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Dr. J. C. Fluth Suffers 3rd Degree Burns

On Friday night, September 21, at 6:30 P.M., Dr. Jerome C. Fluth was filling his electric generator with gasoline at the New Hope Settlement in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa. A cook walked into the area with a bush lamp and the gasoline exploded. Dr. Fluth received burns on hands, arms, face, head, legs and back. Perhaps forty per cent of his body was burned. The burns are mostly only skin deep. The cook was burned on the face but not seriously. African workers who were near the place quickly put out the fire.

Miss Barbara Kieper, missionary nurse, quickly drove Dr. and Mrs. Fluth to Bamenda Hospital where Dr. Peter Fehr had him under treatment in an hour from the time of accident. Barbara Kieper was asked to stay at Bamenda to care for Dr. Fluth, and Trudy Schatz was called in from Bansa to assist. Laura Reddig was also asked to take charge of Mbingo temporarily. Dr. Fehr went out and gave the necessary treatment at Mbingo.

The next morning Rev. Fred C. Folkerts left for Victoria in order to take care of a number of important matters. He returned to Bamenda as soon as possible with the nurses, Ruth Rabenhorst and Ardice Ziolkowski, after they had cleared customs.

Dr. Fehr called for Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee later in the week so that the two doctors could make a decision on the further treatment of Dr. Fluth. It was felt that recuperation might take from several weeks to several months. The decision of the doctors in the Federal Republic of Cameroon was to send Dr. Fluth home to the United States for skin grafting. He and his family (Mrs. Fluth and 2 children) accompanied by missionary-nurse Ruth Rabenhorst arrived in the United States on an Air France jet plane on Wednesday afternoon, October 10. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, met the party at O'Hare Field in Chicago and arranged for the transfer of Dr. Fluth on a stretcher to a northwest plane leaving soon thereafter for Minneapolis.

Dr. Fluth was admitted to the University Hospital in Minneapolis that same evening with skin grafting on his hands undertaken in the days that followed. Miss Ruth Rabenhorst has stayed at the hospital in Minneapolis as his personal nurse. His recovery is progressing encouragingly. Dr. Schilke has requested the continued prayers of God's people for Dr. Fluth and his family.

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOV. 18, TO SUNDAY, NOV. 25

OFFERINGS. It has been the customary observance of our North American Baptist churches to receive their "Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering" for the missionary work of our denomination. The Lord's work needs the faithful stewardship of all his followers!

GOD'S BLESSINGS. How innumerable have been God's blessings to you during the past year! You are under Scriptural obligation to express your sacrificial gifts for the advancement of his Kingdom!

CHALLENGING TASKS. New missionaries must be appointed and sent out to carry out the tasks that God has entrusted to us in Africa and Japan and on home mission fields. Your concern must be to support these new missionary volunteers!

PUBLICATION SUNDAY. Our publications keep you constantly informed about each of our mission fields and of the 82 missionaries. Your subscriptions for our publications will soon be received. These are your channels of communication!

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

THANKSGIVING OFFERING. You can share with Christ in the many blessings of God that "are exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Such a shared experience also involves a shared concern with Christ over the great needs of today's world. May your Thanksgiving offering be pleasing in God's sight!

STORY OF NICHOLAS. Nicholas is one of the new applicants for the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu, Africa. "Nicholas did not waste much time in responding to God's call, once he felt it. He left his fairly high paying survey work. He followed God's leading to open a new church in the village where there had been no Baptist group. He began in January this year. At the time we interviewed him, seven months later, he had already baptized 30 and is having 90 converts in his preparation for baptism class." —Missionary George W. Lang.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS. In November the 3,800 Church Extension Builders are making their contributions to the new and urgently needed building of the Wichita Baptist Church, Milwaukie, Oregon. Read the inspiring story about this project on page 8 of this issue, written by Rev. Fred David, pastor.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS PRAYER PARTNERS. The expenses for this important work of God's Volunteers have risen with the ministry of two teams and because of the needed equipment for the travel of these 11 young people. You can travel with these dedicated young people as you give at least \$5.00 toward their support. Make your gift \$10.00 this year in supporting both teams.

PUBLICATION SUNDAY. November 11 is being set aside as Publication Sunday. Be sure to read your copy of the brochure, "Who Else Wants to be In on What North American Baptists Are Doing?" Encourage your church to adopt the Church Family Subscription Plan. Renew your subscription to our denominational publications.

NEXT ISSUE

TEACH ME TO READ!

The Story of Timothy at the Ndu Bible Training Center, Africa

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Editorial

Live the Thankful Life!

"Live the thankful life. Let us have no more groaning and complaining. Let us have music and psalm and hymn and spiritual song. Let us have an inward and an outward melody." So wrote an ancient preacher as quoted in "The Canadian Baptist" recently.

The Apostle Paul tells the churches of Colosse the same truth. There is a spiritual joy for Christians. It is a year-round radiance. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col 3:19). This is the sunny side to discipleship.

Thanksgiving is really a smile in action. It is the outward expression of an inner joy and peace, of a relationship with God, the Creator and the Giver of all good gifts. Christians have every reason to be thankful to God, which means really that they have every reason to be happy and radiant at all times and in all kinds of circumstances.

Let cheerfulness and thankfulness therefore be the evidences of Christian faith. These are the *outbursts of joy* that reveal the faith by which we live. The Apostle Paul wrote repeatedly to the Philippians to "rejoice in the Lord" because of the living faith within him. "For to me to live is Christ." He had the faith to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection as well as the fellowship of his sufferings. In this new found faith, he gave expression to these outbursts of joy. That was the heart of his thanksgiving before God. It was ever his habit and his exhortation.

Such gratitude also leads to *cheerfulness in giving*. The Apostle Paul calls on the Christians of his day to give with cheerfulness (literally translated, "with hilarity") and thus to add to all of his spiritual wealth the strength and invincibility of one who is "more than a conqueror." This is the song of thankfulness of the triumphant conqueror in Christ.

Such giving with cheerfulness and with joyous hilarity will mean giving as unto the Lord with *sacrificial abandonment*, going the second mile in service for Christ, and being motivated by the promptings of a great love for Christ. It is much more than the usual habitual giving from time to time. It is thankfulness that is pressed out of life's deepest joys and love. It is gratitude that makes us appear more like Christ, who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister to others."

What is your thanksgiving like at this season of the year? Is it the seasonal expression of your heart because everybody else is doing it? Or is it the vital, radiant expression of a thankful life that reflects an inward melody of the soul and that places no limits on the gifts to be given because they are being laid at the Master's feet. You will have an opportunity to show the true colors of your gratitude to God when the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice offerings are received by our church.

Not only at Thanksgiving—but at all times—give thanks. Live the thankful life. Let it shine from the inner being of your soul. Give thanks always!

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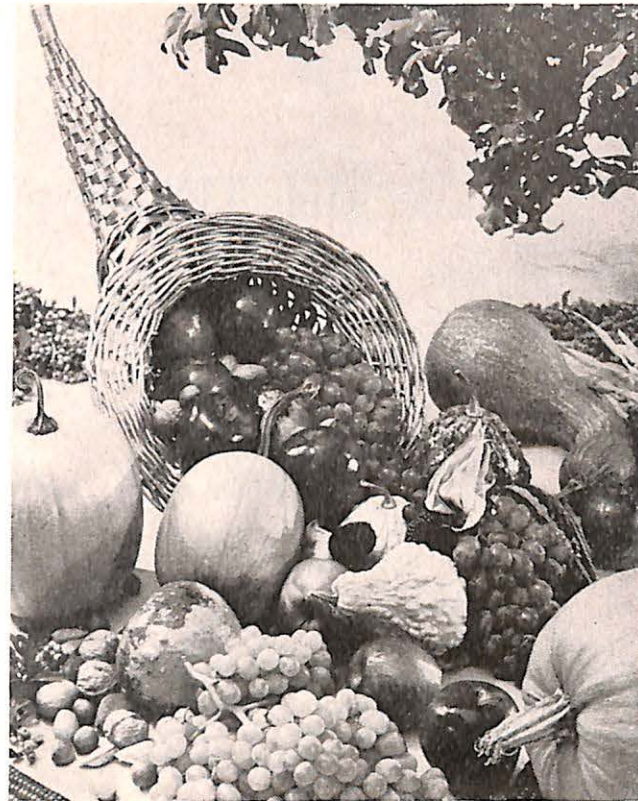
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Thanksgiving is a warm and meaningful word. It is not an audit or an inventory, but for the Christian an attitude toward life . . .

Every Day Is Thanksgiving Day

A Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Richard Schroeder,
Pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois



Should all of our material abundance wither away today, the Christian would have much cause for real thanksgiving. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

THANKSGIVING! There is magic in the word, for it is one of those with which we associate so many other meanings. Mention the word, and the mind and memory's eye are awakened to scenes of other years: Pilgrims with their Indian friends celebrating that first thanksgiving, childhood scenes in a rural setting, a table with turkey and food abundant, a room filled with happy friends and relatives, an autumn countryside. For Americans, Thanksgiving is a warm and meaningful word.

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS

But what if all that we associate with Thanksgiving should by some means suddenly disappear? What if America was no longer the land of abundance and wealth and its people were forced to struggle merely to exist? Would there still be cause for Thanksgiving? The sensitive Christian of today can scarcely help but notice the conditions of many of the people around the world. He sees millions of men and women and children living only a step from starvation. Among them are his brothers in Christ, and he cannot but wonder in such circumstances he could express to God his gratitude and thanks. He sees other Christians enduring harassment and persecution and trial and

asks himself, "Is thanksgiving expected under such circumstances?" Someone has well noted that thanksgiving is not an audit or an inventory



Rev. Richard Schroeder of Oak Park, Illinois, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

but an attitude toward life. We do not rely upon certain conditions being met, or wait until a certain level of abundance has been achieved before we express our gratitude.

For the person who has been reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, every day is Thanksgiving day! One thinks of the Apostle Paul and hears him relate to the Corinthian church: "In imprisonments . . . in floggings, with risk of life many a time . . . in labour and toil, with many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, in frequent fastings, in cold and lack of clothing" (Weymouth).

Enduring a life of hardship, persecution and pain, one hears this same man again: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Giving thanks always was the apostle's theme in life despite the often difficult outward circumstances.

So today, should all of our material abundance wither away, the Christian would have much cause for real thanksgiving. "Giving thanks always for all things!"

OUR MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Let us thank God for giving to us the ministry of reconciliation. What a tremendous task with which we have been entrusted! What responsibilities are ours and what an age of opportunity in which we live! To labor and work for the Kingdom in such a day should bring out the best in the Church of Jesus Christ. To be sure, we do not

praise God for the world's present state of unrest, nor for the uneasy and precarious peace, but we rejoice as we realize that God "hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

A British soldier left his home with these words: "I have no regrets; I consider myself fortunate to be called into the service of my country in so crucial a time and for a cause so precious to the human heart." So it must be with the soldier of the Cross.

That this is a crucial day no one will deny. It is, however, a time of even greater possibilities to serve Christ. Never has the Church had at its disposal the great mass communication media available today with their tremendous persuasive powers. Never have the remote areas of the earth been so accessible as with today's modern forms of transportation. Never has the Church had the resources that it possesses today. And never has it been confronted with so great a hunger in the hearts of men who seek meaning in life.

Such a day as this is not for the faint-hearted nor for the despairing, but for the devoted, daring, disciplined Christians. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries," wrote Paul. So today there is a great door and there are also many adversaries. Thank God, he has entrusted us with his message of hope in such a day, and given to us this ministry of reconciliation.

GOD'S CONSTANT PRESENCE

Let us also thank God for his presence with us at all times. The Psalmist recognizing this fact wrote, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, . . . for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare." We remember also Christ's wonderful promise to us: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." What a reassuring thing to know that, whatever may come, be it trial or triumph, our God walks with us. It is this thought that is expressed by the poet:

"Behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own."

It is this knowledge that enables the Christian to walk confidently and courageously even in the darkest times. To live in this age alone would be cause for despair, but to walk with one's hand placed in his brings a new perspective to all of life.

When Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on a lonely island, he kept a ledger and on one of its pages made two columns of entries. One he headed evil and the other good. Opposite each entry in the evil column he put one in the good column. The "evil" read: I am cast on a desert island; I have no clothes; I am without defense from wild beasts; I have no one to speak to. In the "good" column he wrote: But I am alive and not dead as are my comrades; it is a tropical

climate and I do not need clothes; I find no wild beasts on this island; God has supplied my needs.

So it is with us. When outward circumstances are most troublesome and difficult we are reminded once again of Christ's promise never to leave us. As Joan of Arc said when she had been abandoned by all, "It is better to be alone with God. His friendship will not fail me, nor his counsel, nor his love."

It was Paul who wrote, "That neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Though the world round

is cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving!

The famous Dr. Johnson once told Boswell that he had never known a moment when death was not terrible to him. On another occasion he declared that all of life was one long effort not to think of death. So it has been and is today for many men. But God's promise to those who have come to him through Christ is life—life eternal. For the Christian, life and death alike make up a "pageant of triumph."

