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***CHRIST IS RISEN!
HALLELUJAH!***

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What Does Easter Mean?

WHAT does Easter mean? What is the significance of this event? It means God is not dead. It means the grave is not the end of man's hopes. It means man is not a cosmic accident to be discarded like a broken toy at death. It means man is not made for a mere threescore years and ten. He must take all eternity into account. It means we are made for more than eating and drinking. We are made for fellowship with God—a fellowship as timeless as God is timeless.

It means that the resurrection that happened so silently, and that was known at first by only a few, has become history's most world-shaking event. If Easter is true, sinners had better get right with God—or tremble. If Easter is true, neither judgment nor the joy of faith is limited to this life; one has all eternity to live under the judgment of God or to receive his joy.

Without Easter Jesus' words in John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you," are beautiful prose. Because of Easter they become a blessed promise. Without Easter every human aspiration and yearning would be swallowed up by death. Because of Easter death itself is swallowed up in victory. Without Easter we would have every reason to despair. "But now is Christ risen from the dead" (I Cor. 15:20). "Therefore . . . be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). For Easter is the story of a kingdom empires cannot overthrow, a love hate cannot defeat, and life that death cannot destroy. Let us sing, Hallelujah!

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford,
"His Life Our Pattern" (Broadman Press)

EASTER THOUGHTS

The resurrection of Jesus is the best attested fact in history. It is the Gibraltar of faith and the Waterloo of infidelity.—Rev. William Ward Ayer.

When God gave us Easter he gave us a sure foundation of faith upon which our stumbling feet may rest. The religion which centers its hope in Christ is not speculative or visionary. It does not comfort the troubled heart with the promise of a dawn that never rises. It does not demand faith without, at the same time, also furnishing that which inspires and maintains faith. A resurrected discipleship, a flaming missionary zeal with the whole world as the object of its desire, a gloomy Sabbath transformed into a joyous Sunday, a Gospel that refuses to die—these are evidential facts in favor of Christian faith which no unbelief can set aside. And God gave them all to us when he gave us Easter.—Gerhard E. Lenski in *Let Us Keep Lent*.

FRONT COVER

The front cover by Jack Rosio, Christian artist, shows the open tomb from which the stone has been rolled away. This special Easter Issue of 28 pages is one of several "bonus numbers" throughout each year.

AN EASTER PRAYER

God's blessing rest upon you
This happy Easter Day,
God make his joy to shine
As sunlight on your way;
God fill your heart with song
So glad it will not cease;
God bless you every day
With love and joy and peace.
—Author Unknown

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

BUDGET OBJECTIVE. In a few days (March 31, 1963) we shall have reached the end of the denominational fiscal year. But it appears as if we shall have fallen short of having reached our total objective of \$925,000 for the past year and possibly of having attained our budget objective of \$805,000. However, some of the special funds will be oversubscribed so that our total denominational giving may still reach new record breaking highs. Full details will be announced as soon as they are available. With God's help and with everyone's cooperation, we can do better next year!

DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE. Watch for further announcements about the denominational ADVANCE to be carried on in the new fiscal year. This will include the appointment of new missionaries, the adoption of a record breaking budget, the apportionment of funds for needed buildings and for the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan, and the support of other areas of denominational concern.

APRIL, EXTENSION BUILDERS! The prayers and gifts of Church Extension Builders in April 1963 will be centered on the work of the Brush College Baptist Chapel, Salem, Oregon, of which Rev. Arthur R. Brust is the pastor. Sunday school attendance is growing with 80 enrolled. The Chapel basement needs to be completed for the greatly needed classroom space. Ask your pastor how you can join the fine work of Church Extension Builders.

EASTER OFFERING. All missionary work is *evangelistic* in spirit and in effectiveness. This truth is colorfully depicted in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." The medical missionary at the hospital, the teacher in the mission school, and the leader who trains nationals in their Christian witness, all of these are winning men and women for Christ and influencing them to consider the claims of Christ as Savior. Read these inspiring articles in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" and give accordingly with sacrificial generosity to the EASTER OFFERING.

NEXT ISSUE

"CHRIST IN A YOUTH HOSTEL"

By David T. Priestley
NAB Exchange Student in
Germany

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!

From the grandeur of the "Hallelujah Chorus," to the trumpet notes sounded at the dawn of this Easter Day, to the sweetness of a hymn sung by the simplest of Christ's followers, this is the message that fills the air on this day: "Christ is risen! Hallelujah!" This is both our affirmation of faith and our shout of triumph over life and death through Christ. These words spoken at the tomb of the risen Christ, "He is not here! He is risen!," give unspeakable joy and inexpressible peace to every disciple of his.

At this Easter season we need to be reminded of the indisputable, historical fact of Christ's resurrection from the dead. This simple statement, "He is risen!" announced by the angels at the empty tomb, proclaimed by the disciples behind closed doors, and attested by the centuries is the Gibraltar rock of our Christian faith. The historicity of this event has stood the test of time. Let us boldly announce this on this Easter Sunday and encourage one another in our Christian walk by this reminder. It was Dr. Samuel Johnson, that man of deep and simple piety, who said: "Men need to be informed not nearly so often as they need to be reminded." This is the blessing of our Easter proclamation: "Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!"

At this Easter season we can demonstrate this truth and reveal Christ's glory in our immediate experiences. People everywhere are most persuasively convinced that Christ has risen from the dead by seeing him living in you. Note this emphasis in the two inspiring Easter sermons in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." In your daily encounters with Christ the Lord, let him reveal to you what your part should be in the Easter offering, sacrificially sharing in the great work of world-wide missions to which Christ has commissioned us. You are the most telling testimony to others about you of Christ's resurrection power. "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

At this Easter season we also see the heavenly glory that is still beyond us. We are reminded of Jesus' promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also." At Easter we remember the Master's words, "I go to prepare a place for you." We face not the setting of the sun at the end of our days, but the glory of our heavenly sunrise through Christ.

Dr. J. V. Moldenhawer of New York City, a few days before his homegoing, penned these words in an Easter sermon: "Hold fast to Christ, and you will know that life is no futile wilderness wandering, but a pilgrimage to the 'Celestial City' to join the glorious company of the redeemed—saints, apostles and martyrs." In the resurrection of Christ we see the glory of these words of Scripture, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9).

Life begins at Easter! The solemn, joyous declaration, "He is not here but is risen," marks the dividing line between life and death, between hope and hopelessness in human affairs, between the resurrection power and human frailty for you. Our response can only be: "My Lord and my God! Hallelujah!"

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Just as we died with Christ

on the cross, so we must live with
him today. This new life is to be
lived, enjoyed and shared . . .

Resurrection Life Today!

By Rev. Robert S. Hess, North Sheridan Baptist
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"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, . . . if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Phil. 3:10-11) Luoma Photo.

A FEW WEEKS AGO I officiated at the funeral service of an elderly Baptist woman. Tomorrow there will be graveside rites for a three-week old infant. Their bodies are laid to rest with prayer and tears. The loved one is dressed in the best clothes, the face is tinted, and flowers are on the casket. Notwithstanding, it is still a dead body. There is no life. It takes faith to see a new, perfect and imperishable body with eternal life.

THE EMPTY TOMB

But we do not trust in appearances. The Roman soldiers nailed Christ to the cross and made sure life had gone from him. He was dead. He was taken down and laid in a tomb which was then sealed, and soldiers were put on guard. If he were only human, Matthew, chapter 27 would be the end. The simple fact is that in spite of death, the seal and the guard, Jesus Christ walked out of the tomb alive.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is an indisputable fact of history attested by documentary record, testimony of the unwilling, martyrs, the changed lives of the disciples, and the Church. A dead Christ would be as helpless as we. He could not save us by the cross alone, for he was "raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25b). The future resurrection will be one of glory when "the dead in Christ will rise" (I Thessalonians 4:16b).

The danger is that we can forget there is a present aspect of the resurrection that is equally important.

What does the resurrection of Christ mean to us today? The resurrection life is to be lived now. We must not only enter into the spiritual experience of the resurrection when we come to know Christ through the new birth, but live today in its power. Just as we died with Christ on the cross, so we must live with him today.

Our witness must be like that of Paul who said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). We can not limit the resurrection experience to the past and a future event. This new life is to be lived, enjoyed and shared.

LIVING THE LIFE

The disciples were beaten men on the day of the crucifixion. Later, when the truth of the resurrection was received, they became changed men. They were never the same again. They lived by a new set of values.

A thoughtful editorial appeared in LIFE magazine (March 30, 1959) under the title, "Why Are We Here?" It was summarized with these words: "Neither science nor secular affluence will tell us, but Easter does." Generally speaking, church members have forgotten or do not know or do not care why we are here. Instead of being a voice for the living Christ, most are an echo of our pagan society. Yes, we have religious efficiency, cleverness and ability in surplus, but the virtues and graces that have to do

with personal relationships, holiness and the rule of the Spirit in the human heart are sadly lacking.

We are left here on earth to be his stewards. Yet we run away from sacrifice and responsibility while the world in opposition to Christ is exhibiting a loyalty and dedication once thought of only in Christian reference. We who profess to be Christ's disciples have unprecedented wealth to buy up the great opportunities and meet the desperate needs of man, yet one of the most incredible aspects of our lives is the lack of real dedication to Jesus Christ. Our living must square with our Easter faith.

ENJOYING THE LIFE

The resurrection life is beautiful, satisfying and purposeful. One of the outstanding characteristics of those who lived in the glow of the first Easter was their joy in all kinds of circumstances. A gloomy Christian is a contradiction to his faith. Christianity is the faith of the happy soul and radiant face. The normal Christian life has a joyful fellowship with the Father and with brothers and sisters in Christ. Such a one with God's peace witnesses to the resurrection life.

SHARING THE LIFE

The predicament and the challenge of our day are stated plainly by Archibald MacLeish, the author of the play "J. B." In an article on "National Purpose" in the New York Times,

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Believers today, as in every age,

who live in the power of the
living Christ, are a continuing proof
of his resurrection from the dead . . .

He Lives - in You!

By Rev. Iver Walker, Trinity Baptist Church,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



"And their eyes were opened, and they knew him . . . And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he . . . opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:31-32). Luoma Photo.

I WAS ONLY FIVE or six years old at the time, but I will never forget the incident. My sister-in-law had just been saved. She got up from her knees where she had been praying in a front pew and in the crowded church made her way to her husband. As she went she repeated, "He lives! He lives!" It wasn't Easter. It was winter, but the Easter truth had dawned in her heart.

The resurrection of Christ is, of course, at the very heart of our Christian faith and life. As Paul said, ". . . if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, . . . if he be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. . . . But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Christ's rising from the dead is said to be one of the most firmly established historical facts. The Gospel record tells us he first appeared to the women at the tomb, and then to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. That same day he was seen of Peter and then by ten of the disciples. A week later he appeared to the eleven. Some time after that, seven of his followers saw him by the Sea of Galilee. It was in this same area that over 500 saw him at one time. Paul says he had the privilege of seeing him years after his ascension "as of one born out of due time." With such a host of witnesses, there certainly is no room for doubting the reality of Christ's resurrection.

However, the crowning proof of Christ's resurrection is not the spoken or written testimony of those who

saw him alive after his death on the cross. The changed life of those who believe, whether they have seen him or not, is the greatest of all proofs.

When the Lord "set his face to go to Jerusalem," his disciples, in a defeated attitude, said, "Let us go that we may die with him." The night Judas betrayed him, "they all forsook him and fled." Peter, who had so strongly vowed loyalty to the Lord, denied him and even cursed in an attempt to prove the sincerity of his denial.

But after the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, these men lost their fear and gloom and were filled with holy boldness. Listen to Peter, standing before the religious leaders of Jerusalem, "Ye have taken (Jesus) and with wicked hands have crucified and slain whom God hath raised up. . . ." Now the disciples were standing true to the Lord, even if it meant death. Believers today, as in every age, who live in the power of the living Christ are a continuing proof of his resurrection.

As believers we know that Christ's resurrection is real because we have experienced it in the forgiveness of our sins. Because he lives, we too shall live. We know we have passed from death unto life. We have this assurance from the Lord himself as he said to his disciples, "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."

But that wasn't all he said. He added, "At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me,

and I in you." We do not only live because he lives, but *he lives in us!* This is what Paul is talking about when he wrote to the Galatians, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." The New English Bible makes the point even clearer,—"the life I now live is not my life, but *the life which Christ lives in me;*"

This explains more fully the changed lives of the apostles. It was Christ living his life in them. This is what makes yielded Christians so Christlike even in our day. It is not their trying to live like Christ, but it is Christ living his life in them. They have stepped to the background. Christ has become pre-eminent.

Have you realized that Easter could mean this to you? What a discovery this has been to many a Christian! Christ is not only alive but living in us, and not only living in us, but desiring to live *his life* through us if we will but let him.

Paul had the secret, "I am crucified with Christ," he said. That had to come before he could say, "The life I now live is not my life, but the life which Christ lives in me." But he knew that his initial death wasn't enough. He also said, "I die daily." There is no other way. If he is to be free to live his life in us, self must die daily.

"He lives! He lives!" Indeed he lives! Let him live his life in you.

*Christ's Commission to preach
the Kingdom of God and to heal
the sick is still true today . . .*

Evangelism Through Healing

By Dr. Peter E. Fehr, Medical Missionary in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa

IN LUKE 9:2 we read how Christ sent his disciples out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. This divine commission is still true today.

Our medical work is not a social good work, a help to the underprivileged people but it is a means of reaching people for the cause of Christ. It is a means of presenting salvation's message to those who may not be reached in any other way. There are many people in the Cameroons, as in other parts of the world, who will come to the hospital when they are sick, but will never darken the door of a church. These are the people we seek to reach. This is our reason for being in the Cameroons—our goal.

MANY HEALING CENTERS

In the Cameroons we now have two Maternity Centers-Dispensaries. One is at Belo and one at Mbem. We also maintain the Leprosy Settlement at Mbingo and our large hospital at Bansa. These are the places where we carry out our program of evangelism through healing. The extent of our work and witness is growing every year at these institutions. Every year we have more babies born in our maternity units; more lepers under treatment through our Leprosy Clinics; more patients receiving treatment at our hospitals and dispensaries.

Each one of these people is a soul whom it is our purpose and privilege to touch for Jesus Christ.

As Christ commanded, we preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick. At Bansa Baptist Hospital the day is begun with a short period of meditation and prayer with all of our students and staff. Some of our Baptist students and staff members hold devotions in the ward for the patients. As we go about our hospital rounds, we have the opportunity to speak to the patients concerning their soul's health as we check on their daily progress. But more than our words, our deeds of love in Christ's Name count in our witness.

