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The Divine Initiative

By Dr. Richard C. Halverson, Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

ONE FACTOR sharply distinguishes the Christian faith from all the religions of the world. In religion man takes the initiative; in Christianity God takes the initiative. Rightly understood, Christianity is the direct antithesis of all religions.

In religion, as distinct from Christianity, the accent is upon man's efforts to help himself. Religion is man attempting to achieve his best. He may do it alone, or he may try to get some help from God, but in either case the effort is man's and the object is to please God and somehow to earn his favor.

In any event the whole burden of responsibility is upon man. God appears more or less indifferent to his plight—aloof from the human struggle. If man is going to be saved, whatever that means, it is entirely up to himself—God being either unable or unwilling to meet him even halfway. It is not difficult to imagine the god of most religions taking a certain delight in the futile struggle and final failure of man.

Christianity puts man in the place of receiving from God that which man is unable to accomplish for himself. In the God-man relationship, God is always the subject and man is always the object. God has taken the initiative to redeem man. He loves man and does all in his power to deliver him from his lost state. He is "not willing that any should perish." God delights in man's salvation, works for it, provides it free and clear to all who will receive it.

The joy, the power, the vitality, the drive of those Christians will only be recaptured when we learn to renounce the fruitless struggle and allow the life of God in Christ to fill us, possess us and use us in the divine program. When we forsake our confidence in human resources and yield to the reign of God in our lives, the world will see a demonstration of true Christianity that will commend itself to thoughtful men.

From Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover, the Bible declares that God is the initiator, the aggressor in redemption, but it does not stop there. He also is the sustainer and the finisher of redemption. Paul sums it up in these words: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). In redemption God is always the subject, man is always the object. God is the benefactor; man is the beneficiary. Man's part is to believe, consent, yield, obey. God's part is to redeem.

Christian growth is not the struggle to become the kind of person we think God wants us to be. It is a surrender of our bodies, all our faculties, our right to ourselves, to God—that he may make us and mold us into the image of his Son, that through us his life and love and grace might flow.

Not Jesus Christ *plus* life. He *is* our life.

Not Jesus Christ *plus* redemption. He *is* our redemption.

Not Jesus Christ *plus* righteousness. He *is* our righteousness.

Jesus Christ plus anything is heresy!

Receive Christ, yield to Christ, walk in Christ. This is spiritual maturity. —"Decision" Magazine.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

BAPTIST TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. "This college is now the largest of its kind in West Cameroon, Africa. We have an enrollment of 204 men and 5 women, all living on the campus. Ninety per cent of them are Baptists who will be teaching in Christian Day Schools on completion of their courses. Please pray for them, their studies and their future responsibilities in educating young Cameroonians." Missionary G. Ben Lawrence.

MAY 1962 CONTRIBUTIONS. We have encouraging news to report about the May 1962 contributions from our churches amounting to \$73,388.60 for all purposes. The sum for the budget was \$63,686.08. This can be compared with \$40,804.13 in 1961 for the budget and \$43,257.72 in 1960. For the past two months of the fiscal year (April and May 1962) the contributions have totaled \$122,676.69, which is about \$20,000 more than over the same period in 1961 and 1960.

FURLOUGHS FOR MISSIONARIES. During the summer months the following missionaries will be returning home for their furloughs: Miss Berneice Westerman, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, and Miss Ida Forsch from the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa; and Miss Florence Miller from Osaka, Japan. Their itineraries for a promotional ministry to our churches have been prepared by Dr. R. Schilke and the Summer Visitation Committee and will be announced later.

NEW MISSIONARIES' HOME IN COLORADO. The Board of Missions has purchased a home in Del Norte, Colorado for Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, our missionaries to the Spanish Americans of the San Luis Valley, Colorado. The supervision of the Spanish American mission field is now under the Central District secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, who, together with the Southwestern and Southern Conference Mission Committees, seeks to further mission work among the Spanish American people in these two areas.

STUDENT SERVICE PLAN. About 14 students are serving our churches this summer under the denomination's Student Service Plan as reported by Rev. John Binder, youth director of the Department of Christian Education.

NEXT ISSUE

PHILOSOPHER AND PREACHER IN EBONY

The Story of John Jaspas
Negro Preacher

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Editorial

We Rest In God

Restlessness is a dominant trait of our age. Everywhere people are easily irritated and upset. They are haunted by many fears. They are constantly searching for security, for peace of mind. But they are unwilling to attach themselves to some strong anchor as they migrate frantically from place to place. They seem to be either "coming or going" and not knowing or caring about their destination.

Dr. Howard Thurman, a Negro Baptist theologian, points out that there is a deeper restlessness that belongs to the very structure of personality. Sometimes it is referred to as "the divine discontent" in the heart. Certain mystics call it the "homing" instinct in the human spirit. Others characterize man in his essential nature as "always roaming with hungry heart." The classic expression of it in Christianity is the oft-quoted statement of Augustine: "Thou, O God, hast made us for thyself and our souls are restless till they find their rest in thee." A Christian poet has suggested that God gave to man every gift but *rest* so that man would never be at ease finally except with God. This is a deeper challenge with which we have to contend.

Only as our "life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3) can we distinguish between the two dimensions of restlessness so as not to confuse them. The only restful abiding is in Christ, in waiting on the Lord, in quietness and meditation on his Word, in the utter commitment of our entire life into his hands.

"He shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). This deep and meaningful restlessness turns our souls toward the heavenly Father's House, lifts our hearts to set our affections on heavenly things, and anchors our lives to the things that cannot be shaken.

Rest in God! Rest your soul in the things of God! During these summer months many of our people are coming face to face with God's eternal truths in the glory of his handiwork, in the revelation of his Word, in a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. In such experiences, the restlessness of the Psalmist as expressed in these words, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2) is satisfied. For such "the Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life" (Psalm 42:8).

This is the paradox. The restlessness of our souls leads us to God, to the foot of the Cross, to his Word where we find this rest as God's divine gift. Then we shall be able to say: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1). We have arrived at our spiritual home, at our abiding resting place.

For the man or woman who has found this rest in God, there comes the strength to reduce all the ill-at-easeness of life to glowing purposes and to "manageable units of control," (in Dr. Thurman's words), making for tranquility and peace in the midst of change and upheaval all around us!

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God has given us glorious
opportunities at the Baptist Teacher
Training College in Soppo, West
Cameroon with 209 students . . .

Education of the Heart

By Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman, Principal
of the Baptist Teacher Training College

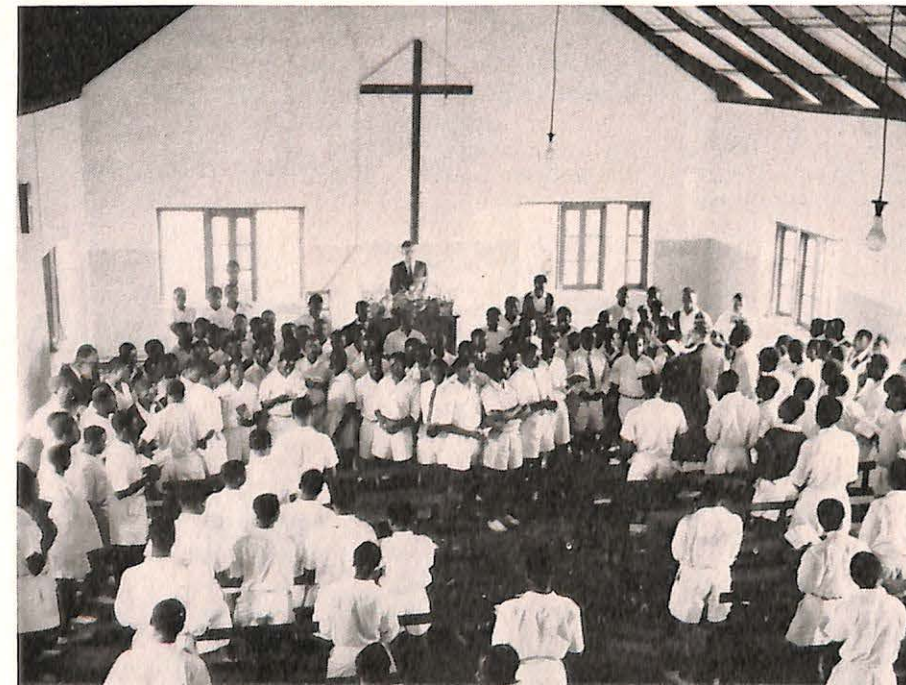
TO TRAIN the mind and not to develop the spiritual life of the student at the same time is doing him a disservice. The purpose of our Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo, Federal Republic of Cameroon, is to train young men and women of the West Cameroon to be Christian teachers who are to work in our Christian Day Schools.

B.T.T.C. is a boarding school attended by students from all parts of the country. The course of study at the college is now a five-year program of training. The students are trained in

teaching methods, English, literature, history, geography, Bible, arithmetic, rural science and physical training. The schedule they follow is rigorous, beginning at 6:15 a.m. and continuing until 10:00 p.m. in the evening with final prayers.

ENROLLMENT OF 209 STUDENTS

Last year the college had only 104 students, while this year it has an enrollment of 209, and, if the present government program is carried out, it is possible that we will have about 280 students in January 1963.



DEDICATION SERVICE DURING "CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS DAYS"

The dedication service of the Baptist Teacher Training College in Soppo with Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, the Field Secretary, extending the invitation. Seventeen young men, in training as teachers, indicated their desire to study for the ministry if further training can be provided. The college now has need for two missionaries, whose major responsibility would be teaching Bible.



During "Christian Emphasis Days" at the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo, Africa, many interesting discussions were held. Here Mr. Donald Witt (left), missionary, and Mr. Ngong converse together.

This year our Baptist Mission was the first school to become co-educational. Until January of this year, the college was only a school for men, but we were given permission by the government to take in women students. We admitted five women students. Until this event took place, all women who wanted to be teachers either had to do their training at a Catholic Teachers' Training College for women, or else go to Nigeria. Other missions are following our example in co-education, and it is likely that in 1963 we shall be able to take in an additional 20 women students. This is a great step forward for the women of this backward country.

BUILDING EXPANSION

Such expansion of enrollment has called for tremendous effort on the part of the staff and students. Since November of last year, the following new buildings have been constructed: six new dormitories, wash house, two missionary houses, and an addition to the dining hall, plus many changes and repairs. If the college continues to grow to meet the existing need, then it means that we will need to double the existing facilities in the next two years.

At present, we have a teaching staff at the college consisting of six missionaries and eight African teachers.

We rejoice over the way in which God has given us opportunities for such advancement. This is needed! It is true that less than 20 per cent of the children who are of school age can now attend school and, of the teachers now teaching in our day schools, less than half have had more than one year of training as a teacher beyond elementary school.

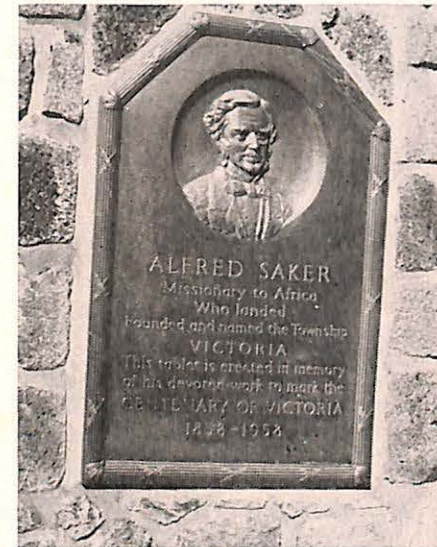
We thank God for the physical blessings of a large college that he has given to us, but our greatest rejoicing is not in the area of buildings, but rather for what is happening in the

spiritual lives of these young men and women.

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS DAYS

Toward the end of May, we set aside three days as "Christian Emphasis Days." For this special occasion we invited to our college a number of special guests to teach classes and to preach on Bible reading and prayer, salvation, divine guidance and doctrine.

Among those who spent these days with us were our field secretary, Rev. Fred C. Folkerts; our education secretary, Rev. G. Ben Lawrence and family; the principal of our Bible School,



The Memorial tablet to Alfred Saker, Baptist pioneer missionary, at Victoria.

Rev. George W. Lang and family; Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson; Mr. Donald E. Witt of our Cameroons Protestant College, and Pastor Nfomi, the executive secretary of our Cameroons Baptist Convention. With such an array of God's servants in one place, you would expect results, and the results were that the Spirit of God was in our midst.



BAPTIST TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE, SOPPO, CAMEROON

(Left): During the current building program at the Baptist Teacher Training College, it is estimated that the students gathered about 300 cubic yards of stone and transported 450 tons of cement block and sand to various building sites.

(Right): Four of the women students who are at present studying at B.T.T.C., which was formerly an all men's college. B.T.T.C. is the first co-educational institution in West Cameroon.

The pictures on pages 4 and 5 were taken by Milton Quiggie, missionary, who is also on the teaching staff of Soppo.

Special courses were taught during the day, question periods were held, and in the evening we had gospel preaching services, preceded by a grand song service.

