

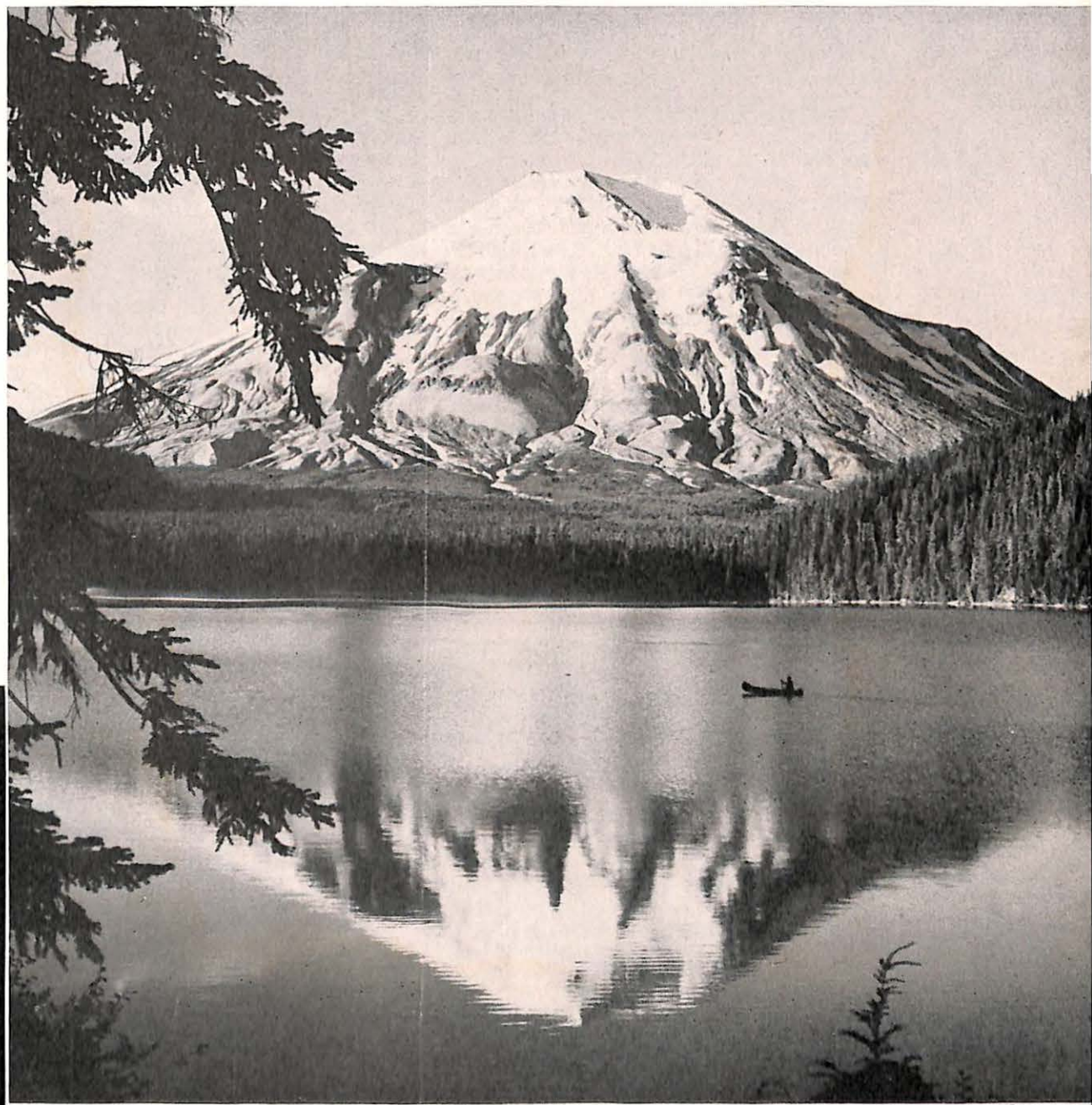
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Co-Workers With God

By Kenneth Scott Latourette

I WOULD like to suggest that as we press on to win the prize of the high calling of God in Christ, we can remember that Christ Jesus has made us his own. As we grow older, we know our weaknesses more clearly; we are more aware of our sins, more appalled by what we are. We stand in awed wonder at the grace of God—the unmerited love of God through Christ.

As we look back across the years, we can see that in spite of our sins, God has always been with us. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and who made and created and controls the universe, is always here. He has redeemed us through his Son, and in his Holy Spirit he is always working.

You and I, with all our weaknesses, are privileged to be co-workers with God, working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is not we who work, but God who works within us both to will and to work of his good pleasure. It is not we who have chosen Christ. Christ has chosen us. God in Christ has made us his own. He is continually present to forgive, to inspire, and to strengthen. We serve him with joy, knowing that "in everything God works for good with those who love him" (Romans 8:28. RSV.).

That is true not only in our individual lives; it is true as well in the lives that we seek to serve. Every one of us, in one way or another, is a minister of Christ. It may be as ministers in a parish; it may be a lay occupation. But each one of us has been called by Christ. So our Lord is recorded as saying: "Ye did not choose me, but I chose you and ordained you that you should go and bear fruit." As the ordination service of the Church of South India says: "The ordainer is not the Church; it is Christ."

So, whether or not we are among those who are usually called ordained, Christ has placed his hands on us, and we are privileged to be his co-workers. We can, with that knowledge, trust him with those lives which we attempt to serve.

The risen Lord is always knocking at the door not only of our hearts but of those whom we pass on the crowded streets of the city, those whom we see day by day or week by week in church, those with whom in one way or another we attempt to serve. And as we seek to minister to him, we can know that God's Spirit precedes us and accompanies us; we are privileged to work with him.

FRONT COVER

Mt. St. Helens mirrored in the calm waters of Spirit Lake in Washington is a favorite "shot" for photographers and an inspirational sight for travellers. The snow-crowned mountain can be seen from Portland, Oregon on a clear day. Read the editorial in this issue to see how mountains can preach an inspiring sermon!

DR. LATOURETTE

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MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

CONTRIBUTIONS, MAY 1963. Contributions for the NAB operating budget for May 1963 amounted to \$54,783.28 and for special projects \$5,143.25, totaling \$59,926.53 for the month. This is considerably less than the average contributions needed each month to reach the projected budget of \$1,050,000 for the year. For the two months of April and May 1963, the total contributions have been \$134,010.50.

SUMMER BLESSINGS. In July and August, many of our people will be attending conferences and camps and traveling to their favorite vacation resorts. Some will be going as far away as Lebanon for the Baptist World Youth Conference (July 15 to 21). During these weeks, do not overlook your gifts to your church and the mission program of our denomination. Churches should remember to send their mission contributions regularly during this "slack season." Such systematic giving has Scriptural blessing!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. The example of our dedicated young people who will be entering the ministry of "God's Volunteers" this fall for eight months of intensive service without a dollar of salary should remind you of the share that you can have in this ministry. On page 11 of this issue you will note that \$16,000 will be needed for the expenses of these two teams of "God's Volunteers." Make your contributions to this important evangelistic ministry!

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS. No appeals will be sent to Church Extension Builders during July and August. But plans are being made for the enlistment of 4,000 new Extension Builders by October 1st. Information and suggestions for the enlistment of new Builders, and leaflets, enlistment cards and posters are being prepared to be sent out by August 5-10. Articles will appear in our publications in August. Each Builder should enlist one or more new Builder and then "see how we are going forward!"

MY STEWARDSHIP. "All true Christian stewardship begins with the acknowledgment of what God has done in Jesus Christ. It looks to Calvary, and sees there the perfect self-giving of the King of kings. It sees beyond
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT — CAN A CHRISTIAN SMOKE?

Rev. Robert Schreiber, Kankakee, Illinois

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Editorial

"Because It Is There!"

Mountain climbing can be lots of fun—at least for those who are young and strong. Those who climb to the highest peak of Mt. St. Helens of Washington (see front cover picture) belong to the small group of stalwart athletes. All of us cannot emulate their physical feats, but all of us must climb spiritually from day to day. Striving to greater heights is an important trait of every Christian.

Men are driven by a mysterious, inner urge to conquer the world's highest mountains. The Americans who recently climbed the dizzy, dangerous heights of Mt. Everest in the Himalayas were asked why they were attempting such a foolhardy thing. They repeated the words of other mountain climbers: "Because it is there!" And that is about the best answer that they can give!

In the Christian life, we are constrained by the love of God and motivated by the compulsive power of the Holy Spirit. This is the inner spiritual drive of a great affection in our hearts. "We love him, because he first loved us." This is the joy of our life to live Christ and to do his will. Like a towering mountain above us, we look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. And this spiritual experience impels us from within to become more like him, our Savior!

Christian stewardship is like that. In the practice of stewardship, we must constantly strive and climb to greater heights and more faithful service. Dr. Bernard Schalm in his recent book on Christian worship focuses all attention on this truth: "God gave, and all those living in God are guided by the same principle. The result is an enlargement and enrichment of our own personality." Because we are Christians—Christ's followers—we can do no less than conform to his will and "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15).

In our denomination we shall be facing prodigious tasks and towering challenges like mountainous crags in the year that lies ahead. We shall have to climb with all our concerted efforts to reach the projected budget of \$1,050,000. We need more missionaries, more recruits for the Christian ministry, and more young people in God's Volunteers teams. We are being swept onward in an inspiring program of denominational advance, but this will require the sacrificial striving of every last individual North American Baptist.

In his book, "A Man Can Know God," the author, Dr. John Henry Strong, has a chapter on "The Mountains of God." He points out that "spiritual mountaineering begins early in the Bible. It can hardly be set down to accident that religious spirits from the beginning have cultivated the mountains." Dr. Strong goes on to say that "the mountains, like the heavens they touch, declare the glory of God and call men and women to higher things."

Lift up your eyes then to the hills and snow crowned mountains. Let them speak to you and to your church of objectives still to be reached for God, of heights still to be climbed, of truths still to be learned and of summits still to be ascended. Such spiritual mountain climbing will enable you to sing a ravishing song of praise to God that was never heard on Alpine summits!

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Roman Catholic leaders will oppose any Federal aid to education proposals which do not include Catholic schools as full partners. From that point on Catholic leaders take an all-out position!

"That Continuing Religious Issue"

By Dr. C. Stanley Lowell
of Washington, D. C.

THERE IS A continuing religious issue in American politics. It showed up during the 1960 campaign of President John F. Kennedy which brought him to the White House. It was, however, potential long before this and it is destined to persist far into the future. This issue revolves around the problem of public assistance for Roman Catholic parochial schools. The issue is often politely called "public aid to private schools" which is in itself a well intentioned effort to obscure the painful religious issue underneath. But there is a religious issue here and it cannot really be obscured any longer.

THE EXPLOSIVE ISSUE

The issue is, in effect, one of public aid to Catholic schools since that church operates more than 90% on these institutions. Other groups such as the Lutherans, the Seventh-Day Adventists and the Episcopalians who do have church elementary schools are not asking public support in any case. The real nexus of the problem is that for millions of people the proposal to aid parochial schools with public funds is a proposal to tax them to pay for Catholic teaching. They resent such a proposal; hence the religious issue in the school aid battle and intense feelings regarding it.

President Kennedy has exhibited all his political sagacity in his handling of this explosive issue. He had the advantage of early, positive commitment. During his campaign he repeatedly opposed Federal aid for religious schools.

In his interview with Fletcher Knebel in LOOK magazine, March 3, 1959, Mr. Kennedy said:

"There can be no question of Federal funds being used for support of parochial or private schools. It's unconstitutional under the First Amendment . . . I'm opposed to the Federal Government's extending support to any church or its schools."

Again, speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors on April 21, 1960, he said:

"Federal assistance to parochial schools is a very legitimate issue actually before the Congress. I am opposed to it. I believe it is unconstitutional. I voted against it on the Senate floor this year, when offered by

DR. C. STANLEY LOWELL

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The United States Congress in Washington, D. C., is wrestling with the controversial issue that is often politely called "public aid to private schools" but which only obscures the painful religious issue underneath.

Senator Morse."

This position Mr. Kennedy as president has unfalteringly upheld. When Federal aid to education issues were under discussion and he was questioned about aid to church institutions, the president took exactly the same position he had stated during his campaign. A legal brief prepared by attorneys in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and also in the Justice Department fully supported this position. The president did, however, see the problem of aid to church related colleges in a somewhat different context. He has argued in regard to aid to education at this level that the decisions of the courts have been less definitive and that he believed some forms of aid might be provided.

STAND OF THE HIERARCHY

The religious issue in Federal school aid has persisted. President Kennedy made school aid a top priority item and strongly urged it upon the 87th Congress. He made it clear, however, that such aid, at the elementary and secondary levels must be for public institutions only. With prospects of passage at an all-time high, the Roman Catholic bishops under the leadership of the unofficial United States primate, Francis Cardinal Spellman, brought the religious issue into sharp focus. They informed the 87th Congress and the American public in an official statement that they would seek to defeat any aid to education proposals which did not include aid for Catholic schools. They said:

"In the event that a Federal aid program is enacted which excludes children in private schools, these children will be victims of discriminatory legislation. There will be no alternative but to oppose such discrimination."

The stand of the bishops had no perceptible effect on President Kennedy. He reiterated his own position and stood on it. In the showdown the public school aid program was defeated in the House Rules Committee where Catholic influence was reportedly strong.

In the 88th Congress the school aid issue is again on the agenda and, along with it, the religious issue. The Administration's proposals confined substantive aid at the elementary level to public schools only. Even at the college level, there was great caution because of the religious issue. The Administration's omnibus aid bill omitted any program of grants for general construction at church-related colleges. Instead, it clung to the special assistance concept, providing grants only for construction of libraries and buildings which could be related to "defense education."

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESSURE

Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, education representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, promptly blasted the entire bill as "discriminatory." A conciliation meeting of representatives from the various agencies was held in Washington on February 8 with the idea of finding a way out of the impasse. This meeting was promptly scuttled by Msgr. Francis T. Hurley, the representative of the Roman Catholic bishops. He told the meeting that Catholic leaders intended to take an all-out position from that point on. They would oppose any aid proposals which did not include Catholic schools as full partners.