One old man who was in the hospital in Bamenda gave this testimony of the work he saw. This man was admitted with a very bad leg and a stiff knee. As he was admitted, I explained to him that his leg was very bad and that he was not likely to walk normally again. I explained also that this illness was very serious and, though man could not heal his leg, God by his power could make him walk again. Each day as I treated him and his leg improved, I reminded him to thank God for his progress and spoke to him of his need for salvation.

Finally after a month he was ready to go home. He promised me he would go to church and thank God for the healing miracle. Before he left he

called me aside and told me this story: "I have watched your work and heard your words for a month now. I can see that you use the same medicines as other doctors, you use the same treatments as other doctors, but there is something different about you. God walks behind you and puts power into your medicine."

This man saw in action the power of the Holy Spirit as he permits your medical missionaries to perform healing miracles beyond man's understanding.

At Bansa as at all of our hospitals in the Cameroons, most of our contacts are with patients who have a minor ailment which can be treated as an outpatient. These people come in the morning and go away in the afternoon. With these people we still remain true to our commission, "To preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Every patient coming to the Out-Patient Department of Bansa Baptist Hospital must register in the morning before 8:00 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. all of the patients are sent into the waiting room and here one of the staff gives a message of salvation to those in attendance. After the short message, then the patients see the doctor, get treated and go to their places of lodging.

Here we claim God's promise, that if we sow the seed of the Gospel, his Word shall not return void. With the majority of our outpatients we do not see the fruit of our labor for Christ but some later come to tell us how they were saved and blessed.

"PREACH . . . AND HEAL"

One chief came to Bansa Hospital while I was there and, when he returned to his home, he wrote us a letter. In his letter he thanked us for the treatment given to him and for the salvation he found while attending our hospital. He told us that he had gone to a Presbyterian school and studied Jehovah Witness literature before attending Bansa Hospital. While at Bansa, through the messages he heard preached and the work in Christ's Name that had been done for him, he had come to believe in Jesus Christ as his own Savior. But more than this, he wanted his people to hear this message of salvation also. He invited the Cameroons Baptist Convention to come into his area to open

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Chief of Bib Babanki (left) with one of his counsellors in Cameroon, Africa. These chiefs have been very eager for new schools and medical facilities to be established by our Mission in their area.

*Our risen Lord honors faith
in action — the kind of action by
which souls are brought to him . . .*

Your Faith in Action

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

"AND THEY COME unto him bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four . . . When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:3-5).

What a dramatic miracle! What a glorious victory! A soul wonderfully experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ! Jesus said to the sick of the palsy: "Son, you are saved! Your sins have been forgiven!"

The most wonderful thing that can happen to anybody anywhere is what happened to this person on this occasion. Whether it be in Capernaum as it was in this instance, or whether it be in the United States or Canada, in Japan or Africa—the most marvelous experience that can come to anybody anywhere is the experience that came to this poor palsied person when he heard the voice of Jesus say to him: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!"

FORGIVENESS THROUGH CHRIST

Unforgiven sin is the most depressing, dooming and damning thing in the life of anybody. Unforgiven sin deteriorates and destroys both body and soul. Its final result is always fatal. "The wages of sin is death."

People suffer obsessions, frustrations, and nervous disorders because of the subconscious disturbances of unforgiven sin in their life. A good psychiatrist may be able to flush the mind, but only God can heal the sin-sick soul. There is only one complete victory over sin—only one complete forgiveness. God has given it to us in Jesus Christ, the crucified, resurrected and ever living Lord. "Thanks be unto God who gives to us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

This glorious victory experienced by the sick of the palsy on that happy day in Capernaum, represents the ultimate objective of our total denominational witness. The theme for our total denominational program in 1963 is "Evangelism Through World Missions." As North American Baptists we are concerned that people everywhere in this whole, wide world be brought to Jesus Christ, so that in a personal encounter with him they might experience the forgiveness of their sins and be enabled by the power of God to walk as this man walked, in obedience to the Word and com-

CHRIST'S COMMISSION IN ACTION

"Go ye into all the world . . . Preach the gospel . . . The fields are ripe unto harvest . . . It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

**YOUR EASTER OFFERING
will share in the great ministry of
"evangelism through healing."**

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mand of Jesus Christ, to the amazement of the world and the glory of God!

FOUR PERSONAL WORKERS

It took a variety of efforts to bring the sick of the palsy into the presence of Jesus Christ to make this miraculous experience possible in his life. As it required a variety of efforts in the first century, so the work of evangelism through world missions has many ramifications and requires a variety of efforts in this 20th century.

The Bible record informs us that the sick of the palsy who was brought to Jesus "was borne of four." Who were these four? Thank God for these four! If it had not been for the sacrificial service of these faithful four, this Gospel effort in Capernaum would have remained without visible results. These four were needed in Capernaum; they are urgently needed in our churches and our mission fields at home and abroad today!

It is not recorded in the Bible who these four personal workers in Capernaum were. In our day they may well be four Church Extension Builders, who are personally concerned to reach souls for Christ by helping to start new churches in new communities. Many areas throughout the United States and Canada are left untouched by the witness and work of a Gospel preaching church. Millions of souls in America today are gripped by the paralyzing palsy of sin and guilt. They need to be brought to the Saviour of men, that they might hear from him those blessed words: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!"

Who will help us in this work? Where are the four who will share this concern of Christ for the lame and

the lost? The Lord and we have need of you!

These four personal workers could well be able doctors and nurses willing to sacrifice the comforts of home to help heal the sick in forgotten lands and tell them that the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto them.

What an amazing story of Jesus and his love is demonstrated in our medical ministry in Cameroon, West Africa. Not only have multitudes been physically helped and healed, but they have been brought into a personal encounter with Christ and their lives have been changed. They have heard the voice of Jesus say; "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," and today they are walking in the power of God's Spirit!

The ministry of these faithful four may well be emulated in this twentieth century by Christian educators, by teachers and preachers, by men and women who concern themselves with making disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded.

It is recorded that our earliest missionaries emphasized a teaching ministry. Winning men for Christ and building them up in Christ are two inseparable efforts of our Christian witness. The work of evangelism through world missions is never completed until those who have been brought to Christ have also been taught and enlisted in turn to bring others to Christ.

FAITH IN ACTION

The work of these four was not easy. To bring the sick of the palsy to Jesus required compassion and concern, sacrifice and service, fortitude and faith. They brought their man to the door, and they found that the door was blocked!

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." The miracle happened! A soul was gloriously saved and made able to walk in obedience to Jesus Christ! It all happened "when Jesus saw their faith!"

There is nothing that our risen, living Lord honors more than faith in action—the kind of action by which souls are brought to him, that he might say to them; "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!"

He wants to see your faith in action! Will you be one of the four?

Bible teaching in Cameroon is very far reaching. On every level, the Word is given for spiritual growth . . .

Evangelism Through Teaching

By Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Teacher of the Bible Training Centre, Ndu, Cameroon.

IN THE LAST verses of the gospel according to Matthew, our risen Lord commands us that as we go forth among all the nations we should do three things: evangelize the nations, baptize the believers and teach them to do all which he commanded. This is the method which, when carried through, culminates in strong local churches. A breakdown in any of these three phases will retard the final objective.

"TEACHING THEM. . . ALL THINGS"

When one goes to a new area, he begins by preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again. Missionary Alfred Saker preached this good news over 100 years ago in coastal Came-

ron, Africa. Today very few of your missionaries to Cameroon do any direct evangelizing. Neither do we immerse the believers. The African Christians have been taught to witness and they have selected some of their leaders to baptize. The third phase, therefore, is primarily the portion of our missionaries today "teaching them to observe all things" which Christ has commanded us.



Missionary Elmer C. Strauss with three Ndu Area Baptist girls who are in training as teachers.

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My joy is to report to the "Baptist Herald" family regarding the Bible teaching ministry in Cameroon today—the third phase of the Great Commission. When we think of Bible teaching, our minds quickly center upon our weekly Sunday school sessions. Come with me to Cameroon. Most, but not all of our 320 Baptist churches, have

Sunday schools. Here the Word is taught, discussed and questions answered.

Remember that only a few of those present will possess a Bible or New Testament. Your missionaries have prepared a small lesson quarterly which has taken root and is in demand for 14 cents per year. We encourage each teacher to invest in a personal copy. The outreach of these Sunday schools is tremendous.

The Sunday morning service is an hour of worship. Here the saints, literate and illiterate, big and small, gather to honor their living and ascended Lord who still breathes his peace into their souls. Many of the church leaders will give the saints some Bible teaching at this hour.

Christian meetings are held weekly. Here the church transacts its business, disciplines (teaches) its members who are in need of special training, and conducts a time of Bible teaching to edify the saints.

BAPTIST DAY SCHOOLS

Another strong arm of the church is the Baptist Day School. Nearly all of the primary education in West Africa is in the hands of the missions. Until recently, your missionaries have been acting like county superintendents of these local Baptist schools. Many hours have been consumed working out the problems with the school principals. A score of reports are always pressing to satisfy the government that the money received by us is being used

to further primary education.

For the volume of work done by the mission, each teacher is granted the privilege of teaching the Word of God for 20 minutes each day to his class. With over 12,000 pupils enrolled in our Baptist Schools, this is a large opportunity with far reaching consequences.

Many of our fields have special times of Bible teaching for the sake of their school teachers who are giving out the Word daily for these 20 precious minutes.

About one third of our school teachers are in some level of Teacher Training at Soppo each year. Here again our missionaries are teaching these teachers how to make the most of these 20 eternal minutes. After all, what shall it profit a student if he should gain knowledge of this world but in so doing lose his own soul? Likewise, the students at Bali College have extensive Bible teaching. The chaplain at Bansa Hospital conducts a Bible teaching ministry for those who are enrolled in the Nurses' Training and Midwifery Training programs.

The Annual Field Conference is comparable to our associations as a place for Bible teaching and fellowship rather than business. Here again hundreds and sometimes even thousands of saints will sit at the feet of their pastors and Christian workers who will teach them from the Word.

The Annual Church Workers' Retreat is something to which the pastors and church teachers look forward as a time of refreshment. Perhaps a visiting pastor or missionary will be leading them in their Bible study time . . . feeding them so that they in turn will be able to feed others.

The Christian Leadership Training Course is another avenue where Bible teaching enters in. These courses last about one month. They are taught in the various fields by pastors and graduates of the Bible School to those who are literate. These courses consist of Bible expositions, Christian Living, Stewardship and Baptist History.

BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER

Pitched on the peak of a 7000 foot mountain is your Baptist Bible Training Center. Here two Africans and two Americans join hearts in teaching 43 students who come for daily Bible

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What a joy to hear Japanese evangelists testifying to the power of the risen Christ in their lives to their own people . . .

Japan Needs the Hope of Easter

By Miss Florence Miller of Benton Harbor, Michigan, Missionary to Japan

CHRISTMAS IS WELL known in Japan, even by the children. It is believed by all to be a time to celebrate, although they may not know what the celebration is about. But at least people are conscious of the Christmas season, if for no other reason than that the stores are decorated with Christmas trees and Santa Clauses.

But the number of people in Japan who know about Easter, apart from the Christians, is a tiny minority. There is no external display of rabbits, eggs, chicks, ducklings, etc., such as we find in American shops. Not even this pagan side of Easter is known, let alone the spiritual message of a resurrected Christ who lives and assures believers that, because he lives, they too shall live.

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

What hope then do the Japanese people have in this life and regarding the future life? Some are without hope of any kind, which accounts to a large degree for the high suicide rate. Some have grasped what must inevitably turn out to be a false hope, such as the security of material possessions which cannot minister to the spiritual needs of the soul, or philosophies which conveniently explain away the unpleasant realities of a future life and advocate a carefree enjoyment of the present.

Many trust in themselves, believing that there is no other source of help than their own wisdom and energy. Some trust in religions which teach that by worshipping and serving the ancestors "from whom all blessings flow" good fortune will come and disaster be averted. These religions may present the comfort that the dead are still present in spirit, or they may teach reincarnation of the dead (re-birth into the world in another form) but not resurrection.

Resurrection is a unique Christian doctrine—a blessed truth which brings hope for the present with the assurance of the presence and power of a risen, living Savior, as well as hope for the future because we shall live and reign with him forever.

Japan desperately needs this hope. Christian churches are still few and their witness is limited. In cities like Ise, Tsu and Matsuzaka, where our mission has been working, there are only three or four Protestant churches



Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

LUKE 19:38.

ministering to more than the 100,000 people of each city. And even these are small churches, struggling to exist, and reaching only a fraction of the total population with the glorious message of the Gospel.

NEED FOR WORKERS

The need for workers to go out to the people is great, because they themselves are unaware of their need or of the blessings Christ has in store for them. Pray that the Lord will call out more young people for this ministry, both missionary and Japanese. Pray that those who are called will receive a good training and then that churches may be established in the unevangelized areas.

Our mission has been working in four cities but so far we have only two permanent church buildings. Our work in Tsu is now four years old but we are still meeting in a rented building which used to be a doctor's clinic and is not too well located. The Board of Missions approved the purchase of land and the building of a student center and chapel. Money was being received for this project, but the building of the missionary home cost more than was anticipated, due to sudden sky-rocketing in building costs. The student center project therefore had to be tabled in order

to complete the missionary home.

So we are still paying high rent for a building which is not really suited to our needs. If enough money were on hand to buy land in a good residential area and a chapel could be built there, we feel quite confident that more people would be attracted to it and we could minister to them more adequately, as well as save the money we must now spend for rent.

In Matsuzaka, lack of a permanent meeting place is hindering the establishment of a work there. We have already been in two different buildings, one a little private school, and the other an unused hospital. Rented quarters are extremely difficult to find in this overpopulated country and, even when something usable is found, it is only temporary for you must be ready to move whenever the landlord asks you to. If money were available to purchase a building, we could put our roots down and remodel the building to suit our needs. But because we must operate on a budget that allows us only enough to rent, our gains are often lost when we are forced to give up a meeting place and start over again somewhere else.

OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

At the Osaka Biblical Seminary, the Mennonite Brethren, the Baptist General Conference and our mission are continuing to plan and work toward a stronger, more effective training program for young people from our churches whom the Lord has called to a special ministry. Of the 19 students at the Seminary, only two are from our own churches.

