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Portrait of a Mother

By Dr. Bartlett L. Hess

WHAT is the best picture of a mother ever painted? There are those who would say it is Raphael's Sistine Madonna which used to hang in the Zwinger Gallery in Dresden, Eastern Germany. Many think this is the most perfect face which has ever been painted. Line and color, light and shade, make a most remarkable picture. Perhaps there are those who would regard Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa in the gigantic Louvre Museum in Paris as the world's greatest picture of a mother. Still others would speak of Whistler's lovely portrait in which a plainly-gowned mother with worn hands sits peacefully; the artist never intended that it should be a symbol of motherhood, but it has caught the fancy of many as being just that.

But there are other ways of painting than with a brush and colors on canvas. With words one can secure shades of meaning impossible in other forms of expression. The finest picture of motherhood ever painted is in words and it forms the closing portion of the Book of Proverbs.

In the New Testament it would not be surprising to find an exalted picture of a mother. But here it is in the Old Testament.

The twenty-two verses of the last chapter of Proverbs (Proverbs 31:10-31) are an alphabetical acrostic. Each verse begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the 10th verse with "aleph" and the 31st verse with "tav," the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. We are told many things about this ideal mother, about her price, her husband, her life, her hands, her food, her servants, her merchandise, her candle, her tongue, her children and her works. There are also six different things described which belong to her: her husband, her industry, her charity, her clothing, her tongue and her children.

In these verses we came upon the secret of this beautiful mother's life. She fears the Lord. He is enshrined in her heart, and her loveliness in expression, in word, in act is a reflection of his presence with her. "The king's daughter is all glorious within."

The last lines of this portrait remind us that we do not need to praise the true mother God made. The "fruit of her hands"—her house, her clothes, her children, her own works—they praise her in the market place. Her life has stamped itself deeply upon the lives of those about her and on the community.

Thank God for mothers like this!

—Christian Herald

THE FRONT COVER

Several North American Baptist mothers and leaders in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union are shown on the front cover. Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., (left to right), Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alta., and Mrs. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., are looking at the interesting missionary curios in the Trophy Room at the Headquarters' building, Forest Park, Illinois.

THE MOTHER'S HEART

Like a hope divine in this troubled world
Is the thought of a Mother's care.
No payment is asked for its giving,
No selfishness prompts its prayer.

Shared, it increases in richness,
Divided, 'tis full in each part.
For God has hidden a love like his own
In the depths of the Mother heart!
—War Cry

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

PRAISE GOD FOR VICTORIES! North American Baptists in their giving to the work of the Lord through our missionary and benevolent ministry have gained spiritual victories and set new records during the fiscal year. At the close of the fiscal year on March 31, 1963, a total of \$960,412.99 have been given for all purposes, representing \$35,442.99 OVER the total budget objective of \$925,000. The gifts of our people toward the operating budget with its goal of \$805,000 was \$838,779.64 or \$33,779.64 over the objective. The total giving of our people during the past year has been more than \$100,000 over that of any previous year and has set a new record in Christian stewardship and giving by our churches.

WATCH FOR THESE PUBLICATIONS. A revised printing of "Welcome to Your North American Baptist Church" is now available to all of our churches. With a new, attractive cover and with a revised message, this leaflet will prove to be very popular. The first copies of "1963 Summer Letters for Conferences and Churches" are now being distributed at the regional conferences to be held early in May. Watch for this 20 page, informative brochure at the conference sessions which you will attend this summer. Dr. A. J. Harms' booklet, "Martin Luther's Prayer Life," (price 50 cents per copy), is being reviewed by "Christianity Today" and is already being acclaimed as "very interesting."

GENERAL COUNCIL SESSIONS. At the annual sessions of the General Council to be held at Forest Park, Ill., on May 24 and 25, many important decisions will have to be made in regards to our denominational goals and program of advance, confirming the appointment of missionaries, planning for the 1964 General Conference sessions and strengthening our evangelistic and missionary witness to the ends of the earth. Pray for these sessions and for Dr. F. H. Woyke, our executive secretary.

MISSIONARIES. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson of Kumba, Federal Republic of Cameroon, returned to the United States on April 3rd for their furlough. Their first engagement was in the Benton Harbor, Mich., area where they participated in Missionary Conferences held by the three churches of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph from April 9 to 12.

NEXT ISSUE

PENTECOST SERMON

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Editorial

Queen of the Universe

The Christian mother can rightly be called the "Queen of the Universe." She is honored on Mother's Day with almost universal acclaim. Her praises ring out in sermons and songs. Tributes are extended to her with flowers and flowery words. All of us focus attention especially upon the mother who is most precious to us individually. The observance is only for a day—a very special day in the year. But the fact of a mother's influence on the destiny of the world and of her power for good or ill is of timeless significance.

Consider this fact. The real glory behind a man who is blessing the world is his Mother. Benjamin West, the artist, whose mother kissed him when he was sketching and arranging his work, attributed his success as an artist to the sympathy and encouragement of his mother. It is said that almost every president of the United States has given a striking testimony of a Christian mother. The words of Abraham Lincoln will be quoted frequently on Mother's Day: "All that I am I owe to my mother."

When it is time for ripened fruit, you may wonder at its beauty; but behind it is the care of God and man. So it is with life! There is a Mother with her creative influences and counseling power behind or ahead of the person who is in some position of leadership or achievement.

Consider the Mother as a queen of the universe. As a ruler governs a nation, so does the Mother govern her home. This is her castle, her domain. By her loving presence and her transforming touch, she makes it a palace. Allan Nevins writes in his introduction of "Mothers of America" that "the very foundation stone of civilization is the family, and the heart of the family is the mother. Though this statement may sound trite and obvious, it is actually a scientific truth, the full meaning of which few people perceive." The training of a home, the security of love in the family, and the blessed influences of a Mother are foundation stones of influence that stay with a person throughout life.

If you need another argument to be convinced of this fact, consider the witness of a Christian Mother that can encircle the globe. The song is literally true that a mother's prayers will follow you wherever you go. Susannah, the mother of John Wesley, devotedly prayed for each of the 19 children in the large family that God had given her with the impress of a mother's Christian witness on them. John Wesley (as well as his brother Charles) changed the religious climate of England and turned England and large parts of the world "upside down" for Christ.

Mothers who are walking with Christ carry the greatest human concern in the world. They demonstrate the way of love, even unto the uttermost. They are leaders in missionary efforts and vision. Their compassion for those in need in the Name of Christ is worldwide. Of every Christian mother it can be said, "She has done what she could!"

The loving devotion of every Christian Mother in behalf of her children and family has given her an honored throne in her home. By the beauty and influence of her life, she merits the highest tribute that any man can express toward a wonderful Mother!

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A Worthy Mother

On Mother's Day we honor all mothers and women with "the mother heart" who give guidance and help and show encouragement and love to those in need. Such mother love is needed the world over!

By Rev. Walter Schmidt,

First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois



We thank God for mothers who nurture infants, care for children, and who are always present to comfort and to understand. (A Devaney, Inc. Photo).

"**S**ALUTE RUFUS chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine" (Romans 16:13)

Paul gives a testimony in these words to a woman who is worthy to be called mother! In calling the mother of Rufus his mother, he makes it plain that a woman can be recognized as a mother and honored on Mother's Day even if she never bears any children of her own. Thus to all mothers and to all with the mother heart we give honor on this Mother's Day in 1963.

We need mother! We thank God for those who nurture infants, care for children, and who are always present to comfort, understand, and give help to any who need a mother's love.

FAITHFULNESS TO THE LORD

Let us look at our text. Rufus' mother shows faithfulness to the Lord. Her son—as Phillips translation says—is a splendid Christian. Inasmuch as Paul also claims her as his mother, it indicates that she had those qualities of a Christian mother which are needed so much today. She must have done much toward helping her son become one chosen in the Lord. No doubt she gave him instruction in God's Word. She must have prayed with him and for him often.

Blessed is the mother who teaches her children to pray, who acquaints her children early in life with God's Word, who remembers her own and other children in her prayers. I can remember my mother teaching me to pray. I am assured even to this present day that she remembers me always in her prayers. She taught me from

the Word of God and saw to it that I had a Bible for my very own use. I can remember my mother bringing me to Sunday school and to all services of the church regularly, even when I was very young.

Rufus' mother must have been an example to her son. Undoubtedly, she was a regular attendant at worship services and a splendid Christian herself. She was given to hospitality. Paul must have spent many hours in her home. My earliest recollections are of pastors, students preparing for the ministry, denominational workers and missionaries staying overnight and for meals at our home. Their presence over the years helped set my heart in the direction toward which God called me. My parents set the example of regular attendance at all worship services, Sunday school, prayer meeting, and all special services of the church. They were active in every branch of work in the church. This example was also instrumental in God calling all three of their children into full time Christian service as pastors and pastor's wife.

A MOTHER'S GUIDANCE

One of the hardest lessons a mother must learn is to be willing to give her children freedom to learn for themselves as they grow older. Discipline and guidance are necessary. True mother love is not possessive. With patience and love she must seek to understand the nature of each child and help each to grow in the Lord according to the endowments God has given each one. She must let them learn by trial and error and encourage

them when they are discouraged.

She must listen to them when they express their feelings concerning themselves, others, and the world they live in, and she must offer help only when it is asked for or when she knows it will be received with a thankful heart. A mother must realize that part of growing up requires that all children be given some freedom to do things for themselves. Blessed is that mother who remembers her own childhood and adolescence and learns this lesson well.

Perhaps the hardest thing of all is for a mother to see her children leave home to work elsewhere, to get married, to set up a home of their own. A wise mother accepts this as necessary and good. She encourages her children in this direction and is ready to make the necessary adjustments when they have left home. Her home is always open to her children and their families. Her love encompasses all of them. Her compensation is their love in return.

THE MOTHER HEART

Happy is that woman who has the mother heart! How we can thank God for those who are willing to be a mother to us when we are away from home. Those mothers are real mothers who have learned to be a mother to others when their children are away from home. Again let us look at our text where Paul calls the mother of Rufus his own. Such a mother love is needed so much today, especially when we know many children are motherless or have mothers who do not love

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The Meaning of the Ascension

Christ's ascension, to be commemorated on May 23, 1963, is the divine affirmation that God has reclaimed his world and dealt decisively with the powers of darkness and that Christ is Lord of history.

By Professor E. C. Rust

(Reprinted from "The Canadian Baptist").

THE ASCENSION of our Lord is rarely a subject for preaching these days, and yet it is a very important aspect of the mighty act of God in Incarnation. Without the ascension, the resurrection remains a matter of the conquest of death. With the exaltation to the right hand of the Father, we have the affirmation that Christ is Lord of history. His redeeming sacrifice becomes contemporaneous with all historical time and his glorified humanity is lifted eternally into the divine life.

NEW TESTAMENT WITNESSES

The New Testament witnesses are unanimous in affirming the heavenly ascension of our Lord at the right hand of the Father. The human testimony in the gospels and Acts preserves the memory of the passage of the glorified and risen Lord from the historical mode of existence to the eternal mode (Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9, 10). After all, this is what we mean by the Ascension.

Our Lord passed from the particularity of space and time to that eternal order and dimension to which all our spaces and times are open. He was set free from the bounds of our creaturely existence to become universally available to all men of all ages and in all places. No longer was he held by the particularity of Palestine in the first century of our Christian era. What he had achieved on the Cross and in the empty tomb had become an event in eternity as well as in time.

May 9, 1963



We, who have been raised with Christ are to seek the things that are above, where the ascended Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col. 1:1-3). (A Devaney, Inc. Photo).

Our Lord is seated at the right hand of power. He has ascended on high, leading captivity captive and giving gifts to men (Eph. 1:18, cf. Ps. 68:18). Indeed, he is exalted to the throne above all heavens, whence he had come to deliver men. Now he fills all things for his presence is universalized and his victory brings all things under his subjection (Eph. 1:10, cf. Heb. 1:5-10). On the Cross and in the empty tomb, Christ triumphed over sin and every evil power.

He won the decisive victory which sets men free from their demonic bondage, and history can never be the same again. His triumph has made him Lord of all historical existence, the Judge who decides the destiny of men, the Savior whose intervention has determined the course of our human story. He is seated on the throne and all powers have been subjected to him (I Peter 3:22).

His ascension is the divine affirmation that God has reclaimed his world and dealt decisively with the powers of darkness. They are in process of passing away. Amid the darkness of our world, evil may seem in the ascendant, but Christ is Lord. That Lordship may be hidden, but he is moving on his triumphant way in judgment and in mercy. To him every knee in the end must bow, and the whole created order must acknowledge his kingly power (Phil. 2:9-11).

OUR ETERNAL CONTEMPORARY

He is now our eternal contemporary, confronting us in his exalted God-man-

hood at every moment of our historical existence, laying his kingly claim on us and offering us his grace. At every point of history, men and nations confront him, his atoning work and resurrection-triumph. The forces of history hide another dimension, that of eternity. We cannot escape him. He is Lord!

