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## Your Pastor and Mine

IF HE is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is grey, he is too old; if he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he is not deep.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people; if he visits, he is a gadabout.

If he suggests improvements for the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestion, he is a figurehead.

If he uses too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he is not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he is windy; if less, he is lazy.

If he preaches truth, he is offensive; if not, he is a hypocrite.

If he fails to please everybody, he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody, he has no convictions.

If he preaches tithing, he is a money-grabber; if he does not, he is failing to develop his people.

If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary; if a small salary, it proves he is not worth much.

If he preaches all the time, the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invites guest preachers, he is shirking responsibility.

So what! They say the preacher has an easy time!

—Selected (Contributed by Mrs. John Baumgart, Maywood, Illinois).

## Thy Blessing, Lord, on all Vacation Days!

Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!  
For weary ones who seek the quiet ways,  
Fare forth beyond the thunder of the street,  
The marvel of Emmaus Road repeat;  
Thy comradeship so graciously bestowed  
Their hearts shall burn within them as they go.

Grant those who turn for healing to the sea  
May find the faith that once by Galilee  
Flamed brighter than the glowing fire of coals.  
And when thou hast refreshed their hungry souls,  
Speak the old words again, beside the deep,  
Bid all who love thee, Master, feed thy sheep!

Be thou with those who bide where mountains rise,  
Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!  
Give them the peace, the courage that they ask:  
New strength to face the waiting valley task,  
New light to lead through shrouding valley haze!  
Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!

### FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows one of the large bells in the bell tower of the San Juan Capistrano Mission in Southern California. This mission is famous for its swallows that nest in the buildings of the mission and for its thousands of white pigeons that eat from the hands of visitors. It is one of the best preserved historical missions in California.

### RING OUT

The poem by Alfred Tennyson was written for the new year, but the thought of its closing stanza is appropriate for any time of the year.

"Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON.** We are "Still 82" in the number of NAB missionaries serving in Africa, Japan and Austria and on our two home mission fields. In the Federal Republic of Cameroon the mission task looms larger and more challenging than ever. There is a tremendous upsurge of interest in education that can be carried on most effectively in the mission schools. Evangelism is still our greatest emphasis and has God's continued blessing. A booming building program is under way. Keep your eyes on this important "new republic" in West Africa!

**SEMINARY, SIOUX FALLS.** The Seminary halls will again be humming with activity early in September. A good sized new class of students will be enrolling for the opening classes on Sept. 9. Two new professors will be serving on the faculty. (Read the article about them in this issue.) President Frank Veninga has stated that this promises to be a banner year for "the school of the prophets." Remember the Seminary in your prayers, especially in September 1963.

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE.** The triple program of our Bible School in Edmonton, Alta., will soon be in high gear. Classes for the theological and high school students will begin on Sept. 4. The Theological Department of the C.T.I. has provided the Canadian churches with some fine, well trained pastors. This training program merits your prayers and support. The Bible School students will register and begin their studies on Oct. 7, as reported by President A. S. Felberg.

**BUILDERS, SEPT. 1963.** The appeal will soon go out to all Church Extension Builders for their \$1.00 offerings in September to be designated for the Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C. This new church in the booming building area of Kelowna is busily engaged in the construction of its new edifice, evangelizing the community and reaching the children of the area for Christ. Church Extension Builders Sunday will be observed in most NAB churches on Sept. 22, 1963 to call this important ministry of Church Extension to the attention of all of our people and to enroll at least 4,000 new BUILDERS for this program.

## NEXT ISSUE

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By Dr. R. Schilke

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## Editorial

## Don't Forget to Wind the Clock

Clocks are far from commonplace things in our lives. They fascinate us and occupy an important place in synchronizing life with all the people around us. Clocks vary from the dignified Grandfather clock to the noisy alarm clock, from the intriguing cuckoo clock on the wall to the large clock on the city hall tower to be seen for many blocks. They all tell the same time—that is, if they are correctly set and running.

But did you ever notice that no clock is wound by the passing of time? Time does not run the clock. The clock has to keep up with time by having some winding done by an outside energy. This is even true of the automatic watch on your wrist which drains some energy from the casual movements of your wrist.

Milo L. Arnold in his small book, "Life Is Like That," calls attention to the Apostle Paul's daily renewal in the inner man: "We faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). Mr. Milo went on to say: "Paul, the great apostle, learned that while the outer man was becoming wearied, the inner man too would become exhausted and run-down if it were not renewed day by day. The best Christian in the world does not operate by perpetual motion. He operates by a winding from outside himself. Oh, no, he is not wound by a metal key twisted by the hand of God. He is wound by spiritual refreshing and spiritual renewal as an investment of energy from the hand of God."

The Christian then learns not to depend upon himself but to be spiritually renewed from day to day. The summer experiences have taught us the greatness of God. The lessons of life have shown us that in God we live and move and have our being. Many of us during these past weeks have come apart to be still and know that he is God. These are the riches of his glory, described in Ephesians 3:16, "to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

The Christian also learns the rekindling, rewinding experience at the place of prayer. Life never winds its own clock. No man can operate perpetually on the energy within him. He must have a repeated experience of a spiritual encounter with God, being renewed by his touch, receiving the gifts of his grace and power, and entering into a daily fellowship with his Maker and Savior. You will have to seek him out and go boldly to his Throne of mercy.

The Christian learns that he is renewed in strength and spirit as he serves God's purposes and seeks to know his will. He is blessed with an investment of energy from the hand of God. "My strength is made perfect in weakness." "My grace is sufficient for thee." The Christian waits for the task to be revealed to him and then is obedient to that will, strengthened from above for every task and work.

Life never winds its own clock. There are no truly automatic Christians. Don't forget this important lesson of life that though outward frailties and weaknesses overtake us, the inward man is renewed day by day under the mighty hand of God!

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# What About Tomorrow?

*We cannot tarry on the launching pad, but we need not flinch at the moment of blasting off, for wherever the future takes us, our God is there.*

EVERY NOW and then man comes to a point in his lonely pilgrimage where he pauses and asks himself, "Where to now?" It is an urgent, even frightening question. Every man individually has asked this question for himself more times than he can remember. And now man collectively is asking this question again and again at the council tables of the nations around the world.

It might be supposed that Gordon Cooper and his fellow astronauts are asking it with greater insistence than anyone else, but I doubt it. What it is really like in the interspatial universe around us, notwithstanding the exploratory flights of mice, monkeys, dogs and men, is still a deep mystery. Much as everyone wants to know what it is like in outer space, that desire is no greater than the desire of each of us to know "what the future hath of wonder or surprise."

## OUR OWN SPACE-WORLD

The future looms before us much like the illimitable vistas of outer space. You and I can't penetrate it, however, as man can penetrate outer space. There is no known way of initiating an exploratory journey into the future whereby we can be informed of its opportunities or hazards. In consequence, we cannot see the distant scene or know in advance the outcome of a single day.

And yet, despite the barrier which blocks our view of the future, there is an irresistible compulsion within us to go out, to bid farewell to the familiar scenes and friendly faces of long association, to move forward into the new

and unknown realms of the future—our own individual space-world of life's tomorrows.

For us then, whether young or old, there is really no "countdown" and no turning back. Each night brings us our only respite, and each dawn brings our inevitable rendezvous with the unknown.

Exciting as all this often is, there are times when we find ourselves struggling within, partly wanting to get going and partly seeking to resist the outward thrust, willing even to forget the lure and wonder of things yet to be. For us, certainly, there is no alternative. We are hurtling, body and soul, into the unexplored and unknown paths of the future.

Amidst the excitement of these thrill-packed moments there is little time for prolonged conversations, but there is time for a top-priority directive. It is the injunction, "Nowhere without God!"

It is the same injunction which God gave to Moses when, long ago, he prepared to break out of the forbidding Sinai Desert and enter the new frontier of the Promised Land: "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

If you consider these words thoughtfully, you will find in them an expression of fundamental fact as irre-

ducible as Gibraltar. They assert that no matter where or how far man ventures in the direction of outer space or the unknown reaches of tomorrow, God is there. Long, long ago, before it ever entered into the mind of man that he could even dare to fly, he was aware of this truth. It is one of the profoundest truths of man's spiritual legacy.

The Psalmist expressed it with words of prophetic accuracy: "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there . . . If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

If ever man had the arrogance to presume that he could outrun God at the ends of the firmament—and there are men stupid enough to challenge the opening words of the Bible, "In the beginning God"—then that man has been slapped down by the scientists of nuclear physics and outer space. They are increasingly outspoken concerning the law and order that dominate interstellar space as well as operate in the rose or in the newborn child.

## WHAT FOOLS MORTALS ARE!

What fools we mortals are to presume that we could outrun God anywhere in his universe! To imagine that we, in any degree, can invade the region of the heavens or the realm of tomorrow and not find that the Eternal is there awaiting us! To forget that while we have been struggling to make the

transition from the mud to the stars, God has been at work invading our little planet with his divine splendor! That he took mere dust and gave it life; that he took mere matter and made it into mind; that he took mere flesh and breathed into it a living soul!

Not content with having created us after his own image, godlike and divine, he went even further: he sent his own Son into our world, not to condemn us but to save us unto everlasting life. Thus, no matter where we turn and what we think about ourselves and our little systems, we are brought face to face with the fundamental, inescapable fact of the everywhere-ness of God: "My presence shall go with thee."

This does not mean that we are fenced in by celestial roadblocks. It means rather that we need not fear to go out in any direction where we are called to go, because we can go "nowhere without God." And in this knowledge lies the secret of every advance and the whole life.

Like Moses in the Sinai wilderness, you and I must go out, for we cannot tarry on the launching pad. To do so is the equivalent of non-existence and death. To flinch at the moment of "blasting off" is to submit to the chains of captivity and shame. To move out is to accept the promise of the Eternal: "My Presence shall go with thee."

When God gave this assurance to Moses, he did so to answer one of man's greatest anxieties: it was an assurance regarding his knowledge and capacity to lead man into the right paths. His promise is given with the knowledge that we are going to need his help before we get very far. He understands our thoughts even afar off. And, what will baffle us even more, his thoughts often are not our thoughts, nor his ways our ways.

## GOD'S ASSURANCES

A year or two ago a businessman learned this truth the hard way. He had driven himself to the breaking point in his determination to succeed. Suddenly he was struck down, paralyzed hand and foot, unable even to speak. He no doubt had said the Twenty-third Psalm from childhood without paying too much attention to its opening statements: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down."

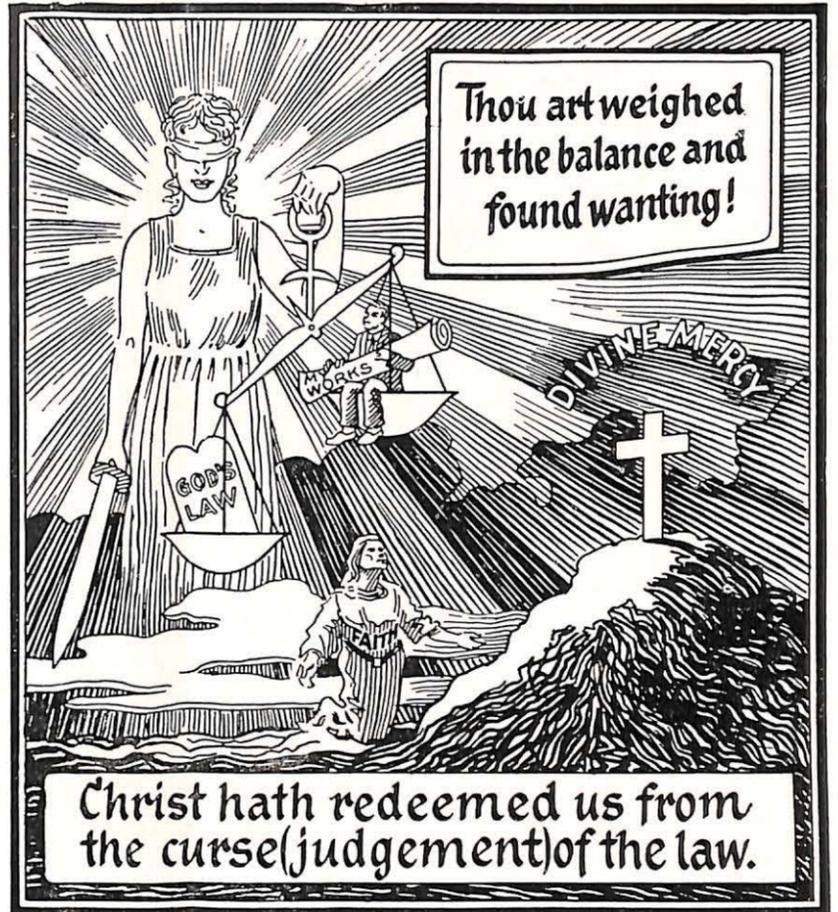
In this man's case it wasn't until he was flat on his back that he was able to look up and discover the Lord as the unseen Presence, who could and did restore his soul. Very slowly he regained his strength, and while he is still paralyzed, he is nonetheless a stronger and bigger man today than he was before.

