

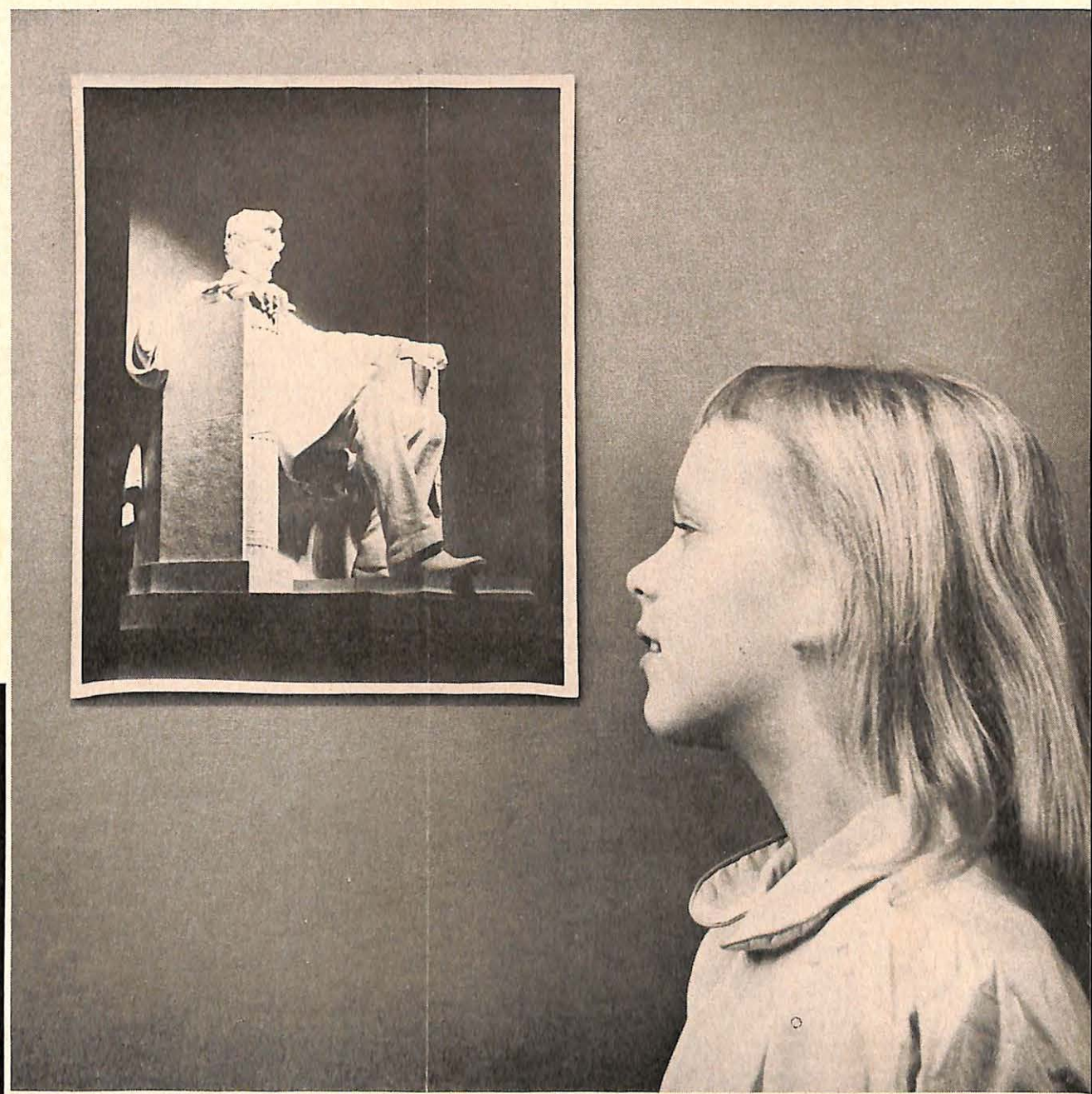
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# BAPTIST HERALD



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## An American's Prayer for Baptists

FATHER, today I am constrained to pray for my fellow Baptists in 110 countries of the world. My mind dwells on the contrast of their lot with that of Baptists in this country—both in numbers and in resources. I am acutely conscious that these Baptist brethren of mine need my prayers and those of others. May a great concert of petition go up to thy Throne of grace in their behalf.

As I study the map of Europe, my eyes become misty. I think of Portugal and her 21 Baptist churches with fewer than 2,000 members. Many a church here at home has more than 2,000 members, but I wonder whether our witness can match that of Portugal's heroic Christians.

Then there is Spain, with her 3,200 Baptists. I pray especially for them as I reflect on the persecution they have known. I think of Baptists thrown into jails, of churches closed with government seals. Yet these Christians endure hardness as good soldiers and are always referred to as a radiant group. In my church we suffer no persecution.

There is France, with only one Baptist to every 15,000 people. Do the Baptists there grow lonely at times, feeling themselves a despised minority? Here in our nation we have one Baptist to every nine persons. Next in my mind is Italy, having only 48 active pastors to serve her 75 Baptist churches and 51 preaching stations. There are more pastors than this in my local conference.

There is Germany, where Gerhard Oncken lived, the pastor who "turned the world upside down." A hundred thousand Baptists are there, and that number sounds large in comparison with the other countries. But I remember that this is only one fifth the number of Baptists in Florida.

Behind the Iron Curtain in Communist Russia, an estimated 5,400 Baptist churches are filled to overflowing several times a week as peasants and middle class people, hungry for the Gospel, meet there to worship. Lord, be their staff and refuge!

It is difficult for us to realize that Baptists are a minority group in many parts of the world—that there are only 110 Baptists in Israel, 19 in Ethiopia and 80 among the Moslem multitudes of Egypt. The fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance stands like a light on the hill to give them courage and determination.

Bless these brethren of ours. Lord, keep them faithful. Make them evangelistic. Strengthen their witness for the Gospel.

Adapted from a Prayer by Mrs. John H. Maguire in "The Commission" and from a BWA brochure by Rev. C. E. Bryant.

### THE MASTER

(In Memory of Abraham Lincoln—Feb. 12, 1809-April 15, 1865)

We need him now—his rugged faith that held  
Fast to the rock of Truth through all the days  
Of toil and strife, the sleepless nights; upheld  
By very God was he—that God who stays

All hero-souls who will but trust in him,  
And trusting, labor as if God were not.  
His eyes beheld the stars, clouds could not dim  
Their glory; but his task was not forgot:

To keep his people one; to hold them true  
To that fair dream their fathers willed to them—  
Freedom for all; to spur them; to renew  
Their hopes in bitter days; strife to condemn.  
Such was his task, and well his work was done—  
Who willed us greater tasks, when set his sun.

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY.** Our churches will designate their communion offering on Sunday, Feb. 4, for the work of the Baptist World Alliance. One-half of the designated offerings will go toward the work of the Alliance and one-half toward our relief ministry through our Fellowship Fund. The Baptist World Alliance is providing needy Baptist pastors in Eastern Europe with suits, shoes and other clothing and meeting some of the dire needs of Baptists in Poland. This is a very worthy cause that deserves your prayerful attention and gifts.

**MISSIONARIES LEAVE FOR AFRICA.** On Jan. 5, 1962 Mrs. William H. Rentz and her children of Morris, Manitoba and Miss Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alberta left Canada by plane for England and the Federal Republic of Cameroon to resume their missionary service. Mrs. Rentz joined her husband at Soppo and Miss Schmidt is now stationed at Victoria, West Cameroon. On Jan. 18 Rev. Milton Quiggle of Minneapolis, Minn., sailed by boat from New Orleans, Louisiana, for West Cameroon, Africa. He is due to arrive on Feb. 7 or 8 at Duala, West Africa. He will be a missionary teacher at the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo.

**MISSIONARY MEDICAL CONVENTION.** Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, took part in the Missionary Medical Convention held under the auspices of the Christian Medical Society at Wheaton, Ill., from Dec. 26 to 29. Among the hundreds of missionaries, physicians and leaders in attendance were Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale and Miss Delores Henne of our Cameroons Baptist Mission. Dr. William S. Boutwell, formerly an interim missionary doctor in the Cameroons, was also a delegate to the Convention.

**CHURCH EXTENSION.** The total of Church Extension Builders in our churches is steadily growing. In February 1962 the appeal for the Church Extension project in Columbus, Nebraska, (see page 12), will go out to 2500 Builders. This project is now known as the Redeemer Baptist Church of Columbus with Rev. LeRoy Schauer as pastor. You can still join the inspiring host of Church Extension Builders by enlisting with your pastor or church captain or by writing to Church Extension Builders, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., and sending \$1.00 for your enlistment.

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"Challenging Days Ahead"

Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz

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## Editorial

### The Light Is Still Burning

In some of the darkest places of the world, the light of the Gospel witness by faithful Baptists still shines brightly. Such encouraging news has been received recently from Bulgaria behind the Iron Curtain and from China behind the Bamboo Curtain. It should strengthen us in our ministry of prayer for our brethren of the faith on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 4th.

The first Baptist churches in Bulgaria were established by Russian refugees in the 1880's. For many years the Bulgarian Baptists received support from our North American Baptist General Conference. In 1938 Dr. William Kuhn and the editor visited these Baptist churches in Sofia, Lom, Ruse and Varna and spent a Sunday with the gypsies in their beautiful Baptist church at Golinzi. A series of articles about these churches appeared in 1938 in the "Baptist Herald." But since 1941 no regular reports have been received from our brethren in Bulgaria. At that time they numbered only 672. A number of Baptists and some evangelical leaders were also imprisoned.

Now a visitor from Yugoslavia has brought with him an anonymous letter from Bulgaria which was recently published in "The Baptist World." It reads:

"Dear brethren in Christ Jesus. We believers in Jesus Christ and members of the Baptist churches of Bulgaria, greet you all in his very precious Name. The Lord has, in his unspeakable goodness and love, kept his hand on us. Although we are small in numbers, we keep the light burning which our Lord has lit in our hearts.

"We rejoice in our living Lord Jesus, who conquers death and hell, sin and Satan, and who leads us to victory. For the coming of the Kingdom of God, we continue to pray together with you and all true believers. Please remember us in your prayers.

"United with you, through the love of Jesus Christ, until he comes and we all be united with him. II Timothy 3:12." The Scripture reference reads: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Similar reports are coming from behind the Bamboo Curtain in China. At the last report, before the curtain fell, there were 123,000 Baptists in mainland China. But Christian work continues in China despite the hindrances which the Communist government heaps in its way. "The Baptist World" has stated that "stories which leak out through Hong Kong and Singapore bear testimony to the endurance of the Word which had been planted there years ago."

"China Bulletin," a publication of the Far Eastern Office of the Division of Foreign Missions, has reprinted from "Tien Feng" the names of 145 committeemen who stand as leaders in the combined Christian church in China which operates under the name of the "Three Self Patriotic Movement." Several Baptist leaders are also listed.

As we pray for our Christian brethren around the world and remember the ties of fellowship which unite us with more than 24 million Baptists in 110 countries on this forthcoming Sunday, let us also underscore the glorious truth of God's Word: "The light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out" (John 1:5; Phillips Translation).

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Nine of the 15 boys of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement Boys Brigade proudly wearing their new uniforms.

*With Christ as their Captain, this Boys Brigade will go on for a better Africa of tomorrow . . .*

## Sure and Steadfast!

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary Nurse at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, West Cameroon.

"CAN I GO, sah? Can I go?" The boys crowd around the captain to "help" him select the fifteen lucky boys who will wear the uniform and represent the Bamenda New Hope Settlement Boys Brigade. When fifty-seven boys beg to be chosen, and there are only fifteen uniforms to wear, some are due to be disappointed. But no boy thinks of objecting to a three-hour walk to the distant church where the Bible Conference is being held or some other important meeting, if the Boys Brigade can take part in the program. Ah, just to wear the uniform is an honor!

Nothing, but nothing, has captivated the boys at our leprosy settlement as much as the Boys Brigade. In school every day, the girls can share in games, studies, singing, gardening. But Boys Brigade is strictly for boys! Girls, keep away!

### 232,000 BOYS

The world-wide organization of the Boys Brigade was founded in October, 1883 by Sir William A. Smith. He formed a company with thirty boys in Glasgow, Scotland. Today this organization is found in nations around the world, and boasts a membership of over 232,000 boys.

The object of the Boys Brigade is: "The advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends toward true Christian manliness."

The motto is: "Sure and Steadfast." Their verse is from Hebrews 6:19. "We have an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." The emblem is an anchor, with B. B. and Sure and Steadfast inscribed on it. These emblems are on the membership pins and on the belt of the uniform. The uniform is of dark blue, with a white haver-sack worn from the shoulder.

The pill-box hat displays the company's registration number prominently in front. Since ours is the very first

group to organize and register, the hats boast a shiny "I."

Founded twenty-five years before Boy Scouts, and believed to be the parent organization, the Boys Brigade stresses Christian living, participation in church, Bible studies and "all that leads toward true Christian manliness."

