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Meditation Thoughts : Beginning of Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

HOW LONG does it take you to "say" the Lord's Prayer? How long does it take you to "pray" it? You can repeat the words in less than fifteen seconds. If you truly pray the words it may take you an hour, a day, or perhaps a lifetime. The disciples did not say, "What words shall we use?" but, "Lord, teach us how to pray!"

Prayer, genuinely experienced, requires spiritual discipline, training and time. It may be experienced in many forms. Sometimes a sunset "catches" you in breathlessness. Contemplation of the grandeur of a great mountain may drive you to silence. In all of these there is an element of prayer.

Prayer means more than that. It can be communion with the object of adoration. It may be like talking with, communing with the stars or the hills. You feel something in common with them. They are a part of the great "house" in which you live—something far more meaningful than cosmic "furniture." You respond to them. Your spirit is made to meet them.

Prayer can go farther yet, to God who flung the stars from his finger tips and sustains them in a web of law. Then is there real communication of spirit with spirit! It is on this level that one may "find" the Bible, sweeping from the foothills of the Old Testament upward to the sublime height of Calvary; for men reaching hungrily for meaning in life to One who said, "For this cause I came!"

For those who truly pray, new certainties, new forward movements may be found. New advances in spirit may be taken from the moments of devotion. The trembling ground beneath the feet "firms up" with fresh assurance.

To know that God "is," that he is "One," that he is "love"—parent-like, that he is yet creating and calling us to be channels of creation, is to find the spring of faith is more than "believing"—it is trusting, accepting, committing one's self to a new dynamism of life. As an experience this comes not from the words of other men, but from within, as the response of the soul.

The great prayer begins near us, in imagery we can understand, "Our Father," our parent. There are no adequate words for God, but these move nearer to us than those depicting him as a distant observer, hard to reach. He is "hallowed," "in heaven," lofty in our ideals of goodness, but as near as a parent, seeking us. "Draw near to me and I will draw near to you," saith the Lord.

—Errol T. Elliott in "Quaker Life."

FRONT COVER

The cover scene shows an entrancing panoramic view of Yosemite National Park in California. Majestic Vernal Falls seem to be at the feet of the viewer, and in the distance loom the high Sierras on the horizon. This view of Yosemite will be captured by many following the sessions of the General Conference at Sacramento in July 1964. A special General Conference tour will also visit Yosemite Park.

PRAYER INTERCESSION

Remember the Arrangements Committees of the Sacramento area and the General Conference Program Committee in making preparations of these sessions, July 13 to 19, 1964.

Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit on our churches that a spiritual renewal and revival might precede this Conference.

Pray for the officers of the General Conference that wisdom from above might be granted them for this important gathering a year from now.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

REVERSE THE TREND. The months of April and May 1963 gave evidence of an alarming trend of declining contributions by our churches toward our denominational cooperative program. The total contributions were about \$18,000 short of reaching the sum raised a year ago at the same time. With a \$1,050,000 budget for the year, we shall have to reverse that trend in a dramatic way and with sacrificial love to the Savior. Let us pray and give for better months ahead of us!

MISSION PROJECTS. Scores of challenging mission projects are now available, especially with the going out of new missionaries to the field. You and your church can adopt such projects for the partial support of your own missionary, for building projects, for the work of hospitals, clinics and schools, and for the support of national students and for the ministry to leprosy patients. Write to Dr. R. Schilke, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., and make your requests known to him.

CAMEROON BAPTIST CONVENTION. Pastor John N. Nfor is the new executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention in Africa, effective June 1, 1963. He was formerly a tutor at the Bible School in Ndu. Other officers of the Convention recently elected are: president, Pastor Stephen N. Nteff; vice president, Pastor Solomon Baah; secretary, Mr. Jacob Ewulle; and treasurer, Mr. M. N. Ikome. Rev. Samuel B. Nfomi, the past executive secretary, will be studying for four months in England in the interest of the Boys Brigade organization for West Cameroon.

RECENT LITERATURE. You should be acquainted with the latest denominational literature. The four page leaflet, "Vision Of Faith," with its colorful presentation of our denominational cooperative program and budget is now being distributed at conferences and in churches. The large, new colored map of our mission fields in Japan also shows the pictures of our 12 missionaries to Japan, including Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth, still to go out in September 1963. Two copies of this new Japan map were sent to each church. Write to the Forest Park office for more information if desired.

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THE CHURCH OF MY DREAMS

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Editorial

Sacramento In 1964!

Just a year from now, the 34th General Conference convening in Sacramento, California will have written its "golden hours" into the pages of history. No one can accurately predict the events and foretell the statistics of that conference week. But everyone can begin to anticipate, even now, the rich rewards and exciting highlights of those days by making an unusual effort to be there. It's not too early to plan to be in Sacramento, July 13 to 19, 1964!

There is one prediction we can make with confidence. Every North American Baptist who now says with eagerness, "I'll be there in '64," will not be disappointed. That announced plan will bring amazing returns to you in new adventures and enrichment of life.

You will want to be an eye witness to new records that will undoubtedly be made in attendance and participation. You will want to become acquainted with the scenic glory and breath-taking beauty of California. Look again at the front cover of this issue with one of the enthralling scenes in Yosemite National Park, not far from Sacramento. The special Conference tour that is now being planned for a full week after the sessions will take scores of our people to Yosemite. Others will travel there in their cars and by bus.

Another reason why you will want to be there in Sacramento is to be an active participant in the 100th Jubilee of our General Conference sessions. In 1865 the first conference with 56 delegates and visitors was held in Wilmot, Ontario. The story of our General Conferences will be colorfully portrayed at the Sacramento sessions.

You'll also be blessed beyond expectations at the 34th General Conference. You will find your glory in "The Everlasting God" as "Our Help in Ages Past—Our Hope for Years to Come." You will meet the greatest array of our missionaries home on furlough that we have ever had at a single conference. You will thrill to the addresses by some of the outstanding Christian leaders of today. Your heart will be warmed by the marvelous fellowship with people of "kindred minds." Several new books will be introduced at Sacramento, and you will be "the first" to see them and to enjoy the book display and mission exhibit at the Conference.

Most important of all, you can contribute greatly to the Conference's success. In God's sight and at our Baptist conclave, you as an individual are supremely significant. Your prayers will undergird the sessions with power. A Prayer Room will also be arranged at the auditorium. Your witness for Christ on the streets, in the parks and at motels and hotels of Sacramento will be the outgoing blessing of this Conference. Your vote on decisive issues affecting our denomination will be needed. You and your family can help add to the glory of this greatest General Conference *if you are there!*

The members of the local Arrangements Committees (see their names in this issue) are already working hard to assure you of many conveniences and of a pleasant and memorable stay in California's capital city. The Program Committee believes confidently that it has prepared a delectable spiritual banquet table for these days. It's now time for you and your family to begin planning for your exciting attendance at this Conference in Sacramento, California, July 13 to 19, 1964. Come, and see for yourself!

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The Christian Conflict in Japan

In this difficult mission field, we can also witness some of God's greatest miracles of his saving grace and of his Gospel.

By Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary of Kyoto, Japan, now at home on furlough

JAPAN has the reputation of being a hard mission field. Throughout the breadth and length of this Island Kingdom, the story appears to be the same. The Christian missionary and his Japanese co-workers are finding the conflict with Satan for the souls of the lost extremely difficult. Increasingly it is becoming harder to get new people to come to a church service; and even harder to get them to keep coming and to take the vital step to faith and salvation.

The problems that the Christian worker faces are many, and very often heart breaking. It can probably be said that there has never been a period in the history of Christian missions in Japan where the Gospel has fallen on hearts that were more indifferent to its eternal message than the period through which we are passing at the present time. Missionaries of the past have often faced severe opposition, imprisonment, and death for the preaching of the Gospel. But the people reacted to the Gospel—either violently opposing it or accepting it in the face of great danger and persecutions.

FAITH VS. PROSPERITY

This is not altogether past history. There are still those who violently oppose; and there are still many brave souls who accept the Gospel of salvation in the face of great opposition and persecution. Yet, generally speaking, the Gospel today is falling on hearts that have been hardened with unbelief and are bent on materialism. Not "faith" but rather "prosperity" seems to be the watchword and the longing of the heart of the average Japanese



Miss Itagaki, a nurse, is baptized in the Rakuyo Baptist Church, Kyoto, Japan with Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary, officiating.

today.

However, I am speaking in general terms. Although we Christians need to be aware of the general state of the souls of a nation, we ought not to permit ourselves to be overcome by the general reactions of the public to the preaching of the Gospel. God most often has done his greatest work in the realms of the individual soul rather than the general public. It is in the heart of the individual soul which God has gripped and changed completely that we can witness the greatest miracles.

The tides of prosperity have ushered in a general spirit of indifference. But God still is touching the individual souls of many whose hearts are troubled and who are eagerly seeking for a faith that can lead them to eter-

nal salvation. This wonderful truth has been impressed upon my soul and has greatly encouraged me personally in recent weeks. It has compelled me to share some of these encouragements with those of you who so faithfully have been upholding the cause of Christ in Japan through your prayers and offerings.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Last December two young people in our Kyoto church followed their Lord in baptism. The one is Miss Itagaki, a nurse whose sweet Christian testimony has thrilled our hearts with joy. She is working in a Japanese hospital and does not have very much time off. But when she can she finds her place in the congregation of the children of God, and almost always brings with her a fellow nurse or a friend to whom she has been witnessing.

The other young person who received baptism in December is Mr. Arita, a university student who first came to the church to study English under the foreign missionary, but in due time God gripped his heart and changed his life completely. In a recent testimony he said: "When I first came to church I came only to learn English; but God showed me a much more precious gift. Since I have accepted Christ as my Savior, I have found real peace and joy."

When he first came to church he was a very quiet person who could hardly express himself in Japanese, yet alone in English. Today he is the president of the young people's organization at the church here in Kyoto.

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RAKUYO BAPTIST CHURCH, KYOTO, JAPAN

Members and friends of the Rakuyo Church in Kyoto, Japan (picture at left) who attended the Christian engagement service for Mr. Kakoiwa and Miss Aoyagi (seated, front center). In the picture at the right, Mr. Igaki, deacon of the Rakuyo Church, leads an outdoor worship service.

You Are the Builder of Your Home

Your personal Christianity is on the witness stand in your home. How does it stand the test?

By Rev. Bruce A. Rich, Director of Christian Education, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, and Secretary of the Pacific Conference Christian Education Committee

A HOME is more than a house. A home is a dwelling place filled with understanding, honesty and holiness. It is a place where joys, sorrows and hopes are expressed. A home is a dwelling filled with many memories and expectations. A home is attitudes, character and relationships.

A Christian home is a wonderful thing, and you, whether father, mother, son, daughter, or grandparent are the builder of your home! What does it demand of you?

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Spiritual strength, courage and direction are demanded of you to build a Christian home in an age when our society has forced the home to take a secondary place to the other social institutions. You cannot share in this challenge until you have experienced the personal saving power of Jesus Christ within your life. Your spiritual strength will come only when you have become a new creation in Christ. When the very center of your personal motives and desires have been committed to Christ's way, you can build a Christian home. Don't forget!

It doesn't matter who you are in the family circle, you have a personal responsibility to fulfil before your family can build a firm, well grounded Christian home. As you let the Spirit of God give witness through you, he will affect all of your interpersonal relationships and all of your actions. A Christian home demands of you personally a committed, consistent Christian life.

FAMILY INTERACTION

It has often been said that it is harder to live the Christian life at home than anywhere else. In a rather subtle way this is true. It is at home that you reveal your real self day by day and hour by hour. Here every member of your family faces the test. This is where your personal commitment to Christ's way will be proved. How will you stand the test?

How do you react when your wife fails to get up and help you get to work on time? Do you carry a grudge all day? What happens when your husband comes home late and supper is half-ruined? Or when he brings guests home for dinner unannounced and the house is messy and you have an "economy" dinner ready? Does this spoil the evening for the entire family and others concerned? When the children track mud in from outdoors, or spill milk at the table, what is your response? Children and young people,



Rev. and Mrs. Bruce A. Rich and daughter, Linda Fern, of Portland, Oregon.

what is your reaction when mother and father don't do something the way you want it done? Or don't let you do something you want to do?

Recently a friend shared this thought in our relationship to others. "What if that other member of the family were Jesus?" How would you react if that were Christ coming in late for supper? If it were Jesus there waiting with the meal would you call ahead and say you were going to be late, or were bringing friends? What if it were Jesus who had tracked in the

mud? Oh what if I had tracked the mud into Jesus' home? What if it were Jesus who told you not to do a particular thing? Or if he asked you to do a chore about the home? What difference would it make if that other member of the family were Jesus? What contribution are you making as a builder in your home?