The words of the hymn writer, Johann Mentzer, reflect the believer's gratitude for the promised victory:

"O could my voice transcend the spaces, until it reach the shining sun;



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" Psalm 103:2 and 90:17 (Luoma Photo).

us should crumble, God's promise is ever, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

Let us thank God for promised victory. Listen once again to the joyful words of St. Paul: "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." Or, as translated by Dr. James Moffatt, "Wherever I go, thank God, he makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ." Victory is promised to the believer here and now, a victory that is not dependent upon outward circumstances, but one that stems from an inner relationship with God through Christ.

There is, however, another aspect to this victory. To the believer is promised triumph over death itself. "Death is swallowed up in victory . . . thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Here

O could my life-blood as it races, rejoicing through my veins so run that every throbbing pulse of mine give thanks to thee for life divine."

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory . . ."

BLESS THE LORD!

This Thanksgiving for most North American Baptists will be a day of thanks for material blessings. Yet, in a very real sense, every day is Thanksgiving for the Christian, for gratitude is an attitude towards life.

John Henry Jowett once told of an elderly deacon of his church who developed cancer of the throat. Near the end of life when he could no longer even whisper, he wrote these words on a piece of paper and handed them to his pastor: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, for the Lord is good, and his kindness endureth forever!" "Giving thanks always for all things!"



The magnificent setting of the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, showing the newly dedicated Baptist Church and school building (near center) and towering Mbingo Hill (at right). Photo by Laura E. Reddig.

A Big, Happy Hospital Family

The story of the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Mbingo, Federal Republic of Cameroon by Miss Barbara Kieper, Missionary-nurse.

WELCOME TO Bamenda New Hope Settlement! How about a tour through the hospital to meet some of the patients and workers? In most hospitals you see signs requesting that you remain quiet and that loud noises are not allowed. This is not so at Bamenda Settlement. Early in the morning and in the evening you can hear singing from both wards. Either they are having their devotions or they are just singing for the sake of singing. They are happy to have the hospital while their sickness is being cared for.

PETER KAI'S STORIES

This is not only a hospital but also a work shop for some of our patients. Many of them clean cane and make baskets to sell. Approaching the men's ward, we hear someone telling a story and the rest of the ward just rolling with laughter. The story teller is Peter Kai. He is an elderly gentleman who is telling stories about the Germans when they were in this country before World War I. No, our hospital is not quiet but the patients are enjoying themselves like one big happy family.

To help our overcrowded situation in the hospital, a store room was converted into another patients' room.

That meant new equipment, and you may ask where we got our beds, etc. Our carpenters make the beds. Cloth was bought in the native market at Bamenda from which the curtains and the mattresses were made.

HOME-MADE MATTRESSES

Papa Elias, a dormitory supervisor, had his boys pick cotton at the end of the dry season. This cotton is the seed of a weed like the dandelions in America. It is very soft and makes excellent mattresses. I had the hospital tailor sew the covers from cloth which was also bought in the native market. Then four girls, who are patients, stuffed them.

After they had stuffed them, I gave each of them a needle and thread to sew up the hole. The mattresses were very bulgy and bumpy, so I told the girls to lie on them to flatten them. They were taken out on the lawn and at first they just laid on them, but that was not exciting enough. Next time I checked on them, they were using the mattresses as tumbling mats and so a job had turned into fun!

Let me introduce some of our girls. Noh and Lydia have been in the hospital for a long time and cannot go to school. To help pass the time, they

have finished memorizing the Scripture Memory Course I which has 26 Bible verses. To encourage them to continue on to Course II, they were given a Gospel of John during a Sunday morning service. Upon completing Course II they will receive a New Testament. Both of them do knitting and embroidering during their long stay in the hospital.

669 DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL

Another patient, Mary, from our Isu Clinic also does a lot of handwork. I have just finished doing some book work in which I check and file the discharged patients' hospital charts. Mary's chart revealed that she had been in the hospital an unbelievable time, 669 days! No, I have not made a mistake in counting. A stubborn ulcer kept her in the hospital almost two years.

How would you react to such a long hospital stay? Many times she was discouraged, especially after writing letters to her husband and receiving no answer. When the doctor visited the clinics in Wum Division, Mary went along. She has just returned and brought her husband along to "salute" her friends and to see the doctor. She is very happy, but her stubborn ulcer is back again. Pray for Mary and other

patients with the same problem of slow-healing ulcers.

Yaya, one of the girls who helped sew the mattresses, knows how to braid hair most artistically. (Miriam, the ward worker on the Staff Photo, has her hair braided this way.) It is braided into many, many small, tight braids which takes hours to fix. Another use for our hospital veranda is the Beauty Salon!

MARTHA, THE SCRUB WOMAN

You must meet one of my two faithful cleaning ladies, Martha. She has been at the New Hope Settlement since the first women were admitted in 1955. Her job is to sweep the floors of the women's side of the hospital twice a day, scrub them once a week and clean the shower room and the latrines. The latter is not a very pleasant job but Martha does not mind as long as she can smoke her pipe. She says that the pipe kills the latrine's odor so that she can clean them. As I see it (smell it), the pipe smells worse than the latrine smell, but



Martha, one of the faithful cleaning ladies at the New Hope Settlement, whose story is told by Missionary Kieper in the accompanying article.

Martha is happy and that is more important!

Francis, who is in charge of the laundry, came one day and said, "Please, Ma, the pipe for smoke for the stove he done broke and plenty smoke come for inside we house. We no fit work, the smoke da drive we." I went to the laundry to see, and there I found a new use for wash tubs. Play pens! Three of the women, working there for their Settlement work, have "pekin" children. To keep them out of the water and away from the fire, they were put into the tubs with some play things. The "pekin" were content and kept out of trouble. Sam Gabe, our overseer, saw to it that the pipe was fixed and all were satisfied.

YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING

will help take the Gospel to these people of Africa and Japan and make Christ very real to them as Savior and Lord.

GIVE GENEROUSLY AND SACRIFICIALLY!

LITTLE WOGAH FROM BABANKI

One morning a little boy, Wogah, was brought to us from Babanki, a village about six miles away. He had had an epileptic seizure and had fallen into the fire. We asked why the boy had not been in school. We were told that he had a seizure a number of years ago, so they thought it unwise to send him to school. Had he been in school when he had this seizure, he would not have been burned.

Little Wogah did not speak one word of Pidgin English when he came. After a lengthy hospital stay which included three trips to the operating room Wogah went home speaking some Pidgin. When we changed his dressings, we would say, "No cry," and he would repeat it. He learned to say "Good morning" and knew that this was a greeting. No matter what time of the day when I went to the hospital—morning, afternoon, or evening—Wogah was there to greet me with "Good morning."

He just loved to ride in the motor. On Sunday morning the hospital patients, wanting to go to church, are taken in the Land Rover. He is always the first one ready and waits until the hospital work is finished. He does not understand what is being said but he certainly enjoys the ride.

His brother cares for him, walking the six miles daily to bring him food. This brother could stay at the hospital and cook his food in a small kitchen



Leprosy patients with various complaints line up on the hospital veranda as Nurse Barbara Kieper checks their illnesses.

behind the hospital. Instead someone cooks the food at home, and he brings it to the hospital. As is their custom, they eat one big meal and then munch on bananas, groundnuts, etc., the rest of the day.

GOD'S GREAT LOVE

As you can see, our hospital is different from every other hospital. The most important aspect of our work is telling others about God's great love. As a child and servant of God, I want others to know this great love and to accept God's gift of eternal life by trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Thank you all very much for your prayers and support that are helping us in carrying on God's work!



"CHARTER" LEPROSY PATIENTS AT THE SETTLEMENT

These are the leprosy patients who are the only ones remaining out of the original group of 120 at the Segregation Village in 1952 when Dapsone treatments were first begun. Those who could be discharged and had families went home. A few others died or were admitted into the Settlement proper. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

A Macedonian Call from Milwaukie, Oregon

By Rev. Fred A. David of Milwaukie, Oregon, Church Extension Pastor

THE WICHITA Baptist Church of Milwaukie, Oregon is a young church. Its inception can be traced back several years to a small but faithful prayer band consisting of a handful of members from our sister churches in the greater Portland area, namely, "Bethany" and "Trinity."

This prayer group's claim to continuing existence may be largely accredited to the fact that from the very beginning a strong bond of Christian love and desire for fellowship developed among these brethren. As the prayer meetings continued in the homes and others were being added to the prayer circle, it soon became evident that God had brought these together for the purpose of organizing a church in the Wichita District of North Clackamas County, an area located southeast of greater metropolitan Portland. Here some of the members of this group had recently taken up residence.

SCENIC WONDERLAND

The district at this time was rather sparsely populated. Clackamas County is known as a scenic and recreational wonderland with unbelievable natural attributes for outdoor recreation. Within its borders are to be found opportunities for winter sports, mountain climbing, water sports, fishing, hunting, hiking, camping and any other conceivable out-of-door activity.

Probably the greatest attraction of the County is the world-famous Mt. Hood all year recreational area. Here skiing is the major winter sport. During the summer and fall months, tens of thousands of visitors take advantage of countless opportunities for relaxation and sports. Mile high Government Camp, on the Mt. Hood Highway, is the converging point for many activities.

Clackamas County is truly a land of contrast. The eastern half consists of virtually untamed mountains and wilderness, while the Willamette River Valley provides an enchanting background of serenity.

EIGHT HUNDRED HOMES

Here a survey by God's Volunteers in 1958 revealed the presence of some 800 homes scattered in the general vicinity. Eleven per cent of these families contacted claimed some varying degree of interest in a Baptist witness in the community.

Encouraged by this report, the Wichita group, under the guidance of Rev. Dallas Keck as pastor, began a prayerful search for a public meeting place. The Lord opened the way for the use on the Lord's Day of a large assembly room of the Housing Administration Building in nearby Milwaukie. Here the work began with regular scheduled meetings of Sunday school, morning worship service and evening Gospel Fellowship Hour.

However, this meeting place was not suited to the needs in that the Administration Building is not located in the immediate area where building and projected goals for population expansion indicate the greatest need for a church. Therefore, the Lord led in a search for church property in a favorable location. As a result of prayerful searching the purchase of a suitable house with two acres of ground was consummated by the church with the much appreciated aid of our North American Baptist brethren through Church Extension funds.



Ground breaking for the new building of the Wichita Church, Milwaukie, Oregon with the pastor, Rev. Fred A. David, at the left. The Building Committee, next to the pastor, are Mrs. Victor Kundert, S. S. superintendent; Victor Kundert and Jerold Robertson.

At present, the house is being used as the church's meeting place. Here God has seen fit to continue to bless the efforts of his people to the point where an adequate church building at this time is our most urgent need for future outreach and growth.

PRESENT NEEDS

Today the estimated population within a five mile radius of our church site is 114,000. It has been reported that more than \$25,000,000 have been invested in new industrial plants in the Clackamas area during the last few years. Over fifteen million dollars have been invested in 1,000 new homes in one year. New industries have added some 3,200 jobs in the past two years. Typical big industrial payrolls in Clackamas area are: Omark Industries and Oregon Chain Saw, International Harvester, Dohrmann Manufacturing Co., Pendleton Woolen Mills, White Stag Mfg. Co. and others.

The third High School is now in the process of being built, also the third Junior High School is due to be built this year, with elementary schools keeping abreast of the population growth in every district.

A new tract of houses, consisting of 480 single family units, has been started less than half a mile distance from our church site. How we praise the Lord for this added responsibility of souls coming to our community in the not too far distant future!

At the present time, the pastor is preparing a number of young converts for baptism and church membership. The fields are truly "white unto harvest" and Wichita Baptist Church, we believe, has been called into existence "for such a time as this."

GROUND BREAKING SERVICE, WICHITA CHURCH, MILWAUKIE, OREGON

It was a glad day and cause for much rejoicing at the Wichita Baptist Church, Milwaukie, Oregon, when the long awaited date for a ground breaking service for the new church edifice was announced. The date was set for Sunday afternoon, August 26. Invitations were sent to our sister churches and friends in the area by our church clerk, Mrs. Earl Wilson. The response to our invitation proved to be most gratifying in that a goodly

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You can experience a new
dimension of shared living at
this Thanksgiving season

Shared Living!

By Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

NO ONE IS so valueless to society as a hermit. He is neither an asset nor a liability. He is simply a cipher. He stands apart from all others. He lives for himself and dies by himself. He brings nothing into the world. He contributes nothing to the world. He takes nothing out of the world. The hermit has never practiced one of the most significant truths of life. The Apostle Paul expressed this truth in his letter to the Romans: "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Romans 14:7). This is the truth of "shared living."

