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# Christmas Carol

By Gail Brook Burket

LET FAITH be in your heart like angels singing  
Their song of joy, which echoes through the years  
From skies above the dim Judean hillsides,  
To set at peace man's turbulence and fears.

*"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And . . . the shepherds said . . . Let us now go even unto Bethlehem.*

—Luke 2:13-15

Let hope be in your heart like starlight shining  
To guide men to the Savior, long foretold,  
As three wise kings once hastened on their journey  
With gifts of frankincense, pure myrrh and gold.

*Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced . . . and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts.*

—Matthew 2:9-11

Let love be in your heart like love made perfect  
In Christ, the greatest Gift that God could give.  
And may that love be like a benediction,  
Forever blessing you each day you live.

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

—John 3:16-17

—Salvation Army War Cry.

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# CHRISTMAS, 1964

By Mrs. G. A. Yeske, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

'Tis wonderful to fellowship with those who love my Lord,  
To know that each one has a part to propagate his Word;  
Gods' gift to us—A Holy Birth—is once again revealed.  
It is ours to have, but not to keep within our souls concealed;  
'Occupy 'til I come"—his Word demands, especially at Christmas time,

"Oh Lord," I cry, "I will occupy, my heart, my all is Thine!  
You will be the center of all I do; I pray keep me close to thee,  
Help me not to flurry and fuss like the world, so void of humility."  
May they see joy and peace in me, that cometh from above  
And know that nature alone can't give this deep abiding love;  
Accept, my Savior, O busy soul, this abiding peace is free;  
God gave his only begotten Son; he longs to dwell with thee.  
So as you exchange your gifts this year, accept his gift to you,  
And give him your heart, your life, your All, 'tis the least that you can do.

# MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

Our missionaries in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, are faithfully discharging their duties at their assigned places of service, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, training young leaders and taking care of the sick. Recent changes in assignments have been made.

**MISS MINNIE KUHN** has left the mission station and clinic at Belo and has gone into the Warwar Field. This was first opened almost thirty years ago by the Gebauers and the Dungers. Now a part of Nigeria, the Warwar Field offers a tremendous challenge to Christian missions.

**NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT.** Another hospital building has been constructed at the Mbingo Settlement for leprosy patients. Additional facilities for the many patients are needed. Dr. Eugene Stockdale is wonderfully assisted on this field by the nurses, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski and Miss Rosemarie Hackmann.

**BANSO HOSPITAL.** With the return of Dr. Leslie Chaffee to the United States on his furlough, Dr. Peter Fehr has taken over the work and administration of the Banso Baptist Hospital. He is being assisted by several of our nurses and a number of native nurses. In the name of the Great Physician, these missionaries minister to the sick and make known the love of Christ to all in physical and spiritual need.

**GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.** Dr. Jerome Fluth is stationed at the Government Hospital at Buea. Dr. Lothar Lichtenfeld is at the Mamfe General Hospital. This too is a ministry that glorifies Christ, for the presence and successful ministry of these Christian physicians enhances the work of our Cameroon Baptist Mission in West Africa.

**KUMBA FIELD.** The most tropical area of the Federal Republic of Cameroon is Kumba. Here the jungle growth is thick and the weather is humid, terribly hot and most uncomfortable. But here God has blessed the preaching of his Word, especially through the lives of our radiant national Christians. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman are now stationed in the Kumba area.

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### CHRISTMAS SERMON

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman  
of Forest Park, Illinois

BAPTIST HERALD

# Editorial

## The 1965 Annual Is "Tops".

We can celebrate with Volume 20 of the 1965 ANNUAL. We feel that, among its 19 predecessors, it can be called "TOPS". For the 1965 ANNUAL promises to illumine the reader's mind with the great truths of the Christian faith, to stir you to action in taking part in the memorable events of the year, and to bring a nostalgic smile to your face as you go through the golden album pages of our history.

You will like the colored front cover, showing the torch of freedom, by the Christian artist Vic Erickson. You will also meet him in its pages. Mr. Erickson is "a musical reformer who jars youth" by asking the pointed question of teen agers: "If we live the truly Christian life, what relationship does Christ have to the kind of music we listen to?" Read his article about what's cookin' on your radio and in your home!