TWELVE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

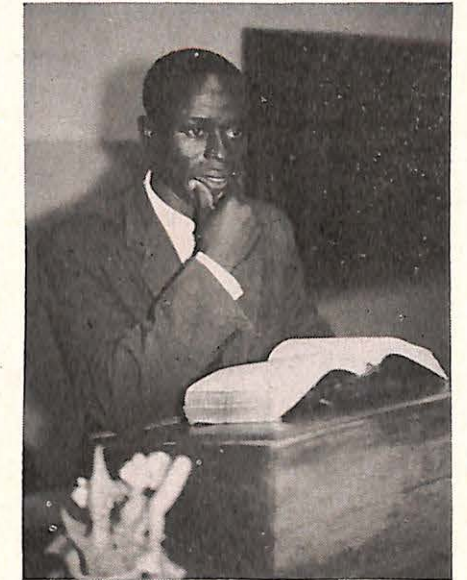
During these days, we had twelve first decisions for Christ. These students want to be baptized after they have completed an inquirer's course. Then there were seventeen students who stated that they wished to receive further training in order to become ministers of God's Word.

This shows how God's Spirit works—especially when we consider the differences in salaries for pastors as compared to teachers. And then finally at the great dedication service on Sunday morning, about half of the students stepped forward committing themselves that they intended to walk in closer fellowship with Jesus Christ, their Lord and Master.

We as staff members realize that our task is twofold here at this Training College. We need to educate in the usual way, developing the mind along academic lines. But we have a far greater challenge and that is educating the heart, instilling in these young lives a sense of purpose, of inner self-discipline and motivation under the guidance of the Spirit of Jesus.

SOUND BIBLE TEACHING

As principal of this fine college, I can see that the students are eager to hear the Word preached. There is enthusiasm for Bible study and witnessing. This is a spirit and situation which needs to be developed and exploited to the utmost! God has given us a glorious opportunity here at Soppo and "we dare not neglect so great a salvation."



Pastor Nfomi, the executive secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention, speaking at one of the "Christian Emphasis Days" sessions at the Baptist Teacher Training College, Soppo, West Cameroon.

It is imperative that at this time of expansion we place a firm emphasis on sound Bible teaching in this young college. In January 1963, we shall have need for two missionaries whose major responsibility will be in the field of Bible and religious instruction.

Pray for these needs:

1. Our women's training program.
2. The general expansion of our college.
3. The students who are new Christians.
4. Those students who are now preparing to be teachers, but want to become pastors. A training program needs to be developed.
5. Our missionaries and African staff members, that they may always give a full Christian witness.
6. A new missionary to teach Bible.



To the churches of the North

American Baptist Conference:

Grace and peace be unto you . . .

Epistle to North American Baptists

From Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt
of West Cameroon, Africa

CHAPTER 1

1. Donald and Ruth Witt, servants of the Lord at Cameroons Protestant College (C.P.C.), Bali, West Cameroon, West Africa,

2. To the churches of the North American Baptist General Conference, in the days of President Kennedy of the United States and President Ahidjo of the Republic of Cameroon:

3. Grace and peace be unto you from God our Father, and from his Son, Jesus Christ.

4. Our hearts long to rehearse with you the work and all the things the Lord has done for us at this house of learning.

5. I, Don, came by way of the great sea, which is called Atlantic, in the ninth month and eleventh day of the year of unification of the British Cameroons and the French Cameroun.

6. Because of fear that beset the people with unification, my wife sojourned in the Land of the Free three additional months.

7. On the twenty and sixth day of the month called December, Ruth arrived, and together we joined hands and hearts for the work of the Lord at C. P. C.

8. Hath not the Lord put in the hearts of his children that the objective of this endeavor be two-fold, yea, even single in its intent:

9. To educate the young men of this land in the ways of our God and in worldly wisdom and knowledge?

10. Thou, O Lord, knowest that we desire to teach men, personally and collectively, thy way, to instill a fervent devotion to thee and to cause them to be prepared academically for positions of leadership in the church and in this country.

11. Grant them to know, as thy servant of old, that the fear of thee is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge.

CHAPTER 2

1. It came to pass in the nineteen hundredth two score and eighth year



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt, Baptist missionaries stationed at the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, West Africa.

that C. P. C. came into being,

2. Having its first graduating class of one decade five years from thence.

3. Behold, already a multitude of positions of honor in government, places of business, and churches are filled with men who have gone forth from here.

4. Whither one goeth, he meeteth them and is warmly welcomed, as a mother welcometh her son after a great time of absence.

5. C. P. C. is verily a boys' secondary school (yea, and similar to high school in the U. S.), which hitherto has been run jointly by the Basel Presbyterian Mission and our Baptist Mission.

6. It standeth in the region called "Grassfield" (the situation thereof characterized by mountains and lofty elevation) and within Bali Territory, thirteen miles from the city called



Missionary Donald Witt, teacher at the Cameroons Protestant College, leading a song service on the mission field in Africa.

Bamenda, nigh unto six score and fifty miles from the coast.

7. Its lofty heights measureth 4400 feet above sea level, with refreshing temperatures of 60-85 degrees Fahrenheit all the year around.

8. Its compound (campus) consisteth of nigh unto a score of buildings which include dormitories, classrooms, domestic servants and tutors' quarters.

9. Nigh unto three hundred choice young men of the land dwell in this place of learning. (In the year 1962, only thirty of 1200 applicants verily were admitted, and admission was granted only after examination and personal interview.)

10. The paths of study by which the students gain knowledge and understanding include Bible, Biology, Chemistry, English, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, and Additional Mathematics (calculus and Mechanics).

11. It is then surely culminated by an exam, yea, even the West African School Certificate Examination.

12. The students take the opportunity of assembling themselves together in the manifold clubs offered to them, such as Current Events, Music, Boxing, Organ, Physics, and Photography.

13. As the sun riseth and setteth, students worship in the House of the Lord on the compound, meeting together for morning and evening "prayers."

14. The first day of the week findeth the young men in the study of the Word of the Lord and spreading the good news to nearby villages.

15. The Gospel is proclaimed to the people either in "Pidgin" English or in the native tongue.

CHAPTER 3

1. Daily life within the institution aboundeth with exceeding interesting happenings.

2. Each student greatly delighteth in the time when he doth eat and drink, and lo, his appetite can be likened unto that of a roaring lion.

3. The daily food consisteth of beans, corn, gari (a starchy food), egusi (a type of ground melon seed), dried crayfish, palm oil, meat, plantains (a type of banana), and rice.

4. Moreover, the young men desire their food "hot" with red pepper.

5. Our remembrance of the first time our lips tasted of this spice was that it caused our mouths to burn like fire for two weeks.

6. The food is verily better and more frequent than they received at their parents' abiding places.

7. The young men act similarly to normal "teenagers" in the U.S. in thought and deed.

8. Dating, as we know it, however, tendeth to be non-existent, for the culture regardeth courtship unnecessary.

9. Of a surety, the student hath his problems, as a farmer with weeds in his crops, and they weigh heavily upon him.

10. Yea, during a recent school physical examination with Dr. Peter Fehr, one student complained in bitter despair that he had acquired a small number of gray hairs in the uppermost part of his frame.

11. Surely, such a thing causeth much anguish and maketh the soul to be brought low.

12. The announcement of work produceth a multitude of pains and feelings of sickness in the oddest places within the bodies.

13. One incident certainly cometh to my remembrance. I told the pupils in my class called "Maths" to purchase a book which they verily needed.

14. Was it not at least 90% of the students who begged an advancement of money because of their poor estate,



The Baptist staff at the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Federal Republic of Cameroon. This picture was taken before Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt joined the staff.

and, as one stated, were "financially paralyzed"?

15. My soul was thrown into utter amazement whereupon, proclaiming to them that I would gladly give them each a book if they only would dig in my garden, everyone of them immediately produced the necessary money.

16. Our souls truly delight in these boys, and most are greatly ambitious and interesting.

17. A young man with the desire for learning in his heart sought to learn my "Baritone" horn.

18. He wrote me a letter of flowery words with the choicest phrases. But, alas, the letter saith that he was tongue-tied in mine presence.

19. Surely, this student now playeth my horn.

CHAPTER 4

1. The Lord doth certainly work in hearts to cause the unbeliever to find eternal life, and the child of his to possess a broken and a contrite heart.

2. One student, in whom the Lord surely rejoiceth, remained at the college during holidays for fear of mischievous girls with wicked imaginations.

3. I gladly counselled with him, and both of us did receive an education.

4. Another upright student sought an office of great honor in the school. It came to pass that he was not among the chosen ones,

5. And his countenance was exceeding sorrowful, and failure was heavy upon his soul.

6. Upon personal instruction, the young man responded wisely, and joy was upon his heart when he realized the truth of the Scripture, "All things work together for good to them that love God,

7. To them that are called according to his purpose."

8. Then, verily, I asked one student to come to my abiding place and help correct exam papers.

9. I took the opportunity and asked him concerning his relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

10. He said that he was not a Christian, but desired to become one.

11. After brief instruction in the fear of the Lord and prayer, the young man departed.

12. Two months had passed until our paths joined. Then my heart leaped for joy when he stated that he had daily read the Scriptures which this servant had given him,

13. And that he was verily converted from the error of his way to new life in Christ.

14. A diligent student whose faith was of the way called Roman Catholic, upon counseling, prayer and careful analysis of the decision involved, realized the error of his previous teachings and turned to the Lamb of God.

15. This young man is truly a testi-

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APOSTLES OF CHRIST IN AFRICA

Six Baptist pastors in the Federal Republic of Cameroon on their way over the fields to Mbongo II Church for the ordination of a new Baptist pastor, Daniel Lairi. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

The Class of 1932 was honored, a missionary was given an honorary degree, and nine Seniors received the Bachelor of Divinity degree at . . .

The 112th Commencement Exercises of Our Seminary

By Professor Roy W. Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE IMPRESSIVE ceremonies of the 112th commencement exercises at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were highlighted by the 30th anniversary of the class of 1932. Members of the class participated in all the services which were held Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, '32, the Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, delivered the commencement address on Sunday afternoon in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. In his address entitled, "Woe Is Me—If I Preach Not the Gospel," Dr. Woyke challenged the churches to examine the reasons for the critical shortage of trained Christian leadership.

The commencement activities began Saturday night, May 19, at 6:30 with the annual Seminary banquet. Rev. Wilfred Bloedow, '32, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, served as toastmaster. Dr. Reuben Jeschke, '32, president of Sioux Falls College, shared a number of significant observations in his banquet address, "Thirty Years and a Few Memories Later."

Rev. John Grygo, '32, editor of German Literature, spoke on "Divine Trust" at the Baccalaureate Service held Sunday morning in the Trinity



DR. PAUL GEBAUER RECEIVES D.D. DEGREE

President Frank Veninga (right) of the North American Baptist Seminary confers the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Missionary Paul Gebauer as Mr. Herman Bleeker, Board chairman (left), assists.

Baptist Church. He brought out the Biblical significance to the theme of the graduating class, "Trust in the Living God."

In honoring the class of 1932, the

Seminary gave recognition to the outstanding contributions of this group of six graduates. From this group came three pastors: Rev. Paul Henke (deceased), Rev. August Lutz, and Rev. Wilfred Bloedow; one editor, Rev. John Grygo, editor of German Literature; one college president, Dr. Reuben Jeschke, Sioux Falls College; and one executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, Dr. Frank H. Woyke.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the North American Baptist General Conference, the task of missions and the Kingdom of God at large, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Dr. Paul Gebauer of McMinnville, Oregon.

One senior received the degree of Master of Religious Education, Mr. Paul Custer of Rapid City, South Dakota. Nine seniors received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity: Mr. Herbert Berndt of Rochester, New York; Mr. Allan Ernest Gerber of Camrose, Alberta; Mr. William Keple of Martin, North Dakota; Mr. Reinhold Kerstan of Wolfsburg, Germany; Mr. Harvey Mehlhoff of Wishek, North Dakota; Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mr. Frederick Penner of St. Claire Shores, Michigan; Mr. David

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1962 SEMINARY GRADUATES

Ten young men who received the Bachelor of Divinity degrees and the Master of Religious Education degree at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday, May 20, 1962.

Festive highlights and moments to remember in the commencement exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta . . .

"Forward in Faith" – C.T.I.'s Motto

By Professor A. Rapske of the C.T.I. Faculty

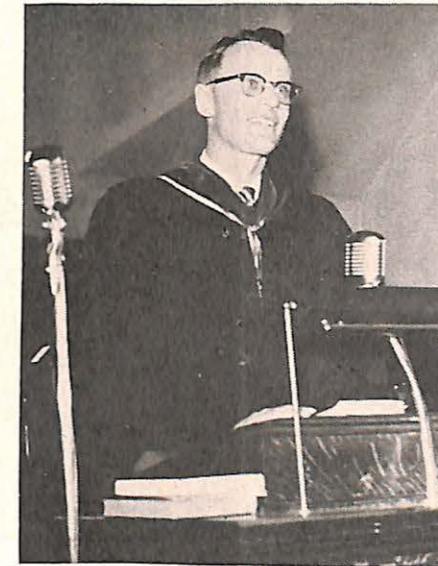
THE Christian Training Institute family, Edmonton, Alberta, shared with the graduating students of the Theological and High School Departments some significant moments during the 1962 Commencement Exercises on May 12 and 13. Nine students graduated from the Theological Department and twelve students from the High School Department.

The festivities of commencement days began with a graduation banquet. Mrs. Felberg, together with others, worked hard to provide a delicious meal and to create a very pleasant atmosphere. On Saturday evening, May 12th, guests arrived to share an evening in honor of the graduates. Rev. E. B. Link served as the master of ceremonies.