At Christmas that year he sent to his friends and former business associates a card with this anonymous poem:

*He prayed for strength that he might achieve;*

*He was made weak that he might obey.*

*He prayed for health that he might do*



*great things;*

*He was given infirmity that he might do better things.*

*He prayed for riches that he might be happy;*

*He was given poverty that he might be wise . . .*

*He had received nothing that he had asked for, all that he hoped for;*

*His prayer was answered, he was most blessed.*

The secret, obviously, is to be content with the fundamental, inescapable fact that we can go or be "nowhere without God" and, with that knowledge, allow God to lead us.

## GOD'S DIRECTIVE

There is yet another facet of meaning to God's promise, "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." It may be expressed as a directive that, God being able to supply strength equal to our human need, what remains is for us to get going. I hardly think this directive can be interpreted as a guarantee that God intends to make it easy for us. Nor does it mean that with God as our "guiding Light" we can relax, knowing that he won't let us down. There is an erroneous idea abroad on this score, and it was aptly expressed by the speaker at a recent meeting of the American Chemical Society when he was asked how he and his partner got along.

"It's a fifty-fifty proposition," the man replied. "I think up the problems,

and he solves them."

If anyone thinks that God is this kind of a Partner, that he intends to solve our problems, keep us in prosperity and health, deliver us from suffering and struggle without our active participation in the conflict as good soldiers, then he has the wrong idea. God expects us to go out, sometimes not knowing whither we are going. He expects us to labor and struggle, not laboring for that which does not satisfy but for the values and riches that endure.

He expects us to get involved in the business of living to the extent that we take upon ourselves the burden of a cross. Yet, in all this, God regards us with the same infinite compassion with which he regarded Moses and Joshua. He said, "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest . . . Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

## GOD'S PROMISE AND PURPOSE

What is in store for each of us we cannot know. But this much is certain, as you and I go forward: we can be sure there is hard work to do and loads to lift. To expect life tomorrow to be otherwise is to misunderstand God's promise and purpose altogether. And yet, despite the hardships and burdens, the promise holds that we can go nowhere without God, and as he guides us, he will supply rest for our souls.

**Introduction of Prof. Gerald L. Borchert  
and Prof. Donald H. Madvig who will be  
joining the North American Baptist Seminary  
faculty on September 1, 1963 . . .**

## Seminary Appoints Two New Professors

By President Frank Veninga, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**T**HROUGH THE BLESSINGS and guidance of God, vision and foresight of faculty and Board of Trustees, the prayerful efforts of our pastors and churches and the generosity of an approving denomination, the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota continues its advance. Progress is an important product at the "School of the Prophets."

### PROGRESS TOWARD ACCREDITATION

In relation to the faculty the Visiting Team of the American Association of Theological Schools said: "We wish to comment upon the dedication, the conscientiousness and the professional competence of your faculty. There is a basic theological and denominational homogeneity within the school." While we appreciate this fine comment, we desire to strengthen the faculty, the very heart of our entire program.

During the coming year, Miss Martha Leyboldt, Registrar and Professor of Christian Education, will be writing her doctoral dissertation and Professor Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations and Professor of Applied Theology, will be on a leave of absence in order to continue his graduate studies at the University of Minnesota.

As a Seminary, we seek to prepare men and women for various fields of Christian service. This preparation requires a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. In fact, the study of the Bible lies at the heart of the Seminary's training program. Realizing the need for the strengthening of this important area, the administration, faculty, and the Board of Trustees recommended and the General Council approved the appointment of two carefully selected and thoroughly qualified professors, one as replacement and the other as expansion of the training program.

Through such action we meet the Accrediting Association's recommendation: "A full-time professor in the Old Testament field is urgently needed. A first-class Seminary should normally have, at least, three full-time men in the biblical field. It is our judgment that this addition to the faculty should be made as soon as possible."

It is with genuine pleasure that I introduce to our denominational constituency two new professors who will

*For thy words sake,  
and according to  
thine own heart,  
hast thou done all  
these great things,  
to make thy servant  
know them.*

II SAMUEL 7:21.

be joining the faculty, September 1, 1963.

### PROFESSOR BORCHERT

*Gerald L. Borchert, Associate Professor of New Testament*

"We are very appreciative of the confidence which you and your trustees have placed in us and we pray that we might be of service to the Seminary, the Denomination and the Kingdom of God through our work in



**PROF. GERALD L. BORCHERT**  
Associate Professor of New Testament at  
the North American Baptist Seminary.

Sioux Falls," so wrote Professor Gerald L. Borchert in a letter of acceptance, March 24, 1962.

Mr. Borchert, a native of Edmonton, Alberta, was baptized, licensed to preach, and ordained to the Christian ministry in the First Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. Prior to relocating from Edmonton to Calgary, the parents held membership in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, one of the influential churches affiliated with the North American Baptist General Conference.

On May 23, 1959, Mr. Borchert was married to Doris Ann Cox of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Borchert is a graduate of Eastern Baptist College (B.A.—Cum Laude) and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.R.E.). She has taught in the Princeton, New Jersey, school system.

### DEGREES AND HONORS

The newly appointed professor comes to his position well qualified, having earned the following degrees: B.A. and LL.B., University of Alberta; B.D. (Summa Cum Laude), Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary. The doctoral dissertation will be completed next year at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Varied academic honors have come to Mr. Borchert in high school, university, and seminary. He was a Research Assistant and a New Testament Fellow at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

In the area of ministerial service, he was engaged as an assistant in Christian Education for two years at Christ West Hope Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has spoken in various Baptist churches in Western Canada, New Jersey and in Pennsylvania. Mr. Borchert has been "the pillar of a small Baptist Church in Princeton, New Jersey."

Publications have appeared in *The Seminarian*, *Christianity Today*, *Foundations*, *The Watchman-Examiner*, and the *Baptist Herald*.

In a letter of recommendation, a former professor of Mr. Borchert wrote, "In my more than thirty years of teaching, he stands out as one of the few persons who seems to have dedicated his whole being to the work of

Christ. If we had a place open on this faculty, I would certainly strongly urge that he be considered."

### PROFESSOR MADVIG

*Donald Harold Madvig, Associate Professor of Old Testament*

A letter from Professor Madvig dated May 29, 1963, accepting our call to join the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, reads, "It is with a deep sense of joy that I declare my thankful acceptance of this call. This is another evidence of the faithfulness of God who has saved me and called me into his service."

Mr. Madvig, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, came to trust in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and committed his life to him at an early age.



**PROF. DONALD H. MADVIG**

Associate Professor of Old Testament at  
the North American Baptist Seminary.

His childhood and youth were spent in Aberdeen, South Dakota and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was licensed to preach while serving as student pastor at the Baptist Church of Aitkin, Minnesota. Mr. Madvig pastored the Calvary Baptist Church, Arcadia, Nebraska, and the First Baptist Church of Grand Marais, Minnesota, where he was ordained into the Gospel ministry.

While studying at Brandeis University, he served as youth pastor of the Belmont Street Baptist Church of Worcester, Massachusetts and for nearly two years as pastor of a Church Extension project, the Saxonville Baptist Church, Framingham, Massachusetts. These churches are affiliated with the Baptist General Conference.

In the course of his formal training for Christian service, he earned the following degrees: B.A., Bethel College; B.D. (with honors), Bethel Theological Seminary; Th.M., Fuller Theological Seminary; M.A., Brandeis University. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at Brandeis University having completed all residence requirements and a considerable portion of the work on his dissertation. Mr. Madvig was a Teaching Fellow at Fuller Theological

Seminary. He is a member of the National Association of Biblical Instructors.

### PROFESSOR MADVIG'S FAMILY

For a number of years, Mr. Madvig has been active in Summer Bible Camp work. He was business manager of the Wilderness Camp on Mink Lake in Minnesota for three seasons, program director one season and general manager one season of the Tispaquin Gospel Camp in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

On June 14, 1949, he was united in marriage with LaVerne E. Wall of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Madvig studied at Bethel College for two years and took additional work at the

### SEMINARY SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 9—Registration.  
Sept. 10-11—Seminary Retreat at Lake Poinsett Camp with Rev. David J. Draewell as lecturer.  
Sept. 13—Fall Convocation with Professor Gerald Borchert as speaker.  
Sept. 26—Semesterly Day of Prayer.  
Sept. 3-27—Training of God's Volunteers.



President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary speaking from the Chapel pulpit.

### "FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY"

I trust that our entire denominational fellowship will remember these brethren in prayer, each of whom feels providentially led to serve the Seminary and our denomination. Furthermore, we appeal to our pastors and churches to send their fine young people to the North American Baptist Seminary for their training for Christian service.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors; and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4: 11-12). May the Lord enlarge and enrich the work and program of the North American Baptist General Conference through the ministry of the "School of the Prophets"!

## A Prayer

By Esther Guenther of the German Zion Baptist Church,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Give me a willing heart,  
So that I from thee may never part;  
Not honor, long life, nor gold,  
These things are vanity I am told.  
Give me a willing heart so that I may be free,  
Always and only to live my life for thee;  
Make me a blessing to those in need,  
So I to Christ them may lead.  
Give me strength to overcome sin,  
Make my heart pure from within.  
Keep me from those that may do me harm,  
From those that perform witchcraft through their charm;  
Keep my soul wide awake,  
That I thy word may never forsake!

*A teen-age girl describes "a war" that is constantly raging in each of us as she wavered between doubts and fears about God's will for her life, about God's call to serve on the mission field. Can that young person be YOU?*

## Shattered Dreams and a Serene Victory

The Testimony of JANET MOSE, a member of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware

### INTRODUCTION

This is the testimony of Janet Mose, a teen-age member of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware. We hope this will be as inspirational to other young people as her newly-discovered friend's witness was to Janet herself. (Richard W. Sparling, pastor, First Baptist Church of Elsmere.)

*"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).*

I CAN REMEMBER clearly my first day at high school not quite a year and a half ago. My thoughts were filled with the untroubled dreams of a youth seeing the doors of the future swing open as she enters in.

This tranquility faded away as the year dragged on. I became bored with the whole monotonous idea of having to sit through class after class, learning about subjects which to me seemed pointless and to have no bearing whatsoever on my future. As long as I got by, everything would surely be all right.

### SHATTERED DREAMS

At last the school year was ending and the fresh joy of spring was giving new life to everything in its earthly path.

My guidance counselor had a private conference with me and in a polite way (after having carefully gone over my grades which were near failure) she said I did not have the capabilities needed to achieve the goal of becoming a registered nurse. As she continued to advise concerning my future, her voice faded away and I could hear nothing but those sharp words which had succeeded well in tearing my heart into ribbons of deep pain and lost hope.

The only dream I had ever really cherished was that which had been mine since childhood and this was now being snatched away forever. I would never be a nurse! What could she have said to hurt me more? Somehow tears kept stealing down my cheeks against the pride which ordered them concealed.

Summer nights were especially long

and troubled, as sleep was often impossible and many times I was haunted by tears of deep, unending sorrow. It was during troubled periods like these that God seemed to be speaking. Softly and at moments least desired, his gentle voice would sound echoes within my heart. He wanted me to trust in him completely, because my life and service were needed somewhere for his glory.

Thoughts turned against Christ; yes, against the One who died in my place. I hated him who had saved me because I was afraid to hope again, for thought of failure and the shame that this would lead to. I refused to believe that my only trust could be placed in God.

Many were the times I tried to run away from his call. But have you ever tried escaping from something which is absolutely everywhere? You may just as well hide from your shadow in the midst of a vast desert, covered only by miles of sand and a never-ending sun.

### A MIRACLE AT CAMP

A miracle began happening that August. I had the offer of half my tuition paid to camp. (I had been saving my pennies since June for this but would never have made it had God not intervened.)

As soon as I had entered my assigned cabin, I met a girl whom I shall never forget. She was extremely light-hearted and trusting, and none of us who knew her ever got by without being known as "my good Christian friend." Nothing seemed to phase her; or so I thought, until we had the opportunity later of talking together in-

*For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. ~PROVERBS II, 6.*

timately, and she spoke to me with tear-filled eyes.