In August 1957, the secretary of the Nigerian Boys Brigade movement visited the Cameroons and conducted leadership training courses. Two young men were chosen to represent the Settlement church, Enoch, a staff member; and Lucas, one of the patients. Upon their return, they organized the first company in the entire grasslands. From a group of sixteen, this has



David Tata, Boys Brigade sergeant, who has been promoted for his outstanding work at the New Hope Settlement in West Cameroon.

grown to number fifty-seven. Several outside boys, having no Boys Brigade in their church, have joined the Settlement group.

Rev. Gilbert Schneider, then the missionary-manager at the Settlement, was the first Boys Brigade Chaplain. Now Pastor Philip Nshing holds that position. Twice weekly, the boys and their captains gather for their varied activities. Little boys sit on the sidelines, anxiously waiting until they are ten years old. Older boys regret when they pass sixteen and must leave the company. Their week revolves around their BB meetings!

One Sunday morning the Boys Brigade took charge of the church service. Bible passages were recited and their object, verse and motto were given. Then the captain presented nine boys with awards in the form of stripes to wear on their uniform sleeves. Three are sergeants, three are corporals, and three are lance-corporals! One of the boys, David Tata, was promoted to officer, because of his outstanding work, character and abilities. He will now qualify as a company leader, and upon his discharge from the Settlement, he will organize another Boys Brigade.

### SERVING CHRIST

The secretary of the Nigerian Boys Brigade recently visited at the Settlement, and was very impressed with the strength, enthusiasm and quality of our company. He showed colored slides of an outstanding event in Nigeria's history, in which the Boys Brigade took a major role. Boys, in relay groups of three, made a spectacular run of over a thousand miles, taking messages from the Christian churches to the Prime Minister at the celebration of Nigeria's Independence on October 1, 1960. The run started in Calabar where Nigerians first heard the Gospel.

The First Bamenda Boys Brigade  
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*An African horse boy in the grasslands teaches a timeless truth to one of our missionaries . . .*

## Behold, I Come Quickly!

By Mrs. George W. Lang,  
Missionary at Ndu, West Cameroon, Africa.

"MOSES, he be far?" I asked for about the third time.

"No, ma, he no far. Small time we go reach!" replied the horse boy.

It was the month of January. Four Langs were on their way to the mission station at Warwar in Mambila. An unavoidably late start from Ndu had pushed our arrival at Mbamga to 3:30 P.M. instead of noon. We had come by Land Rover to Mbamga, which was as far as the motor road went. It was necessary to travel the remainder of the way either by foot or on horseback.

So now here we were, jogging along on "Jack" and "Max," the mission horses sent out from the station by the Goodmans, our Warwar missionaries at that time. The horse boys had waited patiently for us and now were showing us the way to the mission station.

I had thought that we surely would be there by this time. A glance at my watch showed 6:30 P.M. The air was getting cool. Around us the brown hills were fading to a dull gray. On we rode! As darkness came, spots of red light began to glow from the hills. Neon signs in the grasslands? No, just bush fires! The Africans were burning the dry brown grass to prepare their farms for planting season in March. Then the beginning of the rains would end the dry season.

### MORE QUESTIONS

During the preceding three hours of our ride, we had been impressed by the beauty of the hills around us. Often there were large rocks on the sides of the hills, like huge stone tears on a giant brown face. We had passed through blackened areas where the fires had already done their work.

We had met people on the path—mummies with baskets or babies on their backs; big men with their walking sticks; wide-eyed, staring children.

But now we were wearily eager to

get to our destination. Again I called ahead to the horse boy: "Moses, he be far?"

"No, ma," he called back patiently. "Small time we go reach. When we go pass this hill, we go see um."

Encouraged, I looked at the small hill ahead of us. George, my husband, and his horse were already disappearing around the side of it.

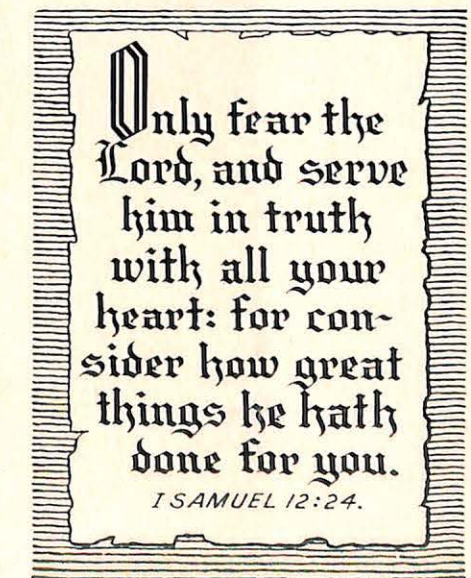
I thought of how wonderful it would be to see light shining from the windows of the mission house. Soon we'd be getting off the horses, stretching our legs, eating supper. . . .

### DARKNESS AHEAD

"We were almost around the hill. — There! I looked for the light.

And I saw—only darkness. Dark stretches of hills and valleys. Not a glimmer of light anywhere!

About an hour later, we saw a light—it was Missionary Kenneth Goodman coming to meet us with a lantern.



Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

ISAIAH 12:24.



The interior of the Baptist Church at Bamenda, West Cameroon, with the light streaming into the sanctuary through the windows.

He escorted us down Ice Cream Hill, a steep descent that was the last hurdle to cross before we could reach the mission house nestled in the valley.

And what of Moses? Was I to call him a liar? Not at all! His replies to my questions of time and distance were most understandable. For one thing, he wanted to encourage me, I know that. But more basically, his attitudes toward time and distance are simply different from mine. To him, watches and speedometers are not all that binding and necessary. It is not strange that it should be so. To people used to walking many miles and hours at a time, one hour more or less is literally "small time"—soon!

As I pondered these differences in ideas, the words of Scripture came to my mind: "Behold, I come quickly."

Quickly? But those words were written hundreds of years ago! Isn't there something wrong there? How could it be quickly?

### INSPIRED WORDS

No, there's nothing wrong there! Those are words inspired by the Holy Spirit, spoken by One to whom a thousand years are as a day, and one day as a thousand years. To him there is no discrepancy. The Word he speaks is the truth.

It is we, who hear that truth, who are often wrong! We are geared to stop-watches and split-second timing. We punch time-clocks and plan our lives by the clock and calendar.

It is to us that this Word must come NOW more clearly than ever: "Behold, I Come Quickly!"

As darkness and despair surround us, we need to be reminded of them as a call to hope. Yes, we need to hear again, BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY!

May we hear those words, not in fear, but in gladness, and may our hearts joyfully reply: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"



The story of Home Bible Circles in Germany and of their unusual influence for Christ upon many people . . . .

## The Ministry of Invitation

By Mr. Herbert W. Berndt, a Seminary Senior Student who studied last year as an Exchange Student at the Baptist Seminary, Hamburg, Germany.

**SILENCE REIGNS** in the room. Except for an occasional turning of a page or the sound of a pencil writing on paper, there is absolute quiet. Are we in a library? No, we are sitting in the living room of a home in the city of Hannover, Germany. On the sofa and on chairs forming a circle are about 15 people. Their only occupation at the present is reading a book and writing from time to time those thoughts which occur to them as they read.

What is so spectacular about this small group of people? First, they are only one of 17 such groups meeting during each week. Second, they are mostly members of the Baptist church in Hannover. Third, they are a group of people who have been invited to spend an evening looking at the Bible. They want to know what God has to say to them. This is a *Hausbibelkreis* or a Home Bible Circle. In some ways, it is similar to our Cottage Prayer Meetings, but, in other ways, it is quite different.

### STORY OF THESE CIRCLES

Eberhard Donsbach, a student at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg-Horn, tells about the group which his family formed. This group is one of the most successful Bible Circles.

"For the past two years we have met each Tuesday evening in our home as a Home Bible Circle. When I say 'we,' I mean members of our church, who live in the surrounding area, in addition to personally invited outsiders. In the cleared living room we gather with approximately 15 people—a number which borders on being too large. Sometimes 'emergency chairs' have to be brought up from the basement in order to have enough places for everyone.

"The composition of the Circle age-wise gives us a colorful picture. More than fifty per cent of those taking part are young people, who add a great deal to create a fresh and lively atmosphere.

"The father of the house is the lead-

er of the Bible Circle. Frequently, however, the evenings are under the direction of individual visitors. After singing a song and being led in prayer, we read a Bible passage together. If possible, this is read from several different translations. Then there are about 15 minutes of silence for the gathering of thoughts and meditation on the passage. Usually at the same time we write down some thoughts. The center of the evening is formed by the discussion which follows. In an unforced exchange of thought, each person can express those ideas which came to his mind as he read. He also has the opportunity to throw out questions into the discussion.

"Again and again we have come to the happy realization that an individual has an insight into the Word of God which he draws from his own personal knowledge. This personal insight deepens the understanding of the statements of the Bible for all of us.

### MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY

"To conclude the discussion, the leader on the basis of previous preparation mentions anything else which may be important. Then a chain of prayer with special requests and reasons for thanksgiving binds us together in a particular way at the end of the evening.

"After the official closing of the study and prayer, we sit together for a few minutes over some refreshments. These are very often the moments which are decisive in making contact with new friends who have been invited.

"As to the question 'How did this begin?' I can only give what is probably an unsatisfactory answer. The idea of a Home Bible Circle lay in the back of our minds. So my parents, my brother, and I with a handful of people began to study the Bible and pray together.

"We consider Home Bible Circles a special missionary opportunity. We do this, not only because they are found in the New Testament, but because



### CHURCH DOORS, HANNOVER

The doors of this Lutheran church in Hannover picture the course of the 2nd World War. Beginning at the lower left and traveling clockwise, the struggling nations and the ravages of war are shown. The right side of the door pictures the reconstruction after the war until peace is symbolized by a pair of birds nurturing their young and fighting off the serpent of war.

their personal form of evangelism and the home atmosphere draw men. Secondly, through meeting weekly in a small group, a mutual, healthy help in spiritual development is made possible. It becomes natural to talk about Jesus Christ and about our experiences during the day.

"I would encourage all to form a Home Bible Circle, if the work is connected with a little interest and care. It is then that we experience Jesus' statement: 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them' (Matthew 18:20)."

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This is the story of only one person's experiences. With variations it could be repeated again and again.

### CHURCHES IN HANNOVER

The churches in Hannover, Germany, are relatively large, which means that there is little chance for real contact among the members. Where small groups of members have met together, often there has arisen close fellowship among them. It was a fellowship in which the spiritually stronger could help the weaker. It was a fellowship where all had the opportunity to grow as a result of studying the Bible together, of talking over personal problems, and of praying together. The result today is a church which knows its

Bible as well as the strengthening benefits of fellowship.

The Hannover churches, like all churches, have the problem of people being on the edge of the church and its activities. They are on the church rolls, but they do not take an active part in the work of the church. How can they be drawn more into the center of the church? Here the Home Bible Circles helped by inviting them first into their groups. The inactive members have formed friendships with active members. They are also now in an atmosphere where they can go forward in their Christian lives. The result is a surprising number of members beginning to realize their responsibilities to their Lord and to his church.

### A LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

A third problem is, How does one reach out to those who stand outside of Christ and the church? An answer here was to invite non-Christians to the Bible Circles. There the power of attraction of fellowship brought them into contact with living Christians. Then it brought them through these Christians and the study of God's Word to a realization that they needed Jesus. The result for one year was a total of 32 persons becoming Christians and coming into the church through the work of only these 17 groups.

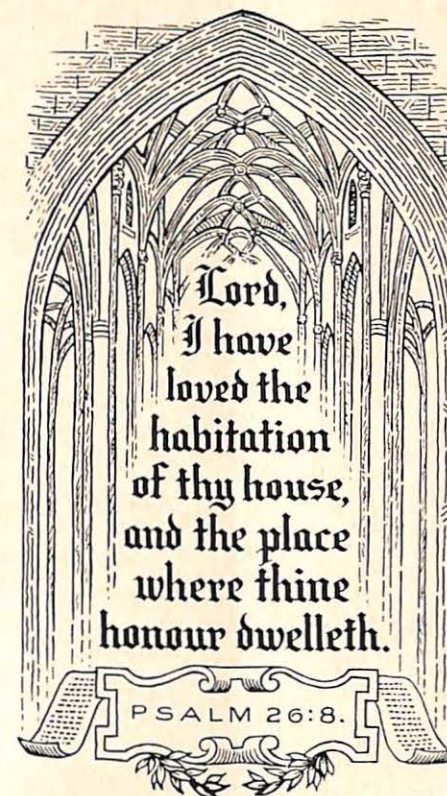
An interesting sidelight is that this work is not directed by a pastor. It grew up as a laymen's movement within the church and it has remained that. The leaders are themselves laymen, although a pastor may choose to start one, too.

What effect does this have on the regular services of the church? It is continually stressed that these groups are not meant to replace the service at the church. These Circles actually increase attendance at regular worship services and midweek services, because of a heightened spiritual interest and a realization of the responsibilities of church membership.

### CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

The answer is Yes! When Christians realize the need for spiritual growth in our churches, they will look for methods which the Lord can bless. This is one which he already has blessed and will again. There are many members staying on the edges of our churches, because no one has brought them in. There are even more who are outside the church who need to be reached for Jesus Christ. This is one way of working toward solving these problems. Why not try it? How do we start?

1. We begin by personally inviting people to our home. We ask the Lord to tell us whom we should invite. He will. At the very beginning, it is probably best to invite a few of the more spiritually mature members of the church. This may not necessarily mean thinking of age alone. We should have no fear of mixing people of different ages. Perhaps the Lord will lead us



soon to invite a few on the edge of the church.

It is best, however, to wait a while before non-Christians are invited. The Christians should first get to know one another well, so that the non-Christians come into a warm fellowship. The number in the group should not be more than ten to twelve. When a group reaches 15, it should think of dividing to form two groups.

2. The schedule for the evening should be free and the atmosphere

very informal. Generally the host or hostess begins the evening. We should try not to let it last too long, even if it runs well. We do have to work or go to school tomorrow. We should also be careful that refreshments do not take up a large part of the evening.

### AN ENTIRE BIBLE CHAPTER

3. Each week the group could study a part or a whole chapter of a book of the Bible. In the discussion, the use of different translations is very helpful. It is also good if one person does a little extra study beforehand on the background of the passage. The time of silence should be long enough for each person to receive some thoughts from his reading.

4. The discussion should be practical. We must ask ourselves again and again, "What does God want to tell me here?" "What does he have to say to our church?" "How do we put this in practice?"

5. At the close of the Bible study, we pray together. The prayers should be very short, perhaps only a sentence in length, so that many can pray. We can always pray more than once. Let us pray specifically, too, not forgetting to thank as well as to ask.

To begin a Home Bible Circle is to mark the beginning of a ministry of invitation. It requires courage to begin, but the Lord blesses courage with results. One result may be that someone will be able to say of our churches what Luke said of the church at Berea (Acts 17:11): "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).



### BAPTIST CHURCH in HANNOVER, GERMANY

The sanctuary of this church will seat about 500 persons. The building was designed by the father of the German student mentioned in the article. This Baptist church was completed in 1955. The pastor is Rev. Wilhard Becker.



# Northern District Gleanings

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

**N**ORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS like to celebrate, and rightly so. They, like the Jews in Old Testament times, will use every possible opportunity to make a festive occasion. The Northern District Secretary receives many invitations and is always happy to accept whenever possible.

Take the occasion of building a new church. We celebrate the sod turning event, as we did with the Grant Park Church in Winnipeg in July; not a big splurge, but enough to make the occasion festive, and to make those who were there feel joyful. Then there is the occasion of laying the foundation, emphasizing the foundation of our faith upon which the Church of Jesus Christ is built. Although I have never participated in such an occasion, I can see its possibilities.

## CHURCH DEDICATIONS

As the building makes progress, the church more and more will catch the spirit of joy. Indeed this joy could conceivably keep up the "mind to work," if the long and hard hours of actual labor threaten to make body and mind weary. Near its point of completion comes the celebration of "laying the cornerstone."

Not so long ago we rejoiced in this festivity with our Faith Church in

Regina, Sask. The pastor, Rev. L. Potratz, had carefully prepared the event. Representatives of local churches had been invited, and I gave the message on the rejected stone, which had become the Head of the corner. (See "Baptist Herald," Dec. 7, 1961 issue, page 21.) And then there is the final, glorious day of church dedication, which is always a mountain top experience in the history of every church. It seems the average life of a prairie church building is 35 to 50 years.

Most of the first structures were of the same architectural design—a plain building with a steeple over the front entrance, and small gothic windows. This building is now vanishing in many communities. Some churches need additional space and make simple renovations. We have participated in the dedication of several such additions or renovations. In the spring it was in Wetaskiwin for the dedication of an addition.

## BUILDING PROGRAMS

At the beginning of October, we rejoiced with one of our oldest congregations in Alberta, the First Baptist Church of Leduc at the dedication of an addition to their church. For twenty-three years the tall pillars at the front of the church were familiar land-

marks. The pillars of the old church are gone. In their place the church now has a roomy vestibule with a pastor's study and several fine classrooms for youth and Sunday school. (See "Baptist Herald," Dec. 21, 1961 issue, page 14.)

The young pastor at the Leduc church, Rev. Paul Siewert, was the guiding person behind the project and its completion. Careful planning, watchful praying and co-operative work were the basic requirements for such an undertaking. Of special interest was the evening service in which the leading men, with Mr. Milton Hein as building committee chairman and Ernest Kern as chairman of the finance committee, gave due credit to those who gave of their time and skill. Mr. William Rogers, a counsellor of the Municipality and not a Baptist, paid a fine compliment to the members of the congregation and to the living witness of the church in the community. When he spoke of the precious treasure of religious freedom, he did not realize that his name in reverse spelled the name of the great champion of religious freedom in Baptist history—Roger Williams.

## IMPRESSIVE ORDINATIONS

I must say a word about fine young pastors whom we have recently added to the ranks of ministers in the Northern Conference. Only a few months ago, we attended the inspiring ordination of Rev. Walter Goltz, pastor at the Capilano Church in Edmonton, Alberta. Recently I returned home from another spiritual time of feasting at the ordination of Rev. Walter Kerber of our Central Church in Yorkton, Sask. The impressive part was not only in the comprehensive and exact statements of doctrinal views, but also in the experiences of conversion and call to the ministry given by these recent graduates of our Seminary in Sioux Falls.

God's leading was visible in the lives of these young men. One can definitely sense that such an ordination is more than acquiring the title "Reverend" in front of the name. It is rather the acquiring of a very peculiar divine grace and sanction on the words and ministry of the young men who are thus ordained.

The responsibilities of the District Secretary include the task of assisting pastorless churches. The trouble with that is that these resignations often come so surprisingly quick. Here I was out on a routine circuit visiting

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# Souls for Jesus!

By Mr. Dwight Enockson, Reporter for the "God's Volunteers" team.

**"SOULS FOR JESUS"** continues to ring forth night after night wherever "God's Volunteers" are presenting a Crusade for Christ service.

Each evening the service follows a certain pattern. To give you an idea of what our evening services consist of, we will take a typical service and follow it through to the end.

## "SHOWERS OF BLESSING"

The service actually begins long before the people see or hear it. At 11:30 each morning the team practices the numbers for the evening. Fifteen minutes before the service begins, team members meet with interested church members for prayer.

At 7:30 p. m. sharp, the team, dressed in full uniform, marches down the aisle and onto the platform to begin the service. Taking up the instruments for the prelude, this particular night the group plays "Showers of Blessing," "Wonderful Words of Life," and "Standing on the Promises" followed by the number which is played and sung every night, "Till you know Jesus." Instruments are put down as the pastor leads with congregational singing.

The official beginning of our program is the singing of the theme song, "Souls for Jesus," followed by Director Hoffman's well known welcome, "Greetings in the Savior's Name."

After team introductions, which vary from night to night, Mr. Hoffman gives the outline of the evening's service:

## THE EVENING SERVICE

"Tonight we begin with the group number 'As a Volunteer,' followed by a mixed quartet number, 'Springs of Living Water.' Then it's story time for the boys and girls with Lyle Grenz bringing the story. However, before that, we shall join with the boys and girls in the action chorus, 'Marching in the Infantry.' Taking to the instruments again, the trio plays 'O, That Will Be Glory.' Then it's chorus and testimony time where we give you in the audience a chance to take part. Following this, Arleen Mattis brings her personal word of testimony after which she sings a solo entitled, 'I am Satisfied.' Then, prayer card reminder by Ruby Wolff after which the girls' trio shall sing 'Satisfied.' The meeting will then be turned back to the pastor for announcements and offering." In this manner, the message in song, story and sermon goes forth.

In this way hearts are prepared for

the message brought by Rev. Walter Hoffman which each night is prefaced by a message in song. The Gospel is proclaimed in a plain, simple manner so that both young and old can understand.

At the close of the message, the invitation is given. Those who respond to the invitation are individually dealt with by team members.

A Crusade for Christ campaign usually lasts from six to eight days depending on the situation. In churches, where we have a two-week campaign, we hold evening services only during the last week.

"God's Volunteers" are continually on the move. Since the last report, we have been to Moosehorn, Ochre River and Swan River, Manitoba. The last



1962 GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM

Left to right: Dwight Enockson, Lyle Grenz, Shirley Lamprecht, Barbara Hirsch, Arlene Mattis, Ruby Wolff, and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director.

This completes a detailed account of a service from beginning to end.

Our meetings are held as follow-up to our visitation program. Each service is geared to win souls to Christ. Often, when we cannot reach people for Christ in our visitation, we can in the services.

## God's Volunteers Schedule

Jan. 21 — 28, 1962  
Hoisington, Kansas

Jan. 30 — Feb. 11  
Wichita, Kansas

Feb. 11 — March 4  
Durham and Marion  
Churches, Kansas

March 5 — 10, 1962  
Spring Vacation

service at Swan River marked the end of both our tour in Canada and the first half of our term with "God's Volunteers." We then went home for Christmas vacation.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

By 10:30 Sunday night, "Old She-needsmo" was packed, and we were homeward bound. We met a train bound for Edmonton, Alberta, at 3:00 a.m., which Shirley Lamprecht boarded for home. Crossing the border and continuing southward, we stopped at Washburn, North Dakota, where Dwight Enockson got off. Lyle Grenz was left at Bismarck where he took a train to Billings, Montana. After leaving Arleen Mattis at Carson, Rev. Walter Hoffman took over the driving and took Ruby Wolff to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she caught the bus to Ellendale. That left Mr. Hoffman and Barbara Hirsch alone for the rest of the trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

So for two weeks at home with families and friends, team members re-

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FAITH CHURCH, REGINA, SASK.

Speakers at the Dedication Service and Missionary Conference of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask.

Left to right: Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary; Rev. L. D. Potratz, pastor; Rev. R. Grabke, former pastor; Rev. G. Thomas; Rev. H. Hildebrand; and Dr. A. S. Felberg, Christian Training Institute president





HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, LONDON

Situated on the banks of the Thames, the Parliament buildings make a superb picture. The Victoria Tower on the left is 400 feet high, and the clock tower on the right contains the world-famous Big Ben.

*"Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord."*

## Observations of Germany and England

By Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, Chaplain on the "M.S. Seven Seas" on Its World Cruise.

FIRST impressions are most telling. Arriving in Bremerhaven, Germany, I immediately boarded the special train for the beautiful city of Bremen. Finding a vacant seat in a compartment, two women asked if they might lift my heavy luggage. Later they again offered their help in taking down the suitcase. A young man who had taken a seat across from me kindly assisted me in putting on my coat. When I asked him about the location of the Y.M.C.A. in Bremen, where I had arranged to put up for the night, he not only told me where to find it but offered to take me to the same. He asked to carry my heavy case the three long blocks to the Y.M.C.A. and refused to accept a "tip."

### EUROPEAN POLITENESS

Returning from England to Germany, a young Englishman not only offered to help me with my luggage but left his own and carried mine to the platform. Such politeness and kindness have made a lasting impression. Surely, young people who practice such beautiful trades are not only an honor to their country but develop noble characteristics that make for better understanding and greater appreciation of others. God grant that we as parents might awaken more such ex-

cellent fine behavior in our youth of today.

A letter from Dr. Hans Luckey, the president of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, awaited my arrival in Bremen. A kind welcome and invitation to come to Hamburg and to spend Sunday there were the contents of the letter. Gladly I accepted the invitation. The excellent lodging at the seminary and gracious hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Luckey in their home was most refreshing. It was a blessed Sunday I experienced in Hamburg. Attending the "Christus Kirche," I was privileged to participate with the brethren in the Lord's Supper and be at the Harvest Festival celebration in the afternoon. A generous thanksgiving offering placed on the offering plates revealed the gratitude of God's people at this church. A splendid spirit prevails in this church and a blessed relationship between pastor and people is very evident.

### BAPTISTS IN GERMANY

Among the helpful information which Dr. Luckey gave me about the church work and the activities at the seminary with its special program to train "lay-workers" for the church, he also told me about the Baptist activities in the Eastern Zone. No longer is it possible for the brethren from that part of

Germany to fellowship with the churches in the West. However, it is still permitted to carry on the religious work in the Eastern Zone. Freedom as we know it, of course, is not their privilege.

A Baptist Seminary has been started in the East and is doing a splendid work. It is located at Bukow where a former Deaconess Home has been transferred into a seminary. No new property for church purposes is available in the Eastern Zone. The Christians of this communist dominated land must have deep convictions and pure Christian love to continue to labor and to sacrifice so faithfully.