Then Msgr. Hurley created further consternation by stating that his group was giving serious consideration to opposing the "impacted aid" program unless it, too, included aid for Catholic schools. This is the aid program for areas where defense or other government operations have increased the demands on local school systems.

The Roman Catholic stand would appear to insure the defeat of elementary school aid in the 88th Congress. The emphasis may fall on college aid as it eventually did in the 87th Congress. Ready to seize the spotlight is a proposal sponsored by Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) which would give church-related colleges "the full package." Her bill which enjoys considerable Republican support would provide grants for construction at church-related colleges. The college could use the funds for virtually any kind of building, except a divinity school or a chapel.

Mrs. Green is anxious to mute the religious issue but in practice this has proved impossible. Many educators feel that if Federal grants for substantive

WE ARE THE CHURCH

The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people—strengthened by preaching and sacrament—go out the church door into the world to be the Church. We don't go to church; we are the Church.

—Canon Ernest Southcott

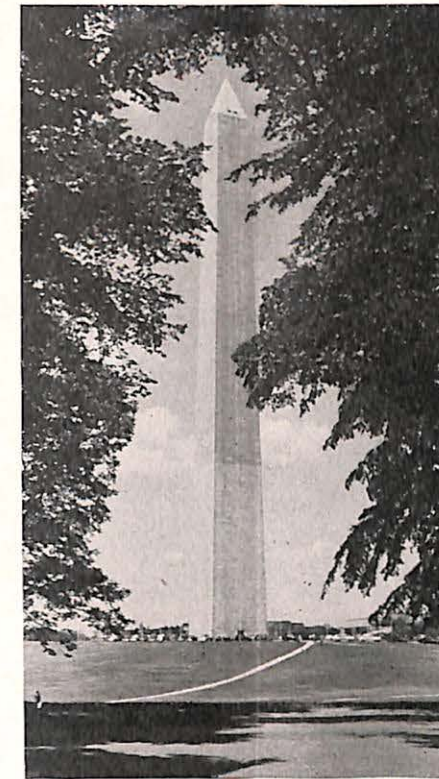
moratorium on building will result in increasing numbers of Catholic children in public schools.

A FRIGHTENING OUTLOOK

The prospect of substantial Federal aid to the public system appears frightening to the hierarchy. Some have said that it would even mean the end of the Catholic schools, that they would find it impossible to compete with a public school system strengthened with Federal aid. As pressures continue to mount for Federal aid to education—and they are bound to do so—the counter pressures within the Catholic hierarchy will also mount.

Groups like Citizens for Educational Freedom and the National Committee for Federal Aid to Private and Parochial Schools indicate that actionists are determined to press their cause squarely into the political arena. Numerous meetings on the subject of school aid held in many dioceses, and the constant dinning on the subject in the Catholic press are an apparent effort to convert Catholic laymen to the wisdom of the bishops' position and to enlist their active support.

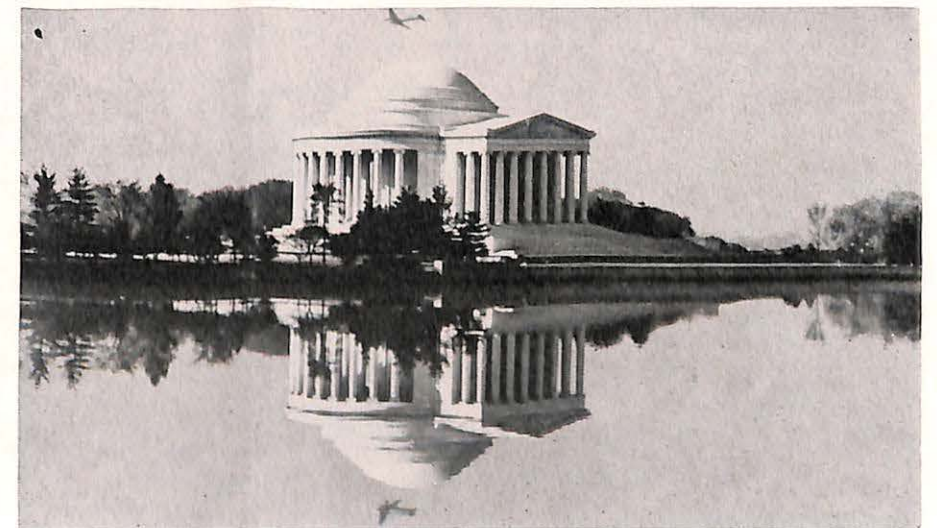
The logistics involved in the religious issue will not alter much in the 1964 presidential campaign. The Republican nominee, especially if he is a Protestant, may be expected to take a more "moderate" view in regard to the issue of public aid to parochial schools. There would at least tend to be some studied hesitancy on the matter as there was in the Nixon-Lodge camp in 1960. With a Protestant as president, the Catholic hierarchy might even do better on school aid! Who knows?



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support of church colleges should be enacted into law, similar grants would follow for church elementary schools.

The religious issues will likely continue to be felt. There are great pressures on the Roman Catholic school system. Many diocesan publications stress the relative decline in the number of religious schools. Some parochial schools now number half or more lay teachers on their staff. The necessity of paying a wage to teachers competitive with the public schools is proving a painful experience in many a parish. Cardinal Ritter has announced that in his St. Louis diocese no more schools will be built for an indefinite period. They cannot be staffed with teachers; hence there is no reason to build. This



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The Baptist mission field in Austria is a cooperative work with the Baptist Union of Germany which we will support financially for at least two more years . . .

What's New in Austria!

By Dr. W. J. Appel,

Former Director of the Baptist Mission Field
in Austria



The historical Old City of Salzburg lies between the winding Salzach River and the towering Bishop's Castle on the rugged pinnacle.

GOOD NEWS COMES from our Austrian Baptists! Encouraging progress is being made in the work in cooperation with the Baptist Union of Germany. A recent gathering of representatives of the German and Austrian Baptist Unions awakens hope for a more efficient and fruitful ministry in this difficult field of missionary endeavor. Leadership from Germany for two of our Austrian churches has strengthened the work at Vienna and Bad Ischl.

After a time of waiting following the death of Pastor Arnold Koester, who served faithfully for 32 years, the Vienna Church has found in the Reverend Schalk a new shepherd of the flock, who, with his wife, has already endeared himself to the hearts of the people.

REJOICING IN SALZBURG

Our Baptist church in the Festival City of Salzburg recently experienced a time of great rejoicing in revival and salvation. After internal difficulties which threatened the life of the group, the Lord has brought healing and restored unity among the brethren, and a renewed interest in the outreach of the church is being experienced at several mission stations.

One of these stations, in the City of Kufstein, our only work in the beautiful Tyrolean Alps, was for years served by a lone missionary. Untiringly going from house to house distributing Gospels and Christian literature, he presented the message of salvation wherever he found a hearing. Often door after door was closed in his face. Now, under the leadership of a missionary supported by a group in Switzerland, meetings are conducted regularly in Kufstein which some twenty persons attend.

During the week of April 1-7, 1963 our Salzburg Church held meetings for

the deepening of spiritual life, with Evangelist Sondheimer of Germany as speaker. As a result of these meetings, five young people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, four of whom are awaiting baptism.

Miss Rosemarie Bruch, a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School, a department of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, since her graduation in 1960 has been serving as Sunday School and Young People's Worker in Austria. A group of Southern Baptist women underwrites her support. She divides her time among our churches, spending several months in each. During this period she directs the work of the Sunday school, and the activities of the young people, and trains workers in both of these important ministries.

In the past these have not received the attention such as is given them in

the United States. She also assists in arranging and conducting children's and young people's retreats for the summer and winter months. Summer mountain-climbing retreats and winter ski retreats are extremely popular with our Austrian young people and children and are combined with Bible study and training. Rosemarie's endeavors have been signally blessed of the Lord, and the officers of the Austrian Baptist Union find it difficult to schedule her time because of the numerous opportunities and requests for her services.

Reporting on a recent visit to Salzburg, Rosemarie writes: "In connection with making preparations for a ski vacation, I visited the youth group and Sunday school in Salzburg. I experienced a wonderful surprise. The Sunday school room had been transformed with beautiful decorations and flannel-board equipment, and with new chairs for the smaller children. These improvements were a fine addition, and are much appreciated by the children as well as the teachers.

"Under the direction of Brother Siegfried Kerstan, leader of the Sunday School program in Germany, a Teacher Training Class was conducted."

Miss Bruch also mentioned that a Children's Retreat for this summer is being planned similar to our Vacation Bible Schools, with daily sessions of Bible study and handwork to be conducted. The coloring books for the daily Bible studies for the two youngest groups are being prepared by the pastor of the Salzburg Church.

"WEEK OF PRAYER" WONDERS

In a recent issue of a "Salzburg Daily" there appeared an article of importance to evangelicals, under the heading, "Week of Prayer: Salzburg Demonstrates the Unity of Christians." It mentioned that among the speakers at the daily sessions was Methodist Pastor Helmut Nausner of St. Poelten,

who told about the beginning and development of the Methodist Church as a free church in Anglo-Saxon lands, and of its rapid progress under lay and clerical leadership, emphasizing the missionary enterprise and the earnest endeavor to make faith in God tangible. He further stated that the Methodists had built a fine home in Salzburg for Russian refugees. The fact that a Methodist could address a Catholic audience seems the more significant in view of the fact that the ancestors of this speaker, as evangelicals, were driven out of the Province of Salzburg some 200 years ago.

The article further mentioned that the second speaker of a free church was the Baptist minister of Salzburg, Pastor August Hirnboeck, representing the Baptists of the world, some 20,000,000 in number. He stated that the Baptists baptized adults only and this by immersion; that they consist of a group of autonomous churches cooperating for service in obedience to the command of Christ; and that they have sent more than 2,000 missionaries into the world.

NEW TESTAMENTS DISTRIBUTED

The article also stated that the first Baptist church was organized in London, England in 1608, and that in Vienna, Austria the Baptists organized the Baptist church in 1864. Pastor Hirnboeck expressed his joy for the ecumenical gathering in Salzburg. With this article there appeared a picture of Pastor Hirnboeck and a member of the official Board of the Baptist Church.

These Week-of-Prayer meetings have resulted in greater freedom to minister for Protestant groups.

An interesting movement in Austria, headed by a former member of one of our Baptist churches, is of particular significance. A group of men has organized into a committee for the purpose of distributing New Testaments to pa-



BAPTIST CHURCH AT SALZBURG

A Sunday morning worship service in the Festival City of Salzburg, Austria with Dr. W. J. Appel in the pulpit. The inscription reads: "Christ is the Resurrection and the Life."

tients in hospitals throughout the land. They have secured permission to distribute Catholic Testaments to Catholic patients, and Luther translations to Protestant patients. The work has developed far beyond expectation. It is the first time such an undertaking has ever been accomplished in Austria.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES

In the spring of 1961, in Linz, an important industrial city situated on the Danube River, the first city-wide evangelistic crusade in Austria was held. It was followed the next year by an even more far-reaching effort in the capital city of Vienna. In both of these, our Austrian Baptist churches took a very active part and were awakened to the possibilities of this wider outreach. During the past year, four such further

crusades have been conducted, in which our own churches—in Vienna, in Graz, in Salzburg, and in Linz—enthusiastically cooperated. As a result, some of our churches have conducted their own evangelistic crusades.

The crusade undertaken in the city of Bad Ischl is noteworthy. In this lovely health resort, made prominent by the Emperor Franz Josef of Austria who built his summer palace there because of the natural curative mineral springs in the area, our work has been greatly handicapped and its progress has been very slow because our meeting place lies hidden on the outskirts of the town and publicity of any kind is extremely difficult.

Recently our Bad Ischl Church, under the leadership of a capable new pastor from Germany, the Rev. Gerhard Manns, prayerfully planned a crusade, rented a hall in the heart of the city, and advertised the meetings by distribution of handbills. This was the first time such publicity was possible. The meetings, under the leadership of Evangelist Sondheimer of Germany, were attended each evening by between 80 and 100 persons.

A recent letter from Pastor Manns brought the good news that during the meetings eight persons accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. A high point in the life of the church was reached on Easter Sunday, when more than 50 persons gathered in the little chapel to witness the baptism of three of these folk, and to share in the communion service that followed, at which those baptized were received into the membership of the church. It is hoped the others will soon follow. May this be the beginning of a new day for this faithful little group of Bad Ischl Baptists who have been so patient and persistent in their witness.

One of the young men of our Bad
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THE CITY OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA

A panoramic view over the capital city of Austria, Vienna, with the steeple of St. Stephen's Cathedral towering over all the other buildings. Vienna is at the important crossroads of Europe!

Can you say this at the close of a day?

"See what the Savior has done in me; see where he is leading me now; how happy I am!"

God Centered Living — and You!

A Message for Your Christian Enrichment

by Rev. C. Richard Mayforth

Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas



Daily testing not only verifies the power of the Word but also places God into his rightful centrality in our lives. (Harold M. Lambert Photo).

MODERN MAN either despairs of any meaning to life or frantically attempts to discover and contain this "vapour, that . . . vanisheth away." It is God who breathed into man the breath of life and who promises that life, no matter how broken, can be renewed in his Son. Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Many today long to know if he can even truly live the first time.

It is not only difficult for man to justify his own existence; it is impossible. The Scripture and the Spirit of God tell us that it is God who justifies. It is only as man comes personally to find in Christ Jesus the saving grace of God rescuing him from the awesome pressure of sin and guilt that he may cease to attempt to explain his own being and begin freely and responsibly to live in Christ for the Kingdom of God.

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Every Christ-called individual is directed, not only to build his life upon Christ and the work of forgiving grace that began in his heart but also to urge and assist others to the new birth into life with eternal dimension that God offers through his Son. These are the most pressing and inspiring tasks of the God-centered life. In no other way can it even begin.

Is it not strange that it was to Pharisees that Jesus should say, "The kingdom of God is within you." And yet the Holy Spirit as the earnest, the guarantee of God's Kingdom is indeed working in each life. He is either struggling against our deliberate or passive resistance to the purposes of God for us

or he is gently and lovingly leading us into them and sustaining us thereby.