Upon hearing her story I was astonished—she was relating to me my own experiences. As I listened, though, I soon realized our differences.

"I know now that I was wrong, Janet. Selfishly I wanted one thing for my life, but I was too blind to see or care that God had other plans. So I got hurt. Then I hurt him to keep from blaming myself. It took the patient help of both my pastor and my mother to straighten me out with God. But still I feel so weak, and hurt in my Christianity. That's why I had to come here, to strengthen my life in him by being with those he loves. I can never face another year of school if I don't."

It was through this wonderful girl's life, that my bitterness gradually melted into love. God, in his own mysterious way, had made it possible that we, many miles apart, could meet together, and learn to love, laugh, and hope together in Christ. May God bless her always!

A family of missionaries had arrived from Africa and were to instruct the senior Bible classes and evening chapel at the camp. Sometimes a person can be stubborn and strong-willed, but I was a prime example! Day after day I would try to disregard each message the missionary would bring, but in a matter of time my thirst for more and more knowledge of his work in Africa became unquenchable; I became one of his most enthusiastic students. Yet more important than this, I began to understand that this was the will of God, that I must offer my life to him in service on the mission fields.

### A MISSIONARY CONVERSATION

Meanwhile, my roommate and I became very close friends. One morning I noticed that after Bible class this usually happy-go-lucky person seemed very deeply troubled. When I asked her what was wrong, she asked me to come with her to see Mr. "Jones," the missionary. I did, for her sake, but felt reluctant in talking with him.

"My good Christian friend!" By the time they had finished talking, she was a new and happier person. Her life was surrendered *totally* to Christ, our Savior, as Lord, and her face glowed to prove it. We walked back

to our cabin where we could be alone to pray for guidance. My friend doesn't know yet, but as we were seated together in silence, Satan won another victory—I refused to pray.

The week was drawing to a close, and I became more and more aware of God's lovely presence everywhere! In the clear night skies, in the beautiful lake and trees, and mostly in the lives of everyone around me, he seemed so near and beautiful. I became aware of his nearness, and wished never to lose this one thing which meant so much, and yet I could not allow him to fill my life completely. I felt and wished God would understand, that I could never answer his call.

Would it be possible for me even to dare believe that I, with so little ability, could acquire top grades for the rest of my years in high school? Last winter seemed to have been all in vain, since most of my grades were just passing. But high grades were certainly necessary for me if I were to enter a Bible college as part of my training for God's service.

### THE BURDEN OF DOUBTS

It was Friday morning, our last full day at camp. I felt strangely conscious of the fact that God's proximity had never burdened me so much at one time as it did this day. Neither will words ever accurately describe how I felt. This was not only my last day at camp, but could well be my last chance to say: "Yes, God, I'll go." But how could I ever say "yes"? There was no longer any desire to eat, and upon each attempt to speak, I was unable to continue. I would walk alone by the lake, or wander slowly up-hill to our cabin, then turn back and continue just walking and thinking, and praying.

The same doubts and fears burdened me constantly. I had to be sure that this was God calling me. It could have been my own desires for success and happiness in the career I had always wanted. I wanted so very much to believe, but first I *had* to be sure that this was God's calling. But how could I be sure? Why would God, in all his wisdom, ever choose me to serve him as a missionary?

It was noon, and there was a baseball game, which some were watching and in which some were participating. I hardly realized that the game was in full force and had to walk away, wanting so very much to be alone with God; but this seemed impossible, also.

### "ARE YOU WILLING TO GO?"

I needed someone to help me dispel this awful feeling of uncertainty. But no one, not even my best friend knew what was troubling me. I kept this concealed as best I could.

Mr. "Jones," the missionary, had been talking to some boys; now they were gone, and he was standing alone. It seemed that God was urging me to go to him. I had to go.

We had only spoken for a short time when he asked me this one question

which was now tearing me apart, "Are you willing to go?" I hesitated to answer this and thought of a million reasons why I couldn't possibly go in the service of God. Suddenly I answered "Yes," but added, "I guess so."

That night, during our last campfire, the missionary stood alone in a long white robe, which was commonly worn by the tribe of which he was speaking. He began to tell, in his closing, of a war that is constantly raging in each of us—a war between life and death, between right and wrong, between God and Satan. He warned that this war can be won or lost to the cause of Christ by our decision only. Each time we say, "Yes, Father," we are defeating Satan and weakening his power in our lives.

After a pause, Mr. "Jones" said he was going to do something a little differently. He challenged that if some-

My flashlight dropped to the ground as I came to Mr. "Jones'" side and stood facing the whole world with sudden confidence. Some strange force extremely evil and powerful had been struggling to the very last instant for my life, but something stronger and mightier yet had been victorious!

It was as though we were standing together, God and I, and in my heart there came a challenge to—somewhere, "Lift up your heart and be ready. We're coming together. Don't ever doubt this. Only hope and believe!"

On that clear summer night many months ago, I reached out and took God's hand. He smiled at me, and with the warmth of that smile I knew all was well. His love and guidance have followed me closely since I gave my life to him that day. A week later I went back to school, but was no longer



"ARE YOU WILLING TO GO?"

"More important than everything else, I began to understand that this was the will of God, and that I must offer my life to him in service on the mission fields." (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

one believed beyond any shadow of doubt that God was calling him to the mission fields, to come forward and stand at his right, thus showing all of Heaven and Hell that he was ready to go wherever God would lead.

### A GLORIOUS VICTORY

I remember that as his words were spoken, all was still; he spoke nothing else. I watched him, almost unable to believe that he could possibly have said what it seemed I had just heard. Reality struck me with a very hard blow, but even then I was astonished.

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### TRUST GOD ALL THE WAY

It's nearly time to report to my guidance counselor again, just as I had last spring. I wonder what she will say to me now, when she sees that I'm an honor student! I know that she will be greatly surprised (even I am surprised!) because, truly, I haven't the ability! I have proved to myself that I can't achieve the grade alone; I must have him. (It cost me the failure of a history test to prove this!)

Please, whoever you are, don't ever doubt the power and love of God. *There is no end, if you'll only give your life and trust to him.*

## Modern Soldiers Move at a Fast Clip: So Must Their Chaplain

The story of Chaplain (Captain) Clinton E. Grenz of the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

By Pfc. Mike Brennan  
of Fort Riley, Kansas

**A**STRONAUTS RACE through the atmosphere into space. Business men hop-scotch from city to city on a minute's notice. Soldiers, too, in the modern United States Army, are on a rapid moving timetable and it takes a chaplain on the move to keep pace with his soldiers.



VISITING THE SICK

Another of a minister's duties is performed by Chaplain Grenz as he visits a patient at the Irwin Army Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Chaplain (Captain) Clinton E. Grenz is one of these men who lives daily with the soldiers' rapid tempo.

### GOD'S SUMMONS

The reveille whistle calls the troops to an early morning formation. It was a different call to the military formation for Chaplain Grenz; the Divine beckoning to minister to America's defenders. "God has summoned me to be a chaplain," says Chaplain Grenz.

Chaplain Grenz, who is on duty with the 1st Engineer Battalion, a unit in the famed 1st Infantry Division, Fort



Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz leads the congregational singing at the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School in the Protestant Chapel, Fort Riley, Kansas. (U.S. Army Photograph).

Riley, Kansas, was a one time enlisted man. He earnestly feels that his two years enlisted experience (1953-55) has aided him greatly in understanding the everyday problems that servicemen encounter.

"For many of our young men in the military, it is their first time away from home," comments Chaplain Grenz. "It is also during these early manhood years that they form opinions and habits that will be guide lines for the rest of their lives," states Chaplain Grenz.

Chaplain Grenz grew up in North Dakota and was ordained as a North American Baptist minister in 1961 after he received his Bachelor of Divinity



CHAPLAIN GRENZ AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Poised behind his desk Chaplain Grenz gives spiritual guidance to a member of his unit. He also makes it a point to interview all incoming personnel. The picture was taken by Pfc. Brennan who also wrote this article. (U.S. Army Photograph).

### N.A.B. CHAPLAINS

The North American Baptist General Conference is sponsoring three Chaplains at present:

Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Leslie Albus.

Chaplain (Captain) Clinton E. Grenz.

Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) George W. Zinz, Jr.

Remember these chaplains and their important ministry in your prayers.

degree from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

### MINISTRY TO SERVICEMEN

The men under Chaplain Grenz' ministry have a chance to draw closer to God through his chapel program and extracurricular activities. The chaplain serves as the Christian Education Director for his camp area in addition to his responsibilities as a unit chaplain. Periodic religious retreats for the soldiers of his parish, Daily Vacation Bible School for dependent children, pastor classes, Bible studies, choir rehearsals, evening vesper services, Sunday school—all aid in presenting the Gospel of Christ to the men and their families in his area.

Chaplain Grenz likes his duties in the military. "I plan to make a career of it," he stated. "It's where I feel the Lord has called me. The work is most challenging and rewarding."

Men of the 1st Engineer Battalion are his church. Chaplain Grenz can always be found right where the men are, whether they be on a field maneuver, on a construction site, or even at a mandatory training class.

The engineer chaplain, his wife Carol, two daughters, Melodee Joy and Beth Ann and son Donald Howard, reside on Fort Riley's reservation.

# The Gebauer Baptist Church at CPC

The chapel at the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Africa is named after Dr. Paul Gebauer as reported by Mr. Gilbert Gordon, Missionary.

**O**N SUNDAY, NOV. 14, 1962, the Bamenda Association of the Cameroon Baptist Convention met in the chapel of Cameroon Protestant College at Bali. After the proper investigations it voted to recognize the newly formed church and admit it to membership in the Association.

This meeting was, in a way, a climax of a process started in 1956 when Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. Paul Schreiber made an agreement to change the former Basel Mission College to the Cameroon Protestant College to be jointly run by the Basel Mission and the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

### THE BAPTIST BOYS

There had been Baptist students at the Basel Mission College from the first class, and in 1953 they had organized themselves into a group called *the Baptist Boys*. They had doctrinal instruction and social activities in the group. Evangelistic activities were undertaken in union with the Presbyterians, and, since there were no Baptist churches for more than 15 miles in any direction, for the benefit of the Presbyterians. Most of the Baptist boys belonged to the Baptist church in their own village. Whenever a boy, who had not been a Christian before, became one, he was baptized by the Bamenda pastor and joined the Bamenda church.

With the formation of a Presbyterian congregation with a proper church organization in 1959, the Baptists also began to desire a more perfect organization.

In 1961 after attending the annual convention of CBC at Kumba, the delegates came back determined to do something about their position in respect to the Cameroons Baptist Convention. As a group of students they had no position at all at that time.

They wrote letters to the general secretary of the CBC, Pastor Samuel B. Nfomi, and to the advisors to the Convention, Rev. and Mrs. Ken Goodman, to find out what to do. The answer came back, "Organize your church and apply for recognition."

### CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

On Sunday evening, February 11, 1962, the Baptist boys acted on that suggestion by electing a Constitutional Committee composed of Mr. Wambeng, a Baptist teacher at the College; and the following students: Emmanuel Wango, Emmanuel Akuchu, Paul Mbangwana, and Jacob Bamodt. They asked Rev. Gilbert Gordon to act as advisor and chairman, in which position, of course, he had no vote.

In June the Constitution had been completed and was presented to the congregation. After discussion and minor changes, the Constitution was accepted by the majority of the congregation. There were one or two dissenting votes.

New officers were elected and then the charter membership list was opened. Making a church from an already existing organization presents the church with problems, but the Gebauer Baptist Church is fortunate in that no problem will be with it for more than five years! The course at the Cameroons Protestant College is five years, and it is very rare for any boy to repeat classes so that he stays more than five years.

Zacheus Kabuin and Sam Betah; Elder Deacon, Mr. E. T. Bakari; treasurer, Stephen Ndifon; secretary, George Ngala; usher, Edward Shei; song leader and assistant, John Ndume and Joseph Nkerbu.

The aim of the church is to give Baptists theory and practice in church government so that the CPC students can be informed leaders in the churches they attend after graduation; to increase their knowledge of Baptist doctrine; to aid and watch over the spiritual growth of Baptists; to further the Christian love between Baptists and Presbyterians on the compound; and to increase evangelistic activity of Baptists both in general evangelism and in evangelism that is specifically Baptist.



GEBAUER BAPTIST CHURCH AT BALI, AFRICA

The Gebauer Baptist Church in West Cameroon was built and named by the Baptist students at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali and by others who are members of this church.

Students are accepted by letter, by Christian experience after a testimony before the church, and by baptism.

