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The Sunday School in a Church's Task

By Dr. A. V. Washburn,
Editor of "The Sunday School Builder"

WHEN Jesus established his church and set forth its purposes, he recognized the primary place of teaching. Both by precept and example our Lord revealed a divine order for achieving the purposes of a church. A redeemed life, obedient to the teachings and lordship of Christ, is the purpose of Jesus for all men.

A church by its very nature must embody the purpose of Christ. In spiritual concern it must aggressively seek out men and teach and proclaim to them God's message of salvation, win them to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, baptize them, and teach them to practice the commands of Jesus Christ. Because the imperative of the Great Commission is to make disciples of all men everywhere, the divine assumption is that Christians will go to these people to share with them the words of life.

Through the ministries of teaching and preaching, our churches are to lead men to an awareness of their need for regeneration and to confront them with God's purpose for their lives. By the same means, saved men are to be guided in their development toward full-grown Christians.

Teaching the revelation of God as recorded in the Bible involves the whole personality. Teaching the Bible is essential because the Christian life is based upon persons' understanding and accepting God's plan of salvation. Man's acceptance requires increasing apprehension of the meaning of God's revelation to men in the context of today.

As the prophet of old exclaimed, "People are destroyed for lack of knowledge"—knowledge of God. The widespread ignorance of the Bible and an unconcern for eternal truth are alarming aspects of the current scene. The unrest and turmoil of world conditions, the inadequacy of man to stand in his own strength, the demand of tremendous decisions for which human reasoning has not prepared him, accent the need for hearing and understanding God's Word to man.

Reaching out after people and teaching them God's revelation is the urgent demand upon churches today. People are not seeking churches; churches must seek people. Once perhaps, in a different day, the sounding bell on a church steeple brought people to the house of God. Now, our churches must ring doorbells.

The Sunday school reaches people for the churches, teaches them the Bible, and opens the way for all spiritual ministries of a church. The Sunday school is designed and arranged to teach all ages. The textbook is God's Word, the Book of life. —Copyrighted by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The Story of the Seminary Library Book Project

Editorial

The Christian Education Gauge

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary
of the Department of Christian Education

Our age will be characterized by historians as one of multiple changes and numerous decisions which are affecting mankind in all areas of the world. Living in the midst of these circumstances, there is great security through our faith that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." We must recognize the need for changes and decisions, especially when such action enhances the ministry of the unchanging Christ.

North American Baptists approved changes in our Christian Education Department's organizational structure at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1961. The decision to have sections and committees on Children's, Youth and Adult work will provide more concentrated help to our local churches in these specific areas of Christian education. Local Conference Christian Education Committees, which were elected this past summer, will assume a very vital role to fulfill the objectives of our Christian education ministry.

Some of the objectives to be fulfilled include the following:

- To lead persons to commit themselves to Christ and his cause. A personal acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord will continue to be our basic evangelistic emphasis.
- To enable persons more effectively to assume responsibilities of Christian leadership and to foster more effective Christian living.
- To promote effective leadership training programs in the local church and arrange for workers' conferences for groups of churches within the local conference.

New organizational structures and idealistic objectives in themselves will not fulfill the expectations of Christ. Within this framework there must be men, women and young people who are inwardly motivated and empowered by the Spirit of God as revealed through the Lord Jesus Christ. Individual and personal encounters with God will give us the perspective of the great task that Jesus commissioned us to carry out. The Unchanging Christ will always be the true gauge for measuring all our Christian education activities.

It is imperative that the pastor, who is the key leader for the entire Christian education ministry in the local church, strive to obtain a greater measure of the message, methods and compassion of our Lord who placed great emphasis upon teaching the Gospel. Christian education leaders in our churches must experience the spiritual motivating power which comes to us when we see the challenge before us and the enormous resources available to us through Christ our Lord.

Our united efforts in Christian education must be generated by a greater concern for the multitude of people still unreached and untaught. Our Lord will lead us to a true perspective of seeing how great a host of people there are in our communities and in the world who are not hearing the Gospel. Sunday schools in America face the greatest opportunities in their history, since less than one-fourth of the population is reached through this ministry, and yet there is a hunger for more learning by children, youth and adults. How does your outreach program and teaching ministry measure up to Christ, our "TRUE GAUGE FOR A NEW AGE"?

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Make your Sunday school

Christ-like in Bible study and
evangelism and missions

A True Gauge for the Sunday School

By Rev. Willis Potratz
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Christ's life is our example in Bible study. He knew the Word! In teaching opportunities, he went straight to the Word of God. (Photo by A. Devaney).

RECENTLY, during the evening service, a young man, ready for a missionary ministry, gave his testimony. He shared with us the story how he grew up in Christian activities. His parents served a church and then went to Africa as missionaries. But he was unsaved and struggled with accepting the realities of the saving grace of God. As he battled, trying to bypass the need of a decision, he reflected much upon the life of his father. Here he saw proof of living Christianity that he could not dismiss. How blessed to have such an example!

Those who have learned to delight in the Lord rejoice in the thrilling example that Jesus Christ is in every area of Christian living. He is a true gauge for our Sunday schools. For example, his life is our example in Bible study.

BIBLE STUDY

Jesus knew the Book! This was seen already during his visit to the temple at the age of twelve. Even as a boy, his knowledge of the Word gave wonderful fulfillment to Psalm 119: 99-103: "I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

He KNEW the Word! He USED the Word! In young manhood, when tempted by Satan in the wilderness, the sword by which he conquered was, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written." He PROCLAIMED the Word with the constant appeal, "What saith the Scriptures?" In teaching opportunities, he went straight to the Word of God. It is this type of teaching that sustains a satisfying interest.

Jesus is, likewise, a true gauge for the Sunday school in evangelism.

Seeing the multitudes lost, as sheep without a shepherd, Jesus declared, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost." Thus, he was ever at the work of winning souls to God. In doing this, note, that he simply reached out to the person nearest him, much like a good Sunday school teacher does today. This reach was fostered and extended by and with a consuming compassion.

Jesus loved people. His whole life reflected this love which the Holy Spirit also desires to produce in our life. This love is produced in us as his fruit, to the extent that our life is his. In soul winning there is absolutely no substitute for this compassion.

It has been said that there is little use to talk to men about God until you have talked to God about men. Jesus prayed much. He was able to say to Peter, ". . . Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee."

Our Sunday schools can be effective in evangelism, through effective pray-

er for individuals. Such prayer is described by James Montgomery as ". . . the soul's sincere desire, unutter'd or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast." If your heart convicts you for lack of purpose, compassion and such prayer, realize that this hidden, holy fire fails to burn where sin has poisoned the atmosphere.

Jesus is, also, a true gauge for the Sunday school in missions.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

This is quite clear from John 20:21, "Just as my Father has sent me forth, so I am now sending you." (Williams). Our Sunday schools fulfill this commission in helping our constituents to accept the responsibility of individual representation of Christ.

Today I had to go to the store. Our little five year old went along. As usual she was singing. This time it was "Onward Christian Soldiers," only her words were "I am a Christian soldier." She helped me in those moments to appreciate my missionary responsibilities. This is the area in which our Sunday schools have tremendous opportunities. Through presenting information about the fields that God has given as the responsibility of our North American Baptist family, we can help young people recognize the "call" personally. This information also becomes a tool to encourage our people to give sacrificially in sending forth the "called ones" to

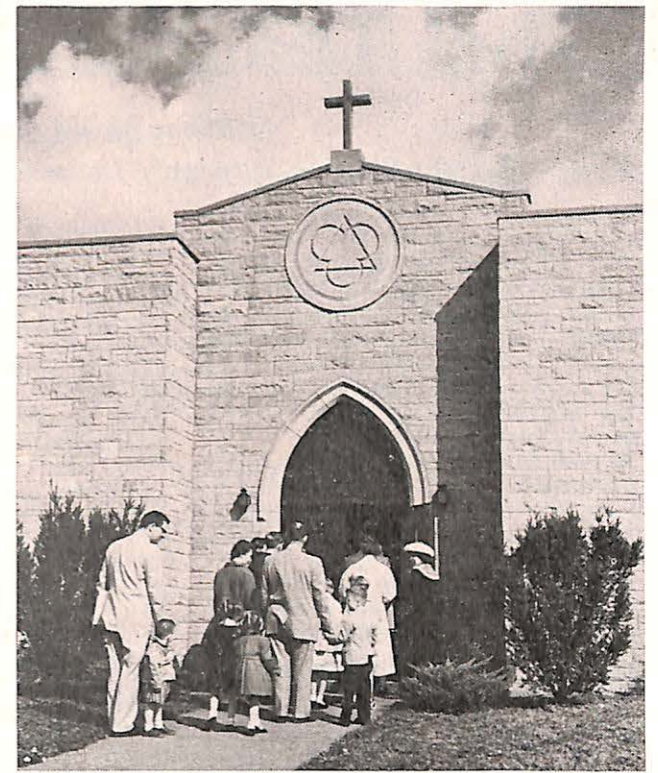
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The Sunday school needs the parents
and the parents need the Sunday school
in today's complex world

Attending or Chauffeuring?

By Miss Martha Hargreaves,
Director of Christian Education
of the Pilgrim Baptist Church,
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By bringing their children to Sunday school, parents also experience an hour of instruction and challenge as to how God would have them lead a Christian home. (Photo by Luoma).

TODAY'S misconception of the work and program of the Sunday school is caused by past experiences which majored in children amidst workbooks, handcraft, flannelgraph, stories and filmstrips. Sunday school had been so involved with planning for the children, that often they had forgotten to plan and provide for the needs of the adults who represent, influence and control our families throughout America.

Today Christian leaders have been awakened to the needs of the adult and have recognized more clearly that our efforts multiply manifold if parents are cooperating in the spiritual training of their children. Therefore, we are striving to make our Sunday schools become "Family Schools." Our aim is not just to teach boys and girls, but also to teach men and women the truths found in God's Word and to provide opportunities for all pupils to apply these truths to their daily lives. Yet one hour a week is not enough to achieve such a goal.

REAL SCHOOL AT HOME

The Sunday school needs the parents! We are convinced that the most effective learning experiences that the Sunday school can plan are not enough to develop sturdy Christian convictions and consistent practices. The home is the real school of Christian living, with the parents as the teachers who constantly influence the children.

Parents must realize that they are not only responsible for the physical, mental, social and emotional develop-

ment of their children, but also for their spiritual development. Too long parents have depended upon churches, clubs, schools and other agencies to take over the influence in their child's life, which should come from the home and the parents. What a tremendous responsibility the Lord has laid on parents! Yes, it is time for parents to hear and respond to God's command, "Train up a child in the way he should go. . . (Proverbs 22:6).

The Sunday school needs the parents to become involved in the Christian education of their children by reading together the material brought home, by attending parent-teacher organizations and special programs, by having personal interviews with the teachers and by assisting children with any assignments that must be prepared. As parents become aware of the educational program provided for their children, they can participate in the program by applying lessons learned in the Sunday school to daily home-life situations. Even more important is the unconscious influence that parents can have upon their children through "example."

A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY

We all have heard that "actions speak louder than words." No matter what a parent claims to be, it is what he does and what he is that really forms the child. Even though a child may later acquire new ideas and habits, the stamp of the home and parental impressions remain indelible. Parents who attend Sunday school and take an active part in its program

avail themselves of the tremendous opportunity to exemplify before their children the effect of the teaching of God's Word upon their own lives.

What a tremendous responsibility the Lord has laid on parents to be guardians, teachers, counsellors, but, above all, examples!

Thus parents need the Sunday school to aid them in teaching their children spiritual truths. Their children learn about God, and that his love for them was so great that God sent his only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for their sins that they might have eternal life. By accepting this gift, they can become children of God and, through obedience, continue to grow in Christ by reading and studying God's Word and talking to him personally in prayer.

As their children are taught by a Sunday school teacher, with other pupils, they realize that they are a vital part in the fellowship of the church and they learn to work together to fulfil their responsibilities in the church program.

ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Parents need the Sunday school also to help them develop their own spiritual lives. Parental responsibility is tremendous; and before parents can lead their children, they must have first walked the paths of spiritual development. They must know what it means to be a child of God, not only in word, but in experience and, through this experience, grow in the grace, love

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The Teacher in Today's World

What do we really mean by learning?

By Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, Director of Christian Education of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

IF SOMEONE were to ask you the question, "How do we learn?" how would you answer? What do we mean by learning? As a church school teacher, is it my whole task to tell my class what I have learned from the quarterly? Does my task end there? First of all, let us take a look at some basic concepts of Christian education.

As we teach from Sunday to Sunday, our overall aim is to be a channel for our Lord to use in bringing about the new person in Christ, to help people to grow into maturity in Christ. This is the most important task in the world and we should go at it with all the knowledge of people and education that we can acquire.

TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS

Teaching and learning are not two separate processes which take place independently of one another, but they are interrelated and are more rightly referred to as the teaching-learning process. First of all, what is the teacher's position in this process? We have grown used to thinking that it is the teacher's task to tell the class what he has learned. We have equated telling with teaching.

