

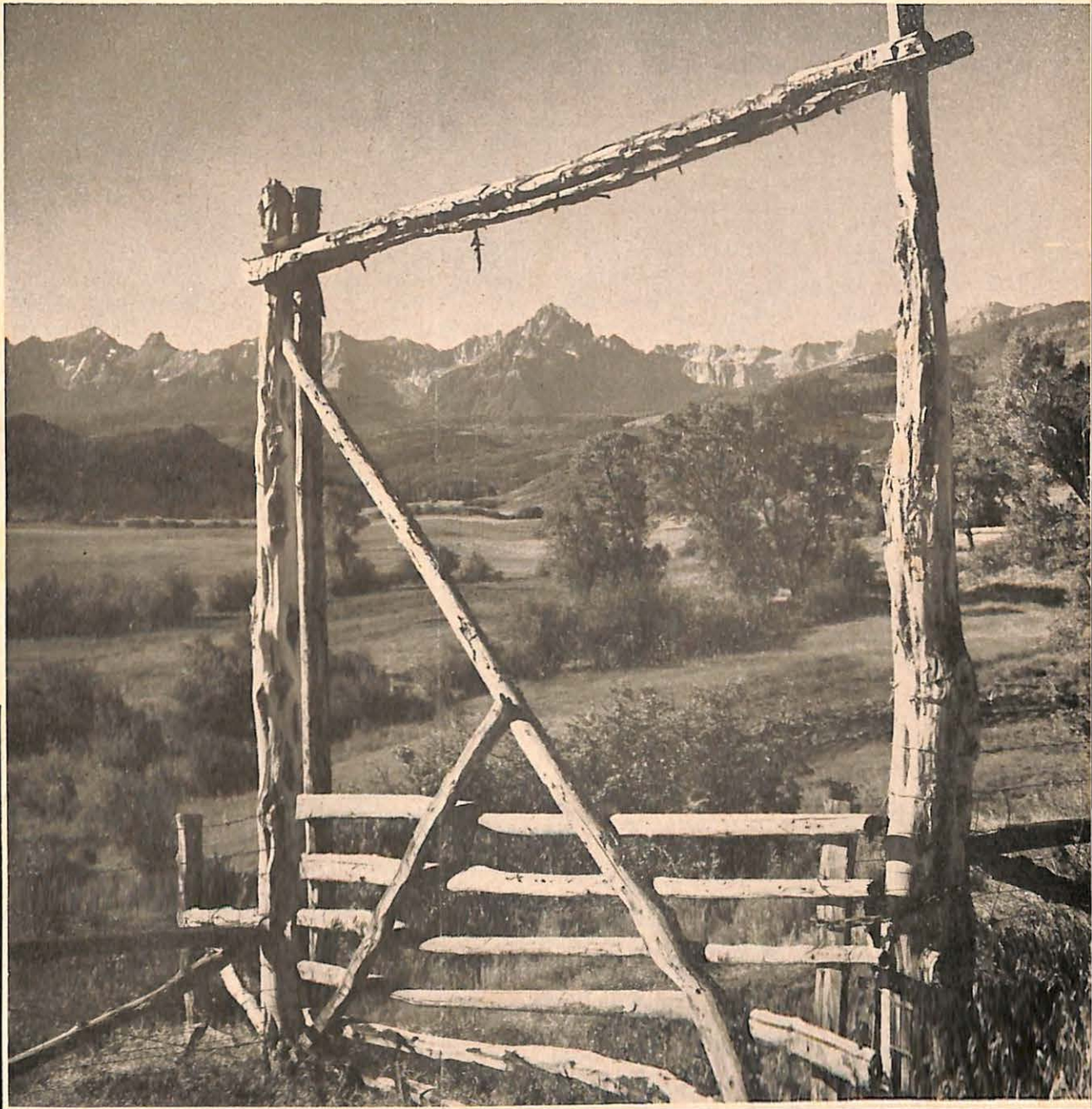
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## Having GIFTS . . . Use Them!

**G**OD, THE CREATOR, with lavish hand has endowed every man, woman and child with gifts. And as the chapter from which the title is taken points out, these gifts differ, one from another. (Romans 12).

The very possession of gifts carries the responsibility to use them according to the will of the donor. Gratitude should express itself in stewardship . . . "if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Paul goes on to speak of other gifts: affection, honor, hope, patience, prayer and hospitality.

What lessons can modern Christians draw from this wonderful chapter? The primary truth is that we all have gifts of one kind or another. Second, we are to put these gifts to use. No matter how talented a musician or an artist may be, of what possible significance is his talent if he does not use it? Similarly, though a Christian have many of the virtues the apostle mentions, they amount to little unless he *practices* them.

Paul is contending for a religion that works. Faithful stewardship implies not only being entrusted with gifts, but employing them. Let us suppose that the gift of teaching is yours. Are you using it for God as a faithful steward? Or are you "too busy" to take a class?

Paul deals with so many gifts in this chapter that selection of a few for special consideration is difficult. How greatly today's world stands in need of affection! How many lonely persons are in need of your stewardship of it. How the world would feel the impact if all Christians would take seriously their stewardship of prayer. How many need the gift of hospitality. How many displaced persons would feel new courage and hope if Christian homes were open to them.

"Having gifts . . . use them." List the gifts with which God has enriched you—gifts of spirit, mind and heart; gifts of home and church; gifts of money, time and talents. Then weigh the use that you are making of each. Will you hear the words some day, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—Helen Kingsbury Wallace

### THREE WAYS OF GIVING

There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, "I hate to," duty giving says, "I ought to," thanksgiving says, "I want to." The first comes from constraint, the second from a sense of obligation, the third from a full heart. Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since "the gift without the giver is bare." Something more happens in duty giving but there is no song in it. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.

Robert N. Rodenmayer  
in Thanks Be to God (Harper & Brothers).

### STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS

by L. L. Baughman

"Since God's redemption in Christ is all-inclusive, and since you have accepted his redemption it follows that your stewardship is likewise all-inclusive: TIME, ABILITY, MONEY."

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

This will be a regular feature of the "Baptist Herald," presenting the latest news from our mission fields and about our denominational activities and depicting the most pressing needs that confront us. Watch for it regularly on this page. EDITOR.

**DEDICATION OF MBINGO CHAPEL.** Missionary Laura E. Reddig has written that the dedication of the beautiful, new chapel for the leprosy patients at the New Hope Settlement in Mbingo, West Cameroon, had been set for Sunday, Dec. 10. She added in her letter, dated Nov. 10, 1961: "Everyone is working hard on it now."

**TSU MISSION CENTER.** The special project of \$5,000 for the new missionaries' home and mission center at Tsu, Japan had to be raised to \$8,900 and has been subscribed to by our people. This is the home for Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, which will also be the mission center for their ministry to university young people in Tsu.

**BANSO MATERNITY BUILDING.** Mission gifts are still needed for the new Maternity Ward at the Banso Baptist Hospital, West Cameroon, to cost \$8,000. A colorful article describing these urgent needs by Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary nurse, appeared in the Nov. 9, 1961 issue of the "Baptist Herald" (pages 6 and 7).

**PRAYER DAYS.** The Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, will hold its annual day of prayer on Monday, Jan. 15. The Day of Prayer at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16. A total of 23,000 "Prayer Reminders" leaflets are sent every other month to our churches. Be sure to use the present leaflet for "January-February 1962" at your family altar and in your personal devotions.

**CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS.** More than 2,000 Church Extension Builders have enlisted in this wonderful program of helping to build churches for a greater evangelistic outreach by contributing \$1.00 per month toward this worthy cause. The gifts of "Builders" in January will go toward the new building of the Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio with Rev. John Ziegler pastor.

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## Editorial

### A Timeless Life

In the midst of time, Christians should demonstrate the glory of a timeless life. Every new calendar year should remind us that we are only pilgrims here on earth, that we are citizens of heaven, and that we walk in the light of eternal life. There is no such thing as time with God. "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday" (Psalm 90:4). We are the ones who think in terms of days and months and years.

Several years ago "The Secret Place" described a beautiful clock that stood in the entrance hall of the administration building of Shurtleff College. On its face these words were inscribed:

TO CLAIRE VIRGINIA WHITING  
"A Timeless Life."

This speaks to us of one of God's remarkable miracles: life is timeless. While our clocks labor feverishly to tick our years away, God has given us the secret of how we can live beyond them. This is the mystery which lies at the heart of the Gospel. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Such a timeless life lives above the circumstances of every day. You may remember the incident when a woman said gloomily to her friend, "You know, these awful things of the past few days so color my life." And her friend with a Christian radiance said firmly: "Yes, and I am determined to choose the color!" In Christ, we are more than conquerors over all the handicaps and difficulties in life. In Christ, we rise above the world and set our minds on heavenly things. In Christ, we rise above the troubles of each day as we seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Such timeless living is in the power of the risen, triumphant Christ. It is not when this life ends, but when we know Christ that the timeless life begins to unfold before us. We demonstrate to others "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19).

Dr. Ben Browne in his book "Signal Flares" tells the story of a New England pastor who announced a resurrection hymn in his New Year's Sunday church bulletin. The members of his congregation opened their hymn books to "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and looked aghast. Plainly the pastor was careless or absentminded. After the benediction, a protesting group marched to the front of the pulpit and reminded him that such songs are sung only on Easter Sunday.

Dr. Browne went on to say: "Actually, the resurrection of Christ should be translated into daily experience. Even now—at the first of the year—the joy of present eternal life can set the bugles of victory blowing. This hope outtrumpets all music of earth. For our hope grows strong to send a shining ray far down the future's broadening way."

The Psalmist declared that "God had set eternity in his heart." Eternal life is a gift from God. What we make of it is our gift to him. That is living in the glory of God's grace and power, not by the calendar but in a timeless life!

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# The Centrality of the Divine and Human Christ

Convocation Sermon by Dr. A. J. Harms, Visiting Professor of Biblical Literature at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

ONE OF THE distinguished scientists of Harvard University, who strongly opposed the theory of evolution in his day, was Professor Agassiz. As a zoologist, he was known especially for his classification of insects.

One day the students in one of his classes decided to test his ability to identify various unique specimens. Among them was an insect they had artfully contrived to put together from the parts of different examples. They had taken the wings of one, the body of another, the head of a third and the legs of a fourth. Then they skillfully contrived to combine them so that it appeared to be a new specimen.

Bringing it to their professor, they said: "Will you identify it for us, please?" The professor took his magnifying glass, looked at the insect and then faintly smiled as he remarked, "Gentlemen, this is a humbug!"

## THE WORD OF GOD

In the field of religion today there seems to be a parallel situation. Men are taking the wings of humanism, the body of secularism, the head of oriental mysticism and the legs of materialistic philosophy and so combining them as to present to the American public a strange species of religion. But there is a magnifying glass through which we can detect this cunningly devised fable. That magnifying glass is "the Word of God." A Christian will always examine all things in the light of that revelation which comprises the canon of the Old and New Testaments. In that revelation, there stands in bold relief "The Centrality of the Divine and Human Christ."

In the gospel of John, chapter one, verse one, we read: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Notice that we have a name in this text. It is a proper noun. As such it is capitalized. That name is the Word. It is not a word but the Word.

Every great and good man who has faithfully served the Lord is a word of God. D. L. Moody was a word of God in the field of evangelism. Martin Luther was a word of God in the course

of the Reformation. Abraham Lincoln was a word of God in the area of civil liberty. Adoniram Judson was a word of God in the realm of missions. Galileo was a word of God in the development of science. All these men and many like them have made permanent contributions to the meaning and purpose of life. But they reflected only partially and incompletely the truth of God. But Jesus was the Word of God. In the Greek New Testament, our Lord is called the "logos." "Logos" has been variously translated by scholars as meaning speech, or saying, or reason, or message, or treaties. What do these translations signify? They indicate that the very mind, heart, love, purpose, message, yes, the very innermost being of God is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ.

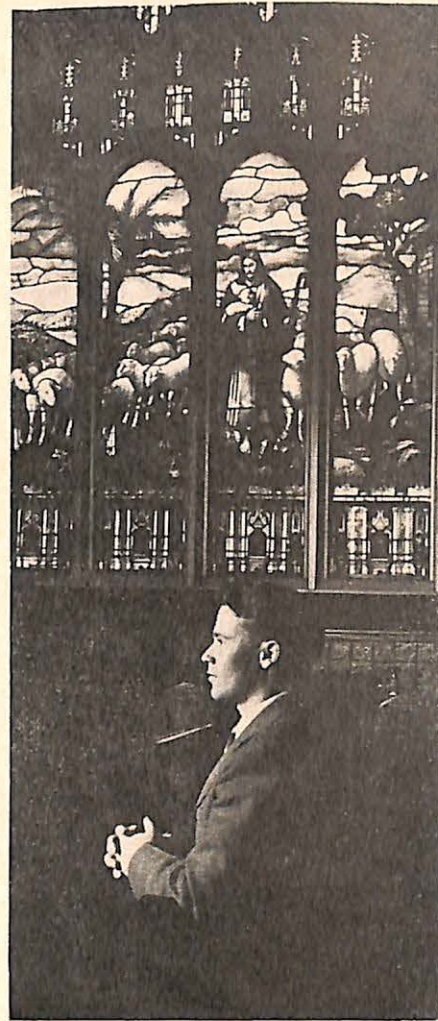
## ONENESS WITH GOD

But what are the external evidences of this unity or oneness with God?

There are those who find such evidences in his words. What overwhelming meaning his words reveal! They fairly stagger human ingenuity! When the enemies of our Lord sent officers to arrest him they came back empty-handed. And when they were chided for not bringing him, they merely stated: "Never man spake like this man."

It was my privilege during my student years to listen to the words of great teachers. I shall always cherish their memory. How well I remember Dr. John D. Davis of Princeton, Dr. Charles R. Brown of Yale and Dr. Gerald Birney Smith of the University of Chicago. There are others whose names I could mention with equal and sincere gratitude. However, I confess that there was a striking contrast between them. But there is one who stands out with a boldness and an authority that made a tremendous impact upon me. Some of the others, when they spoke, lectured to us in terms of such phrases as: "we surmise," or "we take for granted," or "we assume," or "we suppose."

But one of my teachers was always positive. When the others theorized, he knew; when some presented their



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine . . . I and my Father are one" (John 10:14, 30).

hypotheses, he presented his facts; when some imagined, he declared. Indeed, there came an exalted moment in the course of his teaching when unafraid, he looked the whole world in the face and said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." Certainly you realize to whom I am referring.

It is that Teacher who said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest for your souls." Surely, his words are a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

## MIRACLES OF JESUS

Often the miracles of Jesus are cited as evidence of his supernatural being. The miracles of Jesus have been divided into two classes. There are the nature miracles and the healing miracles. Some theologians accept the healing miracles but reject the nature miracles. They find it easier to believe that Jesus healed the paralytic than to believe that he actually walked upon the water. Personally, I do not make

such a distinction. If it is true that all things were made by him and that without him was not anything made that was made, then he is alike the Master of nature as well as the great Physician.

