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The Grace of Receiving

By Willard M. Aldrich

CHRISTMAS TIME is a time of giving of gifts. The happiness of loved ones on that day is bound up not only in the gifts which they receive, but in large measure their happiness depends upon the way others receive the gifts they have given. The appreciative shouts of childish glee, the evident interest and satisfaction of older folk—sincere words of thanks—form in large measure the real joy of the occasion.

It is a keen disappointment if the gifts given are not wanted and are lightly esteemed. For happiness on Christmas day, we each need to manifest "the grace of receiving." It is one thing to give, and blessed is he who does give generously and sacrificially, and it is another thing, and equally important, to be the recipient of favor and love and in receiving accept the gifts with heartfelt gratitude.

Christmas is pre-eminently the time when we remember that God gave his Son to the world. And we remember that the wise men brought their gifts to the Christ child, and that it is good for us also to bring gifts to the Son of God.

But God wants no gift from us until we have first received his gift. He gave his Son to be our Savior. His deepest love and his best wishes for us were bound up in that gift of love. God wants you to receive his gift. He wants to hear your sincere words of acceptance and thanksgiving.

In accepting Christ as Savior, you receive also salvation. Both the Savior and salvation are gifts from God and are to be received by faith. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

At this Christmas season, will you not stop in your exchange of gifts long enough to consider the gift of God and to exercise the "grace of receiving" in connection with it? If you have never acknowledged Christ as God's gift of salvation, now is the time to do it. Lift your heart to God and say, "I thank thee for giving Christ to die for me, and I now receive him as my own personal Savior."

—From "Christmas Time," Good News Publishers, Chicago.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory" (John 1:14).

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MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS...

THREE MONTHS TO GO. Only three full months remain until the close of the denominational fiscal year on March 31, 1963. By that time we hope to reach our denominational budget of \$805,000 and even to attain a total budget objective, including specials and advance projects, amounting to \$925,000. Almost \$90,000 per month will be required if we are to go over the top!

ADVANCE. We have set a goal of \$50,000 for denominational ADVANCE if we go beyond our budget objective for the year. This will mean that we can send out other missionaries to mission fields, construct badly needed buildings in Japan and Cameroon, and launch out in new and important Church Extension projects.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING. Many of our Sunday schools and churches receive Christmas offerings which will be designated for the Gospel ministry to the national children on our mission fields. This will provide equipment in mission facilities and for a more effective work among these children who are the future of these churches.

SPECIAL GIFTS. Special leaflets with important information are available for those who would like to invest funds in the Church Loan Trust Fund of the denomination at 4½% interest on certificates issued for less than 5 years, and 5% on certificates of 5 years or longer; or would like to know about Annuities and the Making of Wills in behalf of the denomination. Such literature will be sent on request.

NEW CHURCH EXTENSION FIELDS. Two new Church Extension projects and their pastors can now be announced. A second project and church field is being opened in Sacramento, Calif., on the northeast side of the city. Rev. William Acton of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., has accepted the call to become the Church Extension pastor here. The Meadowlark Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. (see Nov. 8, 1962 issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 17) has called Rev. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alta. He will begin his ministry at the first Church Extension pastor at this church in January 1963.

NEXT ISSUE

"DIRECTIVES TO DISCIPLES"

by Rev. David J. Draewell,
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Editorial

We Have Seen His Glory!

None of us were eye witnesses to the events in Bethlehem leading to the birth of Christ in the lowly manger. That first Christmas happened almost two thousand years ago. But we can share in the Christmas wonder because we have seen Christ's glory. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). That truth alone makes Christmas very real and contemporary for each one of us. It is the distinguishing glory of Christmas for every true believer in Christ.

By faith we have seen the timelessness of Christmas. This is more than a day of the year on the calendar. It is the spirit of love that God revealed in his "unspeakable gift" in Christ, and this is the power which we have received "to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Wherever this love is manifested in Christ's Name, there you can see the glory of Christmas.

It has been said that "time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. Christmas is more than a yule log, holly or tree. It is more than natural good cheer and the giving of gifts. Christmas is more than the feast of the home and of children. It is more than all of these together. Christmas is Christ, the Christ of justice and love, of freedom and of peace." We see this eternity of Christmas, its timelessness, when we have experienced the saving power of God's grace and have known his love revealed to each one of us personally in Christ.

The emphasis must be on **your** sensitivity to God's revelation, on **your** acceptance of the glorious gift, on **your** response to him as Savior. You will see his glory—the glory of Christmas—only as you fathom the fulness of the mystery of the Incarnation, of God incarnate in Christ Jesus. Christ's redemption of all mankind on the cross was the inevitable outcome of his coming into the world at Bethlehem. "God's love manifested at the Advent," wrote Samuel M. Zwemer, missionary to the Moslems, "was dying love, and we lose all meaning of Christmas if we fail to realize that. God so loved us as to send his Son to be our Redeemer on the cross. The star and the cross go together. Do not separate them." Your response to Christ as your Redeemer and Savior will determine the glory of Christmas that will be revealed to you on this day!

For we have beheld the light in Christ that can never be extinguished. The light of Christ still illumines our pathway. It tells of a faith and courage that no powers of evil can overcome, of a divine power that cannot be defeated. This is our faith that overcomes the world, a faith that we have kindled at the Bethlehem manger as we have beheld his glory. This is the good news which we proclaim to all the world.

"O God, may it shine in my heart's glad sky,
Shine with a radiance splendid and high
Till all those who see it, beholding the light,
Shall worship the Christ of the first Christmas night."

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JOY CONQUERS FEAR!

This Christmas we can again experience the joy and victory which Christ brings to all who follow him.

A Christmas Sermon by

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Our Christmas celebrations are filled with lights, peace and joy. (Photo by Luoma).

"AND THE ANGEL said to them, 'Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2:10, 11).

Our Christmas celebrations are filled with lights, peace and joy. And rightly so, for we look back to the first Christmas day through the eyes of those who see the results of its meaning to the world over centuries of time.

FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

Why were they afraid? The account reads: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear." Before the shepherds were aware of the meaning of all that had happened, their minds, thoughts and hearts were filled with the fear of the unknown, of the unusual, of the uncertain. We are all inclined to fear the unknown, even though it brings us greater blessings.

This was the experience of Jacob when he was fleeing from his brother Esau to the land of Padan-aram. He had a dream in which he saw angels ascending and descending on a ladder to heaven. When he awoke, "he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven'" (Gen. 28:17). He was confronting the great unknown and the great unusual.

So man today is filled with fear, for the future seems so uncertain and unknown to him. Nothing is more prevalent in our day than this fear. What

will life bring to me? is the question of youth. How shall I face the changes in business and society? is the question of the middle aged. How will I be able to meet the needs of my declining years? is the query of the aging. Each one is faced with the great unknown, and his heart is inclined to be filled with anxiety. But the greatest fear is found in the heart of him who faces life and death without knowing God and his plan for man.

CHRIST, THE DELIVERER

Our second question is: Why were the shepherds not to be afraid? and why should we not be afraid? The angel told the shepherds that he had good news because a Savior was born—a Deliverer from the causes of this fear. He is Jesus Christ. The shepherds made their way to the manger at Bethlehem and found it to be true. They were convinced and returned, "glorifying and praising God." Their fear had been conquered by joy.

What had happened? The unknown was now connected with the known. They had heard about the coming Messiah. They had possibly heard about how he was to appear. Though they had ideas about it, the way he came was so different; it was among the unknown. When they saw the child and heard the full story from his mother, the Christ took away the unknown element with which the fear was connected. Now there was no cause for fear. Though they knew not the future, yet they knew the Savior, who has the future in his hands.

The unusual, the uncertain was connected with the certain One, the Steady

One. Jehovah had revealed himself through Malachi stating, "I, the Lord, do not change." So when the shepherds were confronted with the Messiah, who showed God's concern and plan for the well-being of man, the uncertain was overcome by the certain; the unusual was connected with the Steady One.

So to us comes this message at Christmas time also. When the young man must enter military service with its uncertain future, when the cold war brings us to the brink of the possible destruction of a shooting war, when our material successes collapse so that decay and loss around us lie, our Savior removes anxiety from our hearts. The uncertain, the unusual is lit up by "the light of the world," the One who "is the same yesterday, today and forever." When we anxious ones let the Lord Jesus come into our hearts in fulness, then the source of all joy is ours. Fear is removed. Truly, it is conquered and lies defeated at the feet of him who is our Savior and Lord, "the Joy of the World."

OUR SPIRITUAL VICTORY

Another element which brings fear to the heart is the "Beyond-Our-Control" feeling. Any great change brought about by man can fill the heart with anxiety. The scientific advances of our day bring such a reaction to many. The intercontinental missiles, and the interplanetary research cause feelings within, that men may be entering areas which might cause reactions beyond our control. Fear is not attached so much to the invention, the machine, or

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LIFE AND IMMORTALITY!

Only because Jesus came, because we have Christmas, is it true that we have this life eternal!

A Christmas Sermon by

Rev. J. Walter Goltz,

Pastor of the Capilano Baptist Church

Edmonton, Alberta



These are heart-searching days in which we are living with the Christmas message that Christ "has brought life and immortality to light" (Photo by Luoma).

"WHO [GOD] HATH saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (II Tim. 1:9, 10).

The true message of Christmas is that Christ has come into the world. One of the most beautiful statements of this message, apart from the accounts which we have in the gospels, is the statement found in our text from II Timothy 1 which states that "Jesus Christ . . . hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." The purpose of his coming was not that he might die as other people die, but that through his death upon the cross he might bring true life to a spiritually dying world.

It has been pointed out that man begins to die the moment that he is born. From the time of our birth our body is fighting against this process of decay and death. Yet man was not created that he might die, but rather that he might live. At the beginning of the Bible, in the story of creation, we read that God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

Because of the penalty of sin, however, man must face death. Yet the wonderful message of Christmas is expressed by Jesus himself in the following manner: "I am come that they

might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). We want to consider in detail the nature of this life and immortality which has been brought to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THIS LIFE?

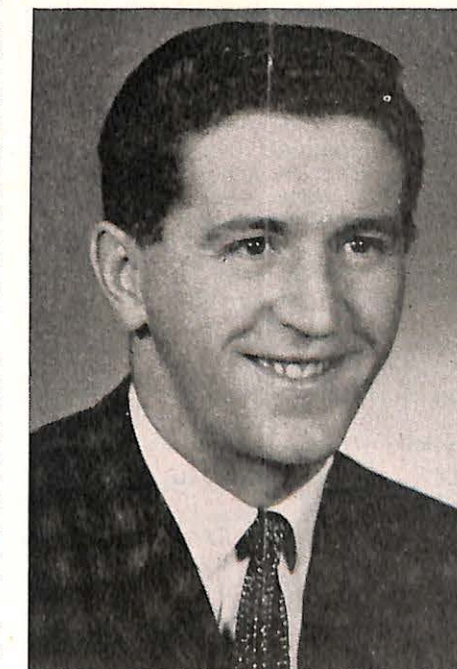
It is necessary, first of all, to observe what this life is which Jesus has come to earth to bring to us. Obviously, it is

not mere physical life, for all of us already have physical life. The life which he has brought is spiritual life. We read in Ephesians 2:4, 5, "But God, rich in mercy, for the great love he bore us, brought us to life with Christ even when we were dead in our sins; it is by his grace you are saved" (New English Bible). The teaching of the entire New Testament is that every person outside of Christ is spiritually dead, and does not have to wait until death to have God's judgment pronounced, but is already under the condemnation of God (John 3:18). But Christ came to save sinners, and each one who puts his trust in him is "brought to life with Christ."

The peculiar characteristic of this spiritual life is that it is again and again referred to as eternal life. It is important to note that the essence of eternal life is not merely life which lasts forever, for this is not enough. For some people, who for many years or perhaps all their lives have been in pain and misery, the thought of a life which merely lasts forever would not be something to be desired, but could rather be a terrible curse. Eternal life, though it is true that it does last forever, is much more than mere duration of life, it is also a certain quality of life.

Its essence is not only length, but also depth. It is a life which is characterized by fellowship with God as stated in John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." This fellowship with

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Rev. J. Walter Goltz, pastor of the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

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What Does Christmas Mean to You?

A Christmas message to an Adult Sunday School Class at the South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

By Mr. S. R. Hunt, Executive Vice-president of the Mainland Mortgage Company, Houston, Texas.

THE CHRISTMAS message tells us, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." This means that we should be happy—that we should be merry—that we should be gay. "For unto you is born this day a Savior," a Savior who came to save you as an individual, and who can save the world. This is why we have the great privilege of saying "Merry Christmas."

But amidst all the lights, the trimming, and the tinsel, we must not lose the essential in the appurtenances of the essential. Commercially, the Christmas season now begins before the Thanksgiving season ends. In the stores we find that the decorations are going up even before Thanksgiving has come. Each year, the Christmas decorations go up earlier and earlier. I wouldn't be at all surprised if sooner or later, this were not advanced to Labor Day.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

The other day I heard about a very materialistic storekeeper. He and his partner were walking down the street to view a Christmas display in the store windows of one of his competitors. These men, with materialistic attitude, stopped in front of the shop window they had come to see, which they found filled with Christmas merchandise and sales promotion material. The window dresser had fixed up a little Nativity scene in the midst of the merchandise. And one of the partners was heard saying to the other.

"Now, what do you know about that? Even the church is trying to horn in on Christmas."

I hope that I am not leaving the impression that I am a "kill joy," for that isn't so. I like to see people do a good business. I also like the excitement and the noise and the confusion and the bright colors of the Christmas season. To me, it is absolutely wonderful.