Pray that other young people may respond to the call for reapers and that we as a mission may provide them with a school that will give them training that is adequate for the task of working with all classes of people, many of whom are highly educated intellectuals. They must learn to possess a vital personal faith that is mature and strong enough to withstand the temptations and testings that come to a Christian worker so that they, in turn, may teach others to observe what Christ has taught them. They must learn also to cope with the non-Christian religions, as well as the godless philosophies of materialism and communism.

For this type of training we need,

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Educational Evangelism Makes a Big Difference!

This is the joy of the mission teacher . . . to impart instruction to eager students with the impetus that they, in turn, will teach others also.

By Miss Alma Zimmerman of the Baptist Teacher Training Center, Soppo, Cameroon, Africa

Happy is the child whose teacher is a Christian!

DOES IT MAKE a difference? I would most emphatically say "yes," it does make a difference. From my experiences and observations, I realize and see the vast difference which a Christian teacher can make in the life of her students. As Christian people in the teaching profession, we need to avail ourselves of the many opportunities to prove that difference and to show the world that being a believer in Christ and his work can also affect our relationship with our students and others. Our attitudes, the manner we assume, our responsibilities and our dealing with others need to reflect Christ.

The fact that we are, first of all, Christian and, secondly, teachers bears out the truth that we are responsible to God as well as man. A teacher is able to carry on education evangelism through various means and under the direct guidance of Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher.

AIM OF EDUCATION

The great aim of education should be to develop to the fullest the individual possibilities of every child in accordance with the laws of God and hence to the general good of all society. Education is more than the teaching of the three R's. It is a means that enables an individual to cope more effectively with the complexities of life in the physical, intellectual and spiritual realms. Teachers must realize that education does not set out to make every individual capable of a "white shirt job." The teacher needs to realize that the pupil is not a machine to be given oil and gas to make him go, but that he is a human being who needs to be prepared for a task in life, a destiny to reach and eternity to gain.

Our aim is to make it possible for a man to live as full and happy life as possible. It tries to make him appreciate the things that are worthwhile in life. It tries to show him that there are more things in life than the pursuit of money and the power that money brings. It tries to show him a way of life good for his soul, his mind and his body. Every human being, from the day he is born, has a soul, a mind and a body. The teacher dare not think of only part of his pupil . . . the mind. Surely the aim she should have in view is to develop the three parts equally, since it takes all three to make a complete man.

Moreover, soul, mind and body are

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IN ACTION**

"Go ye into all the world . . . Preach the gospel . . . The fields are ripe unto harvest . . . It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

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**PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 7-14, 1963**

very closely connected; they work together to make a pupil . . . a man. No teacher can say that she influences the pupil in one isolated area. By virtue of the profession she will develop the mind; she will also take into consideration the needs of the body as she allows for physical exercise, periods of relaxation and activities, as well as allowing time for lunch or other meals.

What about the soul, you say? No teacher will deny that there are many times throughout the day when religious matters are taught either in an incidental or formal manner. True, there is no half hour on the school's timetable given to teaching unselfishness, consideration for others, love, honesty, truthfulness, sincerity and many other desirable attributes of every individual. Such things must become habits of thinking which the pupils get from the example of their teacher and the wisdom of the rules she makes and enforces.

A teacher must realize that hers is not just a job, but a vocation, a calling, like that of any other profession. The teacher then who wishes to influence her pupils must cultivate God-given patience, understanding and love as she deals with God's crown of creation . . . man.

Here at the Baptist Teacher Training Center in Soppo, West Cameroon the missionaries and the African tutors strive to bear witness of Christ's salvation, love and power through consistent daily Christian living and influence among the students. A strong Christian atmosphere prevails on the compound. It is our desire that we might nurture these students in spiritual matters also. Morning prayers in chapel begin the day in the presence of God as a tutor brings a devotional message and songs are sung.

Prayer meetings, daily dormitory devotions, Christian witnessing on and off campus, choir as well as church services, religion classes in the college curriculum are carried on regularly whereby students are constantly

reminded "Whose we are and Whom we serve." Through the effort of "Spiritual Emphasis Days," the matter of dedication and rededication to Christ, Christian living and service is brought to their attention. (Spiritual Emphasis Days this year will be April 11-14, 1963. Pray for this time!)

12,000 STUDENTS

Another area in which we carry on educational evangelism is religious-educational materials provided for the students in our Cameroon Baptist Mission Primary (elementary) Schools. We are allowed approximately one half hour of religious instruction daily, which is a part of every school's time schedule. The instruction is carried on by the classroom teacher. It is the responsibility of the mission's educational committee to provide effective instructional religious material for these teachers and students.

We praise God that such material is now being provided to approximately 12,000 students throughout the Cameroons. This material was made available through the combined efforts of many missionaries. The material is such that the lower grade students receive Bible content through Old and New Testament stories as well as doctrine. The upper grade students receive a more extensive study of the Old and New Testament. Bible content, doctrine and Baptist history.

Pray with us that this material may be used effectively to strengthen the students in Christian living, to the salvation of souls, and that they may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Also pray with us in regard to securing the services of two regional Chaplains of Schools and the effective operation of our entire chaplaincy program in our schools. It will be the responsibility of these chaplains to supervise the use of the religious education material and to look after the spiritual welfare of the students in our Cameroon schools.

This is the joy of the teacher . . . to impart instruction to eager students, with the impetus that they, in turn, will teach others also. The quest for knowledge is unending, for there is so much to be learned, and the zest for edification is unbounded. Being sure that we have the true faith of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, we are to commit it to "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:2). Thus will the Good News go to the ends of the earth as faithfully we pass it on to others, who in turn become faithful men of the faith.

Meadowlark Church Needs a Building

Church Extension Builders in April 1963 will contribute toward the new building of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Jasper Place, Alberta

By Rev. Willy R. Muller, Church Extension Pastor

AT THE VERY heart of a suburb on the west side of Edmonton, Alberta, known as the town of Jasper Place, is North American Baptists' newest Church Extension work in the Edmonton area. The church will be known as the Meadowlark Baptist Church because it is located in the Meadowlark Park subdivision of the town.

Jasper Place has the unique distinction of being the largest town in Canada with a total population of 35,000. However, it will not have this status for long, since amalgamation plans have already been approved and are to take effect some time this year. Jasper Place will then be a larger subdivision of the greater Edmonton area.

JASPER PLACE AREA

For a number of years, Jasper Place was a low-cost housing area and thus attracted families with a number of children. While there has been a tremendous boom in building in this area over the past ten years, the trend towards the settlement of families with children has continued. Many of the families living in this area work in the city of Edmonton and commute to their work.

The work in Jasper Place is rather different from other North American Baptist Church Extension projects in that we did not begin this work. This Sunday school had its beginning back in 1957 under the capable thrust of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKay, members of the Fundamental Baptist Church of

Edmonton. Mr. McKay, having been a member of the Jasper Place School Board, was influential in getting the use of the Sherwood Public School for the Sunday school sessions. While the work grew rather slowly, it did make steady progress and a number of children came to a vital living faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

By 1961 the work had grown to the

could not afford to build in that area. The idea was put forth that any converts of the Jasper Place area should unite with the parent church downtown, but this idea did not go over with the workers out in the area or with the parents of the children concerned.

The hand of the Lord was definitely upon the work and at the appointed



Rev. Willy R. Muller, Church Extension pastor, standing at the signs announcing meetings of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Jasper Place, Alberta.

point where a vital decision had to be made as to its future because it became apparent that serious consideration should be given to the organization of a church for the care and training of the new converts. When the matter was placed before the Fundamental Baptist Church, the decision was negative. They felt they

time Brother McKay mentioned his dilemma to the late Brother William Link of the Capilano Baptist Church. As they discussed the problems of the work and the great possibilities that the future held, Brother Link took the liberty and suggested North American Baptist Church Extension to the workers in Jasper Place. A series of discussions followed between the workers and Brother Link in which Church Extension was explained to them.

At this point, the Greater Edmonton Church Extension Council had been formed and was prepared to take up the work and to continue the negotiations. A proposal was made to Church Extension to buy three lots on the corner of 156th Street and 92nd Avenue for the future building of the work. By mid-spring of 1962 the work was transferred to our denomination with Mr. McKay continuing as Sunday school superintendent.

In October 1962, a call was extended to Rev. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alberta to which a favorable response was given. The Mullers began their work in Jasper Place on Jan. 15, 1963. Meetings are still being held in the Sherwood School auditorium, but it is becoming ever more apparent that a permanent building of our own will have to be erected. The Sunday school

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First Friends of Meadowlark Baptist Church.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. McKay, S. S. secretary; Mrs. Morris Gilbertson, Miss H. Karlson, assistant to the superintendent; Mrs. A. Byers, Mrs. G. Criss, secretary of Board; (Back row) Mrs. E. Zapf, Missionary Guild director; Mr. D. Ortlieb, Mr. J. Huber, Mr. Morris Gilbertson, Mr. G. Green, treasurer; Mr. J. W. McKay, superintendent; Mr. B. Lemke, student worker.

"Souls for Jesus" Everywhere

Reports from God's Volunteers Teams I and II in the Pacific and Atlantic Coast Areas

INTO "THE APPLE BASKET" OF CANADA

Report of Team I
by Kathy Dockter

"GREETINGS IN THE Savior's Name!" So begins the evening service. An unsung part of the work of God's Volunteers is that of the evening services.

We begin with our theme chorus, "Souls for Jesus." This chorus has been used since Rev. Walter Hoffman became the director of the teams five years ago. Our next part of the program is a group selection, when all the voices are used. One of the favorite group numbers is called, "As a Volunteer." This number was used as a theme chorus for the first two years.

SONGS AND STORIES

"I May Never March in the Infantry" introduces that portion of the program in which the boys and girls take part. A story told by a different team member each night captures the hearts of the little ones, as in story form we present the plan of salvation.

The trio is next in line, with Gospel filled messages in song. These songs generally follow the same line of thought as the sermon.

Next on the agenda is the "Say So" chorus and testimony time. That is the occasion when we give those in the audience an opportunity to testify and tell what the Lord has done in their own lives.

A personal word of testimony is rendered each night by a different team member, followed by a musical selection. Thus, we share our Christian experiences with the audience, and also familiarize ourselves with their families and homes.

We as a team like to get well acquainted with the churches we serve, and we like to have them know us.

Each evening a special emphasis is made on prayer. A different team member, each night, makes a special appeal for prayer. We like to have people remember us at the eleven o'clock hour. It is at that time when we as a team are on our knees in prayer, praying for the local needs as well as the needs in the areas we have served.

Another musical selection is rendered by the team, preceding the sermon. As you can tell by now, the evening services are geared for the whole family. This is a very important part of the programming of God's Volunteers. Continue to support us in prayer in this area.

KELOWNA AND STARTUP

On February 1st, Team No. I drove

MY PILLAR OF CLOUD AND OF FIRE

My Father, the guide of my youth,
To thee for direction I fly.
O grant me thy light and thy truth,
Nor ever thy presence deny,
My pillar of cloud and of fire
While destined to journey below.
What more can a pilgrim desire
Or thou in thy goodness bestow?
—Beecher

into the "Apple Basket of Canada" to begin our work at the Trinity Church, Kelowna, British Columbia. Accompanied by Rev. Herman Palfenier as guest speaker, the team launched into a full visitation program. About 130 people were contacted and spoken to about their spiritual welfare.

The team was saddened when they said their Good-byes to the Nikkel's, and those with whom we had worked so closely.

On we went to Startup, Washington to begin work with Rev. Herbert Schauer and his congregation. At one time this was a mission church.

As the team got into its visitation work, they found many prospects for salvation and church attendance. The Lord did bless us, and we were able to lead some souls to the Lord.

Mr. Palfenier again was the guest evangelist on this field. This was the last time that this year's teams will have him as a guest speaker.

We shall have three more church engagements on the West Coast. Pray for your sister churches and their pastors in this area. They are far and few between and miss a great deal of the fellowship that we so often take for granted.

CLOSED AND OPEN DOORS FOR CHRIST

Report of Team II
by Ronna Merrick

On January 28, Team Two of God's Volunteers left Mowata, Louisiana for its 3½ day trek to Rochester, New

SCHEDULE OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

TEAM NO. I

March 26-April 7—Spokane, Wash.

April 9-21—Billings, Montana

TEAM NO. II

March 31-April 7—Jamesburg, N.J.

April 10-17—Fellowship Chapel, Warren, Mich.

York. During the drive we were thrilled at the beauty around us as we drove through mountains and came into view of beautiful mountain lakes.

On January 31, we arrived at Rev. Arthur Weisser's home and we were taken from there to our home for the next week and a half. Rev. Walter Hoffman joined the team a couple of days later to begin our week of services.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Most of the visitation from the Andrews Street Church was confined to the sick and shut-in people of the church. The services were well attended, and many of the young people came forward to dedicate their lives to the Lord and his service.

The young people were very energetic and, seeing we were getting fat and lazy, they decided we needed some exercise. Hence, a basketball game was decided upon—God's Volunteers versus Andrew Street Baptist. We won 42-36, but only after finally changing to girls' rules!! (The apples and popcorn were a good idea).

We also had an opportunity to tour the old North American Baptist Seminary building while in Rochester. Today it is used as a Roman Catholic retreat home. Statues and pictures crowd the halls and rooms. How wonderful it is to know that our Lord is not on the cross but risen and that we are free from fear and superstition!

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Mr. Hoffman and the team then traveled on to our next church, King's Highway Baptist in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where Rev. William Christensen is pastor.

Visitation there was done mostly in apartment areas in an effort to seek out unchurched people, particularly children for the Sunday school. Many doors were slammed in our faces, and in some blocks there were no Protestants, just Catholics. Bridgeport, in a recent survey, was found to be 49% Roman Catholic. This was really a challenging field in which to work.

Meetings were conducted from Wednesday to Wednesday. Two Children's Rallies were held on Thursday and Tuesday. Rev. Walter Hoffman flew home on Wednesday night after the closing service, but the team stayed on until Sunday finishing up in visitation work and participating in the Sunday services.

After Bridgeport, the team left for New York City to spend a week's spring vacation.

The Lord has been good to us and has blessed our ministry thus far. We thank you for your continued support in prayers and giving.

BAPTIST HERALD

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Inspirational Easter Poems and Prayer

THE LEGEND OF EASTER LILIES

Oh, hear the ancient legend
Of the lilies of Eastertide.
It tells that when the Saviour
Left the tomb and stepped outside,
The world's first Easter lilies
Sprang up where his feet had trod,
And with their matchless beauty
They glorified the sod.

