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# The Church In A Changing World

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THE CHURCH of Christ can never win the world by running away from it, however revolutionary the situation may be in a particular country at a particular time. The Church has suffered from the tendency to isolate people from their natural moorings and transplant them into an artificial society devoid of national and cultural foundations. Man must be taught to find the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the power to save to the uttermost, and the inspiration to sustain him through all revolutionary changes.

Social change is powerfully motivated by the aspirations of people for a better life. Technological development promises liberation from hunger, disease and misery. The impact of the Lord Jesus Christ was health and healing, peace and joy. He redeemed the whole man. The modern man cries for justice, security and the freedom to live as a responsible individual.

The present situation calls for a new theology of missions and drastic changes in missionary policy and strategy. When new nations are endeavoring to consolidate their position as independent, self-governing people, the Church has a valuable service to render, bringing its influence to bear on the thinking of the nation. The Church must reach out with its essential ministry of reconciliation.

"I am the Door," said Jesus. The door should not be used to shut out the world and fortify the Christians against the evil that is in the world, but the door must open the way into the Church. We must enter into real communication with the world and initiate a dialogue with the non-Christian world at the deeper level of its religious fervor and goal.

"Ye are a Royal Priesthood." Our work is our witness. We meet our brother man not to raise more questions and create more problems but to share with him the one supreme answer that God has given to us in his Son. The Church is not exempt from rapid change. We are witnessing significant changes in the theological thinking of the Church and in its understanding of its mission in the world. We as Baptists are a peculiar people, not because we want to be peculiar for the sake of peculiarity. Our particular theological standpoint and those distinctive insights we cherish should always be a mark of our obedience and never a sign of arrogance. It should be our prayer that God will help us to share with the rest of the Christian Church those spiritual treasures we claim as our own. (Address at the Youth Conference, Beirut).

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING CAMP IN CAMEROON.** From Sept. 4 to 8, 1963 a Christian Training Camp was held at the Cameroon Protestant College at Bali for all pastors and leading Christian Day School teachers. The five day program had as its objective the training of these Christian leaders so that they can go out and carry on this enterprising youth work in their own churches, schools and villages. Sixty-six pastors and teachers were invited. The entire Baptist staff at Bali conducted the program with Mr. Norman Haupt, missionary, in charge.

**BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, COLORADO.** Our missionaries to the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry and Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, are planning for a short term Bible School for six or more Christians of mature years to be held for about three months after Oct. 7, 1963. The objective of the school will be to impart Bible knowledge and spiritual inspiration to them helping them to witness for Christ among their own people. This new missionary venture deserves your earnest prayers.

**EXTENSION BUILDERS, OCTOBER.** Church Extension Builders in October 1963 will be making their \$1.00 gifts toward the project in Lemmon, South Dakota. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor, has described some of the many difficulties on this field in an article that appears elsewhere in this issue. New Builders have been enlisted in September, and it is hoped that many more of our church people will share in this wonderful ministry of helping to build new churches for Christ!

**NEW MISSION BUILDINGS.** Our new missionaries in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand and Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, are giving important leadership in the construction of greatly needed new school buildings in the Soppo and Victoria areas of West Cameroon. The school enrollment and the number of new applicants for our mission schools are increasing so rapidly that it is hard to keep up with the demands. The government is financing the construction of the new buildings and our North American Baptist mission is meeting the responsibility of staffing these schools.

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## Editorial

### Ye Are A Royal Priesthood!

Excerpts of an address by the Honorable Charles Malik, distinguished Christian and former President of the United Nations General Assembly, delivered at the Baptist Youth World Conference, Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963.

We Christians believe that, right here in Palestine a couple of hundred miles from Beirut, this judging, discriminating, enabling transcendence of God "was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). "And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:16-17). Therefore, in all the changes of the world, actual and possible, we see through the eye of faith the hidden will of Christ.

It is good and according to his will that man conquer space, exploit the forces of nature, raise his standard of living, and multiply because, created in his image and after his likeness (Genesis 1:26), man can know, purpose, and create, and because, both before and after the fall, God blessed man and wanted him to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28 and 9:1-2 and 7).

It is good and according to his will that all nations and people be free and independent, and that they treat one another on the basis of equality and respect, for he "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26), and because it is written, "thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him" (Exodus 22:21), and "I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible" (Isaiah 13:11).

It is good and according to his will that international rigidities dissolve and understanding and peace prevail, for he called the peacemakers, not only blessed, but "the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). It is good and according to his will that man achieve the fulness of his human dignity, that he enjoy the deepest in literature and music, that all the truth of space and time be opened to him, because all truth and value come from God, and being originally made in the image and likeness of God and having been redeemed by the blood of Christ, man has an inherent dignity which fully entitles him to all of these things.

It is good and according to his will that those who are called by his Name overcome their limitations, rise above their grievances, forget their past mistakes, forgive and trust one another, and extend the hand of fellowship to one another in sincerity and in truth. For what more do they want than his most ardent prayer "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us" (John 17:21)?

We may therefore rejoice that however the world changes, Christ is glorified, his lordship over history and the course of events is made manifest, and his will becomes increasingly clear to those who know him and love him. Far from fearing or cowering before change, the faithful view every change as a challenge and a proof of their faith. We have infinite opportunities of unity, worship and witness before us. He is absolutely there to guide and to sustain us in everything we do in his Name.

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### SPECIAL ISSUE ON LEBANON AND THE HOLY LAND

#### SIXTH BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE July 15-21, 1963

Welcome to Lebanon—the land where our Lord walked, the home of the immortal cedars, the cradle of civilization and writing,

and the birthplace of beauty; Welcome to Beirut—the mother of the cities of the East, the door to the holy lands, the center of learning and light, and the refuge of freedom.

#### NAB TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND (Following the Youth Conference)

Twenty-five North American Baptists enjoyed the tour to the Holy Land, visiting sacred and historical places recorded in the Bible as associated with the life of Christ.

An illustrated two-page article by Rev. B. C. Schreiber and interesting observations about the tour by several young people are featured in this issue as well as the reports of the Beirut Conference.

# Christ in a Changing World

Baptist young people at Beirut, Lebanon came to see that the sharing of Christ in a changing world demands of them to attend to the needs of the whole man, spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional.

Report of Opening Conference Days by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education.

OUR WITNESSING of the multiple changes which were evident within countries visited and of the contrasts between cultures and people in various parts of the world was a most fitting prelude to the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference held in Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21. The arrival by air in Beirut of the 25 North American Baptists gave most of us that first panoramic view of the land we have read so much about and dreamed of visiting.



**NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS ON THEIR WAY TO LEBANON**  
The official picture of the NAB Tour Party was taken in Rome, Italy with the churches and historical buildings of "The Eternal City" in the background.

The first view of Beirut and of the shoreline of the Mediterranean Sea created unforgettable thoughts of finally reaching the Holy Land. Native Lebanese from the Baptist churches in Beirut were on hand at the airport to welcome us. En route to the hotel we were taken past the Sports City Stadium where the evening sessions of the conference were to be held. The impressive banners with large letters proclaimed to passersby the theme of the conference and the fitting Scripture passage, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."

That this was a gathering of delegates from many nations was immediately evident as we arrive at the Phoenicia Hotel. Meeting these new friends and fellow-believers in Christ enlarged our concept of the Gospel as proclaimed unto the "utmost parts of the world."

## SPECTACULAR OPENING SERVICE

The opening service of the conference was a spectacular gathering of Baptist youth and youth leaders from more than 50 nations. A hearty welcome was extended by Lebanese Baptists and of-

ficials from the Lebanese government, including the Honorable Rasheed Karami, Prime Minister of Lebanon. The welcome message by Prime Minister Karami was spoken in the Arabic language and translated by Mr. Finlay Graham, president of the Arabian Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon. The spiritual emphasis in Prime Minister Karami's speech and his presence at the entire opening service of the conference related a most cordial welcome to the delegates.

soon made one aware of contrasting cultures and problems peculiar to each land. The changes which our present-day communication and transportation impose upon our nations and cultures soon led the members within the groups to wrestle for solutions to the complex problems which the unchanging Christ would provide for today.

The guest lecturers who addressed the groups at the morning sessions confronted the delegates with the revolutionary changes taking place in the world today. Dr. Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, described the political changes which have taken place in the world within the past 20 years. The first gathering of the United Nations in 1945 in San Francisco, Calif., found 47 nations assembled. Today the membership in the United Nations "is more than 110." Dr. Malik continued: "It cannot be affirmed too often that, as a matter of principle, every people, every nation, and every culture has a natural right to be itself and to determine its own destiny and develop its own conditions and laws in full responsibility and according to its own free choice. The maxim of the age is: there shall be no foreign rule! No change is greater or more far-reaching than this." (See guest editorial by Dr. Malik in this issue. Editor.)

## THE WORLD'S DESPERATE NEEDS

Startling facts about food and medical needs in the world were presented by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor of Anesthesia, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He related that one-half of the human family is hungry; infant mortality in some countries is 60%; 250,000,000 people suffer from malaria; infections caused by worms, flies and fungus leave many millions of human beings in need of medical care. The challenge for action was impressively conveyed when Dr. Hingson pointed out that medical supplies are available to meet the needs of the sick in the world, but there are not enough servants who are willing to go forth in the name of Christ and to minister to the sick.

The discussion groups faced these needs and sought some answers as to how we as Christians can more adequately carry out our obligations to God and man in the light of these needs. Some of the unanswered questions which require consideration by Christians everywhere include these which came out of the discussion group in which I was privileged to partici-

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# The Tie That Binds

Three thousand Baptist young people learned the meaning of a familiar song and received this confidence at Beirut that God is with us and that the course of world history will be changed for the better.

Report of Closing Conference Days by Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

THE 3,000 youth from 51 nations had made their way to Beirut by air, ship, automobile (across Europe and Asia Minor) and on foot (one New Zealand lad hitchhiked across Asia, paying his way by buying souvenirs in one country and selling them in the next). What was it that compelled these young people to go to Beirut regardless of the cost involved?

## THE SONG OF BAPTISTS

Some may say it was the adventure of seeing Beirut. This city by the sea has a great deal to offer. It is southern and sunny and touched with the green of foliage. It is a great fluorescence of new hotels and apartment buildings. The tourist learns that Beirut is one of the most booming towns on earth, has a bustling airport used by some 25 lines, and is a thriving commercial center. The people are friendly and gay. Though Beirut has many attractions these were not the primary things that drew these youth together from all corners of the world. Then what was it?

Most of us probably didn't realize what it was that drew us to Beirut. However, I predict it was what Dr. Robert S. Denny, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, referred to on the first evening and other speakers during the week. We were told that we would go home with a new understanding of the familiar song of Baptists, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

At the beginning of the week we may not have known or felt exactly what it meant. Our first discoveries were our differences, but the more we talked and became involved and related to each other the more this tie was felt. It was not self-evident at the beginning. But we soon discovered and felt the tie that bound us when someone would say, "Jesus Christ did this in my life. . . ." Others would quickly add, "Yes, that I have experienced too," "Yes, I felt that too," "Yes, I know what you mean," "Do you have that problem too? I thought only we had that problem."

Before the week came to a close, despite our differing nationalities, our differing cultures, our differing customs and languages, we were bound together in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all." We all had a common job to do back in our home countries: to apply Christian principles to the changing world around us. The tie that bound us was much stronger than the differences we had discovered.

With this new awareness of being

The front cover picture shows one of the magnificent cedars for which the country of Lebanon is famous.

bound together with other Baptist youth around the world, we listened with renewed confidence that we could meet (by God's grace) the challenges presented to us by the various international speakers. We remembered the assertion of a kind woman from India, Miss Mukerje, president of the Women's Christian College at Madras: "Christian people everywhere must undertake to meet the world's need through their own personal commitment." We shall remember the probing question of Dr. Theodore F. Adams, past president of the Baptist World Alliance: "You and others like you can have much influence in guiding the direction of a changing world. Will you change it for better or for worse?"

"This is perhaps the church's greatest opportunity in all history," Dr. Joao F. Soren, pastor of Rio de Janeiro and president of the Baptist World Alliance, had told us: "A new world is in the making. The task of the church is to influence and mold this great process, bringing to bear upon it the light, the power and the presence of God."

The heart of the program was international discussion. As we divided into 150 small discussion groups, every conferee could personally participate in making practical applications of Christian teachings. The conference pro-

gram, in its formal sessions, presented speakers from Nigeria, Ceylon, India, Lebanon, Brazil and the United States. One evening program was given over to a dramatic presentation, including the strumming of religious tunes on a guitar, by young people from Great Britain. Another evening featured inspirational and gospel music, with the 200 voice conference choir, a Swedish choir, and Russian and Chinese soloists participating.

## A MIRACLE IN HOSPITALITY

It was somewhat of a miracle itself that Lebanon Baptists could entertain the conference—the largest convention of any sort ever to meet in Lebanon. There are only "about 400" Baptists in the country. Entertainment of such a world meeting would have frightened larger groups elsewhere, but these Lebanese people worked tirelessly to make the conference delegates welcome and comfortable.

All of this was an inspiration and encouragement for us to return to our countries with renewed dedication to our task of reaching others with the changeless Christ in this changing world. As we left Beirut in various directions and lost sight of each other, we still felt the strong tie that bound us. We could not predict the full result of our meeting, but we had the confidence that God was with us and that the course of world history will be changed for the better.



**HAPPY ARRIVAL AT JORDAN IN THE HOLY LAND**  
Members of the North American Baptist Tour to Beirut, Lebanon and the Holy Land arrive by plane at Jordan, eagerly anticipating the wonderful adventures ahead of them.

