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These Words Warmed Wesley's Heart At Aldersgate

"Ask God to create faith in you," Peter Boehler advised. It finally came to Methodism's founder during a reading of Martin Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to the Romans*, in which this pertinent section appears.

FAITH is not something dreamed, a human illusion, although this is what many people understand by the term. Whenever they see that it is not followed either by an improvement in morals or by good works, while much is still being said about faith, they fall into the error of declaring that faith is not enough, that we must do "works" if we are to become upright and attain salvation. The reason is that, when they hear the Gospel, they miss the point; in their hearts, and out of their own resources, they conjure up an idea which they call "belief," which they treat as genuine faith.

Faith, however, is something that God effects in us. It changes us and we are reborn from God [John 1:13]. Faith puts the old Adam to death and makes us quite different men in heart, in mind, and in all our powers; and it is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. O, when it comes to faith, what a living, creative, active, powerful thing it is. It cannot do other than good at all times. It never waits to ask whether there is some good work to do. Rather, before the question is raised, it has done the deed, and keeps on doing it.

Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake. This kind of confidence in God's grace, this sort of knowledge of it, makes us joyful, high-spirited, and eager in our relations with God and with all mankind. That is what the Holy Spirit effects through faith. Hence, the man of faith, without being driven, willingly and gladly seeks to do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of hardships, for the sake of the love and glory of the God who has shown him such grace.

It is impossible, indeed, to separate works from faith, just as it is impossible to separate heat and light from fire. Beware, therefore, of wrong conceptions of your own, and of those who talk nonsense while thinking they are pronouncing shrewd judgments on faith and works whereas they are showing themselves the greatest of fools. Offer up your prayers to God, and ask him to create faith in you; otherwise, you will always lack faith, no matter how you try to deceive yourself, or what your efforts...

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS...

BOARD OF MISSIONS. From April 23 to 26, members of the Board of Missions met at the Forest Park headquarters' building to consider the needs and challenge of our various mission fields. They scanned the reports before them covering almost 100 pages, appointed new missionaries, and set up a program of advance still to be confirmed by the General Council.

OUR JAPAN MISSION. The greatest need of our mission in Japan is for more missionaries. With four stations (Ise, Kyoto, Tsu, Matsuzaka) and our part in the cooperative work of the Osaka Biblical Seminary, our staff of nine missionaries is far too inadequate. This year only six missionaries were on the field. We regret that the missionary couple appointed a year ago could not be sent out, but we sincerely hope that their going to Japan will be made possible this fall. The work on all stations goes forward in spite of difficulties here and there. Brother Sukut reports that in five baptismal services a total of 13 candidates were baptized. This year is the third and final year of the trial period in the cooperative work at Osaka Biblical Seminary. A decision for permanent cooperation must be made this year.—Dr. R. Schilke.

CAMEROON MISSIONARIES, AFRICA. Your missionaries worked as an enthusiastic team throughout the past year. Some of them had such a variety and quantity of work to do that they were nearly overwhelmed. Had they not undertaken the load in the strength of the Holy Spirit, they surely would have been overcome. I mention those who served at our newly opened Girls Secondary School in Victoria; those who continued at our greatly expanded Teacher Training College at Soppo; those who undertook the opening of a Nurses' Training and Midwifery Training at Bango; those who carried on at Mbingo after the serious burn of Dr. Fluth; and those who bore alone the weight of our pastoral training program at Ndu. Not one of your missionaries was without his or her full share of missionary tasks. And they disciplined themselves by the Word of God and prayer to become faithful stewards.—Rev. Fred C. Folkerts.

NEXT ISSUE

"YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR CHURCH"

Rev. Paul Siewert
Leduc, Alberta

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Hearts Aflame

Pentecost is the amazing story of hearts that have been set aflame by the Holy Spirit. That was the experience of the first disciples in the upper room as there appeared to them "tongues like flames of fire" and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Down through the years Christians have received the Spirit and experienced the joy of burning hearts in doing great things for their God. This was the story of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience in London, England 225 years ago. All of England began to feel the effect of Wesley's divinely awakened life with a "strangely warmed heart."

The more the Holy Spirit controls and directs our lives, the more we become like him. Or as the "Upper Room" described it: "Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us." That is a heart aflame with the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit!

By the Holy Spirit, our minds are illumined. How shall we know God's will unless the Spirit leads us into his truth? How can we lay hold securely on divine assurances unless "the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). How can we walk in the right way unless the Spirit illumines our way and shows us the things of God? Like the Emmaus disciples, we come to the realization that our hearts burned within us as he opened to us the Scriptures. Like the wick of a lamp we must testify: "It is not I, but the oil that is within me that furnishes the light."

By the Holy Spirit, our lives are empowered. We are able to do all things through Christ. Thus we know the "exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19). By his empowerment, we become vessels to be used of God for heroic deeds, for seemingly impossible achievements, and for glorious victories.

Billy Graham, the evangelist, has been a living demonstration of this truth. Certainly, his heart has been aflame with this divine empowerment. Consistently he has disclaimed any unusual power in himself. "I myself am nothing," he says. "I am the herald, the trumpeter, telling the good news of the Gospel. I can't convert anybody. God converts them. I am only the channel through which he works."

By the Holy Spirit, our hearts are strangely warmed. This will never happen when we try to warm ourselves at strange fires as Peter did when he denied his Lord. It can only happen when Christ is very near and precious to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. In the Aldersgate meeting in England, John Wesley listened to the reading of Luther's "Preface to the Epistle to the Romans": "The Holy Spirit doth make us new hearts, doth excite and enflame our hearts that they may do those things willingly and lovingly which the law commands." As John Wesley listened, the grace of God came into his life and he wrote profoundly: "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

The reading of this issue of the "Baptist Herald" and this year's observance of Pentecost Sunday can be such a heartwarming experience for you:

"Holy Spirit, Love Divine! Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle ev'ry high desire; perish self in thy pure fire."

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THE FIRST CBYF CONGRESS

This will be the first Congress for young people of NAB churches. It will be held August 19 to 25, 1963 at George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva (see cover picture of the camp and lake). Ask your pastor for further information and registration blanks or read the poster in your church.

WHY SHOULD I GO?

To have a vacation, to see new sights, go hiking, go swimming, eat good food, to relax and get away from it all, meet new friends, participate in serious Bible study, enjoy top quality music, share church youth activities, exchange ideas on current events, face problems of youth together, become a more Christ-like witness.

If you are a Spirit-filled Christian

this will be your one consuming ambition:

To give men Christ! And you will not be alone . . .

The Witnessing Spirit

A Sermon for Pentecost by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

"And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (1 John 5:6b).

JUNE 2ND of this year is a notable day in the calendar of the Christian Church. It is Pentecost. It is the anniversary of that day 1933 years ago when the Holy Spirit descended upon the assembled, praying disciples. We do well to remember that first Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's glorious resurrection and ten days after he had returned to the Father's right hand. For that day was the crown of God's activities on our behalf in this age. It is not the sum total of all that God will do for us, for he has a great future program. But it does mark the crown of all that he has done for us thus far.

CROWN OF GOD'S DEEDS

Think with me about what our great God has done:

Before "the worlds were framed," God the Father planned man's creation. In this, God the Son and the Spirit had a notable share. (See John 1:3 and Genesis 1:2). But man yielded to Satan and became a sinner. Was God to be outdone by Satan? Never! His wondrous grace was not daunted.

So one Christmas night, God the Son came to this earth to accomplish man's redemption. Once again, God the Father and God the Spirit had a major share in this great event and its completion. (See 2 Cor. 5:19 and 2 Cor. 3:18).

Now, on this historic day, Pentecost, God the Spirit came to this earth to make possible man's regeneration. Once more, God the Father and God the Son had a share in this mighty event—for the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. (See John 15:26 and Acts 2:33).

Someone has eloquently said, "On Pentecost, man was given the power of the Spirit of God to appropriate the Son of God, so that he could once more be a child of God." Pentecost is the crown of all that God has done for us so far. While this great day, with all its wonderful manifestations, will never be repeated, its blessings are meant to flow into our lives through all the years until Jesus comes again.

As Christians, our highest privilege is always and ever to be filled with the Spirit.

Let me ask you: As you look at the story of that first Pentecost, what was the initial result of the coming of the Spirit in his fulness? The account is in the second chapter of Acts, beginning with the first verse. Those 120 believers were "all filled with the Holy Spirit" (verse 4). *What did they do then?* Exactly what the Spirit bade them—for he was their executive. Their wills were now swallowed up in his! But what was that?

A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to . . ." pray? No, it does not say that, though we cannot really pray unless we do it in the Spirit.

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to . . ." understand the Word of God? It does not say that, though we cannot know the Bible's message unless its Author becomes its Interpreter.



REV. HAROLD W. GIESEKE
pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to . . ." depart for all parts of the known world? It does not even say that, although these men were soon to do that very thing, with the Spirit opening and closing missionary doors.

What does it say? "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and (they) began to speak . . . as the Spirit gave them utterance." The very first act of the Holy Spirit on that great day was to bear witness, to testify, to speak through men who knew Jesus Christ and were convinced of his death and burial, his resurrection from the tomb, and his ascension to glory. *The Spirit spoke!* It is very significant. But hardly surprising.

If you know the truth and reveal it, you are a witness. Here is the Spirit of Truth, gift of God the Father by God the Son, beginning his ministry by bearing witness to the Truth through empowered lips and lives. John the apostle was there that day and he must have recalled it when, years later, he wrote his first epistle. "It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (5:6b).

The Spirit of Pentecost is the *Witnessing Spirit*. And that suggests a simple test for each North American Baptist. Am I a Spirit-filled Christian? Then I am simply and winsomely speaking the truth as it is revealed in Christ Jesus. I am not silent. My lips and my life say: "Jesus died for me! Jesus rose for me! Jesus lives in me!" This kind of witness is bound to bear fruit.

FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER

From this Scripture account of the first Pentecost (Acts 2) we learn four things:

1. *To whom did the Spirit witness?* To men "out of every nation under heaven" (v. 5). Asia was represented in that crowd. Africa. Europe. The Islands of the Sea! Still the Holy Spirit's purpose is to tell the story of Jesus to men everywhere. Are we doing it?

2. *How did the Spirit witness?* "Every man heard them speak in his own language" (v. 6). It was not wild gibberish. Where did we ever get that idea? It was sensible speech in the language of those present. It was a purposeful miracle to communicate with every man there. Ever since, the Holy Spirit has been urging us to get the

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The story of John Mbeng of Africa

who has faced setbacks and sorrows

victoriously, who has witnessed for Christ . . .

Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?

A Missionary Story by Mrs. Gilbert Schneider of Hartford, Connecticut

"I WAS SORRY because I knew that she had never really handled God's Words in her hands properly." This is a sentence out of a letter we received recently from John Mbeng in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa. He was referring to his mother who passed away early in 1962, after we had left on furlough.

Consider the thought behind this vivid picture. Biblical truths so real, so tangible and familiar that John thinks and speaks in terms of actually grasping hold of them to examine, and thus discover their nature and value. He was sorry because his mother hadn't attained that same feeling of familiarity which would have revealed the secret of what great value this precious possession could be when "handled properly" in her own hands.

SERIES OF STRUGGLES

John didn't reach this level of spiritual awareness and strength without first passing through deep waters. His life has been a series of struggles. Since he was never allowed to attend school, he learned to read and write by attending adult classes in the church when he could, and supplemented these short hours with many more by himself. He pledged himself to seeing to it that his younger brother Wufanga would have full advantage of attending our mission school. This meant John had to find steady work to earn enough money to pay for the school fees and books Wufanga would need through the years. He could expect no help from his father.

John began helping with our family washing and ironing in 1952 when we were beginning the leper work at Mbengo. He has been helping us ever since and so making it possible for me to carry on a busy schedule of nursing and women's meetings during those ten years at the Settlement. The last three of those years were particularly strenuous for him when we had the missionary school children living with us and filling the laundry basket to capacity—with no detergents and no washing machine to assist.

He walked the three miles from his home to ours every morning and night, every day except Sunday, rain or shine. A few years ago he was able to get himself a bicycle which helped considerably. After putting the

big drum of water over the fire to heat, oftentimes he would sit there and study his primer or practice his writing exercises between sessions of blowing wet firewood or making the charcoal which he would later be using in the iron.

BUSY AS A TAILOR

At home in the evenings he was busy taking an apprenticeship course in tailoring. This is a new trade, becoming more and more popular and, if you are able to please, it is very compensating financially. The tailor also exacts quite a fee from his ap-

sense of honesty and loyalty for which he has always had our highest respect. One day he complained of not feeling well. He had eaten a kind of cocoyam the night before, which often had caused indigestion for him. But he had nothing else, so ate some anyway. I gave him some anti-acid medicine and as the day wore on, he seemed more uncomfortable. So it seemed best for him to go home and go to bed. Stomach upsets are very common in Africa and no one gets very excited with the symptoms he showed.