The legend is a fancy
By imagination wrought,
But the truth revealed is mighty.
Let us grasp it as we ought.
Where'er the Saviour's footsteps
Have touched this old world's gloom,
There purity, joy, and beauty
Burst forth in radiant bloom.
—Alice Crowell Hoffman

CHRIST THE LORD CAME DOWN

Christ the Lord came down that day,
To dwell as man with men;
To toil and tire the same as they,
To die—then live again!

He walked the roughest roads of life,
He knew the pangs of pain;
He bore the agonies of strife—
Was drenched with sorrow's rain.

His face was wet with unearned tears,
His heart oft harbored grief;
He knew men's common woes and fears,
And trouble's chained relief.

Christ the Lord comes down today,
To walk the road again;
To heal the hurt, wipe tears away,
And bring new hope to men!
—Russell E. Kauffman

EASTER HOPES

Celestial songs sweep o'er my soul,
As once again the seasons roll;
When with the ceaseless tide of time,
Comes Easter with its joys sublime.

Now fades away death's dreary night,
Golgotha, death, the tomb and fright;
For with the dawn Faith's wearied eyes,
Angels behold with glad surprise.

Witness they bear of him Who rose,
And conquered sin and all our woes;
Ascended Lord of life Divine,
Let me be thine as thou art mine.

Sweet messages the lilies bring,
Blossoms that bloom with joyous Spring;
That glorify the vale of death,
And open gates with earth's last breath.

Assured is immortality,
And home with God eternally;

March 28, 1963

As, lifted high upon his cross,
The Lord of Glory hung—
When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms
Stole forth in street and mart;
But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day, and whitest day,
Were just three days apart.
Author Unknown

EASTER

Sing, soul of mine, this day of days.
The Lord is risen.
Toward the sunrising set thy face.
The Lord is risen.
Behold he giveth strength and grace;
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;
For sin, his holiness; for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!
Forget the tomb of yesterday,
For thou from bondage art set free;
Thou sharest in his victory
And life eternal is for thee,
Because the Lord is risen.
Author Unknown

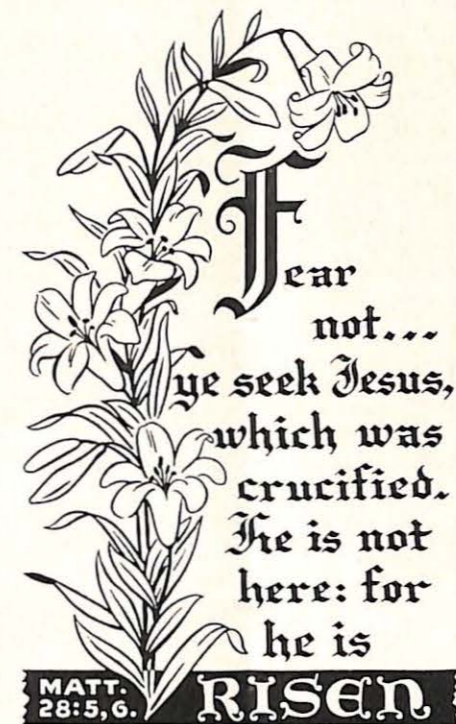
MY RISEN LORD

My risen Lord, I feel thy strong protection;
I see thee stand among the graves today;
I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,
I hear thee say,
And all the burdens I have carried sadly
Grow light as blossoms on an April day;
My cross becomes a staff, I journey gladly
This Easter day.
Author Unknown

CALVARY AND EASTER

A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just three days apart!

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart is wrung,



An Easter Prayer

ETERNAL God, on this Easter day of triumph over sin and death, when nature speaks again of thy life-giving power, we thank thee for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, for the love and tenderness, the glory and power of his living presence.

May his promise that because he lives, we shall live also, remove from us all fear and doubt. May the power of his resurrection be made manifest today in the lives of burdened, wearied, anxious, suffering, persecuted people everywhere. Thou art the Father of all mankind. It is

not thy will that one of thy children shall perish.

May his radiant presence be revealed anew today to thy people in all lands, to the missionaries of his cross, to statesmen and all others in authority, to the end that peace may come, and all thy children dwell together in unity and brotherhood, turning their energies and their resources to the consummation of that abundant and eternal life for which he lived and died and rose again.

So let thy Kingdom come on earth and the living Christ reign in every heart, this day and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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attitude of the American embassy in Moscow in this incident is disturbing," Dr. Browne said. "There must have been some better explanation" than the one given by American embassy officials who said they could not act legally in the matter.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Give as unto the Risen and Living Lord in your EASTER OFFERING.

EVANGELISM THROUGH HEALING

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schools and churches for his people. We thank God for the increase he gives through our work in his Name.

And so your medical missionaries strive to carry out the commission of Christ daily in their work in the Cameroons. We heal only to reach souls for Jesus Christ. "Preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick."

MEADOWLARK CHURCH

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has grown to 17 classes with a total enrollment of 126. Since the attendance has been well over 110 since the beginning of the year, it makes for some confusion to have all of these classes meet within the confines of one room. However, the Lord is blessing and drawing others to himself.

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Building plans are being formulated through a building committee appointed by the Greater Edmonton Church

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Morning worship services were begun about October 1962, and the attendance has increased steadily at these services. At present the attendance is about 70 at the worship services held every Sunday morning. A number of families, members of other North American Baptist churches in Edmonton but who are living in the Jasper Place area, are helping along very faithfully in the work.

Besides giving much credit to Brother McKay for his untiring work, mention should be made of two Christian Training Institute theological students who have put forth a lot of effort in the work. One is Jerry Poshwatta, who spent many weeks last summer in ringing doorbells in the area and making an extensive survey of the work. The other is Bernt Lemke who took over the work when Jerry went back to school, and who carried on until the Mullers arrived on the field.

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2. _____				
3. _____				

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● **GOSPEL BROADCASTS ON CURACAO.** Trans World Radio, which carries the "Hour of Decision" broadcast from Monte Carlo, will place the world's most powerful Protestant radio station in full broadcast operation October 1 on the island of Curacao, Dr. Paul E. Freed, TWR founder and president, has announced. The island lies approximately 20 miles off the coast of Venezuela. Trans World Radio was founded in 1952 by Dr. Freed, as a non-profit Protestant evangelical organization with international headquarters here. Dr. Freed said that in addition to the short-wave and standard-wave broadcast facilities to be installed on Curacao at a cost of \$1,000,000, plans call for construction and operation of FM and TV stations. —Billy Graham Crusade News Bureau.

● **NO CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS.** The action of MAIN EVENTS, student newspaper at City College of New York, in discontinuing cigarette advertisements in its columns has been applauded editorially by AMERICA, national Catholic weekly magazine. Religious News Service reports. The student newspaper noted that its action would result in a loss of nearly 50% of its revenue and expressed regret that "apparently many other school papers across the country must, to such a large extent, rely upon a product which, according to the evidence, contributes so greatly to the death of thousands every year." Applauding the decision of the City College editors, AMERICA wondered editorially "how many other college papers are game enough to take the hint and turn this into a trend."

● **"IN GOD WE TRUST."** The area above the Speaker's chair in the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., once decorated by 15 ornamental stars, now bears the motto: "In God We Trust." The change came as a result of a resolution initiated by Rep. Fred Marshall of Michigan. "During these times when our country is facing great crises," Marshall told the House, "it is well that we remind ourselves of our reliance upon God and reaffirm our faith in him."

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **WAR-DAMAGED CHURCHES IN GERMANY.** Protestant authorities have announced the completion of reconstruction work on all war-damaged Evangelical churches and buildings in West Berlin. Of the 110 Evangelical churches in pre-war Berlin's western sector, only 5 remained undamaged while 33 suffered heavy destruction and 5 were totally destroyed. All have been rebuilt. In addition, 22 new churches and 22 new parish centers have been erected since the end of

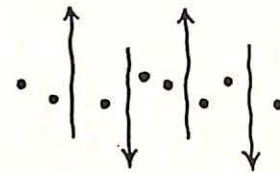
World War II. Of the 81 churches in what is now East Berlin, 35 suffered heavy war damage while 8 were destroyed beyond repair. To date, 68 have been repaired but only one new church and one new parish center have been built since 1945.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **VISIT THE BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY.** Visitors from 31 states and 25 countries were received during 1962 by the library of the American Bible Society. The library, located in the Bible House, the Society's world headquarters at 450 Park Avenue in

New York City, has the most extensive collection of Scriptures in the Western Hemisphere—more than 22,000 volumes in over 1,100 languages. One feature of the library is a permanent display of historic translations and editions of the English Bible, including a handwritten Wyclif New Testament, a facsimile copy of Tyndale's New Testament, an original copy of the Coverdale Bible (the first Bible printed in the English language) and a first edition copy of the King James Version. Visitors to the library are welcome from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Batist Editor Challenges Universalism.** "Salvation does not come automatically, with or without our consent," asserts Editor John C. Slemp in an editorial in the March edition of MISSIONS, 159-year-old magazine of the American Baptist Convention. "It requires human response—an act of the mind, the heart and the will in joyous surrender, in full commitment, to Christ." Editor Slemp's editorial, "What Is The Gospel?" challenges the theological concept of universalism—that all men are saved whether they know it or not. "The new life in Christ is not ours whether we know it or not," Mr. Slemp declares. Billy Graham Crusade News Bureau.

● **Lloyd George's Centenary.** The centenary of the birth of David Lloyd George was observed by "The Baptist Times" of London, England on Jan. 24, 1963. Baptists will recall the many associations of this wartime prime minister of England and Welsh Baptist leader with Christian denominations. Lloyd George established the United Board Chaplaincies in the armed forces. One of his biographers, M. M. Thomson, was a Baptist minister. The London "Times" has paid him this tribute: "The most un-English of Prime Ministers except Disraeli, and a Welshman who had a greater influence on our national destinies than any of his countrymen since Henry VII." Lady Megan Lloyd George has accepted the Baptist Union's invitation to speak at the 1963 May Assembly.

● **European Baptist Federation.** Dr. Erik Ruden, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, announces that the 3rd International Conference will take place in Amster-

dam, The Netherlands, August 12-16, 1964. This Federation is a postwar development and has been showing considerable increase of strength with the years. Principal meetings will be held in the new Rai Hall of Amsterdam. Other services will be held in the John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church, if its construction is completed by that time, as hoped.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Reading Room in Tanganyika.** Baptists opened a library and reading room in December on the main street of Tanga's Ngamiani area. The room has been filling within minutes after the doors open each day. Tanga is a port city of about 40,000 people, at least 75 per cent Muslims. Ngamiani is the city's most heavily Muslim-populated center. "The desperate thirst for knowledge and education is a prime factor in encouraging people to come and read," Hampton explained. Gospel tracts in Arabic and Swahili, displayed in the window, have been in great demand, he reported. Secular reading materials are provided as well as the Bible and other Christian books and literature.

—The Commission

● **32 Siberian Christians.** United State's handling of the case of the 32 Siberian Christians who besieged the American Embassy in Moscow to seek religious freedom brought a denunciation from the president of the American Convention at the annual meeting of the Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches. Dr. Benjamin P. Browne said he had been told the U. S. could have provided entrance visas to the would-be Russian refugees. "The

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● **Rev. and Mrs. Chester Dundas** of Warren, Mich., have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 15, who has been named Jeffrey. This is their first child in 13 years of married life. Mr. Dundas is the associate pastor at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

● **The Baptist church of Venturia, N. Dak.,** has extended a call to Rev. Milton W. Falkenberg of Oak Bank, Manitoba to which he has replied favorably. He hoped to begin his ministry in the Venturia church on March 10, 1963, succeeding Rev. Orville Meth, now of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Mr. Falkenberg has been the minister at the Oak Bank Baptist Church since May 1960.

● **A "Mission to Ministers Conference"** sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies was held at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from Feb. 28 to March 1. Featured in the Conference were Rev. Emilio Castro of Montevideo, Uruguay, and Dr. Nils J. Engelsen of the Norwegian Baptist Seminary in Oslo. Their lectures featured "A Theology of Mission and Missions" and a study of the rapid social, economic, political and religious changes which affect our Christian witness in the world.

● **At a special youth service of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.,** on Sunday morning, Feb. 17, three young people brought their testimonies. Robert Wick spoke on "The Greatest Freedom"; Paul Freiwald on "The Greatest Savior"; and Jim Van Dyke on "The Greatest Responsibility." Karen Schauer rendered a piano solo and Carol Freiwald and Karen Schauer sang "I Would Like to Tell You What I Think of Jesus." Rev. Carl H. Palfenier is pastor of the church.

● **"Spiritual Challenge Meetings"** were held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., from March 3 to 10 with "God's Volunteers" Team II and Rev. H. J. Waltereit of East Detroit, Mich., ministering with the Word. The annual rally of the Young People's Fellowship of New York and vicinity was held at the Immanuel Church on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, in connection with the missionary rallies scheduled for that area. Missionary Earl H. Ahrens and Rev. J. E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., served as the speakers. Rev. Assaf Husmann is pastor of the church.

● **The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,** held its annual Day of Prayer on Friday, Feb. 15, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. with all students and faculty members participating. Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., served as the leader and brought several messages. The devotional life of such religious leaders as Jonathan Edwards, Russell H. Conwell and Billy Graham were portrayed and the minister of today was challenged to be faithful in his devotional life. James Schacher led in the open-

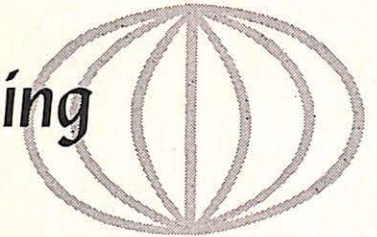
ing devotional. President Frank Venning brought a closing testimony and prayer at 1:45 P.M.

● **The members and friends of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak.,** observed the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rohrer on Feb. 17. A brief

By-Laws. Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor, believes that "the visitation program has been one of the greatest things that have happened to the Trenton church in recent years."

● **On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,** a gospel team from

what's happening



program was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, at the Open House held that Sunday afternoon in the church parlors. Mr. and Mrs. Art Richter, who were included in the double wedding ceremony in 1913, were honored on the same day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Olson of Nampa, Idaho. On Feb. 13 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirstien of the Madison church observed their 45th wedding anniversary.