The other day a friend of mine was complaining about all of the throngs, complaining about these mobs of people surging in and out of stores, the heavy traffic, and the impossibility of finding a parking place—even in a parking lot, and this friend took a very dim view of the commercialization of Christmas. So I said to him:

"When you think of it, isn't it really something that a little baby born in a stable, in a place called Bethlehem, thousands of miles from where we are, caused such a traffic jam, twenty centuries later on Main Street here in Houston, Texas?"

It is worth noting, also, that business not only benefits from the Christmas season, but it is also affected by the spirit of Christmas. Business is not

some impersonal entity. Instead, it is made up of people. Everywhere you go these Christmas days in our bustling cities and towns you hear Christmas music in the stores and on the streets—beautiful, beautiful hymns, and many voices—everywhere—singing the old carols.

CHRIST, THE SAVIOR

In the midst of all this Christmas activity, we certainly should know the reason why we do it. So, let me ask the question: "Why do we do these things? Why all this activity at Christmas time?" Because God's Word tells us that on this day, twenty centuries ago, a Savior was born.

This is an old word "Savior." Unfortunately, we do not hear it as often as we should anymore. Too much of American preaching today has become too sophisticated for the use of the humble word "Savior." But the fact remains that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and this fact should make us all very happy.

How most of us do need a Savior—how most of us do need saving—saving from ourselves—saving from our weaknesses—saving from our sins—saving from the tendency to grow cynical—to grow crabby and dull!

Do your ideals become tarnished? Do your hopes grow dim? Does the zest of enthusiasm—the wonder of life, fall and fade at times? Jesus takes us back to these great things, so that we once again have the old freshness of life. Through him, life comes alive in us again.

And when you become alive again, you are happy, and the natural thing, this time of the year, when you feel that way, is to say "Merry Christmas." I believe that the touch of the Christmas Spirit is the touch of re-creation.

The other day I happened to read a story in "The Reader's Digest." The story I read is an article by Arthur Gordon. Now Arthur Gordon is a genius with deep feeling in his heart. He is a master of words. He is an artist in thoughts. This article of his struck me as one of the greatest I had read.

THE AUTHOR

This address was delivered last Christmas by Mr. Hunt at a Men's Bible Class in Houston, Texas and heard by Mr. Harry Geis of Okeene, Okla. He asked for a copy of the address and sent it to the "Baptist Herald." We are indebted to Mr. Geis for this unique Christmas message by an outstanding Baptist layman.

EDITOR

It was about an experience in the author's own life. Writers, as do all of us, sometimes have dry periods. And Gordon had come upon one of these dry periods in his life. The thrill of life had left him. The ability to say what he wanted to say had eluded him. The fountain of inspiration had gone dry. The creative capacity was no longer functioning. After vainly struggling with this condition for a while, he decided to consult—not a minister—not a psychologist—but instead an old family doctor—a wise mature man whom he loved. He asked this man's advice.

The doctor, folding his hands like a tent stared at Gordon over the top of his glasses. He said, "So life has gone out of you. Is that the way it is?" And then he asked:

"When you were a child, what did you like to do the most? What gave you the greatest joy?"

Instantly, Gordon replied that he used to love to go to the beach, and hear the waves surging against the shore, and the hoarse tones of the sea gulls.

"All right," said the doctor. "You spend the whole day tomorrow at the beach, and spend it all alone. Get there at nine in the morning and stay there until six at night. Take no writing material, or reading material with you. No radio."

Then the doctor continued: "I am going to give you four prescriptions." And so he took four pages off of his pad and wrote something on each of them. Then he numbered them one through four and said, "Take Number One at nine o'clock, Number Two at twelve o'clock. Take Number Three at three o'clock, and Number Four at six o'clock."

"Are you joking with me?" Gordon asked. "When you get my bill, you will know I am not joking," the doctor replied.

"LISTEN INTENTLY"

So the next day Arthur Gordon went to the beach. It was a stormy day, and he drove his car up close to the beach. The wind was surging around his car. He sat for a moment in the car, feeling futile, and rather foolish. Then he read Prescription No. 1. There were only two words in the prescription. They were: "Listen intently."

What in the world could that mean? he thought. Then he got out of his car. The wind banged the door shut again. He pulled his collar up around his neck, and walked along the beach. There was a vast cataclysm of wind and sand as the tremendous surge of

the ocean came pounding upon the sand. Then a long roar was heard as the ocean receded.

For three hours Gordon walked up and down the beach, all alone, in this tremendous concourse of noise—wind and sea gulls. At one point he stooped down and put his ear close to the sand. There in the beach grass, it seemed for a moment as though there was an absolute silence. Then there came to his mind Carlyle's remark that "silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves."

Then, again, he heard the ceaseless uproar of the waves and the wind.

"TRY REACHING BACK!"

After three hours of intensive listening, he took out the second prescription: This prescription had three words. They were: "Try reaching back."

Gordon sat down between two sand dunes, and tried reaching back in his memory—projecting his mind into the past—going from one happy experience to another—reaching back to his highest experiences—back to the realest things—back to the tenderest things of his life.

Maybe this is one way Christmas makes us happy. For it takes us back. "Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight. Make me a child again just for tonight."

When Christmas comes, I always find myself going back. The other day as twilight was coming, I was sitting alone in a room, and at that time in my memory I went back to a little town in Arkansas. I never think of Christmas but I think of those younger days amidst the pine trees, and of the old German songs in that little town in the middle of the state of Arkansas where I was born. I lived as a boy in that part of the state that was known as "Little Bohemia."

Hundreds of Germans had come over in the old days. I went to school those first few years in a German school. They taught in German in the morning, and in English in the afternoon. I remember the old songs they used to sing at Christmas time: "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht."

I have said many times that one of these days I am going back to Arkansas to spend Christmas, but I guess I will not really. It would never be the same. It is only in my memory and in my heart that I can go back and see again those beautiful Christmases that I used to see from afar when I was a little boy. In memory I can still see through the windows of these beautiful homes, early on Christmas morning, the smell of old homemade tallow candles on the Christmas tree, and my determination to one day own such a home.

I believe that these are the things that we need today—the recapturing of old simplicity and of the great old hopes and dreams that we had as a child.

Well, that was Gordon's second prescription "Try Reaching Back."

The third which he took at three



"MERRY CHRISTMAS," WE SAY TO ONE ANOTHER

If enough of us could get Jesus Christ with his love into our hearts, we could get the world's problems solved. It is just that simple! (Photo by Luoma).

o'clock in the afternoon was "Re-examine your motives."

"RE-EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES"

Then he asked himself, "Why am I a writer? That I may get recognition? In order that I may make a lot of money? Or am I a writer because I love writing? And because I want to help other people through my writing?"

So for three hours, he re-examined his motives. Prescription No. 3 might be a good thing for us to do today.

Perhaps you and I on this Christmas morning should re-examine our motives. What is your life about? Why are you living? Is anything permanent being accomplished due to the fact that you are alive today? What are you doing with your life and why are you doing it? That's it—try asking yourself these questions in real earnest, re-examine your motive, and find out what your answers are.

Then, finally, at six on that eventful day at the beach, Arthur Gordon took Prescription No. 4. It was a wonderful prescription, and this is it:

"WRITE YOUR WORRIES . . ."

"Write your worries in the sand." So Gordon took a stick and literally wrote his greatest worry in the sand. That's just what he says he did in his article. He wrote it on the sand and then walked away. He could see it there written in the sand—but about that time the tide was coming in, and the tide erased the worry he had written in the sand.

How beautiful that is! When you identify yourself with Jesus Christ fully, and when he is born in your heart, you can write your worries in

the sand. When you can do that, you will indeed say "Merry Christmas" with all of your heart.

There is another thing I would like to say this Christmas. The chief cause of our being so happy at Christmas is that at this glorious time, the greatest principle in all of human life and human destiny is accentuated—the great principle called love. At this season we love one another—at least to a higher degree than at other times. If you go out onto the streets—if you go into the stores, you will see sour faces suddenly break into smiles. "Merry Christmas," they say. This is a demonstration of Jesus Christ's influence, making people love and esteem one another.

If enough of us could get Jesus Christ with his love into our hearts, and keep it there throughout the entire year, we could get the world's problems solved. It is just that simple. Jesus with his love and kindness!

So don't delay. During this Christmas season we should take this opportunity again to concentrate in our minds his greatest commandment which is: "Little children, love one another."

You can't say anything at any summit conference or in any of the chan-cellories of the world that is greater than that because to love one another means to respect every man—to treat every man according to his due, to be honest with everybody, to withhold nothing that is rightfully another's, to regard everybody with esteem. There is One who was born 2,000 years ago to teach us and to guide us in this love, and to help us become people with joyful hearts. This truly expresses the season's greetings, "Merry Christmas," to each of you.



Young Cameroonian mothers with their children, some of whom experience the wonderful ministry of our Christian medical missionaries in West Africa

A Service for Christ at Bamenda Government Hospital

With 116 beds regularly full, 63,000 out patients each year, 1,150 major surgeries and 825 minor surgeries annually, and 300 deliveries, Dr. Peter Fehr's days at this African hospital have been crowded with Christlike service.

A Tribute to Dr. Peter Fehr by
Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, Field Secretary
of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

AT MIDYEAR, 1960 the government of the Southern Cameroons, West Africa requested that the Cameroon Baptist Mission supply a medical doctor for service in the Government Hospital, Bamenda. The government agreed to pay his salary in compensation for his services. To some missionaries, the request appeared as a great challenge and opportunity to further the cause of Christ in this country and effectively to engage our medical missionary personnel.

Others, however, asked the questions: Is there any place for a Christian missionary in government service? Can the doctor render an effective Christian witness? Is there any good for the Kingdom of Christ to be accomplished by such an agreement? The request of the government stood for several weeks while these questions were considered.

After prayerful consideration, it was agreed to accept the challenge and to measure the opportunity during the service. Dr. Peter Fehr accepted the post and he and Mrs. Doris Fehr moved from Bango Hospital to Bamenda in November 1960.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

For two years Dr. Fehr has fulfilled the demands of an enormous opportunity. His foremost opportunity has been the medical treatment of thousands of Cameroonians. With 116 beds regularly full and overflowing, 63,000 annual outpatients, 1,150 major surgeries annually, 825 minor surgeries annually and 300 annual deliveries, Dr. Fehr's

days have been crowded with treatment and cures. And each cure was tacitly effected in the Name of Christ and Cameroon Baptist Mission.

He was further engaged in the training of 16 Cameroonian midwives and in a just and careful administration of the hospital and medical services for all of Bamenda Division. The engagement of Dr. Fehr's medical service was matched by his readiness to witness for Christ. In the wards, in the operating theatre, in private interviews, with government officials and off duty, Dr. Fehr's way of life, his spoken testimony, his tactful counseling, his distribution of Christian literature and his deliberate witness have gone far to win the hearts and minds and souls of many for Christ.

A BAFFLING TASK

As the opportunities have been great, so also have been the problems. To find hours and energy enough to cope with the burden of such a task has been beyond the man, but this has been realized in the strength of Christ. To steer a wise course amid the changing waters stirred by politicians, favor seekers, chronic complainers, and wayward staff has required the wisdom which is from above. And to administer the affairs of a government which has recently realized independence has required the flexibility and versatility found in an able servant of God.

Scores of Africans have witnessed to me their delight in the services of Dr. Fehr at Bamenda Hospital and scores more have stated their gratefulness to Cameroon Baptist Mission for provid-

ing the doctor. The names of Cameroon Baptist Mission and, more important, of the Christ served by the mission have been widely published by the ministry of Dr. Fehr at Bamenda Hospital. Testimonies by Africans of all levels of Cameroonian society give evidence of the fruit borne by this ministry.

A sample letter taken from many written to the doctor during his service at the hospital reads in part, "I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for the kindness shown to me by you during my admission to your hospital. I do not have enough words to express how highly I appreciated your kindness. I earnestly pray that the Almighty God may bless you, grant you long life and much wisdom."

A CRISIS MET

Recently the Baptist Christians on the staff at the hospital began a witnessing group whose aim is to give an active witness to the patients. Dr. Fehr had a share in the formation of this group and has the joy of seeing it in operation. The group encourages faithful church attendance by those patients who profess to be Christians and bears witness to the saving grace of Christ to those who do not. The group brings nursing care, encouragement, cheer, the Word of God, and prayer to patients in the wards, and has invited the Baptist African pastors in the Bamenda area to join them in this ministry.

We thanked God for a Baptist doctor in Bamenda Hospital recently
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Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay—
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

—Martin Luther



LUTHER - the Singer

HOW CONGREGATIONAL singing, as we know it in our Sunday schools and churches today, came about is a very interesting story. Until a little more than 400 years ago common people did not sing at all in church. The music was produced only by specially selected choirs. Then, too, the whole service, songs and all, was in Latin, which most of the people did not understand.

With the Protestant Reformation in Europe came a number of hymns in the every-day language of the people, for use in their worship. But there was needed a gifted leader like Martin Luther, to give the great impulse and expression to congregational singing. Luther, who became the renowned leader of the Reformation, was a poor miner's son, and was born in Eisleben, Germany, at the foot of the Hartz mountains, in 1483. He was divinely talented in music, and could play the flute and lute in addition to being an excellent singer.

As a boy, while a student at a Franciscan Monastery school, Luther often used his beautiful voice to sing at the windows of wealthy citizen for alms, to be given to the poor. At Christmas time, he and his companions often went wandering through the neighboring vil-

lages singing the carols of the infant Jesus. To Luther music was a "gift and a grace of God; it could drive out the devil and make men forget all wrath."