ATTITUDES ARE IMPORTANT

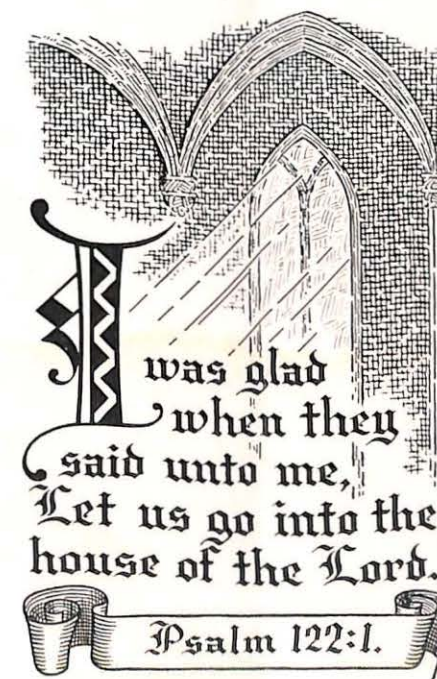
As a Christian parent your attitudes, discipline and instruction should be Bible orientated. If you will exercise your faith and Christian love one for another, this atmosphere will permeate your entire family relationships. In this setting you will be open to share your thoughts and feelings with one another. Your attitudes, whether good or bad, are going to be reflected in your children. Your actions will teach them much more than your verbal instruction. As a parent you are to be the stabilizing influence in the home. How are you building?

A Christian home should be characterized by obedience. Certainly, if you are living a committed, Christ-centered life of love, it will result in obedience. Parents, you have an obedience to uphold God and his Holy Word. Children, you are to obey God and your parents, as the Bible instructs. "Children, obey your parents in everything, for that is pleasing to God and is the Christian way" (Col. 3:20, NEB).

There are many passages in the Word of God pertaining to the family relationships that you may encounter. In these passages you will note the recurrence of the thought that children have a definite responsibility to parents and to God, and that God expects parents to see that their children are obedient according to his plan. You, as a parent, are to obtain obedience by speaking to, teaching, guiding, and disciplining your children as necessary. Remember! Children are to obey and honor their parents. Parents are not instructed to obey their children! How are you building your home?

A DEEPENING FELLOWSHIP

In your home a deepening Christian fellowship will develop as you grow in your personal relationship to Christ and transfer this to your everyday life through your deeds, attitudes and personality in relationship to others. If any people are to be strong spiritually and morally, the Christian home must be a central and influential force in their society. As a partner of the Lord Jesus Christ, build a Christian home where he is supreme in all things!



Something to Think About— May a Christian Smoke?

In the light of these physical facts and biblical truths is it permissible for a Christian to smoke? This forthright answer was given in a series of messages in the church's weekly News Bulletin.

By Rev. Robert Schreiber, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois

MEDICAL science is vigorously looking into the effects of tobacco smoke on the human body. Even though there is a violent controversy raging over the relationship between smoking and lung cancer, the growing weight of opinion is on the side of proving rather than disproving this relationship.

While research continues to seek a positive relationship between smoking and cancer, there is overwhelming evidence to show that smoking has caused an increase in heart disease. It has been stated that habitual smokers can expect to have up to 11 years cut from their normal life expectancy.

DR. FEHR'S TESTIMONY

The present medical research has had its effect upon medical doctors. Dr. Peter E. Fehr, our medical missionary to Cameroons, Africa, stated in a personal conversation that fifty per cent of his classmates who were habitual smokers at the time of graduation have now quit the habit entirely. He expressed the wish that someone would conduct a survey to discover how many doctors have given up smoking since these investigations began. He believes the results of such a survey would be startling.

In the light of all that is already known about the dangers of this habit, it is most amazing to discover that Christians, for the most part, are unconcerned. Not only are they unconcerned, but they are downright resentful of anything that is said which relates this habit to their Christian faith. They point out all the other sins of which Christians are guilty and issue the challenging question: "Why pick on smoking?" That settles that—for them.

But does it settle anything? Not at all. Such a challenge is in reality an admission that they cannot justify the habit. To them, placing it in the same category with other sins serves to minimize its importance as well as its danger. BUT THE VERY ADMISSION OF WRONG PLACES UPON THE CHRISTIAN THE SOLEMN SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CON-

FESSING IT TO GOD AND FORSAKING IT.

Consider prayerfully these Scriptures. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).

"No one who is born of God makes a practice of sinning, because the God-given life-principle continues to live in him, and so he cannot practice sinning, because he is born of God" (I John 3:9—Williams).

"Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

THE POWER OF EXAMPLE

The American Cancer Society has spent a great deal of time in studying the smoking habits of people. The primary purpose, of course, was to discover the effect of smoking on health, but some other interesting facts came to light. For instance, the study revealed that the most important single influence in determining whether a youngster smokes is whether his parents smoke. "If one or both of the parents have given up smoking, the rate of youngsters' smoking drops down to about the same level as among children whose parents have never smoked."

We have laws that limit the age at which people may purchase alcoholic beverages, because society believes that a person ought to be mature enough to understand the potential danger in the use of liquor. We have laws which strictly regulate the sale and use of habit forming drugs. BUT LAWS CONCERNING THE USE OF TOBACCO ARE EITHER NON-EXISTENT OR SO WEAK THEY CANNOT BE ENFORCED. Even a child can purchase cigarettes from a vending machine. As a result we are faced with the horrible truth that a growing number of junior high school young people are already habitual smokers! And the age at which children begin to



"Ye are not your own . . . For ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

smoke is constantly dropping. For this fact, it is smoking parents who carry most of the blame.

DANGERS FOR CHILDREN

Punishing the children for smoking doesn't accomplish anything. The children cannot understand why they should be punished for doing something which the parents are doing constantly. They turn to smoking secretly because they want to act "grown up," and smoking is a sign of maturity to them.

Even more harmful is the case of a child of very tender years who happens to pick up a cigarette and puts it in his mouth "just like Mom or Dad," and the parents treat it as a hilarious stunt. The results of a repetition of this act may not be so hilarious. Nor is the situation helped by the candy manufacturers who market a product which in every way, including the package, resembles the real thing. Children who are permitted to purchase such a product are being mentally conditioned to begin the habit at an early age.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT!

Every Christian ought to be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1). Christian parents who smoke, if you are followers of Christ, do you honestly believe that he would smoke if he were on earth today? Don't you think you ought to set a Christ-like example for your children to follow?

There was a time when preachers

who spoke against smoking were ridiculed and classified with the ignorant. It was a form of amusement to some people to listen as these men of God described cigarettes as "coffin nails." We wonder now who were the ignorant ones, because the preacher has been joined by a distinguished group of educated and trained people.

Dr. Jay R. Zabriskie, a Chicago obstetrician, recently said that mothers-to-be who smoke are likely to give birth to babies weighing a half pound less than those of non-smoking women. He also warned that the incidence of premature births was 2½ times more frequent among smoking mothers. Just a few weeks ago the California Medical Association set a national precedent when during its annual session a resolution was adopted to educate the public in the "harmful effects and health hazards" of cigarette smoking.

Why do people smoke? There are a variety of reasons given. Young people have a desire to "belong" and to be "accepted." Some adults claim that smoking "quiets their nerves." Others find it helpful in controlling weight. But the most common reason seems to be: "Everybody's doing it."

"BE YE SEPARATE!"

To the non-smoker this last statement often seems to have more truth than fiction to it. Wherever he goes he seems to be enveloped in a cloud of smoke. At one time the smoker was courteous enough to ask, "Mind if I smoke?" Not anymore. The smoker takes it for granted that everybody does it and is quite surprised when someone is bold enough to object.

If this seems to be exaggerated, consider the fact that a growing number of churches are finding it necessary to post NO SMOKING signs inside the church building as a reminder that the House of the Lord is not a suitable place in which to practice this habit. Our church must be included in this group.

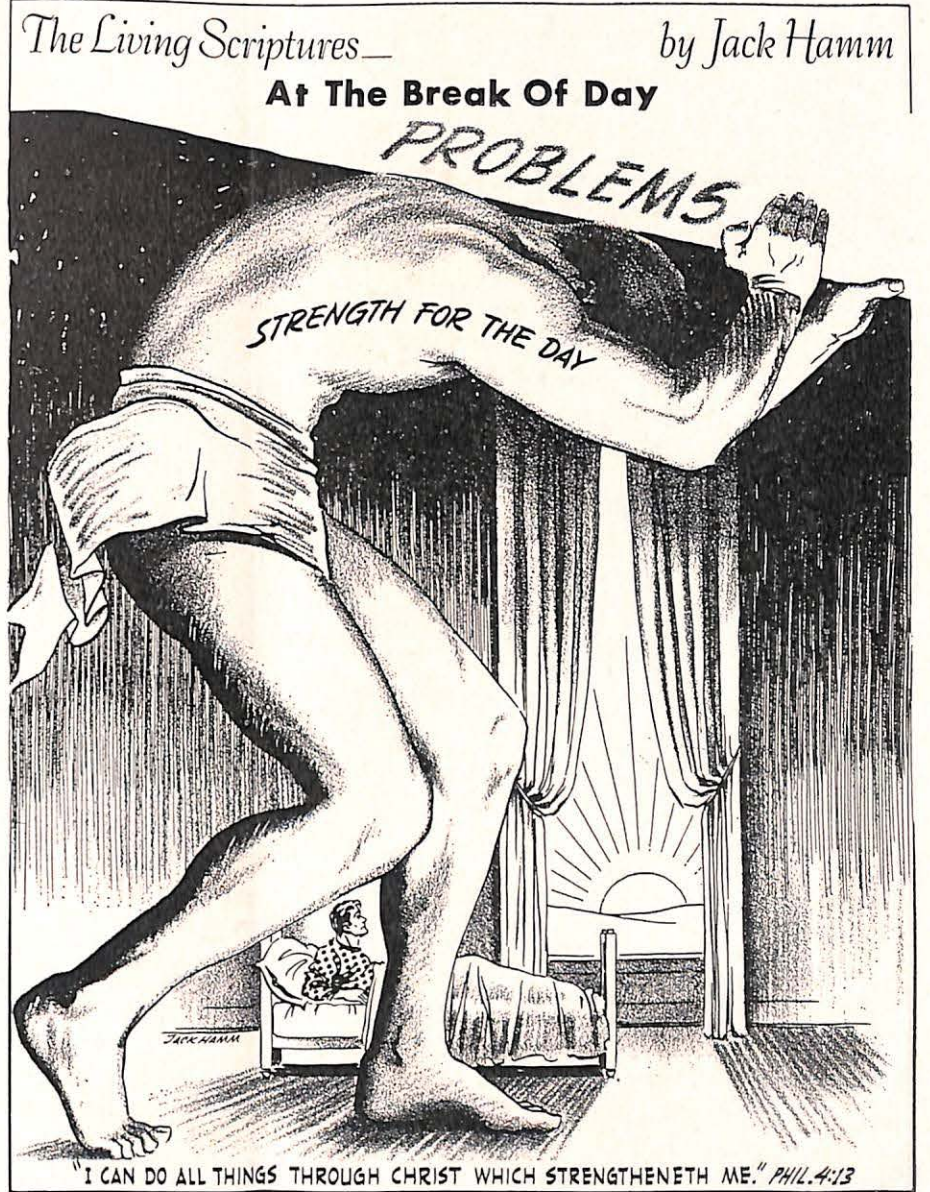
The Christian ought to realize that because "everybody" seems to be doing it does not justify his indulgence. All of Scripture impresses upon us the responsibility of being different. We are not to be "conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2). We are challenged to "be ye separate" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

The Berkeley Version translates I Peter 1:14, 15 in this way: "As obedient children do not shape your lives by the passions that controlled you in your previous ignorance; instead, as the One who called you is holy, so should you personally become holy in all your conduct."

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

For some reason many Christians react negatively to that word "holy." Perhaps being like everyone else saves them the trouble of explaining why they are different.

In this article we have been discussing the problem of smoking. It should be understood that we do not make



this a test of one's salvation. Salvation comes only by the grace of God through our faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. But salvation should affect the whole person, and every part of my life should be subject to the redemptive power of Christ.

Since this is true, we can put this matter into the area of Christian living and Christian stewardship. We are redeemed by Christ and therefore we are his purchased possession. We must then give an answer to God for that which we have done with the life which he has loaned to us. This is Christian stewardship—the recognition that all I am and all I have belongs to God and is to be used for his glory.

Ours is a stewardship of life and of money. Can I justify before God (not before man) the evident wastefulness of my money as a result of the habit of smoking? Can I justify the possibility of deliberately cutting up to 11 years from my life expectancy—11 years in which I could be of service to God and man? Can I honestly say

that I do it to the glory of God?

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17).

FORSAKE THE HABIT

This is what we can do about it. We can recognize this as a habit that does not glorify God and that wastes some of the money he has permitted us to earn. Our sense of spiritual responsibility and our love for God, who has done so much for us, ought to be the motivation in our desire to forsake the habit. The desire to glorify God will accomplish far more than the desire to boast about our own will power. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Your pastor is ready to counsel and pray with you in a sympathetic manner concerning the problem.

