famous "wheel within a wheel," in which he recognized that God can go in any direction and see everywhere. He was not limited to Jerusalem. God could be found and worshipped even in Babylon.

### II. THE PROPHET'S MISSION.

Ezekiel 2:3-5. Ezekiel uses the expression, "Son of man," 87 times throughout his prophecy. In his case we must remember that it is purely on a human level. He identified himself with the rest of Judah—sinful, mortal, weak and frail. The message indicates that his task would not be an easy one. There was even the thought that the message might be hopeless so far as the response from the people was concerned.

In their present condition—rebellious, stiffnecked and impudent—the spirit of repentance was far from their hearts.

### III. THE CAPTIVES' RESPONSIBILITY.

Ezekiel 18:1-4. They found it very convenient to blame their misfortunes upon their ancestors. Jeremiah already insisted that the people should no longer use this expression as an explanation for their suffering. (Jeremiah 31:29-30). Ezekiel reminded the captives that God will hold each individual responsible for his own sin, and the soul that sins shall die.

### IV. THE LORD'S CALL TO REPENTANCE.

Ezekiel 18:30-32. There is much suffering in this life which is unavoidable, and even physical death overtakes all of us. But it is not necessary to court spiritual death: "Why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Repentance is the only cure, for unless we change, our sins will bring about our own destruction. A new heart and a new spirit are available to all. God hesitates to punish, but there is no hesitancy on his part to bestow an immediate blessing on the repentant sinner.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. How can a person brought up in a sinful and immoral family accept an individual responsibility for his sins?
2. Does individual responsibility exclude social responsibility?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 19, 1962

Theme: **EZEKIEL PROCLAIMS GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:23-31

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** God's love is most clearly revealed in the most unlovely circumstances and among the most unlovely people.

**INTRODUCTION:** When reading the beginning of Ezekiel's prophecy, it is difficult to imagine that the prophet will ever mention the love of God. He had very little love, for in his own words he said: "I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me" (Ezekiel 3:14). It was not until he "sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (vs 15) that his heart began to soften and show signs of love, compassion and understanding.

It was difficult for Judah to see

God's love when his hand of judgment lay so heavily upon them. They had to learn that God's discipline does not mean that his love is laid aside. In permitting them to be exiles, he was chastening them in order to reveal his love for his children. Waywardness must be corrected and sometimes punished so that God's way of peace and happiness can be found.

### I. A LOVING SHEPHERD.

Ezekiel 34:23-24. Notice that Ezekiel does not say that God will set a king over them. The last kings of Judah were so full of evil that the very name seemed to be distasteful. The prophet therefore reveals the promise of God so "set up one shepherd over them." It brings to mind a pastoral scene, and the thought centers around love, contentment, compassion, satisfaction and security. Moreover, there is included also the hope that the refugees would return to Jerusalem and reestablish themselves with a better temple and a better religion. The Messiah, a direct descendant of David would be their ruler.

### II. A LOVING COVENANT.

Ezekiel 34:25. A loving covenant will take the place of a legal covenant, and it is this new covenant which will bring them peace—peace within and without. Even such places as the wilderness and the forest—where there is little safety from man or beast—will be safe for living and for sleeping. There will be no fear by night or by day.

### III. A PLACE OF BLESSING.

Ezekiel 34:26-29. The material blessings will also be available in abundance. Their city which is now in ruins will be rebuilt, the land which is overgrown with weeds will be clean and easily cultivated, the vines which yield no fruit will bear again, and the desert will blossom as the rose. (Isa. 35:1). The prolonged droughts will end and there will be "showers of blessing."

### IV. A CONTENTED FLOCK.

Ezekiel 28:30-31. Having their physical and spiritual hunger and thirst satisfied, they will be content. But their greatest contentment will be the result of having God in their midst. There will be a new relationship with the Lord and a closer and more satisfying relationship will be experienced.

"And ye my flock, are men" is an

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# MARCH OF EVENTS



● **192 TURKISH MUSLIMS BECOME CHRISTIANS.** Since the beginning of this year 192 Turkish Muslims in Istanbul and the surrounding area have been converted to Christianity, according to a report in the Turkish daily *Yeni Sabah* (New Morning). The total included 76 women, 75 men and 41 children. *Yeni Sabah* noted that thousands of Greek and Armenian Christians in Asia Minor became Muslims to avoid persecution in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Now, it said, children of many of those converted to Mohammedanism have returned to Christianity.

● **150,000 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE.** Several hundred thousand people watched as the long line of children—some 150,000 of them—marched through Brooklyn and Queens. On the children's arms were bands proclaiming "Christ, Today and Tomorrow." The occasion? The traditional annual parade of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Sunday School Union. Held since 1829, this year's parade was the 133rd and marked the founding of the Sunday School Union in 1816. The union is one of the first interdenominational movements to provide free religious instruction to public school children.

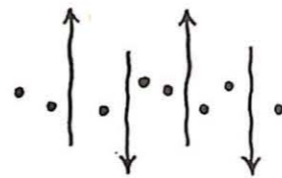
● **"EVANGELISM IN DEPTH" IN GUATEMALA.** The American Bible Society will provide half a million copies of Scriptures for distribution in Guatemala in house-to-house visitation programs to be undertaken later this year in connection with a country-wide campaign of "Evangelism in Depth." Bible Society personnel will help direct the programs, which will be carried out by specially trained members of churches in the nation.

● **CONGO REFUGEES SENT BACK TO TRIBAL HOMELAND.** The huge task of moving more than 30,000 Baluba tribes people from their refugee camp in Elisabethville, Katanga, to their tribal homeland in South Kasai province is now underway. The refugees are being sent by train in groups of approximately 1,000 each to Kamina from where they are airlifted the rest of the way because of a missing bridge. Supervising this move at the request of the United Nations is the Rev. Archie Graber, a former missionary to the Congo who is now the field director of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. The refugee camp near Elisabethville was formed last September during the fighting in Katanga and at its peak held 55,000 refugees from persecuted tribal groups. The largest number of these are Balubas who had been living in Katanga under the Belgian rule, but who now want to return to their former homeland in the Backwanga region of South Kasai.

● **DISTRIBUTION OF SCRIPTURES.** A 20% increase in overseas distribution of the Scriptures for the second consecutive year—much of it in areas of political tension—was reported at the 146th annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City on May 10. The demand for the Bible rises dramatically during periods of political unrest, according to the annual report of the Society's Board of Managers. The report noted that "Cuba and Congo are cases in point; in the former

distribution increased during 1961 from 611,993 to 906,660 Scriptures, and in Congo there was an increase of over 75,000 Scriptures. The Bible clearly brings God's power to men who are seeking freedom from oppression, whether it be political or spiritual." During 1961, the Society distributed over 24,000,000 copies of Scriptures in this country and in over 100 other countries on six continents. It was the largest annual total since the Society was founded in 1816.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Baptist Churches in Ireland.** There are 70 Baptist churches in Ireland with a total of 5,864 baptized members it was reported at the annual conference of the Baptist Union of Ireland at Belfast. The report said baptisms during the year were in the ratio of one to every 14 members. Like the other Protestant denominations in Ireland the Baptists are concentrated mainly in the Belfast area and their numbers in the Republic of Eire are small.

● **Art Center for Baptist University.** A \$200,000 Art Center will be constructed on the University of Redlands campus as a result of a gift by Mrs. Ann Peppers of La Quinta and Redlands. Her donation of the proposed Art Center grew from her interest in art which was intensified after studying painting with UR Art Department chairman, Vernon E. Dornbach. Construction costs are estimated at \$178,000. The project when completed, as forecast in the spring of 1963, with furnishing and equipment will cost \$200,000.

● **Baptist School in India.** A sum of 30,000 rupees (about US \$6,000) is needed to continue and extend the effective work of the Baptist Girls School at Serampore, India, an institution begun by Hannah Marshman of the William Carey mission team in

### GERMAN-ENGLISH HYMNALS ARE NEEDED

Copies of the bilingual hymnal, "Selected Gospel Songs," are desired by the young people's group of the Bethel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., to be used in their services. Any churches that have such copies for this group should send the information concerning the number of copies, their condition and cost involved to Mr. Willi Treu, 2832 N. 29th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1818. Samuel Bose, secretary of the school, said the funds are needed to complete building projects which will enable the school to accommodate 500 girls. Though started as a primary school by representatives of the Baptist Missionary Society, the school is now operated by Indian Christians and recently has achieved status as a high school.

● **Baptists in Cuba.** "The work in Cuba is difficult, but we find a real hunger for the gospel." With these words Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of missions for Southern Baptists in Cuba, characterized the recent sessions of two separate Baptist conventions meeting on the island. Baptists in Cuba are divided into conventions east and west, with the eastern group affiliated with the American Baptist Convention and the western group with the Southern Baptist Convention. Both Conventions, he reported, are having space problems, with more people than buildings. Each also is having difficulty in getting literature. "Few of our churches had Sunday school literature for the first quarter of the year."