We are not surprised, then, that later in life Luther became intensely interested in encouraging congregational singing. "I wish," he said, "to compose sacred hymns, so that the Word of God may dwell among the people also by means of songs." The people should have hymns, as well as the Bible, in their own language, so that they could "read God's Word and speak to him in their songs." The Protestant Church services were no longer to be in Latin, but in the common language of the people.

The first Protestant hymnal was published in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1524. It contained only eight hymns, four of them written by Luther him-

self. This little book "flew all over Europe," in answer to a deep-felt want. The new hymns, with the magnificent music to which they were set, were eagerly learned by the people. We hear of musicians playing them on blow-horns from church steeples, and of crowds singing them in the market-places.

Luther's poetic gifts being once unfolded, he composed many more hymns, winning the name of "the Nightingale of Wittenberg." Within twenty years after the first hymnal was issued, at least 117 collections of hymns by Luther and his associates had been printed. Protestant Germany became a veritable "sea of song." In this way the great Reformer has come to be known as the father of congregational singing, which under his leadership rapidly grew in popularity. Some men said that he did as much for the Reformation by his hymns as by his translating and preaching of the Bible.

Luther loved to appeal to children also. He chose happy tunes and fitted charming words to them. One of the best is entitled, "Give Heed, My Heart, Lift Up Thine Eyes." The little cradle song "Away in a Manger," which has been the delight of children all over the

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THE AUTHOR

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Glory to God in the Highest

Selection of Christmas Poems

THE PERFECT GIFT

We worship thee, O Son of God,
On this most holy day,
Who came to earth a little Babe
And in a manger lay;
Thou who didst leave thy heavenly home
To break earth's chains of night,
Whose advent brought a world new hope,
Changed darkness into light.

The angel of the Lord appeared
As Shepherds vigil kept,
Proclaimed good tidings of great joy
To man, which 'round them slept.
The heavenly host sang praise to God
And peace, good will on earth;
The shepherds sought the Christ
Child's bed
And marveled at his birth.

As wise men traveled from the East,
Led by that gleaming star,
And brought their precious gifts to thee
From their own lands afar;
So we to thee would homage bring
And sing that heavenly strain
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
The world so needs again.

At this glad time we too would bring
Our greatest gift to thee;
Lord, first ourselves, then all we have,
Our perfect gift would be.

JOY CONQUERS FEAR

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the satellite, as to the people who control these objects of wonder.

Man is the real object beyond our control. If man can be brought into relationship with God through Jesus Christ, then the element of "Beyond-Our-Control" will be under the control of him who is certain and reliable. In the final analysis nothing happens beyond the ultimate control of our God. The birth and death of our Lord show this. Evil men sought to get rid of him. But the cross is today the symbol of triumph and spiritual victory.

So too our sins bring loss and fear. But the salvation of the Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, is the deliverance from fear and loss of spiritual life. This Christmas we may again experience the joy and victory which our Christ brings to all who accept and follow him as Savior and Lord!

B. J. A. EMPHASIS, 1963

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Wilt thou through us shine forth to men
Who need thy light so clear;
Use us, our money, talents, time,
In thy sweet service here.
—Julia Benson Parker

I SHALL GIVE

To give to my own church
and by my gifts to help
God's cause to triumph in a needy world
is not to waste the bounty he has given
but to invest it in the noblest good!

If I have means to buy
the luxuries of life,
fine food or fleeting pleasures,
then I have something, too,
to help to save the world.

If God be lost—in times like these—
if false philosophies prevail
and love gives way to hate,
then all is gone, progress palsied,
and only chaos reigns.

So I will give—that God and Truth
may live—and to the point of Sacrifice

*I shall support my church,
Bulwark of civilization
Hope of mankind
The promise of eternity!*

—Alfred Grant Walton

LIFE AND IMMORTALITY

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God has already been established by Christians here on earth, but it will find its final fulfillment or consummation only in heaven.

We observe, secondly, the origin of this life which is from God through Jesus Christ. We are reminded by our text that Jesus Christ "brought life and immortality to light." This again emphasizes the truth that it is only because Jesus came, because we have Christmas, that we also have this life. We receive it from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." When we come to him to receive this spiritual life, it must be because we have come to the realization that we are dead in trespasses and sins, and that the way to life is through the forgiveness of sins.

It is Jesus Christ alone who has provided for this. This truth is set forth in the message which is brought to Joseph by the angel of the Lord who said: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Though this life was brought to us

by Jesus Christ, we must remember that all life ultimately comes from God. Just as God came seeking for Adam after sin had come in and disrupted their fellowship, so God's heart of love is still seeking a lost and sinful humanity. The Christmas season ought to be a great season of missionary challenge when we are encouraged to spread the message of the Gospel that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

HOW IS IT RECEIVED?

A further truth expressed by our text is that we are saved, or that we receive this life which Jesus has come to bring, "not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace." Simply stated, we receive spiritual life not by working for it, but by believing in Jesus Christ. This truth is so simple that even a child can understand it, yet so profound that even our philosophers have never plumbed its depths.

This is difficult for many to accept, yet we must realize that God is not bound to the way in which man would do things. Some years ago when the Prince of Wales, the long-awaited heir to the British throne was born, salutes were fired on land and sea, flags were unfurled, and the ringing bells declared the news to the entire nation. In Bethlehem lay the heir to the throne of heaven and earth. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords, but yet the village and the world slept quietly on. To those, however, who had open ears and receptive hearts, such as the shepherds and the wise men, the coming of Christ was made known and they were able to rejoice in it. So Christ comes to receptive hearts and lives today.

"How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in."

HEART SEARCHING DAYS

The message of Christmas finds us this year in the world which is greatly disturbed and uncertain. There is a great deal of anxiety and concern on every hand. Yet, on the other hand, we have opportunity this Christmas such as we have never had. Though the world-picture many times may be dark and dreary, is it not this which makes all the more relevant the Christmas message that Jesus Christ "has brought life and immortality to light"? These are challenging and heart-searching days in which we are living. May we say with the hymn writer:

"Blessed be, blessed be,
Blessed be the Lord on high.
Publish now salvation's story,
Peace on earth, good will to men.
Lord, we bring to thee the glory,
That we may through grace eternally
Blessed be, blessed be."

Reviews of Current Books

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant, Forest Park, Illinois

DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL by William M. Taylor. 443 pages—\$2.95;
RUTH THE GLEANER AND ESTHER THE QUEEN by William M. Taylor. 269 pages—\$2.95. Both by Baker Book House—1961.

The Bible Biography books by William M. Taylor have been on the market for many years. These 1961 editions have been reprinted from the original printing made in 1886 by Harper and Brothers. There are eight in the present series.

Mr. Taylor was born, educated and ordained in Scotland and came to America at the age of forty-two. He was the famed preacher of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City, Lyman Beecher lecturer at Yale Divinity School and L. P. Stone lecturer at Princeton Seminary.

These biographies are literary gems. Their easy flowing style make them highly interesting reading. Mr. Taylor sticks to the story, giving it vividness and reality. Exposition, which is both scholarly and biblical, is incorporated in the story in such a way that the original facts are not lost to the reader, and continuity is easily followed. Many pages of the Bible seem to come alive through a simple, beautiful free translation. The series will give the pastor additional information and inspiration for his biographical sermons and the laymen will find them to be a valuable addition and treasure to his library.

COMING EVENTS IN PROPHECY by M. R. DeHaan, M. D. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—151 pages—\$2.50.

THE LATTER DAYS by Russell Bradley Jones. Baker House—1961—196 pages—\$2.95.

In the light of fast moving events and present-day world problems, it is understandable that many Bible scholars are busy interpreting Scripture. There is much correlating, adjusting, fitting and sometimes "squeezing" being done in order to relate the current events and the international situation into the program of God. The reader must be careful to evaluate prophesy without despising it. (I Thess. 5:20).

Dr. DeHaan's prophetic expositions are based almost wholly on New Testament references. The parables of Jesus are given significance only in relation to prophesy and have little to do with the immediate time in which they were given.

In his chapter, "Will Man Conquer Space," the author is convinced of the impossibility of man reaching the moon. It is a mad, futile, fruitless race, for the Bible predicts the utter failure of man's plans to conquer space.

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS

All books reviewed in the "Baptist Herald" can be ordered from the Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. A book catalogue is also available on request.

Since the days of Copernicus, the church has failed to "squash" the findings of science. If and when man reaches the moon it will be interesting to note the adjustment science and prophesy will have to make in their interpretation of Scripture.

In "The Latter Days" Mr. Jones follows almost wholly the Scriptural and spiritual interpretation of prophesy, although he has a little difficulty in keeping his interpretations catalogued into "literal," "spiritual," "figurative" and "symbolic." Beginning with a reference to the atomic bomb and its destructiveness, little more is made of current events. He simply tries to focus our attention on parts of the Bible in the light of the whole.

THE YOUNG MINISTER by John B. Wilder. Zondervan Publishing House—1962—120 pages—\$1.95.

PASTORING THE SMALLER CHURCH by John C. Thiessen. Zondervan Publishing House—1962—168 pages—\$2.95.

These two books are reviewed together because this is where the young minister usually begins—in the smaller church.

Too often the young minister tries desperately to give the impression of experience and maturity. He is probably an authority on theology, but certainly not in the field of church management and pastoral duties and functions. Mr. Wilder has some good, down-to-earth advice for young ministers which is helpful in the many areas of pastoral problems. Much of this was discussed in the seminary classroom but a minister's memory needs to be refreshed from time to time. The theory of the classroom and the reality of the parish are often far removed. The dangers and pitfalls and the temptations in the ministry are in many instances more intense than those experienced by the layman. Even while performing the ordinary pastoral duties, the minister must stop occasionally to "make his calling and election sure."

In *Pastoring the Smaller Church*, Mr. Thiessen has done an excellent job of giving the pastor a comprehensive guidebook. Some of the material is also covered in *The Young Minister*, but given a different slant. On the whole, it is a far more complete volume, and is not necessarily written for young

ministers or smaller churches. The general principles and instructions apply to mature ministers and larger churches.

These two volumes should prove valuable, particularly to the young minister, and their contents should be digested occasionally in order that he might be prepared at all times to serve God and his people to the best of his knowledge and ability.

THE SPEAKERS BIBLE, THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS, edited by James Hastings and Edward Hastings. Baker Book House—1961—356 pages—\$3.95.

As the note on the fly leaf indicates, this is a reprint from the original printing made in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1923.

James Hastings is well known among all students of theology as the editor of Dictionary of the Bible, Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels, Dictionary of the Apostolic Church, Dictionary of Religion and Ethics. He was also the editor of The Expository Times. He died while working on The Speaker's Bible and his son Edward continued and finished the editing. The library of 36 volumes is available for the first time through an American publisher. (Please write to Roger Williams Press for information on the four easy purchase plans for the entire set.)

The writings of James Hastings reflect the theology and the preaching patterns of his day. But the truths he proclaimed are still timely and timeless. In many respects these sermons and sermonettes are more relevant than much of the preaching heard today. His writings are anchored on the Word of God and he has no inclination to pull up the anchor and drift. One of his sermons on Drifting, based on Hebrews 2:1, is outstanding.

Many of the present day sermons are difficult to read and difficult to listen to, not because they are so profound, but because they are often thin in thought and weak in expression. James Hastings does not use three words where one will do; only essential thought material is included and illustrations are dignified and sparsely used. Even the topics for his sermons are short, simple and to the point. Any minister can use the basic outline and still make the sermon his own.

Many sermons sound good if the minister is able to add something of his own personality in the delivery. But it takes an especially good sermon to be read. Mr. Hastings' sermons are readable. The expositions on every text in the Bible give the pastor a sense of Biblical continuity and completeness.



INSPECTING THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, BAMENDA

Dr. Peter Fehr (center), Baptist medical missionary at the Bamenda Government Hospital, takes government leaders on an inspection tour of the hospital. President Ahmandou Ahidjo of the Federal Republic of Cameroon is at the left (wearing dark glasses) and Vice-president John N. Foncha in African native dress is at the right. (Photo by West Cameroon Information Service.)

SERVICE FOR CHRIST AT BAMENDA HOSPITAL

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when our Mbingo Leprosy Settlement doctor and manager, Dr. Jerry Fluth, was badly burned by a gasoline explosion. He was rushed by one of our Mbingo nurses, Miss Barbara Kieper, over the 25 miles to Bamenda Hospital and was treated within about one hour of the accident. We marvelled at the providence of God which months ago had arranged to meet this emergency through Dr. Fehr's service at Bamenda.

For two weeks the doctor and three missionary nurses, called in to help, labored at the bedside to save the life and future ministry of their fellow missionary. By the Lord's mercy and much prayer on the part of many, they accomplished their purpose.

THE CHALLENGE RENEWED

In the middle of December, 1962, Dr. and Mrs. Fehr go on furlough which is overdue. The government of West Cameroon has renewed its request that Cameroon Baptist Mission supply another doctor on the same terms to take Dr. Fehr's place. Government officials give high praise for the service of the past two years and desire a continuation of this service. The fruit borne from this otherwise fallow ground is reason to sow again.

I believe that, in the will of God, Cameroon Baptist Mission will be able to provide the needed doctor. And I believe that through his service much fruit will be borne for Christ and his Kingdom. Will you pray to that end?

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Lord, in all the stir
When Christmas comes around,
The games and the greetings,
The songs and the meetings,
The toys and joys and shining trees,
The carols' sweet sound—

Father in the midst of these,
Let us not forget
The fair Star of Christmas,
The Star that cannot set.
Let us lift our hearts and say,
"Glory be to God in heaven,
On Christmas Day!"