A shadowy figure of our denominational history will come to life with exciting vividness in this ANNUAL. Philipp W. Bickel was "God's Trailblazer on Two Continents." He edited, managed and published several magazines and hymnals, helped to organize the first General Conference in Wilmot, Ontario in 1865, and then became an influential leader in the Baptist work of Germany. His home in Cincinnati, Ohio was a refuge for "the underground railway" used by runaway slaves. You will walk with this spiritual giant over some thrilling roads in this article about him by Rev. B. C. Schreiber.

In the 1965 ANNUAL you will go places! These are reading adventures which you will not soon forget. Baptists will invade the Vacation Capital of the United States in June 1965 as tens of thousands attend the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami, Beach, Florida. This illustrated article will describe the program and extol the scenic adventureland of Florida. There are new things to see and to enjoy at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake in 1965 will afford many of our families such an opportunity to go over these "pathways to God at Green Lake."

India with its seething mass of people and its complexity of problems is a puzzling riddle to the West. What will be its future? Will the doors close to Christian missionaries? What is life like in India? Dr. Arthur Kanwischer has given us a brilliant and provocative insight into India and the life of its people.

The spotlight of attention falls on the glory of God's Word in the 1965 ANNUAL. Professor Donald H. Madvig describes "The Rediscovery of the Old Testament" in our day to strengthen our faith in the inspiration of God's Word in its entirety. "God's Word for a New Age" prepares the reader for the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society in 1966.

"Where Do We Stand as Baptists?" This question is answered with clarity of exposition and with a passionate zeal by Dr. John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Professor William A. Mueller describes North American Baptists in particular and Baptists in general as "The People of God's Word."

The dusty pages of our denominational history come freshly alive and colorfully exciting in the eight album pages, richly illustrated,

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## THE BOOK OF BOOKS

A young Christian, 18 years of age, shows how the Bible's claims are true—that it is relevant to our modern times, that its writers were inspired of God, and that it can satisfy our longings for the abundant life.

By Allan Paul Schantz of Saguache, Colorado

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father), full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

**WE LIVE IN THE** atomic age. An unlimited amount of power has been unleashed from the tiny atom. Men are reaching for the moon and the planets. Industry has been revolutionized by automation. Science has brought to our doorstep radio, television, motion pictures and many other miracles. Advance is the key word of modern times.

Yet our world is a world of turmoil. Science has failed to bring peace. Within the last half century there have been two world wars. Individuals as well as nations are distressed. Many, like Marilyn Monroe, have sought a way out of their problems by suicide. Is there no other way out? Can a person have a purposeful life? Is there an answer to our dilemma?

### TIMELESS TRUTHS

Were we to search long and hard for the answer, we would be startled by one of our discoveries. We would find an ancient Book claiming to have the answer. In our reading we would discover that this Book claims hundreds of times that its writers were inspired by God. But, we wonder, can this Book be all it claims to be? Can so ancient a writing possibly have any relevance for us in modern times? Can it satisfy our longings for an abundant life? There are innumerable proofs that it can.

Although the Bible has been in existence for hundreds of years, it never loses its appeal. It is unique in that ever since it was written it has been the world's best seller. Most of the ideas and learnings of the ancients are

amusing and out of date. Therefore, ancient books are usually not acceptable in modern times. Not so with the Bible. Though it is an ancient book, it challenges the keenest of modern minds. Parts of the Bible have been translated into over 1,216 languages, 231 of which now have the entire Bible.

### BIBLE PROPHECY

The Bible proves itself in fulfilled prophecy. It boldly gives thousands of predictions in detailed exactness. When

#### ALLEN PAUL SCHANTZ

Allen Paul Schantz is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz of Saguache, Colorado. It will be remembered by many of our people that Mr. A. D. Schantz is a former colporteur of the Roger Williams Press and Mrs. Ethel Rennison Schantz is the author of the book of poems, "Joy Spilling Over."