"We were in a spirit of deeper consecration on this visit to the Holy Land because we had walked where Jesus walked."—Testimony of NAB Tour members.

# The Paradox of the Holy Land

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

THE CHRISTIAN who makes his first pilgrimage to the Holy Land finds his heart filled with a mixture of desires, questions, anticipation and curiosity. Perhaps the thought, which occupies his heart and mind most often during the journey, is a combination of a desire and a question: "Will I be a better Christian if I walk where Jesus walked?" He anticipates, either consciously or unconsciously, some form of miracle or special illumination. At least, he harbors a secret expectation that something ought to happen because this is not an ordinary trip, it is not an ordinary place and it is not ordinary history. The command of God to Moses automatically, and yet very naturally, comes to his attention: "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Genesis 3:5).

## ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

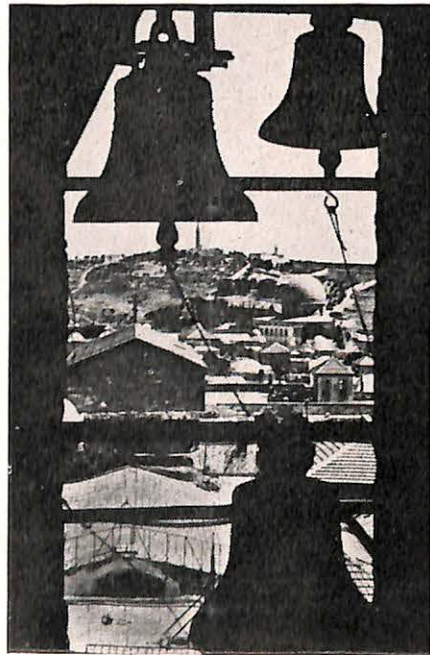
The first sight of and entrance into Jerusalem fills the heart with wonder and surprise. The Christian has the feeling of having "arrived," of having a lifelong dream finally becoming a reality. This is true, he tells himself, I am actually in the place where Jesus walked and worked and taught—where he was crucified, buried and rose again.

The first disturbing thoughts creep in upon him when he begins the tour of the holy places. He tries to repress the disquieting feeling but is finally overwhelmed by a sense of disappointment and skepticism—mostly skepticism. His greatest disappointment becomes evident in the fact that his biblical imagination is shattered. "This is not how I imagined it" is the thought uppermost in his mind. But the very thing that disturbs him is what he must preserve, for without his biblical imagination he loses the most meaningful blessing of the Holy Land.

As we worshipped in a Baptist church in Rome on a Sunday morning, the pastor made a statement that remained with us throughout the tour: "Christ is trapped in the trappings of religious tradition!" We therefore had to use our biblical imagination and ignore the extreme traditional and commercial emphases so prevalent in the Holy Land. Otherwise, we would be constantly aware that the land of our Savior's birth is desecrated by mosques, shrines, cathedrals, monas-

tries and by religion itself. An unnatural holiness has taken over and the natural holiness has disappeared. This in itself could be tolerated if commercialism had not crept in. We had to remind ourselves constantly that this was the place where Christ was born, where he lived and worked, where he walked and talked, where he was rejected, crucified, arose and ascended into heaven. In this way the spirit of consecration overshadowed the spirit of desecration.

Again and again we were surprised at how many so-called holy places are established as fact on the flimsiest evidence. One has to be very religiously naive to believe that the vague impression on a rock is the last footprint of Jesus just before he ascended into heaven, or that the rent in the rock is one which was made at the time of the earthquake when Jesus died. There have been frequent earthquakes since then, and rents in rocks are numerous. As we looked skeptically at many of these places, we realized how much easier it was to build a holy place than to build a holy life. Everything seemed to be enshrouded in something other



JERUSALEM BELLS

A view of the Old City, Jerusalem, in Jordan and its many historical churches and sacred shrines.

than holiness. To the curious tourist and sightseer, these things make very little difference, but to the Christian pilgrim seeking a blessing it seems far removed from a personal relationship with God.

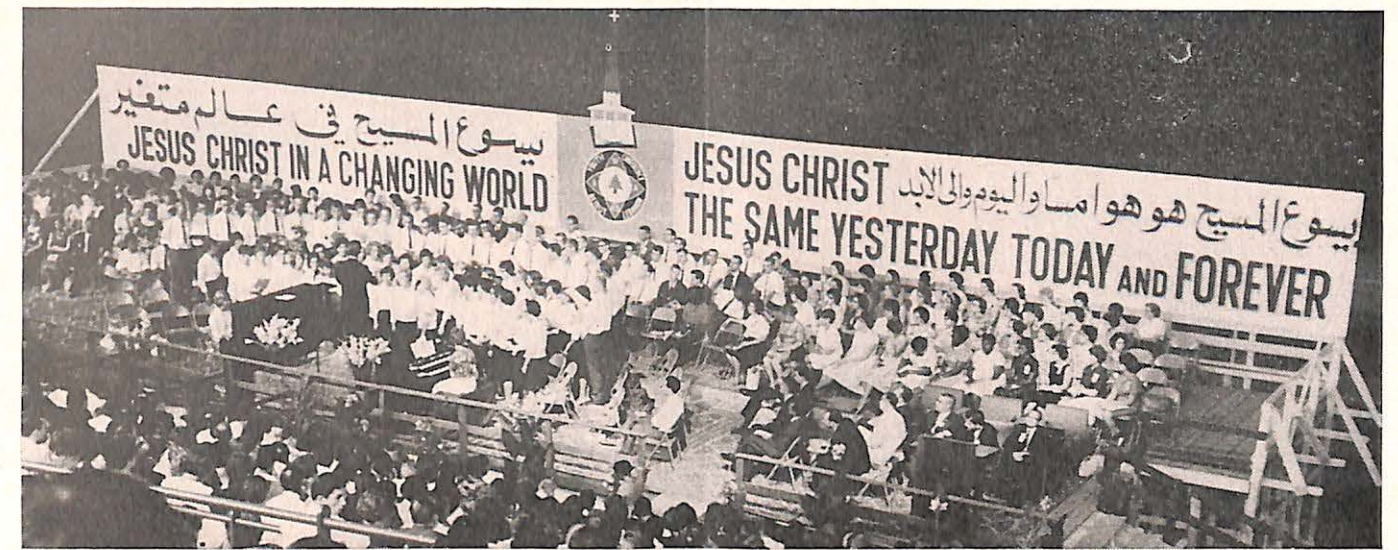
## OWNERSHIP OF HOLY PLACES

One of the most disturbing things in the Holy Land is the competition among religions about the "ownership" of holy places and the jealousy with which they are guarded. Holiness does not come simply by laying claim to holy places. It seems very presumptuous on the part of those denominations which think that owning holy places gives them some prerogative whereby they can lay claim to "owning" more of God. However, they have at least learned to a certain degree to live with each other, to tolerate each other and to hold their solemn liturgies in their prescribed corner of their holy place.

This is true in a peculiar sense in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is "owned" by five denominations: Greek Orthodox, Roman, Armenian, Copt and Syrian. Nevertheless, in order to keep peace among the Christians the church has been under the custodianship of a Moslem family. This to us seemed to be one of the outstanding paradoxes of this land.

So far as the Protestant Christian is concerned, he has a feeling of being "left out," for Protestantism as such has no shrines, no cathedrals, no monasteries. In fact, they cannot lay claim to a single so-called holy place in Jerusalem or elsewhere. No Protestant group is permitted to worship or hold services in any of the places owned and established by the Greek, Latin, Copt, Armenian or Syrian churchmen. This also includes the Archbishop of Canterbury of the Church of England who was at one time prevented from holding such a service.

A member of our group asked our guide, who was of Greek Orthodox background, whether he considered Protestants Christians. He began explaining the various associations of the holy places with the respective churches which "owned" one or more of these distinctive areas. He evaded the direct question, but left a definite impression upon our minds that unless we had a church, or part of a church, in one



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With the theme and Bible text of this conference in the background, a large Youth Choir sings to a capacity audience of Baptist young people from many countries of the world gathered in the "Sports City" auditorium of Beirut, Lebanon.

of these holy places in Jerusalem we were outside the circle of Christianity.

One still feels the impact of the Crusades all through the Holy Land. Remnants of churches, castles and fortresses can be seen almost everywhere. Crusaders' crosses are pointed out repeatedly. These were the so called "rescuers" of the Holy Land. It is not difficult to recall their history during the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries. An estimated seven to eleven million people died in order to rescue the Holy Land from the Moslems. One could not help but wonder what would have happened if all of the planning, the zeal, the money, the talent, and, above all, the human sacrifice would have been used to rescue people rather than land. Perhaps it would have changed Europe and the Near East to such a degree that one could speak of a holy people rather than of a holy land.

Israel too has its paradoxical nature. It does not take long to discover that you are not among religious people. According to our Israeli guide, only about 20% of the Jewish people attend the synagogues, most of them on Jewish holidays. Religion is merely a continuation of ancient tradition—a worship of history. Israel is far more conscious of Jewish nationalism than of Jewish religion.

On the other hand, there is a strong orthodox group which still looks for the kingdom and for the Messiah. At the tomb of David on Mt. Zion, there were four Jews reading the prayer psalms out loud. They read the psalms in relays hour after hour, day and night, year after year, continuously hoping and praying for something that was fulfilled almost two thousand years ago.

## THE GARDEN TOMB

There is a more favorable picture of Jordan and Israel that appeals to all sincere Christians. It is the condition of the holy places which remain in their most natural state. In 1883

General Charles Gordon identified a rock-faced hill which bears a remarkable resemblance to a skull. Nearby is the Garden Tomb. Both are kept in their natural state, and it is very easy for a Christian to use his biblical imagination. While attending a service here one could hear the phrase repeatedly: "This is the way I imagined it to be!" Coming out of the walled city of Jerusalem, crowded with its many shrines, into the place and simple beauty of the Garden Tomb is an experience no pilgrim should miss. Here one can feel the true spirit of the resurrection!

The cities of the Bible lend themselves very easily to biblical imagination, Jerusalem looks like Jerusalem from a distance. The Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Valley



HON. CHARLES MALIK

Christian statesman of Lebanon, former president of the United Nations, and distinguished speaker at the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference. (See Editorial in this issue).

of Kidron have a natural beauty which has remained throughout the centuries. The ancient gnarled olive trees, even though not the same as those when Jesus was there, could have come from the same roots. Bethlehem and Nazareth, the towns most closely associated with Jesus, are still there—a little bigger, a little busier—but they still look like the cities of the Bible. It is best not to judge these cities by their diverse holy places which are often conflicting and as numerous as the various branches of Christendom itself.

The hills, the valleys, the plains and the lakes are still ideal for giving the mind free reign in the area of biblical imagination. One can imagine Moses standing on Mount Nebo looking over Jordan to the Promised Land. Standing on Mount Carmel, the story of Elijah comes vividly to mind. Mount Tabor stands out in strong focus on the plain of Esdraelon, and as we stopped and read the related portion of Scripture we could imagine Barak, at the command of Deborah, descending with "ten thousand men after him" into the plain as he conquered Sisera on the banks of the Kishon.

## BEAUTIFUL SEA OF GALILEE

But the most meaningful natural impression came to us as we gathered for a sunrise service on the banks of the Sea of Galilee near the traditional sight of the Sermon on the Mount. It is still very beautiful in its natural setting with lower and upper Tiberius situated on the east bank. The beauty and peacefulness of the lake and its surroundings heightens the imagination, for it was here that the greater part of Jesus' healing and teaching ministry was carried on.

Coming suddenly upon the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus performed his mightiest works, we were filled with a feeling of sadness and doom as we meditated on Christ's prophecy: "And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted

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# Youth Pilgrims Visit Holy Places

The colorful accounts of our young people at Beirut, Lebanon, in the Holy Land, and at sacred shrines in connection with the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference, July 15-21, 1963

## BEIRUT, LEBANON, GATEWAY TO THE HOLY LAND

By Dorothy Dobrinski of Geneseo, Kansas

LOCATED on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea is Beirut, Lebanon, the site of the 6th Youth Baptist World Conference. Beirut, with a population of about 500,000 and the capital of a country only three times larger than Rhode Island, is one of the strategic cities of the Middle East. Not only is it a major sea port and airline stop, but it is also the center of learning in this part of the world.

The city has three universities: American, French, and Lebanese. The American University, founded by a Protestant missionary in 1866, is the leading university of the Middle East. Practically all of the officials in the Lebanese government and many delegates to the United Nations from the Arab countries have been educated here.

Ninety per cent of the people of Lebanon are literate, a high percentage for this area of the world. In addition, fifty per cent can read and write both English and French.

A spirit of change can be seen everywhere in Beirut, especially in the amount of construction taking place. Cement mixers can be heard almost any hour of the day (and during part of the night, too). Most of the construction of office buildings, hotels, and apartments has been going on since 1947. Although the city is more modern than many American cities, in the very shadows of some of the multi-million dollar housing blocks stand

poor refugee camps with huts of scrap lumber and cardboard.

There are other contrasting sights in this interesting city—big American cars traveling down narrow streets designed for beasts, and a young Arab carrying a large tray of bread swarming with flies past a store selling Paris fashions.

Although Lebanon boasts of being a country with a Christian majority (unlike their Arab neighbors. Syria and Jordan), there is still a great need for the Gospel in this land. Many of the so-called Christians are Christians in name only, and there are also many Moslems in the country. The Southern Baptists have several churches in this area as well as a seminary. Although the Baptists are still few in number, it is hoped that the Conference will have strengthened and helped them witness more effectively to their lost countrymen.

## NAZARETH OF GALILEE, WHERE JESUS LIVED

By Evelyn Bricker of Philadelphia, Penn.