The next day, however, he arrived



A MEMORABLE WEDDING PICTURE

Following the wedding ceremony in the Baiango Baptist Church, the happy couple, John Mbeng and Theresa, are photographed with friends and members of their families. This interesting picture was taken by Missionary Laura E. Reddig.

prentices for the time, teaching and revealing trade skills. He finished this course and after another period of saving and planning managed to obtain a treadle sewing machine on the installment plan. Now his days were spent bending over the washboard and swinging the charcoal iron to keep it hot, while his evenings were spent carefully beginning to practice this newly learned and dearly earned trade. All the while he had an incentive and wholesome pride in the knowledge that he had been able to keep Wufanga in school!

John had been a Christian for a number of years and had a very deep

late and looking very ill and barely able to stand by the time he had walked from his home. I could see that this was none of the usual varieties of stomachaches.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

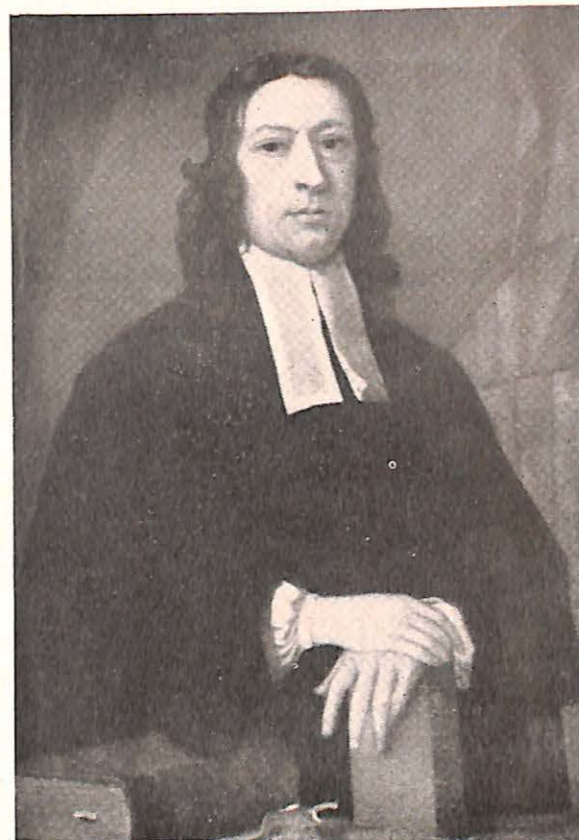
Dr. Stockdale examined John and said it was appendicitis with surgery necessary immediately. The appendix had ruptured. John was not expected to live by human calculations. The Christian staff and many in the community interceded in prayer—some right on through the night. John survived (to make a long story short),

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John Wesley Whose Heart Was Strangely Warmed

It happened one night 225 years ago, May 24, 1738, at a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street, London.

By Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor of "The Upper Room."



JOHN WESLEY
A famous portrait of Wesley painted by John Michael Williams in 1742. It now hangs at Didsbury College, Westbury-on-Trym.

NO DATE IN history is more significant to many Christians than May 24, 1738, just 225 years ago. They mark the beginning of Methodist dynamics at the moment "about a quarter before nine" that evening, when, in a prayer meeting in Aldersgate Street, London, John Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed." But another date, less than four months earlier, merits almost equal significance.

It was February 7 when Wesley, age 35, met a 25-year-old German missionary of the Moravian faith. His name: Peter Bohler.

These two young men walked London streets in animated conversation. In German, perhaps, occasionally breaking over into Latin, they discussed religion. To understand why they talked so earnestly, one has to know about the turmoil churning in John Wesley's mind and heart.

THE OXFORD STUDENT

Wesley had been a diligent follower of Jesus Christ. A Church of England clergyman, he also was the son of a clergyman. As the leader of the original "Methodists"—the Holy Club at Oxford University—he had been zealous in piety and prayers, and had visited the sick and the imprisoned. But he did not realize the need for knowledge of Jesus Christ as a *personal Savior*—not until that day he met Bohler, the young Moravian.

Oddly, it was not until then that

Wesley, the Oxford don, felt the full impact of a stream of theology engendered almost 400 years before—at Oxford. John Wycliffe (1320?-84), priest and professor, had anticipated Martin Luther by a century and a half in challenging certain dogmas of Roman Catholicism. He taught that there are but two scriptural orders of clergy—deacons and priests—and ex-



John Wesley's walnut table and candlestick in the little Prayer Room in Wesley's house on City Road, London, England.

pounded the doctrine of "the priesthood of all believers."

Wycliffe's greatest disciple was a Bohemian priest, John Huss, who became dean of the philosophy faculty at the University of Prague (now in Czechoslovakia). Huss was the nemesis of dissolute and immoral clergy. When he was excommunicated, he ignored the edict and went on teaching and preaching. Later, when he was summoned before the Council of Constance to defend his views, the emperor's guarantee of safety was ignored. Huss was condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake on July 6, 1415.

For a while, his followers were stunned into inaction. Then, in 1457, they organized the *Unitas Fratrum* (Unity of the Brethren). They were persecuted, and during the Thirty Years' War they were all but annihilated. The survivors went underground as the *hidden seed* and later moved into Germany, where they became known as the Moravian Brethren (from the Czech region of Moravia).

The Brethren put their chief stress upon pious conduct, accepting the Bible as their only standard of faith and practice. Choosing to function as societies within established churches, rather than as a separate denomination, they became ardent missionaries.

STORM ON THE ATLANTIC

John Wesley's first contact with the Moravians was during his voyage to Georgia in 1735 and his ministry there.

He had been impressed by their devotion, their lack of fear in the face of peril (notably during a fierce storm on the Atlantic crossing), and their assurance of salvation. He was warmed by their enthusiastic hymn-singing. But he did not understand them.

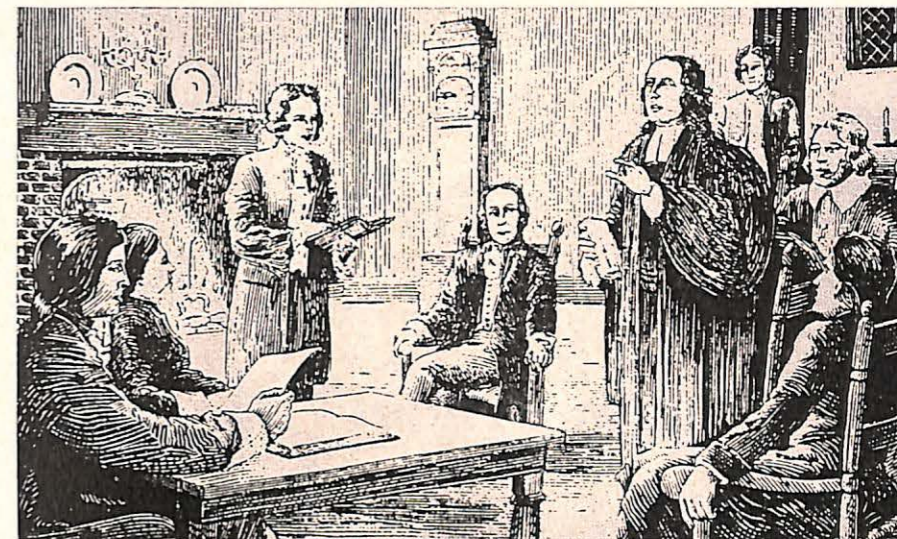
Wesley, striving for peace of soul, for years had put emphasis on himself—his own aspirations, motives, prayer, self-denial—instead of on Jesus Christ. As a High Churchman, he had performed the ceremonies of the Church of England and tried to compel others to conform to his narrow standards of devotion. Yet all the while his own faith floundered.

Frustrated in his efforts to win American Indians to Christ, a disappointed Wesley returned in 1738 to England—and met Bohler. The latter expounded what Wesley ought to have known before: that salvation is through Christ's atonement, that the sole condition of salvation is faith, and that the Holy Spirit working in man is evidence that an individual has accepted faith.

When John asked how he could continue preaching when he did not believe he himself was saved, Bohler replied: "Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith."

Wesley kept on trying. His first effort was with a condemned prisoner, who found Christ and forgiveness for his sins, and went to his death "enjoying perfect peace." Wesley thought that the condemned man's release from sin had come instantaneously, an experience which he previously had argued was not possible.

John's brother Charles, however, had found personal salvation a few days earlier. Charles, even more than John, had been averse to Bohler's teaching. So John was amazed to find out that



"IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT 225 YEARS AGO IN LONDON"

Many painters have put on canvas numerous incidents in the life of John Wesley but apparently only a forgotten woodcut artist pictured the Aldersgate experience, May 24, 1738, when his heart was "strangely warmed."

on Whitsunday, May 21, 1738, Charles on his sickbed had "found rest to his soul." His physical as well as his spiritual health improved from that day forward.

Still, John remained unconvinced—and greatly disturbed. Bohler wrote home to Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf, head of the Moravians in Germany, that it seemed to him Wesley was trying to save himself by his own good works.

On May 4, 1738, Wesley spoke more prophetically than he realized when he wrote of Bohler's departure for America: "O what a work hath God begun, since his [Bohler's] coming into England! Such an one as shall never come to an end, till heaven and earth pass away."

The fortnight after Bohler's departure was a dark period for the unhappy Wesley. But at last came the memorable date—May 24, a Wednesday. He had spent a restless night. His *Journal* relates that at five in the morning he opened the New Testament and read, "There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Before he left his room, he read Mark 12:34: "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

ALDERSGATE CHAPEL

In the afternoon, he attended worship in St. Paul's Cathedral where he heard the anthem: "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice." That evening, still unsettled and disturbed, Wesley went "very unwillingly" to a meeting of a small religious society in Aldersgate Street. Here let us study his account of the evening's experience:

"One was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans." No singing, no invitation, no noise, no lighting or sound effects—just someone, not even named, reading Luther's preface, not even the Book of Romans itself. Then, says Wesley, "I felt my heart strangely warmed." It seems to have been a sudden feeling—but Wesley had been saying such an experience could not come instantly.

He goes on: "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation." Wesley had insisted it would be by works; now it was faith and faith alone which brought salvation. "An assurance was given me." This confidence was the thing he had denied was possible; now he had it himself. "He had taken away *my* sins, even *mine* . . ." This was happening to John Wesley!

Aldersgate sparked a change in the soul of this man which set him on a

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JOHN WESLEY

With heart warmed by the fires of Aldersgate,
Possessed with courage, zeal, and self-control,
He made religion live; and as he preached
Men felt the power of his flaming soul.

He looked upon a world grown old in sin,
Where God and man walked often far apart;
He made that world his parish and, in time,
Had placed the cross of Christ upon its heart.

He pioneered in unaccustomed way,
His pulpit rose wherever people flocked;
He moved religion from secluded halls
Into the stream of life where mankind walked.

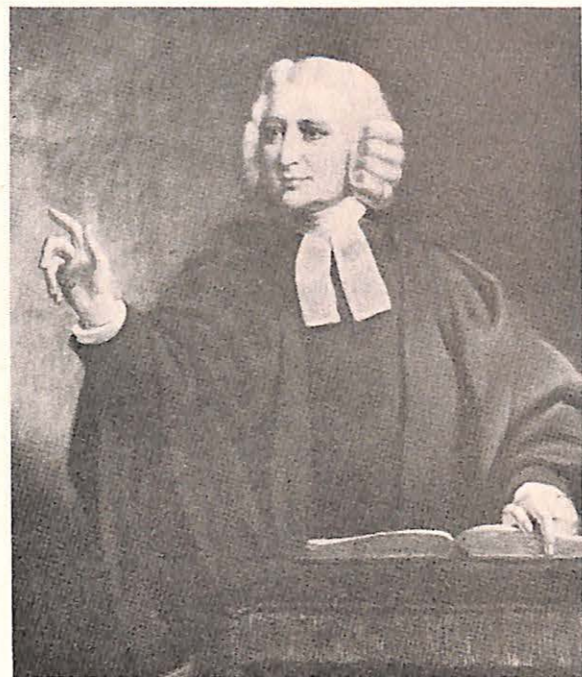
He ended life, the center of his age,
A giant soul within a weakened frame,
Who found burnt embers of a waning faith,
And left unnumbered altar fires aflame.

—George W. Wiseman

The Man With The Warm Heart and His Brother— “Singing Heart”

The story of Charles Wesley, the sweet singer of the Evangelical Revival

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Forest Park, Illinois.



CHARLES WESLEY

The Singer of the Evangelical Revival, whose many hymns gave the Christian converts fervent expression to their new found faith.

“GOD MOVES IN mysterious ways his wonders to perform.” This is graphically illustrated in the life of Charles Wesley, the younger brother of John. When he was about ten years of age, a wealthy relative, Garratt Wesley, wanted to adopt Charles. The offer was declined, but had it been accepted, Charles Wesley would have become Baron Mornington and one of his sons would have been the Duke of Wellington. What a loss it would have been to Christendom!

JOURNEY TO AMERICA

The mysterious ways which brought about the spiritual awakenings of both John and Charles Wesley are also interesting. It was providential that both brothers should take a journey to America together—John as a missionary to the Indians and Charles as a secretary to Governor Oglethorpe of Georgia. On their way home, they came into contact with a group of Moravians who were calmly singing hymns during a tempest while both brothers stood by terrified. Peter Bohler, a young Moravian, later planted the seeds of their transformation by expounding to both of them the doctrine of salvation by faith alone.