—Nancy Byrd Turner

CHRISTMAS

Saviour, on thy birthday dear
Make us to remember
How the star's clear light was shed
Down upon thy manger bed,
With the angels bending low,
Far away and long ago,
One December.

Saviour, when thy birthday falls,
Make us to remember
Other children near and far
Who should see the Christmas star,
Hear the song and love the light
Of thy birthday fair and bright
In December!

—Nancy Byrd Turner

The Argows Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Report of the 60th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., by Ronald C. McCreary of Thornwood, N. Y.

To commemorate the 60th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Willibald S. Argow of Erie, Pa., the four daughters of the couple arranged a celebration in honor of their parents at "A Little Bit of Sweden" in Erie on Oct. 13. The actual anniversary, Oct. 2, and the early days of October were occasions for hundreds of letters and calls of congratulations from friends across the country, among which were several from the North American Baptist General Conference signed by Edwin H. Marklein, moderator; and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

Every church served by Mr. Argow as pastor conveyed congratulations: Hutchinson, Minn.; North Freedom, Wis.; Kankakee, Ill.; Madison, S. Dak.; as well as South Hills Baptist Church in Erie, where the Argows served as their latest full-time charge. The church in Burlington, Iowa also recalled Mr. Argow's service there as an interim pastor. The celebration was planned and executed by the four daughters of the Argows, all of whom were present with numerous other immediate relatives. They are: Mrs. Gordon McCreary of Erie; Mrs. Wm. Jones of Rosemont, Pa.; Mrs. Ronald McCreary of Thornwood, New York; and Miss Sarah Argow of Erie.

Willibald Argow and Emma Hamel were married on Oct. 2, 1902, in the home of Mrs. Argow's sister, Mrs.

Louis Zumbrook in Pittsburgh, Pa., by Rev. William Argow. Following his retirement, Mr. Argow served 54 different churches in 13 denominations, both as interim pastor and as a supply preacher. He served the denomination as promotional secretary and evangelist, traveling more than 10,000 miles from Texas to Canada and from the East Coast to Oregon. He has attended 20 sessions of the General Conference since he graduated from Seminary in 1902. He is now the only living member of that graduating class.

Highlights of the celebration on October 13 was a unique scrapbook entitled, "This is Your Life," containing pictures and other remembrances of the 60 years the Argows have enjoyed together. Another feature of the occasion was the wedding dress of Mrs. Argow, preserved for more than half a century and made by the bride herself. This was worn by Miss Susan McCreary, daughter of Mrs. Gordon McCreary of Erie. A poem commemorating the occasion was read to the honored couple by John A. McCreary of Valparaiso, Indiana, and son of Mrs. Ronald McCreary of Thornwood, New York. Following the anniversary dinner, the guests assembled at the home of Mrs. Gordon McCreary, where there was opportunity for renewing acquaintances and visiting with Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Argow.



THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS OF YOUR LIFE

By Mrs. Delmar Wesseler
of Lorraine, Kansas
Editor of the "Broadcast."

How can you make this the happiest Christmas of your life? A noted clergyman says "by simply trying to give yourself to others; put something of yourself in everything you give. A gift however small, speaks its own language. When it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed."

Our gifts or bits of service which we might consider very humble—but given because of his love—may be our finest Christmas gifts. This special story by Tolstoy, as told by Edwin Markham, has a lovely Christmas thought. "The cobbler, a godly man, dreamed that Christ was coming to his humble shop. Early the next morning the cobbler gathered boughs in the woods to decorate his shop."

All morning he waited, but nothing happened. An old man shuffled in, asking to rest. His shoes were worn, so the cobbler offered him a new pair—the sturdiest in the shop. Throughout the afternoon he waited, and the only happening was the arrival of an old woman, bearing a heavy load of fagots. So weary was she that the cobbler brought her in and gave her some of the food he had prepared for the Christ-child.

Then as night fell, there came to his shop a lost child, crying bitterly. Finally impatient, the cobbler took the child home on the opposite side of the city, fearing all the while that he would miss the Lord. Returning, he sat sadly through the evening, crying out: "Why is it, Lord, that you delay? Have you forgotten this was the day?" Softly, in the silent night he heard:

"Lift up your heart for I kept my word.
Three times I came to your friendly door;
Three times my shadow was on your floor.
I was the beggar with bruised feet;
I was the woman you gave to eat;
I was the child on the homeless street."

He will be at your door many times during this glorious Christmas season and in the New Year. How we accept him will be reflected in our measure of happiness!

December 20, 1962

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Doesn't justification seem like a fiction if God treats us as if we are righteous when in fact we are sinners?

The way this question is expressed somewhat "stacks the case" against the biblical view of justification. While it is true that God freely justifies the ungodly but believing sinner, that very act of justification marks the beginning of a new life in the pardoned sinner. The same faith which is the means of God's justifying the ungodly (but repentant) man is the very faith by which he is united to Christ and which makes him a new creature in Christ with the old things of the sinful life passed away and all things having become new (II Cor. 5:17). That is to say that one never has justification without some degree of sanctification; the legal aspect of salvation can never be separated from the ethical aspect.

THE CLAIMS OF GOD

This is not at all to water down the vivid Pauline doctrine of justification by faith alone which was so characteristic of the Reformers. Luther felt that God's free justification of the ungodly was the heart of the Gospel. This, he asserted, is no violation of God's justice, but indeed a revelation of his justice. It is on a just ground that God pardons and accepts sinners. This is because the claims of God's law upon sinners have been fully satisfied through the obedience and vicarious death of Christ. What the ungodly owe, Christ paid, and his righteousness is imputed to those who believingly accept his finished work upon the cross (Rom. 3:21-25; 5:18-19; Gal. 3:13; II Cor. 5:21). Thus, God justly justifies the sinner.

God declares the believer righteous because he accounts him to be united to Christ by faith. This is the basis for the imputation of Christ's righteousness to believing sinners (Rom. 4:6, 11, 22; 3:26). On this basis it is not at all a fiction, but a glorious and transforming reality, especially so when we understand that justification never stands alone in the work of salvation; it is always accompanied by regeneration (which involves a change

in the governing dispositions of the soul—a new birth) and sanctification (a separation from evil and unto holiness).

One can never boast of his perfect standing and of the fact that he is declared righteous, if his actual moral and spiritual condition belies this claim. Paul's idea of justification is ethical to the core (but it is not merely ethical, as indicated above). Although justification strictly designates the imputation of righteousness rather than the impartation of righteousness, the former is never unaccompanied by the latter.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

It should be carefully noted, however, that the verb "to justify" is never used by Paul in the sense of "to make righteous," but always "to declare righteous." This is the distinctive feature of justification which contrasts it with the various other complementary aspects of salvation.

In the foregoing paragraphs, faith was constantly spoken of as the method of securing forgiveness of sin and the instrumental means by which Christ's righteousness is appropriated. Faith should never be conceived of as the ground of justification, for only the righteousness of Christ can be admitted as the meritorious ground. We are justified by faith (*pistei*, Rom. 3:28), or through faith (*dia pisteos*, Rom. 3:25; and *ek pisteos*, Rom. 3:30). The New Testament never says we are justified on account of faith (*dia pistin*), thus making faith the ground, which in effect would make faith a meritorious work.

Some people erroneously teach (supposedly on the basis of Romans 4:3) that God regards faith as righteousness; that is, that God accepts faith instead of righteousness, or that God pardons and accepts sinners on the ground of their faith. This is a denial of the imputation of Christ's righteousness to believers. It not only clashes with Paul's statements in Romans 4:6, 11, 22, but would virtually set aside the divine righteousness in the plan of salvation. While we may never limit God's love and mercy, his benevolent attributes are always in accord with his holiness and righteousness. Otherwise, there would be some kind of fiction involved, and man would be declared righteous contrary to fact and contrary to God's just and holy nature.

"As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed the light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So most gracious God may we
Evermore be led to thee."

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MARCH OF EVENTS

● **ROMAN CATHOLICS IN CANADA.** For the first time in the nation's history, Roman Catholics outnumber Protestants in Canada. An official census report issued recently shows 8,532,479 Catholics and 8,531,574 Protestants in Canada's population of 18,238,247.

World Vision

● **CHRISTIANS ELECTED IN JAPAN.** Six Christians, including a veteran legislator who was a leading layman in the former Japan Methodist Church, were elected to seats in the House of Councillors, the upper house of the Japanese Diet (Parliament) in recent elections. The six were among 10 Christians who ran for office.

● **MORE HUNGER THAN EVER.** There are more hungry people in the world today than at any time in recorded history. This observation was made in Rome recently by the director general of the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Dr. Binay Ranjan Sen of India. Dr. Sen said also that "hunger is an international responsibility." He estimated that between 300 million and 500 million people suffer from under-nutrition and that a total of 1,000 to 1,500 million people suffer from varying degrees of malnutrition.

● **PROGRAM TO HELP SMOKERS.** The Seventh-day Adventist General Conference is launching a program, both on the national and local level, to teach physicians and ministers how to help smokers "kick the habit." It will get underway with 3 pilot training courses in major areas of the country—the East Coast, Midwest and West Coast. The training programs will involve instruction in group therapy sessions under the denomination's "Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking."

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● **MEMBERSHIP OF METHODIST CHURCH.** The Methodist Church in the U. S. now has 10,153,003 members, a gain of slightly more than 1 per cent over last year's total of 10,046,293, reports Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance. The figure includes 28,611 ministers, but does not include 1,740,568 preparatory members (baptized children). The denomination has 38,763 organized churches, 300 less than a year ago.

● **AFRICAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH.** The first major continent-wide meeting of African Christian youth will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 28, 1962-Jan. 7, 1963. Some 500 youth and student delegates from 40 African countries are slated to take part in the event—the All African Christian Youth Assembly. Another 50 fraternal delegates from more than 30 countries of Asia, Europe and North and South

America will also participate. Theme of the Assembly will be "Freedom Under the Cross," with the sub-theme "Youth and Student Participation in the Life and Mission of the Church in Africa Today." During the week the youth will hear addresses and panel discussion by a number of prominent African and foreign Christian leaders and take part in Bible study courses.

● **CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE.** Christian Service Brigade celebrated its 25th anniversary with a rally Dec. 1, 1962, in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. This Christian movement for boys started

as a single club in Glen Ellyn in 1937. Today it has a membership of over 40,000 boys in 1100 churches throughout 43 states and 7 provinces of Canada. Dr. V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College; Mr. Herbert J. Taylor, president, Club Aluminum Products of America; and other men who have had a part in the development of Christian Service Brigade participated in the program. Joseph Coughlin, Brigade founder, told "The Story of the Torch" as he did at the first club meeting 25 years ago.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Largest Southern Baptist Churches.** The Southern Baptist Convention has 19 churches with more than 5,000 members in each. The continuing leader is the First Church, Dallas, Tex., with 12,477 members. Bellevue church, Memphis, Tenn., remains the second largest, with 9,256 members. Eleven of the top 19 in size are in Texas. However, 8 states are represented in the 19 churches on the 5,000-plus list.

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● **Taylor Heads Chaplains.** Robert P. Taylor, a Southern Baptist, has been chosen as the new chief of chaplains of the United States Air Force. At the time of accepting the new duty, he will be promoted to Major General. Another Baptist, Frank Tobey, is the chief of U. S. Army Chaplains. Chaplain Tobey plans to retire in October of this year. His background is in the American Baptist Convention.

● **Campaigns in Rio de Janeiro.** At least 300 of the 350 churches in the Baptist Convention of the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil participated in simultaneous evangelistic campaigns, September, October, and November. "Only Christ Can Save" was chosen as the theme, in direct contrast to the idea prevalent in Brazil that salvation is through works or religious leaders, said Harold E. Renfrow, secretary of the state convention. The campaign song, "Christ Can Save You," was taught to all the churches and choirs. Baptists in one city formed a choir of more than 500 voices.

● **Church Dedication in Venezuela.** A

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mother acknowledged faith in Christ at the dedication of a sanctuary and an educational unit for First Baptist Church, Cabimas, Venezuela. About 400 people attended the service, filling the 250 permanent seats in the sanctuary, standing in the aisles and vestibule, and looking in from the patio separating the two buildings. The Cabimas church was organized in October 1956, about three years after Baptist work was started in the city of 80,000, in the heart of the Venezuela oil fields. It met previously in rented stores.

● **Youth Evangelism in Scotland.** A team of seven young people from the East Killbride Baptist Church in Scotland conducted a seaside mission at Nairn under the auspices of the Scottish Evangelistic Society. In another evangelistic effort the church sponsored open-air Sunday schools during July and August. It also held open-air services in shopping centers of East Killbride, a town near Glasgow. A team of students conducted a youth mission, sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Fellowship this fall.

● **New Unit for Mounds-Midway Baptist Hospital.** A dedication Ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, as part of the formal opening of the first new unit of the Mounds-Midway Baptist Hospital and Educational Center in St. Paul, Minn. The service at the new 3½ million dollar Midway Hospital addition included greetings from Baptist conferences and conventions, a litany which was read by ministers and laymen, music by the Mounds-Midway Chorus and the opening of the doors of the new building. Radio and television coverage covered this unusual part of the opening of the building.

● Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts of Bamenda in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, have announced the birth of a son on October 19, who was named Philip John. This is their third child. Mr. Folkerts is the field secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Mission (U. S. A.).

● The Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., has announced that its call extended to Rev. Warren W. West of the Boston, Mass., area has been accepted. He is already on the field serving as the new pastor, having succeeded the late Rev. G. Harold Hill, who passed away in 1962.