The town of Nazareth, the modern en-Nasira, was situated in Lower Galilee 5½ miles almost due west of Mount Tabor, and nearly as far in a southwesterly direction from Kefr Kenma, the site that is usually identified with Cana of Galilee. The road that ascends from the latter place winds through the high valley in which Nazareth lies, and divides a short distance south of the town, the south-eastern branch finding its way to Jezreel and thence down the valley to Beth-Shean and the Jordan, the western crossing the low pass of the

Samaritan Hills, by ancient Megiddo, to join eventually the great trunk road north and south, on the plain by the sea.

The town itself, however, lay retired from the great highway of commerce, although within easy reach, almost within sight of them. Its secluded position explains the absence of any mention of Nazareth in the Old Testament. The modern village, with a population of seven or eight thousand, clings to the foot of the hills. But the ancient town seems to have spread considerably higher up the slope. From the brow of the hill on which the city was built, 1600 feet above the level of the sea, one of the finest views of Palestine is said to be obtained, embracing, on the one side, the valley of the Jordan and the mountains of Gilead, and, on the other, the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

Our experience in Nazareth was short and a mixed feeling was felt by all. The ride through the town and mountains was beautiful. Although there are some modern buildings, some of the inhabitants are still living on the sides of the mountains, as in the time of Christ.

After lunch, we saw a view of the town from the top of the mountain. This was a sight to behold. Then off we went to see where Jesus lived as a boy, the carpenter shop. It is a cave underground, with a large Catholic Church built over it. Just to see the roads on which he had to travel to proclaim the Gospel should put a lot of us to shame, when we fail to go to church in cars to hear his Word.

Here in Nazareth "the Word was made flesh," the heavens mingled with the earth, and with the incarnation the marvelous work of redemption had a beginning. The incarnation (Luke 1:26) and the hidden life of the Son of God (Luke 2:39) made this village, until then unknown (John 1:46), renowned throughout the earth.

## JERUSALEM, THE CITY WHERE CHRIST DIED FOR US

By Wanda Mikolon of Erie, Penn.

Our first day in Jerusalem turned out to be two memorable days. Since we didn't go through Syria, we arrived in Jerusalem of Jordan approximately twelve hours early.

That afternoon and the following morning were spent touring Jerusalem and the nearby towns of Biblical interest by bus. Many of the traditional places, where Christ was supposed to have been born, lived or died, are now covered with Christian and Moslem shrines. Much of the beauty which Christ witnessed is now gone. The



THE YOUTH CHOIR AT BEIRUT, LEBANON

Standing in front of the piano is Miss Dorothy Dobrinski of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, who served as the official pianist at the sessions of the Baptist Youth World Conference.

land is rock and sand. Few spots are covered with green foliage of any kind and water is very scarce.

The second afternoon was spent walking through the old walled city of Jerusalem. Here we saw many churches, chapels, a convent and a mosque. They were built over the traditional sites of homes of Biblical people and places of famous deeds. Many of these places are beautiful in earthly wealth, but it was so hard for me to feel that this is what Christ wanted built in his memory. They just did not seem to have an atmosphere of worship. Christ came to seek and to save those who are lost. He didn't come to build tabernacles unto his or any prophet's memory.

After four hours of walking over the cobblestone streets, through the crowded narrow streets of the bazaars, with rotting meats and vegetables, past hundreds of beggar children, we left the old city by way of the Damascus Gate and walked on to Gordon's Garden Tomb. No one says that this is the place where Christ was buried, for no one on earth knows where that place is. But as General Gordon found in 1883, this spot does match the garden as described in Scripture.

Here in as much quiet as one can find in the center of a busy town, and in the beauty of the walled garden, we attended a vesper service. Six different tour groups were introduced. Most of us had been at the Youth Conference in Beirut, so it was good to see "old" friends again. Our speaker was Dr. C. A. Roberts from Tallahassee, Florida. The topic of his message was "Who Moved the Stone?"

Dr. Roberts brought out the facts that it couldn't have been the Roman authorities. They wanted peace with the Jews and this would only have aroused their anger. The Jews? Never! Their only insurance policy was a dead body. The Jews were the ones who demanded the guard. His friends? No! There was a guard, and these men were cowards. Remember how they

ran from the garden? So, surely, Christ rose from the dead. The power of the resurrection gave these same men courage. Several weeks after the crucifixion, they returned to Jerusalem and preached, "This Man whom ye have crucified is now risen." The priests couldn't prove otherwise. Our world needs Christ as Savior.

After this short but stirring message, in this most beautiful spot of all Jerusalem, we joined in singing a hymn of personal dedication. This was a most appropriate note on which to end our two days in Jerusalem. This was the city where Christ died for us, and now we had the great opportunity to "die to self" for him!

## JERUSALEM IN THE NEW NATION OF ISRAEL

By Marilyn Schaer of Wheaton, Illinois

Shouting Jordanian newsboys and a



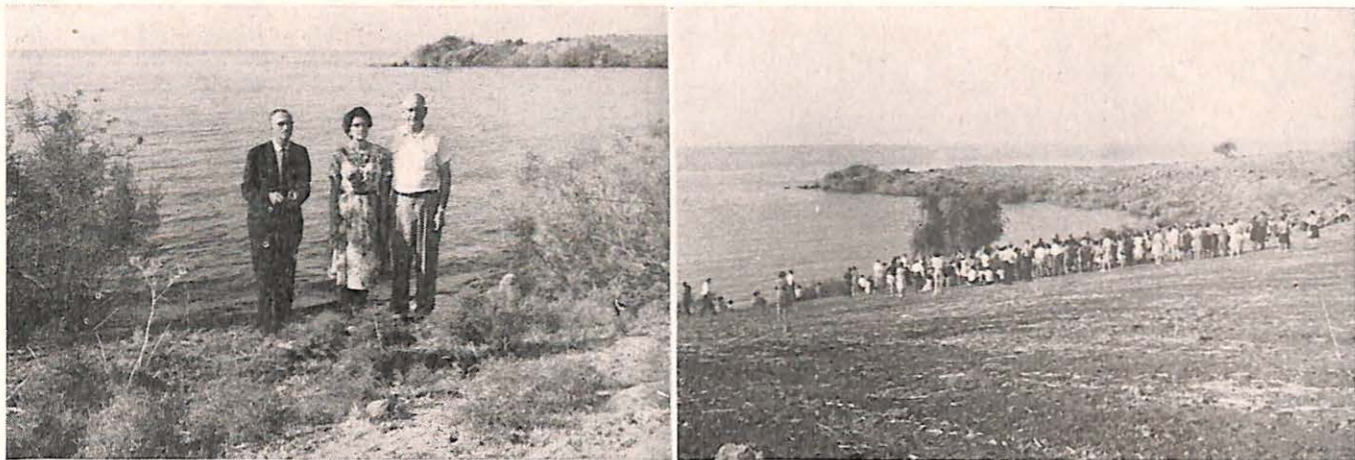
THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, JERUSALEM

Here in the Old City of Jerusalem, the members of the tour visited the Garden of Gethsemane and Gordon's Garden Tomb where Christ suffered and died for us and rose again "for our justification."



THE MODERN VILLAGE OF NAZARETH

Here in Nazareth "the Word was made flesh," the heavens mingled with the earth, and with the incarnation the marvelous work of redemption had its beginning.



SEA OF GALILEE AND MT. OF BEATITUDES

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman with his Bible in hand and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bleeker stand reverently "on holy ground" on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (left) and call to mind the eternal truths taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount on the Mt. of Beatitudes (right) where a large crowd of youthful Baptists from around the world gathered for a special service.

strong desire of working together to improve their country that is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 35:1. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

#### ON THE JERICHO ROAD TO THE DEAD SEA

By Carolann Stanke of Saint Paul, Minnesota

Descending some 3,800 feet, we drove by bus from Jerusalem to Jericho through rocky, barren hills. We stopped at the Good Samaritan Inn where the story of "The Good Samaritan" took place. We saw the old Roman Road which connected Jerusalem and Jericho on which Christ walked.

Traveling along the new highway through the plains of Jericho, 820 feet below sea level, we were impressed by the extreme barrenness of the country and the heat was 120 degrees in the shade! Where there was some irrigation, date palms and citrus groves and other types of vegetation grew.

We climbed to the top of a great mound and saw a part of the ancient city that had been excavated. Jericho has been destroyed many times and archaeological diggings have shown that each time it was destroyed, it was rebuilt upon its ruins. The hill grew higher with each level and, when the city was abandoned, its site formed a great mound—an 80-foot high pile of artifacts and dirt. In 1929, ancient Jericho was properly opened up and it yielded one of the most complete and valuable records of early Canaan life as yet uncovered.

Modern Jericho is quite distinct from the city of early Bible times. It is situated around the ancient city. It contains 300,000 Arab refugees in three camps. The camps appear to be neat and well-built—quite unlike the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, Lebanon.

Leaving Jericho, we drove to the Dead Sea along the Jordan River. The river was muddy and it flowed quietly and slowly to the Dead Sea. Seeing the

Jordan brought many memories of Bible happenings to mind.

The blue water looked inviting after our dusty journey and some of the group went swimming. Even the non-swimmers could swim in the salty water, although it was not refreshing.

This inland lake has no outlet to the sea, but the heat is so great that evaporation carries off most of the millions of tons of water flowing into it. This leaves a concentrated solution of mineral salts. Fish die on reaching the Dead Sea and little animal life is found on its dry shores, which are barren of vegetation except at the mouths of fresh-water streams. Our guide informed us that half a glass of this water could kill a man because it has so many chemicals in it. It is one of the world's richest chemical deposits.

#### BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE AND ON THE MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

By Richard Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wisconsin

A natural setting in the Holy Land area which was of special interest and blessing for me to see was that of the



Sea of Galilee. After seeing much of the Holy Land, which is sandy and dry, the site of the Sea of Galilee was refreshing. Its water is of a beautiful blue, stretching forth for a length of 15 by seven miles in width at about 600 feet below sea level. From Mt. Hermon in the north, the fresh water comes and flows through the Sea, and then continues south by way of the Jordan River.

What exists around the Sea of Galilee proved to be of special interest, for it provides an interesting background. I was surprised to find that the hills around the Sea are very high, higher than I expected. The range of hills on the eastern side are about 1500 feet above sea level, while the hills on the west are about 1000 feet above sea level. These hills were quite brown during the summer of our visit. The Mt. of Beatitudes, more like a high hill, can be seen on the north side of the Sea. On the lower land by the Sea, grapes and bananas were seen growing.

With the Sea of Galilee before me, it was interesting to recall the Biblical events which took place there: Jesus calming the storm, Jesus walking on the water, the feeding of the 5000, Jesus teaching from a boat near the shore, and Jesus calling the fishermen: Andrew, Peter, James, and John to follow him. Such cities as Tiberias, Bethsaida, and Capernaum border the Sea.

A blessed experience for me was to take part in an early morning worship service by the shore of the Sea. It reminded me of the times when Jesus taught his followers by the shore. About 500 Baptists, many of whom were pilgrims from the youth conference in Beirut, shared in the service.

As I now try to picture the Sea of Galilee with my mind's eye, I see a beautiful blue lake nestled in the high hills. Its memory is a precious one, for here is where Jesus Christ taught his followers many things. What he taught there is now of greater interest to me, for I was there at the place where he taught these eternal truths.

# Education for Christian Living in Africa

Report by Mr. Norman Haupt of an unusual School Administrators' Conference held at Soppo, West Cameroon with 125 school headmasters, managers and chaplains, government officials and missionaries present to evaluate the program of Christian education in Cameroon.

A SEARCHING re-evaluation of Christian education as offered in our Baptist Christian Day Schools took place at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre, Great Soppo, in West Cameroon recently. As our primary schools have grown in number, the missionaries have been more determined that we shall not miss the opportunity which we have through this medium of spreading God's Word and raising up a literate Christian society.

Africans today are very anxious to "chop book"—to get an education. We as missionaries along with the Cameroonian leaders of the Baptist church in West Cameroon are determined that our schools shall not become centres of learning only, but also centres of spiritual training and Christian character-building.

#### 125 ADMINISTRATORS

In order that we might keep our eyes upon this goal, the Education Secretary, Rev. Ben Lawrence, called a School Administrators' Conference to be held at Soppo in early May. Those invited included all headmasters (principals) of our Christian Day Schools, the School Chaplains, the School Managers, the School Supervisors, and the principals of other centres of Christian education. About 125 administrators attended this successful conference for re-evaluation of Cameroon Baptist Mission Schools and their purposes.

In calling this conference, the first of its kind, Rev. Ben Lawrence explained that "the purpose of this conference will be to provide study periods in small groups to consider the problems of effectively meeting the aims and purposes of our schools and to ensure that all administrators in our schools understand fully the aims and purposes of Cameroon Baptist Mission Schools. We hope to introduce more specifically the new 'Education for Christian Living' material and to provide some time for specific Bible study and fellowship."