You remember how in Ibsen's play, "Emperor and Galilean," the apostate Roman Emperor Julian, having tried to destroy the Church and eliminate Christ from his world, cries out in desperation: "Thou canst not comprehend it, thou who hast never been under the power of the Godman. It is more than teaching that he spreads over the earth: it is witchcraft that takes the mind captive. They who have been under him, I believe, can never get free."

THE ATONING SACRIFICE

The ascension was the entrance into glory. The atoning sacrifice had been offered once for all, and Christ had taken his finished work back to the heavenly session. We celebrate the finished work of Christ! We need no re-enactment of his sacrifice upon some Roman Catholic altar to bring us near to God. No mass can avail, for our sacrifice has been offered once for all in human history. The Biblical testimony is quite clear about that (cf. Heb. 9:23-26).

But the ascension means too, that this atoning sacrifice has been lifted into its eternal dimension. It has been

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In the few months in Africa,

Ruth Rabenhorst has faced new responsibilities,

made adjustments to a new culture, met with

a new emergency, but has walked with the

Lord Jesus Christ who is ever the same

My Introduction to Missionary Life

By Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, Missionary-nurse at the Banso Hospital, West Cameroon, Africa

IT SEEMS like a very long time since I said farewell to my family and friends. Since then, so many things have happened. The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., gave me a wonderful farewell service, which I shall never forget. I set sail on August 29th with Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, and Dr. and Mrs. E. Stockdale and family (going to England to study). When our ship left the pier, I was filled with mixed emotions. I felt greatly relieved after the busy weeks of packing and last minute preparations, but my heart was eagerly anticipating the work which God had ahead of me in the Cameroons.

VIA BANANA BOAT

The days on the ship to England were restful and went by very quickly. The second part of our trip to Africa via the banana boat took twelve days. It started getting warmer and warmer as we approached Africa. The days were spent in meeting new people, playing games, resting, studying the Word and in prayer.

At 6 a.m. on Sept. 24th I had my

first view of Africa. How thrilling it was to see land, and especially to see the Cameroons! Beautiful Mount Cameroon was in full view for about ten minutes and then a thick cloud settled over it. Rev. Fred Folkerts was there to meet us, and my first introduction to missionary life in Africa was at our Victoria Station.

News of Dr. Jerry Fluth's accident, which happened just three days before our arrival, came very unexpectedly. I wasn't at all expecting my first assignment in the Cameroons to be that of caring for a doctor, an experienced fellow missionary, and in strange surroundings. But how I thank the Lord for the peace he gave me and for the continuous awareness of his abiding presence.

The Lord showed himself a mighty miracle-worker, as day by day we were able to see wonderful improvements in Dr. Fluth's condition. Then came the decision to fly him home to the United States for further treatment and possibly skin grafting, and the request for me to accompany him. My two-week tour in the Cameroons had gone by very quickly and before

I knew it I was on my first "furlough." On Oct. 9th Dr. Fluth, his family, and I took off from Bali airport. The Lord's guiding and sustaining hand was upon us all the way, and at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10th Dr. Fluth was in University Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn. And, today Dr. Fluth's life and improved health bear witness of a great miracle wrought by Almighty God.

After spending two weeks with my "surprised" family and sharing the many experiences with them, I flew back to the Cameroons with Miss Minnie Kuhn. I was eager to return and was very happy finally to get to Banso Baptist Hospital. I had often seen the well-known "Banso Baptist Hospital" sign at the hospital entrance on many colored slides shown by missionaries, but to actually see it was a real joy. The missionaries on the station helped me to get settled quickly, and so it didn't take long before I felt right at home.

HOSPITAL WORK

From my home high on a hill overlooking the red zinc-roofed hospital, I have a wonderful view of God's handiwork shown in green hills which turn brown during the dry season, small waterfalls, valleys dotted with grass-rooted huts, small farms, and Oku Mountain, which rises to 7,000 feet. Temperature-wise it is hard to believe that I am in Africa, for the temperature ranges between 85 and 70 degrees and much cooler at night.

It was a thrill to walk through the hospital wards and to realize that I was a part of this work. The hospital is much larger and has a greater outreach than I had expected. One can readily see that God has abundantly blessed the work of faithful missionaries here, and he is continuing to do that today. There is also great evidence that people at home have been faithful in giving and praying so that the work here could expand. The new Maternity building, opened Feb. 16th, stands as a testimony of this fact. (See Eleanor Weisenburger's article in April 25 issue of "Baptist Herald").

Gradually I began working into the nursing responsibilities that are mine to do for the Lord. There were many new experiences and adjustments—

new people with a very different culture, new foods, different living conditions, different diseases, new languages, and new responsibilities. It didn't take long to realize that Africa is also a place of superstition, paganism, peculiar rituals and a place where there are many men and women lost and dying without Christ. There are thousands of pagans who worship and live in fear of the many gods who are believed to control the various aspects of their life and work. It is because I am convinced that these dear souls need the Word of God and need help for their physical bodies, that all the adjustments were gladly made. It is a joy to be in this land, and I praise the Lord for making his will known to me.

THE WORD OF GOD

At present much of my day is spent in supervising in the out-patient building, which includes the operating room. Daily this becomes a busy place as about 80 to 100 patients from many different villages gather to hear the Word of God and then to see the doctor. Many of them are from Banso area, but many walk several days to get here.

I believe one of the things that impressed me most was the many opportunities to present and teach the Word of God. Our day begins with the hospital staff gathering to sing hymns of praise, a word from "The Good Book," and a prayer that God will bless the work of the day. Our full-time African chaplain and missionaries give Gospel messages in the various wards at set times during the day.

Then there is the wonderful privilege of speaking to patients individually. What a contrast to many hospitals at home where doctors and nurses are requested to refrain from witnessing to the patients. Oh, that we might take advantage of every opportunity made available! We praise God for the doors yet open today to spread the Word.

TRAINING AFRICAN NURSES

Our 59 students in the three training programs—Grade I Midwifery, Grade II Midwifery, and Nurses Training—keep this a lively place. There are many classes to be taught and much supervision of the pupil's experience on the hospital wards. God has given us a great responsibility to train African young people who feel led to serve the Lord and their fellowmen in these professions.

Many of these students are also busy in other activities: 3-H Girl's Club, African Challenge Reading Unit, volleyball, table tennis, teaching of Sunday school classes, and participating in a Glee Club. The Glee Club sings every Saturday evening during the vesper services held in the various wards. It is our prayer that as these students train here, and as many of them go to other parts of the Cameroons to work, they will be instrumental in meeting the spiritual needs



BANSO BAPTIST MATERNITY CENTER

Guests and visitors fill the long, new and beautiful maternity ward of the Banso Baptist Maternity Center on Dedication Day. Nurse Trudy Schatz is in the foreground (facing camera).

of the people of Africa as well as the needs of their bodies.

INVEST YOUR LIFE!

This is a land of great opportunity for those who are willing to invest their lives in service for the Lord. Young reader, if God is calling you to be a foreign missionary, do not close your ears to his call. You will be extremely happy in the Lord's service and there is great peace of mind and satisfaction knowing that one is in the place of the Lord's choice. Jesus said ". . . As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Many precious souls in this land have yet to hear of the love of Jesus and the abundant life which he offers.



Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Photo by Luoma.

MY MOTHER

When the Master Artist made her,
All that was good or grand,
All that was fair and lovely
He brought to the task in hand.

He sent a soft breeze straying
Where song birds sing from choice,
And when it had caught the cadence
My Mother had her voice.

Then out from the glowing gateway
Where the sun's last plunders pile,
He beckoned a glimmer of glory
And shaped her warm, sweet smile.

And last he gathered the roses
That grew o'er a low stone wall,
Crushed all their crimson petals,
Crushed them, and let them fall.

And up from the ground, rose fragrant
As up from a censer-bowl,
The incense with which he fashioned
The breath of my Mother's soul.
—Nell Ruth Roffe.

POSTLUDE PRAYER

By Virginia Lageschulte
of Waverly, Iowa

Lord, take my life this week I pray
And use it for thy work each day.

Are there sick who need my care?
Others I can help with prayer?
Shall I call on someone old
And applaud his stories often told?
Some doubting youth may need a guide
To find his way to Jesus' side.
Someone's sorrow let me share
And ease the burden of despair.
Or can I help a child small
Who hasn't heard of You at all?

Lord, keep me busy all this week
And I shall find the peace I seek.



OUR FOUR BANSO NURSES

Nurses Ruth Rabenhorst (left to right), Eleanor Weisenburger, Ardice Ziolkowski, and Trudy Schatz take part in the dedication festivities at the new Banso Baptist Maternity Center in West Cameroon, Africa. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Indians Attend Bible School on Reserve

At this unusual Bible School, these Indians diligently studied God's Word, sang Gospel songs spontaneously, praised God for the seven converts and planned the first indigenous church on the Reserve.

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Coordinator of Indian Missions.

WHEN OUR missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta, Rev. R. Neuman, sent me the assignment of teaching in our first Indian Bible School he said, "You will have adults, but you will have to approach them on the level of a Junior student."

Right now, as I sit in on the interesting course, "Studies in Cree," it is I who feels like a Junior rather than these Indian men. These men speak and think in a language which appears very difficult to me. This course is taught by Missionary August Grymaloski.

Here is a word in Cree: "Kwayas-kitatisiwakimikowin." It means, "all we are justified." We discovered furthermore that the Cree Indian has no correct word to describe the wonderful meaning of "grace." Yet the men gave assurance that they understand the English word quite well.

Indeed, the warning of the missionary proved necessary only for the use of English words. In understanding, questioning and commenting, these men showed a fully mature response. In their own prayers they proved as advanced as a Christian who is in good standing with his heavenly Father.

COURSES OF STUDY

The Bible School was well prepared by and conducted under the leadership of our missionary, Rev. R. Neuman. The courses taught were basic for Christian living with an interesting variety and broad coverage. Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor of the Temple Church at Leduc, Alberta, who knows Indians from his former work as missionary, taught a course on "Evangelism," challenging the young Christians on the Reserve to become soul winners. Then he also gave a very valuable course on "Dangerous Cults," for these various cultists consistently invade Indian homes, trying to sow confusion and chaos. We discovered that our young Indian Christians were well able to discern the spirits.

Missionary August Grymaloski gave an interesting study in Cree words. The district secretary and coordinator of Indian Missions, Rev. William Sturhahn, had great joy in teaching two courses of Bible study. We studied the "Ten Commandments," bringing the commandments of God down to the Indian level and compulsion. The second course was on "The Parables of Jesus," which gave Jesus' teaching on the practical way of a Christian. A bit of fringe activity came spontaneously, when all six men regularly stood around the piano and sang won-



Mrs. Fred Bull and Mrs. R. Neuman, missionary, at a Sewing Meeting on the Louis Bull Reserve of Alberta. About 20 women attend these meetings every two weeks.

derful Gospel songs. We even established a double-trio and found that we have definite possibility of a choir.

INDIAN CONVERTS

During the entire session the importance of personal decision and commitment for the Lord was emphasized, for not all of these young men have made public confession in baptism. It was therefore a fitting climax that this fine school of training was closed with an evangelistic meeting in the church, when Rev. Wm. W. Sibley of Wetaskiwin, Alberta brought the message.

Our prayers were answered: the three young men came forward. They did as Zacchaeus once did: "they stood



Indian men are building kitchen cabinets for their new houses under the mission's Manual Training program.

Left to right: Albert Stoney, Simon Threefingers and Pete Bull.

up and spoke." Four other young people accepted the Lord as their Savior. It was an evening of rejoicing and spiritual refreshing. These young Christians will now need our special prayer support, for they will soon become the first Indian Christians to assume responsibilities as leaders of their own indigenous church.

A WORTHY MOTHER

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them. This truth comes home to us when we realize that every person has need of a mother's care when their own mother is no longer with them.

A wife should realize that sometimes she is in the position of mother to her husband as well as to her children. Elderly women can serve as a mother to young people. Sometimes younger women are called on to act in the capacity of mother to the elderly. Mother love is needed the world over.

What is the role of all with the mother heart? In Isaiah 66:13 God speaks of himself as a mother: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." Paul suffered much and must have rejoiced, not only in the comfort God gave, but also in such a person as the mother of Rufus who was God's chosen servant—a woman with a true mother's heart—to comfort and encourage as well as to care for this great missionary to the Gentiles.

Providing comfort in every way is the genius of womanhood. The baby cries and the mother comforts him and makes him comfortable as only a mother can do. Life makes us cry at times, even if tears never come to our eyes. It is then we need the comfort that a mother alone can give to give us with renewed strength as we seek to do God's will for us. Thank God for worthy mothers everywhere!

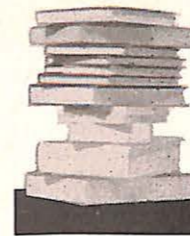
THE PRAYERFUL MOTHER

Childhood is an altar
At which a mother kneels,
Pouring out the wealth of love
And tenderness she feels.

Serving, helping, training,
In her gentle way;
Kneeling, asking guidance,
She seeks God out to pray.

God hears a praying mother,
Is touched by her appeals,
When childhood is the altar
At which a mother kneels.
—Rega Kramer McCarty

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

TRIUMPHANT IN TROUBLE by Paul S. Rees. Fleming H. Revell Company—1962—144 pages—\$3.00.