Charles was ill in London at the home of Billy Bray, described as a poor ignorant mechanic who knew nothing but Christ. He was still seeking the satisfying faith of which Peter Bohler spoke when he began to read an extract from the writings of Martin Luther during his convalescence. Suddenly he found himself at peace with God and rejoiced in his love for Christ. It was on the Day of Pentecost that Charles Wesley found

his spiritual rest—three days before John found his heart “strangely warmed” while a lay preacher read from Luther’s “Preface to the Epistle to the Romans.” (See page 2 of this issue. Editor).

The next morning, when Charles Wesley arose, he immediately wrote a hymn about his conversion. His brother John and his friends rushed to his sick room after his own heart-warming experience, shouting: “I believe; I believe!” Then the whole company sang a hymn which, no doubt, was the one Charles wrote after his own conversion.

THE EVANGELICAL REVIVAL

It is still thought of by some as the Birth Hymn of the Evangelical Revival. Although it has long since disappeared from American hymnbooks, it is treasured by the British people.

Where shall my wondering soul begin?
How shall I all to heaven aspire?
A slave redeemed from death and sin.
A brand plucked from eternal fire,
How shall I equal triumphs raise,
And sing my great deliverer’s praise!

Come, O my guilty brethren, come,
Groaning beneath your load of sin!
His bleeding heart shall make you room,
His open side shall take you in.
He calls you now, invites you home:
Come, O my guilty brethren, come!

Charles wrote a similar hymn upon his brother’s conversion which came under a somewhat lengthy title: “Congratulations to a Friend Upon Believing in Christ.” On the afternoon before his Aldersgate heart-warming,

John had another soul-stirring experience when he heard an anthem in London’s famous St. Paul’s Cathedral. The words are drawn from Psalm 130 and they seemed to express the deep hunger of his heart.

Out of the depths I cry to thee,
O Lord!
Lord, hear my voice!
Let thy ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

On the first anniversary of his conversion, Charles wrote the well known hymn, “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.” Thereafter he wrote a hymn practically every day of his life, taking no time to polish them. This resulted in much of his work being crude and long since forgotten.

John and Charles Wesley came from a family of poets. Samuel Wesley, the father, published the poetic *Life of Christ*, dedicated to Queen Mary, which is supposed to have won for him the living at Epworth. His oldest son, Samuel Jr., and some of the Wesley girls also wrote poetry, but none of the family produced anything to compare with the hymns of Charles or even John.

SEVEN THOUSAND HYMNS

Of the more than 7,000 hymns which Charles wrote during his lifetime, less than fifty are included in any of our present day song books. His most famous, “Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” though written within two years after his conversion, was not included in John Wesley’s “Hymns Collected for the People Called Methodists” because John thought the word *lover* was too

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How can you care so little
as to be unwilling to contribute
one dollar a month as a BUILDER,
when so much is at stake?

Church Extension in Dallas, Texas

A challenge for Church Extension Builders in June 1963 by Dr. Louis R. Johnson, Church Extension pastor in Dallas, Texas.

THE MARCHING ORDER of the Great Commission, plus the challenge of our Commander-in-Chief—“I will build my church,” launched our denomination on an unprecedented Church Extension program several years ago. To date, this program has been one of the most impressive chapters in our denominational history. While the record is thrilling, the actual accomplishment of the individual projects is often fraught with heartache and frustration, that tests the mettle of all concerned.

Here in Dallas, Texas, we are seeking to accomplish a two-fold task—that of relocating an existing church (the Carroll Avenue Baptist) and of establishing a new work in a new and growing area of Dallas. Though the project is one and the same, it has the problems of both.

TWO-FOLD TASK

A church does not dwindle to the borderline of survival (with scarcely 50 members) without some underlying reasons. These same reasons make a vision for relocation hard to germinate and to visualize. Numerical weakness also makes for financial weakness. All of this adds up to some sizable problems that can only be overcome by a strong faith in the ability of God and the power of the living Head of the Church.

Knowing that one of our problems would be financial, we began by taking stock of our resources and of our willingness to meet the challenge involved. To the credit of our people, they responded nobly to a financial program, calling for the adoption of a yearly budget and the underwriting of the same.

From our small group, the budget calls for approximately \$200 per Sunday. Thus far, for the first three months of this year, we have raised \$3,763. This averages \$289.48 per Sunday. Over and above this budget, we set a goal of \$5,000 for the purchase of a new site. This amount has been subscribed and almost paid to date.

Above all, we are particularly happy that we have not sacrificed our own missionary giving, for 10% of each Sunday’s offering goes to our denominational missionary program. Also, our

church families are almost 100% enlisted as Church Extension Builders.

After months, in what seemed to be a fruitless search, we have finally, by God’s help, found a choice site for the establishment of our new work. It is a four acre plot on Church Road on the extreme north edge of Dallas. A new high school is to be built directly across from our property, and a city park is being established adjacent to our property. A house on the property can be adapted for Sunday school use in conjunction with our new building. Those engaged in the development of this area of the city, where hundreds of new homes are being built, feel our site will be the geographical center and heart of this new development.

Negotiations are now in process to purchase the property at a cost of \$30,000.00. Our Church Extension department is loaning us \$15,000. To

that we shall add our \$5,000 cash. We were able to realize \$7,000 from an educational annex building at our present location. We will assume a note for the balance of \$3,000.

PRAYERS AND GIFTS NEEDED

There must follow the disposition of the remainder of our present property, plus the drawing up of plans for our new building, besides, of course, the financing of it all. A committee composed of Rev. Gerold Neugebauer, Messrs. Edward Grinke, Rudy Kachold, Edmund Porth, and Gene Weidenmaier, has served as the Preliminary Survey Committee. To this committee have been added Mrs. Ed. Monscke and Mrs. Henry Nuss, to serve as a Planning and Building Committee.

Formidable problems still face us, both financial and spiritual, and we

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PLANNING FOR THE CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT IN DALLAS

The Planning and Building Committee for the new Church Extension project in Dallas, Texas met on Easter Sunday afternoon at the new site that has been purchased.

Left to right: Edmund Porth, Gene Weidenmaier, Edward Grinke, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor; Mrs. Henry Nuss, Mrs. Edward Monschke and Rev. Gerold Neugebauer, chairman. (Rudy Kachold, another committee member, was not present for the picture).

Inspirational Gatherings at the Seminary

Report of sessions at the North American Baptist Seminary, packed with information and inspiration, by President Frank Veninga.

THE WORDS OF Jesus, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31), found literal acceptance by scores of individuals attending numerous activities at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., March 25-30. The information and inspiration of those days will long be cherished by pastors, denominational secretaries, and members of the Seminary family.

The pastors of the Dakota Conference held a brief retreat with a well planned program commencing Monday evening with the supper hour and concluding with the Tuesday noon meal. The opening message was brought by Dr. Frank Woyke who spoke on the theme, "Re-evaluating the Evangelism Program in the Light of Contemporary Theology." Lively discussion followed the eloquent address. Tuesday morning speakers and themes included: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, "Contemporary Programming in Christian Education"; Rev. J. C. Gunst, "The Pastor and His Task Today"; Dr. Ralph Powell, "A Charge to the Gospel Minister." Rev. Willis Potratz spoke during the Seminary's chapel period.

SPRING CONVOCATION

The annual Spring Convocation held March 26-27 concerned itself with the "Pastor's Evangelistic Ministry." Five interesting, constructive, and provocative lectures were brought by the guest lecturer, Dr. Samuel Southard, Associate Professor, Psychology of Religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The convocation was undoubtedly one of the largest held in recent years.

The lecturer challenged the pastors to engage in a far reaching evangel-

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

Saturday, May 18.
Commencement Banquet, First Baptist Church

Toastmaster—Rev. Manuel Wolff
Banquet Speaker—
Rev. Adolph Braun
Topic—"The Ideal Minister."

Sunday, May 19.
Baccalaureate Service, Trinity Baptist Church

Speaker—Rev. H. J. Wilcke
Topic—"Treasures in Earthen Vessels."

Sunday, May 19.
Commencement, First Baptist Church
Speaker—Rev. J. C. Gunst
Topic—"The Minister — Sent from God."

istic ministry. He stressed conversion to be the pilgrimage to God. Salvation, according to Dr. Southard, is a continuing experience and process. A Christ-like conversion is a well defined experience and is one that is full of life, producing a consistent morality. The church must be the cradle of the convert.

In speaking of the woman at the well he said, "Jesus revealed herself to herself before he revealed himself to her as the Christ." As the pastor engages in an evangelistic ministry, he must be sensitive to people's previous history. He urged the pastor not to move too soon. "Get to know your people!"

Dr. Southard emphasized that great revivals come about through personal ministry. The pastor needs an aware-

ness of the ways people relate to each other. In this regard, the pastor needs to build a bridge of fellowship and then he can transport heavy artillery across it.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The devotional periods during the Spring Convocation were led by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. Allan Strohschein. Their thought-provoking messages were a genuine blessing.



CONVOCATION LEADERS

Rev. Harold E. Weiss (left to right), president of the NAB Ministers' Fellowship; President Frank Veninga; and Dr. Samuel Southard, Convocation lecturer, behind the pulpit in the Seminary Chapel.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday through Saturday, March 28-30. Rev. Rubin Herrmann and President A. S. Felberg brought helpful and appreciated chapel messages. The annual sessions, chaired by Rev. H. J. Wilcke, were congenial and far reaching in deliberations and decisions. The administration is truly grateful for the excellent cooperation and farsightedness of the Board of Trustees. Each member contributes freely of his time and ability in seeking to advance the theological training program of our beloved Seminary.

We praise the Lord for the historic week of fellowship, blessing and inspiration. We look forward to next year's convocation when Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will lecture on the theme, "The Baptist Witness in World Outreach."



1963 SPRING CONVOCATION AT SEMINARY

The many pastors and denominational leaders in attendance at the Spring Convocation held by the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A Crowning Glory for God's Volunteers

Final reports from the two teams after eight months of faithful witnessing for Christ

WE'VE SEEN TRANSFORMED LIVES

Report of Team No. II

by Ronna Merrick

AFTER THE RECENT campaign in Philadelphia, Team Two of God's Volunteers traveled to Jamesburg, New Jersey. Rev. Art Boymook is the pastor of our church there in this small, eastern town. Rev. Walter Hoffman was scheduled to join us later to begin our Crusade for Christ.

Because the people in Jamesburg prayed, we were witness to a wonderful chain of events. During the first part of our crusade several children came to the Lord for forgiveness of sins, taking him as their personal Savior. They, in turn, began to pray for their parents who are not Christians.

20 FIRST-TIME DECISIONS

As the week progressed, the older brother of some of the children came to the Lord. The very next night he walked his mother down the aisle where she too accepted Christ—a victory for both of them. On the last evening, another mother came forward, and because of her yielding, two other women came forward.

Many prayers were answered that week as we saw 20 first-time decisions and several dedications. The Lord works in wondrous ways when his people join hearts in prayer.

There were also other opportunities for service in Jamesburg, such as a children's rally, singing in a Home for older men and a Home for older women, as well as our regular calling program.

Rev. Walter Hoffman and the team left Jamesburg on April 8 traveling to the Fellowship Chapel in Detroit, Michigan, where Rev. Walter Stein is pastor. On the way we saw mighty Niagara Falls, another of the handiworks of our God.

On April 9, we arrived in Detroit in time to change clothes and meet with Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the Ridgmont Baptist Church for a service. On April 10 we began our work at Fellowship Chapel, both the visitation ministry and special meetings.

The year of our service is fast drawing to a close. We have traveled as far north and west as Edmonton, Alberta; as far south as Donna, Texas; and as far east as Bridgeport, Connecticut. We've watched as the Lord has drawn men and women unto himself; as he has called Christians to humble themselves, to pray, seek his face, and turn from their wicked ways. (II Chronicles 7:14). We've seen transformed lives—a thrill to behold! We've relied on the Lord's Word, that it should not return void. The seed was sown; God will give

CHURCHES VISITED BY GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAMS I AND II DURING WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 1962

- May 6—Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- May 7—Bethany Church, Hutchinson, Minn.
- May 8—Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Trinity Church in evening.
- May 9—Aplington, Iowa.
- May 10—Racine, Wisconsin.
- May 12 a.m.—Norridge, Illinois.
- May 12 p.m.—Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill.

MANY WONDERFUL TRAILS OF BLESSINGS

Report of Team No. I

by Kathy E. Dockter

"WE'RE ON the Homeward Trail." As we have gone in the Name of Jesus Christ, many trails of blessings have followed. Such was true as we served the Terrace Heights Baptist Church in Spokane, Washington. Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest evangelist.

Team One took part in an enthusiastic visitation program headed by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Howe. We were able to contact and talk to many about their soul's salvation and their hope for eternal life.