SHARING OF OUR LIVES

The sharing of our lives is demanded in all of our vital relationships. The husband and his wife must share their lives with each other if a true marriage is to exist. Mothers and fathers must share their lives with their children if they are to fulfill their God-given role as parents. An employee must share a significant portion of his life with his employer if he is to be worthy of his wages. A citizen is expected in many real ways to share his life with his community and his country. Good friends are constantly involved in sharing their lives together.

How tragic, how surprising, how amazing it is then that we do not with the same clarity and urgency recognize the normalcy of sharing the spiritual substance of our lives with others. It is tragic because the desperate needs of men plead for this sharing. It is surprising because the compelling example of Jesus sets sharing before us as an attainable and necessary goal. It is amazing because the very nature of our new life in Christ demands shared living.

More than all others, we Christians ought to find the sharing of our lives a natural experience. Our life, after all, is the life of the sharing Christ. This life serves to sharpen our spiritual perceptiveness concerning the need for sharing. This life is totally dependent upon the grace of a sharing God. Paul said, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28a).

This life is also totally owned by God: ". . . whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8c). This life too is the life of a servant, a steward, and an ambassador. The very nature of Christian experi-

ence involves us in shared living. There is no real escape from it.

Since we must share our lives, we may well ask the question: In what specific ways can we share them? Biblical examples of men and women who shared instruct us today.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

We may share our lives through our prayer for others. This Moses was willing to do at Mt. Sinai. After the children of Israel had defiled themselves with idolatry and immorality, Moses identified himself with them in their sin as he interceded for them: "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet, now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Exodus 32:31, 32). Moses was willing to sacrifice and share his own redemption with his people.

Norman Grubb, in his book, *Rees Howells, Intercessor*, makes this statement about intercession: "Identification is thus the first law of the intercessor. He pleads effectively because he gives his life for those he pleads for; he is their genuine representative; he has submerged his self-interest in their needs and sufferings, and as far as possible has literally taken their place." This truly is shared living.

We may share our lives through witnessing. Paul reveals the full scope of sharing with others his life in this way by saying: "And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the

law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:20-22). We have come to know Christ because some shared their spiritual heritage with us. The eternal welfare of others depends directly on our own willingness to share a word of witness with others.

OUR GIFTS AND SACRIFICE

We may further engage in shared living through our helpfulness to men. Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan is a classic in this regard. He pointed out that a man's interest in religion does not necessarily qualify him as one who shares his life with others. Both the priest and the Levite revealed only mild curiosity when they encountered a human need. The Samaritan, however, seeing the man who had been robbed and beaten, looked on him with merciful compassion. Compassion is love in action. It opens widely the doors of shared living to all who possess and express it. Jesus' only comment upon this illustration of neighborliness was: "Go, and do thou likewise."

Finally, we express shared living through our gifts of substance to the work of Christ's Kingdom. The widow with her two mites proved that the size of our gift does not determine the size of our share in others' lives. In upholding her giving as an example, Jesus pointed out that God's measure of our giving is directly proportional to the amount of sacrifice involved. If our sacrifice is great, our giving is clothed in greatness. If our sacrifice is small, our giving must be regarded as being small. If no sacrifice is present, God's commendation of our giving is absent.

How fitting it is then, that we, as North American Baptists, set aside one week each year to emphasize our sharing in the missionary program of Christ and that we term this special week, "Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week." The dates of this week in our denominational life this year are November 18-25. May our gifts and sacrifice reveal in our personal spiritual experience a new dimension of shared living!

CHRIST'S CONCERN MUST BE YOUR CONCERN!

- Thank God for the blessings of the Christian life.
- Pray about the urgent needs of our mission fields.
- Read the booklet, "Share With Christ."
- Give generously to the Thanksgiving Offering. This special offering is received in most North American Baptist churches.

THANKSGIVING AND
SACRIFICE OFFERING
NOV. 18-25, 1962

Eleven dedicated young people are serving as Christ's "evangelists" without any pay during the next six months . . .

Two Teams of God's Volunteers

By Ronna Merrick and Kathy Dockter, Reporters for God's Volunteers Teams.

THE 1962-1963 *God's Volunteers* teams invite you to follow along with another year of their evangelistic program. The goal of the teams again is spreading the Word of God and seeking souls for Jesus across the continent.

This year *God's Volunteers* number eleven young people who have been placed into a team of five members and a team of six. *Team One* consists of six members who are Kathy Dockter, Jarene Gunst, Marilyn Woyke, Judy Hoelzer, Owen Sawodny, and Bernard Thole. The members on *Team*

Jersey, Michigan, and will end their tour in Pound, Wisconsin.

Rev. Walter Hoffman, of Minneapolis Minn., is again the director of the Volunteer groups. He will be traveling between the two groups at different intervals. During the time Mr. Hoffman is with one team, a guest evangelist will be with the other. Mr. Hoffman is in his fifth year of service as director for the group of *God's Volunteers*.

ASSEMBLING THE TEAMS

August 30, the team began as-

High School.

From Mound Prairie comes Shirley, who is 19 and had been employed by the Minneapolis Honeywell Company for the past year. Ronna, who has been attending Northwestern College for the past two years, is 20 years old. She is from Hutchinson, Minnesota.

At Fargo, North Dakota, we picked up the seventh member of the team, Kathy ('Doc'), who is from McClusky, North Dakota. Kathy, who is 19, has been employed as a hairdresser for the past year.

ARRIVING IN CANADA

Next stop was Winnipeg, Manitoba, where the team increased to ten with the addition of Owen Sawodny, Herman DeVries and Lorraine Albrecht. Owen flew from Toronto, Ontario, his home, to Winnipeg. Owen has been in Canada for six years. The first 19 years of his life he lived in Hamburg, Germany, where he learned the trade of commercial painting.

Taking a leave of absence from her position as school teacher is Lorraine, who is from Oak Bank, Manitoba. The whole team helped her celebrate her 27th birthday on September 11. From Ochre River, Manitoba comes Herman, who is 19 years old and has just this year completed his twelfth grade at Dauphin Collegiate.

On Sunday morning, the team now numbering ten, participated in two services at Medicine Hat, Alberta. That afternoon they traveled on to Calgary, Alberta, where the team was made complete with Judy Hoelzer of Portland, Oregon. Judy is 20 years old and has completed two years at Portland State. The whole team took part in the new Church Extension project, Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary.

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

On Labor Day the team took a leisurely drive through Banff National Park, where they visited some of the landmarks of the area. After backtracking to Calgary, the team set out to cover the final miles to their destination.

The teams will be using two cars this year. *Team Two* will be traveling in a 1959 Buick stationwagon, named Schneedsmo (She needs mo' gas; she needs mo' oil; she needs mo' room). A 1960 Chevrolet stationwagon named Schmo issued by *Team Two*

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Nov. 6-18
Team 1—Bismarck, N. Dak., with Rev. Walter Stein, guest speaker.
Team 2—Selby, S. Dak., with Rev. Walter Hoffman.
Nov. 20-Dec. 2
Team 1—Appleton, Minn., with Rev. Walter Hoffman.
Team 2—Lemmon, S. Dak., with guest evangelist.

(being interpreted is mo' room, mo' gas, mo' repairs). Schmo's constant companion is a one-wheeled trailer called Schnitzel (a chip off the old block).

At the Christian Training Institute, the teachers for the team included some from the school, Prof. Roy Seibel from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, and Rev. Walter Hoffman. The courses included those directly related to their work such as: speech, music, personal evangelism and Bible history.

While in the Edmonton area, the team participated in seventeen services at our various denominational churches. Two of the most enlightening services were those held at the Indian Bull Reserve with Rev. R. Neuman and one at the Hope Mission in Edmonton with Dr. E. P. Wahl.

FIRST ENGAGEMENT IN LEDUC

The training period ended September 28, after which the teams divided and went to Leduc, Alberta. *Team One* stayed in the city where they worked at the Temple Baptist Church with Rev. Bert Milner as guest evangelist. *Team Two* served at First Baptist Church in the country with Rev. Wal-

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Opening Events at the C.T.I.

Report from the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta by Professor Wm. R. L. McLatchie.

ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1962, the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, opened its doors for the beginning of its 23rd consecutive year of service in training Christian workers. On that day, students registered in the High School and Theological Departments, and the full schedule of classes in these departments commenced on the following day.

The Institute has been happy to welcome the return of its president emeritus, Dr. Emil Peter Wahl, founder of the school, to its teaching staff this year. Professor Arnold Rapske, on leave of absence, is now studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. His graduate studies are toward an advanced degree in Christian Education. The Institute looks forward to his return next year to add the weight of his latest studies to the academic strength of the faculty.

DAY OF PRAYER AND ORIENTATION

On Sept. 12, the Institute family observed its annual fall day of prayer and orientation for all students. A time of prayer and testimony with broad participation was followed by an address, "The Goal Before Us," by President A. S. Felberg. Following this, members of the faculty briefly addressed the student body on various aspects of the school's life and work. The dean of students, Professor Edgar W. Klatt, dealt with student relation-

ships. Dean of women and matron, Mrs. Frieda Felberg, spoke on "House Rule Guides". Professor Edward B. Link presented the nature and aims of the C. T. I. musical program, and Professor William McLatchie the place of Biblical studies in our curriculum. In conclusion, President Emeritus E. P. Wahl spoke on the "Need and Value of Preparing for Christian Service."

VISITING NEARBY COLLEGES

In the afternoon, the Institute family paid visits to two institutions of the community, both on the campus of the University of Alberta. At St. Stephen's College, a graduate theological school of the United Church of Canada, we were graciously received by Principal Thompson, who showed us the fine facilities of St. Stephens.

Our second visit was to St. Joseph's College, a residence institution for Roman Catholic students at the University of Alberta. Our host at St. Joseph's was Lay Brother Prudent of a religious order.

Also included in the afternoon's activities was a tour of some parts of Edmonton, including the parliament buildings area and other points of interest. The day was concluded with fellowship around the tables, as students and faculty members joined together with their families in the evening meal.

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The school year in the Bible School Department began with registration on Oct. 10. On Oct. 18 the completed student body joined in the fall convocation exercises. The convocation service was held at the McKernan Baptist Church, where many friends of the Institute and parents of students joined with the Institute family to observe the opening of the academic year 1962-63. The music of the convocation service included selections by the faculty quartet (Professors Klatt, Link, McLatchie, and Schalm) and by the students' male chorus.

The Convocation address was given by Professor Link, who spoke on "The Heir and his Inheritance." The convocation service was followed by a reception with refreshments served.

Fall enrollment includes 23 students in the Theological Department (a few of these now completing their university studies), 28 in the High School Department, and 18 in the Bible School, a total of 69 students.

The Christian Training Institute is strengthening its program for the preparation of lay workers and ministers of the Gospel, and looks forward to a fruitful year of service for Christ and his Church.



TEAM ONE OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Left to right: Judy Hoelzer, Owen Sawodny, Kathy Dockter (reporter), Bernard Thole, Marilyn Woyke (at the organ), Jarene Gunst, and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director.

Two are Lorraine Albrecht, Ronna Merrick, Shirley Sandau, Arlyn Thielenhau, and Herman DeVries.

EXTENSIVE SCHEDULES

Before Christmas vacation, the two teams will be traveling in different areas of southern Canada and the Dakotas. After Christmas vacation, *Team One* will be traveling to La Salle, Colorado, then on to Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, and Montana, and will be terminating their tour in Minot, North Dakota. *Team Two* will be going to the southernmost tip of Texas, then to Louisiana, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New

sembling in Minneapolis, Minnesota, when Bernard Thole and Arlyn Thielenhau arrived from Kansas. Bernie, who is 19 years old, comes from Stafford, Kansas. Arlyn, who is also 19, is from Bison, Kansas. Both of the boys have completed their freshman year at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.

August 31, the four Minnesota girls and the two Kansas boys gathered together at Rev. Walter Hoffman's home in the early morning to begin their long trek to the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. Marilyn and Jarene both hail from Minneapolis; both are 18 years of age; both are 1962 graduates of Patrick Henry



TEAM TWO OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Left to right: Shirley Eandau, Arlyn Thielenhau, Ronna Merrick (reporter), Lorraine Albrecht (at the piano), Herman De Vries, and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director.

November 8, 1962

Read a good book and
you have won a friend for life . . .

Books Keep Me in Touch

By Dr. Leonard Gittings of Berkeley, California

WE NEED THE stimulus of contact with other people and other people's minds. This is where books come in. Any normal person can learn to enjoy what Andrew Lang has called "the sure companionship" and Longfellow "the sweet serenity of books." But one has to cultivate them as one does friends, approaching them with respect, appreciating their value, taking time to let them speak, and responding to their voices.

Why and how should I read? There are three factors that enter into the answer. First, there is the matter of *discipline*; next comes *selectivity*; finally, there is *purpose*. Without some such controls, one is likely to become a "cafeteria-style reader," passing along the well-laden counter, reaching out for whatever strikes one's fancy at the moment.

MAKE TIME TO READ

As far as discipline is concerned, few indeed have the right to say, "I have no time to read." Some of the busiest people in the world have been among the most widely read. A good number of comments have been made in the press recently about the amount of reading President Kennedy does.