MISSIONS — HOW?

Modern mission principles and methods for today's "Crisis in Missions" are clearly outlined. Today's mission strategy requires a church that is "whole and holy" in order to serve God and his Kingdom through her Christ-centered ministry to the world.

By Professor George A. Dunger,
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DURING the Second World War, German scientists and strategists developed missiles which, flying faster than sound, escaped early detection, defied conventional interception and set the world aghast by their enormous destructive power. Currently, extremely powerful rockets with highly sensitive guidance, recording and transmitting systems, are released to escape the earth's gravitational field in order to penetrate into the deep space of the universe.

The man in the street acknowledges these facts and, perhaps wonderingly, asks the question: "How is it done?" The answer, of course, is far from being simple. In addition to the technical know-how of fuels, intricate apparatus and cosmic laws are many human teams who work with almost incredible skill and precision.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Since the time of William Carey and Adoniram Judson many thousands of missionaries have gone from their home churches to foreign peoples. Their responsibilities lay in an area which far exceeded temporal values. Driven by the spiritual power of the living Christ and supported by their fellow workers in the home land, they were instrumental in bringing great numbers of people to God. The new life in Christ meant freedom from spiritual bondage. It meant also new ways of individual and social life, including new attitudes and habits

through education and training, participation in ethical and cultural advancement. Thus churches came into being. Thus tribes and nations emancipated themselves.

Now world-wide Christianity, aware of many defects in the household of faith, searches for ways and means to cope more adequately with world problems. The responsible church-member, confronted with the ferment of the nations, the state of man and the irrevocable "MUST" of the Great Commission, asks himself—and others: "How can it be done?"

Here, the answer is far more difficult to give than that regarding rockets and satellites because the Christian's foremost responsibility is man's soul and man's destiny for time and eternity. Even before the mastery of methods, skills and techniques, the dynamics of the human teamwork between the missionary, the church and the missionary society is acquired, the Christian worker faces the requirements and the personal qualifications of the Call, Consecration, Commitment, Compassion, Love and Faith—and that in the sight of God and man!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Great Commission, as it came from the lips of the Ascending Christ, is central, essential, irrevocable and incontrovertible. It incorporates the answer to "Missions—How?" It contains the only valid theology of missions, and it directs the missionary

to the only effective and in fact only legitimate resources. To "disciple all the nations" means to GO, to BAPTIZE and to TEACH under the universal AUTHORITY and in the PRESENCE OF CHRIST until the full end of the age.

Here the dream of the patriarchs, the vision of the prophets and the initial work of the apostles lead to final fruition, beginning with the life and task of the early church and continuing down through the centuries, until he "shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

MISSIONARY PRINCIPLES

The essential missionary principles then are: *first*, personal witness, evangelization of fellow citizens, and missions to foreign peoples; *second*, the spiritual growth and maturity of the believers and the church; *third*, the fruitful fellowship of both, believers and the church; *fourth*, the leavening of society and culture by both, believers and the church; and *fifth*, the ultimate goal of exalting Christ through love and obedience by both, the believers and the church.

Christ commissioned his disciples on the Mount of Ascension. Missionary principles were clear. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples into apostles in the Upper Room. Now, under the guidance, direction, discipline and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, missionary methods became clear through the actual proclamation of the Gospel

in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth—down through the ages.

ESSENTIAL MISSIONARY METHODS

The essential missionary methods then are: *first*, EVANGELIZATION through the personal and corporate witness of believer and church through spontaneous response to open doors; the evangelistic witness to contact and interest groups in given localities and on different social levels; through the establishment of preaching stations in homes or in other groups; the spiritual care given to converts and the formation of nuclei of believers, aiming at their spiritual growth and fruitfulness; and the establishment of churches, aiming at Scriptural indigeneity.

Second, simultaneously with the process of evangelization, God's servants used the method of CHRISTIANIZATION through the training of Christian workers, making the church and its community responsibilities the initial training grounds; the organiza-

tional development of the church and its relation as an institution to social and cultural institutions; the development of church "associations" for the purpose of shouldering larger tasks; the development of the church as a spiritual-ethical-social center, fostering the spiritual growth of its members and attracting the non-Christian; and the church working creatively toward spiritual-social-cultural realities which are necessary for Christ-honoring self-identity and national ethos.

MISSIONARY STRATEGY

Now the question can be asked: "How are these principles and methods carried into effect?" In other words, what, exactly, are missionary strategy, techniques and skills? Limited space allows listing of only a few of the many important aspects of the work of a missionary and of a missionary society.

First, missionary strategy depends on the needs of the mission field generally and local areas particularly, together with available resources, divine, human and economic.

Second, missionary strategy calls for mobility of resources and flexibility of administration without forfeiting missionary principles and objectives.

Third, missionary techniques and skills call for the Christian worker's competence and resourcefulness, resoluteness, capacity for creativeness and industry, permeated with personal consecration and loyalty to Christ and his Church.

Fourth, the local church, the church association and conferences together with their institutions and the missionary organization, both at home and overseas, constitute the arsenal of vital resources for the missionary workers and the national staff.

Fifth, missionary method, strategy, techniques and skills must frequently be evaluated in the light of New Testament principles and objectives in order to safeguard the spiritual growth of the the believer and the church toward fruitfulness.

The church has always stood under the judgment of the Majestic Christ who said, "Given to me is all authority in heaven and on earth." All too often, though, the church has gone on her own way, glorying in the strength of human resources and the attractiveness of human goals and achievements. Self-willed and self-centered, the church through the ages often remained insensitive to the direct teaching of the Holy Spirit and his loving concern for the Body of Christ to be in intimate union with its Head, the Exalted Christ.

CRISIS OF MISSIONS

New Testament teaching regarding the church of Christ is permeated with the essential and urgent concern that the church become *whole* and *holy* in order to serve God and his Kingdom through her Christ-centered ministry to the world. The believer and the church have to be reminded that the



Evangelist Robert Jam of West Cameroon, Africa and three of his "sons" whom he helped to educate: (right to left, rear), Samuel Semi Jam, Thomas Jam, and Clement Kah. Two of these are graduate nurses and one is a teacher.



Two Fomunyan children love to play with the wood carving at the drum house in front of the Bamenda Baptist Church, West Cameroon.



Mr. and Mrs. Igaki, faithful lay leaders of the Rakuyo Baptist Church, Kyoto, Japan, illustrate the important missionary principle that national Christian workers must be trained and be responsible for the church's leadership.

world does not mean merely man and his affairs, but that serving God and ministering to man have cosmic dimensions, involving the entire creation in time and eternity.

Finally, the contemporary world crisis as a crisis of missions is to be recognized as the judgment of the church by her Exalted Lord, Jesus Christ, who through the event and the experience of CRISIS seeks to manifest the power of God's grace in and through the life of his people.

And this is not done in the effort and splendor of human achievement, physical, organizational, "religious," philosophical or esthetic, but in the yieldedness and in the spirit of the Suffering Servant who "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem," accepting betrayal, rejection, the lonely and painful path to Calvary and the execution of a criminal—but who in his love-triumph completed the work of reconciliation of man with God.

The aged Apostle John beheld the Exalted and Majestic Christ who had in his right hand seven stars which are the angels of the seven churches and out of whose mouth went a sharp two-edged sword which is the Word of God, saying to the church of ancient Philadelphia: ". . . I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it . . . hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown . . . him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God . . ." In like manner his voice comes to all of us in this hour of the Crisis of Missions!



At the first service held by the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado held on May 19, 1963 at the Boy Scout Center, the congregation of 32 people was photographed by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, guest speaker.

Greeley in the Rocky Mountain Empire

The first report from the new Church Extension project at Greeley, Colorado, now called the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, by Rev. Raymond Harsch, Church Extension pastor.

GREELEY, Colorado, the heart of the Rocky Mountain Empire, has been chosen for a new Church Extension project. This beautiful city lies 50 miles north of Denver. It is near Longs Peak, the highest peak on the eastern slopes of the Rockies and is just 30 miles east of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Lots of sunshine and cool summer nights are characteristic of this moderate climate.

"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN!"

A famed New York journalist and the editor of the "New York Tribune," Mr. Horace Greeley, looked to the West in 1869 and saw a great potential. In response to his famous charge, "Go West, Young Man, Go West," a group of settlers known as the Union Colony, led by Nathan Meeker, traveled to Colorado, settled east of the Rockies, and called the place GREELEY. From a colony of 1155 in 1870 Greeley has mushroomed into a bustling city of 30,000 people.

After several visits to this growing and promising city, our denominational and local conference Church Extension leaders and committee members envisioned a new North American Baptist church here. Mr. Delmar Wesseler, chairman of the Southwestern Conference Church Extension Committee, enthused his committee with the challenge of Greeley, and energetically promoted the project.

Considerable thought had been given to this new field and after several inquiries, 4.25 acres of land were secured for a church site in the Sherwood Park addition of West Greeley at a most appropriate location from which the entire city can be viewed.

In the latter part of January 1963,

the call was extended by the denominational Church Extension Committee to Rev. Raymond Harsch to become the Church Extension pastor, to which a favorable response was given. He arrived with his family on April 25, 1963.

FIRST SERVICES

During the first few weeks prayer meetings were held in the pastor's home with interested Christians from the area, and these were well attended. A consistent visitation program was begun. Arrangements were made to begin with Sunday school and services. The Boy Scouts Center, a beautiful new building in West Greeley, became available to us. Air conditioned facilities are really appreciated.

The first Sunday service was held on May 19, 1963. Rev. Daniel Fuchs was able to share this service with



Rev. Raymond Harsch, Church Extension pastor, stands alongside the sign on the new site of the Sherwood Park Church, Greeley, Colorado.



us and to bring the first message to this new congregation. People came and Sunday school began. There were 32 present at the first service. This was encouraging. A happy group of Christians sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Love Divine."

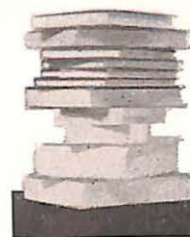
This is a challenging area for a new church. Because of the location and opportunities of Greeley, many people are coming here to live. The prospects are promising. Our church is to be built in a new developing area in West Greeley. It has recently been named the "Sherwood Park Baptist Church."

CHALLENGING AREA

A large regional office for an insurance company is being completed which will employ some 600 people. Homes will surround the church site. Hundreds of families will be moving into the city. Schools are all too small, and so six new elementary schools, a High School, and a Junior High School are to be built between now and 1965. Almost all of these will be on the west side, with one being built nearby.

Greeley is the home of Colorado State College with an enrollment of 4500 students which occupies a beautiful 232 acre campus within city limits. An aggressive Chamber of Commerce attracts much industry.

This field is "white unto harvest" and presents a tremendous challenge. Plans are to organize as a church soon and proceed with the building of our first unit. Church Extension demands our attention and interest in these challenging times. Every Christian ought to be enlisted as a "Builder," and give their utmost in support of this needy work. Let us "throw out the life-line"!



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

STORIES FOR PULPIT AND PLATFORM by John B. Wilder, Zondervan Publishing House—1963—117 pages—\$1.95.

The stories and illustrations are not the standard type that travel from pulpit to pulpit and repeated without end. Neither are they the short and snappy kind that make a quick point. Most of them take up a half page to a page and have the ring of authenticity about them. There are less than a dozen humorous illustrations. The greater majority are directed not only to the emotional nature of the audience, but also to their understanding of Biblical truth.

SELECTED SERMON OUTLINES compiled by Charles O. Strong, Zondervan Publishing House—1963—120 pages—\$2.50.

As a professor of homiletics, Mr. Strong is keenly aware of the quality of sermon outlines. His spiritual perception help him to choose only those which are Biblical in content and practical for preaching purposes. All pastors can benefit by these outlines, but they are especially helpful to the seminary graduate who is beginning his ministry and is often in need of a source of inspiration. Only a bare outline is suggested and much study and preparation are needed to complete the body of the sermon.

REIGNING WITH CHRIST by F. J. Huegel, Zondervan Publishing House—1963—88 pages—\$1.95.

Few ministers are as versatile as Paul in the field of theology and cannot lay claim to his statement: "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). "Reigning With Christ" is a sermon topic rarely seen in the church bulletin.

Mr. Huegel reminds the Christian of one of his greatest privileges of which he is often unaware—a oneness with Christ in which he has taken the redeemed with himself on the throne. The author is an actively retired missionary and writes out of the experiences of a deeply devotional life.

SERMONS FOR SPECIAL DAYS AND OCCASIONS by G. Hall Todd, Baker Book House—1962—157 pages—\$2.50.