The church is open to students, non-foreign tutors, domestic servants and any other Baptist on the CPC compound or in Bali town.

### FIRST BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The first baptismal service took place in the morning of the meeting of the Bamenda Association Recognition Council. The following people were baptized: Samuel N. Tambi, Abraham I. Usumang, Jonas O. Tambi, Johnson A. Aken, Samuel Fon Kimbu (all students), Miss Rose Sayani, Miss Cecelia Sayani, Mr. Solomon A. Mayaba and Mrs. Solomon (Monica) Mayaba. (Mr. Mayaba entered the Bible School at Ndu in January 1963).

The 1963 officers, who took office the Sunday after recognition, are: moderator, Emmanuel Martin; deacons: William Ekema, Henry Mimba,

### STUDENTS HONOR DR. GEBAUER

A church must have a name and the discussion on the name was lively. Very shortly it became obvious that a name honoring Dr. Gebauer would be the one most popular with the whole group. The congregation was told that usually Baptist churches have not been named after people still living. They listened politely and voted for Dr. Gebauer's name anyway. Many people pointed out that the work of Dr. Gebauer in respect to the Cameroon Protestant College had made the present church possible.

Also, they wanted to be the ones who had the *Gebauer* Baptist Church. They knew that if they didn't call their church that some other group would. All the people who were considering the name hoped that it would always be a reminder to them to work as hard for Christ as Dr. Paul Gebauer had during his years in "Southern" Cameroon.

# A Play Is Born!

Mrs. V. A. Pahl of Springside, Saskatchewan tells the fascinating story how some of her plays were written and challenges others to try their hand at writing evangelical dramatizations.

**T**HE MOST FREQUENT question I am asked is: "Where do you find the ideas to put into your plays?" It was sometimes difficult to give an answer to the question posed. However, after thinking through the question, I finally made the discovery that many of the plays I have written were the result of some incidents which had occurred, or the outlook I have had on life in general at a particular stage in my own life.

For example, my first play was "The Haven of Rest." I had come to know Christ as my Savior at 14 years of age as the result of a house-to-house visitation campaign by the pastor and personal workers. Thus, when I wrote this play at the age of 17, its theme was about the conversion of a family through the efforts of a personal worker. The main character of the play, Sylvia, was a crippled girl.

## A CRIPPLING HANDICAP

When the plot of the play called for a handicapped person, I thought that the worst predicament anyone could be in, would be to have a crippling handicap. How terrible it would be, I mused, to be unable to go cycling or hiking up beautiful Grouse Mountain at Vancouver, British Columbia. It is strange that the very handicap I thought at that time to be the worst, a few years later was to become part of my own life; for I am a polio victim, using crutches, now for 14 years.

When "The Haven of Rest" was presented in various churches after I had become handicapped, many people commented that "only Mrs. Pahl would know how to write about a crippled girl." Little did they realize that the play had been penned at the peak of physical fitness, rather than after my ordeal with the crippling monster.

"Two Shall See the Light" and "The Prisoner with the Preacher's Eyes" were written in spare moments at my office work. A gentleman had come into the office one day to inquire about out-of-province hospitalization benefits concerning his aged mother who had gone to Toronto for an eye transplant. We struck up quite a conversation and the little homey sidelights he gave me on the case, such as his mother seeing her children again for the first time in 50 years, her first airplane ride at such an age, etc., brightened up what may have been an otherwise dull day at the office. The gentleman will never know it, but his human interest story that morning caused two plays concerning "eyesight" to be born very shortly after. I checked the medical aspects of the plots with one of the medical officers so that the stories

would sound reasonable.

When we lived in Edmonton, Alberta, the busy life of city people led to the writing of "Uncle Bill's Diary." It is the story of old Uncle Bill who left a lot of wealth in his will to his nephew, contingent on the nephew's going to Bible College. The nephew's mother and dad, unconverted people, scheme and plot to thwart Uncle Bill's will to get their hands on the money. Behind each word written was a prayer of my own heart that materialistic gain might not overshadow the lasting values of time with the family, time for personal devotions, time to work in a more effective way for my Master and time to be merely still and know that the Lord is nigh!

"The Lamp Burned Low" is regarding a Christian and social drinking. It was the outcome of unsaved people telling us how they had had a drink with an active church member. This hurt! Hot, fiery thoughts about Christian compromise forced the pen into action—and "The Lamp Burned Low" was born!

Two missionary plays, "A Fortune Lost; A Future Gained" and "A Night to Remember," were born in this way. The first play is based on an incident which actually happened. The story had been told by a missionary speaker, how a rich father had disowned his son who had become a missionary, and how the son had died an impoverished man on the mission field. Although my play ends more happily than the story told, this particular play has been a tremendous challenge wherever it has been used. Little does the missionary speaker know that a story he has related has been blessed a hundredfold.

## EVANGELICAL PLAYS NEEDED

A culmination of events of lack of interest for people to serve the Lord brought the sacrificial plot of "A Night to Remember" to fruition. It is a daring play, requiring more costuming and stage props than any of the others written. The young people of Carbon, Alberta did an excellent job with this play, even to presenting it at the Youth Night at the 1960 Northern Conference at Banff, Alberta. I understand that one evening during the winter, they had travelled to Edmonton (some 200 miles) to present it at the McKernan Baptist Church. The weather was very snowy and, on the way home, several cars ended up in the ditch. It was a night to remember in more ways than one!

There is a great need for evangelical plays in our churches. The regular publishing houses may have many denominations to please, and so the plays

they have to offer are often a social-gospel, golden-rule type of play. When our young people spend many evenings learning an hour length play, they want to present a play which has a message. This need I have been endeavoring to fill.

However, time seems to be my master, and I am unable to fill every demand made. I am sure that many of our North American Baptist people must have a talent along this line, but who have never as yet used it. May I encourage you to do so. It's a wonderful hobby. It is also a marvelous way to be a blessing to others.

## PLAY REWRITTEN IN AFRICA

In closing, I must relate a humorous incident which occurred. Had polio not intervened, I would surely have been a missionary. However, it seems that if my legs cannot get me to the mission field, my pen might! At the top of each play I write the imposing but meaningless words, "Not to be reprinted without permission."

Mrs. Elmer Strauss, our missionary to the Cameroons, had gone out to the field taking with her some of my plays. When the Bible School students' wives from the Ndu field were looking for a play for one of their conferences, Mrs. Strauss came across a short little dialogue entitled, "Why Should I Be Thankful?" This gave them a springboard for an idea for their play.

The plot of the play is about a farmer whose crop has been lost through bad weather, and he is most unthankful. However, in a dream, his blessings—friends, home, crop, property, Bible—crowd around him and state that they are blessings for which he can be thankful. Under my heading of "property" the Ndu women renamed it "cargo" and rewrote it thus: "CARGO: Look over the things you have. You have a plot of ground where you can plant. You have a fine compound. You have a hose, a cutlass, and baskets for your farm work. You have fowls and goats, so you can have eggs and meat. Do not forget that in past years you have had good harvests that have helped you to buy these things."

Because the play had been rewritten prior to gaining my approval, Mrs. Strauss further wrote: "I had to laugh when I read the little notice at the top about the plays not being published without permission. This murder which we have committed of a good play can hardly be called publishing." For my part, do as you will with my plays— butcher them, rewrite them, add to them, change parts and scenes—as long as the message goes forth and is a blessing to others. We shall give the Lord the honor and the glory!

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*The Board of Christian Education is an important steppingstone in fulfilling Christ's command to "teach all nations."*

# The Board of Christian Education

By Mrs. Barbara J. Binder for the Department of Christian Education.

**T**HE WORDS OF Jesus Christ, often referred to as the Great Commission, "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," (Matthew 28:19 and 20), serve as a basis for the teaching ministry of the church. Christian churches are attempting to be obedient to this command of Christ. Under consideration in this article is the Board of Christian Education and its place as a stepping stone in fulfilling Christ's command.

One must recognize the complete program of Christian education in a church before the value of a Board of Christian Education can be appreciated. The description given in the brochure, "The Board of Christian Education in a Small Church," which was prepared by the North American Baptist Seminary, is as follows:

"The program of Christian education in the church "consists of all those activities and experiences which the church provides, directs, or uses (1) to lead persons to commit themselves to Christ and his cause, (2) to engage persons and groups in living the Christian life ever more fully and effectively, and (3) to enable persons to work together and with God in the development of a better world."

This definition clearly involves all of the educational branches of the church, the Sunday Church School; women's, men's, young adult, youth and children's groups; pastor's membership classes; leadership training classes; choirs; Vacation Church School and so forth. These branches are church-centered and integral to the work of the church. Thus Christian education is in the church, of the church, and by the church.

## WHY A BOARD?

Both large and small churches need a Board of Christian Education. The foremost reasons for a Board of Christian Education in a church are (1) that the responsibilities of the different age levels and groups are allocated to various individuals who understand those groups; (2) that the authority of the educational program of the church is not limited to one person, such as the Sunday school superintendent or the pastor; (3)

that the teaching ministry of the church remains strong and forceful during the time the church is pastorless; (4) that innate leadership ability of the laymen is developed through the Board and through the Board's placement of various individuals in leadership positions; (5) that more laymen are given the opportunity to voice suggestions for new programs and to evaluate old programs; (6) that through the Board the total educational program of the church is better organized and correlated, and is more inclusive with less duplication or neglect of certain areas, activities, or materials; and (7) that the election of the members of the Board is staggered, so that the educational program of the church is not disrupted and there is continuity in the Christian education program.

## WHERE TO START?

The first step a church takes toward a better program of Christian education is to evaluate its present program. The evaluation reveals the needs of the church and gives points at which immediate action can be taken.

The next step involves determining the aims and objectives for the future program of the church. Oftentimes a church or some of its organizations find no written aims or objectives. It is difficult to accomplish goals or to evaluate a program when there is nothing by which to measure it.

The third step involves organizing a Board of Christian Education. The Board supervises the educational branches of the church, so that the aims and objectives of the church are carried out.

## WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

At least three members of the Board are elected by the church to serve on this Board. These members represent the children, youth and adult work. The pastor, the Sunday school superintendent and a deacon (elected by the Board of Deacons) are ex officio members of the Board of Christian Education.

These persons are of strong spiritual character and of good standing in the church. Special interest in the

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field of Christian Education and concern for the work of Christian education in the church are qualifications for membership on this board.

The responsibilities of the Board of Christian Education are to determine the general policies, to plan the total educational program of the church, to study the needs of the church, to recommend and/or select curricula for the various educational organizations, to determine the time schedule, to eliminate or add classes and organizations, to determine proper use of the building and the equipment and to select personnel. Other responsibilities of the Board include publicity and promotion, the provision of leadership training courses for all workers and others, setting up a budget, making plans to reach the unchurched and to improve attendance, setting up a church calendar of activities for a year, and to promote conferences and camps.

## WHAT IS ITS ORGANIZATION?

The members of the Board of Christian Education elect a chairman to preside, a vice-chairman, and a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings. Special committees such as those to survey the building and equipment, to organize new projects, to spearhead a community census, to evaluate curriculum, to promote leadership training, to promote missions and stewardship, to guide the Vacation Church School, to select and promote audio-visuals and to be responsible for the church library, are appointed as the need arises.

Those who are elected to the Board of Christian Education are punctual in their attendance of meetings, take on responsibilities, make suggestions and evaluations and read at least two books per year on Christian education.

When a church places its educational program in the hands of a Board of Christian Education, Christian education becomes the responsibility of the church and not a step-child, and it becomes a unified effort. All the materials, methods and organizations are to be prayerfully considered by the Board of Christian Education, so that they are preparing individuals for the experiences of conversion as they are quickened by the Holy Spirit, leading in the growth in the lives of the Christians, enlisting Christians in the work of Christ in evangelizing the world, and leading them to the blessings of everlasting life.

# MARCH OF EVENTS

● **DR. WILLIAM BARCLAY.** Readers of Dr. William Barclay's books on New Testament subjects exposition will be interested to learn that he has been appointed to the Chair of Divinity and Biblical Criticism (New Testament Language and Literature) at Glasgow University, Glasgow, Scotland.—*The Baptist Times*.

● **HONEST TO GOD.** The Bishop of Woolwich's paperback book "Honest To God," now has 280,000 copies in print in Britain, America and Australia and other editions are on the way for Germany, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands. The publishers say that, so far as they can discover, no new book of serious theology has sold so quickly in the history of the world. The Bishop is now temporarily returning to Cambridge, England, where he used to be a don, to study all the reviews and 1,000 personal letters which readers have sent to him. Then he hopes to write an essay about the reactions, clarifying his own position for publication with some of the reviews and letters as another paperback book, "The Honest To God Debate."—*The Baptist Times*.