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force like electricity that may be tapped or disconnected by flipping a switch on an appliance. *He is an ever present person.* As such he may be ignored and offended or recognized, accepted into confidence, and appreciated. This latter is the path to the daily living of the Spirit-directed will of God.

How we long to know the purposes of God for and in our lives! It is still true for us as it has been for centuries of Christians that the key that unlocks this mystery to us is our resolve given to Christ faithfully to accomplish whatever he sets before us. As such a commitment is demonstrated in daily life by rapid response to the opportunities he opens to us and Christ-like love and forgiveness toward our many "neighbors," then the Light of the world daily illuminates the path ahead.

Since God intends that we should live like our Lord Jesus and by his power, he has given his own Word to us about his Son. On the one hand, men continue their age old attacks upon it, either tearing it to shreds or discarding it whole. On the other, at no time in history has it been so available to us as it is today. Inexpensive translations, interpretations, and explanations, many by those who love it and the Christ it portrays, are near at hand.

How sad that some Christians are contentedly unaware that there is any more help in understanding God's Word than the Sunday school quarterly and don't even use it faithfully. Understanding is admittedly not our final

objective. Our aim is to be doers of the Word. The Spirit of God can and does use understanding to help us to that goal. He challenges us to be mature enough to digest meat and not to feed ourselves on baby formula all of our lives. It is God's Word, for people and through people but by the Spirit of God. It lovingly calls to little children and challenges the strongest of men.

THE ENRICHMENT OF YOUR LIFE

Since we believe that God is at work in the totality of our lives for good and that that good for us ultimately resides in his Son made known through his Word, his Word ought to be applicable to every phase and aspect of our lives. Testing will prove this for each one of us. Daily testing of this kind not only verifies the power of the Word but also places God into his rightful centrality in our lives. Although we accept the fact that God is continually at work in us, we still need both the spiritual understanding of the Scriptures and the spiritual interpretation of life in order to see, understand, and bear witness to that wonderful grace. Enriched is the life that each day makes one new application of the Word of God to itself.

Enriching is the life that can point not only to the moment of receiving Christ as Savior but to this week and yesterday and today and say, "See where he is leading me now; how happy I am!" Jesus desires this intimate and happy place in our lives. All of the varied longings of our hearts are finally satisfied only by this life that he extends to us. It is the eternal life that he suffered and died to bring us.

BAPTIST HERALD

In the presence of large, festive
crowds, the North American Baptist

Seminary conferred degrees on 12 graduates

and the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity

on Rev. J. C. Gunst at its 113th Commencement

Colorful Seminary Commencement Exercises

By Mr. Chester Strobel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"I CONFER UPON you the degree . . . with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto." With these words spoken by President Frank Veninga, the graduating class of 1963 of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought to a fitting close years of training for the ministry and stepped upon the threshold of a greater and wider ministry. Remembering God's great faithfulness and ever present help and strength and realizing their need in the future they chose as their motto "God Our Sufficiency."

The week-end that climaxed the years which these men had spent at the Seminary was a busy but interesting and challenging one.

JOYOUS FESTIVITIES

From many directions came parents, other relatives and friends to join in the joyous activities. Over 300 persons gathered at the First Baptist Church on Saturday evening for the banquet honoring the seniors. The evening was inspiring with delicious food and pleasant fellowship. Rev. Manuel Wolff of Auburn, Mich., did marvelously as toastmaster for the varied and lengthy program. Rev. Adolph Braun of Warren, Mich., gave a challenging and heart searching message on "The Ideal Minister." He said that Christ is the ideal minister, the perfect example in deed and word, in attitude and service.

On Sunday morning Trinity Baptist Church opened its doors to an overflow audience as relatives and friends joined in the Baccalaureate Service. Rev. H. J. Wilcke, chairman of the Board of Trustees, brought the morning message, "Treasures in Earthen Vessels." He urged the seniors and all present always to remember their human condition and their dependency on God who is sufficient in every way to supply the strength and the way. As ministers of Jesus Christ they carry great treasures: the Gospel of salvation, of comfort, of healing, to a world in great need.

The Commencement Service at the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon brought the activities to a great and wonderful climax. As the academic procession moved its stately way down the aisle, there could be seen the graduates with a gleam in their eyes as

they looked back over the way they had come and forward to the "fields white unto harvest." There were the professors, ministers and Board members. All had experienced the joys and trials of service. One could easily imagine these seniors following in the illustrious, dedicated footsteps to carry on the great ministry entrusted to God's servants in every generation.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The fine audience of some 425 people joined hearts and voices as they proclaimed the great truth in song, "God Himself Is With Us."

The Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, gave the commencement address fittingly entitled, "The Minister—Sent From God." He reminded the seniors that, though graduation day is important in the life of every student, it is of special importance to Seminary seniors. For theirs has not been preparation for the profession of their choosing but they are being "sent forth, compelled to go out in service for God."

He stated that the minister must al-



DR. J. C. GUNST

At its 113th Commencement Exercises the North American Baptist Seminary conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., Central District secretary.

ways and uppermost consider himself in relation to God whose servant he is. Mr. Gunst further stressed that the minister's task is to "seek sinners," "give guidance to those who would come closer to God" and "speak words of cheer, comfort, direction and challenge." He emphasized the fact that "men, women and youth are hungry for the Gospel" and the minister must "speak to these people kindly with meaningful words from the Scriptures."

He closed the message with the call always to remember that the minister is "called by God, then called by a congregation." The reward comes from the consciousness of having served God faithfully and receiving his "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Frank Veninga conferred the degrees upon the 12 senior candidates as they were presented by Professor Martha Leyoldt. Rev. H. J. Wilcke, representing the Board of Trustees, assisted in placing the hoods representative of their respective degree upon the shoulders of the graduates.

Upon the unanimous decision of the faculty and the endorsement of the Board of Trustees, the Seminary conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. J. C. Gunst, an alumnus of the Seminary. Dr. George Dunger made the presentation stating that Mr. Gunst through many years of devoted and effective service in our denomination and the larger work of the Kingdom exemplified the high ideals of Christian service. As the president conferred the degree, he stated that it was significant of the "high esteem and regard with which Rev. J. C. Gunst is held in the hearts of fellow workers and our churches."

Graduation is over! The Seminary halls are quiet; the classrooms empty. Some of the graduates have left for their fields of service. Others are waiting for doors of service yet to open to them. They will all look back upon these days many times. At such times may they be reminded of the verses they chose: II Corinthians 3:5 and 6a: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God, who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament."

God's Volunteers Are Showing the Way

Story of the 1963-1964 God's Volunteers Teams by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.

THE MINISTRY of God's Volunteers has given our North American Baptist churches a new vision of COMMITMENT TO CHRIST. What prompts these young people to devote almost a year of service and Christian witnessing without a dollar of salary? What is the blessing of a life that is wholly committed to Christ's will? What happens in these communities where doorbells are rung and people are confronted with the claims of Christ on them?

The results of a year's ministry of God's Volunteers or of the past seven years of service by the successive teams cannot be measured in dollars and cents. You must look at changed lives, transformed homes, radiant young people and better churches to evaluate the blessings of such a year with God's Volunteers.

Young people have led the way and given our churches a stirring example of what it means to witness for Christ. There were 32 applicants for the 1963-1964 program of God's Volunteers. Of these only 12 could be appointed—about one-third of the applicants. The committee even considered the possibility of a third team, but limited funds and personnel made this impossible at this time.

GLOWING TESTIMONIES

Many of our churches have been aroused to new action and greater devotion by these young people. Church members have "seen the light" of what it means to go all out for Christ and thereby to be blessed with new joys. Such comments like these were frequent:

"We never knew what it meant to go out and witness personally to people concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a thrill it is to win a soul for the Savior!"

"We were discouraged and downhearted in our church until God's Volunteers came. Their songs and youthful enthusiasm gave us a new lift. We are now on a mountain top in our church."

"We never knew the opportunities we had near our church until we went canvassing with these young people. We are now looking on the harvest fields all around our church."

"The young people of our church are completely changed since God's Volunteers have been with us. They are now eager to take part in the meetings and to be of service for Christ. Something marvelous has happened to them!"

The most precious blessing of all can be seen in the hundreds of Christian converts and rededications of those who are the fruit of these Crusades in which God's Volunteers have taken part. The messages and leadership by Rev. Wal-

ter Hoffman, director, and by the guest evangelists have been used of God in the making of these decisions and in blessing our churches.

1963-1964 TEAM MEMBERS

The amazing story of this ministry during the past year should prompt every North American Baptist to be COMMITTED more than ever in the prayerful and financial support of next year's teams. Expenses for the two teams and the evangelists, travelling thousands of miles in two cars, have totaled less than \$15,000 during the past year. But the income from offerings and meetings and special gifts was somewhat short of that sum.

Become acquainted with next year's teams. Their names and their churches are listed below:

Oliver Bender—Venturia Church, Venturia, North Dakota.
Jean Berndt—Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York.
Blanche Bieber—Mowata Church, Branch, Louisiana.
Beth Blackburn—Jeffers Church, Jeffers, Minnesota.
Karen Brachlow—Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Ramona Buxa—Riverview Church, West St. Paul, Minnesota.
Lena Engel—Salem Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
David Ewing—Turtle Lake Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota.
Harry Hiller—Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
Nancy Kaiser—Andrews Street, Rochester, New York.
Jordis Schamuhn—Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta.
Richard Sturhahn—McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The training period for these new teams will be from Sept. 3 to 27, 1963 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Members of the Seminary faculty, Rev. Walter Hoffman, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. John Binder, and the two Sioux Falls pastors will serve on the teaching staff.

ACROSS MANY MILES

The tentative schedule for the teams beginning with October 1963, has been set up. Each team will conduct about 20 campaigns. Team No. 1 will visit churches in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Montana, Oregon, British Columbia, North Dakota and Wisconsin. They will carry on visitation work in Church Extension areas and visit small and large churches of our denomination. They will serve such large churches as Trinity of Portland, Central of Edmonton, and Ebenezer of Vancouver, B. C. Team No. 2 will begin with the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and

then travel to engagements in North and South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois and Michigan, closing with important engagements at the Redeemer Church of Warren, Mich.; the Snowview Church of Cleveland, Ohio; and the Napier Parkview Church of Benton Harbor, Mich.

God is opening these doors of opportunity and blessing. No one can shut them but the Spirit of God. But these open doors of blessing are experienced only by those who are COMMITTED to Christ and to his commission. Follow the example of these youthful God's Volunteers—and you will be following in the footsteps of the Master!

WORLD'S FAIR PHOTO CONTEST FOR BAPTISTS

Like to have one of your photos hang at the World's Fair in New York City next year?

Baptists in North America, including N.A.B. Baptists, are having an exhibit at the Fair during its two summer seasons, 1964 and 1965. Planners of this exhibit are looking for top quality photos which depict some Baptist activity, event, emphasis, program, agency, institution or other significant aspect of work.

The scene photographed does not have to be in America. It may be in any country provided the work being pictured is carried on by Baptists. There will be no limit to how many photos you may submit.

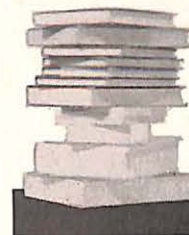
Entries must be 8 by 10-inch glossy prints, vertical composition. They cannot be returned. Each entry must be accompanied by the name of the photographer. It must have a brief paragraph identifying the subject photographed and describing its significance.

All persons submitting entries are asked to have negatives available. Negatives of pictures selected for exhibit will be called for by the selection committee.

Photos chosen for display at the World's Fair cannot be used in any other manner during the run of the Fair (1964-1965) without permission from the selection committee. The selection committee reserves the right to use additional prints from the exhibited photos in publicity for the Baptist Fair exhibit.

Winners will be announced through publications and press services of the Baptist groups taking part. Individuals who submit winning photos will be notified personally as well.

Deadline for submitting photos for the contest is Sept. 1, 1963. Mail entries to Baptist-World's Fair Contest, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville 3, Tenn.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

THE STORY OF BARBARA by Noralee Chapman. John Knox Press—1963—24 pages—\$2.00.

This is an unusual story and it fills an unusual need. It is written for adopted children whose parents do not always know how to reveal the union which brought the child and parents together. It is a tender and gentle story.

PLUS LIVING by Myron S. Augsburger. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—59 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

These seven meditations on discipleship and grace are helpful and inspirational for the devotional life of all Christians. The author emphasizes spiritual fellowship with God in order to be able to have a more meaningful walk with God in the practical aspects of life.

OUTLINE STUDIES ON I JOHN by R. A. Torrey. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—84 pages—\$1.95.

Mr. Torrey's work and influence will be felt for many, many years. The expositions in this volume were discovered among his writings recently and have never before been published. The students of the Bible who read through these extensive outlines will have the hope and the desire that someone will discover Mr. Torrey's analysis of second and third John also.

A HAPPY MARRIED LIFE, AND HOW TO LIVE IT by William S. Deal. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—117 pages—\$1.95.

In our age when divorce is so common it would be well for the married, and for those planning to be married, to read and study this book individually and together. The minister will find this an excellent gift to present to couples who come to him for counsel in preparation for their wedding day.

LIVING FOR CHRIST by Joseph C. McLelland. John Knox Press—1963—109 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

Beginning with a quotation from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever," the author goes on to show how this is done in the world, home, community, church, vocation and life. Like the Friends, who make little or no distinction between the sacred and the secular, Mr. McLelland brings God into the common ven-

tures of life and makes holy living natural and practical.

SURVEYING THE HISTORICAL BOOKS by Joseph M. Gettys. John Knox Press—1963—163 pages—\$2.00 (paper).

TEACHING THE HISTORICAL BOOKS by Joseph M. Gettys. John Knox Press—1963—63 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

These two volumes are part of "Surveying the Bible Series," which include studies from the Pentateuch to Revelation. The second book is the teacher's guide.

For young people and adults, studying the Bible by means of these lessons would be a spiritually rewarding experience. The aim of the study is to give the student a better understanding of the message of the Bible without presenting all the details, problems and criticisms which a thorough theological education demands. As a change from the International Uniform Sunday School series, these lessons would add much to the knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

THE TITHE IN SCRIPTURE by Henry Landsell. Baker Book House—1963—156 pages—\$2.95.