The book is one of a series in the Evangelical Pulpit Library. As a pastor of the Arch Street Presbyterian

Church in Philadelphia and Lecturer in Homiletics at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Dr. Todd is well qualified to put his sermons and thoughts into print.

Although the special days and occasions are the usual ones in the church calendar year, the sermons, in many respects, are unusual. Ministers and students will find a great deal that is fresh and new in the preparation of their sermons for these special days which are often difficult to approach after a number of years.

PROCLAIMING THE NEW TESTAMENT—THE EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIANS by Harold J. Ockenga, Baker Book House—1962—141 pages—\$2.75.

PROCLAIMING THE NEW TESTAMENT—THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS by Clarence S. Roddy, Baker Book House—1962—141 pages—\$2.75.

Two more volumes are added to the set which lacks only four or five more in order to complete the series. Both Mr. Ockenga and Mr. Roddy are well known in conservative theological circles for their teaching, preaching and writing. Their homiletical comments and ideas come out of a rich experience in the ministry. Ministers will find the suggestions very helpful in the preparation of sermons, and teachers in the preparation for their classes. Even the layman can find much that is helpful in the study of the Bible. All will agree that these short volumes provide incentive for further study and research.

REFLECTIONS by Harold E. Kohn, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—190 pages—\$3.95.

The book is a pleasant reminder that essay writing is not altogether a lost art. What makes this volume even more interesting is the fact that Mr. Kohn is both the author and the artist. The drawings all blend in with the mood and spirit of reflection.

Most of the essays are based on God's wonders in nature and many of them lend themselves excellently as illustrative material. The parabolic form and method add to the interest

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and inspiration. One sentence on page 36 seems to describe the basic message of the book: "The best evidence we have of what God may do with this world and with us is found in what God has already done with the world and with us."

THE FIRST BAPTIST by S. E. Anderson, 1962—124 pages—\$1.00; five or more copies \$.60 each.

Mr. Anderson has done justice to an important, though neglected, character in the New Testament. There are many biographies available on the life of Paul, and various delineations on the apostles, but John the Baptist, whom Jesus described as "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" has eluded the efforts of biographers. Even the Old Testament prophets figure prominently in religious literary works. In church history he fares little better.

The surprising element in all this negligence, according to the author, is the fact that the majority of Baptists ignore John and fear that he may be associated as their founder. The approval of God could not be more definite about any man than that expressed in these words: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." Mr. Anderson acclaims him as the first Baptist, and in close association with John he leads the reader into the original mode and significance of baptism by immersion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH by H. W. Byrne, Zondervan Publishing House—1963 355 pages—\$5.95.

A volume of this size may be a little discouraging to the average church, but it is well worth the effort if there is real concern about the improvement of the department of Christian education. No part of the personnel and education area have been left untouched. An excellent outline precedes each chapter. If a capable person could present the material to the teachers, officers and other responsible leaders, this would be an excellent textbook to choose. A thorough research was followed by the author in which he has consulted every major work in this field in the last 30 years.

Although the plans and procedures may seem to border on the ideal at times, Mr. Byrne has tried to emphasize the practical. The appendices seem especially helpful, in whole or in part, as an evaluation index. Christian education is a large and growing field and it is of primary importance to the mission of the church.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP, by Gaines S. Dobbins, Broadman Press 1962—147 pages—\$3.25.

Simply "going to church" is often far removed from the experience of worship in the church. The habit of

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California Committees Planning for 1964!

The local General Conference Committees are already engaged in intensive planning for the 34th General Conference to be held in Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964, as reported by Mr. Arnold L. Mauch, General Chairman.

REMEMBER, and make a note of the dates, July 13 to 19, 1964! This will be the week of our 34th North American Baptist Conference, which is also the centennial of our denominational General Conference gatherings. The Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, California, will be the meeting place for this great event.

COMMITTEES ARE AT WORK

Committee members representing five and soon to be six churches, First Baptist and Temple Baptist, both of Lodi; Swain Oaks of Stockton, First Baptist of Elk Grove, Willow Rancho of Sacramento, and Lincoln Village of Sacramento, which is just organizing, are already at work providing for the delegates' and visitors' welfare when they arrive. Sixteen committees have been organized with all but two of the committees already having had at least one meeting.

The Registration and Housing Committee is at work getting room commitments and to date have received commitments which will provide housing for approximately 2,000 people with many of the motels and hotels yet to be heard from. The Banquet Committee is also at work and is now

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planning the menu and the location of this great event. The ladies, as usual, are probably in the forefront in their planning to date. Both the Ladies' Luncheon and the Ladies' Tea Committees have already tentatively arranged for a location and the menu for their events.

Most of the other committees are engaged in preliminary planning and survey work. With the enthusiasm that the Committee chairmen and their members have embarked upon this undertaking, this should be one of the great conferences in our history.

THE GLORY OF SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, located at the heart of the Great Central Valley, is bisected on one side by the American River and bordered on the other by the Sacramento River. The city's history dates back to the Gold Rush days when it was the jumping-off place for the 49'ers. Although its streets are shaded by thousands of trees with a proud and



GENERAL CONFERENCE CHAIRMEN
Mr. Arnold Mauch of Sacramento, Calif., (left), General Chairman of the local Conference Committees; and Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., (right), Co-Chairman.

fascinating history, it is very progressive.

In July 1963, a deep water port is being opened handling ocean-going vessels from all parts of the world. A large redevelopment project is now in progress. Many blocks of old buildings have been razed and in their place are arising beautiful new structures. Some of the historic buildings are being preserved in order to maintain the link with the past.

Although the city with its suburbs has a population of 565,000 people, it has much of the small tree-shaded town about it—which visitors enjoy. Memorial Auditorium with a seating capacity of over 4,000 will be the site of the meetings with the Senator Hotel as Conference Headquarters Hotel. Capital Park with its beautiful trees and shrubs and the Capitol Building with its golden dome are located just across the street from Headquarters Hotel.

A GREAT CONFERENCE IN '64

The city is in a very advantageous location in that it is served by every means of transportation, if you desire, an automobile trip of only one hour and 45 minutes will take you east to the High Sierra Mountains or west to the shores of the Blue Pacific.

Make plans now to attend this historic conference. Not only can this be a mountain top experience spiritually but also a restful and relaxing vacation physically.



34th GENERAL CONFERENCE LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
First row, left to right: Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, Mrs. Wanda Lippert, Mrs. Margaret Meyer; Mrs. Audrey Hoff, Mrs. Ann Fandrich, and Mrs. Edna Schulz.
Second row: A. L. Mauch, Rev. G. G. Rauser, Wilfred W. Rueb, D. J. Weigum, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Rev. William Action, and Rev. Aaron Buhler.
Third row: Fred Jungkeit, Rev. Eric Kuhn, Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff, Rev. Walter F. Berkan and Clif Filler.
Two committee chairman absent when picture taken: Adolph Bertsch & Irene Colburn.

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WANTED — HISTORICAL MATERIALS

for the preparation of a new definitive history of our North American Baptist churches. Historical volume will be printed by 1967.

THINGS DESIRED AND NEEDED

- Historical literature pertaining to our conferences and churches.
- Old copies of Vereinsherold, Jugendherold, Yokefellow, Broadcast.
- Letters written by pastors and missionaries 50 years ago or earlier.
- Information or posters about Synzygus (Youth) Bund.
- Pictures of General Conferences and Seminary Quartets.
- Old books published by German Baptist Publication Society.
- Copies of books by Wm. Kuhn, G. A. Schulte, Carl J. Bender and J. S. Gubelman.
- Copies of "These Glorious Years."

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Mr. Geissler was studying at the Seminary; by Dr. A. Bretschneider on behalf of the church; and Mr. Wilbert Neuffer on behalf of the Finance Committee. Rev. A. Weisser, pastor, presented him with a plaque of recognition. Pictures of Mr. Miller's many years of service were shown in a "This Is Your Life" program.

• The closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, on Sunday evening, June 9, brought the two week school to a festive climax. The staff of 32 superintendents, helpers and assistants was headed by the directors, Mrs. Harold Wilkens and Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, pastor. A new feature was the use of a high school student as a helper in each class. The attitudes of worship were especially stressed in the school's activities. The average daily attendance was 113 and the offerings of \$70.91 were designated for the denominational New Hope Settlement in Cameroon, Africa.

• The Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Cleveland, Ohio, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Pfeifer formerly served as the pastor of the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio. In the Faith Church of Regina, he will succeed Rev. Lorimer Potratz, now of Corona, S. Dak. The Regina church has a beautiful, new edifice with a seating capacity in excess of 500 and with great opportunities for an evangelistic outreach in this fast growing community. Mr. Pfeifer will begin his ministry in the Regina church on August 1, 1963.

"Will you be there?"

where?

★ Sioux Falls, S. Dakota

what?

★ Pastors' Conference

who?

★ Pastors and their Families

when?

★ August 7 - 11, 1963

"totally committed"

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **BOOKS BY BILLY GRAHAM.** Three books by Dr. Billy Graham are included in a list of best-sellers (non-fiction) just issued by The World's Work Ltd., London, England. Nine years after first publication, "Peace with God" was second on the list, with 12,149 copies sold during 1962. Total sales for the book were listed at 258,963 in the nine years. Another of the evangelist's books, "Secret of Happiness," published seven years ago, is in sixth place on the 40-book list. Sales of this book amounted to 8962 during 1962, bringing the total for seven years to 76,407 copies. A more recent book by Dr. Graham, "My Answer," published only two years ago, was in 28th place. Unlike the others, this book was published in only one binding. Sales for the two years were 11,813 copies.

● **CUBA CONFISCATES BIBLES.** The Cuban government has confiscated at customs and dispatched to pulp mills thousands of Bibles, hymnals and other books sent to Cuban Christians from England, Canada, Mexico and other countries, according to a report published in Zurich by the European Baptist Press Service. The report quotes a Cuban Baptist missionary who wrote to the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention saying, "We may have to learn our hymns and Scripture by memory." Only 10 per cent of more than 200,000 portions of the Bible reached the Cuban Bible Society from recent shipments, the service said.

● **FIRST LINGUISTIC SEMINAR IN AFRICA.** The world's largest missionary organization which is devoted exclusively to the scientific translation of the Bible into unwritten languages recently conducted its first linguistic seminar in Ghana, West Africa. Enrolled in the special five week course at the University of Ghana which was conducted by the Wycliffe Bible Translators were six Ghanaian nationals, representatives of missionary societies and personnel from UNESCO and the Peace Corps. The introduction of linguistic studies to Ghana will assist nationals and missionary personnel to analyze and reduce to writing the many unwritten languages of West Africa. Directing the seminar was Dr. John Bendor-Samuel, a native of England and a former translator for the Terena Indian tribe of Brazil.

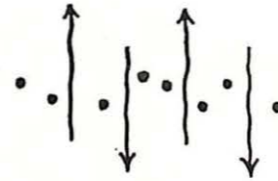
● **POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE.** The Pocket Testament League (PTL) which is known around the world for its use of Scripture distribution in mass evangelism overseas recently appointed Rev. Larry McGill to begin such a program in the United States.

The PTL will work with local groups in programs of Scripture distribution through house-to-house visitation, mass rallies and sound trucks. The type of work was begun shortly after World War II and has been the means of distributing over 25 million copies of the Gospel of John in more than 50 languages to the people of pre-Communist China, France, Poland, Holland, Southeast Asia, 28 countries in Africa, and all the Latin American countries. The PTL teams also covered both the Vienna and Helsinki Communist Youth Festivals.

● **EVANGELIZATION OF AFRICA.** "If Africa is ever to be evangelized, it must be the national Christians who do it," the Rev. Prince J. Blackson,

pastor of Bethany Chapel, Kumasi, Ghana, declared in a broadcast over Radio Station ELWA here. Mr. Blackson was converted about seven years ago while listening to an ELWA broadcast by the Rev. Howard O. Jones, director of Operation Africa for The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Mr. Blackson started a church with a Bible study group in his own home. In about a year, more than 1000 persons were meeting with him and his family for Bible study and devotions. "Today," he said in his broadcast, "there are more than 10,000 in the Ashanti region alone who have accepted Jesus into their hearts as their personal Savior. We have now established our own Bible School to train our own pastors to evangelize Ghana."

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **New President of French Baptist Federation.** Andre Thobois, pastor of Avenue du Maine Baptist Church in Paris, France has been elected president of the French Baptist Federation. He succeeds Henri Vincent, who was named honorary president after asking relief from the administrative duties he has held many years. Attending the annual meeting April 30-May 1 in Paris were 120 messengers from all but two of the 23 co-operating churches, which reported a total membership of 2,531.

● **Dr. Adams' Continued Ministry.** Dr. W. W. Adams will soon transfer his permanent classroom from Southern Seminary campus to many churches as he completes his 39th year as professor and Baptist seminary administrator. Last September Dr. Adams was 70 years old. Because of a mandatory retirement policy, he leaves the seminary faculty at the end of July 1963. Dr. Adams will continue teaching, perhaps overseas. He served as guest speaker at two NAB Pastors' Conferences.