● **"Die Gemeinde" of Germany.** The Rev. Walter Paulo, editor of "Die Gemeinde," weekly journal of the Evangelical Free Church Union (mainly Baptist) of Germany is ill and must undergo extended medical treatment. He suffered a heart attack, with damage to the nervous system, according to a report from his colleagues. Editorial duties for "Die Gemeinde" are now being borne primarily by the Rev. Helmut Pohl, an editor of the J. G. Oncken Publishing House in Kassel, Germany. The Rev. Karl Schütte, former editor of "Die Gemeinde" who retired several years ago, took over the work on May 15th to serve until Mr. Paulo is able to resume his editorial responsibilities.

Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Hohn of Nokomis, Sask., have announced the birth of a daughter on June 20 who has been named Sharlene Ann. This is their second daughter in the family. Mr. Hohn is pastor of the Nokomis Baptist Church.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma has called Rev. Lyle Wacker of Columbus, Nebraska as its pastor to which he has given a favorable answer and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Corn church on August 31st. He has served the Shell Creek Church near Columbus, Nebraska since 1958. In the church at Corn, Okla., he will succeed Rev. Jack Black, now of California.

The Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School June 11 to 15. The theme of the Bible School was "My Bible and I." The school had five departments with a total enrollment of 60 pupils and 11 teachers and workers. The daily missionary offerings totaled \$67.03. The closing demonstration program was held on Friday night, June 15. The school was directed by the pastor, Rev. Loren Weber.

On June 17th Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., a former pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, reached his 50th milestone in the Christian ministry. On this Sunday the church, which he is presently serving as associate pastor, honored him with an informal program. A letter of congratulations was sent to Brother Holzer by the Temple Church. He was ordained in Pound, Wisconsin on July 17, 1913.

The Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., has asked Dr. W. J. Appel, former director of our Baptist mission work in Austria, to serve as interim pastor. He has responded favorably to the call and he and Mrs. Appel began their interim ministry in the Lodi church on July 18. Rev. Robert Schreiber left the Temple Church in July in order to begin his pastorate at the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., on August 1st.

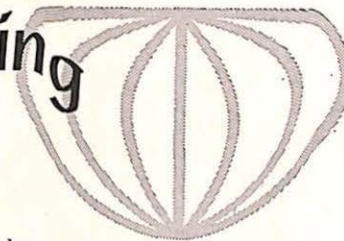
On Monday evening, May 14, at its annual business meeting, the Sunday school of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., presented a plaque to Mr. Henry Schmunk "in appreciation for outstanding service as superintendent from 1934 to 1962." The presentation with words of tribute was made by Mr. Paul Stolz, the new superintendent of the Sunday school. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

The "Baptist Herald" in its issue of June 7, 1962 reported incorrectly that the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., had extended a call to Mr. Fred Taubensee, a 1962 graduate of the Christian Training Institute. The church is being served this summer by Mr. Eric Ohlman, a second year student at the North American Baptist

Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Taubensee is prayerfully considering several opportunities for Christian service in our churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Erich Gutsche of Bismarck, N. Dak., served the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., as interim pastor during the months of May and June. Mrs. Charles Gilbert,

## what's happening



reporter stated: "We are grateful to God for his faithful and willing servants and for the Gospel messages brought to us in word and song by the Gutsche's." A fellowship lunch and farewell program was held June 17. Mr. Donald Richter has been the pastor of the church since June 15th.

Six new members were welcomed into the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas on Sunday, June 24th. During the evening service four persons were baptized upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Hinz. These four young boys are Douglas Kippen, Hal Sherrod, Eddie Marstaller and Mack Wigley. The parents of Mack Wigley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wigley, came by transfer of letter.

The total enrollment at the five day Vacation Bible School held by the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon from June 4 to 8 was 195. The offerings for the Baptist mission work in Africa were \$44.98. Twenty-four children openly declared a desire to confess Christ as Savior. Mrs. Darlene Thiesies served as the school's director with Miss Lena May the assistant director and Mrs. Ruth Villwock the registrar. Rev. Clarence H. Walth is pastor of the church. The article about the church's dedication program appears on page 11.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, has extended a call to Rev. R. H. Zepik of Plevna, Montana as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. His resignation from the First Baptist Church of Plevna will be effective on August 26. He has served the church since 1955 during which time a \$78,000 church building program was carried out and 41 persons were baptized. In the Shattuck Church, beginning with Sept. 1st, he will succeed Rev. Daniel Kolke, now of New York, N. Y.

Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., a retired minister, is leading a very active life at 85 years of age.

On Sunday, July 1, he took part in the reception for Rev. and Mrs. Allan Gerber July 12 at New Leipzig, N. Dak. On July 12 he was the guest speaker at Woman's anniversary of the Danzig Women's Missionary Society near Tynners at S. Dak. He was one of the speakers at the German Camp meetings at Crystal Springs, N. Dak., July 24-26. On the Sundays, July 22 and August

5. he preached in Hebron and Hettinger, N. Dak. Dr. Forest and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke of Rotterdam, Ill., sailed on the "S. S. visit France, Holland, Denmark, Germany and Sweden in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. That trip in Europe is being made at their own expense. Thereafter Dr. Woyke will attend the executive committee, relief committee and commission sessions to be of the Baptist World Alliance held at Oslo, Norway at the request of the Baptist World Council. Dr. Woyke is also serving as the chairman of the BWA Commission on Evangelism and Missions. They will return to the United States by plane on August 25.

The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana completed its Scripture Memorization Course on Sunday, May 20, with 35 young people completing the course. The Vacation Bible School was held from May 28 through June 1, with an average attendance of 48 students and 122 teachers. The offering, "Patriots for Christ," will be sent for the work among boys and girls in Africa. "The young are looking forward with great anticipation to the Badlands Rally which is to convene in Plevna August 24-26, 1962," as reported by Ruth Sieler.

Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of Grand Rapids, Mich., was called to his heavenly Home on June 22 at the age of 70 years. Following his ordination in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 17, 1918 he served the following NAB churches: Fourth St. Church, Dayton, Ohio; Holmes St. Church, Lansing, Mich.; Dayton's St. Church, Lansing, Mich.; Minn.'s Bluff Church, St. Paul, Ohio; Immanuel Church, Dayton, Ohio; Immanuel Church and Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill. The Village service was in the Colonial Rev. Church of Lansing, Mich., with the obituary appearing on page 23 of this issue.



# 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. Soon some unexpected trouble arose. A young man named Harry accused him of taking his girl, Deidre, away from him. Angry words followed and then he attacked Harlan so that he was hospitalized for days. The pastor came and prayed for him at his bedside. Harlan was grateful that the pastor had taken an interest in him, but the knowledge that he was praying for him made him uneasy.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

HARLAN lay thinking after the pastor had gone. He had been thinking before he had come. He knew what a narrow escape he had had and he knew how true it was what the pastor had said. By now, if that bullet had swerved just a little, he would be somewhere out in the vast beyond. He knew that he would be in torment, for he believed what his mother had taught him from the Bible. The thought made him shudder. He had been possessed with fear when he had thought of death in the far distant future, but now that it had missed him by such a slim margin, the fear mounted, even though death had passed him by.

He fought all over again his battle with himself as the loser. He couldn't go back and confess his crime. But unless he did that, he could never have forgiveness and peace.

He became so nervous and upset that his temperature began to rise and the nurse, in alarm, phoned for one of the doctors. Dr. Saunders came and gave

him a sedative. He drifted off to sleep and as consciousness began to leave, he wished that he could just go on sleeping for the rest of his life. It would be so much easier than to have to live with himself.

As soon as Deidre got off from work she came to see Harlan. She had heard about the shooting that morning in the cafe and she could scarcely wait until closing time. Harlan had been thinking about her when the nurse let her in. He gave her a smile as she came to the bed and looked down at him with worried eyes. She had brought some flowers and the nurse left to get a vase for them.

"I've been so worried ever since I heard what had happened," she told him. "I wanted to ask for a little while off so I could come over this morning, but I thought I'd better not. How bad is it?"

"Bad enough," he told her. "Just missed my heart and lung. I was fortunate."

"I'll say you were!" she exclaimed as she sat down beside him. "How thankful I am that he didn't kill you. What would I have done if he had?" Her lips trembled and he saw tears in her eyes.

"You'd have found someone else to keep you from being lonesome," he said.

"You know I never could do that," she denied. "You know that no one could ever take your place. I don't know what I'd do without you and your friendship. The only bright spot in the day is when I'm with you."

He took her hand lying on the bed beside him and gave it a gentle squeeze.

"That makes me happy," he told her. "It won't be long before I'll be walking you home or taking you for a ride on

the lake."