This is an old book with an old subject, but very relevant to our day and age. It was reprinted from the 1908 edition, originally printed by the Society for Christian Knowledge, London, England.

Church membership has risen to an all time high, but contributions have not increased proportionately. This area of Christian stewardship needs a renewed emphasis, and no emphasis is better related than a Bible emphasis. Beginning with the first family in Genesis, through the Old Testament, including the Apocraphal books, and continuing through the New Testament, Mr. Landsell misses practically nothing that has to do with tithing.

THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES by William M. Ramsey.

READ A BOOK FOR CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT

All books reviewed on these pages can be ordered from the

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS
7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

Baker Book House—1963—446 pages—\$4.95.

Sir William Ramsey is well known to students of the Bible as an outstanding authority on the great Apostle Paul. In his extensive archeological research, it is understandable that he should share his findings made in and around the seven cities of Revelation. The present volume is a reprint of the first edition published in 1904. Used by many seminaries and Bible schools as a reference and text book, it can also prove profitable to students and ministers for sermon series and Bible study, particularly in the understanding of European and Asiatic nature and ideas. There is a great deal of historical information associated with the Book of Revelation which should be shared with the laymen in the church.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY by Bernard Ramm. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—124 pages—\$3.00.

The volume consists of the Clarence Edward Macartney Lectures given at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington. (Pastors and students will remember Dr. Ramm when he lectured at our North American Baptist Seminary.) His educational theories are based on the investigation of five important men and movements beginning with Aurelius Augustine, skipping over a thousand years to Phillip Melancthon, on to John Henry Newman, Abraham Kuyper and to the contemporary, Sir Walter Moberly.

Augustine is credited with the establishment of the first theological seminary in the monastery at Hippo, whose students were in great demand by the ancient African church. His emphasis on a liberal arts education was Scripturally sound. "If we are to interpret Scripture properly, we must be educated in those secular sciences which the Scriptures touch upon."

Melancthon's genius lay in university administration and in the writing of texts. Because he had his hand, directly or indirectly, in every university in Germany, he is often referred to as the founder of general learning in Europe.

Newman was noted for his discussions on the graces that education bestows upon a man. He firmly believed that a Christian university cannot have as its goal only the gentleman, but *the Christian gentleman*. His greatest difficulty lay in his attempt to relate the Christian church with academic freedom.

Moberly must be interpreted for the American educational scene and Mr. Ramm has done very well with this lecture. Sir Walter Moberly has many American counterparts who believe that Christian higher education depends on an intelligent and alert faculty plus a sound theology of Incarnation, Cross and Resurrection.

Pastors, educators and students will find a wealth of educational information and inspiration in these lectures.

Taking Stock of Our Baptist Work

By Rev. M. G. Mostrom, Mission Secretary of the Atlantic Conference in his annual report to the conference sessions.

ONE OF THE rich experiences which has been mine by serving as mission secretary of the Atlantic Conference has arisen out of the fact that in this position I have been compelled to take stock of the whole significance of cooperative work among Baptists and, in particular, to take stock of that cooperative work which we as North American Baptists are doing.

THE KEY TO OUR STRENGTH

I have been greatly confirmed in my conviction that the key to strength in all cooperative work among Baptists is the spiritual vigor and activity of the local church. Baptist cooperation is only as strong as the local situation. If the individuals of our churches are living dormant or lackadaisical Christian lives, no amount of denominational emphasis or organization is going to make a strong witness. The historical manner of Baptist cooperation is the associating of strong, independent and spiritually vigorous local churches in tasks which could not otherwise be undertaken. We must not lose sight of this fact.

Some Baptist communions are today demonstrating that highly organized and centralized denominationalism cannot produce an efficient Gospel witness. Vigor must come from the roots; impetus for cooperative works must arise from and, in a very real sense, be initiated by the local church with spiritually minded members. Any revival and growth of our work must start here.

THE GOOD HAND OF GOD

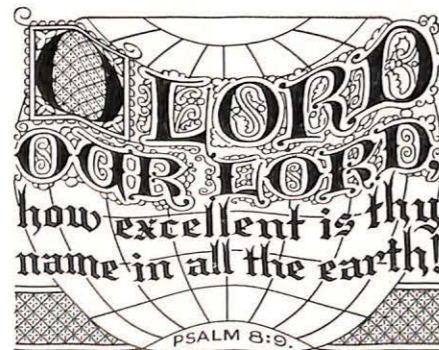
In connection with our own denominational work, I have been impressed with the large measure of respect which is given to the local church and to the local associations of churches. On the whole, I have not found that our fellowship is characterized by professional denominationalism. No one in Forest Park is going to develop Church Extension projects for us in our area; no one is going to establish new works and then come in and ask our support from the outside. If local churches, or our Atlantic Conference association of local churches, find areas of need and then request support from the entire denomination, we will be given consideration for mission funds. Even after such help is voted by the Board of Missions, the agent of supervision and help in such work will still be our local conference mission committee, elected directly by our churches. The discovery of this emphasis has been a very great blessing to me.

On the other hand, in all honesty, it has seemed to me that there are cer-

PERFECT TIMING
 "God's help is always sure
 His methods seldom guessed;
 Delay will make our pleasure pure,
 Surprise will give it zest.
 His wisdom is sublime,
 His heart profoundly kind;
 God never is before his Time,
 And never is behind."

tain trends in our denomination which need careful evaluation and perhaps correction. Whenever a need of spiritual revival arises in our local churches—and who will deny that our churches need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit's power and quickening?—there is apt to rise an attempt to compensate for this by an increasing dependence upon denominational apparatus and organization. It is my personal conviction that we have been observing some of this in the successive attempts at reorganization in our General Conference. We have been asked to erect a succession of new committees in our local conference to reflect new departments of the General Conference.

While we pray earnestly for the success of these new endeavors, let us not for a minute make the mistake of feeling that such devices will solve our basic needs and bring about a revival of our work. Whether it be Christian Education, stewardship, missionary efforts abroad and at home, or any other cooperative effort, these will succeed only as the Holy Spirit of God stirs up our hearts personally, and as he speaks forth from our local churches. One further observation: I am convinced again and again that the North American Baptists. There is one thing above all else that serves to convince me of this fact. The Lord continues to give us outstanding Christian people to serve in our missionary endeavors. As one who has come into the fellowship from the outside, and one who has



had much opportunity to observe the calibre of those serving the Lord in various other communions, let me say that I am overwhelmingly grateful to the Lord for the dedicated, Gospel loving and capable men and women who have been led to offer themselves to the Lord for our work. This, above everything else, convinces me of the blessing that rests upon us, regardless of our many imperfections. It has been a great joy and blessing to work with such people and a continually humbling experience.

AN OUTPOURING OF PRAISE

Our denomination has been going through a rather anxious time for the past year and a half in our missionary work. We had had a long series of resignations and circumstances which had diminished our missionary force. Last year we had hardly any candidates to consider for replacements. It had become a matter of serious heartsearching and intercession before God. We had become shorthanded in our Indian work, in Japan, in the evangelistic side of the Cameroons work, and in other areas.

Now the Lord in a great outpouring of dedication and commitments to his call, had brought in the replacements. And such replacements as they were! Three of our finest ministers are leaving their pastorates to go to the fields in Africa and in Japan along with their wives. The first of our Canadian immigrants to finish medical training becomes a doctor, applies for mission service, and is appointed to Africa. A nurse from outside our fellowship offered herself for service because of the testimony of one of our other nurses while in mid-wivery training in Kentucky. Having had this training already, she is ready for immediate service in Africa.

"CONSTANTLY ABIDING"

A Board of Missions member said that it was his opinion that we ought to take note of this marvelous blessing of God as indication again of the seal of God's hand of blessing upon our work. At this, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the chairman of the Board, said, "Brother, you are right. Let us all sing a chorus, and then our brother will lead us all in a prayer of thanksgiving."

So we sang together the chorus, "Constantly Abiding," and the brother who had first spoken led in a prayer of fervent thanksgiving unto the Lord. As he concluded, there was a response of heartfelt "Amen's" from around the table, and then we went on with our business. This is your Board of Missions, and such has been our blessing!

STORY OF

STEWARDSHIP

A VISION OF FAITH

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

FOUR TIMES in God's Word we find the statement: "The just shall live by faith." This exhortation has meaning not only for individual believers but also for a denominational fellowship which seeks to carry on the work of Christ. In this spirit of visionary planning and faith in God's provision through his people, the General Council at its recent annual sessions adopted financial goals for the year in excess of one million dollars. Never before in our history have we reached for or attained the million dollar figure. This is why our fiscal program for the year has aptly been termed: "Vision of Faith."

Can such a goal actually be met? I believe with all my heart that it can. I know that God is able! I am also certain that he has blessed his people with sufficient means for accomplishing the task.

Will this goal be met? This is quite a different question. No single person can give a certain answer to it. The answer depends rather upon the individual responses of 53,000 North American Baptists who realize the large field of ministry which God has entrusted to us.

Though last year we established new giving records, we cannot look complacently upon such an accomplishment. Very frankly, when compared with the crying needs of the world's harvest fields, our projected cooperative efforts this year, even though on a larger scale than ever before, are still very small. Further advance is urgently needed in every phase of our mission as North American Baptist churches. A willingness for each of us to "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" must be clearly evident through our entire stewardship.

Nothing really worthwhile is attained without some measure of personal sacrifice. The carrying out of our conference missionary and service program for the year is no exception to this truth. The giving of over one million dollars will mean self-denial. It will mean turning our backs upon some personal desires. It will mean closing the door on self-indulgence. It will mean loving God with all of our hearts and with all our souls, and with all our minds. It will also mean loving our neighbor, with all of his failures and needs, as we love ourselves.

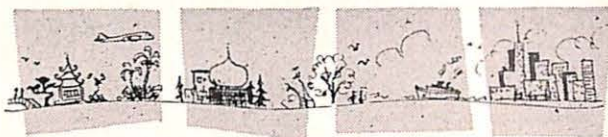
The Mission of N.A.B. Churches

for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1964

	Basic Program	Special Projects
Our Mission in North America		
Indian Mission in Canada	\$ 10,321	\$
Spanish-American Mission in U.S.A.	18,694	
Our Mission Abroad		
Cameroon Mission in Africa	195,826	
Japan Mission in Asia	60,995	
Austrian Mission in Europe	7,500	
Survey trip to South America	1,000	
Our Mission to NAB Churches		
Mission Church Support	82,949	
God's Volunteers	16,000	
Evangelist and Bible Teacher	7,050	
Volunteer Evangelists	1,500	
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800	
District Secretaries	40,200	
Our Mission in Building New Churches		
Chapel Building Fund	2,500	
Church Extension-operating	68,000	35,000
Church Extension-building		35,000
Church Extension-Builders		
Our Mission in Missionary Administration	41,300	
Our Mission in Training Leaders		
Christian Training Institute	52,000	
North American Baptist Seminary	65,000	10,000
Seminary Library Book Fund		
Our Mission Through the Printed Word		
Bible Distribution	3,000	
Roger Williams Press	28,000	
Our Mission in Christian Education		
Children's Work	9,287	
Youth Work	11,588	
Adult Work	12,125	
Student Service	3,000	
Our Mission To the Aged and Needy		
Aged Ministers and Relief	4,000	
Seven Homes for the Aged	4,200	
Pension Fund	13,600	
Our Mission in Fellowship and Planning		
Pastors' Conference	4,000	
Conference and Council	36,000	
Promotion and Publicity	36,000	
Stewardship and Higher Education	16,500	
Our Mission in Growth and Development		
Advance Fund		90,000
Budget Reserve	30,000	
Miscellaneous		5,000
	\$ 883,936	\$175,000
Less Missionary Investment Income	8,936	
Total Financial Goal	\$ 875,000	\$1,050,000

Is this kind of Christ-centered living needed? Yes, more today than ever before! Can we actually live it? With God all things are possible! Will we do it? That depends . . . upon the desire and devotion of you and me.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.** A new ecumenical body, the All Africa Conference of Churches, has been constituted in Kampala, Uganda, bringing together churches of the Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox communions from 42 countries in Africa into "a fellowship within the wider ecumenical movement." Its membership also includes national Christian councils. Some 420 delegates attended the constituting assembly, whose theme was: "Freedom and Unity in Christ: Towards a Renewed Church in a New Africa."—*Sunday School Times.*

● **INDIA'S CHRISTIAN POPULATION.** India's Christian population increased slightly in 1951-61 decade, census figures recently released by the government show. It was reported that 10,498,077 Indians were professed Christians in 1961—24 out of every 1,000 residents. Ten years previously the ratio was 23 out of every 1,000. Christianity constitutes the third largest religion in the country but remains far behind the dominant Hindus (366,162,693) and the Muslims (46,911,731). Other principal religious groups are the Sikhs, 7,846,074; Buddhists, 3,252,804; and Jains, 2,027,246.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

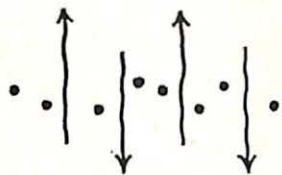
● **DR. WALTER H. JUDD.** The U. S. Chamber of Commerce presented its 1963 "Great Living American" award to Dr. Walter H. Judd, former member of Congress and former medical missionary in China. The citation praised Dr. Judd "for his 10 years of compassionate service to the less fortunate of the world, as a medical missionary... for his 20 years of faithful service to his country as a Member of Congress... and for the courage he has always displayed in defining communism as an insidious threat to freedom everywhere, and for the clarity and conviction with which he has alerted the people of America to this threat."

● **JAPANESE BROADCAST FROM HCJB.** In order to begin worldwide gospel broadcasting in the Japanese language radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, has added the first Japanese national worker to its staff. He is Kazuo Ozaki, a former staff member of the Pacific Broadcasting Association, who will be responsible for all Japanese language programs. As a member of the PBA in Japan he produced programs for use overseas being responsible for the script writing and actual production. He is a graduate of Japan Christian College and formerly served in the Japanese armed forces. His wife was a former Roman Catholic before her conversion.