### ADVENTURES IN ENGLAND

I came to New Castle, England by boat and traveled by train to London. My first impression of England centered on the beautiful farming country along the way. The two World Wars have made better agriculturists of the English farmers. Governmental legislation sees that the land is properly farmed and the produce increased to feed the large number of people of the nation. Socialized medicine in England seems to be working out satisfactorily. A strong feeling prevails that the government has been too generous with the benefits offered by making it possible that everyone in England may

avail himself of this special aid. It appears that people of surrounding countries have taken advantage to come to England for new dentures, eye glasses or medical aid. A strong feeling exists that a slight change will have to be made.

### MIGHTY LONDON

"Mighty London" is an interesting city in many ways. It has not one city hall and one mayor but rather 28. The city is divided in that many areas. The tallest building which is now almost completed is 34 stories. The stranger is impressed by the many trees and small parks found all over London. These trees and parks are the charm of the city.

Westminster Abbey's 1200 monuments are overwhelming. Here, too, has been placed a special plaque to honor the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. And the English people like to speak of him as "the greatest president the United States ever had." In past years the kings and queens were buried in Westminster Abbey. There is now no more room for them and royalty is taken to Windsor for burial.

The Tower of London visited annually by many thousands was first built by William the Conqueror for the purpose of protecting and controlling the city. It covers an area of 18 acres. In the past it has been a fortress, a palace and a prison. It has housed the Royal Mint, the Royal Menagerie, the Public Records and the Royal Observatory. The Tower was occupied as a palace by all the kings and queens of England down to James I. Throughout its history, the Tower has also been used as the principal place of confinement for state prisoners. It was here where Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, was kept.

### CITY OF YORK

Historically, the city of York might even surpass London. This city was founded in 71 A.D. New York City is known to York of England as the god-child of America. York's history can readily be divided into six periods: Roman Period, 71-410 A.D.; Period of Obscurity, 410-627 A.D. (During this period raids by the Picts, Scots and Pirates were made); Anglian Period, 627-867 A.D. (This is the time the center of learning and religious life was begun under King Edwin); Danish Period, 867-954 A.D. (Viking ships brought the Danes who took the city by storm in 867); Period of Trade and Development 954-1066 A.D.; and Medieval and Modern Period from 1066 onwards. Well has King George VI said: "The history of York is the history of England."

North Wales is the holidayer's paradise. Its numerous resorts on the beaches, the exciting Snowdonian mountains, the exuberant dales with their many country villages, the lazy rivers finding their way to the sea, the water flowing down the mountains as so many silver ribbons are all so com-



Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, serving as Protestant Chaplain on the "M S Seven Seas" on its "winter luxury cruise" to the South Pacific.

pletely enchanting. The people of Wales are very proud of their country and seek to retain their Welsh language.

### LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Many historic churches can be found in Great Britain but the usual place of worship is the Liverpool Cathedral. This is the first cathedral to be built in the Northern Province since the Reformation. On July 19, 1904 the foundation stone of this magnificent edifice was laid by King Edward VII. In all probability it would have been completed by 1940 had the work not been interrupted by the two World Wars. The projected size of the organ

## Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin

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is in keeping with the immensity of the entire building. Comprising five manuals and including more than 9,000 pipes, the organ is reputed to be the greatest church organ in the world.

The cathedral is not yet finished but the work is continuing. By the end of 1959 about seven million dollars had been spent in the construction of this marvelous church. All this, yet less than 10 per cent of the people of this nation go to any church. How sad! Amazing the structure but greater and more amazing and far more beautiful will the New Jerusalem be, of which the Word says it will have "the glory of God" and "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

Making my visit to England under the auspices of T.H.S. (Tourist Hospitality Service), I lived with the people of the land and found many opportunities to enjoy the British way of life and to learn to know the people of Britain a great deal better than by living in hotels. So as we move about in the world and see the handiwork of God everywhere, our soul is filled with praise and we sing: "Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord."



YORK CASTLE, CLIFFORD'S TOWER

Clifford's Tower in York, England dates from the mid-13th century. The earthen mound on which it stands was built in 1068 A.D. The castle is an excellent illustration of the solidity of ancient construction in stone.



Church Extension Builders in

Feb. 1962 will give to this project . . .

## New Church in Columbus

By Rev. Le Roy Schauer,

Church Extension pastor at Columbus, Nebraska



Congregation of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., with Rev. Le Roy Schauer, pastor, standing in front of door.

ENVELOPED by the productive Platte Valley in the state of Nebraska, on U. S. Highway 30, lies the city of Columbus. Here is another city in which a new North American Baptist church has had its birth. The primary dynamic which has propelled the work here has been the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit. It has meant the loving, obedient, sacrificial response to the Great Commission by the members who pioneer the work. With this there has had to be a coupling of Holy Spirit driven and directed witnessing of Christ's Gospel to those for whom he died. It has not been a frantic attempt to assist denominational survival. It has been a work based upon a deeply-rooted conviction that we as Baptists have a distinctive, definable and important contribution to make to the furtherance of the Gospel in this community.

The challenge has been great. It has driven us as initial members to our knees many times to find our course when it was lost in the maze of discouragements and perplexing conflicts. We have only begun to cultivate some of the graces and to utilize some of the strategy which the New Testament church, our model, used so effectively. This first year has meant to become

unwearying in prayer; to be courageous and creative in witnessing; to exalt Christ consistently in the home, work and in the market-place; many times to work only by mere shreds of faith and hope; but, above all, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. Always the wonder is that God can use just a few people for such a humanly impossible task.

### GOD'S LEADING

A new church is born through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not made with human hands. The first year was the laying of the important part of the spiritual household, the foundation. First services were held in the Philip Prang and Anna Brunken residences, because no other meeting place was available. After the test of those first two months we were able to rent the Whitefoot Building which is partly ours. It has been an advantage to have such a building for our meeting purposes throughout the week as well as on Sundays. This has served as our chapel, although so very limited in space and facilities. But to the group it was a sign of God's leading, since this new building, which had never been rented, suddenly became available when all other doors were closed to the

work.

Then seven months after the first service was held, we lost by death a strong supporting layman in the person of Philip H. Prang. Along with others, God had worked through him to begin the new work in this industrial city of Columbus. It was the added spiritual insight and vision of this layman along with the others that determined the course in those initial weeks and months.

But God also shows his hand in the midst of seeming set-backs. The leading of God in the purchase of land was another evidence. Through the person of William Lange we were able, with the help of Church Extension, to purchase the excellent location for the new church. A considerable part of this land was a gift by this layman. The location is well situated in the north central part of the steadily growing city. More homes will arise in the immediate area as the months of the year progress. It is not a fast development but a steady one. The Whitefoot Building is two blocks from this building site.

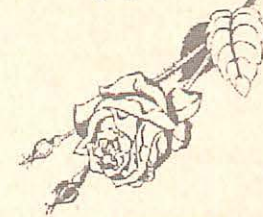
The city of Columbus has a population of 12,800. A considerable part of the newer homes are outside of the

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The Whitefoot Building, Columbus, Neb. (left), in which the Redeemer Baptist Church is holding its present services. Land has been purchased a few blocks away (right) with the help of Mr. William Lange and the Church Extension Committee for its proposed new church building.

## We the Women



BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN  
of Aplington, Iowa  
President of the  
Woman's Missionary Union.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, March 9, 1962 we will be joining our thoughts and prayers with millions of Christians around the earth in prayer. The theme for this year is "For God So Loved the World," and the Scripture is John 3:16. Two of the women of our denomination have written programs for this very important day on our Woman's Missionary Union calendar. Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann of Philadelphia, Pa., has written the English program, and Mrs. Waldemar Laser of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the German. We are grateful to these women for their splendid contributions to make this day of prayer a blessing. Copies of these programs have been mailed to the presidents of each society.

Language, climate, dress, place of worship, conditions may differ, but we are all one in Christ, whose death on the Cross made it possible for us to have everlasting life. Some women will walk miles to come to this service, some with babies on their backs. Some will come by subway or automobile for long distances. Many of the sick in homes and hospitals will be praying as they listen to a prayer service over the radio. Wherever we live or wherever we worship in observing this day of prayer, may we be aware of a world in tension, a hungry world, hungry for food, for freedom and peace.

The enemy of our souls is very busy and most intensely interested in getting the people of the Lord so busily engaged in secular affairs that they do not have time to engage in prayer. He knows very well that this is the way to weaken them and to bring them to defeat and discouragement. If he can succeed in keeping a child of God from prayer, he has gained a great victory. That prayer should have a large part in the Christian's life is abundantly clear from the many commands and encouragements to prayer found in the Scriptures.

God never fails to answer prayer  
In fervency implored;  
So let each need presented be  
Before our gracious Lord.

As in the past, we are again asking you to take an offering on this day.

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## From the Professor's Desk

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

What is the unpardonable sin, and can it be committed today?

Several passages of Scripture speak of a sin that cannot be forgiven, generally called the sin or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:24-32; Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:15-20; 12:10—some authorities list additional texts, as I John 5:16; II Tim. 3:8; Heb. 6:4-8; 10:26-31).

There is a sense in which the use of the term "sin against the Holy Spirit" may be too general, because there are certain sins against the Holy Spirit that are pardonable (Eph. 4:30). The unpardonable sin is a specific and decisive sin or state of sin which is related to the official work of the Spirit. It consists in the conscious, malicious and wilful rejection and slandering of the testimony of the Spirit, and that against clear evidence and manifest conviction.

### A DEPRAVED HEART

Since the Spirit bears witness to Jesus Christ, it is a deliberate and perverse attributing of Christ's deeds to the devil when it is evident that they are of God. And since it is through the work of the Holy Spirit that the knowledge of Christ and conviction of sin and righteousness come (John 16:7-14), the wilful trampling down and crushing out of this conviction constitutes that sin as unpardonable. Thus, it is a sin which cannot be forgiven and after which a change of heart is impossible, precisely because the only source by which conviction of sin and repentance can come has been blasphemed—no source is anymore available to bring godly sorrow for sin whereby the grace of God in Christ is mediated.

Perhaps it should not be thought of simply as one isolated sinful act, but as the pervasive state of a depraved heart radically and finally set against God, a state which is the culmination of a long course of self-hardening and self-depraving. He who has committed it is totally indifferent to his own moral and spiritual condition and is actively and bitterly hostile to God. Such a person has ceased to be receptive to divine influences whereby his condition could be remedied. To him good seems evil and evil seems good.

Some scholars hold that this is a sin that could be committed only during Christ's sojourn on earth, but the Scripture passages cited above do not support this view, especially the texts outside of the gospel records. The committing of this sin does not appear to be limited to New Testament times. Evidently this is a sin which can be committed today, and indeed one can

easily imagine that certain extraordinarily unbelieving persons in modern history may have committed the unpardonable sin (but we must be extremely careful in never asserting that such is the case with respect to any particular individual—God alone is qualified to know such matters and to make such decisions, and his mercy is infinitely beyond our understanding).

It is not difficult to think of godless characters who have known about the grace of God in Christ and who have had opportunity to experience a strong conviction of the Holy Spirit, enough to make an honest denial of the Gospel truth impossible, yet who have refused to repent and who have trampled under their feet the very saving blood of Jesus Christ and have done despite unto the Spirit of grace. (Heb. 10:29). Their conscience seems to be seared as with a hot iron. (I Tim. 4:2). Paul speaks of some whom God has given over to a reprobate mind. (Rom. 1:28).

### A TENDER CONSCIENCE

People who are distressed in their souls for fear that they have committed the sin against the Holy Ghost should be assured that their very concern for their soul's welfare and their personal relationship to God is sure proof that they have not committed this sin according to all that has been said above. Julius Mueller in his classic work, *The Doctrine of Sin*, states, "The way of return to God is closed against no one who does not close it against himself."

Yet a tender conscience with respect to sin should always be maintained and cultivated by prayer and the Word of God. Every persistent refusal to listen to God's voice and every hardening of the heart against the conviction of the Spirit issues in a corresponding loss of the ability to listen and to respond to the Spirit's promptings. Insensitivity to or positive contradiction of God's clear, undeniable truth is insidious.

Jeremy Taylor describes the progress of sin in the sinner thus: "First, it startles him, then it becomes pleasing, then delightful, then frequent, then habitual, then confirmed; then the man is impenitent, then obstinate, then resolved never to repent, then damned."

Perhaps the most clear and concise statement with regard to blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is found in Plummer's commentary on Luke: "Constant and consummate opposition to the influence of the Holy Spirit, because of a deliberate preference of darkness to light, render repentance and therefore forgiveness morally impossible."



# MARCH OF EVENTS



● **Congo Bible Sold Out.** The Congo Swahili Bible, in its entire edition of 10,000 copies, has been a complete sell-out since Congo's independence Day. The long-awaited Bible, the first in the Swahili language, arrived in Congo in September, 1960, where orders were dispatched to outlying areas. The British and Foreign Bible Society is preparing a new edition that is anxiously anticipated.

● **Missionaries to Ceylon Must Pay Tax.** The Government of the predominantly Buddhist island of Ceylon has decreed that all foreign resident Christian missionaries pay an annual visa tax of \$84. The new tax is designed to discourage immigration of Indian missionaries. Prime Minister Mrs. Sirimovo Bandaranaike believes that if churches need the services of non-Ceylonese missionaries they could meet the visa taxes in the same way they raise funds for their general activities.