Studies in I Peter, is the subtitle of this very inspirational and informational book. Although it is primarily expository in substance there is topical, exegetical and commentary material on many of its pages. The author's use of excellent poetry for purposes of illustration adds much to the devotional quality.

Those students and readers of the Bible who find difficulty with the "descent in hell" passage (I Peter 3:18-22) will find some convincing interpretations.

PAUL AND HIS LETTERS by J. Winston Pearce. Broadman Press—1961—167 pages—\$2.95.

Beginning with a limited biography of the life of Paul, the author goes on to introduce the Pauline letters. Since there are numerous volumes written on the life of Paul, and many more commentaries on his letters, it is self-evident that these messages must be extremely brief. The selected material, however, is basic to the theme and each letter has a very appropriate and descriptive heading. The inspirational, devotional and informative addresses will appeal to both pastor and layman.

THAT WHEEL IN YOUR HANDS by Lawrence P. Fitzgerald. The Warner Press—1961—80 pages—\$1.00 (paperback).

If books can save lives, this one should be high on the list for everyone driving a car or learning to drive. The tragic dedication of this volume gives the reader an insight as to what it has cost the author to write the book: "To my son, Frank, young student minister, who at the age of twenty-one, on his way home for Christmas, was killed because a car driver failed to control 'the wheel in his hands.'" The information is valuable; the statistics are frightening.

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN by Robert J. Hastings. Broadman Press—1962—122 pages—\$2.50.

Illustration for the sake of illustration is often a weakness in an otherwise good sermon. Mr. Hastings has written a classic on the right use of illustrations which the minister, teacher and public speaker will refer to repeatedly. Communication, and in par-

ticular Christian communication, is of primary importance and requires the urgency of the Holy Spirit as well as the developed skill of the man of God. The author's numerous illustrations, set in a pattern of their best context, will add much to the preacher's knowledge and inspiration.

TO THE WHOLE CREATION THE CHURCH IS MISSION by John E. Skoglund. Judson Press—1962—128 pages—\$1.25 (paperback)

The word "grassroots" has become a little overused lately, but it can be applied in its proper reference to this book. The author does not stress foreign missions or home mission, but simply the whole mission of the whole church in the whole world "where men work, and vote, and live, and play." When Dr. Skoglund uses the word "whole" he does not merely refer to the length and breadth of geographical extension, but also to the height and depth of personal relationships in the structure of our society.

The questions at the end of each chapter are not merely designed to remind the reader of the contents, but to provoke to thought and action.

MARTIN LUTHER'S PRAYER LIFE by Dr. A. J. Harms. Roger Williams Press—1963—20 pages—\$.50 (paper).

Dr. Harms is well known in our denomination. He has served a number of our large and influential churches and is serving presently as Interim Professor of Biblical Literature at the North American Baptist Seminary. Those who know the author personally are aware of his own devotional life and they are convinced that he is qualified to write on this important spiritual aspect of Martin Luther's life.

Although the book is small, it took a great deal of reading and research in order to compile the information. Luther's Catechisms, Table Talks, collected prayers, biographies, letters and other numerous sources had to be referred to in order to find a clear cut pattern and development of his prayer life. The reader may become

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aware that Luther's prayers have an affinity to the imprecatory Psalms in that his ambivalent character is exposed and he is not always sure whether to use prayer as a means of blessing or cursing. But the heights to which his prayers rise far outweigh the depths. They must have, because he would never have been remembered in history as the world's greatest reformer.

VARIETIES OF CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS by Bernard Ramm. Baker Book House—1961—199 pages—\$3.95.

Dr. Ramm is remembered by many North American Baptist Seminary students and ministers for his convocation lectures in the spring of 1961 on "Rethinking Special Revelation." He is professor of Systematic Theology at California Baptist Seminary, Covina, California.

The preface indicates that the volume is intended to be a textbook, and the contents in general are planned with this purpose in mind. This is not to imply that any layman, who has a desire to be informed, cannot learn a great deal about the philosophy of religion. The biographical information on all the classic apologists is well worth the price of the book.

It is interesting to note that the author has included only one contemporary theologian, Emil Brunner, in his roster of apologists. However, the student and reader must be made aware that this is by no means a definitive work but merely a list of classic examples of apologists and serves as an introduction to the vast area of Christian apologia.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN HOME by Henry R. Brandt and Homer E. Dowdy. Scripture Press—1960—158 pages—\$3.00.

One of the authors, Dr. Brandt, is no stranger to many of our North American Baptist constituents. He is a former member of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in Michigan and at one time served as interim professor at the North American Baptist Seminary. At the mid-winter convocation at the Christian Training Institute some years ago he was one of the visiting lecturers.

Mr. Dowdy is an eminent journalist on the staff of *The Flint Journal*. In 1957 he was named "outstanding young man of Flint." The counselling experience of Mr. Brandt and the journalistic qualification of Mr. Dowdy combine to make this an excellent book.

Family and marriage counselling are Mr. Brandt's major concern, and his experience becomes evident on every page. The numerous case histories, illustrations and examples of family conflicts seem to indicate a large and growing practice. The organization of the book takes into account the responsibility of the individual, the re-

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First CBYF Congress at Williams Bay

You too will get excited as you read about this scenic camp at Williams Bay, Wis., about the stimulating program, and about the many recreational activities now being planned. But in your excitement, don't forget to register SOON!

By Rev. John Binder, Youth Director, Department of Christian Education.

AN AIR of excitement and anticipation pervades the lives of those registering and preparing for our FIRST CBYF CONGRESS at George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, August 19-25. The program has been planned! The speakers and leaders have been secured! Individuals and groups from various states and provinces are thinking of and arranging for bus tours from their areas to the Congress.

A FIRST TIME EVENT

Why the excitement and anticipation among the youth? This Congress is a first time event—the first time North American Baptist youth from Canada and the U. S. A. will convene. Youth are expecting to meet new friends, to renew old friendships and to have an enjoyable time. Youth are expecting to find a friendly, understanding, prepared teaching and counseling staff who are committed to Christ. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will also be there in Person. Youth are expecting to be inspired, challenged and to encounter the Spirit of God and the love of Christ in the lives of the young people and adults present. (There may be some other kind, too). They are expecting to find answers to their questions.

Why the excitement and anticipation among the adult leadership, teaching and counseling staff? They are expect-

ing youth filled with excitement and energy. In a setting of authentic freedom, they expect youth to be cooperative, to have probing minds, to be discontented with easy answers and to be distinct persons searching for the meaning and purpose of God for their lives.

It is to be hoped, since the entire Congress experience is designed primarily for youth, that it will meet many of their needs as persons. Because of its setting, size and length, a congress does have certain distinctive educational characteristics and opportunities. The items listed below are only possibilities that "can" or "may" happen.

A congress can be an experience of Christian living through which persons come to a better understanding of Christian truths and teachings. It is a distinct experience of living with others. All the Congress activities and events, such as small groups, large groups, meals, recreation and worship, are expressions of the life of the Congress. These are life experiences in which Christian principles may be learned, tested and applied.

A congress can offer youth time for contemplation not always available in other parts of the church's program. This can be one of the greatest contributions to young people. Time for individual meditation and study is

consciously built into each day's schedule.

A congress is ultimately concerned with individual youth. This concern for individual worth may make it possible for genuine Christian fellowship to develop. A congress brings persons into close relations, tries to make them secure enough to drop pretense, and gives them an opportunity to accept and be accepted, express and receive Christian love.

WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A young person's growth at a congress may result from his testing his opinions and hypotheses on new persons, having to explain or defend his positions or attitudes, and receiving new ideas and insights.

Churches have found that both young people and adults come back from summer conferences such as this one with a deeper sense of commitment to the mission and work of the church.

Too often, ministers, Christian education directors, teachers, and other leaders do not promote attendance at a congress, feeling it is not a part of their church's program. "It will not do much good," they say. Leaders in the church need a sincere conviction about the validity, importance, and value of this type of experience. Encourage your youth to come and come yourself if you can.

When should you register? Immediately! It is absolutely imperative that everyone pre-register as soon as possible. The deadline is June 1, but it would greatly facilitate matters if we could receive your registration now. All must pre-register or we will have no space for them after the deadline.

Local churches or regional organizations may arrange to charter a bus to transport youth to the congress. They may wish to give financial aid, especially transportation. Plans are already being made for this by some.

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Personal Devotions Each morning before breakfast, opportunity for reading, contemplation and prayer will be given. Helps will be provided in the Congress program book.

Congress Theme Presentation This is to be a worship service. Youth will have the opportunity to listen with increasing interest and alertness to the Gospel and to respond to it in faith and love. Much time will be devoted to this as daily Dr. Ralph E.

Powell presents various facets of the theme, "Freedom in Truth."

Small Discussion Groups Each small group will discuss the content and meaning of Dr. Powell's presentations and their responsibility for each youth.

Talkback in a Colloquy After the discussion one youth representative from each small group will meet Dr. Powell in a colloquy for a time of questioning.

Depth Bible Study Each afternoon Dr. Bernard Schalm leads the group in a depth study of the letter, I John. This letter is considered most relevant to the needs and interests of youth today. It is hoped that the youth will have an unforgettable experience with this letter. Its message should prove to be of lasting benefit and power to the participants.

Special Interest Groups Various subjects will be presented by different speakers such as: "Who Are North American Baptists" by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, "Church-Related Vocations" by Rev. Frank Veninga, "Dating and Mating" by Dr. Powell, "CBYF Organization and Program Planning" by Miss Martha Leyboldt, "Religious Liberty" by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and "A Visit to O'Yerkes Observatory."

Films Each day two different films will be shown at three different periods. Youth may choose which ones they wish to see and at what time of the day.

Music Youth are being encouraged to bring along any instruments that they can play. Also, if small singing groups, such as duets, trios or quartets, can come together it would add greatly to the total program of the Congress. Mr. Ronald Kerr, who has served for several years in a variety of musical activities, will be our director of music. A mass youth choir and a variety of small group combinations of music will be developed and utilized at the Congress.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Recreation There will be a large choice of recreational opportunities such as: softball, golf, sailing, tennis, ping-pong, swimming, boating, crafts, croquet, badminton, archery, bicycling, riding, shuffleboard, cook-outs, campfires, hikes, which make for a lot of fun and fellowship.

Evening Activities There will be something different each evening. On the first evening there will be a keynote message on the Congress theme, as well as a Congress sing led by Mr. Kerr. On another evening we will have a roll call of all states and provinces represented. Each area youth group will present something to illustrate their area and CBYF work. Dr. Leuschner will give us a glimpse of what we may expect to experience at the 1964 General Conference in Sacra-

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Ministers' Wives Fellowship

Program planned for the women during the Pastors' Fellowship Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 7-11, 1963.

By Mrs. Frank Veninga, Chairman of the Program Committee

THE CHURCH WOMAN is the most distinctive gift of American Protestantism. Nowhere in the world and at no other time in its history have women and girls had the freedom for Christian usefulness that we as Protestant women enjoy in the United States." So says Carolyn Blackwood in her book, *How To Be An Effective Church Woman*. Because of this wonderful freedom and privilege, the role of the pastor's wife is becoming increasingly important. Being aware of this fact we would like to extend a very warm and cordial invitation to all North American ministers' wives to meet at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 7-11.

The committee has planned a program designed to meet the needs of the pastor's wife as she widens her horizons in the specific areas of usefulness where God has placed her. Ample opportunity will be given for discussion, questions and answer periods, as well as time for sober thinking on subjects like "Widening Horizons of the Pastor's Wife," "The Pastor's Companion," etc. We will also have the privilege of having a leading doctor of the Sioux Falls area speak on "The Minister's Wife and Her Health."

Parents who find it necessary to bring their children will be happy to know that provisions are being made to have child care from 9:30-12:00 A.M. each day. Story time, recreation and snack time will fill their morning hours with a great deal of pleasure under the guidance of competent leaders.

The afternoons will be free for shopping, swimming or just relaxing in the many lovely parks of Sioux Falls. No one will want to miss this great opportunity of spiritual refreshment and bodily relaxation. Early indications reveal that the ladies will be traveling with their husbands from the deep south, the far north, the east and west coasts. May our heavenly Father bless the efforts put forth and

may we as women experience an overwhelming presence of the Lord Jesus Christ! May this encounter send us back home to fill our role as ministers' wives more effectively!