● **DEATH OF A. W. TOZER.** One of the evangelical world's most respected leaders, the Rev. A. W. Tozer, pastor of the Avenue Road Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Toronto, Can., and editor of *The Alliance Witness*, is dead at age 66. Dr. Tozer died May 13 in a Toronto hospital. In his 13 years of editorship, *The Alliance Witness* nearly doubled its circulation to the present 60,000. For years he was a heralded speaker at Bible Conferences and conventions.—*Sunday School Times.*

● **GOV. ROMNEY APPOINTS PANEL OF CLERGY.** Governor George Romney, new chief executive of the State of Michigan, has set up an "Ethical and Moral Panel" of 21 churchmen to advise him on issues which have moral and ethical implications. Governor Romney had used a similar panel when he was president of the American Motors Corporation. The governor's panel does not attempt to reach a consensus on any issue, is wholly unofficial and its discussions are "off the record."

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Tent Mission Program in Germany.** The Evangelical Free Church Union in Germany will use eleven tents in a total of more than 100 evangelistic crusades throughout West Germany over a period of almost five months beginning in May. This announcement comes from Rev. Herbert Weinert, one of five full time evangelists for the program. Five large tents are used, each with a seating capacity of between 800 and 1000, and six smaller ones seating about 250 each. One of the large tents remains in West Berlin, used alternately in different sections, for the entire summer.

● **Baptists in Jamaica.** Jamaican Baptists, holding their 113th general assembly of the Jamaican Baptist Union, elected Rev. Luther B. Gibbs as chairman. Clement Gayle, correspondent, says that Mr. Gibbs is "the youngest chairman in living memory." There are 266 Baptist churches on the Island of Jamaica. Reports show significant increases in all phases of activity, with 1962 contributions towards missions totalling \$10,000 as compared with a total of \$3,000 ten years ago. The assembly voted to establish a home for the aged in Kingston.

● **Office of the Year.** *Administrative Management* magazine has announced that the new circular office building of the American Baptist Convention at Valley Forge, Pa., has been named "Office of the Year." Criteria for selection were: (1) Suitability in terms of space allocation, work, and traffic patterns, accommodations for required equipment, and so forth; (2) Flexibility to permit efficient change and expansion; (3) Habitability through features designed to heighten human efficiency, such as lighting, sound conditioning, and employee facilities of various kinds.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **Twelve Churches in Brasilia.** The Brazilian government moved its national capital to Brasilia in 1960. Baptist work in the capital and surrounding federal district was started with four churches and 400 members. The work has now grown to 12 churches which report more than 1,250 members.

● **Work Opened in Luxembourg.** A Baptist Sunday school and worship service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey Mundy in the city of Luxembourg is believed to be the only evangelical work among the 315,000 residents of the predominantly Catholic grand duchy of Luxembourg. Services began in February, with 34 in Sunday school and 36 the service. Mundy, an engineer whose company is constructing a plant in Luxembourg, formerly lived in Newark, Del. Within two weeks after he arrived, Mundy had surveyed the situation, found prospects for a Sunday school, and arranged for the meetings.

● **Dr. William B. Lippard.** In May 1963 Dr. Lippard celebrated 50 years of continuous service with *Missions*, magazine, having served as departmental editor from 1913-22, associate editor from 1923-32, editor from 1933-52, and editor emeritus from 1953 to the present. Born Oct. 29, 1886, in Evansville, Ind., son of the North American Baptist minister and evangelist (1904-1910), Rev. Wm. Lippard, Dr. Lippard was educated at Yale University, B.A. in 1908, M.A. in 1910; and Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He received an honorary D.D. degree from Franklin College in 1932 and a Litt.D. degree from Ottawa University in 1949. Dr. Lippard's record of 50 years continuous service with a single magazine may be unparalleled in the history of American church journalism.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **Rev. and Mrs. Louis B. Holzer** of Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 22 with congratulatory announcements appearing in the bulletins of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., at which Mr. Holzer formerly served as the pastor. They have a married daughter who with her family also lives in Pittsburgh.

● **Rev. John Kuehn of Jansen, Sask.,** recently presented his resignation to the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen which he has served since 1960. He has been the pastor of several churches, all of them in Canada, since his ordination to the Gospel ministry at the Northern Conference sessions on July 10, 1937. His plans for the future are indefinite as he awaits God's guidance.

● **The Baptist Church of Creston, Nebr.,** has extended a call to Rev. James Schacher of Underwood, N. Dak., a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the commencement exercises on May 19. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the First Church of Underwood, N. Dak., his home church, and will begin his ministry at the Creston church about July 15.

● **The Parma Heights Baptist Church** of Cleveland, Ohio has extended a call to Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas, to which he has given a favorable reply. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Parma Heights Church on August 1st, succeeding Rev. David J. Draewell. Dr. Gallagher has served as minister in Lorraine, Kansas since 1959. The interim pastor at the Parma Heights Church is Rev. Frank Friesen.

● **Dr. W. J. Appel is bringing his interim ministry** at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon to a close on July 15. He and his wife have faithfully served the church in this capacity since December 1962. Rev. Herbert Schauer of Startup, Wash., is beginning his ministry at the Glencullen Church in July 1963. Dr. and Mrs. Appel are returning to Grand Blanc, Mich., to continue their residence there. In August he will supply the pulpit of the Baptist church of which his son-in-law is the pastor.

● **On Sunday, June 16, Rev. Rudolph Woyke,** pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., baptized nine persons on confession of their faith in Christ. A service of dedication for little children was conducted on Sunday, June 9. An unusual memorial service was held on May 26 honoring the memory of departed loved ones in whose honor memorial contributions have been made toward the new Sunday school building project. The pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, spoke on "The Former Days."

● **The Board of Missions has appointed** Rev. Herman Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn., as interim evangelist for one year. He will give part of his time in an evangelistic ministry with God's Volunteers teams. The appointment of a full time denominational evangelist has been deferred by the Board of Missions for at least a year. A report about the program at the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday evening, June 16, honoring Mr. Palfenier as a

Give Allegiance," and on Good Friday evening, the guest speaker was Prof. Walter Wessel of Bethel College and Seminary. The church held a "Parsonage Victory Dinner" on April 17 to hear reports about the new parsonage construction and of progress on the construction project. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

● **At the commencement exercises** of the Northern Baptist Theological Semi-

what's happening



member of the church, will appear in one of the August issues of the "Baptist Herald."

● **The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.,** held a Children's Missionary Conference from March 17 to 24. Pictures and adventure stories from West Cameroon, Africa were brought by Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss and further missionary stories were given by Dr. Peter E. Fehr, medical missionary, and by Rev. John Binder, assistant general secretary of the Department of Christian Education. Other missionary speakers at the Children's Conference were from Ecuador and Colombia, South America; from India (Miss Alma Kludt of Tacoma, Wash.); and from Nigeria, Africa.

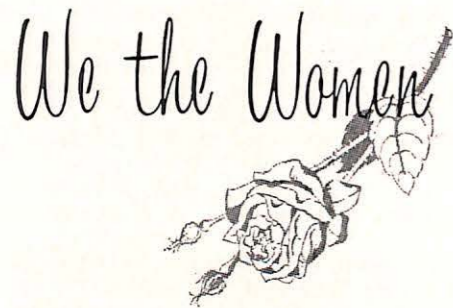
● **Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor** of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., baptized four persons on Sunday, June 9. Young people of the church worked hard at "a car wash" project on Saturday, May 25, and as a result they have contributed \$93.00 for the mission field in Austria, a project of the Central Conference CBY Fellowship. On Sunday, June 9, Mr. Schroeder spoke on the topic, "With the Holy Spirit and the Fire," the first of a series on the work of the Holy Spirit. The book, "Called Twice," a study of the Old Testament book of Jonah by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, is being used as the basis for a series of messages at the midweek services.

● **The Senior Choir of the Riverview Baptist Church,** West St. Paul, Minn., rendered the inspiring cantata, "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, on Tuesday evening, April 9, at Passion Week Services of the church. The choir is directed by Vern Olson with Milford Carlson serving as organist. Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke on Wednesday evening on "We Do

nary and College, held in the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill., on May 21. Rev. Wilmer Quiring, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was one of nine graduates receiving the Master of Theology degree. Mr. Virgil Vernon Reeve, a son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Koller, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He has been serving as the minister of Christian education at the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Waldemar Schmeichel of the Mission Baptist (German) Church, Chicago, Ill., was one of 25 young people who received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion. Dr. Thomas B. McDormand, president of the Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., brought the commencement address.

● **The North American Baptist Seminary,** Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced the appointment of Rev. Donald Madvig of Saxonville, Mass., as Associate Professor of Old Testament. He will begin his teaching ministry in Sioux Falls on Sept. 1, 1963. Mr. Madvig received his B.A. degree at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.; his B.D. degree from Bethel Seminary; his Th.M. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.; his M.A. degree from Brandeis University; and he has completed his residence work for the Ph.D. degree at Brandeis University. Mr. and Mrs. Madvig have six children. The Seminary has also announced that Professor Roy W. Seibel will be on leave of absence for one year (1963-1964) working toward his Ph.D. degree at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. Prof. and Mrs. Gerald L. Borchert have moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to establish their residence there early in July. Professor Borchert will take part in the program of the Pastors' Conference, August 7-11, 1963.

● **Two of the young women serving** the
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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

THIS NATION UNDER GOD

When the month of July rolls around, we usually think of the celebration of our country's independence. What a wonderful heritage is the freedom of our country! The following words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty have been an inspiration to millions around the world:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-
tossed, to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

On July 4, Independence Day, we should remember that many thousands have given their lives that we might enjoy the freedom to worship, the freedom of speech and expression, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

America was settled by those who wished to worship God as their conscience dictated. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees this. There are few countries today that have the freedom which is ours. Even though we may be hemmed in with more restrictions than our forefathers, we are still one of the freest people in the world.

One of the most beautiful of our patriotic hymns is "America, the Beautiful." Have you ever noticed the scenes represented in the verses of this song—a mountain, an orchard, the sea, a wilderness, the church, etc.? It ends with a prayer for our country, "America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

To preserve and protect our glorious heritage, to make our country even a better place in which to live demands the energy and strength of every woman. We must determine to fight communism and all the evil forces in our land so that it may remain "a nation under God." Obviously a part of the Russian technique is to try to weaken our land spiritually and economically. May we see that Russian propaganda seeks to destroy our priceless gift of freedom under God and seeks to take away the privileges of

From the Professor's Desk

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

Primarily, what do Baptists stand for? If you could name one basic thing that distinguishes what Baptists believe and practice what would it be?

Contrary to what many people may think is the one most important thing which Baptists believe, regenerate church membership, more than anything else, is our chief distinctive. We do not stand first and foremost for immersion as the only valid form of baptism, however important that is to Baptist belief. Immersion takes on the significance it does only because of our foundational belief in regenerate church membership. That is, no one may properly belong to the church who has not experienced conversion and regeneration (the new birth).

REGENERATE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Regenerate church membership involves the very essence of the church as the body of born again believers who have been called out of the world and united to Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church, his body, of which we are the many members (John 3:3, 5; I Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:22, 23). The doctrine of the church grows out of the doctrine of regeneration and is determined in its nature by it. The character of any society is decided by the character of its constituency. The strength of a building is dependent upon the materials used in its construction. The Apostle Peter speaks of Christians as living stones who are built into a spiritual house (I Pet. 2:5). One thing is crystal clear in the New Testament, that is, that the members of the church had a spiritual experience of regeneration.

There was no place in the apostolic church for unregenerate members. The only way into the church was through repentance and faith. This is what Christ and the apostles preached (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:21, 38; Rom. 5:8; Titus 3:5), and baptism (immersion) was the outward sign and testimony of this previous work of saving grace whereby the repentant believer became a child of God. And all of this was inseparably related to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Sav-

ior (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12).

We must not be so polite and sophisticated that we do not make plain the indispensable condition of church membership—the new birth, a personal experience of Christ's saving work. We must not be so timid or unconvinced that we do not make unmistakable the necessity of regeneration, even to moral, upright, prominent people. How would we deal with individuals like the rich young ruler who came to Jesus with such apparent reverence, sincerity and respect (Mark 10:17-27)? Or with upright, religious, influential (probably wealthy) Nicodemus? Are we as definite as was our Lord, who unequivocally pressed home the absolute necessity of the spiritual birth from above (John 3:3-15)?

Saving faith is the basic existence of the Christian and of the church. Union with the church can only be the outward expression of an inner and preceding union with Christ. There is no justification in the Scripture for an open membership approach which aims to bring as many as possible under the influence of the church (including actual membership) in the hope that their attendance at church and participation in its program and responsibilities may lead them to a salvation experience. One cannot accomplish Christ's ends by violating his spiritual laws and order for his Church.

THE BAPTIST POSITION

Fortunately, as the result of recent biblical studies, there is an increasing recognition of the correctness of the Baptist position. This is indicated in such scholarly works as Donald M. Baillie's *The Theology of the Sacraments* (pp. 74-5) and Karl Barth's *The Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism*.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, states: "Without regenerate church members, a church lacks the hallmark of the genuine church. The members in it must be in a living relation to Jesus Christ" (*Review and Expositor*, Spring, 1963, p. 144—the entire issue is devoted to the topic of regenerate church membership).

Today we need to take a hard look at the motives to which we appeal in our churches. We are often obsessed with "success," numerical growth, "bigness" and statistics. Sometimes pride (personal or congregational), prestige, competition and quest for status obscure our chief Baptist distinctive which, if faithfully practiced, makes for the purity and power of the body of Christ. There is no other regenerative force on earth to bring new life and new hope today.

Festive Dedication at Underwood, N. Dak.

The new addition of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota is dedicated as reported by
Rev. Gordon Voegele, pastor

"THIS IS THE day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Sunday, April 28, was a memorable day for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak. It was a day of rejoicing, not only because it was dedication day for the new addition to our church but because of the reality of prayers answered.

The Sunday school hour was opened with Mr. Ervin Schafer, superintendent, in charge. Following his welcome and remarks, the Sunday school children through the Intermediate Department presented a challenging program consisting of Bible stories and choruses under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Voegele. The morning worship service began at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Martin Leuschner, promotional secretary for our Conference, bringing the message.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

The official dedication of the new addition took place Sunday afternoon to which almost 300 people came. Music for the day was furnished by the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roland Koenig, ladies sextet and men's chorus. Mr. Leo Strecker, deacon, led the congregation in the singing of two hymns of praise. Mr. Roland Koenig presented the history of the church and Mr. Hillis Adams presented the new addition. Both Mr. Koenig and Mr. Adams are members of the Building Committee. Congratulatory messages were brought by pastors and laymen from many of the churches in the Northern Association. Letters of congratulations from former pastors and friends were also read.