Allen Paul Schantz wrote his article, "The Book of Books," in his senior year in Saguache High School from which he graduated in May 1964 as valedictorian. He is now a student at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado and hopes to go to Wheaton Bible College in 1965. He has been president of Pioneers for Christ, both in the local region and for the state of Colorado. He teaches a Sunday school class of boys, preaches in Saguache, and sings and plays the accordion for various church programs. His greatest joy is to testify to other young people of Christ as Savior and of the power of God's Word to transform life.

written, more than one-fourth of the Bible was prophetic. Many of the prophecies it gives have already come to pass.

A great deal of Bible prophecy is devoted to the nation of Israel. Abraham was given predictions about the sojourn of the Israelites in Egypt, the length of their stay, and the means of their departure. Their wilderness wanderings and entrance into the land of Canaan were also foretold. In every detail these prophecies came to pass.

The book of Deuteronomy foretold the dispersion and persecution of the Jews. Years later, the Jews were scattered among all nations of the world. They were severely persecuted, especially in Germany during World War II, just as the Bible had predicted. In 1948 the Jewish state of Israel was restored, and Bible prophecy again proved to be true.

### TYRE AND BABYLON

Other predictions concerned the cities of Tyre and Babylon. Both were to be destroyed and Tyre was to become like the top of a rock. The beautiful city of Babylon was destroyed piece by piece, and today it is only a heap of ruins. Tyre, a flourishing seaport, was destroyed by her enemies, and even the dust of the city was scraped into the sea. The place where Tyre once stood is today a flat rock jutting into the sea, forever a monument to the accuracy of the Bible.

Still other prophecies concerned the coming of the Messiah. He was to be born of a virgin, of the seed of David, and in the town of Bethlehem. Christ's

death and resurrection were also foretold. As we all know, these prophecies were literally fulfilled.

Another proof of the Bible is its scientific accuracy. The Bible speaks of man as being created out of the dust of the earth. Scientists have found that the 16 elements which compose a human body are found in the dust of the earth. In a period when man believed the earth was flat, Isaiah declared its sphericity.

The fact of springs in the sea, only recently discovered by scientists, was given centuries ago in the Book of Job. Moses wrote, "The life of the flesh is in the blood," (Leviticus 17:11), long before medical science came to realize the value of circulation. Modern day excavations have revealed many ancient cities to be just as they are described in the Bible.

Another marvel of the Bible is its amazing composition. It took 1600 years to write it. It is composed of 66 books written by about 40 authors. General, king, fisherman, prophet—its writers had almost nothing in common. They wrote independently, knowing very little of each other. The Book of books was written in three languages and on three continents.

### THE BIBLE'S THEME

Yet the Bible is one Book. It is amazingly complete, and encompasses a wide variety of literary achievement. It includes poetry, biography, drama, prophecy, sermons, proverbs, law and ethics. Yet there is perfect balance. The Old Testament provides the foundation structure of the New Testament. The New Testament, in turn, is the perfect complement of the Old Testament. There is one central theme which runs through the Bible and ties it together.

Billy Graham has written, "The real theme of the Bible . . . is the story of God's redemption as it exists in Jesus Christ." The outstanding feature of the Bible is Jesus Christ. All through the Old Testament there are pictures of Christ. He is the Passover Lamb, the Rock of Salvation, the Lily of the Val-

## The Bible! There It Stands!

By James M. Gray

WHERE childhood needs a standard  
Or youth a beacon light,  
Where sorrow sighs for comfort  
Or weakness longs for might,  
Bring forth the Holy Bible,  
The Bible! There it stands!  
Resolving all life's problems  
And meeting its demands.

Though sophistry conceal it,  
The Bible! There it stands!  
Though Pharisees profane it,  
Its influence expands;  
It fills the world with fragrance  
Whose sweetness never cloys,  
It lifts our eyes to heaven,  
It heightens human joys.

Despised and torn in pieces,  
By infidels decried—  
The thunderbolts of hatred  
The haughty cynics pride—  
All these have railed against it  
In this and other lands,  
Yet dynasties have fallen,  
And still the Bible stands!

To paradise a highway,  
The Bible! There it stands!  
Its promises unfailing  
Nor grievous its commands;  
It points man to the Savior,  
The lover of his soul;  
Salvation is its watchward,  
Eternity its goal!

ley, and the Rose of Sharon. In the New Testament Christ fulfills the Old Testament.