Dr. A. S. Felberg, president, in his address reminded the graduates of their responsibilities and duties as alumni of the school. The words of grateful response spoken by representatives of the graduates were charged with emotion. Contributions of parents, faculty, administration and fellow students were given due recognition and deep thanks was expressed on behalf of the graduates. The message of the evening, "Spiritual Sensitivity to 'What's Going On'" was delivered in a challenging manner by the guest speaker, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill. The entire evening was in keeping with the theme of the graduating classes, "FORWARD IN FAITH."

The following morning, May 13, the Christian Training Institute family congregated at the McKernan Baptist Church for the baccalaureate service. Rev. E. P. Wahl, who was to be honored later in the day at the graduation service, was the guest speaker. His message, "The Faithful Servant of the Lord," was an inspiration to the congregation.

In the afternoon the scene shifted to the Central Baptist Church where the graduation exercises were held. It was a solemn occasion as faculty and students in academic garb marched into the auditorium. The motto verse chosen by the graduates was a fitting one for men and women who are about to enter into the Lord's service: "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid" (Joshua 1:9). Most of the Theological Department graduates either have places of service or are planning on further education. This



Rev. W. Muller of Carbon, Alberta, delivering the commencement address, "A Growing Faith," at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.

service was for them the completion of one chapter and the beginning of another.

The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. W. Muller of Carbon, Alberta,

and his message was entitled "A Growing Faith." It was fitting that Mr. Muller, for nine years a member of Board of Trustees of the Institute, should bring the message to this first group of theological graduates. Dr. A. S. Felberg also gave a brief message to the graduates.

Music at all of the Commencement festivities was provided under the direction of Rev. E. B. Link. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. R. L. McLatchie made a musical contribution in the form of a string duet at the graduation exercises. As at every graduation, so at this one there were moments to remember. There was the element of surprise when scholarships and prizes were announced. But the experience that was most meaningful to the family of the Institute came at the moment when Rev. E. P. Wahl, the founder of our school and for many years its president, and now its president emeritus, was called to the platform and presented with the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. It was an honor well deserved.

Conscious of the element of historic importance attached to this occasion, graduates and their friends who participated praised God for what he had wrought in the lives of his chosen laborers.



DR. E. P. WAHL, PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Dr. A. S. Felberg, (right) president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., presents the diploma of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus, at the 1962 commencement exercises.

A Call for Loyal Soldiers

Announcement about the two teams of GOD'S VOLUNTEERS for 1962-1963 by Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant.

JUST A LITTLE over a hundred years ago President Lincoln sent out his emergency call for 75,000 volunteers. The freedom and the unity of the nation was in danger and men left their farms, their businesses and their loved ones to answer the call.

Seven years ago our denomination sent out the first call for God's Volunteers. Ministers and evangelists found it difficult to fill all the requests of the churches to help in the soul-winning program of God's Kingdom. We are happy to report that since then, year after year, young people have temporarily left their work, their education, their loved ones and have offered a year of their lives without remuneration to the service of the King.

So far, thirty-six young people look back upon such a year as one of the most blessed experiences of their lives. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, the first director; Rev. Elmer Strauss, the second director; and the present director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, also testify to the wonderful blessings the churches experienced through the ministry of God's Volunteers. The continued and repeated requests for the services of these devoted teams attest to the necessity for such a ministry of visitation evangelism.

1962-1963 TEAMS

In fact, there have been so many invitations that the God's Volunteers Committee has found it necessary to appoint two teams for the coming 1962-1963 season. Since a sufficient number of applications from young people have been received, it seemed providential that this important phase of our denominational ministry of evangelism should be enlarged.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the following to God's Volunteers' teams: Lorraine Albrecht, Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba; Kathleen E. Dockter, McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota; Jarene Gunst, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. (Jarene is the daughter of Rev. J. C. Gunst who is well known throughout our churches as a District Secretary); Judy Hoelzer, Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon; Ronna Merrick, Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn.; Shirley V. Sandau, First Baptist Church, Mound Prairie, Wis.; Marilyn Jean Woyke, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Uwe Sawodny, German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario; Arlyn Thielenhouse, First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas; Bernard G. Thole, Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas (Bernard is the son of one of our former pastors who served several churches in the

North American Baptist General Conference), and Herman de Vries, Grace Church, Ochre River, Manitoba.

Rev. Walter Hoffman will continue to serve as the director of God's Volunteers and will conduct the eight day campaigns of evangelistic meetings, alternating between the two teams. Volunteer pastor evangelists will supplement the work of Mr. Hoffman where necessary and their schedules will be arranged by the secretary of the God's Volunteers Committee.

The work of the newly appointed members of the teams will begin with a three week intensive training period which will be held this year at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta in September. Faculty members from the North American Baptist Seminary and C.T.I. and the "God's Volunteers" director will serve as the training staff. The course of study includes twelve subjects such as Bible History, Bible Study, Bible Doctrine, Personal Soul Winning, Visitation Evangelism, Baptist Distinctives, Music, Speech and other related courses.

To cover all this material and prepare themselves for the King's business, these young people must apply themselves diligently and take 2 Timothy 2:15 seriously: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." They will be confronted with all kinds of people in a variety of situations and circumstances and they must "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

The two "God's Volunteers" teams will begin their itinerary on September 30, 1962, and continue to May 5, 1963. Beginning in Alberta, Canada, they will travel south through the Dakotas and

then separate. One team will visit the churches in the west, while the other serves the south and east. Ask that God might give them traveling mercies as they journey on their soul-saving mission!

Statistics can sometimes look very impressive and still fail to tell the full story. The help, the service and the blessing which the members of God's Volunteers rendered to the churches cannot be weighed or measured. Nevertheless, to give an indication of the intensity of their schedule, we wish to report that the six teams thus far have made about 50,000 calls, taken part in more than 1,500 services, helped in 600 decisions for Christ and 700 reconsecrations, and contacted over 3,000 prospects for Sunday school and church.

YOU CAN BE A PRAYER PARTNER

If you feel that God has not called you to go, then you still have the opportunity to pray and to give. You can be a Prayer Partner by contributing \$5.00 toward the support of the "God's Volunteers" program. The young people who have pledged their time, talents, love and devotion need your prayers. Because two teams are being commissioned this year, there is need of another station wagon and, in addition, the traveling expenses will be doubled. The need for this ministry is urgent, but the work depends on your fervent prayers and your liberal contributions.

All invitations, inquiries and applications should be addressed to the Director of Evangelism: Rev. Daniel Fuchs, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

"And Jesus called unto him the TWELVE, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them power" (Mark 6:7).

1964 General Conference

Important Announcements Released by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Moderator

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BAPTIST HERALD

Unforgettable days of decision
for Christ for multitudes
in Chicago

Billy Graham in the Big City of Chicago

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor
of the "Baptist Herald"

WITH THE amazing working of the Holy Spirit, Billy Graham wrote a new chapter in evangelism in the windy and "wicked" city of Chicago from May 30 to June 17. Records of all kinds were broken as crowds poured night after night into spacious McCormick Place on the lakefront seating 34,000 people. Chicago heard the overtones of the Gospel as never before, as Billy Graham dramatized the eternal truths of God and with prophetic zeal burned them into the hearts of the people.

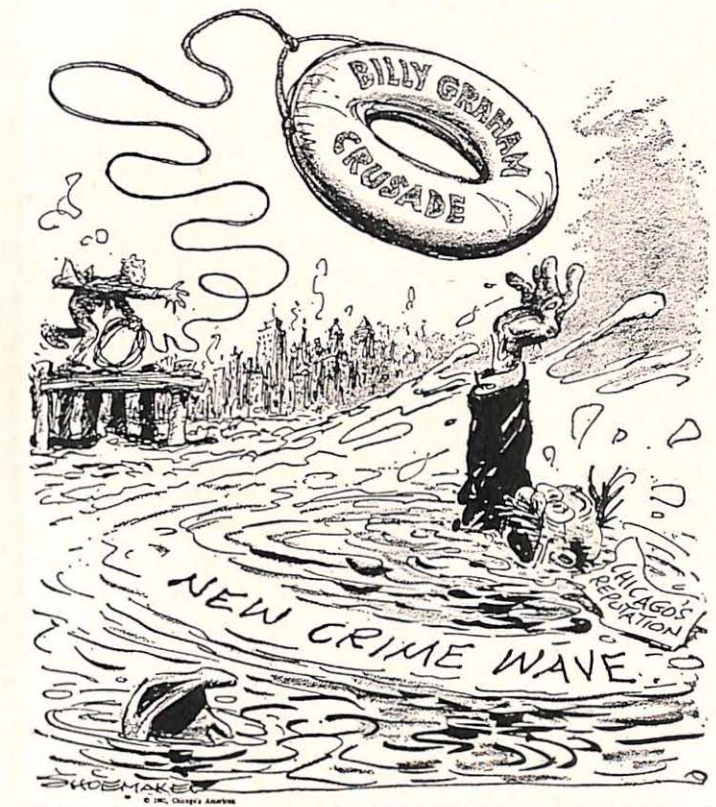
700,000 AT CRUSADE

More than 700,000 persons attended the 19 sessions making this 2½ week Crusade the largest Billy Graham has ever conducted. It was the same story night after night. A record breaking crowd of 33,500 people packed McCormick Place at the opening service on May 30 and 45,000 people on the first Sunday afternoon tried to squeeze their way through the throngs on their way to the hall and then to find places somewhere to hear this dynamic messenger of Christ.

The Crusade was climaxed on Sunday afternoon, June 17, as 116,000 persons were jammed into Soldier Field to hear Billy Graham describe the five major reasons for the decline of American society and the message of the Gospel for such an hour as this. This was the largest crowd ever addressed by the evangelist in continental America. In 1959 a total of 140,000 people

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In the Nick of Time



The cartoon about the Billy Graham Crusade by Shoemaker, Christian artist, that appeared in "Chicago's American" newspaper just prior to the opening of the campaign.

attended a rally in Melbourne, Australia, and that same year in Sydney, Australia the evangelist spoke to 125,000.

In a sense, Chicagoland can be called "Billy's country." Here was a home town boy coming back to this city clothed in all the power and glory of God. He was graduated from Wheaton College in the Chicago area. It was there that he met his future wife who was present for the closing days of the Crusade. He was a pastor in Western Springs, another suburb, for a time, and he and his wife made their first home in a nearby Hinsdale apartment. George Beverly Shea, soloist of the Billy Graham team, and Don Husted, organist, live in the Chicago area.

But Billy Graham has matured mightily in his evangelistic ministry. His sermons still glow with Scriptural simplicity and with a tremendous directness to every heart. But they also feature the latest happenings in the world and they are sprinkled with quotations from authors and columnists. There is a note of scholarship as the evangelist deals with the scientific issues of our day and with logic and reasoning power contends for the minds of today's youth. With tact and discretion, Billy Graham makes a strong and bold venture to win the interest of Roman Catholics, liberals, opponents of his, and those who have been apathetic about spiritual things. His voice for Christ rings louder and clearer than ever in the same humble

setting that he has followed throughout the years.

The overpowering inspiration of a Crusade meeting has to be experienced in order to understand fully its impact on human hearts. Promptly at eight o'clock the vast audience is called to prayer, and for almost two minutes an awesome silence reigns as Christians everywhere storm God's throne praying for God's blessing on the session. This period is broken by the 2000 voice choir led by Cliff Barrows, as they quietly sing a prayer hymn.

GOD'S MIRACLE OF GRACE

The tempo of the meeting picks up rapidly as the audience lifts the rafters of the place with singing of the old fashioned Gospel hymns, as George Beverly Shea sings two or three thrilling numbers, and as the great choir sings its inspiring praises to Christ. Without much fanfare, Billy Graham steps to the pulpit and proclaims the glorious truths of the Gospel.

The miracle of these Crusade meetings is the response to the invitation. More than 16,000 persons made "Decisions for Christ" during the Chicago Crusade. A Chicago gangster fell to his knees after hearing Graham speak and asked for Christ's forgiveness. There was no lengthy urging—no cajoling—on the part of the evangelist.

With earnestness he describes the meaning and importance of such a de-

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Reviews of Current Books

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

LEARNING CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP by Donald S. Aultman. Baker Book House—1960—108 Pages—\$1.00 paperbound.

Ministers, Sunday school teachers and officers, youth leaders and camp counselors will find this book to be a valuable guide for improving their leadership abilities and for leadership training courses in the church. The leadership principles are presented in a meaningful and appealing manner, and the charts and guide sheets are uncomplicated and practical.

HOW TO DECORATE YOUR CHURCH by John R. Scotford;

HOW TO PLAN CHURCH MEALS by Jane Kirk;

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR CHURCH STAFF by Elam G. West;

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHURCH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS by Robert C. Taylor. Fleming H. Revell Company—1962—64 pages—\$1.00 cloth-bound.

The publishers take pleasure in presenting the first four books of the new Better Church Series. These ought to be added to every church library and made available to the proper committees and individuals relative to their responsibilities. Although not all ideas and plans can be categorically followed, there is enough material to challenge the routine and special program of the church.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP by Bernard Schalm. Baker Book House—1962—108 pages. \$1.95.

"As man received God's revelation of himself, God responds to man's worship by allowing him to experience new manifestations of his goodness and Love. . . . The success of a worship service is measured in terms of Christian growth rather than a display of shallow emotionalism."