PROGRAM PLANNED FOR THE MINISTERS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP

during the Pastor's Fellowship Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 7-11, 1963

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 9:30- 9:45 Devotions — Mrs. Harold Weiss.
- 9:45-10:30 Panel Discussion — "The Role of the Pastor's Wife in Relation to the Home, Church and Community," Mrs. Louis Johnson, moderator; speakers: Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Mrs. Irvin Schmuland and Mrs. Robert Schreiber.
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break.
- 10:45-11:30 Message—"The Minister's Wife and Her Health," Dr. Donald Frost.
- 11:30-12:00 Question and Answer Period.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:30- 9:45 Devotions—Mrs. John Wobig.
- 9:45-10:30 Panel Discussion — "Widening Horizons through Reading, Friendships and Hobbies," Mrs. Herbert Hiller, moderator; speakers: Mrs. Fred Mashner, Mrs. Douglas Gallagher and Mrs. Rudolph Woyke.
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break.
- 10:45-11:00 Sharing Time.
- 11:00-11:30 Message—"The Minister's Wife—A Promoter," Mrs. Harm Sherman.
- 11:30-12:00 Question and Answer Period.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- 9:30- 9:45 Devotions — Leader to be designated.
- 9:45-10:30 Discussion: "Should We Organize a Ministers' Wives Fellowship?"
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break.
- 10:45-11:00 Business.
- 11:00-11:45 Message — "The Pastor's Companion," Dr. Frank Woyke.

Program Committee:
Mrs. Frank Veninga,
Chairman
Mrs. J. G. Benke
Mrs. Leland Friesen

REV. RAYMOND CASTRO

Rev. Raymond Castro, former missionary to the Spanish Americans at Rio Grand City, Texas, has resigned and left this mission field. He is no longer affiliated with our work so that we as the North American Baptist Mission Society no longer have any responsibility to him and to the Conservative Baptist Convention Oregon which he now represents.

—R. Schilke,
General Missionary Secretary



THE CABINS - EAST CAMP, COLLEGE CAMP, WISCONSIN - ON LAKE GENEVA

CABINS AT COLLEGE CAMP

Some of the many fine cabins facing Lake Geneva, at College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, where young people will stay during the CBYF Congress, August 19 to 25, 1963.

Summer camps are more than
vacation or amorous adventures, but they
are an invaluable opportunity to shape
young lives for time and eternity . . .

Plan Ahead – for Camp!

By Rev. Fred G. Moore, Missionary to Japan, Now on Furlough in the United States

AS ONE of your NAB missionary families at home for the furlough year of deputation service, it has been the privilege of the writer and his family to participate in a number of camp sessions during the summer of 1962. Having had some previous experience in camp work, both here in America and in Japan, it was very interesting to participate in these various camps.

THRILLING CAMP DAYS

In almost every case, the directors or leaders of these camps asked for an evaluation of their program, which we were not able to give at the time. Now in retrospect, perhaps some of our observations may be of value to those of you who will be interested in the planning and carrying out of a summer camp program for this year.

The value of a summer camp program can scarcely be overestimated. Getting young people apart from their ordinary routine for a concentrated, several-day period of instruction, fellowship and spiritual development may indeed be a "mountain-top" experience in their lives. Decisions for Christ are often made at camp which will affect the entire life of the young person involved. On the part of our pastors, summer camps should never be viewed as a week's intrusion into a hot and busy summer schedule, but rather as an invaluable opportunity to shape

young lives for all of time and eternity, as they are drawn to Christ through these sessions.

Certainly, it is necessary to make the best possible use of the few precious days of camp. This is a once-a-year experience at the most, and some of those campers who will be with you this year may never again have the opportunity of coming to camp.

The Word of God admonishes, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17). That which we do must truly glorify Christ. Perhaps it was at this point that most of the difficulties occurred in the camp programs we observed last summer. It might be well to ask three questions with regard to your summer camp plans.

YOUR CAMP OBJECTIVE

First, what is your objective? In other words, just what do you want to accomplish with your young people in these days at camp? Last summer, in several camps we visited, it was really hard to tell just what the objective was. It needs to be clearly stated and to be practical. Some camps seemed to be primarily a vacation time for the young people, with a program involving entertainment and fellowship. Admittedly, fellowship

among Christian young people is important but, if this becomes the primary objective of our camp, are we thereby truly glorifying our Savior?

It seemed as though many of the young people attending those camps were particularly looking for a vacation from decency; a getting-away from the restricting confinements of parental supervision. Some camp leaders suggested that this was a golden opportunity for young people from the various churches to seek and to pursue romantic interests. It is important for young people from our churches to have fellowship with one another, but fellowship centering around a real spiritual impact for Christ is that type of program that will truly bring glory to our Lord.

Some camps have as their primary objective evangelism—the attempt to win young people to Christ who have not previously committed themselves. This is certainly a worthwhile goal, but one that demands special preparation for the camp program, and careful supervision over the total camp activity that this aim might truly be fulfilled.

COMMITMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

In our experiences of last summer, the most rewarding and blessed camps we were privileged to participate in were those in which the primary objective was the spiritual growth and life commitment of Christian young people. This involved definite training in the Word of God, presented not academically, but with real application to life. In James 2:18 we read, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Receiving Christ as personal Savior is not merely a more or less passive acceptance, but it is an active, vital commitment which will result in definite changes so that our total life reflects Christ (John 15:1-5).

Christians in these days need to be reminded that Christ is not only to be our Savior, but our Lord and our Master; the One Who determines and guides every phase of our activity. A camp with this objective also gives guidance and training in personal soul winning and service for Christ. If somehow this vision of really serving our Lord can be given to young

people in our churches, the impact of summer camp will transform, not only the young people's program of the local church, but every part of the church's life.

One of the most thrilling experiences last summer was in a brief weekend camp, meeting only from Friday evening through Sunday. This was an attempt to reach college-age young people who had to earn money during the summer months, and therefore could not attend the regular camp sessions. A very busy schedule had been worked out to utilize that brief period to the utmost, and the young people came seriously seeking spiritual refreshment and challenge. Needless to say, they met Christ there in a special way. We were graphically reminded that even a few days can be truly used of the Lord, if there is real purpose and planning in it.

LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

A second question that is of utmost significance is, "What about leadership?" Who is going to plan and operate your camp? Many times the old cry is heard, "This is a young people's camp; the young people should plan and run this program." In the opinion of this writer, such an attitude has most often resulted in a frustrating, virtually valueless waste of the God-given, once-a-year opportunities of a summer camp.

Do the schools allow the young people to plan their curriculum and carry on the operation of their daily program? Is our responsibility to our young people any less? Please do not get the wrong impression—it is important for young people to be in on the planning, and to take whatever part they can in effectively carrying out the program itself, but careful, prayerful, competent, mature supervision is a *must*. It has been our experience that young people respect adult authority that is wisely (not dictatorially!) used.

Admittedly, this is a difficult task for a camp staff. But if the young people have witnessed careful preparation and planning beforehand, and have come to camp knowing what will be expected of them, you will find a much smoother operation of the camp and much greater cooperation from the young people themselves. In several camp experiences last summer, we actually witnessed the forsaking of the Scriptural principles regarding the attitude of young people to their elders, in the name of "democracy" and "free expression."

The most effective camps we were privileged to be in were those in which the pastors took the lead in planning and directing, not with any sense of absolutism, but recognizing this to be a tremendous God-given challenge and opportunity, and with a real love and concern in their hearts for those young people.

It might be well at this point to mention another idea which seems to be crippling some camp programs.



SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN IN CRAFT ACTIVITIES
A great deal of planning and preparatory work by the Crafts Director and camp counsellors go into the craft activities at our summer camps.

This is the thought that the camp must be run in such a way that none of the young people might be offended, nor anything demanded of them, because then they might not come back again next year. "We simply mustn't be harsh with them, or they won't like camp," and with this statement order, disciplining and effectiveness go down the drain.

This writer would like to make a suggestion that perhaps to some will sound like pure heresy. Let's get back to *quality*, and forget the *quantity*. Some camps have actually degenerated to the point where the staff members dread to go (and staff volunteers are virtually non-existent!) because they know that many campers will be there primarily to see how much "fun" they can have (at the expense of others), and how much disturbance they can create.

Long before camp begins, definite and specific rules of camp behavior should be sent along with the camp program announcements. If problems of discipline arise, they should be dealt with in love, but firmly and promptly. Your first year's group at camp may be smaller, but under effective leadership and discipline the spiritual harvest will be great, and succeeding camps will also reap the benefits.

EFFECTIVE PROGRAM PLANNING

A final question to ask is, "What is the most effective program?" Perhaps the most important single suggestion here would be to *plan ahead!* This is *vital!* Spend much time seeking the Lord's guidance in prayer, and particularly plan the definite objective and the theme well in advance of your camp.

If you request it, our denominational Summer Visitation Committee will make available to your camp missionaries and denominational staff personnel to take part in your program. This is one point that this writer feels quite keenly, but *please* let your missionary personnel select their own mes-

sage subjects. Give them the general theme and the objective of your camp well ahead of time, and they will gear their messages or discussions with the young people to further that common aim.

After spending years on the foreign mission field, the missionary at one camp, for example, was asked to present "The Ethics of Dating!" Longing for Christ where he is virtually unknown, some missionaries have been asked to teach the regular program lessons from some "canned" missionary material. Don't try to use the missionary program where they can, always try to help missionaries will camp teachers. Your total contribution to your camp program will be much greater where they have ample opportunity to share with the young people those matters which they feel the Lord has laid upon their hearts, and for which he has sent them to your camp.

Make missions an important part of your camp program. Jesus intended his great Commission (Matt. 28:19, teach every camper, and your missions is presented as an elective subject that must compete with swimming lessons or music in vying for the camper's interest. We *must* reach every camper (and especially the young men) with this important challenge.

DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

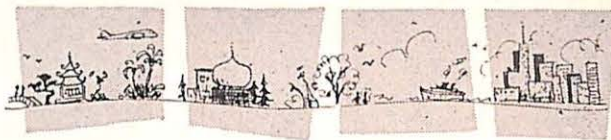
The working out of the daily camp schedule is a matter deserving of most careful attention. It was our experience last summer, and in previous camps, that a tight schedule is much to be preferred. Your campers must be kept busy. They may cry for a lot of "free time," but will actually respond much more successfully to a schedule that does not leave them too much to their own devices. Of course,

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STAFF MEETING AT SUMMER CAMP
Counsellors and staff members at the South Dakota Camp at Camp Lakodia, S. Dak., evaluate the activities and week's program at the youth camp.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **FULLER SEMINARY PRESIDENT.** "What we need in the church," said Dr. David Hubbard, president-elect of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, in a recent address, "is not necessarily more institutionalism, bigger or flashier programs, but more of a concern on every level of life for touching people—one at a time—and ministering to their spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs." The 33-year-old Dr. Hubbard, who is chairman of the Division of Biblical Studies and Philosophy at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., spoke at Bethel College and Seminary during Founders' Week. He will become president of Fuller Seminary in September.

● **DR. MALIK ON "FAITH IN CHRIST."** Dr. Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly, spoke to students and guests of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon, Feb. 13, Foreign Mission News reports. His subject was "Faith in Jesus Christ." The popular lecturer, author and teacher in the fields of philosophy and human relations said that faith in Jesus Christ is essential to people's lives.

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● **CHINESE CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER.** A special center for Chinese students in the metropolitan New York City area will be opened here next fall by Chinese for Christ, Inc. Statistics show that New York has the second largest concentration of Chinese students and that it is a gateway for those in transit to and from the East coast. Coming to New York from the pastorate of a large Chinese church in Bangkok, Thailand, to take charge of the work is Rev. Philip Lee. He was educated in Hong Kong and the United States and is fluent in several Chinese dialects. "A center providing a home away from home for the students in this important city will do much to round out and complement the strategic ministry of Chinese for Christ to the future leaders of China," a spokesman for the group said.

● **DR. MEARS DIES.** Dr. Henrietta C. Mears of Glendale, Calif., suffered a sudden heart attack and passed into the presence of her Lord Wednesday, March 20, 1963 in her Bel Air home. Few servants of God have been permitted such physical and spiritual vigor, enthusiasm and inspired vision as God granted to Dr. Mears. The Presbyterian Sunday school of Hollywood, Calif., Gospel Light Publications and the Forest Home Christian Conference Center are few of the great memorials born through the vision and dedication of this remarkable handmaiden of the Lord. Her most recent

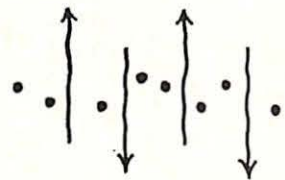
project and what may well become the greatest memorial to her life of service is GLINT, Gospel Light International, a non-profit organization, provides aid to missionary groups throughout the world for the adaptation, translation and distribution of Bible-teaching Christian education literature in native languages.

● **HUGH REDWOOD'S 80TH BIRTHDAY.** Mr. Hugh Redwood of London, England, journalist, author, evangelist, and broadcaster, celebrated his 80th birthday on Feb. 15. He has often been referred to as "the grand old man of religious journalism." He says he is wont to describe himself as an "Anglo-Salvationist." Brought up in the Church of England, he came under Free Church

influence, particularly Baptist, in his early days as a journalist. On a January Sunday in 1901 he was at Broadmead Baptist Church, as a young reporter to hear Mrs. Bramwell Booth preach. This was, he believes, his first "conscious experience of Jesus Christ." His book, "God in the Slums," published in 1930, became an immediate best seller. It has been translated into 15 languages and has had 32 English editions. He has also written many other books, including his autobiography, "Bristol Fashion." Mr. Redwood says that he thanks God for the friendship and counsel of many Baptist ministers, especially the late Dr. F. Townley Lord, editor of "The Baptist Times."