Sometime ago I yielded to an impulse to write a letter to Mr. Khrushchev. I had read a report found in "Neues Deutschland" of the communists' interpretation of their achievement of putting the first satellite into orbit. This interpretation ended with a denial of the supernatural. "Communism has succeeded in doing what formerly has been attributed to God," the report said. Taking this report as the basis of my letter, I said in substance to the Russian dictator—

"Certainly we must all admit that you succeeded in doing a phenomenal thing. But how was it done? Did it not require the best scientific knowledge, the most accurate mathematical calculation, the expenditure of a tremendous thrust and a comprehensive understanding of the laws of physics, chemistry and astronomy? In other words, did this not require the best intelligence and the finest intellects that Russia could produce? Well, if that is the case, what shall we say about that power and intelligence that produced the universe—a universe so marvelous that now we can foretell the eclipse of the moon hundreds of years in advance, the exact repetition of the length of the days from year to year, and the precise repetition of the appearance of certain comets from century to century? Whether we interpret it so or not, the universe itself is the greatest supernatural phenomenon that points to an indescribable intelligence. This intelligence has been revealed through the Word: 'All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.'"

## CHRIST'S DEITY

Again there are those who find evidences of his deity in his own nature. Theologians and church historians have tried to explain that nature in understandable terms. But no generation in the history of the church has succeeded in adequately explaining or defining his nature. When I was a student at school the question often arose in our discussion clubs: Jesus Christ, was he human or divine?

That same question has arisen in one form or another, I suppose, in every school of graduate level where men are studying the life of Christ. But I have never heard anyone ask: Plato, was he human or divine? Aristotle, was he human or divine? Shakespeare, was he human or divine? What am I trying to say? I am simply trying to point out that Jesus Christ is still the inexhaustible and unfathomable personality of history today as he was over 1900 years ago at his incarnation in Bethlehem.

When James Ramsey MacDonald, former prime minister of England, made an official visit to the United States, a

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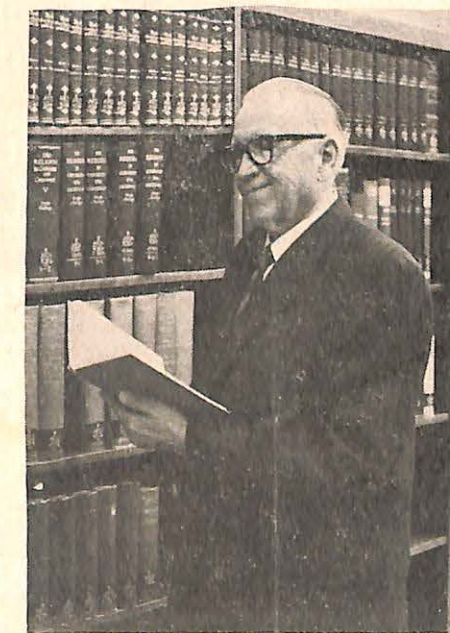
Friday, Dec. 8, 1961

Report of this festive event and pictures will appear in the Jan. 18, 1962 issue of the "Baptist Herald." Plans are also being made for a very interesting Seminary Number to be published on March 15, 1962.

leading publisher in England assigned a reporter to follow him, interview him, and hear him on various occasions, to discover the secret of his life. That reporter trailed this statesman for several months, always searching for the secret springs of his career. Finally returning to England to report to his publisher, he explained: "I have followed Sir James for many miles; I have listened to his addresses; I have watched him in company with many other dignitaries. After all this study, I believe I can best explain his life by stating that at one time he must have seen a great light, and it continues to shine through." Even during the days of his humanity, the divinity of Jesus Christ kept shining through. Paul, the apostle, says of him, "who is over all, God blessed forever."

## CHRIST'S HUMANITY

But what about his humanity? The apostle says: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The writer to the Hebrews says: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He was made flesh, that is, he was bone of our bone, muscle of our muscle, nervous system of our nervous system, and blood of our blood. It is the humanity of Jesus



Dr. A. J. Harms, Visiting Professor of Biblical Literature at the Seminary, secures important data for an address at the reference stacks in the new library.

that makes him our Priest, our Friend, our Intercessor and our Sin-bearer.

Deity alone does not pray. Deity alone does not worship. Deity alone does not question. Deity alone does not plead. There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. Through his incarnation, he has become and remains our Elder Brother, our Advocate, our Representative at the right hand of God. "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:16).

When it is a matter of history that a person was born, lived in his home, had family connections, was subject to his parents, had a body, mind and soul, craved human sympathy, was tempted, sorrowed, rejoiced, prayed, wept, suffered and died, it is evident that such a one is a human personality. In his hunger, thirst, weariness and temptations, we see the tangible reality of the humanity of Jesus. Touch him as the woman touched the hem of his garment, grasp him as the soldiers grasped him on the night of his betrayal, look at him as his mother looked upon him lying in the manger, watch him as Pilate watched him in the judgment hall and you, too, will exclaim with him, "Behold, the man!"

## "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

I heard Dr. Joe Robinson, a former missionary to the Orient, tell of the homecoming of one of the favorite sons of India. He had attended and graduated from one of the strongest universities in England. He had achieved scholarship, distinction and a great deal of publicity. His homecoming merited a public reception. Multitudes came to hear him. When he spoke, he derided everything western. Western democracy, western culture, western education, western government and western philosophy were criticized in vitriolic terms to the complete satisfaction of many of his listeners.

Before he descended from the platform, someone asked him, "And what do you think of Jesus Christ?" The speaker paused for a while, and then, as if he were carefully choosing his words, he said, "What do I think of Jesus Christ? He is the lily of the valley, the rose of Sharon, the bright and early morning star. He is the fairest among thousands of the children of men."

George W. Truett said on one occasion, "Our Lord was God as if he had never been man. But he became man as if he had never been God." The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. The Church of Jesus Christ will always insist with the apostle on the genuine humanity of Jesus Christ, "That—which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled—declare we unto you." Athanasius put it this way: "He, the Son of God, became the Son of man that we, the children of men, might become the children of God."

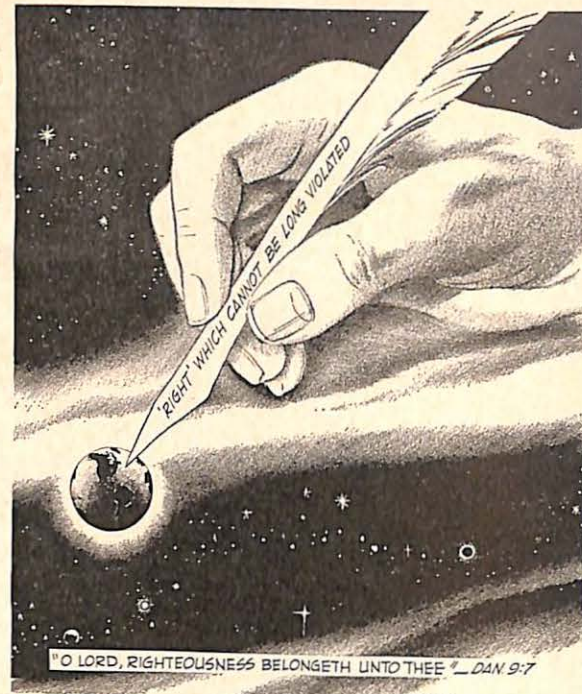


We shudder at the prospect of a nuclear war.

But with God, there is . . . .

## HOPE!

A Timely Message from the Timeless Word of God  
by Enola Vastine Feldman of Garden City, Kansas.



IT SEEMS to be the tendency of a distraught world to deplore the communist threat and to quail at the possibility of a few well placed nuclear explosions putting an end to our earthly existence. As a responsible adult, I trembled with my fellow-man for a time. There seemed so little that anyone could do about it. Letters to governmental leaders do little or no good and, besides, what layman really knows how to advise in the present situation? Possibly there is nothing to do but to wait for the ultimate holocaust.

### CRISES OF HISTORY

Then I decided to do a little research. History as far back as the beginning of time is full of crises brought to the world by man's own irresponsibilities and personal ambitions. The flood of Noah's day was meant as a warning against such things. Did we learn? No! In a few generations the people were once more so wicked that God personally led a crusade for righteousness by freeing the Hebrew slaves from Egyptian captivity. Through this people, God hoped to enlighten and save the world.

Did man remain true to this, his only hope for peace and survival? We all know the answer to that one. But perhaps there is an incident or two that few of us do remember? It is to these that I would call your attention now and through them suggest a cure for the present dilemma.

When the Children of Israel fell from grace at Mt. Sinai, God in his righteous indignation said that they must all die. But Moses interceded. He prayed and pleaded with God to reconsider. The people themselves promised to obey and God listened to them. Instead of withholding the promised land, "the Lord repented of

the evil which he thought to do unto his people" (Exodus 32:14).

### THE DOOM OF ISRAEL

Follow through with the pattern. Generations later, the country seemed hopelessly torn with internal strife and external threat of extinction. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel led the kingdom in such wickedness that God again decreed destruction for the very seed he had planted to elevate the standards of mankind. The people, who should have proved the superiority of the godly way, had failed him utterly. He was ready to wash his hands of the whole thing.

Then Elijah came to cry out against the evil and to open the eyes of the king. Because Ahab listened to the earnest prophet, the doom of Israel was staid. The king repented in sackcloth and ashes. The people mourned for their sins. God, looking down on this change, said, "Because he humbled himself before me, I will not bring evil in his days" (I King 21:29).

Later the Prophet Jonah went reluctantly to Ninevah to warn the city of certain destruction. So eloquent was his plea that the whole population and the king fasted, wearing sackcloth and turning from their evil way. The result? "And God saw their works . . . and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not" (Jonah 3:10).

### CALL TO REPENTANCE

One could go on and on, but I'm sure this will be enough to illustrate the point. Whenever man's sins become the greatest, (and the world as a whole right now is guilty of such greed, ambition, dishonesty, hatreds for other races, intemperance, intolerance and indifference to God as in few other periods of history), God's anger is kindled against mankind. In all honesty, we have fallen so far short of God's purpose that we deserve punishment.

But while we recognize this, we still shudder at the prospect of such destruction as a nuclear war would bring. We have been slow to see it, but possibly we still have a choice. If we but turn to our Heavenly Father in contrition and humility as the wrong doers did in the past, perhaps even a justly angry God will once more be influenced to defer or even change his mind about destroying the earth. But make no mistake about it, we must truly repent and turn from the evil way.

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### SEEKING GOD'S GUIDANCE

When we remember this is God's world . . . that mankind was created solely to fulfill and glorify God's Name . . . then we must realize how far short of the goal we have fallen. Only if we humble ourselves as wholeheartedly as Ninevah did, can we expect to stay his wrath. Only by repentance and a firm purpose to seek divine guidance at this crucial time can our civilization be saved. It is up to us!

### THE MIRACLE OF TIH

(Continued from page 7)

side skin grafting required. The two weeks of waiting following this procedure seemed like two months, but when the dressings were removed we saw that God had again blessed our efforts, with nearly a one hundred percent "take" of the graft.

Now Tih is ready to go back home, a living testimony to his people of God's love and saving power. The Great Physician (the permanent Chief of Staff at our hospital) has worked another miracle—physically and spiritually. To HIM be all the praise and glory!

## The Miracle That Happened to Tih

A thrilling story from the Mbingo New Hope Settlement,  
West Cameroons

By Dr. Jerome C. Fluth, Medical Missionary

PERHAPS YOU haven't heard that we have cowboys in the Cameroons. Well, we do, but they certainly aren't cowboys in the TV Western style. No six shooters, boots with spurs, or lassoes (but some do ride horses)! Here, cowboys quietly look after the long horned, hump-backed cattle that graze on the high, unfenced hills of this beautiful land.

Tih (pronounced "TEE") was such a cowboy, who lived and pastured his few cows about five miles from the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. A tall, handsome man in the prime of life, intelligent and confident, he seemed quite happy and self-sufficient.

### BURNED TO A CRISP!

Sadly, one thing constantly dimmed this bright picture. Tih suffered from a disease which is so common in one form or another here in Africa—epilepsy. He knew that medicine was available to control the seizures, but frequently he was lax in taking it.

One chilly evening, as he was warming himself by the fire, Tih suddenly began to convulse. As he lost consciousness, he fell into the fire, helpless. Apparently he was alone, but even if his family had been there, they would not have helped him for fear of the "evil spirits" which they believe cause the seizures.

Tih lay in the fire a long time, as the fierce heat of the glowing embers penetrated deeper and deeper. When he awoke in severe pain, he was horrified to discover that his entire right arm and much of his neck and chest were burned to a crisp!

He arrived at the Bamenda Settlement late that night, just as we were finishing an emergency Caesarean. The sight was awful! He was in shock al-

ready, and it appeared that he would live only a few hours at the most.

Blood was needed immediately. Doctor's type O was readily available, so quickly a pint was drawn and given. Tih lived through his first crisis.

### CRITICALLY ILL

The next several days were spent in prayerfully watching the critically ill patient. We began talking to him about Christ our Savior, and told him that Jesus wanted to be his Savior too. We explained that as blood was given that he might not die from this burn, so



Mrs. Jerome C. Fluth holds two lovely, year-old girls: Karen, the Fluth daughter, and Christina, daughter of Christian Cameroons parents. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Dr. Fluth examines the new skin graft on Tih following the amputation of his right arm. Tih has learned to know Christ as Savior since coming to the hospital.

"some wonderful Big, Big Doctor" had given his blood that we might "get life where he no go finish." Tih listened, but said little.

Soon it became obvious that the fourth degree burns of the arm were more than an inch deep in some areas. Feverish, and in shock again, Tih was becoming more toxic. The arm had to come off!

As we prepared for the surgery, which he had little chance of surviving, we again urged him to repent of sin and take Christ as his Savior. He seemed to accept, but his senses were clouded.

Miraculously, Tih did survive his second major crisis. We looked on in wonder as each post-operative day he grew stronger. One of our staff frequently exclaimed: "Tih, God da fo your head!" No one disagreed.

### THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

He remembered nothing of the events just before surgery, so we were overjoyed when he again affirmed his faith in Christ as Savior, and gave God the praise for his remarkable improvement. The spiritual battle was definitely decided.

But medically speaking, the battle was not over. Many weeks followed, fighting the inevitable infection of the burn and amputation site. In spite of all this, the amazing Tih never showed the slightest sign of discouragement, and quickly trained his left hand to do the things his right hand had always done. He became quite accustomed to hospital routine, and soon began amusing us by offering advice on when and how to change his dressings, and even what applications to use.

At last, he was ready for the exten-

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Appeal to Church Extension Builders in January 1962

for this urgent building project . . .

## Open Doors in Dayton

The Story of the Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio,

by Rev. John Ziegler, Pastor.

THE DOORBELL rang in a beautiful suburban home. A young couple was ushered into the living room and seated. Again it rang and two other families entered. A young man now stood in their midst. He announced a hymn. One of the women took her place at the piano. They all sang from the depths of their souls, and a prayer service was underway.