The pastor, Rev. Gordon Voegele, led the congregation in the consecration of themselves and the dedication of the building. Rev. Reuben Stading of Washburn read the Scripture passage and Rev. Orville Meth of Turtle Lake led the congregation in prayer. The dedication service was brought to a culmination with the dedicatory message and prayer by Dr. Martin Leuschner in which our lives were challenged anew to go forth to even greater heights for Jesus Christ. Mrs. Larry Thompson brought the dedication service to a close by beautifully singing, "Bless this House." Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich pronounced the benediction.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

At 5:30 p.m. the church had a fellowship supper for all those present. The ladies of the church prepared a delicious ham supper, and there was food enough to satisfy every appetite.

The evening service proved again to be a blessing to our hearts as Dr. Mar-



Rev. Gordon Voegele, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., baptizes Mrs. Roland Koenig in the newly remodelled church.

tin Leuschner again brought to us an inspiring message from God's Word. Following the message, the auditorium lights were turned down while the cross and baptistry lights were turned on. Then we had the joy of seeing two individuals follow the Lord in obedience through the waters of baptism. We thank God for this wonderful day in the life of our church.

We are grateful to God for the offerings received from the visiting friends and members of the church. Our foreign mission offering in the afternoon amounted to \$198.87 and our Building

Fund offering in the evening amounted to \$446.91, making a total of \$645.78.

"Oh, how beautiful your church is" are words that we heard again and again on Sunday from visiting pastors and friends. We too feel that as one enters the sanctuary, he becomes hushed by the simplicity and beauty so conducive to worship. We thank our heavenly Father for all of this, for it was he who laid it upon the hearts of the people to give and to work so that we might have this new addition for his honor and glory.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The addition to our church is 20 x 48 feet and offers additional classrooms, a baptistry, choir loft and a pastor's study. The construction on the building began Sept. 3, 1962 and was finished in the middle of December of the same year. The cost of the new addition amounted to \$14,601.35. Donation of new pews, auditorium lights, choir chairs, floor tile and North American Hymnals amounted to \$3,346.19, making a total of donations and cost, \$17,947.54. There were, of course, 3,412 hours of donated labor which greatly reduced the cost of the addition. We rejoice that the new addition is paid for with the exception of a \$3,500 debt.

Truly, our Lord is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."



DEDICATION SERVICE AT UNDERWOOD, N. DAK.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., (behind the pulpit), brings the address at the dedication service held in the beautifully remodelled edifice of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota. (Photos by Ervin R. Schafer).



sunday school lessons

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 14, 1963

Theme: IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-2:1

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We are overcome with the truth of what a wonderful creature God intended us to be.

INTRODUCTION: Today's lesson is the first of three in which we become aware of the relationship between God and man. In the beginning we see how free and natural such an interaction was meant to be. It was the first great dialogue between God and man in an undisturbed atmosphere, free of sin and evil.

Creation has taken a tragic turn since then. God created man in his image in order to make man Godlike. But since the fall, man has never given up his attempt to create a god in man's image. Because he cannot be like God, he wants God to be like man.

Man was God's highest and noblest act of creation. In it he expressed his greatest love and his deep desire for fellowship with a living creation. The Psalmist was aware of this great truth when he said: "What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:4-5).

I. THE GLORIOUS CLIMAX OF CREATION. Genesis 1:26-27.

All the other areas of creation were in the realm of preparation for this final, tremendous act. Here again the theme and emphasis lies primarily in the fact that God is the Creator and man is the result of his creation. Man was to be the image of God but was never meant to take the place of God. The student of the Bible must be careful not to make an image of God by giving him the physical characteristics of man. God's image of man is in the mind, the soul and the spirit and not in the head, the body and the limbs.

The "us," according to some scholars, was thought to refer to the host of heaven and was compared to Job 1-2. It would seem to be more meaningful to think of the plural as the first reference to the Trinity.

II. MAN'S FIRST BLESSING. Genesis 1:28-30.

The first time the word "blessing" is used is in connection with man. Because he is superior to all other creatures, and because he is to occupy a place of leadership in the

earth, he must of necessity accept the privilege and responsibility of dominion. But because of his human limitations he is dependent on the blessing of God, his Creator. The blessing was first bestowed on the home and the family and then it was to flow out so that the needs of his physical nature would be supplied. The blessing included fellowship with God, companionship with wife and family, and provision for sustaining life.

III. GOD'S FINISHED CREATION. Genesis 1:31-2:1.

These few verses give us a picture of God in his most enjoyable and contented moments—just before the picture was marred. "Behold, it was very good," is a glorious "Amen" to God's creation. In a spiritual sense it can be compared to the work of Christ on the cross when he said: "It is finished!" As Christians we look forward to the new creation and the new earth. God will have his way at last.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What arguments can you give to men who say that creation is due to chance?

2. Does the Christian who is born again have the original image of God?

3. How can man have dominion over the earth without selfishly wanting more than his share?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 21, 1963

Theme: "WHERE ART THOU?"

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-10, 22-24.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Man has lost the original image because he is plagued with original sin.

INTRODUCTION: Sometimes in our imagination we would like to stop at last Sunday's lesson and start all over again. But we know how impossible such a wish has for its fulfillment.

At this point every Christian's mind is overwhelmed with questions. Why did God let it happen? Why did he not nip sin in the bud? Why did he let evil appear in the form of a serpent? What is the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Why did the tempter appeal first to Eve rather than to Adam? Whatever happened to these two trees in the garden of Eden? Although the answers to all of these questions are not essential to salvation, the Christian's desire to know the truth leads him to a more thorough study of the Scriptures. No chapter has so much thought provoking material for discussion, and thus far most of the solutions and answers fail to satisfy the hunger for more illumination.

One thing we do know: the temptation and fall of man cannot be ignored or dismissed. Sin and guilt are real; the consequences are all around us and man's helplessness is tragically apparent.

I. DANGER IN PARADISE. Genesis 3:1-5.

From all indications we can be reasonably sure that the garden was situated in the Mesopotamian Valley. It was an ideal place for Adam and Eve to live, and they could "till it and keep it" under ideal circumstances. But there was evidence of danger. In order not to make a robot out of man, the image of God also included the faculty of choosing. He was a free moral agent who had to make decisions for himself. When God warned Adam against eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he did all he could do without violating man's freedom to keep him from sinning.

The danger lay in the subtle way in which Satan appealed to three harmless, legitimate desires: appetite for food, appreciation of beauty, and hunger for knowledge. The *abuse* of these things constitute sin.

II. SIN IN PARADISE. Genesis 3:6-10.

Men are led into sin by the wrong gratification of normal desires. Every sin is a perverted good. From the experience of Adam and Eve we wonder whether there is such a thing as a little sin or a little disobedience. They must have been conscious of the enormity of the evil, for their immediate desire was to alleviate their guilt by hiding from God, escaping the consequences of sin and "passing the buck." Each refused to accept the responsibility for violating God's commandment. Adam went so far as to blame God for giving him that kind of woman. The peaceful garden suddenly became a battle ground in which man attempted to match his wits with God.

III. PARADISE LOST. Genesis 3:22-24.

God cannot look upon sin lightly. And because there was not one thought or word on the part of Adam and Eve of repentance or contrition, there was nothing God could do but to mete out just punishment. Adam confessed his shame and fear but never his sin and guilt. The expulsion of Adam and Eve signifies the exclusion of all the guilty race from communion with God.

The punishment, however, was not without grace and hope, for there is
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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

special events

• **Wishek, N. Dak.** Mission Committees of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., have sponsored an extensive study of our denominational missions. Five programs were held featuring films, missionary letters, biographies, table and bulletin board displays. The Mission Society, Dorcas Society, Senior CBYF, Senior Hi Class, Young Adult Class presented these missionary programs. A mission offering was received and mission literature was distributed. Our Junior CBYF also saw three films on the Indian Mission Fields.

• **Oak Bank, Man.** Miss Ida Forsch, missionary to Cameroon, Africa, was guest speaker at a recent evening service in the Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man. Her informative talks centered mainly on the educational aspects of her work. Miss Forsch was happy for the privilege of thanking Miss Lorraine Albrecht and Mr. Norville Christopherson, Sunday school teachers, whose classes had sent a gift of crayons and paper for her schools in Africa. Miss Lorraine Albrecht is again at home in Oak Bank after spending a year across the border with "God's Volunteers" in their fine ministry. (Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter.)

CBY (youth) fellowship

• **Watertown, Wis.** On April 19 the Senior CBYF of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., held its annual Spring Banquet. The program featured the selection and crowning of a king, Mr. Gary Stewart, and a queen, Miss Nancy Norman, besides the showing of the film, "Going Steady." The Wheaton College Trio, composed of Kathryn Norman, Dorothy Pritchard and Marilyn Suttie, provided special music in the nature of a skit and a variety of sacred numbers. On Sunday evening, April 21, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, business manager of the Roger Williams Press, Forest Park, Ill., gave an informative talk on the value of Christian literature.

• **South Dakota Singfest.** Young people from the South Dakota churches met at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., on April 26 for the annual Singfest. A good representation of young people from the various churches of the South Dakota Association enjoyed an evening of singing and inspiration. The message was



Men of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas who "contributed" a day to paint and do repair work on the building of the Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas.

brought by Mr. Bob Johnson, an insurance salesman of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who has inspired many young people with his dynamic Christian witness. Rev. Robert Krueger, Northside Church of Sioux Falls, was the song leader. Marilyn Seibel, Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, and Norman Voigt, First Church of Avon, S. Dak., shared their testimonies. A mass choir from the Emery area provided special music. (Marilyn Seibel, Secretary.)

Baptist men's programs

• **Hoisington, Kansas.** The members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas are thankful for an unusual expression of love and concern by men of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. They came to Hoisington, on Monday, March 11, to paint the basement of the Calvary Baptist Church. This included two restrooms, kitchen, assembly room with considerable painting and plastering carried out by the men. The Lorraine men who took part in this project are shown in the accompanying picture: (left to right, first row, Leland Janssen, Vernon Splitter, Delmar Williamson, Ivan Craig, Arlen Janssen (president of the men's group); Alfred Schacht, Roscoe Craig and Harold Dobrinski; back row, left to right: Walter Hildebrand, Louis Rolfs, Bill Mollhagen, Richard Johnson, Merle Boeken,

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sunday school programs & events

• **Wishek, N. Dak.** The Sunday School Workers' Conference closed a successful year of meetings at Wishek, N. Dak. Six films on "Successful Teaching" were featured. The superintendents of the Napoleon and Jamestown Baptist Churches served as guest speakers. Each meeting included a business meeting, discussion period and fellowship hour. Rev. Isador Faszer of Ashley, N. Dak., taught a study course on "The Ministry of Visitation." (Mrs. Elmer Schauer, Reporter.)

• **Sheboygan, Wis.** A Sunday School Appreciation Dinner was held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., May 16, to honor Mrs. Edna Ramaker, who has been teaching Sunday school Junior Classes for the past 38 years. A corsage and gift were presented to her with many pleasant remarks and recollections made by some of her former class members. Her last class of Junior girls sang a song, and a special song written in her honor remembering her exemplary life was sung by all. All teachers, assistants, committee members and officers were remembered with a "Thank You" note and kind remarks by the superintendent, Mr. Francis Guenther, for their faithful help in the teaching ministry of the Sunday school. The pastor, Rev. Arthur K. Fischer, spoke in praise of Mrs. Edna Ramaker, commenting that she was DEDICATED to her task, DEVOTED to the Lord and her church, and DESIROUS to serve the children. (Mrs. Jerome Grade and Mr. Francis Guenther, Reporters.)

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

• **McClusky, N. Dak.** On Sunday evening, March 10, at the close of the evening service, the members and friends of the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., said "Farewell!" to Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Oster and their son, Paul. Mr. LaVern Axt, church treasurer, presented the Osters with a money tree in appreciation of the fine services they had rendered during the 7 years of their ministry in McClusky. In June the church joyously greeted the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. W. G. Gerthe, and family of Buf-

falo Center, Iowa. (Mrs. John J. Ebel, Reporter.)

• **La Crosse, Wisconsin.** The Bible Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., recently held a farewell program for Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp who served the church for four years. The reception in the church basement followed the evening service, and a gift of money was presented to them. Since June 1st, they have been serving the First Baptist Church in Appleton, Minn.

the minds and hearts of their children. In 1964 the conference will be held at Trochu, Alta. (Mrs. Oscar Fritzke, Reporter.)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

• **Sidney, Montana.** The members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, held their election of officers in April and on May 8 they held their annual Birthday Supper. Some of the church's young people assisted in the program which featured musical numbers by duets and soloists. This Society has completed its White Cross work and has given a gift of money for medicine on the mission field. (Pauline Strobel, Reporter.)

• **Watertown, Wis.** The King's Daughters Society of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., had the privilege of having Miss Ida Forsch as a recent guest speaker at one of their meetings. Her display of native costumes and other items of interest, as well as her keen sense of humor as she told about her work among the women in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, captivated the attention of her listeners. Another highlight in the life of the First Baptist Church was the interesting and informative lecture given by Rev. Earl H. Ahrens about his work as missionary.

• **Arnprior, Ont.** Over the weekend of May 17, several of the "Baptist Men" along with the pastor, Rev. Eldon Janzen, of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., attended the annual Laymen's Retreat at Le Tourneau Camp, Canandaigua Lake, New York. In the absence of the pastor, the Woman's Missionary Society of the church conducted the morning service on the topic, "More Than Conquerors." The program was presented in four parts by Mrs. Les Kauffeldt, Mrs. Tom Philips, Mrs. Eunice Milne and Mrs. Eldon Janzen. The president, Mrs. Hector Scheel, was in charge of the service. The evening service on this Sunday was presented by the Board of Deacons with Mr. Norman Frieday, in charge. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter.)

