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The author challenges the use of "Democracy" in describing Baptist church government. He proposes the term

## Christocracy

By R. Paul Caudill, Pastor  
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FOR years I have searched for a definitive word that would best characterize the ideal form of government for a New Testament church. Baptist church polity, for instance, has been referred to as "the purest democracy on earth." But somehow that terminology never quite satisfies. Nor does the corresponding term, Christian democracy, seem sufficient.

The word "democracy" comes from two ancient Greek words meaning "people" (demos) and "might, rule, power" (kratos). Democracy, says Webster's International Dictionary, is "government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is retained by the people."

The emphasis in a democracy, however pure, is obvious. It is on the strength, the authority, the rule of the people. The same is true of Christian democracy.

Would it not be better to think of the government of a New Testament church as a "Christocracy"? Such would place the emphasis upon the authority of Christ. His strength, his authority, his power, would be forever the ideal—the first and final appeal in every case.

In a democracy, it is altogether possible for the minority to be far nearer the truth than the majority. I have always felt that when a considerable number of believers, in a given situation, dissent from the views of the majority, there is need for further study, before the matter is finalized.

In our church, through the years, we have never been satisfied with a mere majority opinion in determining procedures. Again and again, matters have been held up for further prayerful consideration merely because there was a reasonable minority who failed to believe, at the time, in the given procedure. We often refer to such action as putting the matter "on storage."

In a Christocracy, the authority of Christ is forever the goal, the perfect ideal, however poorly attained. It remains the basis of both the immediate and the final appeal. Is the matter in question right, for instance, in the sight of Christ? What would Jesus say? What would Jesus do? To what extent would the proposed action advance his Kingdom?

Not the authority of the people, but the authority of Christ! Not the will of man, but the will of God!

In a Christocracy, man forever decreases, Christ forever increases.

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**GO YE—TWENTY IMPERATIVES.** The year 1963 should find every North American Baptist eagerly participating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program of "Evangelism Through World Missions." Set a challenging missionary goal for yourself in giving, in the reading of some missionary book or literature, and in a mission project. Follow the 20 goals of the leaflet "GO YE—Twenty Imperatives." Use the "1963 Mission Packet" (available at 35 cents from Forest Park, Ill.).

**PASTOR MOKEY DIES.** Pastor Daniel Mokey "Mukwelle" of Kumba, Cameroon, one of the most faithful national Christians of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, died in December 1962. Only five days previously he had baptized 17 converts at Bai Sombe. The Hendersons reported: "We have never seen such a vast area of people so completely grief stricken. His homegoing was also like God's judgment upon the people since Pastor Mokey had not received a salary in eight months and yet he had carried on his work as if he had been paid faithfully."

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE OFFERING.** Our Baptist brethren are close to our hearts because of the ties of faith that bind us together in Christ. Some of them face a bleak and difficult year in 1963—the persecuted Baptists of Spain, the families of the martyred Baptists of New Guinea, the harassed Baptists behind the Iron Curtain, and the Baptist pastors and people in need of clothing and assistance in East Germany. Your gifts at the Communion Offering on Sunday, Feb. 3, designated for the work of the Baptist World Alliance will be your "hand-clasp of help" in Christ's Name to these Baptists in need.

**PRAYERS FOR DR. FLUTH.** Laura E. Reddig, missionary nurse at the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Africa, wrote in her Christmas letter: "Never have so many people of so many different tribes and languages been so united as were our Settlement and Clinic patients in praying for Dr. J. C. Fluth following his accident. Our usual Settlement missionary staff of six dropped overnight to two. God's grace has been more than sufficient! Barb Kieper has done a swell job of managing the hospital, while I've tried to keep the administrative gears clicking. Dr. Peter Fehr from Bamenda was 'a life saver' with his 2-3 visits weekly."

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#### THE FEARSOME POWER OF DEMONISM

Missionary David C. Keiry

## Editorial

### From Ocean to Ocean

Baptists constitute the fastest growing major denomination in world Christendom. They represent a vast army of 24 million "soldiers of the cross" in 110 countries of the world who magnify the Name of Christ and testify to God's redeeming grace "from ocean to ocean." On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 3rd, our hands will clasp warmly with those of our brethren of the faith who live, work and worship on all the earth's six continents.

**BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.** Rev. C. E. Bryant has vividly portrayed the bonds of fellowship that unite us in Christ and make us one in this inspiring fellowship. "Though they speak a thousand different dialects and though the color of their skin is of many hues, these millions of Baptists profess 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all' (Ephesians 4:5-6). Their earthly link, one with another, is the Baptist World Alliance."

We as Americans need to realize that Baptists are a minority people in many parts of the world. It is this spirit of fellowship, uniting us in Christ, that gives solidarity, strength of purpose and courage to many of these harassed minorities. "The Baptist World" calls our attention to these important statistics: "A glance at the figures of Baptist memberships, showing more than 20 million Baptists in the United States and Canada, reveals also that there are only 110 Baptists in Israel, 19 in Ethiopia, and 80 among the Moslem multitudes of Egypt. England, where the Baptist witness has been planted so long, has 200,100 and Brazil 163,084." The fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance stands like a light on a hill to give them determination and encouragement.

**BAPTIST WITNESS.** The Baptist congregations themselves are a dramatic evidence that God has worked in mysterious and miraculous ways to plant these Baptist churches across the face of the globe. Read the story of the heroic work of Baptist missionaries like William Carey and Adoniram Judson (his life story is featured in this issue) and see how Baptists have followed the Great Commission of Christ to preach the Gospel everywhere. Many years ago a Chinese Baptist sold himself into slavery so that he could evangelize his countrymen in the Guianas. Baptists have always been zealous in their evangelistic outreach and missionary service.

**BAPTIST CONCERNS.** The sufferings of fellow Baptists, the persecutions which they encounter, and their many needs awaken a deep concern in the hearts of their brethren. Baptists are constrained by the love of God to go to their aid in the midst of their distresses.

The communion offerings on Baptist World Alliance Sunday in most of our churches will be designated for the Baptists in New Guinea who have faced frightening persecution in recent months, for clothing and food for Baptist pastors and people in East Germany and other European countries, and for the work of the Baptist World Alliance. Your concern as a Baptist will be demonstrated as you share your abundance with others.

The oldest Baptist mission society in America uses on its seal the symbol of an ox, with a plough on one side representing service and an altar on the other representing sacrifice. Below are the words, **READY FOR EITHER.** That ought to typify every Baptist in action!

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### DENOMINATIONAL DATES, FEBRUARY - MARCH

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 3

Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the work of the BWA and for the relief ministry to needy Baptist brethren. Send these offerings to Forest Park, Illinois.

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 3

Youth Enlistment Sunday. An opportunity will be given to the church's young people to "GO" and to evangelize in whatever way the Lord leads.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

World Day of Prayer. Theme: "More Than Conquerors."

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Bible Day observance in our churches. Important literature for distribution will be sent to our churches.

#### MARCH 26-27

Spring Convocation, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Lecturer: Dr. Samuel Southard, Louisville, Kentucky.



Adoniram Judson could look back on the shores of Burma, rejoicing in the Burma Baptist Church of 3000 members and thankful for the completed task of translating the Bible into the Burmese tongue.

## Dimensions of Missionary Faith

By Dr. George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



ADONIRAM JUDSON

The above picture is a copy of an autographed lithograph showing young Judson in the class of 1810, which is now in the possession of the Historical Missionary Museum of Andover Newton Theological School.

IT IS THE Lord's Day, June 27, 1819. Burma!

A large, quiet pond. A great and massive statue of Buddha casts its image across the still waters. Noises among the trees. People! Some standing still. Two moving into the water. Trembling voices—a splash and then a jubilant prayer of thanksgiving from the lips of the missionary. Maung Nau, the first Burmese believer, had confessed his faith in Christ the Savior by baptism. Adoniram Judson, the missionary, mused: How long since he had come to Burma? Six years—six long years! Just one believer. That evening he wrote into his journal: "O may it prove the beginning of a series of baptisms in the Burman empire which shall continue in uninterrupted succession to the end of time."

In his memory he retraced his steps to the earlier years. This is the story . . . and thus the biographer reports:

### "MUCH FARTHER TO GO"

The days of study and classes at Andover Theological Seminary in Massachusetts were a thing of the past. Commencement was a pleasant memory. It was an honor to be a member of the first graduating class. The year was 1810. What did the future hold for him, and what was God's will for him? Would God lead him to India where the need for the Savior was so great and urgent?

When? How?

A number of Congregational churches made inquiry as to his plans for the future, hoping that he might consider the call and accept it. Thinking of his experiences with his fellow students and their concerted desire to take the Gospel of Christ to heathen lands, he declined. Brown University offered him a teaching position; he declined it also.

The Park Street Church in Boston, Mass., wrote to him; would he not consider the call? He would assume the responsibilities of the assistant pastor. Boston offered many advan-

tages. The salary would not be unattractive. He would serve a distinguished congregation. He, knowing that God had called him to be a missionary, declined the call.

In his answer to the church, he said: "I shall never live in Boston. I have much farther to go!" This was an answer given in faith. How little he knew of the ordeals that lay ahead of him and that again and again he would have to cling to God and his promises in unwavering faith when everything and life itself seemed to disintegrate.

### HIS MISSIONARY CALL

The realization of his missionary call was slow and hazardous. The resistance of conventional and over-cautious denominational committees had to be overcome before he was to sail to London, England, to arrange for missionary appointment. There were innumerable difficulties in his way. Political restlessness made decisions uncertain. The international affairs between the United States, Britain and France caused much concern; in fact, a war was waged between France and England!

The purses of most of the New Englanders were lean, due to a trade embargo. Income was low, and an intellectual deism, resulting in spiritual apathy, was spreading in the churches here and there. Nevertheless, driv-

en by the Holy Spirit, he and his friends succeeded in the effort of establishing the first American missionary society, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Although the older and more cautious members of the American Board advised delaying the departure of the missionaries, he, Newell, Nott and Hall decided in favor of action. On February 5, 1812, they were ordained at the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts. They were commissioned with no terms and no furloughs. A return passage was not even mentioned, for, most likely, anyone going to India as a missionary was not expected to return. Such was the missionary call!

### DIFFICULTIES WITHOUT END

Difficulties without end! Arriving in: India, the missionaries were confronted with closed doors. The only alternative: deportation or find a different place to live and to work. Not even William Carey could give a helping hand. He maintained himself not as a missionary, but as a professor of Oriental languages! The Newells sailed for the Isle of France; there they could work without hindrances. He and Nancy waited for a ship to take them away from India.

And now the incredible happened—happened? It did not "happen." It was in God's will that there in Calcutta, India, while studying his Greek New Testament, he became convinced of the Biblical truth of baptism by immersion. He was baptized by Marshman, one of Carey's fellow missionaries. He separated himself from the Congregational Church and sought support from the American Baptists. Thus he became instrumental in the establishment of the second foreign missionary society in the United States.

Now Calcutta was left behind. A visit to the Isle of France, Newell greeted them. Newell was alone, sad. What had happened? On the voyage to the Isle of France his wife, Harriet, had given birth to a child. Almost immediately mother and child fell ill. They had died at sea.

Expelled from India, uncertain about their destination, their work, did Adoniram and Nancy doubt God's will for their lives, especially as they saw the fiery trials of their fellow missionaries? Regardless of the consequences of their commitment, Adoniram and Nancy continued to Burma!

### WITNESS IN BURMA

Their life and work in Burma was beset with many dangers and testings, and much suffering. Their witness was seriously interfered with and restricted. He had survived twenty-one months of the most inhuman imprisonment in the death prison of Ava. Nancy had undergone the cruellest suffering, being left alone and trying to care for him. Their health suffered. Attacks of malaria, dysentery, cholera, and other nameless tropical maladies struck them.



ANN AND ADONIRAM JUDSON

Ann Judson brings the precious New Testament manuscripts, hidden in a pillow, to her husband in a Burmese prison in 1824. This picture is from the 1963 Calendar produced by Burma Baptists as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the landing of the Judsons in Burma in 1813.

Then Nancy, his beloved wife, and their little child, Maria, were called to their heavenly home. He was alone. Under the relentless hammer blows of tragedy, he decided to shut himself away in a little room adjacent to the chapel, redoubling his efforts to complete the translation of the Bible into Burmese.

He wrote to a friend:

*"I have therefore retired to a room, which I had previously prepared, at the end of the native chapel, where I propose, if life be spared, to shut myself up for the next two years; and I beg the prayers of my friends that in my seclusion I may enjoy the presence of the Savior and that special aid in translating the inspired word which I fully believe will be vouchsafed in answer to humble, fervent prayer."*

Not quite two years later, in that same room, he knelt down beside the table, holding in his hand the last page of the translated Bible, praising God for a great task completed. He wrote:

*"Thanks be to God, I can now say I have attained. I have knelt down before him with the last leaf in my hand, and imploring his forgiveness for all the sins which have polluted my labors in this department, and his aid in future efforts to remove the errors and imperfections which necessarily cleave to the work, I have commended it to his mercy and grace; I have dedicated it to his glory. May he make it his own inspired word, now complete in the Burman tongue, the grand instrument of filling all Burmah with songs of praise to our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."*

And the Church? The Church of Christ! That was his primary task! When he returned to America in 1845

and attended the Convention in Boston, Mass., the missionary work in Arracan was at stake because of lack of funds. He rose to his feet, heedless of the warning of his physician not to use his voice, and said:

"I must say a few words. I must protest against the abandonment of the Arracan mission" and, his voice broken, he continued in a barely audible whisper, ". . . I will go immediately, to Arracan . . . and labor and die there . . ."

In July 1846, he sailed again for Burma. He worked ceaselessly for the strengthening of the Baptist Church and toward the completion of the Burmese Dictionary. Late in 1849 he developed a chest cold. As this condition would not clear up, he followed the advice of his physician and went on a short voyage to rest and to regain his strength. The cold worsened. High fever developed.