"It'll be a long time before you'll be able to handle a paddle," she informed him. "I'll be satisfied to sit on the steps and talk."

"Thank you for the flowers," he said as the nurse brought them in. "They're lovely."

"My landlady let me pick them for you," she said. "She hopes you'll be well soon."

"I suppose everyone knows about it," he remarked.

"They were all talking about it at the cafe. I hope they'll find Harry and put him in jail. If they don't, he might try again to kill you."

"I hope he won't try to take it out on you. Please be careful. I hate to think of you going home alone late at night until he is arrested."

The police searched for Harry but they never did find him. Evidently he had left town, believing that he had killed Harlan.

Harlan was longer in recovering than he had thought he would be and when at last he was able to get up, he still felt weak and wobbly. He was anxious to get back to his work but Dr. Mead insisted that he should wait until he was stronger. He hated to sit idly by when there was so much to do. Sitting gave him time to think and he didn't want that. He wanted to be kept so busy that he wouldn't have time to think.

The pastor came to see him frequently while he was still in bed and talked entertainingly. He didn't mention anything more about that first conversation and Harlan was grateful for that. The pastor was keeping his promise not to talk to him about spiritual things. He knew that he had said all that was necessary. He had given Harlan a chance to accept the Lord and the burden was lifted from his

soul and placed upon Harlan. It was up to him and between him and the Lord. There was nothing he could do but pray and he continued to do that.

When Harlan was strong enough to get back to work and to be with Deidre, they were both happy to be together again. He walked her home as he had done before and sat with her for a while on the doorstep. Occasionally they went for a canoe ride when the weather permitted.

Fall drifted into winter and finally the snows came, transforming the scene into a winter wonderland. The lake was frozen over and there was skating along the shore where the ice was safest. There were a few accidents and near tragedies as some ventured too far out upon ice that was too thin.

Harlan and Deidre could no longer sit on the doorstep and their canoe rides were ended until warm weather returned. Harlan would occasionally go inside and sit in the living room with Deidre, but they couldn't talk so freely as they had done, alone in the darkness. Other roomers lingered there and sometimes they persuaded the two to join them in some game.

During the latter part of the winter a flu epidemic hit the town and Harlan was kept busy with his patients, for the hospital was full and overflowing. During this time he witnessed the wonderful spirit of Marvin Jacobs and his influence over the patients that he visited. He didn't seem to fear the disease and he was there at all hours, comforting those who were near death and ministering to the families of those who did die. The disease was particularly virulent and many died in spite of having everything possible done for them.

When the epidemic was almost over, the pastor went down with a severe case. It developed into pneumonia and for a time Harlan feared that he would die. But through it all, even when he seemed at the point of death, he appeared to be utterly at peace, with no fear for himself, no thought of the death that might be near. In spite of what he had seen of him before, Harlan was amazed. It was one thing to talk to others about not being afraid, but it seemed to him that it might be different when he came to that same experience of facing death. The pastor seemed to have no concern for himself, but his concern was for those he had visited who were near death. He would ask about them when he could scarcely breathe even under the oxygen tent.

"Don't bother about them," Harlan told him when he seemed almost too weak to talk. His pulse was bad and he had the strange blue-white look that often precedes death. Harlan thought that his hours were numbered. "Think about yourself," he advised. "You're too sick to be worrying about others."

"I'm almost near the end, am I not?" the pastor asked.

Harlan hesitated, then nodded slowly.

"How wonderful! For me the pearly

gates will open.' I couldn't ask for anything better."

The words were gasped as he struggled for breath.

"But I don't want you to die," Harlan cried in distress. "You're needed here. There are so many depending upon you, so many who love you and look to you for help."

It was true that many loved him. They had proved that by the flowers that filled his room, by the many anxious ones who came to the hospital asking about him, by the number of cards he received.

"If my work isn't finished, the Lord will raise me up. If He wants me to come Home, I'm ready and waiting to go. Either way, I am willing to abide by His will."

He closed his eyes and lay still and Harlan's heart almost stopped beating, for he thought the man was dead. A great wave of sorrow passed over him, a great sense of loss, for in that moment he realized how he had loved this man even though he dreaded to hear him talk about spiritual matters.

He stood there for a little while, then reached under the tent and felt for his pulse. He uttered a surprised exclamation. It seemed as if a miracle had happened, for the pulse was beating strongly and regularly. The blue-white look of death had passed from his face. Harlan saw that he had slipped into natural sleep and that the crisis had passed.

Tears filled his eyes and he uttered a fervent "Thank God!"

He sat beside the bed for a long time until at last the pastor's eyes opened and he looked at Harlan.

"I must have dropped off to sleep while I was talking," he said in a voice that was a little stronger and he didn't have to gasp for breath.

"You did," Harlan told him. "I thought for a while that you were gone, but thank God that you've passed the crisis and I believe you're going to get well."

The pastor smiled. "I'm glad you thanked Him. It was His power that kept me from going. If that's His will, then I'll join you and say 'Thank God' for His goodness. There is much to be done here and I want to finish my work."

Harlan went in search of one of the nurses. He gave her instructions about the patient, then he went to the office where he sat for a while, thinking. He had seen what happened when death was about to strike, when a person was completely in the will of the Lord. To that person death was something wonderful, not something fearsome. He had said that to little Jimmy and when the crisis came to him, it was just what he had told the child. God had robbed death of its sting. How marvelous to have a faith like that!

He told Deidre of this experience when they were together again. She agreed with him that it was something wonderful.

"I wish I could have that same kind

of faith," she said. "If I did have it, my whole life would be different. There would never be anything for me to worry about. I would just be in the Lord's hands and I wouldn't need to worry."

"The pastor says that you can have it if you really want it. All you have to do is to know that you need the Lord in your life and ask Him to forgive your sin and give you eternal life."

"It isn't as easy as that," she contradicted. "Sometimes we have to get some things straightened out before we can come to the Lord."

He didn't have the wisdom to argue that point and he knew that he had this same problem in his life. He wondered what her problem was that had to be straightened out. He knew that she would shrink from him if she knew what his was.

They were two lost souls, drifting toward eternity, with no hope and without the courage to trust God to take care of their problems, for they didn't believe that He could.

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## WICHITA, KANS., CHURCH

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There was a total of 166 people present at the service. Visitors came from all of our sister churches, including Shattuck and Okeene, Oklahoma. Beautiful bouquets of flowers were sent by the churches at Columbus, Nebraska; Lorraine and Stafford, Kansas; and Shattuck, Oklahoma. We want to thank them very much for these floral tributes.

We, the 79 members of the Memory Lane Baptist Sunday School, would like to thank every person and every church that have made the building of our church possible. We trust that God will bless this church and bless us, the members, that we might use this building to serve him better.

—Report of dedication services by Margaret Warren, Sunday School Secretary, Memory Lane Baptist Church.

## SALT CREEK CHURCH

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the years, the church has faced many joys and testings. Several people have been called of God from the fellowship to serve as ministers and missionaries. Even today there are some of our youth preparing themselves for Christian vocations.

The church ministers with the Gospel in a large area of rural Polk County, and is reaching into Yamhill County as well. More than forty fine families from Dallas are members of the church, while the rest come from surrounding towns and communities. As long as home and foreign fields remain "white unto harvest," we have reason to remain exceedingly optimistic about the mission of the church. "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not" (2 Cor. 4:1).

# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## Central District

### Fine Vacation Bible School At Ashley, N. Dakota

"Adventuring With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held from June 11 to 15 at the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak. A total of 84 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 83. Twenty teachers and helpers, directed by Mrs. Lavern Giedt, and supervised by our pastor, Rev. I. Faszler, were in charge. The school consisted of four groups, divided into 10 classes.

A closing program was presented on Friday evening which included the Beginners' rhythm band, quiz session, singing and recitation of Memory Verses. Handwork was displayed in the social hall of the basement.

Mrs. Lou Ella Opp, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School At McClusky, North Dakota

During the days of June 4 to 8, we of the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., held our Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 67 with a perfect attendance of 50. We rejoice that all these wonderful youngsters came to study and play together. The Lord granted us wonderful weather during these days. We received light rains during the evening hours, but during the days we had sunshine. We are thankful for the Lord's gracious provisions.

On Friday evening, June 8, we held our program. Our Bible scholars presented their program to a full house. They all did an excellent job of presenting their work. We are thankful for willing workers and rejoice for these days when we still have the opportunity of presenting the Word of God.

E. R. Oster, Pastor

### Recent Highlights at Oak Street Church, Burlington

Thirty-one members of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, enjoyed a chartered bus trip to Chicago to attend a Billy Graham meeting in Chicago on Friday, June 8. Enroute the group visited the North American Baptist Headquarters Building at Forest Park.