● **The First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill.,** has been conducting a "School of Missions" on Sunday evenings since the first of the year. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Camerons missionary, served the church on Feb. 13 and Rev. Madison Bittner, director of evangelism and Church Extension for the Illinois State Convention, showed pictures on Haiti on Feb. 17. "A Churchwide Visitation Program" has been made a part of the church's ministry as provided in the

Eastern Baptist College of Philadelphia was in charge of the program. At the Missionary Conference sessions held at the church on Sunday, March 10, and on March 11 missionary speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman of Africa and Rev. Fred Moore of Japan. "God's Volunteers" Team No. II was at the church from March 12 to 24, carrying on visitation work and conducting special meetings with Rev. John Ziegler of Xenia, Ohio as the evangelist. Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann is the pastor.

● **The denominational Church Extension Committee** has extended a call to Rev. Raymond Harsch of Leduc, Alta., to begin a new pioneer NAB Church Extension work in Greeley, Colorado. This is a college community, a cultural center and a fine city near La Salle, Colorado, where a new North American Baptist church should have been established years ago. Mr. Harsch, who has served as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc since 1958, has accepted the call and announced that he and his family would begin their ministry in Greeley, Colorado on May 1st. Articles and reports about this promising Church Extension project in Greeley will appear later in the "Baptist Herald."

● **Sixteen ministers of NAB churches** of Detroit, Mich., and vicinity attended their monthly Ministers' Fellowship Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at one of the Howard Johnson restaurants of Detroit. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is the president of the group and Rev. Eugene Stroh the secretary-treasurer. Plans for the World Day of Prayer services and the Easter season were announced. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on "New Plateaus in Our Denominational Work." On March 19 the guest speakers at a similar luncheon were Dr. Peter E. Fehr, Rev. Fred Moore, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, missionaries, and Rev. John Binder, denominational Youth Director.

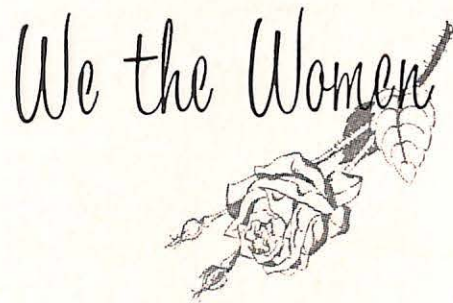
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APRIL 1963 MISSION FIELD

Each month a new mission field will be announced in keeping with the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and the "20 Imperatives" for our North American Baptist Churches

Seminary & Christian Training Institute

- Study the Seminary Issue of the "Baptist Herald," March 14, 1963.
- Watch for the special articles about the Christian Training Institute to appear on April 25, 1963.
- Pray for these educational institutions and their faculties.



THE FATHER'S WILL

By Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf
of Kyle, Texas

President of the W. M. U.,
Southern Conference

"I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30b).

The Easter message of the resurrection story can only be blessed to our hearts to the extent that our lives are committed to God and his will.

It is God's will that a woman should be a helpmate to her husband, a homemaker, and mother to all generations—past, present and future. Next to salvation through Christ, the greatest gift to women is motherhood. A great responsibility is placed upon us. We wonder how well we are fulfilling the Father's will in this present age.

In our modern day many mothers have ambitions for their sons' and daughters' popularity, and the spiritual values are sacrificed. Some women must have every new gadget on the market and so they close their pocket-books to missions. We have so many "Marthas" and so few "Marys." We are busy with material aspirations and little time is left for a visit with that lonely shut-in or the sick. Little time is spent at the Master's feet. We turn our backs to the many outstretched hands and let the state or local welfare agencies provide.

We hope the above mentioned examples are not true of us. But when we hear reports that so few young people are going into fields of Christian service, that only one-half of our church members are giving to missions, and that many others needs are not being met, we ask ourselves the question: "Have we women failed to do God's will in our stewardship of gifts, time, talent, and as homemakers?"

The Bible says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." What great joy

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the change of date for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer:

November 4, 1963,
the first Monday
in November,
is the new regular date.

Please mark your
calendars now.

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is the origin of the celebration of Easter?

The English name Easter is derived from an Anglo-Saxon name Eostre, or Ostara, the goddess of spring, in whose honor a festival was held every April. Thus, the name of the day is of pagan origin.

Many other names for Easter are derived from the Hebrew *pesach* or *pascha*, meaning "passed over." It is from this root that the word Passover is derived. The French, for example, named the day "paques," which has reference to this connection.

There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. The special sanctity of certain days and times (except for the first day of the week, or the Lord's Day) was foreign to the early Christians.

THE PASCHAL LAMB

After Christ's resurrection, the Passover took on a new meaning to believers, who saw Jesus Christ as the true Paschal Lamb and the firstfruit from the dead. It is this new understanding of what was foreshadowed in the Old Testament Passover which gave rise to the Christian Easter observance, now transformed into a festival in commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord.

Thus, the observance of Easter came in, at an early period in the Christian Church, but there was no regularity or uniformity in the observance of the day. It was not until the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. that some uniformity in the celebration of the day was decreed. Before this time, there were serious differences of opinion with regard to the exact day when Easter should be observed, especially between Christians of Jewish and those of Gentile descent.

With the Jewish Christians the observance of the day of the month in relation to the phase of the moon (without regard to the day of the week) was the important consideration, because of the time of the Passover. With the Gentile Christians the observance of the day of the week (the first day) was the important consideration, because of the Resurrection, and they kept the preceding Friday as the commemoration of the crucifixion (irrespective of the time of the month). Generally, the Western churches kept Easter on the first

comes into our lives when we submit to his will and seek those things which are from above. We will lack nothing.

May we strive to sit at the Master's feet and hear him say, "Well done!"

day of the week, while the Eastern churches followed the Jewish rule by keeping Easter on the 14th day of the moon.

The decision of the Council of Nicea was unanimous that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world. Since the resurrection of Christ occurred a short time after the observance of the Passover, this determines in general the season of the year to which the Resurrection belongs. The Council decreed that Easter should be celebrated "on the Sabbath [Sunday] immediately following the so-called paschal [full] moon, which happens on or first after the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox invariably falls on March 21." According to this, Easter cannot occur earlier than March 22 nor later than April 25.

Since the phase of the moon at the time of the equinox varies in different longitudes, it was decided that the correct date was to be calculated at Alexandria, Egypt, the home of astronomical science. The bishop of that area was to announce it yearly to the churches under his jurisdiction, and also to the bishop of Rome, who was to communicate it to the Western churches.

THE EASTER OBSERVANCE

In the course of history further difficulties and complications arose with regard to the celebration of Easter, especially with respect to the attempt to set up cycles of years to determine the exact dates to be observed. Jealousies and rivalries entered in, and at times sharp controversies were precipitated. Resentment of everything originating in the West still keeps the Eastern churches from accepting the Gregorian correction of the calendar (in 1582), and thus their Easter usually falls before or after that of the Western churches. Only very rarely do the two coincide.

Actually there is no divine authority for the appointment of Easter. The observance of the resurrection of our Lord occurs every first day of the week according to the New Testament. Christ's resurrection is too important and foundational for the Christian faith to be observed only by an annual festival.

Because of the absence of divine authority for an annual observance, it was formerly disregarded by the English Dissenters and Scotch Presbyterians and some other Protestant bodies. It has especially been observed by Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans.

Today the annual observance of Easter has become almost universally

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EVANGELISM THRU TEACHING

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instruction for nine months of the year. At the completion of three years, they are granted a certificate. Since the second and third year married students bring their families with them, their wives receive Bible training nine months a year for two years. Some of these men go forth to pastor churches, and at the same time, begin new churches.

This is surely what Jesus meant when he said to Peter, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs." Teaching them will assure a healthy flock. And will not a healthy flock bring forth or bear healthy lambs? This is the process of each bringing forth after his own kind.

As you have seen, Bible teaching in Cameroon is very far reaching. On every level, the Word is given for spiritual growth. And so we continue to carry forth the third phase of the Great Commission which is our responsibility today. And when are we to cease teaching the saints? It seems that this is to be carried on from the time of their conversion from idols to God until they depart from this life to become members of the Church Triumphant!

RESURRECTION LIFE

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(May 30, 1960), he writes: "We have advanced science to the edges of the inexplicable and hoisted our technology to the sun itself. We are in a state of growth and flux and change in which cities flow out into countryside and countryside moves into cities and new industries are born and old industries vanish and the customs of generations alter and fathers speak different languages from their sons. In brief, we are prosperous, lively, successful, inventive, diligent—but, nevertheless and notwithstanding, something is wrong and we know it . . . We feel we've lost our way in the woods, that we don't know where we are going—if anywhere."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the answer, but we must apply it to meet the present situation by redemptive living and sharing the new life in Jesus Christ with all its social implications. What are churches for but to be channels of Christ's life? It is our irrevocable responsibility to explain the way fervently enough, live convincingly enough, and sacrifice sufficiently enough.

The practical application of the resurrection life is like the coal we mine here in Illinois. Under the surface of this prairie state coal awaits release. Men and machines dig it out, and the energy that lay asleep for centuries now gives light and heat and power. The fact that it is present does not move a wheel or warm a home; not until it is mined and used. Resurrection truth is of no use to us nor to a lost world until we live it and share it.

World Youth Conference In Beirut

Join us in a thrilling pilgrimage to the Land of the Bible featuring the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon!

6th Baptist Youth
World Conference in
Beirut, Lebanon,
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Read the article
about the Youth
Conference and this
exciting tour in the
1963 ANNUAL
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- Youth and workers with youth! Let a trip to Europe and the Holy Land will ever forget this exciting adventure. Actually to see the places that you have read and heard about all your life is a very moving experience. It will affect your whole outlook for years to come. The Scriptures will take on new meaning as you read them again.
- This is more than a trip. It is an opportunity for youth to make a dynamic witness for Christ in these countries. Who can know the effect of such a witness of 3,000 "missionaries"?
- Therefore, we are providing the following tour designed especially for our North American Baptist youth and youth workers. This tour offers excellent value at a very reasonable price.
- On July 8, 1963, we leave New York and see London, Rome, Beirut, Damascus, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Dead Sea, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Tel Aviv, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Paris and return to New York August 1, 1963.

All-inclusive Tour Cost — \$1,125.00.

If you are interested, write to:

Director of Youth Work, North American Baptists
7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois

I WALKED THE EASTER ROAD TODAY

I walked the Easter road today,
The path that leads to Calvary,
Up from a garden bleak and still,
Known as Gethsemane.
High on a hill where two ways met,
I paused before a blood-stained tree
Where men had hung the Son of God
For my iniquity.

YOUR EASTER OFFERING is your gift of love to THE RISEN CHRIST.

What will you do for HIM, your Savior, who died on the Cross for your sins and for your gift of eternal life?

I walked the Easter road alone,
With none to lift the dark despair;
My heart was heavy when I met
A Stranger walking there.
Yet, not a Stranger, as I thought,
For my Emmaus seemed to be
A hopeless quest . . . my eyes were closed
To his divinity.

I walked the Easter road with him,
Until, as twilight softly fell,
I offered him my meat and drink—
And my poor heart, as well.
For, as he broke my humble bread
And lifted up his eyes to pray,
I knew I'd walked the Easter road
With Jesus Christ today.

—Ivy Waterworth

Jamie couldn't understand why the shape of the loaves of bread should make Mr. Tarrant so unhappy. But then, maybe it wasn't the bread after all . . .

EASTER AT THE POINT

An Easter Story by Anne West

(Reprinted from "The Easter War Cry").



It was going to be a glorious Easter morning at the Point with Spring flowers and heavenly music! (Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.).

THE FIRST flower clusters had opened on the hobblebushes, and a scarlet tanager darted in and out among the scrub pine. All around, in the early morning air, were hints of spring. Jamie's heart churned joyfully as he pumped his bike up Loblolly Hill. It was going to be a glorious Easter morning on the Point! Already his father and mother, soldiers in The Salvation Army, would be over in Haverly, working at the corps, getting ready for the sunrise service.

There was no finer spot than the Point on the whole New England coast for a sunrise service. There were the wide rocks, spread out almost like seats in an amphitheater; the high wall of the granite quarry behind; and, in front—well, England, if a fellow could see far enough. Every year the service was an exciting thing to be a part of, and Jamie could hardly wait to finish his deliveries and get on down the path.

The Tarrant house stood just ahead, its shutters blue as the ocean would be in another hour—once the sun came up to lay upon it.

One more house—and one more wreath of bread.

It nestled in his bicycle basket, a golden-brown braided wreath, still smelling of the ovens. This morning, because it was so much earlier than usual, he could slip to the back porch and leave it on the shelf by the door. Mr. Tarrant would not be up yet to rant and rave about the shape of it.

Yet, if the bicycle tires crunched in the gravel of the drive—if he should wake Mr. Tarrant—that might be worse, even, than about the bread. He wheeled slowly, carefully . . .

The trouble had begun on Thursday morning, Maundy Thursday. All

winter long—pulling his sled when the snows were too deep for his bike—Jamie had delivered this route for his grandfather's bakery, bringing the warm loaves, fresh for breakfast, up to the Loblolly Hill folks. With never a complaint—there was no better bread, after all, in all Blue Cove!—until last Thursday, when this Mr. Tarrant . . .

It was the artist folks who lived now on Loblolly Hill by the quarries—the writers and the painters who had discovered this little fishing village and had moved in upon its quiet way of life, putting in words and on canvas its sunsets and lobster sheds, its white sails and granite rocks.

Mr. Tarrant, who had come nine months ago, was a sculptor. He was a thin, craggy, handsome man who walked the Blue Cove streets, when he came down to the village, as if inside him there were energy to burn.

Always, until Thursday, there had been only a quick nod from him at the sight of the bread, and he would go swinging into the kitchen with it, where Jamie could see him thump it on the table. Then he would call, "Elise!"

She was a slender, dark woman—his wife. Once in the winter she had said, "Wait!" and had torn and buttered a piece of the bread and handed it back to Jamie.

"It's so cold," she'd said, very pleasantly, very eagerly, "for you to be out." But then her husband had noticed and moved between them, banging the door shut.

Last Thursday, Mr. Tarrant had taken the bread as usual and started inside with it, then turned abruptly, feeling the strange shape of it in his hand. "What crazy trick is this?" he'd demanded.

Jamie had started, proudly, to explain. It was Maundy Thursday. Always on Maundy Thursday his grandfather baked the bread in the shape of a rope—to remind people of the rope with which Judas hanged himself. "Judas' sin, my grandfather says, was not only the betrayal of his Master but the sin of despair which led him to suicide and—"

"And who is your grandfather to judge the depth of a man's despair?"

The man's face had grown dark as a thundercloud, and he had stormed inside. Through the window Jamie had seen Mrs. Tarrant coming up to him, looking troubled, laying a hand on his arm.