On April 12, 1849 Adoniram Judson laid down his pilgrim staff to enter into the presence of his Master. His body was laid to rest in the depths of the Indian Ocean. Although weary of body, his entry into Heaven was triumphant. He had labored six long years to win the first Burmese soul for Christ, all those years now past.

### THE BURMESE BAPTIST CHURCH

When he left his place of labor to recuperate from illness, embarking on that last voyage, he could look back to the shores of Burma in the knowledge that now the Burmese Baptist Church numbered just about 8000 members! And, even beyond that, there was the glorious reality of the Word of God translated in the Burmese tongue, the greatest gift any man could wish to give to the people of his love . . .

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# The Bible Kroongoos of Cameroon, Africa

They are the "Bible drummers," the students of the Baptist Bible Training Centre, who go from village to village in West Cameroon drumming about the Bible—preaching God's Word.

By Mrs. Lenore Lang

of Ndu, Federal Republic of Cameroon

**T**HE BIBLE KROONGOOS have gone!

Back in 1954, a man living in one of the compounds near Ndu, West Cameroon, contemptuously gave that name—*Bible Kroongoos*—to the students in the Bible Training Centre here. It means "Bible drummers," those who go around drumming about the Bible—preaching God's Word.

That name has stuck! Ever since 1954, people of this Ndu area use it in referring to the students of our Bible Training Centre. However, the students themselves have taken the name, given in contempt, and use it proudly to describe themselves as *Bible Kroongoos*—Bible drummers!

Now they have gone from the compound here, with the close of this school year of 1962. Without them, the place seems very quiet. It certainly is a contrast with the activity of the last week of final exams and closing activities.

Saturday, November 3rd, was Clean-up Day. Cleaning dormitories . . . washing clothes . . . pressing uniforms! There were many things to do. But by four o'clock in the afternoon, the work was finished and Timekeeper Reuben Ghangshi rang the bell to signal the beginning of games.

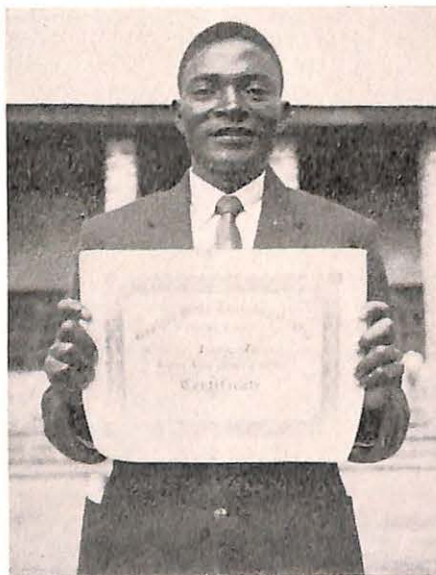
Dodgeball . . . relays . . . what fun we had! Forty-one men, 18 wives, tutors, and several dozen children can produce quite a lot of noise and happy shouting. At 4:30 rain clouds began to darken the sky and we were driven to the shelter of the Training Centre building. The benches were hurriedly brought to the "breezeway" and the second part of the program began: speeches by the 10 members of the Third Year (graduating) Class.

Each man was limited to three minutes—and found himself hard put to it to stay within the time limit!

Each one had so much on his heart to tell how the Lord had worked in his life to bring him to this place for training, what blessings had been his, or what he hoped to do for his Lord.

There were songs—more speeches—many awards—Women's Class certificates—and then the giving out of the envelopes containing the results of the exams of the week just past. By 6:15 p.m. darkness was closing in fast, as it does in the tropics, and the students clustered around an Aida pressure lamp to open their envelopes.

The student with the highest average in the Second-Third Year Class was Timothy Yula from Mambila.



**JONATHAN TAMNJONG** with his B.B.T.C. certificate. Missionary Elmer Strauss had these certificates printed in Florida, U.S.A., and sent to Cameroon, Africa. With their gold border, they are exceedingly attractive.



1962 GRADUATES OF THE B.B.T.C.

Left to right, front row: Barnabas Ngong, Jonathan Tamnjong, Manasses Nji, Jonathan Ndimancho, and Reuben Ghangshi.

Back row: Ephraim Ngwayi, Stephen Tamnjong, Timothy Yula, Daniel Nfor and Jonathan Nshotu.

Several of the students in this class have passed the Standard 6 (Grade 8) examination of our Christian Day Schools. Timothy is not one of them. His only formal schooling consisted of several years in Adult School and classes in Religious Instruction in Mambila. But his zeal for doing the Lord's work is matched by his dogged persistence in learning all he could better to prepare himself for that work.

The day following this busy Saturday was Commencement Sunday. The question was: Would it be a rainy day? But it dawned bright and clear. By 9:30 A.M. everything was ready. The Ndu chief was escorted to his chair in the front of the church, robed in blue and gold, with a red and white turban wound around his head.

The signal was given, and the students began to march into the church, singing the School Song as they went:

*The Baptist Bible Training Centre;  
This is our school in which we learn  
To serve the Savior, Who is our Master,*

*And men from pagan fashions turn;  
The empty Cross is held before us,  
The symbol of our risen Lord,  
The Lord triumphant, o'er death  
victorious,  
Conquering by his Spirit's Sword.*

*The drum sounds out the call to worship,  
The symbol of our native land,  
Whene'er we sound it, whene'er we  
hear it,*

*In God's church we'll take our stand;  
So let us march on now, my brothers,  
Let us serve our Risen Lord,  
In Cause triumphant, in Cause vic-  
torious,  
Conquering by his Spirit's Sword.*

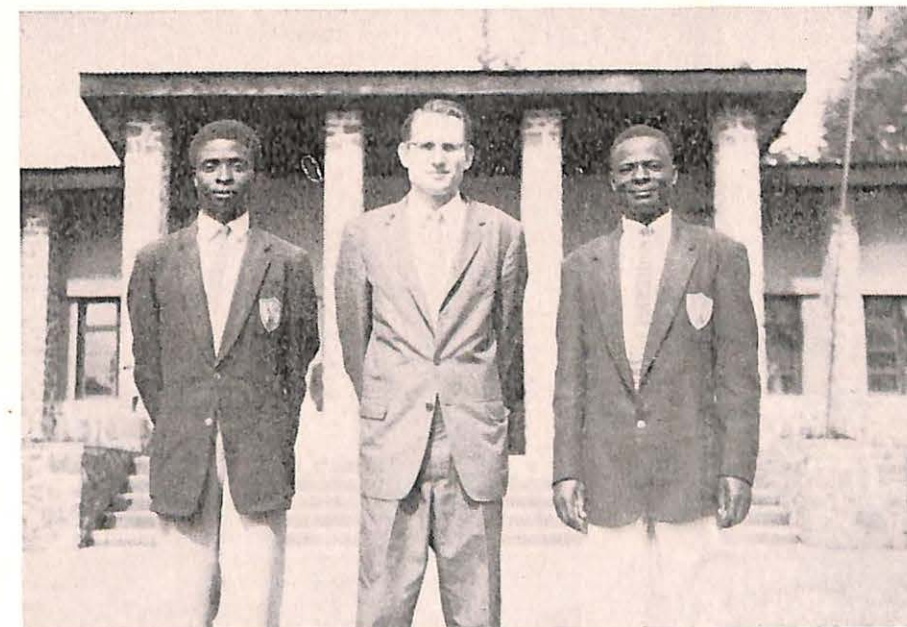
Thus began a 2½ hour Commence-

ment Program during which many speeches of exhortation and encouragement were given to the ten graduates. Guest speaker for the day was Pastor Jonah Nfuyah, Field Pastor of Ndu Field Baptist Churches. His text was Matthew 10:16 & 17: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men." "Be Wise and Beware," he counselled the graduates, and they listened respectfully, for he is an experienced pastor who knows whereof he speaks.

After the address, the Bible School wives sang two songs which they had learned in Singing Class. One of these was written by Ruth Strauss before the Strausses left for furlough in 1962.

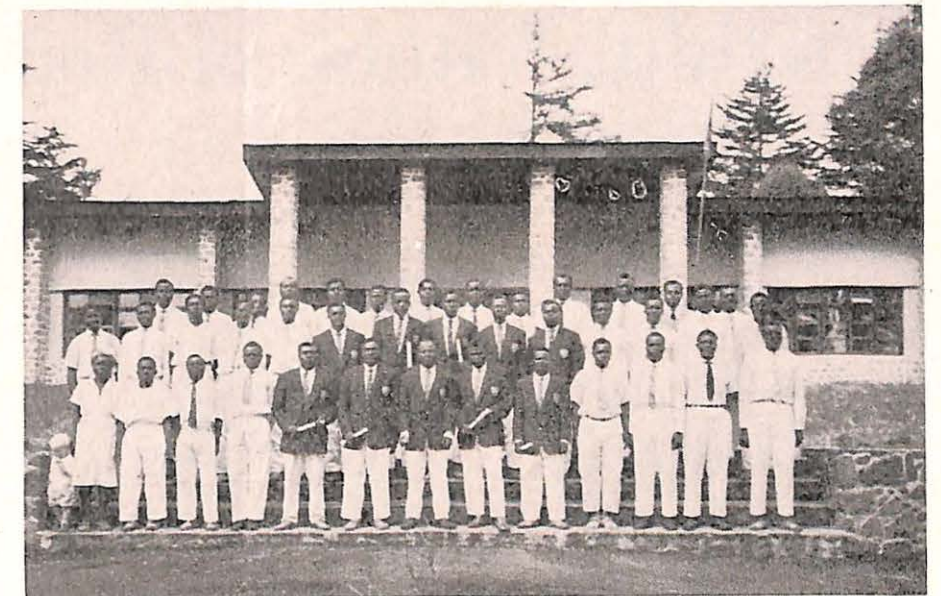
Stephen Tamnjong, Head Prefect for 1962, responded to the messages and the address with fine words on behalf of the other students. As an older man who had been in the Lord's work for 10 years before coming to finish his Bible School training, he had begun his quest for knowledge rather late in his life. He had been in and out of our Baptist Day Schools, alternating between hope and despair of ever receiving an education. Today he is rejoicing because he has been able to complete three years of Bible Training and now feels better able to preach the Word of Life to his fellow Africans. He expressed great appreciation for the Christian brothers and sisters in America who are giving and praying for the work in the Baptist Bible Training Centre.

He sat down, and Pastor John Nfor of our BBTC staff got up to present the ten members of the Third Year Class, who went forward to receive their certificates from the principal's hand.



THIRD TERM TUTORS, 1962, AT THE B.B.T.C.

Left to right: Thomas Kwenchi, Missionary George W. Lang and Pastor John Nfor. (Missionary Elmer C. Strauss is on furlough).



1962 STUDENT BODY OF THE B.B.T.C.

This picture of the student body (excluding little Johnny Lang at the left) of the Baptist Bible Training Centre was taken in front of the school building. The ten men in blazers are the 1962 graduates, holding their certificates.

The Recessional—and Congratulations outside . . . the Big Day's doings were about over. Almost but not quite! The 10 graduates, pastors, tutors, school manager, headmaster and Ban-so missionaries gathered together around tables in our home for a meal. It is a blessed experience to stand together with fellow believers at such a time, singing

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings  
flow,  
Praise him all creatures here be-  
low . . ."*

Dinner over at 2 o'clock, we went out for a time of picture taking. (The sun was shining beautifully!) And at

3:00 o'clock we all gathered in the Chapel to sing and to hear last words of admonition. From Pastor Nfor: "Don't try to work above people, and don't work beneath them; work side by side with them in love." From Tutor Thomas Kwenchi: "The big thing is not how well you can preach . . . It is letting people see you in Christ and Christ in you . . . The big thing is LOVE."

Final words . . . the benediction . . . and the students were dismissed. For some it was just "Goodbye" till January 16th when the 1963 school year began. For others it was "Goodbye" for two years, when they will come back again to study after having had some experience in a church. And for the 10, it was "Goodbye and let us hear from you how the work is going on"—in Belo area—in Mambila—in the Ndu Field—in Mbem Field—at the Coast.

Yes, the *Bible Kroongoos* have gone. Gone from the compound here, but not from our hearts. We shall remember them in prayer. Will you pray for them too? Most of you who read this will never have the chance—here—to meet these faithful servants of the Lord. But someday you will be able to rejoice together with them around God's Throne in Heaven.

I don't know whether or not there will be drums in Heaven, but I am sure of this: There will be *Bible Kroongoos*—Bible drummers!

**NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT.** Soon after Dr. Eugene Stockdale returned to the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Mbingo, Africa, 28 more patients were given their discharge certificates. This brings the total of leprosy patients discharged in 10 years to 1054. Laura Reddig wrote: "We praise God for a small share in these patients' joys!"



# Youthful Witness of God's Volunteers

These young evangelists with their dedicated lives and radiant witness for Christ covet your prayers.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM ONE

By Kathy E. Dockter

AS I WRITE this report, I am in the wonderful surroundings of my home, as also are Judy Hoelzer in Portland, Marilyn Woyke and Jarene Gunst in Minneapolis, Owen Sawodney in Toronto, and Bernie Thole in Stamford. I do not have any idea how this report will turn out, without the inspiring faces of my comrades. Well anyway here goes . . .

It's Christmas, and the whole world is heralding Christ's birth. When you read this report, it will be late in January. The only things that will remind many of the world that Christmas has passed will be some hard candy left in the dishes, a few pine needles still lying on the carpet, and some greeting cards still scotch taped to the cornice in the living room.

What have been your impressions? If we are Christians, we can rejoice in the record of Christ. We rejoice in his coming into this world in the flesh, presenting the way of salvation in such a simple manner which no human being has ever surpassed. By the shedding of his blood, he has saved us from sin so that we may be a part of his spiritual body, and that we may work for the furtherance of his Kingdom. These things must all be renewed in our thoughts as we think back on his birthday.