● **Dr. W. R. White Retires.** Dr. W. R. White, chancellor of Baylor University, Waco, Texas for the past two years, has announced his retirement from the position on June 1. He was president of the university for 13 years before he became chancellor. Upon his retirement, Dr. White will become president emeritus of Baylor and will teach a course in Christian Apologetics in the Department of Religion. He served as the Bible Hour speaker at the 1955 General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● **Baptists Help Witness Pavilion in Thailand.** Baptists were among 12 Christian groups financing and operating a Christian Witness Pavilion at a recent two-week International Trade Fair in Bangkok. Thirty thousand persons saw motion pictures on stewardship and evangelism, followed by evangelistic sermons. In the "Chapel of Rest" visitors listened to taped Bible readings and Christian music and read tracts and other Christian literature. A three-story cross, the largest ever erected in Thailand, stood on a globe to symbolize the light of the gospel spread over the world.

● **New Mission in Colombia.** At a traffic circle where seven streets converge in Barranquilla, Colombia, stands a large, attractive residence topped by a lighted open Bible and cross and bearing the Spanish words for "Baptist Mission." On January 18, more than 250 people filled the building—standing in the hall, porch, or wherever there was a bit of space—for the inauguration of this new mission of Colombian Baptists. The mission is sponsored by one of Colombia's oldest Baptist churches, Central of Barranquilla, and several members of the mother church are forming the nucleus of the new work.

● **Baptists in British Isles.** The annual report of the Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland states that there was a decrease in church membership among its churches in 1962 for the fifth successive year, according to *The Baptist Times*. The decrease, about 3,500, was less than last

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● **Rev. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Oregon** received the Bachelor Degree in Music from the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon on June 2nd. He was formerly the pastor of the Glencullen Church of Portland. Mr. Seibold stated in his letter: "It is my hope that I may use this training in further Christian service."

● **The Erin Ave. Baptist Church,** Cleveland, Ohio, has extended a call to Mr. Edgar John Pritzkau of Chicago, Ill., a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and is already on the field serving as pastor of the Erin Ave. Church., having succeeded Rev. Henry Pfeifer.

● **Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Pohl of Minitonas, Manitoba** have announced the birth of twins on June 5th. The twin boy has been named Marlo Ray and the twin girl Myrna Fay. These twins have come to grace the Pohl family with their two other children. Barbara Ann and Maynard Lee. Mr. Pohl is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man.

● **On Sunday, May 22, the Meadowlark Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta** was organized with 29 charter members. Rev. Willy R. Muller is the pastor. This was the former Jasper Place Church Extension project which was begun in 1962. Several other people are requesting membership in the near future. Mr. Muller wrote that the congregation is already seriously considering a building project.

● **On June 23 Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Moore of Portland, Oregon and Miss Florence Miller of Benton Harbor, Mich.,** missionaries to Japan who had completed their furlough in the United States, returned by boat for Japan. They arrived at their mission stations in July. Friends of Miss Miller will rejoice to hear that her health has been improving greatly in recent days.

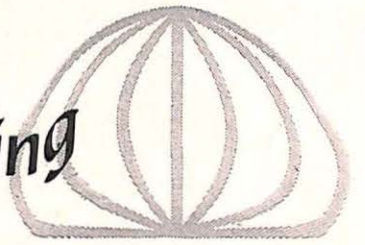
● **On July 20, Rev. Arthur Weisser,** pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y. will be "flying" by BOAC plane to Frankfurt, Germany on the first adventure of a six weeks' European tour. In Germany he will be met by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kretschman, with whom he will travel through Germany and then to France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy. He will return to Rochester at the end of August.

● **On Sunday evening, June 2, the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario** dedicated the new 9 by 12 foot baptistry picture, "Jesus, the Good Shepherd," which had been painted by Mrs. Norman A. Berkan, the pastor's wife, at the request of the church. Rev. Ruben Kern, Eastern District secretary, preached the dedication message. A love offering was received by the church for Mrs. Berkan's appreciated services.

● **At the Mother-Daughter banquet of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church,**

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., the following officers of the Ladies' Missionary Society were elected: president, Mrs. Larry Flora; vice-president, Mrs. Glenn Priest; secretary, Mrs. Douglas Fullerton; and treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Batson. The program featured Mrs. Beatrice Bush Bixler and her songs. On Pentecost Sunday, June 2, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke preached on the subject, "He Pleads!"

what's happening



● **Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.,** are attending the Baptist Youth World Congress sessions in Beriut, Lebanon, from July 15 to 21, and will make a tour of the Holy Land to see "first hand the country in which our Savior walked while on this earth." Mr. Bob Fuller, chairman of the Library Committee of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, has announced 30 new selections to the church library and a greatly approved library ministry to the church members and friends.

● **On June 11 Mr. Arthur G. Patzia** graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. with the Th.M. degree in New Testament. His thesis was entitled, "John the Baptist: The Antecedents and Originality of His Baptism." The baccalaureate speaker at Princeton was Dr. Paul Tillich and the commencement speaker was President McCord of the Princeton Theological Seminary. This summer Mr. Patzia is studying Hebrew at Princeton and is serving the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J. while the pastor, Rev. Arthur Boymook, and family are on vacation.

● **Rev. Frank Friesen, interim pastor** at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, observed his 70th birthday on May 24 in the company of several guests. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang of the Snowview Baptist Church; Mr. Fred Penner, assistant pastor at the Parma Heights Church; and Mr. John Siewert, summer student worker, were the guests in attendance besides Mrs. Friesen. Mr. Friesen brought his interim ministry to a close at the Parma Heights Church in July. Dr. Douglas Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas will begin his ministry in the church on August 1st.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss,** Cameroon missionaries, and their

daughters, Amy and Holly, spent Sunday, June 9, at the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa prior to their departure for the African mission field. A fellowship dinner was held in their honor by the church. The Men's Brotherhood of the Sheffield church sponsored a program by the Nickel Family Singers of Springfield, Missouri on Wednesday evening, June 12. This family of eight musically talented chil-

dren travels extensively throughout the summer months to sing for God's glory. Rev. Ralph E. Cooke is the pastor.

● **The North American Baptist tour** group of 25 persons left Montreal, Canada by KLM plane on July 8 for Europe and then for Beirut, Lebanon where they attended the sessions of the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference from July 15 to 21. Among those on the tour group are Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. John Binder of the Department of Christian Education and Rev. B. C. Schreiber, promotional assistant at the headquarters' office. Following the Beirut Conference, the tour group will visit many of the sacred Bible places and shrines in the Holy Land. They will return to the United States by plane on August 1st.

● **The Melville Baptist Church of Melville, Sask.,** was organized on June 2nd with 12 charter members. A picture of the sanctuary appears elsewhere in this issue. Rev. J. W. Neudorf, pastor of this Church Extension project, as well as of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., reports promising prospects for the future. The following officers have been elected: church clerk, Wayne Reinheimer; treasurer, Ivan Muth; Sunday school superintendent, Bernice Werk; Sunday school treasurer and secretary, Mrs. Len Johnson; building fund treasurer, Mr. Len Johnson; and W.M.U. president, Mrs. A. R. Macdonald.

● **On Saturday evening, April 27, the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.,** held a Recognition Dinner honoring Mr. Clement Miller who has served as the church treasurer for about 46 years. The 60 persons in attendance heard the congratulatory messages by Rev. Peter Geissler, his first Sunday school class teacher while

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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

**GENERAL COUNCIL
SESSIONS**

By Mrs. Herbert Hiller
of Edmonton, Alberta

W.M.U. Council Representative

The William Kuhn Memorial Room at the headquarters building, Forest Park, Ill., was the setting for the 1963 General Council sessions held on May 24 and 25. Approximately 50 council members and various visitors took part in the two-day deliberations of our Conference's business. We are grateful for the consecrated and efficient leadership of our moderator, Mr. Edwin Marklein, the general secretaries and those who are elected to represent their various committees, institutions and local conferences.

Repeatedly such words were heard as "expansion," "long-range planning," "more full-time Christian workers," making us aware of the constant growth and development in every phase of our denomination's life, whether it be educational institutions or senior citizens homes, foreign or home mission fields, the written Word or the spoken word, Church Extension or God's Volunteers. Coupled with these endeavors are obligations of supplying needs and giving proper guidance. It was indeed encouraging to hear that for the last four months in a row our contributions have exceeded \$100,000. We recognize that God has been good to us in enabling our fellowship to witness in various areas of Christian service.

Since the youth of today is the church of tomorrow, much attention was given to its training in the fundamentals of Christian living and in a loyalty to our own fellowship through educational agencies and our own denominational periodicals.

Tasty meals were served in the dining hall by the Forest Park Church ladies. Around the tables we were able to greet informally old friends and make new ones, and unite our voices in the singing of some old-time favorites that have a special place in the hearts of many North American Baptists.

A fine spirit of cooperation prevailed throughout the sessions, and I believe each Council member returned to his sphere of denominational activity with a greater zeal for God's cause among North American Baptists.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Exactly what is meant by the phrase, "the universal priesthood of believers," as used by Baptists?

This is a cherished emphasis that Baptists have held as one of their cardinal beliefs throughout their history. The universal priesthood of all believers is derived from such texts as I Peter 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:5-6 and conveys the Scriptural teaching that every Christian has free and direct access to God without the necessity of any ecclesiastical priest or human mediator. Each individual believer is a priest before God, and there is only one High Priest, Jesus Christ, by whom we may come to God (I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-16; 10:19-20).

SOUL COMPETENCY

Every person can confess his sins immediately to God through Christ. There is no specific priesthood other than the universal priesthood of all believers. God has not appointed or sanctioned any special class of individuals with extraordinary spiritual powers, authority or prerogatives. All have the same rights and access into his presence. The outcome of these biblical considerations is that every believer is accountable to God alone in matters of religion. Each individual Christian is solely responsible to Christ, the only Savior and Authority, the only Head of the Church which is his Body.

The Scripture clearly asserts the competency of the regenerate soul before God to know divine truth (John 16:13-15; I Cor. 2:10-13; I John 2:20, 27). And therefore every Christian possesses the right of private judgment in the interpretation of Scripture. He can read and understand the Bible for himself without dictation from anyone, because he has the Holy Spirit to guide him into all truth. But he is also accountable to God for his use of divine truth. This is the ground of the Baptists' championing of soul liberty and freedom of the individual conscience.

But this emphasis must also be coupled with the respect and guarantee of other people's viewpoints. We must allow for or recognize the witness

of the Spirit in others too. We must not force our own convictions upon others, for they also have the right to their opinions (and also responsibility before God). Upon this basis, each member of the church has the right to a voice in the church's government. The outcome can only be a democratic form of government as is found in the New Testament church. No place is provided for an ecclesiastical hierarchy or a sacerdotal class within the church.

OUR "HOLY CALLING"

Recent biblical and theological studies have brought to the fore another neglected aspect of the priesthood of all believers. Every believer is also a minister (as were the priests of the Old Testament) and has a ministry to perform. This is inherent in the nature and calling of the church and is rooted in the eternal purpose of God for his redeemed people (Eph. 2:10; 4:7, 11-12; II Cor. 5:18-20; I Peter 2:9). If viewed correctly, the Christian life is a ministry, one performed in response to the call of God and the grace of God (Phil. 2:12-13).

This is not merely a pragmatic issue. That is, there is an unimaginable amount of work to be done for God in the world today, far more than all the ordained ministers, missionaries and Christian workers can perform. Therefore, we must enlist and utilize the vast, untapped sources of manpower and talent that need to be put to work for the cause of Jesus Christ. This is certainly true, but there is a much deeper consideration which is at the very heart of the priesthood of believers, a consideration which is rooted in the saving purpose of our Lord. When one is joined to Christ and his Church by saving faith, one is thereby identified with the Savior's redemptive purpose for the world.

If we adequately grasp this emphasis, the church's program will be geared to the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry to which every regenerate soul is called. Findley B. Edge of Southern Baptist Seminary states, "This is the key by which Christians are to accomplish their mission in the world as the people of God!"

The universal priesthood of believers is thus a matter of supreme spiritual privilege and also of challenging demand. The laity should be a kingdom of priests before God and a strategic spiritual spearhead in the world (Acts 8:4). This distinctive Baptist conviction puts the laity in proper perspective. The Word must become flesh in the congregation and taken to the masses of untouched people who are outside the church, with the hope of leading them to this holy calling.

Stewardship Committee Annual Sessions

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

THE ANNUAL meeting of the General Conference Stewardship Committee was held June 7-8, 1963. It was characterized by careful efforts to lay a solid foundation for stewardship education and promotion in the coming year.

NEW PROCEDURES

Greater effectiveness in the Committee's work should result from a new appointment procedure adopted by the General Council in May. The new procedure will place a member from each of our nine local conferences on the Stewardship Committee for a three year term. This will assure the Committee of continuity, periodic change in membership, and broad representation.