But then Friday! Friday it was hot cross buns, the sign of a cross raised thickly on the crusts. "Symbolic of Jesus, the lonely Man," Grandfather Donelson always said, "toiling up the *Via Dolorosa*, bearing on his back a cross—" All of Blue Cove—almost all of it, that is—waited eagerly, from one year to the next, for Good Friday and the hot cross buns. But Mr. Tarrant—

One look and he had hurled the whole bag against the wall of the house. "Everywhere"—his voice had risen to a shout—"the newspapers, the people—this blasted Easter message! I will not have my stomach attacked, too!"

"Marc!"

Mrs. Tarrant had appeared suddenly from the side yard by his studio. "Watch your language. He's only a— a boy."

Mrs. Tarrant had watched her husband walk stiffly into the house, and her fingers had rubbed back and forth on the handle bar of Jamie's bike.

"He's not as hard as he sounds," she'd said. "He used to be a Chris-

tian, you know—a fine one."

"I'm sure of that, ma'am," Jamie had answered stoutly. Should he tell her, he'd wondered, about the time, weeks before, that he had come upon Mr. Tarrant on the beach road, patting the head of a stray dog? And how surprised he had been until Mr. Tarrant had seen him and moved quickly on, muttering only a gruff "hello"? For a moment, Jamie had thought, his face had been soft, almost kind.

"His work has gone badly for almost a year now," Mrs. Tarrant had continued. "Nothing accepted, nothing quite right. Now, this week, we're waiting once more to hear—a model he's submitted to a town in Pennsylvania—a town wanting a memorial to its coal-mine dead. It's quite a statue—a huddle of miners straining against death. Any day now word should come from the committee."

"I—I guess I don't know much about sculpturing," Jamie had said weakly, feeling very sorry for both the Tarrants.

This morning, loading his basket, he had thought of asking his grandfather for a plain Saturday's loaf for the Tarrants. A stale one. But it would have hurt his grandfather's pride. For forty years now, during Holy Week, he had made the special breads, keeping stored away, year round, the many special pans. *If Mr. Tarrant storms at me this morning, Jamie had vowed to himself, I'll tell him about the cost of the pans, about all the special work.*

But the house was quiet, shuttered. He got off his bike and walked on the grass beside the drive so that there was no sound at all. And that was probably why he startled Mrs. Tarrant so.

She'd been sitting on the porch step, her head cradled in her arms. A crumpled piece of paper was in one hand! When she looked up, it was as if she were off in some other world. Jamie could see tears in her eyes, too. She blinked and tried to smile.

"I—I brought the bread," he said. "I—it's a wreath."

She took it from the basket, studied it, looking back over her shoulder a moment first.

"It's the last one that will be different for a whole year now," he said quickly.

She did smile then, a little.

"And what does your grandfather have to say about this one?"

"The Resurrection," he said. "It's the circle that's important. It shows the hope of life going on, eternal, through the Resurrection."

He waited. She was silent for a very long time.

"I see," she finally said. "Is that what this morning means to you, too?"

"Oh, yes, ma'am." And he told her about the sunrise service. He told her how hundreds of people came, some of them walking, some in wheel-chairs even. "My father and mother, and the Salvation Army soldiers over

in Haverly—they try to see that everybody that wants to come gets to. If the weather's good, like today, that is."

"We read about your service," Mrs. Tarrant said, "in the Blue Cove paper." The bread was forgotten in her hands. "It said that a woman—Mary Somppi—was going to sing 'The Holy City.'"

"Yes, ma'am. She always does."

"But isn't she the woman whose little girl was killed two weeks ago in a fishing accident? I—we—read that in the paper, too."

Jamie nodded. "But she'll sing," he said. "After all, it's Easter—and I guess this year Mrs. Somppi's got more reason to be glad about Easter than before."

Mrs. Tarrant seemed caught, held by his words.

"Anybody can come," he said into the vacuum. "And it's real close here. We'd be proud to have you—you and Mr. Tarrant."

But she was shaking her head. "It would do no good to ask him. No good at all."

Jamie shifted his feet. And because there was that look, settling over her face again, he said, "The gulls are out like crazy this morning, wheeling down. And I saw crocuses over by Pulley's Mill—"

"I'll walk with you to the post lantern," she said, getting up. And, somehow, he knew she meant to talk. Probably she had nobody else to talk to.

"This morning," she was saying, "a special delivery came. That's why we're up so early. A letter from the committee in the little Pennsylvania town. They've rejected—the model." She swallowed. "Mr. Tarrant hasn't spoken a word—and—"

"But why, ma'am? Did the committee men say why?"

She shook her head. "It doesn't matter. Nothing matters now. It's like the last straw. This one—more than all the others—should have been easy. You see, when Mr. Tarrant was a little boy he lived in mining country himself. He ought to be able to feel!"

What did you say 'o that? What did she want you to say! Jamie tried to imagine Mr. Tarrant as a boy.

"They'll give him another chance, of course," she was saying. "But it's so much more than his work now. It's everything—his confidence gone, his faith—"

She had turned her head toward the beach road, slowly aware of the thickening stream of people moving along it. "Are they all going to the Point?"

"Yes, ma'am. And I guess I'd better—"

A breeze whipped at her hair. She stood very still, a sudden resolution clutching at her. "I'm coming too!" she breathed. And then she looked at his bike. "If you'll walk along with me, that is."

He braked the bike and leaned it against a tree.

They found a good place on the rocks about three-quarters of the way back from the sea to the quarry wall, and Jamie started to give her his jacket to fold under her, but she motioned for him to keep it on. He wanted to tell her the names of some of the people who were coming down the paths, but of course she wouldn't remember all of them anyhow. He liked to be farther up front, and once he opened his mouth to ask her to move, but then, he thought, if a person were strange and a bit timid—and worried inside, too—

"My folks," he said excitedly, and pointed out his father and mother going down near the platform. Grandfather Donelson would be up on it, playing in the band.

He couldn't remember a bigger crowd, any year. And he counted fourteen wheel chairs far down front!

Off at the horizon the sky was pinking fast. The sun would break over any minute now. Captain Byson was standing to say the prayer. "Our Father—"

Suddenly, a harsh pounding split the air and thundered through the quiet. People kept their heads down and Captain Byson's voice pushed on, but the pounding persisted, intermittently, stolidly. Something over the quarry wall, and down. Down in the pit. *Whatever—*

Jamie saw Mrs. Tarrant's hands clench, knotting a handkerchief in her lap. Twice she seemed to move forward as if to spring up, but each time she eased back.

Reverend White was standing forward now, ready to lead the hymn singing. The band raised their instruments and the music spread. Behind them the pounding went on too.

Mrs. Tarrant seemed frozen in agony.

The crowd sang "Christ Arose" and "The Day of Resurrection"—getting louder and louder on the second, as if to drown out the heavy, relentless blows. Then, quietly they sang, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away." But its sweetness was lost in the noise of the pounding.

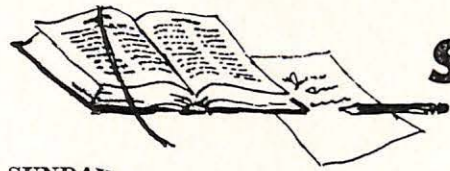
On the second verse there was a sudden crashing and rolling of stone, then silence in the pit. Mrs. Tarrant rose numbly as if to run, and Jamie rose beside her.

Then, like some driven automaton, the pounding began again, and they shriveled down, together.

People were trying to ignore the noise, but they couldn't help turning their heads. And they fidgeted noticeably under its driving insistence. "Rock of Ages," the minister announced. "Triumphantly," he urged. "Make it ring!" And then he gave a strange sign. "When I do this"—and he spread his arms wide and dropped them—"stop dead on the quarter note."

Whatever?

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee—
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sunday school lessons

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 7, 1963

Theme: JESUS FULFILLS
HIS MISSION

Scripture: Mark 14:32-36; 15:24-31

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus' mission on earth was not long, but long enough to last for all eternity.

INTRODUCTION: The Apostle Paul said, "...and though I give my body to be burned and have not love, I am nothing." There are many people who give their lives for a cause, but there is no real love in their sacrifice. Communists also fulfill their mission by giving their lives, but they are just as ready to take the lives of others in order to further their cause. And they would much rather take someone else's than their own.

Jesus gave his life to fulfill his mission and he gave it willingly, sacrificially and, above all, he gave it lovingly. It is his great love in his death that draws us to the cross. Some, like Socrates, have great courage and daring, but they lack the power of love. They can die for noble principles, but Jesus, the sinless one, died for our sins. There can be no death because there can be no love like his love.

I. JESUS' MISSION FULFILLED IN LIFE.

How much of a mission can a person fulfill in three years? Ordinarily we would say that the more important the mission the more time is required to fulfill it. Yet Jesus fulfilled the most important mission in the world in three short years. He was on earth long enough to reveal his identity and his purpose, to reveal his glory and his power and his glory. His preaching, teaching and healing and his many miracles were proof enough of the fact that he is indeed the Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world. In addition, he thoroughly trained his disciples to continue the work which he began.

II. JESUS' MISSION FULFILLED IN THE GARDEN. Mark 14:32-36.

This is the scene of Jesus' most intense spiritual suffering. The final decision had to be made here. More than anywhere else he is revealed as "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." It must have also been the hour of his greatest temptation, for his prayer was for a release or a postponement of his death: "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." It is natural, humanly speaking, to want to live a full life and to live it as long as possible. Especially is this so when we are convinced that our

lives are fruitful.

Jesus' mission in the Garden of Gethsemane was fulfilled in his full and complete surrender: "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." This was the hour, not of his defeat, but of his greatest victory. And it was a victory that he had to win all alone while his disciples slept and were unaware of his great and important spiritual battle.

III. JESUS' MISSION FULFILLED ON THE CROSS. Mark 15:24-39.

Jesus' death on the cross was a physical expression and fulfillment of what he already experienced in his heart and soul. It was a horrible form of capital punishment and usually reserved only for the lowest of criminals. Roman citizens were never crucified, and for this reason we believe that Paul was beheaded. The suffering on the cross was painful and prolonged, but it could not be compared to the suffering he bore in behalf of our sins. The mockery and the derision that was hurled at him by the Jews and by those who passed by must have cut into his soul and spirit. It is strange that it should have been a Roman soldier, a pagan, a tough, hardened man, who received some glimmer of the truth and declare that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How may Jesus' mission be fulfilled in our lives?
2. Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to save himself when he saved others?
3. Was Jesus showing signs of weakness when he prayed that this hour might pass from him?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 14, 1963

Theme: CHRIST IS RISEN

Scripture: Mark 15:42-16:7

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Because Jesus rose from the dead, the sinner can now rise to a new life.

INTRODUCTION: It is a little encouraging to know that secularism and commercialism have not taken over quite as much of our Easter season as they have of our Christmas season. Perhaps one reason is that the Resurrection Day is so close to Good Friday, and it is difficult to build up a good sales promotion in so short a time. The death of Christ seems to dampen their efforts.

The first disciples, however, had reason to dampen their efforts. After all, what could they do without Jesus? To have three glorious years end in such a tragedy was not something that

could be borne easily. It does not need much faith to look back and believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead. But the first experience of the disciples, when they became fully aware that Christ had risen from the dead must have been a joyous occasion that could hardly be described in words. They still lived in the same world with all its sin and evil, but a risen Christ made all the difference.

I. THE BURIAL OF CHRIST. Mark 15:42-47.

According to John 19:39, both Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took part in the burial of Jesus. They sympathized with Jesus and must have loved him, because it took a great deal of courage to ask for the body of Christ and to give it an honorable and reverent burial. It seems strange that these men, who were looking for the kingdom of God, were not fully able to see the King. They did not vote for Jesus' death along with the other members of the Sanhedrin, but neither did they fully agree with Jesus—at least not enough to "come out from among them" and surrender to Christ. If they could only have served a living Christ as reverently and lovingly as they served a dead Christ, what great apostles they could have been!

II. THE MOURNING WOMEN. Mark 16:1-5.

Although Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had taken care of Jesus' burial, these two devoted women wanted a part in it and complete the service. In all of this activity it seems strange that none of Jesus' disciples came forward to offer any service whatsoever. They all locked themselves up for fear of the Jews.

As the two women approached the tomb, their greatest worry was the rolling away of the stone in front of the tomb. After almost two thousand years, Christians still worry about the stones of difficulty, of misunderstanding and of inadequacy. How often we discover that the stones are already rolled away!

III. THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGEL. Mark 16:6-7.

The women walked toward the tomb with a feeling of despair and arrived with a vision of hope. Not only was the stone rolled away but God already had his messenger there. Just as the angels announced the birth of Christ so the angel also announced the resurrection of Christ. No single event put so much action into Christianity as the resurrection. As soon as it was dis-

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The Men's Brotherhood of Ellinwood, Kansas pulled down a barn for the good of others on a continent away in Cameroon, Africa . . .

A Barn for Banso

A Stirring Missionary Story by Rev. Merle E. Brenner, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas



The old De Werff barn near Ellinwood, Kansas which the men of the First Baptist Church dismantled. The lumber was then sold at auction for \$500 for the mission project of the Banso Baptist Hospital.

IT WAS AN EVENTFUL day in 1918 when John DeWerff's 16 year old son led the first team of mules into their spacious quarters of the new barn. Along with his brother and three sisters, he shared his parents' pride in this \$1,500 addition to their attractive southside farmstead. It proved to be a trying year. War clouds hovered over the nation's horizon and the deadly influenza epidemic stalked the land, reaching into this home to snatch away the mother.

With the passing of time, the barn gradually lost its usefulness as the horse and mule era of rural America stubbornly yielded to the tractor age. But two generations of youngsters have pleasant memories of "hide and seek" in the haymow and of having used its spacious, empty loft as a basketball floor. One person almost miraculously escaped injury when in his round ball enthusiasm he inadvertently plunged headlong through an open side door 12 feet to the ground below!

The Kansas storms left their toll and with the added burden of the haybale, a product of the mechanized age, it began to buckle and lean like an aged man. In the winter of 1962 the present owner sealed its doom by de-

claring, "It has to come down!"

About this time, the Men's Brotherhood of First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas was looking for a winter months' project. "Why not tear down the old Dewerff barn?" someone suggested. The idea clicked, a committee was appointed, an agreement was negotiated with the owner and the dismantling began. A week later, the last nail pulled and the lumber neatly stacked, it was ready for the auctioneer's chant.

Auction day arrived and the bidding was brisk for as one bystander observed, "The Lord loveth a cheerful bidder!" The project netted over 500 dollars.