—The Baptist Times

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **University Students in Germany.** Siegfried Liebschner was commissioned for full-time work among university students in Germany at a service in Göttingen. Mr. Liebschner is a theological graduate of Hamburg University and has worked as part-time instructor in the Hamburg Baptist Seminary. He is to serve with the German Baptist Student Movement for three years. In his address Mr. Liebschner said that an important objective of the student ministry is to win professionally trained men and women for the life and work of the church.

—The European Baptist

● **Tax Appeal of American Convention.** The American Baptist Convention is appealing a local tax board ruling which places a \$2.2 million assessment upon its new national offices and printing plant at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Under an agreement between ABC officials and local authorities, the convention has placed some \$130,000 in escrow in lieu of a tax payment to Upper Merion Township. The money was placed in escrow pending the outcome of an appeal by the ABC to the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. The convention maintains that the property should be tax-exempt.

—Christianity Today

● **Tent Mission in Germany.** The Evangelical Free Church Union in Germany will use 11 tents in a total of more than 100 evangelistic crusades throughout West Germany over a period of almost five months beginning in

May. This announcement comes from Rev. Herbert Weinert, one of five full time evangelists for the program. Five large tents are used, each with a seating capacity of between 800 and 1,000, and six smaller ones seating about 250 each. One of the large tents remains in West Berlin, used alternately in different sections, for the entire summer. There are 227 churches in the Evangelical Free Church Union, most of them Baptist. It conducts the largest tent evangelism program in the country, says Mr. Weinert.

BWA News Service.

● **John Smyth Memorial Church.** The first pile of many stones which will provide foundation for the John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church building was rammed into the soft soil of Amsterdam, Netherlands during special services March 18. Associate Secretary Erik Rudén of the Baptist World Alliance was "ram master" and featured speaker. The new church, named for the founder of the denomination's first church to which the modern Baptist movement may be traced historically, plans to complete the building in time for meetings of the European Baptist Federation Congress in Amsterdam, August 12-16, 1964. John Smyth led a group of separatist refugees from England in the establishment of a Baptist church in Amsterdam in 1609.

● **Church Accepts 2 Ghanaians.** Two Ghanaian students attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have been accepted into membership

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● **Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio since 1959, presented his resignation to the church on Sunday, Feb. 17. It will be effective on June 15th. However, his last Sunday with the church was March 17. Mr. Pfeifer is awaiting God's guidance and an opening in one of our NAB churches as he continues to serve his Lord and Savior.**

● **Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Fluth of Minneapolis, Minn., have announced the birth of a son born to them on March 29. He has been named Kenneth Edward. Dr. Fluth is our medical missionary who served at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients until the accident that necessitated his return and that of his family to the United States for further medical treatment.**

● **A 100 voice choir of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, rendered Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday evening before a great audience that packed the church. This was a combined chorus of the church choir, the German choir and the men's chorus directed by Mr. Hans Rogalski. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer and Rev. Reinhold Kerstan are pastors of the church.**

● **Rev. B. W. Krentz, administrator of the Bismarck Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., represented the North Dakota Nursing Home Association from April 1 to 3 with the governing council in Washington, D. C. Mrs. B. W. Krentz accompanied her husband on the trip. The Bismarck Home has purchased 36 copies of the "North American Hymnal" for use in the chapel services of the Home.**

● **The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Ronald F. Derman of Hettinger, N. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Harvey church on May 19th, succeeding Rev. Henry Lang, now the assistant administrator of the Bismarck Home, Bismarck, N. Dak. Mr. Derman has been the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., since 1961.**

● **The North American Baptist Seminary has announced that it has been approved as one of the theological schools to receive a gift of 152 tapes of recorded sermons by 41 outstanding religious leaders from several denominations. This gift is made by the Susan V. Russell Tape Library, through Sermons and Pictures, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia. These recordings of outstanding sermons will be a tremendous asset to the Homiletics department of the Seminary.**

● **On Sunday, March 31, Rev. Leslie Zilkie presented his resignation to the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba, effective on June 30, 1963. He has announced that he will take several summer courses at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man.,**

during July and August. After that, he will be waiting patiently on the Lord and on the decision of an NAB church for further guidance. Mr. Zilkie has served as pastor of the Swan River church since 1958.

● **During the week of April 22 to 28 special meetings were held at the**

what's happening



Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Talley, talented Gospel musicians, presenting the Gospel message in word and music. On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 7, the combined choirs of the Temple and Austin Street Baptist Churches rendered an Easter cantata in the Temple Church sanctuary. Rev. W. C. Damrau and Rev. Paul Galambos are the pastors of these churches, respectively.

● **The cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Savior!", was presented by the Senior and Youth Choirs at the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., on Easter Sunday evening, April 14. The pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, baptized Paula Neumann on confession of faith in Christ on Sunday, March 31. The Advisory Board of the church has asked the pastor to serve as Director of Visitation for 1963. In preparation for the assignments, he is conducting a program on "Visitation Scriptures" at the prayer meeting hour.**

● **From March 18 to 22 the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., held special meetings with Mr. Einar Anderson, evangelist and Bible teacher, a converted Mormon layman, who is associated with "The Voice of Calvary" in California, and with Rev. Jack MacArthur of Burbank, Calif., with his incisive Bible knowledge, bringing the**

FAMILY WEEK May 5-12, 1963

The Department of Christian Education has sent out a colorful poster for FAMILY WEEK, May 5-12, 1963, and a letter of suggestions for programs to be held during that week. These have been received by the pastor of your church. Look for the poster on your bulletin board and become acquainted with the leaflets, "Ten Reasons for a Family Altar" and "How to Put Heaven in your Home," samples of which were sent to your pastor.

Each evening a Christian businessman also gave his testimony and blessed the hearts of all who attended the services. Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder is pastor of the church.

● **On Palm Sunday evening, April 7, Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington,**

Iowa, baptized 18 persons on confession of their faith in Christ at a well attended service. The church rendered its annual Maundy Thursday Communion service on April 11, "commemorating the founding of the Lord's Supper on the night before his crucifixion." New members were received at that time. On Easter Sunday morning two worship services were held at 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. to accommodate the large crowds in attendance.

● **The Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta has extended a call to Mr. Lloyd Kresier of Edmonton, Alberta, a 1962 graduate of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. He has accepted the call, beginning with May 26, 1963. In the meantime, he toured with the Christian Training Institute choir over the Easter vacation, and then undertook the writing of examinations at the University of Alberta before beginning his ministry in the Leduc church, now of Greeley, Colorado.**

● **From March 31 through Palm Sunday, April 7, the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held a series of "Deeper Life Meetings" with Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., speaking to large audiences on "Vital Illness since December 1962. Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, was able to resume his preaching ministry after Easter Sunday. The CBYF presented the choric Easter drama, "In Joseph's Garden" by Winnifred Bell Fletcher, on Good Friday evening.**

● **Rev. Clarence H. Walth, pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, was the speaker at the Friday Community Service in Good Friday Association, sponsored by the Ministerial Association. The adult choir of the church presented a cantata on Easter Sunday evening, April 14, at the Salt Creek Church.**

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

THE QUEEN IN THE HOME

When we think of the queen in our home, we immediately think of mother. That which is great in a mother and makes her the queen in our home is not centered in the things which the world counts great. We do not crown our mothers because they are mighty in the business of the world or leaders in society; we crown them because they exemplify the life of Christ, and manifest those beautiful and gracious characteristics which make life pleasant.

A missionary who had given his life for the cause of Christ in China stated that Christian mothers are the real martyrs of this world. He insisted that no one is called upon to make the kind of sacrifices that our truly Christian mothers are constantly making for their children to train them in the fear and love of God. Although she confronts many vexing problems throughout the day, if she is a Christian mother she has the assurance that she is not alone, but that God is at her side.

As we look into history, we are amazed by the power for good or for evil—wielded by the mothers of our land. The destiny of nations has been influenced by individuals, who, in turn, have been influenced by their mothers. Is it not a startling thought that there is so much power within the hands of mothers?

We can all recall little deeds of kindness done by our mothers that are often overlooked in the rush of life. We may repay them only by loving them, respecting them, honoring them, and being faithful to God as they have taught us to be. Remember your mother on Sunday, May 12, even if she is only a memory.

The home that holds a mother
Is a cheery place and fair,
Her smile lights up the corners
And puts the sunshine there;
There's peace and joy and comfort,
There's gladness every minute,
For the home that holds a mother
Has a bit of heaven in it.

"The instruction received at the mother's knee, and the paternal lessons, together with the pious and sweet souvenirs of the fireside, are never effaced entirely from the soul."
—Lamennais.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Can you explain what existentialism is? I often see the term and read about it but don't know exactly what it is.

Existentialism is a term that covers a wide variety of teachings and areas of thought, from atheistic to Christian and from philosophy to art and music. There are, nevertheless, common concerns and emphases shared by all existentialists however diverse their doctrines or areas of interest.

All existentialists have a passion for reality. They have no use for complacency or smug conformity. This is expressed in their stress on a passionately involved existence. Man should not be merely a passive spectator; he ought to be a concerned participator in the reality of life, because this is what makes for authentic existence.

EXISTENCE IS BEFORE ESSENCE

Truth is not abstract and speculative, say the existentialists; it is concrete and individual. The more abstract things are, the more they are removed from reality. You must begin with actual individual things. This is what is meant by the key idea of existentialism: existence is before essence. For example, if you want to know God, do not speculate or philosophize about him, but let yourself be confronted (encountered) by him.

This is held in a framework of intense subjectivity. That is, the truth is the truth *for me*, regardless of what may be true for anyone else. Man is what he is *at this particular moment*, for meaning is in the present alone. Present acts and decisions make man what he is, and so man is always shaping his own future—man becomes what he does and decides. The valuable becomes valuable in the choosing. There are no fixed values: the concrete individual is the source of all values for himself. Man thus has an awesome responsibility to shape his own future undetermined by his environment. This is his freedom and his accountability.

What makes all this a matter of tense anxiety is that the issues involved are life and death decisions, for death is the only certainty and our whole being is constantly at stake. There is no apparent reason for liv-

ing, say existentialists; life is unreasonable and reality is paradoxical, it not absurd. Therefore it constantly takes faith, which is described as a leap in the dark, an ever-renewed decision made in view of the absurdity of things. Faith always involves a risk, and the greater the risk the greater the faith. There are no reasons for believing. One must simply and decisively commit himself to reality as it is, and this makes for authentic existence (reality is decision).

Existentialists are greatly impressed with the importance of persons. Every individual is unique; there is no one else like him. Consequently there is a quest for self-understanding. Typical questions are: Who am I? What does it mean to be a self? This means the real self which has at its core deep anxiety; that is, persons *as they are*—weak and insecure. What we ought to do is to just be ourselves and not try to be what we are not—self-sufficient and secure, for this is sinful pretension.

THE ANGUISH OF MAN

Life is not viewed in a very optimistic way. It is viewed characteristically as suffering, anguish, despair and loneliness. Pain is regarded as normal, for suffering and blessedness are alternate sides of the same coin. God is at once man's hope and his torture, burden and judgment. The only escape is an ever-renewed decision of faith. The reason for this is that existence is a dying life and a living death. Man is a being who is irremediably mortal. His existence is absurd because it involves an unresolvable conflict between the desire for eternity and the inevitability of death. The frustrations, thirst and fatigue of reaching out for meanings for which one's world provides no clues is the anguish of the existing man.

It is obvious that there is little of the hope, victory, assurance and joy of Christ's Gospel in all this, although there is much truth in the grim realism, sense of urgency and need for passionate decision (held, however, in imbalance and disproportion). Existentialism is the philosophic cry of a man lost in his world.

While we would do well to be stirred by its call for heroic courage, ultimate concern and decisive commitment, we must be careful always to make sure that these dynamic qualities are rooted in the evangelical Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who not only himself triumphed over sin and death but causes all who are truly united with him by faith likewise to triumph.

A Record Breaking Total of \$960,412.99

Report by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

YOUR HEART will probably beat faster with excitement and your lips will move fervently with praise to God as you study the financial graphs on this page with the story of our denominational stewardship during the past fiscal year. We can report the best year in our history as we reached our budget objectives, set a number of new records in our contributions towards the work of Christ's Kingdom, and saw the miracles of God's power working through us, thus making the seemingly impossible things, humanly speaking, to be a glorious reality.

North American Baptists during the last fiscal year contributed \$960,412.99 toward all denominational purposes. This gratifying sum, which is almost a million dollars, was about \$110,000 over that of the previous year and larger than any total in any other year in our history. The total budget objective of \$925,000 was thus surpassed by more than \$35,000.

We also went over the top in our contributions towards the denominational operating budget of \$805,000. The total contributions towards this operating budget amounted to \$838,779.64, thus setting aside \$33,779.64 to be used for denominational ADVANCE to be determined by the General Council. Contributions for Church Extension building projects totalled \$39,949.82 and in addition Church Extension Builders contributed \$35,789.46 during the year. The Seminary Library Book Fund can also report a total of \$16,138.51 in contributions.