These few succinct sentences are an index to the sum and substance of the book. Dr. Schalm is frank, discerning and realistic in his delineation of the church at worship. Other books written on this subject may have a higher literary value, but this volume can truthfully be described as being elegantly concise. Never has so much for so little in such a condensed form been offered.

Two chapters, which are not always included in a manual on worship, are of special significance: "Pre-Christian Worship" and "Worship in the Early Church." The implication is that it is necessary to know where we came from before we decide where to go. We ought not to destroy the past, but to build upon it. The author has very ably done so.

Most worship manuals are written

for pastors. This one ought to be in the hands of every member of the church board. And the chapter on "The Offering in Worship" should be read and studied by every member. For the organist and choir director, the chapter on "Music in Worship" is a "must."

It is still a debatable question as to whether the pastor has more difficulty organizing a good department of Christian education or educating his people in developing a more meaningful and inspirational program of worship. For the latter, this is an excellent book.

Dr. Schalm is head of the New Testament Department at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

New North American Baptist Churches

Reports of Recognition Services at Minot, N. Dak., and Columbus, Neb.

Recognition of Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska

On Friday, May 4, sixteen of our Southwestern Conference churches were represented by 27 delegates at the Whitefoot Building in Columbus, Neb., where the Redeemer Baptist Church is presently meeting. This council was called for the express purpose of examining the articles of faith of the newly organized church, and to recommend that the Redeemer Baptist Church be recognized as a duly organized Baptist church of our Conference.

The Redeemer Church clerk, Mrs. R. Miller, read the minutes of the meeting at the time when the church was organized. Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher was elected moderator and Rev. K. Schmuland as clerk of the council. Rev. LeRoy Schauer, pastor, read the statements of faith, why the church was organized, and told of the projected aims in witnessing to the local area. To date, 14 members compose the membership of the newly organized church. After a thorough examination, the council unanimously agreed to recommend that the Redeemer Baptist Church be recognized as a duly organized Baptist church.

An inspiring recognition service was held at the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus. Rev. C. Littman led in an enthusiastic song service. Mr. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas and Mr. Franz of Corn, Okla., led in the reading of Scripture and prayer, respectively. Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary delivered the dynamic and challenging message, "What Is the Church?" based on Matthew 16:13-20. Dr. Gallagher gave the charge to the church and Rev. Merle Brenner gave the charge to the pastor. Rev. Elton Kirstein led in the prayer of dedication.

All who attended shared rich blessings and felt the Lord's guiding throughout all of the days activities.

Kenneth Schmuland, Clerk of the Council

CHRISTIANS AWAKE by William J. Schnell. Baker Book House—1962—157 pages—\$1.50 paperbound.

It is understandable that the author, a former ordained member of the Watch Tower and Tract Society, should entitle his first chapter "How to Witness to Jehovah's Witnesses." The second chapter, "How to Use Truth Versus Error," is a continuation of the Christian approach to the Jehovah's Witness heresy. In the following chapters Mr. Schnell reminds the reader that it is high time that the art of witnessing, evangelizing and soul winning is restored in our denominations, churches and in our life's testimony. \$1.95;

Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak., Recognized

A recognition council met in the city of Minot, N. Dak., on May 4th to examine and recognize the Crestview Baptist Church of that city as a duly organized Baptist church. The Council was represented by delegates from 13 Northern North Dakota Association churches. Rev. Henry Lang was elected as chairman. Rev. Elmo Tahran, pastor of the Crestview Church, gave a short history of the church, their statement of faith, also a statement of their mission and purpose in the city of Minot. The church presently has 18 members with great possibilities of expansion. Plans to erect a first unit were also shared.

During the executive sessions various people expressed their confidence in the great possibilities of the Crestview Baptist Church, that it receive our whole hearted prayer, moral and financial support. The Council with gratitude to God for his gracious leading agreed to recognize the Crestview Church as a duly organized Baptist church, also anticipating that the official hand of fellowship be extended to them during the days of the Dakota Conference.

During the inspiring evening public recognition service, members of the local church heard words of encouragement from our District Secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst. A challenging message by Rev. Daniel Fuchs was well received. As director of Church Extension and Evangelism, he urged the new church and its pastor to "Launch Out" in the city of Minot and to the ends of the world for God and for lost souls. Pastors of ten churches also participated in this historic service. The newly recognized Crestview Church with Rev. Elmo Tahran as pastor joins together as a sister church with the First Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. John Benham, to possess the land for God in this growing city of Minot, N. D. Harold E. Weiss, Clerk of the Council

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PRAIRIE YOUTH CONFERENCE AT REGINA

REGINA, HERE WE COME! These are the important words on the lips of every North American Baptist young person throughout our churches in the Northern Conference.

From August 4-6, 1962, a gigantic youth conference will be held at the Faith Baptist Church in Regina, Sask. This Conference is unique because of its large scale planning on the youth level. Every CBY group and every pastor is urging his young people to attend the PYC. The program will afford times of fellowship and spiritual refreshment as we meet together as NAB young people coming from all over the prairie provinces.

The Conference is featuring activities with complete youth emphasis. Picnics, hymn-sings, rallies, panel discussions, and sight-seeing tours are all part of the weekend for those attending. Of special interest will be the tour through the R.C.M.P. Barracks where Royal Canadian Mounted Police are trained. Our challenging speakers with important words for all young people will be Dr. M. Leuschner, promotional secretary, and Rev. J. Binder, youth secretary, from our Headquarters staff. The Northern District secretary, Rev. W. Sturhahn will also be in attendance along with the youth leaders of the three prairie provinces.

Music is another important item and there will be plenty of this in Regina. Various instrumental and vocal groups will be present from different churches. One church has even volunteered to bring its entire youth choir to serve along with the Regina area choir.

Churches close to Regina will be coming to the Conference by car. Others with greater distances to go, particularly the Manitoba and Alberta churches, will be chartering Greyhound buses. The program committee has estimated an attendance of around 400 young people, but we can only reach these heights if each area is well represented. The provincial youth leaders, Rev. F. Pahl, Rev. M. Falkenberg, and Rev. R. Harsch, have been pillars in program planning and in urging a good attendance. The local committee under host pastor, Rev. L. Potratz, and CBY President, Sylvia Falkowsky are diligently planning and preparing for the influx of these young people.

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mony of the change the entrance of light maketh in a man.

16. Cannot thy servant go on continually of such experiences? What joy and reward can excel these experiences other than seeing our Lord face to face?

17. O Lord, give thy servants a consuming concern for the lost condition of these, thy people.

18. Never let our eyes be blinded by the comforts and beauty round about us so that we do not see the real issues at hand.

19. Yea, those issues which entail the warfare of sin and righteousness, darkness and light, and the all encompassing need of the heart for the Son of God.

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Memorable Year for "God's Volunteers"

Final Report by Dwight Enockson of Washburn, North Dakota

TEAM MEMBERS OF "God's Volunteers" of 1961-62 have disbanded and gone their separate ways. They terminated their ministry at the Forest Park Baptist Church in Forest Park, Illinois, on Sunday evening, May 6th.

SOME STATISTICS

Since this is the last report for this team, an attempt will be made to summarize their activities. During our travels we travelled 19,500 miles in 16 states, the District of Columbia and 3 provinces of Canada. We held services in 11 of these states and in one province. In all, we were at 34 churches—19 for regular campaigns and 15 for one night stops.

According to an approximate report by our statistician, Ruby Wolff, we held 192 regular services and 103 special services. Team members contacted 2,708 people, interviewed 1,053 of them and found 345 prospects for salvation and 97 prospects for church membership. We were privileged to have 111 people join in our calling. In our Crusade for Christ campaigns, 53 people accepted Christ and 20 rededicated their lives. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with people from our churches and with the pastors.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Team members have all gone back home or to their jobs. Arleen Mattis is back in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she is continuing her X-ray

training. Ruby Wolff is working in Ellendale, North Dakota. Shirley Lamprecht is home in Canada working as a secretary and Barbara Hirsch is in the Student Service ministry for the summer. Lyle Grenz is working in Billings, Montana, and Dwight Enockson is farming at Washburn, North Dakota.

FUTURE PLANS

Future plans vary—Barbara, Lyle and Dwight are planning to attend college in the fall. Arleen will soon become a registered X-ray technician and will be pursuing that career. Ruby and Shirley plan to continue working. Even though we are now separated and are in different areas, we continue to serve the Lord in whatever capacity he leads us.

ABIDING BLESSINGS

Each one of us has found the eight months in the "Volunteers" an experience second to none. The joy, peace, inspiration and experience that we have received from serving the Lord is something that cannot be removed and that has made a tremendous impact on each of our lives. We are truly thankful to our denomination for this wonderful program which also provides training for young people.

The way you have held us up in prayer and financial support has blessed our hearts. The program of "God's Volunteers" will be expanded next year, and it will truly need your support both in increased prayer, greater vigilance and financially.



"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" TEAM, 1961-1962

Members of the "God's Volunteers" team are shown with their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman (center), with the map of North American Baptist conferences and churches behind them and the open Bible, whose Savior they have been proclaiming throughout the continent, in front of them.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **China's Communists Buy Bibles.** China's communists are turning to the Bible to increase their knowledge of the Tibetan language, according to a report received by the American Bible Society from Bishop Chandu Ray, first Pakistan bishop of the Anglican Church. The communists have bought large quantities of a new Tibetan language Bible, Bishop Ray says, in order to learn the language of the country they have conquered.

● **Evangelistic Campaign in Sao Paulo, Brazil.** Baptist churches in Sao Paulo, the largest city in Brazil, are planning what is expected to be the largest city-wide evangelistic campaign ever held in the country. Scheduled for August 1-12, the campaign will take place in the churches and main squares, with the closing service in Pacaembu Stadium, which seats about twenty thousand. Seventeen committees of missionaries and Brazilian Baptist leaders are making preparations. Evangelistic study courses have already been taught in fifteen sections of Sao Paulo, with members of most of the city's Baptist churches attending. Three giant rallies also are planned.

● **Arab Baptist Seminary in Lebanon.** The first buildings of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon were dedicated March 17. The administration building includes classrooms, library, offices, chapel, and dining room on the first floor and a dormitory for thirty single men on the second. Also on the campus are residences for the president and the caretaker-cook. Theological education for Arab Baptists began in 1953 at the home of Missionary President Finlay M. Graham, with three students. The seminary opened in downtown Beirut in October, 1960, and moved to the campus on the outskirts of the city last October.

● **Bibles in Japan.** The Christian Scriptures have been bestsellers in Japan for the third consecutive year, according to the American Bible Society. The total distribution of Bibles, Testaments and Portions in Japan in 1961 was 2,505,305 copies. This compares with a distribution of 1,100,000 copies for the single book that led the Japanese non-fiction list, and 250,000 copies of the leading fiction bestseller. Over 476,000 New Testaments were distributed, which means that, book for book, sales of the New Testament were almost twice the sales of Japan's most popular novel.

● **Tense Church Relations in Poland and Hungary.** Tense relations between Christians and the Communist regime of Poland were aggravated recently when the Polish Parliament passed a law which in effect outlaws religious

processions, pilgrimages and discussion groups organized by the church. Sole exemptions from the new requirement to obtain official permission for an assembly are religious services conducted inside a church building. The official definition of assemblies embraces rallies, meetings, lectures and all mass gatherings. Earlier indications pointed

to some relaxation of government-church hostility. Billy Graham announced plans to visit Poland and Hungary, without saying who extended the invitation or when he would go. Polish Baptists who had applied to open a seminary in Warsaw last September, finally received permission.—*Moody Monthly*

BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Dr. Leonard Gittings Overseas.** Dr. Leonard Gittings, professor of Missions and Comparative Religion at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., began his study leave the end of April to continue until January 1963. He will attend the University of Cambridge, England, for orientation in Islamic studies and then go on to the Middle East and Africa. Dr. Gittings will be investigating the increasing dialogue between Christian and Moslem scholars. He and Mrs. Gittings sailed from New York early in May. Dr. Gittings at one time was pastor of the Ogden Parks Baptist Church of our conference in Chicago, Illinois.

● **Overseas Relief.** A refugee a day is being sponsored by American Baptist churches, according to a report given to the World Relief Committee meeting at Valley Forge, Pa. Many of them are from formerly Dutch-controlled Indonesia, and others are from Cuba. A total of 264 Cuban refugees have already been resettled by American Baptists. The 133,246 pounds of clothing sent to Church World Service collection centers by American Baptists in 1961 was a fair amount but "was not an impressive total," one member of the committee commented. W. Hubert Porter, secretary of the committee, reported that the committee appropriated the following sums to meet on-going needs for relief: The Philippines, \$500; Japan, \$500; Congo Protestant Council, \$2,500; Hong Kong, \$1,000; Poland, \$750; and Haiti, \$2,500.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!! WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

We have met our goal of \$5,000 for our Special Project, the construction of a missionary home in Tsu, Japan. The amount that has come in over \$5,000 will be applied to Japan Field Expense. Thank you kindly for your splendid cooperation in meeting our goal so quickly.
Mrs. Harm Sherman, President

● **"Brother's Brother" in Liberia.** "Operation: Brother's Brother," a mission of medical service at the invitation of the Liberian government, has been successfully completed by Baptist Deacon Robert A. Hingson and 22 other medical men who traveled with him to the West African republic. President William V. S. Tubman and Vice-President William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia had invited Dr. Hingson to their country to fight prevalent diseases. At the tour's end, they were high in their praise of the Christian visitors. Use of rapid-fire jet-spray injectors (Dr. Hingson calls them "peace guns") enabled the doctors in 30 working days to administer 271,000 small pox vaccinations and inoculate about 14,000 against yellow fever, typhoid, tetanus and other diseases.