W. H. Thomas says that the Old Testament is (1) a Book of unfulfilled prophecies, (2) a Book of unexplained ceremonies, and (3) a Book of unsatisfied longings. He furthermore states: "(1) Jesus the Prophet fulfills (in his Life) the prophecies; (2) Jesus the Priest explains (in his Death) the ceremonies; (3) Jesus the King satisfies (in his Resurrection) the longings." Without the Christ whom it portrays, the Bible would be a dead book.

### ITS TRANSFORMING POWER

With Christ, however, the Bible has transforming power. It is radically different from the Mohammedan Koran, the Buddhist Canon of Sacred Scripture, the Zoroastrian Zendavesta, and the Brahman Vedas. It not only tells men—"Be good! Be good!"—but shows them how to be so. It presents—not a dead Mohammed or a dead Buddha—but a living Christ, Who can give abundant life.

It is the only Book in the world that can change murderers, thieves, drunkards and dope addicts into clean, honest and commendable men and women. It proves itself beyond a shadow of a doubt to be the Word of God. Bobby Richardson, Joe Romig, Gill Dodds, Eugenia Price and Governor Mark Hatfield are only a few examples of the Bible's transforming power.

### RELEVANT FOR US

Their lives prove that the Bible is relevant for us in the atomic era. We too can live the purposeful life spoken of in the Bible. When we receive Christ whom the Bible proclaims, he will give us abundant life. Joe Romig declares: "The greatest and most profitable decision I ever made was when I invited Jesus Christ into my heart as personal Lord and Savior." Like Joe, I too have found abundant life in Jesus Christ and have experienced the Bible's transforming power.

I am positive that the answer to our dilemma is found in the Bible. As John Greenleaf Whittier wrote:

"We search the world for truth. We cull  
The good, the true, the beautiful  
From graven stones and written scroll  
And old flower fields of the soul;  
And, weary seekers of the best  
We come back laden from our quest,  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read."

Truly, the Bible is the Book of Books!

### SOCIAL SECURITY—MINISTERS

**CLERGYMEN.** A change that has been approved and enacted in the Social Security law for the United States gives clergymen until April 15, 1965, to sign up for participation in Social Security. Coverage is voluntary. Since April 15, 1962, only newly ordained members of the clergy had been permitted to sign up for coverage.

—Francis Carr Stifler

## TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR BIBLE READING

1. *Read expectantly and thoughtfully*, asking, "What is God's message for me today?" What does this passage teach me to believe?—to become? to do?" The more you are willing to listen the more he will say.
2. *Read with imagination, unhurriedly.* Try to picture the scene, and think of the characters as living people.
3. *Use standard helps*, such as a reference Bible, commentaries, Bible dictionary and concordance.
4. *Do not be disturbed* if there are some passages you don't understand. Dig for hidden treasure by repeated readings.
5. *Conserve the results* of your reading by keeping a record of what you have read and the impressions you received. Memorize helpful passages or copy key verses to carry with you for reference through the day.
6. *Turn to the Bible each day, no matter how you feel.* It is not primarily a shelf of medicines for emergencies; it is a daily food for daily needs. But it always has a message for us in times of defeat and sorrow, fear and anxiety.



## THE MAN WHO SAID:

# "EVERY BAPTIST A MISSIONARY"

By Hugo Lueck

Professor of Church History and New Testament Studies at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

"HOW MANY missionaries do you have?" Robert Haldane of Scotland asked Johann Gerhard Oncken, leader of German Baptists.

Oncken answered with what Haldane considered a fantastically high figure—a figure equal in fact with the total Baptist membership in Germany.

"You misunderstood me," Haldane said. "I already know the number of all your members. I just want to know the number of your missionaries."

"You heard me correctly," Oncken replied. "The number is correct, for with us, every Baptist is a missionary."

### ONCKEN'S EARLY LIFE

The phrase, "Every Baptist a missionary" had become a favorite of Baptists around the world—a goal if not an actuality. Less known is the man from whom it originated, Johann Gerhard Oncken, the first Baptist in Germany, often called "the Father" of the Baptist Movement on the Continent of Europe.