—The Standard

● **Chinese Communists Persecute Christians.** The Chinese Communists have intensified their drive against religion by reducing food rations of Christian believers and destroying Buddhist temples and images, according to intelligence reports received on Formosa. Since the early part of June, the Communists have cut food rations by one-third for those Christians who are members of many denominations in North Kiangsu. Red authorities have warned that food rations may be further reduced. Furthermore, in some communes, Christians engaged in farm projects were ordered to do more work, which is resulting in the death of many of them. Despite persecution, however, Christians on the China mainland are reported holding their faith.

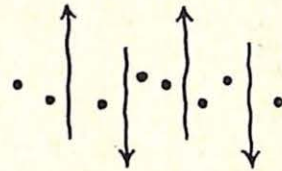
—The Sunday School Times

● **Protestants in Latin American Countries.** The number of baptized Protestant church members in Latin America now stands at 3,441,415, an eight-fold increase over the 1937 figure of 422,395, according to a just-published book, *Protestant Missions in Latin America*. The authors—Dr. Clyde W. Taylor and Rev. Wade T. Coggins of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, which published the book—are quick to point up that the actual total will go beyond that figure since they were unable to secure statistics from numerous independent church groups operating in Latin America. The 314-page book represents the most complete survey ever made of the Protestant impact in Latin America. Four countries beat the over-all growth average, exceeding 1,000 per cent growth in the 23-year period. These included Colombia,

from 1,996 to 25,976; Brazil, from 175,451 to 1,763,142; Costa Rica, from 842 to 16,157, and Ecuador, from 395 to 4,341. —Church News Service.

● **Kansas City, Kansas.**—"Decade of Decision," a film history of the Billy Graham Crusades of the past ten years, had its premiere in Memorial Auditorium here Saturday night (October 14) before approximately 2,500 persons, including hundreds of teenagers. The idea of making a documentary film to record the history of the Crusades originated with Henry Luce, publisher

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Revival Crusades in Chile.** Pastors and missionaries working in the Central Baptist Association of Chile, which includes Santiago, recently convened to consider "the tremendous task of our churches in the unstable world." Plans were laid for simultaneous revival crusades in 1962, and it was proposed further that a permanent evangelistic team, comprised of a preacher, singer and instrumentalist, be organized. The association has a tent in which they can conduct special evangelistic services.

● **Religious Liberty in Nigeria.** The premier of Nigeria's Northern Region, Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, has declared that "everyone must be free to perform his religious obligation without any hindrance. Religious tolerance must remain one of the keystones of policy." The Christian Gospel is relatively new in Northern Nigeria, but Rev. R. A. Adegboye, Nigerian Baptist home missionary in Shendam, baptized 28 new believers on the same day the premier made his address. Pastor Adegboye is the only resident evangelical pastor in the area. Northern Nigeria is predominantly Muslim.

● **Baptist Missions in Sumatra.** Southern Baptist (USA) missionaries are extending their work in Indonesia into Sumatra. Their primary activity heretofore has been on the island of Java. There are 14,200,000 people in Sumatra. British Baptists first sent missionaries to Sumatra in the early 1800's. About 90 per cent of Indonesia's

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of Time, Life and Fortune magazines. Produced by World Wide Pictures, Hollywood motion picture company engaged in the production of evangelistic and other religious films, the picture was shown here under auspices of Youth for Christ. Narrated by Dave Garroway, until recently the tall, sandy-haired, soft-spoken star of "The Today Show" of NBC with its 6,000,000 daily viewers, the film rekindles for the viewers those incandescent moments around the world in which thousands found new spiritual life.

92 million people are Muslims. However, freedom of religion is guaranteed by the Constitution, and Christianity has had greater response there than in any other predominantly Muslim country. Even so, only about 2.4 per cent of the people are evangelical Christians.

● **Baptists Minister to Refugees in Miami.** Southern Baptists will intensify efforts to give relief and resettlement to the more than 100,000 Latin American refugees in Miami, Florida who have fled unsettled conditions at home. The Convention's Home Mission Board, meeting in its annual session in Atlanta, Ga., voted additional funds and extra personnel and established a standing committee to deal with the problem. "Latin Americans, mostly from Cuba, are entering Miami at the rate of 2,000 a week," Missionary Milton S. Leach, Jr., of Miami told the mission board. "Only about 450 are moved out each week, and the unemployment and consequent need are staggering."

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Large Southern Baptist churches.** "Quarterly Review," Southern Baptist Sunday School Board publication, reports that there is only one Southern Baptist church with membership exceeding 10,000. There are 19 other churches which have over 5,000 members. The First church, Dallas, Tex., maintains its position of long-standing with 12,108 members, and continues to be the Convention's largest. Seven of the 10 largest churches are in Texas, and 11 of the top 20 are also. There are 9 states with churches in the group of 20 largest. Bellevue church, Memphis, Tenn., is second largest in the Southern Convention and tops all east of the Mississippi River with 9,480 members.—The Watchman-Examiner

● The Christmas cantata, "Night of the Star," with music by Bruce Carleton, was presented at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, by the Youth and Senior Choirs of the church. The cantata was directed by Mrs. Alma Ziegenthaler. Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hoffmann, pastor's family, held Open House for members and friends of the church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, has extended a call to Rev. R. L. Kluttig of Edmonton, Alberta, who has served as the pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church since 1956. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Grace Church of Kelowna on March 1st. He will succeed Rev. E. H. Nikkel who has become the minister of the Trinity Baptist Church in the same city.

● Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y. has announced that the congregation will be able to use the old building at 411 E. 75th Street in New York City until March 1st. This will enable the church to make greater progress on their new building at 68-10 31st Avenue, East Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y. At the Watch Night Service the young people presented the play, "Why the Chimes Rang," and a baptismal service preceded the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

● On Christmas Day Mrs. Peter Geissler of Rochester, N. Y., was called to her heavenly Home at the age of 83 years. She was baptized in 1907 by Rev. Carl A. Daniel. On May 10, 1910 she was married to Rev. Peter Geissler, two days after his graduation from the Rochester Seminary. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Miss Edna Geissler of New York, N. Y.; a daughter-in-law; and four sisters. Interment was in the Baptist cemetery of Avon, S. Dak. The memorial tribute appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California has extended a call to Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan to which he has responded favorably. He announced his resignation to the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor early in January and stated that it would be "effective immediately," probably in February. He served as pastor of the Benton Harbor church for 15 years. During this time a new church and parsonage were built valued at \$500,000. In the Anaheim church, he will succeed Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 31, the young people of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., presented the drama, "Revive Us Again," under the direction of Mrs. Betty Krueg. The adult choir presented Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah." "The King's Messengers" presented a musical program at the Sunday evening service of the church on Jan. 7.

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Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, spoke on "Songs of the Bible." The Christmas program of the Sunday school presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 24, was entitled, "The Gates of Christmas."

● On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, began a new Sunday school in the Kilarney area of the city. This is the district where the church has purchased property for a new church site. Mr. Eu-

gene E. Land, superintendent of the Central Baptist Sunday school, reported that 61 children and adults attended the first services on Nov. 19 held in the Mee-yah-noh school. The new school is under the direction of Mr. Helmuth Strauss, who will be known as the Extension Sunday School Superintendent.

● A beautiful Conn electric organ was recently presented to the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., by an anonymous donor for use in the Fellowship Hall. This was dedicated at the Watch Night service of the church on Dec. 31 with Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, in charge. Miss Ruby Salzmann, Camerons missionary and a member of the church, brought an appropriate message. Certificates of Credit were also presented to those who had completed study courses. The Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles," was given by the church choir on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

● The Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., held its Christmas Festival on Christmas night, Dec. 25, with the singing of Christmas carols, recitations and the playlet, "Let Us Adore Him." On Sunday, Dec. 31, the annual dedication of church school of-

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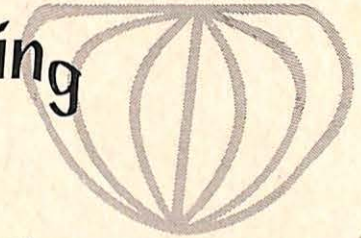
By Grace L. Voll  
of North Freedom, Wisconsin  
How can we not believe our Lord is on his way  
When we see world conditions as they are today!  
With nearly every prophecy long last fulfilled,  
It seems his waiting followers' hearts would be so thrilled  
That they would shout the blessed facts both far and near,  
So all the peoples of this earth should pause to hear  
The blessed tidings: "Your salvation draweth nigh...  
Rejoice! Prepare to meet the King of earth and sky!"

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ficers, teachers and substitute teachers was observed during the worship service. Week of Prayer services were held in area homes from Jan. 8 to 12. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," was the guest speaker at the Friday evening service on Jan. 12. Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is pastor of the church.

● The first Indian Mission Workers' Conference was held at the Calvary

## what's happening



Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta from Jan. 12 to 14. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, took part in the conference that was attended by the Indian missionaries: Mrs. Phil Grabke, Neuman, Rev. and August Grymaloski, and Mr. and Mrs. Neuman, as well as by pastors who in some way or other have been associated with the Indian mission work or who have shown interest in this important mission. Several leaders in Indian affairs also spoke.

● The guest speaker at the Sunday school hour on Dec. 31 at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Illinois, the acting chairman of the denominational Publication Board. He spoke of some of his experiences in traveling to mission stations in Africa, South America and the Holy Land. At the Watch Night Service the Gospel film, "Angry Jungle," was shown and a communion service was observed. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is pastor of the church. On Sunday evening, Dec. 31, Mr. Johns showed picture about his trips at the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. with Rev. Dale Chaddock as pastor.

● The Christmas Party for the Forest Park Headquarters staff members and their families was held in the Dining Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 21. Following a dinner, prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Erika Borrmann, a program of Christmas carols, musical numbers by some of the staff children, the reading of the Christmas Scripture story by Cliff Schilke and an interesting talk on European observations by John Wayne was held. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman served as the toastmaster. Rev. L. Bienert extended a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke and their son Gordon and presented them with a gift from the headquarters staff. Dr. Frank H. Woyke welcomed Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo to the headquarters family. The Christmas message was brought by Mr. Grygo, newly elected editor of "Der Sendbote."



# The Shattered Wall

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

By Sallie Lee Bell

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## SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, was praised for his skill in performing a difficult operation. Afterwards, he and Mary Hodges, a nurse, went to a restaurant for dinner and for a drive in the cool of the evening. But Dr. Rawlins was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. Mary refused to see him again. Then he started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. But she assured him that there was nothing serious between herself and Roger. So Dr. Rawlins felt that he had a right to continue to date her.

## CHAPTER THREE

This continued while the gossips whispered and while Roger seethed with growing wrath and jealousy. He met Harlan one afternoon when Harlan and two other interns were leaving the hospital and he tried to force Harlan into a fight by using abusive language, after warning Harlan to stay away from Helen.

Harlan refused to be drawn into a fight in such a public place and he laughed off Roger's abuse.

He turned his back on Roger, remarking, "You'll have to shoot me in the back, if you want to put me out of the way. And I'm not armed, pardner," he drawled.

Roger stood there with clenched fists as the three left him.

"It's a wonder he didn't hit you after that," one of the interns said. "You'd better leave his girl alone or there may be trouble."

"Not from him," Harlan replied. "He's all bluster. I'm not going to be frightened by any of his warnings."

"You'd better settled down to one girl, or you'll have some of the rest of us after you and we might not be as easy to handle as Roger."

"I'm not ready to settle down. Don't worry," he said with a laugh. "I won't go near your girl."

"That's a relief!" the other said and they all laughed.

After his anger against Roger had cooled, Harlan tried to forget the incident, for it had made him very angry. He didn't see Roger and he was glad that they didn't meet, for he didn't want trouble.

One evening about dark, he left the hospital on his way to his car. As he went down the walk, a figure emerged from the bushes nearby and confronted him. It was Roger.

"I want a word with you," Roger said in harsh tones.

"I've already had too many words from you," Harlan retorted. "Get out of my way, unless you're looking for trouble."

"You'll get plenty of trouble if you don't let my girl alone," Roger cried wrathfully. "I'm warning you for the last time to stop dating her. You knew that I was dating her before you butted in. Now she always has some excuse when I ask her for a date. They say you can have your pick of any girl here, so take your pick and let my girl alone."

"She told me that she is not your girl," Harlan informed him.

"That's a lie!" Roger cried. "We were practically engaged until you started dating her and turning her head. I'm not going to stand by and let you make a fool of her like you've done to some of the others."

"Are you calling me a liar?" Harlan asked angrily.

"Yes, I am! You're a liar and a cheat. You don't care for her. You're just playing around with her. You let her alone, or I'll—"

"You'll what!" Harlan demanded, now thoroughly angry.

Roger took a swing at Harlan and missed. Harlan's fist shot out and the blow caught Roger on his chin. He went down with a thud and his head

struck one of the jagged rocks bordering the walk.