We are also mindful of the New Year. Most of us seem to sigh a deep breath as we clear up our income tax reports, and review the past fiscal year. How was our fiscal year with Christ? As ye now look to the future, have we made any resolutions? We are all predestined to one resolution, that of living all and all out for Christ after we have accepted him.

Our last campaign before Christmas was in Burlington, Iowa. Since it was a busy time of the year, we were invited to take part in a great deal of the extra programming.

We also were kept busy by Bob Page, the YFC director of the South East District in Iowa. He arranged our entrance into a YFC Bible Club at Wellpella, Iowa High School. We also took part in two YFC meetings, one in Keokuk, Iowa and the other in Burlington.

Since the weather was quite cold while we were in Burlington, we only went out on door to door canvassing one day. The rest of our work was that of prospect and church member calling.

Rev. H. Palfenier was the guest evangelist at the Burlington church. His thought provoking messages challenged the whole church. We had a large rededication service on the last

## PRAYER HELPERS

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night of our campaign.

The whole team came to love Rev. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and their two sons, Kent and Doug. Their warm reception in their home was certainly appreciated. Nor could we forget Dorothy Pritzkau, the Christian education director, with whom we worked so closely and grew to love.

Our next stop was LaSalle, Colorado. Then we go to the state of Washington. We continue to covet your prayer support, not only that God may open the doors of utterance, but that we may speak to unsaved souls, and that the Holy Spirit may be working in these lives even before we arrive on the field. This is your home missionary service. If you can support it no other way, let it be through that of constant prayer for the "God's Volunteer" efforts.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM TWO

By Ronna Merrick

Home for Christmas! Lorraine Albrecht and Herman De Vries to Manitoba; Shirley Sandau and Ronna Merrick to Minnesota; and Arlyn Thielenhaus to Kansas. January 1st found Team Two off for Donna, Texas to begin their work for the next four and a half months. Canada, North and South Dakota are far behind. Perhaps just for a moment we can look back over some of the events of the first



three months of service.

Our first month was spent in Edmonton, Alberta, where both teams learned, worked, prayed and played together in order to prepare ourselves for the coming months. Even during this time, we were given ample opportunity to serve in the Edmonton churches.

Then on to our first church in Leduc, Alberta! Here we were given our first real taste of visitation work as we visited in the country area. The efforts put forth were rewarded when three persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior on the closing evening.

Southey, Saskatchewan was the next stop. It's a town of about 300 people, all very friendly. The young people in the Southey church were very responsive and many rededicated their lives to the Lord during this time.

Back to the United States and Mott, North Dakota where we worked with the pastor, Rev. Don Richter, and our guest evangelist, Rev. Bert Itterman from Hutchinson, Minnesota. A new church work in Selby, South Dakota was our next stop and a home for us during the next week and a half. Then for four days we were in Herreid, South Dakota working in the mission church in Artas.

Our next place of service led the team to another mission church in Lemmon, South Dakota. Rev. Jerry Vilhauer is the pastor there. The guest evangelist for this campaign was Rev. Norman Miller from North Freedom, Wisconsin. This is another new work with a great potential in its people.

Our last stop before Christmas vacation was in McLaughlin, South Dakota. Here we were given opportunity to work among some Indian people in Fort Yates, about twenty miles from McLaughlin. During one of the invitations in the campaign, an Indian teen-age boy raised his hand giving an indication of a need within his life. He did not step forward, so at the door one of the team members stopped him and asked if he wanted to accept Christ as his Savior. Just minutes after Christ came into his heart, the boy was in a car accident which left him fighting for his life. Today he lies in a hospital bed but with the assurance that God is with him watching over him and caring for him.

The year 1962 is over, and the team members look forward to new experiences as they travel from place to place in the service of the Lord. As we look back, we wish to express our thanks to those people who made our first months so worthwhile.

Continue to pray, for it is by joining our hearts and minds together that souls will be won for the Lord.

# Two Saints Return!

A tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr, who have served with renowned effectiveness at the Bamenda General Hospital in Africa, by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer

MORE THAN four years ago, we sailed with Doris and Peter Fehr to West Africa. Now they have returned, weary and worn. Before long you will see them in your churches and homes. Love them. They deserve your extra measure of attention. They return from "the front" with an extraordinary record of achievements.

Do not let their youthful appearance mislead you. It buffaloes us aboard ship on the way out. "How will this young man stand up next to experienced, towering Dr. Chaffee?" we asked ourselves then.

Many others have asked the same since. A top official of the Colonial Office visited your Bansa Hospital two years ago. He had heard in London about the impact of the young doctor. He had come to measure that impact politically and to find its secret. After his visit he asked this one question: "How young is Dr. Fehr?"

How could such a youngster conquer a population so speedily? How? Behind the devotion of the two Fehrs stands an uncanny realism, skill and a maturity rarely achieved by the average missionary in a lifetime.

Let not their modesty lead you astray. They will talk about all else but themselves. They can still blush about remarks that refer to themselves. So we must say it for them, and we say it. For four long years they stayed up front and served far beyond the call of duty, day and night. God's



DR. PETER E. FEHR

Dr. Fehr, medical missionary, takes President Ahidjo and Vice-president Foncha (at Fehr's right) on an inspection tour of the Bamenda Government Hospital. (See Dec. 20, 1962 issue of "Baptist Herald," page 12).

grace and their skills let them do the impossible at Bansa, Bamenda, Mbingo.

Long ago they should have come home for a rest. Quietly they served beyond agreed time limits. They were brought up in Christian homes where duty comes first. This tells. But they won't tell it.

# He Died for the Master

The news of the accidental death of Matthew Jeminda, whose story and picture appeared in the 1963 ANNUAL (page 15), by Mrs. Lenore Lang of Ndu, Cameroon.

YOU WILL BE shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Matthew Jeminda. He is one of those whom George described in the article entitled, "All Honor To The First Fifty!" featured in the 1963 Annual (page 15). He was killed in a lorry (transport truck) accident just outside of Bamenda in September. His skull was crushed and he died shortly after on his way to the hospital in Bamenda.

The news of his death has saddened his many friends here. Our tutor, Kwenchi, was especially close to him. He had made out an itinerary of places where he wanted to go for preaching: Ndog, Belo, Meta (where his brother Abraham is serving), and Mamfe. He had finished Mamfe, the last place, and was returning to Bamenda when the accident occurred. We can only con-

clude that his work was finished and the Master said, "Come up higher!"

Not long after that, his brother, Abraham, wrote to us: "The only sad news is that of Matthew's death by motor accident. However, we sorry not, because he died on the battlefield for his Master."

We shall remember him for the simplicity of his faith and his zeal for the Lord's work, his earnest desire to see men come to know Christ as Savior from sin. He had a good mind and used it to the best of his ability for his Lord. May his life story serve as a challenge to people both here and at home so that they will use what they have for God to the best of their ability. May Matthew Jeminda also stand as a reminder to us all:

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; Only what's done for Christ will last."

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Let not their oratory be the norm of their devotion. They talk well among friends. They may not, facing large audiences. Their upbringing kept them from self-praise. Pious and trite talk you may not hear from them. Their "language of Canaan" consists of deeds in lonely spots, under difficult circumstances over many years. Their patients could talk aloud for them, but they are in Africa.

One African ruler summarized their work well when he said that Dr. Peter "is the greatest miracle man in Africa." He is. And with him, Doris, the faithful companion. Let us not lose them for God's Africa. They will be tempted to stay at home, to perform miracles here, to quit the homeless life. Africa needs them still.

Young Africa looks up to the standards set by the Fehrs. Sick Africa needs their skill. God needs them out there a few more years. Love them. Treat them royally and send them back to the land where they have "risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 15:27).

## DIMENSIONS OF MISSIONARY FAITH

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Dimensions of missionary faith? These are the dimensions of missionary faith demonstrated by the often-tested but faithful, stalwart Adoniram Judson:

1. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.
2. Unshakable conviction of the call to do missionary work and the achievement of missionary competence.
3. Utter faithfulness to his Lord and Master in great personal and institutional crises.
4. Complete yieldedness to Christ in his task of evangelism, regardless of any consequences for himself.
5. Deepest concern and selfless care for the Church of Christ.

These are the dimensions of faith the modern missionary is to have if he is to serve his Master well! The reward is sure: Precious souls won for Christ, the building and strengthening of his Church and, finally, the words of the Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . ."

Note: Quotations are from Wayland's "A Memoir of the Life and Labours of Rev. Adoniram Judson, D.D.," published by Phillips, Samson and Co., New York, 1853.



*The Pastors' Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 7-11, will provide spiritual enrichment and wonderful fellowship for the hundreds in attendance . . .*

## "And They Continued . . . In . . . Fellowship"

By Rev. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Illinois, Chairman of the Publicity Committee

SOME WORDS in our Christian vocabulary have become tired because they have been overworked and sometimes abused. Some have simply lost their meaning because of neglect. Take for example the word, "fellowship." We can only imagine all that the word, "koinonia," implied to the early disciples. To them it must have meant the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith. And who among them would deliberately miss that?

It was a time of sharing the spiritual experiences that seemed to come more quickly than they could be understood. It meant getting acquainted with new believers who had been added to the church. And it was just good to be together with those who were

The Sunday morning Christian is rapidly becoming the accepted norm. Anything more than this must be on the order of a super spectacular production to evoke any excited response. We are in danger of completely losing the basic values attached to Christian fellowship. It seems there must be some outstanding and compelling reason for getting together, other than just to be together. This is considered to be a waste of time.

Ministers, who are busily engaged in promoting fellowship, are nevertheless in danger of losing it themselves. We can become so captivated by the importance of our own work that we are almost hypnotized by it. When we are invited to participate in ministerial fellowship, we automatically utter

away now. Perhaps another time."

We are slaves to a date book which has been filled with innumerable activities, and a full schedule becomes the most important proof of a successful pastorate and the evidence of the virility of our ministry. This is not to say that there are no legitimate reasons for absenting ourselves from such fellowship opportunities. We also acknowledge that occasionally we must make a choice between two or more opportunities, painful though that choice may be.

At the same time it would be good for us to take time to evaluate our schedule of activities to see whether a proper proportion of time is being given to fellowship. We need to put fellowship back in its proper perspective. R. E. O. White in his book, "The Upward Calling," has this to say: "Self isolation is spiritual suicide. Souls have no shells, but touch and mingle and communicate; in love, in study, in simple friendship and in deeper spiritual fellowship, all our mental furniture—thoughts, ideals, feelings, needs and hopes—becomes common property. Living creatures are necessarily inter-related, and inter-relation makes for richness . . . To be known in its fullness, life must be shared."

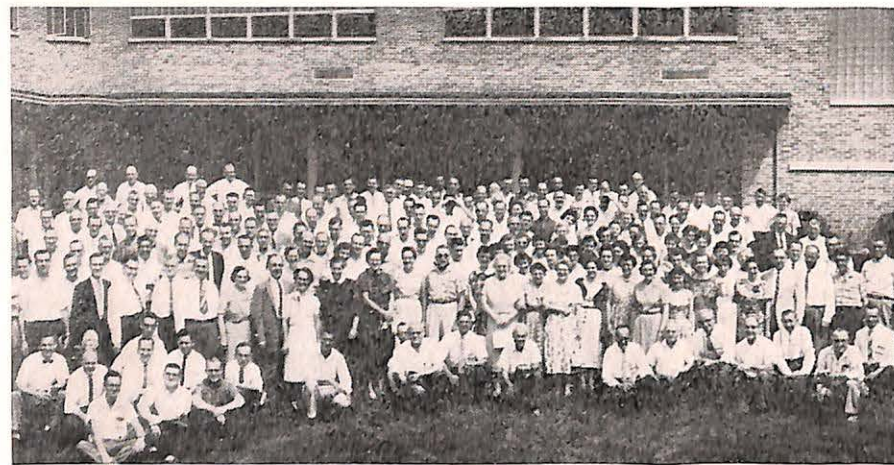
### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This is the opportunity offered to us by the Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 7-11. Because of local commitments and partly because of distance, I was compelled in recent years to make the unhappy choice of foregoing attendance at the conference. It usually came during the same week as our California Camp or immediately following. But I can still remember distinctly the happy times we shared at the first two such conferences, and I have missed the fellowship of my brethren. Now I rejoice that it will again be my privilege to attend. Perhaps there are others who share with me eager anticipation of a renewal of fellowship following a period of enforced absence.

The program has been planned to provide spiritual enrichment, denominational information, discussion of current events, recreation and relaxation. We have invited Dr. Warner C. Cole, pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, to be our special guest and to bring us a

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THE 1960 PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

North American Baptist pastors and their wives in large numbers are photographed on the Seminary lawn, Sioux Falls, South Dakota during their 1960 conference.

likeminded, and the gathering of the believers became a temporary refuge from the alien world in which they moved. They found in their fellowship a type of spiritual refueling station.

### SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

However, something has happened to that spirit in this age. The word itself has lost something of its thrilling and excited accent it once possessed. Our age is characterized by a spirit that drives us to "get away from it all." The invitation to fellowship receives, at best, a lukewarm response, if any at all. The greatest tragedy is that many Christians are unconcerned because they are not conscious of any loss.

words and phrases which seem to have been fed to us in our hypnotic state. "I am too busy." "I just can't get

### PASTORS' CONFERENCE Sioux Falls, South Dakota August 7-11, 1963

Application forms and further information are being sent to all pastors.

The tentative program will be published in an April issue of the "Baptist Herald."

All churches should encourage their pastors to attend this important conference.

"A CONFERENCE FOR  
BETTER MINISTERS!"

*A review of an important book by  
Marion H. Nelson, M.D., given at a  
devotional service during the Pacific  
Conference, Tacoma, Wash. . . .*

# Why Christians Crack Up

By Mr. James D. Billeter of Portland, Oregon, a Layman of the Trinity Church

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING.