### EARLY BEGINNINGS

Thus the Community Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio was born. Having been conceived in the mind of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Granzow, and nurtured by the interest and cooperative, prayerful planning of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taulbee, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Weng, this church began by such meetings. All of these dedicated believers had been active in another church as officers. Now their minds were captured by a concern for a growing residential community of Beavercreek, where there was no evangelical church. God prevailed upon them to do something concrete about this concern, and soon plans for a church were made.

Inquiries were made by Mr. Dan Granzow with our denominational Church Extension director as to their interest in supporting such a venture. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. E. Wolff, Rev. H. Riffel and Rev. G. Schroeder visited the city in May, 1960. The challenge of this new field was overwhelming, and they encouraged the group to move forward with their plans.

In June 1960, Rev. John Ziegler was appointed as the Church Extension pastor. The Lord provided a place of worship when the Fairbrook Elementary School in Beavercreek was rented for an amazingly low rental fee. A comfortable home, with difficulty, was secured as a parsonage for the pastor's family. The guiding hand of our Lord was so evident in all this that when the first service was conducted on September 4, 1960, it was punctuated by a fer-

vent spirit of praise. On the next Sunday we conducted our first Sunday school.

The Community Baptist Church was officially organized in January 1961, when the officers of the church were elected. It also became legally incorporated in the state of Ohio. Soon after this, plans were made to seek permanent affiliation with our North American Baptist fellowship. A Church Council met on May 17, 1961 at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan, which voted to extend the hand of fellowship during the proceedings of the Central Conference. The recognition service, which was conducted in Dayton on July 9, 1961, culminated these efforts.

During this time much work was done to invite the residents of our community to attend our services. Over one thousand calls have been made to date. In the pastor's files is a list of numerous prospects who have indicated an interest in our church. Many of these have begun to visit our services. The field is ripe for the harvest.

We are happy to announce that a building site has been purchased. It is in the heart of one of the fastest growing housing developments in Green County. Beautiful, new homes surround the 3.68 acre sight. It is located on one of the busiest thoroughfares and is only one half mile from a freeway linking the city of Dayton to Xenia, Ohio. We thank God for providing this advantageous site.

### BUILDING NEEDED

Plans for a building are now definitely in progress, though greatly hindered by the needed financial support from an outside source. The cost of constructing a building that could adequately meet our present needs has been estimated to be about \$40,000. It is our prayer that we can begin building this spring, for with further delay since other new churches are being organized in the area, our opportunities for growth would be greatly limited.



Prominent sign on the property and future site of the Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

We are looking to our faithful Church Extension Builders for help to meet some of this need. (This appeal for this church in Dayton, Ohio is being made in January 1962.)

Rev. Herman Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, was with us for a week of services in April 1961. His stirring messages brought many people to the services. The attendance averaged about 55. Nine persons found Christ as Savior and there were numerous dedications to a life of unhesitating service for Christ. Soon after, we were privileged to conduct a baptismal service at which time seven young people publicly declared their desire to follow Christ. Our membership now stands at thirty.

The week of Vacation Bible School gave indication of the opportunities for growth. Twelve teachers conducted five separate classes. The enrollment for the week was 54 students. At the demonstration program we were thrilled to have 73 people present. Many of the children who attended Bible School had never attended our Sunday school. Money has generously been given to the Sunday school to purchase a school bus.

### HARVEST OF SOULS

These are only a few of the highlights of the activities of our young church. Much more space would be needed to tell of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society and the other programs being conducted. These events have made us aware of the greatness of God, who alone can prosper his work. We humbly give him all the praise. There are problems, which challenge our faith in God, for a new work presents many difficulties.

The Community Baptist Church, which was established by the hand of God, will grow by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. We do covet your prayers that we shall be found faithful in this tremendous task of bringing precious souls into his eternal Kingdom.

# Rich Dividends in Church Extension

God's blessings on the service of dedication of the Westbrook Baptist Church, Garden Grove, Calif., reported by Rev. V. Donald Buell, pastor.

"SERVICE OF Dedication at Westbrook Baptist Church, Garden Grove Calif., fine new buildings, built through the love and concern of the people of the North American Baptist General Conference, November 5, 1961" . . . thus reads the heading of the printed program. Only those who have been active in the construction of new buildings for a new church can even begin to appreciate what preceded that great day—the hundreds of hours of toil in both the planning and the actual construction, the careful stewardship of the Lord's money in both the design of the buildings and the selection of the materials, and the endless job of encouraging both the people of the community and the people of the supporting churches.

### PASTORS AND LEADERS PRESENT

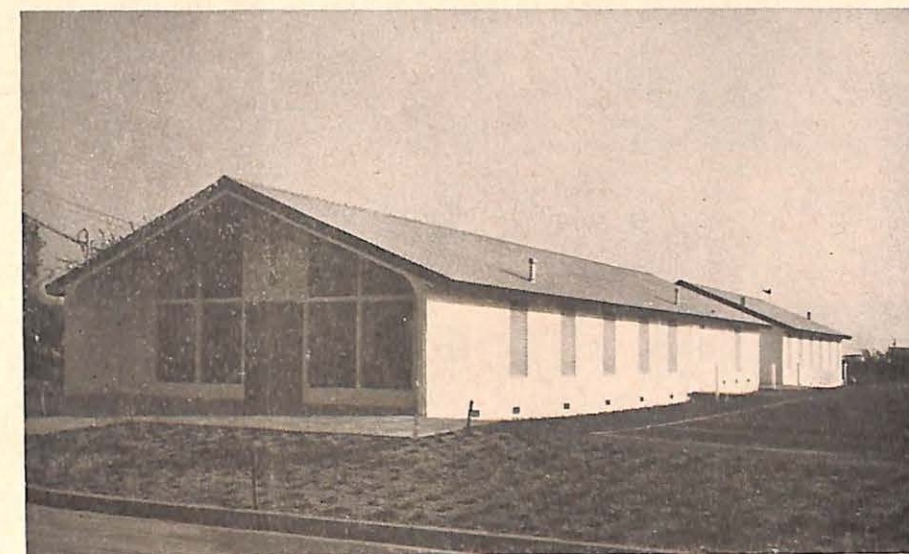
Something of the extensive involvement of the many was seen in the number of individuals who actually participated in the service of dedication, representing the various churches and the several echelons of the denomination. Rev. Edmund Mittlestedt of Inglewood, Calif., a most exuberant man, representing the churches of the greater Los Angeles area, led the 176 people gathered in the singing of the several songs. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and Rev. George Breikreuz of Anaheim, Calif., representing the missionary heart of our denomination (the churches of Orange County look to Anaheim's Bethel Church as the parent of us all), led in the reading of Psalm 84 and Colossians 1:9-20.

Mr. Ed Bohnet, chairman of our

Southern California Church Extension Committee, spoke for dedicated laymen everywhere, without whom all concerted effort in the name of Christ would cease. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon, our tireless Western District secretary, representing all that is good and helpful in our greater de-

lunge of Church Extension, encouraged the people in their giving and a good offering was received—\$230.00 toward the deficit in the Westbrook building fund account.

Dr. Frank Woyke, our own Executive Secretary, spoke on the subject, "New Life Through Church Extension."



WESTBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH, CALIF.

This new Church Extension project now conducts services in these buildings with 4,100 square feet, costing \$23,549.09, and with an attendance of 172 in Sunday school and 109 in the morning service before the dedication festivities.

nominal alignment, brought us words of greeting. Rev. Kenneth Fischer of Anaheim's Magnolia Baptist Church, exemplifying in his own work and church the excitement and chal-

lence of Church Extension, encouraged the people in their giving and a good offering was received—\$230.00 toward the deficit in the Westbrook building fund account. Dr. Frank Woyke, our own Executive Secretary, spoke on the subject, "New Life Through Church Extension."

### RICH DIVIDENDS

The host pastor, Rev. V. Donald Buell, acted as master of ceremonies. The people of Westbrook exceeded all previous records that day with 172 in Sunday school and 109 in the morning worship service. And even the wind showed boisterous approval with gusts up to 40 miles an hour.

But someone will say, "Doesn't all of this cost money?" Yes, it does, a considerable amount of money. The Westbrook building site, about 2½ acres, improved ready to build, cost \$30,604.17 and 4,100 square feet of buildings cost \$23,549.09 (\$5.70 per square foot). Church Extension, like any missionary outreach, costs money. But, really now, can we say "costs" when it pays such rich dividends? What kind of a price tag can one put on hundreds and hundreds of people who will be in Heaven because of our united efforts?



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Rev. V. Donald Buell, pastor, leads the service of dedication in the beautiful sanctuary of the Westbrook Baptist Church, Garden Grove, California.

January 4, 1962



# Lands of the Three Crowns

Colorful visit to the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Sweden and Norway on a round-the-world cruise by the former president of the Christian Training Institute.

By Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta

SOON AFTER arriving in Europe I traveled by train to Denmark, Sweden and Norway. These are the countries in which you will frequently see the emblem of the three crowns. This is not a symbol, as many people believe, standing for the three Scandinavian lands. No one refutes such a conception more than the citizens of these countries.

It is not known where and how the three crown emblem originated. Some think it refers to the Trinity and dates back to the time when this part of the world was Christianized. Others tell you it may refer to the three kings of the Orient. It does seem to have a religious significance.

## DENMARK, A CALM COUNTRY

Denmark, the Fairytale Land that inspired Hans Christian Andersen's world renowned fairy tales, charms you as you sit at the rail-coach window and behold the beauty everywhere in this flat country. Denmark is a country of 500 islands of which 100 are inhabited. No part of the land is over 500 feet above sea level. The little white houses with storks nesting on chimney tops, the thatched roof farm buildings, the many herds of dairy cattle, and many other things make a lasting impression on the visitor. All is so calm and restful.

In Denmark we find the oldest existing monarchy of Europe. The ruling king and his family are dearly beloved by the people.



**RIDDARHOLM CHURCH, STOCKHOLM**  
This famous church in the capital of Sweden dates from the 13th century. It is now a museum and royal burial place. Battle flags from ancient Sweden are unfurled in this church.

Copenhagen, the principal city of the country, has a population of a million and a half. Here we find the "Amalienborg Slot"—the palace which is the king's winter residence. In the year 1167 Absalon, bishop, warrior and

statesman, built a stronghold to protect the town of Havn (Harbour). For centuries the fishermen had found shelter here. It soon developed into the richest and most important commercial center of Scandinavia. "Havn" soon became known as Köpmannæ-havn, which means the Merchants' Harbour, or Copenhagen. After 1416 the king of the land made it his residential city, and thus it soon became the center of the military, political, financial and cultural life of the country.

Copenhagen is built on a flat piece of ground, the highest point being but 90 feet above sea level. This ancient city does not give the impression of being an old city. This is due to the fact that two fierce fires have ravaged a large part of the city. The first fire in 1728 destroyed 1,670 houses, or about two-fifths of the houses in the town; the second in 1795 turned 951 buildings into ashes. Then in 1807 the English bombarded the city, destroying great parts of the same.

## CITY OF BICYCLES

Copenhagen today is the city of bicycles. A total of 700,000 are owned by the people of this city. One may well say every man and woman, every boy and girl, who is able to ride a bicycle, has one. No automobiles are manufactured in Denmark and a very high duty is placed on cars that are imported. The flatness of the city and the narrow streets are also inducements to travel by "bike."

In 1782 the late Bishop Grundtvig of Copenhagen was born. He lived to become almost 90 years of age. He was a strong spiritual leader of the Danes. Many of his hymns to this day are found in the hymnal of the state church. A beautiful church to his honored memory has been built in Copenhagen. Proudly the citizens point out this Grundtvig Church to the tourist. It is Danish architecture on the outside, and on the inside the Gothic style prevails. The church was completed in 1940. The seating capacity of the same is 2,000.

The Lutheran Church is the state church of Denmark. However, perfect religious freedom exists for all excepting the king who must belong to the state church. The sad fact is that only a very small percentage of the people of Denmark go to church at all. The Baptists in Denmark, although not a large number, are courageously forging ahead. (See article in November 23, 1961 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.)

In Sweden we find that the Baptists are more numerous. There are about 33,000 Baptists in Sweden, so some of the leaders told me. The population of this country is seven and a half million. Its population is increasing but very little, the death rate being almost equally that of its birth rate. However, a great housing shortage exists in its cities. Many of the rural and country people are moving to the cities which greatly aggravates the situation. There is no unemployment in the Scandinavian countries today. In fact, there prevails a labor shortage and workers must be brought in from other lands to ease the situation.

The state church in Sweden is also Lutheran. It is patterned surprisingly closely after the Anglican Church. As one member of the state church said to me: "The only difference between our church and the Roman Catholic church is that our priests marry and we all partake of the communion wine."

Gothenberg on the west coast of Sweden is its second largest city. This is a very important harbour. A never ending stream of merchandise is exported and imported here. The ship-building yards in Gothenberg produce the greater part of Sweden's vessels. The history of this city begins with the year 1619. Its history tells of constant expansion until, in our time, the town emerges as a cosmopolitan center, with industries and shipping companies known and acknowledged throughout the world.

## CITY OF STOCKHOLM

In Stockholm, the seat of government of Sweden, we find the royal palace with its 608 rooms. Gustave Adolph VI is the popular ruler of the land. Here in Stockholm we also find the famous old church, Riddarholm. It was a monastery church from the close of the 13th century. Since the 17th century it is only a royal burial place. No services are any longer conducted here, however, thousands of tourists visit the place every year.

The great city of Stockholm is built on rock. Throughout the entire city there are very few gardens and the parks are largely without flowers. This is all due to the fact that there is no soil to grow such. Only five per cent of the people here live in private houses, and 95 per cent make their homes in apartment houses. The city is built on 14 islands. It is a very clean city without any slums. Yes, Sweden is a great country to visit.

## ENCHANTING NORWAY

Leaving Stockholm, we travel across the country into Norway with its three and a half million people. Norway is a renowned and popular winter sports country, with terrain adapted to every taste and degree of skill. It enjoys an unrivalled position as an open-air playground for thousands of people from the more industrialized and popu-



**SUNDAY'S MARKET IN PERU**

Many Indians in mountainous villages spend the hours of a Sunday in the crowded markets. Undoubtedly, Billy Graham will also preach to many of these South American Indians in the meetings to be held in the countries south of the equator.

# Crusade to South America

Announcement of Billy Graham's evangelistic meetings in South America in January and February 1962.

**NEXT: SOUTH AMERICA!**  
A Crusade for Jesus Christ to the northern portion of our neighbor continent to the south has been scheduled for January and February of 1962 by Billy Graham and his team.

A second tour to the southern portion of the continent, including Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, will be held later in the year.

The first tour will extend from January 14 to February 17, and will embrace the states of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

Included on the Crusade Team will be Ray Robles, the Spanish-American baritone whose stirring Gospel songs accompanied the Team on its Central American Crusade in 1958. Associate evangelists taking part will be Grady Wilson, Joe Blinco, Leighton Ford and Roy Gustafson. In charge of the platform party will be Cliff Barrows. Local interpreters will be used to translate the message in each city.