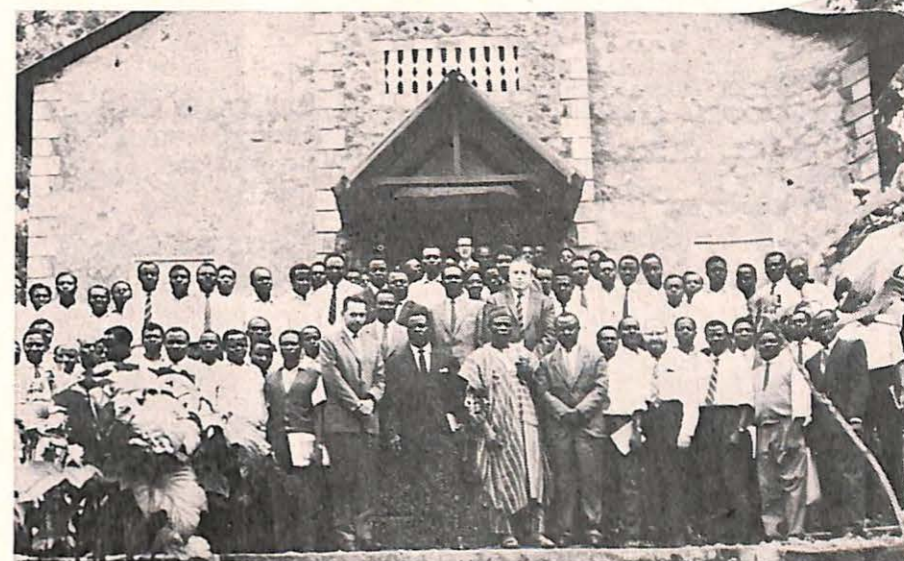
It was necessary to bring many of these education leaders to the coast from the interior part of this region, and trucks were provided for this purpose. Unfortunately, both of them broke down several times along the way with the result that a two-day trip lasted three days. We here are still far from the smooth-running efficiency which is so common to you at home. Those who came in the trucks suffered many delays, disappointments, soaking rains, and only temporary shelter for the night. Have you ever ridden 350 miles on the back of an open truck? Need I say more?

The program had many highlights.

The acting field secretary, Rev. Fred Folkerts, led with an appropriate talk on the purpose of Cameroon Baptist Mission working in this land. The historical dimension was added to the occasion by the showing of the film "Martin Luther." Although church history is taught here, this vivid presentation brought Christian heritage to life to the school administrators. Rev. Milton Quiggle gave a fine explanatory lecture before the film in order to clarify what could be a confusing story to those not acquainted with Western history and society.

These evening programs were

and pastors would play in it as they worked together for greater spiritual fruit among Cameroon children. In another effort to make our schools a potential evangelistic effort, the Mission's Youth Advisor, Norman Haupt, led a study group showing how youth work can be done by teachers and headmasters in order to win boys and girls for Christ. Rev. Ken Goodman also led a study group on the topic, "The Meaning and Steps in Becoming a Christian." The program was full, and all those who spoke and those who listened came away with clearer goals and specific challenges placed



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' CONFERENCE AT SOPPO

About 125 headmasters of Christian Day Schools, school chaplains, managers, supervisors, principals of other centers of Christian education and missionaries attended this important conference at Soppo, Cameroon.

balanced with study groups during the day. Miss Alma Zimmerman, who did so much work on the new literature which we use in our Christian Day Schools, led discussions on the use and content of this "Education for Christian Living" literature which had just been printed. Another study group's topic was "The Schools' Contribution to the Church" led by Rev. George Lang. In our effort to keep our schools Christ-centered and church-centered, many problems arise and Mr. Lang's experience and knowledge induced a very profitable series of discussions.

A new School Chaplain program has recently been started in our schools. This is an effort to assign pastors to schools who will work with the headmasters to maintain a high spiritual effectiveness throughout the school year. In order to explain this scheme, Mr. Lawrence held lectures on the scheme and the part that headmasters

before them as to their duty to God and his Gospel.

#### HON. MR. NDAMUKONG

A very significant feature of the conference was a visit and talk to the administrators by the Cameroonian government official who is in charge of all education in this region, the Honorable Mr. Ndamukong, Minister of Social Services. His talk was most interesting, especially as he explained the government's policy with regard to education and the future roll of education as conducted by the various missions working in West Cameroon. As independence came and Cameroonians took charge of the affairs of their own country, there was some doubt at first as to the line of action which this government would follow.

Examples of every different type imaginable exist around us here in Africa, so we watched anxiously for

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# Challenges at Renton, Wash.

Report of dedication of building by the Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, Wash., first baptismal service and Vacation Bible School by Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, pastor.

THE OPPORTUNITY and challenge of Church Extension are well illustrated by the manner in which God has prospered the Sierra Heights project in Renton, Washington. Sunday, April 28, was a day of praise to God as the churches of the Washington Association gathered at Renton to dedicate the first unit of the Sierra Heights Baptist Church.

## DEDICATION OF BUILDING

Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, was the guest speaker at the formal dedication service in the afternoon. He emphasized the sanctity of a church building and the manner of our conduct in it. A total of 180 members and friends from the community and Washington churches participated in this service. Rev. Henry Smuland of Portland, Oregon, who was instrumental in selecting the site for this project, was the speaker at the morning service. The evening service was a "Meeting of Memories" in which members of the congregation shared their experiences and testimonies.

The church building is a split level design of vertical cedar and brick. The chapel has stained glass windows. Economy of design is seen in the use of dual-purpose space. With the overflow, the chapel can seat about 165. Community acceptance has been enthusiastic, especially because of the tape recorded chimes and the automatically lighted cross.

Praise God for the marvelous way in which he has led the church so that an attractive building could be constructed at a very modest cost. The total investment for property and building at Renton amount to only \$29,717.62. Present evaluation of the

improved property and building amount to \$48,771. Indebtedness at the present time totals \$18,535. This new congregation has been averaging over \$100 weekly in their offerings. They have undertaken \$100 a month toward the pastor's salary and are making monthly payments on their indebtedness.

## MEMBERSHIP OF 40

Other special blessings this year have included the peak Sunday school attendance of 116 on Easter Sunday. On May 5 the first baptismal service was conducted in our chapel for four adults and an intermediate boy. Membership at the present time is 40. A Woman's Missionary Society of about 10 members has been formed and has already begun White Cross work and is providing equipment for the church building. An athletic director has been appointed and a boys' softball team organized. Work has begun on writing the church constitution. A monthly visitation program has begun as a follow-up for community census. Work continues on the church building and grounds as we endeavor to complete the finishing work.

Special mention must be made of the fine Vacation Bible School which was held July 8 to 12. Ninety-five children were enrolled with a staff of 23 teachers and helpers. Mrs. Aletha Ashbaugh served as the director. An offering of \$34.30 was received for our missionary work in West Cameroon. More than 120 children and adults attended the Sunday evening demonstration program. It was an auspicious beginning for our first Bible School.

The real work of reaching souls for Christ and of transforming lives has only begun. Brethren, pray for us!



The newly dedicated edifice of the Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, Wash. (suburb of Seattle), with an evaluation of \$48,771 for improved property and building.



NAB pastors at future site of the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash. Left to right: Dr. W. J. Appel, Rev. H. Schauer, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom and Rev. C. T. Remple (standing).

## CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW EXTENSION PROJECT IN NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.

On Saturday afternoon, May 18, a very impressive service of dedication and sign erection was held on the three and one-half acre future site of the "Cypress Baptist Church," our new Church Extension project in North Seattle, Wash. Those in attendance felt especially honored and blessed by the presence of six of our well known and beloved pastors (see accompanying picture).

Scripture was read by Rev. S. D. Ganstrom of Tacoma, Wash. The song service was conducted by Rev. Herbert Schauer of Portland, Oregon. Rev. C. T. Remple of Tacoma, Wash., and Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, our well know missionary, led in prayer. Dr. W. J. Appel's sermon put new meaning and joy in our hearts for Church Extension work. Rev. E. Gerlitz of Renton, Wash., offered the dedication prayer.

In closing, our eager hearts and voices sang, "The Church's One Foundation" and "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Our sincere appreciation goes to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, who spent much time searching and praying for this suitable location for "The Future Site of Cypress Baptist Church." And now, we wait upon the Lord for his guidance in the calling of a pastor for this new opportune field!

Adaline Bredin, Reporter

## NEW PASTOR FOR NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.

Word has just been received that Rev. R. E. Grabke of Winnipeg, Manitoba has accepted the call to become the first pastor of the Cypress Church Extension project in North Seattle, Wash. He will begin his ministry in North Seattle on Jan. 1, 1964. Mr. Grabke has served as pastor of the Grant Park Baptist Church (a Church Extension project) of Winnipeg since 1959 with great blessing and success.

A Baptist witness is greatly needed in this city of 3000 people. In October Church Extension Builders will give to meet the pressing needs on this new field . . .

# The Call of God to Lemmon, S. D.

By Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Interim Pastor at Lemmon, South Dakota

"GO YE therefore" was the command given to the early Church. The Church obeyed that command and, because they obeyed, they turned the world upside-down and established a church in the household of Caesar. Those who went forth did not think of themselves, of their own ease and comforts, but in simple faith and trust they obeyed the call of God. They knew what constituted a CALL OF GOD, and they went wherever he told them to go. They knew that men and women everywhere without Christ were lost and needed salvation, and they went forth PREACHING THE WORD.

In this 20th century there are still the few whose thoughts center in the lost. It was the burden for the lost that caused North American Baptists to enter the field of CHURCH EXTENSION. It proved to be a great enterprise that called for sacrificial giving and for sacrificial labor. They looked for the most logical fields where, under the blessings of God, results could be obtained in the salvation of souls and the establishment of churches.

One such field chosen for this work was LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA. Lemmon is a city of 3000 people, with a trading area of 5000. It was here that a Baptist witness was very greatly needed. There was no such a witness such as the Baptists could offer within 25 miles.

## ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES

Those who were interested in Lemmon knew that it would not be an easy field. The field as such was evaluated by the Dakota Mission Committee, and the "Go Ahead" sign was given. The first difficulty to overcome was a meeting place. This was not easy to find. It was then that a Presbyterian church building was offered to the Baptists. It was a real step towards advancement. The church could seat about 200 people and it was adequate for their need not only for the present but for some time to come.

The second difficulty was financial. The Church Extension Committee gave a small grant to the church as well as a loan, and the Presbyterians were willing to wait for the rest for a period of two years. It meant literally a "launching out into the deep." It was to be an act of FAITH.

The third difficulty was the securing

of a man of God who was willing to enter upon the work. Arrangements were made with the Grace Baptist Church of Bison to allow their pastor to serve the field as much as his time would allow. Rev. Jerry Villhauer began serving the church, while living at Bison, which was 50 miles from Lemmon.

## VISIT OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

The church was organized. About 17 people entered the fellowship as CHARTER MEMBERS. But another difficulty confronted them. Some of those who were charter members and others who worked with the fellowship moved and united with other North

interim pastor 12 people attended the morning service, and 8 people were present for the evening service. Was it a hopeful field? Three people, representing two families united with the church and the membership had grown to 14. Did it really look promising? The people thought so as they attended that first service with a pastor on the field. Prayer meetings were started in the church itself. It caused the city of Lemmon to feel that something was to happen.

## BUILDERS' GIFTS ARE NEEDED

The churches near Lemmon were asked to take a greater interest in one another and bring about a "to-



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LEMMON, S. DAK. The congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, Lemmon, S. Dak., on Sunday, July 21, 1963 with Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor, at the extreme right.

American Baptist churches. Later on, another family moved to the Black Hills and it left only 11 of the original 17 members. But in the midst of this fourth difficulty God sent the "Volunteers" to Lemmon and they brought real encouragement to the Temple Baptist Church. Now they felt that they must not only go on BUT EXPAND.

The Dakota Mission Committee met with the church in Lemmon to evaluate the work. It recommended that a call be extended to Dr. M. Vanderbeck, de-nominal interim pastor, to become the interim pastor of the Temple Church.

At the first meeting held by the

getherness" that was emphasized during the evaluation and still is being emphasized. The churches responded. New Leipzig met as a church at an evening service at Lemmon. McLaughlin came down with a mixed quartet, and even the Bismarck Baptist Church came with their choir and rendered an Easter cantata. This TOGETHERNESS worked and Lemmon was much encouraged.

There are many people in Lemmon and surrounding territory who do not attend church. Many can be won for the Lord. In order to accomplish this and to wipe out completely the difficulties already mentioned, we need the

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# MARCH OF EVENTS



● **DR. WILBUR M. SMITH.** Dr. Wilbur M. Smith will join the faculty of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Bannockburn, Ill., in September. A former professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., he will hold the position of Professor of English Bible.

● **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** A committee to draft a plan of union was organized in Chicago by representatives of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Chaired by Charles C. Parlin of New York, the committee is expected to issue its first report in September. Some observers expect the "United Methodist Church" to come into being in 1968.—*The Sunday School Times.*

● **ALCOHOLISM IN U. S.** Alcoholism ranks with cancer, heart disease, and mental illness as one of the four major health problems in the nation, says a report of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which estimates that 200,000 persons join the ranks each year. Charts indicate that Americans spend between \$10 and \$11 billion annually on wine, beer, and liquor. This breaks down to \$80 a year for all Americans 15 years of age and older.—*The Sunday School Times.*

● **SLOVAKIAN BROADCASTS.** The next language to be used for broadcasting the Gospel over Trans World Radio's Monte Carlo station will be Slovakian. (Czechoslovakian population, over 13½ million; radio sets, about 3½ million.) Recorded at Bethel/Bielefeld, Germany, the messages will be beamed to Czechoslovakia on Sunday and Tuesday evenings (6 p.m., Prague time). Special Slovakian music for this program has already been recorded. Actual broadcasting is expected to begin this fall.

● **MEMORIAL TO DAG HAMMER-SKJOLD.** A \$100,000 memorial library named after the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, erected by the Lutheran Church of Sweden, was dedicated recently near Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia. The library is located at the Mindolo Ecumenical Center, an hour's drive from the site where Hammarskjold was killed in a 1961 plane crash. It is hoped that eventually the library will contain more than 30,000 volumes on various academic subjects and about 180 periodicals. Its books will be mainly on theology, philosophy and sociology.