I. ESTABLISH THE HABIT OF ACCEPTING EVERYTHING THAT COMES INTO YOUR LIFE AS GOD'S PERFECT WILL FOR YOUR LIFE.

We must eliminate murmuring which is sin. How can we complain about something good that God has sent us? If it has happened to us, then it is God who let it happen. He would not have done so, if it had not been good for us in some way.

Is there a set of spiritual rules that we can follow to avoid many of the trials, heartaches, and problems of life that befall us? God's working in our life has a fourfold purpose:

1. To achieve purification of our spiritual lives;
2. To produce patience;
3. To produce humility;
4. To produce dependence upon God.

II. WE MUST LIVE A CAREFULLY BALANCED LIFE, PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD'S RULES ABOUT THE BODY AND MIND IN REGARD TO THE PROPER AMOUNT OF REST AND RELAXATION ALONG WITH WORK.

One way to invite an attack from Satan is to become fatigued. One who is physically fatigued cannot fight successful spiritual battles. Even the Lord Jesus, because he was truly human, had to live a balanced life and had to get periodic rest and relaxation.

III. WALK IN THE LIGHT; BE OBEDIENT TO GOD'S LAWS, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Confess, as taken from the Greek, means to agree with. We must agree with God about sin in our lives or reap the consequences. As the Holy Spirit through conscience points out sin, we must recognize it and ask for forgiveness. Truly, the way of obedience is always the most rewarding way in the Christian life.

IV. MAINTAIN A GOOD CONSCIENCE.

"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away

concerning faith have made shipwreck" (I Tim. 1:19).

To sin against the conscience brings immediate loss of peace of mind, which is not restored until the sin has been confessed and the matter corrected.

V. WALK IN THE ENERGY OF GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT, INSTEAD OF THE ENERGY OF THE FLESH.

A man who trusts in his natural energy will feel all the stress and strain of today's high pressure living.

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

We must let the Holy Spirit plan our day of work and rest. If the Holy Spirit does not energize us with the power to do a particular work, do not attempt it.

VI. WALK BY FAITH INSTEAD OF BY SIGHT. 2 Corinthians 5:7.

If our faith is resting in the things of this world which we can see, then our peace of mind will fluctuate up and down, as the tide of events of this world goes up and down. As things get better or worse, our mental state will get better or worse.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (I Tim. 6:17).

VII. TAKE A STAND AGAINST SATAN.

The only way to make Satan leave, when he attacks, is to take a stand against him.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

VIII. REGULARLY FEED UPON THE WORD OF GOD AND HAVE REGULAR COMMUNION THROUGH PRAYER WITH THE PERSON OF GOD.

Peter says that we must keep on growing "in grace and in knowledge" so that the attributes of holiness will remain in you and will keep on abounding in you and make you fruitful.

If we as Christians do not have time for God and his Word, we cannot expect to profit from many of the benefits and riches of our Christianity.

IX. CAST EVERY PARTICULAR CARE OR WORRY UPON THE LORD AND LEAVE IT THERE FOR HIM TO HANDLE AND SOLVE.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

Whatever the problem, we can always ask God either to give us grace to bear up under it or to solve and remove it.

In Matthew 11:29, Christ says, "Take my yoke upon you." Here he speaks of a yoke as used by oxen for teamwork in pulling a load. Christ is not speaking of his yoke as an extra burden, but tells us that he will share our burdens and carry them with us to make them easier to bear if we only will cast them upon him in trust and faith.

X. THINK ABOUT THE RIGHT KIND OF THINGS.

Instead of thinking how terrible and weak we are, consider how wonderful and powerful the Lord Jesus Christ is.

Instead of brooding how hard it is to live a Christian life, meditate upon how much God helps you to live the Christian life.

If we can say with Paul as he writes to Timothy in I Timothy 6:6, "But godliness with contentment is great gain," then the peace of God will guard our mind and heart, and protect it from all the unsettling and damaging effects of worry as caused by the stress of living in the troubled world of today.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**SPURGEON ON REVIVAL** by Eric W. Hayden. Zondervan Publishing House—1962—144 pages—\$2.95.

The author, who was minister of Spurgeon's famous Metropolitan Tabernacle for six years, is an authority on the character and ministry of the "Prince of Preachers." In his somewhat lengthy introduction Mr. Hayden gives an interesting, though critical, appraisal of present day evangelism. The first four chapters cover very briefly the life and ministry of Spurgeon. Chapter 5 presents an evaluation of the revival sermons most often used: Election, Depravity, Redemption, Calling and Perseverance. The Addendum and Postscript are an index to the general character of the book.

**CHRIST IN YOU** by Herschel H. Hobbs. Baker Book House—1962—123 pages—\$2.50.

**HOLY GROUND** by Douglas M. White. Baker Book House—1962—144 pages \$2.50.

**SERMONS FROM THE PSALMS** by Calvin P. Swank. Baker Book House—1962—122 pages—\$2.50.

The above are the first three volumes of a new series entitled, *Evangelical Pulpit Library*. Additional books will be published from time to time by outspoken contemporary preachers whose sermons will be based on particular books in the Bible. *Christ in You* is an exposition of the Epistle to the Colossians, while *Holy Ground* is based on Exodus. *Sermons From the Psalms* in self explanatory. Since Mr. Swank has only eight sermons on the Psalms the reader can judge for himself how limited the expositions will be in all subsequent volumes. The introductions, giving the background and history of the books on which the sermons are based, are very informative and the expositions inspirational.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BARTH'S THEOLOGY** by Fred H. Klooster. Baker Book House—1961—98 Pages—\$2.95.

To write an appraisal of Barth's theology in 98 pages is no easy task. No living theologian has been analyzed as often as Dr. Karl Barth, nor written about as frequently. It is difficult to evaluate another's faith and beliefs objectively without personal bias. At least in some instances Karl Barth would not be recognized as a genuine Barthian.

The author has given special atten-

tion to election and reconciliation. It seems strange to write about Barth without mentioning the word "revelation." But then his idea of revelation permeates his entire theology. Mr. Klooster, in his introduction, does not hesitate to voice his basic disagreement with Karl Barth's theology. This, of course, is true of many of the other authors who have attempted to evaluate his theology. It would be a novel experience to read an appraisal of Dr. Barth's theology by someone who does agree with him.

**OUR CHURCH PLANS FOR ADULTS** by Joseph Hanson. Judson Press—1962—112 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

To the teacher who is simply interested in teaching the Sunday school lesson to adults this book will not prove to be of much help. But those who are concerned about the growing need for adult Christian education will find this volume informative and provocative. Socially, our government and our religious denominations have done much to improve the needs and the status of our senior citizens. It is high time that the church awakens to the need of Christian education for adults in our Sunday schools. For a book with only 112 pages, there is a wealth of material for the revitalization of the adult program. Too many church members are sitting in the pews with a knowledge of the Bible acquired in Sunday school while they were children. They are desperately in need of an adult view of Scripture and a more mature education for Christian living.

Every pastor, superintendent, teacher and officer ought to study this volume individually and in groups.

**DESIGN FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** by Frederik E. Bredahl Petersen. Religious Publication Company—1962—72 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

This book is the latest in the field of architecture and building for Christian education and is an important contribution to any church planning a building program.

### READ A BOOK FOR CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT

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## NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

—**PHILIPPIANS** by William Hendriksen. Baker Book House—1962—218 pages—\$5.95.

For many years evangelical Christianity was flooded with devotional, practical and apologetic material. The King James Version, the Matthew Henry Commentary, and a book on soul winning were standard equipment for the minister, teacher and witnessing Christian. The recent publications of Bible dictionaries, concordances and commentaries in evangelical circles is evident that conservative scholarship has come into its own.

Dr. Hendriksen has done a remarkable job in his commentary on Philippians. If the rest of the New Testament will measure up to the same caliber of scholarship (and we have reason to believe it will), then the minister, as well as the layman, will want this treasure in their library. His wide knowledge of Bible literature and the Greek language enables him to include his own translation of the original, and he does it in such a way that even the layman is able to follow his thought. The introduction, the verse by verse exegesis, critical notes and summary are all excellently presented. The background material in his introduction is quite extensive, covering some 37 pages, and is indicative of the author's keen biblical insight and painstaking research. Of particular interest to all Bible students in Philippians is of course the passage in chapter 2:5-11. Those who are defenders of the Kenosis theory will not find strong support, but Dr. Hendriksen's notes on this passage are of particular importance because of their simplicity and clarity on such a difficult subject.

**ALL THE PROMISES OF THE BIBLE** by Herbert Lockyer. Zondervan Publishing House—1962—610 pages \$6.95.

So many of the devotional books and booklets are dated that we have a feeling of spiritual enfeeblement if we use last year's devotional guide. Like the daily newspaper and weekly periodical, we have the impression that it must be discarded or saved only for historical or research purposes. *All the Promises of the Bible* is not only a unique compilation, but an excellent exposition of the divine promises of God. It will prove to be a life long devotional book that will soon show signs of wear and tear and become mellow and yellow with age.

Dr. Lockyer is already well known for his "all" series including such popular publications as *All the Men in the Bible*, *All the Prayers in the Bible*, *All the Kings and Queens in the Bible*, and *All the Miracles in the Bible*. Many Christians know him as one of the most popular and revered Bible conference speakers in the United States and England.

It must have taken a great deal of time, effort and research to divide and sub-divide the promises into such a

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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN

### PRAYING TOGETHER

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (I Timothy 2:8).

The World Day of Prayer will be observed this year on Friday, March 1st. In the islands of the sea and on every continent prayers of confession, contrition, intercession and thankful praise will be offered to God.

Humanity is moving daily from one crisis to another. Christians on every hand face the influence of godless Communism, materialism, and an attitude of tolerance in the spiritual realm. Never before in history have world affairs been so frightening. Surely, these conditions call for united prayer.

The Bible teaches that prayer must occupy an important place in the plan and program of God. Lives are radically transformed by prayer. Prayer makes God real to us and so enriches in spiritual experience. Too many of us under-estimate the value and power of prayer.

What can prayer do? "When we rely upon organization," said A. C. Dixon, "we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place. But," he added impressively, "when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do."

The theme for the World Day of Prayer is "More Than Conquerors," and the Scripture passage is found in Romans 8:37. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Bernard Edinger, Gackle, North Dakota, for writing the English Program, and Mrs. F. Matejko, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the German. These women are to be commended for their labor of love in writing these inspirational programs for us.

As we pray, our hearts are open to share and to give. The special offering on this day will be designated for our \$65,000 Woman's Missionary Project. Kindly send all offerings to NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS, INC., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Mark your offerings "FOR THE \$65,000 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PROJECT."

Remember the date—March 1, 1963. Let us not pass by this glorious privilege of united prayer. May the Lord lay upon our hearts a real burden of prayer!

January 31, 1963

# From the Professor's Desk

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

*Does the soul of a child come from its parents, or does God create each new soul that is born into the world?*

There is a great difference of opinion on this question in Christian thought. Generally, Catholic and Reformed scholars hold that God creates each new soul (called "creationism"), whereas Lutherans and Baptists teach that the soul is derived from the parents (called "traducianism").

The traducian theory states that the entire human race was generically and potentially created in Adam, both with respect to the soul as well as the body. Each new soul born into the world is derived from Adam and his offspring by natural generation. God has so endowed the human race with such powers of propagation that parents give birth to the entirety of their children, both soul and body, not merely their physical bodies. Since God upholds all the laws which he established in creation, including the laws of generation, it can certainly be said that God is active and participating in the procreation of human beings, as he is in his preservation of all creation together with the various laws of operation within the universe.

### THE TRADUCIAN VIEW

In this sense it might be said that God creates souls mediately, rather than immediately by a direct and new act of creation every time a soul is born (as the creationists hold, which sounds like continuous creation). But in the mediate sense God is also the Creator of man's body and of all living things which come into existence, yet everyone would admit that these are propagated by natural generation. It is best to distinguish between God's original creation, whereby he brought all things into existence, together with their laws of operation, and God's continuous preservation or providence, whereby he sustains in existence and activity that which he created in the beginning.

### STUDENT SERVICE PLAN

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The traducian position seems to accord best with Scripture, which speaks of God as creating the entire human species in Adam (Gen. 1:26-27), and as increasing and perpetuating it through the reproductive capacity of human beings themselves (1:28). Only once does Scripture speak of God's breathing into man's nostrils the breath of life (Gen. 2:7), and thereafter speaks of man begetting the totality of his own offspring (4:1; 5:3), even stating that the souls of men are "in the loins" of their parents (Gen. 46:26; Heb. 7:10; cf. Acts 17:26). How more specifically could it be stated? This is very much in line with what the modern study of genetics is affirming. Furthermore, the Bible explicitly states that, after man's creation, God ceased from his work of creation (Gen. 2:2). Interestingly enough, almost all creationists themselves deny the doctrine of continuous creation, distinguishing carefully between creation and preservation.

### SOUL AND BODY

This natural derivation of new individuals from a parent stock is in accord with the commonly recognized mode of propagation in effect with lower forms of life, especially with regard to animals. Animal forms of life reproduce the life principle ("soul") along with the physical form of its offspring. Increase in numbers in the vegetable and animal kingdoms is not produced by a continually increasing number of immediate, direct divine creations.

Moreover, not only physical traits are transmitted in the propagation of the human race, but mental and personality characteristics as well, which would indicate that the soul as well as the body is begotten from the parents. It is commonly admitted that many inherited peculiarities or family traits cannot be accounted for by education, example or other environmental factors, since they are in evidence even when parents do not live to bring up their children or when children are completely separated from their parents immediately upon birth.

Furthermore, our present knowledge of genetics helps us to see the inseparable connection between the physical and psychical elements of the human person, at least in this life. It is impossible to separate (though we can distinguish in abstract analysis) the physical and the spiritual aspects of the living person.

The writer feels that the foregoing considerations definitely favor the traducian view. The next article will deal with some objections to this viewpoint raised by creationists.