John Wesley, one of the most active and productive men who ever lived, read hundreds of books as he jogged thousands of miles on horseback each year over the roads of Britain. The back of a horse is certainly different from a comfortable chair or a library, and the rutted, often muddy roads of England did not make for smooth riding! Yet Wesley was determined to read. In any age, one has to *make time* to read. And this requires self-discipline, the establishing of a fixed habit.

As for selectivity, a reader will need to learn resistance. One can waste a great deal of time and money trying to keep up with the literary Joneses. Each of us has so many hours and so many dollars to spend on reading, and we cannot afford to succumb to reading fads or big names. Therefore, we must be determinedly selective. By this I do not mean reading in a narrow field, or only those things that are attractive to us personally or even merely useful to us in our work or contacts with other people. Indeed, selectivity can lead to wide diversity and range in reading.

Selective reading should lead one to cover as many fields as possible. Yet it may also be good practice to concen-

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trate periodically on "blocks" of reading. One may take a period in history; a series of biographies; the books of one author; a special subject in one of the sciences; a series of the classics; or a group of devotional books. Working through such a "course" of unified reading can be both disciplinary and satisfying, and enable one to become at least a temporary specialist in a given field.

It is also good now and then to tackle a difficult book and force oneself to think on unfamiliar subjects. There is also value in having a permanent interest in one major field. For many years I have concentrated on biography, and have built up a biographical library. I never take a trip without carrying along either a biography I have not read or one I want to read again.

Not everyone will have the same interests, but everyone ought to be selective in some way. Almost four hundred years ago the brilliant Sir Francis Bacon wrote: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." We each must decide what diet pleases and helps us most.

With regard to purpose, one may read for personal relaxation, inspiration or information; or he may seek to understand and even serve his fellow man. A recent editorial in *Saturday Review* says: "The world needs a well-read America." Reading may provide us with increased personal resources

THE AUTHOR

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—EDITOR

and may help us to make us better citizens of the world. These are things to which no Christian can be indifferent.

BOOKS ARE FRIENDS

Books have been my friends in many parts of the world. I have learned the truth of Francois Fénelon's words: "The weary listlessness, which renders life unsupportable to the voluptuous and the indolent, is unknown to those who can employ themselves reading."

As a boy in a Welsh mining village, I developed a love of reading largely because of the influence of an older stepbrother, who bought me good books and encouraged me to use them. I lost him in my early teens when he, an officer in the British Royal Engineers, was cut down by shrapnel at Verdun during World War I. But his influence lingered on in my life.

I resolved never to stop reading. Even when as a youth I worked long and hard hours in the coal mines of South Wales, I made time each evening to read whatever good books I could lay my hands on. My specialties then were English literature and religious works. These enriched my mind vitally during the formative years of my life.

One of the most rewarding experiences in reading came during my first ten years of missionary service in the Belgian Congo. My wife and I were stationed in one of the most isolated areas imaginable. It was not unusual for us to go many weeks, often many months, without contact with those of our own race. My wife once went seven months without seeing another white woman. Mental stagnation was a danger in so remote a country, inhabited by some of the most primitive people in the world. We decided we would not neglect reading.

CLASSICS IN THE CONGO

From London I obtained a catalogue of the world's classics, then arranged for a steady supply of these books to be sent out to us. Almost every paddle steamer that came down the Upper Congo River each three weeks brought a package of attractive little red, gold-lettered volumes. Our mail-runner made his 200-mile round trip on foot every three weeks to bring them and other mail back to us.

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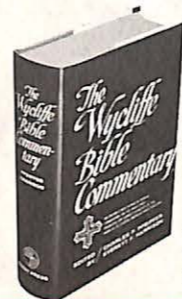
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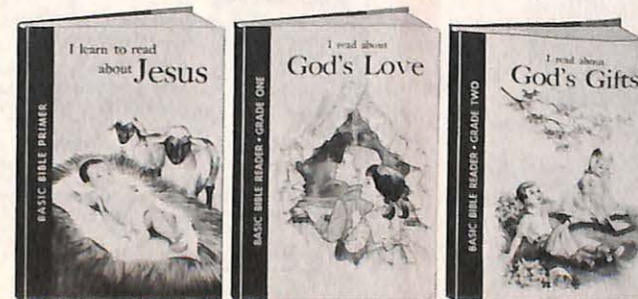
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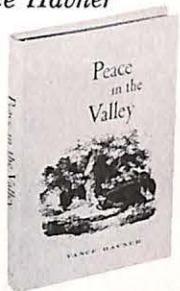
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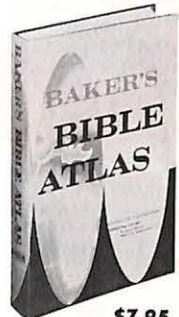


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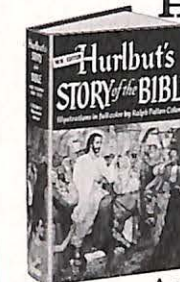
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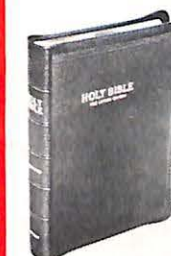
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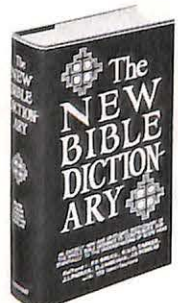
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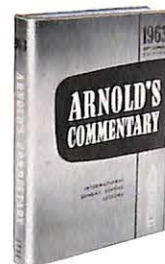
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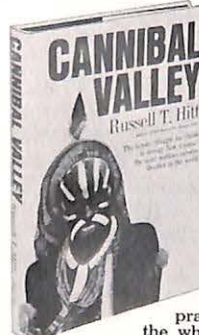
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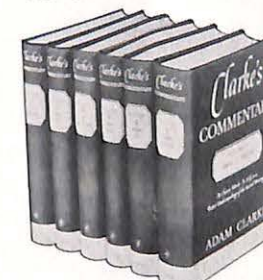


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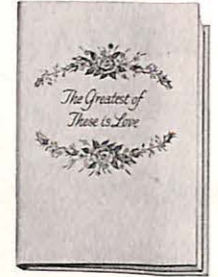


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"TEN THOUSAND MORE BY SIXTY-FOUR"

"... and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).
"Ten Thousand More by Sixty-four" is the goal that was prayerfully selected at the beginning of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program in 1959. In the "1962 Summer Letters," Dr. Frank Woyke, our executive secretary, in referring to this goal made the following comments: "Time is slipping by fast and we are far from meeting this challenge. Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest for greater soul-winning efforts in the years ahead!"

In his last command, Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. He also said, "Ye shall be witness." We who know of God and his saving power are bound by a great responsibility. We must not shirk this responsibility, and everyone who has experienced the power of Christ in his life becomes a missionary.

There is an air of complacency in the world today, and in many areas the art of personal witnessing is non-existent. In many circles conversation centers around the weather, the latest fashions, and all too often non-essentials. Why is it so difficult to talk to someone about the Savior? Is it because we think we will be ridiculed?

It is true that everyone cannot speak eloquently or persuasively, but each one can tell in our own words what Christ has done for us, and can explain what it means to be a Christian. D. L. Moody became a Christian through the influence of his Sunday school teacher. Many are converted through a tract handed to them by some unknown Christian who scarcely spoke two sentences. Seven of the twelve apostles were won through personal work. It has been pointed out many times that more people are won to Christ through conversation than through sermons.

"Personal Witnessing" is one of the subdivisions of Goal I on our Goal Chart. Let us endeavor to win those in our homes, churches, and communities for Christ! Then we will not only be wise as scripture teaches us, but we will have a part in the attaining of the goal, "Ten Thousand More By Sixty-four."

November 8, 1962

From the Professor's Desk

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

What does the Apostle Paul mean by his statement that the law was given in order to increase transgressions and to make sin abound (Romans 5:20; 7:7-9)? Does the law actually make men more sinful than they would otherwise be?

It is clear from Paul's treatment of the law of God that he is here speaking of the knowledge of or the consciousness of sin (Romans 5:20; 7:7). The law stirs up man's conscience and makes him keenly aware of his sinful condition, especially under the conviction of the Holy Spirit who reveals the true nature of sin (the exceeding sinfulness of sin in God's sight, Romans 7:12-14). Without the knowledge of the law, man would not know sin as he ought to know it—as transgression against the holy Lawgiver whose moral order is absolute. As such, the law intensifies the realization of sin's power and depth.

The law defines sin; shows it to be what it really is. This awakens in man a vivid awareness of his lack of conformity to the perfect will of God (of which the law is a published transcript). Thus man's sense of sin is increased by the law. It is in this way that the law was given "that the offense might abound," or in order to increase (the cognizance of) transgressions.

Sin blinds and deceives; God's revealed law enlightens and convicts. In relation to man's previously inadequate knowledge of sin before he knew the law, he now has an increased sense of his own personal sin. The carnal man may even rebel against this conviction and thus all the more increase his transgressions. By arous-

ing man's sinful nature, the law becomes the occasion of additional evil action. But it does not *causally* increase sin. Man's own fallen nature is itself the cause of the multiplied offenses.

Moreover, the law slays man's pretentious self-righteousness and manifests an inbred depravity. It is like a mirror in which we see ourselves as guilty before God. It sharpens the need and longing for redemption, preparing for a gracious deliverance from sin's power. So it acts as our schoolmaster or tutor to lead us to Christ that we may be justified by faith (Gal. 3:24). This last consideration, in fact, is Paul's main point in his consideration of the law; namely, its Christological purpose and function.

There is still another aspect to this matter of the law making sin to abound. It involves the fact of human experience in which man's heart inevitably desires a forbidden thing. Characteristic of perverse human nature is the appetite which is whetted by anything which is prohibited, precisely because it is forbidden (Romans 7:7-8). William Barclay speaks of "the fatal fascination of the forbidden thing." As the old saying goes, forbidden fruit always tastes better. In this sense too the law provokes sin.

So quickened in his realization of sin, man is limited to the way of the Cross for salvation. Every other way but that of faith in Christ is cut off. The mercy of God is his only hope, for "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." The law slays in order that Christ might make alive.

BOOKS—DR. GITTINGS

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ting in dugout canoes or lying under a mosquito net in my tent, I read and read. At night my light was a kerosene lantern. There could have been reason enough for *not* reading!

Plato, Augustine and Richard Baxter; Francis Bacon, Shakespeare and Milton; Dryden and Pope; Wordsworth and Walter Scott; Macaulay and Ruskin; Emerson, Hawthorne and Fenimore Cooper; Charles Kingsley, Dickens and Thackeray—these were some of my companions on long, lonely, journeys that sometimes took me away from my wife for weeks at a time.

LITTLE READING MARATHONS

During a later stay in the Congo, I set up other reading projects, arranging to have books sent out from the United States. Since returning to America I have, though engaged in

many other duties, made time to indulge in several little reading marathons.

My most recent was a systematic, consecutive study of the early Church Fathers from apostolic times down through Augustine. I had read much in this field before, but I now made these leaders march before me in a procession, one after another, insisting that each pause long enough to tell me something worthwhile. There were men from Caesarea, Antioch, Alexandria, Rome, Milan, Carthage and Constantinople, and they made me feel grateful that I belonged to a church that had produced such men.

Much of my special reading through the years has been done in the early morning. I have read many a book in the pre-breakfast quiet.

In Wales, the Congo, America, books have helped me to feel a part of my world. They can do it for you, too.

—The Christian Herald

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● **PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA.** Four Pentecostal leaders were sentenced to prison terms in Moscow for allegedly "criminal activities" in the town of Rustavl in the Republic of Georgia. The four were charged with telling their followers to read nothing but the Bible and not to listen to the radio or join the Soviet Army. Three of the men received 4-year sentences and the other got 5 years.

● **ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT CRITICIZED.** The Assemblies of God policy-making General Presbytery adopted a resolution in Springfield, Mo., asking the denomination's ministers and churches to refrain from participating in activities promoting the ecumenical movement. It contended the movement is a "sign of the times contrary to the real Biblical doctrine of spiritual unity in the church of Jesus Christ." The resolution, however, did not discourage Assemblies of God clergymen from belonging to local ministerial associations or from engaging in individual "witnessing."

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **BILLY GRAHAM IN PARAGUAY.** After three years of careful planning, final preparations were made for the largest evangelistic campaign ever held in Paraguay, this small but strategic country of Latin America. Coming to this city for a week of special meetings from Sept. 26 to Oct. 3 was the famed American evangelist, Dr. Billy Graham. The crusade took place in the largest basketball stadium in the city which seats 20,000 people. There was a locally trained choir of 150 voices under the direction of Cliff Barrows while the soloist was Ray Robles of Los Angeles, a converted Mexican nightclub singer. The organist was Don Hustad of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. On October 3, the closing day of the campaign, Dr. Graham had an interview with the president of Paraguay, Alfredo Stroessner, as well as a special meeting with several hundred national pastors, workers and missionaries.