● **PAUL'S ROUTES FILMED FOR TV.** National Broadcasting Company television crews are walking today where the apostle Paul walked 1,900 years ago. With Truett Myers, television consultant for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, they are retracing some of Paul's 12,000-mile missionary footsteps. Earlier this year Myers and Paul M. Stevens, Commission director, surveyed the paths of the apostle. NBC became interested in the project and is shooting an hour-long program to be released next spring. It will be a narrated, documentary film in color, highlighting the general theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "For Liberty and Light," climaxing at the time the program is expected to be shown.—*The Commission*.

● **PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN CUBA.** The increased pace of anti-Christian activities in Cuba indicates that the newly formed Department of Religious Affairs is cracking down on the churches. It has perfected a spy system to bring the government detailed reports on the attitudes of the churches. This probably accounts for Fidel Castro's fierce speech against evangelicals as undesirable reactionaries, the imprisonment of one missionary (he was later released), and the expulsion of others. In recent months: (1) Communists interrupted a service, blaspheming God and shouting, "We are the devil." (2) Several believers were wounded in an attack on a

church. (3) A mob entered a church shouting, "Lenin, yes; Christ, no!" (4) Several churches have been closed and turned into warehouses. (5) The government has stopped construction on numerous new churches.—*The Sunday School Times*.

● **MENNONITES HELP PARAGUAYAN INDIANS.** Mennonite colonists who first came to the Chaco area of southern Paraguay in the 1920's and conquered its impenetrable jungle are now helping to resettle the Indians of that area on small farms. These fierce Indians who made their living by hunting and what food they could wrest from the jungle were nomads until

they came into contact with the Mennonites and were converted to Christianity. At first the colonists helped each individual Indian family which wanted to settle down, but eventually the demand for this help grew to such an extent that they called on the Mennonite Central Committee of Akron, Pa., for technical and financial help. Under a three-year program which is now underway, some 300 Indian families will be helped. Each of these is furnished with a few acres of land, basic farm implements, fencing and material for wells. The Indians are expected to erect their own homes and clear several acres of land.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Governor Hatfield.** Oregon's Baptist governor, the Hon. Mark Hatfield, is heading a group of Protestant laymen who have organized a nationwide drive to recruit 5,000,000 new Sunday school pupils by 1965. Called "Citizens for Sunday School," the effort will concentrate on getting present Sunday school members to bring friends and neighbors with them.

● **President of American Baptist Men.** Under sponsorship of the U.S. State Department, the president of American Baptist Men, Clifton E. Mack, visited Guinea, Sudan and Tunisia in April and May to survey university aid. A member of First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. Mack is chairman of the logistics department of the College of Commerce and Administration, Ohio State University.

● **Baptist Youth in Austria.** Seventy Austrian Baptist young people gathered in the Baptist church in Salzburg June 1-3 for their annual conference. General theme was "The work of the Holy Spirit, past and present." Rev. August Hirnböck, Baptist pastor in Salzburg, and Oswald G. Rehner of Vienna, youth secretary of the Austrian Baptist Union, were leaders for the conference. Four young people were baptized in a Sunday service of the conference. Another made pro-

fession of faith—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● **Construction Projects of Indonesians.** Indonesian Baptists have engaged in a series of construction projects. Two dormitories are under construction at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia in Semarang. An old factory building near the Baptist hospital in Kediri is being refashioned into a nurses' home to allow admission of a second class to the nursing school. Consideration is being given to missionary residences in Bukittinggi, where Baptists are planning new medical work. A large residence is being remodeled as a student center in Jogjakarta.

● **Baptist Church in Spain Reopened.** The Baptist Church in Elche, Spain, which had been closed by the Spanish Government since October 1955, was reopened March 13. "We are experiencing wonderful happenings in Spain," wrote Rev. Daniel R. White, Southern Baptist representative in Spain. "I had the privilege of accompanying Senor Juan Luis Rodrigo and Senor Jose Carbona to Elche for the opening of the Baptist Church there. We were present when the police removed the seals from the doors of the church building. I cannot describe the experience of seeing the people entering the building for the first time in over seven years. Many were in tears because they were so overcome with joy. And then they would break into hilarity, singing, praying, and praising God." The Baptists of Elche had just begun using their new chapel when it was closed and sealed.

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● **Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Schalm of Edmonton, Alta.,** have announced the birth of a son on June 20 who has been named Errol Benjamin. Professor Schalm is a member of the faculty of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

● **Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth of Kyle, Texas** have announced the birth of a daughter on July 11 who has been named Ruth Diane. This is their second child. Mr. Mayforth is pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas. The family will leave Sept. 10 for Japan where they will serve as our missionaries.

● **Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr of Minneapolis, Minn.,** have announced the birth of a son on June 22 at the University Hospital, who has been named Douglas Peter. This is their third child. Dr. Fehr has served as the medical missionary at the Government Hospital at Bamenda and at the Bansa Hospital, Bansa, West Cameroon, Africa. He and his family are now in the U. S. A. on furlough.

● **During the summer months the Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ontario** is being supplied by Mr. George Black of Madison, S. Dak., a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary. This small church in the Ontario hills has been without a pastor for several years. But the ministry of Mr. Black during the summer months has brought great blessing to the encouraging audiences in attendance and a renewed faith in God to the people.

● **The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich.,** has called Mr. A. Ray Niederer of Waco, Texas, a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, to serve as the church's Director of Christian Education beginning Sept. 1, 1963. Mr. Niederer has been a member of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas and will be ordained on Aug. 23, 1963. The pastor at the Redeemer Church of Warren, Mich., is Rev. Adolph Braun.

● **On Sunday evening, June 16,** the choirs of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., presented a "Choral Festival in Music" to a large congregation. Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker at both services on Sunday, June 9. The church held a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, Cameroons missionaries, and their family on July 3 prior to their departure for the mission field in Africa.

● **The Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta** has extended a call to Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his ministry in Carbon on Sept. 15 succeeding Rev. Willy R. Muller, now of Edmonton, Alta. Mr. Patzia has recently received his M.A. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in 1962

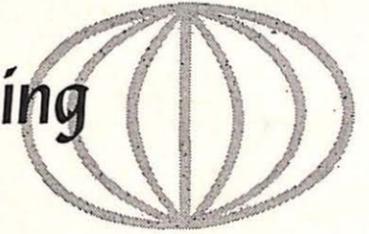
and was formerly the president of the denominational CBY Fellowship.

● **The interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill.,** is Rev. Walter Dunnett of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. He teaches New Testament, English Bible, Greek, Apologetics, Philosophy and Bible Study Methods at the school. He began his interim pastorate at the church in July. The commissioning service for

its present ministry to the community. Rev. Rubin Herrmann, pastor, referred to his church as "having a forward look into the future." The dedication of the fellowship hall, Christian education wing and the new parsonage (now under construction) is planned for Sunday, Sept. 29, 1963. The Vacation Bible School was held by the church from July 29 to August 2.

● **The Sherwood Park Baptist Church**

## what's happening



the former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder, was held on Sunday, June 16, as reported elsewhere on August 1. They are missionary appointees for the Cameroon mission field in West Africa.

● **Karen Rentz, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz, missionaries at the Baptist Teacher Training College of Great Soppo, Cameroon,** returned to the United States and Canada by plane with Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts in June for reasons of health. Karen's condition, according to the doctor, is not serious and there seems to be every hope that by proper treatment her condition can be fully cleared up. She is staying with her grandmother in Morris, Man., and her maternal grandparents in Minnetonka, Man.

● **An illustrated, two column article about the Brentview Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta.,** appeared in the "Calgary Herald" on June 29, 1963. It reviewed the history of the church and

of Greeley, Colorado, a new Church Extension project of the denomination, held a combined Vacation Bible School with the Baptist church of La Salle, Colorado in June. The enrollment totalled 68 with seven of them coming from the Greeley church. Several of the Greeley Sunday school pupils also attended a Scripture Memory Camp which was held at nearby Estes Park. Two of these accepted the Lord as Savior at the camp. Rev. Raymond Harsch is the Church Extension pastor at Greeley.

● **Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill.,** chairman of the denominational Publication Board, recently visited several churches and showed pictures of his 1962 trip to Japan and our mission fields there, Hong Kong, Thailand and India. He visited the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., on Sunday, June 16; the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa on Sunday evening, June 23; and the Community Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio on Sunday evening, June 30. His interpretive story of these fascinating places and our mission fields was deeply appreciated.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Ill.,** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 21, at the home of Mrs. Peter Reimer, Mr. Friesen's sister, in Dallas, Oregon. One of their two sons, Paul, and his family were able to be present to share in the festivities. On Sunday, August 4, Mr. Friesen began his interim pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. He brought a similar ministry at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio to a close on July 7. A reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Friesen that same evening by the Parma Heights Church with 240 people present.

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## Commissioning Service, Patricia Heller

Report of the commissioning service for the missionary-nurse held in the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by the pastor, Rev. Roger W. Schmidt

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16 a commissioning service was held in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for Miss Patricia Heller, thus answering in a most marvelous way the prayers of our pastor and people. Our church had prayed for some time that someone from our fellowship would hear the call to missionary service. Miss Heller comes from the First Baptist Church of Glenside, Pa., a church of the American Baptist Convention. Having recently received an appointment from our North American Baptist Conference as a missionary nurse to Cameroon, Africa, Miss Heller joined with our fellowship on Sunday, June 2.

For this important event we were happy and honored to have Dr. Richard Schilke, our general missionary secretary with us to give the morning address and the charge to the church. Mr. Harry Negley responded for the church with the news that the congregation had voted to undertake the support of Miss Heller over and above that which we were currently doing for our mission work. Miss Carol Neg-

ley responded for the Church School and assured our new missionary that we would support through prayer and correspondence.

Miss Heller gave a wonderful testimony of her conversion and call to the mission field. Mrs. Rudolf Jahn, representing our missionary circles, offered the prayer of consecration. Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor, led the service and gave the charge to the candidate.

This inspiring service and the sending forth of this fine "soldier of the cross" has kindled a new spark of missionary concern in our midst which we pray will lead to greater glory for our Lord and Savior.

Miss Patricia Heller was graduated from the Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing, Bryn Mawr, Pa. A period of training followed at the Frontier Nursing Service School of Nursing Midwifery at Hyden, Kentucky. Columbia University granted Patricia the B. S. degree in Nursing in 1961. Since then she has been employed in Montgomery County by the State Department of Health as a Public Health



Dr. R. Schilke (right to left), general missionary secretary, and Rev. Roger W. Schmidt of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., show Miss Patricia Heller, missionary-nurse, the mission field in West Cameroon, Africa to which she will be going.

Nurse. Patricia Heller sailed on July 11 for West Cameroon, Africa, where she is now stationed at the Banso Baptist Hospital.

we thought and prayed about it for several years.

In October 1962 Mr. Strauss met with LEROY KIEMELE, who was then at the Seminary, and they set the dates which were most suitable to them, June 14-16. This information was then passed around via the "Round Robin" and all of the rest of us marked them as red letter days for 1963.

Mrs. Jim Little (VIOLET RAU) was the first to arrive on June 7. We all agreed that she had the most difficult and farthest distance to come. She and her two small children came all the way from Sacramento, Calif., by bus.

It was indeed a thrill to welcome the STRAUSSSES to New Leipzig on Friday afternoon, June 14, LEROY KIEMELE also arrived that afternoon. Our main topic of conversation that evening was, "Is LILY BOYMOOK coming or not?" But our faith was rewarded and on Saturday morning she too joined us, coming from her home in Minitonas, Manitoba. Our ranks were complete! !

### SERVICES AT NEW LEIPZIG

We spent Saturday reviewing memories and experiences of our days together. We especially enjoyed reading over the daily diary we had kept of those eight months. We listened to a tape recording we had made of our musical numbers and our last service together in Regina, Sask. We also viewed some of the slides taken while on tour. On Sunday we participated in the services of the New Leipzig

Baptist Church. The Strausses spoke in Sunday school and Rev. Elmer Strauss told about the work in Cameroon at the morning worship service. The evening service was in charge of God's Volunteers. Rev. LeRoy Kiemele, who was ordained two days earlier, brought the evening message with testimonies and special music given by the Volunteers.

The teams members are now in the following work:

LILY BOYMOOK—check out cashier in Swan Valley Co-op Store, Swan River, Manitoba.

LEONA HOFFMAN GERBER—pastor's wife with one daughter, Marlys, eight months old.