Following is the Crusade schedule:  
**CARACAS, Venezuela.** An associate evangelist will speak nightly beginning January 14. Mr. Graham will preach January 20 and 21.

**MARACAIBO, Venezuela.** Associate evangelist beginning January 17; Mr. Graham, January 23 and 24.

**BARRANQUILLA, Colombia.** Asso-

ciate evangelist beginning January 21; Mr. Graham, January 27 and 28.

**CALI, Colombia.** Associate evangelist beginning January 25; Mr. Graham, January 31 and February 1.

**QUITO, Ecuador.** Associate evangelist beginning January 28; Mr. Graham, February 3 and 4.

**LIMA, Peru.** Associate evangelist beginning February 4; Mr. Graham, February 10 and 11.

**SANTIAGO, Chile.** Associate evangelist beginning February 10; Mr. Graham, February 16 and 17.

The following appeal by leading evangelical pastors was sent to the Billy Graham Team last year:

"We know that there are millions of Latin Americans in the valley of decision. Just as religious revivals in the past, as in England, have changed millions of individuals, affecting the entire social structure, so also here in South America, revival may cause our nations to enjoy a new day spiritually, morally and socially.

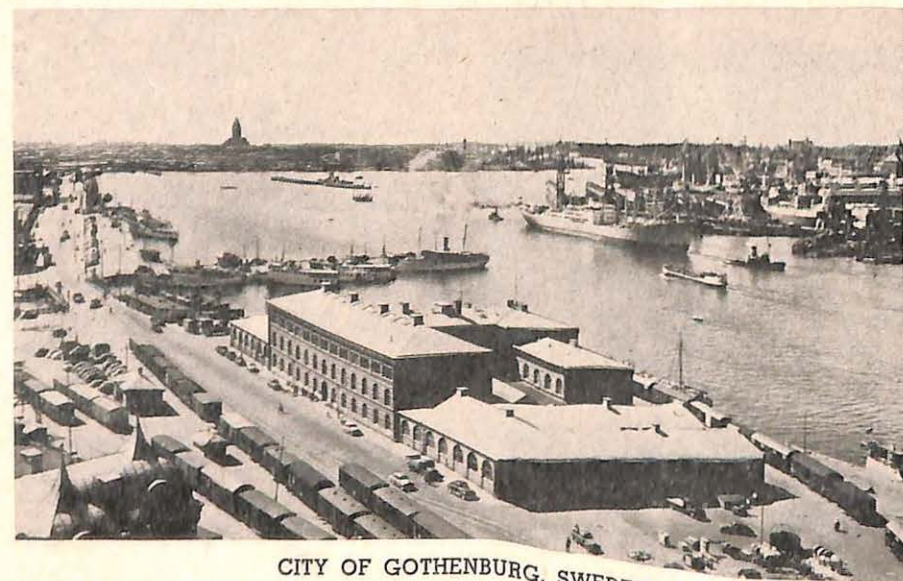
"There is a tremendous spirit of expectancy in the church in South America in regard to your anticipated visit. This has resulted already in an intensive prayer campaign which is growing daily."

Pray for Billy Graham and these South American meetings!

lous parts of western Europe. Its many enchanted spots beside a peaceful fjord, the exhilarating valleys, and the endless mountain moors make this land so intensely fascinating. Seventy-four per cent of Norway is composed

of mountains and lakes, 22 per cent consists of forests and only 4 per cent is cultivated.

The capital city, Oslo, has a population of one half million people. Here  
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**CITY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN**

Gothenburg is Sweden's most important harbor of the West with immense ship building yards, a never ending stream of freighters and the frequent arrival of luxury liners.





Ruby Wolff and Dwight Enockson of the "God's Volunteers" team make a friendly call at the home of prospects.

## God's Volunteers Armed With the Gospel of Truth

The story of an actual prospect call by this team of youthful evangelists.

By Dwight Enockson, Reporter

**G**OD'S VOLUNTEERS have served at McIntosh, S. Dak.; Ashley, Wishek and Underwood, N. Dak.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba. We have had many wonderful experiences serving the Lord in canvassing, prospect calling and in the Crusades for Christ.

For the interest and benefit of those who follow our articles and who support us in prayer, we are relating an actual prospect call in detail.

### PRAYER TIME

The time is 10:30 a.m. and the team is gathered around a table to report on the calls of the previous day. When the reports are completed, the pastor briefs the team on the work of the day and assigns names of prospects to team members who, in turn, add them to their prayer lists.

At 11:00 a.m., after a short devotional, the team goes to prayer. Prayer time is divided into two phases. We have a time of silent prayer when team members refer to their prayer lists and pray individually. Following the silent prayer, two team members lead in audible prayer. One takes the needs locally, and the other takes the needs far away. Either the pastor or our Director closes the prayer session.

After dinner, the team divides up into three groups and goes out on visitation two by two. Often a church member goes with a group in prospect calling.

### PROSPECT CALL

Ruby Wolff, Dwight Enockson and one of the local church deacons went to visit a couple for whom they had prayed during prayer time.

Armed with "The Gospel of Truth," the group entered the home and were greeted warmly. Seeing the warmth, which was due to the working of the Holy Spirit, the group felt that this visit would be profitable.

When making calls, the groups use a step-by-step pattern in order tactfully to approach spiritual needs. The pattern is called FORM: F-Family, O-Occupation, R-Religion and M-Mess-age. Ruby and Dwight put this plan into action and as they reached the message, they could detect the work of the Holy Spirit in the husband's heart.

However, Satan was also quite busy. The couple's young boy was demanding that he have the T.V. on, and he turned it on loudly. Every time Dwight, who was leading the discussion at this point, would present a vital point, the young fellow became noisier and more demanding. Finally, his mother took him to the kitchen and gave him a piece of pie to quiet him.

Ruby followed her into the kitchen and she took this opportunity to speak with the wife alone. This gave the Holy Spirit a chance to work freely with both husband and wife.

While speaking with the wife, Ruby found that her background was of another denomination but when she was married, her husband refused to turn her way. As a result, she turned to his church which was Baptist and later on accepted Christ there. Since the wife was very concerned that her husband would be saved, Ruby suggested that they pray for him.

Meanwhile, Dwight and the deacon were having a lengthy discussion with the husband concerning his soul. The man revealed that he expected to be called before he could accept Christ. He also was certain that he would backslide eventually, as so many others do. As they dealt with him, they could see that he was very much under conviction, but, because of his stubborn ideas and added disturbances from his little boy, they could not reach his soul for Christ. Realizing that the man could not be persuaded any further, they inserted a few ideas that would cause him to doubt his rejection of

salvation. After reading the first chapter of I John and closing with prayer, the group left knowing that the Holy Spirit would continue to speak to him.

### FOLLOW UP

A prospect who is so close to accepting salvation is not dropped when the team leaves a community. Team members continue to pray for him that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak to him and that, when the pastor calls on him, he will yield his heart to Christ.

Thus, you have gone with the team on a prospect call and have seen how the Lord's work is carried out.

This visit is an example of harmony among team members, church members and the Holy Spirit, all working for a single cause. Without this harmony, nothing can be accomplished for Christ.

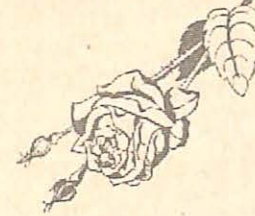
### CANVASSING

In areas where new churches are being built, team members are sent out to do door-to-door canvassing. By canvassing we find out the church affiliation and the needs of souls of people in that area. In this way, prospects are sought out and souls are reached for Christ.

Last, but certainly not least, is the ministry carried forth by holding a week of meetings. At this time, we bring the Gospel more in detail to those whom we have contacted and invited through our visitation program. Because of the importance of our Crusades for Christ, we will have a detailed article about them later.

We are sent forth by you to do the Lord's work in our churches. Therefore, we realize the need of your prayers to strengthen us as we proclaim Christ day by day. Remember us especially at 11:00 a.m. when the team goes to prayer each day.

## We the Women



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

### OUR SPECIAL PROJECT

The glow of the beautiful Christmas season and its significance still lingers in our hearts. Stretching before us is a new year filled with opportunities to serve our Lord. We, as women, will have the privilege of serving in various areas. We are vitally interested in the needs that exist on our mission fields, and we have always responded to any special need.

At our Executive Committee meeting last October a special project of \$5,000 was adopted. This money is to be used toward the building of a missionary home in Japan. Building costs have gone up 50% in Japan. It sounds unbelievable but this is true. Our plans are to raise this \$5,000 by Oct. 1, 1962. If at all possible, we would like to raise \$2,500 by March 31, 1962.

Can it be done? We, the women, know it can be done. We have approximately 11,000 members in our societies. If each member will contribute fifty cents, we will have more than the \$5,000. Or, if each member will give ten cents per month from now until the first of October, there will be sufficient funds to meet our goal.

It might be well to appoint a committee in your society to promote this special project. It will be their responsibility to suggest ways and means for the raising of this money. In the letter that was sent to all the presidents and pastors' wives, various methods of raising the money were suggested. You may be able to think of some other unique way to collect the dimes and quarters, and fifty-cent pieces. We suggest that you have two ingatherings—one, so that it will be received at the headquarters office by March 31, 1962 and the other by Oct. 1, 1962. Your offerings are to be sent to: North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Be sure to mark your offering "For the Missionary Home in Japan."

In Acts 20:35 we read ". . . remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." A minister made an appeal for funds for a missionary. He invited the people to bring their gifts and to lay them on the altar. People,

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## From the Professor's Desk

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

Who is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and why does there seem to be so much interest in him now?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a brilliant theological scholar and a courageous German Christian who took his stand against Adolf Hitler because he felt that Hitler was antichrist. Feeling that it was his Christian duty to oppose tyranny and secular totalitarianism, he became indirectly involved in a plot on Hitler's life. Bonhoeffer was arrested by the German Gestapo in 1943 and spent long months in prison and concentration camps. His life and Christian witness among the prisoners was most extraordinary. Finally on April 9, 1945 he was executed by special order of Himmler at the Flossen-berg concentration camp, just a few days before it was liberated by the Allies.

Bonhoeffer's spiritual influence has been tremendous. Without question he belongs among those theologians whose contribution to the younger theological generation in Germany has been most profound. He has been referred to as the "Seminarians' Theologian." Yet, it would not be exactly correct to say that there is any Bonhoeffer school, as such. For a period after World War II his name was widely known, and his distinctive ideas were frequently debated even by many outside the church and theological circles. In recent years less has been heard of him than was the case earlier, but perhaps he is now being studied with greater devotion and depth, and his thought is making a deeper impression.

### THEOLOGIAN OF THE CONCRETE

While being known as the theologian of the concrete, it must always be recognized that the particular concrete situation out of which Bonhoeffer wrote was that of Nazi Germany and the state church. Yet, the spiritual problems which he faced are basically the same as those which we face today. His fundamental message concerns the question of what it means to live with Christ. A Christian must accept his responsibility as a citizen of *this world* where God has placed him. He must keep close to contemporary life among unbelievers with a sensitivity to reality. This is what Bonhoeffer means by his insistence that the Christian's task is to "en-world the evangel," and that Christianity is a "this-worldly" religion (love forces us to identify ourselves with man; to give ourselves in sacrificial devotion to the world). To be a Christian means to be a Christian in this world. The life of the church must be linked with the life and needs of the people of the world.

Bonhoeffer's way of expressing himself is at times startling, for he sometimes uses "church" as though it were a synonym for "world"; he speaks of Christianity as "life in the context of sheer worldliness." By this he means that Christ is the Lord of the *whole* world, but not in outward power and glory. God is weak and powerless in the world—he allows himself to be edged out of the world and on to the cross. Christ is with us and helps us by his weakness and suffering. This is "true worldliness"; this is the lordship of Christ in his suffering. The world must be taken seriously and the Christian must understand and identify himself with modern man without resort to trite phrases and hackneyed expressions. It is only by living completely in this world that one learns to believe. One must take life in stride with all its duties and problems, its successes and failures, its experience and helplessness, throwing himself utterly into the arms of God and participating in his sufferings in the world. This is why Bonhoeffer's thought is referred to us as a "secular theology."

### RADICAL SELF-DENIAL

Alongside this thought stands Bonhoeffer's expression, "the world come of age," a phrase which describes that form of modern godlessness which thinks it is able to live without God. Man today feels he is no longer compelled to make use of God as a working hypothesis.

In such a world the church is recalled by Bonhoeffer to its proper task. The church has erred in struggling for self-preservation, as though it were an end in itself, and thereby has lost its chance to speak a word of reconciliation to mankind and to the world at large. The church is only the Church of Jesus Christ when it practices radical self-denial and self-sacrifice (self-sacrifice is the highest fulfillment of a human being) and exists wholly for the sake of others (the more this is done incognito, the more Christian it is) and ceases to think in terms of maintaining itself or to claim authority for itself. It must commit itself wholly to Christ and participate to the full in the suffering and the impotence of Christ in the world. The church does not need new methods or new organization, but a new being in Christ, possible only as a consequence of true repentance.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer has been spoken of as "a giant before men and a child before God." Among his influential writings are the following: *The Cost of Discipleship, Life Together, Prisoner for God, Ethics*, etc.



# MARCH OF EVENTS



● **New Bible Translation in Wales.** A number of churches in Wales are co-operating in the preparation of a new Bible in the language of the Welsh people, the first since 1620. Among denominations represented are the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Roman Catholics have also been invited to co-operate. It is expected that the new Welsh translation will be on lines similar to that of *The New English Bible*.

● **Church Shelters.** A suburban Denver church is being designed to double as a community fallout shelter, first such in the nation. Two underground levels of the Green Mountain Christian Church will accommodate 800 persons for a two-week period. Civil defense officials in Washington, D. C., say every U. S. church eventually will be inspected to determine its suitability as a shelter.

● Representatives of 11 missionary societies from four countries met for two days in Kobe last month and came up with a "declaration of intent" to organize a united Lutheran church in Japan. Plans were approved to hold a constituting convention next October 31—Reformation Day, with the formal merger to take effect in January of 1963. The new church, expected to consolidate five missions from the United States, three from Norway, two from Denmark, and one from Finland, will consist of some 10,000 members in 200 congregations and preaching places served by 100 Japanese pastors and 100 missionaries.

—*Christianity Today*.

● **Missions in New Guinea.** At the invitation of the Dutch Government, the Christian and Missionary Alliance will develop and supervise a teacher-training program in the primitive highland areas of northern New Guinea. Officials plan to choose evangelical teachers from Holland. The C and MA entered the area after World War II to do pioneer work among a people of Stone Age culture. In the last four years some 15,000 have become Christians.

● **Khrushchev on Religion.**—The Russian premier, who once boasted that he had won a prize for knowing the Gospels by heart and who called on God to grant that the Reds may never have to explode a bomb equal to 100 million tons of TNT, nevertheless made it clear at the twenty-second Communist party congress that religious beliefs must go. "There must be no place for these weeds in our field," he said. He stressed the necessity for a "thorough and good system of atheistic upbringing that has to embrace all groups of the population,

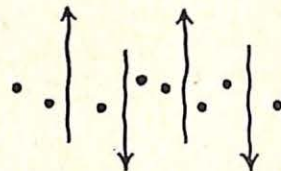
especially youngsters."