● **Theme Chosen for Youth World Conference at Beirut.** "Jesus Christ—in a Changing World" will be the theme of the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference at Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963. A program planning committee, constituted of youth leaders from six Baptist conventions in North America, set the theme and made tentative program outlines at a meeting in the Baptist World Alliance offices, Washington, D. C. Reductions in air line fares for group travel will make it possible for American young people to travel to Beirut and visit Bible land scenes for as little as \$1000, Denny said. Comparative savings will be applicable to groups of 25 traveling from areas of the globe. Committee-men present for the program planning session included: David Evans and Lynne Eckman, American Baptist Convention; Bruce Neal and John Ratz, Baptist Federation of Canada; Gunnar Høglund, Baptist General Conference of America; O. Clay Maxwell and Lovelle A. Maxwell, National Baptist Convention of USA, Inc.; John Binder, North American Baptist General Conference; David K. Alexander and James Baucom, Southern Baptist Convention.

● The First Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan, extended a call to Rev. R. T. Burgess to serve as the pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the church in April 1962, succeeding Rev. Dwight M. Fry. The address of Rev. R. T. Burgess will appear elsewhere in the list of "Changes of Address."

● The Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Loren Fischer, a recent graduate of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, to become the director of Christian education in the church. He is a brother of the pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer. A more detailed report about the beginning of Rev. Loren Fischer's ministry at the Magnolia Church appears on page 19, "Our Denomination in Action."

● The choir of 27 voices of the Baptist church, Napoleon, N. Dak., presented the missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold" by Eugene Clarke, at the Baptist churches of Streeter and Wishek, N. Dak., besides a service in the Napoleon church before and after Easter Sunday. The director of the choir is Rev. Robert R. Hoffman, pastor, and the pianist is Janice Pritzkau. Offerings of more than \$100 were received for our denominational missionary enterprise.

● The First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware, has extended a call to Rev. Richard W. Sparling of Arnold, Pa., pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold since 1960. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Elsmere church after August 31st when Rev. Christian Peters, the present pastor, will retire from the active ministry. A report about Mr. Peters' retirement appears elsewhere in this issue on the page (21), "Our Denomination in Action."

● Mr. Johnson Gabuin, a Baptist national from the Federal Republic of Cameroon who was converted on our Cameroons Baptist Mission Field, has completed four years of study at the Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. He received his degree from the college on June 8th. Mr. Gabuin wrote to Dr. R. Schilke: "I shall probably be in the United States for the next months and go on a possible field trip to places of agricultural significance."

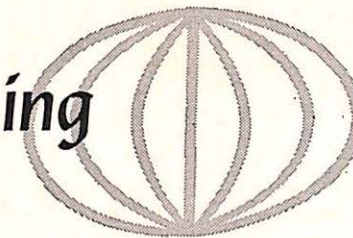
● More than 300 persons attended the Cornerstone Laying Exercises of the Immanuel Baptist Church, East Elmhurst, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, May 20. Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, was in charge of the festive service and spoke on "Christ, the Chief Cornerstone." The choir sang "My God and I" by I. B. Sergei, as one of several selections. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, General Conference moderator, brought a brief message of congratulations: Considerable progress is being made on the new building project.

● James Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., a son of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fischer,

has been named winner of the Conference Medal Award by the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., which is the highest honor given by the university to one of its athletes. The award is given for academic ability as well as athletic achievements. James Fischer as Minnesota track captain has maintained a B average grade since

● Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz of Fort Riley, Kansas recently addressed the High School graduation exercises at Lorraine, Kansas. He attended a Workshop for Ministry to the Young Soldier at Post Headquarters at Fort Riley. Discussions centered upon group dynamics in the areas of work, play, inter-personal relations and religious

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enrolling in the university. In 1961 he was the Big 10's 440 yard dash champion and holds the school's record in that event at 47.4 seconds.

● The Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, held its first Vacation Bible School in several years from June 4 to 8 with an enrollment of more than 180. This was almost a hundred more than expected, according to the pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth. A baptismal service was held on Sunday, June 24, with eight persons baptized. The illustrated report about the church's dedication services for its new edifice with the Honorable Hatfield, governor of Oregon, in attendance, will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Donald Richter of St. Paul, Minn., a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. He responded favorably to the call and began his ministry there on June 25, succeeding the late Rev. Fred J. Knalson. After graduation in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Richter visited the Spanish American mission field in Colorado in order to "see first hand some of the work our missionaries are doing for Christ and on our behalf." Mrs. Richter served as the registrar at the Seminary during the past year.

● Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon left San Francisco, Calif., on June 26 by Japan Air Lines on a round the world tour. This will take her to Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Thailand, various cities in India, including the Taj Mahal and New Delhi, Nepal, Lebanon, the Holy Land, Egypt, Turkey and Greece. She will also visit several countries in Europe before she returns to the United States early in September. Mrs. Meier is a member of the denominational Committee on Higher Education and of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. She has promised to write an article for the "Baptist Herald" about her adventures.

beliefs as they impinge on young men in military service. In addition to his regular duties, he conducts and supervises the Forsyth Sunday School with an average attendance of 135 pupils. The children come from the housing area nearby by buses every Sunday morning.

● On Sunday, April 29 Rev. Theo Dons of Sterling, Kansas, assisted by Rev. Merle E. Brenner of Ellinwood, Kansas conducted an impressive outdoor baptismal service for the Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas. Six candidates were baptized and were added to the church along with one transfer of letter. On Easter Sunday there were 79 present in the Sunday school hour and 101 in the morning worship service. Mr. Dons ministered effectively during the month of April, commuting from his home in Sterling, and serving until Rev. Frank Friesen arrived to minister as interim pastor of the church. The faithful services of our "retired," veteran pastors is deeply appreciated!

● From June 3 to the beginning of August, Mr. Wally Kroguletz, a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, is serving as summer pastor at the Temple Baptist Church, Lemmon, S. Dak. Services are being held Sunday mornings and evenings and on Wednesday evenings. The Temple Church was received into the denominational fellowship at the Dakota Conference sessions in June. The church is being served during the rest of the year by Rev. Jerry Vilhauer of nearby Bison, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Kroguletz are members of the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario. Following his graduation from the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1963, Mr. Kroguletz will be the exchange student at Hamburg, Germany beginning with the fall of 1963.

● Dr. W. J. Appel brought his eight month interim pastorate at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., to a

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The Shattered Wall

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

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, was praised for his skill in performing a difficult operation. He was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. He started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. The two men got into a fight over the girl. Mr. Edwards was struck down and left unconscious. Dr. Rawlins decided to leave town. He abandoned his car and took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's End." He took an assumed name, Howard Ramsey, and got a job in a snack bar on the ferry boat. There he met a girl, Deidre Fleming, who lived in Westwego, across the river, and worked in the Sunset Cafe. He struck up a friendship with her and they had several dates together. She was bringing sunshine into his gloomy existence. One afternoon Harlan witnessed an accident in which a little girl was critically injured. He went to the girl's aid, thus saving her life. Later Dr. Mead put Harlan in charge of the hospital management. He even assisted in emergency cases. Soon some unexpected trouble arose. A young man named Harry accused him of taking his girl, Deidre, away from him. Angry words followed. Harlan asked calmly: "Is that a threat?"

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

"Yes, it is," the other blazed. "You either let her alone, or else."

"Or else what?" Harlan demanded.

"Or I'll kill you!" Harry snarled.

"I'm not afraid of your threats," Harlan said, now thoroughly angry. "If the young lady prefers me to you, then I'd advise you not to bother her. Just forget her and admit that she doesn't want anything more to do with you. Now let me pass." Harry was blocking the path.

Instead he swung at Harlan. Harlan dodged the blow and caught him by his wrist, twisting it until Harry cried out in pain.

"Now you listen to me," Harlan said as he still held him. "I'm not going to fight you. I could whip you to a pulp if I wanted to. I'm not afraid of your threats or your fists. You just keep away from me and let that young lady alone, or you'll be sorry. Take this as

a warning and if I hear of your annoying her, I'll have the police take care of you. Now get out of my way and don't forget what I've said."

He let the fellow go and he disappeared in the darkness wringing his wrist while Harlan walked away toward the cafe.

The incident unnerved him completely. He wasn't afraid of Harry's threats, because he thought the fellow was only bluffing, hoping to keep him away from Deidre, but the scene brought back the memory of that other terrible affair the night he fled. It was uncanny, this evidence of history repeating itself. If he had only done with that other jealous rival what he had just done to Harry, what a difference there would have been in his life. If he had only grabbed Roger's arm instead of planting that deadly blow, how different everything would have been.

He was plunged once more into the depths of the past with its memories that crowded in upon him. He had half a mind to turn back and not see Deidre, for he wasn't in the mood for conversation.

He decided, however, that he'd better go and take her home, for Harry might be lurking in the shadows, waiting to frighten her.

She was waiting for him when he reached the cafe.

"I was just going," she told him. "I thought that perhaps some accident case had come in and delayed you."

"I was delayed, but not by an accident case," he told her. "Your old boy friend, Harry, paid me a little visit as I was on my way here. He warned me that if I didn't let you alone, I'd be sorry."

"He had no right to do a thing like that!" she exclaimed.

"He seems to think that he did have a right. He said you were his girl and

that I was trying to take you away from him."

"That's not true," she said. "I never gave him any cause to think that I was his girl. I never went out with him more than once or twice and I told him I didn't want to go out with him again. I was afraid of him. I know his kind. Did he threaten you?" she asked fearfully.

"He threatened to kill me if I didn't stay away from you."

"Oh dear!" she exclaimed. "I'm afraid he might try to do that. That's the kind of a person I thought he was."

"I don't think he'll do that. I think he was only bluffing. I twisted his wrist for him until he howled with pain. I don't think he'll be in condition to use it for sometime."

"I'd hate to think I have brought trouble to you when you've been so kind to me," she said in worried tones.

"I've not just been being kind to you," he told her. "I've enjoyed being with you. You've been kind to me to let me keep on seeing you."

She gave him a smile and said, "You know I wasn't just being kind either. I've been living in a different world since I met you."

"Then let's forget Harry and his threats and keep on living in this new world we've found."

"Let's," she said with a happy little laugh.

Harlan wondered, as he left her and returned to the hospital, just how much Harry really meant by that threat. At the time the angry man made it, Harlan didn't think much of it, but now he thought that perhaps he did mean it and he might try to do what he threatened. The fact that he had injured Harry's wrist certainly wouldn't put him in a better frame of mind. There was nothing he could do about it but wait and hope for the best.

One evening a week or so later, when he and Deidre had been out together and he was on his way home, a voice called to him from the shadows of some bushes.

"I told you what I was going to do to you, but you didn't believe me. Now you'll get what's coming to you."

Before Harlan could place the spot where Harry was hidden a shot rang out and he felt a sharp stab of pain in his side. As Harry ran away in the darkness, he stumbled and fell. After the first shock, he managed to struggle to his feet. Fortunately he wasn't far from the hospital and though he knew that he was bleeding profusely, he managed to stagger to the door and ring the emergency bell.

The startled night nurse opened the door and uttered a faint scream as he stumbled across the threshold.

She summoned Dr. Mead and he came shortly. Meanwhile she and the orderly managed to get Harlan upon a stretcher and prepare him for the doctor's arrival.

There was considerable hemorrhage, but fortunately the bullet had escaped the heart and lungs. Harlan was given a blood transfusion while the anxious nurse sat by his bedside through the night.

The next morning when Dr. Mead came in, though Harlan was weak and suffering from shock and pain, he greeted the doctor with a feeble smile.

"I hate to add to your burdens this way," he said. "I'm sorry for your sake as well as my own, that it happened."

"I'm just glad that you weren't killed," the doctor told him. "Could you see who it was and could you identify him?"

"Yes, I know who did it and I hope he'll get what's coming to him. You may as well know the truth now. His name is Harry Hardy. He's been hanging around a girl who works at the Sunset Cafe, but she was afraid of him and would have nothing more to do with him after a few dates. I've been dating her. She's a fine little person and I don't want to see her hurt because of me. He threatened me not long ago, but I thought he was bluffing. I was mistaken," and he winced with pain.

"If there are no complications, you'll soon be on your feet again, so take it easy and wait patiently. I'll notify the police so that they can search for that fellow. I'll look in on you again later on," the doctor said and left a few minutes later.

Harlan tried to sleep but he couldn't. The nurse brought him a glass of orange juice, then she sat by the bed for a little while, keeping him company. He was touched by the concern every employee in the hospital exhibited over his accident. It made him feel grateful to them.

The pastor came in to see him during the morning. He slipped into the room while Harlan was sleeping and was just on the point of leaving when Harlan awakened.

"Don't go," he said. "I'm able to talk and I'll be glad to have you sit with me for a while."

"I came as soon as I heard what had happened," the pastor said as he sat down. "I hope you're not in too much pain."

"It's not too bad. They gave me something to ease the pain. Now I can sympathize more understandingly with others who come in here all shot up or broken up. I'll know just what they're suffering."