● Dr. W. J. Appel is serving as the interim pastor at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., beginning with the Christmas season. He brought his interim ministry in the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., to a close in October and spent more than a month thereafter, undertaking a survey for a new Church Extension project in Seattle, Washington, for the denominational Church Extension Committee.

● The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa has extended a call to Rev. George W. Breitzkreuz of Anaheim, Calif., the minister of Christian education of the Bethel Baptist Church since 1961. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Elgin church on Feb. 1, 1963, succeeding Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, now pastor of the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

● From Oct. 23 to Nov. 1 evangelistic services were held at the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., with Rev. Ervin Strauss of Vancouver, B. C., Church Extension pastor of Lulu Island in the Richmond area, serving as the evangelist. Mrs. Ron Bertsch reported: "Everyone was greatly blessed by Mr. Strauss' inspiring messages which suited these troublous times." Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann is pastor of the church.

● The denominational Church Extension Committee has extended a call to Rev. William S. Acton of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., to become the pastor of a new Church Extension project in Lincoln Village, located in northeast Sacramento, Calif. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his new ministry on Feb. 1, 1963. He has been pastor of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., since 1956.

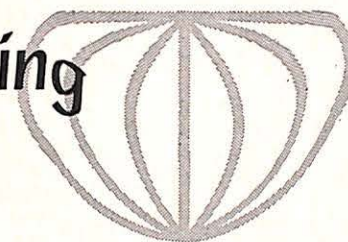
● The Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Connecticut has announced that Mr. Theodore Haworth has accepted the church's call to become its pastor on a student basis. He is a first year student at the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. He began his student pastorate at the church on Nov. 4, succeeding Rev. August Lutz. Mrs. Russell L. Jones, clerk, notified the Forest Park office about the church's decision.

● The Bethel Church of High Prairie,

Alta., held its Thanksgiving Day service in October with Rev. and Mrs. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alta., as guests. Mr. Muller spoke at both services on this beautiful day. Rev. William Epp is the pastor. The church is rejoicing over two persons who recently made their confession of faith in Christ. The church has changed its name from the Evangelical Church to the Bethel Church of High Prairie.

● The Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Erhard Knoll of Milwaukee, Wis., to which a favorable response was given. Mr. Knoll began his ministry at the church on Nov. 18. The church has been without a pastor for more than a year. Mr. Knoll is a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He spent the past year studying at the

what's happening



● Rev. Raymond R. Castro, missionary among the Latin Americans at Rio Grande City, Texas, has presented his resignation to the Board of Missions, effective Dec. 26, 1962. He has accepted a call to become a migrant worker among the Spanish-speaking people in Oregon under the auspices of the Conservative Baptist Missionary Society. He and his family will reside in Salem, Oregon. Mr. Castro has served as our Latin American missionary since 1954.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Graham, Wash., has voted to disband. Rev. James T. Chisum, pastor, has written that seven families of the church have recently moved away and lack of interest was evident in other families. On Nov. 11th a special business meeting was held to consider what action the church should take. The church was organized in 1958 and soon thereafter was recognized as a North American Baptist church by the Pacific Conference.

● The South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. W. C. Dachtler of Corona, S. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. He has served the Corona Baptist Church since 1959. He has also announced that he would begin his ministry in the Rapid City church in January. He will succeed Rev. Loren Weber, now of Isabel, S. Dak. Dr. M. Vanderbeck has been the interim pastor at the Rapid City church during the past year.

● Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr, missionaries in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, are arriving at O'Hare Field, Chicago, Ill., by Air France plane on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18. Dr. Fehr has been the medical missionary at the Bamenda Government Hospital. An article about his illustrious ministry, prepared by Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." That same evening (Dec. 18) Dr. and Mrs. Fehr and their family attended the Christmas party of the NAB headquarters personnel.

University of Tuebingen in Germany. He has been a member of the Zion German Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

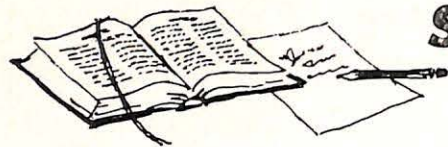
● From Oct. 28 to 31 the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held a Missionary Conference. The theme, "The Word for the World," was presented by Miss Ida Forsch, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ida Forsch, Rev. Norman W. Haupt of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, by Rev. Fred Moore of Japan, and Rev. William Dalton of Pakistan, a member of the church. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, reported to our ed: "The challenge was brought to our hearts to pray, to give and to listen to God when he speaks." Rev. Walter F. Berkan is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Lester N. Schoen of Folsomdale, N. Y., pastor of the Folsomdale Baptist Church since 1958, was conhome to glory on Oct. 19. He was ordained and baptized in 1904 in Killaloe, Ont. On May 1, 1928 he was by the into the Christian ministry. Church Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. His wife appears on sons survive. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue. Rev. Paul Ginrich, a long-time friend of the deceased, officiated at the service.

● The Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., H. Ver-tended a call to Rev. Norman Wayne, Mich., to become its minister. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Benton Harbor church on Jan. 20, 1963, succeeding Rev. William Hoover, now of Anaheim, Calif. First Baptist Church, Wayne, Mich., an independent Baptist church, has announced that Rev. Reginald Shepley will have served as interim pastor for almost a year in January 1963.

● The denominational Church Extension Committee has extended a call to

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 30, 1962

Theme: DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Discipleship is a privilege—knowing Christ. It is also a responsibility—making Christ known to others.

INTRODUCTION: No more appropriate lesson can be recommended after a series of studies on basic beliefs than a lesson on discipleship. Christian discipleship is a continual school in which our faith, hope and love grow. If we merely have an intellectual knowledge of God and give intellectual assent to all the Christian doctrines, we will never really know him unless we surrender to him and commit our lives into his care and trust the Holy Spirit to lead us. You can be sound in Christian belief and still be shaky in Christian trust. Jesus did not come to give us a new intellectual approach to God; "he came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly."

Discipleship, therefore, involves more than learning; it also includes fellowship. You not only learn the lessons of the Teacher, you learn to know the Teacher.

I. THE DISCIPLE'S GIFTS.
Ephesians 4:11-13.

As the church grew and its needs multiplied, God laid his hands upon individuals and commissioned them to discharge their duties. In the beginning they were all disciples—learners—but as their individual talents emerged, they were appointed and called to their particular tasks in the church, not for their own glory, but for the edifying of the body of Christ.

The unity they are to seek is not in regimented thought, but unity in their loyalty to Jesus Christ. All the instruments in an orchestra play different tunes but under the leadership of the director there is beautiful harmony. The entire orchestra can produce something which no single instrument is able to produce alone.

II. THE DISCIPLE'S MATURITY.
Ephesians 4:14-16.

God's purpose is that we grow from childhood into adulthood in our Christian faith. In many respects we can still have a childlike faith but certainly not a childish faith. We ought to know where we stand and what the church stands for. We ought to know what we believe and be strong enough to withstand the false doctrines of others, and wise enough to see through the cunning and craftiness of those

who wish to deceive us.

III. THE DISCIPLE'S NEGATIVE LEARNING. Ephesians 4:25-30.

There is much for the Christian to learn from the "don'ts" in life. And since the Ten Commandments have never been repealed, we continue to take heed to the "shalt nots" in Scripture. The Apostle Paul tones down the directives by saying, "Let not." The negatives are seasoned, not so much with will power, but with surrender. Let go, he is saying, and let God take over! Let there be a clear and decided difference between the church and the pagan world.

IV. THE DISCIPLE'S POSITIVE LEARNING. Ephesians 4:32.

What would happen if every Christian would dwell on this one verse, meditate upon it until it becomes a part of him. Jesus would certainly be proud of a disciple who is worthy of being described in these three words—kind, tenderhearted, forgiving. This is the way Jesus feels toward you; that is why you must feel the same way toward others.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Is the quantity of your beliefs well-balanced with the quality of your faith?
2. Was there a greater and clearer difference between the first church and the world than there is now? Mention some of the differences.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 6, 1963

Theme: JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS MINISTRY

Scripture: Mark 1:1-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Preparation is often long and painstaking. The more important the work the more preparation is necessary.

INTRODUCTION: When we think of Jesus' short ministry here on earth, we often wonder why he couldn't have spent more years of service among men. He had an equivalent of ten years preparation for each year of service. But if we think that Jesus spent so many years in preparation for his ministry, think of the thousands of years it took God to prepare the world for his coming. Yet "when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son." God was not waiting for Jesus to be ready and prepared, but for us. We are the ones who are "fools and slow of heart."

On the surface it seems that Jesus had a long introduction followed by a short story. But that short story has in it the only salvation of the world.

I. THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL. Mark 1:1.

Mark was a man of few words, and the words he did use were words of action. He dispensed quickly with any preliminaries and hurried into the heart of the story. He began at the beginning but he saw no need to repeat much of what was already written in the prophets. The word "straightway," meaning immediately or forthwith, was used 41 times. It is the shortest of the four Gospels and has the fastest and most continuous action.

II. THE PREPARATION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Mark 1:2-8.

The beginning of the Gospel did not begin with the birth of Jesus, but hundreds of years before in the dreams and visions of the prophets. John the Baptist used the language of the prophets when he said: "make straight a highway" (Isa. 40:3). Malachi declared that God would send a messenger who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah (Mal. 3:1).

With all the attention John the Baptist was able to get from the people, it was no simple matter for him to draw their attention to Jesus. But we probably never would have heard about him if he had taken all the honor and glory for himself. He laid the groundwork while Jesus laid the foundation.

III. THE PREPARATION OF JESUS, THE MESSIAH. Mark. 1:9-13.

We know little of the preparation that Jesus made during the first 30 years of his life. It was a quiet, inner preparation in which he was in continual communion with his Father. The story of his journey to Jerusalem and his experience in the temple at the age of twelve give us some indication of what was going on in his mind and heart.

His baptism was a public demonstration that he was now ready. It was an outward, ceremonial preparation of what already took place within him.

The temptation in the wilderness was one of the climaxes of his spiritual preparation. It was a test of his deity, but, even more so, a test of the strength of his humanity. It is also proof that in the hour of temptation we are not forsaken.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why was so much preparation necessary for such a wonderful event as the coming of the Messiah?
2. What is the difference between being prepared educationally and being prepared spiritually? Can they be related?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Western District

Southwood Park Church Parsonage Dedicated, Portland, Ore.

Dedication services were held at the new parsonage of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16. The 1900 square foot building adjoins the church in an attractive wooded setting.

It provides four bedrooms, three rooms in the family living area on the first floor and a large patio level recreation room which will be available for church activities. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, was the messenger for the service with greetings from other churches of the Oregon Association.

Mrs. E. A. Schaber, Reporter

Women's Sessions at California Association, Elk Grove

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the California Association was held at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., on Friday afternoon, Nov. 2. The service was led by Mrs. Eric Kuhn of the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento. Mrs. Madeline Taylor of the Harbor Trinity Church of Costa Mesa read the Scripture and led in prayer. Special music was presented by Mrs. Lillian Filler and Mrs. Virginia Mauch of Willow Rancho Church and Mrs. Judy Koenig of Swain Oaks Church of Stockton.

Our speaker for the program was Mrs. F. G. Moore, missionary to Japan, who presented a challenging message on "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and stressed the need of influencing our youth toward Christian service. The offering was designated for the Japan mission work and Church Extension. The meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. G. G. Rausser of the Swain Oaks Church in Stockton.

The results of the W.M.U. election were as follows: Mrs. Wm. Hoover, Bethel Church, Anaheim, president; Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, Temple Church, Lodi, vice-president; Mrs. Loren Fischer, Magnolia Church, Anaheim, secretary-treasurer.

—Mrs. Renata Arbizu, Reporter

Woman's Union Birthday Meeting, Bethel Church, Anaheim

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held its annual Birthday Meeting, inviting the men as their guests, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the church sanctuary.

Group singing was led by Mrs. Bettie Thiesen, and Mrs. Millie Remland, vice-president, greeted the guests. Mrs. Margaret Haugh read Scripture from 1 Cor. 13. "It Took a Miracle," by John W. Peterson, was beautifully rendered by Miss Marion Stevens and Mrs. Linda Sherrill, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Carole Melvin. Mrs. Jane Da-



The new parsonage of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland and family are the first occupants of the home.

vision introduced Miss Lorraine Fleischman, missionary on furlough from Japan, who compared Japanese and American ways of life. It made us realize how free we are in America.

Refreshments were served in the lower auditorium. Decorated card tables, each holding a birthday cake representing the twelve months of the year, made it a festive occasion.

Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter

Annual Program, Woman's Missionary Society, Elk Grove

The Woman's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held its annual missionary program on Oct. 7th. The program was as follows: song service led by Mrs. John Wagemann, Scripture reading by Mrs. Jack Baldwin, prayer by Mrs. Wm. Littke, welcome by the president, Mrs. Henry Rausser, after which Mrs. Ed Schuh and Mrs. Ed Kammerer sang a duet. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Walter Berkan, and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Bem Kammerer. Another duet was sung by Mrs. Larry Maynard and Mrs. Marvin Hieb. The mission offering totalled \$131.