**CHRISTIANITY** — Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living.—Thomas a Kempis.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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its membership today?

2. What does Paul mean when he says that "all things are lawful unto me?" (verse 12.)

3. In the list of sins which the apostle mentions, are there some sins worse than others?

## A CHANGING WORLD

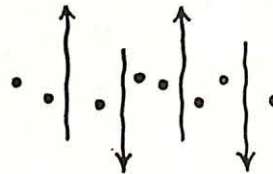
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pate: If we take our medical supplies and minister to the sick and restore them to health, how will we feed them?

Must our aid to the sick also be accompanied by a program of family planning to help balance the population growth in the world? Since our over-production potential in America and other nations equally as prosperous cannot begin to provide adequate food for the hungry, how can we improve our missionary program to help the needy to use their resources?

Our sharing of Jesus Christ in a changing world demands of us to attend to the needs of the whole man, spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional. We must give an honest answer to God and man to the question: How adequately does my life present Christ in a changing world?

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Baptist Teaches Literacy.** The first in a 50-program series of Swahili adult literacy films, recorded by the literacy teacher at Shauri Moyo Baptist Center in Nairobi, was televised June 10 by the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation. Jackson Sillas, chosen for the task by the Laubach literacy team, made the 30-minute films from November to April while carrying his teaching load. Sillas is a member of the Shauri Moyo Baptist Church as well as a teacher at the center.—*The Commission.*

● **Converts in Nazareth, Israel.** Seventy-five students made Christian decisions during a religious emphasis week in May at the Baptist high school in Nazareth. Thirty made professions of faith in Christ as Saviour, four requested baptism and church membership, and 41 rededicated their lives. Students of the Baptist elementary and high schools in Nazareth number more than 430. They come from a variety of religious backgrounds, including Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Muslim, and Protestant.

● **Arab Seminary Graduates Six.** Five men and one woman were graduated June 8 in the first class of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, on the outskirts of Beirut, Lebanon. The men are a former shoe cobbler, mechanic, schoolteacher, and farmer and a young man whose father wanted him to become a political leader. The woman is a nurse. The men are now pastors. Four are serving in Jerash and Taiybeh, Jordan, and in Baalbek and Mia Mia, Lebanon. The husband-and-wife

team will serve the Baptist church in Irbid, Jordan. Ibrahim Wakim was pastor of the Mia Mia church while completing his seminary studies.

● **Slavic Baptist Mission.** The Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention is planning an intensified ministry to the more than 15 million Slavic-speaking people of the nation. Rev. Elias L. Golonka, pastor of the Polish church in Chicago, has been engaged as a field worker. He will lead in "surveying the needs and designing the features" of a ministry for evangelizing the Slavic peoples. Mr. Golonka, recently reelected president of the Polish Baptist Association, is a native of Poland. He speaks 6 languages and served as a European pastor, and officer in the Polish army, and was a chaplain to displaced persons following World War II.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **Negro Seminary President.** Dr. Charles E. "Chuck" Boddie, associate secretary in the public relations department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Valley Forge, Pa., was unanimously elected president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., at a special meeting of the trustees of that institution on July 1. He spent 6 months in 1961-62 visiting the mission fields and learning to know the national leaders of many countries in Asia and Africa. An able song leader and dynamic speaker, Dr. Boddie has interpreted the role of missions in today's world and called on men of all races and faiths to live together in harmony.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **Miss Delores Henne of Jamestown, N. Dak.,** recently presented her resignation as North American Baptist missionary in West Cameroon, Africa. She was on leave of absence from the mission field, following a very fruitful first term of service on the field in Africa. Her resignation was accepted by the Board of Missions.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang of Cleveland, Ohio** have announced the birth of a daughter on August 25, 1963 who has been named Joy Carol. Their sailing date for the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa has been set ahead from the original date of Oct. 11. They will probably sail early in November. The Board of Missions appointed them as missionaries in Africa at its 1963 annual sessions.

● **Rev. Fred Schmidt of Victor, Iowa** recently presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Victor and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist church of Sullivan, Illinois, a church of the American Baptist Convention in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Schmidt has been the pastor of the Victor Baptist Church since 1957. He and his family are already on the field in Sullivan, Illinois.

● **The Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota** has extended a call to Mr. Etan Pelzer of St. Joseph, Mich., a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He accepted the call and is already serving the church at Hutchinson, having succeeded Rev. B. A. Itterman, pastor of the Lakeshore Baptist Church, a Church Extension project of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich.

● **In the report about the dedication of the new choir robes at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak.,** (August 1, 1963 issue, page 21), the account should have stated that Mrs. Robert Backus donated these robes in honor of her husband's 50 years of singing in the choir. Mr. Backus is in the picture, fifth from the left in the back row. "He is still active in the choir and truly enjoys singing," as reported by Rev. Jothan G. Benke, pastor.

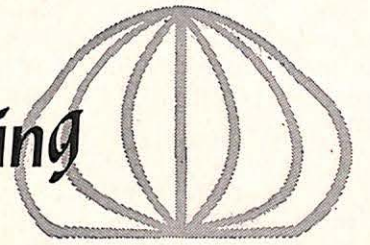
● **The Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma** has extended a call to Rev. Jerry Vilhauer who formerly served the Grace Baptist Church of Bison, S. Dak. During June and July Mr. Vilhauer supplied the pulpit on a part time basis as summer worker. Beginning with Aug. 1st, he has been serving as the full time pastor of the church succeeding Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh. Mr. Vilhauer will probably be taking some part time studies this fall at Northwestern State College in nearby Alva, Oklahoma.

● **The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas** has extended a call to Mr. Melvin Warkentin of Hillsboro, Kansas, who has been serving for several years as the business manager of

the Mennonite Book Store at Hillsboro. He has also served as the interim pastor for the Dickinson County Baptist Church and the Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas when they were without pastors. He will begin his ministry in the Emmanuel Church of Marion on a full time basis on Oct. 1st.

● **Miss Katherine Ann Hunt of Portland, Oregon** has been serving on the staff of the Frontier Nursing Service beginning with July 1963. She will

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serve in this capacity for the rest of the calendar year and in February 1964 will enter the midwifery training course at Hyden, Kentucky. She is a member of the Glencullen Church of Portland. The Board of Missions at its 1963 annual sessions appointed her as a missionary nurse for the mission field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa.

● **Student Summer Workers on the Spanish American Mission field in Colorado** for nine weeks this past summer, ending August 12, have been Miss Corrine Williamson of Lorraine, Kansas and Miss Barbara Stroh of Grand Forks, N. Dak. Miss Williamson is a school teacher at Leoti, Kansas, having graduated from Sterling College. Miss Stroh is a pre-enrolled student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The young women rendered a greatly appreciated service in Vacation Bible Schools conducted at Center and Monte Vista, Colorado.

● **Several North American Baptist missionaries and students** were engaged this past summer in the training of Peace Corps Volunteers for the Federal Republic of Cameroon at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. On the staff of teachers in this Peace Corps Training Project were Rev. Gilbert Schneider and Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman, NAB missionaries; Dr. Paul Gebauer, former missionary and field secretary, who served as "coordinator of area studies"; Mr. Flavius Martin, student at the North American Baptist Seminary; and Solomon, a student of the mission field in Africa.

● **On Thursday afternoon, August 22,** about 85 young people who were attending the sessions of the first Baptist Youth Congress at Williams Bay, Wis., visited the NAB headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. The secretaries of the

office took the young people on conducted tours of the building, including the Roger Williams Book Store. Refreshments were served by the office. Afterwards the young people in the two buses went on a drive to Chicago's Loop where they had a wonderful skyline view of the skyscrapers in the business district and of beautiful Lake Michigan.

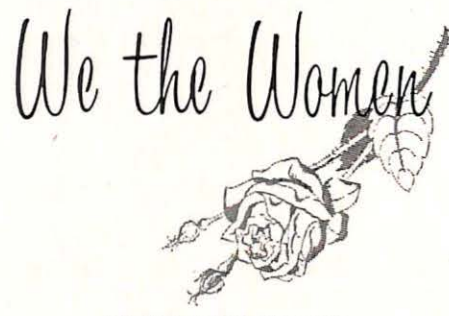
● **On Sunday, Sept. 15,** the dedication services for the first unit of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska, were held with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Church Extension director, as the guest speaker. The new building, excluding the cost of the land, is evaluated at \$35,000. A great deal of volunteer labor has gone into the construction of the church, as reported by Rev. LeRoy Schauer, Church Extension pastor. From Oct. 15 to 24 evangelistic meetings will be held by the Redeemer Church with Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Mich., serving as the evangelist.

● **The 12 members of the two new teams of God's Volunteers** have been in preparation during the month of September (Sept. 3-27) with intensive studies being conducted for them at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The teaching staff consists of President Frank Veninga and Dr. George A. Lang of the Seminary, Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Rev. John Binder of the NAB headquarters' staff, Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of God's Volunteers, and Rev. Robert G. Kreuger and Rev. Iver L. Walker, local pastors. The first engagements of the teams will be at McClusky, N. Dak., from Sept. 28 to October 6 for Team I and the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the same days for Team II.

● **Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary,** participated in the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee held on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas from Aug. 19 to 23, 1963. Reports were given by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary; Dr. Eric Rudin, secretary of the European Baptist Federation; Mr. Robert S. Denny, youth secretary; and Mr. C. E. Bryant, editor of "The Baptist World." The various Study Commissions reported and further plans were made for the 11th Baptist World Con-

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

### PLEASANT MEMORIES

Reminiscing is not only pleasant, but it can also be profitable! Come with me as in memory I visit points of interest and inspiration of this past summer.

First, we journey southward to the great state of Texas with its miles and miles of beautiful four-lane highways. Yes, it's hot, but we don't mind! It is a dry heat and not so oppressive as when the humidity is high.

In our church at Kyle, Texas, the Southern Conference is in session. The timely theme, "Peace in Perilous Times," is effectively carried out in devotionals, music and messages. Even the program booklet cover, which has been designed by a high school senior from Waco, displays the theme in a very realistic way. The panel on "Stewardship" is stimulating.

The splendid group of women at the luncheon, the enthusiasm at the business meeting and the inspiring program of the evening service indicate that much careful planning has been done by the president, Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf of Kyle, Texas, and her committee. Listen as Dr. J. C. Gunst is presenting the challenge at the never-to-be forgotten Installation Service. Everyone is moved to rededicate their lives and we resolve to give ourselves in service to Christ.

Now it is the Sunday school hour. Before us is in the great outdoors is a splendid group of young people. With rapt attention we think about the lesson, "Where Art Thou?" As we see this fine group of young people, we are reminded that here are future pastors, pastors' wives, missionaries, teachers, farmers, business men—those who will soon be taking our places. The morning service begins and Dr. A. J. Harms in his impressive manner speaks about "Crucified with Christ." The closing song is being sung and a fine young man is making his way to the front of the church giving public commitment of his life to Christ.

The afternoon service is in charge of talented young people. What a joy to be here at the commissioning service of two missionary couples—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth! There is a tugging at the heart strings as we listen to their testimonies.

Can it be that these happy days have ended? Never to be forgotten will

## From the Professor's Desk

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

What is our position as Baptists with regard to authority in religion?

Historically Baptists have held to the sufficiency and sole authority of Scripture as the rule for faith and practice. Baptists have characteristically been Bible believers. Their concern has always been "What saith the Scripture?"

In his *New Directory for Baptist Churches* Edward T. Hiscox states, "The Bible is a Divine Revelation given of God to men, and is a complete and infallible guide and standard of authority in all matters of religion and morals; whatever it teaches is to be believed, and whatever it commands is to be obeyed; whatever it commends is to be accepted as both right and useful; whatever it condemns is to be avoided as both wrong and hurtful; but what it neither commands nor teaches is not to be imposed on the conscience as of religious obligation" (p. 11).

### CONSTITUTION OF CHRISTIANITY

The writer feels that this representative statement from one of our great Baptist writers of the last generation can still be held today with intelligence and factual honesty in the light of the best modern historical and critical biblical studies. The human elements in Scripture as well as the element of divine inspiration must be accounted for. The different styles of writing in the various books of the Bible, the varying personalities of the writers, the contrasting backgrounds, circumstances, use of amanuenses, etc. must all be taken into consideration. Because the Scriptures have arisen within history and are transmitted to us through historical processes, the church in its educational task is obliged to use the best available methods of scholarly research to answer questions pertaining to the text of Scripture (lower criticism), and the accompanying conditions of origin, authorship, content and meaning (higher criticism).

Taking all these factors into consideration, it can still be affirmed with intellectual integrity that "the New Testament is the constitution of Christianity, the charter of the Christian Church, the only authoritative code of ecclesiastical law, and the warrant and justification of all Christian institutions. In it alone is life and im-

be the warm hospitality of the people in the Southern Conference. If space permitted, this reminiscing could go on and on of other places visited this summer. Such highlights are instrumental in spurring us on to the work that lies ahead.

morality brought to light, the way of escape from wrath revealed, and all things necessary to salvation made plain; while its messages are a gospel of peace on earth and of hope to a lost world" (Hiscox, *loc. cit.*).

In the Bible is found the will of God, the mind of Christ, and the spiritual principles for the church's doctrine and polity. All we need to do (and this we *must* do) is to read and study it in faith and obedience with submission to and dependence upon the Holy Spirit who inspired prophets and apostles to record the mighty saving acts of God and the supernatural revelations which they received. It is precisely because the Scriptures are divinely inspired (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21) that they can be authoritative for faith and practice.