A second important step in organizational effectiveness was taken by clearly defining the responsibility, membership, and activity of local conference Stewardship Committees. A procedure for the establishing of Stewardship Committees on an association level was also adopted. In addition, a suggested constitutional provision for local conference Stewardship Committees was formulated.

Foundations in long-range Stewardship Education were laid with the appointment of a Resource Sub-Committee which will draw up a list of recommended stewardship materials including books, audio-visual aids, and tracts. It will also give particular attention to the need of German stewardship materials in some of our churches. Authorization for the investigation and purchase of available film strips on stewardship themes was given. When secured, these may be booked for local church viewing through the Visual Aids Department.

TITHING EDUCATION

Plans for local church stewardship education were also advanced with the adoption of the basic outline of a suggested program of tithing education and commitment for use by the local church. The needed materials for this program will be prepared in the coming year. They will be presented at local conferences in 1964.

The Committee noted with gratitude to God the fine denominational giving records which were established by our people in the past fiscal year. Eight of the nine local conferences increased their per capita giving to our cooperative missionary and service program. Concern was evidenced, however, when it was reported that despite an even larger financial challenge this year, conference giving is far below that of a year ago. It was pointed out that a per capita giving of \$20.00 will be

necessary to reach the total goal of \$1,050,000 for the current fiscal year.

New plans for the promotion of Church Extension Builders were unveiled. Efforts will be made to encourage each presently enrolled Builder to enlist another and to encourage each church to make a definite presentation of the program to its members. Information, literature, and suggestions will be sent out to pastors, captains and present Builders in late summer and early fall.

STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES

The Committee also discussed a preliminary report and interpretation of the Local Church Stewardship Questionnaires sent in by our conference pastors. A sub-committee will continue this study in the coming months and report its findings and recommendations to the Stewardship Committee and also to our Conference churches.

The Committee further discussed and approved a basic plan to encourage our people to remember the work of their local churches and of the denomination in their wills. Information about the plan will be made known when details are worked out.

An important study of the percentage of local church giving which goes for missionary purposes will be undertaken in the coming year. It is hoped that a result of this study will be the adoption of percentage goals for missionary giving by the General Conference in 1964.

The Stewardship Committee recognizes that its ministry is basically a spiritual one and earnestly seeks the prayers of all as it seeks to discharge its responsibility before God.

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

| Conferences | May, 1963 | May, 1962 | May, 1961 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Atlantic | \$ 1,765.18 | \$ 2,614.31 | \$ 2,157.91 |
| Central | 9,312.72 | 19,925.34 | 12,901.54 |
| Dakota | 6,508.47 | 10,329.32 | 7,318.02 |
| Eastern | 2,059.42 | 1,745.65 | 2,138.43 |
| Northern | 15,136.55 | 10,473.21 | 6,129.77 |
| Northwestern | 4,762.78 | 5,688.51 | 5,258.32 |
| Pacific | 11,958.33 | 17,358.63 | 6,552.49 |
| Southern | 387.60 | 528.75 | 242.00 |
| Southwestern | 6,103.55 | 2,545.63 | 5,591.24 |
| Inter-Conference | 1,931.93 | 2,179.25 | |
| Total Contributions | \$ 59,926.53 | \$ 73,388.60 | \$ 48,289.72 |

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

| | Budget Contributions | Other Contributions | Total Contributions |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| For the month of May, 1963 | \$ 54,783.28 | \$ 5,153.25 | \$ 59,926.53 |
| For the month of May, 1962 | 63,686.08 | 9,702.52 | 73,388.60 |
| For the month of May, 1961 | 40,804.13 | 7,485.59 | 48,289.72 |

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

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| April 1, 1963 to May 31, 1963 | \$122,125.78 | \$ 11,884.72 | \$134,010.50 |
| April 1, 1962 to May 31, 1962 | 122,676.69 | 29,510.86 | 152,187.55 |
| April 1, 1961 to May 31, 1961 | 101,367.67 | 18,895.68 | 120,263.35 |

DID HE KNOW?

By Mr. Eric W. Meilahn
of Burlington Iowa, the father of Mrs.
Lenore Lang, Missionary in West Africa.

Was Jesus aware as he worked away,
Hewing logs into shape with skill,
On a rough-hewn cross he must hang
one day
At the place called Golgotha hill?

While he fitted and nailed the joints
so neat
And the hammer fell swift and sure,
Did he know that nails his hands and
feet
To Calvary's cross must secure?

As down his brow dripped the sweat
of toil,
Knew he as he wiped it away,
That his own blood would stain Cal-
vary's soil,
From wounds where a thorn-crown
lay?

As he for the day put the tools aside
To partake of the evening meal,
Foresaw he the night he would be both
denied
And the kiss of a traitor feel?

A foretaste was his of wormwood and
gall
That night in Gethsemane:
To drink the bitterest cup of them all—
By the Father forsaken to be.

Forsaken to be, while very sin made,
In order for sin to atone;
The Sinless for sinners their ransom
paid
And faced Satan's wrath all alone.

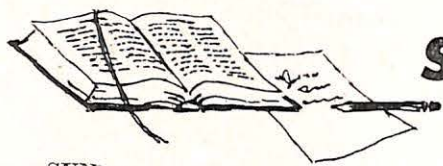
Through all the years that he worked
away
In the shop of Nazareth town,
He knew of all that before him lay;
'Twas for this he to earth came down.

LIVING WATER

John 4:14

1. Source: "I" (Jesus)
2. Price: "Shall give him" (free)
3. Assurance: "Shall be in him"
4. Quantity: "A well of water."
5. Quality: "Springing up" (living)
6. Duration: "Into everlasting life."
7. Participators: "Whosoever."
8. Conditions: "Drinketh."
9. Results: "Never Thirst."

—The Watchman-Examiner



Sunday school lessons

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 28, 1963

Theme: **WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER?**

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-10

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Responsibility does not end with yourself; it merely begins there.

INTRODUCTION: The importance of a meaningful relationship in the home is emphasized again and again. The law abiding family is the foundation for a law abiding nation. This is more easily accomplished if every member of the family continues to abide in the love of God.

A meaningful relationship in the home must be based on an intimate relationship with God. It must be a relationship of obedience and service. Where there is disobedience and sin, the relationship with God affects not only ourselves but others as well. If the perpendicular line is well established, then we can be sure that the horizontal will also be well-founded. Man's relationship with God is not a straight line but a triangle. It is not man and God with the rest of the human race ignored; it is God, man and his time in a monastery for the sake of personal holiness is no better than the humanist who seeks a brother to brother relationship with man without a Father-son relationship with God.

I. THE BROTHER'S FAMILY.
Genesis 4:1-2.

"I have gotten a man from the Lord" seems to indicate that there was joy and excitement in the home at the birth of a baby. The fact that Eve gave credit to God for his blessed event is evidence that some degree of relationship was again established. His power and blessing were acknowledged. His Soon another son came to bless the home. The relationship expanded from that of husband and wife to parents with children and to brother with brother. So far there is nothing to imply that there is a disturbance in the family fellowship. Each one seems to be content in the work he is doing.

II. THE BROTHER'S RELIGION.
Genesis 4:3-7.

In spite of Adam and Eve's sin and punishment, they did not deny their children a religious upbringing. We do not know how old the brothers were when they made their offerings to God. Each brought a part of the fruit from their labor, and what they gave cost them something. However, it is

not difficult to detect a difference in the religion of the brothers. That of Abel was more of the heart and of the spirit while that of Cain was ritualistic and ceremonial. Abel was concerned about having his life accepted by God, while Cain was interested in having his offering accepted by God.

III. THE BROTHER'S SIN. Genesis 4:8-10.

It is not too clear what the specific sin was that "lieth at the door." The writer of Hebrews 11:4 tells us: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts."

The spirit in which Cain brought his offering was certainly an offense against God. It is not only what a man does which pleases or displeases God, but the way in which he does it—the motive and the spirit behind the act. Cain became so resentful that he refused the grace of God (verse 7) and committed murder instead. The low estimate he placed on his religion resulted in the low estimate of his brother's life.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What other means can you use to murder a person besides taking his physical life?
2. Is the man who hates his brother also a murderer? (See Matthew 5:21-22.) Why is he not punished in the same way?
3. How can you "mind your own business" and still be your brother's keeper?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 4, 1963

Theme: **THE VENTURE OF FAITH.**

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The most important thing in life is not where you are going but whether God is going with you.

INTRODUCTION: The next three lessons will show how God's purposes are realized through men of faith. Abraham is the first to merit our study. He is rightly considered, at least in Jewish and Christian history, as one of the great men of religious significance. He was an adventurer, a pioneer and, above all, a great man of faith as well as the founder and father of the Hebrew race. Abraham's unique position and calling were not accidental. He was chosen by God for this purpose and this covenant relationship is emphasized in both the Old and New Testament. It was a high and holy calling whose blessings are still

experienced today.

Beginning with this lesson, we can also be a little more sure of time and place. Unless one still accepts the suggested dates of Bishop Ussher which are included in some Bibles it is difficult to establish time before Abraham.

I. GOD'S CALL TO FAITH. Genesis 12:1-3.

We sometimes forget that Abraham was not a wandering tramp, but a distinguished citizen of a highly civilized country. He had great wealth in flocks and herds, money, jewels and expensive wardrobes. In the country which he left he was a dignified head of a clan and a wise and honest counselor. His hospitality, generosity, and courtesy were well known in Ur and beyond its borders. It was, therefore, no easy task for Abraham to "pull up stakes" and move into an unknown country when he was apparently well established and successful in his home town. Besides all this, his age was against him.

But Abraham's decision reflected the most important religious event since creation and a new starting point for God and his plan for the human race. God's words were both in the form of a command and a promise, and he was careful to choose the right man for the fulfillment of his purpose.

II. ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE TO FAITH. Genesis 12:4-6.

"So Abraham departed" makes it sound very simple. But because of Abraham's great possessions, a tremendous amount of planning and work must have been necessary for the journey. Some of the country was barren desert for which food and water had to be supplied for members of his family and servants as well as for the camels, sheep, goats and oxen. His obedience was all the more remarkable because he had no map nor any foreknowledge of what awaited him when he arrived. He had nothing but the promise of God, yet that promise meant more to Abraham than all the knowledge of man.

III. ABRAHAM'S ALTARS OF FAITH. Genesis 12:7-9.

His determination and obedience are best expressed in these words: "They went forth to go to the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." Instead of settling down and building a house, Abraham immediately "built an altar unto the Lord." He continued to Bethel and south and continued his altar building. He literally left a trail of altars behind him

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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

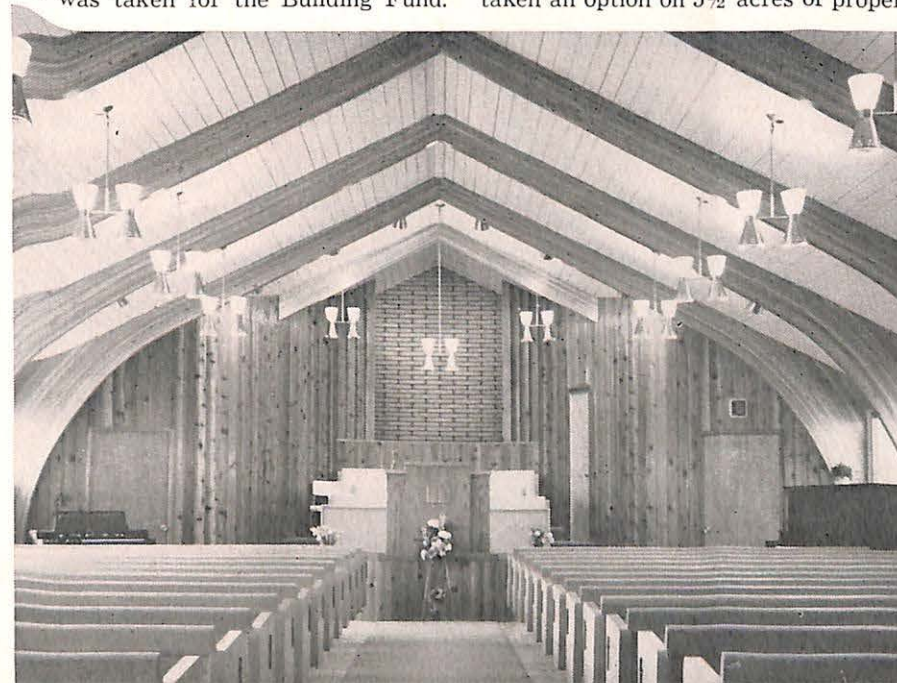
special events

● **Baptist Haven of Rest.** One of the trustees, Mr. A. Jaster, of the Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged, Medicine Hat, Alberta turned first sod at the site of the new Baptist Haven of Rest on Sunday, May 12th. Construction of the new \$250,000 building project is now under way. It is expected that the greater part of the project will be ready for its occupants in six months. Future plans call for a 40 bed hospital wing. In the picture, from the left, are A. Jaster; Rev. R. Kanwischer, superintendent; J. Emann, contractor; Rev. H. Schumacher, president of the Board; W. Wuerfel, secretary-treasurer; E. Proppe, architect; J. Butz, trustee; and Rev. P. Hunsicker, board member.