The featured event of the evening was a play given by the women entitled, "Widening Circles." The Wom-

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an's Missionary Society has recently completed the project of remodeling the church kitchen, mainly for the California Association held in our church Nov. 1st-4th. Another officer of the Society not mentioned in the above report is the vice-president, Mrs. Roy Dolliver.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrick, Reporter

Fall Activities at Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

On Sunday morning, Oct. 21, we of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon welcomed the ministry of Dr. Ralph E. Powell, professor of theology at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., preaching on "Jesus, Man's Sovereign." He also spoke at the youth meetings and evening service and held special morning and evening meetings during the following week. His messages were based on great themes of the Bible.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, the congregation of the Wichita Baptist Church, Milwaukie, Ore., met with us in the Trinity Church sanctuary to hear Rev. Fred David preach on the "Open Door of the Church." A joint baptismal service was held with the choir providing special music. Dr. John Wobig baptized 11 young people and adult converts who gave witness to their acceptance of Christ. These, in addition to three others, were welcomed into the Trinity Church's fellowship on Nov. 4. Rev. Fred David then baptized 5 Wichita young people upon confession of their faith in their Savior. Rev. Dallas Keck closed this inspiring service with the benediction.

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Ernie Rogalski, Vancouver, B. C.

An ordination council was called by the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 8th, for the purpose of examining Mr. Henry Ernest Rogalski and setting him apart for the Gospel ministry. The council organized and elected Rev. Otto Patzia, as moderator and Rev. B. W. Tutschek as clerk. Mr. Albert Hass, moderator of the local church, read the letter of invitation and called the roll of the churches. Mr. Rogalski gave his statement of conversion, call and preparation for the ministry, his doctrinal beliefs and experience in church work.

The ordination service was held Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the beautiful sanctuary of the Bethany Church. Rev. Phil Daum, moderator of the council, presided. Rev. A. J. Milner, Evergreen Baptist Home, White Rock, B. C. led in the opening prayer. Mr. C. Dymmel, clerk of the local church, read the minutes of the ordaining church and Rev. B. W. Tutschek gave the report of the ordination examining council. The Western District Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, delivered the ordination message entitled, "The Making Of a Minister." The prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Phil Daum. Rev. W. J. Highfield then gave the charge to the church and Rev. Ervin Strauss, Church Extension Project, Richmond, B. C., gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. O. Patzia as the moderator of the Association welcomed the newly ordained brother into the fellowship of the ministers. At the close of the inspiring and blessed service, Rev. Ernie Rogalski pronounced the benediction. Bert W. Tutschek, Reporter.

Eastern District

Eight Converts Baptized, Baptist Church Jamesburg, N. J.

Sunday, October 7, was a day of rich experiences for the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey. We were privileged to witness the baptism of eight young people during the morning service, many of whom had come to know Christ through our Sunday school. At the evening service we observed the Lord's Supper, at which time also the hand of fellowship was extended to 13 new members. We praise the Lord for these blessings he has granted us.

Grace Epp, Reporter

Evangelistic Services, Austin St. Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

From Oct. 28 to Nov. 4 the Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., held revival meetings. Our beloved conference evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, was the guest speaker. He brought inspiring, gospel-true, evangelical messages which were very well received. This was the best evangelistic campaign I ever experienced during my stay in America.

As fruits of this endeavor, seven precious young people enrolled in the pastor's Instruction Class and are preparing for baptism. There was one rededication. Prior to the meetings, for six Sunday nights, the pastor of the church conducted a soul-winning course. We studied the book, "Every Christian's Job." One Sunday afternoon young men and women went out into the neighboring homes and distributed invitation cards. During the services our choir rendered an excellent service. Praise be to the Lord!

Paul Galambos, Pastor



On Sunday, Oct. 7, eight young people were baptized at the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey, and these and five others (shown in picture) were received into the fellowship of the church.

Dedication of Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario

Sunday, Oct. 21, was a red letter day in the history of the Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario, for it was the keenly awaited hour in which we could hold our services in our own new church now completed, except for the interior of the main floor auditorium to be finished by next summer. In the early morning we gathered for cornerstone laying exercises. Our pastor, Rev. Waldemar Ertis, spoke on Ps. 118:22, 23 reminding us that Christ is our cornerstone.

Later we entered the building which is 40 by 80 feet and built of cement block and brick. The main auditorium will seat 350 persons. The completed basement includes a worshipful smaller auditorium seating 200, five Sunday school rooms, kitchen, etc. The Sunday school hour was followed by a service of dedication at which Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba served as guest speaker. The afternoon was the occasion for the church's observance of thanksgiving.

It was a worthy climax to six strenuous months of labor in which about 18 brethren of our little church labored together on this "do it yourself" project. We thank the Lord as we marvel that the limited number of hands and funds could have accomplished so much. Now we are hoping for a loan to be received from the denomination to complete the interior of the main sanctuary.

Myrtle Ertis, Reporter



Children of the Saturday morning religious education class in front of the new bulletin board, Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Atlantic Conference Youth Rally at Elsmere, Del.

From Oct. 26 to 28 the Atlantic Conference CBY Fellowship held its annual rally at Elsmere, Delaware with many young people in attendance. On the opening night we reviewed the Camp Hope days of last summer with slides presented by Miss Jean Nolte. Mr. Arthur Patzia, former president of the denominational CBY Fellowship, spoke on the theme, "At God's Command, Arise Go!" on Saturday morning. This was followed by the business session and by sports activities in the afternoon. Rev. Ronald K. Nasshan brought the challenging message at the youth banquet that same evening.

A fine group of 257 people was present for the concluding Sunday afternoon services. Mr. Alfred Veninga, treasurer, described the purposes of the mission project. Rev. Donald G.

Mostrom challenged the hearts of all in attendance to fulfill Christ's command. In all areas the conference was truly a great success, and we were wonderfully blessed by the Lord's presence at every meeting and activity.

Betty Ann Taylor, Reporter

Pastor's Reception at Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

On Wednesday evening, August 29, at the close of the prayer meeting, we of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., said "Farewell" to Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sparling and family. They were presented a roof rack for their Rambler station wagon besides Alcoa ware.

Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff began their ministry with us on Oct. 21. On Nov. 8 their reception was held. Participating in the happy occasion were pastors from four neighboring churches. Rev. Raymond Yahn of Pittsburgh brought the message and greetings from our "Mother Church." Rev. Dale Chaddock, Holiday Park Church, Pittsburgh, brought greetings from our "Daughter Church." The local pastors, Rev. Donald Hurlbert of Maranatha Bible Church and Rev. John MacGorman of the First Baptist Church welcomed the Wolffs to the city.

A lunch was served and the Wolffs were presented a Kensington ware tray. A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Wolff by the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Bettye Thimons. Representatives of the various organizations of the church extended a welcome to them.

Florence Pressick, Clerk

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Pastor's Leadership and Great Events, Erie, Pa.

These "space conscious" days have the South Hills Baptist, Erie Pa., in orbit with the "A-OK-GO" signal from our pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mashner. Since his arrival, we have been in the "GO" state with over 1,000 homes having been contacted through a house to house canvass. After a challenging message on a recent Sunday morning, four young people made a public acceptance of Christ and were baptized Oct. 28th. Laymen's Sunday saw the men of the congregation taking part through the entire service. Mr. Lincoln S. Love climaxed this program with slides taken at the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake and the Canandaigua Lake Men's Retreat.

At the conclusion of Sunday School Week, a teachers' and officers' candle-light dedication service was held. As the teachers approached a large cross, they lighted their candles from the center one which symbolized Christ. They then voiced their dedication in verse, placed the candle in the cross and joined the others in a circle around it. Our pastor's tact, appreciation and love shown in his humble way have inspired us as we go forth into the chill, twilight days of November and December to look upward with expectancy to God for his guidance in the coming days.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter

Central District

Mortgage Burning Ceremony, Baptist Church, Fessenden

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, the members of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., had the joy of burning the mortgage on their new parsonage. This home was built in the spring of 1961 and was dedicated July 23, 1961. We had the privilege to have Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, as guest speaker. He gave a challenging message on the Christian home. Miss Berneice Westerman, mis-

Rev. Kenneth Goodman were guest speakers. Mrs. Goodman also had a session with the ladies, presenting the work and needs in the Cameroons. The theme for the Association was "Disciplines of Discipleship" (Luke 9:23).

The following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Rev. Edwin Walter; vice moderator, Rev. Wesley Gerber; secretary, Mrs. Paul Kuhman; treasurer, Mr. Donald Wirth; mission committee: Rev. Oliver Ringering and Rev. Charles Littman; Scripture Memory Committee; pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein, layman, Mrs. Elton Kirstein; Prudential Committee, Dr. Douglas Gallagher and Rev. Edgar Wesner.

Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter



LEADERS AT THE WISCONSIN CBY FALL RALLY, MANITOWOC

Left to right: Linda Krejcarek, president of Manitowoc CBY; Janet Schmidtman, Manitowoc, state treasurer; Kathy Norman, Watertown, secretary; Rev. Norman Miller, North Freedom, dean; Allan Krause, Watertown, president; Ronald Norman, Watertown, vice-president; Rev. Harvey Rakow, Manitowoc, pastor of host church; and Rev. Fred G. Moore, Missionary in Japan, speaker.

sonary from the Cameroons, was also a guest.

Mr. Irving Driesner, co-chairman of the building committee, gave a resume of the work done by that committee. The burning ceremony was very impressive with the three trustees: Albert Fuhrman, Carl Thygeson and Arnold Knodel, taking part. Mrs. Gordon Thomas, wife of our pastor, sang "Bless This House" accompanied by Miss Linda Kessler. After the closing prayer by Miss Westerman, a coffee hour was enjoyed by all in the dining room.

Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Church Clerk

Mission Festival and Kansas Association, Bethany Church

The Bethany Baptist Church, north of Vesper, Kansas, held its Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 14, with Rev. Frank Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. His messages were very challenging for all who attended. God gave us a bountiful harvest this year. A total offering of \$1377.55 was received for Church Extension, library books for the Seminary and missions.

From Oct. 15 to 17 the Kansas Association held its conference at our church. President Frank Veninga and

Fall Rally of Wisconsin CBY Groups, Manitowoc

The First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wis., was host to the fall rally of the Wisconsin Commissioned Baptist Youth, Oct. 20-21. Rev. Fred Moore, our missionary to Japan; was the speaker. His topics were: "Walking with Christ," "Waiting with Christ," and "Witnessing with Christ." Adopted as the group's new missionary project is the partial support of Miss Ruth Rabenhorst of Watertown, missionary to Cameroon, West Africa.

Newly elected officers for 1962-63 are: president, Allan Krause, Watertown; vice-president, Ronald Norman, Watertown; secretary, Cheryl Weiss, Kenosha; treasurer, Janet Schmidtman, Manitowoc; dean, Rev. Curtis Haas, Pound; and assistant dean, Rev. Milton Zeeb, Kenosha. Theme of the rally was "Follow Me" taken from Matthew 4:19. During the weekend, in addition to their meetings and program, the participants toured the new Manitowoc County Jail and Traffic Center. They attended worship services Sunday morning at the Baptist church and the sermon was by the host pastor, Rev. Harvey Rakow.

Harvey A. Rakow, Reporter



The newly erected and dedicated edifice of the Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Rev. Waldemar Ertis is pastor of the church.

Baptism of 22 Converts, Danzig and Tyndall, S. D.

A special service was conducted at the Danzig Baptist Church near Tyndall, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30. Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor, conducted the impressive service. The male quartet of the Tyndall Baptist Church sang. Following the message on "New Testament Baptism," the following 22 converts were baptized: Barbara Berndt, Mary Brandt, Jonna Hebner, Janet Janssen, Joleene Janssen, Diane Kaul, Linda Radack, Barbara Voigt, Ramona Voigt, Judy Brown, Kayleen Finck, Karen Rueb, Eunice Zimmerman, Randy Berndt, Gregg Hubner, Darrell Mattis, Curtis Pudwill, David Voigt, Llewellyn Wormsbecker, Terry Wormsbecker, Jerry Finck, and Dale Zimmerman.

Two of our young people have been awarded Sallman's picture of the "Head of Christ" for completing the nine courses in Scripture Memory Work as outlined by the Department of Christian Education. Sandra Hebner is a member of the Danzig Church near Tyndall and Laddie Schuh is a member of the Tyndall Church. On Sunday evening, Oct. 14, the Baptist Men of the Tyndall and Danzig Churches observed Men and Missions Sunday with Mr. Hisashi Murakami from our Seminary as the guest speaker. Special music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Breikreuz and Mr. and Mrs. John Thielenshaus of the Bender Fellowship from our Seminary. On Sunday morning, Oct. 14, the Danzig Baptist Sunday school observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival with songs, readings and exercises. On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, the Tyndall Sunday school held its Harvest and Mission Festival. A generous missionary offering was also received for our foreign missionary work.

David Zimmerman, Reporter



Twenty-two young people of the Danzig and Tyndall Baptist Churches, South Dakota, who were baptized at the Danzig Church by Rev. David Zimmerman (right, rear), the pastor, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30th.

Nebraska-Colorado Association at Shell Creek Church

"Our Christian Obligation" was the theme of the Nebraska-Colorado Association which convened at the Shell Creek Baptist Church of Columbus, Nebr., Sept. 21-23. Miss Berneice Westerman, missionary to the Cameroon Republic, West Africa, was the guest speaker. Her messages and pictures were a challenge to all who attended. The Association was led in a message by Rev. LeRoy Schauer, "It's the Plus

Special Events at Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., had the pleasure of having Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker for the Mission Festival. We rejoice that the Lord blessed us with an offering of \$4000. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. We are grateful to God for all with which he has blessed us during the past year.



Sandra Hebner (left) of the Danzig Church and Laddie Schuh of the Tyndall Church, S. Dak., who completed the Scripture Memory Courses and received their picture award.