Almost as if by coincidence, Dr. Peter E. Fehr, Cameroons medical missionary, came through Kansas at this time on the denominational Missionary Conference program. Some of our men were able to visit with the doctor-missionary from Banso whom they help support.

A Barn for Banso!—that would link the project to the mission field on which the good doctor served and which he so ably represented!

There was once a man who pulled down his barns in order to build greater ones—for his own goods. The

Men's Brotherhood of Ellinwood pulled down a barn for the good of others a continent away. And they had a great time doing it!

Give out of the overflow of a loving heart and faithful steward of Christ in your
EASTER OFFERING

FORM THE PROFESSOR'S DESK

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accepted by the entire Christian Church. While it should be remembered that every Sunday is a commemoration of the Resurrection, its particular celebration on a special festival day, if properly observed, should serve to bring into sharp focus and duly heighten the importance of one of the most basic facts of the Gospel, especially because of the peculiar and universal attention given to Easter Day. But empty formalism, trifling observance and outward show must be avoided. This day in the church calendar ought to be a triumphant and spectacular occasion for Spirit-empowered teaching, preaching and living of Christ's victory over sin, death and hell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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covered that Jesus arose from the dead, everyone was busy telling someone else. "Go" and "tell" is the divine command.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why was it so difficult for the disciples to have faith at this time? Was Thomas the only one who found it difficult to believe?
2. Read the accounts of the resurrection in all four Gospels and compare them.
3. Why was Peter particularly mentioned in the lesson?



Dr. Peter E. Fehr, Cameroons medical missionary (2nd from right, front row), meets with several men from the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas and Dr. M. L. Leuschner (right, rear row).

March 28, 1963

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

● **Grant Park, Winnipeg, Man.** The Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba conducted its first Every Member Canvass with the adopted budget of \$8000 being over-subscribed by \$4000. The pastor, Rev. Richard Grabke, reports that the success of this endeavor is due to the members accepting the Biblical standard of tithing.

● **Faith, Minneapolis, Minn.** The accompanying picture shows the leaders of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., who recently took part in the mortgage burning service. Some of them were trustees when the building project was undertaken in 1949. Mr. Fred Woyke, deceased, was also a member of the trustees at that time. The men in the pictures are as follows (left to right): Seth Carlson, chairman of Board of Deacons; Abraham Quiring; Rev. Robert F. Zimbelman, pastor; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; Albert Anderson, Hugo Goetz, Henry Woyke, Peter Adam, Hugo Treptau, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and John R. Adam, moderator of the church.

● **Lorraine, Kansas.** "The Good Ship—Fellowship" was the theme of the annual supper and program held by the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19. Dr. Marvin E. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, brought an illustrated narration on "They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships." Miss Judy Rolfs, CBY president, presented Dr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Gallagher with a gift of money in behalf of the Lorraine church. Several musical numbers enhanced the fine program. Group singing was led by Mrs. Carl Dobrinski.



Rodney L. Zimmerman of Napoleon, N. Dak., has memorized 300 selected Bible verses in the Rural Bible Crusade Scripture memorization program.

● **Missionary Rally, Chicago.** More than 260 members and friends of the Chicago area churches attended the Missionary Rally held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, at the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill. Testimonies were brought by Dr. Peter E. Fehr, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Miss Ida Forsch. The missionary address was given by Rev. Earl H. Ahrens. The missionaries also spoke at the children's meeting which was held simultaneously. The Men's Christian Fellowship Chorus of the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago rendered a musical selection. A time of fellowship followed the service.

● **Napier Parkview, Benton Harbor, Mich.** The Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., recently extended a royal welcome to its pastor, Rev. Norman H. Vernon, and family, Dr. John H. McDonald led the program that featured various musical numbers, welcoming messages by Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich.; Rev. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. Roger Campbell of the Calvary Bible Church; and Rev. Robert Weiss of North Lincoln Baptist Church. Representatives of the church organizations also extended their welcome. Rev.

Reginald Shepley, who served as interim pastor, was also highly praised by Ernest Barsuhn, deacon board chairman, for his faithful services while the church was without a regular minister following the resignation of Rev. William Hoover.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

● **Napoleon and Streeter, N. Dak.** Rodney L. Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Zimmerman of Napoleon, N. Dak., has memorized 300 selected Bible verses in the Rural Bible Crusade Scripture memorization program. Those who do so receive 10 awards free, including a Bible with name imprinted in gold and a week at a camp. Rodney, a sixth grader in the Streeter Public School, has earned all these awards. He is eleven years old. Rodney attends the First Baptist Church in Streeter, N. Dak. Each year about 100,000 children enroll in the Scripture memorization program in 12 mid-western states where the Rural Bible Crusade operates.

● **Sunday School Clinic, Calif.** On Feb. 4 and 5 a Sunday School Clinic was held by the five northern California NAB churches—Lodi, Elk Grove, Stockton and Sacramento—which was well attended. Rev. Winston Miller of the Scripture Press spoke with great enthusiasm in these informative discussions about the Sunday school needs of this day.

● **Sheboygan, Wis.** For four evenings, Feb. 11 to 14, the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., conducted a leadership training course on "Building a Better Sunday School." Miss Ruth Bathauer of the denomination's Department of Christian Education conducted the course. A fine group of 25 teachers, officers and prospective workers were enrolled, and 17 persons completed the course. On Feb. 7 Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, spoke at the church service with the Woman's Missionary Union holding a social hour after Miss Forsch's illustrated missionary address.

CBY (youth) fellowship

● **Temple, Lodi, Calif.** Young people participated in all of the services during Youth Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 2, at the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif. Various aspects of knowing the will of God were considered. The youth panel on

Wednesday evening considered "Problems in Knowing and Doing the Will of God." On Saturday evening the young people of Lodi's First Church joined the groups for games, fellowship and a timely film. On Sunday evening, Feb. 2, Mr. Blair Hemans of "Youth For Christ" spoke on "Your Life in the Will of God."

● **Marion, Kansas.** The young people of Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas observed Youth Week from Jan. 26 to Feb. 3, featuring the play, "A Certain Just Man," presented on Sunday, Feb. 3. More than 200 young people were present for the City-wide Youth Banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 26, held in the city hall at which Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on "In His Steps." On Jan. 23 the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a special missionary service with Dr.

Peter E. Fehr, medical missionary, as the speaker, and on Jan. 24 Miss Ida Forsch of Cameroon, Africa spoke. She was honored by the Woman's Missionary Union at a reception held in the church parlors afterwards.

● **Youth Winter Retreat, New York and Vicinity.** The annual Winter Retreat of the New York City and vicinity youth fellowship, held Jan. 11 to 13 at the Y. M. C. A. Camp in Beaver Lake, N. J., was attended by about 40 young people. Rev. William McLatchie of the Christian Training Institute faculty, Edmonton, Alta., spoke on "Life Investment" at three meetings. A varied program of games was also enjoyed. Miss Pat Blake, recording secretary, stated for the group that they hoped "to be used of God to refresh and challenge them to more complete dedication to God."

service was also recognized in words of appreciation expressed by both the choir director, Mr. Herman Holz, Sr., and the president, Mr. Norman Arndt. Psalm 91:14-16 was used as the basis for Mr. Arndt's brief address. Since the director, Mr. Holz, was leaving on a five week trip to Europe, this also served as a Bon Voyage occasion for him.

● **Ellinwood, Kansas.** New hymnals were dedicated on Jan. 13 at the morning service followed by an evening "hymn sing." Dr. M. L. Leuschner was the guest speaker at the Woman's Missionary Union anniversary program on Jan. 21. Robert Misslele, football coach at Sterling College, spoke at the January Men's Brotherhood meeting. A chili supper followed. Vice-president Harold DeWerff presided. The Sunday school purchased a combination film strip projector and record player and added new equipment to its nursery facilities. The missionary training study course on the Book of Jonah is being held on the five Sunday nights in March.

What IS MISSIONS? Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission of Southern Baptists, gives this answer to the above question: "Missions is the most misunderstood word in Baptist's vocabulary. Missions is *not* money. Missions is *not* synonymous with geography. Missions is *more* than missionaries. You see, missions is simply God having mercy on the world through YOU and ME. Missions is my acceptance of *personal responsibility* for declaring God's mercy and love to all the world."

—THE BEAM.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

● **Parma Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.** From Jan. 6 to 13 the Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio, held a blessed "Christian Enlistment Week" with Rev. and Mrs. Mel Dibble and John and Bobbie Landgraf serving as an inspiring evangelistic team. The Holy Spirit moved 91 of the church visitors and friends, prospects and members to make important spiritual decisions. The sound sermons of Mr. Dibble, the refreshing music of the Landgrafs, the morning Bible instruction with the women by Mrs. Dibble and the youth work by Mr. Landgraf were blending components in the making of a fine evangelistic crusade, as reported by Mr. Fred Penner of the church staff.

● **La Salle, Colorado.** The days of Jan. 2 to 13 brought special blessings to the First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado with th ministry of Team I of "God's Volunteers." Through their testimonies, their music, and the messages of Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, hearts were deeply stirred and four hearts were given to the Lord during those days. On Sunday, Feb. 10, the pastor, Rev. Fred H. Fuchs, had the joy of leading nine candidates through the waters of baptism.

● **Grace, West Fargo, N. Dak.** Sunday evening, Dec. 9, was a time of blessing for the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak. The pastor, Rev. Leon Bill, had the joy of baptizing seven young people and two adults. These, and one who came by letter, were given the hand of fellowship into the church by the pastor, as reported by Ruth Fischer.

● **Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.** At the communion service on Feb. 3, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., received 13 persons into the church's fellowship. From March 17 to 24 special meetings were held with Rev. John Linton of Windsor, Ontario,

noted Bible teacher and author, as guest evangelist. Considerable visitation work was carried on by members of the church prior to the meetings.

CHURCH EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

● **Forest Park, Ill.** The church choir of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its annual business meeting on Feb. 13, at the same time honoring Mr. Wm. Krogman, church organist, on his 80th birthday. Mr. Krogman has served a combined total of 53 years as organist at the church and his faithfulness in this

DEDICATION SERVICES

● **Dickinson County, Kansas.** A memorial pulpit light was dedicated on Sunday evening, Jan. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas in memory of the late Mrs.

Milton Jacobson who went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 27, 1962. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," who had known Mrs. Jacobson for many years, brought a tribute to her and offered the dedication prayer. Mr. Jacobson and his family were present at the service.

● **Sheboygan, Wisconsin.** On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., held a dedication service for a new piano given to the church in memory of the late Arno W. Dechent, life long active member of the church until his death. Mr. Dechent passed away Dec. 14, 1962 and memorial gifts presented at the time of his death made the purchase of the instrument possible. Mrs. Delmar Te Stroete was guest pianist for the evening. A special selection by the choir; a solo, "I'll Walk With God" by Mrs. H. Schultz; a congregational song service with both piano and organ accompaniment; and a meditation by Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor, completed the program.



Mortgage burning ceremony at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., in which these church leaders took part. (See report for names of the leaders).



Rev. Leon Bill (left, rear), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., and 9 baptismal candidates.

EASTER AT THE POINT

(Continued from page 21)

It was like a contest, Jamie thought. The voice surging out warmly, spiritedly, filling the air, pulsing out over the water. And back of it, as if in sullen defiance, the heavy, steady pounding—

*Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know*

Now he was raising his arms. Abruptly, the signal came:

These for sin could not a—

The piece of a word, chorused loudly and then broken off, hung—on the land and over all the water—like the haunted echo of a humanity which had suddenly disappeared. Washed out to sea. It was as if in all the cove not a breath were drawn—

For seconds. Minutes. The pounding, too, had ceased, and there was nothing. Nothing but waiting.

Then, almost like a scepter, a head, shoulders, and then the whole figure of a man, crept into view on the rim of the quarry wall. And stood there. Gaunt. Desolate. Hundreds of heads turned and stretched upward, meeting the man's curious, blinding stare. Now the sun had broken over the horizon, beaming its rays at the quarry's rim. At his face. One man, with the eyes of a hushed multitude upon him, a Christian multitude—

A small muffled cry escaped Jamie. *Mr. Tarrant could let go, fling himself backward into the bowl of the pit. Or he could inch forward, down—*

—tone;

*Thou must save, and thou alone:
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling.*

The voices picked up, went ahead as if they had never stopped. And, heads turned again toward the platform. Only Jamie and Mrs. Tarrant watched long enough to know that he reached one foot down, carefully—

Mary Somppi stood at the front of the platform now. A tiny figure, so far forward, but with the power and the glory of the morning in her voice.

*Last night I lay asleeping
There came a dream so fair—*

"We lost our little boy—almost your age—just a year ago," Mrs. Tarrant was breathing, in a rush, into Jamie's ear. "A foolish accident, Marc feels, that God could have prevented. He—he was certain Mrs. Somppi—when I read to him about her—with a similar experience—would not—could not—sing at this service."

"But—" Jamie felt the words pour out. "She has more reason than all the others—I heard her tell my father so—to be glad for this morning—this Easter morning."

"Yes. Yes, I know that now," Mrs.

Tarrant whispered. "And maybe—maybe Mr. Tarrant will, too."

Jamie felt that Captain Byson had never spoken better—words that launched out with a challenge as strong as that of stone mallet against stone.

"God's gift of immortality is so great that few of us have the courage to accept it, to trust the inroads it makes into our earthly lives," he told the worshipers.

The sun shone full upon the Point and all too soon, it seemed, the service was over.

Grandfather Donelson came up with his cornet. Jamie listened as he told about the notes he almost flatted, so that he really didn't hear much of anything else. But when he turned again to Mrs. Tarrant, Mr. Tarrant was there beside her.

"No wonder my work was rejected," he was saying haltingly. "There was only bitterness and resentment in it. I'm glad I crushed it."

Then the words began to flow. "Elise, I know now that it's only by regaining the faith I once had in Jesus Christ as my Savior that I can go on at all. And now that I've come to that decision—well, it seems that once again Easter—the real Easter—is in my heart."

He did not look at Jamie, but one of his hands tousled Jamie's hair. Gently. Forgetfully. The way his hands had been that day on the beach road, with the dog. *Maybe their son had had a—* The other hand he stuck out now to Jamie's grandfather, gripping hard.

"Thanks. Thanks very much," he said humbly.

And Jamie watched his Grandfather Donelson's mouth fall open. *I'll have to explain later,* he thought. *About another converted bread customer.*

But right now—

Right now it was wonderful just to stop and look at the Easter sun.