# MARCH OF EVENTS



• **BIBLES IN NORWAY.** Norway distributes more Bibles than any other country in the world in proportion to its population, the Norwegian Bible Society reports. Finland is in second place. For every 1,000 inhabitants in Norway, more than 37 Bibles and New Testaments were distributed in 1961, the society stated in its annual report. The figure for Finland was nearly 34.

• **JEWISH POPULATION.** The Jewish population in the United States as of the close of 1961 was estimated at 5,510,000, according to the *American Jewish Yearbook*. The report projected a Jewish population of 12,500,000 in all countries. The population of Israel was given as approximately 1,936,000 Jews and 243,000 non-Jews. Some 3,750,000 Jews are reported living in Europe while Asia has approximately 2,000,000. Africa has about 500,000 and Australia 70,000.

• **U. N. CHURCH CENTER.** A public cornerstone laying ceremony was held last month for the 12-story Church Center at the United Nations. The \$2,000,000 center is being financed by The Methodist Church, which has offered it for the use of denominational and interdenominational agencies. Dr. Ernest L. Inwood, director of U. N. programming of the National Council of Churches, said the center "will be a Christian symbol, a constant Christian witness, a home of Christian hospitality, a place of Christian service, and a center of Christian education in international relations radiating across the United States and overseas."

—*Christianity Today*.

• **E. STANLEY JONES ON CHURCH UNION.** An article by E. Stanley Jones entitled "The Federal Form of Church Union," reprinted in the *Philippine Christian Advance*, official organ of the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches, has touched off a fresh discussion of church union recently. Pres. Jan Nabong of the Philippine Christian Colleges, an outspoken advocate of church union, came out in support of the federal church union plan. However, Methodist Bishop D. D. Alejandro of the Manila area commented that "it is quixotic to get everybody under the thumb of a few leaders and herd them together as sheep to the slaughter."

—*Christian Century*

• **SCRIPTURES TO CUBAN REFUGEES.** During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021.34, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society. The Scriptures are distributed through 66 pastors of churches and directors of Refugee Centers in Miami,

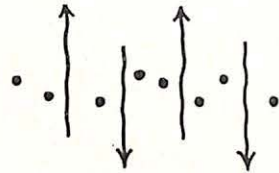
Florida. Where permission is granted, the Scriptures are also placed in clinics. In addition, special contacts are made with the Spanish-speaking pastors who conduct Spanish services. Scriptures also have been donated in an evangelistic campaign directed to the Cuban refugees by Cuban ministers of the Refugee Centers maintained by the Miami Protestant Churches.

• **EUROPE A PRIME MISSION FIELD.** Evangelical missionary leaders now regard Europe as a prime mission field despite the fact that it was the continent which launched the great world missionary movement of

the last century. According to a survey which was conducted by "Christianity Today," a leading evangelical journal, there are more missionaries in Hong-kong than in all of Europe.

This survey of religion in Europe indicates that the continent is ripe for missionary work. An estimated 250,000 towns do not have a single Protestant church. Since 1945 more than 400 missionaries have gone to Europe—an increase of 450 per cent since 1939 according to one mission leader. Also, at least a score of missionary societies and special agencies have been created for service in Europe.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



• **Southern Baptists Enter 52nd Field.** The world's newest nation became Southern Baptists' newest mission field November 8 when the Foreign Mission Board approved the beginning of a medical project in Uganda. Dr. and Mrs. Hal B. Boone, missionaries now in Kenya, will move to the Busoga district, where he will operate a mobile clinic between towns and villages. This brings to 52 the number of countries and territories to which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are under appointment.

• **Baptists Televise Bible Lives.** "Immortal Lives," a series of programs on the Old Testament written in Spanish by Southern Baptist Representative Roy L. Lyon, is being telecast Thursday afternoons in Mexico City. Seen coast to coast, the 13 presentations started in October 1962 and ran through December. Using the pen name Roberto Leñero Leon, Mr. Lyon wrote to them at the request of Octavio Marduet, a producer at Telecentro in Mexico City and a member of First Baptist Church.

• **College Enrolment Over 900.** Hong Kong Baptist College began the 1962-63 session, its seventh, with 400 new students and an enrolment of more than 900—almost 200 more than last year. About 100 new students are from mainland China. James K. M. Mau, director of religious activities, is teaching a new course in Christian orientation to all first-year students. It is related to Bible courses, weekly assemblies, religious emphasis weeks, inquirers' classes, and noonday prayer meetings.

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• **Deacons Ordained in Israel.** The first deacons in the history of Baptist work in Israel were ordained by the 50-year-old Nazareth Baptist Church. The three men, all from Nazareth, are George Lati, a teacher in the Nazareth Baptist School; Fuad Hadad, a former principal of the school who is now studying at a Jerusalem university; and Suhail Ramadan, a glazier. The ordination sermon was preached by B. Elmo Scoggins, who is on sabbatical leave from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, USA.

• **Race Tension Hurts Missions.** "We must explain to the world that we are trying to find a Christian answer to racial tensions in America, or our whole missions program lies in jeopardy," stated Missionary Edgar H. Burks, Jr., on a recent Missionary Day program at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Citing racial tensions in the United States, he called for "new relationship to God and our fellow man" in dealing with such problems at home and abroad. Dr. Burks, a special student at Southern while on furlough, is a professor at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho.

• **Churches Self-supporting in Venezuela.** The 12th National Baptist Convention of Venezuela heard reports that the membership of its 16 churches has grown to 730. Sunday school enrollment is 1,160 and enrollment in the evening Bible classes is 635. Churches within the convention had a total income of about 200,000 bolivars, of which 15 per cent went to missionary and educational work. The Baptist

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• Rev. and Mrs. Donald Richter of Mott, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 22 who has been named Randall James. Mr. Richter is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mott.

• Rev. V. Donald Buell, pastor of the Church Extension project, the Westbrook Baptist Church near Garden Grove and Anaheim, Calif., has presented his resignation to the Church Extension Committee and the congregation. His resignation has been accepted with the understanding that he would terminate his ministry on Jan. 15.

• The First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. L. D. Potratz of Regina, Sask., pastor of the Faith Baptist Church since 1959. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Corona church on March 1st, succeeding Rev. W. D. Dachtler, now of Rapid City, S. Dak.

• The General Council has appointed Rev. Rubin Kern of Ridgewood, N. Y., as the Eastern District secretary, to which he has given a favorable response. It is understood that he and his family will reside in Detroit, Mich. He will succeed Rev. Emanuel Wolff, now pastor of the Union Church, Arnold, Pa. Mr. Kern has served as the pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church since 1959.

• At the Watch Night service held by the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., three important messages were brought by members of the church: Dick Eckels on "What the Bible Means to Me," Albert Salzman on "What My Church Means to Me," and Esther Salzman on "What My Christian Service Means to Me." Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, then closed the service with a message from God's Word.

• The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., was the scene of a festive 25th wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Kurtz of Edenwold on Nov. 23. The program included vocal numbers, readings, recitations and congratulations by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Kliever. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are active church members who stated that they are thankful for God's guidance and blessings in their married life.

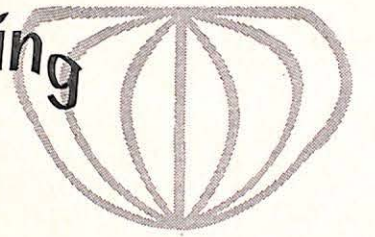
• Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa is serving as the interim pastor at the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska. He began his ministry there on Nov. 1, 1962. Rev. Lyle Wacker, the former pastor, is now serving as the minister at Corn, Oklahoma. A Missionary Conference was held in the Shell Creek Church recently with neighboring churches participating. A mission offering of \$600 was received.

• Since September 1962 Miss Delores Henne has been teaching in the Department of Nursing at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak. This has

fulfilled a childhood dream of hers to be a teacher. Miss Henne is on an extended leave of absence as one of our missionary nurses in West Cameroon, Africa. She has written: "Together with Miss Riekie, the director of the Nursing Department, we covet your prayers for the spiritual needs of students and patients."

Sunday school was held on the following Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, with all departments taking part in songs and recitations. The young people presented the play, "The Greatest Christmas Gift." Beginning with Jan. 1st, as the W. J. Bretz has assumed his duties as the new S. S. superintendent, Rev. W. J. Luebeck, assistant pastor,

## what's happening



• Rev. Gary Schroeder, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill., baptized four young people on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd. The special guest at the Watch Night service was Rev. Stanley Anderson, the former youth director who is now preparing for service in the chaplaincy. Dr. M. L. Leuchner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," spoke on Christian books at the Woman's Missionary Society meeting on Jan. 17.

• Rev. Christian Peters, who recently retired from the active ministry and who served for many years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware, has accepted an appointment to serve as staff assistant at the Bethany Baptist Church, Newport, Delaware. His duties include visitation work and services rendered at marriages and funerals. The pastor of the church is Rev. Nick Salios, a brother of Rev. Connie Salios of the Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Mr. Peters also taught a Bible study course on Matthew from Jan. 21 to 25.

• On Friday evening, Dec. 14, the Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas welcomed its pastor, Rev. R. T. Harfst, and his family. Greetings were given by Rev. Merle Brenner of Ellinwood, Kansas; Rev. Edgar Wesner of Stafford; and Rev. Clemence Auch of Bison, Kansas. Special music was rendered by the Ellinwood and Stafford churches. There was also a special number from the Hoisington church. Mr. and Mrs. Harfst had the opportunity to bring a response. Approximately 89 members and friends were present, as reported by Mrs. Frederick Schlegel.

• The Woman's Missionary Society of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, presented a Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, featuring the dialogue, "The Christmas Spirit," musical numbers and several recitations. The Christmas program of the

brought the message on Christmas morning. Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor of the church.

• Mr. Roy Kiemele is completing his studies at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in January 1963 but will not receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree until May 1963 at the commencement exercises. However, he will continue to serve as the pastor of the Sioux Valley Baptist Church of Dell Rapids, S. Dak., until graduation time. He has served this church for the past one and one half years. He and his wife will continue to live in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. After May 1963 he will be ready to assume a full time pastorate in an NAB church.

• On Jan. 28 and 29 several denominational secretaries visited the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and addressed various gatherings. They were Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary; Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary; Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of stewardship and higher education; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, secretary of the Department of Christian Education; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary. A reception and program for the seminary students and their wives and for the NAB young people of the area was held on Monday evening, Jan. 28. The work of the denomination was reviewed by the guest speakers.

• Dedication services for the \$200,000 edifice of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., were held from Jan. 27 to 30. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, spoke at the Sunday afternoon consecration service and at the Church Extension meeting on Tuesday evening. Church Family Dedication was emphasized at the Sunday morning service with Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor, bringing the message. In the evening there was a mis-

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# Anniversary Services, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

Report of the 50th anniversary services commemorating the rebuilding of the Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., by Miss Marcella Beise.

THE Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, observed the 50th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church on Nov. 4, 1962. It was founded on Nov. 20, 1858. A small log church was built and, as the membership grew and prospered, a white frame church became its home.

Rev. F. H. Heinemann, pastor from 1901 to 1937, felt the building was not what it should be and finally convinced the membership that a brick building with stained glass windows, which are among the most beautiful now found in Minnesota, natural birch woodwork, a baptistry, furnace, Sunday school room, dining room, carpeting and oak pews and pulpit furniture was the kind of church to have. The new building was designed by Heinemann and Beise and built by Ed E. Beise, an officer of the church. It was dedicated in Oct. 1912, debt free.

The history of the church was brought out in the program. A German Choir sang an old German favorite song. Mrs. Mayda Wendt Berg, grandniece of the founder and its first pastor, John Wendt, read Scripture. Her father, Bernard Wendt, served as Sunday school superintendent and deacon for many years. Mr. Edgar Heinemann, son of Rev. F. H. Heinemann, was the speaker and told of many incidents that occurred 50 years ago.

Miss Marcella Beise, daughter of Edward E. Beise, builder of the church, presented a plaque showing the names of all pastors and their years of service from 1858 through 1962. It was given on behalf of present members of the church who were around in 1912 as a memorial to their parents and to other members of their families who contributed their time, efforts and money to make the church a reality. A tablet in loving memory of Edward E. Beise was presented to be placed in the Memorial Case. Just a year previously, the funeral services were held for Mr. Beise in the church he loved so dearly. An offering was taken to be used for the purpose of future Church Extension projects in the Minnesota Association area.

The churches in the Association were represented by their pastors and members. Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Dayton Bluff Church, St. Paul, and moderator of the Minnesota Association brought greetings. Many former members came home for the occasion. We were especially happy to have the Fluth family with us. Yes, Dr. Jerry Fluth of the Cameroons felt well enough to be with us that afternoon. (Mrs. Fluth's parents are members of the church, so they were at her home for the weekend.)



Miss Marcella Beise presents a plaque to Rev. R. T. Harfst showing the names of all pastors of the Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., since 1859.

After the service, supper was served by the women of the church. A beautiful birthday cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Irene Witte Maas, another grand niece of Rev. John Wendt. The cake was unique in that it was decorated with a picture of the church, the builder and founder in the

## Church Contributions for All Purposes

Among 45 Christian denominations in the United States, the North American Baptist General Conference stands 15th in an enviable record in their total contributions for all purposes.

New York. Almost two and three-quarter billion dollars were contributed in 1961 by members of 46 Protestant churches in the United States.

The record total figure of \$2,708,722,264 highlights a report released by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, in the 42nd annual publication of "Statistics of Church Finances."

Benevolences, including home and foreign missions, amounted to \$508,451,920, which is 18.68 per cent of the total. For all local congregational items and operations the sum of \$2,200,270,345 is reported.

The Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the department, noted that 43 of the 46 bodies reported figures this year comparable with those of the previous year. For these bodies the per-member amount of \$69.89 for all causes is a gain of 4.8 per cent over the previous year.