—*The Sunday School Times*.

● **Protestants Abroad Have Less Liberty.** Protestants in Catholic-dominated countries have less liberty since the beginning of the Kennedy administration, Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has charged. Speaking at a press conference in Chicago, Ill., he attributed this to a growing at-

titude on the part of Catholics that world opinion would not be against them since America had elected its first Catholic president. Dr. Archer, who recently was on a world tour of 30 countries, said that in Italy he learned that the preaching permits of ten Protestant ministers had been withdrawn. He also commented that the press in Latin America expressed the feeling that Kennedy's election indicated that the United States is becoming a Catholic nation.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Baptist Heads German Council.** HAMBURG, GERMANY—(BWA)—Dr. Hans Luckey, director of the Baptist seminary in Hamburg, has been elected president of the National Council of Churches in Germany. Dr. Luckey succeeds the well-known Dr. Martin Niemöller in this position.

● **Preaching Mission.** SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—(BWA)—An island-wide evangelistic program, with most of the 50 Baptist churches in Puerto Rico participating, has been conducted with the help of 24 visiting American Baptist ministers. Puerto Rico is a home mission field of the American Convention. Expenses for the traveling ministers were paid by their own churches and their respective State Conventions.

● **Baptism Highlights Meeting.** PETAH TIQVA, ISRAEL—(BWA)—One hundred and seventy-five representatives from Arab and Jewish Baptist congregations took part in the eighth annual conference of Baptists in Israel, held at the Baptist Center in Petah Tiqva during the Jewish Sukkoth. The baptism of four young people highlighted the meeting. Four languages were used in the sessions—Arabic, Hebrew, English, and French. A large number of students from African countries were guests at the meeting. The Israeli Baptists came from Nazareth, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Petah Tiqva, Haifa, Acre, and Cana. They sent greetings to Baptists of Nigeria on the occasion of the first anniversary of Nigerian independence.

● **Baptists Serve Peace Corps.** Three Baptists have recently been named to leadership responsibility in the Peace Corps, a new agency of the USA Government designed to aid in education and development in other countries around the world. Dr. Paul F. Green, a former American Baptist Convention

missionary has been named deputy director of the Corps. William Moyers, a youthful Baptist minister, is associate director. Dr. R. Fred Chambers, professor of missions at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named Chief of Party of a West Pakistan project.

● **Great Baptismal Services.** Late reports reaching the Danish Baptist Urundi Africa Mission Committee bring news that people have been turning to God in large numbers in this central African area. "It is not unusual to have great baptismal services," the report said. "During the summer months 55 were baptized at Rubura. Musema and Mbo are also reporting large baptismal services." The report continues to say that many of the natives are greatly interested in the gospel but it is difficult for many of them to find a solid foundation for their faith "in these days of bewilderment, perplexities and unrest."

● **Dutch Baptists Have Church Building Fund.** AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND—(BWA)—The Union-Building-Society of the Dutch Baptist Union is preparing a special program in 1962 to ask all members of Baptist churches in the Netherlands to give one per cent of their wages to a special fund for the support of church building programs. The Society was founded in 1944 and has assisted already in the fifteen year period in the erection of 25 churches. These churches cost a total of 1.5-million guilders. The Society expects that in the coming fifteen years 3 million guilders will be spent for new churches, especially in industrial territories, the bigger cities and other new places. The Baptist Union has nearly 70 churches with 8,500 members. This is an increase from the 38 churches with 6,000 members in 1945.

● On Saturday evening, Nov. 11, the young people of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., prepared a tasty "Smorgasbord" supper, which was well attended by 150 people. The offering of \$114.00 was received for the Pinecrest Bible Camp. Rev. Henry Schumacher is the pastor of the Temple Church.

● Since Oct. 1, 1961 Rev. Victor L. Priebe has been serving as the associate minister at the First Methodist Church, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. At the same time he is completing his graduate studies toward a Ph.D. degree at nearby Drew University. The town of Hasbrouck Heights of 14,000 population is located eight miles from New York City. The present address of Mr. Priebe is 405 Farnham Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey.

● Miss Laverna Mehlhaff has resigned as director of Christian Education at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, effective January 13, 1962. She has served in this position with great effectiveness since the Parma Heights Church was organized in 1956. She will return to her home in Parkston, S. Dak., to be with her elderly parents. Rev. David J. Draewell is the pastor of the Parma Heights Church.

● From Oct. 10 to 20 the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held evangelistic services with Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wis., as the guest speaker. He brought inspiring messages and showed colored slides of his trip around the world. Cottage prayer meetings had been held during the previous week in various homes, as reported by Mrs. E. D. Slater. Rev. Daniel Heringer is pastor of the church.

● On Dec. 23 Miss Carol Jean Murra of Buffalo Center, Iowa, and Mr. Don Walker of West Concord, Minn., were married in the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center. The former Miss Murra was director of Christian Education at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio from August 1960 to Nov. 1961. Mr. Walker is a United States Service man stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The young couple is now making their residence at Fort Bragg.

● A "Back to the Bible" revival with Rev. O. W. Stucky of Detroit, Mich., as evangelist, was held in the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 5-12, 1961. A total of 1,251 Bibles were brought during the meeting and 6,295 chapters were read during the eight days. About fifteen persons accepted the invitation of salvation. A class in church membership will be started for them early in the new year. Rev. William Hoover is the pastor, and Rev. R. Shepley serves as reporter.

● On Oct. 29 the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., recognized the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs. Open House was held in the church's Fellowship Hall that afternoon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Luhrs have held prominent positions in the church. They were married on Oct. 31, 1936 in Fremont, Nebraska. The Immanuel Church also recognized the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witt, members of the church, on Sunday, Nov. 26. Dr. Louis R. Johnson is pastor of the church.

Baptist Church, Alta., Nov. 19-26; 26-Dec. 3; East Olds Church, Olds, Alta., Dec. 3-10. In some of these churches, Mr. Schroeder also conducted a German Bible Study each morning. At 72 years of age, Mr. Schroeder seems to be busier than ever "in the King's business" with many doors of opportunity being opened to him. He is a member of Lodi, Calif. of the Temple Baptist Church.

## what's happening



● A 48 page Christmas Devotional Booklet prepared by members of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., for use in family and personal devotions from Thanksgiving Day to Dec. 31st was recently distributed. It was ably edited by Rodney Nielsen and Vern Hildebrandt and prepared with an attractive Christmas cover. The preface stated the uplifting wish that we might "live with eternity's values in view." The pastor, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, contributed "A New Year Hymn" by J. E. S. Harrison and a message for this booklet.

● The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, with Rev. Noel Vose of Perth, Western Australia as the guest speaker. Mr. Vose is studying for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Iowa. He is the president-elect of the Baptist Theological College, Western Australia. The Junior choir of 24 voices, directed by Hermann A. Holz, sang the number "O Thou, Whose Bounty" by Greatorex. On Sunday evening, Nov. 19, Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor, baptized three young men and received them into the fellowship of the church on Sunday morning, Dec. 3rd.

● Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., conducted a series of evangelistic services in Canada over six weeks as follows: Central Church, Yorkton, Sask., Nov. 5-17; Temple Church, Cal-

gary, Alta., Nov. 19-26; 26-Dec. 3; Church, Trochu, Alta., Nov. 26-Dec. 3-10. In some of these churches, Mr. Schroeder also conducted a German Bible Study each morning. At 72 years of age, Mr. Schroeder seems to be busier than ever "in the King's business" with many doors of opportunity being opened to him. He is a member of Lodi, Calif. of the Temple Baptist Church.

● The Dorcas Circle of the Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Mich., held a program on Nov. 26, featuring the life of Christ with special musical effects. The Circle also showed the quilt for Rose Bayer, missionary in Pakistan, which was their special mission project. The offering of \$202.35 at this program and the money collected from the quilt was used to pay for the church organ, bought several months ago. A balance of \$169.00 remains to be paid for the church organ, which will also be paid by the Circle, as reported by Judy Albrecht. Rev. Walter Stein is pastor of the church.

● On Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., held its Thanksgiving Service. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroons missionary, was the guest speaker and spoke fervently in this final message before sailing for Africa. A farewell reception was held for her. The church was held for her pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, wrote: "We are happy that our missionaries can return to the field." Mr. Quiring has enrolled at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and is attending the school once a week working toward his Master of Theology degree. The church has graciously consented to this arrangement.

**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
CHURCH EXTENSION with its evangelistic opportunities and its present urgent needs will be the theme for the "Week of Prayer" observance to be held by many North American Baptist churches from Monday, January 8, to Friday, January 12. Program material for these services has been sent to all of our churches some weeks ago. It was prepared by Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Dr. M. L. Leuschner with a translation into German by Rev. William Sturhahn.



# 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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## CHAPTER ONE

IT HAD BEEN a busy but very satisfying day for young Dr. Rawlins. He had been allowed to perform an important operation and he had done a brilliant piece of work, so the head surgeon had informed him. His nerves had been on edge until he took the scalpel in his long slender fingers encased in the surgeon's gloves. Then he had become as calm and cool as if what he was doing was not the most important thing in his life up until then.

He had dreamed of being a surgeon ever since he was a little fellow, when he had tried his skill upon his injured puppy. The little dog had been run down by a car and lay dying by the side of the road, but Harlan was determined not to let the dog die. He was trying to revive the little animal and to patch up the broken body when his mother had found him crying and working over his pet.

Now it seemed in the distant past, but that scene flashed before Harlan as he washed up just before he took his place at the operating table. A smile flashed across his firm lips at the memory. This was no injured puppy already dead, but an elderly man who was depending upon him to save his life and restore him to health.

Though the operation was not too difficult, it did mean everything to the patient. Harlan realized this as he took up the instruments and began to make the incision, while a nurse stood nearby with the necessary sponges and clips.

Harlan was conscious of her eyes upon him, for he knew that Mary Hodges was in love with him. He had known it almost from the first few days after he had begun his work at the hospital. Mary was not beautiful, but she was attractive. Harlan

knew that John Barry, one of the other interns, was in love with her, for he had not tried to conceal his love. Neither had he tried to conceal his dislike for Harlan. Harlan was not only quite good looking, with his dark brown eyes and thick brown hair that waved in a most annoying way as it swept back from his forehead, but he had a personality that seemed to attract women in a way that John never could.

John wondered if Harlan knew of this fascination or whether he just enjoyed having girls flock around him. John didn't care how many of the young nurses hovered around Harlan, hoping for a date with him, if he would just let Mary alone. But he didn't. He dated her more often than the others and it made John furious, but there was nothing that he could do about it but sulk and reproach Mary whenever he managed to get a date with her.

On this morning John was one of the assistants and he watched with jealous eyes as Harlan's skilled fingers manipulated the instruments with sure touch. He also watched Mary's adoring eyes as they rested for fleeting moments upon the young surgeon.

John had neither the skill nor the qualifications that go to make a successful surgeon, and he was beginning to realize this. He was too clumsy with his overlarge hands and had been taken off the case upon which he had been assigned to operate, because the head surgeon felt that he was not qualified for the task. That had relegated John to being an assistant, much to his bitter humiliation and chagrin. That was another reason why he disliked Harlan. Harlan had been put in his place.

"That was a splendid piece of work," Dr. Harkness, the head surgeon, remarked as the operation was finished and the patient was rolled out of the

room with the prospect of renewed life and strength. "You'll make a name for yourself if you continue. You have the hands for it and the coolness and steadiness of a real surgeon. Just keep on plugging away and take care of that body of yours and you'll reach the top."

"Thank you, Doctor," Harlan replied, flushed and thrilled at the compliment. Mary gave him an adoring glance and a smile while John stood to one side and glowered at them both.

"You were wonderful," Mary breathed, after they had washed up and left the operating room. "I'm so proud of you. I know you'll do what Dr. Harkness predicted you would. I heard one of the other surgeons talking about you yesterday, when they were discussing whether or not you should be given this case. Dr. Harkness said you would be fully capable of taking care of it. He said that with a little more experience, you could go right out into your own practice, but he knew you must stay here until your time was out."

"That's very encouraging," Harlan said, glowing at the compliment given him. "How about a date tonight to celebrate my success?"

"I promised John I'd go out with him," she said reluctantly. "He's been so sour lately and he was so good to me when I first came here and was so lonely. That was before you came."

"Just forget him for tonight," he urged. "I need you more than he does. Tell him you forgot that you had promised to go out with me."

"But I didn't," she said. "That wouldn't be the truth."

"What's the difference? One little white lie, just to make me happy, won't be so hard to tell, will it?"

He gave her a look that made her heart flutter and she smiled.

"I suppose not. I'll try to break the date," she promised as they parted.

Harlan met John in the hall on a lower floor and waved a greeting, but John ignored him. There was a scowl upon his face. Harlan thought he knew the reason and he felt sorry for the fellow, for he knew that he had supplanted John on this case. John would be more angry if he knew that Mary would be going out with Harlan that evening, but the thought didn't bother Harlan in the least. All was fair where girls were concerned. The best man would win out and it should be that way.

It wasn't that he cared for any particular girl. Harlan liked them all, but he would rather be with Mary because she flattered his vanity by the love which she didn't try to conceal. He had no compunctions about the heartache that he might cause her by leading her on when he had no intention of falling in love with her. His career came first. There would be no time for romance, for romance would mean marriage and he couldn't be tied down to a wife and family while he was on his way to the top. That could come later. With the self-confidence of youth and good looks, he was sure that he could find that whenever he was ready for it.

It so happened that John was on duty that night and Mary didn't have to break her date with him. She and Harlan drove out to a little inn on the highway where they could have a good meal.

When they had finished eating they got into Harlan's car.

"Suppose we sit here and just talk for a while," he suggested. "I'm tired tonight, though I shouldn't be, and I'd like to relax for a while longer."

"You were under a strain today, though perhaps you didn't realize it," she suggested.

"Perhaps you're right," he agreed. "I felt as if my whole career was resting upon the way I handled that operation. If I had failed, it would have meant disaster not only for the patient, but for me."

The night was pleasant and it was cool inside the car. They talked for a while of little incidents about the hospital, the death of one of the lingering patients and what a relief it must have been for the family to know that the one they loved was out of her suffering.

"I wonder sometimes," Mary remarked, "when I've been on a case for a long time and then see the patient die, if they are really out of their suffering, or if they have to go through some form of suffering after death to purify themselves before they enter heaven."

"You mean purgatory?" he asked.

"Either that or some place like it."

"I don't believe there is any such place. My mother said that when we die there is no place but heaven or hell. Even though I'm not religious, my mother was a Christian and she knew her Bible. She used to tell me stories from it when I was a little

fellow and I know she prayed for me, for I often heard her. Up until now, her prayers haven't been answered."

"But you do believe that there is a heaven where good people go after death."

"Of course I do. And a hell where sinners go. I couldn't doubt that, for my mother made it so real to me. I believe all the things she taught me, but I just haven't done anything about it."