PRAYER IS THE KEY

We are always thankful for the groundwork laid in prayers for the team. This again proved to be the key to first time decisions and also several rededications. We had another opportunity to appear on a local television station.

In Billings, Montana at the Calvary Baptist Church Team One had the privilege of working with the Rev. Richard Grenz family. A door-to-door canvass was the work of the team in Billings. We also took part in daily radio broadcasts.

The Gospel was proclaimed by the guest evangelist, Rev. Robert Hoffman of Napoleon, N. Dak.

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM II AT PHILADELPHIA

At the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., God's Volunteers with some friends are photographed by Raymond Noll: (left to right), Herman de Vries, Rev. John Ziegler, Lorraine Albrecht, Ronna Merrick, Shirley Sandau, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann and Arlyn Thielenshaus.

An N.A.B. Church With 1011 Members

For the first time in our denominational history, a church has exceeded 1,000 in its membership. This is the story of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, reported by Rev. Aaron Buhler, Pastor.

IN COMPLYING with the request of the editor of the "Baptist Herald," I can report a "Red Letter Sunday" at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. The day was March 31st. During the morning the sky was overcast with ominous clouds and some people did get wet running through the rain from their cars to the church. However, it did not dampen the spirits of the nearly 800 worshippers who gathered for the morning service.

TWO GREAT SERVICES

But the day was climaxed at the evening service when the count revealed that almost 700 people had gathered to witness history in the making, when 27 people united with the church by baptism, testimony and letter. After the pastor had extended to them the hand of fellowship, the official church records indicated that our church had a membership of 1011.

This was unique in that, according to the records at our Forest Park Headquarters, this is the first time that a North American Baptist church has exceeded the 1000 mark in church membership. We were informed that at one time the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, had 938 members.

The First Baptist Church of Lodi was organized in 1905 with 17 charter members. Rev. Gustave Schunke was the first pastor. In the course of 58 years, a church passes through all kinds of experiences, pleasant as well

as unpleasant. There are cloudy days and there are bright days, just as in individual lives. We are very happy to report to our entire fellowship that we are now enjoying days of great blessing in our entire church life with its various organizations.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

Since coming to pastor this church 3½ years ago, we have not only had the

Cameroons Baptist Students in the U.S.A.

By Missionary Ida Forsch on furlough at Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

OPEN DOORS FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

The Story of George Mbunker of West Cameroon by Missionary Ida Forsch

GEORGE MBUNKER of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, is a native of Binka village where we as North American Baptists have a large elementary school and a growing church in our Cameroons Mission. He completed his elementary school education in our Baptist schools. His secondary education was at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali. While in secondary school, he dedicated his life to full time service in the Christian ministry.

The question arose, Where should he

go to prepare himself for this great work? He worked in the Cameroons Baptist Education Secretary's office while he was waiting for an answer to his question.

For some time the doors appeared to be closed, but George Mbunker refused to take "No" for an answer. He was convinced that God wanted him to prepare himself for the ministry—but where? The standard of the B.B.T.C. is too low for secondary school graduates. Patiently he waited!

Suddenly the doors opened. Today he is studying at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa. An American scholarship is making it possible for George Mbunker to study in the United States.

A SCHOLARSHIP IN INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION FOR A CAMEROONIAN

The Story of Peter Chi Mbako of West Cameroon

by Missionary Ida Forsch

PETER CHI MBAKO of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, is a native of Bamenda. In 1950 he took the preliminary training course for teaching. The same year he was one of our first young students to take part in the Man O' War Bay Training program. This program of six weeks, sponsored by the British, was intended to teach and train leaders for community work, such as the building of roads, bridges, finding and building up reliable drinking water sources, etc.

In 1951 Mr. Mbako taught in the elementary school at Belo. After school hours he was out in the villages visiting the people, talking to them how improvements could be made for a higher standard of living. One day I accompanied him to a compound where he instructed a man how to prepare a patch of ground for the planting of coffee seedlings. (Belo men do not work on the farm. The women are the farmers.)

He promised to return to give further help in due time.

In 1952-1953, Mr. Mbako studied at the Teachers' Training Centre of Bati-bo, a Presbyterian Centre. After completing the two year course, he was headmaster of our Bamenda Elementary School. Two years later he was transferred to the Baptist school in Mbanga, Mambila, where he was headmaster for three years.

Mr. Mbako has always shown great interest in working with his hands. In 1959 a two year Handcraft Course, sponsored by the American government was opened at the Government Teacher Training College in Kumba. Mr. Mbako took the entrance examination, passed and was accepted. After completing the course he conducted a handcraft course for the upper grades at Ndu Elementary School. As a result of the course, the Cameroons Baptist Mission School of Ndu took first prize at the Agricultural Show in Nkambe.

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"FOR YE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST"

Nine Indians and eight "whites" were baptized as born-again believers in Christ at this unusual "integrated" service at the Calvary Baptist Church Wetaskiwin, Alberta by Rev. R. Neumann (left, standing), Indian missionary, and by Rev. Wm. Sibley of Wetaskiwin (right, standing).

All One In Christ!

Report of a wonderful baptismal service at the Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta at which nine Indian Christians and eight others were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

THESE WORDS ARE taken from Paul's epistle to the Galatians, chapter 3 and verse 28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Segregation or integration is not a problem with God. His only Son died for "whosoever will," regardless of race, color or creed. Truly, the love of God breaks down every human barrier and makes all believers of all races one in the Church which is the Body of Christ.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

It was with this great truth in mind that the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta joined with the nearby Benke Memorial Chapel to observe the ordinance of baptism. The Benke Chapel under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman has had a tremendous witness among the Cree Indians on the Bull Reserve. Many have turned to Christ and received him as Savior and Lord.

After a week of Bible School which culminated with an evangelistic service, a goodly number of them could ask the question, "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Rev. R. Neuman immediately began to confer with Rev. William Sibley of Wetaskiwin about a baptismal service.

The Calvary Baptist Church was joyously anticipating a baptismal service for eight people who had applied for church membership. A family that had immigrated from Holland and another family, where the father had been

Roman Catholic, were among these candidates. Membership classes were begun by the pastor to instruct the applicants on Baptist distinctives and the meaning of baptism.

The Board of Deacons met to consider the matter of having an integrated service. It was unanimously decided that here no distinction should be made and that the doors of the Calvary Baptist Church are open to these brethren in Christ. The service was planned for 8:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, March 24th.

The church was filled to capacity for the service. Rev. R. Neuman had made arrangements for a school bus to drive the Indians in from the Reserve. Visitors from miles around had also come to witness this integrated service.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Mr. Neuman opened the service with the singing of a hymn, "He Is Able to Deliver Thee." After two more congregational songs and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, the ordinance of baptism began. The curtains were opened and Pastor Sibley began to baptize the converts. "Do you profess that Jesus Christ is your Saviour and Lord? Then upon your profession of faith I now baptize you into Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The candidates came one after another: Mrs. Foster, Mr. Foster, Rodney Foster, Mr. Koelwyn, Mrs. Koelwyn, Douglas Dickau, Carol Dickau and Sharon Strohschein. The congregation

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LODI, CALIFORNIA

The Sunday evening congregation of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., on March 31, 1963 following the baptism and communion services when it was announced that the church's membership now totals 1011.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **PRIZE FOR BARTH.** Theologian Karl Barth has been awarded the Danish Sonning Prize for his "service to European civilization." The prize of 110,000 Danish crowns (\$15,940) was awarded at a ceremony at the University of Copenhagen. Previous recipients have included Igor Stravinsky and Sir Winston Churchill.

● **METHODIST MINISTER AND MAYOR.** Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, a Methodist minister and president of the University of Oklahoma City, was elected mayor of Oklahoma City, Okla., by a 2-to-1 margin over his opponent. He and other reform candidates ran on a non-partisan Association of Responsible Government slate, pledged to put through needed improvements in the city government. His duties as mayor are primarily to preside over the City Council and fulfill other top-level functions, since Oklahoma City has a city manager for daily government administration.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **LOST MONEY.** The average American misplaces more money annually than the per member contributions to a majority of church denominations in the U.S. This was pointed out at the 1963 Stewardship and Mission Conference of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at a 3-day meeting at Atlantic City, N. J. Dr. Arthur R. McKay, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, told some 400 stewardship and promotion personnel from 13 states that the cash lost in the U.S. averaged \$75 per person annually.

● **LIVINGSTONE SERVICE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.** A service to commemorate the life and work of David Livingstone, the African explorer and missionary born 150 years ago on March 19, 1813, was held on March 18 in Westminster Abbey, London, England. The preacher was Dr. D. S. M'Timkulu, Secretary of the All Africa Church Conference, the service being led by Dr. Eric S. Abbott, dean of Westminster. The service was held in the nave, where Livingstone's tomb is situated and a wreath was laid on the tomb by two students: one from Great Britain, the other from Tanganyika. The inscription on Livingstone's tomb was read by a representative of the Tanganyika office.—*The Baptist Times*

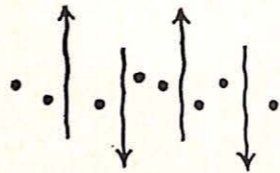
● **BIBLES IN SPAIN.** Activities in Spain by the British and Foreign Bible Society are to be resumed after a period of nearly seven years. The Spanish government authorities have now granted permission under an agreement made with the Society and approved by the ecclesiastical authorities for the Society to resume its work. The work of the Society which had gone on since

1912 was suddenly stopped by the Spanish authorities in April 1956 and 36,000 copies of the New Testament, booklets and other literature were seized at the Society's headquarters in Madrid, Spain. The resumption of the Society's work will give great encouragement and help to Protestant communities in Spain.—*The Baptist Times*

● **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.** The Arkansas Department of Education has sent 1,700 copies of the Ten Command-

ments to the state's school districts in compliance with a request of the legislature. Legislation adopted by the House on a unanimous voice vote asked the department to have the Ten Commandments printed and sent to all state schools. The department had 2,500 copies printed in black and white paper with gold-embossed edge. The bill requested the department to "encourage" school districts to place it in each school building.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Baptist Minister in Canal Zone.** Dr. Frank A. Tobey, who climaxed a distinguished military career by serving for the past four years as Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army with the rank of Major General, has now assumed pastoral responsibilities with the Balboa Union Church, Balboa, Canal Zone. An American Baptist clergyman, Dr. Tobey will be in a position to minister to many American citizens and military personnel as well as to Panamanian civilians.

● **Baptist Radio Popular in Chile.** A recent survey in four Chilean cities revealed that 47.1 per cent of homes with radios listen to a Chilean Baptist radio program. The program is carried over 12 stations, reaching homes from the deserts in the north to the city of Punta Arenas in the south. Aggressiveness of Chilean Baptists in spreading the gospel is evidenced by the fact that Second Baptist Church at Santiago recently helped two of its missions to organize into churches. It continues to sponsor four other missions.

● **Interracial Baptist Home.** A Chicago Baptist layman will head the Board of Directors of a new interracial Baptist Home for the Aging to be established on the former site of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill. Melbourne P. Anderson, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Link Belt Company, has given decades of distinguished service to Baptists of the area, including presidency of the Chicago Baptist Association.

● **Negro Baptist Minister.** A Baptist minister became the first Negro ever appointed to the Texas Board of Corrections, policy-making agency for state prisons. He is Rev. C. A. Holliday, 47, pastor of Greater St. James (Baptist)

church, Fort Worth, for 10 years. Born in Bedias, Tex., Mr. Holliday was educated at Sam Houston High School in Huntsville and at Bishop College in Marshall where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He formerly held pastorates in Tyler and Marshall.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **J. M. Dawson's Papers.** A large section of the personal papers and manuscripts of J. M. Dawson, widely recognized authority on church-state relationships, have been presented to Baylor University as a gift, Baylor President Abner V. McCall recently announced. Most of the personal and public materials included in the gift relate to Dawson's writings and studies in church and State, a program instituted and named in his honor. Dr. Dawson was one of the founding fathers of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), and served for years as the general secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

● **Largest Baptist Rally in San Diego.** Dr. Robert Greene Lee of Memphis, Tenn., was the inspirational speaker at the largest Baptist rally in the history of San Diego, Calif., on March 9. Every Baptist group in the city was represented and the First Baptist Church with Dr. Pieter Smit as pastor was jammed, with many unable to find seats. A 125-voice mixed choir from the Negro churches gave a sacred concert preceding the speaking program. All in all, it is considered that this great rally showed the local Baptists to be in essential agreement and revealed a determination to give a united testimony to the city.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

● **Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,** recently presented his resignation to the church, effective July 1st. He has served as the minister in the Philadelphia church since 1959. Mr. Schmidt stated: "My wife and I are praying for God's guidance as to our future service."

● **Rev. Jerry Vilhauer recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Bison, S. Dak.,** effective at the close of April 1963. He and his family have moved to Enid, Oklahoma where they will reside. Mr. Vilhauer hopes to pursue his further studies this fall. He served as pastor at Bison since 1960.

● **Some months ago the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas** extended a call to Rev. Dwight M. Fry to become its pastor. He was formerly the minister at the First Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan. Mr. Fry has accepted the call and has been serving the Greenvine church since March 1st. He has succeeded Rev. Ray Bennett.