If the Church School is to fulfill the need which exists today, we must recognize that a great need exists in our world today for people to learn

to discuss together the great issues of life. We need to learn to accept one another as we are and to listen to one another. Jesus does. The teacher fills the position of guide remembering that both teacher and student come to class with a background of experiences and the need to contribute these experiences in discussion.

Consider your own experience. Have you not remembered and applied those things best which you contributed to in discussion? Not only is the teacher to be the guide, but he must be a contributor as well in the exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Now, what about the student—the other partner in the teaching-learning process? Jesus places great value upon the individual. We, too, must remember that each student is a person in his own right. He has something to contribute and something to learn. In order for the teaching-learning process to be fruitful and effective, the student cannot sit passively by, but must be engaged in seeking to discover those truths which are there to be discovered. That which is learned in the true sense of the word is not imposed from without, but is discovered by the student under the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit and the teacher.

Many a teacher has faced the problem of arousing interest among the

class members. In order to get at the root of this problem, we must ask the question, "What is the teacher's attitude toward the lesson material and the students?" If our aim is only to cover the given material without concern as to whether we have applied it to the needs as seen in our students, we may indeed have trouble arousing interest. We must be aware of the needs of our students and the problems they face in everyday life. We must know them so well that we can relate the lesson material to them. When a student realizes that he is getting help, he will become interested in trying to find answers to his problems.

In view of the pressures and tensions of today's life, one age group we need to understand more fully is our own adult age bracket. Author Earl F. Ziegler has said that adulthood is growing up, not "grown up." He says that as adults we never arrive, but are always striving. The map of our life is a series of goals to be achieved.

Just what are we like, really? Each is a unique individual. We come to class with a backlog of experiences just a little different than those of any one else. We are also very interested in ourselves. We are concerned with our needs, our problems, our contributions. All of us, teachers and students, need to learn to understand the feelings of those around us, rather than to judge them. We need to learn to help one another to find answers to our problems, fulfillment of our needs.

ADULT AGE BRACKET

Above all, we have a need to be accepted by those around us for what we are. As we feel this acceptance, it dispels many of our fears—the fear of the new or unknown. When you stop to analyze it, we have a certain amount of fear for those whom we don't really know. We even fear, at times, to admit our true feelings and doubts because we think others won't understand or approve. Because of our fears, we are highly resistant to change. We have learned to be comfortable in the way we have organized our life.

What, then, should be our attitude toward new methods? We need to use discussion particularly in our adult classes, but before we do this, we must have a basic understanding of ourselves, our needs and our aims. We need to be aware of the responsibility that is placed on both teacher and student. Merely using a new method is not going to transform our Church

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Right Arm of the Church

How important really is the Sunday school?

By Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, President of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois

EIGHTY per cent of our church membership is recruited from the Sunday school, while 95 per cent of our ministers comes out of the Sunday school. What kind of business could long exist if it ignored 80 per cent of its customers and 95 per cent of its management?

The Sunday school is not only necessary to the Christian church, it is the *right arm* of our Christian church. What a man's right hand is to his body, that the Sunday school is to the church.

The Sunday school is not a piddling peanut or popcorn concession; it is big business for God. It is not a side show; it's the main tent.

BIG BUSINESS FOR GOD

The Christian church must see the Sunday school in its larger dimensions as the basic teaching enterprise of the church which guarantees its survival. *Where Sunday schools are large and vigorous, the church is growing. Where Sunday schools are weak and declining, the church is falling away. There is an inevitable connection here like that of Siamese twins.* Sever the Sunday school from the church and the church threatens to wither and die.

Look at Russia. We have a clear demonstration of the supreme importance of the Sunday school in the subtle technique chosen by Communism as a means of wiping out the church. It has banished the Sunday school. Communism has forbidden any organized teaching of Christianity to those under 18 years of age. Why? Because the greatest menace of Communism and the greatest guarantee of the future of Christianity is the work of the Sunday school.

The Sunday school is the main artery through which flows the continuing life of the church, supplying the blood for the church of tomorrow. No wonder the red tiger of Communism leaps at this jugular vein of the church.

When will Americans stop thinking of the Sunday school as an appendage or annex of the church and, instead, wake up and see it as a supremely essential work which must engage our best minds and our wisest planning?

Because the Sunday school is our present most effective means of evangelism, the most dedicated persons, the finest teaching materials, and the best equipment are required to make the work of Christian education worthy of the Gospel we proclaim. So tremendous is the task that the wholehearted cooperation of every last family in the church is required in this teaching ministry.

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In the Sunday school is taught the one great Book indispensable to Christian living. There is one Master whose teachings must be known, and one great Savior and Lord whom the children and youth of our homes must come to know and love. How better can this be done than through the Sunday school with its notable record of immeasurable service to the Christian church?

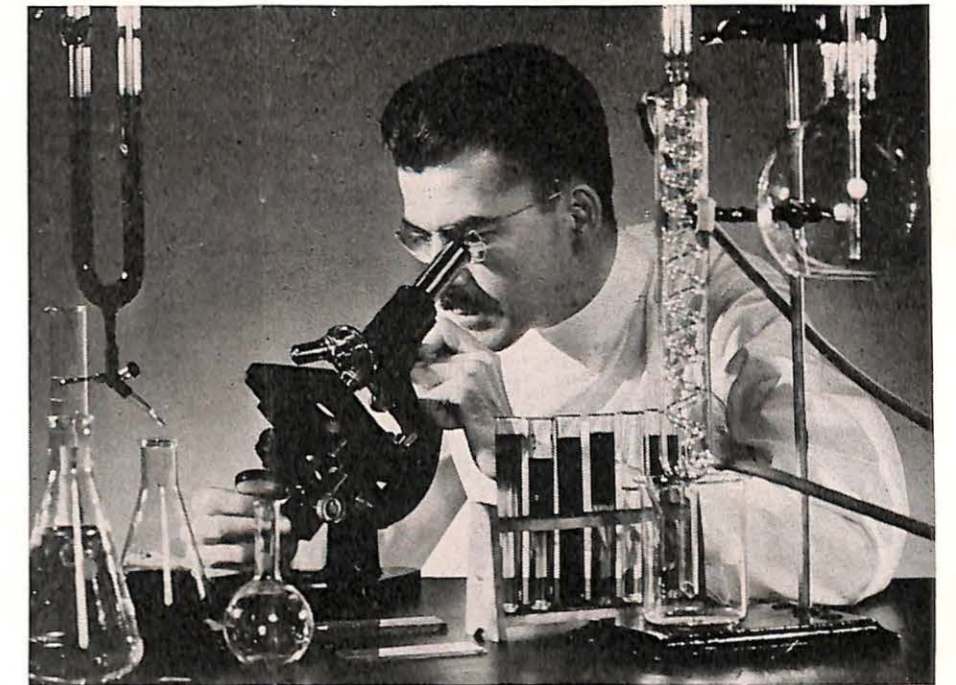
Without this Sunday school we shall raise a new generation of biblical illiterates. Such religious illiterates will be as blind leading the blind in an age already bewildered and confused. This chaotic age needs enlightened

nursery in which are nurtured the young lives that will move into the life of our churches as men and women growing up into the stature of Christ, adorning the Gospel by radiant character and shining witness.

CONTINUING THE LORD'S MISSION

We must maintain the Sunday school, not only because it is the educational and evangelistic right arm of our church, but chiefly because it is Christ-like in continuing the mission of our Lord.

At no point in all the work of the church are we more consistently close to the example, the command, and the



KEEP ABREAST OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

The finest teaching materials, the best equipment and the most enlightened methods are required to make the work of Christian education worthy of the Gospel we proclaim. (Photo by Ewing Galloway).

Christians who are farseeing because they know the truth of Christ, and clear-visioned because they have experienced his redemptive power.

We face the frightening unknown of an atomic, missile-mad age. If ever Christian teaching were important with a desperate urgency, it is now. The only hope for our age lies in the teachings of Jesus and his redemptive power.

On the first day of spring I visited a nursery and saw thousands of spruces, pines, firs, and holly trees, growing in rows, each tree only a foot high. Scattered around the countryside were beautiful estates adorned with full-grown evergreens that had come from this nursery. The Sunday school is the

mission of Christ than in the work of the Sunday school. Jesus, himself, spent more time in teaching than in preaching, and was the greatest teacher that ever lived. He set up a school in which his disciples were the learners. In carrying out the teaching ministry of the church as a means of propagating his gospel, we are fulfilling his life, his mission, and his last great command, "Go teach."

We must see the Sunday school as necessary, serious, emphatic business and, therefore, demanding our best. It is more than picnics, the annual Christmas tree, the contest, the banquet, and a half-dozen other frills

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NEW METHODS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

Jesus places great value upon the individual. Every Sunday school pupil has something to contribute and something to learn. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

A True Gauge for Teenage

How practical is our Sunday school teaching with teen-agers?

By Don Bohnet of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

CHRIST suffered on the cross for our sins that we might have a new and eternal life through him. But before he died, he lived a life that is the standard or gauge of every born again believer. He gave to us his Word that we might know of our salvation, and that through the lives of men recorded therein we would have examples for living the righteous and holy life which he demands of us as followers.

THE POTENTIAL IN TEEN-AGERS

What better gauge can a Christian teen-ager have for himself than Jesus Christ? But is Jesus really the gauge your teen-agers measure their life against? Does Jesus enter their lives in a practical and personal way? Is he so real to them that every step

thing that will count for eternity. They need constant guidance, a helping friend through this trying period of their lives when most of their life's important decisions are being made. No other person, thing or ideology can even start to fill this need in a young person than the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

Let's take a look at a typical group of teen-agers. See! There they are! Over there, at the side of the church. Listen to how they talk and make all sorts of ruckus. Oh, oh...! Here they come! They are going to enter the church now for our service. What should we do? Quick... Let's throw a wet blanket over them! Then we will have another peaceful and restful Lord's Day!

Is this your reaction to young peo-

ple? Oh, how we need to see the potential in our teen-agers! Their zeal and pep can be used to witness for Christ in the home and on the campus if we would only take a little time to work with them and present Christ to them clearly. How many parents have come to know Christ just because one of their teen-agers gave himself to the task of witnessing to them through his life! How many campuses have been turned over for Christ because one teen-ager used his zeal for him! Teens who are shown

that Christ and his Word are more practical and needful to their lives than the food they eat or the air they breathe will give themselves in complete obedience to him, no matter what the cost.

Are our Sunday school lessons or youth programs answering the teen-ager's questions about his personal life? Or are our classes and meetings just a ritual that all "good" people must go through? We cannot have meetings and activities just to keep the teen-ager off the street and out of mischief, but that through them lives might be changed, transformed and made new through the power of Jesus Christ.

SOMETHING EXTRA IN A TEACHER

Teen-agers demand and expect teachers and leaders to bring lessons and programs that will fill the needs in their lives and who will teach the lesson not only with their mouth but with their life. It takes that something extra in a teacher or youth leader to present a lesson in a meaningful way.

You must have a sincere desire to influence teens for Christ with a deep-hearted love and concern. Beside a strong personal Bible study and prayer life, the teacher must consider all the other outside helps he can get. For example: books and articles on teaching, psychology, youth and their problems, etc., are of great value.

Personal work is a *must* for an effective work. How long has it been since you knelt down with a teen-ager and prayed with him? Have you given time to listen to that young person, spending some time with him? Counsel with him at every opportunity. Help him to give his complete life to Jesus.

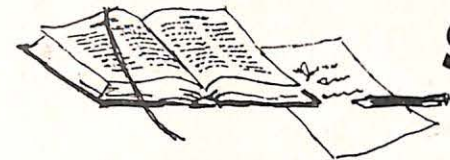
DARE TO BE A DANIEL!

Young people not only need to know of the doctrines wherein they stand, but they need actually to taste and to feel the life that Christ has given to them. What better way can a teen-ager know of Christ's presence than when he is witnessing to a friend or even to a complete stranger? Oh, the pull of Christ in a young person's life as he kneels in prayer and worship in his own closet! What an encouragement to the teen-ager to know that Jesus is vitally interested in his individual life, and that his Word is as fresh and powerful today as it was the day it was written!

The rewards of a useful and practical lesson will bring immeasurable

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 23, 1962

Theme: A CALL TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Scripture: Malachi 2:1-2, 4-9; 3:1-4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The fires of evangelism will die unless we maintain an inward spiritual glow.

INTRODUCTION: After the people of Judah had returned from captivity, they were disappointed because their life was not as ideal as they imagined it would be. Like Christians today they blamed their lack of spiritual vitality on outward conditions and circumstances. As long as they were in captivity as children of the covenant. A strange land deprived them of having a meaningful relationship with the God of their fathers. After their return, they blamed it on the fact that they had failed to build a temple for formal worship of the Lord. When desired effects, they felt that building a wall around Jerusalem would bring contentment and inward peace. Not only did all their efforts seem to fail but God himself was withholding his blessing for they experienced no period of real prosperity since their return.

I. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DEMANDS AN HONEST EFFORT. Malachi 2:1-2.

The key to spiritual poverty among the Jews is found in these words: "because ye do not lay it to heart." They never took God and his commandment made to learn, and they were therefore ignorant and lazy in their responsibility to teach. They gave the Lord second-rate gifts insulting him by offering only what was left over or what was worthless to them. They made as little investment as possible in religion and expected large and generous returns from God. The glory that belonged to Jehovah they coveted for themselves.

II. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DEMANDS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP. Malachi 2:4-9.

The failure of those in places of leadership and responsibility to live up to the laws of God turned many toward iniquity. They were far removed from the original examples of spiritual integrity which was evident in Aaron, Levi and many of their descendants. Instead of drawing people near to God, the priests had given such poor teaching and such limited interpretations of the Hebrew law that they caused people to turn from God.

They failed in their high and noble calling of bringing life and peace to men. The messengers of the Lord no longer had a message!

III. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DEMANDS PREPARATION. Malachi 3:1a.

The priest had a divine calling: "For he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts." But because he departed out of the way, God was already choosing and promising another: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." The virtue of reliability had to be restored, for God was making wonderful and elaborate preparation for a glorious event. God's faithful messenger! His greatest blessing to mankind was shortly to be revealed but his people were woefully unprepared. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" was a message of great urgency.

IV. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DEMANDS A SAVIOR. Malachi 3:1-4.

We as Christians today understand this part of Scripture more clearly because we live in the time of fulfillment. But do we really appreciate its message? We have much less reason for excusing ourselves. There is still room for more refining and purifying; there is more room for righteousness and more room for liberality in our offering.

Questions for Discussion:

1. The Hebrews had many periods of spiritual depression. Why should we have them today?
2. Is a revival once a year an adequate renewal?
3. What are some of the requirements for daily renewal?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 30, 1962

Theme: JOHN HERALDS THE CHRIST

Scripture: Luke 3:2-3, 7-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Only those who have a desire to be good are prepared to hear the Good News.

INTRODUCTION: A well known author wrote a play entitled "Long Journey into Night." It is a sad commentary on his own life. The Old Testament can be called "Long Journey into Day." With the advent of John the Baptist, the day was already beginning to dawn, and the hope of thousands of years was suddenly being unveiled in history's most wonderful revelation. There is an almost unbelievable long interval between the

first and the last heralds of the Good News, but the reality of its fulfillment makes it so much the more miraculous.

One of the most outstanding differences between John the Baptist and his predecessors was the fact that, although he was the greatest of all the prophets according to Jesus, he was not a writing prophet. The most important prophet has no book bearing his name. The reason was that he did not come to write a book but to herald the Savior: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

I. THE HERALD OF GOD'S WORD. Luke 3:2-3

Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests, and supposedly the religious and spiritual leaders of the Jewish people. But the Word of God could not come through to them. The temple was in Jerusalem sheltering the holy of holies and accepted as the dwelling place of God on earth. But the Word of God came through in the wilderness, often referred to as a place of banishment. It was outside the camp. When the Word of God cannot come through the regular channels it often comes through the most unlikely persons in the most unlikely places.

II. THE HERALD OF REPENTANCE. Luke 3:7-9.

It seems that John the Baptist was in no hurry to baptize. He was not interested in more converts but in more conversions. His listeners saw in baptism an easy outward religious symbol but did not wish to go through the difficult experience of genuine inner repentance. They thought that baptism plus their ancestry was enough. John therefore did not hesitate to describe their condition in vivid and vigorous speech. With their unrepentant natures they were more nearly related to snakes than to Abraham. True repentance is not an expression of the lips but a fruitful life.

III. THE HERALD OF SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS. Luke 3:10-14.

In this instance John evidently did not preach the full salvation as found in Christ through faith. But he knew the meaning of a practical religion. He based his answers on the questions which the people asked him. He was aware of the particular sins of each group and it took no theologian to tell the obvious difference between right and wrong, between honesty and dishonesty, between morality and immorality, between sharing and hoarding.

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MAGNOLIA CHURCH TEENAGERS, ANAHEIM, CALIF.

"The reward of every faithful and courageous Christian teacher: young people dedicated to Jesus Christ." (Photo by Don Bohnet).

they take is for him and every word spoken is to his glory?

Are we as Sunday school teachers and youth leaders presenting Christ to them as the center of their lives, their all in all, their whole life? How practical is our teaching? Our leadership? Are we teaching them Bible facts only, or are we showing them what Christ wants from their daily life and how he is ready to help them and be their guide?

Teens are looking for a purpose for their lives, a goal to strive for, some-

The 6th Laymen's Family Conference

moved people to smiles

and tears of joy

We Met the Master Face to Face at Green Lake

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner
of Forest Park, Illinois



The Laymen's Family Conference Choir organized and directed by Mrs. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., (left), during the conference week.

GOD OPENED many windows upon entralling scenic beauty at Green Lake, Wis., for the more than 300 North American Baptists at the Laymen's Family Conference, July 21 to 28, 1962. But even more important, heavenly windows of spiritual blessing were opened upon the conference to make this an unforgettable week for these families. For during these days we met the Master face to face!

NEARNESS OF CHRIST

As soon as you enter the green carpeted grounds of the American Baptist Assembly, you feel the sacred dedication of these 1100 acres to "a closer walk with God." You sense this in the Christian conversation around you, in the cross high over the Judson Tower that looks down on you, and in the Gospel singing that echoes throughout the area. At the Laymen's Family Conference we had this overwhelming experience again and again from the Sunday morning message on "The Encounter With Christ" by Dr. A. J. Harms, Seminary professor and Bible teacher, to the thrilling singing by Mrs. Louis Winkelmann of Chicago, Ill., "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," and the personal testimony by Mr. Stan Gallup, Baptist layman and successful business man, "when he met the Master face to face." The nearness of Christ and the unfolding of his glory made the difference in transforming a usual conference week into a most unusual spiritual experience for all who were there.

Altogether about 325 people attended the conference for a part of the days (especially over the weekend) or the entire time. A total of 200 people were there for all of the conference. By meeting in the Abbey Area, by holding our meetings in the spacious William Carey Hall, a reconstructed hayloft, and by eating together in our own dining room, we experienced a

"togetherness" that was both precious and priceless in spiritual joys. We sang, prayed, laughed, played, disagreed and worked together in a oneness that is possible *only* through Christ Jesus, our Lord!

As never before, the emphasis at this conference was on FAMILIES. Many children, mothers and young women were present in addition to the laymen. Even a Women's Chorus of 25 voices was organized for the week. Some of the children cried when they had to part from one another at the close of the days. It was stated by some of the people that the program was TOPS with one mountain top experience after another and with one spiritual feast offered after another. The musical features were tremendous with old time favorites sung by choruses and soloists and with inspiring new numbers introduced by instrumentalists and by various groups. Listening to the wonderful array of musical numbers was both a cultural experience and an exciting evangelistic encounter with God.

THRILLING MUSIC

At least 45 musical numbers were presented during the Laymen's Family Conference. The Men's Chorus of 22 voices of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago sang five numbers on Sunday, including "Bless the Lord, O my Soul," "The Holy City" and "The Lord's Prayer." Raye and Daniel Pankratz delighted the audience with their violin and cello selections. During the week Mrs. Herbert Pankratz directed the conference choir of 28 voices and the Women's Choir of 20 voices in such wonderful numbers as "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary" and "He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands." Soloists and duets thrilled the audience with such musical messages as "When God Is Near" and "It Took a

Miracle." What uplifting music we heard!

The speaker's stand in this big barn became a very sacred pulpit in God's temple as God's servants proclaimed the tidings of the Gospel. Dr. A. J. Harms of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., captivated his listeners, warmed their hearts and unfolded God's Word in his messages on "Favorite Views of Bible Truths." His anecdotes from his personal life such as the story of the box lunch of fried chicken given to him by a little old lady on a train when, as a student, he had all of his money stolen and was riding on a long trip to Kansas, will not soon be forgotten. His colorful description of "The Fire Fall" from Glacier Point in Yosemite National Park, requiring 12 minutes of vivid adjectives, was another high point in these days. But the greatest thrill of all was to have this wonderful Bible teacher and preacher open the pages of God's Word to us so that its revealed glory could be easily and simply understood by all.

BIBLE CENTERED PROGRAM

But this was only the beginning of the inspiring, full program. Rev. David J. Draewell, the new Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, taught the adult Sunday school class and spoke convincingly on "Things We Ought to Know About the Christian Life." President Frank Veninga of the Seminary taught the young people's Sunday school class and addressed the conference on "Christian Concern in Church Crises." Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary statesman, graphically portrayed the missionary fields of today and the challenge which they present to laymen. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, reviewed the conference theme on "Christ Our Confidence" at the closing Friday evening service.

Horizons of thought and fellowship

were lifted on Wednesday evening when our group joined the American Baptist Convention laymen at Pillsbury Hall and heard Dr. Thorwald W. Bender in a Bible discourse on Romans, and Dr. Bryan Archibald of Washington, D. C., on the work and objectives of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. On Thursday evening, Mr. C. Stanton Gallup came to the Abbey Area to address the conference on "The Three D's of the Christian Life—Decision, Discipline and Dedication."

TESTIMONIES AND DISCUSSIONS

The testimonies each evening by our laymen were practical, pointed and most inspiring. They were given with joy and earnestness by Edward Russell of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Edward Meister of Chicago, Ill.; Myron Ziemer of Hutchinson, Minn.; Mrs. Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn.; and Raymond E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas.

The daily panel discussions were both provocative and informative. They dealt with the denominational program and objectives, the Christian home, world crises of today, the Supreme Court's decision on prayer in the public schools, and Christian missions. They were ably led by the panel leaders: Edwin Marklein, Richard Mulder, Lincoln S. Love, Mrs. Harm Sherman and Mr. Harold B. Johns.

The week was also bright with special adventures. An out of door picnic under the trees with delicious food was enjoyed on Wednesday evening. Pictures of the Seminary were shown one evening after the service. The informal program on Saturday night, led by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul, was a fine introduction to the week's activities.

The recreational program was ably



THE 6TH LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE AT GREEN LAKE

A part of the large crowd of about 200 laymen and their families who attended the N.A.B. Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 21 to 28, 1962.

directed by Mr. Vernon Heckman with activities planned by all. There were launch boat rides on Green Lake, swimming in the pool one evening after the service, sightseeing rides on buses around the grounds, trips to the Art Gallery and the Prayer Tower and the J. L. Kraft Rock Display, thrilling afternoons on the golf course and "time out" for official photographs.

Even the devotional services at the beginning of each day were well at-

tended and exceedingly well led and a blessing for the conference attendants. The leaders were Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill.; Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn.; Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minn.; Carl Jenkins of LaGrange Park, Ill.; and Herbert H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif.

H. H. STABBERT, PRESIDENT

"Baptist Men" as a denominational organization is getting into high gear in action for the Lord. Mr. H. H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., president, was a dynamo of leadership during the conference week, inspiring the laymen to greater service for Christ. He and his officers are to be congratulated on the accomplishments of the Laymen's Family Conference. Mr. Lincoln S. Love of Erie, Pa., kept everyone well informed with his enthusiastic, informative and frequent announcements. In addition, a corps of laymen served as song leaders, ushers, committee and panel members, and workers of all kinds.

The success of the conference was also evidenced in the generous offerings at these services. On Sunday the offerings amounted to \$232.08. For the entire week the offerings totaled \$466.83, a new high in the six conferences held thus far. "Baptist Men" have gone over the top in the Peter Fehr Fund with more than \$200 contributed to the fund. In addition, President Veninga received several good sized checks and special contributions toward the Seminary Library Book Fund.

The most uplifting event of the conference week was not even listed on
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LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND LEADERS

Left to right (front row): Dr. R. Schilke, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Harms and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein.
Back row: Mr. Fred Paul, Mr. Richard Mulder, Dr. Paul Gebauer, President Frank Veninga, and Rev. L. Bienert.

September 13, 1962

Conference Highlights at Green Lake

Testimonies concerning the Laymen's Family Conference held at Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 21 to 28, 1962.

AN INSPIRATION AND A CHALLENGE

By Mr. H. L. Dippel of La Crosse, Wisconsin

THE LAYMEN'S Family Conference meetings at Green Lake were truly an inspiration and at the same time offered a definite challenge. An urgent challenge was thrown out to us in the present shortage of preachers and of those currently going into the ministry. Our building and seminary library expansion programs also offered a challenge.

The inspiration was really two-fold. There were spiritually great men at the meetings, and the messages brought to our ears veritably became mountain-top experiences.

Secondly, there was the inspiration of the association and companionship of those of like faith and ideals. It produces that warm, satisfying flow within the heart which, together with meeting old friends from all parts of the country, and finding new ones made you feel that time was altogether too short.