• **First, Lodi, Calif.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., celebrated the 30th anniversary of its annual Mother's Day dinner on Thursday evening, May 2, 1963. A delicious potluck dinner was served followed by a fine program. The oldest mother present, the mother with the youngest baby, the youngest mother with the most children, and the youngest grandmother were honored with gifts. Seven women were present who attended the first dinner 30 years ago. We have 190 members now and Mrs. Malvina Gatzert is the only remaining charter member. (Loris Enzminger, Secretary.)

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS

• **Eastern Conference WMU.** The Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference held its annual meeting on Friday evening, May 3, at Hamilton, Ontario. Mrs. Bettie Yahn, president, and Mrs. Elfriede Hildebrandt of the local church extended a hearty welcome. The missionary play, "The Macedonian Call," was presented by the Hamilton church women. Both vocal and instrumental numbers embellished the play. Mrs. Alma Henderson, missionary in Cameroon, Africa, gave an inspiring message about the mission field at Kumba where she and her husband had been serving. The Women's Breakfast and business meeting were held on May 4 at which various reports were given. Mrs. Myrtle Ertis, vice president, conducted the memorial service. The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. Nina Harrison; secretary, Mrs. Bertha Janzen; and White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Florence Pressick.

• **Yorkton, Sask.** A Missionary Conference was held at the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., April 25 to 28, of which Rev. Walter Kerber is pastor. On Thursday night Rev. Fred Moore showed slides and gave an informative talk about the work in Japan. Rev. Earl H. Ahrens spoke about the work in Africa on Friday. Rev. William Sturhahn was the guest on Sunday with Miss Ida Forsch, missionary, also showing slides. Special music was rendered by a ladies sextet, a men's quartet and by trios. The missionary offering of \$468.67 will go towards the goal of \$3,000 for the partial support of Miss Betty Mantay, missionary nurse in the Cameroon. On Sunday, May 12, a dedication service was held for the 25 pedal board Hammond Organ and the new North American Hymnals which had been purchased recently. (Hertha Rowden, Reporter.)

• **Ebenezer, Sask.** The Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., conducted its first missionary conference April 25-28. These were days of great blessing, commitment, inspiration and challenge. Rev. Earl Ahrens of Africa, Rev.

Fred Moore, missionary in Japan, Miss Ida Forsch representing the Cameroon field, and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, district secretary, presented the needs of the various mission fields. For each service music was supplied by members of the various church organizations. Miss Forsch also presented an interesting missionary appeal during the Sunday school period to the Primary and Junior departments. Offerings received during the conference totalled \$598.78. (Mrs. Donald Neibrandt, Reporter.)

• **Alberta Women's Conference.** From April 3-5 the Women's Evangelism Missionary Conference of Alberta was held at Leduc, Alta., on the theme, "Accent on Living." The key Scripture verses were John 10:10 and Esther 4:14b. Mrs. Fred G. Moore, missionary in Japan, in her own humble and wonderful way, brought challenging talks on "Living in Japan" and also showed slides of the country. Missionary Mildred Neuman from the Alberta Indian Reserve spoke about the work they are doing and gave the Bible study on the book of Esther. A Home Economist brought colorful and tasty salads to our attention in the food demonstration during the coffee break one afternoon. The new officers are: president, Mrs. Ernest Hahn; secretary, Mrs. Walter Goltz; treasurer, Mrs. Rudolph Ohlmann; and music chairman, Mrs. Adam Buyer. It was decided that one-third of the offering go towards the Christian Training Institute, one-third to the Indian work and one-third to Church Extension. The Friday noon luncheon with 160 ladies present was the largest attendance at any of our conferences. Mrs. Fred Moore, Japan missionary, challenged the mothers to instill the need for missionary service in

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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

• **Bison, S. Dak.** Baptismal services were held in the new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church in Bison, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday evening. Eight persons were baptized. In the accompanying picture they are (left to right): Jerrold Crockford, Mr. and Mrs. Dean La Due, Betty Hanson, Rev. Jerry Vilhauer; (front row): Jeffrey Seidel, Jessie Seidel, Judy Hanson and Nancy Fried. It was a blessed evening for the members and friends of the church. (Mrs. J. E. Crockford, Reporter.)



Rev. Jerry Vilhauer (right) of Bison, S. Dak., and 8 converts whom he baptized in the new edifice of the Grace Church of Bison on Easter Sunday evening.

• **Trinity, Portland, Ore.** Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, at the Good Friday service welcomed 5 boys and 3 girls into the fellowship of the church, who had followed the Lord in baptism on April 7. He also welcomed a married adult couple on May 5 who had been baptized at the Sunday evening service on April 28.

• **Bison, Kansas.** In Nov. 1962 the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, held "Deeper Life Meetings" for one week at which Rev. Elton Kirstein of Marion, Kansas was the guest speaker bringing messages on Ephesians. During January 1963 the church was privileged to hear the missionaries, Miss Florence Miller of Japan and Rev. Elmer C. Strauss of Cameroon, Africa. Easter Sunday was observed with a baptismal service at which 5 converts were baptized by Rev. Clemence Auch, pastor. On May 5 these five and another person were given the right hand of fellowship into the church. (Clara L. Niedenthal.)

• **Madison, S. Dak.** Recently Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., had the privilege of baptizing nine converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These nine persons, seven others who were received by letter and another by experience were

given the hand of fellowship into the church by the pastor at the communion service on Sunday, May 5. Two other persons were received by letter in June. Mr. Benke is conducting another class of new converts for a forthcoming baptismal service. The accompanying picture shows the new members who were received into the church with the choir in their new robes shown in the background. The Madison church was host to the Dakota Conference from June 19 to 23, 1963.

• **Watertown, Wis.** An adult membership class was conducted by Rev. Donald N. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., during the Sunday school hour on recent successive Sunday mornings. On Easter Sunday evening, an impressive baptismal service was held. Three adults and three children followed the Lord's command in this important step. A large wooden cross was illuminated by a large candle, representing Christ as "The Light of the World." As each candidate was baptized, a smaller candle was lighted signifying that through Christ, the Light, they too should let their light shine for him. On May 5, during the communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to these people by the pastor.

• **Arnprior, Ont.** On Sunday morning, April 28, Rev. Eldon Janzen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario baptized 8 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. The communion service was held that same Sunday evening when the hand of fellowship was extended to these who had been baptized.

• **Warren, Mich.** The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan recently held revival services with Evangelist Fred Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Lord blessed the meetings with "new souls" and many re-



Rev. Donald N. Miller (left), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., and six persons whom he baptized on confession of faith in Christ.

dedications. We trust the Lord that the meetings were just the beginning of a spirit of revival that will continue to grow to refresh the church to new and greater areas of service in the community. Rev. Adolph Braun is the pastor. (Betty Wurtz, Reporter.)

• **Pound, Wis.** The members of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., were greatly blessed as they witnessed four young people enter the baptismal waters on Easter Sunday evening. Following the service, the candidates were welcomed into the church's fellowship by Rev. Curtis Haas and the Lord's Supper was observed. The church basement was recently remodeled with acoustic ceiling tile, the walls were painted, and a hot water heater and kitchen sink were installed. From April 22 to May 5 the church was privileged to hold special meetings with God's Volunteers Team II. The team members entered 141 homes in extended church calls, visiting both church and prospective members. Rev. A. Fischer of Sheboygan, Wis., brought challenging messages in which two people felt the need to accept Christ and Christians were challenged.



Rev. J. G. Benke, (center in front of pulpit), pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., with 16 new members recently received into the church by baptism, by letter and by experience. (Another person is not in the picture). The church choir is in the background.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

● **Arnprior, Ont.** To commemorate "Mother's Day," the Willing Workers of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont. held their annual Mothers and Daughters Banquet on May 16. The president of the Willing Workers group, Mrs. Eldon Janzen, conducted a very appropriate program for the impressive occasion. Each one of the 86 mothers and daughters present expressed their appreciation over the fellowship and fine program of the evening.

● **Wishek, N. Dak.** The cantata, "Peter, and the Resurrection," was presented by the Senior Choir of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., on Easter Sunday evening, April 14. This program, featuring a film and song, was also presented at the Napoleon Baptist Church on April 28. The Music Committee also sponsored a "Musical Talent Night." The Dorcas Society presented the Mother's Day program, "Mother's Memories," after which they served refreshments during the Fellowship Hour.

● **Oak Bank, Man.** On Sunday evening, May 12, the men of the Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., honored the mothers of the church with a program of sacred music. Afterwards the mothers and their families and friends were feted with a luncheon and presented with the traditional corsage—a white carnation. On Sunday evening, May 5, the Accordion Band of the German Baptist Church of St. Vital, Man., joined Mr. Horst Mueller, who had played his Lowry Accordion in the morning service, and brought a program of sacred music. A lunch was served later in the lower auditorium for a time of fellowship.

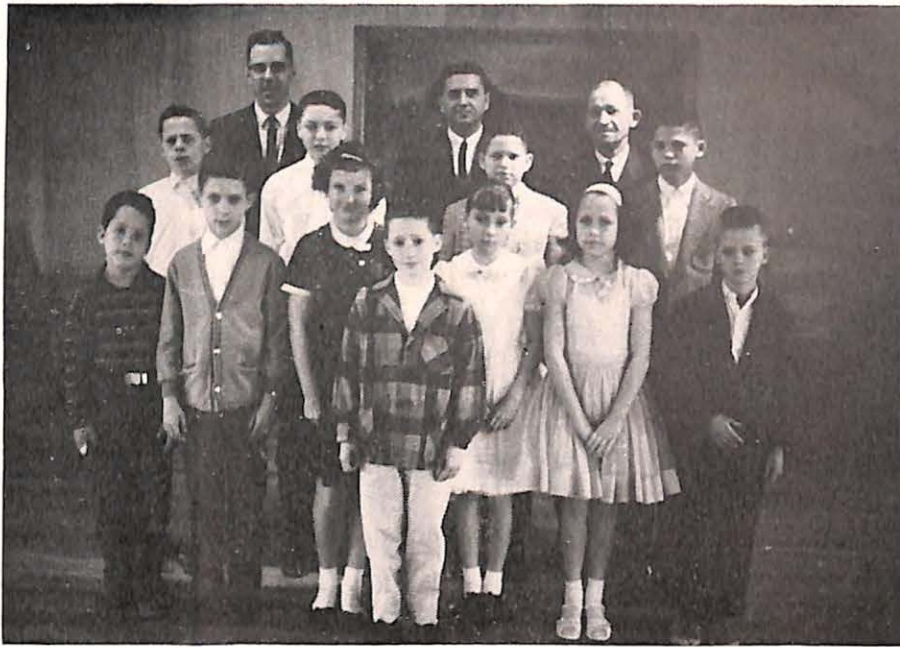
● **McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, Man.** Mother's Day was a lovely day at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man. The morning services were impressive with approximately 30 infants dedicated in which the pastor, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, participated. In the evening the King's Daughter Society celebrated its 8th anniversary. A fine Mother's Day program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. William Sturhahn. Mrs. Maria Rogalski is the president. Recently the CBYF presented the play "The Haven of Rest," directed by Dieter Hettig. The group is endeavoring to be a blessing by taking this play to various neighboring churches. (Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter.)

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

When a door slams behind you, look for the one God is opening.

Little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.

It is easy to give another a "piece of your mind," but when you are through, you have lost your peace of mind.



Rev. Henry Smuland (center, rear row), pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon baptized twelve persons on Palm Sunday.

Showers of Blessing at Tigard, Oregon

An encouraging report from the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Ore., a former Church Extension project of the denomination.

THE SOUTHWOOD PARK Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon has experienced the blessings of the Lord in the past year which was evident in many different ways. The church was able to receive 24 new members, representing 10 new families during 1962. The attendance in the services and Sunday school has more than doubled within the year.

The mind to work has been demonstrated by our people in the sacrifices made for building materials and the time and energy put in to finish the first floor of the Educational Unit of the church. The sanctuary was also redecorated and completed. For 1963 the church has taken on a definite missionary project in the partial support of the Fred Moore family.

BAPTISM OF TWELVE

A happy occasion was experienced by the members and friends of the Southwood Park Church on Palm Sunday when 12 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. Our District Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, was with us and brought a challenging message fitting for the occasion, after which our Missionary, Rev. Fred Moore, assisting the pastor, baptized two of his children and the pastor baptized the other ten candidates.

The converts who were baptized were the fruit of various church organizations in which they were won to Christ. All of them attended a six week instruction class taught by the pastor.

Thirteen new members were given the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion service that evening.

All together, 17 new members have been received into the fellowship of the church this year. The church has set a goal of twenty new families to be won to Christ and the church for this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

The Sunday school has shown a marked increase in both attendance and interest. The crying need for workers has been answered as the small group earnestly prayed for the Lord to send in workers. In the fall term of 1962, the Sunday school was departmentalized into five departments. An increase of 25% growth in attendance followed.

The Adult Class alone, which a little over a year ago, had no more than 10 in attendance now has grown to an average of over 30 each Sunday. The Adult Class, of which the pastor is the teacher, has received a second offering each Sunday for building materials. A total amount of over \$280 was received through this offering during the year.

The Ladies' Missionary Society for the second year has received the award from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Association for the highest attendance representation at the Union sponsored meetings.

The annual election held at their last meeting resulted in the following officers: president, Mrs. Henry Smuland; vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Gaylord Metcalf; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Lucile West; Sunshine chairman, Mrs. Mary Miner; and Social chairman, Mrs. Loren Mardock.

Mrs. Lena De Rosia and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Reporters

BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MISS LYDIA ROELVINK of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Miss Lydia Roelvink was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Feb. 12, 1879. She was converted at the age of 18 years and baptized by Rev. D. Koester into the fellowship of the German Baptist Church of Milwaukee. This is now the Immanuel Baptist Church of Brookfield, Wisconsin. She was a faithful member in the church all her life.

She passed to her heavenly reward on May 13, 1963 at the age of 84 years. She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Gerdina Schultz and Miss Emma Roelvink of Milwaukee, and other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken on Psalm 23:1-4 at the Raasch Funeral Home by the undersigned.