Forty nine campers and four adults attended the Iowa C.B.Y. Camp at Clear Lake, Iowa, June 18-22. Dr. A. J. Harms, former pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, was the guest speaker at both services on Sunday, July 8. Mrs. Harms accompanied her husband on this visit to our church.

The close of the church year revealed that 48 members were received and approximately \$47,000 given for all purposes. The property adjoining the church to the west was purchased during the year with a view to future expansion. Howard Johnson, Pastor



Charter members of the Benevolent Society, Aplington, Iowa.

Left to right: Miss Johanna M. De Buhr, Mrs. Martha Dreyer, Mrs. Helen De Buhr and Mrs. Charles Willeke.

### 50th Anniversary of Benevolent Society, Aplington, Iowa

Approximately 125 guests attended the dinner and program on April 11 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Benevolent Society of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa in the church basement. During the program each charter member received a yellow rose. The society was organized in the year 1912. At that time it was known as the Deutscher Christlicher Wohltätigkeitsverein. There were nine charter members and the meetings were held in the homes of the members on the first Thursday of each month.

The meetings were carried on in the German language until 1919, and in 1920 the society was taken into the



Baptism at Bethany Church north of Vesper, Kansas.

Front row (left to right): Randal and Rodney Wirth, Keith Dressler, Linda Gabelmann and Jocelyn Wirth; (back row): Rev. Edwin Voigt, pastor; Mrs. Eugene Amburg and Mrs. Roger Nitsch.

membership of the Northwestern Conference. In 1922 it was accepted into the General Conference. Since 1938 the meetings have been held in the church basement. The society is greatly interested in missions and much has been done for the missionaries through White Cross work as well as personal gifts, gifts of money and other special help to the church-supported missionaries. At present there are 56 members in the organization.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter

### Successful Vacation Bible School at Elgin, Iowa

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, concluded on Friday morning, June 8, with an average attendance of 56 children throughout the two weeks of classes. The theme for the four classes was "Patriots for Christ." A mission offering totaling \$105 was received for the N.A.B. mission in Japan. A closing program was presented on Thursday night and class displays were viewed by the congregation following the service.

The staff for this year consisted of the following workers: Supt., Mrs. Guy Probert; secretary and recreation director, Linda Krueger; director of music, Marlene Durscher; pianist, Martha Schaer; Beginners class, Mrs. Leo Lehman and Janice Durscher; Primary class, Mrs. Harold Orth, Anita Lehman, and Alyce Oelberg; Junior class, Mrs. John Schaer and Nancy Orth; Young Teen class, Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder; prize committee, Mrs. Arbie Schroeder and Mrs. Lester Trautman. A Sunday school picnic was held at the Elkader Park on Friday afternoon. Following the dinner, the children and young people participated in numerous games and races.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

### Activities at the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

The Bethany Baptist Church, north of Vesper, Kansas, held a baptismal service on Easter Sunday evening at which Rev. Edwin Voigt, pastor, officiated. Five Sunday school scholars and two adults followed the Lord in baptism. These candidates were the spiritual fruits of "God's Volunteers" and faithful Sunday school teachers.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 4 to 15. On the last day a fine program was presented by the children and their teachers, followed by a picnic dinner at noon. The theme, "Adventuring with Christ," was carried out from the Nursery through the Intermediate Departments. The total enrollment for the school was 43 and the average attendance was 39. The offerings will be used for new flags.

Twenty-eight children were enrolled in our Scripture Memory program this year. Seventeen were eligible for camp. Sixteen children completed their verses. Fifteen completed the extra honor verses. Two will receive the Grand Award. Donald Wirth was the sponsor this year with four leaders, each serving four year terms. The theme for the year was "A Trip to the Moon and Back Again."

Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School, Central Church, Waco, Texas

The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas was held June 4-8 with an enrollment of 129 persons, an average attendance of 124 and a faculty of 34. Classes were held each morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primaries, Juniors and Intermediates.

A program was presented to a large audience on Friday evening of the school, at which time we were privileged to listen to the Bible stories, Memory Work and songs that the boys and girls had learned during the week and to view their beautiful handwork. It was our joy to see 14 boys and girls make decisions for Christ during our school. Mrs. Milton Lippert served as principal. Rev. L. B. Hinz is pastor of the Central Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter

### Mother's Day Tea and Program, Elgin, Iowa

The Tabitha Society of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, entertained at a Mother's Day Tea and program at their May meeting. Guests were the Sumner and West Union Missionary Societies and other guests from Elgin. The following program was presented: song, "In Thy Temple," by the audience. Mrs. Lorraine Muehlethaler, president of the Tabitha Society, gave the welcome. Devotions were by Mrs. Edward Krueger. A vocal solo, "God Bless the Mothers" was given by Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler, and poems by Mrs. Guy Probert. The address, "The Spiritual Beauty of Motherhood," was by Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, General Conference president of the W.M.U. Mrs. Eldon Schroeder rendered a violin solo.

Hostesses at the tea were Mesdames Lorence Muehlethaler, Earl Kiple, Max Lehman, Karl Miller, Marshall Helms, Reuben Hackmann, and Kenton Krueger. The tea table was beautiful with a bouquet of tulips, apple blossoms and silver service. Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder presided.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

### Woman's Missionary Society, Medina, N. D., Gives Program

The Woman's Mission Society of Medina, N. Dak., presented its annual program on May 13th with a large congregation in attendance in spite of the welcome rain which we received that evening. Our special guests were the members of the Streeter Ladies' Mission Society and their families and some outside friends. The program consisted of a play entitled, "Early Beginnings of Our White Cross Program" written by Mrs. Albert Reddig. Those taking part were Mrs. Thomas Derman, Mrs. Oscar Moser, Mrs. Elvin Moser, Mrs. Wilbert Staiger, and Mrs. Al Davis who acted as prompter. Our annual reports were given by our secretary and treasurer.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. A. J. Borchardt, gave a very heart warming talk on the topic, "Little Things" with Mark 9:41 as her key verse. The offering received will be used for home

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The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with 129 pupils enrolled and with a faculty of 34 persons.

mission work. Although we are only a small group, it is our endeavor to do greater things for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Mrs. W. Staiger, Secretary

### Heart Warming Sessions, Central Dakota and Montana Assn.

The Central Dakota and Montana Association which convened at Herreid, S. Dak., June 7 to 10, is now history. It is a history with fond memories of heart-warming fellowship and ministries in God and his Word, and with the people of God—ministers, missionary and laymen. The theme of the Association was, "Thy Word Is Truth" from John 17:17. It was from around this theme that we were spiritually fed, encouraged and challenged by both missionary and ministers. Even as the landscape of Herreid and the surrounding area were made beautiful and refreshing by this year's rain, so the Dew of Heaven, the Holy Spirit, refreshed worshipping and waiting hearts. Miss Esther Schultz, one of our missionaries, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. J. C. Gunst, district secretary, inspired, warmed, instructed and challenged our lives to greater devotion and service for Christ and his cause.

The cordial welcome, entertainment and other help extended by Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser and their people

of the Baptist Church of Herreid, as well as people of the community, made our stay most pleasant, creating a desire of wanting to return to them again sometime. Practically a thousand delegates and friends registered their presence at the Association. Almost \$2000 were laid on God's Altar as Association offerings.

A. J. Borchardt, Reporter

### Reception for New Pastor, Dickinson County Church

The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, near Elmo, Kansas, held a reception for its pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Walter and Leland on Sunday evening, May 27. After the evening service, the group went to the basement for a program of songs by the Junior Choir and a talk by Rev. S. Warkentine, one of our interim pastors. He challenged pastor and congregation to uphold each other in prayer. Mr. Walter responded expressing joy and peace in their decision to accept our call.

Then the group enjoyed a time of refreshment and fellowship. We are very thankful to God for answering our prayers for a pastor and trust that he will guide us as we work together with Rev. Edwin Walter and his family to carry on God's Kingdom work in our church and community.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter



Woman's Missionary Society of Medina, N. Dak. (left to right): Mrs. Wilbert Staiger, Mrs. Oscar Moser, Mrs. A. J. Borchardt, Mrs. Jake Hochhalter, Mrs. Christ Moser, Mrs. Al Davis, Mrs. Thomas Derman, Mrs. Wm. Heim and Mrs. Edwin Moser.

### Important Events at Calvary Church, Billings, Montana

On Mother's Day the Senior young people's group of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana, presented a very interesting program, at which time the "Mother of the Year" was chosen. Each member spoke on the topic, "What My Mother Means to Me." On the basis of what was said about the Seniors' mothers, the congregation was asked to vote. Balloting resulted in our pastor's wife, Mrs. Richard Grenz and Mrs. Edwin Wolff, winning the honors.

From May 20 to 25 we held Christian Growth meetings. Rev. David Peterson, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Laurel, Montana, was the speaker. Two persons accepted the Lord and one person came for consecration. On Sunday, May 27, the Sunday school closed its Expansion Campaign with some gains recorded in our school. This contest began Easter Sunday.