Equally interesting is the report about the contributions of our people during the month of March 1963 totaling \$107,055.92. This is the fifth month in the fiscal year, ending March 31, 1963, when the missionary and benevolent contributions of our people amounted to more than \$100,000 for

the month. This also set a record in our denominational giving during the year.

The 20 page brochure, "1963 Letters to North American Baptist Churches and Conferences," now being distributed, will give you a more detailed picture of the showers of God's blessings upon our denominational enterprise during the past year. Be sure to secure your copy at one of the conferences or youth gatherings this summer, or ask your pastor for a copy sometime in August.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Mar., 1963	Mar., 1962	Mar., 1961
Atlantic	\$ 6,022.14	\$ 3,360.90	\$ 5,781.37
Central	31,307.77	21,373.54	24,535.80
Dakota	8,650.20	6,846.24	9,571.68
Eastern	7,235.85	5,249.77	2,496.17
Northern	9,099.40	9,292.16	3,564.36
Northwestern	11,140.31	11,600.70	6,523.23
Pacific	24,937.65	9,633.07	7,369.31
Southern	631.60	1,186.32	2,607.18
Southwestern	5,259.00	6,404.50	7,158.52
Inter-Conference	2,772.00	3,349.85	1,202.81
Total Contributions	\$107,055.92	\$ 78,297.05	\$ 70,810.43

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Mar., 1963	\$ 98,697.71	\$ 8,032.21	\$ 326.00	\$107,055.92
For the month of Mar., 1962	63,234.55	13,490.77	1,571.73	78,297.05
For the month of Mar., 1961	57,936.75	899.42	11,974.26	70,810.43

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Apr. 1, 1962 to Mar. 31, 1963	\$838,779.64	\$105,606.81	\$ 16,026.54	\$960,412.99
Apr. 1, 1961 to Mar. 31, 1962	693,372.41	97,458.01	59,642.37	850,472.79
Apr. 1, 1960 to Mar. 31, 1961	652,172.94	21,937.56	82,721.00	756,831.50

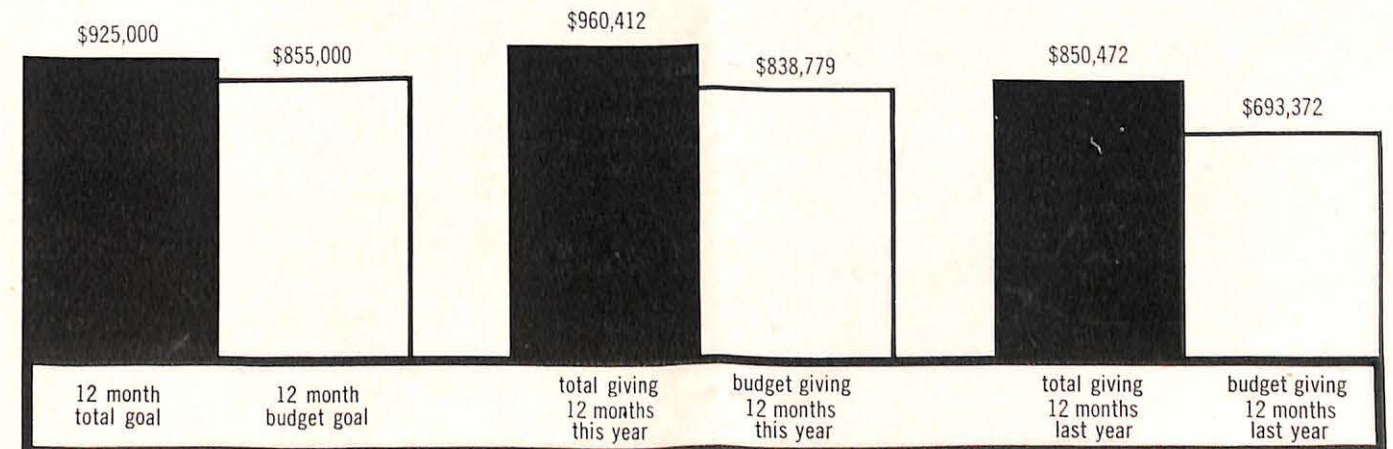
A MATTER OF PRAYER

When you are weary of body and soul,
Weakened by many a care;
When work is claiming its strength-taking toll,
Make it a matter of prayer!

Our prayer and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well; while the one ascends, the other descends.—Hopkins.
The prayer that begins with trustfulness, and passes on into waiting, will always end in thankfulness, triumph, and praise.—A. Maclaren.

GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

N.A.B. Missionary and Service Program—Fiscal year: April 1, 1962 to March 31, 1963





sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 19, 1963

Theme: **DELIVERANCE IN TROUBLE**

Scripture: Psalms 91:1-6, 9-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God does not always deliver us out of our troubles, but he does promise to be with us in our troubles.

INTRODUCTION: The average person spends half of his lifetime avoiding trouble and the other half trying to get out of trouble. Of course, not all of it is real. Many of us belong in Mark Twain's company when he said: "I am an old man and I've had a lot of trouble, but most of it never happened." In spite of the fact that we often feel that we should be excused from pain and difficulty, we must recognize that trouble is a part of life. Trouble is as old as the world, and the saint in the Old Testament who knew what it meant from experience said: "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7). Sometimes we bring trouble upon ourselves and sometimes it is caused by situations over which we have no control. It can be brought on by our sins, weakness, ignorance and imperfection and we may also be the innocent victims of others' sins and carelessness.

Of utmost importance is our attitude toward trouble. If we can remember in faith that our lives are in the hands of a loving Father, and that he cares for us in every circumstance of life, we can live victoriously.

I. THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. Psalm 91:1-6.

The word "shadow" brings to mind a number of suggestions. In Psalm 23 we are reminded of "the shadow of death" in which there is a suggestion of fear. On the other hand "the shadow of the Almighty" immediately suggests strength, comfort and security. If possible, we would flee from "the shadow of death," but we deliberately seek "the shadow of the Almighty."

The significant thought in this psalm is the fact that our relationship with God is not merely a part time activity like saying a prayer in the morning or evening, or attending a church service once or twice a week. It is a living, a dwelling, an abiding in his Presence continually. God is not to be called in case of emergency, but he is there to be with us whether there is an emergency or not.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S DWELLING PLACE. Psalm 91:9-10.

The same thought is continued

throughout the psalm. His security is progressively amplified and enforced and it is continually reaching out for completeness and fulness. On the surface the Psalmist may give the impression that he is exempt from the common hard experiences of life as though he is a special "teacher's pet." But his faith would mean very little if he were never to trust God unless he was promised immunity from all danger and peril. This is not the kind of bargaining procedure we can enter into with God. When the conditions are laid down by God the benefits to us become self-evident.

III. THE REWARD OF FAITH. Psalm 91:11-16.

The Christian does not purposely look for reward but there are many rewarding experiences in the Christian life for which to be thankful. The Psalmist found many, and for these blessings he is testifying to God's goodness and mercy. He felt his protecting hand in the dangerous places that seemed to encompass his life. His prayer life gave him the inner resources with which he was able to live victoriously over outer circumstances.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Compare this psalm with John 15. Is the thought of "abiding" the same in both cases?
2. What are some of the dangers today from which the Christian needs deliverance?
3. How does God's protective care influence our carefulness and watchfulness?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 26, 1963

Theme: **WORSHIP IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

Scripture: Psalm 84

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The

GOOD PARTNERS

With Jesus and with Mother,
I'm going hand in hand.
Because I know they love me
And always understand
My ev'ry joy or sorrow,
However great or small;
Oh, yes, and they are ready
To help me when I call.
They both are faithful partners
On whom I can depend;
So when I am in trouble,
I always have a friend —
A Helper up in heaven,
Another here below—
To ever stay beside me
And guide me where I go.

—Vida Munden Nixon

Christian seeks not only fellowship with God, but he also seeks fellowship with God's people.

INTRODUCTION: This psalm was written in the days before there were local synagogues. The Jewish people worshiped as a family but not as a congregation. It was, therefore, the deep desire and hunger in the heart of all the Israelites to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem in order to worship in the temple, the dwelling place of God in the Holy of Holies. Such an religious experience was looked forward to with greater anticipation and joy than anything else in life. To the devout Jew it brought strength, comfort and fellowship that compared with no other spiritual experience. He returned to his home with a more abiding sense of forgiveness because he made his peace with God through an acceptable sacrifice and a contrite and repentant heart.

If an Israelite could have such a worshipful experience thousands of years ago, how much more should the Christian be grateful for the privilege of worshiping the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I. THE HUNGER FOR GOD IN WORSHIP. Psalm 84:1-4.

The long pilgrimage to the temple seems to suggest to the Psalmist a heavenly home where he will continually be with God and will dwell in peace and rest forever. His vocabulary gives indication of a wonderful and ecstatic experience, and the words, "longeth" and "fainteth," give the impression of intense hunger and affection for the house of God and the knowledge that he will worship in his presence. Religion to him seemed such a natural thing that even God's creatures, "the sparrow and the swallow," seemed to be at home near the altar. The Psalmist may have been one of God's ministers in the temple, who not only felt close to God, but was anxious that all those who came to worship would feel his comforting presence.

II. THE NEED FOR FAITH IN WORSHIP. Psalm 84:5-9.

There may be an implication in these verses of the strength and desire of the pilgrim to get to Jerusalem, no matter how many obstacles or difficulties may be in the way. It is a long, hard journey, for travel is not easy, but his faith in God gives him strength until he appears in Zion before God. The faith of the pilgrim grew with the anticipation of the rich experience in worship awaiting him at the end of the

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BAPTIST HERALD

New N.A.B. Church, Penn Hills, Pa.

Report of the Council session to consider recognition of the Calvary Baptist Church, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania by Rev. W. C. Damrau of Buffalo, N. Y.

At the request of the Calvary Baptist Church of Penn Hills, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, 17 pastors and delegates, representing 8 churches of the Eastern Conference of NAB churches, met on March 29 to consider the recognition of the above named church as a Baptist church, seeking fellowship with our Conference.

The minutes of the church business meeting requesting such a Council were read. Rev. R. Yahn, Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rev. Dale Chaddock, South Hills Church, Pa., were elected moderator and clerk, respectively. The letter of invitation was then read and the list of delegates was established with Rev. J. Grygo, as representative of our General Conference, included. The minutes of the church business meeting, including the almost unanimous resolution of the church asking for recognition and seeking affiliation, was read by the church clerk, Mr. B. F. Kennedy.

The constitution of the church including the Articles of Faith were then read by the moderator of the church, Mr. C. Cadwell. The members of the Council asked questions con-

cerning various points, which were answered by the moderator and the pastor, Rev. J. Hoden, who also later asked questions concerning our work and procedures.

In the executive session which followed, the Council unanimously decided to recognize the Calvary Baptist Church of Penn Hills, Pa., as a duly organized Baptist church and to recommend them to the Eastern Conference and the NAB General Conference for full fellowship.

This new church has been in existence for about five years and has 39 members with many more attending the services. They meet presently in the building of a Garden Club. The church owns a parsonage and has acquired a 4½ acre site in a new "homes development" for a church building site. An architect has been engaged to draw up plans for the first unit of their plant. The annual budget of the church has been about \$8,000, of which 17% was given for missions. Rev. J. Hoden, pastor, was ordained in the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, and has been the spiritual leader of the work since 1958.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony, Lodi, Calif.

Report of a festive event at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California

The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California, had the privilege of observing a very important day in the life of the church on a recent Sunday morning, its second mortgage burning service since 1948. For this memorable occasion we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary.

Truly, God has been good to the members of Temple Baptist Church. Many of the members, who began the work in 1948, are still working faithfully, but there are some who are now in the heavenly Home.

The church began with 158 members in 1948 who undertook a building program of the parsonage, lots, and the first portion of the church building, at a total cost of \$78,222. The present sanctuary was added in 1955 at a cost of \$154,298, and during the past four years additions and improvements have been made at a cost of \$13,730, making the total cost, now all paid for, in the sum of \$246,251.00.

The praise and glory all goes to God who has made it possible for pastors and people to work together. Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor, indicated that the largest portion of this was accomplished during the ministry of Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of Temple Baptist Church for ten years, who is

Ordination Services of Rev. Erhard Knull

By Rev. Orville Meth of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Secretary of the Ordination Council

On March 15th at 2:00 P.M. the examination council to consider the ordination of Mr. Erhard Knull met at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., where he serves as the pastor. The council represented five ministers and 11 laymen from six of the North American Baptist churches in the area. Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak., was elected moderator and Rev. Orville Meth of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., secretary.

After Mr. Knull had been introduced, he proceeded to give his Christian experience which had its setting in Poland and was climaxed during the Russian occupation of that country in 1945. He told how the Lord led him to freedom and then to this country and Milwaukee, Wis. Under the encouragement of the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of that city, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, he consecrated himself to the Lord and prepared himself for the ministry. This included studies at the N. A. B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and graduate studies in Germany. His doctrinal statements were thoroughly prepared and well given. In closed session the council unanimously recommended to the Rosenfeld Church that they proceed with the ordination service.