● **ANTI-MISSIONARY SENTIMENT IN PAKISTAN.** A rising tide of anti-missionary sentiment in Pakistan was reported in Pakistan by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society which has missionaries in that country. It was stated that the movement is led by Muslim extremists who would like to ban all foreign missionaries, take over all mission institutions and grant no further visas to new missionaries. Just recently a member of the national assembly of Pakistan introduced a resolution which charged that "the foreign missionaries work as political agents hand in hand with their respective governments, all the while

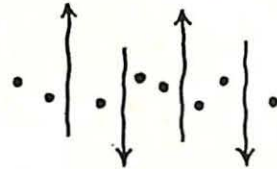
using religion and philanthropy as a cloak for their real intentions, subversive activities, and espionage." Though the new constitution of the country which became effective last June contains guarantees for the freedom of religion, it is not always that way in practice, the Baptist society said.

● **CHURCH LEADERS EXPELLED IN GHANA.** The government of Ghana in August expelled the Anglican Archbishop of West Africa, The Most Reverend Cecil Patterson, and the Bi-

shop of Accra, the Right Reverend Richard Roseveare, who recently criticized the Ghanaian National Youth Movement, Ghana Young Pioneers, for its "godliness." The Archbishop had supported the Bishop's statement. Leaders of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches had also issued a statement saying that the Bishop's criticism of Young Pioneers expressed "the conviction of all our churches" and that they were deeply unhappy about the general tone and spirit of the movement.

—Baptist Times.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Baptist Anniversary in Hungary.** Hungarian Baptists are planning the celebration in 1963 of the 90th anniversary of organized Baptist work in their country. The first Baptist witness was in 1846 when 3 young Hungarians returned from Hamburg, Germany, where they had been converted and baptized. They won a few converts but this work was not permanent. Continuous Baptist history in Hungary dates from the arrival of Heinrich Meyer in Budapest in 1873. He became the pioneer Baptist missionary and organizer in the country.

—The Watchman Examiner.

● **Dr. Smalley's 50th Anniversary.** Dr. William C. Smalley, who recently served as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church, Victoria, B. C., Canada, has marked the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He and Mrs. Smalley were tendered a reception by the First church, Calgary, Alberta, the church Dr. Smalley left as a young man to begin studies for the ministry. He has served as a member of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, as a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist World Alliance for 22 years, and was vice-president of the BWA.

● **Grass Classrooms Built for Angolan Refugee Children.** To meet the needs of 56,000 Angolan refugee children who have fled to the Congo with their parents, Baptist church workers have devised provisional classrooms of grass. Already more than 80 such schoolrooms have been built while more durable

premises are being put up. The Baptist Missionary Society, London, one of the principal supporters of projects for helping refugees in the Congo, has re-deployed twelve of its former Angola missionaries to work in the refugee areas.

● **Bible Distribution for Ecuador Baptists.** A schoolteacher who received a Gospel of John from one of her pupils was among 816 persons recording professions of faith in Christ during a six-day, city-wide evangelistic campaign held in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Two weeks later the teacher's husband made a profession of faith. The teacher's copy of the Gospel was one of 110,000 distributed in the city of 430,000 people (the goal: A Gospel in the hands of every adult) in preparation for the campaign. It was estimated that the services had a total attendance of 50,000 and reached several thousand others through radio broadcasts.

● **Proposes Baptist Research Center.** A Baptist Research and Continuation Center is being proposed for the Nation's capital in Washington, D. C., to serve the major Baptist groups in the United States. The proposal is made by a committee of 30 members that has studied the problem the past two years. The committee investigated the need for a Baptist university in the Capital area. After a thorough analysis of possibilities for a Baptist college and a study of the larger needs of the Baptist movement as a whole the committee recommends: 1. A junior college in Maryland under the initiative and sponsorship of the Maryland Convention; and 2. A Research and Continuation Center in Washington supported by all Baptist groups in the United States, to be studied by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

● Rev. and Mrs. William Effa of Cathay, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 28 who has been named Randall David. This is their third son in the family. Mr. Effa is pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak.

● Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, missionary in West Cameroon, Africa, is enrolled in the Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Wash., for the fall semester ending January 1963. He and his family are residing in Tacoma, Wash., during their furlough year. They are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma.

● The Baptist church of Plevna, Montana has extended a call to Rev. Edward Kopf of Odessa, Washington, which he has accepted. He has served as pastor in Odessa since 1956. His ministry in the Plevna church will begin on December 5, succeeding Rev. R. H. Zepik, now of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

● Chaplain George W. Zinz, now stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel by the United States Army Headquarters Department, Office of the Chief of Chaplains. This was effective July 11, 1962. Chaplain Leslie P. Albus was also promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as reported previously in the "Baptist Herald."

● Mrs. Delmar L. Wessler of Lorraine, Kansas, the editor of the Woman's Missionary Union publication, "Broadcast," gave birth to a son on August 14 and he has been named David Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Wessler have two other sons, Delmar Louis I and Delmar Louis II. Mr. Wessler is actively serving as chairman of the Southwestern Conference Church Extension Committee.

● Rev. Walter Dingfield of Los Angeles, Calif., the minister of visitation at the Church of the Open Door and a former pastor of the NAB Baptist church in Startup, Wash., has begun his new pastorate at the Calvary Baptist Church, Fargo, N. Dak., on Oct. 21st. This church is affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association. Mr. Dingfield is a spiritual son of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

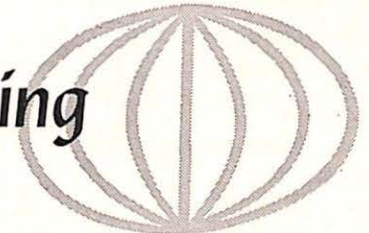
● On Monday, Oct. 1, Mrs. Hie H. Folkerts of Steamboat Rock, Iowa was called to her heavenly home. She is the mother of Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, missionary in the Federal Republic of Cameroon and the Field Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission. Her husband and other members of the family mourn her homegoing. The "Baptist Herald" family extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Folkerts in West Cameroon, Africa.

● The First Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas has extended a call to Rev. Roy T. Harfst of St. Bonifacius, Minn., to which he has given a favorable response. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the

Hoisington church about the middle of November, succeeding Rev. Frank Armbruster, now of Mt. Sterling, Mo. Mr. Harfst has served as pastor of the Minnetrista Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., since 1958.

● Rev. Frank Friesen brought his interim pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas to a

what's happening



close on Nov. 4. He served in this capacity with great blessing for several months. On Nov. 11 he began his interim ministry in the pulpit of the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly served by Rev. David J. Draewell, the present denominational Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

● The Evergreen Baptist Home for the Aged at White Rock, British Columbia, which has been sponsored by the North American Baptist churches of British Columbia, held the dedication of its new buildings on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Home has secured the services of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Milner of St. Charles, Manitoba, as its superintendent and matron. Mr. Milner has served as the pastor of several churches in our conference.

● On Sept. 20 Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, former acting president of the Christian Training Institute and pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, began his teaching ministry at Yakima Valley College, Yakima, Wash. He is teaching classes in sociology and anthropology. He is also writing his dissertation to complete his work toward a Ph.D. degree from the University of Washington. His address is 6506 Apple View Way, Yakima, Wash.

● Rev. Eldon E. Seibold of Portland, Oregon, recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, of which he has been the pastor since 1954. He has announced that he will engage in full time studies in order to complete his degree in music by May 1963. His resignation at the Glencullen Church will be effective on Dec. 31st. The building plans of the church are progressing favorably. An architect's services have been secured and the church hopes to commence on its building project by next spring.

● Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kannwischer of Arnold, Pa., left New York City on Nov. 9th on the freighter "S. S. Musi-Lloyd" for India via the Mediter-

anean, Suez Canal and Egypt. They will arrive in Bombay, India on Dec. 2nd. Dr. Kannwischer, who is associate professor of philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh, will give special lectures on the "Value Theory of Philosophy" and conduct seminars on philosophy at Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, a Methodist school,

and at the University of Lucknow. Dr. and Mrs. Kannwischer will also visit India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Japan and Hawaii before returning to the United States in May 1963.

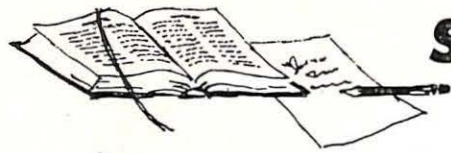
● The Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill., held its first Missionary Conference from Sunday, Oct. 7, to Wednesday, Oct. 10, under the direction of its pastor, Rev. Connie Salios. The North American Baptist mission fields were depicted on successive evenings by Missionary Elmer C. Strauss of Africa, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Dr. M. L. Leuschner. Bible studies were conducted on Sunday and in the early hour of each evening by Rev. Spencer Bauer of Minneapolis, Minn. On Sunday evening a missionary musical program was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Connie Salios. The Sunday school numbered 112 on Oct. 7, which was almost double that of a year ago.

● On Oct. 12 and 13 Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, General Conference moderator, and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, met in Sacramento and Lodi, Calif., with pastors and leaders of NAB churches in that area to consider nominations for committee chairman to serve at the 1964 General Conference. This important conference will be held in Sacramento, Calif., from July 13 to 19, 1964. On Friday evening, Oct. 12, a public meeting was held at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, at which the denominational representatives spoke. The General Conference committee chairmen will be announced in the "Baptist Herald" in a later issue.

● Special meetings were held by the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., from Oct. 14 to 19 with Rev. Richard Sparling of Elsmere, Delaware as the evangelist. Beginning with Oct. 21 and continuing for eight Sundays, Leadership Training Courses are being held by the Temple Church after the Sunday evening services. One course,

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Redemption is a two fold plan: God's unlimited love and grace, and man's sincere repentance and grateful acceptance.

INTRODUCTION: Last week we thought about the wonderful fact that God created us as near to his image as it was possible for him to do. This week we must consider the stark reality that man has marred the image to such a degree that he has become closer to the image of Satan than of God. He tries to say with William Ernest Henley: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul," but feels powerless to believe it and even more so when he tries to act upon it. He has fallen beyond the point of human redemption and must trust in God, who created him, to re-create him.

The Ephesians had to learn a lesson which often escapes us today: the fact that salvation is a degree that is conferred upon us and not earned by us; not something we achieve, but something God gives.

I. MAN'S CONDITION BEFORE REDEMPTION. Ephesians 2:1-3.

Paul paints a dark picture of man's condition in these few verses. Not only does he describe his condition but he reveals the awful sinful environment in which he finds himself. The very air is filled with evil spirits of whom Satan is the prince. Man does not seem to have a chance in the physical world nor in the spiritual. Flesh and mind are corrupted to such a degree that he is "dead in trespasses and sins."

Paul reminded the Ephesians of the bare existence they had before they knew the touch of Christ. It was not life at all, but a kind of animal existence in which they were interested in merely satisfying their physical needs and passions.

II. MAN'S CONDITION AFTER REDEMPTION. Ephesians 2:4-7.

The apostle knew the value of words in picturing a contrast: "But God..." What a transformation these two words brought into the lives of "the children of wrath." The former picture would indeed look utterly hopeless but for God. Perhaps Paul was also thinking of the great change in his own life. He was not troubled by

the sins of the flesh but by the sins of the spirit which are often deeper and more difficult to reach. Yet God's great love and mercy were able to raise Paul to a new life, just as his love and mercy were able to raise the Ephesians who were trapped by the gross sins of the flesh.

III. THE SIMPLE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION. Ephesians 2:8.

This is one of the best known and most often quoted Bible verses. After working thousands of years for salvation, it is still almost too good to be true to think of it as a gift of God. As James Russell Lowell has so beautifully expressed it: "Tis heaven alone that is given away, 'tis only God may be had for the asking." The words in Ephesians 2:8 imply a double gift—the gift of salvation as well as the gift of faith.

IV. THE RESULT OF REDEMPTION. Ephesians 2:9-10.

These words do not imply that good works do not play an important part in the Christian life. They are simply the result of salvation and not the cause. The Christian will never again do good works boastfully as though expecting some reward, but will do them humbly and joyfully in gratitude to God for his goodness.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does God's workmanship in Ephesians 2:10 compare to his original creation of man in Genesis?
2. Why is man so hesitant in accepting God's gifts?
3. Enumerate the many ways in which God calls us today.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 25, 1962

Theme: **REDEMPTION: MAN'S RESPONSE**

Scripture: Acts 16:25-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Man's repentance and faith are necessary to salvation. Good works follow, not precede, redemption.

INTRODUCTION: For thousands of years, men have gone on a quest for salvation. They have an inner longing and desire for it and most of them see and feel the necessity of it. They want to be saved from fear, from hate, from passion, from sickness. Universally, men have associated redemption with a single word which describes all the evil of mankind—salvation from *sin*. Nothing takes the joy out of life more than this three letter

word. Living in sin is not living at all. Indeed, sin and death have always been synonyms, and throughout the Bible this tragic truth is proclaimed as a stark reality. But what is even more graphically portrayed in God's Word is that there is salvation from sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Last week we stressed the fact that salvation is a gift of God. It is given to us by his grace without any merit on our part. This week we will emphasize our part, something which we must do and which God cannot do for us.

I. PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON. Acts 16:25-26.

To an unbeliever, this seems like a very strange circumstance. Two of God's most faithful followers are in prison, suffering from a severe beating, hands and feet in stocks and singing to their heart's content. If there are times when Christians do not feel like singing, then this should be one of them. Something which they had in their hearts had more influence on them than their circumstances. They had each other, they had God, and they had the satisfaction and joy of knowing that the Philippians had responded to the Gospel.

An earthquake is usually associated with a catastrophe, but in this instance it was a blessing.

II. MAN'S HELPLESS STATE. Acts 16:27.

To the keeper of the prison, it looked like a catastrophe. It was not only a frightening experience but, to make things worse, he had the premonition of Roman law whereby any jailor who allowed his prisoners to escape would face merciless retribution. So little hope did he have for his life that he decided to take it himself. This is certainly a tragic picture of a sinner who has no hope of saving himself. "The wages of sin is death" and many choose their own payday.

III. GOD'S HOPEFUL CALL. Acts 16:28.

It is not always necessary to preach a long sermon to help a soul in trouble. Paul had time only to cry out and keep the jailor from committing suicide. But that short cry gave him enough hope to hear more. Perhaps there was someone more merciful than the Roman executioner.

IV. STEPS TO REDEMPTION. Acts 16:29-32.

Just as it is not always necessary nor expedient to preach a sermon and

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Baptist Sessions in Washington, D.C.

BAPTIST GROUP UPHOLDS COURT PRAYER DECISION

WASHINGTON (BPA)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session voted concurrence with the Supreme Court decision in the New York Regents' Prayer Case and opposed any alteration of the first amendment.

The Court's decision to ban "official" governmental prayers in public schools has met with widespread opposition throughout the nation, and many proposals to change the first amendment to offset the Court's action have been offered in Congress.

During the heat of the discussion following the Court's decision June 29, the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs took a strong stand upholding the position of the Court. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director and W. Barry Garrett is the associate.

The statement approved by the Committee agreed with the Court that prayer "composed by government officials as a part of a governmental program to further religious beliefs" is and should be unconstitutional.

The Court and the Committee said that it is not the business of government to compose prayers for the people and that this "purely religious function" should be left to the people themselves and to those the people choose to look to for religious guidance.

The Committee's action said, "We find that in the decision in the New York Regents' Prayer Case the Court made no attempt to limit or restrict the prayer life of the people, but that the decision was a restraint on government from regulating such prayer life."

In response to the current cries for a change in the Constitution the Committee said, "It is our belief that the first amendment provides satisfactory safeguards for the religious liberty of our people and of our churches. Since it clearly states that there shall be no establishment of religion and that the free exercise of religion shall not be prohibited, we believe that the first amendment should stand unaltered as it now appears in the Bill of Rights."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs re-elected Bryan F. Archibald as chairman.

Other officers are Walter Pope Binns of Falls Church, Va., first vice-chairman; Frank H. Woyke of Chicago, second vice-chairman; and Foy Valentine, Nashville, secretary.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is maintained by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Conference, the North American Baptist General Conference, two National Negro conventions and the Baptist Federation of Canada.

BAPTISTS DISCUSS HIGHER EDUCATION IN LIBERTY CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON (BPA)—Church-related colleges face a new situation in America, thus giving rise to serious church-state problems, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Carlson's remarks followed a national consultation of 158 Baptist leaders on the church-state problems in higher education. These educators, pastors, denominational executives, editors and laymen spent three days talking about governmental participation in providing capital needs of the colleges, student aid programs, curriculum development, and church support for professional education and research.

The new situation facing church colleges, according to Carlson, has arisen from expanding governmental and national needs for scientists, engineers, technicians and other highly trained personnel. Traditionally, Carlson said, the church colleges have largely worked within the framework of the purposes of their sponsoring denominations. Now the national needs are added to the objectives of the churches.

The consultation was not a policy

making meeting and it took no positions on any of the problems discussed. The reports of the discussions were recorded and transmitted to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The group was unanimous in requesting the Joint Committee to continue its studies in the church-state problems in higher education.

"The reaction that stands out in my mind," Carlson said, "is that there is wide concern for our historic principles of a free church, including the freedom to operate institutions for its own purposes and with its own funds."

This was the sixth annual conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Others have dealt with church-state problems in American tax policies, religion in education and the relation of the churches to public schools, and church-state problems in meeting human need.

The conference next year will be on the church-state problems in mass communications. This will involve censorship, distribution of time on radio and television, possibly postal rates for church publications and similar problems.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is maintained by seven major Baptist groups in North America. They are the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, two national Negro conventions, and the Baptist Federation of Canada.

Meadowlark Baptist Church of Alberta

Report of the Service of Dedication for the property of the Meadowlark Church, Jasper Place, Alberta by Mr. Eberhard Hees of Edmonton, Alberta.

A special dedication and thanksgiving service for the property of our Church Extension work was held at Jasper Place, Alberta, the biggest town of Canada near Edmonton. This long awaited event took place on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Mr. G. Poshwatta, student of the Theology Department of the Christian Training Institute and summer worker at the Jasper Place extension field, was chairman of the service.

DEDICATION SERVICE

"God's Volunteers," training at C.T.I., opened the service by singing "As a Volunteer." Words of welcome were extended by Mr. G. Poshwatta in behalf of the congregation. He reminded the gathered congregation that "we are here as a testimony—to the Lord and this community." The Junior Choir, under the direction of Miss N. M. Green, sang "Now Thank We All Our God." The chairman of the greater Edmonton Church Extension Council, Mr. Carl Lang, led in a prayer of thanks for the property and dedication. "God's Volunteers" sang "O, for a Thousand Tongues" and Mr. W. Waitkus, treasurer of the Extension Council, read from Luke 5:1-11.

The unveiling of the sign was officiated by the three members of the in-

terim board of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Messrs. M. Gilbertson, J. W. McKay and Mr. G. G. Green. The church was privileged to have the denominational director of Church Extension, Rev. D. Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., as special speaker. Rev. H. Hiller, moderator of the Northern Conference, extended greetings on behalf of the Northern Conference and led also in prayer of dedication. Mr. J. W. McKay led the congregation in the song "Lead On, O King Eternal." A note of challenge was given by G. Poshwatta, who also introduced the new worker, Mr. B. Lemke. Brother Lemke is also a theological student at C.T.I. Rev. Walter Goltz offered the closing prayer.

JASPER PLACE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Jasper Place Sunday school was started in 1956 by Mr. J. W. McKay. Mr. McKay was in this work with his whole heart and he was truly used by the Lord. The Sunday school met at first in a school building. The Greater Edmonton Extension Council voted to take this work over at the beginning of 1962 as a North American Baptist Church Extension project. Property was bought in a very promising area in Jasper Place. The people were happy to dedicate the property to God's glory.

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Central District

16 Converts Baptized, Spring Valley Church, South Dakota

Sunday, August 26, was a day of great rejoicing for us at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., when 16 new members were received by baptism. At the morning service each of the candidates testified to the saving power of the Lord Jesus in their lives and of their desire to serve him.

The baptismal service was held in the evening. Immediately following this, our pastor, Mr. Ray Hoffman, extended the hand of fellowship to the new members and we partook of the Lord's Supper together. Those baptized are pictured with Pastor Hoffman (far left): back row, left to right: Leland Buseman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ketcham, Richard Ketcham, Joan Woltzen, Curtis Woltzen; 2nd row: Sherill Buseman, Kathy Johnson, Cheryl Ketcham, Jill Buseman, Douglas Buseman, Glenn Davis, Roger Ketcham; front row: Lavonne Buseman, Lois Hoffman, and Ronald Buseman.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk

Special Programs and Activities at Creston, Neb.

A banquet for college and high school graduates of the Creston Baptist, Shell Creek Baptist and the Columbus Extension Churches was recently held at the Creston Church, Creston, Nebraska. David Priestley from the North American Baptist Seminary was the speaker. A Quartet also came from the seminary, singing several numbers.

Rev. Kenneth Schmuland was director of the Vacation Bible School. A large number of pupils from the Presbyterian Church attended. The sanctuary of the church was redecorated, new windows and a recess pulpit light have been installed. Dedication services were held the 1st of July.

The five young people from the church attending college are Linda, Sandra, Lester and Robert Scheffler and Joseph Odermatt. A fellowship picnic in their honor was held at the Creston Park.

Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Jakob Klingenberg, Mowata, La.

The Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, convened a council of ordination for Mr. Jakob Klingenberg on Friday, August 31. Sixteen delegates of nine Southern Conference and area churches were inspired by the statements and spirit of the candidate, both in his presentation of his conversion to Christ, his call to the Gospel ministry, and in his answers to queries directed to him by the delegates. Rev. L. B. Hinz and Rev. C. R. Mayforth acted as chairman and secretary of the council, respectively.



Mr. Ray Hoffman (left), pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, S. Dak., and 16 young people who were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ on August 26.

Upon the recommendation of the council, the Mowata Baptist Church proceeded with the service of ordination in the evening. Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Dallas, Texas brought the ordination sermon. Charges to the candidate and church were brought by Rev. Walter Weber and Rev. L. B. Hinz. The church choir provided special music. Mr. Klingenberg has been pursuing his college and seminary training in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he is presently pastoring a mission church. He is married to the former Janell Lengefeld of the Mowata church.

C. Richard Mayforth, Secretary

Inspiring Events at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

On July 29, Rev. Donald N. Miller, pastor, baptized four adults during the evening service at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis. On the following Sunday he extended the hand of



Rev. Donald N. Miller (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., and six new members whom he welcomed into the church by baptism and by reaffirmation of faith.

fellowship to them and to two others, by reaffirmation of faith, during the communion service. On August 27, the Men's Fellowship very efficiently served at the King's Daughters Banquet. Mrs. Edwin Ziemann, missionary to Ghana Africa, was the inspiring speaker. The Men's Fellowship banquet was held on Sept. 4, at which time Rev. Rudolph Woyke, an esteemed former pastor, was the featured speaker.

Sunday School Week was observed Sept. 9 to 15. We were pleased to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst on Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 9. He delivered two uplifting and timely messages. It was a joy fellowshipping with this servant of God whom most of us have known for many years. Another highlight of the week was the Sunday School Retreat with Rev. John Binder of Forest Park, Ill., as resource leader. His service was tremendously helpful.

Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter

82nd Annual Northwestern Conference at Sheffield, Iowa

With the timely theme, "WHO WILL GO . . . ?" (Isaiah 6:8), the many speakers of the Northwestern Conference held with the Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa from July 11 to 15 challenged the delegates and visitors to the constant and ever present need of presenting the Gospel of Christ to the whole world. The pastors convened for a Pastors' Stewardship Clinic, which was held on Wednesday afternoon prior to the opening sessions of the Conference. This presentation of the denominational stewardship was ably led by our leaders Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst.

Rev. John Grygo, General Conference editor of German publications, presented inspiring "Studies From Acts." The messages and presentations of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, caused all listeners to be greatly concerned for our Japanese work. We also had the privilege of hearing Miss Ruth Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., present her testimony before being sent to the Cameroons.

Much business was transacted with the following new officers being elected: moderator, Rev. G. W. Blackburn; vice moderator, Rev. Fred Schmidt; recording secretary, Rev. R. Thomas Harfst; statistician, Rev. Milton Zeeb; General Council representative, Rev. Eldon Schroeder; alternate, Rev. Rudolph Woyke; Mission Committee, Rev. Norman Miller; Christian Education Committee: Children's Work, Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, and Mrs. Dan Behr; Young People's Work, Mr. Myron Dudek and Mr. Richard Rabenhorst; Adult Work, Rev. Robert Zimbelman (Secretary); and Mr. Milton Jahn.

Also elected were the following: WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION: Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, president; Mrs. Rudolph Woyke, vice president; Mrs. Herbert Legler, secretary; Mrs. Eldon Schroeder, treasurer. BAPTIST MEN: John Super, president, Clarence Koenigsberg, vice president; Myron Dudek, secretary-treasurer. COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH: Wayne Bibelheimer, president; Paul Becker, vice president; secretary, Beth Blackburn; treasurer, Lenny Quiring; advisor, Rev. Bert Itterman.

Thomas Harfst, Reporter

Mrs. Graalman Honored as Organist, Okeene, Okla.

The members of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., met after the worship service on Sunday evening, Sept. 19, for a short program and a time of fellowship to honor Mrs. O. G. Graalman for her services as organist of the church for fifty years from July 1911 until her retirement in August 1962. Rev. Karl Bieber, pastor, read a passage of Scripture and commented briefly concerning the years of service rendered by Mrs. Graalman and then presented her with a certificate of service.