"That's why we know that the Lord Jesus can understand our every suffering and privation and heartache, for He had been here and He has experienced them all," the pastor remarked.

Harlan wished he wouldn't begin to sermonize. He couldn't take it just now, yet he didn't want the pastor to leave. He liked him and he was lonesome and wanted someone to talk to him.

"Was it some robber who shot you?" the pastor asked. "Don't tell me if you don't want to. I'm not trying to be inquisitive," he added.

"It wasn't any robber," Harlan told him. "It was some jealous fellow who accused me of taking his girl away from him." Then he told the pastor about Deidre and what had happened.

"I know the young lady," the pastor said. "She has served me often at the cafe. She is quite pretty."

"We're both new here and we are company for each other. We're just friends and nothing more."

"You were fortunate not to have been killed," the pastor remarked. "If that bullet had gone just a little to one side or the other, you might not be here now. I'm glad you are still here," he added with a smile.

"So am I," Harlan replied with a sigh. "The more I think about it, the more I realize how near I came to being killed."

"Have you thought about where you would be now if that bullet had taken your life?" the pastor asked as his quiet gaze met Harlan's eyes.

"I don't want to think about it," Harlan said somewhat irritably.

"Don't you think you should? I'm sure that God spared your life because He knew that you were not ready to die. I think that God was merciful to give you every chance to turn your life over to Him. Since He spared your life, don't you think you owe it to Him?"

"Did He spare it or did it just happen so?"

"It didn't just happen! I'm sure of that," the pastor said firmly. "I've been praying for you, that God would move upon your heart and that you would want Him to take over in your life. You have so many possibilities and you're so capable. God could use you and you surely need Him, as we all do."

"I suppose we do need Him and thank you for praying for me," Harlan said.

He was touched and grateful that

the pastor had taken enough interest in him to pray for him, yet the knowledge that he had been praying made him uneasy.

"I don't want to annoy you and I don't want to pry into your life or your affairs, but I know that you're not happy. You're not at peace in your heart and you never can be wholly at peace until you make peace with God and let Him give you the peace that nothing can destroy. It would be easy for you to surrender to Him now while you're here, quiet and resting. I'd be glad to pray with you and for you, if you will let me and I know you'll have a joy you've never known before. I do want to help you and only that will really help."

Harlan turned his face away to hide the agony that he feared would be revealed to the keen eyes of the preacher. He longed with his whole soul to yield to the other's offer. He wanted more than anything to have what the minister had, to know the peace that only God could give.

He knew that his fears had been exaggerated, that there was very little likelihood of his receiving a verdict of death, for he had not deliberately murdered, but he would likely face prison. That meant disgrace. He would be worse off than he was now. He must stay on here and make the best of it.

He spoke from the depths of despair.

"Thank you for what you've offered to do for me, but I can't do what you want me to do. I wish I could," and the words were almost a wail, "but I just can't. Please don't urge me."

The pastor leaned over and laid his hand on Harlan's and said gently, "I shall not urge you. Urging would never do any good. I wouldn't want you to do a thing just because I urged you to. You have to want to be saved before you can be. When you really want salvation, you ask for it with your whole heart and the Lord has promised to give it to you the moment you want it and ask for it. I long to see you accept the Lord, but I shall not annoy you. I want you to enjoy my visits, not dread them. But I shall still pray for you, that one day you may come to Him and receive what He is waiting to give you. But don't put it off too long, or it may be too late."

"It's already too late!" The cry burst from Harlan's lips involuntarily.

"No, it isn't. Don't let that thought keep you from coming to Him. Jesus said, 'I stand at the door and knock.' But you have to open the door. I pray that God will give you strength to open that door, no matter what may stand in the way just now to keep you from opening it."

"Good-by for now," he said as he rose. "I hope I haven't annoyed you. Will you let me come again?"

"Of course," Harlan told him. "And thanks for your prayers. Perhaps some day they will be answered."

"I believe they will," and he gave Harlan a smile, then left.

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 29, 1962

Theme: **JEREMIAH SEES HOPE BEYOND TRAGEDY**

Scripture: **Jeremiah 30:18-19; 31:31-34; 33:14-16.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Even though the past and the present may look dark and tragic, the future with God can still be hopeful.

INTRODUCTION: Jeremiah, who is often thought of as a weeping or sorrowing prophet is also a prophet of comfort and hope. The first portion of his prophecy deals with God's judgment upon Judah because of her sin and disobedience. Her doom is sealed and there is little hope of rescue. The sinful ways of the nation cannot be ignored by God and Judah must be justly punished. But while the Jews are in the midst of their misery in captivity, Jeremiah begins his messages of hope and comfort. Beyond the suffering and tragedy he sees the fulfillment of God's promises to his children in their return to Jerusalem and a new spiritual awakening in Israel.

The Babylonian captivity was the bitterest experience through which the Hebrew people had passed, yet the spiritual lessons they learned from it helped to unite them more strongly in their Jewish faith. The institution of the synagogue, the strict observance of the Sabbath and the compilation of the Book of the Law came out of the captivity experience. Jeremiah inspired faith in the Hebrew people when faith and hope were at their lowest.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 5, 1962

Theme: **JUDAH CONQUERED AND EXILED**

Scripture: **2 Kings 24:12-14, 20; 25:1-2, 8-11.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Circumstances may often look hopeless, and man may feel helpless; but with God there is always hope and help.

INTRODUCTION: The first unit dealing with the later Hebrew history emphasized the peril of the Jewish people. In closing this phase of our Old Testament lessons, the studies will center on the second unit in which Judah is seen as a people uprooted. The story of the Hebrew people during this time is woven in unspeakable tragedy: capture, murder, looting, desecration of the temple, deportation, destruction, and an almost total collapse of the nation. The prophecies of Jeremiah, of impending doom, had come true to a much greater degree than anyone imagined was possible. Yet, throughout

ing our spiritual condition. The law which was written by Moses on tables of stone is now written on men's hearts. A closer relationship with God is felt, for he will no longer speak to men from without but from within. The inner voice will give inner strength.

Jeremiah was preparing Judah for a redemption which would help them to live victoriously, no matter how tragic the outward circumstances may be.

III. HOPE OF A COMING MESSIAH. Jeremiah 33:14-16.

In the midst of Judah's greatest glory during the Davidic kingdom, there was something lacking. There was still much unrighteousness, even though David was a man after God's own heart. Out of this tree of righteousness and unrighteousness, there will suddenly be revealed a branch of pure righteousness—the Lord of righteousness, Jesus Christ himself, who is the coming Messiah. This is the apex of Jeremiah's prophecy. Not only will the Messiah deliver Israel out of the Babylonian captivity, but even more important he will deliver them out of the captivity of sin.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Can you name some national or religious disasters out of which hope was born?
2. In what way did the prophets refer to salvation as a national experience and as an individual experience?

their great suffering, the hand of God was evident in the history of Israel. God did not forsake his people; he was trying to win them back through the only means left to him—judgment. They had to learn the most difficult lesson of all—you cannot sin and get away with it!

I. PARTIAL SURRENDER. 2 Kings 24:12-14.

The story opens with a pathetic picture. Disgrace, dishonor, humiliation and mortification are tragically felt when king Jehoiachin gave himself up. Admitting defeat and surrendering are shameful experiences. The pride of Judah was hurt at its deepest level. It was difficult to realize that the chosen people of God could fall so low. Robbing the house of the Lord was an insult to their religious pride, carrying away their princes and noble families hurt their national pride, and taking their craftsmen hurt their industrial pride. All outward forms of surrender were evident but their hearts and their wills were far from submissive.

II. STUBBORN RESISTANCE. 2 Kings 24:20; 25:1-2.

Jehoiakin's uncle, Mattaniah, who was given the name Zedekiah by Nebuchadnezzar, was appointed king of the poor and unskilled remnant. But like many of his predecessors, "he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." Because of a false hope that Egypt would help him, he rebelled against Babylon which merely led to a more tragic disaster. After his capture, his sons were slain in his presence and his own eyes were put out.

III. TOTAL DESTRUCTION. 2 Kings 25:8-11.

The king of Babylon decided to teach Judah a lesson they would never forget. His plan was to destroy them so completely that there would be no chance that they would ever rise again. After the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, the Jews were led into a captivity that was to last for seventy years.

Judah tried to preserve its nation through human force and effort and carelessly put aside the necessity of repentance, obedience and faith.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Did Judah deserve such a harsh judgment?
2. What warnings do you see in nations today that point to a similar judgment?
3. Why is Communism, which is such a strong godless philosophy, spreading and growing so rapidly?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Western District

Assistant Pastor at Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Rev. Loren R. Fischer officially joined his brother, Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California on June 1. Rev. Loren Fischer, as assistant pastor, will be responsible for the Christian Education program at the Magnolia Church. He will develop the educational programs of the Sunday school, Children's Church, youth groups and Vacation Bible School in conjunction with the Christian Education Board.

Mr. Fischer was born in Danube, Minn., in 1933, and moved to the rural community of Camas, Washington in 1937. He married the former Joyce McLeod in 1957 and they are the parents of a daughter, Lori. He arrived from Dallas, Texas, where he attended the Dallas Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Bible Institute of Los Angeles, having received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956. Rev. Loren Fischer and his family were welcomed to the Magnolia Church with a potluck dinner Friday, June 1.

Mrs. Sara Borden, Reporter

Elk Grove Youth Hosts at Memorial Day Rally

Young people of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., were hosts to a Memorial Day Rally on May 30, beginning at 7 a.m. with breakfast in the Elk Grove Park. The breakfast was prepared by the male members of the group who had adopted the title "The Dutchmen."

The group invited the youth from the several surrounding churches—Galt Bible church, Wilton Community Bible Church, Evangelical United Brethren Church in Point Pleasant, Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church and Arcade Baptist Church. About 90 persons attended.

In charge of planning the various activities for the day were: Geri Stabbert and Roberta Veit, general; Don Hepperle and Pat Veit, breakfast; Diana Schuh, talent; Lee Stabbert, speaker; Jennie Rau, lunch; and Marvin Schuh, recreation.

Elections, which were held recently, resulted in the following officers for the group: president, Don Hepperle; first vice president, Roberta Veit; second-vice president, Dick Hardesty; secretary, Geri Stabbert; treasurer, Diana Schuh; pianist, Delilah Littke, and organist, Marvin Schuh.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Cameroons Missionaries at Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., had the privilege once

more to hear and fellowship with our church's sponsored missionaries, Kenneth and June Goodman, during a mid-week prayer meeting and at two Sunday services, May 26th. The Goodmans also enjoyed the Sunday school picnic the day before when several hours of informal fellowship provided a real visiting time. The Sunday mes- saging and informative and colored slides from the mission fields poured oil in our lamps of prayer and re- vealed the specific needs of the native Christians, in particular in our NAB mission stations in West Cameroon, Africa.

Bethel friends of the Goodmans share with them in their grateful thanks to God, in quiet confidence in our wonderful Lord for his divine protection, provision and guidance in their African work for the Lord.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Memorable Events, Sierra Heights Church, Renton, Wash.

It is with grateful thanksgiving to God and to those who have supported and prayed for the work of Church Extension that Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, Wash., reports God's blessing on its work. Sunday school and Sunday morning services were first begun in Oct. 1961 in a nearby school building. Over the months a Junior Choir has been organized, services were moved to another building which made possible two youth groups and Sunday evening services.

During the month of April, 1962, there were 25 who indicated that they wished to become charter members of the new church. Six of these were baptized on Easter Sunday. The Sunday school set an attendance goal of 85 for Easter. You can imagine the thrill



Rev. Ervin A. Gerlitz, pastor of the Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, Wash., and six persons who were baptized on Easter Sunday.

when it was found that the actual attendance for the Sunday school Easter program was 92!

The group held its first fellowship dinner on Mother's Day. Following the fellowship period, the two CBY groups presented a fine Mother's Day program for the evening service. The 49 persons in attendance were very enthusiastic about this occasion. The Pacific North West Association has given wonderful financial and moral support to this work. Plans are now being made to begin construction of a building during the summer months.

We invite all, who may be visiting the World's Fair at Seattle this summer, to worship with us and to get the "feel" of Church Extension. We worship at the Newcastle Grange on the corner of Sunset Hwy. (State Hwy. No. 2) and 132nd Ave. S. E., Renton, Washington.

Ervin A. Gerlitz, Pastor

Central District

Farewell for Pastor and Family, Sheboygan, Wis.

On Sunday, May 27th, Rev. Fred Mashner brought his closing messages to his congregation, the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. During the Sunday school hour awards were presented to the seven highest participants in the recent "Be a P. R. Contest." After the closing evening service, a time of fellowship was held in the church dining hall. Colored slides were shown relating to the varied activities of the pastor and his wife and children in six years of service devoted to the work of his Kingdom. The changes and growth of the people and building are definitely noticed in a period of six years.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Herbert Schultz was followed by a departing prayer by Rev. Clarence Navis. A corsage and gift were presented from the church and its organizations. Lunch followed, with final greetings by many. Our best wishes go with the Mashner family as they start in their new field of God's work in Erie, Pa.

Francis H. Guenther, Reporter

Evangelistic and Missionary Services, North Freedom, Wis.

Evangelistic meetings were held from March 11 to 16 at the Baptist church, North Freedom, Wis., with Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., as evangelist. No decisions for Christ were voiced, but we know that eternity will reveal the results of the precious seed that was sown. From March 16 to 30 our pastor, Rev. Norman Miller, served as evangelist in the First Baptist Church at Appleton, Minn. Rev. Ben Lautt is the pastor at that church.