"Why haven't you?" she asked. "I wish that my mother was like yours was. Perhaps then I wouldn't be groping around in the dark about spiritual matters, but she has always been too much interested in cards and parties to think about spiritual things."

"I suppose there were a number of things that kept me from doing what my mother prayed that I would do. Perhaps I let the opportunity pass. Now I'm only interested in one thing, in making my way to the top in my profession. Perhaps when I've reached the top, I'll take time out to think of spiritual things."

"You never have told me anything about yourself," she said. "I'd love to know all about you if you'd care to tell me."

"You mean you want my life story?" he asked with a smile.

"I'd love to hear it."

"It's not a very interesting one, nor is it a very pleasant one, but if it won't bore you, here goes. As I said, my mother was a real Christian and the most wonderful mother who ever lived. At least that's what she was to me. My father was a physician. He loved his work and made a success of it. When I began to show an interest in surgery, even as a little fellow, he was thrilled beyond words. I used to play doctor and would concoct drugs and bottle them, and I had a collection of junk that I pretended were surgical instruments."

He paused for a moment and his eyes had a faraway look in them as memory of the past swept over him.

"I remember doctoring a kitten that had sore eyes. Our old cook told me that salt water was good for them and I used it faithfully. Sure enough, the cat's eyes got well and I was overjoyed and I wanted to extend my skill to other fields. Dad did everything he could to encourage me even as young as I was. He bought a simple chemistry set and he taught me how to apply a tourniquet and a splint and I began to believe that I was a surgeon already. Even at that early age, I dreamed of being a great surgeon. My father began to put aside a trust fund for me, so that no matter what might happen to him, I would be able to complete my education."

A look of sadness crept into his eyes as she watched him and she detected a note of harshness in his voice as he continued.

"It was well for me that Dad did that, for before I had entered college, he contracted pneumonia and died in just a short time. Fortunately, Dad

left enough so that my mother could live comfortably.

"I had to go away to college, for I wanted to take as much of my premed as possible and it wasn't offered in my home town. I suppose it was because my mother was so lonesome that she finally married again two years after my father died.

"The man she married was a handsome fellow, well-to-do and charming to every outward appearance, but he was a cruel monster. He made my mother's life so miserable that I could see her literally fading away from the treatment he gave her. He seemed to take a delight in humiliating her before the servants and she no longer had a will of her own. I stood it as long as I could when I was at home during vacation, until one day when he had been particularly cruel and he threatened to do her bodily harm. Then I lit into him and gave him such a beating that I wrecked that handsome face of his for a time at least. When he finally regained consciousness, he ordered me from the house and told me never to dare set foot there again. My mother begged him to let me stay, but he threatened her again. I left that night. I never saw my mother again."

"How terrible!" Mary ejaculated. "How could anyone be so heartless?"

"Evidently he wouldn't let my mother write to me, for though I wrote to her, I never received an answer to my letters. Perhaps he kept my letters from her. I don't know, for she didn't live too long after I left home. I think that was the last straw that broke her heart. I received word of her death through a friend. For a while I just couldn't concentrate upon my studies, for there was such grief and such hatred in my heart for my stepfather that it upset my mental processes. Finally, however, I managed to go on and I graduated with honors. There's nothing more to tell that you don't know, except for one thing that I'm ashamed of and perhaps I shouldn't tell it."

"Please do. I want to hear it," she urged.

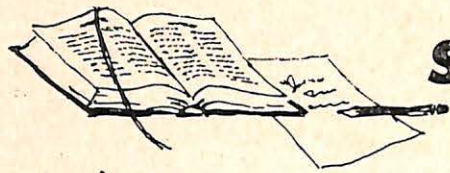
"While I was still in medical college, I saw in the paper that my stepfather had been in an accident and was in the hospital near the college where I was. He had been in a car smash-up. I went to see him because I wanted to tell him all that was in my heart. He was terribly battered and the nurse told me that he was dying. He was in tremendous pain and was groaning when I entered the room. I was glad that he was conscious. They were afraid to give him any more sedatives. He looked up at me and recognized me as I went to the bedside.

"What brought you here?" he asked angrily between moans.

"There are some things that I want to say to you before you die," I told him.

(To Be Continued)





# sunday school lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 14, 1962

Theme: ONE GOD.

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 6:24.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** If we learn the lesson of putting God first in our lives, then everything else will fall into the proper order of its importance.

**INTRODUCTION:** The Israelites had gained their freedom from the Egyptians. But so far it was primarily a physical, a material and a political freedom. There was grave danger that they were not altogether free of the gods of Egypt. There was still danger of pagan religious bondage, and it flared up occasionally during their desert wanderings. Apparently giving up false gods was not as easy as giving up "the leeks, and the onions and the man finds it much more difficult to preconceived ideas and traditionalism than to sacrifice his material possessions. Men have died, and are dying today in defence of a pagan ideology. They do not feel safe in the material world because they have no security in the spiritual realm.

### I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. Exodus 20:1-3.

The first thing of importance in life is putting God first. God demands to be put on a competitive basis. All other gods are to be eliminated without his commandment, he reminded Israel that it was he who brought them "out of bondage." They were in bondage to a people who themselves were in bondage to false gods. Therefore the freedom which Israel now enjoyed was twofold—freedom from the bondage of Egypt and freedom from the bondage of Egyptian idols.

### II. THE LOVE OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. Deuteronomy 6:4-6.

The known or unknown gods of other nations were placated in order not to offend them. An offended god was thought of as bringing disaster on the individual or the nation. The thought of loving their idols never entered their minds. Only of the Lord, the God of Israel, was it said that he demanded love from his worshippers. A God who is loved is not easily offended and does not need to be constantly placated. He has the spiritual

and material welfare of his children at heart and is not asking too much by simply wanting to be loved. A loving God demands loving children.

### III. THE TEACHING OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. Deuteronomy 6:7-9.

A good truth needs a good teacher. No matter how good the commandments of God may be, in the hands of an unskilled teacher they will have very little effect. Truth cannot be imparted by words of mouth unless the truth is first of all in the heart. This was the condition which the Lord required—first in the heart, then through the spoken word. When the heart is full of the love of God, it is impossible not to wish to impart it in all the ways possible.

### IV. LOYALTY TO GOD. Matthew 6:24.

Jesus is very dogmatic in this statement. He does not say that no man should serve two masters, he says he cannot! No matter how much or how often a man tries to serve two masters, God does not accept such service. He wants no divided loyalties.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 21, 1962

Theme: GOD IS SPIRIT.

Scripture: Exodus 20:4-6; John 4:7-10, 19-24.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** God through his Spirit leads and guides us in our practical, material and human relationships.

**INTRODUCTION:** Spiritual things are often difficult to define. They seem so far above us and beyond us. We are so used to the things we can see and hear and touch with our physical senses that the imagination is confused and mystified when it hears the word "spirit." It seems so vague and disembodied. The physical senses are so real that it is difficult to believe that the spiritual sight, sound and touch have a more meaningful reality. Countless followers of the Lord Jesus Christ can testify to the fact that it is possible to see God, it is possible to hear God, and it is possible to feel God. The fact that God is Spirit does

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not mean that he is less real, but more real.

### I. GOD HAS NO LIKENESS. Exodus 20:4-6.

Since time began, man has attempted to do the impossible—to make an image of God. It is God who created man in his own image and man cannot create a god in the image of man. God cannot be created—he is. But the Israelites had the same desire which many have today—they wanted a god that could be seen and touched. They would much rather bow down to a man-made god who is helpless than to the Lord God, Jehovah, who cannot be seen but can always help.

### II. GOD IN THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST. John 4:7.

It is true that God is a spirit, but what Jesus said is also true: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Jesus is the only "likeness" or "image" of God that we have. In him we can "see" God. In Christ, God was moving through Samaria in order to come in contact with a sinful woman.

### III. HOLINESS AND SINFULNESS. John 4:7-10.

How wonderfully and naturally Jesus approaches the sinner! He said he came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance, and here he is requesting a drink from this sinful woman. Her personal and racial sins were outside of the realm of salvation according to the Jews, but not outside of the grace of God. Jesus has "dealings" with sinners, whether they are Jewish, Samaritan or Gentile. The Lord took the opportunity of asking to have his physical thirst quenched in order to give the Samaritan woman an opportunity to have her spiritual thirst satisfied. The holiness of God can now come in contact with the sinfulness of man through Jesus Christ.

### IV. WORSHIPPING THE SPIRIT OF GOD THROUGH OUR SPIRIT. John 4:19-24.

The woman of Samaria thought the most important thing in worship was location. But to Jesus, the holy places in Jerusalem and Samaria were not nearly so important as holy people. So long as people look upon places as being holy, they do not have to face the unholiness in their own lives. The woman knew a great deal about the geography of worship, but she knew nothing about the spirit of worship. There is no real worship without spiritual contact which is possible only through the truth. Falsehood must of necessity create false gods. The truth leads to the true God.

# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## Northern District

### Evangelistic Meetings, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

We of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, were privileged to have Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, as evangelist for our meetings which were held November 3 through 12. Although we cannot speak of any first time decisions for Christ, we as members were greatly strengthened and uplifted.

Our responsibilities were made real to us. Even though we so often forget here on earth, in eternity we will remember. This is portrayed in the story of Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man remembered in hell all his neglects on earth, and so shall we remember and be judged accordingly.

Lilly Oster, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School at Telfordville Mission, Alberta

We of the Telfordville Baptist Mission, Telfordville, Alberta, are happy to report that we had a very blessed Vacation Bible School last July. As our theme we chose "Living for Jesus," and had five teachers in charge of four classes. We had an enrollment of 27 pupils. The children were very enthusiastic with the lessons and also with the handwork.

On Friday afternoon we had a wiener roast and ice-cream treat for the children and parents. At this time the children displayed their work books and also their craftwork which amazed the parents. On the following Sunday evening a program was presented by the pupils with all their work displayed. This was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Mary Hubscher, Reporter

### Rally Day Service at Springside Church, Sask.

Sunday, Oct. 1st, was Rally and Promotion Day for our Sunday School at the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask. All families had attendance tickets mailed to them which they presented when they arrived on Sunday morning. All those on time received a blue square allotted them on a chart that was shaped like the front of our church, and those late received a red square, thus encouraging everyone to be out and on time.

An interesting program was rendered under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Dan. Breitreuz. Rev. F. W. Pahl, pastor, spoke on "The Importance of the Sunday School." A brief installation service for all teachers and officers followed. Rev. Harold Weiss served as evangelist from Oct. 17 to 26. The meetings were especially inspiring to the Christians.

Mrs. Don Arndt, Reporter

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### Recent Events at Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta

On Sunday, Oct. 20th, friends and relatives of Rev. and Mrs. David Berg gathered in the lower auditorium of the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. He is a former pastor who is now engaged on the teaching staff of the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 22nd, Rev. R. Hoffman preached his farewell sermon to the congregation of the Trochu Baptist Church. For the evening service each organization of the church gave its expression of gratitude and good will, after which a time of refreshment and fellowship was enjoyed. Since Rev. R. Hoffman has accepted a pastorate in Napoleon, North Dakota, Rev. David Berg has supplied the pulpit in the interim. Rev. Oscar Fritzke of Camrose, Alberta has accepted our call and began his ministry at the Trochu Church on Dec. 3rd, 1961.

Mrs. Ralph Haller, Reporter

### Special Meetings and Women's Program, Hilda, Alberta

On Sunday evening, Oct. 8, the Hilda Baptist Church Choir, Hilda, Alberta, rendered a full evening of musical selections favoring the Thanksgiving theme. The sanctuary was appropriately decorated for the occasion with the words "Sing Praises" completing the setting. The days of Oct. 22-Nov. 2 were blessed and heartsearching days for all as the Rev. Bert Milner of our South Fort George Extension work in British Columbia served us in a series of special meetings.

The Woman's Missionary Society presented its annual program on the evening of Nov. 12. Poems, special group songs, and a report on White Cross



Vacation Bible School group at Telfordville Baptist Mission, Alberta.



Mr. and Mrs. William Bender of Medicine Hat, Alberta, members of the Temple Baptist Church, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

work, how and why it began, including samples of some of the projects, were a part of the evening. The guest speaker, Mrs. Henry Schumacher, wife of Rev. H. Schumacher of Medicine Hat, Alberta, and a former missionary, spoke impressively on "Living Abundantly: in the Home, in the Church, and in the World." As Christian women we truly were challenged to do our best willingly and cheerfully, whether the task be one of public recognition or of a more private nature within the home. Each may bring rich eternal rewards.

Mrs. Loretta Strauss, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bender

The Park Lane Hotel in Medicine Hat, Alberta was the scene of a happy family event when the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Bender gathered to honor their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary. This was followed by "Open House" at the Bender home. Many gifts and congratulatory cards were an evidence of the love and esteem in which the couple is held. Three greetings of special interest were from Premier Manning of Alberta, Premier John Diefenbaker of Canada, and the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, J. Percy Page. All nine children of the Benders with their families were able to be present at this happy occasion.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 22nd, the members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church in Medicine Hat gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. William Bender. Mrs. Jack Ensen, president of the Woman's Mission Circle, presented a gift in loving appreciation. With very little money, but with a firm faith in a great God and with hard work, the Benders have been blessed of God and have prospered. Throughout his lifetime Mr. Bender has faithfully served in the church. For 25 years he was a Sunday School superintendent, for 23 years church clerk, and for 15 years a deacon, which latter office he held until last year.

Anna Schumacher, Reporter



## Western District

### Women's Program at California Association, Costa Mesa

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the California Association was held at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa on Friday afternoon, Nov. 3. The service was led by Mrs. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Church, Lodi. Mrs. George Breitzkreuz of Anaheim's Bethel Church led the congregational song service. A cordial welcome was extended. Mrs. Arthur Brust of Lodi's First Church read the Scripture passage, after which Mrs. Eric Kuhn of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, led in prayer. Special music was presented by a ladies' quartet from the Bethel Church, Anaheim, and a trio from Anaheim's Magnolia Church.

We were privileged to have Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, as our guest speaker who preceded her message with words of appreciation for the personal gift given by the California Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Gebauer presented an insight into the role of the native woman in the changing Africa of today. The offering was designated for our work in the Cameroons and Church Extension. The results of the WMU election were as follows: Mrs. Eric Kuhn, president; Mrs. Vaughn Taylor, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Brust, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Eric Kuhn, Reporter

### 60th Anniversary Service, Odessa Baptist Church, Wash.

The weekend of Nov. 2-5 was a very special time for the members of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash. We were privileged to celebrate our Harvest and Mission Festival and 60th anniversary of the church. Rev. Harold Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., was with us and brought three challenging messages: "First the Blade," "The King of Glory Waits," "Building the Wrong House." On Thursday evening we enjoyed listening to a tape recording made by a former pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Meth of Ventura, N. Dak. This was a real blessing since Mr. Meth and Rev. A. Foll of our Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon are the only former pastors still living.