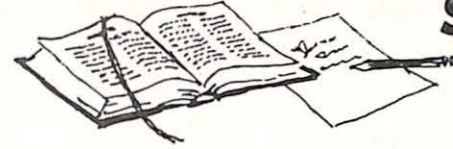
### TRUE BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

If in the life and ministry of the church it should be found necessary to add anything which is not specifically found in the Bible (as certain officers or ecclesiastical functions), this should not violate the spirit, word, or principles laid down in the Word of God. We may do some things because of expediency or even tradition, but these must never be our authority for so doing, and they must always be subordinate and subject to the correction and judgment of the Scriptures themselves.

Thus it is that Christ, who is revealed in the Scriptures, is the only Head over and Lawgiver to his churches. "Consequently the churches cannot make laws, but only execute those which he has given. Nor can any man, or body of men legislate for the churches. The New Testament alone is their statute book, by which, without change, the body of Christ is to govern itself" (Hiscox, p. 14).

Henry Cook asserts this same conviction in his rather recent book *What Baptists Stand For*: "...we must always go back to the New Testament, since it is in the New Testament that we have the revelation of the mind and will of Christ, the Church's Founder and Living Head" (p. 13). It is included to also in the newly-published book by Winthrop S. Hudson, *Baptist Convictions*.

There is today an urgent need to capture afresh the note of true Biblical authority, for the authority of Scripture is the critical watershed of contemporary theological conviction. This article has not discussed a most vital aspect of this consideration, namely, the witness of the Spirit with respect to the authority of Scripture. This very important aspect will be developed in the next issue of this column.



### A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 6, 1963

Theme: CHRISTIAN HARMONY

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:5-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When the party spirit in the church takes over, then the power of the Holy Spirit is lost.

INTRODUCTION: The last quarter of lessons will be centered around the study of three of Paul's epistles, emphasizing the values of church life and the personal Christian witness. Many of the difficulties of the early churches are similar to those experienced by us today. The problems of individual Christians are often those which we see in ourselves in the 20th century. We may be a little surprised and shocked to discover that the first churches were not always ideal churches, and that there is a decided difference between the so-called New Testament church and the churches in the New Testament.

Paul, the first great missionary and founder of many churches, dealt with these difficulties in an honest and courageous manner, and the advice and counsel which was given through the Holy Spirit is appropriate for Christians today. Because this counsel came through the Holy Spirit, it is the Word of God and as such ought to be read and obeyed.

### I. DISHARMONY IN THE CHURCH. I Cor. 1:10-11.

It is always a disheartening experience to learn of trouble in the church. During the three or four years since Paul has been with the Corinthian church, there had developed some very serious difficulties. After 18 months of labor in the church, the apostle felt reasonably sure that the members had matured enough in their Christian experience to continue on their own. It must have been quite a blow to Paul to hear such discouraging news. They were far from "speaking the same thing" and from being "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." The information which Paul received convinced him of the seriousness of the situation and prompted him to dispatch a letter immediately.

### II. THE CAUSE OF THE DIVISION. I Cor. 1:12; 3:5-6.

Some ministers do not mind a party in the church if the party supports them. There was a strong "Paul party" in the church at Corinth, but this fact did not make him happy. He was just as anxious to get rid of his party as all the rest. The only party he was for was the party of Christ. It was im-

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possible for Paul, Apollos or Cephas to do for them what Christ did—he was the only one who was crucified for them and in whose name they were baptized.

The selfish aims of little Christians in the church can cause the biggest disharmony among Christ's followers. Not all like John the Baptist are willing to decrease so that Christ might increase.

### III. HARMONY IN CHRIST. I Cor. 3:7-11.

Paul does not put himself out of the picture altogether, but puts himself into proper focus. He did have something to do with the church—he planted. Apollos had something to do with the church—he watered. But they were forgetting the most important factor—planting and watering would have no effect whatsoever if God would not give the increase. Laying a foundation and building upon it has no value unless it is begun on the foundation laid by Jesus Christ. The church must be the body of Christ, the garden of Christ and the building of Christ if there is to be harmony in the church.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Compare modern paganism with the paganism in Paul's day.
2. What is the chief cause of disharmony in the church today?
3. How does our Church Extension program compare with the establishment of churches in Paul's time?

### A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 13, 1963

Theme: CHRISTIAN PURITY

Scripture: I Corinthians 6:9-20.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christian purity gives the child of God a conviction of eternal surety.

INTRODUCTION: This is a very important area in the life of the church and the individual Christian. It separates the genuine followers of Christ from those who are merely playing at being Christians. Purity means much more than simply abstaining from evil. It is even more than positive goodness. Doing good deeds must be the result of having pure thoughts. Jesus went so far as to say that the lustful look was as sinful as the lustful act. When a Christian is washed, sanctified and justified, he has no place in his heart for the sins which separate him from Jesus Christ.

The church at Corinth was in an unusual sinful environment, and it was difficult for some of the members to free themselves entirely from the sinful conditions which were accepted in the Roman world as normal. Paul's

letter seems very strong at times, but he had to let the delinquent members know in no uncertain terms that the standards of Jesus Christ would not be lowered on any condition.

### I. THE MORAL CONDITION OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM. I Cor. 6:9-10.

Paul was not one to beat around the bush. It is a positive fact that the unrighteousness shall not inherit the Kingdom of God and it was a shocking thought that anyone should doubt it. He then proceeds to list a number of sins which sound revolting by the mere reading of them. We do not know whether all of these sins were evident in the church, but perhaps Paul did not want to miss any in the Corinthian church who had fallen into a particular sin. In a very blunt way the apostle declares that those whose lives are characterized by these sins give evidence that they are not in the Kingdom of God. The sins mentioned are not all sins of the flesh, for covetousness is also listed in this evil company.

### II. THE MORAL CONDITION INSIDE THE KINGDOM. I Cor. 6:11-14.

It is difficult to believe that some of the Christians came out of such an immoral society, but at the same time it speaks well for the power of the grace of God. The danger lay in the fact that they were reverting to type. They could not go back into their former life and continue under the name of Christian. As saved and cleansed members, they had voluntarily accepted Christ and were no longer their own. The freedom which they had found in their new birth was not a freedom to do as they pleased, but a freedom to do as Christ pleased. Paul stresses again the power of the resurrection which raised up Christ and which "will also raise up us by his own power."

### III. THE DWELLING PLACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. I Cor. 6:15-20.

We go into all the world to see beautiful temples built to the glory of God and forget the most beautiful temple of all—the human body indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Beauty is not determined by the depth of the skin, but by the depth of the Spirit. Such a body is used in the service of God and must be kept clean and honorable because only in this way can the Holy Spirit be seen by the world. The body is God's by right of creation; it is his also by right of redemption; and since the Holy Spirit dwells in the body, it is his by right of possession.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Is the church too lenient toward
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# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Furlough Impressions, a Centenarian's Birthday and Conference Report

## My Furlough Impressions

By Miss Berneice Westerman,

Missionary in the Federal Republic of Cameroon who has returned to Africa.

SINCE I HAVE seen so many of you in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Michigan, I have been in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., taking 17 hours of college work in order to prepare me for better service in West Cameroon, Africa. French was one of the courses; it was not easy but I gained much.

The Board of Missions gave me permission to take Summer School courses as well. I have now returned to Africa to teach at Saker Baptist College (the new Girls High School) in West Cameroon beginning with the close of August.

### 5,720 SQUARE FEET OF SHEETS:

Thank you, ladies! Can you see a pile of 94 bed sheets representing 5,720 square feet of linen? Yes, that is the amount of work I made for you. I am glad that one person did not have to wash them all.

### MORE THAN 70 CARS:

Thank you. Not having kept an accurate record, you with your cars numbered at least 70 and the variety of cars were many. Some of you drove me short distances; others were responsible to see that I got over many, many miles.

### PORTERS:

Thank you for carrying that heavy luggage of mine. I have learned to pack too well.

### COOKS:

I certainly appreciated your good meals. (I have some new clothes because of you—the other clothes were getting too small.) The times of fellowship with you were a blessing; you had difficulty to stop me at times. Thank you for the words which you often spoke to me: "Sleep as long as you can."

### PRAISE GOD FOR:

1. Calling people to serve in foreign fields. (17 new missionaries were appointed in April.)

2. Your willingness to Pray, Give, and Send or Go.

### PRAY FOR:

1. Saker Baptist College in the West Cameroon as the new buildings are constructed and equipment is prepared.

2. The staff of this school as well as the 160 students. (When it has increased to full capacity, there will be 360 students in this school.)



Mr. August Freudenberg of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., at his 100th birthday reception celebrated by members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., of which he has been a member since 1886.

### MR. AUGUST FREUDENBERG, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIF., CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

Members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., had the distinct honor of attending a party for a "Centenarian." Mr. August Freudenberg, member and pioneer worker of the church, observed his "One Hundredth Birthday" on August 3, 1963. An Open House celebration was given by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wetzler on Sunday afternoon, August 4th, at their home in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. Seventy five relatives and friends came to congratulate him—four generations were represented.

Our loyal pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, spoke briefly from Deut. 33:25, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Mrs. Emelia Haag, head deaconess, presented Mr. Freudenberg with an electric blanket, a gift from the church.

Mr. Freudenberg immigrated to the United States from his native Germany in 1880 at the age of 17. In 1886 he helped organize the First German Baptist Church—now the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church. Mr. Freudenberg and his dear wife were dedicated workers in the church throughout their lifetime. His wife went to be with the Lord after 48 years of marriage.

Mr. Freudenberg weathered his "Centennial Celebration," still looking much younger than his years. For this he gives all the thanks and praise to God. Highlighting the event was a birthday citation from the U. S. president, The Hon. John F. Kennedy.—Esther Johnston, Reporter

3. Our Cameroonian students in America: Flavius Martin, George Mbunkar, and Peter Chi Mbako, as well as our Japanese student, Hisashi Murakami.

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.

The days of the Northern Conference, July 3 to 7, in Medicine Hat, Alta., with the Grace and Temple Baptist Churches as host churches, were days of spiritual enrichment and blessing. The theme of the Conference, "Our Life A Mission," was based on 2 Corinthians 2:14b—"Make manifest... his knowledge by us in every place." Messages were brought by Rev. John E. Grygo, Dr. B. Schalm, Rev. W. Dickau, Rev. A. Bibelheimer, Mr. Leo Borchert, Mr. H. Streuber, Rev. J. Neudorf, Rev. H. Stinner, Mrs. H. J. Schulz, Rev. A. Janz, Rev. C. I. Wiebe and Rev. N. Laudon.

Highlighting the Conference was the opportunity to become acquainted with three of our new missionary appointees: Dr. Lothar Lichtenfeld, who has gone to the Bango Baptist Hospital in West Cameroon; and Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder, who will be rendering a teaching ministry at Soppo, West Cameroon. Hearing the testimonies of these dedicated young people brought to us anew the challenge to do everything in fulfilling Christ's command "Go Ye."

The business sessions were under the capable leadership of our moderator, Rev. H. Hiller. Christian education in our churches, as a means to greater and more effective witnessing for Christ, took a large portion of our time. Of particular concern was the relocation and expansion of the facilities of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. After very serious discussion, the Conference went on record to endeavor to raise the sum of \$100,000 over and above present missionary giving for the Christian Training Institute.

The following were elected to serve in the coming year: moderator, Rev. H. Hiller; vice moderator, Rev. E. Hohn; recording secretary, Rev. W. Kerber; statistical secretary, Rev. E. Hahn; transportation secretary, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; music director, Rev. P. Schroeder; representatives to the General Council: Rev. H. Schumacher and Mr. Wm. Patzia; members of the Mission Committee: Rev. W. Muller, secretary; Rev. H. Hiller, Rev. J. Wollenberg, Rev. E. L. Thiessen and Rev. R. Milbrandt. Serving on the Northern Conference Christian Education Committee are: Children's Work, Rev. E. Hohn and Miss Betty Ohlhauser; Youth Work, Rev. R. J. Kerstan and Mr. Lloyd Rempel; and Adult Work, Rev. P. Siewert and Mr. Ed. Rumpel.

The Conference came to a close on Sunday afternoon with a large audience gathered at the Towne Theatre building for a Missionary Rally. It was a thrill to hear Rev. and Mrs.

Gerhard Schroeder give their testimonies of God's guidance in their going to the Cameroon. A mass choir, under the direction of Rev. P. Schroeder, served with several inspiring selections. Dr. B. Schalm spoke on "Thy Will Be Done." With this challenge fresh in our minds, we left the beautiful city of Medicine Hat determined to let God lead us into greater fields of service for him.—R. Rapske, Reporter

### GENERAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEES

Several corrections have been made in the announcement about the Local General Conference Committees that appeared in the July 18, 1963 issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 12. The address changes for the chairman and co-chairman of the Registration Committee are very important. Changes have also been made in the personnel of several other committees. They are as follows:

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Miss Margaret Meyer, Chairman

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# Dedication Services, Springside Church

Report from the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., by Rev. Fred W. Pahl, Pastor



### SPRINGSIDE, SASK.

The remodeled building of the Springside Baptist Church, Sask., with its \$13,000 new unit. Rev. Fred W. Pahl is the pastor.

DEDICATION SERVICES for the new \$13,000 unit which was added to the front of the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., were held Sunday, June 30, with Rev. R. Kanwischer of Medicine Hat, Alta., as guest speaker. It is significant that the original structure of the church was built in 1946-1947 during Mr. Kanwischer's ministry at the Springside Church.

At the dedication service, our four neighboring NAB churches—Fenwood, Melville, Ebenezer and Yorkton—brought words of congratulations. Representatives from churches of other denominations of the village also shared in the good wishes. Various organizations of the church rendered special musical numbers and expressed their happiness in the completion of the new unit. The pastor of the Springside Church led in dedicatory prayer.