● **The 21 voice choir of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.,** rendered the cantata, "The Cross of Christ," on Palm Sunday evening, April 7. Emma Norman served as director with Nancy Norman as accompanist. A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday evening, April 13, with the pastor, Rev. Donald N. Miller, officiating. This was followed by the showing of the Easter film, "Miracle of Love."

● **Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.,** baptized 10 persons on Palm Sunday, April 7, and received them into the church's fellowship at a communion service held on Good Friday evening, April 12. From April 28 to May 1st, a "Deeper Life Conference" was held at the Temple Church with Rev. Lew Stewart as the guest minister.

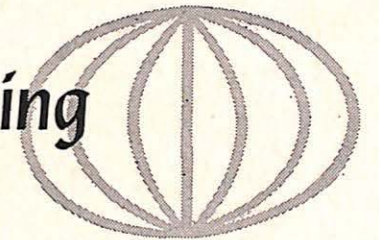
● **On Easter Sunday evening, April 14,** Rev. Jothan G. Benke, pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Good Friday afternoon and Easter morning services of the church were broadcast over radio over Station KJAM of Madison. On Easter Sunday morning a sunrise service was held at 6:30 A.M. at Camp Lakodia, where the South Dakota Youth Camp is usually held.

● **On April 3rd Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh** presented his resignation to the Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee, Oklahoma, which he has served since 1959. He announced that his resignation would be effective on May 31st. He is planning on moving with his family to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where he hopes to secure employment for the summer months. He also plans to enter the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls this fall to complete his seminary studies.

● **Dr. M. Vanderbeck has accepted a call to serve as interim pastor of three neighboring churches in the Dakotas,** which are pastorless at present. These churches, now being served in a circuit ministry, are the Grace Church of Bison, S. Dak.; Grace Church of Hettinger, N. Dak.; and the Church Extension project at Lemmon, S. Dak. During the summer months Mr. Chester D. Strobel of Venturia, N. Dak., a second year Seminary student, will

serve these three churches under Dr. Vanderbeck's direction. His resignation was presented to the Bible Baptist Church of La Crosse on Sunday, April 7, and was effective on May 12. Following a vacation of two weeks, Dr. Seecamp will begin his ministry in the Appleton church on June 1, 1963, succeeding Rev. Ben J. Lauth, now associated with the Union Gospel Mission, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Seecamp has been pastor of the Bible Church in La Crosse, Wis., since 1959.

what's happening



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● **On Sunday evening, March 31,** Rev. Aaron Buhler received 27 new members into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. This was "a red letter event" for the church and for the North American Baptist General Conference since it marked the first time in our history that a church has passed the 1,000 mark in membership. More than 700 people were in attendance at the evening service to be "eye witnesses" of this important event. A more detailed report appears on page 12 of this issue.

● **The Baptist churches of Hettinger, Mott and New Leipzig, North Dakota,** have organized a Men's Fellowship consisting of 37 men from these three churches who have joined the denominational organization of "Baptist Men." Rudy Fiedler of Mott is president; Donald Okken, vice-president; and K. C. Wilson, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of these officers and the pastors of the churches in the area. Meetings are held once a month for a time of devotions, recreation and social hour.

● **On Tuesday afternoon, April 11,** Peter Chi Mbako, a Christian national of the Federal Republic of Cameroon and a spiritual product of the Cameroon Baptist Mission and mission schools, spent several hours at the Forest Park headquarters' building visiting with the personnel there. He is at present a student at Stout State College, Menomonie, Wis., pursuing a course in Industrial Education. The story and picture of Peter Chi Mbako and another account about George Mbunker by Missionary Ida Forsch are featured on page 12 of this number of the "Baptist Herald."

● **The First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn.,** has called Dr. C. H. Seecamp of La Crosse, Wis., as its pastor to which a favorable reply has been

● **Mr. Ronald Mayforth of St. Joseph, Mich.,** a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Seminary on Sunday, May 19, has announced his acceptance of a call from the Central Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to serve as the Director of Christian Education. He has accepted the call and is already active in the new ministry. The Central Church, with Rev. Maurice A. Wessman, as pastor, is affiliated with the Baptist General Conference.

● **The NAB Pastor's Fellowship of Greater Detroit, Mich.,** met on Tuesday, April 16, for a luncheon program at one of Howard Johnsons Restaurants. Twenty-four persons were present, including the following guests: Missionaries George and Alma Henderson, Earl H. Ahrens, and Fred G. Moore; God's Volunteers Team No. 2 and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director; Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District secretary; and Rev. David J. Draewell of Forest Park, Ill. Several musical numbers were rendered by God's Volunteers and brief messages were brought by most of the guests, followed by a discussion period.

● **Dr. A. J. Harms of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,** has been hospitalized at Sioux Valley Hospital for the past several weeks. He underwent surgery in April which was successful. Dr. Frost's report relative to 5½ hour surgery and post-surgery recovery was optimistic and encouraging, indicating that Dr. Harms "should be fit for the Master's use" after a period of recuperation. Throughout the lengthy period of hospitalization, Dr. Harms has radiated his sincere Christian faith and has been a blessing and inspiration to those who have ministered to him and also to those who have called on him. He is extremely grateful for his many friends who have remembered him and Mrs. Harms with cards.



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

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
by Mrs. Harold DeWerff
of Ellinwood, Kansas
President of the Southwestern
Conference Woman's Missionary
Union

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). You have probably heard the popular song entitled, "Time Changes Everything," but Christians know that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." In a changing world, it is good to know the One on whom we can depend. But can we depend on us? So often when we are asked to do something for the Lord in the church, we say, "I'm sorry. I don't have time." But isn't this merely an excuse because it requires a little extra effort, or we feel we are not equal to it?

In Psalms 31:15 we read, "My times are in thy hand," which states that our entire life belongs to him and that he "whose we are and whom we serve" orders our lives. We should be willing to serve the Lord with gladness, thus proving to unbelievers it pays to serve Jesus.

Ephesians 5:16 tells us to "redeem the time because the days are evil." Sometimes we are guilty of taking time to criticize, gossip or find fault, thus losing and wasting time which can be put to better use.

Psalms 56:3 speaks of another time: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." What a help and comfort this is in trouble and sorrow! When storms are raging and the world seems all wrong, that is a time to remember God is still on the throne and in command of everything. God can do anything but fail.

Hosea 10:12 tells us "for it is time to seek the Lord," and in Acts 3:19 we find that there is a "time of refreshing." We need to spend time in meditation and prayer. No matter how much time our daily work demands, time spent in private devotions is not lost, but time gained. These moments strengthen us for our tasks and make us fit for the Master's use. Take time to pray for "prayer changes things."

My desire is that I can arrange my time so that God has first place in my life and that in some way my life may reflect my love to him who gave his all for me.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Aside from his method of demythologizing, what are some of Rudolf Bultmann's theological ideas?

It is very difficult to separate Bultmann's method of demythologizing from most of his theological thought (See "From the Professor's Desk" articles in the March 29 and Nov. 22, 1962 issues). Bultmann is convinced that modern man knows that he is lost (he interprets this basically as ego-centricity, the inevitable tendency of man to make himself the center of everything), and that man does know what authentic life is, but that man is not able to set himself free for this life. The New Testament gives not merely a doctrine of authentic being, but a proclamation of an act of redemption which was wrought in Christ. Only God's love can free man from himself as he is and give him the ability to re-acquire his actuality as man.

BULTMANN'S AGNOSTICISM

Now this may sound very evangelical, but it is clear that Bultmann does not mean this in any traditional or literal sense, for in many places he speaks very agnostically about almost all the facts of the historic Christian faith. For example, in his book *Jesus and the Word*, he states that "we can now know almost nothing concerning the life and personality of Jesus, since the early Christian sources show no interest in either, are moreover fragmentary and often legendary; and other sources about Jesus do not exist" (p. 8). He repeatedly asserts that Jesus was a mere man, an ordinary individual no different from any other man (*Theology of the New Testament*, II, pp. 46, 75; *Kerygma and Myth*, pp. 43, 46; *Jesus of Nazareth*, p. 75). In fact, this is precisely the world's inability to understand Jesus, because he, "a mere man, demands credence for his claim to be the Revealer."

Bultmann is not at all bothered that we can know nothing of the historical personality of Jesus, because the Christian faith, he avers, is not interested in the past history of Jesus but in his present Lordship (existentially understood). Faith does not rest upon historical facts like those embodied in a trustworthy record of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We do not need any historical verification or authentication for faith; if we did, then we would be trusting in historical documents, not in God. What we need, Bultmann insists, is confidence in God alone, not in history. God can only be believed in defiance of all appearances; therefore faith cuts itself off from all historical documents. Bultmann does not hesitate to admit that he is reading the New Testament according to form criticism and interpreting it in the category of existential philosophy.

NOTHING SUPERNATURAL

The outcome of this approach makes the Cross of Christ mean death to the enslavement of worldly power (death to the "old man," crucifying the flesh with its lusts). In this sense it is a liberating judgment of God upon the world. It represents a process begun in Jesus of Nazareth and continued in the preaching of the Gospel. The counterpart is the Resurrection, which involves a personal encounter with the living Christ whereby man is brought to his proper self (the "new man," self-realization). It is useless to talk about the Resurrection of Jesus as an actual occurrence, says Bultmann, because it does not tell anything important, since past events can be dispensed with as significant because significance lies in the present "moment of decision."

It is obvious that Bultmann has no place for God literally acting in history and no place for the supernatural. He

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COME TO BEIRUT, LEBANON

DATES!

The program for the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, July 15-21, 1963, is now complete. The planning committee has been successful in building a fine program.

PROGRAM!

The morning sessions will consist of an opening worship period of 20 or 30 minutes, followed by a lecture, after which the groups will break into small discussion groups. Youth will be giving testimonies each night

on "Why I Am a Believer." There will be international speakers from various parts of the world.

GOOD NEWS!

The rate on our tour has now been reduced to \$1099, with all terms and services remaining the same as described in the tour flier. The absolute deadline for registration is now *June 15*. If you are interested, write to:

Director of Youth Work
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, Illinois

CHARLES WESLEY "THE SINGING BROTHER"

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sentimental. Many of us would agree with Henry Ward Beecher who declared: "I would rather have written 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul' than to have all the fame of all the kings that ever lived."

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Wesleyan hymns is the fact that every line of poetry is inspired by a verse of Scripture. Many of the hymns were regarded as theological treatises and had more to do with establishing evangelical theology than all the sermons preached. Historians have all pointed out the great influence exerted by hymn singing in the revival. One English historian asserts that more people were won to the Wesleyan "Societies" by the songs of Charles than by the sermons of John. This is quite a broad statement because the talents of the Wesleys overlapped to a great extent.

Charles was a very able preacher, and John possessed a remarkable poetic talent. Though not as versatile as Charles, John Wesley nevertheless is credited with a goodly number of hymns. One of the early American Wesleyan hymnals contained 120 hymns by Charles and 19 by John. His greatest contribution came from his ability to translate more than 30 hymns from the German, primarily those of Tersteegen, Gerhardt and Zinzendorf.

CHARLES WESLEY'S MINISTRY

Charles, on the other hand, was one of the outstanding evangelists of his day. When he became a field preacher like his brother, he often spoke to 10,000 and sometimes to as many as 20,000 people. His success was also very outstanding in his prison evangelism. At Newgate Prison every inmate became a convert. He roved England for nearly twenty years, until circumstances led to his retirement.

During their earlier years, Charles often resisted his brother's religious advice. Resentfully he inquired: "What would you have me be, a saint all at once?" Often in the shadow of his more famous brother, it is sometimes forgotten that it was Charles who organized the famous Holy Club at Oxford, whose members were dubbed "Methodists" in derision.

It was the preaching passion and organizing genius of John Wesley to which the new Methodist Church owed most. But it also owed an incalculable debt to John's younger brother. Charles was the poet of the movement, and it was in the singing of his hymns that the converts gave expression to their new found faith. In them, too, they found, next to the Bible, the chief assurance of their spiritual life. From there on, the connection between evangelism and sacred song began to be established. The partnerships can be traced through Moody and Sankey, Torrey and Alexander,

First Youth Congress at Lake Geneva

Your invitation to the CBYF CONGRESS, August 19-25, 1963 at George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, on beautiful Lake Geneva.

AT LAKE GENEVA

An opportunity for youth! **DON'T MISS IT!** Here's your chance to attend the **FIRST CBYF CONGRESS**, August 19-25, 1963, at George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, on beautiful Lake Geneva.

PROGRAM FOR ENJOYMENT

It's your unique opportunity for an encounter with God, other youth and youth leaders. Youth from such states and provinces as Oregon, Minnesota, New York, Kansas, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have already sent their pre-registration fee of \$12.50 to the Director of Youth Work, Rev. John Binder, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Others should do this immediately! The deadline for pre-registration has been set for June 1st. Hurry!

Dr. Ralph Powell of our Seminary will present daily messages on the theme, "Freedom in Truth," at the morning chapels. Time for discussion of the subject in small groups follows with a later opportunity to meet Dr. Powell with questions.