On Sunday we welcomed visitors from the churches of Spokane and Colfax, Wash. Many former members joined with us for our Harvest and Mission service in the morning, a fellowship dinner at noon, and our anniversary celebration in the afternoon. Included in the Sunday afternoon service were letters and greetings from wives of former pastors, former members and neighboring churches.

One of the interesting features was a display of old pictures related to the church. On Sunday morning we received an offering for North American Baptist Missions and on Sunday afternoon our giving was for the Church Extension project at Renton, Washington. An 8-page booklet was prepared, giving the program for the weekend as well as information about the historical background of the church. All

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who participated rejoiced over what has been done by this church in the past and received a challenge to continue to serve the Lord more faithfully in the years to come.

Mrs. Edward Kopf, Reporter

### Mission and Christmas Programs, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, we of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., had the privilege of having Miss Esther Schultz with us. She is a dedicated woman from our mission field in the Cameroons of Africa. She spoke to the Junior Department in Sunday School and at the worship service of the church. At the evening service with the Ladies' Missionary Society in charge, she showed us slide pictures of the mission field in Africa.

A special film strip was shown to the Youth Club and the Primary children on Wednesday evening, Nov. 22. The Youth Club has a membership of 22 and the adult sponsor is Mrs. Leonard Fandrich. The Primary Children have about 12 with Mrs. Walter Viet in charge. The Youth Choir sang for the evening church services. Recently the group filled the choir pews with 22 children and sang the song, "How Great Thou Art," with Mrs. Leonard Fandrich directing.

On Dec. 5 in the home of Mrs. Henry Rauser the Friendship and the Sunshine Circles of the Ladies' Missionary Society held a pre-Christmas meeting. The program featured "Christmas 'round the World" and "The Nativity Story." Miss Theo Wuttke was the reader. These women represented various countries: Sweden, Mrs. Duane Rauser; Ireland, Mrs. Hugo Wentz; Germany, Mrs. Henry Rauser and Mrs. Emil Meyer sang "Silent Night" in German; Poland, Mrs. Jack Kammerer; Mexico, Mrs. Ed Kammerer; Italy, Mrs. Ernest Adam; England and France, Mrs. Bill Rauser; Holland, Mrs. Jake Mantz; Hungary, Mrs. Frank Mantz; America, Mrs. Christ Rau; The Annunciation, (Angel) Mrs. Emanuel Kandt; Mrs. Duane Rauser (Mary). Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

### Oregon Association Meets at Glencullen Church, Portland

"Prepared . . . To Teach" provided a rich and rewarding theme as our Oregon Association convened Nov. 8-12, at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. The pastor, Rev. Eldon Seibold, and the church members served graciously as hosts. Our study and worship topics followed in this sequence: "The Position of Baptists in

Secular Education"—Dr. Frank Woyke; "Preparing for the Seeking"—Rev. A. Schulz; "The Teaching Ministry of the Church"—Rev. Wm. Jeschke; panel: "Making the Experience of Becoming a Church Member an Enduring One"—moderated by Rev. C. Walth; "What's Cooking in our N.A.B. Conference"—Dr. Woyke; "Follow Through on the Doing"—Rev. M. Thiesies; "Planned Preaching"—Rev. Joe Sonnenberg; Woman's Missionary message—Mrs. Clara Gebauer; forum panel: "Where Shall our Young People get their Higher Education?" and "Enlistment of Christian Workers—Particularly Ministers"—moderated by Rev. B. Rich. At the Saturday night banquet Dr. Paul Gebauer spoke on the theme, "Prepare To Teach," and at the Sunday Rally, "Prepare To Witness."

One year ago the Oregon Association appointed a temporary Church Extension Committee. This year the committee and its goals were fully defined and established as a permanent part of our Association. The new officers for 1961-62 are: moderator, Rev. Wm. Jeschke; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Smuland; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Melvin Becker, and Pacific Conference Nominating Committee member, Rev. B. Rich.

Bruce Rich, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Advance at North Sheridan Church, Peoria, Ill.

The North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois, is manifesting vision and vitality as it moves forward. The painting of the interior of the church is now completed. We have a new nursery upstairs adjacent to the sanctuary. The class room floors are being tiled, and the driveway is now hard-topped. The congregation has approved the purchase of new pews and the construction of a permanent chancel with baptistry and dressing rooms.

We are thankful to God for the ten new members received this month, six by baptism, one by letter, and three by statement of faith. A Children's Church is now a regular Sunday feature. Teacher Training Class sessions are held for prospective teachers and leaders. We plan to begin the Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls in the near future. A Thanksgiving Service was held and a special offering for missions was given as our thank-offering to God.

Mrs. Milton Blackwell, Reporter

### Thanksgiving Observance, Immanuel Church, Ont.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ontario held its Thanksgiving Day observance on Sunday, Oct. 8. At eleven o'clock the church was filled and the hearts of all of our people were filled with joy and thanksgiving toward God. The worship service began with a Thanksgiving song. Several young members of our church presented a play and rendered poems and songs to create a wonderful Thanksgiving atmosphere. Rev. A. Hart, our pastor, brought a message that emphasized our thanks to God for his blessings.

Our principal service was held in the afternoon with guests in attendance from Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. Paul Galambos of the Austin Street Baptist Church of Buffalo was the main speaker. His message was on the topic, "Thanksgiving in our Time." The highlight of the program was the musical selection, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," rendered by the church choir from Buffalo. Our own church choir also contributed much to the many blessings of the day. Refreshments were held afterwards in the basement of our church and opportunity was given for fellowship by the many people in attendance. Thus a blessed day came to an eventful close.

Hans Koerner, Reporter

### Special Services at Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.

The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., continues to receive God's blessings. We had a 100% enrollment of teachers and officers for the National Sunday School Convention, held at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Our float, entered in the Convention parade, was impressive of the times, "God's Word for a Troubled World." The congregation has placed its faith in the Lord to undertake the building of a parsonage, adjacent to the church, and to complete the huge parking lot. "Operation Invite" saw 4,000 homes in the community visited and given an invitation to attend services at our church. To further our Christian growth, we have voted to call a Christian Education Director. The position is expected to be filled early in 1962 by a worthy man of God, already called by the congregation.

Sunday, Nov. 5th, ended a week of special services with Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., on studies of the Book of Romans. The evening service closed with communion and the Holy Spirit's presence was very much in evidence. In our visitation work, we are constantly aware of the need to bring Christ into the homes, where families are not united in Christ. Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor, constantly reminds us that families, that pray together, stay together.

Betty G. Wurtz, Reporter

### Fall Events, Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio began its fall program by showing a spiritually moving Christian film entitled "In Times Like These" at its Family Hour. To help us get started in our Church Library, Rev. Lawrence Bienert spoke to us on Sunday evening, Sept. 11th, and also brought along a large selection of books. An East Cleveland church, Hayden Avenue Baptist, challenged us to a 6 week Sunday School Attendance Contest. Our attendance gain was 170 persons per Sunday or an average of 41% over the 6 weeks period. Parma Heights came out the winner of the contest and we were able to keep the beautiful cup.

During the week of Nov. 12th, we participated in a Missionary Conference with our 3 area churches, Snowview, Erin Avenue and Hillcrest. On the first Sunday, Dr. Frank Woyke spoke and showed us pictures of Japanese missions. Wednesday night Rev.

John Ziegler showed pictures on Church Extension, and Dr. Eugene Stockdale gave a testimony. Thursday night Rev. John Ziegler was the speaker and Miss Helen Lohse showed pictures of Spanish American Missions. Friday night we held our annual Thanksgiving Banquet and the guest speaker was Dr. Paul Gabauer. Saturday morning Miss Lohse spoke at a children's missionary rally. At the youth banquet Flavis Martin gave a testimony and Dr. Paul Gebauer was the speaker.

Mrs. Walter Miller, Reporter

Open House was held for many members and friends of the Immanuel Church in the church's Fellowship Hall in the afternoon. A program of musical numbers by the grandchildren, a brief message by Dr. M. L. Leuschner and prayer by Dr. Louis R. Johnson brought the festive afternoon to a close. M. L. Leuschner, Reporter

### Wonderful Missionary Conference, Greater Cleveland Area, Ohio

"Bring them in, bring them in from the fields of sin . . ." was echoed over



Mr. Emil Seedorf (left) of Kankakee, Illinois, on his 90th birthday with his pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson (right) of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Open House was held in the church's Fellowship Hall by the children of Mr. Seedorf on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, 1961, for members and friends of the church to extend their congratulations.

### 90th Birthday of Emil Seedorf, Kankakee, Ill.

Mr. Emil Seedorf of Kankakee, Ill., was honored by his family and pastor and members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee on his 90th birthday, Sunday, Nov. 26. He has been a life-long resident of Kankakee County and an esteemed member of the Immanuel Church for most of his life. Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, paid a brief tribute to him in his message.

The family honored Mr. Seedorf at a dinner on Sunday noon. The Seedorf children with some of their families in attendance were: Mrs. Myrtle Woodrich, Elmer, Harold and Marvin, all of Kankakee, Ill.; Dr. Everett Seedorf of Peoria, Ill.; Ray Seedorf of Denver, Colorado; and Robert Seedorf of Yuma, Colorado. Another daughter, Dr. Evelyn Coope of Honolulu, Hawaii, was not able to be present. Mrs. Minnie Seedorf, his wife, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., a nephew of Mr. Seedorf, with his wife also shared in this happy event.

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

July 21 to 28, 1962

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and over during the days of our Cleveland Area Missionary Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. Months of prayerful preparation by the pastors of our Snowview, Parma Heights, Erin Avenue, and Hillcrest Baptist Churches climaxed in a week of missionary challenge from Nov. 12-19. Because of the distance between the churches, each church held its own program except for several joint services. The missionaries kindly endured the shuttling from church to church.

On the opening Sunday we were privileged to have Dr. Martin Leuschner and Dr. Frank Woyke in our churches. From Wednesday through the closing Sunday, our guest missionaries were Miss Helen Lohse of Colorado, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Dr. Eugene Stockdale of the Cameroons, and Rev. John Ziegler of Dayton, Ohio, representing Church Extension. On Saturday Flavis Martin arrived from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to participate in the remaining services. One interesting highlight of the Conference featured the panel discussions held jointly on two mornings in which all of the missionaries participated. Humorous moments as well as serious ones prevailed as they spoke of their fields in relation to the topics, "World Religions and Christian Missions" and "Problems of Missionary Evangelism."

Over one hundred young people attended the Youth Banquet on Saturday night. An interesting program included a personal testimony by Flavis Martin, "My Call to Missionary Service" by each missionary, and a challenging message by Dr. Paul Gebauer. The missionary messages, curio displays, tape recorded words direct from the mission field, and missionary pictures all helped to tie us closer to our missionaries and to instill a new desire in our hearts to "Go, Give, and Pray" till the "Whole World Knows."

Mrs. Harold Lang, Reporter



## Central District

### Ebenezer Church, Shattuck, Okla., Observes Harvest Festival

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., observed its annual Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15. Three meetings were held with a basket dinner during the noon hour.

We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Ringering of Bison, Kansas with us. Mr. Ringering, a former pastor, brought the morning and afternoon messages. Our young people under the direction of Mrs. Roy Deal and Mrs. Rueben J. Schoenhals presented the fine play, "The Golden Grain," at the evening service. We were again made mindful of the many blessings of the past year. Our offering was \$921.05.

Mrs. Albert Pshigoda, Reporter

### Events at Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota held its annual Harvest and Mission festival on Sunday, Oct. 22, with the pastor, Rev. Henry Lang, serving as speaker and the Sunday School participating at the evening program. The services were well attended and a total offering of \$532.22 was received.

From Oct. 23 to Nov. 3 the church held special meetings with the pastor bringing the messages and the pastor's wife giving the children's story each evening. The church supplied the special music for the services which were well attended during the two weeks. Five persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The prayers of the people and pastor at Bethel Church are that great things might be accomplished here in the future to the glory of God.

Henry Lang, Pastor

### Special Sundays at Baptist Church, Creston, Neb.

Laymen's Sunday at the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., was an inspiring day as the men of the church assisted the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, in the morning worship service. On Sunday evening, Oct. 22, we gathered in the church sanctuary, which was colorfully decorated with garden produce and other evidences of fall to enjoy the Harvest Mission program given by the Sunday school.

The following Sunday, Oct. 29, we enjoyed "Seminary Donation Sunday." We were happy to have the following seminary students in our midst: Wilfred Weick, Mr. and Mrs. Les Downer, George Black, Mr. and Mrs. David Priestley. Our hearts were lifted as we listened to the varied and many musical selections and to Mr. Priestley's message, "The Great Invitation." Various foods were donated by the Creston people to the seminary kitchen. After a fellowship dinner in the lower auditorium, the sister churches of Shell Creek and the Extension Church in Columbus and other friends joined us for the Dorcas Society's annual program. Our guest speaker was Mrs. George Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Kenneth Prang, Reporter



Woman's Missionary Society of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., at its Birthday Program.

### Activities of Woman's Missionary Society, Ashley, N. Dak.

We as a Woman's Missionary Society of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., have much for which to be grateful. Our society with its 25 members meets regularly every first Thursday of the month. They have made generous monetary contributions to various projects for the church. Throughout the year the sick and needy have been remembered in prayer and gifts. Used clothing is sent to Europe and our White Cross quotas have been met.

On the evening, Sept. 28, a special meeting was held in observance of the society's 39th anniversary. A chicken supper preceded the program which was later given while being seated around the tables, decorated with seasonal flowers and other appropriate decorations. Guests were the husbands of the members or other friends. Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer opened the service in her fine inimitable way. Mrs. John Roth, president, spoke words of welcome. Mrs. Carl Fischer, vice-president, was program leader. Mrs. Emil Delzer, treasurer, led the devotional. The group divided according to the four seasons of the year. Each group had its own part in readings and songs. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer gave an appropriate and a challenging message.

Mrs. Carl Fischer, Reporter

### 30th Anniversary Festivities, Grace Church, Gackle, N. Dak.

The 30th anniversary festivities at the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., were attended by capacity audiences as Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, and Rev. B. W. Krentz, first pastor, spoke at Friday, Saturday and Sunday services, Nov. 17 to 19. Special music for the event was furnished by the Edinger Brothers Quartet, which is composed of Rev. Bernard Edinger, present pastor, and three of his seven brothers. The brothers in the quartet are all members and workers in North American Baptist churches: Ben at Carrington, and Clayton and Martin at Grand Forks. Colored name tags, red for local and green for visitors, were worn by all. Over 300 people were registered for the occasion.

Miss Delores Henne, missionary on furlough, participated in the Sunday morning service with "Missionary Mo-

ments" with Rev. J. Gunst speaking on the subject, "A Dedicated People." The morning service was broadcast on KSJB, Jamestown, and was heard by many who could otherwise not have participated in the services. The celebration was the occasion of the organization of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred. The Alfred church discontinued services about one year ago. One service was held in the Alfred building.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor

### South Dakota Association Sessions at Chancellor Church

"The Bible and Christian Stewardship" was the theme of our 115th South Dakota Association held at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. D., Rev. Herman Effa, pastor, Oct. 1 to 3. Our denominational guests were Rev. J. C. Gunst, Dr. Stockdale, and Dr. Harms from our Seminary. Our meetings opened Sunday afternoon with the Sunday School in charge and with Mr. David Decker presiding. Mr. Gunst gave an inspirational message. Sunday evening was under the direction of the C.B.Y.F. with James DeBoer, the president, presiding. Dr. Harms brought a challenging message.