NOTE: North American Baptists are 15th in the list of 45 church bodies

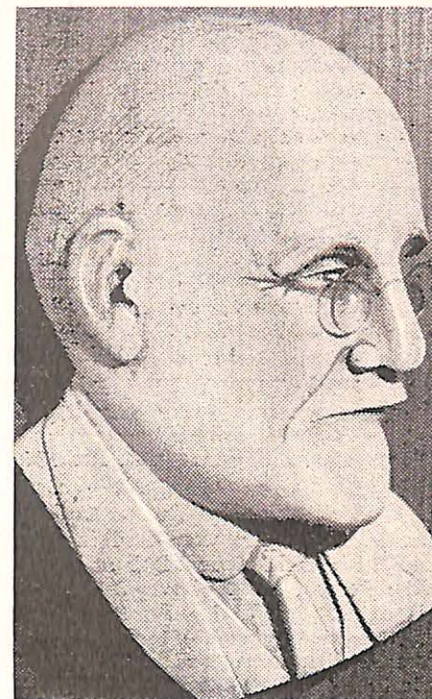
Baptist Leaders Preach On Religious Liberty. Six internationally known Baptist leaders will participate in the Religious Liberty Preaching Week at the National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., March 24-31, 1963, according to Lee Shane, pastor. "This special preaching week will be an effort to alert Baptists of America to this joint witness that our forefathers projected in this important center of government," Dr. Shane said. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will preach on "Religious Liberty and Christian Vocation." Other speakers will be Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Robert G. Torbet, dean of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, a prominent church historian; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, retiring pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, and former president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and former president of the Baptist World Alliance. It is hoped that the sermons will be published as a contribution to the B.J.A. program.

front of each of its three tiers. Pictures of the other pastors: Rev. F. Berndt, Rev. C. C. Langlotz, Rev. H. Bens, Rev. F. H. Heinemann, Rev. August Lutz, Rev. Ralph Lutter, Rev. D. S. Wipf and Rev. Thomas Harfst were placed in the other sides.

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### PER-MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

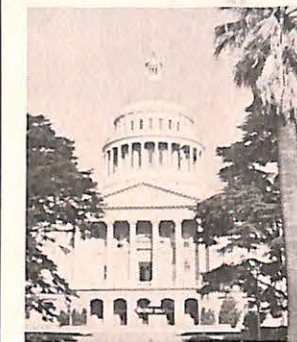
1. Evangelical Free Church	\$341.09
2. Free Methodist Church	295.26
3. Wesleyan Methodist Church	239.00
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church	199.15
5. Brethren in Christ Church	193.04
6. Evangelical Covenant Church	180.19
7. Orthodox Presbyterian Church	166.69
8. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends	156.57
9. Evangelical Mennonite Church	149.36
10. Church of the Nazarene	144.16
11. United Brethren in Christ	140.76
12. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	130.34
13. Pentecostal Holiness Church	118.84
14. General Conference Mennonite Church	112.84
15. North American Baptist General Conference	111.33



DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

"I've never heard of a memorial with glasses on," said the sculptor, Mr. E. A. Darley, of the Derby College of Art. But no one remembered Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, former General Secretary and President of the Baptist World Alliance, without his pince-nez, so they were added. The carving is in English beech set on an oak base. It was unveiled at Broadway Baptist church, Derby, England by his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Forbes-Taylor, during the church anniversary services which were conducted by the Rev. Henry Bonser, one of the young men of old St. Mary's Gate who went into full-time service under the ministry of Dr. Rushbrooke, 1901-1907.

The plaque is largely a gift of the church from Mrs. Wheatcroft, daughter of the late S. T. Hall, one of Dr. Rushbrooke's great friends in Derby.



The California State Capitol

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Rev. William S. Acton, Pastor

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS will contribute to this Sacramento Project in

**FEBRUARY 1963**

### BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY February 3, 1963

Communion offering on this Sunday for world relief for our stricken Baptist brethren and for the administrative work of the alliance.

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

### YOUR GIFTS WILL HELP YOUR BAPTIST BRETHREN

The Baptist Commonwealth Society presented the church with a visitors' book as a memorial to a past president.

—Baptist Times, London, England

### BAPTIST BRIEFS

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work in the Venezuela convention is independent of outside aid. Larger

churches are helping in support of five churches which have not yet grown self-supporting. The convention also has its own publication, LUMINAR BAUTISTA. E. Silva Ovalles is convention president.

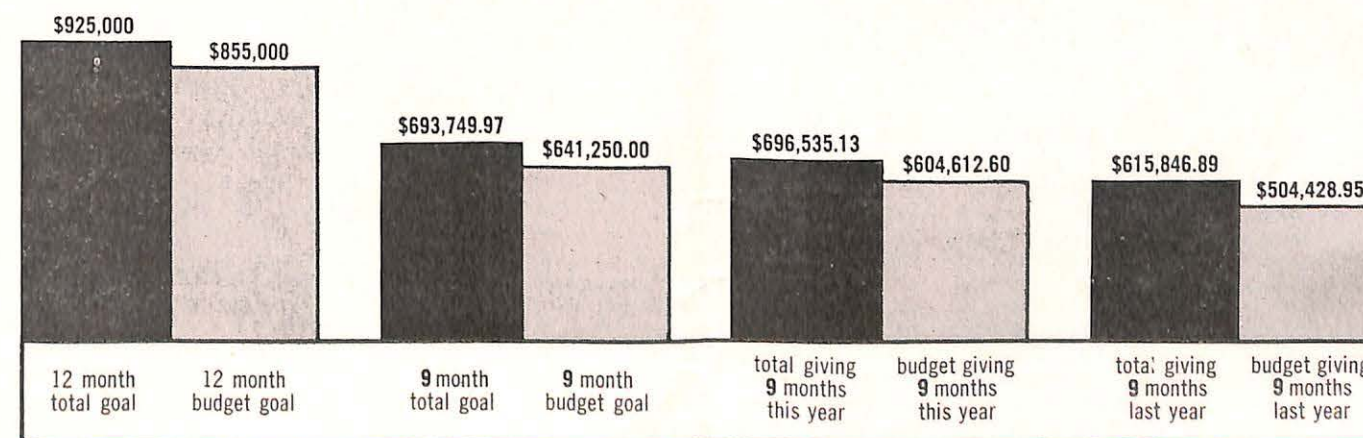
—The Baptist World

● Balthasar Hubmaier's Writings. The 25 theological writings of Balthasar Hubmaier have been published in a one volume edition of 507 pages, edited by Emeritus-Professor Gunnar Westin and Dr. Torsten Bergsten of Uppsala, Sweden. Texts are printed in their original form, generally the Bavarian-Swabian dialect of Hubmaier's native area, with extensive and helpful explanatory material in modern German. There is a 32-page biographical section for which Dr. Bergsten, author of the most recent and most thorough biography of Hubmaier, is primarily responsible. Bibliography and indexes are included.

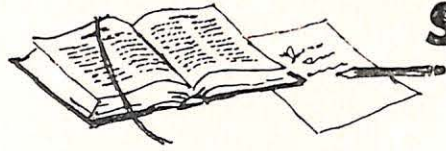
—The Watchman-Examiner

## GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 10, 1963

Theme: **HELPERS IN JESUS' MINISTRY**

Scripture: Mark 6:7-13, 34-42

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** First we learn by listening and by studying, and then we learn by doing.

**INTRODUCTION:** Even though Jesus was the Son of God and had all power and authority, nevertheless he gave power and authority to others. Jesus did not save us from work; he saved us to work. He saved us from a dreary, tiresome round of activity to a glorious experience of laboring with him. Christ had many followers when he walked on earth. They were among the curious spectator crowd. But he was always looking for someone who wanted to be part of the team. Many of the followers hindered his ministry; he needed the kind of followers who would help in his ministry. This kind of laborers is few, as Jesus indicated, and the proportion was all too evident when we see that he often had as many as five thousand followers and only a dozen helpers.

Men are bored, not because they have too much work, but because they find no peace and joy in their work. The Christian should find the same kind of joy as the college professor who said he enjoyed his work so much that he would gladly do it without pay if he could afford it.

**I. HELPERS MUST TAKE INSTRUCTION.** Mark 6:7-11.

Jesus' helpers were called disciples and apostles. Disciples are learners. After they went through their spiritual and practical internship, they were called apostles, which signifies "one who is sent forth." They are the messengers, the appointed, the ordained, the commissioned ones. It was important that Jesus' disciples be willing to learn. Those who think they know it all cannot be taught. The Lord had to choose those who were willing to be like children—teachable and pliable in order to be molded according to the Master's specifications.

**II. HELPERS MUST BE OBEDIENT.** Mark 6:12-13.

There never seemed to be a question in the minds of the disciples as to whether they should go or stay. When Jesus thought they were ready, the Word of God simply tells us that "they went out." Their mission was threefold: spiritual (repentance); mental (cast out devils); physical (healing the sick). Christ was concerned about saving the whole man.

Obedience itself is a form of power,

for then you are exercising a power which comes from God.

**III. HELPERS MUST DEPEND UPON CHRIST.** Mark 6:34-42.

The disciples were happy, but also tired and weary, when they returned from their mission. Because they were human, they recognized the need for rest and relaxation. Even Jesus was aware of the limitations of his humanity. But often we must make the choice between our personal needs and the greater needs of those around us. The disciples were willing to call it "quits," but Jesus took over where the disciples had to stop. They at least obeyed him by trying to discover how much bread was available and by being willing to contribute what they had. Their own resources were inadequate, but they were still channels of Christ's sufficiency.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Do the training programs in your church make better helpers in Christ's ministry?
2. Is our weakness in teaching or in "going out"?
3. Set up a "Help Wanted" sign and list all the areas in which help is needed in the church.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 17, 1963

Theme: **JESUS CALLS FOR VITAL RELIGION**

Scripture: Mark 7:1-13

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Religion is not merely a topic for discussion; it is a life to be lived.

**INTRODUCTION:** No race or nation has contributed so much to the religious life of the world as the Jewish people. Even to this day they are profoundly religious. The Old Testament with its psalms, its history, its wisdom, its laws and its prophets could only come from a people whose God was the Lord. But when Jesus came in contact with the Jewish leaders, religion had deteriorated to such a degree that it became a burden rather than a blessing. There was a great difference between the religion of Abraham and the religion of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus reminded them how far they had fallen from the faith of Abraham and the prophets. The point of controversy was not the acceptance of the Old Testament, but on their limited interpretation of the law and their emphasis on human tradition. The keeping of the law, as practiced by the scribes, did not promote righteous living but pride, arrogance and self-righteousness.

**I. VITAL RELIGION AND CEREMONY.** Mark 7:1-4.

It must not be thought that Jesus and his disciples disregarded ordinary cleanliness and sanitary practices. What Jesus condemned was the wrong emphasis. The scribes and Pharisees pushed aside the moral and ethical principles of the law and substituted minute observance of ceremonial law. In their emphasis on rules and regulations, they set aside justice and mercy. No amount of outward washing will create a clean heart and a pure mind. The life within must be given the place of honor and importance and then the outward cleansing will be regulated accordingly.

**II. VITAL RELIGION AND TRADITION.** Mark 7:5-8.

The Pharisees and scribes really exposed themselves when they asked Jesus why his disciples do not walk according to the tradition of the elders. It was a bold admission that they had substituted the teachings of the prophets for the tradition of the elders. They had substituted the Word of God for the regulations of men. They had substituted heart-loyalty for lip-loyalty. When Jesus called them hypocrites, he was saying in effect that they were merely playing at being good, but they never intended to work at it. Real religion cannot spring from the mind of man; it must come from the mind of God.

**III. VITAL RELIGION AND DEDICATION.** Mark 7:9-13.

The real religious life centers around genuine dedication, and here the critics of Jesus failed miserably. Their false idea of dedication centered around the word "Corban." It simply means a gift and it was used in referring to God's treasury. If a man wished to dedicate something to God it was declared "Corban" and could not be used for other purposes. But many Jews misinterpreted the practice and used it for selfish purposes. It was easy to save property from a debtor or escape an honest obligation, as for example the support of needy parents.

This kind of religion did not take God into account—it eliminated him!

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What is involved in true dedication?
2. Do we have any practices in our churches today that we hold sacred simply because the "elders" have always done it this way?
3. How do church rules, covenants and constitutions implement the Word of God?

## BOOK REVIEWS — BY REV. B. C. SCHREIBER

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practical category. The first seven chapters comprise a devotional and expository introduction including the substance, simplicity, stipulation, surety, source, security and scope of the promises. Each chapter records many promises which are representative of the theme. The second part of the book deals with the objects of God's promises in which there are nine recipients beginning with the Jews and ending with the Christians. In the last five chapters Dr. Lockyer assembles the promises and directs them into the practical and personal realms, in which they are applied to the temporal, physical, marital, spiritual and eternal realms.

The Christian will find this book to be an enriching experience, whether he uses it as a devotional guide or as a study book in addition to the Scriptures. Ministers will find a wealth of inspirational material for sermon illustration and will look upon it as a treasured volume in his library.

**THE STAR OVER THE KREMLIN** by William P. Strube, Jr. Baker Book House — 1962 — 108 Pages — \$1.95.

**UNDERSTANDING COMMUNISM** by James D. Bales. Baker Book House — 1962 — 88 pages — \$1.00 (paper).

As the danger and threat of communism becomes more apparent, the interest and concern of the Christian world increases. In the last few months no fewer than seven books on communism have come to the attention of this reviewer. Most of them, including these two, are in the form of study manuals.

Both men are well qualified to write on the subject. Mr. Strube is vice-president of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and president of Mid American Life Insurance Company and speaks about the dangers of communism from the layman's view point. Mr. Bales is a minister and professor of Bible at Harding College in Arkansas. His study manual, *Understanding Communism*, is a short, but lucid, evaluation of the practices and principles of communism and should be studied together with his more comprehensive volume entitled, *Communism: Its Faith and Fallacies* which was reviewed earlier.