Most of us cherish such memories, and such experiences I'm sure are cherished by all who attend such high-light gatherings as the Laymen's Family Conference.

REFLECTIONS ON GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN

By Miss Dorothy Pritzkau of Burlington, Iowa

As I look back at the week spent on the beautiful grounds of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin, my heart is warmed and I feel refreshed. The entire atmosphere seemed to be saturated with Christian love and fellowship. I believe it is the ideal vacation spot, for where else could one get such spiritual refreshment along with physical renewal? The Bible studies by Dr. A. J. Harms are something to which I will refer often for the gentle yet powerful wisdom in them. The panel discussions left me with a greater understanding and appreciation of the work our Conference is doing.

I think all of us will remember the joy we felt as we sang the great hymns and Gospel songs together. There is a language of praise which only music can speak and we certainly experienced it at the Laymen's Family Conference. The Friday evening sing-spiration is one that will long live in my memory. We truly felt as one in Christ. Our hearts were wide-open to one another.

The beauty of the grounds, the spaciousness of the assembly impressed me particularly. As one wandered

through the footpaths, words seemed so unnecessary and inadequate. It was worship without words.

It is a real pleasure to be looking forward to going there again in 1965.

MORE WONDERFUL THAN ANTICIPATED!

By Mr. Myron D. Ziemer of Hutchinson, Minnesota

The close Christian fellowship in God's wonderland of Green Lake made a deep impression on me. It was one of the better team efforts that I have witnessed. Families worshipped, prayed, studied, sang and enjoyed meals together. The working of the Holy Spirit was always evident.

One of the things I'll always remember was the singing of hymns and choruses in the large Judson Tower after our evening service. We were about two hundred feet above the water in the darkness of the night. We had a fine representation from our headquarters, missions and our seminary. Many challenges were given.

I enjoyed our musical leadership and the faithfulness of our choir. Our spiritual leadership was excellent. I was blessed by our devotions, Bible studies and regular services. Our panel



Herbert H. Stabbert of Anaheim, California, president of "Baptist Men," and the enthusiastic leader of the 6th Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

discussions were filled with valuable information.

Another highlight for me was that great recreational program which included swimming, golf, horse shoe, tennis, ping pong, shuffle board, softball as well as riding on horses, bikes, boats, launches and buses for our entertainment.

I had heard many wonderful things about Green Lake from about three families. I was under the impression it couldn't be that great, *but it really is!* I thank God for the privilege that my family and I had attending the conference and for the many new Christian friends I have made.

JOYS OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

By Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meister, Students at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. A. J. Harms stirred our hearts and minds throughout the Laymen's Family Conference Week and his Bible studies were the highlights of the conference for us. It is so easy for us, though we have had the salvation experience, to lose the vitality that we once had as new Christians. We take for granted the joys we have as Christians. Dr. Harms has helped us to realize that the Christian walk should never be taken for granted nor become stagnant.

We should constantly seek the re-filling of the Holy Spirit so that we can live a truly active Christian life. Dr. Harms demonstrated the fallacy of considering the Holy Spirit a thing by referring to the Holy Spirit as "It." The Holy Spirit is a Person, one of the Godhead, and we must consider the Holy Spirit as a personal friend and influence upon our individual lives.

Another idea brought to us by Dr. Harms which has challenged us is that the Communists give all their efforts to a cause which has as its motivation only a national interest. As Christians we have the one God and an eternal reward as our incentives. "Can Christianity match the challenge of Communism?" We must answer "Yes."

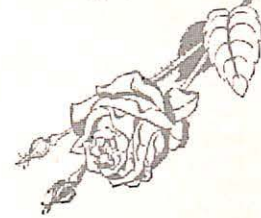
BLESSINGS OF THE LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE

By Mr. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa

Those who attended the 6th Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wis., will agree that the days spent there will remain in our memories as a never-to-be-forgotten experience. From the first word of greeting to the last goodbye a spirit of oneness prevailed.

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We the Women



BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN

of Aplington, Iowa

President of the

Women's Missionary Union.

IN GRATITUDE

Going! Going! Gone! Yes, gone is the summertime with all its activities. No doubt, many are sighing, "Oh, back to school!" It is time to return to work, college and school and although, some are anxious to return, many wish vacations and summer were just a little longer.

What a joy it has been to meet so many of you personally this summer at the various Conferences and Associations! No longer are your names seen only in print, but now it is possible to visualize you as well.

Perhaps the greatest thing we as women experienced this past summer was the completion of our Special Project of \$5,000 for the construction of the building of a missionary home in Japan. Thanksgiving and praise fill our hearts as we think of what God has done for us. Together we can say, "For this we thank thee, Lord." May we thank each one of you for making it possible to meet our goal so quickly! You are to be commended for your support of this worthy project.

No doubt, many of you scheduled meetings for this fall to promote this special project. May I suggest that you have your meetings as planned, and if you were thinking of having an offering in connection with your meeting that you designate it for our \$65,000 Woman's Missionary Union Project since our special project has been completed. By contributing to this goal of \$65,000, you will still be helping the cause in Japan.

You will recall the remainder of the \$65,000 is designated as follows: Cameroon, \$25,000; Home Missions, \$18,000; and Church Extension, \$15,000. When you send your offering kindly mark it: "For the \$65,000 Woman's Missionary Union Project" and send it to the Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Your checks should be made payable to: North American Baptists, Inc.

As we face the duties and responsibilities of the coming months, we realize that we cannot go forward in our own strength but we must count on a strength greater than our own. So will you continue our "prayer-time"

From the Professor's Desk

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

I have often wondered just what is meant by the phrase, "the image of God" in man. Can you explain exactly what is designated by this term?

The expression, "the image of God" in man, points to the fact that God made man in certain respects like unto himself. Scripture passages which refer to this are Gen. 1:26, 27; 5:1, 3; 9:6; I Cor. 11:7; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10.

This involves both a natural likeness to God (personality—God is a personal Spirit) and a moral likeness to God (holiness—God is a holy Being). As a personal Spirit, God has intellect, emotions and will, or self-consciousness and self-determination; so does man. As God is perfectly holy and righteous, so was man in his original, unfallen state. Man was not created merely in a state of innocence or moral neutrality, but his affections and will were positively directed toward God as his supreme end. As such, man's moral nature was a finite reflection of God's moral nature.

COMMUNION WITH GOD

In virtue of the fact that man was created a perfect, personal, holy being, he could have communion with God his Creator and Father, for God made man for fellowship with himself. This also involved immortality, not only as endowed with endless existence because of the spirituality (simplicity) of his soul, but much more so because he was not subject to the law of death since there was no principle ("seeds") of death or sin at work in this original state of created perfection.

Though the first man Adam possessed original righteousness and holiness, he still had the power of choosing evil. His moral condition was not immutable or indefectible, as we all are painfully aware. His moral nature was capable of testing and development through the exercise of free choice in

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which have no relationship to the main structure of this great institution. It is the definite and irrevocable obligation of the entire church to establish, undergird, promote, and sustain the work of the Christian teaching ministry through the Sunday school, without reservation.

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at 8:30 each morning? This is a "tie" that we as women can have across the many miles that separate us. Again my gratitude to you knows no bounds for your prayer support during the first of this triennium. Thanks be to God for each of you!

temptation. Had he not sinned, he would have experienced further progress and confirmation in perfection, as with the unfallen angels or the glorified saints.

There are several important consequences or incidents of the above considerations. While God is not physical in any sense and the image of God should not be thought of in a material way, there is nevertheless a reflection of the image in man's physical form in the sense that the body was a fit instrument for the self-expression of such a soul as described above. It was a suitable organ of immortality (suited to become a "spiritual body," I Cor. 15:44).

There was no antagonism or contrariety between soul and body in the original state. The body was not to be despised as radically inferior to the soul or as a hindrance to the higher life of man. Adam's physical organism was not a thing apart from his real self but was essentially one with it. As such, there was a subjection of the sensuous impulses to the control of the spirit.

CROWN OF CREATION

Other results of possessing the divine image include dominion over the lower creation, the animals and the world of nature. This is indicative of the glory and honor with which man was crowned as the head and apex of the entire creation. Adam's physical surroundings in the Garden of Eden were fitted to bring happiness and to favor the development of the entire human nature after God's image.

This article has confined its consideration to the image as originally created by God. A subsequent article in this series will discuss other aspects of the image of God: the effect of the Fall upon the image and the effect of Christ's redemption.

GAUGE FOR TEENAGE

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results. Your class will throb with the living power of Christ which will flow over the rest of the church, into the campus and neighborhood, and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

Dare your teen-agers to be Daniels and stand behind them! It is the faithful and courageous teacher that produces the Livingstones and Moodys of tomorrow!

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20).

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **MONEY FOR ARMS AND ARMIES.** Every hour \$14,000,000 is being spent on arms and armies in the world, according to *Between the Lines*. "The U. S. and Soviet Union together spend 73% of the total—88 billion dollars every year. If the world were to pool this money for peaceful purposes, adequate housing could be provided each year for 20 million families in underdeveloped countries." The United States, spending 48 billion dollars a year for armament, leads all nations in this doubtful honor.

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● **INTERCHURCH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.** In its first year of operation Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) channeled \$300,000 worth of drugs, hospital supplies and medicines to overseas missions and hospitals, and for use in emergency relief actions, in a total of 64 countries. The U. S. body is a cooperative agency of the Church of the Brethren, Baptist, Congregational, Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, Mennonite, and Seventh-day Adventist churches.

● **LECTURES BY BILLY GRAHAM.** Evangelist Billy Graham will be one of seven lecturers for the 1962-63 session at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, President Robert E. Naylor announces. Dr. Graham will visit the seminary campus November 13, 1962, to speak in the Southwestern lecture series and will meet with several campus student groups. He will also visit the Billy Graham Research Center for Evangelism established at the seminary's Fleming Library last year.

● **KING SOLOMON'S FORTRESS.** Archaeologists of Hebrew University have found a fortress city built by King Solomon in an area 30 miles south of Jerusalem. Constructed by Solomon to protect trade routes to the spice lands of southern Arabia, the ancient city of Arad in the Judean wilderness above the Dead Sea was a flourishing center of commerce, small industry and agriculture. Archaeologists also discovered that 4 other Israelite cities had been built on the same site—between Solomon's era and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 587 B.C.

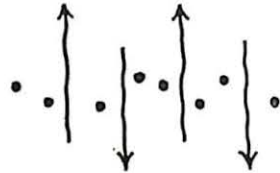
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● **BIBLE IN 48 AFRICAN LANGUAGES.** The Bible is now available in 48 African languages, the New Testament in an additional 96, and single Gospels and other Portions in another 184, but the huge task of translating the Bible into some 800 additional African tongues is only half finished, according to the Rev. Maynard W. Booth, Secretary of the Bible Societies in the Rhodesias.

● **RAIDED LEPROSARIUM IN VIETNAM.** Almost all the leprosy patients ordered to leave the Christian and Missionary Alliance hospital by the Vietcong when the guerilla band raided the mission center at Banmethuot, Viet Nam, on May 30 and kidnapped three American missionaries, have now returned. More than half the 200 patients left after the raid on orders from the Vietcong. Grave anxiety was

felt for their safety as they wandered through jungles and rough mountain terrain, most of them on seriously mutilated feet. According to latest reports, all but some 13 or 14 have returned to the leprosarium which is continuing to operate. Vietnamese nurses live at the hospital and also travel to the outlying village treatment centers to give treatment to 1250 additional patients.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **\$50 Balance for 10th Baptist Congress.** When the last service was over and the last bills paid at the 10th Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian Baptists found themselves nearly two thousand dollars in debt. Congress registration fees had not been sufficient to cover the cost, considering the rental on two large meeting places and dozens of miscellaneous expense items. Brazilian churches sought to cover this deficit with a special offering. They gave nearly \$1,900. This has retired the debt and left a credit balance of approximately \$50.

● **Linfield College Receives Grant.** A \$10,000 grant has been received by Linfield College, McMinnville, from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich. The grant is for the purchase of books to improve the quality of Linfield's teacher preparation program and to increase the effectiveness of the college's library services in general. Dr. Harry L. Dillin, Linfield president, said that the books to be purchased with the funds were not exclusively in professional education but will include other academic departments for prospective teachers.

● **Editor of "The Standard" Dies.** Rev. Martin Erikson, 61, editor for 17 years of the Baptist General Conference bi-weekly magazine, *The Standard*, died in St. Paul, Minn., on August 7 following a one-week illness. Rev. Lloyd Dahlquist, Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Conference, officiated at the funeral service in the Payne Avenue Baptist Church of St. Paul. Mr. Erikson is survived by his wife, Olga, of Chicago, and his parents and one sister who reside in Sweden. He was a beloved leader in the Baptist General Conference, a gifted preacher and able writer. He was recognized by the Annual Editorial Award in 1960 by the Evangelical Press Association.