He was born in Varel, Oldenburg in 1800, of Lutheran parents, at a time when the religious life of Protestant Germany was dead through rationalism. Oncken never knew his father and was raised by his grandmother. A Scottish businessman took an interest in the boy at 14 and employed him in Scotland and England.

Religious life in Presbyterian Scotland and later in London awakened in Oncken a desire to become a Christian. Converted in a Methodist church, he immediately shared his joy in Christ with others, and soon desired to bring his new-found faith to his countrymen. He returned to Hamburg, a free Hanseatic city governed by its own senate.

### SPIRITUAL ZEAL

Oncken began to preach and became a missionary of the British "Continental Society." With help from the Sunday School Union of London he started the first Sunday school in Germany. His preaching was radically different from that to which Germans were accustomed. As the attendance grew, the police closed his meetings. He then conducted services in private homes.

He realized that he needed to gain citizenship in Hamburg in order to hold certain rights and privileges. Various circumstances helped him to obtain this: he married a young lady of some



JOHANN G. ONCKEN

A fine likeness in bronze of this great Baptist pioneer to be seen in the Missionary Exhibit Room at Forest Park, Illinois.

means from England, bought a house and opened a religious bookstore. As a property owner and a man with a trade he obtained his citizenship.

### THE FIRST GERMAN BAPTIST

When children were born to him, the conscientious Oncken began examining the implications of infant baptism. Searching the Scriptures earnestly, he became convinced of believer's baptism. But there was nobody to baptize him and he had to wait five years until

### EXCITING HISTORY

In 1965 the "Baptist Herald" will feature a series of outstanding articles on some of the spiritual giants of our early history with whom we should be better acquainted. The example of their audacious faith and of their adventurous lives ought to be an inspiration to all of us today.

Read the article, "Philipp W. Bickel, God's Trailblazer on Two Continents," that appears in the 1965 Annual. He was a fearless trumpet of the Gospel and a tireless worker for God in the early formative years of our denomination, as Rev. B. C. Schreiber depicts in his thrilling article about Bickel.

an American Baptist, professor Barnas Sears, visited Germany. Sears baptized Oncken and six others with him, secretly by night in the river Elbe, and organized the first German Baptist church in 1834.

For a while the little church prospered, but a new chief of the police set out to destroy the new "sect." Oncken was constantly ordered to the police, and was fined and imprisoned for preaching. When he refused to pay the fines, his furniture and personal belongings were sold by auction.

Once the enraged police chief said to Oncken: "As long as I can move my little finger, I shall do everything to stop you." Oncken replied: "Mr. Senator, I do not see a little finger; I see a great arm, the arm of God, and as long as that arm moves, you will not silence us." Oncken said this not so much by way of protest, but out of a deep conviction that his cause was God's and could not be stopped by man. Years later this senator became a friend of the Baptists.

The authorities of Hamburg regretted that Oncken had outwitted them in gaining his citizenship. They offered to pay the passage for him and his family to America, "the Baptist country," in order to get rid of him and be left in peace. Oncken refused the offer.

Persecutions and imprisonments continued until the great fire in Hamburg in 1842 brought a sudden change. The Baptists sheltered and fed many of those rendered homeless by the fire. Through this deed the rulers of the city gained a different opinion about the Baptists and ceased to persecute them.

### ORGANIZER AND TRAVELER

The new Baptist movement spread all over Germany and beyond it into other lands. Many spiritually awakened people called for Oncken. He was traveling constantly. Where he could not go himself, he sent missionaries whom he trained first in Hamburg. His closest friends and ablest co-workers were Julius Koebner, a converted Danish Jew, and G. W. Lehmann, a Pietist in Berlin. As early as 1839 Oncken sent Koebner to Copenhagen and followed himself a few months later, baptizing eleven converts and organizing the first Danish Baptist church. Similarly Baptist churches were started in Holland,

Switzerland, Hungary and in Eastern European countries.

Oncken also paid two visits to Russia. The first was to Petersburg (now Leningrad), trying to interview Czar Alexander II in behalf of the persecuted Believers. The second was to South Russia, when he was 69 years old. There were no trains and for many weeks he traveled on small, springless peasant carts, with a bundle of straw for a seat, over roadless territory, organizing new churches and counseling converts.