**A PRACTICAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION HANDBOOK** by Norman E. Nygaard. Baker Book House — 1962 — 103 pages — \$1.95.

The pastor and key persons in the church will find this book very useful. The practical suggestions and information will enable the leaders in their administration, to be more effective and efficient.

**HELP IN TROUBLED TIMES** compiled and edited by Bruce E. Mills. The Judson Press — 1962 — 256 pages — \$3.50.

**COURAGE IN SICKNESS** by Earl W. Bloomquist. The Judson Press — 1962 — 24 pages — \$0.25 each, \$2.50 doz. (paper).

The readers of *The Secret Place* are probably aware that it was a quarter of a century ago that this little booklet appeared at family devotions along with the Bible. *Help In Troubled Times* is published in commemoration of its

## AN IMPORTANT MISSIONARY BOOK

Review by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

**PENTECOST AND MISSIONS** by Dr. Harry R. Boer. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, — 1961 — 254 pages — \$5.00 (clothbound). (Reviewed by Dr. R. Schilke)

Dr. Harry R. Boer in his book, "Pentecost and Missions," gives us a theology of missions. Dr. Boer is a theologian of the Christian Reformed Church of the United States. Baptists must thus interpret his references to the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper) in the light of Baptist doctrine regarding the ordinances of the Lord. Dr. Boer spent three years (1947-1950) as a missionary in Nigeria. The book is a revision of his doctoral thesis, "Pentecost and the Missionary Outreach of the Church."

He begins by quoting the statement of findings of the International Missionary Council at Tamborin (1938): "At this stage in the history of the Church and the nations, the Council is convinced that the churches in all parts of the world should examine themselves anew and should turn again to the intensive practical study of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and of the essential features of the New Testament Church, which from the Day of Pentecost manifested a powerful corporate and individual witness entirely out of proportion to the insignificant human means employed."

He then proceeds by "re-examining the theological basis on which the missionary witness of the Church rests." In the first part of his book he discusses three related subjects: (1) the missionary significance of Pentecost; (2) the relationships that have historically been seen between Pentecost and missions; (3) and the place of Pentecost in the whole of the history of redemption.

In these discussions Dr. Boer raised the question whether the church in apostolic times manifested the consciousness of the Great Commission of the Lord to the degree in which it is stressed in our time and since the time of William Carey who held that "Christ's command is binding on men today as it was binding on the apostles." The alternative question to this is whether "the Great Commission was a silent presupposition in the mind of the apostles and of the early Church"

silver anniversary. The five hundred meditations included in this volume have been selected by the editor from the thousands of contributions which have appeared over the years. Some effort has been made to assemble the contents under various headings such as faith, loneliness, suffering, prayer, etc. Many of them lend themselves very well for true life illustrations.

Mr. Bloomquist has some excellent material in his booklet, *Courage In Sickness*—very appropriate as a little gift when making hospital calls.

and whether the descent of the Holy Spirit and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit was not the real motivating force and power to carry the Gospel to the Gentile world and to bring the Gentile world into the Church. He refers to and proves by the decisions of the early Church that the latter was much more the case.

Thus he says: "We must cease preaching the Great Commission as a command to be obeyed but must present it as a law that expresses the nature and that governs the life of the Church" (page 217). Thus Pentecost takes on new significance for "both Church and missions are creations of the Holy Spirit and are both taken up as essential elements in the divine plan for the world."

The relationship between Pentecost and the missionary witness of the Church is indissoluble. At Pentecost the Great Commission became law, not merely a command. Dr. Boer points out the difference between law and command. The command has objective but no subjective force, whereas the law is both. "The coming of the Spirit made Christ's mandate an organic part of her being, an essential expression of her life." Thus the spontaneous character of the early Church was to witness. The Holy Spirit effects the unity of the church and this unity is a spiritual one. It is the great missionary instrument given to the Church and nowhere is this more needed than on the mission field.

The Holy Spirit transmits life, eternal life, and in so doing uses only one means, the Kerygma, the witness. Here Dr. Boer brings into question the institutional work of missions, medical and educational, and points out their inherent weaknesses and dangers to lose sight of this transmission of life through the witness. Having brought this under criticism and the need for re-evaluation, he goes on to say: "On the other hand, the witness often requires the use of institutions because in the concrete situation of missionary activity they may serve powerfully to illuminate, strengthen, and expand the witness" (page 237).

The book is provocative in its thought and content and the reviewer recommends it highly to leaders and missionaries alike.



# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## Eastern District

### Missions at the Round Lake Church, Michigan

In October the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan held a Mission Festival with Dr. R. Schilke as our guest speaker. After the morning services, we had a pot-luck dinner followed by an informal question and answer hour. Dr. Schilke answered many questions that gave us all a better understanding of our missionary enterprise.

Food products were displayed at the altar in the evening service to remind us of God's manifold blessings. We were all challenged anew with the theme of the day, "So Send I You." Our church's mission giving has steadily been increasing. This year we voted to take on an additional yearly obligation of \$500 for two of our missionaries.

Arlene Franck, Reporter

### Nine Persons Baptized, Fellowship Chapel, Warren, Mich.

Our second baptism at the Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Mich., was held on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, and we thank the Lord for his faithfulness. We had a wonderful year of spiritual advancement. In February we baptized 14 converts, and at the end of the year 9 persons followed the Lord in the water of baptism. Our people are happy in the work of the Lord and, since our church is an extension project, we are doubly happy for the growth in spirit and numbers.

Our building project is going forward. A Fellowship Hall, 35 by 35 feet, was constructed this last summer and plans for more classrooms are being made for next spring. Our people have a mind to work and to sacrifice for the advancement of God's Kingdom. We are looking into the future with great confidence, knowing that our faithfulness to our Savior will be rewarded by his blessings.

Walter Stein, Reporter

## Western District

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weisser

On Sunday, Nov. 15, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph G. Weisser of Portland, Oregon were honored by relatives and friends at a reception at the home of their son, Marvin. Their other son, James, and family of Boise, Idaho, were present for the celebration. They have also raised as a daughter, Myrtle, who is now the wife of Dr. Walter Powers and mother of three sons. Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Church of Portland, gave a short devotional based on 2 Corinthians 13-11.



Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weisser of Portland, Oregon on the happy occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at the Baptist Home for the Aged.

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Both the honored guests were converted as children under the Gospel ministry of Rev. John Hager at Turner, Oregon, and baptized by Rev. Fred Reichle. They were married by Dr. Jacob Kratt on Nov. 7, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Weisser have continually remained faithful members of the Trinity Church of Portland during the ensuing years. Mr. Weisser served the church as deacon for 25 years and both have served as Sunday school teachers for ten years. From 1945 to 1955 they were the capable superintendent and matron of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon, where they now happily reside.

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

### Sessions of Oregon Association, Salt Creek Church

"HE MUST REIGN" (I Cor. 15:25) was the theme of the annual Oregon Association of North American Baptists held at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon from Nov. 7-11. Soul stirring messages challenged us concerning the truths that "He Must Reign" in our Oregon Church Extension Mission projects; in our homes; in our stewardship of service, finances, and time; in our church worship and music; in the decisions of youth; and in our foreign missions. Special speakers for the sessions were Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore from our Japanese mission field, Mr. Norman Haupt from our African field, and Rev. John Binder, our denominational youth secretary. It was a time when many spiritual showers of blessing were experienced by the many delegates and friends gathered in the beautiful new edifice of the host church.

The Oregon Association meetings

for next year will be held Nov. 6-10, 1963 at the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon. The Association officers elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Henry Smuland; vice moderator, Rev. Fred David; and secretary treasurer, Mr. Melvin Becker.

Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter

### Bethel Sunday School Christmas Program, Anaheim, California

Bethel Baptist Sunday school of Anaheim, Calif., presented its Christmas program on Dec. 23 in the church sanctuary. Rev. George Breitreuz directed the program, assisted by Mr. Ernest Hartford, superintendent, and the departmental superintendents, Mrs. Herbert Stabbert, nursery, with helpers, Mrs. Norman Cool and Mrs. Ervin Mabs; Mrs. Paul Jungkeit, kindergarten; Mrs. Louis Parque, primary; Mrs. Joe Love, Juniors; and Mr. Ehrhardt Hartmann, Junior High.

Mrs. Mary Rishel, guest organist, and Mrs. Don Melvin, pianist, accompanied the singers. Ed Reynolds was narrator. Theresa Smith and Rindy Motley were the angel candle lighters. Diane Stroschein was Mary, and David Jackson, Joseph, in the manger scene with Guy Chase, Andy Cool, Jimmy Davis and Greg Hilliker as shepherds and John Cool, Darrell Ballman, Robert Lee the wiseman. Carl Mabs, trumpeter, announced Wayne Segaves as high priest and Gary Jungkeit as Gabriel.

The accordion band, directed by Mrs. Arthur Domries, played two numbers. The Young Teens Choir was directed by Mrs. Dan Chiles and the Primary Choir and group singers were directed by Mrs. Dayton Smith. Mrs. Chiles sang "Gesu Bambino" and Miss Marion Stevens' solo was "O Holy Night." Following the benediction by Rev. William Hoover, Bethel Baptist minister, Christmas treats were distributed to all present.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

## Northern District

### Missionary Conference, Minitonas and Swan River Churches

One of the first Missionary Conferences held in the Minitonas and Swan River churches of Manitoba convened December 5-9 with Dr. R. Schilke and Missionaries Ida Forsch and Nettie Dahl as speakers. "That Others May Live Again" and "Pray Ye, Give Ye, Go Ye" were the themes chosen for the conference. Dr. Schilke gave several missionary messages. Miss Forsch spoke mainly on the educational aspect in the Cameroons of Africa, and Miss Dahl related about her work with the Baptists in Spain. They spoke also at two women's gatherings held in the afternoons.

Two combined rallies were held: one on Saturday night with the young people and Homebuilders in attendance, and the other at the closing rally. A brass band and a mass choir rendered several numbers at the final rally. The conference was an inspiration to many. It was reported that the missionary offering was about \$1000.

Mrs. L. Zilkie, Reporter

## Central District

### Christian Workers' Conference at Mowata Church, Louisiana

The Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana was host to a Christian Workers' Conference on Nov. 15-16. On Thursday evening we were privileged to have Rev. John E. Grygo, editor of German publications. On Friday morning the visiting men were guests at a breakfast given by the Brotherhood of Mowata. The classes, beginning at 9:00 A.M., were well attended by all.

Meals were served by the women of the church. Everyone seemed to enjoy "the meal times," giving them an opportunity to get better acquainted with members from other churches. On Friday evening we were privileged to hear Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary. During the meetings we were blessed with music by the Mowata choir.

Mrs. Henry L. Bieber, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Grenz of Hebron, North Dakota, at the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

### 60th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grenz

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Grenz of Hebron, N. Dak., were honored at a 60th wedding anniversary service given by the members of the First Baptist Church of Hebron on Nov. 22. The actual anniversary date is December 16, but the observance was held earlier to make it easier for the grandchildren to attend and participate in the observance.

Readings were given by Mrs. Adam Fehr, Mrs. Fred Klein and Mrs. Charles Heinle. Solos were sung by Mrs. E. J. Faul and Hugo Heinle, a grandson. Duets were rendered by Sylvia and Grace Faul and by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Heinle, another grandson and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Heinle and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Heinle sang a quartet number. The Woman's Missionary society, of which Mrs. Grenz is a member, sang a song.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenz have two daughters: Mrs. Charles Heinle of Hebron, N. Dak., and Mrs. Albert Kallis of New Leipzig, N. Dak. There are three grandsons: Irwin and Hugo Heinle and David Kallis. They have six great grandchildren.

Mrs. Charles Heinle, Reporter

### BIBLE SUNDAY MARCH 10, 1963

Bible Day recitations, bulletin inserts and offering envelopes will be sent to all churches in a few days. Make your plans for this Bible Sunday observance.

### Eighteen New Members Received at Bismarck, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor of Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 11 children and two adults. Our hearts were filled with rejoicing for these who have dedicated themselves to the Lord by this step of obedience. On the following Sunday, the hand of fellowship was extended to them and five others who came to us by letter and testimony.

We were also privileged to have God's Volunteers from Nov. 6 to 18. All meetings were well attended, and the last meeting was held in the City Auditorium because of crowded conditions in our church. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God for 13 persons who accepted Christ as Savior. The young people especially were inspired and challenged for greater service through the ministry of God's Volunteers.

Mrs. Art Mehrer, Reporter

### Dedication of Educational Unit at Corn, Oklahoma

"And the children of Israel . . . and the rest of the children kept the dedication of this house of God with joy" (Ezra 6:16). The Calvary Baptist



The new Educational Unit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma which was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 9, 1962

### NOTICE, REPORTERS!

Changes will be made in the "Report Pages" beginning with the Feb. 14 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, which will add greatly to the reading enjoyment for all subscribers. Letters of instruction have been prepared for all reporters.

All reports will be limited to brief, factual news items to be edited in keeping with the new BAPTIST HERALD policies. Several departments in the "Report Pages" will improve the appearance of the pages and add to your reading convenience.

EDITOR.

Church of Corn, Oklahoma held a special dedicatory service on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9, at 3:00 P.M. for the new educational addition which was recently completed. Our pastor, Rev. Lyle Wacker, was in charge of the service.

The ground breaking ceremony had been observed on Jan. 22, 1962. The new building consists of eight classrooms, a dining hall, kitchen and two rest rooms and covers an area of 2,900 square feet. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, was our guest speaker.

After the dedication service, a luncheon was served to all our guests in the new dining hall. We thank the Lord for being so good to us and our prayer is that many souls will be strengthened and drawn closer to the Lord in the study of God's Word and in fellowship one with another, through the use of these new facilities.

Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter

### Baptism and Family Life Week, Marion, Kansas

On Sunday evening, Dec. 9, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas and the Strassburg Baptist Church took part in a joint baptismal service at the Marion church. Rev. Elton Kirstein of Marion and Rev. Charles Littman of the Strassburg Church officiated. Nine children, all of them in the lower grades of school, followed the Lord in baptism. What a thrill to see such young children give their hearts to Christ and what a great potential they represent for service! Those who were baptized were: Denise Skibbe, Don Seifert, Michael Kleiber, Stanley Vogel, Judy and Rita Kreutziger, and

Denise and Douglas Schlehuder of Strassburg, and Edward John Hett of Marion.

At the Emmanuel Church the days of Nov. 11 to 18 were designated as "Family Life Week." Sunday was "Homecoming Day" when many former members returned for a day of fellowship and inspiration at the church. Dr. Douglas Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas brought a stirring message each evening of the following week. He stressed family worship and the responsibility of each member toward others in the family. On the final evening he selected a family from the congregation and conducted a model family worship.

Mrs. Albert Hart, Reporter



# Festivities at Milwaukee's Temple Church

Report of 75th anniversary and dedication of Sunday school addition of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
by Mrs. June Hatley, Church Clerk

SUNDAY, Nov. 18th, was a festive day at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It marked the observance of our 75th anniversary and the dedication of our new Sunday school addition. We were happy to have all living former ministers of our church present for the day. The Misses Alethea and Celia Kose, daughters of a former pastor, were also present and spoke words of greeting. Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor, was in charge of the festive services.

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A service of remembrance was held during the Sunday school hour with Dr. John C. Knechtel and Rev. George Hensel as speakers. Dr. John Knechtel, a former minister of the church, spoke on "Pages from the Past." He presented an interesting recollection of experiences. Rev. George Hensel, a spiritual son of the church, brought a message on "Personalities of the Past." He told of how many faithful members had influenced him.

At the service of worship in the morning, Rev. Louis B. Holzer, another former minister of our flock, delivered a sermon on the topic, "Lest We Forget." He presented a challenge to be faithful to our great heritage.

## DEDICATION SERVICES

The dedication of the Sunday school addition was held in the afternoon. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the immediate predecessor of the present pastor, presented a message on "Stewards in Contemporary Christian Education." This was a happy occasion for it changed dreams and visions into reality. Ade-



Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

quate facilities are now provided for all phases of our work. There is a separate room for each class.

## ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

About 250 members and friends attended the evening banquet. A fine program of special singing, greetings and a message was enjoyed. Rev. Peter P. Pfeiffer, the fourth former minister present, spoke on "Unfinished Furlongs."

The anniversary-dedication offerings amounted to \$1,904.45. We have loans totaling approximately \$40,000.00.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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sionary emphasis with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman of Cameroon, Africa as the guest speakers. On Monday evening, the mother church, Bethel of Anaheim, was in charge of the festivities. Rev. William Hoover brought the message and Mr. Ed Bohnet of the Magnolia Church described some of the church's historical highlights.

• The C. B. Y. F. of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., presented a drama in one scene on Sunday evening, Dec. 9. "Christmas Today" tells the story of Connie Brock, daughter of a minister, who becomes confused about the true meaning of Christmas, and the plot centers around her dilemma. Bill Adam played his saxophone and the girls trio, composed of Grace Rauser, Dianna Schuh, and Geri Stabbert, rendered a selection. Christmas caroling followed the annual Sunday school program on Sunday evening, Dec. 23. A joint "sing-spiration" was held on Dec. 30 by "The Crusaders." They are a youth group from our church in Lodi, Stockton, Sacramento and Elk Grove.

• Carrington and Gackle, two North Dakota cities in which Baptist pastors and laymen have been very active in civic affairs, rated high in the annual Community Betterment Contest which is under observation by many other states. Carrington rated first in its division of towns of 1,500 to 5,000 population to clinch the \$600 prize. Rev. Howard Westlund, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, is very active in the program. Again repeating in the win column was Gackle, N. Dak., taking second with a prize of \$500 in its division, 500 to 1,500 population. While serving in meetings at Calvary Church in Carrington early in 1962, Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle, N. Dak., assisted the Carrington group in organizing its Community Betterment efforts.

## MORE BOOK REVIEWS

**MARK—GOSPEL OF ACTION** by Ralph G. Turnbull. Baker Book House—1962—86 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

This is part of the Bible Companion Series for Lesson and Sermon Preparation. Excellent material for the Sunday school lessons based on Mark.

**MAN'S PEACE GOD'S GLORY** by Eric S. Fife. Inter-Varsity Press—1961—144 pages—\$1.95 (paper).

Although the book is addressed primarily to the Christian students in our colleges and universities, there is much material for the ordained ministers as well as the laymen. Basically the book emphasizes a deeper and more meaningful study of the Bible, the personal responsibility for world evangelism, and a personal devotional life which should be spiritual and practical.

## AND THEY CONTINUED IN FELLOWSHIP

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series of inspirational messages. The newest appointee to our Seminary faculty, Rev. Gerald L. Borchert, will also participate in the program, bringing to us some of the latest developments in New Testament study. Our denominational leaders will be in charge of several provocative panel discussions. We expect to learn the latest information about the Cameroon mission field from Rev. Fred C. Folkerts and the Japan mission field from Rev. Walter Sukut. All of this and more will result in a conference that will be both spiritually inspiring and practically beneficial.

The pastor's family has not been forgotten. Mrs. Frank Veninga is chairman of a committee which will plan a helpful program for pastors' wives. Activities will also be provided for the children. The entire family should find these days filled with profitable activities. Thus, the whole family will be able to return home with inspiration and information enough to give new meaning and impetus to the ministry for weeks and months afterward.

We are grateful to the Seminary and President Frank Veninga for again offering to be host for this conference. The reasonable cost of room and board will make it possible for some to attend who find it difficult to fit the income to the daily needs. Assistance by the denomination and the local churches in meeting transportation costs ought to be an added incentive to plan to attend.

## "TOTALLY COMMITTED"

The theme of the conference deserves careful consideration. Each one of us in the Lord's service needs a periodic re-examination of his commitment to Christ. It is difficult to be objective in examining our own ministry. We tend to be either overly optimistic or morbidly pessimistic. To look at our own ministry in the light of the experience of others helps us to see that we are part of the design in the fabric of God's program. There is dignity in the realization that I share in the composition of that design, but there is also humility in knowing that its completion does not rest solely upon me. And we need both!

The Apostle John felt the need for Christian fellowship. Letters could accomplish a great deal, but so far as he was concerned there was no substitute for personal fellowship. So he wrote: "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink; but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full" (2 John 12). May God grant to each of us the desire to see each other face to face at Sioux Falls, so that for us too "our joy may be full" as we put New Testament meaning back into the word, fellowship.

## Obituary

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

### MR. KARL MILNER of Moosehorn, Manitoba

Mr. Karl Milner of Moosehorn, Man., was born in Poland, June 30, 1919. While still in Europe, he accepted Christ as Savior, and was baptized at the age of 14 by Rev. Klutwig. Mr. and Mrs. Milner were married in Coddbus, Germany, on May 4, 1946. This union was blessed by 8 children, one of whom predeceased him. They emigrated to Canada in 1949, and settled in Moosehorn on April 1, 1950. It was here that Mr. Milner joined the Baptist church. He was quite active in this church in various ways, serving the Lord.

At the age of 43 years, 5 months, and 10 days, he met death suddenly through an accident while working on a construction project in Silver Bay, Minn., U.S.A. He was employed as an electrician. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Irmgard; and 7 children, all of Moosehorn; one brother, Rev. A. Milner of White Rock, B. C.; and 5 sisters. Moosehorn Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Manitoba

B. VOSS, Pastor

### MR. WILLIAM P. LINSTAD of Gotebo, Oklahoma

Mr. William Paul Linstead of Gotebo, Okla., was born July 11, 1898 in Holloway, Minn. He came to Oklahoma with his parents in 1912 and settled with his parents near Gotebo, Okla. He was converted in his teens and became a member of the Salem Baptist Church where he was faithful until the time of his death. For the last 15 years, he was the teacher of the adult Sunday school class. He also served as trustee for many years and was the church treasurer at the time of his passing.

He was married to Dora Brunken on Dec. 21, 1926. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Dora; a son, Walter; and 2 grandchildren, Sandra and Susan. One son, William Paul, Jr., preceded him in death in 1947. Also surviving are one brother, Karl Linstead of Rocky; and five sisters: Mrs. Francis Machell of Lodi, Calif.; Eva Webber of Gotebo; Ester Moses of Henrietta, Texas; Millie Massey and Lillie Campbell of Glen Ellen, Calif.

Salem Baptist Church  
Gotebo, Oklahoma

W. H. ISBELL, Pastor

### MR. HENRY MOHRMAN of Columbus, Nebraska

Mr. Henry Mohrman of Columbus, Neb., was born July 9, 1884 in Platte County,

near Columbus, Neb., and died Dec. 9, 1962. He accepted Christ as his Savior, and was baptized on Dec. 15, 1895, becoming a member of the Shell Creek Baptist Church during the ministry of Rev. Gustave Peitsch. He was a faithful and active member of the church, serving for several terms as a trustee. On Oct. 7, 1916, he was united in marriage to Lydia Peters. The couple made their home on a farm 10 miles north of Columbus, where they continued to live until retiring six years ago to Columbus, Nebr.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife; one daughter, Virginia (Mrs. Elmer Behlen); two sons: Darold and Vernon, all of Columbus, Neb.; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild; also two brothers, John and Emil of Columbus, and one sister, Mrs. Martha Blessen of Amarillo, Texas. Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska  
HERMAN LOHR, Interim Pastor

### MR. FRED G. QUENZER of Billings, Montana

Mr. Fred George Quenser of Billings, Montana passed to his eternal home on Dec. 4, 1962 in one of the local hospitals. He was born on June 24, 1881 in Odessa, Russia. He was united in marriage to Caroline Schoepf in Russia on March 3, 1902 and the following year they came to Herreid, S. Dak. They moved to Plevna, Mont., in 1916 where Mrs. Quenser passed away in 1920. On Jan. 29, 1923 he was united in marriage to Louise Schell and she passed away in 1959. As a young man in Russia he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized by Rev. G. Eichler in 1903 at Herreid, S. Dak. He was a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont.

Left to mourn are two sons: Fred of Rodeo, Calif.; Albert of Baker, Mont.; four daughters: Mrs. Lorena Brees of Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. Madge Rediger of Cashion, Ariz.; Mrs. Caroline Sieler, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sieler of Billings, Mont.; 37 grandchildren, and 29 great grandchildren. Interment was in the family plot at Plevna, Mont. Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana  
RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor

### MR. REINHOLD WEISS of Kenosha, Wisconsin

Mr. Reinhold Weiss of Kenosha, Wis., was born on Feb. 12, 1899 in Dubno, Russia, and passed on to his heavenly reward Dec. 14, 1962. Leaving his native land, he came to Moundridge, Kansas in 1915 and from there moved to Kenosha to make his home here in 1924. In 1920 he married Martha Behr who preceded him in death in 1950. God blessed them with three children. In November 1951 he married Irma Plewe Zimmelke and continued to make his home in Kenosha.

Under the ministry of Rev. Adam Waldvogel, Mr. Weiss was converted on April 4, 1926. He was baptized and became a faithful servant of the Lord in the Immanuel Baptist Church. After serving as deacon for some 20 years, Mr. Weiss was made honorary deacon of the church in 1961. He leaves to mourn his wife, Irma; one daughter, Mrs. Jack Tracy (Lillian); two sons: Benjamin and Harvey; and 8 grandchildren, all of Kenosha; and three brothers: John of Kenosha, Adolph of Sarasota, Florida, and Gustave of Germany.

Immanuel Baptist Church  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

MILTON W. ZEEB, Pastor

### MR. ARNO DECHENT of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Mr. Arno Dechent of Sheboygan, Wis., was born on July 25, 1900 in Sheboygan. He died very suddenly on Friday morning, Dec. 14, 1962 of a lingering heart condition of several years. He was married to Cecelia Stiller in 1928. Mr. Dechent had been the director of the Department of Public Assistance for nearly 30 years in the city of Sheboygan. He was a devoted father and husband to his loved ones, a faithful servant of the Lord, serving him very well through the Bethel Baptist Church, of which he was formerly a Sunday school superintendent, a member of the board of trustees, and at the time of his passing was the chairman of the board of deacons.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia; his son, Richard; and four sisters: Mrs. Fred Boettner, Mrs. Mabel Grade, Mrs. Helmut Bock, all of Sheboygan, and Mrs. Rudolph Jahn of Philadelphia, Pa. Funeral services were held on Dec. 17th with a large attendance of friends and relatives. He was held in high esteem in the city, and was well known throughout the area. Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

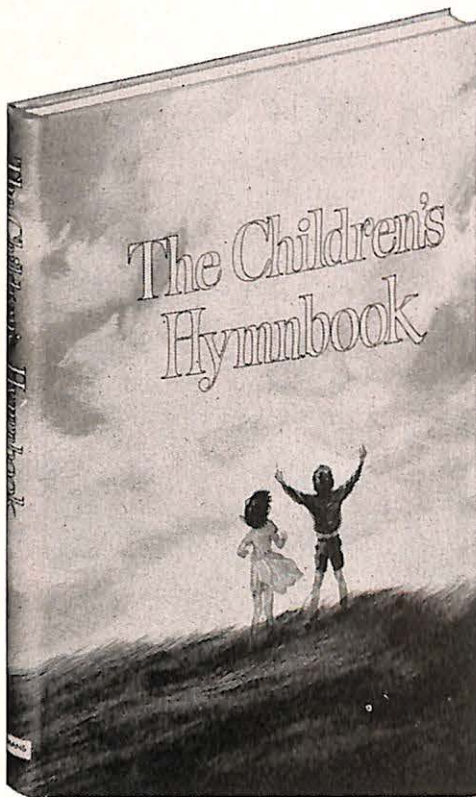


TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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