● **Baptist World Alliance Meetings.** A

total registration of 122 was recorded for the annual meetings of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee and Study Commissions, held in Oslo, Norway, August 20 to 22. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, reported that 27 countries on six continents were represented. John F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Alliance president, presided. The Alliance Executive Committee is representative of the world-wide fellowship of 24 million Baptists in 110 countries. This was the first meeting of the Commissions since their reorganization, following the 10th Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 1960. The four Commissions, comprised of top Baptist leadership of many countries, are concerned with Religious Liberty and Human Rights, Baptist Doctrine, Evangelism and Missions, and Bible Study and Membership Training. Dr. Frank H. Woyke is a member of the Commission on Evangelism and Missions.

● **Negro Baptist Speaks To National Press Club.** The first American Negro ever to speak to the National Press Club in Washington, D. C. was a Baptist minister from Atlanta, Ga. Martin Luther King, Jr., assistant pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, expounded his principles of racial equality and took a solid position for religious liberty. King listed four forces that are destined to bring racial equality to the nation. They are: (1) the industrialization of the South, (2) federal action, (3) the voice of the Church, and (4) the new determination of the Negro himself. The Negro spokesman predicted ultimate victory and racial equality in America. "When it is realized, the jangling discords of our nation will be transformed into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood, and men everywhere will know that America is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave," he said.

● On Sunday, Aug. 12, Rev. William Effa, pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., baptized 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. On the following Sunday, Aug. 19, he received these and several others by letter into the fellowship of the church.

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta has extended a call to Rev. Philip R. Grabke of Edenwold, Sask., the missionary on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve since 1960. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the Camrose church on Sept. 2, succeeding Rev. Oscar Fritzsche, now of Trochu, Alberta.

● The First Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. L. Erickson of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become its pastor to which he has given a favorable response. His resignation from the General Conference (Swedish) Baptist Church of Sioux Falls was effective on Aug. 19. He began his ministry in the Baileyville church on August 26, succeeding Rev. Albert E. Van Kley.

● On Sunday, August 5, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 10 persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and another person into the fellowship of the church at the communion service that followed. The church is making intensive plans to observe its 75th anniversary and to dedicate its new educational unit on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1962.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder of Elgin, Iowa to which a favorable response has been given. He has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Temple Church of Lodi early in November, succeeding Rev. Robert Schreiber, now of Kankakee, Illinois. Mr. Schroeder has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa since 1958.

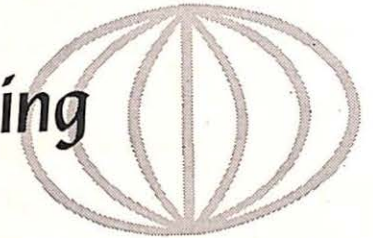
● Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary since 1959, recently presented his resignation to the General Council and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., effective Oct. 15, 1962. The General Council has accepted his resignation with deep regret. Mr. Wolff will succeed Rev. Richard W. Sparling in the ministry at the Union Baptist Church.

● On July 27 the Baptist Church of Serath, Sask., with its mission station of Raymore, voted to unite both congregations as one church to be known as the Serath-Raymore Baptist Church. Plans are being made to relocate the church building to Raymore, to have it remodeled and to hold a dedication service later this year. It is also possible that a new name will be selected for the church to be located hereafter in Raymore, Sask. Rev. Arthur Zeller is pastor.

● Professor and Mrs. Arnold Rapske of Edmonton, Alta., have announced the birth of a daughter on July 14 who has been named Sharon Elaine. Professor Rapske is a member of the teaching staff at the Christian Training Institute. He is spending the next school year (1962-1963) at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, engaged in

church building is possible in September 1962. The new church will be dedicated in October 1962. A Special Events Committee of 10 persons began work on setting up a schedule of events and activities throughout the year 1962-1963. November has been set aside as a "Month of Praise and Thanksgiving." Rev. Herbert J. Freeman is pastor of the church.

what's happening



graduate studies. His family is with him in Louisville, Kentucky, during this leave of absence from the C.T.I.

● Rev. Donald W. Rich of Port Orchard, Oregon has accepted a call to the Baptist Church of Riddle, Oregon, a church of the American Baptist Convention. This town is about 25 miles south of Roseburg, Oregon on the north-south Freeway, Interstate 5. The church has about 100 members and is in a small community which draws from the surrounding rural area. Mr. Rich was formerly director of Christian education at the Oak Steet Church, Burlington, Iowa.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., has called Rev. Edwin Voigt of Vesper, Kansas, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church since 1958, as its minister. He has replied favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Beulah, N. Dak., church on Sept. 2, succeeding Rev. John Wood, now of Sierra Vista, Arizona. Mr. David Harrison, a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, supplied the pulpit of the Bethany Church of Kansas from Aug. 3 to 27.

● Rev. Ruben Herrmann of Calgary, Alberta, has resigned as pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church and has accepted the call of the Brentview Baptist Church, a new Church Extension project in a suburban area of Calgary, which represents originally a mission work of the Bridgeland Church. About 50 members have left the membership of the Bridgeland Church to organize this new North American Baptist Church. The Brentview Church is already meeting in its new building which is still under construction.

● The Central Baptist Church of Hamden, Conn., held its last service on Aug. 12 in "the big house" which has been used for the past five years. Since then the morning services are being conducted in the parsonage basement until a limited use of the new

● Recently, Rev. Georg Koehle and several members of the Third German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, left the fellowship of the church. A group of North American Baptist ministers of Winnipeg and vicinity met in Winnipeg on Aug. 9 and recommended that his name be dropped from the denominational Directory. The Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg has extended a call to Mr. Fred Taubensee, a 1962 graduate of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Winnipeg church on Sept. 1st.

● In August Miss Barbara Hirsch and Miss Karen Brachlow of Minneapolis, Minn., members of the Faith Baptist Church, served under the auspices of the Student Service Plan as workers on the Indian Montana and Bull Reserves. They conducted Vacation Bible Schools and gave a glowing witness for Christ. During the previous summer months they served in North and South Dakota, at Swan River, Man., and at the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan with 35 Indian young people in attendance. These young women are two of 22 young people serving under the denominational Student Service Plan for the summer.

● In August Miss Irmgard Kutrieb, a 1962 graduate of the theological department of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, carried out an extensive survey in Whitecourt, Alta., 120 miles north of Edmonton, in behalf of the denomination's Board of Missions. In June and July she made a survey of Indian mission possibilities in Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., and in another community north of Regina, the results of which have been submitted to the Board of Missions. On August 31, she and Peter Alldyk of Edmonton, Alta., were married in a service held at the Salem Baptist Church of Edmonton with Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, officiating.

The Shattered Wall

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

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, left town because of a fight with another young man. He abandoned his car and took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's End." He took an assumed name, Howard Ramsey, and got a job in a snack bar on the ferry boat. There he met a girl, Deidre Fleming, who lived in Westwego, across the river, and worked in the Sunset Cafe. He struck up a friendship with her and they had several pleasant dates together. One afternoon Harlan witnessed an accident in which a little girl was critically injured. He went to the girl's aid, thus saving her life. Later Dr. Mead put Harlan in charge of the hospital management. He even assisted in emergency cases. During a flu epidemic, Harlan and the pastor, Rev. Marvin Jacobs, became well acquainted with each other. Harlan persuaded Deidre to go to a church service with him. The pastor brought a powerful sermon on sin. Deidre felt ill at ease during the service and complained of a headache. Afterwards the Bantons invited Harlan and Deidre to their home for Sunday dinner.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

DEIDRE WENT with them, though she longed to get home where she could give way to her feelings.

Mr. Barton entertained them while his wife finished preparations for the meal. Little Marjie joined them and took her place upon Harlan's knee.

"That was a powerful sermon that our pastor preached," Mr. Barton remarked. "I never heard him preach like that before. It almost sounded as if he had someone in mind, but, of course he didn't. He wouldn't do that, even if he knew that it would fit someone. He depends upon the Holy Spirit to lead him when he's preparing his messages. They so often seem to fit a person and after a while that person comes forward and gets saved." "It surely was a thought-provoking sermon," Harlan observed.

Deidre looked more stricken than ever and said nothing.

Both the Bantons did their utmost to make the two feel welcome and finally Deidre was drawn out of her

silence and entered into the conversation. The meal was delicious and both of them remarked how much they enjoyed it. They left soon afterwards, after thanking their hosts for such a pleasant visit. Mrs. Barton told them that she hoped they would both come again soon.

On the way home neither of them felt in the mood for conversation. Each was occupied with the memory of that soul-arresting sermon. Harlan had to return to the hospital.

"I'll see you tonight," he said as he told her good-by and gave her hand a little squeeze.

As he turned away he saw tears in her eyes and he knew that they would overflow as soon as she was alone. He felt like crying himself, but what was the use in that? Tears wouldn't help. Only God could and he wondered if he would ever have the courage to ask God if He would.

That night while they sat on the steps, Harlan could see that she was still upset by what she had heard. He tried to talk about something that would cheer her up and make her forget her disturbing thoughts, but he soon saw that it was no use. Finally he asked her what was wrong, though he knew.

"I can't stop thinking about that sermon," she told him. "He surely was preaching at me, even though he didn't know I was going to be there. Do you think what he said was true?"

"He read it from the Bible, dear, and we know that it was a word from God."

"Then do you believe that God was speaking to me?" she asked fearfully.

"I don't know about that, but you know the old saying, 'If the shoe fits, then put it on.' I believe that when a preacher gives out a message, it's sort of like a hunter shooting a load of

buckshot among a flock of birds. He believes that he'll hit some of them and just shoots blindly and hopefully."

"That's not what the Bantons said," she corrected. "They said it was the Holy Spirit directing him. If that's true, then do you think the Holy Spirit knew that he would be preaching to us?"

"I suppose so, for God knows everything, but I don't know too much about the Holy Spirit. My education in religious matters was too juvenile for me to know the answers. Why not talk about something else? You're letting that sermon get you down."

"I can't think about anything else," she replied. "I keep wondering if that is really true, that your sin will surely find you out. I'm afraid, Howard, terribly afraid. I just don't know what to do. I can't keep going on like this, but I don't know what to do."

He knew just how she felt for he felt the same way himself. He didn't know which way to turn. He felt that the past was closing in upon him and he had nowhere to turn.

"Why not go to the pastor? Perhaps he can help you," he suggested.

"I could never do that!" she cried. "He'd want to know the whole truth, why I had come to him and I could never tell him that."

"Then tell me. It might help. But I can't promise to give you peace in your heart. I feel the need of it myself."

"I can't tell you. If I did, you might stop loving me."

"Don't be afraid of that," he assured her as he took her in his arms and held her. "I'll never stop loving you, even if you were a criminal and they put you in jail for years and years. I'd still be loving you and waiting for you."

He lifted her chin and looked into

her eyes, then he kissed her tenderly.

She hid her face against his breast and burst into tears.

"You don't know what you've said," she sobbed. "You just don't know."

He didn't know, but he was beginning to guess that there was something more serious than he had thought in the past of hers which seemed about to catch up with her. If it did, what would be the outcome for her, for himself?

When he left her she had stopped crying, but he knew that he hadn't been able to comfort her. He felt as helpless and fearful as she did, though he couldn't afford to give way to fear. His past seemed catching up with him, if not from the law of man, from the law of God. He knew, as the preacher had declared, that he couldn't hide from God, even if he hid from man for the rest of his life. God already knew. That was the appalling thought. And God had issued His warning. How could he act under that warning?

There was but one way, to go back and confess and take his punishment. He had come to this dead end so many times before, but he had turned back from that wall of fear that stood in the way of his return and he had backed away from it, instead of breaking through and taking the long way of return.

For a while Harlan went about his routine in a fog of misery, but in the press of his work he gradually overcame the effects of that sermon and once again lived in a sort of false peace and he tried to tell himself that he was satisfied with his life.

Deidre was making an effort to forget her fears and she assumed a cheerfulness that she didn't feel. She was putting on a brave front for Harlan's sake and she tried to feel what she pretended.

Both of them realized that they were living in a world of make believe. They knew that they were only marking time until some crisis should come which would upset this false peace and bring their little world crashing about them. They knew it, yet they feared it and kept hoping that it wouldn't happen.

One evening, when they were sitting on one of the park benches on the lakeside, Deidre spoke, while her eyes looked over the still waters that weren't even ruffled by any passing boat.

"I'll never forget that terrible time when I went under those waters, if I live to be a hundred. You never could get me into a canoe again."

"I'd never dare take you," he replied. "I don't think I'd enjoy it myself. I'll stick to dry land from now on."

"There are just as many accidents on land as in the water or in the air," she said. "Death takes its toll, no matter where we are."

"Now don't start on that gloomy line again," he cautioned. "Let's think of something pleasant, the next school

festival, for instance."

"I don't think I'd enjoy even that." She turned to him suddenly and said, "Howard, I think I'm going to have a talk with the pastor. I just can't go along like this any longer. It's making me a nervous wreck. If he can't help me, I don't know what will become of me."