Ground breaking exercises for the new \$250,000 building project of the Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Construction on the new building is now under way.

● **Melville, Sask.** Meetings that will long be remembered in the history of the new Baptist Church in Melville, Sask., were held on the Easter weekend, On Good Friday evening, the Jubilee Choristers from the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta presented a wonderful program of music and a play depicting the life of William Carey, the missionary to India. On Sunday afternoon many visitors were present from Yorkton, Ebenezer, Springside and Regina. Rev. W. Kerber brought the message, "The Church of Jesus Christ." There was special music included several numbers from the trio of the Ebenezer Church. An offering was taken for the Building Fund.



The worshipful edifice of the new Baptist Church in Melville, Sask., a Church Extension project which has made amazing progress under the sponsorship of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., and its pastor, Rev. Jake W. Neudorf.

The dedication of the new church edifice will be held sometime this fall. —(Mrs. A. R. Mac Donald, Reporter).

● **Elk Grove, California.** The First Baptist Church choir of Elk Grove, Calif., presented a Sunday evening concert in the church sanctuary on May 26. The musical program was sponsored by Baptist Life Association Local 111. Under the direction of Edwin Schuh, the choir sang seven numbers. Other selections on the program were done by soloist Mavis Wagemann, the male quartet, male chorus, a duet and the girls' trio.

● **Rochester, N. Y.** The Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., has taken an option on 5½ acres of prop-

erty on Latta and Kirk Roads, North Greece, N. Y., 11 miles from the heart of Rochester where the present church edifice is located. The congregation at its business meeting on May 17 voted to purchase this property and to go forward with an extensive building program as soon as possible. A canvass of the area and surrounding suburban communities was made by the church's young people along with other groups on Sunday afternoon, June 9. The chairman of the Building Fund Committee is Mr. Paul Neumann. Rev. Arthur Weisser, pastor, shares the enthusiasm of this church for this new building project.


● **Ordination of Rev. Manfred Taubensee.** On May 23 an ordination council met at the Third German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., to consider the ordination of Mr. Manfred Taubensee, pastor of the church for the past nine months. A total of 14 council members representing five NAB churches heard Mr. Taubensee's account of his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. Mr. Taubensee is a graduate of the theological department at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. The ordination sermon that same evening was brought by Dr. A. S. Felberg, C.T.I. president, and the ordination prayer offered by Rev. John Wollenberg of Morris. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, and the charge to the candidate by Rev. W. Laser of Winnipeg. Rev. R. Grabke of Winnipeg welcomed him into the ranks of fellow ministers. Music by the choir and congregation enhanced the festive program. The Rev. Manfred Taubensee pronounced the benediction. —(R. Kerstan, Reporter).

● **Ordination of Rev. Harvey W. Mehlhaff.** The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., called an ordination council on

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May 16th for the purpose of examining and making recommendation to that church the ordination of Mr. Harvey W. Mehlhaff. Nineteen delegates made up the ordination council from 9 NAB churches in the California Association. Rev. Eldon Schroeder was elected to serve as chairman of the Council. Mr. Mehlhaff presented the narration of his conversion and call to the ministry and had prepared mimeographed copies of his statement of faith. The ordination council, after hearing Mr. Mehlhaff's statement of faith, moved to recommend to the Lodi Church Mr. Mehlhaff's ordination. A well attended service followed a fine chicken dinner provided by the ladies of the Lodi Church. Mr. William Acton of the Lincoln Village Baptist Church, Sacramento, brought the evening message. A love offering was taken for the purchase of books for Mr. Mehlhaff. The Mehlhaffs have served the First Baptist Church since graduation from our Seminary in Sioux Falls S. Dak., in May 1962.—(Robert D. Cahill, Clerk of the Council).

• **Lorraine, Kansas.** More than 700 people filled the High School gymnasium at Lorraine, Kansas on Saturday night, June 1, to honor "Prof." E. D. Meacham, superintendent of the Lorraine Schools for the past 40 years, and Mrs. Meacham. The program featured "This Is Your Life" story in which all five of the Meacham children and their husbands and wives took part. A bronze plaque, appropriately inscribed, and a check for \$1,200 from the alumni and community were presented to Mr. Meacham. The Meachams are members of the Lorraine Baptist Church and all of the five children were formerly members before moving to other areas of the country. Dr. Douglas Gallagher, Baptist pastor, gave special recogni-



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tion to the Meachams in the Sunday morning service on June 2 and quoted Hebrews 6:10 as a verse of tribute. Mr. Meacham has served as a deacon in the Baptist church and Mrs. Meacham as Dorcas Society president, church organist and a leader in musical programs.—(Mrs. Dalmer Williamson, Reporter).

• **Bethany, Kansas.** The 85th anniversary of the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas was celebrated on May 26 with Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, pastor, in charge. The timely message, "Fruit at Eighty-Five," was brought by Rev. J. H. Kornelsen of Wheaton, Ill., a former pastor. Another service was held in the afternoon featuring greetings from former friends and congratulatory letters from other churches. Rev. Theo W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas, pronounced the benediction. In the evening Mr. Kornelsen brought another message, "Jordan's Tumbling Torrents." During the last ten years Bethany Church has grown in its budget and missionary giving, besides showing growth in the maturity of individual believers. There have been church improvements, a new outdoor bulletin board, highway markers, planting of trees and improvements in the parsonage. New hymnals were purchased and a church library was established. A poem was written for the occasion by the oldest member, Mrs. Lydia Jaeger, age 92, on "Our Life While We Are Here."—(Mrs. J. Stussy).



THE E. D. MEACHAM FAMILY, LORRAINE, KANSAS

Front row: Mrs. E. D. Meacham, former organist in the Lorraine Baptist Church; "Prof." E. D. MEACHAM, superintendent of Lorraine schools for 40 years. Back row (left to right): the Meacham children—Robert of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Gerry Smith of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ruth Mary Wesler of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Dorothy Read of Birmingham, Ala.; and Donald of Birmingham, Ala.

Woman's missionary societies

• **Willow Rancho, Sacramento.** On Friday evening, May 24, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet with an attendance of 134. The tables were decorated with colorful miniature maypoles and assorted spring flowers. Corsages were presented by Mrs. Viola Wright, president, honoring the two oldest mothers present, both 82 years of age, and the Society's past president. A very delicious dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the Elk Grove Woman's Society. An interesting program followed, with representatives of each circle participating, and a skit presented by the young people's group. It was a time of fellowship greatly enjoyed by the women and girls of the church.—(Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

• **Magnolia, Anaheim, Calif.** "Spirit of Spring" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. During the dinner hour, an outstanding fashion show highlighted the events, as Missionary Society members and their daughters modeled dresses they had made. The fashions which were narrated by Mrs. Norma Clemons and her daughter, Kathy, were enjoyed by 195 ladies and girls. The traditional corsages were presented to the honored mothers. Mrs. Marion Hartman, past president of the Society, presided over an Installation Service of new officers. Mrs. Betty McDonald favored us with two lovely solos. The guest speaker, Mrs. Arthur Dickenson, gave an inspiring address on how the Christian Mother has the duty to give their children a real vision for Christian service. The benediction was given by Mrs. Agnes Treadwell, Missionary Society president.—(Mrs. Lola Timm, Reporter).

• **Steamboat Rock, Iowa.** On Friday evening May 24, the Dorcas Society and Missionary Guild of the First Baptists Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa sponsored a Mother and Daughter banquet with "Mother-Daughter Treasures" as the theme. Mrs. Deane Luiken gave the welcome and led in group singing and the grace song with Mrs. Lucille Pierson at the piano. Mrs. Luiken also brought meditations from I Cor. 13. Mrs. Iva Mae Crosser presided during the program which included a toast to mothers by Mrs. LaDonna Frerichs and the response by Mrs. Harriet Luiken. A salute to grandmothers was given by Rita Gast. Musical numbers were a vocal duet by Mrs. Elizabeth Rose and Mrs. Eleanor Frerichs, and a vocal solo by Beverly Kruse. A chalk talk was given by Mrs. Joan Gast. Special recognition was given to the oldest mother, Mrs. Kate Luiken; the youngest mother, Mrs. Sharon Katzer; the youngest daughter,

Melinda Frerichs; and to the grandmother having the most grandchildren, Mrs. Jennie Gast. A delicious ham dinner was served by the men of the church to 113 persons.—(Mrs. Wm. Schuneman, Reporter).

CBY (youth) fellowship

• **Elk Grove, Calif.** The First Baptist Church young people of Elk Grove, Calif., sponsored their second Memorial Day Rally on May 30. Altogether 40 youth from the Elk Grove and Sacramento churches attended and participated in the 7:30 a.m. breakfast, sing-spiration, devotional period, lunchtime and recreation session. Rev. William Acton of the Extension work in Lincoln Village of Sacramento was the guest speaker for the rally. Don Hepperle, youth president, was master of ceremonies.—(Roberta Veit, Reporter).

• **Stafford, Kansas.** On Wednesday evening, May 15, the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, honored its graduates with an annual banquet. The featured singer and speaker was the well known cowboy evangelist, Red Harper, from Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Arthur Brinkman served as toastmaster; Mr. August Hildebrand gave the welcome; and Miss Irma Kay Fritzemeyer responded for the graduates. Rev. E. B. Wesner pronounced the invocation and benediction. College graduates honored were Glendon Hildebrand (M.A., University of Kansas); Ray Fritzemeyer (M.A., Kansas State University); and Gordon Hildebrand (B.S., Kansas State University). High school graduates honored were: Irma Kay Fritzemeyer, Ronald Hearn and Randy Rich. Eighth grade graduates were Gayle Brinkman, Joyce Eisenhour, and Maurice Fritzeimer. Junior High and High School teachers were guests at the banquet.—(Mrs. Edward Lichte, Reporter).

• **Springside, Sask.** Both Junior and Senior young people's organizations have been busy at the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask. On Mother's Day the Senior CBY presented the play, "A Night to Remember" written by Mrs. V. A. Pahl. The setting of the play was Africa, and the scene of a witch doctor attempting human sacrifice held audiences in suspense. The play was taken to three neighboring churches. The Junior Choir and Junior CBY joined forces to present its annual program of musical and instrumental numbers and the short play, "God's Trees." Real trees were used in the play which made the stage setting most effective. The work of the Scripture Memory Course was presented by Mrs. F. Nehring. Mrs. V. Pahl outlined the successful completion of "Telephone Quiz" competitions where the enrollment had doubled since 1962.

evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. Lyle Wacker, (right, rear), pastor of the Calvary Church, Corn, Okla., and 9 converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday evening.

• **Corn, Okla.** Easter Sunday was a

big day for the members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma. It ended our six weeks' Sunday School Drive with a record breaking attendance. Special baby Dedication Services were held just prior to the morning worship service. Miss Judy Leppke sang a solo, "This Child We Dedicate," with Rev. Lyle Wacker following with a dedicatory prayer. That evening was a baptismal service for nine candidates. They are (left to right, front row): Cindy Ruhl, Kim Nikkel, Sherry Reimer; Diane Suderman, Rita Gale Franz; back row: Gary Suderman, Gary Reimer, Willard Couch, Arthur Suderman, and Rev. Lyle Wacker. Those taken into the church by letter were Mrs. Arthur Suderman and Mrs. Willard Couch. The Lord's Supper was then received by the members present. "We thank the Lord for these new members, and may we continue to work for him!"—(Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter).

conferences and associations

• **German Faith Conference, East Detroit.** Beginning Saturday evening, June 1, the annual "Faith Conference" (Glaubenskonferenz) began at the Ridgmont church, East Detroit, Mich. Close to 250 guests attended, with delegations from both churches in Milwaukee, Wis., the Mission Church of Chicago, Ill., as well as some from Forest Park Church, including Erna Redlich; Benton Harbor, Cleveland, Windsor, Hamilton, and Kitchener. The Mission Offering received in the forenoon was designated for the Cameroon Mission Field. During the afternoon service it was inspiring to listen to the mass choir of about 85 voices rendering some of these beautiful anthems. We decided to arrange for this conference on a more regular, organized basis by fixing a date, namely, the second Sunday of June. We will always want a denominational representative to speak to us, and will always receive a mission offering on Sunday morning. Next year's meeting will be with the Zion Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

• **Eastern Conference Baptist Men.** The 8th annual Baptist Men's Retreat of the Eastern Conference was held at the Le Tourneau Christian Camp on the shores of beautiful Lake Canandaigua, New York, May 18-20. Lake Canandaigua is in the Finger Lakes Region of New York state, and is a central meeting place for churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and southeastern Canada. The camp is an inspirational place for a retreat. The Retreat was enjoyed by 57 men of the Eastern Conference. The special guest speaker was Rev. Ruben Kern, newly appointed Eastern District secretary. Mr. Emmett Stubenrod of Rochester,

N. Y., president of Eastern Baptist Men, presided. In addition to the printed program, President Stubenrod also gave us several surprises in the form of a solo, a duet and a quartet which the men put together during the Retreat. It is wonderful to hear singing as only men can sing when they get together with the songs of Christian faith.—(William Siegrist, Secretary).

sunday school programs & events

• **Martin, N. Dak.** The Martin Baptist Mission Circle of Martin, N. Dak., observed its 50th anniversary on Sunday evening, May 5. The program featured musical numbers, the history of the Mission Circle, readings, letters of congratulations from former members, and a memorial service by the Circle members. Special recognition was given to two honorary members. Guest speaker was Mrs. Otto Lohse of McIntosh, S. Dak., a pastor's wife and the second president of the organization from 1920-1927. The Mission Circle consists of 20 members. Friends from neighboring churches were in attendance.—(Mrs. Royce Bender, Reporter).