That Counts." Discussion periods were held with Miss Westerman leading on the topic, "Cameroon Missions—Whither Bound?"; by Rev. LeRoy Schauer on, "What Future Has Church Extension?" and by Rev. George Neubert on "Shall We Have a Share in Our Youth Camp Program?" A youth fellowship and social event was held on Saturday evening.

The business sessions were ably conducted by the moderator, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland. We were happy to receive the Redeemer Baptist Church of Columbus, Nebr., as a member of the Nebraska Colorado Association. Officers elected for 1962-1963 were: Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, moderator; Mr. Herbert Kipf, vice moderator; Mrs. George Behlen, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. George Behlen, Reporter

Evangelistic services were conducted from October 15-25 with Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wis., as the evangelist. Special numbers were provided by the choir and smaller groups. A goodly number were in attendance nightly. Our hearts were blessed as Mr. Robinson unfolded the Scriptures to us in a most unique manner.

Mrs. Herb Rudolph, Reporter

Harvest and Thanksgiving Programs at Hettinger, N. Dak.

The Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., observed Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday Nov. 4th. This was a day of great blessing as we were inspired by the wonderful messages which were brought to us by our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary. We designated our morning offering to go for missions and our evening offering for our Church Improvement Fund. At noon everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and a bountiful turkey dinner which was prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

We are thankful for the many blessings which the Lord has showered upon us this past year, and we are looking forward to another year of service for him. At the Thanksgiving Service, at which time we were united with the Assembly of God congregation, our pastor, Rev. Ron. Derman, brought the message, "Deeper Life" meetings, were held from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2nd with Rev. Willis Potratz of Grand Forks, N. Dak., as our evangelist.

Mrs. Max Hokstad, Reporter

Mission Festival and God's Volunteers, Mott, N. Dak.

With Christian churches around the world, the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., commemorated the Lord's Supper on Oct. 7. This was a "first" for the pastor, Rev. Donald Richter, who graduated from our Seminary only last May.

On the following Sunday, October 14, the church held its annual Harvest Mission Festival. The offering, which was more than \$2,000, was designated for our denominational missionary work and the debt retirement fund for our local church property. The evening service was given over to the dedication of a new pulpit in memory of Richard D. Fiedler, a charter and faithful member of the church. The New Leipzig Baptist Church joined with us for this dedicatory service.

God's Volunteers arrived on Oct. 23 to begin their work with us in sharing the Gospel of Christ with the community. Many farm homes were canvassed. A number of prospects were called on. Then during the week, Oct. 28-Nov. 4, special meetings were held in our church with Rev. Bert Itterman of Hutchinson, Minn., as evangelist. The average attendance was 84 with 176 people at the final service. Although there were none who came forward at the services to receive Christ, those who were at the services clearly heard the Gospel preached. The church prays that the after-effects of the Crusade for Christ will see revival among his children and the lost turn to the Lord. God's Volunteers and Pastor Itterman have served the Lord well.

Donald Richter, Pastor

Sessions of South Dakota Association, Sioux Falls

"The Witnessing Church" was the theme of the South Dakota Association held at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Oct. 7 to 9. Our denominational guests were Miss Florence Miller, Miss Berneice Westerman, Rev. D. Fuchs, Dr. G. A. Lang, and Rev. J. C. Gunst. Our association opened Sunday afternoon with Mr. Fuchs speaking on "The Teaching Witness" in respect to the Sunday school. The evening service for young people was well attended in the Washington High School Auditorium with Miss Florence Miller speaking on "Youth Committed to Witness."

Monday our hearts were again blessed with messages given by the following: "The Methods of Witnessing," Rev. L. Friesen; "The Need for Witnessing," Rev. M. Vanderbeck; "Our United Witness," Rev. J. C. Gunst; "Our Worldwide Witness," Miss B. Westerman. The messages on Tuesday morning were: "The Power of Witnessing," Rev. P. Wiens; and "The Results of Witnessing," Rev. D. Fuchs. The concluding message was brought to us by Dr. G.A. Lang of the Seminary on the theme, "Training to Witness."

Officers for coming year are: moderator, Rev. Iver Walker; vice-moderator, Rev. David Zimmerman; secretary, Rev. R. Krueger; and treasurer, Mr. Lawrence Weeldreyer.

W. D. Dachtler, Reporter

Programs at Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School last summer under the direction of Rev. Martin DeBoer, pastor. A goodly number of boys girls and young people finished their Scripture Memory and reading course, and were able to attend camp at Roman Nose State Park. On July 26 the Woman's Missionary Union was privileged to have the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore from Japan, as guest speakers at their annual program. A skit of "the Japanese Home" and the challenge for missions were presented.

On August 15 our annual Sunday school picnic was observed at Roman Nose State Park. Everyone enjoyed the beauty of God's creation and fellowship with one another. On Oct. 7 we were again blessed by the presence of the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman. A challenging message for the need of missionaries was brought. On Oct. 21 the children of the Sunday school presented the Harvest and Mission program under the supervision of Mrs. DeBoer, Junior superintendent. The well decorated stage reminded us of the bountiful harvest with which God has blessed us. A mission offering was received.

Mrs. Rufus Vilhauer, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Herbert W. Berndt, Racine, Wis.

An ordination council was called by the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., on Oct. 27, for the expediency of setting aside its pastor, Mr. Herbert W. Berndt, for the Gospel ministry. The council was composed of 33 delegates representing 12 churches of the North



Rev. E. Hohn, 2nd from left, pastor of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., 4 baptismal candidates and another person received into the fellowship of the church.

American Baptist General Conference, among whom Mr. Berndt's home church was represented, the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Wilmer Quiring was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Milton W. Zeeb as clerk. Mr. Berndt then proceeded to give his testimony in regards to his Christian experience, call into the ministry and preparation. The statement of doctrine was then given with clarity and conviction by the candidate.

The ordination service was held that same evening with Rev. Wilmer Quiring presiding. The letter to the churches was read by the church clerk, Mrs. Harold Brygger. Dr. George A. Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary brought the inspiring ordination sermon. As the candidate knelt, the laying on of the hands followed with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, offering the ordination prayer. Scripture was read by Rev. Curtis Haas of Pound and Rev. William Peterson led in prayer. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Milwaukee and Rev. Arthur Fischer of Sheboygan gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Donald Miller of Watertown extended the hand of fellowship and the ordination certificate was presented to the candidate by his pastor, Rev. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y. The Grace Baptist Choir beautifully rendered two numbers, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," and "Blessed Is The Man," under the direction of the church organist, Mrs. Alice Voelzke. The Reverend Herbert W. Berndt pronounced the benediction.

Milton W. Zeeb, Clerk

Northern District

Laymen's Sunday Observed at Edenwold, Sask., Church

The laymen of the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., and the Baptist church of Edenwold, Sask., joined in their annual Laymen's Sunday program on Oct. 14 at the Edenwold church. There were many friends gathered to hear and to enjoy the program which consisted of readings,

messages, numbers by the quartet and the male mass chorus. The speakers were the three laymen: Messrs. C. Rumpel, Karl Schulz and W. Kramer. We are happy to have laymen who are able and willing to proclaim God's Word in such a way that many may be helped on the right road to God.

F. Brucker, Reporter

Baptismal Service and Special Programs, Nokomis, Sask.

"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ." This is the desire of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., as we continue to serve our Lord. Some recent activities have been the Women's Missionary Society's fall program on Sept. 30, consisting of songs, readings, a candlelight presentation of Albert Dürer's painting "Praying Hands," and a play, "The Crown of Life."

Oct. 7th was a day of rejoicing as our neighboring church at Jansen joined with us for a baptismal service. Five candidates from Jansen and four from Nokomis obediently followed their Lord in the waters of baptism and were received into the fellowship of their respective churches. Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Kelowna, B. C., was the guest speaker at our evangelistic meetings from Oct. 16 to 25. Although no public decisions were made, we know the Spirit of God was working in hearts of people. With the Lord's guidance, we are looking forward to a church building program next summer.

Mrs. E. Hohn, Reporter

Evangelistic Services at Baptist Church Springside, Sask.

We of the Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., were privileged to have for our evangelist, Rev. W. Dickau, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sask. The two weeks of meetings were very well attended as the Word of God was expounded in a forceful manner. Many members were drawn closer to the Lord and encouraged in their Christian walk. Great blessings resulted from morning prayer meetings conducted by the women residing in the village of Springside. Because of the spirit of prayer and unity during the meeting as well as the decisions made, far-reaching results in every organization of the church will be experienced in the months to come.

Laymen's Sunday was observed at the Sunday evening service with the Homebuilders' president, Mr. Wesley Goltz, in charge. The Homebuilders' Choir sang several numbers. Mrs. J. Minke had a reading on the second coming of Christ. Mrs. G. Goltz delighted the children with a story. A mixed quartet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. D. Breikreuz and Mr. and Mrs. H. Spitzke. Three speakers, Mr. B. Breikreuz, Mr. P. Hoffman and Mr. L. Pullman, brought messages on different aspects of the theme of "Stewardship."

Mrs. V. A. Pahl, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Fred Merke, Lethbridge, Alta.

Rev. Fred Merke, son of the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, B. C., was called to his first pastorate by the Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge,

Alta. He completed his theological training at the Christian Training Institute, beginning his ministry during June 1962.

On Sunday, Nov. 4th the Lethbridge church ordained him into the Christian ministry upon the recommendation of a council. This was the first ordination held by this church during these ten years of its existence. Rev. P. Hunsicker of Medicine Hat gave able leadership to the solemn rite. Seven pastors of N.A.B. churches placed their hands of blessing upon the head of Brother Merke, while Rev. Wm. Sturhahn offered the ordination prayer. Dr. A. S. Felberg, who had taught Brother Merke during the three years of his theological studies, preached the ordination sermon. The charge to the new pastor was ably given by Rev. R. Kanwischer, presently superintendent of the Haven of Rest. Rev. R. Milbrandt spoke to the congregation. Rev. D. Fuchs, our denominational Church Extension director, welcomed Brother Merke into the fellowship of N.A.B. pastors.

A new and valuable feature was the special offering taken during the evening. It was a visible gift of the church to its new pastor for the purpose of purchasing books.

William Sturhahn, Reporter

German Sessions of Alberta Association at Lethbridge

The German Session of the Alberta Association convened from Nov. 1 to 4 at the Bethany Church of Lethbridge, Alta. This was the first time that the Association meetings were held in the Lethbridge church. Mr. F. Merke, pastor, and his church people served as wonderful hosts. Inspiring messages on the theme, "Spiritual Power for Our Day," were brought by the guest speaker, Rev. D. Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill.; the Northern District secretary, Rev. William Sturhahn; and by the pastors of the Association.

At the business session the following officers were elected for the German Association: R. Milbrandt, moderator; Paul Hunsicker, vice moderator; Fred Merke, recording secretary; and Robert Jaster, treasurer. On Saturday afternoon an ordination council met to consider the ordination of Mr. Fred Merke of Lethbridge and Mr. Erwin Babbel of Edmonton.

At the Youth Service on Saturday evening, Dr. A. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, brought the message. Several mission and denominational reports were also given. On Sunday Mr. Norbert Laudon spoke to the Sunday school, Rev. William Sturhahn brought the morning worship sermon, and Rev. D. Fuchs challenged us with the closing message. The Grace Baptist Church choir of Medicine Hat, Alta., served as the visiting choir at the Sunday services.

Rev. R. Jaster, Reporter

Baptism of Five Young People, Jansen, Sask.

In humble gratitude, we as the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, Saskatchewan thank God for his guidance and care over his flock here. On Sunday, Oct. 7, we had the privilege of taking part in a joint baptismal service before a capacity audience in the Nokomis Baptist Church. Each pastor



Rev. John Kuehn, right, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Jansen, Sask., and five converts whom he baptized recently.

baptized his own candidates on confession of their faith in Christ.

The local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn of Jansen, had the joy of baptizing five young people who were eager to follow Christ's example in obeying his command. May these continue on their way rejoicing, faithfully witnessing throughout their entire lives. Those baptized were: Ewald Bach, Hugo Bach, Harry Block, Agnes Block and Ingrid Block. In the afternoon these were given the hand of fellowship and united with the church at the Lord's Supper.

Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, Oct. 21. A missionary offering of \$500 was laid upon the altar of the Lord to help promote missions.

S. Kuehn, Reporter

Rabbit Hill Church, Alta., Observes 70th Anniversary

Three score and ten years ago on Sept. 26, 1892, the Heimthal German Baptist Church, now called the Rabbit Hill Church of South Edmonton, Alberta, was organized. Three years later the first church building was dedicated.

At the 25th anniversary, 10 persons had been added to the church through baptism. The name of the church was changed to Rabbit Hill Church at that time. Through the years the church has been served by 19 different pastors. In 1941 the second new church building was constructed. At the 50th anniversary the church had 53 members.

Presently the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church shows a membership of 67 members, including 19 from the station at Telfordville.

Mrs. Wesley Kuhn, Reporter

Women's Mission Program, Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., has rendered a blessed ministry under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Adam Buyers. Some of the recent activities have been a "Question and Answer Program" based on Matthew, conducted by Rev. W. Muller, and our annual Birthday Banquet. A time of visitation was held and a devotional program was rendered at an

Old People's Home in a neighboring town.

The highlight of the year was the semi-annual Mission and Thanksgiving Program held Oct. 28 under the leadership of Mrs. Earland Ziegler. Several songs were rendered by the group followed by a reading and a dialogue, "The Voice of Missions." A musical number was rendered by the sextet. A sermonette, "This Treasure of Ours," by Mrs. W. Muller brought the service to a close.

Martha Michta, Reporter

Recognition Service for Brentview Church, Calgary, Alta.