"If he can't help you, no one can," he assured her. "I'm sure that whatever he tells you will be good advice. And I hope that it will help you to be happy again. I don't want to see you go on like this. It's upsetting both of us."

He wondered if she would have the courage to accept the pastor's help and heed his advice, for he had an idea what he would tell her.

She made an appointment with the pastor and told Harlan what she had done.

"Pray for me, that everything will be all right," she said.

"Now you're asking the impossible," he told her. "I'm a poor one to depend upon for praying. I've forgotten how to pray."

He waited anxiously to hear the result of that interview, but it was several days before he finally heard. There were cases at the hospital that required constant care and one of the nurses was ill and there were two late operations that kept him from walking home with Deidre.

When they were finally together on her afternoon off, he saw at once that something cataclysmic had happened to her. Her whole attitude was different. There was a new light in her eyes, though her expression was serious. He waited for her to speak, though he was bursting with curiosity to know what had happened.

"Well, I had that interview," she told him when they had found a quiet spot. "I wish that I had gone to him sooner, for then the burden would have been lifted and I wouldn't have been so miserable all this time."

"What did he tell you?" Harlan asked eagerly.

"It's a long story," she said. "I told him how his sermon had upset me and he said he was sure that it was the Holy Spirit trying to convince me of my need of salvation. I told him that I knew that I needed something, because I had no peace in my heart, only fear. Then he told me what he said in his sermon, that God sent His Son into the world to give peace to the heart of those who would believe on Him and that He would take away fear. He said that if I accepted Christ as my Saviour, then He has promised to be with me and that there would be no room for fear. He told me how simple it was, that all I had to do was to want to be saved, to realize that I needed salvation and then to ask for it and receive it."

She uttered a sigh and was silent for few moments. He took her hand and she let it lie in his while she continued.

"I told him that it wasn't that

simple, that there was something in my life that I might have to straighten out before I could be saved. He told me that if I would let God take control of my life, that He would straighten everything out.

"I reminded him of that text, that our sin would surely find us out, and I asked him about that."

"What did he say about that?" Harlan asked as she again lapsed into silence.

"He said that no matter how much a person might run from sin or try to hide it, it would surely catch up with him. He might manage to escape from the law, if he had committed some crime, but he would never escape from the consequences, for God knew and He would hold that person accountable unless he was forgiven."

"He told me in such a beautiful way, how God loved me and that His Spirit must have been pleading with me, or I wouldn't let him pray with me, that I would yield my heart to the Lord and that I would believe that He could take all fear from my heart and direct my life in His will."

Her eyes glowed as she looked at him.

"While he was praying I began to cry and then I cried out to God to forgive all my sin and to help me to know what I should do to straighten out my life. I asked Him to save me for Jesus' sake, just like the pastor told me to, and then it seemed like a great weight had lifted and I was no longer distressed in my soul. I knew that the Lord would guide me and help me. I knew what I must do."

"I told the pastor what I must do and he assured me that God would take care of me and that, no matter what happened, it would be for good to me. I never had such peace in my heart as I have now, Howard. I know that the Lord has forgiven everything."

"I'm so glad for you," he said tenderly as he put his arm around her. In his heart he wasn't glad, for he felt that something had come between them, something which separated them, for he couldn't enter into this peace which she now had.

She released herself from his arms and looked into his eyes.

"I'm going to have to go back," she said. "I'm going to have to face whatever waits for me there. It will be hard and I'm trying not to be afraid, but, no matter what happens, I've got to go back. I can't go on with God unless I do."

"I thought that when you asked the Lord to save you that He forgave your sin, whatever it might be," he said.

"He did, but there are some things that I have to straighten out. The pastor made that very plain. If we are forgiven and there are things that we can straighten out or restitution that we can make, if we want to go on with God, we have to clear those things up. That's what I've got to do."

(To be Continued)

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Northern District

First Vacation Bible School in Yorkton, Sask.

The first Vacation Bible School held by the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., was conducted from July 9 to 13. Morning and afternoon sessions were held. A total of 143 pupils were enrolled and the average attendance was 120. A group of 23 consecrated teachers taught and guided them. Many blessings were received during this week which was climaxed on Friday evening, July 13, when the pupils presented an excellent program. They told the congregation joyfully what they had heard and they also displayed their handcraft in the lower auditorium.

This Bible School was a great highlight in our church. It challenged us to praise God for his faithfulness and blessings of the past and for the many opportunities it gives us now to witness for him in Yorkton. We are also grateful to the teachers for their fine co-operation and their faithful and sacrificial work.

Walter Kerber, Pastor



The first Vacation Bible School at the Central Church, Yorkton, Sask., had an enrollment of 143 pupils. Rev. Walter Kerber, pastor, is at the extreme left.

Western District

Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., Welcomes New Pastor

After nearly a year of waiting on the Lord and seeking his guidance in the calling of a pastor, we of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma Washington, rejoice that God answered our prayers and sent Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, formerly of West St. Paul, Minn.

The reception, held June 24, was a joyous one with a representative from the different organizations of the church welcoming Mr. Ganstrom and his family. Several ministers from the area also brought words of welcome. The choir sang their welcome in several selections. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, guest speaker, gave a very inspiring message. Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed.

We at Calvary Church know we have a lot of work ahead of us. Working together with our pastor, we are looking forward to growth in our church and in our own spiritual lives. May the Lord bless us in our endeavor!

Judy Klapstein, Reporter

Farewell Service for Rev. Robert Schreiber at Lodi

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). With these words, our pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, who has accepted the call of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Illinois, bade farewell to

Rev. Robert L. Saucy Ordained at Salem, Oregon

The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon on July 24 had the privilege of ordaining Robert L. Saucy into the Gospel ministry. A council composed of 15 messengers, representing five churches of the North American Baptist General Conference, and one church of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon, met July 24 to examine Mr. Saucy. Rev. Henry Barnet was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Bruce A. Rich as Clerk. Pastor of the Bethel Church, Rev. Everett Barker delivered the ordination sermon, based on I Peter 5: 1-11.

Rev. Robert Saucy, a member of the Bethel Church, is a native of Salem, Oregon. After two years at George Fox College in Newberg, he went on to graduate from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., with the A.B. degree in history. The Lord then led him to Dallas, Texas where he attended the Dallas Theological Seminary and received the Th.M. and Th.D. Degrees. While in the seminary he served as co-pastor of the Milligan Bible Church for a brief time and taught Bible and Doctrine at the Southern Bible Training School. Presently Dr. Saucy is serving as professor of English Bible and Systematic Theology at the Talbot Theological Seminary, which is an affiliated school of Biola, Incorporated. Dr. Saucy and his family are residing in Buena Park, California.

Bruce A. Rich, Clerk

Corner Stone Laying Service, Trinity Church, Kelowna

July 1st was a double celebration for the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C. It featured not only Dominion Day but also the Corner Stone Laying Service for our new building. Although our spacious building of 150 by 40 foot Sunday school unit and 42 by 62 foot auditorium is not completed, still we could joyfully sing, "Standing on the Promises of God our King." Rev. E. H. Nikkel read from I Peter 2. The male choir sang and Rev. J. B. Kornalewski led in prayer. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our guest speaker, brought greetings from headquarters and congratulated the church on the vast amount of work already done.

In the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone, Rev. E. H. Nikkel, pastor read from the documents which were put in a steel box, including a report from the "Baptist Herald" of the ground breaking in April and a Bible. Mr. A. Schellenberg, the contractor, put the corner stone in place. The Trinity Church was organized in March 1961, with a charter membership of 61, to which 13 persons have been added since then. We were received into the British Columbia Association in May 1961 and recognized by the Pacific Conference in June 1962. The building was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God as the people renewed their pledge to serve him and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg sealed the service with a prayer of dedication, presenting the stone and the lively stones to the Great Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, for his service.

Rose Leschert, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penner of Portland, Oregon, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 1st. About 200 relatives and friends attended the reception in their honor in the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Their son, Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., welcomed the friends attending. In behalf of the honored couple's two children, himself and a daughter, Mrs. John Rouse (Dorothy) of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Penner expressed their appreciation for faithful Christian parents.

Guests enjoyed the vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. William Rouse (grandson), entitled "It's Not the First Mile." Dr. John Wobig, pastor, gave a short message based on Psalm 118:23 and 24, and, speaking for the church, wished the couple many more years of happiness together. Ronald Began rendered a trumpet solo, "Now I'm Happy with the Lord," accompanied on the organ by Mrs. James Billeter. Pouring at the beautifully decorated table were Mrs. Elizabeth Fimmel and Miss Donna Rouse, granddaughter. Assisting were Mrs. Robert Penner, Mrs. William Rouse, the Misses Carolyn Rouse (granddaughter), Diane Penner (granddaughter), Leanne Beck and Beverlee Brooks.

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

Berean Baptist Vacation Bible School, Los Angeles

The Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., conducted its annual Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 29. The curriculum was developed by the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis, who served as director. The curriculum included worship service, Bible memory work, Bible story time, Bible classes, missions, hymn time, fun song time, and handcraft.

The enrollment of pupils totaled 108, from age six to sixteen, including 34 junior high school and 7 high school young people. Eighteen teachers, all of college age or above, composed the voluntary staff of the school. The high point in attendance was 112, the low, 95—the average daily attendance was 104.5.

The missionary offering amounted to \$27.06. It will be used for children's work on our mission field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon. The closing program was presented Friday evening, June 29, to a crowded church. An offering of \$218.55 was received for the expenses of the school. The children and young people enjoyed color movies of the school taken over the past six years.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor

Central District

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas

The clear church bell summoned the boys and girls to their sessions of Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas. Twenty-five children and ten staff members assembled in the basement of our church to "Adventure With

September 13, 1962



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penner of Portland, Oregon, members of the Trinity Baptist Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 1st.

Christ" from June 4 to 8.

The children learned about our mission fields each day and one day saw slides of our work in Japan. The one week went too fast, even though we had sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our offering of \$12.34 went to Church Extension. Although there were no visible decisions for Christ, all were strengthened in their faith.

Clemence Auch, Pastor

Vacation Bible School at West Fargo, N. Dak.

The Vacation Bible School of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., was conducted for 7 days from June 11-19. An average attendance of 67 was recorded. The course taught was "Let's Learn About God." Our pastor, Rev. Leon Bill, served as director. The eight classes were taught by the following teachers: Nursery, Mrs. Ernest Trautmann and Mrs. Milbert Fischer; Kindergarten, Mrs. Leon Bill, Miss Linnea Haas and Mrs. Kenneth Adler; Primary, Mrs. Elroy Trochmann, Mrs. Gust Meth

and Mrs. LaVane Weight; Junior, Mrs. Allen Gillespie, Mrs. Alex Gillespie and Mrs. Wesley Kahler; and Junior High Mrs. Royal Diede, Mrs. Bennie Rott served cookies and Kool-aid to the children and staff each day.

Our missionary project was a year's support for a leprosy child at the New Hope Settlement in the West Cameroons, Africa. On May 10 we had a Graduates' Banquet in our church basement with 13 graduates honored. Rev. Stanley Nelson, pastor of the Bethel Evangelical Free Church of Fargo, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Milbert Fischer, Reporter

Wedding of Mrs. Becker and Mr. H. Schrenk

Mrs. Marie Becker of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Henry Schrenk of Salem, Oregon, exchanged marriage vows July 20 in the chapel of the Home for the Aged in Bismarck. Rev. Allan Strohschein of the Bismarck Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Home. Rev. and Mrs. Eric Gutsche sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Rust of Martin, N. Dak. Mrs. Ida Breiting was at the guest book, Mrs. Victor Bettger, Stanton, N. Dak., had charge of gifts and Orrin Enockson and Walter Aman served as ushers.

Mrs. Becker has been serving as matron of the Baptist Home for nearly four years. She has given a faithful and unselfish ministry to the elderly folk, giving them loving aid in the time of adjustment, wise counsel in many areas, as well as ministering to their bodily and spiritual needs. Her resignation became effective on July 15th.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel of Bismarck for the bridal party and the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home and their wives. The president of the Board, Rev. Alfred Weisser, presented her with an honorarium in appreciation of her services. The Schrenks will make their home in Salem, Oregon.

Orrin B. Enockson, Reporter



The Vacation Bible School at the Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., had a enrollment of 108 pupils with 18 volunteer teachers. Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor and director of the school, is at the right, 2nd row from the back.

Birthday Party and Vacation School, Sidney, Montana

Recent events at the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana were the "All Church Birthday Party" sponsored by the Ladies' Missionary Society in May. The tables were attractively decorated for each month of the year and each sat at the table wherein his or her birthday fell. Various numbers were rendered in songs as well as readings and a short devotional was given by the pastor, Rev. Arnold M. Friez. A birthday offering was taken.