• **Plevna, Montana.** Forty-three boys and girls completed another year of Scripture Memory at the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. They were presented with their pins and bars at a special service on May 26. On this Sunday an impressive dedication service was also held for the teachers and superintendent who volunteered their

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Wedding at Center, Colorado

Report of wedding ceremony for Mr. Frank Tomlinson of Oxnard, Calif., and Miss Helen Lohse, Spanish-American missionary in the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK TOMLINSON (Helen Lohse) who spoke double-ring vows before Rev. Paul Appel and Rev. David C. Keiry at the First Baptist Church in Center, Colorado on April 13 are now at home to their friends at 1219 W. Beverly Dr., Oxnard, California. (These are the two missionaries with whom I worked.) Approximately 100 persons witnessed the ceremony, for which the bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace and tulle over satin. A crown of sequins and seed pearls held her veil, and she carried a white orchid on a Bible.



Helen Lohse and Frank Tomlinson express their double-ring vows to each other at the wedding ceremony held in the First Baptist Church, Center, Colo.

Daughter of Mrs. Ida Lohse of McIntosh, S. Dak., the bride was given in marriage by her mother. Attending her were Mrs. James Bright, matron of honor, and Miss Margaret Tomlinson, daughter of the groom, as junior bridesmaid. Candles were lighted by Ann and Evelyn Tomlinson, daughters of the groom.

Mr. Tomlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tomlinson of Bakersfield, California was served by his brothers-in-law, Rev. James Bright and Mr. Donald Bright. Miss Wilma Sheesley and Mr. Allan Schantz served as ushers. Rev. Fred Lower was soloist, accompanied by Rev. John Carr of Center. Congratulations were offered the newlyweds at a reception in the church parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson spent their honeymoon at scenic spots enroute to

California. The bride has served as a missionary to the Spanish-speaking people of Center and Del Norte, Colorado for 9 years prior to her marriage. Mr. Tomlinson is head of the Science Department at Oxnard High School.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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and no man following him was in doubt as to which God Abraham worshipped.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How was it possible for Abraham to hear the voice of God in a pagan country?
2. How did Abraham receive the knowledge of the true God?
3. Is it easier for us in our day to have faith in God than it was during the time of Abraham?

BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MR. NATHANIEL POHL

of Millet, Alberta

Mr. Nathaniel (Ned) Pohl of Millet, Alberta was called to his eternal rest Thursday, May 30, having reached the age of 64 years, 9 months, 20 days. He was born in Rovno, Poland, on Sept. 10, 1898 and came to Canada in 1910, at which time he settled in the Millet district. At the age of 18, he received Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Rev. Frank Orthner on June 3, 1917 into the fellowship of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church.

He is survived by two brothers: George of Vancouver, B. C.; and William of Wetaskiwin, Alberta; and one sister, Lydia (Mrs. Pahl) of Leduc, Alberta; having been predeceased by one brother and two sisters. He knew as the hour approached that death was at hand and was prepared to meet his Lord. The Name of the Lord be praised!

Wiesenthal Baptist Church
Millet, Alberta

REV. ERNEST E. HAHN, Pastor

MR. EDWARD KROLL

of Lodi, California

Mr. Edward Kroll of Lodi, Calif., passed away on May 9, 1963 at 73 years of age. He was a native of McIntosh County, N. Dak., where he lived until 1948 when he moved to McMinnville, Oregon. In 1951 he moved to Lodi. He leaves his wife, Anna; two sons: Ervin and Raymond, both of McMinnville, Oregon. He is also survived by four brothers: Charles of Lodi; Henry of Bowdon, N. Dak.; John and Albert, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; 4 sisters: Pauline Kroll of Reno, Nevada; Mrs. Maggie Trautman of Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Amella Frisbie of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Martha Carlson of Tracy, Calif.

Mr. Kroll was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, having held various offices through the years and was happiest in the fellowship with his brethren in the house of God. His ready smile will be missed by all who knew him.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California

AARON BUHLER, Reporter

MR. JULIUS ROLOFF

of Spokane, Washington

Mr. Julius Roloff of Spokane, Wash., was born May 17, 1906 at Ritzville, Wash., and passed away May 21, 1963 at the age of 57 years. For some 25 years he had lived in the city of Spokane. On Jan. 17, 1940, he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized several months later and united with the Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane. He was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony on Sept. 18, 1927. Brother Roloff was a sincere Christian and a faithful follower of Christ, and served the Lord in the capacity of a trustee of the church, a teacher in Sunday school, and for a number of years he used his voice by singing in the choir. His kindness and friendliness to everyone will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; and one son, Robert, of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, and one grandson, Robert; also by one sister, Mrs. Dean Sands, Columbia Falls, Montana; and two brothers: Dan Roloff, Ritzville, Wash.; and Fred Roloff, Olympia, Wash. In the absence of his pastor, the undersigned was called to conduct the funeral service.

Arthur St. Baptist Church
Spokane, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Correspondent

MRS. ARTHUR R. SANDOW

of Elmo, Kansas

Mrs. Anna Marie Sandow of Elmo, Kansas passed away in the Highland Nursing Home,

July 18, 1963

TRUST

Build a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill the space with loving work
And therein stay.

Look not through the sheltring
bars
Upon tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes
Of joy or sorrow.

—Mary F. Butts

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OUR THOUGHTS

By Lance Weisser
(Age 15) of Rochester, New York
Son of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser

The sun shines bright;
The earth is warm,
And then there comes
A little storm.
It's funny how a
Little gray
Can change your life
To dismay!

The earth is dark;
The sky is gray,
And then a light
Dissolves dismay.

It's funny how a
Little light
Can change your day
And make things bright.

CONFLICT IN JAPAN

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and a leader of a group of Christians who meet every week at the university which he is attending. What a miracle God has wrought in him!

Recently, it was my privilege to attend the Baptist "Taikai" in Tokyo. It is an Inter-Baptist Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Pastors and missionaries. The attendance at this year's meetings was very small. There were only about 20 pastors and Christian education workers and about 10 missionaries in attendance. However, again my heart was moved as I met for two days with these Japanese workers and fellow missionaries. Together we prayed over and discussed the many problems that afflict us in our various avenues of service and evangelism. Together we sought for more effective ways to carry on the business of our Lord. Together we were able to encourage one another with testimonies of victories won.

MISSIONARIES HOME ON FURLOUGH

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Japan missionaries, and their family, sailed from Kobe, Japan on the "S.S. Texas," a Pacific Transport Lines freighter on June 21st. On July 8th they arrived in Portland, Oregon. They will establish residence in the Middle West during their furlough year. Their address will be published in a later issue.

Here was a group of Japanese workers and missionaries from various parts of Japan who have all found in Christ the answer to the longings of the soul. All of them are eager to make known to the thronging millions of Japan the salvation, joy and peace that they have found in him. I left these meetings with the profound feeling that even though, statistically speaking, the results of the preaching of the Gospel in Japan are meager, the prayers and offerings of God's children have not been in vain. Who can tell how many more miracles God will work in the hearts of men, women and children throughout this Island Kingdom through the lives of these consecrated Japanese workers and missionaries?

Recently we held special evangelistic meetings in our church in Kyoto. The guest evangelist for these meetings was Rev. Yoshiyo Akasaka, the only ordained Japanese pastor in our North American Baptist Mission thus far. He is serving our church in Ise. As I sat and listened to him diligently and faithfully expounding the Word of God from night to night, and as I saw him grow in the stature and power of our Lord, I have been both humbled and thrilled.

We North American Baptists can be proud of this young pastor in whose heart God has performed a miracle, and through whose life, I am confident,

NEW JAPAN MISSION MAP

A newly revised edition of our JAPAN MISSION map is now available. Two copies of this larger and very attractive Japan map have been sent to the pastors of all NAB churches. Other prints will be sent free to leaders of church organizations or to individuals requesting them. They are ideal for posting on the bulletin board or to exhibit at missionary programs. The map is printed in two colors.

This new JAPAN MISSION map shows all twelve of our missionaries around the map: Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Florence Miller, Joyce Batek, Lucille Wipf, and Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth who will be leaving for Japan this fall.

he will continue to work his wonders in the lives of many others who also are longing for the joy of salvation.

Our adversary is strong; but praise be to the Captain of our army, we have been able to move forward. Often it seems that the progress is only inch by inch, but "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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year, however. Total membership is 301,437. Sunday schools in Baptist churches, which enroll children only, totaled 196,733, as compared with 234,453 in the previous year. Youth groups showed an increase of 3,704. According to a report previously published in *The Baptist Times* by Sir Herbert Janes, British Baptist membership decreased 70,000 in 50 years while the population increased by 10 million.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● **Liberty Landmark Recalled.** More than 1,400 American Baptists attended a service in historic First Baptist Meeting House in Providence to mark the 300th anniversary of the Second Rhode Island Charter obtained from the English king in 1663 by Dr. John Clarke, first pastor of the Baptist church in Newport, R. I. "That grand charter," Governor John H. Chafee of Rhode Island told the anniversary crowd, was something new, unheard of anywhere, in that it gave religious freedom to all."

● **Baptist History of Finland.** A historical study of Baptists in the Oesterbotten area of Finland, covering the years 1868-1905, has been written by a Lutheran minister for the University of Helsinki and published as a doctoral dissertation. This book is in Swedish with an appended summary of 17 pages in English. Nils Naesman, pastor of the Lutheran church in Korsholm near Vaasa, is the author of the 550 page book. "It is sympathetic, impartial and objective," says a Baptist reviewer, "and contains such material never before published."

REPORTS FROM FIELD

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service for Vacation Bible School, which was held from May 27 to 31 with 52 children enrolled, who had almost perfect attendance. Ten teachers and their superintendent devoted full day service for this one week. The theme was "The Church and the World," and the material was provided by Judson Press. Sunday afternoon, June 2, they presented a combined Children's Day and Vacation School program with Mrs. Edward Kopf, the D.V.B.S. superintendent, in charge. The offering, brought daily by the children, was designated by them for Japanese Missions.—(Ruth Sieler, Reporter).

GRADUATES ARE HONORED

● **Martin, N. Dak.** The Martin Baptist Sunday school of Martin, S. Dak., honored its graduates at a dinner held at the Martin Public School lunch room on May 19. The group consisted of three eighth grade graduates, one high school and one college graduate. Gifts and words of congratulations were given them by the Sunday school superintendent, Wesley Michelson.—(Mrs. Royce Bender, Reporter).

DEDICATION SERVICES

● **Gladwin, Mich.** Recently the congregation of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., had the privilege of dedicating new pulpit furniture to the Lord's use. The furniture is of beautiful golden oak and consists of a pulpit, communion table, two pulpit chairs and two communion chairs. The pulpit was given by Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Wegner, and the communion table and chairs were given in memory of Mr. Gottlieb Wegner by his family, relatives and friends. Mr. Wegner went to be with the Lord early in 1962 after serving the Lord faithfully for many years. He had held several different offices in the church, among which was serving as financial secretary for 17 years and as church treasurer for 13 years.—(Arlene Franck, Reporter).

BOOK REVIEWS

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church attendance is a poor substitute for the habit of worship. Mr. Dobbins, who has taught the art of worship for many years as a seminary professor, has captured the primacy of worship and made its meaning and purpose more clear. Going all the way back to the Genesis account, he follows the pattern of worship to its present day. Not only does he stress the need for a meaningful worship experience for the Christian, but he also lays special emphasis on the fact that worship with no evangelistic purpose is untrue to the New Testament concept.

The pastor, student, teacher and church officer will find the material both spiritual and practical.