Dr. Bernard Schalm of C. T. I. will lead the Congress in daily depth Bible studies of I John.

There will be opportunities to attend interest groups such as Church-Related Vocations, CBYF Organization and Program Planning.

Another highlight of our program will be Dr. Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., Baptist World Alliance Youth Secretary. He has challenged many youth around the world for greater commitment and service to Christ. He will also have a challenging message for us!

MUSIC FOR ENRICHMENT

Our music director has been changed. We will now have Rev. Ed Link of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta as music director for the week. There is a good possibility that a musical team from C. T. I. will also be present. Music will be a major part of our program. Bring your best "voice box" and any instruments that you can play. We will want to use your talent to enrich and challenge others.

There will actually be about twelve different speakers present, plus many other recreational and interesting features. So there will be something of real interest for everyone!

COME TO LAKE GENEVA!

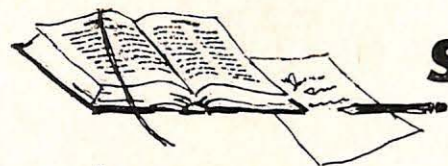
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WESLEY'S CHAPEL IN CITY ROAD, LONDON

In this historic church in London (looking towards the pulpit, the hymns of Charles and John Wesley have often been sung. Of the 7000 hymns which Charles Wesley wrote, his most famous is probably "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."



sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 2, 1963

Theme: **THE LAW OF THE LORD**

Scripture: **Psalms 119:33-40, 105-112**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The law of the Lord will be much easier to keep if the love of the Lord is in the heart.

INTRODUCTION: Sometimes too much significance is given to the fact that Psalm 119 is the longest psalm. Much more attention should be given to the content of its teaching. The psalm is devoted entirely to the law of the Lord, or the Word of God. And throughout its entirety one can feel the strong and sincere prayer of the Psalmist to learn God's will, to learn his laws, to understand his precepts and above all, to keep and obey the Word of God with all his heart and soul.

The psalm may seem to be a little monotonous to some Bible readers who prefer the shorter psalms like the 23rd or 19th which quickly rise to a climax. However, the writer was stressing the importance of God's law and he was well aware of the value of repetition and emphasis as aids to learning.

I. PRAYER FOR INSTRUCTION. Psalm 119:33-34.

One of the most simple prayers in the Bible is often repeated: "Teach me..." The desire to learn makes it easy for the teacher. This was one of the more meaningful requests of Jesus' disciples, when they said: "Lord, teach us to pray." The Psalmist was aware that willingness and enthusiasm were not enough; there must also be knowledge and understanding. We recall that this was an accusation that Paul levelled at his Jewish brethren: "They have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:2).

Probably the best argument for knowledge of God's law is that we can never claim ignorance of the law as an excuse.

II. PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE. Psalm 119:35-40.

In the next six verses, we see the reason for instruction in the law of the Lord. The Psalmist needs knowledge in circumstances and areas of his life. First of all, he wants guidance just for the sheer joy of obeying God; he wants guidance to nurture generosity and to prevent covetousness; he wants guidance to keep him from the byways of vanity and to keep on the narrow way; and he wants guidance to worship with reverent fear.

III. PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION. Psalm 119:105.

This verse, more than any other, reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. In the days before illuminated streets, highways and homes, a lamp must have been a luxury as well as a necessity along the dangerous roads and pathways. Just as an outward light is necessary on the dark and treacherous roads, so the inner light is necessary for our spiritual illumination. A dark mind is much more dangerous than a dark street.

IV. PRAYER FOR FULL COMMITMENT. Psalm 119:106-112.

The Psalmist makes no short range promises. He means business! "I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, *even unto the end.*" He is not unaware of the dangers and wickedness all around him, but he has resolved to remain steadfast.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are the dangers and temptations today which hinder us from making a complete commitment?
2. Is there a genuine desire to learn more about God and his Word among the members of your class?
3. What is the difference between the light of the Word of God in the Old Testament as compared with light of the New Testament?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 9, 1963

Theme: **GOD'S CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE**

Scripture: **Psalm 105:7-11, 37-45**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Because God cared for his people in the past gives us ample assurance that he will care for his people in the present and the future.

INTRODUCTION: Sometimes we need a shocking reminder that God is still in control. You recall the state of depression Martin Luther fell into during a difficult time of his life. His friends and family failed to cheer him until his wife dressed herself in mourning garb. When he asked her who had died, she replied: "Didn't you hear? God is dead." This experience helped to restore his faith in a living and an active God who cares about his saints, and who doesn't expect his servants to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

The Psalmist is trying to remind the people of Israel of God's love and care by giving them a review of history, a fresh survey of what God had done in

the past. If there was a crisis in the nation at this particular time, it was meant to encourage them by turning their eyes toward heaven.

I. REMEMBER GOD'S COVENANT. Psalm 105:7-11.

The beginning of the psalm, which is not included in the text, has a number of admonitions or exhortations, and has expressions of thanksgiving and praise to God. Retrospection was already in the mind of the Psalmist when he asked Israel to "remember the wonderful works that he has done, his miracles, and his judgments that he uttered."

In order to make his argument more concrete, he introduced God's covenant with his people Israel. It was a solemn agreement, and God would be mindful of it forever, even though Israel often failed to keep her part of the covenant. History was very meaningful for the Hebrew and he could easily trace God's plan beginning with Abraham to his present time. The nation as well as every individual life was ordered by God. If there was reason to doubt God's goodness and mercy, all he had to do was to think and meditate on God's care of Israel in the past.

II. REMEMBER GOD'S GUIDANCE. Psalm 105:37-45.

One of the most exciting and thrilling experiences of Israel was the dramatic exodus from Egypt. It was, first of all, a miraculous deliverance. Many miracles took place before and during the forty years of wandering. After each of the miracles the people were admonished to tell of the great deliverance to all succeeding generations. Every need was supplied. Health and strength was a blessing to all for "there was not one feeble person among their tribes." They were given a cloud for protection and fire for light. Bread and water were supplied whenever necessary, until, finally, they came into the land promised to Abraham and his descendants.

The purpose of God's dealings is all gathered up in the last verse: "To the end that they should keep his statutes, and observe his laws." God did his part, but his children often failed to keep their end of the bargain.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is it so easy to forget God's past blessings?
2. Do we blame God for the troubles and calamities that come into our lives?
3. Are people who have trouble or sorrows more thankful than those who have none?



GROUND BREAKING FESTIVITIES, EMERY, S. DAK.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., pull a gold-painted walking plow in breaking ground for their new church building. In the foreground, (left to right), Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor, and Prof. Roy W. Seibel guide the plow.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies, Emery, S. Dak.

The First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., with Rev. Leland H. Friesen as pastor, has begun its new church building to cost \$212,000.00.

By Mrs. John Terveen, Church Reporter

THE MEMBERS and friends of the First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota gathered for ground breaking ceremonies for their new church building on Sunday afternoon, March 24, 1963.

The service was held on the new building site directly adjacent to the present property with the Central District secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, bringing the main address, "A Gateway to God." Others participating were the city mayor, the contractor and the architect. The church choir sang, the

Church School superintendent read the Scripture passage, and the chairman of the deacons led in prayer. Professor R. W. Seibel offered the prayer of dedication. The speakers' podium was at the foot of a cross marked within the outline of the 19,000 square feet combination structure which includes sanctuary, educational unit and office space.

The formal act of ground breaking was by means of a gold-painted walking plow with the congregation supplying the drawing power. At the head of the four extensions of rope were Edwin

Schrader, chairman of the Building Committee; Bert Terveen, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Harley Fluth, Church School superintendent; and Calvin Hanssen, Trustee chairman. The pastor, Rev. Leland H. Friesen, assisted by Rev. J. C. Gunst and Professor Seibel, a former pastor, provided the guidance.

This was a most blessed experience for the congregation on a beautiful, warm spring afternoon. Approximately two-thirds of the total cost (\$212,000.00) of the building, site and fees is on hand as construction begins.

Above all, we would thank God for putting it into the hearts of his people to advance in faith believing that he, which hath begun a good work, will also bring it to a glorious completion!

ALL ONE—IN CHRIST

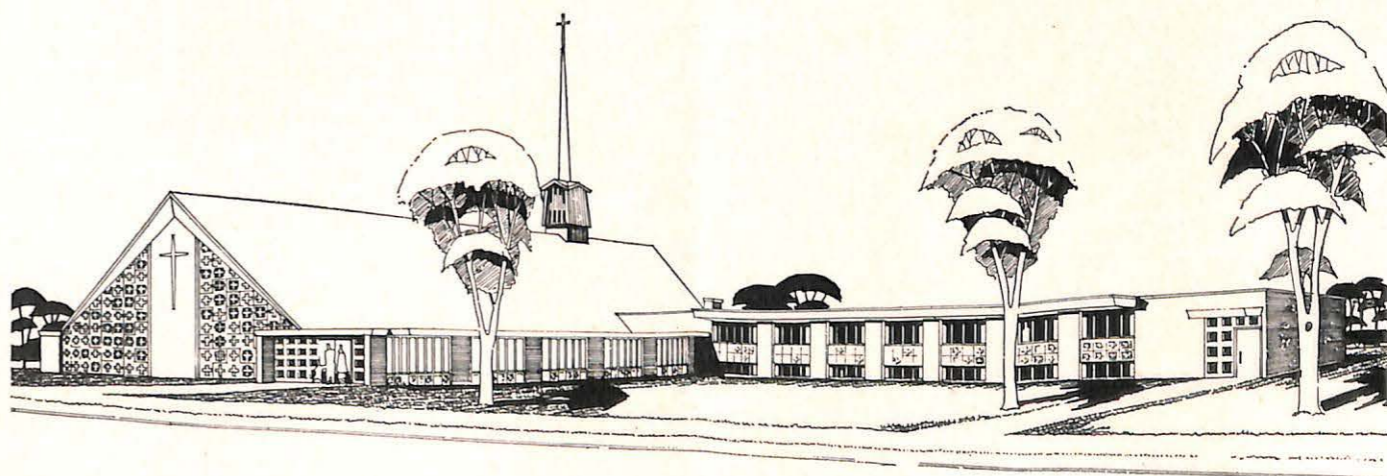
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sang, "My Jesus I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine," as Pastor Sibley left the water and Rev. R. Neuman entered.

Then one after another the Indian candidates: Pete Bull, Larry Crane, Harrison Bull, Ross Bull, Simon Threefingers, Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. Lottie Moonias and Sarah Threefingers gave witness to their faith in Christ and were baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Rev. William Sibley brought the message on the subject, "A Plain Answer to a Great Question." In speaking on the question asked by the Philipian jailer and Paul's answer, he said that salvation was free, personal, positive and productive. The simplicity of saving faith was put forth with the emphasis that God places on baptism.

Mr. Joe White of the Bull Reserve arose at the end of the service and brought a testimony and words of appreciation in the Cree tongue. This was interpreted into English by one of the Indian ladies. All in all, it was an evening not soon to be forgotten. "To God be the glory, great things he hath done!"



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EMERY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Architect's plans for the beautiful new edifice and functional Educational Unit of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., for which the ground has been broken. Rev. Leland H. Friesen is the pastor.

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

CBY (youth) fellowship

● **Zone Rallies in Saskatchewan.** The Saskatchewan Association C. B. Y. F. executive and youth director recently held two zone rallies for the province of Saskatchewan. The first rally was held in Southey and the second rally in Yorkton. At Southey, the C. B. Y. F. president, Dave Brightman, chaired the meeting, and at Yorkton the C. B. Y. F. vice-president, Larry Bohn, was in charge. The youth director, Rev. F. W. Pahl, was at both zone rallies to promote young people's work at the local level as well as the outreach in denominational activities. At each of the rallies testimonies and short messages were given by young adults who represented different vocations in life. Special numbers were brought by young people from neighboring churches. Following the program portion, the groups met for a time of food and social fellowship.

special events

● **Plevna, Montana.** The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana was host on Feb. 18 to the Ministers' and Deacons' Clinic of the Badlands Association. On Easter Sunday evening the Men's Fellowship and the Women's Mission Circle presented an Easter program to a large audience. The play, "On the Third Day," under the direction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Edward Kopf, was enjoyed by everyone. The C. B. Y. F. held their annual banquet, with 60 persons attending, on April 19. Their theme was "As the Twig Is Bent." The film "Venture For Victory" was shown.

● **Temple, Lodi, Calif.** The Temple Baptist Church choir, Lodi, Calif., presented its 15th annual Easter cantata on Easter Sunday evening, Apr. 14. The cantata, "No Greater Love" by John W. Peterson, was directed by Calvin R. Lohr with Aimee Sawatsky as organist, and Evelyn Curtis as pianist. The pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, served as narrator. The church's youth gathered for an Easter Sunrise Breakfast with 61 young people and counselors present. Two worship services were held on Easter Sunday morning with a large attendance at each.