Although the Springside Baptist Church has existed as an organization since 1934, it was not until 1946-1947

### MY APPRECIATION

I want to express my thanks to the many friends who sent their cards and messages of sympathy to me following the homecoming of my sister, Flora Schulte. (See August 15 issue, page 15 and Sept. 10 issue, page 23). These words of yours have been a great blessing to me.—Miss Clara Schulte, Forest Park, Illinois.

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Wichita, Kansas

that the members built the main structure. In 1956 the West Ebenezer Baptist Church disbanded and joined with the Springside Church. This group, along with the many families at Springside, taxed the Sunday school facilities to the utmost. In 1961 the Sunday school administration passed a resolution to the church committee that an attempt be made to provide more suitable facilities for the school. The church accepted the challenge and building was begun in October 1961. Although the need for more Sunday school rooms was the prime factor in building, by adding onto the front of the church, 24 x 36 feet, a beautiful spacious foyer has been created, a larger baby room constructed, and all stairways are now wide and roomy to facilitate flow of traffic from balcony to basement. Stairs to the church are inside which is a favorable feature during wintry weather.

A new heating system was installed. The old furnace was taken out of the church kitchen and a new furnace room built. Two indoor washrooms are being constructed. Two of the seven newly constructed classrooms are joined with folding doors so that a larger room is possible for smaller meetings such as a prayer meeting or committee meetings. The room for infants was furnished by the Homebuilders' Fellowship. The Woman's Missionary Society provided for the painting and varnishing of the church.

The exterior of the church has changed greatly. The original structure was of imitation red brick siding with a large tower facing north. The structure has now been stuccoed with a white finish. The entrance now faces west and a modern steeple with a cross is on the entrance structure. New walks have been cemented around the building and further landscaping will be carried out in time.

The design of this unit was a combination of many ideas submitted by members of the congregation with the present pastor, Rev. Fred W. Pahl, drawing up the blueprints. Mr. Pahl, Mr. Fred Nehring and Mr. Joe Jonat were responsible for supervising the work done on the church. Other members on the building committee are: Mr. W. Arndt, Mr. J. Berg, Mr. A. Breitzkreuz, Mr. P. Hoffman, Mr. A. Tillman (treasurer), Mr. F. Werner, and Mr. R. Ziolkowski. Most of the work was done by volunteer labor. The ladies of the church supplied refreshments for the men for "coffee break" time.

It was with much happiness that the Springside Baptist Church held its formal dedication service for what has already proven to be a most useful and practical unit.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

● **Lemmon, S. Dak.** The Temple Baptist Church at Lemmon, S. Dak., has had some recent pleasant surprises. The churches nearby have taken a real interest in the church. A Baptist Rally was held in Lemmon and all of our surrounding churches that Sunday evening. Later on the New Leipzig Church came to Lemmon and rendered a program. A quartet from our church in McLaughlin and the Bismarck Baptist Church choir came by Greyhound Bus to render a cantata. Since we are serving as the interim pastor at Hettinger and Bison, we have had the pleasure to hold three Vacation Bible Schools, one in the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, one in the Grace Baptist Church at Bison, and one in the Temple Baptist Church at Lemmon. God has blessed and we are glad! —(M. Vanderbeck, Interim Pastor).

● **Bethel, Anaheim, Calif.** Two hundred and fifty-three members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held an All-Church buffet dinner on August 4. This was a kick-off rally for the church members who with vision and faith have launched an expansion program for the church desiring a greater outreach for the Lord's work in Anaheim. After months of diligent searching, they located a seven acre site in Anaheim in a fast-growing residential area. At a church business meeting on May 29 the membership present voted with a large majority to proceed to purchase this property. The church authorized a fund raising committee to devise plans and means of raising \$100,000 which represents the cost of the church's portion of the land it wishes to retain for its expansion program. Joe Love is the Fund Raising Committee chairman with Mrs. Adolph Baudisch as co-chairman. Rev. William Hoover is pastor of the church.—(Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter)

● **St. Joseph, Mich.** The witness of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., has expanded in its "Jerusalem" by the calling of Kenneth C. Fenner, a recent graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Fenner has become the Minister of Music and Youth Work at our church. Our witness has expanded "in all Judea" by the calling of Rev. B. A. Itterman to serve the new "offspring" of First Baptist—that is, Lakeshore Baptist Church. Rev. Itterman came to us from Hutchinson, Minn., and assumed his duties on Sept. 1. This Extension Church is currently meeting in the Lakeshore High School. Our interest and witness have also extended to the uttermost parts of the world as one of our members, Joyce



Miss Linda Braun (right) of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., receives the grand award prize in Scripture memorization from Mrs. Marie Rinas, Scripture Memory leader.

Batek, is now serving on the Japanese field and Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth will soon be leaving for the Japanese field. Both were brought up at First Baptist Church of St. Joseph.—(Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

● **Auburn, Michigan.** Fifteen youngsters received first, second and third year awards in our Scripture Memory program of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the grand award to Miss Linda Braun by Mrs. Marie Rinas, Scripture Memory leader.—(M. D. Wolff, Pastor).

## CBY (youth) fellowship

● **Shell Creek, Nebraska.** The annual young people's banquet honoring the graduates of the Shell Creek Church near Columbus, Nebr., was held on May 17. The graduates this year are: Ruth Menke—College; Robert Behlen—High School; and Myron Behlen—8th Grade. The banquet theme was, "Flying With Christ." Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the church, was toastmaster and Rev. Herman Lohr, interim pastor of the Creston Church, was the song leader. Rev. Wendell Baxter of Columbus was the guest speaker. Mrs. Harvey Behlen introduced the graduates and Mrs. Rinehart Mohrman gave the challenge to the graduates. Also featured on the program was a duet by Harvey and Willard Behlen.—(Mrs. Milton Menke, Reporter).

● **Elk Grove, Calif.** The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held their second annual summer retreat at Sly Park, July 26-28. A total of 33 attended, including the youth advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Schuh and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis. Speaker for the event was Mr. Donald Schmierer of Lodi, Calif. Two girls found Christ as their Savior at the retreat. The group camped out and enjoyed the lake just a few hundred feet from their camp site. The Commissioned Baptist Youth treasurer, Carolyn Ranger, sent a check for \$147.21 to Forest Park, Ill., to go toward the support of the Girls' School in Africa. A check for \$100 had been sent for the same purpose in Dec. 1962. The last amount was raised through a paper drive, car wash and selling napkins and homemade Easter eggs.—(Roberta Veit, Reporter).

● **Bradley Beach Retreat, N. J.** The Lord truly blessed the weekend retreat held at Bradley Beach Baptist Cottage, Bradley Beach, N. J., June 21 to 23. The purpose of this retreat is for all young people of the New York and Vicinity Area to gain a better knowledge of God's Word as it applies to young people today. This was attended by sixty young people representing 13 of our churches. Some of



Young People's Banquet held at the Shell Creek Baptist Church, near Columbus, Nebr., honoring school graduates of the church.

the highlights of the weekend were the special meetings conducted by the two pastoral advisors. Rev. Daniel Kolke led by devotions and Rev. Donald Mostrom held a Bible study group. The topic was "The Meaning of the Cross for Me." We attended church service at our own cottage with Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., bringing the message. He challenged the young people to strive for a higher level of education through various Christian colleges.—(Anna Steinhoff, 1st vice president).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

● **Faith, Regina, Sask.** Following the Sunday evening service, Aug. 4, a welcoming reception was held by the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., in honor of our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer. Greetings were brought on behalf of the church and its organizations, the Saskatchewan Baptist Association, and the Regina Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship. The program was enhanced with music by soloists and the church's male quartet. Rev. Edgar Martens then presented the challenge to the church, which was followed by informal fellowship and refreshments.—(Mrs. A. L. Peter, Reporter).



Reception by the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, for Rev. and Mrs. Edward Pritzkau (facing camera) with Mr. Helmut Lotz, church moderator, at left and Rev. Edward Kary and Mr. and Mrs. John Siewert extending greetings.

● **Erin Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.** Rev. Edward Pritzkau and his family began their ministry at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on August 1. On Friday evening, August 2, a reception was held in their honor. Greetings were brought by various representatives: Dr. Burroughs of the Cleveland Baptist Association; Dr. Gallagher of the Parma Heights Church; Rev. Harold Lang of the Snowview Church, a granddaughter of Erin Ave., who presented the challenge to pastor and people. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, associate pastor at Erin, and Mr. Helmut Lotz, church moderator, also spoke words of welcome and encouragement. The program included special music by the Erin Ave.'s choir and various soloists including the pastor's wife, Mrs. Anneliese Pritzkau. The installation service for Mr. Pritzkau was held on Sunday morning, August 4th. Pastor Pritzkau's sermon, "A Second-Mile Religion," called us to renew our dedication to Christ and his work. Following the sermon, the church continued in worship about the Lord's Table as communion was celebrated.

● **Harbor Trinity Church, Calif.** Rev. Robert S. Hess began his ministry at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., on Sunday morning, July 21, by bringing the message, "The Road Ahead." In the evening service a reception was held by the church for the new pastor and his wife. Rev. John Vanderbeck, who had served as interim pastor, introduced the nine visiting ministers and impor-

tant church delegates. Mr. A. L. Pinkley, mayor of Costa Mesa, spoke for the community. Mr. Walter Bertuleit, chairman of the pulpit committee, presented Rev. Robert Hess to the congregation, who gave a heartwarming response. On July 24, after the prayer meeting, the church held "a shower" for the pastor and his wife, presenting them with many gifts for their new home. They had lost all of their belongings in an accident involving the moving van from Peoria, Ill., to Costa Mesa, Calif. As a church, the Lord has given us a good opportunity and also a great responsibility, and we are grateful for the leadership we now have in Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess.—(Mrs. Thelma Herzfeldt, Reporter).

● **Southern Conference Women.** Truly, an air of festivity reigned as the women of the Southern Conference churches were welcomed into the banquet hall by the W.M.U. of Kyle, Texas. Each table was decorated with Japanese lanterns and miniature parasols reminding those present that before Conference days would end the host pastor and his family would be commissioned as missionaries to Japan. Mrs. Harm Sherman, national W.M.U. president, was the guest speaker and our own missionary, Mrs. Robert San-



Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess at the shower for them held by the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif. One of the gifts was a prize lamb by one of the 4H boys to be sold with the money to be used for something in the new home!

doval from Rio Grande City, Texas, told of her conversion in Monterey, Mexico. The following officers were elected during the afternoon business session: president, Mrs. Walter Weber, Crawford; 1st vice president, Mrs. L. L. Lippert, Waco; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Katie Effenberger, Greenvine; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Lengefeld, Mowata; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf, Kyle. Reports from the White Cross Chairman showed that the quotas for the Southern Conference had all been met. The quotas for next year are much larger for our Conference, but with a willing spirit and God's help these also will be filled. Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf, president, was in charge of the evening service. The guest speaker, Mrs. Harm Sherman, used as her topic "An Instrument of God's Peace." At the close of the commissioning service Sunday afternoon, Mrs. R. Mayforth was again assured of our love when she was presented with a gift from the Southern Conference W.M.U. Our prayers go with the Richard Mayforth family as they go to Japan to bring the wonderful story of Jesus, our Savior.—(Mrs. John Lengefeld, Secretary-treasurer).

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

● **Northern Conference Women.** A noon-day luncheon held on Friday, July 5, at the Corona Hotel during the 60th annual Northern Conference at Medicine Hat, Alberta was the setting of the Woman's Missionary Union's annual business meeting. A program consisting of special music, various reports, and election of officers was highlighted by a vivid challenge on "Love" by Mrs. H. J. Schultz of Winnipeg, Man. The Friday evening conference session was designated as the Ladies' Missionary Night. A capacity crowd was privileged to hear Mrs. Schultz speak on the topic "Missionary Outreach of Women." This was followed by a dramatic presentation entitled, "Living Abundantly." The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Ernest Kern; vice president, Mrs. Rudolph Rapske; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Hahn; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Fritzsche.—(Mrs. Grace Wiebe, Reporter).

● **Venturia Women's Missionary So-**

## evangelistic services & baptisms

● **Onoway, Alberta.** We of the Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta, are still on the map of our North American Baptist statistics. On July 14 we were able to baptize 9 converts on profession of their faith in Christ and extend to them the hand of fellowship into our church. Such an occasion is always a joyous one for a church and pastor. This took place at a wonderful spot at Lake St. Anne. Our church and parsonage experienced some interior and exterior redecorating, which also helps to make them more attractive for others to attend. God is blessing us and the church has still greater possibilities.—(R. Jaster, Pastor)

● **Plum Creek Church, S. Dak.** From July 21 to 28 "Crusade for Christ" meetings were held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, near Emery, S. Dak., with the Rev. Walter Hoffman family. They ministered to us with vocal solos, duets and family songs and also rendered many instrumental numbers. Mr. Hoffman brought forceful messages from the Word. Three persons

accepted Christ as their Savior. At our Sunday morning worship service, August 11, Rev. Ray Harsch, Church Extension pastor at the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo., and brother of our pastor, Rev. Alvin Harsch, gave us a summary of their work and brought a message on "Lord, Stir Thou Me." The evening service was unique in that we had five visiting pastor, Reverends Adolf Braun, R. Harsch, LeRoy Kiemele, Edwin Michelson, and Herbert Vetter, as well as missionaries Berneice Westerman, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and son Billy in attendance. Mr. Ahrens gave us a brief resume of their work as newly appointed missionaries to the Spanish Americans in Colorado. Miss Westerman also spoke briefly. A quartet composed of the Reverends A. and R. Harsch, L. Kiemele, and A. Braun sang "Nothing But Leaves." The highlight of this program was the showing of pictures by Mr. Braun of his South American tour.—(Mrs. Herbert Decker, Reporter).