He was at times successful in getting help from British and American Baptists. For this reason he often visited England and Scotland. He went to America on an extended visit in 1853-54. The American Baptist Mission Society supported Oncken's work generously.

### THE WITNESS SPREADS

In most Eastern European countries there were German-language settlements. Oncken's men started work among such people, outside Germany. From them the work spread to other nationalities, such as: Lithuanians, Poles, Ukrainians, Russians, Latvians, Estonians, Bohemians, Hungarians, Rumanians and others. He also trained missionaries from different lands in Hamburg and sent them back to their own countries.

F. O. Nilsson, the first Baptist missionary in Sweden was baptized and ordained by Oncken in Hamburg. After being banished from Sweden, Nilsson worked in Denmark, later helped start Baptist work in Norway and finally returned to Sweden, serving as pastor of the Baptist church in Gothenburg.

Karl Ondra, grandfather of the writer, was converted in Russia and trained in Hamburg by Oncken in 1865. After 11 years of successful work in Russia,

## Why a Baptist World Congress?

By Dr. Josef Nordenhaug  
General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

"The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order more fully to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and cooperation among its members."

So declares the preamble to the Alliance constitution. International meetings are among the Alliance functions in achieving these objectives.

The 1965 Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, will be a memorable event of lasting value to those who attend because it provides:

- AN OFFERING, in every tongue, of praise and thanksgiving to God for his grace and blessings upon us and all followers of Christ in the world. *Baptists of the world ought to worship God in spirit and truth.*
- AN OCCASION to meet with fellow Baptists from all over the world, thereby strengthening our fellowship by personal knowledge of each other. *Baptists of the world ought to know each other.*
- AN OPPORTUNITY to clarify our Baptist convictions and to prepare us to make an account of the hope that is in us. *Baptists of the world ought to know themselves.*
- AN OUTPOURING of compassion and channeling of aid to people in distress. *Baptists of the world ought to help each other and others in time of need.*
- AN ORIENTATION concerning the conditions in various parts of the world in regard to religious liberty and human rights. *Baptists of the world ought to participate in safeguarding and maintaining man's God-given liberty and dignity.*
- AN OUTLET for bearing witness for Christ to the world whose eyes and ears will be focused on Baptists during the Congress. *Every Baptist ought to be a witness.*

REMEMBER the dates: June 25-30, 1965 at Miami Beach, Florida. READ the articles and the announcements about the program highlights, available hotels and sightseeing in Florida in the Dec. 31st issue of the "Baptist Herald" and in the 1965 ANNUAL.

REGISTRATION FORMS for Baptist Congress visitors and delegates will be distributed in your church after Jan. 5, 1965.

he too was banished from his country. For the next ten years he worked in

Lodz, Poland and there in turn baptized Henry Novotny, the first Baptist minister in Czechoslovakia.

One of Oncken's men, Gutsche, started German Baptist churches in South Africa. Another, Burchard, was sent to Paris where he worked among the 40,000 Germans in France.

### ONCKEN'S LEGACY

Out of Oncken's early training courses developed the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, which since 1880 is supplying Germany and other countries with fully trained ministers and missionaries.

Similarly his publishing house, founded in his early years (1838), for reaching the many thousands through the printed word, is still doing great work today from Kassel, Germany, as "J. G. Oncken's Successors, Ltd."

Oncken died in Zurich at the patriarchal age of 84. His body was entombed in Hamburg, but his memory lives on in many thousands of Baptists, scattered over every continent of the earth, and his saying "Every Baptist a missionary" remains a well-known Baptist incentive.

—THE BAPTIST WORLD



### RELIGIOUS ART IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Mr. Harold Stassen of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the American Baptist Convention, along with other Baptist leaders of North America views a painting of Christ hanging in the Moscow Art Gallery, in a country where religious freedom is severely restricted.



# Traveling and Witnessing for Christ

Reports of God's VolunTERS Teams No. I and II.

## FROM ALBERTA TO BRITISH COLUMBIA—TEAM NO. I.

Reported by Sandra Scheffler

"NO, THANK YOU! We're not interested!" And the door slams shut.