● **Swain Oaks, Stockton, Calif.** With the motto, "Go, Glow, Grow," the Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif., entered a pre-Easter Sunday school membership contest, with

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY JUNE 9, 1963

Bulletin inserts, programs and recitation material for use on this Sunday were sent early in May to each church.

Children's Day Offering for the Chapel Building Fund.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS
7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

the goal set at 200 in attendance by Easter Sunday. The officers, teachers and students were jubilant when, despite the inclement weather, the Easter Sunday school attendance reached 204! Church attendance also was at a record high. The church has shown a steady growth since its beginning as a Church Extension project some 2½ years ago. At a recent business meeting it was voted to give the board of trustees the "green light" in launching a building program with the appointment of an architect to plan for the new building. Rev. G. G. Rauser is the pastor of the church.

● **Richmond, British Columbia.** On Sunday afternoon, March 3, the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, British Columbia was organized with 40 charter members. The constitution, as set up by the Organizational Committee, was read and adopted. Fellowship and a tasty meal were enjoyed by all present. This was followed by the election of officers. On Sunday afternoon, March 17, the ground breaking service was held. Rev. J. Sonnenberg brought the message to an estimated 400 persons. Wonderful music was supplied by the Immanuel and Bethany Church Band, as well as the Mass Men's Choir. Building plans are being completed and work on the Educa-



Ground breaking exercises by the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, British Columbia.

tional Wing was started soon after Easter. Mrs. A. Mayer, reporter, stated: "We thank God for our wonderful pastor, Rev. E. Strauss, and for all those who are helping and praying for this Church Extension work."

● **Elm Creek Church, Texas.** The Elm Creek Baptist Church, La Vernia, Texas was host to the South Texas and Louisiana Association from Feb. 21 to 24. At this time the church also celebrated its 80th anniversary. It was organized on Jan. 20, 1883 as the Elm Creek German Baptist Church with four charter members. The name of the church was changed to Elm Creek in 1942 during World War II. In 1950 the old church building was torn down and a new one built and dedicated on Oct. 8, 1950. The highest membership recorded was 52 in 1951. Through the years the church has been served by 28 different pastors. The church now has a membership of 37 and Rev. C. Richard Mayforth of Kyle, Texas is the present pastor.

● **Wessington Springs, S. Dak.** "What a joy it is to work with people who are united in their love for the Lord, their church, their pastor's family and for one another." So wrote Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches, Wessington Springs, S. Dak. Besides raising the pastor's salary at the beginning of the year, the members of both churches undertook a remodeling project in the parsonage at an approximate cost of \$500. This was besides the new bathroom fixtures in the upper bathroom a year ago. The project this year consisted of lowering the ceilings in the living room and bedroom, completely redoing the lower bedroom with new fixtures and redecorating all these rooms. Outside of the plumbing, this work was all done by the church people "who had a mind to work."

● **Central, George, Iowa.** On Thursday evening, March 28th, the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, was the recipient of spiritual blessings when Dr. Peter Fehr, medical missionary to the Cameroons, West Africa, spoke of the results of the service at the Bamenda General Hospital, where he has served. Miss Julia Oltmann reported: "We marvelled at the heavy schedule of the missionary and asked ourselves, 'What sort of stewards are we of our time?' The message gave us much food for thought." An offering of \$140 was received for medical mission work. From March 12 to 17 the church held a Prophetic Bible Conference with Rev. Paul M. Obinger of Coon Rapids, Ia., as speaker, which made the congregation aware of coming events according to God's Word and that it behooves us to "Watch and Pray" and be ready.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

● **Bethany, Milwaukee, Wis.** On Sunday morning, April 7, five Sunday school pupils and one adult were baptized at Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Later in the service and before the observance of the Lord's Supper, these and six adults who came by letter, received the right hand of fellowship extended to them by Rev. Wilmer Quiring, pastor of the church.

● **Wessington Springs, S. Dak.** At the Easter morning service it was the joy of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., to dedicate a beautiful pulpit Bible which was given by Mrs. Jacob Huether and family as a memorial to the late Mr. Jacob Huether. On Easter Sunday evening it was the privilege of Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor, to officiate at the baptism of two young people and one adult who were buried with Christ in baptism. During the communion service which followed, these three persons and two others were welcomed into the fellowship of the two churches: Immanuel and Ebenezer.



Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., at the Dedication Service for their infant son led by Rev. Ziegler of Xenia, Ohio.

● **Fleischmann Memorial, Philadelphia.** What a glorious week we had at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., from March 17 to 24! We were truly blessed by God's Volunteers Team II and Rev. John Ziegler, of Xenia, Ohio as evangelist. The work that these young people rendered in the neighborhood bore fruit in our midst. This team greatly inspired us each evening with their beautiful music, testimonies, songs and sermons. Their enthusiasm was contagious. Our children learned a great deal from the stories that they told so delightfully. The adults were sad to see them leave. On Sunday morning, March 24, Rev. John Ziegler conducted the dedication service for the infant son of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest A. Hoff-

mann. "Many here at Fleischmann have rededicated their lives to the work of his Kingdom," as reported by Mrs. Jeannette MacMeekin.

● **Immanuel, Portland, Ore.** God's Volunteers Team I with Rev. Walter Hoffman served Immanuel Baptist Church and the northeast district of Portland, Oregon for two wonderful weeks. During the visitation program for two weeks, with the help of the church's young people, 650 contacts were made. Two women were led to Christ in their homes, and two young people accepted the Lord during the meetings. The Oregon Baptist League (C. B. Y.) spring rally was held at Immanuel Church with a Saturday night banquet and a Sunday afternoon rally, featuring God's Volunteers at both meetings.

● **Trinity, Kelowna, B. C.** There is a time for sowing and a time for reaping, and we of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., have had such a wonderful time of reaping with the members of God's Volunteers Team No. 1. Since our ground breaking exercises a year ago, we have built a beautiful and functional educational unit with the assembly hall finished with attractive windows in the form of a cross. A Sunday school of 200 is enrolled. God's Volunteers came to the church when we needed them most. Everyone was tired—mentally, spiritually and physically, and there was still so much work to be done. However, the young people of



God's Volunteers Team I and Evangelist H. Palfenier at the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

God's Volunteers team were an inspiration to the entire church. Not only were the members revived, the young people inspired and the children enthused, but the entire district was re-awakened to their personal relationship to their Lord and Savior. Many a prayer went up in these homes as they came face to face with their own personal decisions. One of the women said, "The girls were so sure of what they said that it made Christ real and near." The Evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, found well prepared soil to sow the seed when he joined them. Souls were saved and lives were rededicated to honor the Christ who died on the cross.

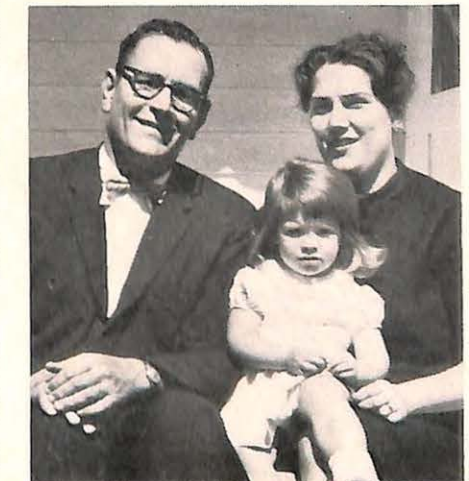
ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

● **Bethel, Indianapolis, Ind.** The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., welcomed its new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Christeleit and daughter, Elizabeth, on Feb. 18, at a Fellowship Supper. Mrs. Pat Davis had charge of the program. Earl Gabbard welcomed the Christeleits in behalf of the congregation. Mr. Gabbard was also thanked for his work in the church while it was pastorless. Mr. Varn'e Smith read an appropriate poem. Representatives of the CBYF presented gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Christeleit as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gabbard. Mrs. A. A. Thompson, reporter, stated: "Everyone in the Bethel Church is thankful for Brother Christeleit and his family."

● **Leola, S. Dak.** Sunday, March 17, marked a very special day for the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak., when the members and friends were able to welcome their new pastor, Rev. E. R. Oster, and his wife and family. A welcoming reception service was held in the evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Oster and son, Paul. A welcome was given with a charge to the church by Rev. Irvin Schmuland of

Aberdeen, S. Dak. After the program a time of fellowship was held in the church parlors.

● **Whiteshell, River Hills, Man.** The Whiteshell Baptist Church of River



Rev. and Mrs. Richard Christeleit and their daughter, Elizabeth, soon after their arrival in Indianapolis, Indiana for their ministry at the Bethel Baptist Church.

Hills, Manitoba recently held a farewell program for Rev. and Mrs. A. Gellert who served the church for four years. They have left for Terrace, B. C. On Sunday, March 24, Rev. A. Gellert preached his last sermon and in the afternoon a reception was held in their honor under the leadership of Mr. Nelson Knopf, Sunday school superintendent. Leaders of every branch of the church spoke words of appreciation. Rev. R. Grabke of the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. A. W. Bibleheimer and Rev. R. Kerstan of the McDermot Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., spoke briefly. A response was given by the Gellerts.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

● **Anamoose, N. Dak.** The Woman's Missionary Society of Anamoose, N. Dak., held their annual program on March 24. The program featured special readings and musical numbers. The missionary play, "No Sweet Odor" by Alberta Hawse, was presented. Mrs. Milton Vietz, Mrs. Jake Heringer, Mrs. Calvin Buxa and Mrs. Elard Helm participated in the play. The offering received at the annual program was designated for the Japanese mission field, as reported by Mrs. Calvin Buxa, Secretary.

● **Bethany, Milwaukee, Wis.** On Wednesday, April 3, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., sponsored a spring luncheon to which the women of the other North American Baptist churches in Milwaukee had been invited. Mrs. John Lind presided at the program. A trio of women from the German Bethel Church and another from the Immanuel Church sang. Mrs. Peter Fehr, wife of the medical missionary in Cameroon, Africa, was guest of honor. She presented an interesting and informative account of her life as a missionary in the Cameroon. Rev. Rudolph Woyke of the Temple Church led in prayer.

● **Nokomis, Sask.** "With Christ Through the Years," as the background theme, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., celebrated its 40th anniversary on Sunday, March 17. Letters of greeting from several previous ministers' wives were read, including one from Mrs. John Schmidt of Union City, N. J., who was the founder of the Society in 1923. Mrs. Lydia Miller of Nokomis, the other charter member, was presented with a corsage. The evening program was highlighted by a candlelight service honoring the deceased members of the Society. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., reminded the group of work that still needs to be done. Mrs. E. Hohn, president of the society, ably led the evening program.

● **Morris, Man.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., at their 40th anniversary program on Sunday, March 17.

Church, Morris, Manitoba observed its 40th anniversary on March 30 and 31. Festivities began Saturday afternoon, March 30, with an Anniversary Tea which was attended by members, former members, and friends of the local churches. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. A. W. Bibleheimer of Winnipeg. Two of the seven charter members were present. Mrs. Emil Walters and Mrs. Dave Walters were honoured with a corsage. Six of the 12 past presidents were also present. Members of the society presented their anniversary program Sunday evening, March 31, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner as guest speaker. A memorial service was held for the 23 deceased members of our society. Financial reports were given by our treasurers and a historical report was given by our secretary. From a small beginning of seven members: Mrs. Sterk, Mrs. Lydia Lucht, Mrs. Matilda Lohr, Mrs. Hilda Dusdal, Mrs. Anna Walters, Mrs. Hulda Walters, and Mrs. Florentine Schmitke; we reached the peak in 1960 with 60 members. At present our membership stands at 54. Dr. Leuschner challenged us to greater service in the future and described the importance of the women in the church and as laborers for Christ. A missionary offering of \$256.65 was received, as reported by Mrs. Selma Kran, Secretary.



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., at the 40th anniversary program of the society.

THE PROFESSOR'S DESK

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denies the statement of the Apostle Paul that, if Christ did not rise from the tomb, then preaching and faith are useless. Faith is more the way to self-understanding than the way to God. All theology and Christology can be expressed in the categories of anthropology in Bultmann's thought, for the entire content of the Bible can be resolved in the truth concerning human existence. What remains of "God's acts" seems to be simply that which is necessary to bring man to authentic human existence. The question has been raised as to whether Bultmann ascribes to God no other reason for existence than that which is necessary to make man man.

ANYTHING TOO HARD?

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by God's grace, by the doctor's skill, by "wonder drugs," and gloriously—through prayers uttered in simple faith and love by the Christians.

Now a happy chapter can be added to the account of John's years of sacrifice and suffering. In August of last year he married Theresa, a lovely Christian girl, at a beautiful ceremony in Baiango Baptist Church, where they are members. Rev. Phillip Nshing, a nephew of the faithful evangelist Robert Jam, conducted the wedding ceremony. John proudly introduced us to Theresa several years ago. We pray God's richest blessing on this home, and may John and Theresa continue to be wonderful witnesses and examples of Christian living in this community.

I must add, too, that Wufanga has been baptized, is now an active Christian in the Baiango church. He continues on with his education, thanks to big brother John—who learned to "handle the Words of God properly in his hands," and so discover the real values in life.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14).

"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17).