## VACATION SCHOOLS

● **Westbrook, Santa Ana, Calif.** The Westbrook Baptist Church of Santa Ana, Calif., held its Vacation Bible School from Aug. 19 to 30. The closing program was held on Thursday night, August 29, to display the children's handwork. The theme was "Traveling God's Highway." The school was held during the days for the children of Kindergarten through the 8th grade. The high school and college age group attended the evening sessions from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. The curriculum included stories, music, crafts and supervised sports activities.—(Frank L. Simokat, Reporter.)

● **Faith, Regina, Sask.** The Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., held its annual Vacation Bible School from July 2 to 12 with Mrs. Edgar Martens, missionary-member of the church on furlough from Aruba, South America, as director, assisted by a staff of 18 teachers and helpers. The total enrollment was 118 with a record attendance of 82. Less than half of the children were from our own Sunday school. The children brought offerings totaling \$44.00 for Miss Viola Galenzoski, a member of the church serving in Peru under the Wycliffe Bible Translators who was chosen as the special "school's missionary." —(Mrs. A. L. Peter, Reporter.)

● **Ochre River, Manitoba.** A very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Man., from July 22-August 2. We followed the course; "Traveling God's Highway." A total enrollment of 43 children was reached. A staff of 7 teachers faithfully gave of their time and talent to this Bible teaching pro-

gram. A closing program was held on August 4 with a capacity audience in attendance. A review of the day by day activities was given by the various classes and many songs and choruses were sung. The handwork of the various departments was also displayed.—(H. Bushkowsky, Pastor).

● **Minionas, Manitoba.** Vacation Bible School was held during the last week of July (all day sessions) by the First Baptist Church of Minionas, Manitoba with Mrs. Leo Hart as director and a dedicated group of 12 teachers and helpers. One hundred children were enrolled and all the sessions held at the Minionas Collegiate. It was the fourth year that the school board granted permission to use free of charge this modern building, inclusive of all facilities, for the conducting of such an educational program and evangelistic campaign. Mr. Art Sonnenberg is the S. S. superintendent and Rev. H. A. Pohl the pastor of the church.

● **Venturia, N. Dak.** The Vacation Bible School at Venturia, N. Dak., was held June 10 to 14 under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Milton W. Falkenberg. Classes were conducted both mornings and afternoons with an enrollment of 30 pupils and 9 teachers and helpers. The group was divided into 7 classes, Nursery through Junior High, and we studied "Living With Christ." The pupils brought a missionary offering each morning and this was designated for our missionary, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger. The closing program was given Friday evening after which the parents and friends viewed the handcrafts and the books.—(Mrs. Adolph Heupel, Reporter).

● **Elk Grove, Calif.** The First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif. had an aver-

age attendance of 96 children in this year's Vacation Bible School, July 8-17. The total enrollment was 116 with a staff of 34. The offering of \$64.57 went to the Girls' School in Africa. Mrs. John Wagemann was director with the theme centering on "Traveling God's Highway." The annual Sunday School picnic was the closing highlight at Elk Grove Park. This was held the following Sunday, July 21, after the close of the school.—(Roberta Veit, Reporter).

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gress to be held at Miami Beach, Florida in 1965. The possibility of forming a North American Baptist Fellowship as the fruitful outgrowth of the Baptist Jubilee Advance was given consideration.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krogman** of Phoenix, Arizona, who were members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois for about 47 years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Forest Park Church on Friday evening, August 23rd. They were married on Sept. 15, 1913 in Chicago, Illinois by Rev. Franz Friedrich. At the golden wedding anniversary program, Rev. C. B. Nordland, former pastor of the Forest Park Church, and Rev. Richard Schroeder, present pastor, took part. Mr. Krogman sang in the Forest Park Baptist Church choir for almost 60 years. His brother, Mr. William J. Krogman, is the present organist at the church. Since 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krogman have been members of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona.

## THE PARADOX OF THE HOLY LAND

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to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell" (Luke 10:15). The ruins of an old synagogue, in which Jesus may have preached, are stark evidence of the Master's words. There is not even a church or shrine to mar the simple beauty which remains.

As we met together one evening for the sharing of thoughts and for prayer, we meditated for a while on the things which we had seen and heard. Some of the words of Jesus came to our minds: "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house" (Matt. 13:57). Here we were in the land of God's greatest revelation, where Jesus lived, taught and performed miracles, where he died and rose again, and where after almost two thousand years people are still tragically in need of the Gospel. They have used everything that related to the life of Christ to make a better living but have failed to accept him to make a changed life.

As our group disbanded we were in the spirit of a deeper consecration with a sincere desire that our lives would be changed even more because "we had walked where Jesus walked."

## Obituary

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

### MR. HENRY BLOCH of Glory Hill District, Alta.

Mr. Henry Bloch of Stony Plain, Alta., was born in Volhynia-Russia on June 9, 1881 and passed away at his home on August 7, 1963. On Dec. 17, 1908 he was married to Pauline Henkel. God blessed this union with six children, of whom two predeceased him. In 1914 Mr. Bloch came to Canada to establish a home for the family. He had lived in the Glory Hill District, west of Edmonton, Alberta, ever since that time.

As a young man he accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior and became a member of the Baptist church, having been baptized by Rev. Mr. Hiebner. Besides his loving wife, who so devotedly cared for him during his months of sickness; he leaves to mourn his departure one son, Raymond; 3 daughters: Hilda, Esther and Eleanor; 9 grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Stony Plain, Alberta  
E. P. WAHL, Officiating Minister

### MRS. IDA POHL of Leduc, Alberta

Mrs. Ida Pohl, nee Zielke of Leduc, Alta., born on Jan. 18, 1888 in Volhynia-Russia, went to be with her Lord on August 4, 1963. For a number of years she had been ailing and had endured much suffering. As a young girl, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. Thereupon she was baptized by the late Rev. Abraham Hager and joined the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta.

On Feb. 9, 1907 she was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Campbell Hardy who predeceased her in 1913. On March 4, 1914 she entered into marriage with Mr. Frederick Pohl. Besides her husband, Mr. Frederick Pohl, she leaves to mourn her departure three sons (Bruce, Alfred and Douglas) and seven daughters (Glennie, Ruby, Amelia, Agnes, Dorothy, Verna, Donna); 26 grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters. In the absence of the pastor of her church, the undersigned served at the funeral services.

First Baptist Church  
Leduc, Alberta  
E. P. WAHL, Officiating Minister

### MR. TOFIEL MASKOSKI of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. Tofiel Maskoski of Leduc, Alta., born in Rovno, Volhynia-Russia on Jan. 19, 1882, went to be with his Lord on August 9, 1963. It was on May 24, 1900 that he accepted Christ as Savior. Baptized by Rev. Martin Jeske, he joined the church and remained a faithful member all these years.

Mr. Maskoski was married to Rose Horn in 1901 who predeceased him on May 31, 1943. The Lord presented 7 children to them, 4 sons (Carl, Leo, Ben and Edward), and 3 daughters (Tillie, Elma and Elsie, who predeceased her father six years ago). In 1910 the family emigrated to the United States, establishing their home at Cass Lake, Minn. There our brother served as deacon in the Baptist Church of Cass Lake. In 1918 the family moved to Leduc, Alberta. Here Mr. Maskoski joined the First Baptist Church of Leduc, where he served for 19 years as trustee.

On Nov. 21, 1944 Mr. Maskoski joined in the bond of matrimony with Augusta Arnholtz. Besides his loving wife, his departure is mourned by the above mentioned children, his church and many friends.

First Baptist Church  
Leduc, Alberta  
E. P. WAHL, Officiating Minister

### MRS. JOHANNA OLTHOFF of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. Johanna Olthoff of Emery, S. D., went to her eternal reward on August 7, 1963 after having been hospitalized since June 20 due to a fall and broken hip. She

was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harms near Tea, S. Dak., and lived there until her marriage to Simon Olthoff on Dec. 5, 1911 when she made her home with her husband in Emery.

She came to know the Lord at the age of 17 and was baptized in June 1904 by Rev. O. Olthoff and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor. In 1912 she had her letter transferred to the First Baptist Church of Emery where she worshiped and served for 51 years. Mourning her death are her three children: Sena, Mrs. Edwin Schrader; Esther, Mrs. Leland Terveen; and Elmer, all of Emery. Her husband preceded her in death in September 1950. The God of all comfort is our strength!

First Baptist Church  
Emery, South Dakota  
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

### MRS. AUGUSTA SPROSS of Crawford, Texas

Mrs. Augusta Christine, nee Beittendorf, Spross of Crawford Texas was born March 23, 1882 at Carmine, Texas. She was baptized at the age of 13 by Rev. B. White of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas. Later in 1900 she transferred her membership to the Canaan Baptist Church of the Prairie Chapel Community where she remained a member until the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Ben G. Spross Jan. 11, 1901 in the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas.

She was called home by her Lord on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1963 at the age of 81 from the hospital of Columbus, Texas while on a visit to her daughter in that city. She is survived by four sons and one daughter: Charlie Spross, Coryell, Okla.; Louis Spross, Crawford, Texas; Wm. Spross, George West; Benny Spross, Corsicana, Texas; Mrs. Tillie Moore, Columbus; by two brothers and two sisters; and by 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Canaan Baptist Church  
Crawford, Texas  
WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor

### MR. ADOLPH SCHONERT of Edmonton, Alberta

Mr. Adolph Schonert of Edmonton, Alta., was born August 29, 1901, in Lutsk, Volynia. World War I broke out in 1914, and he was only a boy of 13 when the family was exiled to Siberia, and returned to Germany in 1918. Eight years later they left Germany and emigrated to Edmonton, Canada where he worked in the factory and on the farm.

In 1927 he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized by Rev. August Kramer into the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church of which he was a life-long member. In 1928 he married Olga Welk which marriage was blessed with 3 children. After 19 happy years she died and 3 years later he married his wife's widowed sister, Mrs. Gertrude Gehrke, with whom he lived for 13 happy years, until a treacherous disease laid him low and finally cut off his earthly life on August 13th at the early age of 61 years, 11 months and 15 days. An impressive memorial service was held in the church by the Revs. H. Hiller and R. Hohensee.

He is mourned by his loving wife, Gertrude; 2 daughters: Ericka Devlin of Ottawa; and Irmgard (Mrs. Helmut Eggert) of Edmonton; one son, Lawrence, also of Edmonton; 8 grandchildren; and 2 brothers, William of Edmonton, and Gustav in East Germany.

Central Baptist Church  
Edmonton, Alberta  
REV. HERBERT HILLER, Pastor

### MRS. LINDA M. RUTSCH of Sacramento, California

Mrs. Linda M. Rutsch of Sacramento, Calif., was born Sept. 29, 1899 at Ellendale, N. Dak., and passed away on July 24, 1963. She grew up in Irvine, Alberta where, at the age of 15, she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Immediately after her conversion she decided to serve the Lord in full time Christian service and later enrolled in the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. She also attended the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago.

She was united in marriage to the late Rev. Gustav W. Rutsch on May 17, 1923, the day following his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. She devoted her life with great joy to her calling as a minister's wife, working actively and tirelessly in every phase of the church and youth activities. The couple served churches in Ebenezer, Sask.; Onoway and Stony Plain, Alberta; Portland and Salem, Oregon; Gackle, N. Dak.; and Plum Creek, S. Dak. At the time of her passing she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif. She passed on to glory on July 24 mo-

ments after suffering a severe heart attack. She is survived by one son: Alvin G. Rutsch of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters: Mrs. Erna E. Keen of Santa Cruz, Calif.; and Mrs. Darleen R. Hochhalter of North Dakota; 7 grandchildren; 5 sisters and one brother. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Wilbur C. Christians assisted by the undersigned.

Willow Rancho Baptist Church  
Sacramento, California  
ERIC KUHN, Reporter

## EDUCATION IN AFRICA

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local developments, Mr. Ndamukong's speech was most reassuring as he explained that the Cameroonian government would continue to support and encourage religious education, since they feel that education without a sound spiritual basis is inharmonious with African life. Therefore, he continued, the Cameroon government would continue to give financial assistance and legal recognition to schools of various denominations for the children of parents of those denominations. In short: Baptist schools for children of Baptist parents!

All of us agreed that, with the historical and cultural situation in Cameroon today, this policy is sound and encourages us to continue our work here. This is a far different policy from those followed by some African governments which have driven out Christian missionaries, severely proscribed Christian activities of all types, or tried to close Christian schools. Therefore, we were comforted by the Minister's words. Baptists throughout the country have been happy to see that these were not only words but the government is standing by its promises. We praise God for the opportunity which we have to be able to continue in this means of evangelization.

## VISION OF OUR TASK

God blessed the conference! We all left with a clearer vision of the task and the possibilities. It was obvious that the Mission, the government, and Cameroonian Baptists all wanted to work together in this consequential program of education for Christian living. Our sincere thanks go to those at home who prayed for this endeavor and whose financial support makes possible this program of Christian education in a land arising out of centuries of bondage.

## CALL OF GOD TO LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA

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help of the Mission Board which has already been promised as well as that of Church Extension. In October the gifts of CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS will go towards this work. We can do our part by giving to this cause and thus bring into Lemmon a full time pastor to take over the work now that Dr. Vanderbeck will be leaving. We covet your GIFTS as well as your DAILY PRAYERS for the Temple Baptist Church in Lemmon and we will see in an even greater way WHAT GOD CAN DO!

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