A baptism was held on Sunday, June 3, at which time George Hickman of Billings, Montana followed the Lord in baptism and united with our church. It is a joy to report that 10 members of the Junior Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship completed the requirements for a First Year Pin in the Scripture Memory Program. The Junior group presented their memorization work at our regular evening Gospel service on June 10.

Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter

### Special Meetings and Vacation School, Corona, S. Dakota

During a series of Deeper Life Meetings held at the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., from March 19 to 29, our hearts were stirred and challenged by the messages brought by Rev. Herbert Vetter, now of Missoula, Montana. We were greatly inspired by the personality and messages of Mr. Hisasha Murakami, the Japanese student at our Seminary who was with us April 13-15 under the sponsorship of the Junior CBYF and its leaders.

The Detroit Bible College Chorale presented a concert on Monday evening, April 30. In our small town, we rarely have the privilege of hearing such excellent sacred music sung by such a consecrated group, and it was a delight for us. Pastors' Exchange Sunday on May 6, brought to our pulpit Rev. Leland H. Friesen from Emery, S. Dak.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held from June 11 to 15. Forty-four students were instructed in six classes with Pastor W. D. Dachtler acting as supervisor. The theme was "Patriots for Christ" with special emphasis on service to Christ and our country in these perilous times.

Mrs. Elmer Harms, Reporter

### Events at First Baptist Church, Goodrich, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., participated in a Community Vacation Bible School, May 24-29, with the Rev. Jacob Ehman directing. Classes were conducted both morning and afternoon during the five day period with an enrollment of 110 pupils. The fine spirit of the school was reflected in the mission offerings

brought each day which totalled \$65.83, designated for the American Bible Society. A program was held at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, May 29. We rejoice over the one boy who made a profession of faith in Christ during the week.

It was also our privilege to have Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers" and his family in our midst for two weeks, ministering to us in music and with the Word of God. Three adults made their decisions for Christ as Savior.

On Sunday morning, June 24, the Scripture Memory Course students received their awards. Superintendent Vernon Schneider presented 34 students with yearly awards. Our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, conducted the Scripture memory service. Those completing nine years of work were Shelia Brodehl, Norma Tessman, Kenneth Lang and Dwain Tessman. Mrs. Walter Schmidt was the faithful leader of the course.

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

### Important Events at Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas

April 8 to 15 were days of challenge and inspiration at the Strassburg Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, as Rev. Edgar Wesner of Stafford, Kansas ministered to us. The "Baptist Herald" became one of the "best sellers" at Strassburg this year as Mrs. Jonah Seifert carried out a successful campaign and reached the goal of the "Every Family Plan."

A Mother-Daughter Banquet was enjoyed by the mothers, daughters and friends of the Woman's Missionary Union on May 2 at the Wheel Inn Cafe in Hillsboro. "Pattern for Living" was the theme of the evening. Mrs. Elton Kirstein of Marion, Kansas spoke concerning the "Christian's Pattern for Living."

"Adventuring with Christ" became a reality in our Vacation Bible School which was held from May 28 through June 1. Our pastor, Rev. Charles Littman, was in charge with a teaching staff and helpers numbering 17. The children brought a missionary offering each day totalling \$43.79. We were thrilled to have an average attendance of 60 children. We are happy to report that our pastor's wife, Mrs. Charles Littman, has recovered since her injury due to a fall last April. Patiently she endured a liquid diet for six weeks because of a fractured jaw, but she is again enjoying good health.

Mrs. Charles Heiser, Reporter

### Dakota Conference Sessions at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., was the gracious host of the 54th Dakota Conference held from June 20 to 24. The conference was preceded by a "Pastors' Stewardship Clinic" on the afternoon of June 20th conducted by Rev. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary. The challenging messages of the conference centered around the theme, "Awake." The host pastor, Rev. A. Strohschein, took charge of the opening service at which Rev. H. Effa gave the keynote message, "Awake to Bible Prophecy." Subsequent messages on the theme were brought by Rev. E. Tahrn, Rev.

H. W. Trim; Rev. Daniel O. Heringer, Rev. John Benham, and Dr. A. J. Harms.

On Sunday school night a program was presented around the theme, "Awaken to the Need for Sunday School Visitation." Rev. J. C. Gunst challenged the men at the Baptist Men's program. The Woman's Missionary Society presented a pageant written by Mrs. J. G. Benke entitled, "Living Abundantly for Christ." The C.B.Y.F. enjoyed an afternoon in Pioneer Park. The conference closed on Sunday afternoon with a missionary rally at which Missionary Minnie Kuhn spoke on the theme, "Awaken to the Great Commission."

Dr. A. J. Harms gave a daily Bible Study during the conference on the book of James. Our district secretary kept us informed by daily injecting "Denominational Highlights." The business sessions were moderated by Rev. A. J. Fischer. The new officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Leon Bill; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Effa; secretary, Rev. Iver Walker; statistical secretary, Rev. M. Vietz; and mission secretary, Rev. W. Potratz. The hand of fellowship was extended to the Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak. The 1963 sessions of the Dakota Conference will be held at Madison, S. Dak., June 19-23, 1963.

Rev. Loren Weber, Reporter

## Northern District

### Recognition of Ordination of Rev. Wilfred Dickau

A council of 24 members from 7 North American Baptist churches met in the Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, Sask., on June 2, to examine the ordination of its pastor, Wilfred Dickau, by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Conference in Sept. 1952. Rev. Edmond Hohn of Nokomis, Sask., was elected chairman of the council; Rev. L. D. Potratz of Regina was the appointed clerk; and Alvin Bohm, deacon of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, presented his pastor to the council.

Rev. Wilfred Dickau informed the council of his conversion to Christ in 1938, of his subsequent baptism by Rev. E. P. Wahl, and of his early membership in the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwan, Alberta. He told of his call into the ministry, of his graduation from the Berean Bible College of Calgary, Alberta in 1949, of his one-year of post-graduate study in the Canadian Bible College of Regina, and of his ordination by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

A questioning period followed the doctrinal statements by Brother Dickau. The council concluded its considerations with unanimous support of the following motion: "As a council we recognize the ordination of Rev. Wilfred Dickau by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Conference, and we declare that we are satisfied on the whole with what he has presented to the examining council." This examination of the ordination of Rev. Wilfred Dickau was part of the Golden Anniversary program of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Lorimer Potratz, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

### Inspiring Prairie Youth Rallies With the Gospelaire

"How beautiful to walk in the steps of the Savior, stepping in the light." With these words on their lips and a song in their hearts, the Gospelaire have ventured into each youth rally to promote the youth work of the Northern Conference of our denomination.

The Gospelaire took the first two weeks in May to visit key areas in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Since arrival back at Edmonton, the team has also had many other rallies for the churches in the surrounding Edmonton district. The team consists of: Dorothy Bredin, alto and piano; Eileen Jaster, alto and organ; Helen Hufnagel, soprano and team secretary; Dorothy Mantay, piano, organ and accordion; Harvey Bertsch, bass and treasurer; Llewelyn Bertsch, baritone and electric guitar; and Harry Hiller, tenor, trumpet, and team leader. Several members took their vacations during the tour or gave up valuable working time. But all was cheerfully done for the Lord!

The aim of the tour was threefold. First and foremost, the Gospelaire tried to encourage young people throughout the Northern District to attend the Prairie Youth Conference in Regina, August 4-6. Secondly, they aimed at strengthening denominational loyalty especially through the Prairie Youth Conference. And also of major importance, they endeavored to encourage greater participation in the local CBY groups.

In meeting with these various churches, the Gospelaire travelled over 3000 miles. To date, they have held approximately 25 rallies with well over 3000 people in attendance at these meetings, consisting mainly of young people. Through these services over 50 churches have been contacted. Imagine the opportunity of challenging these youth for service to Christ!

We praise the Lord for enabling the Gospelaire to use their talents for him, and for guiding and protect-



Rev. R. Grueneich, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., and nine persons whom he baptized in Medicine Hat, Alta.

ing them as they witness for him. The warm welcome given by the churches has encouraged the team to strive for greater heights, not for themselves, but in the Lord's service.

—Gospelaire Team

### Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., Welcomes Student Pastor

On Sunday, June 3rd, the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., had the pleasure of welcoming its student pastor for the summer months, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ohlmann. We are having a blessed time with the many activities at the camps and Vacation Bible School in which our young pastor and his wife are being kept busy. May God richly bless them in their first pastoral work here!

On Sunday evening, June 3rd, the church members and friends arranged for a coffee and cake fellowship after the service, at which time the student pastor and his wife witnessed a pantry shower in their favor. Mrs. Ohlmann was especially surprised at the thoughtfulness of the people in presenting them with a great variety of gifts.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter



THE GOSPELAIRE OF CANADA

Left to right, standing: Helen Hufnagel, Harvey Bertsch, Dorothy Mantay, Dorothy Bredin, and Eileen Jaster.