Obituary

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

MR. FRED C. BURMEISTER of Gladwin, Michigan

Mr. Fred C. Burmeister was born in Detroit, Mich., on April 1, 1897. He was married to Helen Bekowies on May 10, 1924 and they made their home in East Detroit until coming to Gladwin 3½ years ago. He went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 22, in Eustice, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Helen; one brother, Otto; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Emma Marshall and Mrs. Margaret Reed, all of Michigan.

Fred Burmeister was born again of the Holy Spirit about 25 years ago, baptized by Rev. Palmer and became a member of the Gratiot Avenue Baptist Church. Later he transferred his membership to the East Side Baptist Church of Detroit, where he served the Lord in various capacities, including trusteeship and also serving as a deacon. Upon coming to Gladwin, he united with the Round Lake Baptist Church.

Round Lake Baptist Church
Gladwin, Michigan
ARLENE FRANCK, Correspondent

MRS. EDITH FLECK of Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Edith Fleck of Yorkton, Sask., was called to her eternal rest and reward on Jan. 18, 1963 after a short period of illness. She was born in Brunsdorf, Germany on Nov. 11, 1874. She was united in marriage at Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1894. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Fleck made their home in Yorkton, where they were blessed with five daughters and a long and serene life. Mrs. Fleck was a faithful and devout Christian and a member of the Central Baptist Church for many years.

She leaves to mourn five daughters: Mrs. Charlie Pachal of Yorkton; Mrs. Edith Bohman and Mrs. Lilly Hammer, both of Leduc, Alberta; Mrs. Annie Grunert of Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. Violet Itermann of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Central Baptist Church
Yorkton, Saskatchewan
WALTER KERBER, Pastor

MR. BENJAMIN SCHINDLER of Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Mr. Benjamin Schindler of Yorkton, Sask., went to be with his Lord on March 20, 1963. He was born in Poland on Feb. 28, 1880. He reached the age of 83 years. He became a Christian early in life and was baptized in Ebenezer, Sask., uniting with the West Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1944 he and his wife moved to Yorkton and attended the Central Baptist Church faithfully.

In 1890 Mr. Schindler came to Canada and settled in Ebenezer. On Sept. 25, 1910 he was united in marriage with Martha Pries. The union was blessed with three daughters: Mrs. Shirley Olscher of Melville; Mrs. Gladys Vaughn of Yorkton; Miss Ruby Schindler of Edmonton; two sons: Daniel of Edmonton and Roland of Yorkton; and 12 grandchildren. His wife predeceased him in death in 1960.

The church will miss him very much. Genesis 5:24 brought comfort and strength at the funeral service held at the Central Baptist Church.

Central Baptist Church
Yorkton, Saskatchewan
WALTER KERBER, Pastor

MRS. AMELIA WAGNITZ of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Amelia Wagnitz of Madison, S. Dak., was born in Germany on June 16, 1876 and came to the United States in 1892 with her parents. She married Julius Wagnitz on Nov. 19, 1897. Mr. Wagnitz preceded her in death on Feb. 27, 1952. She was baptized upon profession of faith in Christ as her personal Savior on Feb. 24, 1895 by Rev. A. L. Tilgner. Her longing desire was granted when the Lord called her to her heavenly

May 23, 1963

Home on March 23 at the age of 86 years. During the past year she was a resident at the North American Baptist Nursing Home in Madison, S. Dak.

The funeral service was held on March 26. At the request of Mrs. Wagnitz the pastor used Psalm 23 for the message. She is survived by one son, Eddie; three daughters: Mrs. Blair Stone, Mrs. Edward Laisy and Mrs. Otto Laisy; 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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

MR. JACOB BADER of Underwood, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Bader of Underwood, N. Dak., was born May 31, 1887 in Alexanderhill, South Russia. At the age of 14 years he came to the United States. On March 8, 1903, he was united in marriage to Katherina Wagner of Harvey, N. Dak., and they made their home on a farm 12 miles east of Garrison, N. Dak. Mr. Bader accepted the Lord as his Savior in 1904 and was baptized in 1905 and became a member of the Baptist Church of Snake-Creek Township, later transferring his membership to the Underwood Baptist Church.

Mr. Bader went to be with the Lord on March 8, 1963 at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 8 days. He was preceded in death by his wife and two sons. With his passing he leaves to mourn his two sons: Emil of Garrison and Carl of Underwood; four daughters: Mrs. David (Louise) Faul, Hurdfield, N. Dak.; Mrs. Alfred (Lydia) Eslinger, Garrison, N. Dak.; Mrs. Frank (Clara) Zolumski, Butte, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Elmer (Emma) Jessor, Underwood, N. Dak.; two brothers and a sister in Russia; 34 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
Underwood, North Dakota
GORDON J. VOEGELE, Pastor

MR. HERMAN FISCHER of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mr. Herman Fischer of Ellinwood, Kansas was born at Bison, Kansas on Dec. 12, 1890. When he was four years old, his parents moved to Ellinwood where he lived until his death on April 5, 1963 due to a stroke. He was married to Catharine Tiemann, daughter of Rev. C. F. Tiemann, at Stafford, Kansas in May 1914. Three sons were born to this union shortly after which sorrow struck with the death of his wife. On Sept. 14, 1927 he was married to Johannah Witt of Bison, Kansas who survives his passing. Other survivors include: his sons: Donald of Chapman, Kansas; Edward, a physician in Kansas City, Mo.; and Harold a Baptist pastor in Calimesa, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

He was baptized on profession of faith by Rev. Eckhart Umbach on Feb. 17, 1901, united with the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood and served faithfully as deacon, trustee and as the Adult Bible Class teacher for over 20 years. He was also active in community life serving in various public offices. Memorial services were conducted in the First Baptist Church on April 8, with his son, Harold, bringing the message.

First Baptist Church
Ellinwood, Kansas
MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor

MRS. MARY MEIDINGER of Tripp, South Dakota

Mrs. Anna Marie Mayer Meidinger, of Tripp, S. Dak., better known as Mary Meidinger, was born on a farm northeast of Tripp, Dec. 25, 1884 and passed away in Tripp March 28, 1963 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Magstadt, at the age of 78 years, 3 months, and 3 days. She received Christ as her Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith June 11, 1905 by Rev. H. Benz.

She was married Feb. 15, 1906 to Gottlieb B. Meidinger, who preceded her in death Nov. 23, 1958. The couple lived in Ashley, N. Dak.; Fallon, Montana; Lodi, Calif.; and Tripp, S. Dak. Her surviving relatives are: one son, Rubin, of Tacoma, Wash.; 3 brothers: John Mayer, Ocoma, S. Dak.; Richard Mayer, Hudson, Mich.; and Edwin Mayer, Tripp, S. Dak.; 4 sisters: Mrs. Lydia Matlis, Sioux City, Ia.; Bertha, Mrs. J. F. Wahl, Mitchell, S. Dak.; Emma Fabstadt, Tripp, S. Dak.; and Ida, Mrs. John Konrad of Highmore, S. Dak.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Mrs. Meidinger entered Douglas County Memorial Hospital, January 23, and since then had been in a critical condition until the time of her death. Tripp, South Dakota
ELMER BUENNING, Pastor

MRS. CHRISTINA GROSZ of Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Christina Grosz of Salem, Ore., was born May 4, 1877 and passed from this life after a brief illness on March 30, 1963, hav-

ing attained the age of 85 years, 10 months and 26 days. She had the unique distinction of being born on an ocean vessel a few days journey from New York harbor, the Daniel Mehlhaff family settled near Tripp, S. Dak. She was converted to faith in Christ in her early teens and was baptized about 1895 in the Plum Creek by Rev. L. Gerhardt, pastor at Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak.

She was united in marriage to Otto C. Grosz on Dec. 6, 1900 at Parkston, S. Dak. The couple spent most of their life living in Kulm, Underwood, New Salem and Napoleon in the Dakotas and since 1952 have resided in Salem, Ore. She became a member of the Bethel Church of Salem in 1952.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Otto C. Grosz of Salem; daughters: Mrs. Irene Heath of Milwaukie, Ore.; Mrs. Ella Heringer and Mrs. Alvera Conner, both of Salem; Mrs. Clara Woodside, Valley Station, Kentucky; and Mrs. Esther Gordon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, John Mehlhaff, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; 21 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Bethel Baptist Church
Salem, Oregon
EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

CHURCH EXTENSION

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ask for your continued prayers on our behalf. We appreciate immensely that the Church Extension Builders Offering in June 1963 has been designated for our project. Again we would ask the question: With such a need, with such a challenge, as these Church Extension projects are, where are the remainder of the 10,000 builders? How could we care so little as to be unwilling to contribute the sum of one dollar a month, when so much is at stake?

JOHN WESLEY

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ministry that did not stop all the days of his life. Certainly he had later ups and downs of fervor, but his spiritual thermostat first began to function that night at Aldersgate.

W. H. Fitchett, author of *Wesley and His Century*, notes that even before Aldersgate, Wesley knew that in this world there are two eternal contradictions—justice and mercy. But it was Boehler who taught him the great secret of Christianity; *in Christ there is a meeting point between the two. God's gift to man is not only pardon but justification by faith.* Unable previously to believe this, Wesley now felt it in his strangely warmed heart.

Within a month after Aldersgate, John Wesley embarked on a trip to the center of Moravianism, Herrnhut, in Germany, where he stayed three months. He wrote back to his older brother, Samuel: "I am with a church whose conversation is in heaven." When he returned to England, religion for him was no longer an experiment, but an attainment.

John Wesley was now ready to be used as a flaming witness for Christ. His career was now truly "the most important religious and social movement of the 18th century." He was the spearhead of a spiritual awakening that the British Isles could not contain. It marched with the vanguard of pioneers on New World frontiers, leaving Christian servants and witnesses everywhere in its wake.

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THE WITNESSING SPIRIT

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Bible into all tongues and languages. At least one complete book of the Bible is now in 1,181 tongues. But well over a thousand tribes have nothing of God's Word. What a tragedy and what a challenge!

3. *What was the subject of the Spirit's witness?* "The wonderful works of God" (v. 11). The disciples told all that God had done *in and through his dear Son*. God approved him, they said. God delivered him, raised him, exalted him, made him both Lord and Christ. The Spirit always speaks of Jesus. And so will you, *filled* with the Spirit. "He shall not speak of himself . . . he shall testify of me . . ." said Jesus (John 16:13; John 15:26).

4. *What happened as the Spirit witnessed?* "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (v. 41). God was glorified; the Lord's Body was built up; best of all, there were more witnesses in every nation, through whom the Spirit could do his work.

On Pentecost Sunday 1963, will you remember that the Holy Spirit's primary task is to witness to the glorious work of God in Christ? "It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." If you are filled with him, this will be your one consuming ambition: To give men Christ! And you will never be alone. For he, the Spirit,

will be in you, reinforcing every word of Gospel truth you utter. "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

Blessed Holy Spirit, fill us, we pray. Make us, like thyself, flaming witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ. For his sake, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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We are thankful to you as readers of the "Baptist Herald" who have followed us through these reports and supported us with your prayers.

Now a few impressions from team members about what the Lord has done for us through this opportunity of service, and a few words about our future plans.

"The theme of God's Volunteers, KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN, definitely includes young people. We have found that youth challenges youth. There have been many young people who have strengthened my life by their testimonies, and perhaps the Lord has used me in some small way to encourage the life of one young person. College days are ahead for me, and truly I will strive to seek the Lord's will for my life as I 'Wait on Him!' Jarene Gunst.

"The vast spiritual needs of our land have impressed me as we carried on

our visitation ministry. Going from door to door, I realized increasingly our responsibility to tell our neighbors of Christ. As I return to college, I thank the Lord for these experiences, knowing they have greatly strengthened my spiritual life." Bernard Thole.

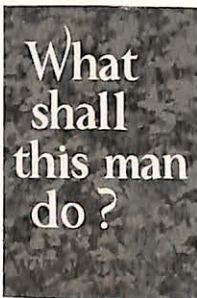
"Jesus loves the little children, and so do God's Volunteers! Many boys and girls have joined the army of the Lord Jesus Christ. Does it thrill your heart to see children find the Savior as their own? It has thrilled and challenged my heart and life. I trust for the Lord's guidance as I continue to use my life to be a witness for him in the realm of elementary education." Judy Hoelzer.

A FULLY CONSECRATED LIFE

"During the past year I have really been blessed by our devotional time each morning. This is a time when we could study the Word and also join together in prayer. This has drawn me closer to God and to my fellow team members. I am thankful for the spiritual growth of the past year with God's Volunteers. I now see the importance of living a fully consecrated life for Christ and of having daily communion with the Lord." Marilyn Woyke.

"Yes, God has truly blessed me also through this year of service, and has inspired me to higher goals in my life. I pray for the Lord's continued guidance as I go back into my hairdressing profession." Kathy E. Dockter.

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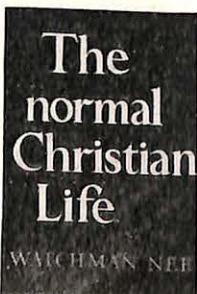
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