Mrs. Harry Geis and Mrs. William Geis each read an appropriate poem. An engraved plaque of gold on a background of wood was presented to her from the church by Mr. Harry Geis as a token of the church's appreciation. The Ladies' Chorus sang an arrangement of "How Great Thou Art." A lovely plant was presented from this group for her services. Refreshments and a time of fellowship concluded the evening.

Mrs. Walter Weber, Church Clerk

Harvest Festival and Baptism at Durham, Kansas

The annual Harvest Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas was held on Sept. 16, with the Strassburg Baptist and Emmanuel Baptist Churches of Marion as guests for the day. Dr. A. J. Harms, professor at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., inspired the congregation with three marvelous messages. There were approximately 245 people present at the morning worship service. Mothers present initiated the attractive and compact nursery that was completed a few days previous to the occasion in the west wing of the sanctuary. The goal set in our missionary giving was reached and will be used for foreign missions and for Church Extension.

An outdoor baptismal service was planned but due to inclement weather we were happy to use the baptistry at our Marion Church on Sept. 9. Those who had accepted Christ as Savior and followed him in baptism were Janet Tucker, Ronald Tucker, Sidney Unruh, Barbara Hamm, Jerald Mohn and Larry Herbel. Rev. Edwin Michelson of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas and Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor of our Durham Church, exchanged pulpits on Sept. 23.

Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter

Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Linton, N. Dak.

The Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., was filled to overflowing on Sunday, August 26th, when Rev. A. J. Fischer brought his farewell message, MARCHING ORDERS OF A CHRISTIAN, a message that was a real challenge to all of us. In the evening the church was again filled to overflowing for an appreciation and farewell service. Mr. Wm. Weber, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was in charge. Special music was furnished by various groups and individuals. Words of appreciation were spoken by Mrs. E. Loeb for the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mrs. G. Kremer for the choir, Mr. Ed Kist for the Sunday school, Mrs. A. Sauter

for the Builders, Mr. Harold Leobs for the CBYF, Mr. Otto Fode for the Hazelton Ladies' Missionary Society, and Mr. Weber for the entire congregation. Refreshments and fellowship following the appreciation service. The Fischers were presented with gifts from the different organizations, some individual gifts, and a love offering from the congregation. We thank God for their blessed ten year ministry among us, and pray God's blessing upon them as they continue to labor for him at Sheboygan, Wis. Their youngest daughter, a high school senior, accompanied them to Sheboygan.

Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Donald Richter, Mott, N. Dak.

On Sept. 6 at 2:00 P.M., an ordination council was convened at the call of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., for the purpose of the examination of its candidate, Donald Richter, for the Gospel ministry. Mr. C. E. Schwartz introduced the candidate to the council which consisted of 28 delegates from 10 churches. Rev. Allan Strohschein was moderator of the council and Rev. Allan Gerber was the clerk. The candidate presented a clear statement of Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views.

The ordination service took place in the evening of the same day. Rev. Allen Strohschein was the chairman and Rev. Ron Derman the song leader. Rev. Ervin Faul read Scripture from Acts 4:1-12 and Rev. Edwin Voigt led in prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Daytons Bluff Baptist church of St. Paul, Minn., the home church of the candidate. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. E. Broeckel. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Daniel Heringer and the charge to the candidate by Rev. Otto Fiesel. Rev. Walter Klempel welcomed him into the Gospel ministry and presented him with the certificate of ordination. Rev. Donald Richter pronounced the benediction. He is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak.

Allan Gerber, Clerk of council

Reception for Pastor, Riverview Church, West St. Paul

The Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., held a reception on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12th, welcoming our new pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, and his family. Joining us were guests from other Twin City and outlying area churches. The service was conducted by Vern Hildebrandt, moderator, and Robert Ricker, assistant to the pastor. Rev. Henry Schroeder led in Scripture and prayer, the choir sang "Let Us Break Bread Together" and the men's chorus sang, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Special greetings were brought by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; Rev. H. Wilcke, Minnesota Association moderator and pastor of Day-ton's Bluff Church, St. Paul; Rev. Edwin Omark, Dean of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul; Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Faith Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Adam Huber, Brookpark Church, Brooklyn Center. Rev. Eleon Sandau of Randolph, Minn., gave the benediction. The response was given by Mr. and Mrs. Weiss and the children, Rodney

and Carolyn, sang a duet.

Rev. Harold Weiss came to Riverview in September from our church in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Our former pastor, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, and his family are now serving the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma. Robert Ricker and Rev. Henry Schroeder served in the interim.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter

Sessions of the Southwestern Conference At Marion

The 82nd annual Southwestern Conference convened at Marion, Kansas from Aug. 22 to 26. The Emmanuel Baptist Church was the host church. The theme of the conference was, "Furthering the Faith." The first evening was given to the Church Extension Committee with Mr. Delmar Wessler of Lorraine, Kansas in charge. The second evening was given to our missionaries. We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry and Miss Helen Lohse with us. Friday night was given to the Sunday School Department. A symposium composed of four people spoke on the theme, "Furthering the Faith Through The Sunday School." Saturday night the young people, following a banquet, were challenged with the theme, "Furthering the Faith Through Youth."

Our other conference guests were Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, Rev. Frank Veninga, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, and Mrs. Harm Sherman, national Woman's Missionary Union president.

On Thursday morning at 7:30 conference guests and delegates were royally entertained at a Sunday School Workers' breakfast which was held at Lake Marion. Following the conference organization and the reading of the church letters, the moderator ably led in the business sessions. The highlight of the morning was a message by President Veninga. He made us aware of the great need that presently exists for pastors and missionary candidates.

On Friday noon the men and women met for their separate noon luncheons, the ladies meeting in the Marion City Building and the men in the basement of the Lutheran Church. The ladies reported an excellent attendance of 187. According to their report, hearts were challenged to greater faithfulness and the need for stepping out in faith as we work for Christ. The men's group had 114 in attendance. Mr. Gunst stressed the need for greater lay participation in the work of the local church and conference. We thank God for these enriching days and look forward to our next conference to be held at LaSalle, Colorado.

Kenneth Schmuland, Secretary

Northern District

Vacation School, Whiteshell Church, River Hills, Manitoba

A very successful Vacation Bible School was held from August 7 to 17 at the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, with classes from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. The theme was "Adventuring With Christ" which was very challenging for the children. An enrollment of 74 was reached with an

average attendance of 63 boys and girls. A hearty "thank you" goes to our wonderful staff of 7 teachers and helpers who devoted their time in teaching the children about the Word of God. On Friday evening, Aug. 17, a closing program was presented to a large crowd, featuring songs, memory work and story dramatization, which was followed by light refreshments and the viewing of handwork.

Our church was host to the 1962 Manitoba Association last summer. The theme, "True Discipleship," was based on Luke 9:23. We were privileged to have as guest speaker Rev. John Grygo, editor of "Der Sendbote" and German literature. Special attractions during the Association sessions were the mixed choirs of the McDermot Ave. Church and Mission Church of Winnipeg and the Brass Band of Morris, Manitoba.

Mrs. Nelson Knopf, Reporter

Farewell Service and Vacation School, Hilda, Alberta

On Sunday morning, Aug. 26, Rev. Ervin Strauss, pastor of the Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta, delivered his farewell message to the congregation. Our hearts were stirred and challenged anew as he spoke to us on Joshua 22:5. In the evening service we gathered to honor our pastor and family in a farewell service. The congregational singing was led by our moderator, Mr. Walter Wuerfel. Our neighboring pastor of Golden Prairie, Rev. Reuben Grueneich, read the Scripture and led in prayer. A trio of Mrs. Reuben Grueneich, Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Strauss sang "Others." Then the various representatives of the church and organizations expressed words of appreciation. Mr. Strauss is now undertaking a new project with Church Extension on Lulu Island, Richmond, B.C.

The enrollment of our Vacation Bible School in August totaled 48 with a group of 16 teachers and workers joining the school's forces. The offerings of \$42.22, taken during the school, were designated to help build a school for boys and girls on our Cameroons Mission Field. The program rendered on Sunday, Aug. 12, was proof enough of the blessed and wonderful time which pupils and workers had experienced together. The director was our pastor, Rev. Ervin Strauss.

Mrs. Henry Strauss, Reporter



Children, teachers and workers of the Vacation Bible School at Hilda, Alberta.

First Vacation School, Grant Park Church, Winnipeg

The Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba held its first Vacation Bible School from August 13-24. This was indeed a blessed event as we had an enrollment of 204 people including 47 teachers and helpers who devoted their time and talents in this great work under the capable direction of Mrs. R. Grabke. Morning and evening sessions were held. The theme was "Adventuring with Christ." The school was divided into four departments: pre-school, primaries, juniors, and young people. There were several decisions for Christ and many have shown interest and concern.

A closing program was held on Sunday, August 26, when children from each class participated. The handcraft of the various departments was on display for the parents and friends to see following the program. We are also happy to report that approximately 35 children who had attended Vacation Bible School have now enrolled in our Sunday school, not counting the parents. The entire area was reached through a colorful DVBS parade. Three thousand invitations were handed out to children in the area.

M. Martin, Reporter

Farewell at McKernan Church, Edmonton, for Pastor

Seven fruitful years of service were

brought to a close on Sunday, August 12th, when members and friends of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta met to bid farewell to Rev. A. Lamprecht and family. It was a day of mixed emotions, thankfully rejoicing for the wonderful and hard-working leadership he has given us, proud of him for the way he is facing the future, and yet sorry to see him and his family go.

In the evening service Mr. Jake Huber, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was in charge of a program. Melvin Metke spoke on behalf of the Sunday school and the Board of Christian Education, which came into being during Mr. Lamprecht's time. Emma Milke brought greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society, and Walter Brown represented the Men's Brotherhood. The Male Quartet also served with a special number. Herb Bachler spoke on behalf of the choir, Harvey Bertsch for the young people, and Lloyd Howard for the Boys' Organization. Mr. Lamprecht was also very active in building up the Sylvan Lake Camp, and Marvin Grabia brought words of appreciation on behalf of the Alberta Association. Dr. B. Schalm thanked Mr. Lamprecht for his help to C.T.I. Carl Lang spoke on behalf of the church. We miss the Lamprechts very much at McKernan, but pray that God will use them mightily to his honor and glory after a period of further preparation.

Carl Lang, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Streuber

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., members of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, observed their 50th wedding anniversary recently with their many friends and relatives. The McDermot Avenue Church put on festive garments when several hundred guests shared the joy of paying tribute and honor to a couple who, during the entire span of their new life in Christ, have been active members of the church. During the sessions of the Northern Conference in Edmonton, the members of the Immigration and Colonization Society of North American Baptists gave special tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Streuber.

The following citation was presented to them: "Mr. and Mrs. Streuber have dedicated their lives to their Master Jesus Christ and to the Kingdom of

God. It is entirely fitting that we under the general theme, 'The Kingdom of God,' pay due tribute to a couple, who by the grace and love of God are workers and princes in the Kingdom of God. For over 40 years, Mr. and Mrs. Streuber have been active and praying members of the McDermot Avenue Church. Within our denomination, Mr. Streuber was one of the first elected Northern Conference representatives on the General Council at the time of its first inception. During the "hungry 1930's" he became the co-organizer and treasurer of a Baptist relief movement. To say that immigration was and is his hobby is an understatement, for his immigration activities were not limited to spare time, but often he gave of his working time. After the first World War he, together with Rev. F. A. Bloedow and other brethren, organized the German Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society under a Dominion charter.

"Thus it was chiefly due to the concern of Mr. Streuber that hundreds of German Baptist refugees were aided to immigrate to Canada from 1947 to 1950. In 1950 the Baptist World Alliance, upon the urgent pleas of Mr. Streuber, initiated the post-war immigration and settlement program, which in 1952 was taken over by the North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society. Through this program, under which Mr. Streuber served for two years in Germany, a total of 6000 persons were assisted in their immigration to Canada. In the true sense of the word, Mr. Streuber can be called the 'Father of German Baptist Immigration.'"

The Jubilee couple wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the many friends who thrilled their hearts with special greetings for this occasion. The Lord their God has been good to them and they rejoice in him.

Wm. Sturhahn, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Telfordville, Alta.

We are happy to report a successful Vacation Bible School, held from July 23-27, in the Telfordville Baptist Church, Telfordville, Alberta. We had an enrollment of 35 pupils, of whom several came from Roman Catholic homes and who were thrilled to be with us, studying God's precious Word. Our student pastor, Mr. Sam Sawchuk, Mrs. A. Forster and Mrs. M. Hubscher were the teachers.

On Friday of the school, we enjoyed a wiener roast and an ice-cream treat with the children and parents. Our closing program was held on Sunday evening, and our church was filled to capacity. Prizes were awarded to all the pupils, with special prizes going to the students for memorizing the books of the Bible. Our program was richly blessed with several musical numbers by visitors. We thank God for giving us this opportunity to work with the children.

Mrs. M. Hubscher, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Reinhold Kerstan, Winnipeg, Man.