A Vacation Bible School was held from June 11-15 with all day sessions and using the theme, "Adventuring with Christ." The following is a list of teachers and classes taught: Beginners, Mrs. Lynn Foltz, Sylvia Pust, assistant; Primary, Mrs. Gladys Tibbits, Jean Foltz, assistant; Juniors, Mary Lee Zimmerman; and Intermediates, Lynda Candee, Rita Fay, assistant. A program was held on June 17 and the handwork of the various departments was on display for parents and friends to view following the program. Although we can not report any results, we have felt that the homes reached will be a blessing for the children and the church as well.

Mrs. A. Friez, Director

Community Vacation Bible School at Aplington, Iowa

The Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, participated with the First Presbyterian and First Reformed Churches in a community Vacation Bible School, June 4-15. Sessions of the two-week ministry were held in the public school. Mrs. Harm Sherman of the Baptist Church served efficiently as general superintendent, guiding the school in its study of the theme, "Patriots for Christ."

The total enrollment of the school was 310, with 95 of these from the Baptist Church. Average attendance was 296. Thirty-two teachers served on the staff, 15 from the Baptist Church. The missionary offering, totaling \$303.64, was designated for inter-denominational ministries: the American Bible Society, World Vision, Inc., and the Pacific Garden Mission. The final program was held on Sunday evening, June 17, in the high school auditorium.

Donald Patet, Pastor

Southern Conference Sessions, Central Church, Waco, Texas

The Southern Conference was welcomed by Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor of the Central Church, Waco, Texas, July 12-15. We were happy to have Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. George A. Dunger, and Rev. J. C. Gunst of our denomination with us as guest speakers. The theme of the conference was "Significant Stewardship." Dr. Louis R. Johnson, who had just arrived as the new Church Extension pastor at Dallas, gave a message on "You Are a Steward of Temporal Possessions" at the Baptist Men's meeting. Rev. Walter Weber, Mission Secretary of Crawford, Rev. Raymond Castro of Rio Grande City, Rev. Alex Sotzmann of Louisiana, Rev. Raymond Bennett of Greenvine, Rev. Richard Mayforth of Kyle, Rev. George Conway of Donna, and Rev. L. B. Hinz ably rendered their services to the Lord.



Vacation Bible School group at the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Business sessions were rapid and congenial, with fine reports from our Seminary, denominational work, and Rio Grande Mission. Special music by the Waco church choir, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. Hinz and daughters was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. E. Schmeltekopf presided at our women's meetings. Mrs. Walter Weber gave a talk on "Stewardship in All Phases of Our Home Life." The closing message was by Dr. George A. Dunger on "Christian Education in Contemporary Africa," showing colored slides of Ghana and the Cameroons. Offerings were over \$327.00. These days brought rich blessings, serious thinking, and heart searching questions to us. May God help us to revalue our assets in the light of his Word and prayerfully resolve to meet our responsibilities on the mission fields God has entrusted to us.

Mrs. L. S. Elliott, Reporter

Montana-Dakota Women's Missionary Union Sessions

The 50th sessions of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union convened at Bismarck, N. Dak., on June 22, with Mrs. Jothan Benke, president, presiding, who also welcomed all present to the 50th anniversary of the W.M.U. Following a luncheon at the Country Club, Mrs. Daniel Heringer led us in a short song service which was followed by devotions given by Mrs. R. Grenz. Mrs. A. Reeh gave a brief resume of the first meeting of the W.M.U. held at Avon, S. Dak., on June 28, 1912.

A Memorial Service conducted by Mrs. Harold Weiss reminded us anew that we are here only a short while. The Medina, Minot-First Baptist and Air Force Base Societies were welcomed into our fellowship. Of the 74 societies, there were only 5 societies that were not represented when roll call was taken. Our missionary Miss Minnie Kuhn, then challenged our

NOTICE

The annual business meeting of the Society of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota, will be held at the Home on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 10:00 A.M. The annual program will be in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Orrin B. Enockson, Sec'y.
Baptist Home for the Aged
Bismarck, North Dakota

hearts to greater service as she told us about the African women who have come out of paganism and are living abundantly for Christ.

The Ladies' Program which was given in the evening was well attended. The pageant, "Living Abundantly for Christ," was portrayed. The climax of the pageant showed the delegates appearing representing our mission countries, dressed in appropriate costumes. All then joined hands and knelt at the cross. The Ladies' Chorus under the direction of Mrs. M. Becker sang two numbers.

Mrs. Arnold Friez, Reporter

Eastern District

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J.

Two full weeks of rich blessing were experienced by the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey during the period of Vacation Bible School, held at our church from June 18-29. The Scripture Press course used was both timely and challenging for pupils and teachers alike. We were challenged to be faithful patriots, not only of this land but also of the Kingdom of God.

Our enrollment this year reached 84 which filled our facilities to total capacity. The fine staff of 18 teachers and helpers was directed by our pastor, Rev. Arthur W. Boymook. Each year some young lives are touched through our Bible school and many have accepted Christ as Savior and now are being added to the church. We praise the Lord for the privilege of being able to conduct a Vacation Bible School.

Grace Epp, Reporter

Baptist Vacation Bible School at Neustadt, Ontario

From July 16-27 five teachers and eight helpers led 44 pupils in "Adventuring with Christ" at the Vacation Bible School held at the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario. The school had provisions for teaching three age levels, Beginners, Primary, and Junior. The average attendance was 39 pupils.

Mr. Arthur Helwig led the pupils each day in 20 minutes of worship, as well as 15 minutes of "sing time." He also taught the Primary Class during the second week. Mr. George Derbecker, church school superintendent, along with Lynn Helwig, Alfred Derbecker, Walter Helwig, Paul Helwig and Miss Ruth Helwig took time out from their work and in their turn told a special story or object lesson during the opening worship. Every morning at recess time, the ladies of the Dr. Timpany Mission Circle took turns in providing and serving refreshments. A special treat of ice cream and lemonade on the last Friday brought the school to an enjoyable conclusion.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor

Bethel House Dedicated by Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

Sunday afternoon, August 5, was a memorable day for the members and friends of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. The house adjacent to

the church on Kenneth Avenue that was purchased for additional educational purposes was dedicated in the afternoon. Members and friends gathered on the lawn which will be used as a parking area.

Service began with the singing of the "Doxology." Scripture reading was from I Kings 8:22-29 by Thomas Danvir, Sunday school superintendent. Prayer was by Allan Lingenfelter, a Sunday school teacher, and comments by the pastor, Rev. Richard Sparling. The message by Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary, was followed by the dedication prayer by Fred Pressick, chairman of the Deacons.

The house needed a name. For several weeks scholars of the Sunday school were asked to submit their choice of a name for the house. No teachers or officers were eligible. Just before the Dedication Service the teachers and officers met to consider all the names submitted. The name chosen was "Bethel House" which was submitted by Linda Sparling.

Florence Pressick, Clerk

German Church, Toronto, Ontario, Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The 10th anniversary of the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario was observed with a series of festive programs on June 16 and 17. On Saturday evening a Dedication Service was held at which Messrs. O. Fiedler, H. Hermann, P. Gutsche and A. Rottke brought reminiscences of the early beginnings of the work here. The church was organized on July 13, 1952 with 35 members. In 1956 the church bought a former Jewish synagogue and remodeled it into an attractive and worshipful church sanctuary. At present the church membership has risen to 240. Rev. W. C. Damrau of Buffalo, N. Y., served as guest speaker at this happy occasion.

On Sunday, June 17, the church was filled to capacity for the anniversary services. Dr. A. S. Felberg of Edmonton, Alberta, president of the Christian Training Institute, brought the anniversary sermon. Many musical



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware.

groups made their contributions to the successful program featuring the brass band, church choir, male chorus, stringed orchestra, and violin solos. Representatives of our sister churches—Salem and Central Churches of Kitchener, St. Catharines and Hamilton—extended greetings as well as representatives of the Canadian Baptist Home Mission Board, of the Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Latvian, Hungarian and Estonian Baptist churches. During the day we remembered with sincere gratitude the ministry of former pastors: Rev. H. Stinner, now of Calgary,

Alberta; the late Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt; and Rev. Philip Scherer, now of Germany. Mr. A. Rottke told how the church had grown in recent years under the aggressive ministry of Rev. O. A. Ertis, pastor, with all organizations of the church actively going forward. The thank offerings of the day amounted to \$800 and were designated for foreign missions.

Elizabeth Diebow, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Elsmere, Delaware

The First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware with Rev. Christian Peters as pastor, held its Vacation Bible School June 18-29. "My Bible And I" was the theme, as we taught the boys and girls and young people how to use the Word of God in their daily lives. An enrollment of 118 was reached, with a wonderful staff of 24 teachers and helpers, giving their time to give this Bible teaching program.

The closing exercises featured colored slides of the boys and girls in action in their classes. This was a real climax to the two weeks of studying God's Word and singing his praises.

Mrs. Marlin Weaver,
Director

Vacation School, Fellowship Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.

A very successful Vacation Bible School at the Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Mich., has come to a conclusion with a program by the children. We had our Vacation Bible School for two weeks with an enrollment of 78. The attendance was very good and the children enjoyed the great time of fellowship and learning. Since we are in the new area, the children were from various homes of the community. Our teachers did a wonderful job. We are grateful for the many people who brought the boys and girls daily.

The mission fields of the world were emphasized, and the offerings for our Cameroons Bible School amounted to \$49.68. Our church has been blessed by the Bible School, for many contacts with new families of the community were made and the results will be considerable for the days to come. We thank the Lord for the blessings he bestowed upon the Bible School and upon our new church.

Walter Stein, Pastor



The Church Board of the German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario, which assisted the pastor, Rev. O. A. Ertis (3rd from right, front row) in the celebration of the church's 10th anniversary, June 16 and 17.

A TRUE S. S. GAUGE

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the place of the Lord's appointment.

Could you as a Sunday school member, or as a teacher, pass a simple test answering such general questions as the location of fields in which God is permitting us to labor; naming twenty of our eighty-two missionaries and listing which fields on which they serve; describing a number of methods that are used to reach hearts for Christ? An informed people are an interested people!

Do you ever feel overwhelmed and helpless in the light of world conditions? As your heart is gripped, do you wonder what can you do? The need is so vast, your resources so limited. Personally I believe the answer is to be found in making your Sunday school Christ-like in Bible study and evangelism and missions.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEEN-AGERS

1. Don't let your parents down; They brought you up.
2. Be humble enough to obey; You may give orders someday.
3. Choose companions with care; You become what they are.
4. Choose only a date Who would make a good mate.
5. Guard your thoughts; What you think, you are.
6. Be master of your habits, Or they will master you.
7. Don't be a show-off when you drive; Drive with safety and arrive.
8. Don't let the crowd pressure you. Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything.
9. Go to church faithfully; Make the week's first steps the church steps.
10. To Christ be always true; He gave his all for you.

—The Mennonite Hour

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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The answers were all evident to those who asked the questions.

IV. THE HERALD OF CHRIST. Luke 3:15-18.

John reveals the weakness of his message and baptism and the strength of Christ and his full and complete salvation. His true greatness as a prophet is evident in the fact that he humbles himself and exalts the Savior. He does not announce himself, he announces Christ.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What makes John the Baptist a great prophet?
2. Why did Jesus not simply reveal himself without the announcement of John?
3. How can John be the greatest prophet when the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he?

Memorial Tributes to God's Servants

"A Saint Has Gone Marching Home"

Mrs. Ethel Ruff Mattson of Wetaskiwin, Alberta 1910 — 1962

ETHEL (RUFF) MATTSON was born at Forestburg, Alberta, on Nov. 24, 1910. She acquired her education at Forestburg, and took her Teacher Training Course at the Camrose Normal School.

She had taken an active part in the German Baptist Church at Forestburg but, as in the case of many young people, had lost her peace with God. In speaking of her spiritual condition one day with a girl friend, she learned about Alberta Baptist Bible Academy at Wetaskiwin, and soon afterwards she made her way to that school, where she found what her longing heart was seeking. At the age of 22 she felt the call to devote her life to the Lord's work.

In 1938 she attended Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., graduating in 1942. In 1943 she was formally ordained to the Gospel ministry in the Payne Avenue Baptist Church, St. Paul. She served as a Bible School teacher, interim principal, a pastor and evangelist, and as Associate Promotional Secretary of the Midwest Hebrew Mission. For a time she served as a teacher at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton.

She will also be remembered by her writings in the "Standard," a Baptist General Conference publication, the "Baptist Herald," and her book, "The Saints Go Marching." In recent months she wrote a number of articles on aids for Sunday school teachers for the David C. Cook Publishing Company. In 1952 she visited Palestine on a Crusade to the Holy Land.

Paralyzed by a stroke in 1953, she fought her way back by what doctors termed a miracle, and for a number of years made her home in Tacoma, Wash., with her sister and brother-in-law. On May 14, 1960, she was united in marriage with Rev. Hans Mattson of Vancouver, Wash. In the fall of the same year, she and Mr. Mattson came to Alberta for special meetings, and accepting a call to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, began their ministry there in June, 1961.