Harlan was surprised when Roger fell for he hadn't thought he had hit him that hard. He waited a moment for him to rise, then as he lay still, he knelt beside him. He saw his head lying against the jagged rock and fear shot through him. There was blood upon his hand as it touched Roger's head.

Fear swept over him. Roger was unconscious. He felt frantically for Roger's pulse, but in his fright and panic, he couldn't feel any and Roger didn't seem to be breathing. Horror swept over him. Roger was dead and he had killed him.

While he knelt there stupefied with horror and remorse, wondering what he should do, the door of the hospital opened and two interns came down the steps. Harlan knew that if they discovered him by the body, it would mean too much, disgrace, prison perhaps, at least a trial. He couldn't face them with the truth. These thoughts raced through his mind in an instant and, in utter panic, he rose and slipped behind the bushes before they reached the spot where Roger lay.

Harlan crouched terror-stricken as he saw the two approach the body.

One of them saw the body and exclaimed, "There's someone lying there!"

They knelt down beside the still form and one of them said, "It's Roger Edwards. What on earth happened to him?"

"He struck his head. Someone must have knocked him down. He's got an ugly gash there. I believe he's dead. Let's go and get help."

They went on a run back to the building and Harlan slipped away. Panic swept away reason. His one thought was to get as far as possible

from the scene of his crime. He acted upon pure impulse, without thought of the far reaching consequences, without thought of the cowardly thing he was about to do. Fear, stark fear, buried every other impulse or thought in his mind. If he remained and they knew that he had killed Roger, he would be tried for murder or manslaughter. His career would be ended, even if he avoided prison. Black despair was coupled with fear and panic. He got his car and drove away from the hospital, heading out of town. As he rode along, he remembered that he would have to do something to stop an immediate search for him if he was missing from the hospital the next morning.

He stopped at a wayside telephone booth and called the hospital. He got the head nurse on duty for the night and gave her a message.

"I've received an urgent call from a near relative who's dying," he told her. "I'll communicate with Dr. Harkness as soon as I can. Please give him the message when he comes in the morning."

"Where can he get in touch with you, Doctor?" the nurse asked.

"I'll let him know. I haven't time to talk any longer, or I'll miss my plane. Tell him I'll get in touch with him as soon as possible."

He hung up and continued on his way, despair, fright and regret making a complete wreck of his mental processes. He realized that he had no clothes and not too much money. Fortunately, he had just cashed a check that morning, but he knew that it wouldn't last long. His one idea was to get as far away from the scene of that horror as possible. He must lose himself and the farther away he went, the safer he would be when they started looking for him.

As the night wore on and his panic became less, he began to realize what a terrible thing he had done to run away. But he still felt that there was nothing else for him to do. Anything would be better than spending time in prison, or worse. What he should do or where he should go, he didn't know. He just kept driving through the night without thought of direction, stopping once for gas and later on, for a cup of coffee.

At one of the coffee shops where he stopped, he took the medical emblem off his car. He didn't want that identifying tag left there, for it might help to trace him. He acknowledged as the night wore on, that he would have to get rid of his car. The license number would be a dead giveaway, if they started looking for him.

He remembered the two interns who had been with him when Roger had tried to provoke a fight. They knew that there had been trouble between them and they might suspect that he was guilty. He couldn't get a new license plate without giving details that would trap him.

He would have to abandon his car and take a bus or train when he had gone as far as he felt that he could

go. He dreaded parting with his car, but he felt that there was nothing else that he could do.

When morning came he was exhausted, but he was afraid to stop at any motel during the day, for fear that someone might see the license number of his car. He knew that it would be registered at the office when he sought for a room. He decided that he would try for a room in some small town boarding house. He would pay for his room in advance and then there would be no questions asked.

Early in the morning he came to a small town and as he drove slowly along he saw the sign of a boarding house. He decided to stop and apply for a room. The landlady looked clean and pleasant and he felt that he had found the right place. She told him that she had a vacant room. He said that he would take it and he paid her for the day and night. He told her that he had been driving all night on the way to see a sick relative.

She told him that breakfast was almost ready, but he said that he wasn't hungry, just very tired. He was very hungry, but he was afraid to mingle with the other boarders, for fear that one of them might remember him, if the search reached this far, or they might begin to ask him too many questions.

He slept until late in the afternoon, then went out and found a place to eat. Then he went back to his room. He waited until the house was quiet, then he slipped out and rode off through the night.

He wondered how far he should go before getting rid of his car. He clung to it as long as he could, but he knew that he couldn't go much farther, for he would have to save his money to live on when he reached his final destination. He didn't know when or where that would be. The question of the car was decided for him late one afternoon. During the nights along the road he had driven off the highway and had slept in his car. That was better than paying room rent. There was the danger of being picked up by some highway police, but he managed to conceal his car well off the road and he began to ride again at the first crack of dawn.

He was going along just within the speed limit when suddenly one of the tires blew out. He managed to keep from turning over and the car wobbled to the side of the road. He got out and stood looking at the flat tire as despair filled his heart. He had left his spare the morning before the tragedy to have it vulcanized. He would have to abandon his car and go the rest of the way to the next town on foot. He removed the license plate and the contents of the glove compartment. Then he saw his surgical bag which was always in his car. He always kept it there so that he would be prepared to meet any emergency. So many times a life could be saved if someone with the necessary instruments could aid until further help should arrive.

He stared at the bag for a long time as he stood there outside the car, forgetting that some highway patrol might stop and ask questions. The sight of the bag brought agony once more to his soul. When would he ever be able to use those instruments again? Perhaps never. He had made a wreck of his life and now the wreckage was smothering him with despair. How could he ever go on to a new life? He knew no other life. His whole life had been focused upon one goal and now that this goal was wiped out of his life, what was there left?

He had half a mind to bury the bag in the woods. It would only be a burden and it might betray him. But he couldn't part with it. It was the one small link between him and the old life and he couldn't give it up. Perhaps in some way a miracle might happen and he would be able to use these instruments again. But he didn't believe in miracles, so he took up the bag and started down the road toward the nearest town.

He didn't want to hitch a ride, for there might be questions asked and the one who picked him up would remember him. Fear made every possibility of discovery a mountain of fact and he trembled at every car that seemed on the point of stopping.

Fortunately the town wasn't far away, only a couple of miles, but he was weary and worn when he reached it. He went to a barber shop and got a shave and haircut. Badly in need of these, he felt that he looked like a tramp.

He asked the way to the bus station and made his way there. He was told that the next bus would pass there about midnight, so he decided to wait, for there was no other place to go.

He bought a sandwich and a cup of coffee and looked ruefully at his dwindling supply of money. It wouldn't last much longer. He had forgotten why he had cashed the check, but he was glad that he had. He wished that there was some way that he could get to that trust fund but he knew that he never could. He hated to think of it lying there when he would perhaps have to pinch pennies for an indefinite time.

He got a bus schedule and looked it over, wondering how far he should go and how much he should spend on his ticket. He would have to save something for room rent wherever he stopped. As for food, that could be reduced to the minimum until he could get work somewhere.

He finally decided upon a name that appealed to him as he read it. A bitter smile flitted across his lips as he read the name, RIVER'S END. Would it also be the end for him? Just now he didn't care how soon that end would come. He bought a ticket to the town, deciding that if he didn't like it there, he could go further on the next bus. Just now he wanted nothing more than to rest from running and to sleep on a bed again.

(To be continued)





# sunday school lessons

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 11, 1962

Theme: CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIVING

Scripture: Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; John 19:25-27

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Where there is love to God, there will be honor in the home.

**INTRODUCTION:** The first section of the Commandments deals with our relationship to God. He is to be given first place in our lives; no other gods must be worshipped; no graven images made; his name must never be taken lightly or in vain; the Sabbath is to be remembered. The fifth Commandment reminds us of our duties and responsibilities toward our fellow men. Since our first human inter-relationship begins in the home, we must learn what it means to have the proper love, honor and respect for our parents. The quality of this relationship will determine the quality of our relationship with all other men. Righteousness will exalt a nation only to the degree that it exalts the home.

Honor also implies obedience. Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Paul expressed this thought in slightly different words when he gave the injunction: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." This kind of obedience should not be confused with a civil obligation. It should be a privilege based on love.

**I. HONOR IN THE HOME.** Exodus 20:12.

This commandment says nothing about the responsibilities and duties of parents to children. No doubt it is taken for granted that the parents referred to are the kind who deserve the honor and respect of their children. Both father and mother must certainly give the children the love and religious training which will lead them and help them to observe this important commandment.

Some believe the injunction is directed primarily to the adult children as a warning against the heathen habit of abandoning the aged when they can no longer support and care for themselves. As Christians we look at it in its broadest meaning which affects the entire life of parents and children.

For additional teaching on this commandment see: Ex. 21:15; Lev. 20:9; Deut. 27:16; Prov. 20:20, 30:17.

**II. A SUBSTITUTE FOR HONOR.** Mark 7:9-13.

In the beginning of the chapter, Jesus was censured for allowing his disciples to eat with unwashed hands, a necessary ceremony according to the

tradition of the elders. The Lord saw through their reasoning and denounced them for substituting man-made regulations for the God-given moral law. So exact were they in carrying out these traditions that the commandments of God were relegated to second place.

To free themselves from the obligations which the fifth commandment involved, they dedicated their worldly goods to the temple in order to be absolved from supporting their parents. They thought that the more devoted they are to religion, the less devoted they had to be to their parents. By contributing to the temple, they believed they were making a noble sacrifice, but Jesus taught that no institution is more important than a human being. God's law must still hold first place in our hearts.

**III. JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HONOR.** John 19:25-27.

This is probably one of the most touching scenes in the New Testament. Humanly speaking, we might conclude that Jesus' suffering in making the supreme sacrifice should have freed him from all other obligations. With the responsibility of the redemption of the whole world in his heart, he was not unmindful of the honor due his mother. In the hour of his agony and death, Jesus was conscious of his mother's welfare and future, not because he thought of the legal aspects of the fifth commandment, but because he loved her.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 18, 1962

Theme: RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Scripture: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26; Luke 12:4-7

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Man is made in the image of God and is not meant to be destroyed by man.

**INTRODUCTION:** Occasionally when a person wanted to emphasize or verify a statement or an event, he used the expression, "as sure as shooting." It is not used very often anymore but the tragic truth of the statement remains with us. As far back into history as it is possible to go, we find evidence of "shooting" in one form or another. Today it seems more true and more

## CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 1962

See article on page 12 about the Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., for which the February appeal to Church Extension Builders has been sent.

certain than ever. The ever-present breaking of the sixth commandment hangs over us like the sword of Damocles and makes this world a very shaky and insecure place in which to live.

The original commandment referred to the violent, unauthorized murder of any person. It did not prohibit the punishment of crime, nor did it prohibit war. (Compare Exodus 21:12-14 and Deuteronomy 20:1-4). To conquer Canaan, war was necessary for the Israelites. The commandment condemned those who in a fit of temper killed for revenge or for personal advantage.

**I. RESPECT FOR LIFE.** Exodus 20:13.

The sixth commandment has given rise to some very difficult problems, and the Christian conscience is still unable to deal with it adequately. There are many varied opinions and interpretations among well-meaning and sincere Christians. It is even difficult to explain Israel's attitude toward killing in the light of all the bloodshed found in much of the Old Testament history. The Hebrews killed and honestly believed they were obeying God when they were about it. God commanded Saul to kill Agag, and his downfall was due in part because he spared Israel's enemy. (I Samuel 15).

**II. REVERENCE FOR LIFE.** Matthew 5:21-26.

Jesus was looked upon as a law-breaker by his enemies. It was difficult for him to convince them that he came to fulfill the law. His teaching deepened and enlarged the Mosaic law. According to Jesus, killing included inner anger and hate which are also forbidden by God. To kill a friendship between brothers is condemned by God, and no offering or sacrifice is a substitute for reconciliation. A sword may pierce the body and still not do as much damage as an angry word which may bring a soul in danger of a much greater torture.

**III. THE VALUE OF LIFE.** Luke 12:4-7.

If the most common and insignificant bird is of value in God's creation, how much more is he concerned about an imperishable soul? But to think only of physical protection is to miss life's highest goal. Spiritual health and eternal life and blessing are to be our major concern. A short-sighted protection can keep us from a far-sighted reward. Life is a precious trust committed to us by God. Respect and reverence for this life is our primary purpose, for it can be destroyed eternally or saved eternally.

# 75th Church Anniversary, Wishek, N. D.

History of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., and report of its anniversary festivities by Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor.

**AS EARLY** as 1875, people from Danzig, Russia settled near the present city of Tyndall, S. Dak. These later settlers could find no more free land in that area and were directed into the North Dakota area. In this movement, there were about 15 families who settled south of the City of Wishek. Being accustomed to take time to honor God, they felt strongly in need of a place of worship. In 1886 a church by the name of Danzig was begun, using the identical name of the churches in South Dakota and Russia. The first leaders of this church were John Brokofsky as chairman, and William Koth as secretary.