LEROY KIEMELE—pastor of N.A.-B. church, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

VIOLET RAU LITTLE—wife and mother of Joann, 28 months and John, 11 months, Elk Grove, Calif.

SHIRLEY ROEHL—mother of Holly, 3½ years, Kenton 28 months, and Jewell 11 months.

FLOYD ROEHL—partner with father in Roehl Transfer Trucking Firm.

We especially enjoyed seeing Amy and Holly Strauss again. They supervised the younger ones very nicely and made our time together even more enjoyable. Our main thought during these days seemed to be, "Praise and thank God for enabling us to share together once again in the joys of Christian fellowship with those we love in him." Our slogan remains—"Once a Volunteer; always a Volunteer for Jesus."

### CONFERENCE REPORTS DAKOTA CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT MADISON, S. DAK.

The 55th annual Dakota Conference was held at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., June 19-23. The theme, "With Christ by the Sea," Matthew 13:1-3, was presented through various messages by Dakota Conference pastors during the conference.

The keynote address, "Hearing Christ," was given by Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, N. Dak. Pastor Fenske was celebrating his 25th year as a pastor in the Dakota Conference. Each day Dr. Ralph Powell of the Seminary led in a stimulating study on "Baptist Distinctives" which was enthusiastically received.

Missionary Ernest A. Zimbelman of Cameroon, Africa shared his concern for the Cameroons in a most challenging and unique manner. Throughout the sessions, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, presented denominational highlights and gave helpful and encouraging advice.

Nine new pastors and their wives and families were welcomed into the conference, as well as one church, the Temple Baptist Church at Lemmon, S. Dak. Over four hundred registered guests and delegates experienced the blessings, challenges and chastenings of God as they met in fellowship in the "City of Lakes and Parks."

Alvin Harsch, Reporter

## 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Theo W. Dons

Report by Rev. Merle E. Brenner, pastor of the First Baptist Church Ellinwood, Kansas

MEMORIES ORIGINATING in the First German Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa were appropriately revived a half century later in the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas on Sunday, June 23. Rev. and Mrs. Theo W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas were honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was on May 14, 1913 that Anna Muehlethaler, the favorite daughter of the Elgin community, became the bride of Rev. Theo W. Dons, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa. The Elgin news reporter described him as "a very earnest and fine young man."

Fred Dons read Psalm 103. Prayer was offered by Mr. Jeschke. Piano solos by Anne Jeschke and Janna Dons; a duet, "The Love of God," by the sons-in-law, "Johnson and Jeschke"; the 50 year old newspaper account of the wedding read by Mrs. Fred Dons; a solo by Harold Hasse, a son of the Erin Ave. Church in Cleveland, Ohio; and the pastor and representatives of First Baptist Church of Ellinwood with congratulations on behalf of the various church organizations were highlights of the anniversary program.

These reflected the esteem of the congregation to which Rev. Theo W.



Rev. & Mrs. Theo W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas were honored on their golden wedding anniversary by their children and the congregation of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas.

All the children and their families—a total of 12 grandchildren—were present: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dons, Bobby, David and Janna of Western Springs, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. William Jeschke, Billy, Tommy, Ann and John of Portland, Oregon; and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Jimmy, Linda, Mark, Cathy and Susan of St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Wm. Jeschke spoke at the morning worship service and Rev. Charles Johnson presided over the anniversary program which followed.

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT TEMPLE CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

The annual sessions of the Pacific Conference were held in the worshipful atmosphere of the beautiful edifice of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., June 12-16. "A Great World Door" was the inspiring theme taken from Revelations 3:8. A host of delegates and friends were warmly received and most graciously housed and cared for by the host church and its accommodating pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder.

A Pastors' Clinic led by our Western District secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, and the ordination examination

Dons ministered in double pastorates—1916 to 1920 and 1944 to 1952. Extended greetings from the denominational headquarters and a song by the grandchildren was followed by comments of appreciation from Mr. Dons.

A bountiful basket dinner at noon and open house from 2 to 4 P.M. completed the festive day. A host of friends from many communities extended felicitations and best wishes to the faithful couple beginning another half century of life together.

of our brother, Lloyd E. Kwast, missionary to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa, took place prior to the opening service of the Conference.

Dr. A. J. Harms, newly appointed Bible Missionary Teacher, and Missionary Fred Moore were our guest speakers on various occasions throughout the Conference. A stimulating panel, led by Rev. Bruce Rich, dealt with the timely subject, "Missions in Christian Education."

An added highlight was the recognition and acceptance of the Rose of

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## God's Volunteers' Reunion

The 1957-1958 Team holds a reunion in New Leipzig, North Dakota as reported by Mr. Floyd Roehl.

JUNE 14-16 WERE wonderful days for the 1957-1958 team of GOD'S VOLUNTEERS and their director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, and family. The reunion was held in New Leipzig, N. Dak. The former LEONA HOFFMAN is now wife of the pastor of the New Leipzig Baptist Church, Rev. Allan Gerber. Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD ROEHL also reside in New Leipzig.

Since the team separated in 1958, we have kept close contact with one

another through a "Round Robin" letter. Although it sometimes takes nearly a year to make the whole circle, "the Robin" has always made it. The Strausses start it in Africa, and it then travels in alphabetical order through the team. This letter has meant much to us, and in it we began to speak of having a reunion when the Strausses were home on furlough. None of us really believed it would be possible for everyone to attend, but



THE 1957-1958 TEAM OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Left to right (seated): Floyd Roehl, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, director; LeRoy Kiemele. Standing: Shirley Roehl, Violet Race Little, Lily Boymook, Leona Hoffman Gerber.



# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 25, 1963

Theme: VISION AT BETHEL

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Although our lives may often look like a sorry sight, God in his mercy is still able to show us a vision of what we can be.

**INTRODUCTION:** Much important and interesting material is deleted between last week's lesson and the one we are considering today. It might be well to go over the events of Abraham's death, Isaac's marriage, the birth of Esau and Jacob, and Jacob's treachery in the purchase of the birthright. Some Christians are disturbed by what appears to be the approval of God upon Jacob with all his deceptions. But it is evident that Esau had no serious purpose, no real ambition and no appreciation of spiritual values. No doubt, God in his own time and his own way would have placed Jacob in position for the birthright. Jacob, however, was impatient and had to take matters in his own hands. Yet God could still take Jacob, change his character and use him for a great purpose. In addition to his own ambition, Jacob had the help of Rebekah, his mother, whose scruples were not always on a high ethical plane. Jacob, of course, had to suffer the consequences of his deeds and we find him finally face to face with God.

### I. THE VISION AT BETHEL. Genesis 28:10-14.

There were several reasons why Jacob decided to leave home after he deceived his father and secured the birthright. There was the danger that his brother Esau would kill him; his mother helped him make plans to go to Haran; and Isaac encouraged him to seek a wife there instead of marrying a Canaanite woman.

With an unhappy home experience behind him, he must have felt very lonely and fearful when he lay down at night to go to sleep. That God appeared to him was all the more remarkable because Jacob must have been very conscious of his serious sin. Yet God was there with comfort and assurance for the man who was the hope of the covenant between God and his people.

### II. THE PRESENCE OF GOD AT BETHEL. Genesis 28:15-19.

Jacob's first reaction to God's presence was one of relief and gratitude. But when he remembered his sin, the presence of God brought fear to his

heart. Perhaps he thought God was as far away as his family, and now that he realized he could not hide from God, it made him think of his unworthiness. It is difficult for an unholy person to stand before a holy God. Yet the truth which he discovered, that God is everywhere, brought him a feeling of security. In order to help him remember this experience, he set up a pillar of stone, poured oil upon it and called the place Bethel, which means "House of God." Many years later he returned to the same place with all his family and built an altar unto the Lord. It was here that his beloved wife Rachel died and was buried (Gen. 35:7-8).

### III. THE DEDICATION AT BETHEL. Genesis 28:20-22.

Jacob's first dedication of himself was quite limited, incomplete and selfish, but it was a beginning. It was strictly on a bargain basis and filled with a number of conditional "ifs." "If God will be with me . . . if God will give me bread . . . if God will let me come again in peace." Nevertheless, Jacob prayed according to his knowledge of God and according to his faith and God accepted him on those conditions.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. Is Jacob's tithing a proper basis for Christian stewardship?
2. Do you believe that God helps those who help themselves?
3. Is it wrong to pray for the common necessities of life?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 1, 1963

Theme: SURRENDER AT PENIEL

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It is not enough to get a second hand religion from others; each man needs a personal encounter with God and a continuing relationship with him.

**INTRODUCTION:** It did not take Jacob long to go back to his old tricks. His shrewd bargaining found little difficulty in dealing with easy going Esau, but in Laban he found a worthy foe, who, at least in the beginning, always managed to keep a step ahead of Jacob.

Twenty years made quite a difference in the life of Jacob. From a lonely, fearful youth, he developed into an influential man. In his dealings with Laban he learned how to take care of himself so that he became a rich and prosperous man. His family also grew. With his two wives and two concubines, twelve sons and one daughter, he was a proud husband, father

and head of a growing household. It was time that he gathered together his family, his flocks and his herds and started out on his own. Young husbands are more commonly thought of as having trouble with a mother-in-law. Jacob, however, had all his difficulties with his father-in-law.

### I. PREPARATION FOR SURRENDER. Genesis 32:22-24a.

Jacob had already made plans to meet his brother Esau by preparing a gift which had a strong flavor of restitution. It was "conscience money," for he was filled with fear and guilt at the prospect of seeing his brother. He also made preparation by praying for his life: "Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children" (Gen. 32:11).

But in spite of all these preparations, Jacob still felt as if something more should be done. There was something lacking in his relationship with God and he determined to find out what it was. Separating himself from all of his loved ones and from all of his earthly possessions, he decided to settle it alone with God.

### II. THE STRUGGLE OF SURRENDER. Genesis 32:24b-29.

Jacob's wrestling experience is not easy to explain from a human point of view. It is assumed that the man with whom he wrestled was God's representative. Here God dealt with Jacob and took the initiative. In many ways he had resisted God all of his life and he must now settle once and for all who will be the master. We must not think that this was purely a physical experience, for in the mind and heart of Jacob there raged a spiritual civil war, and he longed for rest and peace after all the years of striving. He won the blessing only because God wanted him to win. It was God's intention in the struggle to bring Jacob to the point of recognizing and yielding to the divine sovereign will.

### III. THE BLESSING OF SURRENDER. Genesis 32:30-32.

If there is any comparison here, then we can say that it is an Old Testament parable of a New Testament experience of the new birth. Jacob was a new man because for the first time he had seen God. When he said that his life was preserved, he not only referred to his physical life (the same danger was still there), but also to his spiritual life. He was at peace with himself because he was at peace with

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# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## special events

● **Harvey, N. Dak.** The Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., has an active group of young people. The younger children also show much interest in the Wednesday evening meetings. They have had a class where they have learned Scripture verses and heard missionary stories. They presented a fine program during the evening service on Bible Day. In March the men showed us their culinary skill when they served a delicious meal at the Mother-Daughter banquet. The men also provided us with a fine program. Since Rev. Henry Lang felt led to accept a position as chaplain at the Bismarck Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. Dak., we held a farewell fellowship dinner and program for Mr. and Mrs. Lang and family on May 19.—(Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter.)

● **Paul, Idaho.** On Easter Sunday night the choir of the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, presented the cantata, "Love Stoops to Conquer." On Sunday night, May 19, the Grade and High School graduates of our church were honored during the evening service. They were presented with Amplified New Testaments from the W.M.U. On May 29 we were privileged to hear Magic Valley Teen Chorale as they rendered their testimony in song and word. Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 3-7 with a 10 day program completed by ages 4-15. We were privileged to have Mrs. Shirlee Brooke, C.E.F. and American S.S. Union Leader, with us. We had a high of 63 pupils with an average attendance of 53. Twelve teachers ably taught the theme "Our Need of a Redeemer." The pupils contributed \$12.15 toward NAB missions.—(Mrs. Myrl Thiesies, Reporter.)

● **Nokomis, Sask.** Members and friends of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., gathered on Sunday afternoon, June 16, to witness the placing of the cornerstone of the partially constructed new church building. Rev. A. Zeller of Raymore, Sask., assisted the pastor, Rev. Edmond Hohn, in the service and Rev. P. Schroeder of Southey, Sask., was the guest speaker using Isaiah 28:16 as his text. The cornerstone was donated by one of the members, Mrs. Lydia Miller, in memory of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. Litwin, who were the pioneer founders of the congregation in 1906. The Bible and hymn books placed inside the cornerstone were also donated by members in memory of their pioneer families. The deacons, Mr. A. Richter, Mr. D. Patzer, and Mr. E. Schroeder, assisted the pastor in the cornerstone service. Early in the spring of 1963

the old frame building was completely dismantled in a few days by the men of the church. The new building on the same site is progressing rapidly with plans for the dedication services late in August.—(Mrs. Milton Nornberg, Reporter.)