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Chancellor, South Dakota

Rev. E. R. Oster
Leola, South Dakota

Obituaries

MRS. CHARLES B. STUERZE of Newark, New Jersey

Mrs. Magdalena Kramer Stuerze of Newark, N. J., wife of Charles B. Stuerze, died on January 7, 1963 at the age of 88. Born in Germany, Mrs. Stuerze came to the United States when a child and lived in Newark until her death. She was one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Walnut Street Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stuerze, who were married in the Walnut Street Baptist Church, would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in June.

She also leaves three sons: Albert of Elberon, N. J.; Edward of Livingston, N. J.; and Charles of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a daughter, Miss Bertha, at home; a brother, John Kramer of Irvington; three sisters: Mrs. Katherine Pulver and Mrs. Marie Buermann, both of Bradley Beach, N. J., and Mrs. Frieda Fiedler of East Orange, N. J., 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Newark, New Jersey
GORDON HUISINGA, Pastor

MRS. MAGDALENA FISCHER of Artas, South Dakota

Mrs. Magdalena Fischer of Artas, S. Dak., was born July 7, 1899 at Artas, S. Dak. She was suddenly called to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 9, 1963. She became a follower of Christ in her youth, was baptized by the Rev. H. Benz and joined the Artas Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her passing. On July 10, 1918 she was married to George Fischer to which union 9 sons and 2 daughters were born, all of whom still survive.

Survivors include her husband and 9 sons: Eugene, Eureka, S. Dak.; Calvin and Wallace, Georgetown, Texas; Albert, Chula Vista, Calif.; Richard, St. Paul, Minn.; George, Milbert, Victor and Gordon, Fargo, N. Dak.; and 2 daughters: Mrs. Calvin (Irene) Kost, Herreid, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Ed. (Ruth) Gimble, Artas, S. Dak.; also 20 grandchildren. Four sisters also survive: Mrs. Lydia Pape, Tildon, Ill.; Mrs. Helena Renner, Havre, Mont.; Mrs. Bertha Gumpke, Havre, Mont. and Mrs. Martha Wahl, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Herreid Baptist Church
Herreid, South Dakota
ALFRED WEISSER, Minister

MRS. AUGUSTA DRIESNER of Startup, Washington

Mrs. Augusta Driesner of Startup, Wash., was born Aug. 4, 1870 in South Russia and passed on to her heavenly reward, Feb. 3, 1963 after having lived 92 years, 6 months and 29 days. She married Adolph Driesner in 1892 and came to the United States in 1902. She first lived in Madison, S. Dak. Later the couple spent several years in Lodi, Calif. Since 1925 she has lived in Startup, Wash. Her husband preceded her in death in 1943.

Mrs. Driesner had spent the last couple of years with relatives and at the time of her passing lived with Mrs. Amelia Martin of Grand Coulee, Wash. She had accepted her Lord early in life and showed her faithfulness through her life and her works.

Startup, Washington
HERBERT SCHAUER, Pastor

MRS. REINTJE HUTING of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mrs. Reintje Huting of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born on Jan. 12, 1881 in Grundy County, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Dan Huting on Sept. 24, 1902. This union was blessed with seven children, of whom one daughter preceded her in death. She spent her entire life in the Parkersburg area. She accepted Christ as her Savior and followed him through the waters of baptism on Nov. 29, 1953, uniting with the Calvary Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member.

Her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1956. She passed away on Feb. 2, 1963 after a very brief illness, attaining the age of 82 years and 20 days. She leaves to mourn her passing 6 daughters: Mrs. John Leger, Mrs. Lewis DeGroot, Mrs. John Krull, Mrs. Alvin Schuck, all of Parkersburg, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Howe, Waterloo, Iowa; and Bernice Huting of Allison, Iowa; 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; 2 sisters: Miss Hiske Pruisner and Mrs. Minnie Brandt. Words of comfort were taken from Psalm 116:15.

Calvary Baptist Church
Parkersburg, Iowa
RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

MR. REINHOLD G. BEHNKE of Alpena, Michigan

Mr. Reinhold G. Behnke of Alpena, Mich., was born in Alpena on March 15, 1892, where he lived until his passing on Nov. 26, 1962. He was baptized and united with the present Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church in Alpena, in 1907, where he worshipped and served faithfully in various activities. His rich bass voice will especially ring on in our memories, a voice he retained until the very end.

Whether on his bed of pain, or walking down the corridors in his walker, he sang along with the choirs who came to sing hymns of praise for him. He leaves to mourn his passing three daughters: Mrs. Lillian McLeod, St. Clair, Mich.; Mrs. Elaine Hand and Mrs. Marvis Woloszyk, Alpena, Mich.; one son, Wallace, of Elkhart, Indiana; two sisters: Mrs. August Davis and Miss Laura Behnke; two brothers: Emil of Alpena and Paul of Detroit, Mich.

Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church
Alpena, Michigan
NORMAN H. KLANN, Pastor

MR. JOHN ENGLE of Corn, Oklahoma

Mr. John Engle of Corn, Okla., was born in Marion County, Kansas on Jan. 23, 1883 and passed away after a short illness, on Jan. 15, 1963 after having almost reached the age of 80 years. He moved with his parents to Corn, Oklahoma in 1906. On Nov. 24, 1909 he was united in marriage to Agnes Heinrichs. To this union two sons and a daughter were born. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Main Center, Sask. It was while there that he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized. He and his family once again returned to Corn in the early 1920's where he lived for the remainder of his life.

He was a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church when it was organized in 1950. He was a faithful member of the church. He is survived by his wife; two sons: Harvey of Hobart, Okla., and Ed of Elk City, Okla.; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Franz of Corn; three brothers; three sisters; and ten grandchildren.

Calvary Baptist Church
Corn, Oklahoma
LYLE WACKER, Pastor

MRS. MIRIAM L. SHOESMITH of Wilmington, Delaware

Mrs. Miriam L. Shoesmith was born near Wilmington, Delaware on Feb. 16, 1904. She was converted in her early youth and united with the North Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware. Later she joined the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, formerly East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, where she remained a faithful member until her decease on Feb. 5, 1963.

Mrs. Shoesmith was always active with the children in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and Kindergarten. She also taught various groups of young women in the church. The last number of years she was active in teaching retarded children in day schools. Her husband, Mr. Albert Shoesmith, preceded her in death several years ago. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Lucie, and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church
Elsmere, Delaware
CHRISTIAN PETERS, Reporting

MISS BERTHA TERESA VEIT of Wilmington, Delaware

Miss Bertha Teresa Veit was born in Wilmington, Delaware on Feb. 2, 1884. She received Christ as her Savior during the early years of her life and united with the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware, formerly East Baptist Church of Wilmington, where she was known as a faithful worker and a good financial contributor. She loved the Lord's work and the church of her choice. Fourteen years ago she retired from the Credit Department of the Delaware Power & Light Co., where she had been employed for 50 years. For the last number of years she lived with her niece in York, Pennsylvania.

Surviving are a brother, Paul O. Veit of Newark, Delaware; and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Harnum of Sebring, Florida. Miss Veit passed to her reward on Feb. 14, 1963, leaving to mourn her departure a host of relatives and friends. Rev. 14:13 served as a word of comfort at the funeral service.

First Baptist Church
Elsmere, Delaware
CHRISTIAN PETERS, Reporting

MRS. OLGA THERESA WIESE of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Olga Theresa Wiese of Madison, S. Dak., was born in Russia on March 5, 1887. She married August Wiese on Feb. 20, 1903.

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Her husband preceded her in death on June 3, 1951. At the age of 11 years, she accepted Christ as her Savior and on Feb. 13, 1898 she was baptized by Rev. A. L. Tilgner and united with the West Center Street Church of Madison. She was an active member in the Woman's Missionary Society and the Lakeview Extension Club. Her longing desire was granted when the Lord called her home on Feb. 14 at the age of 74 years.

She is survived by six children: Ervin, Harry, Wilmar and Harold Wiese; Mrs. Leonard Johnson and Miss Lela Wiese; a brother, Henry Kirstein; two sisters: Mrs. Bert Wiedeman and Mrs. Laura Woods; 19 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted on Saturday, Feb. 16. The male quartet sang and the pastor spoke on the text taken from Psalm 90:9b.

West Center Street Baptist Church
Madison, South Dakota
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

MR. AUGUST SCHWERTDFEGER of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mr. August Schwertdfeger of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born on Oct. 16, 1894 near Parkersburg in Butler County, Iowa. On Feb. 23, 1920, he was united in marriage to Gladys Becker in Waterloo, Iowa. They made their home on his parents' farmstead. This union was blessed with three children. He united with the Calvary Baptist Church on Oct. 29, 1944. He served as trustee, and since 1963 had been a deacon until his passing. He had the joy of serving the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month, and the following day was rushed to the hospital because of a heart attack. He passed away on Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, 1963 while a patient in the hospital. He attained the age of 68 years and 5 months.

He leaves to mourn his passing his deeply bereaved wife; two sons: Leonard and Paul of Parkersburg; and one daughter, Hannah also of Parkersburg; two sisters: Hannah and Augusta Schwertdfeger; and 8 grandchildren. Words of comfort were taken from his beloved Psalm 23, which his pastor had read at the last visit as he shared thoughts with him.

Calvary Baptist Church
Parkersburg, Iowa
RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

MR. WILLIAM PRICE of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. William Price of Leduc, Alta., born in Dec. 31, 1870 in Poland, went to be with his Lord on Jan. 28, 1963, reaching the ripe age of 92 years and 27 days. He came with his family to Canada in 1906 and settled in the Leduc area, homesteading in the then known Breton District. From the homestead he moved to a farm 20 miles southeast of Leduc. Here Mr. Price and his family made their home until he retired in 1944. He found his Lord as a young man of about 18 years. Soon afterwards he was baptized, became a member of the Baptist church and faithfully lived as a Christian, being a good example to his family, a true witness to his neighbors and a staunch supporter of the church.

At the age of 24, he was married to Eleanor Goltz who preceded him in death in

Nov. 1946. He then lived with his children for several years later taking up his stay at the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat, Alta. Recently he made his home with his daughter, (Martha) Mrs. Gust Nelner of Calgary, Alberta. Brother Price leaves to mourn his passing one sister, 7 children, 26 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
PAUL SIEWERT, Officiating Minister

MR. LUDWIG PRIEBE of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. Ludwig Priebe of Leduc, Alta., went to be with his Lord on Jan. 31, 1963. Born in Russia-Poland on June 29, 1881, he reached the age of 81 years, 7 months and 2 days. At the age of 18 years, he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized by Rev. Edward Wuerch, uniting with the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta. For many years he was the Sunday school superintendent of the Leduc church and also its choir leader. It was in 1901 that Mr. Priebe came to Canada. He made his home in Alberta ever since then.

On June 19, 1903 he was united in marriage to Augusta Eckert. The union was blessed with 5 daughters: Pearl (who predeceased her father), Ruby Kilinski of Milwaukee; Arpa Jespersen of Spruce Grove, Alta.; Agnes Mashner of Erie, Pa.; Cecelia Schwanke of Dillingham, Alaska; 2 sons: Rinauld of Abee, Alta.; and Rev. Victor Priebe of Lodi, N. J. Besides the loving wife and children, there are also 24 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.

His church will miss him very much. Isaiah 46:4 brought comfort and strength at the large funeral service held at the McKernan Church of Edmonton. A male quartet from the First Church of Leduc and also a male quartet from the McKernan Church sang.

Edmonton, Alberta
E. P. WAHL, Officiating Minister

MRS. AUGUSTA RUNTZ of Arnprior, Ontario

Mrs. August Runtz of Arnprior, Ontario, nee Nieman, was born in McNab Township, Ontario on August 7, 1878 and went to be with her Lord on Oct. 4, 1962. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1893 and during that year she was baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church of Arnprior. She always took an active interest in the work of the church. In 1905 she was united in marriage to Mr. William Runtz. Five children were born to them. Her husband was a brother of Rev. A. F. Runtz who served as superintendent of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., for a number of years.

Mrs. Runtz was the last surviving member of a family of 11 children. She was predeceased by her husband and one son. Left to mourn her passing are 2 sons, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor who was assisted by Rev. A. E. Jaster, a former pastor of the church.

First Baptist Church
Arnprior, Ontario
ELDON L. JANZEN, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

(Continued from page 17)

● In December 1962 Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, entered the Delp Nursing Home at 42 Arnold Place, Dayton 7, Ohio where he can receive daily attention and care. He is 91 years of age. Dr. von Berge has been a beloved pastor in our denomination, the moderator of the General Conference, teacher in the preparatory school of the Seminary, contributor of articles and poems, composer of hymns and choir anthems. Those of his many friends who write to him at the above address should not expect to receive a personal answer. But your cards will be appreciated.

● The newly organized Men's Brotherhood of the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., held its first meeting on Feb. 19 with Harry Schilling showing pictures of his tour last year of South American mission fields. On Sunday evening, Feb. 24, the new Moody Science film, "City of the Bees," was shown in the church. From March 17 to 24 evangelistic meetings were conducted with Dr. Warren Filkin of Northern Baptist Seminary as the evangelist. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, has reported that a section of the church balcony has been reserved for the deaf and that Kenneth Brasel has been asked to interpret the message and church service for these people.

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JAPAN NEEDS THIS HOPE

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first of all, well qualified teachers. At present there is only one full time Japanese teacher. The other four are missionaries teaching in the Japanese language. This is still very difficult, and the quality of teaching drops very quickly when a teacher is unable to express himself adequately in the language. Our mission has loaned one teacher to the school. We should contribute another if we are to assume our share of the responsibility in the school. But with just three men and one of them on furlough at times, there is not a single man to offer them now.

A young couple has been appointed for Japan and are only waiting for funds to come in to send them out. When we have young people who are

willing to give their all for the task of world evangelism, should our churches not be willing to sacrifice financially to send them out? Language school opens in September. Lord willing, we would like to see them on the field by then. Japanese young people too must be trained to teach in the Seminary but this requires time.

We need buildings to house the school. At present a Mennonite Brethren Church acts as our classroom building. Dormitory and dining room space must be found in rented buildings in the neighborhood. Permanent buildings are a necessity if the school is to become stable and win the confidence of students desiring to attend. We need adequate library facilities for study and research. If we do not provide these things, our young people will go to other schools and eventually be lost to our churches.

The building of a school is a big undertaking. Land for a campus has been purchased by the three missions at a cost of \$70,000. Buildings too must soon be erected. But as someone has ably said, "Education doesn't cost; it pays!" A school to train Christian leaders could be the key to the success of our work in Japan.

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