As we go from door to door, this is the reply many people give. But as God's Volunteers it is our business to make them interested, for we know that only in Christ is there life.

Our first campaign at the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta was a good beginning for us. The week included only the nightly services and a small amount of visitation. It was a real blessing to work with the pastor, Rev. Charles Littman, and the people there, because they were so receptive and open to us.

## MANY OPPORTUNITIES

From Edmonton we traveled to Fort George, British Columbia, to spend a week and a half at the South Fort George Baptist Church where Rev. Bert Milner is the pastor.

Many opportunities to witness were opened to us. We presented Christ in song and testimony at the high school's Interscholar Christian Fellowship, at the jail, twice on television, and, of course, at our meetings each evening. Children's rallies were also held Monday through Friday of the second week. The Holy Spirit spoke to several hearts

at these rallies. Each afternoon brought about an intensive visitation schedule. Although many doors were slammed in our faces, the few that responded made all our efforts worth while.

Some of us had first-time experiences, such as an airplane ride and visiting a lumber mill out in the bush. And someone was so generous as to buy us all a new pair of shoes. We are certainly grateful for the love we were shown at Fort George.

After sadly saying our good-by's to the people at Fort George, we packed and left for our next field of service at the Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta. The trip was beautiful! As we traveled through the snow-capped mountains of the Rockies, we could not help but pause and thank God for this vast universe which he created for us.

## A YEAR OF GLORY

Some of the main highlights of the trip were riding the Gondola Lift in Banff National Park and seeing majestic Lake Louise. Everywhere there was snow covering the earth like a blanket. We did get involved in a few snow fights, too, but what better way is there to let off a little steam! How we do thank God for a most enjoyable trip and for traveling mercies to Calgary, where we began our next campaign.

Often people will tell us how wonderful it is that we have given up a year from our school or work to be in God's Volunteers. But each one of us on Team I feels that the Lord has given us an extra year in which we can serve our Master in this wonderful way.

Thank you for your many prayers. We realize that only through prayer can the Holy Spirit work through us "to make him known." Rev. Edgar Klatt is the director of Team No. I.

## FIRST CAMPAIGNS IN CANADA—TEAM NO. II

Reported by Anita Schlehuber

AFTER SAYING Good-bye to Team I and many friends at the Christian Training Institute, Team II traveled in "Schmicht" to Leduc, Alberta. Our first "Crusade For Christ" began in the rural area in Leduc at the First Baptist Church, where Rev. Norman Dreger is the pastor.

Our visitation program consisted of going from door to door in the Leduc rural area. One afternoon we were in the area of the Clover Lawn Baptist Church visiting. Our interviews and contacts in both areas were challenging, for we found many prospects for church membership as well as Sunday school.

## LEDUC AND CAMROSE

It was a real joy to know the young people at Leduc. We had wonderful Christian fellowship with them, and we hope that they will continue to be on fire for Christ. We are grateful to them for giving us a special donation. May God richly bless each one for their gift!

On October 11th, immediately after our last meeting in Leduc, "Schmicht" (our car), and "Schnitzel" (our trailer) were off with the faithful seven. With about three hours of sleep, we were up to meet the Camrose young people for a Canadian duck shoot and a pancake breakfast. Even though we got only one duck, we had a wonderful time getting to know the youth of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Camrose, Alberta.

## TEAM II ON RADIO

Rev. Philip Grabke, pastor at Fellowship Baptist in Camrose, was able to have our team on the CFCW radio station in Camrose. We had the opportunity to proclaim Christ through song and sermon five mornings for 25 minutes. These programs were a good advertisement for our "Crusade For Christ" campaign in Camrose.

The radio programs were also a help  
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# Transcending Civilizations and Languages

At a Laymen's Service in U. S. Army Barracks in Germany, Herr Pracht, a Baptist layman of Schweinfurt, gave the soldiers "an iron ration of God's spiritual food" and people from different worlds came together in Jesus Christ with thanksgiving and praise.

By Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz, NAB Chaplain in the U. S. Armed Forces.