The moderator, Mr. Ehman, led the evening ordination service. Rev. Henry Lang of Harvey, N. Dak., brought the message, "When God Calls a Man." The charge to the church was given by Rev. Milton Vietz of Anamoose. Rev. A. Krombein of Mercer, N. Dak., gave the charge to the candidate. As the candidate knelt, the ministers layed their hands on him and Rev. Henry Lang led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Orville H. Meth welcomed Brother Knull into the ministry. The moderator then called Mrs. Knull to the platform and gave words of encouragement to her as a helpmate to her husband's ministry. Rev. Erhard Knull dismissed the service with the benediction.



Leaders of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California who took part in the mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 10: (left to right), David Weigum, Deacon; Clifford Schmiedt, Trustee; Robert Midthun, Church Moderator; and Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Pastor.

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Sunday School Programs & Events

● **Bethany, Portland, Oregon.** A Leadership Training Course in Christian Education was conducted at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon from March 3 through 7 with Rev. and Mrs. Ulphin Davis as directors. Each directed two classes every night with a coffee break between classes. An average attendance of 75% of the teachers and workers was present. Many blessings were received from these special meetings "as we learned new methods for teaching and were again reminded and refreshed of things we were practicing," as reported by Mrs. Fred Schaar.

Special Events

● **Bender Fellowship, Seminary, Sioux Falls.** A three day Missions Conference was recently held by the Bender Fellowship at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., stressing the theme, "Expanding Missionary Horizons," and using the text of Isaiah 54:2. The fourth annual conference for the Fellowship began on Thursday with a chapel service and ended on Saturday night with a banquet at which approximately 120 persons were present to hear Dr. Peter E. Fehr of Africa speak on the theme, "Roadblocks to Expansion." Rev. Earl H. Ahrens was also a speaker during the Conference days. The project of \$480 for the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan has reached \$415. The final meeting of the school year was held on April 26 with Dr. J. C. Fluth, medical missionary in West Cameroon, Africa. The Bender Fellowship hoped to reach its "Faith Pledge" goal which is for the support of three students now in training at the Osaka Biblical Seminary.

● **Walnut Street, Newark, N. J.** From Feb. 28 to March 3, a Missionary Conference was held at the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., of which Rev. Gordon Huisinga is the pastor. The visiting missionaries were Rev. Fred Moore from Japan and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman from Africa. Each gave a challenging message concerning God's work on their mission fields. The church's young people served at a fellowship supper on Saturday night after which Rev. Earl H. Ahrens spoke of his work in Africa and showed many curios. A Missionary Rally with five NAB churches participating was held on Sunday afternoon, March 3, with all four missionaries and a representative from the Forest Park office present.

● **Parkston, S. Dak.** The Baptist Church of Parkston, S. Dak., served as host to the Pastors' and Deacons' Clinic of the South Dakota Association held on Feb. 22 with almost 100 persons in attendance. The discussion leaders included Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education; Rev. H. J. Wilcke of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; Mrs. Frank Veninga, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The topics studied and discussed featured Counseling in Church Discipline, the Pastor's Helpmate, the Church Budget, Planning for Guest Speakers, and Effective Church Women. The clinic closed with a message on "Leftovers" by Rev. David J. Draewell.

Woman's Missionary Societies

● **First, Emery, S. Dak.** On Sunday evening, March 24, the Woman's Missionary Union, the King's Daughters Society and Dorcas Girls of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., presented a special program for the church. The song service was led by Mrs. Fred Edzards and the Scripture passage was read by Mrs. Herman Tammen. A duet by Miss Janeva Bloem and Mrs. Alva Meinerts was sung entitled, "Let Me Be Worthy." The playlet, "The Challenge of the Cross," was presented by the women under the direction of Mrs. Herman Fluth. "It was indeed a challenge for each of us to take up our cross and

follow Christ," as reported by Mrs. John Terveen.

● **Shell Creek, Columbus, Nebr.** On Friday, March 1, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebr., assisted by the women from the Redeemer Baptist Church of Columbus, invited the ladies from the neighboring Zion Lutheran Church, Platte Center Baptist Church and Humphrey Baptist Church for the World Day of Prayer service. Appropriate readings were given by Mrs. Vernon Mohrman, Mrs. Harvey Behlen, Doris Buss, Mrs. Loren Behlen, Mrs. George Behlen, Mrs. Milton Menke, and Mrs. Allen Mohrman. The season of prayer was led by Mrs. Elmer Behlen.

● **Bethany, Portland, Oregon.** The Woman's Missionary Guild of the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon was host for the Portland Area North American Baptist women for the World Day of Prayer on Friday morning, March 1. Coffee time was enjoyed before the meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Douglas Graf. The theme of the meeting was "More Than Conquerors... Through Him That Loved Us... In Life's Experiences... Over the Uncertain and the Unknown... For Christ, the Church, the Heathen," with Mrs. Arthur Schulz in charge of the program. After the topics were given and several musical selections, the congregation divided into seven prayer groups with Mrs. Fred Schaar as chairman of the season of prayer.

Anniversaries & Receptions

● **Bismarck, North Dakota.** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klautt of Bismarck, N. Dak., were honored at an Open House held for them at the Bismarck Baptist Church on the occasion of their



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klautt of Bismarck, N. Dak., who observed their golden wedding anniversary at Open House in the Bismarck Baptist Church.

50th wedding anniversary. Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor, was in charge of the brief program. About 150 guests were present for the reception, with refreshments served by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. and Mrs. Klautt were married near Zealand, N. Dak., in 1913 and have lived in Bismarck for the past 22 years. They have attended services at the Bismarck Baptist Church since coming to the city and have been members since 1953.

● **Venturia, N. Dak.** Sunday, March 10, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Milton W. Falkenberg at the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak. Because Mrs. Felkenberg was taken ill, the welcome service was postponed a week and held on Sunday evening, March 17. Mr. Howard Breiting served as master of ceremonies at the reception. Scripture was read by Ed. Miller. Rev. Carl R. Weisser from the Wishek Baptist Church brought the message. Presentation of

the Falkenberg family was by one of the deacons. Welcome messages were also given by representatives of church organizations.

● **Odessa, Wash.** On Sunday, March 24, 150 relatives, friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. John Schorzman, faithful members for many years of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., met to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Prior to the afternoon program a guest pianist rendered 15 minutes of music on the new Baldwin piano presented to the church as an anniversary gift by the Schorzmans to express their thanksgiving to God for his many blessings upon their lives. The Schorzmans stated that there have been two guiding lights directing them throughout these years: Matthew 28:20 and I Corinthians 13.



Mr. and Mrs. John Schorzman of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 24.

● **Shell Creek, Columbus, Nebr.** On Friday evening, March 8, the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebr., held an informal supper to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke. A brief program was presented followed by a time of fellowship. On Sunday evening, March 10, the reception program was held. Words of welcome were extended by Rev. LeRoy Schauer of the Redeemer Church of Columbus, Nebr.; by Rev. Kenneth Schmuland of the neighboring Creston Church; and by Rev. Elton Kirstein, the Southwestern Conference moderator. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke from New York City sent a beautiful bouquet of flowers for his father's first Sunday in the Shell Creek Church. On Sunday afternoon, March 24, members and friends of the church enjoyed Open House at the parsonage. The Zoschke's daughter, Mrs. Warner Toulieu, and family from Cleveland, Ohio, sent a spring planter for the Open House celebration. The church also remembered the fine interim ministry by Rev. and Mrs. Herman Lohr and presented them with a gift of an electric blanket.

● **Central, George, Iowa.** On March 10 Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Krull of George, Iowa, were honored at an Open House held at the Central Baptist Church of which they have been active members. They have also been members of the Sunday school for many years. The occasion was the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married March 6, 1913 at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Kix. Rev. R. I. Thompson, pastor, offered prayer and gave a brief talk at the golden wedding anniversary program. About 300 guests were present to offer congratulations. Of their nine living children, six were present. Two sons are in the Air Force: Capt. Wilfred Krull, stationed in Japan and Capt. Virgil Krull, at present in England, sent their messages. They were also honored with a congratulatory letter from Washington, D. C., from Congressman Chas. Hoeven.



Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Krull of George, Iowa who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 10.

● **Ridgewood, New York.** After four years of a happy mutual relationship, Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, and the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., have come to the parting of the ways. Mr. Kern has been appointed Eastern District secretary for the denomination. A farewell service was held March 27 under leadership of the church moderator, Mr. F. C. Arnold. The girls' choir, which had been directed by Mrs. Kern, presented their excellent instructor with a corsage and sang her favorite song. Mr. Ed. Mark-

lein, General Conference moderator, made some appropriate remarks and spoke for the members of the Evergreen Church which is temporarily meeting in the Ridgewood Church edifice. The adult choir voiced praise to God for the past years' blessings under Mr. Kern's ministry. Rev. Rubin Kern expressed his gratitude for the enriching experiences and further spiritual development coming from his association with this church. The Kern family was presented with a monetary gift.

Evangelistic Services & Baptisms

● **Minitonas, Man.** A week of revival meetings was held in March at the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man. Every night the church was crowded with people longing to hear the message of truth and salvation. Rev. D. Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, was the guest evangelist working together with Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, and the various church organizations. Musical selections were rendered by the brass band and soloists of the church besides the church choir. Fourteen first-time decisions were made for Christ and ten members rededicated their lives openly.

● **Swan River, Man.** The Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, held evangelistic meetings during March 4-14 with Rev. Walter Kerber of Yorkton, Sask., serving as evangelist. Mrs. Kerber joined her husband the second week and related stories to the children each night. Mr. and Mrs. Kerber also rendered duets and solos. "We had a blessed time in these days with the presence of God keenly felt and, as a result, lives were rededicated to God," as reported by Mrs. L. Zilkie.

● **Corona, South Dakota.** The Corona Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., held

special evangelistic services March 18 to 24. Hearts were deeply touched in the spiritually warm atmosphere, as the congregations listened to the messages brought by Rev. H. Effa of Linton, N. Dak. Many sought the Lord concerning specific needs in their lives and others were brought to a closer relationship to their Savior. Mrs. Elmer Harms, reporter, stated: "We give thanks to God 'who doeth great things past finding out; yea and wonders without number.'"

● **First, Emery, S. Dak.** Special meetings were held at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., from March 10 to 17 with Rev. David J. Draewell as speaker. Messages directed to members and also to the unsaved were brought in a forthright and clear way. Mrs. John Terveen, reporter, stated: "We are grateful for the leading of the Lord in that Mr. Draewell was able to be with us. Above all, we are thankful to God for the 8 children and 2 adults who stepped out for the Lord during these days. It is our desire that we might lead these new converts to a greater, clearer understanding of God's Word and together honor and magnify the name of our Savior." Rev. Leland Friesen is pastor of the church.

FIRST CBYF CONFERENCE

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mento, California. A brief resume of the Baptist Youth World Conference, that will have been held in Beirut in July, will be presented by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and some of our youth who attended the World Conference. Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, our missionary and field secretary of the Cameroons of Africa, will challenge us at different occasions during the week.

One night will be a grand musicale by the talent present at our Congress, after which the Congress youth will take a cruise on Lake Geneva. On Friday evening a drama is planned using youth from the Chicago area CBYF. A lakeside Galilean service will follow. Saturday evening all youth will be challenged to give themselves in special service by Rev. David Draewell, and opportunity will be given for dedications. Sunday will be the climax of the week when we have Dr. Robert S. Denney, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, bringing the final challenge.

Pray that the Congress will be meaningful, of real value and lasting benefit to all that attend.

MOTHER'S MINISTRY

Mother finds the time to do
A kind and loving deed.
Mother finds a way to help
Others when in need.

Mother's voice is sweet and low,
With gentle power,
Giving faith and strength and cheer
For each trying hour.

Mother proves, each day, each hour,
Her love for Christ, the Lord.
By her life, she his story tells;
Thus lives his precious Word.
—Ina Duley Ogdon



DISCUSSION GROUPS AT CBYF CONGRESS

Each small group will have an opportunity to discuss the content and meaning of Dr. Ralph E. Powell's presentations and their responsibility for each youth.

MEANING OF ASCENSION

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lifted above time, and thus becomes available to all times, to men of every age and clime. This is what we mean when we affirm that our Lord took his glorified humanity to the right hand of the Father. It was the God-man who ascended in all the glory and triumph of his sacrificial life. Henceforth he stands in heaven, the great and perfect High Priest who is himself also the sacrifice.

The historical event of the Cross in time is also an event in eternity, in the heart of God. Evermore, before the Father, stands One on the palms of whose hands we, like Jerusalem, have been graven (Isa. 49:16). Hence, the author of Hebrews declares it possible for all men to draw near to divine presence in the great High Priest, who has taken his sacrifice with him to the heavenly places (Heb. 4:14-16 and other passages). The

Apostle Paul sees the Christ at the right hand of God, making intercession for us (Rom. 8:34). With all our imperfection and sin, he covers us with his sacrifice and eternally reconciles us to God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK

We have spoken already of the contemporaneity of the ascended Lord. One aspect of this is that the Gospel of the Atoning Sacrifice is a reality for all men. Every time the Gospel is preached in word or in the Lord's Supper, the sacrifice of Christ becomes contemporaneous with our lives and his grace becomes effective in our hearts.