● **Ordination of Rev. Etan Pelzer.** On Tuesday, June 11, Mr. Etan Pelzer of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., and a graduate of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was examined by a council, relative to ordination. Rev. L. H. Broeker was elected moderator, and Rev. Fred Sonnenberg as clerk. The candidate gave an acceptable account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and statement of faith, and the council recommended that the church proceed with the ordination. In the evening members and friends gathered in the Napier Parkview Church for the ordination service. The speaker invited to preach the ordination sermon was not present, so Rev. William Hoover who was visiting was asked to preach. He focused upon the different calls that come to a person—salvation, service, definite place of service, and finally the call "home." Rev. and Mrs. Etan Pelzer have one child. At the time of his ordination, he didn't have a definite place of service, but was

waiting for such a call.—(Fred Sonnenberg, Clerk.)

● **Ordination, Edward Pritzkau.** On July 12, an ordination council convened at the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., to examine Mr. Edward Pritzkau. The council was composed of 21 delegates from 8 NAB churches and from our NAB headquarters. Mr. Pritzkau was examined with regard to his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrine. The council gave unanimous consent to his ordination into the Gospel ministry. Rev. W. W. Knauf was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Carl H. Palfenier as clerk. The ordination service was held on Sunday evening, June 14. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. David J. Draewell, "A Faith That Lives," which was a challenge to all.

Mr. Pritzkau was born in Russia, and immigrated to the United States in 1951. He received his college education at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Ill., where he received his B.A. degree. His theological training was received at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He began his ministry on August 1, 1963, at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.—(Carl H. Palfenier, Clerk.)

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

● **Buffalo Center, Iowa.** The First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, held a farewell service for Rev. W. G. Gerthe, pastor, and his family on June 28th. Each department of the church added its part in expressing appreciation for their 11½ years of service to the church, and in wishing them well in their new field at McClusky, N. Dak. June 30th was their last Sun-

day at Buffalo Center.—(Clarence Bond, Reporter.)

● **Evergreen, Brooklyn, N. Y.** Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Seltzer of Roslyn, Long Island, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 14th. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., of which Mrs. Seltzer is a long-time member, held their meeting at the daughter's, Mrs. Louis Keiper's home, and were the special guests on that day. A fine time of fellowship followed. On Saturday, May 18th, "Open House" was held at Mrs. Keiper's home for relatives and friends. A buffet supper was served to the 45 persons present, and many beautiful gifts of remembrance received, as well as good wishes and cards from former pastors and friends not able to attend.

● **Central, Edmonton, Alta.** The Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., had the joy on Wednesday, June 19, of welcoming a new pastor without having to bid farewell to another one. We welcomed Rev. Richard Hohensee as associate pastor of our church, along with his wife, Inge, and their small son. The reception was very interesting with words of welcome by representa-



Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Seltzer of Roslyn, Long Island at their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Seltzer has been a member of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for many years.

tives of the different church organizations, musical numbers by the three choirs, a few recitations, a piano solo and a few appropriate words from Rev. H. Hiller, our pastor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hohensee gave hearty responses. Afterwards, a large group gathered in the basement for refreshments and a further time of fellowship.—(Mrs. Violet Bachler, Reporter.)

● **Harvey, N. Dak.** On Sunday, June 2, the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., was happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Derman and their children, Joanna, Jimmie and Danny. The congregation had the opportunity to become better acquainted with them during a fellowship dinner, after which the program was held in the church auditorium. Representatives of various organizations extended a welcome to the Derman family. Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak., brought a fitting message. Rev. Ronald Derman directed the Vacation Bible School held June 10-14. Thirty-six children were enrolled with three classes having perfect attendance. The children voted to send their missionary offering to the Spanish American mission field and listened with interest to the missionary stories.—(Mrs. Gordon Mayer, Reporter.)

● **Pilgrim, Philadelphia.** On Sunday, June 30th, Rev. Roger Schmidt brought his ministry to a close at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. He gave his farewell message at the morning service. In the evening service a

farewell program was held, during which representatives of the various church organizations spoke words of appreciation for the ministry rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt. We were privileged to have Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District secretary, with us. He also brought farewell remarks addressed to the pastor and the church. A gift was presented to them from the church and a "special" gift to Mrs. Schmidt from the Women's Missionary Society. "We wish them God's continued love and guidance wherever his leading will take them."—(Idelle M. Yahn, Reporter.)

● **Ridgewood, N. Y.** Following a fellowship supper at the Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., the moderator, Mr. F. C. Arnold, led in the program of welcome for Rev. and Mrs. A. Lamprecht, our new pastor's family. Rev. Rubin Kern, our former pastor and now Eastern District secretary, spoke briefly. Mr. Ed. Marklein, moderator of the NAB Conference, brought greetings from the General Staff. Rev. D. Kolke of the Second Church, New York City, served at our prayer meetings and brought words of admonition to the new pastor based on 2 Tim. 4:2. Rev. Stanley Hazard, our interim pastor, also spoke. Our two choirs enhanced the program with their singing. Rev. A. Lamprecht responded with gratitude for the parsonage home and for the warm-hearted welcome which he and Mrs. Lamprecht and their 3 children were enjoying.

## evangelistic services & baptisms

● **Portland Ave., Tacoma.** A baptismal service was held at the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, on Sunday morning, June 23. Eleven candidates followed the Lord in baptism. Immediately afterwards, Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor, extended the hand of fellowship to them.

● **Germantown, Cathay, N. Dak.** The Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., held a joint baptismal service with the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington, N. Dak., on Sunday, June 9th. Rev. William Effa, pastor, had the joy to baptize two converts on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These two were given the hand of fellowship into the church by the pastor at the communion service on Sunday, July 7. "We praise God for this spiritual harvest in our church."—(William Effa, Pastor.)

● **Billings, Montana.** A baptismal service was held at the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana, on Sunday, June 9, at which time five young people were baptized and received into the fellowship of our church. They are Phyllis Fuchs, Rae Leah Pease, Donald Hochhalter, Darrell Kapptie and Mark Weispfenning. May the Lord bless them and the church in witnessing for

Christ. Mr. Flavius Martin, Seminary student from West Cameroon, was guest speaker at our midweek mission service on June 19. A mission offering was received. His inspiring message was challenging to our hearts.—(Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter.)

● **Elgin, Iowa.** Beginning with the sermon, "Identification With Christ," on Sunday evening, June 30, Rev. George Breitkreuz, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, baptized eight



Rev. William Effa, pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., and Terry L. Seidel and Beverly J. Broschat, baptismal candidates.



Rev. George Breitkreuz (left, rear), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa and 8 baptismal candidates.

converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These new members were welcomed into the church at the communion service the following Sunday, July 7. The accompanying picture shows these baptismal candidates with Pastor Breitkreuz.—(Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

● **Lehr, N. Dak.** The Ebenezer Church of Lehr, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 27 to 31. The theme was "Christ's Way, My Way." Thirty-two children attended. Mrs. E. S. Fenske was the director. The Beginners Class was taught by Mrs. William Goebel, with Claudia Goebel as helper. The Primary Class was taught by Mrs. Jacob Schopp, with Sharon Waltz as helper, and the Junior Class was taught by Mrs. E. S. Fenske, with Sherlene Schopp as helper. Rev. E. S. Fenske taught the Bible lessons. Flannelgraph devotions were conducted by the teachers. On Sunday night, June 2nd, the children presented a fine program to a large audience. Handcraft was displayed in the church parlors.—(Sherlene Schopp, Reporter.)

● **Chancellor, S. Dak.** Highlights of our work in the past several months at the First Baptist Church at Chancellor, S. Dak., included visits from missionaries whom we help to support. Miss Berniece Westerman was the guest speaker on Sunday evening, May 26. From June 8 to 13 we enjoyed the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. John Grant and daughter, Clara, from Nigeria, Africa. Rev. David Zimmerman of the Tyndall and Danzig Churches brought the message on Pastor's Exchange Sunday. The Vacation Bible School was held from June 3 to 13. Rev. Norman Miller, pastor, was in charge with 27 teachers and helpers. The school had an enrollment of 102 and an average attendance of 94. The daily missionary offering, designated for work in the San Luis Valley and for Church Extension totaled \$98.46. We praise the Lord for those who were saved during these days.—(Mrs. Raymond DeNeui, Reporter.)

● **Elgin, Iowa.** The pupils of the Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa built a scale model schoolhouse with this year's total offering of \$109.22. Each brick represented twenty cents, the building progressing with each day's offering. The offering was designated for a Day School for nationals in West Camerons, Africa. Miss Linda Krueger, secretary-treasurer, is shown in the accompanying picture with jars of money and the completed schoolhouse.—(Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK ISSUE

Sept. 12, 1963

Watch for the inspirational and provocative articles in this number of the "Baptist Herald."

● **Waco, Texas.** The Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas held its Vacation Bible School June 3 to 7 with an enrollment of 117 and an average attendance of 113. Mrs. Milton Lippert served as superintendent of the school. Classes were held for ages 3 through 13 with capable teachers and helpers for each group. On Friday evening, June 7, a fine program was presented to parents and friends, at which time they were privileged to view a display of handwork accomplished during the school. Rev. L. B. Hinz is pastor of the church.—(Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.)

● **Linton, N. Dak.** "Living With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held June 10 to 14 in the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Herman Effa. Forty-eight children were enrolled with 14 teachers and helpers. Six boys and girls made outward decisions for Christ for which we rejoice. A total offering of \$26.00 was received during the week and designated for the children's work in Africa. The closing program on Sunday night, June 16, gave evidence of what the children had learned during this concentrated week of Bible study.—(Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter.)

● **Billings, Montana.** The Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana held its Vacation Bible School June 10 to 14 with 56 children enrolled. The average attendance was 48 with 39 having perfect attendance. The theme was "Living With Christ." Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor, was the director with the following serving as teachers: Misses Janice Grenz, Mary Fuchs, Sherri Derheim, Rae Leah Pease, Betty Sieler, Mr. Lyle Grenz, Mrs. I. Compton, Mrs. Ruth Waller, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wolff. Offerings through the week were taken for Church Extension projects and the support of home mission churches. A program and handwork display were given the following Sunday.—(Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter.)



Linda Krueger with the Vacation Bible School offering, Elgin, Iowa and the model of a Cameroon school house made by the children.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE AT NAPIER PARKVIEW CHURCH, BENTON HARBOR, MICH.

The 83rd annual sessions of the Central Conference were held from May 1 to 5 at the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. Rev. Norman H. Vernon was host pastor. The conference was well attended by over 150 registered delegates and the many others who came for the inspiring and challenging messages.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School, Waco, Texas held from June 3 to 7, 1963 with an enrollment of 117 and an average attendance of 113.

● **PEARL BUCK GIVES BIBLE.** Author Pearl Buck has presented the specially bound presentation copy of her father's Chinese translation of the New Testament to the American Bible Society library in New York City. The colloquial translation was completed by the Rev. Absalom Sydenstricker in 1929 and a limited edition was printed in China. A group of Chinese friends had one copy specially bound to show their appreciation for the help they had received from the translation. Miss Buck had this copy in her possession since her father's death and gave it to the Society for permanent safekeeping.

● **NEW TESTAMENTS FOR BOLIVIA.** Dr. Victor Paz Estenssoro, President of the Republic of Bolivia,

The theme for the conference was "REDEEMING THE TIME," and the text was Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time because the days are evil." The devotional messages were also based on the 5th chapter of Ephesians.

The highlights of the conference were the devotional messages: "The Distinctive Christian," "The Disposition of the Christian," "The Discipline of the Christian," "The Discernment of the Christian," and "The Devotion of the Christian." Along with these inspiring devotional messages were the reports and messages given by our missionaries, the Hendersons, about our work in West Cameroon.

A thrilling moment was experienced when it was learned that two of our Central Conference pastors had been appointed to the Cameroon mission field, Rev. Gary Schroeder, and Rev. Harold Lang. On Saturday evening the all-conference banquet was held with well over 300 in attendance, the speaker being Rev. Adolph Braun of Warren, Mich.