Our meeting opened Monday morning with devotions led by Rev. Elmer Buening. Later in the morning Rev. L. Friesen spoke on "Stewards of the Word." In the afternoon Mr. Gunst spoke on "Our Denominational Stewardship." Our hearts were blessed again in the evening as Dr. Stockdale spoke on "Our Missionary Stewardship." On Tuesday Rev. L. Weber spoke on "Stewardship of Talent." Rev. Thomas Lutz spoke on "Stewardship and Christian Giving." In the evening Rev. I. Walker gave a climatic message "Stewardship of Christian Witnessing." For the coming year we are planning on having a Pastors' Exchange Sunday. The officers of the coming year are: moderator, Rev. J. Benke; vice-moderator, Rev. L. Friesen; secretary, Rev. W. Dachtler; treasurer, Mrs. L. Weeldreyer.

W. D. Dachtler, Reporter

### Harvest Festival at Central Church, Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Nov. 19th. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, vegetables and fruit which reminded us of God's goodness to us and added much to the Thanksgiving spirit. During the Sunday School hour the children presented their program of recitations, Scripture and songs to a large audience. Our pastor, Rev. L. B. Hinz, challenged us to greater service and thankfulness as he spoke at the morning service on the theme, "Seeing Men as God Sees Them," and at the evening service on "Thank the Lord." The thanksgiving offering was designated for the Rio Grande Texas Mission parsonage fund. The all-church Thanksgiving Dinner in the church annex was enjoyed by everyone.

The church has recently employed Mr. Patrick McCuan, a ministerial student at Baylor University, as youth director. The young people of our church have been richly blessed under the leadership of Mr. McCuan.

Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Reporter

## Obituary

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

### MR. RICHARD D. FIEDLER of Mott, North Dakota

Mr. Richard D. Fiedler of Mott, N. Dak., was born on August 30, 1884 at Emery, S. Dak., and went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 9, 1961. In 1909 he was married to Christine Schmalz. In 1913 the family homesteaded in Hettinger County, N. Dak., near Burt. He was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. J. Rummel in 1918. He is survived by his wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters. They are Arthur of Burt, N. Dak.; State Senator Walter Fiedler of Ryder, N. Dak.; Rudy of Mott, Mrs. Alfred (Irene) Frebois of Mott, Mrs. Alfred (Helen) Christman of Brady, Montana; and Mrs. Walter (Selma) Auch of Mott, S. Dak.; also 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Mr. Fiedler was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Mott and was its first treasurer. He was active in civic affairs. Funeral services were held on Nov. 13 at First Baptist Church of Mott, with the undersigned officiating.

First Baptist Church  
Mott, North Dakota  
FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor

### MR. PAUL W. JUWIG of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Paul W. Juwig of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was born on August 8, 1898 in Germany. On Jan. 7, 1920, he and Frieda Senftleben were united in marriage in Sagan, Germany. Three children were born of this union. The family emigrated to the United States and eventually to Milwaukee in 1927. Under the ministry of Rev. Herbert Hiller, he accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized and received into the Bethany Baptist Church in 1938. He spent more than forty years in the construction field. He used this talent for the Lord and helped in the construction of the church building in 1938 and the parsonage in 1953.

Death came suddenly at his home on Nov. 19, 1961. He is survived by his wife, Frieda; a son, Guenther of Augusta, Ga.; a daughter, Ruth Schneider of Milwaukee; a daughter-in-law, Maureen Juwig; a son-in-law, Carl Schneider; 6 grandchildren; one sister and two brothers in Germany and one brother in Canada. A son, Werner, died in 1936 following an accident. Services were held on Nov. 22 with interment at the Wisconsin Memorial Park.

Bethany Baptist Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
WILMER QUIRING, Pastor

### MRS. THEDA ZECKER of Woodbine, Kansas

Mrs. Theda Brenner Zecker of Woodbine, Kansas, was born in Walsvilla, Illinois on Nov. 20, 1870 and entered her eternal home on Nov. 7, 1961, only 13 days before her 91st birthday. During revival meetings she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. On June 3, 1888 she was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. D. A. Homfield and was received as a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She was a faithful member for 73 years. In her youth she was secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union and also a Sunday School teacher.

On March 27, 1902 she was united in marriage to Otto F. Zecker and shared joys and sorrows together for 29 years. Mrs. Zecker was an invalid for 11 years. We shall long cherish her numerous acts of kindness, her sincerity of faith and her love for her Savior "having done what she could" to serve her Lord. Survivors include her two sons: Alvin and Arnold; one daughter, Emma, all of Woodbine, Kansas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Junction City, Kansas  
EDWIN F. WALTER, Pastor

### MR. ARTHUR MILLER of Randolph, Minnesota

Mr. Arthur Miller of Randolph, Minn., was born in Randolph Township on Sept. 3, 1884. He was baptized by Rev. A. Guenther on June 14, 1908 and united with the Randolph Baptist Church. Through the years he has been active in the work of the church serving at various times as church secretary, Sunday school treasurer and as trustee of the church, as well as quietly and liberally supporting the work in a material way. On November 4, 1961 he passed away suddenly in his home of a heart attack at the age of 77 years, 2 months and 1 day.

On June 3, 1914 he was married to Anna Dorothy Becker who preceded him in death on Dec. 17, 1918. Two children were born to this union: Edna Mae who resides in Randolph, Minn., and Royce William who resides at Hopkins, Minn. On Nov. 23, 1921 Mr. Miller was married to Antonetta Witte who survives him. He is also survived by his two children: one sister, Anna (Mrs. Oscar Anstad) of Detroit, Mich.; and 5 grandchildren. Interment was at the Baptist Cemetery near Hampton, Randolph, Minnesota.

ELEON L. SANDAU, Pastor

### MRS. PAUL FRATZKE of Hutchinson, Minnesota

Mrs. Paul Fratzke of Hutchinson, Minn., was born Sept. 22, 1905 at Minneapolis, Minn., and passed away Nov. 20, 1961, at the Community Hospital in Hutchinson, Minn., at the age of 56 years, 1 month and 28 days. The last three years saw her becoming active in outside activities and more confined to her home, as she continued her fight against the disease of leukemia. On June 9, 1926, she was united in marriage to Mr. Paul Fratzke of Hutchinson.

Through the help of a devoted Sunday School teacher and other Christian friends, she received the assurance of her personal salvation in Jesus Christ during her youth and was later baptized by Rev. Emil Becker on May 24, 1931, at which time she also became a member of this church. She was always willing to serve her Master as she was able, and did so as a Sunday School teacher, president of the Women's Missionary Society, and a number of other responsible offices.

With her passing she leaves to mourn her devoted husband Paul; four daughters: Phyllis, Mrs. Clay Webb of Phoenix, Ariz.; Audrey, Mrs. Darrel Thomas of Mound, Minn.; Carol, Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Wilmar, Minn.; JoAnn, Mrs. Douglas Peterson of Hutchinson; two sons: David and Donnie, both of Hutchinson; her father, Mr. Victor Ramberg, Hutchinson; three sisters and one brother.

Bethany Baptist Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota  
B. A. ITTERMAN, Pastor

### REV. G. HAROLD HILL of Newark, New Jersey

Rev. G. Harold Hill, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., for 13 years, died on Nov. 11 in St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, of a heart attack. He had been stricken in the parking lot of the Rutgers University stadium just prior to the Rutgers-University of Delaware football game he had planned to attend. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was a graduate of the Philadelphia School of the Bible and the Eastern Baptist Seminary, where he later served as a teacher for 10 years.

He was pastor of the Marcus Hook Baptist Church of Linwood, Pa., for 19 years before coming to Newark in 1948. He was president of the eastern region of the National Association of Evangelicals and a fellow of the University Foundation. He was a member of the board of trustees of the the Evangelistic Committee of Newark and Vicinity. He also taught at the Newark Bible School. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lenoir Masteller Hill; two sons: Wayne and Bruce, at home; and two daughters: Mrs. Charles Kline Jr., of Chester, Pa., and Miss Beverly at home.

Evangel Baptist Church  
Newark, New Jersey  
THE CHURCH

### MRS. FRIEDA BRAUTIGAM of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Frieda Brautigam, nee Jung, of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on July 25, 1898 in Washington County, Wisconsin, and later moved to Milwaukee. She was united in marriage to John Brautigam on Nov. 3, 1924. Mrs. Brautigam was a faithful member and attendant of the Immanuel Baptist Church. The last number of years she was often afflicted with illness and passed away

## WE, THE WOMEN

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bringing their offerings, filled the aisles. A crippled girl came slowly toward the front. She paused and then took a ring from her finger placing it with the other gifts on the altar. Adjusting her crutches she went back to her seat.

Following the service, the minister said to her, "My dear, I saw what you did tonight. It was very kind and thoughtful of you! Since the people responded so well tonight and the offering was large we don't need to keep your ring. I want to give it back to you."

The girl's eyes filled with tears and then she said to the minister, "I didn't give that ring to you. I gave it to Jesus!"

As the crippled girl gave her ring to Jesus, may we, too, give as "unto the Lord." Let us give to this worthy project as if we were placing what we give into the pierced hands of the Lord Jesus."

## LANDS OF THREE CROWNS

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in ancient days farmers from the grain-growing valleys and seafaring people met to exchange their wares. In 1050 King Harold Hardrade gave the rapidly expanding trading center the rank of town. A lover of history and developments must visit the remarkable relics of the Viking Age near the Oslo Fjord. An examination of the collection of all the articles found here gives us a good idea of daily life in Norway of the 9th century.

While I was in Oslo, the opening day of the annual session of Parliament took place. This assembly is always opened by the king. Long before the arrival of the ruler from his palace, people begin to line up on both sides of the wide street leading from the Royal Palace to "The Storting" (Parliament Building). The special guard of the king, the soldiers, air force men and the navy took their positions all along the way. And there we stood for more than an hour and a half waiting for the king.

While we patiently waited, we thought of the coming of the King of kings. Will his children be anxiously watching for his return? And when he comes, will we be ready to receive him and be received by him? Truly, our hearts are thrilled only to ponder this great event and we pray: "Lord, come quickly."

on Sept. 25, 1961. The survivors include her husband, John Brautigam; two sons: Kenneth and Charles of Milwaukee; one daughter: Mrs. Dorothy Murphy of Chicago, Ill.; and 9 grandchildren. She also leaves a brother, William Jung; 4 sisters: Mrs. Wm. Hein, Ella Rohback, Martha Martin and Alma Jung; and other relatives and friends. She was laid to rest in beautiful Pinelawn Memorial Park.

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## MORE REPORTS

### Annual Woman's Society Program Rosenfeld Church, N. Dak.

We of the Rosenfeld Woman's Missionary Society of rural Anamoose, N. Dak., can truly say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We have a membership of 12 faithful members and one honorary member. Our White Cross quota was met and we also donated toward our \$60,000 project, our denominational budget and Crystal Springs Youth Camp, as well as to some home mission projects. Our missionaries are remembered with birthday greetings and also by correspondence by individual members to better acquaint us with their work and families.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 22, we held our annual program by inviting our neighboring churches. Several songs by the entire group were rendered. Our speaker was our pastor's wife, Mrs. Arnold Friez, who brought us a challenging message. Our new officers for the year are: president, Mrs. Albert Isaak; vice-president, Mrs. Elvin Kanko; treasurer, Mrs. Bennie Martin; and secretary, Mrs. Walter Ebel. As we enter this new year we trust in the one and only true God, that he may guide and keep us.

Mrs. Walter Ebel, Reporter

### 85th Anniversary of Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn.

The Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., observed its 85th anniversary on Sunday evening, Nov. 26. Members of the congregation had contributed many pictures for the occasion, representing most of the years since the founding of the church, which were projected on a screen. An oral review of the church's history was also given by Leonard Engler. Special music was supplied by the Ladies' Trio and the Male Quartet. Mrs. Arthur Miller, who was church pianist for over 40 years but who has been retired for some time, delighted the congregation by playing on this occasion.

The church was organized in 1876 by 15 charter members who had previously been members of the Hastings Baptist Church. A plot of ground was given by Johannes Engler in Hampton township, about one mile north of the village of Randolph where a frame building was constructed for worship. The newly organized church was known at that time as the First German Regular Baptist Church of Hampton, Minn.

For several years the Randolph and Hastings Churches shared their pastor. In 1884 a Baptist Church was organized near Faribault as an outgrowth of the Randolph Church, and then these two churches shared pastors for more than 40 years until the Faribault congregation was disbanded. In 1925 the building was moved into the village of Randolph where it is at present. In the last decade the church has become known as "The Church with the Chimes Tower." The chimes, a memorial gift to the church, may be heard for more than four miles under favorable conditions. None of the original members are now living, although Mrs. Anna C. Miller has been a member for 69 years.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

## Letters from Readers...

We shall welcome any reactions or opinions of "Baptist Herald" readers in response to articles appearing in its pages. Limit your letters to 150 words and send to our editorial office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. EDITOR.

### GLAD FOR SEMINARY ARTICLE

Even though we are now members of an American Baptist Church, we still get the "Baptist Herald." We have especially enjoyed the issue which we received recently. The articles and pictures about the Seminary were very fine. We are happy to see the library finished and ready for use.

Mrs. Henry J. Buhler,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

### ARTICLE ON RAUSCHENBUSCH

I was surprised and overjoyed to see the article by Rev. W. S. Argow entitled "The Centennial of Walter Rauschenbusch" in the "Baptist Herald." He is an uncle of mine. I read the article in your paper with great interest. The reports of the General Conference in Minneapolis were very exciting. It is something wonderful and uplifting to have a part in such a conference fellowship. Because of a rheumatic condition, I have not been able to attend Baptist church services

here in Hamburg for eight years. For this reason the spiritual blessing and inspiration of the "Baptist Herald" are especially precious to me. Greet my friends through your paper!

Mrs. Emma Fetzer,  
Hamburg, Germany

### DAUGHTER OF RAUSCHENBUSCH WRITES

I congratulate the "Baptist Herald" on printing such a fine thing about my father, Professor Walter Rauschenbusch. It seems to me that Rev. Argow understood my father's nature at all points. He has given the correct emphasis to the social gospel, so-called, which was only part of father's thinking. His personal religious feeling was of paramount importance to him, and his students and most of the people who actually knew him well seem to have grasped that. So was his interest in people as individuals. In this respect his being hard of hearing was a keenly felt handicap. I can remember being out walking with him on the outskirts of Rochester when I was a child, and his stopping to talk to a group of men work on the road. Since I could speak fairly rapidly on my fingers, he was thus able to carry on a considerable conversation with them. But he would have enjoyed it so much more if he could have heard their voices.

Winifred Rauschenbush Rorty,  
Columbia, New Jersey