This is the meaning of the Holy Spirit, for it is he who takes the things of Christ and makes them plain to us. The work of Christ is effective in the hearts of all men because the historical sacrifice has been lifted into the heavens and made available through the Spirit. In the Spirit, the Ascended Lord confronts all men and reigns in their hearts.

We have seen that our Lord's humanity was an inclusive humanity. In his love he draws all men unto himself and makes of them new men, a new creation. They, by faith, may die with him and be raised to his newness of life. Already, though in the flesh, they may participate in the life of the Age-to-Come, share in his glorified and redeemed humanity. He is the Second Adam, and it is as Second Adam that he has ascended to the heavenly mode of existence.

So we too are quickened together with Christ. We are raised with him and made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:5, 6). We, who have been raised with him, are to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col. 1:1-3). Our lives are hid with Christ in God.

Hence, the New Testament can describe the Christian as living, at the same time, in two environments, in two modes of existence. He is in the flesh, but he is also in the Spirit. He

has the life of this world, but he also has eternal life. He is in Colossae, but he is also in Christ. This is the mystery of the Christian life, and it is also the mystery of the Church.

The new humanity of the Lord moves down in the Spirit into human history and draws men into life. We are embraced within Christ and become his body, his hands and feet. From his heavenly session he moves out into historical existence. From our earthly life, we move into that dimension and share in the new humanity that Christ makes possible.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

In the days of the early Church, a Christian was brought before Pliny, the persecutor and governor of Bithynia. Said Pliny: "I will take away your treasure." The Christian replied: "You cannot, for my treasure is in heaven." "All right," said Pliny, "I will take away your friends and you will not have one left."

"You cannot," answered the Christian, "for I have a friend, Jesus, from whom you cannot separate me." Cried Pliny: "I will take away your life. I will kill you." "You cannot," came the answer, "for my life is hid with Christ in God."

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PLAN AHEAD FOR CAMP

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you must allow for ample recreational time—and by this is meant organized, planned recreation with everyone participating as much as possible. Be sure to take into account and to make adequate preparation for that horrible possibility of rain interrupting your outdoor recreational plans. Be sure, also, to allow for adequate time between class periods to get from one class to the next without infringing on the second teacher's period.

Camp leader, yours is a great responsibility, but it is also a most thrilling opportunity. Common sense, mature discretion, Scriptural direction and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your program planning will make your camp this year a time of spiritual growth and development. Your young people will find far greater and more lasting enjoyment in their camp experience, to the praise and the glory of Christ.

Obituary

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

MRS. ROSALIE SCHULTZ of Moosehorn, Manitoba

Mrs. Rosalie Schultz of Moosehorn, Man., was born in Odessa, Russia on Feb. 21, 1894. She came to Canada in the autumn of 1929, and resided in Sanford, Man., until her marriage to Mr. August Schultz of Moosehorn. They moved to a farm in Moosehorn in 1933. Mrs. Schultz died suddenly of a heart attack on the morning of March 20, 1963, at the age of 69 years and 27 days. Her husband preceded her in death in 1960.

She is survived by 3 sons: George of Moosehorn, Art of Moosehorn, and Mark of British Columbia; one daughter, Linda, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 4 brothers: George, Adam and Fred of Winnipeg, Man.; Jacob of Germany, one sister, Christina Keller, also in Germany.

Mrs. Schultz was a follower of the Lord for many years, and grew up in the Reformed church. In 1951 she was baptized by Rev. D. Fuchs, and subsequently she joined the Baptist church in Moosehorn.

Moosehorn, Manitoba
B. VOSS, Pastor

MRS. BERTHA KUSMAUL of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Bertha Kusmaul, nee Gewiss, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born Oct. 21, 1900 in Phillips, Wis. In 1919 she was united in marriage to Gustav Lucigus. Three children were born from this union. Death came early to claim her husband, Mr. Lucigus. In 1926, Mr. Ferdinand Kusmaul became the beloved husband and father of this family. This marriage was blessed with peace and happiness through the years.

Mrs. Kusmaul accepted the Lord at an early age, followed him in baptism and became a faithful member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church. A spirit of love and peace so permeated her personality that everyone who met her went away being cheered, even through her prolonged illness. She passed away very quietly on Sunday, Feb. 24.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, Ferdinand; her daughters: Gertrude of Philadelphia; Verna Kunster of Lomita, Calif.; Elaine Meyers of Lomita, Calif.; 5 grandchildren, three sisters: Miss Julia Gewiss, Wausau, Wis.; Mrs. August Ligman, Milwaukee, Wis.; Miss Emma Gewiss, Milwaukee, Wis.; three brothers: Mr. Fred Gewiss, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. Albert Gewiss, Eugene, Oregon; and Mr. Karl Gewiss of Mosinee, Wis.

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Penn.
ERNEST A. HOFFMANN, Pastor

MR. JACOB MEHRER of Harvey, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Mehrer of Harvey, N. Dak., was born in Romania on May 4, 1876 and passed away at the Bismarck Hospital March 20, 1963 at the age of 86 years, 10 months and 16 days. He came to the United States from Romania in 1899, settling briefly at Fessenden, N. Dak., then moving to the home-stead 3 miles south of Kief. In 1943 he and his wife retired to McClusky, N. Dak., and in 1955 they moved to Harvey. Since 1958 he has made his home at the Baptist Home in Bismarck. Mr. Mehrer became a Christian and was baptized at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church in 1898. He has been active in the Rosenfeld, McClusky, Bethel and Harvey Churches.

In 1899 he was united in marriage to Lena Kandt to which union 15 children were born. Surviving are three sons: Herman, Mountainview, Calif.; Walter, Portland, Ore.; Benjamin, Kief, N. Dak.; 5 daughters: Maria (Mrs. Ludwig Schielke) Butte, N. Dak.; Sophia (Mrs. Alex Mikelenko), Kief, N. Dak.; Laura (Mrs. Jame Moser), Minot, N. Dak.; Ruth (Mrs. Gust Mittleider), Balfour, N. Dak.; Amanda (Mrs. Art Moser), Portland, Ore.; one brother, Andrew Mehrer

of Bismarck; 25 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. His wife, three sons and four daughters preceded him in death.

Bethel Baptist Church
Harvey, North Dakota
HENRY LANG, Pastor

MR. HENRY JACOB NEIGER of Salem, Oregon

Mr. Henry Jacob Neiger of Salem, Oregon was born June 9, 1888 in Hillsdale, Oregon and passed suddenly from this life on March 7, 1963 at the age of 74. In 1909 his parents and family arrived by river boat at the Lincoln area north and west of Salem where he lived since then. He was a dairyman most of his life.

Martha Heyden and Henry Neiger were united in marriage on Nov. 3, 1917 and to this union one daughter was born. He served in the United States Army during World War I and has been active in the American Legion. He was converted to faith in Christ in 1924 and was baptized by immersion at the First Christian Church of Salem. He became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, June 3, 1953.

Because of a leg and hip impairment, he was limited in his activity during the last 13 years of life, and he accepted these limitations with a gracious spirit. The Bible was a source of guidance and help to him and he came to know it well. He leaves to cherish his memory his widow, Martha Neiger; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Cherry of Salem; 3 grandsons; a brother; and 3 sisters.

Bethel Baptist Church
Salem, Oregon
EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

CHRISTOPHER RAMM of North Surrey, British Columbia

Christopher Stephen Douglas Ramm of North Surrey, B. C., was born Dec. 20, 1955 in Vancouver, B. C., and passed away on March 14, 1963. During the first few weeks of his life, it was necessary for him to undergo several difficult operations. Then it seemed that all was in order, and he enjoyed the fellowship with parents and friends. He was a cheerful and friendly lad bringing joy wherever he went. His parents taught him to pray, to love the Word of God and to attend church regularly.

In the winter of 1961-62 various complications set in. In April 1962 he was admitted to the hospital, seemingly a victim of leukemia. After two months he was released from the hospital, constantly remaining under the supervision and observation of the physicians. He was again admitted to the hospital on Nov. 15th and remained there until his death. On March 14th at 11:18 p.m. the Lord took him to the place where there will be no more pain. Left to mourn him are his parents in North Surrey, a grandfather, a grandmother and numerous other relatives in Germany.

Bethany Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia
ERNIE ROGALSKI, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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journey. In Zion he would see God!

III. THE JOY IN WORSHIP. Psalm 84:10-12.

The Psalmist knew how to measure life by quality and not by quantity. "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." No earthly joy can be compared to the joy of spending time with God. All the elements of worship are revealed in the life of the author of this one psalm: love and adoration; thanksgiving and confession; petition and intercession; commitment and assurance. His joy is so genuine that he offers himself completely and wholeheartedly to the service of God.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Would our appreciation of God and his house be more genuine if we had to make a long journey to worship him?
2. Do our many activities in church interfere with the true spirit of worship?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The Men's Brotherhood saw the film on "Atoms" at a recent meeting. The new officers of the Brotherhood are Harvey Bartel, president; Cecil Villwock, vice president; David Holmes, secretary; Lester Voth, treasurer; and Walter Schmitke, Oregon Association representative.

● On Sunday, March 31, Rev. William Acton of the new Church Extension project in Sacramento, Calif., preached at both services of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. From March 31 to April 5 the pastor, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, served as guest evangelist at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif. The Seattle-Pacific College Choir rendered a concert at the Temple Church on Friday evening, March 22. The weekly "Temple Church Visitor" recently featured a fine message on the cover suggesting a Bible passage and hymn for meditating on "the footsteps of Jesus from his betrayal to the Cross and then to the resurrection morning."

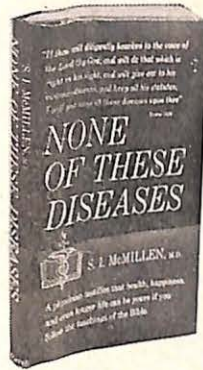


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● The Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., has called Mr. LeRoy Kiemele of Linton, N. Dak., a senior student at the North America Baptist Seminary, as its pastor to which he has given a favorable response. He will begin his ministry in the North Freedom church on June 1st. He will also serve the nearby church at Rock Springs, Wis. Mr. Kiemele finished his school studies in January 1963 but is continuing his ministry in a student pastorate near Sioux Falls, S. Dak., until the Seminary's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 19. At the North Freedom Baptist Church he will succeed Rev. Norman Miller, now of Chancellor, S. Dak.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba participated with other local churches in the Community Holy Week services held in the Grade School Auditorium with more than 300 people in attendance. On Friday evening, April 12, Rev. John Wollenberg of the Emmanuel Church brought the message. The Baptist Church Band, directed by Waldemar Rempel, played on Thursday and Friday evenings. The Church Choir of 30 voices directed by Mr. R. J. Stober sang the cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold" by Eugene L. Clark, on Easter Sunday evening. On March 31st Dr. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the morning worship service and at the 40th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society held that evening.

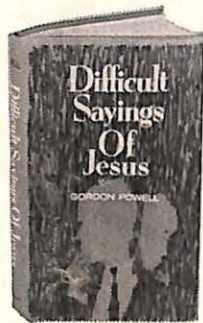
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"You must hate your father and mother."

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

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of Wake Forest Baptist Church, Wake Forest, North Carolina. The standing vote, while not unanimous, was by a substantial majority. The students are Alfred Oteng and Stephen Akinleye, enrolled for a year as special students. They are pastors of Baptist churches in Ghana, and were led to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries.

● Baseball Stars Tour Camps. American baseball players Bobby Richardson and Don Demeter made a whirlwind tour of Japanese spring training camps in February as guests of the Japan Baptist Convention's New Life Movement. Richardson is second baseman for the New York Yankees and Demeter an outfielder with the Philadelphia Phillies. Their visit was part of the Convention's effort to take the Christian message to various segments of Japanese life. The Japanese people are especially fond of baseball. Richardson discussed various aspects of baseball and gave a testimony of his Christian experience over a nation-wide television program.

● North American Baptist Fellowship. The Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, meeting at Valley Forge, Pa., recommended that the Baptist World Alliance give consideration to the creation of a North American Baptist Fellowship or Alliance. The BJA is a five-year cooperative evangelistic program sponsored by seven Baptist bodies on the North American continent. The five-year program comes to a climax at the Joint BJA Convention to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24, 1964. The BJA Continuation Committee made the recommendation "in order to conserve the gains and values which have resulted from the BJA and to increase opportunities for fellowship and for the sharing of mutual concerns."

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relationship between husband and wife, and the interaction between parents and children.

What makes the approach so much more meaningful is the importance the author places on the "Christian" family. Every problem is solved or alleviated more permanently if appropriate Scripture is brought to bear on the case involved. Pursuing this method, Mr. Brandt believes that a Christian answer plumbs far deeper than conduct and a concerned effort to get along. It goes to the very nature of the family in their relationships with each other and with God. The high ratio of divorce, plus the thousands of families which hang together on a shoestring, are convincing evidence that the journey along the marital trail requires careful balance if it is not to tumble headlong into disaster.