It was also our privilege to welcome into our fellowship the *Community Baptist Church* of St. Clair Shores, Mich. Rev. Leslie Howell, their pastor, gave us his testimony and a short history of the church. These were moving moments that will not be soon forgotten.—Carl H. Palfenier, Reporter

South America, received representatives of the Pocket Testament League on May 9 in the presidential palace in La Paz. In behalf of the Pocket Testament League, Field Director Sam Befus presented to the President for himself and his wife two handsomely bound copies of the New Testament to mark the formal initiation of a campaign by PTL teams to distribute 200,000 copies of the Gospel of John in Spanish throughout the country. In welcoming the League's visit to Bolivia, President Paz agreed that the spiritual need of his country was as great and as important as its material needs that are being supplied by friendly nations. The PTL teams have been invited to visit all the schools of Bolivia, with their program of evangelization and Scripture distribution.



**A GRAND TIME WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!**

Seventy-two campers and 35 staff members attended the Wisconsin Junior C.B.Y.F. Camp at Northland Mission Camp grounds, Dunbar, Wisconsin.

## Wisconsin Junior C.B.Y.F. Camp

Report of the Junior Dynamic Camping Program at the Wisconsin Camp by Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, Jr., Camp Director.

**T**HE WISCONSIN JUNIOR C.B.Y.F. Camp was held the week of June 15-22 on the beautiful new Northland Mission Camp grounds at Dunbar, Wis. Seventy-two campers were enrolled with 35 staff members. This was the third year in which the "Junior Dynamic Camping Program" by our denomination was used, and with great success.

Twelve counselors ably led 12 "Living Groups" in this year's theme, "My Church." Five resource leaders led in the areas of Nature Study and Handcraft, Creative Activities, Recreation, Waterfront and Missions.

Representatives from our denomination included H. Murakami, student from Japan, who led the mission sessions with the campers and won the love and admiration of every one at camp. His glowing witness for Christ was evident in his daily life. Mrs. John Binder, co-author of "Dynamic Camping" was also present and led the creative activities and music sessions. Her leadership and talents were effectively used and very much appreciated.

Due to excellent weather conditions,

outdoor activities were conducted each evening, beginning with vesper services in Unit Groups and continuing into "The Fun Time." Each evening the campers were led in meaningful devotionals before retiring, which concluded the day's emphasis upon a definite topic.

A highlight of the week was on Friday evening, just before sunset. A worship hike was conducted in which the entire camp followed a narrator, robed as in Bible times, to view various incidents in which Christ gave the invitation to follow him. Each incident along the way was effectively presented in the Biblical setting, ending the hike at the lakeside, where a devotional and "sharing time" was held.

Seven campers made first time decisions and one camper felt God's calling to prepare for missionary service. We wholeheartedly recommend the use of the denominational Dynamic Junior Camping Program and material, knowing from experience the freedom and flexibility it allows, and the permission it gives for the Spirit of God to work in the living of the campers individually.

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### OUR THANKS!

We wish we could answer each letter and card with congratulations received on our Golden Wedding Anniversary, but it is well nigh impossible for us to do this. However, we want you to know how much we appreciated it all, and we trust that this printed note will in a small measure convey this message to you.

Theo and Anna Dons  
Sterling, Kansas

## Obituary

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

### MR. HERBERT G. GASKILL of Lodi, California

Mr. Herbert G. Gaskill of Lodi, Calif., was born April 2, 1908, in Clements, Calif., and passed away suddenly on May 31, 1963, following a heart attack in his home, at the age of 55 years. He was a graduate of the Lodi Union High School and of the University of California. On June 19, 1938, he was married to Vera Leischner in Lodi. He resided in Sacramento from 1944 to 1961 and since that time he has resided in Lodi. He has been employed as State Auditor for the Board of Equalization.

He professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, under the ministry of Dr. A. J. Felberg. While living in Sacramento, he was a member of the First Baptist Church, Sacramento. There he served as deacon and church auditor. Since March, 1962, he has been a member of Temple Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Vera, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Leischner of Lodi.

Temple Baptist Church  
Lodi, California  
ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor

### MRS. AUGUSTA BLOME of Victor, Iowa

Mrs. Augusta Edna Blome of Victor, Iowa was born on Sept. 25, 1877 in East Prussia of Germany. When she was seven years of age, she came to the United States with her parents, settling first in Nebraska and later near Dallas, Oregon. In 1906 she was united in marriage to John Blome of Victor, Iowa. Four children were born to this union. She became a member of the Victor Baptist Church by membership transfer in 1907. She was active in many phases of the church and the Woman's Missionary Society.

After having lived a full and busy life, she passed away to be with the Lord on July 1, 1963, having attained the age of over 85 years. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son. She is survived by one son, Arthur, of Victor; and two daughters, Mrs. Merwyn Betz of Ladora and Mrs. William Salzbrenner of Victor; four sisters, two sons-in-law, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Victor, Iowa  
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor

### MR. JOHN WAGNER of Mercer, North Dakota

Mr. John Wagner of Mercer, N. Dak., was born Sept. 8, 1876 in South Russia where he grew to manhood. He married Karolina Wagner in Jan. 1900. He came to Anamoose, N. Dak., and in 1902 they homesteaded 12 miles southwest of Mercer and farmed there until 1928, when he retired and moved to Mercer. His wife died in 1916. On March 24, 1916 he was married to Mrs. Seibold of Washburn. He was converted and baptized in 1905 and became a member of the Zion station, Baptist church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Later he joined the Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak. Here he served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and also in other church activities. He had served his Lord well and was faithful until God saw fit to take him home to glory.

John Wagner died suddenly in his home on June 20 at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 12 days. He leaves to mourn his wife; 2 sons: John, Jr., of Wing, N. D., and Fred of Mercer, N. D.; one daughter, Mrs. Frieda Braun, of San Andreas, Calif.; 3 stepsons: Robert Seibold of Williston, N. D.; Roland of Mercer, N. D.; Ernest of Conina, Calif.; 2 step-daughters, Mrs. R. E. Spitzer of Wilton, N. D., and Mrs. John Braun of Wilton, N. D.; one brother; one sister; 25 grandchildren, and 44 great grandchildren.  
Mercer, North Dakota  
A. KROMBEIN, Pastor

### MR. FRED GEORGE ROTT of Selfridge, North Dakota

Mr. Fred George Rott of Selfridge, N. Dak., was born on Nov. 14, 1888 in New York and went to his heavenly home on April 29, 1963 at the age of 74 years. The cause of his death was a heart attack. On July 7, 1907 he married Lydia Hochstetter to which union three sons and two daughters were born. His wife, Lydia Hochstetter Rott, preceded him in death in 1931. Mr. Rott, after living in Ventura, N. Dak., with his family moved to Selfridge in 1918. Mr. Rott was in the hardware and implement business. He was the first mayor of Selfridge in 1919 and also a member of the school board for many years. He was a civic minded person. He attended the Baptist churches in Gackle, Ventura and was a faithful member of the Selfridge Baptist Church, serving as trustee at his passing.

In 1937 he married Lydia Lang. Mr. Rott leaves his wife; 3 sons: Arthur, Santa Monica, Calif.; Herbert, Fargo, N. Dak.; and George G., of Marinette, Wis.; two daughters, Mrs. Viola Tuntland, Mobridge, S. D.; and Mrs. Elsie Whalley of Pella, Iowa; and 10 grandchildren, 2 brothers; 3 half-brothers; 4 sisters; and his step-mother, Mrs. Katherine Ehley of Ashley, N. D.

Selfridge, North Dakota  
OTTO FIESEL, Pastor

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

(Continued from page 15)

● On Sunday, June 30, the guest speaker at both services of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, was Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the NAB Conference. Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts of the Federal Republic of Cameroon were at the church on Sunday morning, July 7, to tell the story of the mission field in Africa. Rev. and Mrs. James Clark, missionaries in Honduras, brought a mission message that evening. On July 14 the guest speakers at the services were Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionaries at Kumba, West Cameroon. They illustrated their message that evening with pictures of the people and work on the Kumba station. Rev. Howard Johnson is pastor of the church.

### LIFE AT ITS BEST

Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.  
—Carlyle.

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

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1963	June, 1962	June, 1961
Atlantic	\$ 1,798.85	\$ 2,638.89	\$ 3,929.19
Central	10,776.25	15,266.54	7,726.50
Dakota	6,576.99	6,994.09	6,418.19
Eastern	1,379.75	1,228.78	2,013.36
Northern	2,116.34	5,984.62	7,530.43
Northwestern	5,740.21	10,046.51	6,104.12
Pacific	5,084.66	3,425.88	7,555.96
Southern	3,001.00	2,647.60	2,580.09
Southwestern	1,803.69	3,156.79	3,279.51
Inter-Conference	1,926.39	2,588.83	20.00
Total Contributions	\$ 40,204.13	\$ 53,978.53	\$ 47,157.35

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1963	\$ 35,470.88	\$ 4,733.25	\$ 40,204.13
For the month of June, 1962	48,284.58	5,693.95	53,978.53
For the month of June, 1961	37,735.44	9,421.91	47,157.35

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1963 to June 30, 1963	\$157,596.66	\$ 16,617.97	\$174,214.63
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## Student Service Plan, 1963

Assignments of NAB students for the summer of 1963 by the Student Service Plan Committee.

**T**HIS SUMMER 24 students from various educational institutions will be serving from one week to three months in religious assignments. They will be engaged in church pastoral work, a preaching ministry, Vacation Bible Schools, community visitation, camp teaching and counseling and home mission field responsibilities. The following list of students and their assignments was prepared by Rev. John Binder, secretary of the Student Service Plan Committee, for the "Baptist Herald." Pray for God's guidance and blessing in the faithful carrying out of their tasks by these dedicated young people. They are serving with very nominal remuneration in order to glorify the Name of Christ and to experience enriching joys in God's service.

### STUDENT SERVICE PLAN, 1963

*Marlene Bender:* Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, Sask.; Echo Lake Camp, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.; Bull Reserve, Alberta; Temple Church, Calgary, Alberta.

*George Black:* Sebastopol Church, Clontarf, Ontario.

*Fred Bonkowsky:* Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

*James DeBoer:* Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Neb.; Crystal Springs Youth Camp, North Dakota; Youth Congress, Lake Geneva, Wis.; CBYF Central Conference Junior Camp, Webster, Indiana.

*Sylvia Falkowsky:* Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, Sask.; Echo Lake Camp, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.; Bull Reserve,

Alberta; Temple Church, Calgary, Alberta.

*Fritz Goliath:* German Baptist Mission, Winnipeg, Man.

*Gloria Haas:* Wisconsin CBYF Camp, Northland Mission Camp, Dunbar, Wis.

*Larry Haas:* Wisconsin CBYF Camp, Northland Mission Camp, Dunbar, Wis.

*Ted Keck:* Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

*Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Kroguletz:* German Baptist Mission, Hamilton, Ontario.

*Oryn Meinerts:* Grant Park Church, Winnipeg, Man.; Central Church, Yorkton, Sask.

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*Mary Potratz:* Wisconsin CBYF Camp, Northland Mission Camp, Dunbar, Wis.

*Elaine Schacher:* Muscowpetung Reserve and Edenwold Church, Edenwold, Saskatchewan; Northern Manitoba Tri-Union Camp, Wellman Lake, Man.

*John Sievert:* Snowview Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Barbara Stroh:* Spanish-American Mission, Del Norte, Colorado.

*Corrine Williamson:* Spanish-American Mission, Del Norte, Colorado; First Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak.

*Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson:* South Fort George Church, South Fort George, B. C.

**CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, Sept. 22, 1963**  
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 18)

God, and he had a greater hope of being at peace with his brother.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. After this experience, was Jacob free of trouble for the rest of his life?
2. Why did not the wrestler tell Jacob his name?
3. What was the result of his meeting with Esau?

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 17)

Sharon Baptist Church of Richmond, B. C. and the Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton, Wash., into the fellowship of the Pacific Conference.

Mrs. Fred Moore, missionary to Japan, proved to be a most inspiring and informative speaker at the Women's Missionary Union Rally on Friday evening. Mr. Verne Howen, outstanding Christian layman and member of the host church, spoke to the Baptist Men on his extended government sponsored stay in South America.

On Sunday afternoon, a ground breaking service at Lincoln Village, North Sacramento, Calif., brought together a goodly number who shared this momentous occasion with Rev. William Acton, Church Extension pastor and people.

A spiritually uplifting missionary rally climaxed the 1963 sessions of the Pacific Conference. The families of our missionaries, Rev. Fred Moore and Rev. Lloyd E. Kwast, were presented to the large congregation, who were thrilled with the glowing testimonies of our missionaries and their wives. The commissioning service of Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Kwast, who will soon be leaving for our mission field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa was indeed inspiring. Rev. G. G. Rauser, moderator, led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Fred A. David, Reporter