A great event took place on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, at the newly organized Brentview Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. A 24 member council gathered for the examination of the church. After the council had seen the hand of the Lord upon them, and that the grace of God was evident in the church, they recommended that the church continue with the recognition service to the glory of God. Mr. Ernie Radke, a deacon, presided over the public recognition service. Pastor Rubin Herrman gave a hearty welcome to all present, and committed the service and the future of the church into the guiding hand of the Lord in ardent prayer. A song service was ably conducted by Adolf Janz, pastor of the Bridgeland Church. A solo, "Once a Stranger Far from God," was sung by Mr. Aldon Betcher. The council resolution was read by Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann.

Rev. Henry Wale of the Altadore Baptist Church brought the message, "Stand Up!" was sung by the church's male quartet. Rev. Tom Seeley of the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church gave the charge to the church. Then the charge and hand of fellowship to the pastor was given by Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt with comments on 2 Tim. 2:15. A male quartet sang.

Fred H. Ohlman, Reporter

God's Volunteers, Team 2, at First Church, Leduc

The blessings, challenges and inspirations gleaned from a week of special meetings will long be remembered by members of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta and the surrounding community.

It was our privilege of having had Team No. 2 of God's Volunteers and Rev. Walter Hoffman in our church from Sept. 30 through Oct. 7. For the Wednesday evening service the two teams exchanged and we had Team No. 1 while Team No. 2 joined in the service at the Temple Church in Leduc. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings the young people had an after-church fellowship and on Saturday evening a Youth Rally was held at the Temple Church with both teams and churches participating. Approximately 90 homes were contacted in their visitation program. We praise God for three decisions made for Christ as well as the unspoken benefits to all who attended the meetings.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 14, the Sunday school presented a very fine Thanksgiving Program under the able leadership of our program committee

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Obituary

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

MRS. CAROL SWYTER of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mrs. Maggie Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa was born in Germany on August 30, 1876. She came to this country with her parents at the age of four, settling in Florence Station, Ill. In her youth she moved to the area of Steamboat Rock, Iowa where she was employed. There she was united in marriage to Rev. Carl Swyter on August 30, 1898.

This couple was united not only in marriage, but in the work of the Gospel ministry. For 43 years they served the Lord joyfully in the pastoring of churches in Buffalo Center, Iowa; Chancellor, S. Dak.; George, Iowa; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Following this period of ministry, the couple made their home in Steamboat Rock, Mr. Swyter was engaged in interim and pulpit supply work until his death on Sept. 18, 1957.

Nine children were born to this union. Surviving are: 2 sons, Harry and Emil of California; 3 daughters, Mrs. Carrie Tobert, Nigeria, Africa; Mrs. A. E. Luiken, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and Mrs. John Rhoads, Tokyo, Japan; also 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Mrs. Swyter leaves behind a memory of a loving, self-giving mother and handmaiden of the Lord.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
K. W. MARQUARDT, Pastor

MRS. MATILDA MAKUS of Golden Prairie, Sask.

Mrs. Matilda Makus of Golden Prairie, Sask., was called to her heavenly home on Nov. 2, 1962 at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 7 days. She was born in Bessarabia, Russia Jan. 9, 1884. In 1902 she was united in marriage to Mr. Christ Makus and in 1910 migrated to Canada. In 1918 she gave in her heart to the Lord and followed him in baptism. "Gramma Makus," as she was better known to all her friends, was a loyal worker for the Lord and a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie.

She was the mother of 13 children. She leaves to mourn her passing 6 sons: John and Robert of Medicine Hat, Alta.; Bernard, Ray and Henry of Golden Prairie, Sask.; Alfred of Wrentham, Alta.; and 6 daughters: Emily (Mrs. Philip Fisher) and Anne (Mrs. Reuben Schamuhn) of Kelowna, B. C.; Hulda (Mrs. Ed Odenbach), Elsie (Mrs. Ted Schneider), Ruth (Mrs. Fred Fauser), all of Medicine Hat, Alta.; and Tina (Mrs. Fred Kramer) of Golden Prairie, Sask. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 3 brothers.

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan
R. GRUENEICH, Pastor

REV. LESTER N. SCHOEN of Cowlesville, N. Y.

Rev. Lester N. Schoen, pastor of the Folsomdale Baptist Church, Cowlesville, N. Y., was born on August 31, 1892 in New York City. He went to be with the Lord on Oct. 19, 1962 after more than a year of illness and several operations. He was saved at the age of 12 and was baptized by his father in Killaloe, Ontario.

His father was pastor of the Folsomdale Baptist Church from 1912 to 1916. Lester graduated from the Philadelphia School of the Bible in 1927. He served as pastor in Hoboken, N. J.; Elba, N. Y.; and West New York, N. J. He spent several years in New York City in Jewish missionary work, also as U. S. Army chaplain in the Veterans' Administration Hospital, and during that time supplied the Pilgrim Church in Jersey City, N. J. He returned to Folsomdale in 1958.

Rev. Lester N. Schoen was united in marriage to Viola Schoenthal in 1916 in Folsomdale, N. Y. The Lord blessed them with eight sons. He is survived by his wife and sons: Elwin of Haworth, N. J.; Nelson, a C.B.F.M.S. missionary to India for the past

15 years; Lloyd of Whittier, Calif.; Clayton of Bergenfield, N. J.; Ervin of Newington, Conn.; Norman of Westwood, N. J.; Homer of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Ivan a missionary to the Wayanxa Indians and Bush Negroes in the jungle of Surinam, South America.

Folsomdale Baptist Church
Cowlesville, New York
JAMES H. EWERT, Church Clerk

MRS. CAROLINA WOLF of Regina, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Carolina Wolf of Regina, Sask., was born in Russia on April 28, 1884 and went to her heavenly reward on Oct. 25, 1962 at the age of 78 years, 5 months and 27 days. At eight years of age, she immigrated to a farm near Morden, Man. Later they home-stayed near Lemberg, Sask. She was born again in Christ under the ministry of Rev. Pekrul and became a member of the Lemberg Baptist Church when she was married to Emil Fiedellech on April 2, 1906.

They farmed for 14 years near Melfort, Sask. Mr. Fiedellech passed away on Aug. 20, 1921. On April 13, 1931 she was married to Frederick Wolf. During the next 20 years her home was on a farm near Balgonie, Sask., and her membership was in the Edenwood Baptist Church. Since 1952 Mrs. Wolf lived in Regina and has had active membership in the Faith Baptist Church. Her second husband preceded her into glory by one year and eight days. She is survived by her three daughters: Myrtle, Elizabeth, and Emily (Mrs. Wilfred Rempel) of Regina, Sask.; by one son, Rae, of Melfort, Sask.; by six grandchildren, and by four step-daughters and 2 step-sons.

Faith Baptist Church
Regina, Saskatchewan
L. D. POTRATZ, Pastor

MRS. MILTON JACOBSON of Elmo, Kansas

Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson of Elmo, Kansas, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Knopf, was born on March 18, 1913 at Southey, Sask., and passed away at the Herington Hospital, Herington, Kansas on October 27.

At the age of nine, she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized by her father in Cleveland, Ohio and joined the Baptist Church. She took an active part in her church work as a Sunday school teacher, pianist, Scripture Memory and C.B.Y. leader, and she was active in the Woman's Missionary Union.

On May 26, 1936 she was united in marriage to Milton Jacobson of Elmo, Kansas. Together they established the present home near Elmo, Kansas. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Milton; and five children: Mildred Guthals of Elmo, Kansas; Anita Keller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Phyllis, Roy and Carol of the home; two sisters: Mrs. Viola Guthals and Loren Keller; and 4 brothers: Sam of Capron, Okla.; Milton of Denver, Colorado; Bud of Cherokee, Okla.; and Marvin of Kiowa, Kansas. Funeral services were held on Oct. 30.

Dickinson County Baptist Church
Elmo, Kansas
EDWIN F. WALTER, Pastor

MISS LENA STENTZEL of Spokane, Washington

Miss Lena Stentzel of Spokane, Wash., was born in Poland on Feb. 2, 1903. The family came to America and settled in Spokane, Wash., where Lena spent her childhood years. In her early youth she accepted the Lord, was baptized by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, and joined the Spokane church.

She completed her education at Cheney Normal School, the University of Washington, Teacher's College, with graduate work at Columbia University. Her teaching career covered a period of 34 years, 22 of which were spent in the Seattle school system. During all these years, she exerted a Christian influence on the hundreds of children whom she contacted. She was a member of the honorary society for women teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma. The summers of 1932 to 1937 were spent traveling, which included visits to Hawaii, the Panama Canal, Japan, China, Philippine Islands and Europe.

She was a faithful member of the Baptist church. Until her health began to fail, she served as a Sunday school and Bible School teacher, youth worker, and in the Mission Society. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bertha Stentzel of Spokane; three sisters: Mrs. A. O. Krueger and Mrs. Eugene Mohr of Colfax, and Mrs. Louis Schultz, Harrington, Wash.

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OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Oct., 1962	Oct., 1962	Oct., 1960
Atlantic	\$ 3,481.87	\$ 1,945.77	\$ 4,549.83
Central	14,757.27	9,362.61	12,651.23
Dakota	19,271.35	18,736.53	15,061.12
Eastern	4,692.13	3,840.86	3,696.96
Northern	19,361.11	14,028.01	14,409.07
Northwestern	11,792.84	11,257.29	6,439.64
Pacific	18,125.23	19,049.32	12,780.97
Southern	1,455.67	98.51	714.26
Southwestern	18,764.46	13,019.21	4,019.21
Inter-Conference	2,434.00	1,995.00	
Total Contributions	\$114,135.93	\$ 93,333.11	\$ 74,322.29

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Oct., 1962	\$103,138.22	\$ 10,324.37	\$ 673.34	\$114,135.93
For the month of Oct., 1961	82,564.20	7,596.44	3,172.47	93,333.11
For the month of Oct., 1960	67,940.20	1,895.19	4,486.90	74,322.29

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1962 to Oct. 31, 1962	\$402,603.51	\$ 57,554.52	\$ 11,090.95	\$471,248.98
April 1, 1961 to Oct. 31, 1961	335,343.61	33,406.51	34,715.41	403,465.53
April 1, 1960 to Oct. 31, 1960	312,520.10	8,625.13	36,972.03	358,117.26

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Rev. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alta., to serve as the Church Extension pastor at the new Meadowlark Baptist Church at Jasper Place, a suburb of Edmonton, Alta. A report about the organization of this new Church Extension project appeared in the Nov. 8, 1962 issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 17. Mr. Muller has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Jasper Place church on Jan. 15, 1963. He has served the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., since 1953.

• The annual Harvest Dinner of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., was held on Friday evening, Nov. 16, with Mr. Heartsill Wilson of Detroit, Mich., known as "The Billy Graham of the Automotive Industry," as the special speaker. Dr. Hugh Farrell, a former Carmelite monk in the Roman Catholic Church, spoke at the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 14. Two anniversaries for Rev. and Mrs. Herman Riffel were celebrated in October: the 5th anniversary of Mr. Riffel's ministry at the Bethel Church on Oct. 6th, and their 20th wedding anniversary in Oct. 17th.

• Christian education executives representing six Baptist bodies met at the new American Baptist headquarters' building in Valley Forge, Pa., on Nov. 15 and 16. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. John Binder and Miss Ruth Bathauer represented the NAB Conference. Other groups represented were Southern Baptists, Seventh Day Baptists, National Progressive Baptists, Canadian Baptists and American Baptist Convention. The mutual problems of the various groups in Christian education were discussed and the latest literature was reviewed in these profitable sessions.

• On Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, the new chancel furniture and communion table of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., were dedicated with Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor, in charge. The beautiful new pulpit was a gift of Miss Lydia Mihm as a memorial to her late father, Rev. A. P. Mihm, former general secretary of the denominational Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and editor of the "Baptist Herald" from 1923 to 1934. The furniture also included deacons' chairs, flower stands and a music stand besides the new communion table. At the Thanksgiving service Dr. Rudolph Thaut, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany, was the guest speaker. He also showed pictures of the Baptist work in Germany.

• The official opening and dedication of the Evergreen Baptist Home for Senior Citizens in White Rock, B. C., were held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28. A crowd of about 500 people from the churches in Vancouver and White Rock, B. C., was present. The program

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with Rev. Phil Daum in charge featured addresses by Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. Gerhard Gebauer of Vancouver, B. C., the prayer of dedication by Rev. J. E. Harris of White Rock, B. C., and denominational greetings sent in writing by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. The male choirs of the Bethany and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Vancouver sang several numbers. Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Milner are serving in the administrative leadership of the Home. It is located at 1550 Oxford St., White Rock, B. C., Canada.

LUTHER, THE SINGER

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world, is thought to have been written for his small son Hans (John), for a Christmas Eve festival, perhaps in 1530. Doesn't it give a sweet picture of the baby Jesus in the manger? The last stanza is a prayer which we will all like to learn and say together:

Be with me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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• CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND RACE. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, noted Negro Baptist leader and president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., has been named chairman of the first National Conference on Religion and Race in Chicago, January 14-17, to be sponsored by major Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups. The first meeting of its kind cutting across major religious lines, the conference will mark the centennial of President Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. It is expected to be attended by more than 600 clerical and lay leaders from about 40 religious groups. Dr. Mays has been head of Morehouse College (American Baptist) for some 20 years.

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consisting of Mrs. Lawrence Benke, Mrs. Robert Seutter and Mrs. Walter Zielke. On Oct. 21 the Senior CBY presented its annual program which concluded with the challenging play, "A Certain Just Man."

Mrs. Helen Siewert, Reporter

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