On May 6 we had the privilege of having Miss Esther Schultz, missionary to West Cameroon, Africa, as guest speaker. This was sponsored by our "Baptist Men's" group. After telling us many interesting things about the African way of living, she showed slides pertaining to her work there. We praise God for these many blessings.

Mrs. Harvey Seils, Reporter

Missionary Conference At Turtle Lake Baptist Church

Fourteen North Dakota churches shared in the services of the regional Missionary Conference held at the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., May 10 to 13, with our pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, serving as conference chairman. Capacity crowds gathered to hear the four missionaries: Miss Esther Schulz, Miss Golda Beggs, Rev. Paul Gebauer, Rev. R. Neuman, and Rev. Elmo Tahran as Church Extension representative, as they challenged the hearts of all on the conference theme, "Enlarging Our Missionary Vision."

Conference highlights included the well attended Ladies' Missionary Tea on Friday afternoon where the missionaries discussed "Women's Work on the Mission Field." The children's Missionary Roundup on Saturday afternoon will long be remembered by the many children when the missionaries appeared in authentic native costume to explain curios and items of interest.



Missionaries at the Missionary Conference, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

Left to right: R. N. Neuman, Miss Esther Schultz, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Miss Golda Beggs.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Jake Schlafman, in behalf of the Ladies' Mission Society, presented gifts of appreciation to the missionaries. To climax this great Conference, the local Baptist church choir presented the cantata, "Greatest Story Yet Untold." Offerings received at all meetings were designated for missions.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter

Special Festivities and Programs at Tyndall, S. Dak.

A number of improvements and additions have been made at the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., with the enlargement of the platform, new tile flooring and carpeting on the platform. Also the interior of the church has been redecorated. As a culmination of these activities and improvements, a Church Fellowship supper was held in the dining room on Sunday, May 13. A new set of dinnerware was used for the first time, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kiehlbaugh. Mrs. David Zimmerman was the dining room program leader.

The annual Woman's Missionary Union program followed in the church

auditorium. It was planned around the theme of "Hands," which was an appropriate way to honor our mothers. The following took part in the program: Mrs. Edith Berndt, Mrs. Bertha Berndt, Mrs. Lloyd Larson, Mrs. Freda Bren, Mrs. Andrew Stemper and her daughter, Pamela, Becky Weber, Barbara Rueb, Eunice Zimmerman and Konrad Finck.

A play "Beautiful Hands," was presented by Mrs. George Lubbers, Mrs. Andrew Stemper, Mrs. Calvin Finck, and Mrs. Erwin Weber. Mrs. John Lubbers was the chairman of the play. This was followed by the story how the painting, "Praying Hands," came to be painted.

Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter

Birthday Celebrations for "Grandma" Lehr, Tyndall, S. D.

The 90th birthday of Grandma Lehr of Tyndall, S. Dak., was observed at several occasions recently in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. George Lubbers. At the first party the members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tyndall Baptist Church spent an informal afternoon with her. A basket of fruit was presented to her and a short program followed, in charge of Mrs. David Zimmerman, W.M.U. president, which included a devotional, several poems and slides taken by one of the members who visited in California recently.

On the eve of her birthday, May 4th, the members of the board of deacons and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kiehlbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Lubbers, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Rueb and the pastor and Mrs. David Zimmerman met to pay tribute to Grandma Lehr. The evening was spent in visiting, viewing snapshots and also the taking of several polaroid pictures by Dr. Kiehlbaugh, one of which accompanies this report. The visiting ladies served refreshments and also presented a lovely decorated birthday cake to the honoree. A brief devotional by Rev. David Zimmerman concluded the evening.

David Zimmerman, Pastor

Mother-Daughter Banquet Trinity Church, Sioux Falls

On Thursday evening, May 24, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held its Mother-Daughter Banquet using the theme, "Pattern For Living." The guest speaker on the program was Mrs. A. J. Harms. Toast to the mothers was presented by Jamie Gardner and the response was given by Mrs. Jack Green.

The toast mistress, Mrs. Frank Veninga, presented gifts to the youngest mother present, Mrs. James Minchow; to the oldest mother present, Mrs. Frank Renner; and to the mother with the most children, Mrs. Edwin Decker. Musical numbers were sung by Mrs. Glenn Whitney; Mrs. Alvin Bleeker and Mrs. Ray Stoll; Joan Triebwasser, Charlotte Burkhardt and Lois Mehlhoff. Group singing was led by Mrs. Allen Kranz with Joyce Ringering at the piano. Mrs. Arthur Haas and Mrs. Roy Seibel led in prayer.

Mesdames Iver Walker, Hugo Lueck, Carl Triebwasser, and George Dunger were in charge of banquet

arrangements. The men of the church served the banquet. Rev. Iver L. Walker is pastor of the church.

Mrs. J. Green, Reporter



"Grandma" Lehr of Tyndall, S. Dak., who was honored by members of the Tyndall Baptist Church on her 90th birthday.

Northern District

Greater Alberta Association Sessions in Edmonton, Alta

The blessings of God have been evident in many aspects of the *Greater Alberta Association*. Our Association meetings were held at the McKernan Church Edmonton, Alta., from May 31 to June 3. Dr. R. Powell, guest speaker, laid the foundation in the opening service by giving a challenging message on "The Power and Person of the Holy Spirit." The Friday morning devotion, led by Rev. R. Herrmann, again set a pace for inspiration as he stressed Christians knowing Christ. Rev. H. Schumacher, the chairman, welcomed new collaborators. The Association was pleased with the application of the High Prairie Baptist Church as a prospective church and Rev. Epps, pastor, answered all questions frankly. A timely message was given by Rev. W. Muller on "Spiritual Power in Personal Life."

"Spiritual Power in Church Life" was the topic dealt with by Rev. W. W. Sibley in the afternoon. Saturday morning the devotional period was led by Rev. David Unruh followed by a business session. Rev. J. W. Goltz then spoke on "Spiritual Power in Outreach." Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary, delighted the audience with her message, "Spiritual Power in the African Church."

F. H. Ohlmann, Reporter

Festivities at Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

Revival meetings were held April 15 to 20 at the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., at which Dr. B. Schalm of Edmonton served as evangelist bringing inspiring messages based on the Gospel of John. Easter Sunday

began with a Sunrise Service for the young people held on a hill a few miles from Calgary where they had a good view of the rising sun as they lifted their voices in song. Rev. R. Milbrandt pastor, spoke on the topic, "The Glory of the Resurrection."

On May 6th a Spring Song Festival was held by the mixed choirs of the German Baptist and Temple Baptist churches in a school auditorium at which Rev. D. Fuchs brought a challenging message. The offering of \$220 was designated for the Cameroon Mission Work. The evening service was again combined at which the German Baptist Orchestra and the Temple Baptist Brass Band rendered special numbers.

Another great Sunday was Mother's Day. A Dedication Service was held at which a total of 24 babies and young children were dedicated to the Lord. In the evening the young mothers, assisted by members of the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. R. Milbrandt, brought a program.

Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter

Student Pastor at Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask.

Since the Rev. R. Neuman and his family left the Edenwold Church, Edenwold, Sask., last fall, we have not been hopelessly alone. Mr. Victor Cicansky served us faithfully for some time, but since he was teaching Day School, he found it quite a large task. Then there was an opportunity for us to secure the services of Mr. H. Neufeld. He was a student at the Canadian Bible College in Regina.

Mr. and Mrs. Neufeld and their two children moved into our parsonage in December and many happy hours of fellowship were spent with them. Mr. Neufeld made the trip to and from Regina to college every day and proved himself a faithful Christian in the duties to the church. He served the church every Sunday and at the mid-week meetings for prayer and Bible study. On May 28 the theme of his last sermon was "The Christian Soldier" in which the challenge was for us to go forward.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Eastern District

Family Night Dinner and Program, Alpena, Mich.

On Friday evening, May 11, the Sunday school of the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan held its annual "Family Night Dinner" in the church's Fellowship Hall. The program began with group singing, followed by prayer by Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor. A large tiered cake was baked by Mrs. Arnold Kirshner in honor of the pastor's birthday.

Following the dinner, the program was held in the main auditorium. Gene Knight, Sunday school superintendent, was in charge. Group singing, followed by a number by a Girl's Trio, preceded the moving story in the film, "Tammy." Approximately 175 persons attended the dinner. Members of the C.B.Y. class of the Sunday school served as waiters and waitresses. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 210 members in 13 classes.



The choir of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, which presented a cantata on Palm Sunday evening under the direction of the Church's pastor, Rev. Eldon L. Janzen (rear row, right).

A contest is being held to increase the school's enrollment from March 1st to Sept. 1st with the theme, "Each One Bring One." Winners will be sent to Bible Camp.

Doris W. Turnbull, Reporter

Easter Cantata by Choir at Arnprior, Ontario

The baptismal service on the last day of 1961 helped us as the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, to look forward to 1962 with a renewed desire to serve our Lord and, because God is an unchanging God, with anticipation to his blessings in store for us. The choir's decision to present a special service during the 1962 Easter season resulted in many hours of work for them. However, they felt it was a spiritually rewarding experience for them to be able to present John W. Peterson's very beautiful Easter cantata, "Hallelujah! What A Savior!" to a large and appreciative congregation on Palm Sunday evening. Mrs. William Sly (second row, center, in the picture) and Mrs. Leo Chabot (first row, extreme right) served as organist and pianist, respectively, with the pastor, Rev. Eldon L. Janzen, serving as director.

More recently it was our privilege to have Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary in West Cameroon, in our church on a prayer meeting night. His effective presentation of experiences on our mission field inspired us.

Eldon L. Janzen, Pastor

A Busy Schedule at Redeemer Church, Warren, Michigan

The Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., held Good Friday services with all 10 Detroit area N.A.B. churches participating. An all time high in attendance was received at the Easter Sunday services. Two choirs presented an Easter Cantata in the evening service, with the adult choir under the direction of Ed Torp and the Junior Choir led by Ruth Anne Lowe. The evening service closed with the beautiful baptismal ordinance, truly signifying the death and resurrection of our Lord.

The Easter season followed a busy

schedule upon the return of Rev. A. Braun, pastor, from his trip to the South American Mission fields. He showed films and slides of mission fields at several services.

A most active area at Redeemer Church is found in the young people's groups, showing the faithful and growing attendance. It is from these groups, whether it be in the Sunday school, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade or C.B.Y., where the fruits of our prayers and labor will produce the future missionaries, pastors and leaders. Speaking of youth and as a point of interest, we have a newcomer to our Sunday school, Joyce Ruth Braun, born to Rev. and Mrs. A. Braun in April, a new sister to Carol, Carla and Danny.

Mrs. Betty Wurtz, Reporter

Rev. Christian Peters of Elsmere, Del., Retires

Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware retired from active service on June 30. This service closed a ministry of 44 years. The Elsmere pastor was born Aug. 2, 1890 at Lennox, S. Dak. He first attended Sioux Falls College and then the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., from 1911 to 1917. After an additional year of study at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, he went to Oklahoma, where he was ordained on Sept. 15, 1918 at Gotebo. In 1922 he went to Killaloe, Ontario. During his five year ministry there, a new church was built. From 1927 to 1940 services were rendered at the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J.

Later he came to Wilmington, Del., and the pulpit of the East Baptist Church. In 1946 the building was sold, land was bought on Linden Avenue in Elsmere and the new church was finished and dedicated in March 1948, and renamed the First Baptist Church of Elsmere. An Educational Wing was added in 1960. The congregation has grown considerably during this pastorate. Rev. Christian Peters and his wife plan to remain in Elsmere following their retirement and are now living at 1504 First Ave., Elsmere, Del.

Christian Peters, Pastor

Golden Jubilee Services at Ebenezer, Sask.

Report of Festivities at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., by Mrs. Donald Neibrandt

The services commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., began on Friday, June 1st. The Central Baptist Church ladies' sextet of Yorkton, Sask., rendered the song, "Jesus Led Me All The Way." Testimonies on "what the church means to me" were given by all the departments. Mr. Arlan Fandrey read a report for Mr. John Reiman, elderly member of the church, reminiscing about the early days of the church. Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt reminisced about his early boyhood as a member of the church, and then brought an inspiring message on John 1:12.

RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION

On Saturday afternoon a council convened for the recognition of ordination of Rev. W. Dickau. At the evening service Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt served as chairman, Rev. Walter Kerber led in the singing. Rev. Phil Grabke read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and led in prayer. Rev. John Wollenberg, previous pastor, and Dr. Richard Schilke, formerly of the Ebenezer District, reminisced about the happenings at Ebenezer during the time they spent here. The second part of the service was the public recognition of ordination of our pastor, Rev. W. Dickau.

On Sunday, June 3, at Sunday school, the Junior choir sang "Come and Join the Army of the Lord Today." Words of welcome were presented by the superintendent, Mr. R. Bohn. Mrs. Irene Wollenberg presented a children's story. The Patzer trio sang "Keep Your Eyes Fixed On Jesus," and Rev. John Wollenberg taught the Sunday school lesson.