Seated: Llewelyn Bertsch and Harry Hiller.

### Baptism of Nine Converts, Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

We of the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., are happy to report some of the many activities that have taken place during the past months. One of the highlights was the baptismal service held at the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., on Easter Sunday when 9 candidates from our church were led into the waters of baptism by Rev. R. Grueneich, pastor, signifying their faith in Christ. The following Sunday, Mr. Grueneich extended the hand of fellowship to these candidates.

On Mother's Day the young people presented the heartwarming play, "A Mother's Prayer." The Women's Missionary Society purchased a broadloom rug for the choir loft and for the center aisle of the church to make the sanctuary more worshipful. Our Junior Church is ever increasing in numbers and the children love these services in charge of Mrs. Grueneich.

Teana Kramer, Reporter

### Manitoba Association Sessions at Whiteshell Baptist Church

The Manitoba Association convened from June 15-17 in the new edifice of our Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Man. Our guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. John Grygo, editor of DER SENDBOTE and German literature. Special music was supplied by mixed choirs from the host church, McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg; and the brass band from Emmanuel Church, Morris.

"True Discipleship" was the pertinent theme for the Association. Various speakers discussed this theme in relation to prayer, to the home, to citizenship, to missions, and to evangelism. The messages by our guest speaker were forthright, yet Christ-centered.

A highlight of the Association was a panel discussion on "Discipleship in Profession and Business." The panel, consisting of five persons, asked and answered many questions pertaining to professions and business relevant to the Christian and his standing. The Association came to a fitting close Sunday afternoon, with a capacity crowd being challenged to true discipleship in the winning of souls to Christ.

Bruno Voss, Reporter

## Reception for Assistant Pastor, McDermot Ave. Church

June 3rd was another happy Sunday for us at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, as we were privileged to welcome our new assistant pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. Kerstan and family. Rev. A. Bibelheimer was in charge of the program. All organizations had representative speakers who promised support in our united work for the Lord. A reception followed in the lower hall. The Kerstans are now residing next door to the parsonage, in a house owned by the church which has been remodeled.

Mothers' Day services were impressive as 8 new babies were dedicated to the Lord. The evening service was in charge of the King's Daughters Society. A fine program was rendered with Mrs. Maria Rogalske, president, in charge.

Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter

## The Saskatchewan Baptist Assn. at Fenwood Church

The Saskatchewan Baptist Association convened at the Fenwood Baptist Church from June 8 to 10, with Fenwood and Melville as host churches. "The Supreme Task," our theme, was based on Matt. 9:37. Dr. Ralph Powell from the Seminary, and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski were the guest speakers. Special reports were presented by our District Secretary, Rev. W. Sturhahn and our Indian missionaries, Rev. P. Grabbe and Miss Irmgard Kutrieb; new appointee for Indian missions. Our Church Extension reports were given by Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Saskatoon and Rev. J. Neudorf of Melville.

On Saturday night approximately 200 people gathered in Melville for the Youth Banquet. Sunday services were conducted in Melville with separate Sunday school departments for the children, the young people and adults. A Missionary Rally and Music Festival on Sunday afternoon filled the high school auditorium with more than 600 people.

Elected officers for 1962 are: moderator, Rev. E. L. Thiessen; vice-moderator, Rev. E. Hohn; secretary, Rev. W. Dickau; treasurer, R. Kurtz; mission committee, Rev. J. Kuehn and C. Hallerbaum; music director, Rev. P. Schroeder; S. S. director, Rev. W. Kerber; youth director, Rev. F. Pahl; camp president, Rev. J. Neudorf; camp vice-president, Rev. L. D. Potratz; camp secretary, Rev. A. Zeller.

Arthur Zeller, Reporter

## Ordination of Rev. Bruno Voss, Moosehorn, Man.

A council met in Moosehorn, Manitoba, on Friday, June 8, to examine Mr. Bruno Voss for ordination to the Gospel ministry. Mr. Wm. Plomp, moderator of the Moosehorn church, called the meeting to order. Seven churches were represented by their pastors and delegates. Brother Voss was examined in four particular areas, his conversion, his call, his preparation and his doctrinal viewpoints. He studied at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, as well as at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.

He experienced a unique field of training as he pastored his own home church, the Grace Baptist Church at Ochre River, Man., for three years. His doctrinal statement was clear, concise and convincingly given. The council voted unanimously to recommend the church to proceed with the ordination exercises that same evening.

The ordination program was highlighted through the challenging message of Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta. Rev. A. J. Milner offered the ordination prayer, after which the candidate, Rev. B. Voss, pronounced the benediction. We are confident that the words of the Psalmist will be a guide to Brother Voss: "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Ps. 16:11).

Milton W. Falkenberg, Reporter

## Western District

### Moore Mission Day, Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon

We of the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, have greatly enjoyed the fellowship of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Moore of Japan and their three children: Stephen, Joy and Jimmie. Our church set aside Sunday, June 2, as "Moore Day." Our C.B.Y. had a Friday night camp with 28 High School students as campers with our C.B.Y. advisers and helpers and with Rev. Fred Moore as missionary speaker, who gave us an inspiring fireside message Friday night. After classes Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser, Mr. Moore held another discussion and question period.

On Sunday morning Mr. Moore spoke on our mission in Japan. At the evening service the Moore family, dressed in Japanese clothes, gave a skit portraying the Japanese home and a visit by the Japanese pastor. We at Immanuel Church have gained much by having such dedicated missionaries in our midst during their rest period before deputation work. We also thank the Lord for the privilege of helping to support the Moore family as our missionaries in Japan.

Rod Rosentreter, Reporter

### Sessions of Pacific Conference at Tacoma, Washington

In the beautiful city of Tacoma, Wash., at the Calvary Baptist Church, the Pacific Conference held its annual business sessions. With the timely theme, "The Changeless Word for a Changing World," the many speakers of our conference lifted the hearts of all those in attendance. Each speaker presented with definite assurance the fact that we, who are born-again Christians, have a Saviour within our being who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

An added extra this year was a one-day Ministers' Conference held just prior to the meeting of the Pacific Conference. Each minister was challenged in the area of denominational

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stewardship. This presentation was ably led by our denominational leaders, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. Dr. Bernard Schalm of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., warmed our hearts with his ability to explain theological truths. The day was closed with an inspirational message by our outstanding missionary from the Cameroons, Dr. Paul Gebauer. Each day brought rich spiritual blessings as the various speakers followed the theme so well outlined by our program committee.

Much business was transacted with the following new officers elected to serve our Conference this coming year: moderator, Rev. G. G. Rauser, Stockton, Calif.; vice-moderator, Rev. Henry Barnett, Stafford, Oregon; recording secretary, Rev. Fred David, Milwaukee, Oregon; statistical secretary, Rev. H. Schauer, Startup, Wash.; mission secretary, Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, Anaheim, Calif.; representatives to the General Conference: pastor alternate, Rev. Wm. Jeschke, Portland, Oregon; layman alternate, Mr. Walt Schmitke, Salt Creek, Oregon; secretary of Christian Education, Rev. Bruce Rich, Portland, Oregon; representative of youth to the Christian Education Committee, Henry Schmunk, Tacoma, Washington. The Conference delegates would highly commend the Calvary Church of Tacoma, and their pastor, Rev. Donald Ganstrom, for being such gracious hosts.

Kenneth L. Fischer, Reporter

### Women's Meetings at the Pacific Conference, Tacoma

Friday, June 15, was Women's Day at the Pacific Conference held in Tacoma, Washington. A delicious luncheon was furnished by the Calvary Church ladies, followed by our business and program. We were cordially welcomed by Mrs. Wm. Appel, and Mrs. Arthur Schulz, president of the Pacific Conference W.M.U., led the meeting. Devotions were given by Mrs. Eric Pohl of Portland, Oregon. Our special speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. June Poitras, a full-blooded Klamath Indian who has a radiant testimony for our Lord.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Edward Kopf, president; Mrs. Otto Patzia, vice-president, British Columbia; Mrs. G. G. Rauser, vice president, California; Mrs. Rod Eggiman, vice-president, Oregon; Mrs. Herbert Schauer, vice-president, Washington; Mrs. Clarence Walth, White Cross chairman; Mrs. Dallas Keck, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Myrl Thiesies, ass't secretary-treasurer.

In the evening, Mrs. Schultz again very ably led the meeting. The new officers were installed by Mrs. Henry Schmunk and, following this, Mrs. F. E. Klein conducted the Memorial Service. The Trinity Baptist women of Portland, led by Mrs. John Wobig, gave the W.M.U. goals for this year. We were pleased to have Mrs. Paul Gebauer as our special speaker for the evening and were all inspired by her talk. We are grateful to the Calvary Church for their hospitality and to this year's Pacific Conference W.M.U. officers for a wonderful "Ladies Day" at the conference.