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

MR. WILLIAM F. SCHMERSEY of Marion, Kansas

Mr. William Frederick Schmersey of Marion, Kansas was born on August 21, 1878 at Cullman, Alabama, the son of Gustav Schmersey and Bertha Weichaus Schmersey. On May 20, 1918, he was married to Marie Minnie Kaiser. She is a sister of Rev. Rudolph Kaiser of Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Schmersey was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Marie, of Marion, Kansas; and six children: George of Topeka, Kansas; Dorothy Dahlke of Lemoore, Calif.; Violet Owens of Monett, Missouri; Waldo and Alfred of Wichita, Kansas; Melvin of Cupertino, Calif.; also 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Mr. Schmersey entered into his heavenly rest on May 14th, and funeral services were held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion on May 18th.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Marion, Kansas
Elton Kirstein, Pastor

MRS. PAULINE WILCOX of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Pauline Wilcox of Chicago, Ill., was born Nov. 3, 1879 in New York, N. Y., and passed away on May 4, 1963. In 1887 she came to Chicago where at the early age of eight she professed faith in Christ, was baptized, and became a member of the First Church, now the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. She was a member of this church for more than 75 years.

Mrs. Wilcox was an active Christian. For a number of years she served as secretary to Paul Radar. She travelled to a number of Christian camps and conferences, and in this expressed interest and activity. She leaves her husband, one son, two grandchildren, and friends to remember her. Blessed are they who die in the Lord.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois
Fred Sonnenberg, Pastor

MR. ADOLF MUTH of Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Adolf Muth of Detroit, Mich., was born on July 3, 1884 at Mallnufka, Poland. In 1911 he was married to Bertha Hinz with whom he was privileged to share over 50 years of happy married life. She preceded him in death on Feb. 12, 1962. This marriage was blessed with four children. In 1923, our brother came to America. In settling in Detroit, Mich., where he remained till his death. The family followed in 1926. As a young man he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on confession of his faith in 1904. In Detroit he joined the former Burns Ave. Baptist Church, and later became one of the char-

WORTH REPEATING

Science says man can live forever.
Philosophy says man wants to live forever.
Ethics says man ought to live forever.
Christianity says man will live forever.

ter members of the former Conner Ave. Baptist Church, now called Ridgemont.

During the last 10 months of his life he was in need of continual care, which he received in a loving and faithful way in the home of his daughter Hildegard. Death came quietly on Sunday morning, May 26. His passing is mourned by the following: one sister and one brother in West Germany; one brother in East Germany; 2 daughters: Hildegard (Mrs. Arnold Bandsmier), Utica, Mich.; Eleanor (Mrs. Eric Unruh), St. Clair Shores, Mich.; one son, Kurt, Detroit; 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.
Ridgemont Baptist Church
East Detroit, Michigan
H. J. Waltereit, Pastor

MRS. BARBARA STOLZ of Bismarck, North Dakota

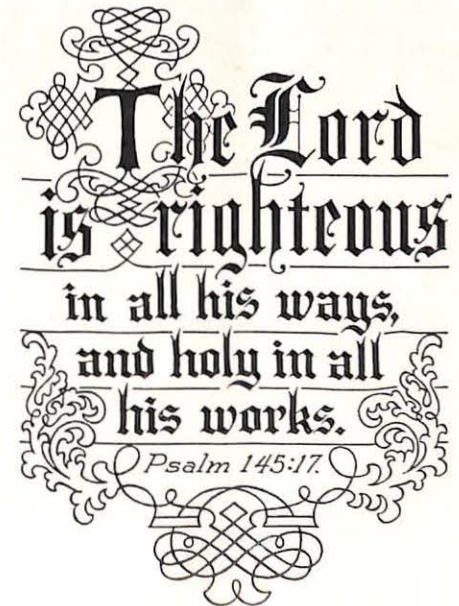
Mrs. Barbara Stolz of Bismarck, N. Dak., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schatz, was born in Newfreidenthal, Russia on Feb. 22, 1879. She was educated and married in Russia to John Stolz. In 1908 she and her husband came to the United States, settling on a farm south of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. In 1925 they moved to the Baldwin area where they farmed until 1937 when they moved to Bismarck. Mr. Stolz passed away in 1951. Soon after his passing, Mrs. Stolz moved to the Baptist Home for the Aged where she made her home until the time of her departure.

In the closing days of her life our sister endured much physical suffering. In all of this time, she remained serene with undaunted faith—looking forward to the day when she would be with the Lord. She left her earthly abode on May 11, having reached the age of 84 years. She is survived by four sons, six daughters and one sister. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors.

Bismarck Baptist Church
Bismarck, North Dakota
Allan Strohschein, Pastor

MRS. JUANITA K. FESKE of Evansdale, Iowa

Mrs. Juanita A. Feske, wife of Phillip Feske, of Evansdale, Iowa, died suddenly at their home on Sunday, April 14. She was born August 5, 1923, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Mary Pauley Grady. She attended school here and also for a time following her father's death at the Dubuque Orphans Home. She married Virgil Ebaugh in Nov. 1941. He was killed in action in Italy during World War II. On March 25, 1946, she was married to Phillip Feske in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. Feske died at the age of 39 years.



8 months and 9 days. She is survived by her husband; seven children: Shiela, Josephine, Phyllis, Phillip, Jr., Sharon, Patric and infant Joseph, all at home; 4 sisters: Mrs. Helen Owens of Waterloo; Mrs. Marge Combs of Cedar Falls; Mrs. Eileen DeWater of Salinas, Calif.; and Mrs. Dorothy Sorenson of Waterloo; 2 brothers: Clyde Grady and Edward Grady, both of Waterloo; and a half brother, Louis Neunkierch of Waterloo. May the God of all comfort and grace give help to those who remain and mourn so that they may carry on.
Cedarloo Baptist Church
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Bernard R. Fritzsche, Pastor

MRS. BERTHA FANDRICH of Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Bertha Fandrich of Salem, Oregon was born on Jan. 1, 1878 in Germany and passed from this life on May 13, 1963 having attained the age of 85 years. She emigrated with her family from Germany to North Dakota, and about 1888 the family moved to the Pratum area near Salem, Ore. She was united in marriage to August Fandrich on Jan. 1, 1903. The couple resided for 54 years on a farm near Salem until poor health forced them to move to a local nursing home. Mr. Fandrich passed away in Dec. 1959.

Mrs. Fandrich was converted to faith in Christ about 1896 and was baptized upon profession of faith in Christ. At the time of her death, she had been a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem longer than any other member. At the 70th anniversary of the church in 1960, she was present at church for the last time and was honored for her long membership. She loved the Lord, the Word and the church.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters: Mrs. Ella Miller and Mrs. Esther Lugibihl, both of Salem; a son, Walter Fandrich of Eugene, Ore.; 2 sisters: Mrs. Emma Eisenbach, and Mrs. Lydia Powell, both of Salem; and three grandsons.
Bethel Baptist Church
Salem, Oregon
Everett A. Barker, Pastor

MRS. KATHARINA BITZ of Eureka, South Dakota

Mrs. Katharina Schock Bitz of Eureka, S. Dak., was born June 5, 1889 in South Russia. She was called to her eternal reward on Mother's Day, May 12, 1963 at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 7 days. She received her education in South Russia and migrated with loved ones to the United States in 1910 and settled at Lehr, N. Dak. On Jan. 16, 1913 she and John Bitz were united in marriage. They settled in the vicinity of Eureka and she was still a resident of Eureka at her death.

This union of marriage was blessed with 12 children of which 10 are still living: 3 sons—Henry of Eureka; Edwin and Arthur, both of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; 7 daughters—Mrs. Ed (Caroline) Schmauder of Moses Lake, Wash.; Mrs. Harry (Rose) Blanchett of Wenatchee, Wash.; Mrs. Art (Lydia) Kirschman of Hosmer, S. Dak.; Mrs. George (Alma) Strobel of Richey, Mont.; Mrs. Albert Schrenk (Martha) of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Walter (Frieda) Heiser of Eureka, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Wilbert (Ann) Ehresman of Olympia, Wash.; and 44 grandchildren.

Mother Bitz met the Lord in conversion and followed him in baptism in 1911. She gave evidence of her conversion through activities within the church.

Eureka, South Dakota
E. R. Oster, Officiating Pastor

MR. FRANK JAECKLE of Waco, Texas

Mr. Frank Jaeckle of Waco, Texas was born in Austria on Oct. 23, 1885 and passed away in a Waco Hospital on May 22, 1963. He came to the U. S. A. in 1906. He was converted and baptized in 1909 in Fisher County, Texas. In 1910 he moved to Oklahoma and was united with the Salem Baptist Church near Gotebo. He came to Crawford, Texas in 1912 and was united in holy matrimony with Lucy Hodel. At Crawford he was a member of the Canaan Baptist Church. Here he served faithfully for many years as deacon, church clerk, Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

He was a farmer and retired from this occupation in 1952. In the same year the family moved to Waco where they joined the Central Baptist Church. Here he also served faithfully in various positions of the church. He was an honorary deacon at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; and 3 daughters: Mrs. Ed Foster of Waco; Mrs. Walter Dreyer of Gatesville, Texas; Mrs. Story Burns of Waco; 5 grandchildren, 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

Central Baptist Church
Waco, Texas
L. B. Hinz, Pastor

MISSION NEWS

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the cross to an empty tomb. It knows a risen and regnant Lord! In the end, there is only one motivation for a Christian's giving: he gives because God has given so lavishly, constantly, beyond all his deserving. When all has been said and done, we give out of a profound sense of gratitude. True stewardship has to do with the spirit in which we give *ourselves* in response to the love of God."—Dr. Arthur R. McKay.

PRAYER: Dear Father, humble us in all conditions. May we know you as the source of every good and perfect gift. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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the glorious promise of victory to the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15).

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you think the freedom of choice is a blessing or a curse?
2. Why should we be blamed for Adam's fall? Is it right that we should suffer for someone else's sin?
3. Discuss Paul's idea of the "first Adam" and the "last Adam" in I Cor. 15:45.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1963	April, 1962	April, 1961
Atlantic	\$ 5,719.13	\$ 1,848.30	\$ 3,642.55
Central	12,348.56	5,302.16	13,772.96
Dakota	11,513.98	6,849.54	9,066.77
Eastern	2,797.80	3,320.50	3,601.67
Northern	6,595.26	8,093.28	12,461.68
Northwestern	12,679.27	9,412.55	8,126.95
Pacific	13,343.70	30,757.00	16,880.50
Southern	1,485.16	3,511.32	1,557.69
Southwestern	5,467.10	6,912.73	2,862.86
Inter-Conference	2,134.01	2,791.57	
Total Contributions	\$ 74,083.97	\$ 78,798.95	\$ 71,973.63

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Oaier Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of April, 1963	\$ 67,342.50	\$ 6,741.47	\$ 74,083.97
For the month of April, 1962	58,990.61	19,808.34	78,798.95
For the month of April, 1961	60,563.54	11,410.09	71,973.63

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Same as for the month of April

DEADLINE FOR CBYF CONGRESS REGISTRATION IS JULY 15

Registrations for the "First CBYF Congress" to be held at Williams Bay, Wis., August 19-25, 1963 are coming in almost every day. The youth and youth workers in your church will not want to miss this exciting experience. Secure registration forms and information fliers from your pastor.

The deadline for pre-registration has now been extended to July 15, 1963, but registrations should be sent to us as quickly as possible so that all will be assured of a reservation. The youth should be at least 16 years old; however, a few registrations of 15-year-olds will be accepted.

We hope to see you at Lake Geneva!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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denomination at the headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., have recently announced their engagements. Miss Jeannine Martinitz, secretary in the department of Church Extension, Stewardship and Higher Education, has announced her engagement to Mr. Wilfred Weick of Agassiz, B. C., a second year student at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. They will be married on August 2, 1963 at Junction City, Kansas. Miss Martinitz was also a member of the 1960-61 God's Volunteers team. Miss Virginia Priestley, secretary to the business manager of the Roger Williams Press and Book Store since August 1960, has announced her engagement to Mr. William W. Neuman of Carrington, N. Dak., a 1963 graduate of the NAB Seminary. This summer Mr. Neuman will assist Mr. Edward Meister at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Norridge, Ill. He will be available for service in a church this fall. The young couple expects to be married on Nov. 2, 1963.

WHAT'S NEW IN AUSTRIA

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Ischl Church, Horst Fischer, this spring is completing his theological training at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, and will be returning to Austria as pastor of our church in Ternitz. Ternitz, 35 miles south of Vienna, is a busy industrial city where an important steel mill employs a large number of workers. Our Baptists meet in a fine chapel building, having adequate living quarters for the pastor. At the close of his Seminary training, Horst will be married to a lovely Austrian girl from his home church. It will be the first time that the Ternitz Church has a native Austrian couple ministering to its congregation. Except for a brief period, this church has had no permanent leadership for the past 15 years, and the people are looking forward with great expectation and joy to the coming of their new pastor and his bride.

Under the able leadership of Pastor Anton Kurti, the work at Linz, Austria is making progress. An active, enthusiastic group of young people is the source of great blessing to this church. Recently these young folk undertook a new ministry in visitation at a Home for the Aged. Meeting at the church, where Gospel hymns were rehearsed and God's blessing asked upon the ministry, the young people set out for the Old Folks' Home, where they sang in several wards, distributed literature, and visited with the guests.

AUSTRIAN MINISTERS' RETREAT

In January of this year, our Linz Church was host to the Austrian Baptist Ministers' Retreat. Ten Austrian workers gathered for fellowship and study of the Word of God, and for a mutual consideration of various phases of their ministry. The Lord's Supper, the ministry of elders, church discipline, performance of marriages, mixed marriages, and the laying on of hands were among the subjects considered. The retreat proved to be a time of encouragement and blessing to the workers as well as to the members of the entertaining church.

In Graz, a city in southeastern Austria close to the Italian border, a small group of Baptist believers has suffered repeated apparent defeat, but each experience seemed to strengthen their purpose to continue witnessing for the Savior in this educational center, the home of one of Austria's three universities.

With the coming of a new worker several years ago, interest was revived and a slow but steady growth has resulted. This group had the joy of sharing in a city-wide crusade in the month of March, under the leadership of Evangelist Anton Schulte of Germany, who conducted a very effective campaign in Vienna two years previous.

As a result of all these evangelistic efforts, souls have been saved and added to the membership of our Austrian churches.