Mrs. Mattson went to be with her Lord on July 21, 1962, at the age of 51 years, 7 months and 27 days. In passing she leaves to mourn, her loving husband; 3 step-children: Pauline, Mrs. Lloyd Sparks of Vancouver, Wash., Emily of St. Paul, Minn.; and John of San Diego, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren; also 6 sisters and 3 brothers. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints!

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

"Mrs. Mattson was an inspiration and blessing to so many people in our churches with her enthusiastic and soul searching messages, her many abilities in working with youth and children, her strong faith in Christ, and joyfulness which was evident to us all."—Rev. Raymond Harsch, Leduc, Alberta.

PERSONAL GRATITUDE

"I have been overwhelmed by the many expressions of comfort from friends in the

"He Served Christ Faithfully and Loved Life Intensely"

Mr. Roland Riepe of Seattle, Wash. 1887 — 1962

Mr. Roland Riepe, 75, a leading Baptist layman for fifty years in Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., died March 11, 1962. He was converted by Billy Sunday in 1903 during an evangelistic campaign in Burlington, Iowa, where he was born and spent his boyhood and youth.

He was an active, dedicated member of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa, the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash., the Fremont Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, and the Tabernacle Baptist Church, all three of the latter in Seattle, Wash. For many years he served as deacon, trustee, an executive officer of the Washington State Temperance Union, on the board of the National Temperance Union, president of the Seattle Chapter of Gideons, and a founder of the Christian Business Men's Club, Nassack, in Seattle. Never missing a church service, prayer meeting or sick visitation until his final illness, Mr. Riepe was an inspiration to his neighbors and co-workers in the Northern Pacific Railway in Tacoma and Seattle.

Besides these activities, he raised prize dahlias, wrote poetry, traveled throughout the United States visiting historical sites. He instilled in his children a love both of the Bible during daily Bible reading and prayers and a love of nature, particularly birds, whose calls he could imitate with remarkable fidelity—especially that of the bald eagle.

As a favorite speaker among Christian young people's groups, railroad and civic organizations, he showed that wit and humor could serve to further not only happiness but God's work. His personality was serious, but not dour and generally he could be said to have shown God through a happy nature. He never complained during his severe illness, but tried to think of the comfort of his wife and nurses.

Mr. Roland Riepe is survived by his wife, Martha, to whom he was married for almost 55 years, who is still an active member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Seattle; two sons: Don J., an agent for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways in Seattle and a renowned Northwest oil painter; and Dale M., a professor of philosophy at Long Island University; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Roller; and six grandchildren, including Janice Ann Riepe, a Seattle elementary teacher.

NAB churches. God bless you all for your kindness. Your letters and prayers have been a wonderful blessing to me."—Rev. Hans Mattson, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Baptist General Conference of Alberta has decided to establish the "Ethel Ruff Mattson Memorial Fund" to be used to extend the witness of Christ into new and needy fields in Alberta. Those wishing more information about the fund may write to the treasurer, Mr. T. Donelon, 11117 — 81st Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

Obituary

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

They made their home in Sioux Falls, Mrs. Schuknecht was a charter member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls in which she served her Lord faithfully. During the last few years she served as a deaconess of the church.

After a lingering illness, she was called home to be with her Lord on July 17, 1962 at the age of 57. She is survived by her husband, Jibbo, and his three sons, Harold, Lowell and Arnold; her two daughters and a son: Mrs. Elmer Harms, Corona, S. Dak.; Mrs. Dave Harms, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Lawrence DeBoer, New Haven, Conn.; 4 grandsons; 3 brothers; and 4 sisters.

Trinity Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
IVER WALKER, Pastor

MR. CHRISTIAN RUFF of Burt, North Dakota

Mr. Christian Ruff, age 74, of Burt, North Dakota died June 24, 1962 after two years of illness and several strokes. The funeral was held on Friday, June 29, 1962 in the First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota. The pastor of the church officiated and preached a message on II Timothy 4:7, 8. Mr. Ruff was born in Russia on September 18, 1887. At eighteen, he immigrated to the United States and moved to North Dakota where he homesteaded north of Burt. On December 4, 1925 he was joined in holy matrimony to Mathilda Kallis. Mr. and Mrs. Ruff continued to farm until 1949 when they retired to Burt. Mr. Ruff was an active layman in the local Baptist work and churches. Surviving Mr. Ruff are: his wife, Mathilda Ruff; one son, Christ Ruff serving in the U. S. Army in Germany; five daughters, Anna (Mrs. Trygve Tranby of Bismark), Freda (Mrs. Eddie Gruebele of Bismark), Ella (Mrs. Woodrow Pettis of Bismark), Esther (Mrs. Lawrence Colebank of Goodrich), and Martha (Mrs. Virgil Featherstone of Mott); and fifteen grandchildren. One daughter preceded Mr. Ruff in death having passed away as an infant. Interment was in the Mott Cemetery.

Mott, North Dakota
DONALD RICHTER, Pastor

MRS. MINNIE WEISS of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mrs. Minnie Weiss of Medicine Hat, Alberta was born on Feb. 17, 1895 in Poland. In 1901 Mrs. Weiss and her family emigrated to the United States. In 1910 they moved to Hilda, Alberta. In 1913 she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and united with the Hilda Baptist church. On March 26, 1916 she was united in marriage to John L. Weiss. In 1942 Mr. and Mrs. Weiss moved to Olds, Alberta and later to Kelowna, B. C. Since 1951 they made their home in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mrs. Weiss was a faithful member of the Temple Baptist Church and of the Woman's Missionary Society. Her sincerity of Christian faith was evidenced by her interest in spiritual things. Her earthly pilgrimage lasted 67 years, 5 months and 6 days. She died on July 23 at

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conferences	July, 1962	July, 1961	July, 1960
Atlantic	\$ 6,473.56	\$ 3,228.50	\$ 3,831.43
Central	13,796.02	12,003.37	13,568.95
Dakota	7,383.24	5,455.57	3,532.59
Eastern	2,762.72	2,225.95	2,059.82
Northern	3,340.55	2,075.35	4,220.50
Northwestern	6,226.38	7,835.65	7,716.08
Pacific	10,225.23	10,078.08	15,560.41
Southern	1,071.54	552.38	1,133.92
Southwestern	3,948.00	1,656.68	1,949.04
Inter-Conference	1,304.33	94.00	
Total	\$ 56,531.57	\$ 45,205.53	\$ 53,572.74

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For the month of July, 1962	\$ 50,067.52	\$ 4,781.45	\$ 1,682.60	\$ 56,531.57
For the month of July, 1961	39,028.12	814.20	5,363.21	45,205.53
For the month of July, 1960	46,599.99	1,651.99	5,320.76	53,572.74

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1962 to July 31, 1962	\$221,028.79	\$ 35,567.21	\$ 6,101.58	\$262,697.58
April 1, 1961 to July 31, 1961	178,131.23	9,724.06	24,770.93	212,626.23
April 1, 1960 to July 31, 1960	177,818.24	5,199.21	23,416.74	206,434.19

MRS. KATE KNOPF of Cherokee, Oklahoma

Mrs. Kate Anna Knopf, nee Schuman was born Oct. 17, 1884 in Rochester, N. Y., and departed this life July 20, 1962. At 17 she made her decision to accept Christ as her Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized into the fellowship of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. In 1912 she was married to Rev. Albert Knopf of Bessie, Oklahoma. Together with her husband, who was a minister and missionary she gave 25 years of faithful service to her Lord. In 1933 the family moved to the Burlington, Oklahoma community to make their home. Rev. and Mrs. Knopf joined the Bethel Baptist Church in 1933. In 1945 Rev. Knopf passed away and Mrs. Knopf moved to Cherokee where she lived until her death. Mrs. Knopf knew very little of sickness until the past year when she spent many days in the hospital where she succumbed to a heart attack.

She is survived by four sons: Sam of Capron, Okla., Milton of Denver, Colorado, Bud of Cherokee, Okla., Marvin of Burlington, Okla.; three daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson, Elmo, Kansas, Mrs. Viola Fellers, Byron, Oklahoma, Mrs. Kathleen Gerber, Denver, Colorado; two sisters, 19 grandchildren.

"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not: for God took him." Gen. 5:24. May these words comfort the family whose mother also walked with God, and she is not for God took her.

Bethel Baptist Church
Cherokee, Oklahoma
KENNETH E. UNRUH, Pastor

MRS. LYDIA LOEHR of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Lydia Loehr, nee Sonneborn, of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on Dec. 10, 1878, in Monee, Ill., where she grew to young womanhood. She taught school in Monee for several years. She was also the organist of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which was her home church at the time.

In 1901 on Thanksgiving Day, she was united in marriage to Ewald Loehr of Milwaukee. This union was blessed with 5 children. She united with the Immanuel Baptist Church by baptism administered by Rev. Otto Hauser. Mrs. Loehr became a very active member of the church, and a faithful leader in the women's work. She was president of the Woman's Mission Union of the Northwest Conference in 1930. In 1961 on Thanksgiving Day, the church helped celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Loehrs.

Her death on May 16, 1962 has left a vacancy which will be hard to fill. Those who mourn her departure are her beloved husband, Ewald; two daughters: Mrs. Polaski of Milwaukee; Mrs. Adams of St. Petersburg, Florida; and grandchildren. She reached the age of 83 years, 5 months and 6 days.

Immanuel Baptist Church
Brookfield, Wisconsin
J. J. RENZ, Pastor

MRS. HATTIE SCHUKNECHT of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mrs. Hattie Schuknecht, nee Poppen, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born May 15, 1905 in Buffalo, Iowa. She moved with her family to Corona, S. Dak., where during her youth she accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak. In May 1923 she was joined in marriage to Okko DeBoer which union was blessed with four children. Corona remained her home until 1945 when she and her husband were employed by the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Her husband and one infant daughter preceded her in death. In August 1956 she married J. G. Schuknecht of Chancellor.

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THE TEACHER TODAY

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School classes into the ideal we have in mind. It is going to take real effort on our part as we meet together to understand and love one another.

The methods we choose to use must be well considered in the light of the needs and problems of those in our class. Learning will not be complete until the product of the class period is applied in the lives of the students. Our Christian life is not static, but it is dynamic. It is a life of growth and change. As we use the knowledge we gain about teaching, about people, in the light of the redemptive love of Christ, our classes can become dynamic, a real source of strength for the lives we live day by day.

ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

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and wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday school provides an opportunity for parents to join with other parents, who have the same responsibilities and problems, and who together study God's Word and glean from its pages guidance and counsel from above. The Sunday school affords to the parent the opportunity to serve his Lord and Savior. The parent, who has much experience in working with his own children, understands adult needs and, as he is successful in leading in his own home, he may then reach forth and help other children and adults find the answers to their everyday problems through the study of God's Word.

Through the cooperation of parents with the Sunday school an effective

program of Christian education can be applied to each pupil and carried forth into the home life.

Parents, as the bell rings announcing the Sunday school hour, do you drive away, having left your children behind to seek their own Christian training? Or have you parked your car expecting, with your children, to receive another hour of instruction, enlightenment and challenge as to how God would have you lead a Christian home?

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the official program. A spontaneous and informal testimonial service was arranged in the snackery after the closing service on Friday evening. The harmonious singing of the group, led by Dr. Herbert Pankratz, was accompanied with such emotional feeling that tears came to many eyes and an overflow of expression was seen in every life. The testimonies were more like an evangelistic service: "This week has been wonderful." "I felt the nearness of God." "I never dreamed that Christian fellowship could be so meaningful." "We are going to be different people from now on."

The 6th Laymen's Family Conference was different—excitingly so—from all of the other conference weeks. It reached new heights of inspiration in many ways. It left an indelible spiritual imprint on all who were there. The officers and leaders of "Baptist Men" are praying that this is the beginning of greater things for the laymen of our denomination and their families.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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It would be impossible to enumerate all that enriched our lives during those days. However, the Bible Studies by Dr. A. J. Harms were stirring and helpful in bringing us to a closer walk with God. On Thursday morning he spoke on "The Iron Gate" using the verse found in Acts 12:1-17. He pointed out the various iron gates in our lives, such as "The Iron Gate of Dishonesty," "The Iron Gate of Hatred and Bitterness," etc. He mentioned that every defeat can become a stepping stone to victory, and we can master the "iron gates" in our lives.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner's message on Friday evening was uplifting, and a wonderful climax to all that we had experienced through the week. He wove the thoughts of the various messages and panels together in speaking on the theme of the conference. "Christ, Our Confidence." He challenged us with the thought that, if we hold fast to the confidence in Christ, "we will be more than conquerors through him."

The panel discussions were informative and interesting, and the ministry of music under the capable leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Pankratz was inspiring. The tours and various forms of recreation each afternoon added much to make those days a real vacation. The boat trip with congenial companions was certainly one of the "highlights" of the week. After the service on Friday evening, the sharing of blessings received during the week as well as the enthusiastic singing in the "snackery" brought to a close an enjoyable time at Green Lake.