Mrs. Bruce Rich, Reporter

# Obituaries

## REV. A. G. SCHLESINGER

of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rev. Augustus G. Schlesinger, age 70, of 1415 Turner N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died suddenly on June 22nd due to a cerebral thrombosis. He was born on October 4, 1891. His conversion and baptism took place during his early teen-age years in Europe. He served six of our denomination's churches, but had been retired for the past five years. Surviving are his wife, Pauline; one daughter, (Mrs. Wm. L.) Helen Stephens; and 3 grandsons, all of Grand Rapids; one sister, Mrs. Helen Janesch of Milwaukee, Wis.; and one brother, Sam, of Minneapolis, Minn. The funeral was held in Lansing, Michigan with Rev. Robert Penner of the Colonial Village Baptist Church officiating and bringing much comfort from the text based on Psalm 116:15. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery at Holt, Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich. —THE FAMILY

## MR. WALTER A. SCHMIDT

of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Walter A. Schmidt of St. Paul, Minn., passed to his eternal reward on June 20, 1962 in the 65th year of his earthly life. He died after an illness of 9 months. He is mourned by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Milton Hildebrandt of Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.; 5 grandchildren, 3 sisters, 2 brothers and many other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held in the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., where he had formerly lived and where he had been superintendent of the Sunday school for many years as well as holding several other offices. Rev. Henry R. Schroeder officiated at the services in the church and at the graveside. Interment was in the Oakland Cemetery. "The memory of the righteous is blessed."

Riverview Baptist Church  
West St. Paul, Minnesota  
HENRY R. SCHROEDER,  
Officiating Minister

## MRS. LENA BERNSHAUSEN

of Greenvine, Texas

Mrs. Lena Bernshausen of Greenvine, Texas, was born in Braunschweig, Germany, on Nov. 24, 1870. She came with her parents to America at the age of ten years. They settled in Washington County, Texas, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Bernshausen was baptized at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Greenvine, Texas, in Sept. 1890, where she remained a member for 72 years until her death. She was married to Oscar Bernshausen on June 26, 1898 at Greenvine. Her husband preceded her in death August 9, 1934.

After a lingering illness Mrs. Bernshausen passed away in her home at Greenvine, Texas, April 30, 1962, at the age of 91 years, 5 months, and 6 days. She leaves to mourn her four daughters: Miss Hattie Bernshausen, Mrs. George Ahlhardt, Mrs. Fritz Poerschke, and Miss Frieda Bernshausen, who are all presently residing at Greenvine and active members of the Baptist church; 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and many relatives, fellow-Christians, and friends.

Greenvine Baptist Church  
Greenvine, Texas  
RAY E. BENNETT, Pastor

## MR. KARL SEWALD

of New York, N. Y.

Mr. Karl Sewald of New York, N. Y., was born June 23, 1881 in East Prussia, Germany. As a young man he settled down in Essen on the Ruhr where in 1906 he married Amalie Weber. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Mr. and Mrs. Sewald belonged to the Freie Evangelische Gemeinschaft where he was baptized in 1908 upon his confession of faith. He worked for the Krupp Works and came to America with his family in 1928. They joined the Harlem Baptist Church and, after dissolution of the same, they joined the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., in 1937. Brother Sewald was elected deacon in 1938 and faithfully held his position until his death.

The Lord called home his dear wife in 1955 after serious illness. A year later Brother Sewald moved into the Baptist Home of the Aged in Riverdale where he was able to spend a few restful years in retirement. On April 9, 1962, shortly before his 81st birthday, he was stricken by a heart attack and called to his eternal Home. He leaves behind his son, Werner, and wife as well as four grandchildren: Peter K.,

Marguerite J., John W. and Susan E. Sewald in Monterey, Calif. The memorial service and burial were led by Rev. Rubin Kern, Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

EDELTRAUT FRANK, Clerk

## MR. RUDOLF BRESCH

of Chilliwack, B. C.

Mr. Rudolf Bresch of Chilliwack, B.C., was born on March 26, 1888 in Volhynia and went to be with his Lord on May 18, 1962. Coming to Canada with his parents in 1903, he took up a homestead at Esk, Sask., where he lived 38 years. Then after 4 years in Swan River, Man., he moved to Chilliwack, B. C. Converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. R. Fenske, he was an active member of the respective churches, Sunday school superintendent, trustee and deacon for many years. He was known and loved for his friendly disposition, his prayers and faithfulness to the Lord.

On Feb. 20, 1911 he was united in marriage with Olga Herndier. This union was blessed with six children of whom two daughters preceded him in death. Olga, a son, Ted of Puyallup, Wash.; three daughters: Olive (Mrs. Albert Wildeman) Esk, Sask.; Lyla (Mrs. H. H. Riemer) Dayton, Ohio; and Mildred (Mrs. Don R. McPhee), of Chilliwack, B. C.; three sisters, two brothers and six grandchildren.

Victoria Avenue Baptist Church  
Chilliwack, British Columbia  
BERT W. TUTSCHKE, Pastor

## MR. GUY R. PROBERT

of Elgin, Iowa

Mr. Guy R. Probert of Elgin, Iowa was born in Wadena, Iowa, August 31, 1899, and passed away suddenly near his home in Elgin, May 15, 1962. On July 27, 1927, he was united in marriage to Wilma Miller and to his family three children were born. He was a diligent and farmer of the Elgin community all of his married life. He was baptized by Rev. Philip Lauer and became a member of the First Baptist Church, where he faithfully worshipped and served until the Lord called him home. He was a dedicated Sunday school teacher and many of the youth will long remember God's Word as taught in his class. The friendly smile and happy disposition will long be remembered by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Probert, and an infant daughter, Helen. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife; one son, Leland, of Elgin; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Vogel, St. Paul, Minn.; 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers and 2 sisters along with many friends.

Elgin, Iowa  
ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor

## MR. GLEN PERCIVAL

of Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. Glen Percival of Burlington, Okla., passed away very suddenly on May 28, 1962 at the age of 50 years, 8 months and 7 days. On June 1, 1935 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Jesse Baxter. To this union three children were born.

Glen made the most important decision of his life on Feb. 25, 1961 when he received Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized on March 4, 1951 by Rev. John Heer and Glen and his entire family united with the fellowship of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., now of Cherokee. Glen served Christ through his church as treasurer, deacon, church clerk, president of "Baptist Men" and as usher. The church joins the family in their hour of sorrow.

He is survived by his wife, Jesse; three children: Mrs. Delores Knox, Alva, Okla.; Mrs. Don Johnson, Alva; and Marvin, of the home; also his mother, four brothers, one sister and four grandchildren. The large memorial service was held in the First Baptist Church of Alva, Oklahoma.

Bethel Baptist Church  
Cherokee, Oklahoma  
KENNETH UNRUH, Pastor

## MRS. EMMA KESSLER

of Underwood, North Dakota

Mrs. Emma Kessler, nee Schacher of Underwood, N. Dak., was born March 3, 1898 at Bridgewater, S. Dak. At the age of 4 years, she moved with her parents to North Dakota. On Jan. 9, 1916, she was united in marriage to Fred Kessler, making their home near the Anamoose and Martin area until 1946 when they moved to Mcarea where they lived for 15 years. For the past two years they have made their home in Underwood, N. Dak. Mrs. Kessler accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 28 years and was baptized a few months later by Rev. Otto Lohse.

Mrs. Kessler went to be with the Lord on June 7, 1962 at her home in Underwood

at the age of 64 years, 3 months and 4 days. With her passing she leaves to mourn her devoted husband; five daughters: Mrs. Carl Radke, Mrs. Truman Janke, Mrs. Melvin Koenig, Mrs. Kermit Kludt, Mrs. Charles Rogness; four sons: Reuben, Elmer, Alvin, and John; two brothers: Adam Schacher and William Schacher; 20 grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Underwood, North Dakota  
GORDON J. VOEGELE, Pastor

## MISS MINNIE TRASCHEL

of Los Angeles, Calif

Miss Minnie Trachel of Los Angeles, Calif., daughter of Rev. August Trachel, was born July 29, 1871 in Kankakee, Ill. In her youth she accepted the Lord as her Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized by her father. In 1904 she came to Los Angeles and united with the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles (now Inglewood Knolls Church). She always showed great concern for the work of the Lord, assuring her pastor of her prayers for the church which was so dear to her. She sang in the choir and to the very end was a faithful worker in the Woman's Missionary Society. She was loved by all and her exemplary life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She departed from this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 17, at the age of 90 years and 11 months. She leaves to mourn her passing two sisters: Esther Trachel and Norma Miller of Los Angeles, and one brother, Rev. Harry Trachel of Delhi, Calif.; also 12 nieces and nephews. May God's comforting love be a source of strength to the bereaved family!

Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church  
Inglewood, California  
EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor

## MRS. MINNIE SPIEKER

of George, Iowa

Mrs. Minnie Speiker of George, Iowa, was born in Franklin County, Iowa, May 13, 1883. She went home to be with the Lord at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, on June 10th, after undergoing surgery. Funeral services were held at the Central Church, George, Iowa. Music was provided by Mrs. Dennis Krahling, organist and Mrs. Harvey Schmidt and Mrs. Henry G. Jansen sang, "My Jesus I love Thee" and "It is well with my Soul." Mrs. Speiker was a member of the Central Baptist Church, having joined in April 1949.

She was united in marriage to William Speiker in Dec. 1905. The Speikers farmed in the George Community until 1917, after which they moved into George, Iowa, where Mr. Speiker took up carpenter work. In 1922 they moved to California, where in 1940 her husband passed away. Mrs. Speiker then returned to George in July 1942. She is survived by two brothers: John Rust of George, Iowa and George of Worthington, Minn., and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Speiker was a loyal supporter of the work at Central Baptist Church and of the North American Baptist Conference. She also helped in the support of many other worthy Christian projects.

Central Baptist Church  
George, Iowa  
R. I. THOMPSON, Pastor

## MR. WILLIAM LANGE

of Columbus, Nebraska

Mr. William Lange of Columbus, Neb., was born in Platte County, Neb., on Feb. 20, 1883, and died at Columbus, Neb., on June 12, 1962. He was married to Wilhelmina Behlen on May 17, 1909. She died on May 15, 1923. On May 21, 1924 he married Martha Albers. She preceded him in death on May 1, 1959.

After his conversion, he was baptized and joined the Shell Creek Baptist Church under the ministry of Rev. P. L. Benthack in 1890. He remained a member of the Shell Creek Church until this past year when he became a charter member of the Redeemer Baptist Church of Columbus. He served faithfully in various leadership capacities through the years, particularly as deacon. This office he held in the Redeemer Church. He was a strong supporter of denominational work, especially in the area of missions.

Those who mourn his passing are four daughters: Edna of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Mildred Holdeman, Auburn, Ind.; Mrs. LaVerna Brunken, Columbus; Mrs. Edward Gerrelts, Columbus; two sons: Gus, Platte Center, Neb.; Bert, Columbus; one sister, Mrs. Mary Sander, Greeley, Colo.; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. The Rev's Lyle Wacker and LeRoy Schauer officiated.

Redeemer Baptist Church  
Columbus, Nebraska  
LEROY SCHAUER, Pastor

## AMEN! AMEN!

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brought it about?

Church history helps us to trace the root of this change. It was in the time of the so-called clericalism, when the participation in worship on the part of the congregation was diminishing and finally ceased. From that time on, only the acting of the priest was of importance. Thus, he took over the congregation's part of speaking the AMEN, which until then had been the approved privilege of the congregation. In the course of time, most of the churches have kept this perverted practice.

Paul wrote to the church in Rome, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Are we, who no longer use the congregational AMEN in our services, fully persuaded that it is expedient to cancel this word? Do we know why also we in our denomination have dropped it? Why do we no longer use it, though often we firmly consent to the words of a sermon or a prayer? If the AMEN was used to adopt as one's own, words spoken by another, why do we not express our agreement with the praying one?

As we have seen, in the Old Testament, when the priest had spoken an oath or a prayer, all bystanders who said "Amen" bound themselves by the oath as surely as if they had spoken it. Are we afraid to identify ourselves with the petitions, the confessions or intercessions of others?

We claim to live according to the New Testament pattern. However, expediency has taught us to change some of the old customs which were highly favored and were fitting in the times of the early church. (For example: Silence of women in the church, etc.). Was expediency at work when the AMEN gradually vanished? As long as we are consciously aware of what we are doing or are not doing, we will be able to give a reason for

it. It will be up to us on what ground we want to build this reason.

What did Paul say? "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." As for my part, I have to confess that even though it is not customary to say AMEN aloud after a shared prayer or after a good sermon, yet at least in my mind I will affirm the words with a strong "So be it!", with "A men!"

## LIVING UP TO OUR IDEALS

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knack and know-how to entertain a group of people and make them feel at home, loved and wanted. But what does she do? She throws one cheap party after another. And again you say to yourself, if only she'd use her God-given ability to befriend the lost and lonely. How much better it would be!

Beautiful ideals and brutal facts! Why do so many young people begin with promise and potentiality and end so poorly? Sometimes, it's because of a poor choice in that of a life-partner. Many a downfall of a young person can be traced back to the time when he or she entered into a premarital relationship with a certain other person. Sometimes, it's because of covetousness or the misuse of wealth. And, finally, sometimes, it's because of the misuse of our God-given abilities. We use them for self rather than for God. May God help us to live up to the ideals of our youth!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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indication that their childish tantrums have been given up. They have grown up into mature men of God.

1. Is a "rescue mission" only an establishment on skid row, or is every church a rescue mission?

2. What about the rescue worker? Is he only the prophet, the minister or social worker?

## Bethel Young People, Anaheim, California Win Honors

The Youth Graduation banquet of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., was held June 8 with Rev. George Breikreuz as master of ceremonies. Rev. William Hoover, pastor, offered grace and the invocation, followed by Ernest Hartford, Sunday school superintendent, leading the singspiration. Kathy Fauser, Cheryl Lay and Carl Mabs played a trumpet number, and the girls' quartet of Shirley and Sharon Mims, Susanne Martin and Mary Quane sang. Dr. Dick Chase, former interim pastor at Bethel Church, spoke on "The Valuable Christian."

Four high school graduates, members of Bethel Church, and all active in its youth work, were recently recognized for their scholastic achievements. Sharon and Shirley Mims received scholarships from the Anaheim Council of Church Women to further their studies for full-time Christian service. They plan to enter Knapps College of Nursing at Santa Barbara. Geraldine Ryan with a PTA scholarship, plans to major this next year in secretarial work at Fullerton Junior College. Susan Schorr was one of the 23 top students in scholastic standing in a graduating class of around 900 students. She will enter Long Beach State College this fall in a pre-nursing course. A fifth Bethel church member is Miss Karen Lindstrom, who graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara, Calif., with honors.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

## Eastern District

### 500 Persons at Faith Conference at Chicago

The host to this year's Faith Conference of German-speaking churches on June 16 and 17 was the Baptist Mission Church of Chicago, Illinois. They had arranged to hold this conference at the spacious and lovely quarters of the North Park College. Rev. E. Radant as host pastor had the joy of welcoming more than 500 people at the morning service. Besides the host church, the following churches with their pastors participated: Ridgmont, Detroit; First German, Benton Harbor; Forest Park (German Group); and Bethel and Zion of Milwaukee. Representing our denomination, we had the joy of welcoming Rev. D. Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, as one of the morning speakers, as well as our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier. Rev. H. G. Dymmel served as organist.

A highlight of this conference was the appreciated ministry of the mixed mass choir of approximately 100 voices, the mass men's chorus, and individuals who with their soul-lifting renditions moved our hearts to praise and gratitude. The closing moments of the afternoon session were a time of dedication when many responded to the invitation to renew their loyalty and devotion to Christ as Savior and Lord. How appropriate it seemed when the mass choir presented its concluding number with the challenging message, "Onward, Christian Soldiers!"

W. W. Knauf, Reporter

## MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—NAB GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	May, 1962	May, 1961	May, 1960
Atlantic	\$ 2,614.31	\$ 2,157.91	\$ 4,218.00
Central	19,925.34	12,901.54	5,218.82
Dakota	10,329.32	7,318.02	6,399.64
Eastern	1,745.65	2,138.43	3,086.92
Northern	10,473.21	6,129.77	9,022.46
Northwestern	5,688.51	5,258.32	3,409.65
Pacific	17,358.63	6,552.49	15,094.48
Southern	528.75	242.00	910.02
Southwestern	2,545.63	5,591.24	1,909.62
Inter-Conference	2,179.25		20.00
Total Contributions	\$ 73,388.60	\$ 48,289.72	\$ 49,289.61

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1962	\$ 63,686.08	\$ 7,825.41	\$ 1,877.11	\$ 73,388.60
For the month of May, 1961	40,804.13	2,547.38	4,938.21	48,289.72
For the month of May, 1960	43,257.72	(2,416.75)	8,448.64	49,289.61

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1962 to May 31, 1962	\$122,676.69	\$ 26,516.88	\$ 2,993.98	\$152,187.55
April 1, 1961 to May 31, 1961	101,367.67	4,321.34	14,574.34	120,263.35
April 1, 1960 to May 31, 1960	98,248.63	1,872.76	12,511.98	112,633.37