The worship service began with a call to worship by our pastor. A

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special tribute was paid to all the deceased who had been members of the church. Eighty-six Bibles were designated for missionary work in India. Flowers enhanced the sanctuary. A new sign was dedicated in memory of those who had passed on to their eternal reward. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought a challenging message on "What Does the World Expect of Us?" Dinner was served to approximately 350 people.

During the afternoon service special tribute was paid to the three charter members of the church: Mrs. Emma Bohn, Mrs. Louise Gurel and Mr. August Zimmer. The Ladies Choir rendered "In the Service of the King." Mr. Arlan Fandrey gave a report on the church's history. The Mass Choir rendered "How Great Thou Art." Mr. Arlan Fandrey read letters and telegrams of congratulations received from the pastors, friends and former members. Also greetings were given by Rev. G. Pousset, Rev. W. Kerber, Rev. F. Paul and Rev. J. Wollenberg. Rev. R. Schilke brought the message, "The Church Must Reach Out." A missionary offering was taken. The Singing Men rendered "Lead Thou Me." The service was ended with a consecration and dedicatory prayer. Lunch was then served to approximately 500 people.

Now for a glimpse into the history

of our church! A log church was built in 1893 by the early settlers and named Ebenezer First Baptist Church. As more and more settlers came to the district, the log church no longer afforded sufficient space for the worshippers. Two new churches were built, one in the village of Ebenezer and the other farther west. The East Ebenezer Baptist Church was built in 1911 at the cost of \$5,000. The parsonage was built in 1912 at a cost of \$2,500 which was also contributed by the members.

THE CHURCH'S HISTORY

Eighteen pastors have served us: Rev. F. A. Blaedow, Rev. Otto Pioch, Rev. C. F. Zummach, Rev. E. Wolff, Rev. F. Orthner, Rev. G. W. Rutsch, Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Rev. G. S. Fuxa, Rev. A. Ratschkowsky, Rev. A. K. Bandzmer, Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Rev. A. Rosner, Rev. W. Stein, Rev. G. Beutler, Rev. J. Engel, Rev. W. Hoffman and Rev. J. Wollenberg. Our present pastor is Rev. W. Dickau. Our present membership is 136. A total of \$79,424.37 was given for missions and \$127,520.09 for local expenses. The following are those who at one time were members of the church and are now in full time Christian service: Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. R. Milbrandt, Rev. Stan Hoffman, Rev. Bert Itterman, Mrs. Gertrude Remple, Mrs. Doris Knoll, Mrs. Jeanette Stein, Mrs. Audrey Sonnenberg, Mrs. Leona Gerber and Mrs. Curtis Haas.

The Sunday school was organized as soon as the church was built. From a humble beginning, there has been steady growth and increase. There are classes for all ages from Cradle Roll to Adults. A camp was built at Good Spirit Lake in 1958 and the boys and girls can attend camp each summer. Our present average attendance is 112.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Sept. 1920. Presently we have 24 active members, with three honorary members: Mrs. Emma Bohn, Mrs. Louise Gurel and Mrs. Lydia Zimmer, and one charter member, Mrs. Edith Neibrandt. Since its inception our Society has raised \$21,342.81. A total of \$10,330.59 went directly for missions.

The Young People's Society was organized in 1922 and included the young married couples until 1957. At present we have 27 active members.

The Men's Brotherhood was organized in 1954, but is better known as "Singing Men" because of their active work as a choir. Since 1954 they have presented sacred concerts and held rallies in numerous churches and localities throughout the province. All traveling expenses during the tours are absorbed by the men, leaving all proceeds entirely for mission work at home and abroad. The Senior Choir has been privileged to serve the Lord through song since the church was organized. The Junior Choir was organized in 1954 by Mrs. Walter Hoffman, which at present has a membership of 19.

Obituary

A Memorial Tribute To Rev. Fred Knalson 1916 - 1962

By Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary

A devoted man of God, a dear brother in Christ and a friend of the pastor has left our ranks to the home prepared for all of God's faithful servants. Rev. Fred Knalson always manifested a dynamic faith in God. He had an unwavering confidence in the people he served, loving them under all circumstances. His ministry was marked by an enviable dedication and devotion. He was a student of the Word of God, a man of prayer, with a heart of compassion for those who needed salvation.

During all the years of his ministry, Brother Knalson was somewhat handicapped by a physical affliction. He was determined that this bodily malady should not stand in his way to render maximum service in the churches to which God had called him. When toward the last his eyesight was gone, his determination to preach the Gospel and serve his Lord was even more intense. He always had a burning compassion to preach the Gospel. His messages were strongly evangelistic, spiritually warm and always informative.

Faithful as he was to the people of his church, he found time to acquaint himself with the ministry of the churches in the Association and Conference in which he served. His love for, his interest in, as well as his devotion to the denominational fellowship kept him in touch with all of our many missionaries, the members of the faculties of our schools, and all of the denominational workers.

His close friends and acquaintances always admired him for his pleasing disposition, his spirit of gratefulness, his endless patience under trying circumstances of life, and his utter devotion to his Lord and his cause. Brother Knalson's homegoing, humanly speaking, was much too early.

Our prayers continue in behalf of our brother's faithful wife, Mrs. Knalson who also proved herself to be a genuine, Christian helpmeet and good servant of the Lord. We shall likewise continue to pray for the growing son Stephen who would greatly appreciate a wise and loving father at his age.

oldest in years of service.

Surviving with her daughter are six other daughters: Mrs. Henry (Louise) Meuser, Mrs. Merle (Velma) Gibbens, Mrs. Lincoln (Marion) Love and Mrs. Robert (Helen) Portenier, all of Erie; and Mrs. Henry (Violet) Pfeil of Tampa, Florida, and Mrs. Wilbert (Emma) Neuffer of Rochester, N. Y.; a son, Fred E., of Flint, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. The memorial service was held on June 4 with Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio, Eastern District secretary, in charge. Her beautiful Christian life and her staunch faith in Christ will be remembered by many throughout our denomination for years to come.

South Hills Baptist Church

Erie, Pa.

E. WOLFF, Officiating Minister

MR. JACOB LINDENBAUM of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Jacob Lindenbaum of Cleveland, Ohio, was born May 2, 1888 in Germany and passed away May 12, 1962. He came to America in 1905. In 1915 he came to Cleveland where he worked for the Roger Williams Press as a printer. He was united in marriage to Emma Goertzen. Three daughters were born to this union. Soon after coming to Cleveland, he joined the White Avenue Baptist Church and became a loyal and active member of the church choir. He had been at choir rehearsal on the night before his death. He also served in many other offices of the church and will be greatly missed.

He leaves to mourn his passing his dearly beloved wife, Emma; his three daughters: Bernice Ponce, Dorothy Newbauer, and Ruth MacDiamid; 5 grandchildren; one brother and one sister in Canton, Ohio; and one sister in Germany. The pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, conducted the memorial service based on the Scripture text, II Kings 2:13. The profusion of flowers as well as the memorial gifts were an indication of the high esteem in which Mr. Lindenbaum was held. May our heavenly Father comfort all those who are bereaved!

Hillcrest Baptist Church Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH KRUEGER of Colfax, Washington

Mrs. Elizabeth Krueger, nee Klundt, of Colfax, Wash., was born in Russia and came to the United States when she was one year old and the family settled in North Dakota. In 1903 she moved with her family to Pasco, Wash. In 1917 she was married to Edward Krueger and they made their home on a farm near Colfax, Wash., until four years ago when they moved into the city. Brother Krueger preceded his wife in death Oct. 10, 1960.

Mrs. Krueger became a Christian in the time of her youth and was baptized and joined the Baptist Church at Lind, Wash. Later she transferred her membership to the Spokane Church and then to Wilcox Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash. She was a faithful member of our church, always taking her place in the worship services. For several years she served faithfully as one of our deaconesses. She was a true Christian mother, seeking the spiritual welfare of her children.

Mrs. Krueger is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Maxine Bishop, Pullman, Wash.; Mrs. Athalie Molyneux, Horseheads, N. Y.; Mrs. Edith Rupley, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Florence Hanson, Clarkston, Wash.; Mrs. Judith Killeen, Seattle, Wash.; 5 grandchildren; 4 brothers; and 3 sisters.

Colfax, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor

MRS. ROSE STORZ of Erie, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Rose A. Storz, aged 83, of Erie, Pa., was called to her heavenly Home on Friday morning, June 1, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dale (Agnes) Middlestetter, where she had made her home for the past several years. She was born in Germany, coming to America with her family as an infant child of one year. She was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ 71 years ago in the former First German Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., now the South Hills Church. She was married to Frederick J. Storz, who passed away in 1918.

For 13 years Mrs. Rose Storz served as matron or "house mother" in the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. She rendered a gracious and loving ministry to the Seminary students who still remember her with much gratitude. She was the oldest member of the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie and also the

REV. G. W. RUTSCH'S WALK WITH GOD

A Personal Tribute by Rev. C. T. Remple of Tacoma, Wash.

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). This word of God comes to my mind as I think of Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Sacramento, Calif., who has gone to be with the Lord.

I am grateful to know that Brother Rutsch was one of my closest friends in the ministry. In four revival campaigns we could work together, two in his churches and two in mine. Since he was a man of prayer and compassion for the Lord, God could use him. In one of his churches the Lord gave him 71 souls in two weeks.

Brother Rutsch was one of the quiet and faithful ministers in our denomination. Because of his deep seated love for our God and his denomination, we shall miss him greatly. However, we are grateful for his contribution to the Kingdom of God and are happy to know that his service continues in heaven of which the Bible says: "His servants shall serve him!"

APPRECIATION!

"I have received over 300 beautiful cards of comfort and cheer since the homegoing of my husband and many, many kind letters of love and understanding, all revealing some special blessing which they received through knowing Brother Rutsch. I want to convey my heartfelt gratitude for all these expressions of love and comfort."

—Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, Sacramento, California

112TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Priestley of Brookings, South Dakota; and Mr. Donald Richter of St. Paul, Minnesota.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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close on June 17th during the Pacific Conference sessions held at the church. On Sunday evening, June 10, the church held a brief farewell service for Dr. and Mrs. Appel with Mr. DeForest Bullock in charge and making the presentation of flowers and a gift. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, brought the message on that Sunday evening. On June 3 Dr. Appel baptized 6 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Recognition of all high school and college graduates was observed on June 10 as well as recognition of the Scripture Memory students with the leader, Miss Elfriede Gudelius. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and their family arrived just prior to the opening of the Pacific Conference sessions at the Calvary Church (June 13 to 17). Mr. Ganstrom preached his first sermons in his new pastorate on June 24.



50th ANNIVERSARY, EBENEZER, SASK.

The Board of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., and the pastor, Rev. W. Dickau (right, front row), behind "the birthday cake" and pulpit of the church.

BILLY GRAHAM IN CHICAGO

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cision for Christ and with the moving of the Holy Spirit invites the people to come forward. Like a prophet of old, Billy Graham stands quietly facing his audience without saying many words and seems to be in deep prayer contending for the souls of these people.

FRONT PAGE NEWS

The Chicago Crusade followed in a trail of revivals, as Billy Graham noted on several occasions. Dwight L. Moody preached in Chicago in the late 19th century, and a church and Bible Institute are still living evidences of the impact of that ministry. Billy Sunday stirred Chicago for the Gospel shortly after World War I.

The results of this Crusade will not be fully apparent at once. "Come back to Chicago five years from now, and you will see the harvest of results," a religious leader said. "Give these thousands of converts five years of feeding on the Bible, learning to pray and getting involved with the local church—and you will see a difference."

The Gospel of Christ was "front page news" for the great Chicago newspapers during these days. The sermons of Billy Graham were quoted word for word in the newspapers and featured on television programs. Entire pages of pictures, editorials, special features on the life of Billy Graham and the day-



A recent picture of Billy Graham with his open Bible as he prepares for the Chicago Crusade.

to-day news stories kept the preaching of the Gospel in the forefront of attention for millions of people in the Chicago area. "We have never had such extensive, intensive and sympathetic coverage in any other city," Dr. Graham declared.

The Billy Graham team is professionally efficient and alert. The wheels of machinery function smoothly during such a campaign. But one cannot help but be deeply impressed by the earnest concern of each member of the team

for the spiritual nurture, training and growth of every convert. The follow-up is thorough and complete. Personal contacts are made by Christians and churches. Literature is sent repeatedly. Courses in the studying of the Bible are provided. The new converts are upheld by prayer and surrounded by the love of Christian friends.

Everything that has hit the town of Chicago has come in like a roaring lion, as described by "Decision" magazine: lake winds, railroads clattering westward-ho, the mighty world's fairs, the immigrants and the gangsters. They brought their turbulence with them and they have made America's heart city what it is. Today Chicago does not boast of having an enviable reputation among the great metropolitan centers of the world.

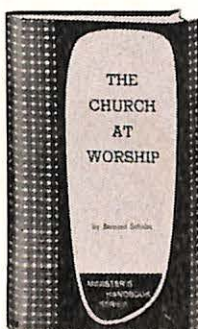
DECISIONS FOR ETERNITY

But during these days of the Crusade, Chicago has felt the stirring of God's Spirit and has heard the Gospel of Christ echoing down its streets and trumpeted in homes and halls as never before. With his whole personality aglow for Christ, Billy Graham has proclaimed the Word for all to hear. And multitudes have made their decision for Christ and have come to a more vital, meaningful relationship to Christ. These have been unforgettable days of decision for these multitudes in Chicago over which Christians everywhere must rejoice!

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