The group worked diligently to enlarge their numbers. In 1892 a wooden church structure was erected on a three acre plot of ground donated by John Giedt, nine miles south of Wishek.

## THE MOTHER CHURCH

In 1898 Jacob Herr, Sr., moved into this area, and purchased one of the local farms. He deeded 15 acres of his farm, one quarter mile south of the church, where the first parsonage was constructed and other buildings that were necessary to shelter the minister's means of transportation, a horse.

Also in 1898, two stations were started and were connected to Danzig, the one called Johannestadt and the other Beaver Creek. In 1900 a group west of Venturia built a church, naming it after their home town, (Kassel) and it too, united with Danzig.

In 1910 a church building, one mile from Venturia, was moved into Venturia and finally in 1912 the Kassel and Johannesstätt stations withdrew from Danzig and united with the church in Venturia, known today as the First Baptist Church of Venturia. In that same year the Ashley, Jewell and Johannesstätt churches united to make up what is today known as the Ashley Baptist Church. Also in 1912 a group of Baptists around Burnstad, 16 miles north of Wishek, built a church. In 1935 the group dissolved and sold their place of worship.

Again in 1918 this desire of the Baptist people to forge ahead could not be quenched. Therefore these Christians in and around Napoleon, purchased a building, fitted it to their needs and joined the Danzig church. On July 1, 1941 they became an identity by themselves as a church.

In 1908 a number of families that had previously moved into the village of Wishek united to form a church. They built a wooden structure, 24 by 40 feet, on land donated by the banker John Wishek, on which the present

modern building stands. They too united with the Danzig church. Due to changes of population the membership of the churches, in 1930, voted to change the name from Danzig Baptist Church to the German Baptist Church of Wishek, with headquarters in Wishek. This name held until 1949 when it was changed to the present First Baptist Church of Wishek.

In 1949 a beautiful edifice, 64 by 84 feet was erected on the formerly built basement at the cost of \$78,520.00, and was dedicated on July 2, 1950. Also in 1955 the second parsonage in Wishek built on donated land was moved off. In its place stands a luxurious pastor's home valued at \$31,182.00.

services were greatly enriched by greetings from former pastors and sons and daughters who are in special Christian service and in surrounding churches.

On Wednesday, we climaxed our anniversary with a Church Fellowship supper. Mr. Ernest Herr was toastmaster for the ceremonies of the evening. Around the abundantly laden tables, a time of reminiscing was enjoyed. A number of the oldest members spoke of the "Good Old Days." Recognition was given to those who served in some church capacity for 25 years and over. Rev. J. C. Gunst, former pastor of the church, spoke fitly on "Our Church—Our Mission."



Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Weisser of Wishek, North Dakota behind the pulpit of the First Baptist Church and surrounded by the flowers and decorations for the church's 75th anniversary observed Nov. 12-15, 1961.

Many long hours were spent in preparation for the memorable occasion of our 75th anniversary. Everyone seemed gratefully conscious of the milestone that the church had reached.

Dr. Ralph Powell from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker for the Nov. 12 services. We were greatly challenged and blessed by his two messages, "I Will Build My Church," and "The Most Influential People." Again on Monday night, as we assembled in praise to God, our hearts were blessed by one of the former pastors Rev. Ervin Faul, as he spoke on "Loyalty is Victory."

For the Sunday evening service the Napoleon church was invited to join with us in rejoicing and the Venturia and Ashley churches for Monday night. During these services former pastors and those who had gone into Christian service aided in the services. These

Sixteen pastors have served this church in its historic 75 years. One of the first to leave this church for special service was Emanuel Giedt in 1909. He spent some time in China as a missionary. Since that time seven other young people have entered into the ministry or are at the present studying for this service. One of the young ladies while in training married a minister and a couple has also made preparations for special service.

The church decided that all offerings taken at the anniversary were to be used for special purposes. In the three offerings \$823.64 were given for missions and \$745.00 for our building fund.

These days made us very conscious of the presence of God in the past. Our prayer is that we may continue to realize that the presence of the Lord is necessary to lead us aright, until he comes.



# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## Northern District

### Inspirational Meetings at Telfordville Baptist Mission, Alta.

The Telfordville Baptist Mission, Telfordville, Alberta, recently held a week-long ministry of Deeper Life Meetings, with Rev. Milton Falkenberg of Oak Bank, Manitoba as our speaker. He was mightily used of God and quite a number of decisions were made and lives were rededicated to the Lord. God's presence was felt in our midst.

This mission is something new in the annals of our denomination, having been begun by the purchase of a school building. We have seen busy hands converting it into a worthy place of worship. Since we are a small group, we want you to pray for us, that God in his grace might lead us as we look forward to great things in the future.

Mrs. E. Felske, Reporter

### Special Meetings at Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta

One week of special evangelistic meetings with Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, California were held at the East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta. from Dec. 3 to 10. Every night the main auditorium was filled and the message of salvation and sanctification powerfully presented. Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, led the congregation in a time of testimony, praise and prayer, assisted by the church male choir under direction of Mr. John Kundert, by various vocal and musical numbers as well as by the church orchestra. The Spirit of God was felt in our midst. Six persons (five young men and one girl) made their open decision for Christ. We praise the Lord for the spiritual influence of these meetings on members and friends alike.

The improvements in our church building were completed in November. New facilities have been added to the kitchen and modern washrooms installed in the basement. Our church is growing, both spiritually and in numbers, for which we are grateful to God.

Margret Pohl, Reporter

### Leadership Training Course, Three Calgary Churches, Alta.

The three churches: Bridgeland, Temple and First German Baptist, of Calgary, Alberta, combined efforts for a Leadership Training Course, held at Temple Church from Nov. 8-14. Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois, taught the course, "Characteristics of the Pupil and the Teacher's Approach to Each Age Group." Prof. A. Rapske of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, taught the course, "Visitation Evangelism."

There was a total of 37 persons enrolled in these courses. Of these 28 completed the examinations for credit. Fellowship time was enjoyed when the

ladies of Bridgeland and Temple churches provided refreshments during the intermission between classes. Many expressed appreciation for the help that was given and all returned to their own churches, ready to work more effectively in the Sunday school, church and community.

Ida Neher, Reporter

### Baptism of 16 Converts, Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin

The members and friends of Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta experienced a spiritual blessing during the Sunday evening service, Dec. 3rd, when the pastor, Rev. Wm. Sibley, baptized 16 young people. Following the baptism, the pastor delivered a challenging message on the subject, "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"

The reception of these new converts and two others upon profession of their faith was held during the morning service the following Sunday. The rite of fellowship was extended by the pastor and four deacons, Messrs. Wm. Dickau, John Field, Fred Strohschein and Gus Littman. The message of the morning, "The Marks of a Living Church," was a challenge to all those present. The membership of Calvary Baptist Church now totals 147.

Mrs. Madeline Kern, Reporter

### Christmas Choir Program, Temple Church, Medicine Hat

The choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta presented its annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 10. After an inspiring hour of song, the choir was invited to the home of Albert Stober, president of the choir. Mr. and Mrs. Stober had a delightful evening planned with the theme centering around Christmas and choirs.

Rev. Henry Schumacher, the pastor, gave some humorous sidelights to choir singing and directing, ending on a sober note and exhorting the choir to mind three "Cs"—to be: "Christians, Conscientious, and Consecrated." While enjoying a delicious Christmas luncheon, the hostess, Mrs. Sandra Stober, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Schatz, director, and Mrs. Eileen Wolfer, pianist, with gifts of appreciation for their faithful service.

Anne Schumacher, Reporter

### Missionary Conference at Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

The second annual Missionary Conference of Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta was concluded on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Four guest speakers took part. The week long conference commenced on Nov. 12th when Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary to the Cameroons, told of the current need for increased hospital facilities. Rev. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, presented the needs of this home mission field.

Dr. Alvin Martin, president of the

Canadian Bible College, Regina, Sask., gave four messages on Biblical Prophecy. He illustrated conditions in the Holy Land with the use of colored slides. Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, with the aid of colored slides expressed thankfulness for what God has already done in Japan and the Cameroons. "God's Open Doors" was the theme of his concluding message.

During the conference pledges were received totalling \$4,225.00. By faith in the Lord this amount will be given by the pledging members toward specific and various mission endeavors during the year 1962.

Mrs. Madeline Kern, Reporter

## Central District

### God's Volunteers Hold Meetings at Underwood, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 17, with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, as the guest speaker.

The church was truly blessed during their week of revival meetings from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 with "God's Volunteers." The meetings were very well attended. On the last two evenings the church was filled to capacity. The children as well as the adults enjoyed the stories, special music and the inspiring messages by Rev. Walter Hoffman, director.

Neil A. Walther, Reporter

### Special Meetings, Plum Creek Church, South Dakota

The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota held Deeper Life Meetings during the week of Nov. 26 to Dec. 3 with the Rev. W. D. Dachtler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota bringing the messages. Each evening the children enjoyed the flannelgraph story he presented and all enjoyed the ministry in song that Pastor Dachtler rendered. One boy accepted Christ as Savior and all were challenged by the messages from the book of the Acts.

The choir presented a candlelight service on Dec. 17, singing appropriate Christmas numbers under the direction of Mrs. Bob Decker. The Watch Night service on Dec. 31 included a film entitled "Appointment" with our youth in charge. After a fellowship time, the church joined in the candlelight communion service, wherein the very presence of God was experienced. Rev. Alvin Harsch is the pastor of our church.

Mrs. Edwin Decker, Reporter

### Trinity Youth Render Inspiring Service, Sioux Falls

We consider ourselves truly privileged at Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the many college and seminary students who attend our services. They are a real inspiration to us as they serve the Lord wholeheartedly in the Sunday school, Sunday evening service, choir, with special music and faithful church attendance.

The month of November was highlighted by their presentation of a missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story

Yet Untold," composed and arranged by Eugene L. Clark. On Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, our church was thrilled and challenged by a 30 voice choir, made up of these fine young people as well as some of our adults. The cantata was under the direction of Mr. James Joslyn. Accompanying at the organ was Miss Joyce Ringering and at the piano Mrs. Ray Niederer. Rev. Iver Walker, pastor, read the narration. The challenging message of this cantata and the fine way in which it was presented will be long remembered.

Iver Walker, Pastor

### Many Inspiring Events at Hebron, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., can report the Lord's blessing during two weeks of revival services with Rev. G. G. Rauser of Stockton, Calif., serving as evangelist. Rev. Ervin Faul, our pastor, had the privilege of baptizing seven adults and two children and extending the hand of fellowship to them before a very impressive service.

Both of our women's organizations joined forces and recently presented a program at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak. A dialogue, "The Key to the Handcuffs," was given by our Missionary Guild. All of our ladies brought their annual donation of angel food cake and "Kuchen."

Our Harvest and Mission Sunday was observed with our pastor serving as speaker. Our people brought a very sacrificial offering despite the severe drought we experienced in this area. Nevertheless, the Lord has blessed us in so many ways spiritually.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter

### Baptismal Service at Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

With many precious memories of our General Conference still lingering in our hearts, we of the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn., began our fall activities with renewed enthusiasm in all organizations. Our Sunday school, with Miss Ellen Lehr as general superintendent, has recently



NEW MEMBERS OF FAITH CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS

Rev. Robert F. Zimbelman (left) pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., received 14 new members into the church on Sunday, Dec. 3. Nine of these were baptized on a previous Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zilke of Vancouver, British Columbia, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. They are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver.



completed a contest and it was encouraging to experience a friendly rivalry with two sides working hard to gain new members. Our Sunday school has shown a steady growth and definite steps are being taken to enlarge our classroom facilities.

On November 12 Rev. Robert Zimbelman, pastor, again had the joy of baptizing 9 converts, including his son, Bobby. These are the fruits of the faithful work done in our Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and summer camps. On Sunday, December 3, the hand of fellowship was given to 14 new members, 5 of them joining by letter.

Robert F. Zimbelman, Pastor

## Western District

### Fall and Holiday Events at Startup, Wash.

Our Baptist Church family in Startup, Wash., has been richly blessed in the past weeks and months. We gained seven adult members recently, and Rev. H. Schauer, pastor, had the joy of baptizing six of these. We observed Harvest and Mission Sunday with a Sunday school program and morning worship service. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, was the guest speaker. A mission offering was taken at all

three of the day's meetings.

Rev. H. Schauer conducted a Teacher Training Class which was very interesting and well attended. The choir rendered a sacred cantata on Sunday, Dec. 17th. The Sunday school program was given on Christmas eve. We also held a Watch Night service from 8 P.M. to 12, and closed the old and entered the New Year with a communion service.

Margaret Sherman, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. F. Zilke

October 15th was an especially happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zilke of North Surrey, B. C., when they were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Married in Millet, Alberta in 1911, they lived there until 1941 when they moved to British Columbia. Throughout all these years, Mr. and Mrs. Zilke have been faithful members of the Baptist churches in the communities in which they lived. A family dinner was held for the celebrating couple on Oct. 14th and Open House the following day at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Gordon Stoddart. Many friends and relatives gathered on this occasion to congratulate them.