On Sept. 12, 1962 the pastors and delegates of the German Mission, Third, Grant Park, Oak Bank, Morris and Whiteshell Baptist Churches



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burke of Arnprior, Ontario at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration held by their children and friends in Arnprior Park.

of Manitoba followed the invitation of the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg and met in council to consider the propriety of ordaining Mr. Reinhold Kerstan into the Christian ministry. Twenty pastors and delegates formed the council. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, pastor of the host church, was elected chairman and presented the candidate to the council. Rev. John Wollenberg served as clerk. The ordination service took place that same evening with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, District Secretary, bringing the ordination message. Upon request of the candidate, the chairman of the Board of Deacons represented the church in the laying on of hands during the ordination prayer.



Vacation Bible School group of the Baptist Church, Telfordville, Alberta.

Mr. Kerstan is a son of a Baptist minister in Germany. He received Christ as Savior at the age of eleven, was baptized and became a member of the church which his father served. He served as Sunday school teacher at the age of 15, president of the Junior youth group at 16, and somewhat later as leader of the young people. After proving himself in this work, he was appointed as one of the lay-preachers of the church, a custom widely practiced in Germany. Although very active in church work, Mr. Kerstan vowed never to become a minister on a full time basis. Consequently he trained to become a pharmacist. As he was finishing his training, God became too strong for him and he yielded his life for full time service. Thus in the fall of 1959 he enrolled in the

International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland. Here he studied for two years. In 1961 he came to Canada and subsequently enrolled in our Seminary at Sioux Falls where he graduated in the spring of this year. Since early June he serves the McDermot Baptist Church as assistant pastor in a bi-lingual capacity. May the Lord, who called him into the ministry, give sustaining grace and lay his blessing upon the labors of his servant.

A. Gellert, Reporter

Eastern District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burke

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burke of Arnprior, Ontario, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on August 18th. The anniversary supper was held in the beautiful Arnprior Park. Later the family gathered at the parental home and heard son Edgar reminisce on years gone by, and present the parents with a telephone table and chair and a gift of money on behalf of the family. The actual date of the anniversary was April 3rd, and at that time the children had sent cards and a bouquet of yellow and bronze mums. Many cards and lovely gifts were received from friends and neighbors.

All of the children were present for the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burke and daughter Linda of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Getz and sons, Ronald, David and Orville of Pembroke; Mrs. Ruth MacGregor of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hickmore and

children, Steven, Catharine, and Judith of Stoney Creek; Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser and children, Gary, Noreen and Noland of Wishek, N. Dak.; also granddaughter of the Burkes, Mrs. Don Beshare and husband and daughter of Toronto. May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Burke with many more years of happy married life.

—The Family

Mortgage Burning Celebration, Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The strains of this beautiful choir anthem bring back memories of a memorable weekend in the life of the Grosse Pointe Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. God has



GRANT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

The Vacation Bible School of the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., gets off to a colorful start with a parade (left) through the area. The school had an enrollment of 204. At the closing exercises (right) the pupils showed what they had learned to the great delight of their parents and friends of the church. Rev. Richard Grabke is the pastor.

blessed us more than we deserve and our church building is now free of debt. The value of the building and property is in excess of \$750,000. Our praise rose to heaven on Friday evening when our church family enjoyed a buffet supper. We reviewed the construction of our church with slides. The Men's Chorus rendered uplifting selections.

Sunday was the crowning touch of our celebration when Dr. A. J. Harms, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., much loved former pastor, spoke on the theme, "When Christ Builds His Church." A Youth Chorus of 42 voices sang and stirring testimonies were given by our leaders. The bond burning ceremony was most impressive as the final bond "went up in smoke" and the congregation sang, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter



Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Hamden, Conn., stands at the Corner Stone of the partially completed building of the Central Church to be dedicated in November.

Corner Stone Laying, Central Church, Hamden, Connecticut

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16th, members and friends of the Central Baptist Church in Hamden, Conn., assembled for the laying of the corner stone in the new church building. Among the documents which were put into the corner stone were pictures of the event, a tape recording of the service and the Bible which the pastor used for this occasion. Dedication services for the new building and its appointments are scheduled for November.

Herbert J. Freeman, Pastor

Vacation School, Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich.

"Praise God from whom all blessings come." These words echoed in many

hearts as the Vacation Bible School of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., was concluded. Once again God richly gave of himself to us in this important work. Our total enrollment reached 564 with a staff of 90 workers. Children from near and far attended the school. Ninety-two accepted Christ as their personal Savior and four of these were Catholics. Only time and eternity will reveal the total worth of the efforts put forth. To God be the glory for answered prayer!

Robert Penner, Pastor

Sunday School Leaders Honored, St. Joseph, Mich.

Immediately following the General Board meeting of the First Baptist Sunday school, St. Joseph, Mich., on Sept. 18, a reception was held in honor of two of our much appreciated departmental superintendents who are retiring. Mildred Pschigoda, Cradle Roll Department, and Marguerite Kovalska, Primary Department, have a combined service to the Sunday school of over 70 years. The guests of honor were each presented with a corsage. Rev. L. H. Broeker gave the teachers and officers of the Sunday school a brief resume of the changes that have taken place over the years. He praised Mrs. Pschigoda and Mrs. Kovalska for their faithfulness and service. Mr. Gus Beimfohr then spoke as a former general superintendent of the Sunday school.

E. N. Okum, Reporter

Ed Doescher then spoke as a former teacher in the Sunday school. As the present general superintendent of the Sunday school, Sam Tillman expressed his thanks for all the help and assistance rendered to him when a novice superintendent. "Words just cannot express the gratitude that we of the Sunday School feel towards these two superintendents." A small token of appreciation was presented each guest of honor and Walter Marquardt brought an extremely enjoyable evening to a close with a word of prayer.

Carol Gonnerman, Reporter

Western District

Youth "Kick Off" Program, Elk Grove, California

Young people of the Elk Grove Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., met in the church parking lot on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15, to embark on a journey to an unknown destination for their "Kick Off." All those attending were asked to bring their own steaks which were barbecued for the evening meal, according to youth president Don Hepperle.

Beverly Ranger was in charge of other food arrangements. Richard Viet was placed in charge of mapping out various routes which were revealed in a series of sealed envelopes and given to each car. Harvey Mehlhaff, Christian Education director of the First Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., was the speaker. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Woman's Missionary Society, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held its first general meeting of the Fall on Tuesday, Sept. 18. The meeting opened with the singing of hymns directed by Mrs. Bettie Thiesen. Mrs. Millie Remland, vice-president, led in prayer. Reports were given by the chairmen of various committees. Mrs. Dorothy Pressel led in devotions taken from Romans 8:28-31 and Job 23:10. A piano duet, "The Lord's Prayer" and "Trees," by Mrs. Carole Melvin and Mrs. Linda Sherrill was very inspiring.

A White Cross display was arranged by Mrs. Alma Fox. The theme, "Living Abundantly Through Service," was presented by Mrs. Esther Breitzkreuz in the form of slides from the North American Baptist headquarters. The script was written by Dr. Richard Schilke and explained what happens to the White Cross work after it arrives at Forest Park and is prepared for shipment to the missionaries.

—Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter

Woman's Missionary Society, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

With the theme, WOMEN LIVING ABUNDANTLY FOR CHRIST in the home, in the church, in the community and in the world, the women of the Woman's Missionary Society of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., are launching a new year of work for him. A fine program was presented under the leadership of our very capable president, Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, during the

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Obituary

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

MR. HENRY BITZ of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. Henry Bitz passed to his eternal reward on Sept. 3, 1962 at the Harvey Hospital where he had been a patient for several weeks. Mr. Bitz was born at Odessa, Romania on Nov. 24, 1883. In 1891 he came to this country and settled on a farm south of Anamoose. In 1907 he married Minnie Frueh and together they farmed until 1919 when they moved into Anamoose.

To mourn his passing, he leaves his wife and one brother, Berthold Bitz of Jamestown, N. Dak.; 4 daughters: Mrs. Ana Stoler of Calif.; Mrs. Clarence King (Alma) and Mrs. Albert Falk (Edna), both of Jamestown, N. Dak.; and Ella, a missionary in Mexico; 3 sons: Edwin of Minneapolis, Minn.; Edwin of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Milton of Gray Eagle, Minn. Interment was in the family plot of the Anamoose Baptist Cemetery.

Anamoose, North Dakota
MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

MR. GOTTLIB REMPEL of Minitonas, Manitoba

Mr. Gottlieb Rempel of Minitonas, Manitoba was born in Wolhynien-Russia on March 4, 1886. In 1912 he was united in marriage. After a few months, however, his wife died. In 1914 he married Alvina Janke to which union God gave one son. In 1928 he immigrated to Canada to farm at Minitonas. Here his wife passed away in 1952. In 1953 he married Mrs. Gottlieb Muth, nee Auguste Link.

Mr. Rempel accepted Christ as his Savior in his youth and was known in our church as a follower of his Master, loyal, true and faithful. After a lengthy heart ailment, on Sunday, Sept. 16, 1962, at the first song of the Sunday school, he was struck by a heart attack and so went to be with the Lord, having reached the age of 76 years, six months, and twelve days.

He leaves to mourn his departure: his wife, Auguste; one grandchild and two sisters; also 5 step-children and 7 step-grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church
Minitonas, Manitoba
HERMAN A. POHL, Pastor

MRS. MARY HAUFF of Beulah, North Dakota

Mrs. Mary Hauff, nee Berg, of Beulah, N. Dak., was born on Oct. 5, 1867 in Romania and passed away at the Memorial Hospital in Hazen, N. Dak. on Sept. 17th. She reached the age of 94 years, 11 months and 12 days. She grew up in Romania and was married to Gottlieb Hauff on March 2, 1886. He passed away in Sept. 1939. They came to the United States in 1907 and homesteaded 10 miles north of Golden Valley, N. Dak., where she lived until 1946. She then moved to Golden Valley. She has been a member of the Baptist Church for 71 years and was the oldest member of the Immanuel Church in Beulah.

Left to mourn are her 4 sons: Christ and Herman of Beulah; Fred of Golden Valley; and John of Cephy Hills, Fla.; 5 daughters: Mrs. Sarah Hart of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Dora Fenske and Mrs. Anna Walker of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Caroline Henke and Miss Sophie Hauff of Golden Valley. There are also 46 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

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month of September.

The meeting began in the "Back To School" theme, with "teacher" Ella Schmiedt in charge. Social was opened with the flag salute and singing of "God Bless America," followed by the music lesson with Mrs. Kathy Dearmin leading the song service and leading in the devotions. The reading lesson by Mrs. Lydia Bruce consisted of the minutes of previous meetings. Mrs. Leona Corrington prepared the "arithmetic lesson" by giving us a treasurer's report. The Social Studies lesson, presented by Mrs. Thelma Fischer, consisted of a report on the mission fields of the North American Baptist Conference. The program was ended with several of the members taking part in

"Show And Tell" reports about their summer vacations. Our membership consists of 162 active members who belong to four Circles: Bamenda, Bansa, Mie Ken and Ponoka.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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"How to be an Effective Sunday School Teacher," is being taught by Rev. Donald Zabriskie, dean of the Buffalo Bible Institute Evening School, and the other course, "The Book We Teach," is being taught by Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor. The Sunday school of the Temple Church took part in the Annual Buffalo Sunday School Parade on Sunday, Sept. 29, through the downtown area of Buffalo.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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ter Hoffman. The teams separately held meetings during the evenings and did visitation work in the afternoon. On their last Saturday at Leduc, the teams joined together once more to take part in a combined youth rally at Leduc. After this stay, *Team One* went on to Medicine Hat, Alberta, and *Team Two* went to Southey, Saskatchewan.

This is the first year that a two team endeavor such as this has been tried by the conference. More responsibility will be required of the team members during the absence of their director.

The 1962-63 team of God's Volunteers covets your prayer support in this undertaking.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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explain the whole plan of salvation, so it is not always necessary to verbalize your repentance and faith. The jailor expressed his repentance and faith by falling down before Paul and Silas and crying from his heart: "What must I do to be saved?" He did it all in one step and in one act.

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2. Are all conversions earthshaking or earthquaking experiences?

3. Was the jailor's experience the beginning or the end of salvation?

A MACEDONIAN CALL

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number of our North American Baptist friends attended.

The pastor called the group together for the singing of the first stanza of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," after which Deacon Arthur Anderson, of Bethany Church, the first Baptist church organized in the state of Oregon, led in the opening prayer. A selected passage of Scripture taken from I Kings 6:11-14 was then read by Walter Heiman of the Trinity Baptist Church, a member of the Church Extension Committee of the Oregon Association.

Among the pastors who brought greetings and encouragement to the members of the Wichita Church were Rev. William Jeschke of Immanuel, Rev. Henry Smuland of Southwood Park, Rev. Bruce A. Rich of Trinity, Rev. Clarence Walth of Salt Creek, Rev. Henry W. Barnet of Stafford, and Rev. Otto Roth of Portland.

Our Pacific Conference Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, served as the main speaker for this memorable occasion, and brought a significant message on "The Importance of the Church Home."

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