The couple was blessed with 12 children, two of whom have gone to be with the Lord. The ten children are: Mr. Ben Zilke, Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. Robert Zilke, Portland, Oregon; Mr. Clifford Zilke, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Mrs. Ken Lofgren, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Mrs. Harry Bienert, Leduc, Alta.; Mrs. Adolph Krause, New Westminster, B. C.; Mrs. Neil Simmonds, Surrey, B. C.; Mr. Gordon Zilke, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Gordon Stoddart, Vancouver, B. C.; and Mr. Wilfred Zilke, Coquitlam, B. C. There are also 25 grandchildren.

Mrs. E. Lueck, Reporter

### Pacific Northwest S. S. Union Sessions, Colfax, Washington

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Union of the Pacific Northwest Association was held at the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington, Oct. 28 and 29. Enthusiastic reports of the various Sunday Schools in the Association were given at the annual business meeting. Mr. Al Bibelheimer (Tacoma), was elected as the new president. Other officers are: secretary, Doris Wagner (Tacoma); treasurer, Mr. Norman Roth (Spokane); Scripture Memorization leader, Mrs. F. E. Klein (Colfax). A \$1500 mission



project was adopted for the coming year with \$1000 for the Renton Church Extension Project; \$250 for the Japanese Mission and \$250 for the Seminary library. Dr. Paul Gebauer brought an inspirational message on "The Gospel in the Teaching Ministry."

At the delightful banquet Saturday evening, musical numbers and responses from the various churches were enjoyed plus the singing waiters and waitresses from Colfax Sunday School. The Sunday School attendance plaque was presented to the Colfax Baptist Sunday School. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg brought a challenging message on "The Gospel According to You." On Sunday afternoon, the Sunday School presented the camp program at the Youth Rally. Mr. Sonnenberg spoke on "The Call to the Gospel Ministry."

Doris L. Wagner, Secretary

## Eastern District

### Pre-Christmas Candlelight Service at Ridgewood Church

The traditional Christmas Candlelight Service at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 17, was a glowing experience. The sanctuary was warm with evergreens and the light from many candles. The Girls' Choir and Adult Choir entered in procession singing "Adeste Fidelis." Our pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, read scripture and prayed. The Adult Choir, under the able direction of Mr. H. V. Ross and accompanied by Mrs. H. V. Ross, our excellent organist, sang: "Praise Ye the Lord." The girls' choir rendered several songs. This group is receiving valuable musical training from Mrs. Rubin Kern.

Miss Harriet Kern, who is a talented pianist, graciously played for us her own arrangement of variations on "The Holly and the Ivy." She also gave a very fine interpretation of Brahms' "Rhapsody in G. Minor." The Girls' Choir gladdened the hearts of our German folk with their singing in German, "Vom Himmel Hoch." Then the adult choir presented the "First Christmas" by Wilson and featured as soloist the beautiful soprano voice of Mrs. Gus Beck. After the last echoes were gone each singer held a lighted candle and in the hushed dimness the beloved, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was softly sung in benediction.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

## WE THE WOMEN

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This will be designated for our \$65,000 Woman's Missionary Union Goal. As we bring our offering, we can share in bringing LIFE ABUNDANT to others. Kindly send all offerings to North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Mark your offerings, "FOR THE \$65,000 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION GOAL."

May rich blessing and renewed courage for Christian living come to each of us as we pray for one another and the needs of the world on March 9, 1962!

## 1962 CONFERENCE SESSIONS

ATLANTIC—April 26-29, 1962, Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

DAKOTA—June 20-24, 1962, Bismarck, North Dakota

CENTRAL—(Date not determined), Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois

EASTERN—May 3-6, 1962, Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

NORTHERN—July 3-8, 1962, Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta

NORTHWESTERN—July 11-15, 1962, Sheffield, Iowa

PACIFIC—June 13-17, 1962, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

SOUTHERN—Central Church, Waco, Texas (Date not determined).

SOUTHWESTERN—Third Week in August (no exact date given), Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

## NORTHERN DISTRICT

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churches and preaching on Sunday. This particular Sunday—it was the last one in October—brought more surprises than any other. Coming to the Immanuel Church in Edmonton, Alberta, the pastor, Rev. W. Wieschollek, informed me that he had accepted the call to one of our Milwaukee, Wisconsin, churches. That same evening, coming to Camrose, the pastor, Rev. O. Fritzke, informed me of his acceptance to go to Trochu, Alberta. Returning home after several days, I was informed that my own home church pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, had resigned to accept the call of the Ridgmont Church, Detroit, Michigan.

It seems that our General Conference decisions to train future pastors at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton was divinely guided. In our Northern District churches alone we will need seven pastors. Other places will open up. God provides in the time of need.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## CHURCH IN COLUMBUS

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city limits which brings the population closer to 14,000. It is not too large for us to reach people in all parts of the city area. The city, being strong on industry, brings new people in every week. But we have had to learn that it is within a non-Baptist state. Eighty-four per cent of the city's residents are native Nebraskans.

Much visitation has been done by members as well as pastor. The doors have opened to us, but many times we have not been able to attract families because we do not have our own church building. Many still question the stability of the work because of this. Discouragements have been numerous. Only God has lifted us out of those pits. Opposition, not by unbelievers, but by those who claim to know Christ have been most vehement in their words against the new work. Barriers, such as the poor reputation which Baptists have had in the community, stand in the way.

By faith in God's continued leading, and because of a steadily growing ministry, the group organized in January 1962 into what is now known as the Redeemer Baptist Church. The name "Redeemer" is descriptive of him whom we have learned and loved personally to know and to trust and whom we seek more fully to serve. May this name be exalted by the new organized body of believers!

If the ministry of this new church is to develop and grow, a building is essential. Plans have been made and are being carried out for the first unit. This unit will be the eventual educational plant for the church. With faith, determination and monetary sacrifice, this building will become a reality in 1962. It cannot be done by the young church alone. It will require the concerted efforts of sister conference churches and the faithfulness of every Church Extension Builder. We appeal to you for prayer and financial support on this ready field.

## SOULS FOR JESUS

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laxed and rested up for the coming months of service.

As we began a new year, pray that God might use us in a mighty way to win souls to him. Continue to remember us at this 11:00 a.m. hour. We are counting on you for your prayers.

## SURE AND STEADFAST

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will take an active part in the forthcoming Belo Field Bible Conference, the next Settlement discharge service, and the dedication of the new Settlement church. These young men will serve Christ in many ways in this newly-independent Western Cameroons. With Christ as their Captain, they go on, "Sure and Steadfast," for a better Africa of tomorrow.

# Obituary

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

### MR. ELMER GUSTAV KOCH of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mr. Elmer Gustav Koch of Ellinwood, Kansas, son of the late G. F. and Mina Scheufler Koch, was born Aug. 26, 1906 and died suddenly Nov. 25, 1961. On May 17, 1931 he married Natalie Rube to which union four daughters were born: Joan, Mrs. Lonnie McCarty of Ellinwood, Ks.; Ella, Mrs. Dale Hartig of Hobbs, New Mexico; and Arline of the home. A daughter, Kathryn Ann, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, two sisters: Mrs. Ray Eggers and Mrs. Harold DeWerrf of Ellinwood, Ks.; 3 brothers: Marion of Great Bend, Ks.; Orville of San Diego, Calif.; and Harry of Ellinwood.

He was baptized by Rev. Harold Ekрут on March 14, 1943 and united with the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood where he served capably and faithfully as usher, trustee, and church treasurer. Memorial services were conducted on Nov. 28 by his pastor assisted by Rev. Harold Ekрут and Rev. Theo Dons. Burial was in Ellinwood-Lakin Cemetery.

Ellinwood, Kansas  
MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor

### MRS. A. T. EHRLICH of Marion, Kansas

Mrs. A. T. Ehrlich, nee Schultz, of Marion, Kansas was born on Sept. 24, 1881 in Dreispitz, Russia. At the age of 18, she left Russia with her older brother and came to Marion, Kansas. In 1906 she was united in marriage to Mr. A. T. Ehrlich of Marion, Kansas. They made their home south of Marion, where they lived throughout their married life. In 1900 she followed the Lord in baptism, and became a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church where she was always active in the Lord's work. For the last year of her life she was an invalid because of a stroke.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband; six children: Paul, Milton, Helen Stiles, Esther Marquardt, Naomi Wheat, and Harold; and 11 grandchildren. She passed away on Nov. 15th, with the memorial services being held on Nov. 18th, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Marion, Kansas  
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

### MR. EDWARD BEISE of Mound, Minn.

Mr. Edward Beise of Mound, Minn., was born April 9, 1872 and was a life long resident of the Minnetrista area, reaching the age of 89 years, 6 months and 22 days. His day of departure "to be with the Lord" was Nov. 1, 1961. Mr. Beise experienced the joy of his salvation in the Lord as a boy of 12 years and was baptized in 1884 by Rev. Christian Langlotz, pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius. Mr. Beise has been a faithful and active member for over 75 years, serving as a clerk, trustee, treasurer and junior deacon.

The beautiful church building stands as a living testimony of Mr. Beise's work since he was the contractor. His total profit for six months' work was less than \$200. Mr. Beise was married to Christina Zimmerman on Oct. 22, 1901 who preceded him in death on Nov. 15, 1950, along with a son, Sheldon, who died April 1, 1960. A daughter, Marcella Ruth, mourns his departure and also two grandchildren.

Minnetrista Baptist Church  
St. Bonifacius, Minnesota  
THOMAS HARFST, Pastor

### MR. ADAM V. ZUBER of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mr. Adam V. Zuber of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born August 17, 1878 in Westheim, Germany, and died Dec. 4, 1961. He

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migrated to Wells County in North Dakota with his parents in 1886. As a young man he joined the Baptist Church in German town, later joining the First Baptist Church of Fessenden. He was Sunday School superintendent, choir director and young people's leader for many years. He was president of the North American Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for several years.

On Dec. 25, 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Rappuhn. They lived their entire married life in Fessenden. In 1919 he was admitted to the bar and became a practicing attorney. For 23 years he was a Juvenile Commissioner in North Dakota.

His wife preceded him in death in 1953. He is survived by four daughters and one son: Edna (Mrs. Hurley C. Wilson), Malta, Montana; Esther (Mrs. Arnold Knodel), Manfred, N. Dak.; Agnes (Mrs. Frank Ryepka), Moorhead, Minn.; Helen, (Mrs. Ot- tiber Fiesel) Selfridge, N. Dak.; and Arthur Zuber, Escalon, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church  
Fessenden, North Dakota  
GORDON THOMAS, Pastor

### MR. AMANDUS ACHTERBERG of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Mr. Amandus Achterberg of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born on Jan. 11, 1875 in Pommern, Germany, and went to his heavenly reward on Nov. 30 at the age of 86 years, and only one day after his 61st wedding anniversary. During the last ten years of his life, he suffered untold discomfort and pain, being bedfast most of the time.

At the age of 18, he came to the United States settling in Germantown, N. Dak. In 1897 he was saved and baptized in the Germantown Baptist Church. In Nov. 1900, he was united in marriage with Caroline Piedt. This union was blessed with ten children, two of which preceded the father in death. In Nov. 1908 he moved with his family to Benton Harbor and became a charter member of the church to which he remained loyal to the end. He was secretary for 20 years, denominational church agent for 27 years and trustee for 40 years.

His well-deserved rest is mourned by his wife; five daughters; Mrs. Alga Prillwitz, Eau Claire, Mich.; Mrs. Agnes Borchert, Edmonton, Alta., Can.; Mrs. Martha Borchert; Miss Helen Achterberg; Mrs. Craig, Albert and Alvin, all of Benton Harbor; and John of South Bend, Ind.; 9 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Napier Parkview Baptist Church  
Benton Harbor, Michigan  
WILLIAM HOOVER, Pastor

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

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Dakota	11,249.97	17,280.68	25,440.88
Eastern	2,411.94	3,740.85	3,280.64
Northern	16,943.02	21,480.25	8,135.93
Northwestern	9,595.94	8,328.95	10,477.63
Pacific	15,554.46	10,269.03	18,713.42
Southern	1,542.18	548.20	1,924.33
Southwestern	7,219.00	17,500.79	7,444.07
Inter-Conference	7,086.50		
Total Contributions	\$104,811.08	\$ 93,470.46	\$ 98,690.24

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Nov., 1961	\$ 84,238.92	\$ 14,910.36	\$ 5,661.80	\$104,811.08
For the month of Nov., 1960	86,054.76	3,656.20	3,759.50	93,470.46
For the month of Nov., 1959	54,334.49	4,542.42	39,813.33	98,690.24

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1961 to Nov. 30, 1961	\$419,582.53	\$ 48,316.87	\$ 40,377.21	\$508,276.61
April 1, 1960 to Nov. 30, 1960	398,574.86	12,281.33	40,731.53	451,587.72
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