"NOT LONG AGO, it took at least a week to go to America by ship. Now one can eat two meals in the same day in the two continents of Europe and America just by traveling via jet air-craft. But in only a few minutes I have arrived in America today from my home in Schweinfurt—yes, to this little community of Americans." Thus said Herr Georg Pracht as he spoke to a congregation of Christians at Conn Barracks Chapel during a Layman's Day Service on Sunday October 18, 1964.

After welcoming remarks by Major Bert O. Osen, Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, 64th Armor, Colonel George Young, Jr., Commanding Officer of the troops at the Schweinfurt area, set the pace with remarks about communicating with God. "Often we depend on our ground communications as soldiers, but we forget those most important communications with God which, when breaking down either by neglect or by forgetfulness, set the pattern for failure in life and its endeavors."

## THE TRANSCENDING CHRIST

Then, looking upon an amalgamation of the nations of the world, which were indeed reflected in the names and faces of those to whom he spoke—German, Asian, American, European, English, as well as others—Herr Pracht, well known to European Baptists and Protestants, told the congregation about the wonder of it all as the transcending Christ binds the peoples of the world into a fellowship beyond the limitations of different cultures and societies, with their various languages and ethics.

Herr Pracht spent some eight and one-half years as a prisoner of war of the Communist Russians, long after the Second World War had ended. Condemned to twenty-five years of hard labor as a prisoner, for reasons none of those thousands can yet say, he knew: "I kept in my heart the words of Paul, uttered by one of our small group of Christians there in the compound, 'Rejoice, and again I say, rejoice!' Keep in mind, friends," said Herr Pracht, "this was in a place where we had no food, water or clothing. These words of Paul seemed to have a message for myself and my fellow prisoners. I had no Bible, but I called to mind the words of Psalm 103, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . Bless his holy name . . . who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness, and with tender mer-

## THE CHAPLAIN'S GREETINGS

Greetings from the land of Germany! I am delighted to send you the story "Laymen's Sunday" program. Herr Pracht is a leading German Baptist layman in Europe. He is the Senior Deacon of the Baptist Church in Wurzburg and is the one who has invited me to speak every other Tuesday evening in Schweinfurt to a group of Baptists who meet in his furniture store for Bible study and prayer. Place us on your prayer list as we continue to minister to the military and German nationals as well.—CLINTON E. GRENZ, Chaplain (Capt.) USA, Battalion Chaplain.

cies; . . . so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles.'

## DESPAIR VS HOPE

"It was ten years before I saw my loved ones again, but Jesus Christ spoke to my heart and I was able to endure those years even with the two voices, one of despair and the other of small hope, sounding in my ear and in my heart. The words you hear today may not be for you until years to come, just as I recalled them, having no Bible to read, but remembering from my Puritan Church teachings as a young boy."

Others appearing on the program



CHAPLAIN C. E. GRENZ  
U. S. Army Chaplain now stationed with his unit near Frankfurt, Germany.

for two of the services at which Herr Pracht spoke, were Specialist Thomas Gowins, Scripture and prayer; Pfc. Stan Hamilton, Prayer; Lt. James F. Thomson, PMOC President; Pfc. Fred Banfield, Prayer; S Sgt. Bob Onstead, Scripture; Pfc. Harry Brown, Benediction; Pfc. Jack White, Personal Testimony; Sfc. Roy Kohn, Solo; Mr. Frank Durr, Scripture and choir director; 1st Sgt. Jones, and 1st Sgt. Carrol, acting as ushers, along with Pfc. Williams, regular usher for the service; and Mrs. Barbara Norris, Organist. There were also many singing in the choir and participating in the service as a congregation of peoples representing Christ and worshipping together in love and accord.

## CHAPLAIN GRENZ' TESTIMONY

The chaplains at Conn Barracks, Clinton Grenz and Lyndel Barnes, said, "Often we wonder about German American relationships or relationships of the soldiers and their dependents within the country of which they are guests. Those who do should have been here today to have witnessed this magnificent Christian message by the laymen of the chapel. People of almost differing worlds lay aside every hindering thing and come together in Jesus Christ with thanksgiving and praise.

"We were blessed by this man of God, Herr Pracht, as he glorified God, and truly transcended civilizations and ethics with their limitations, with his message of God's surety and life-giving and sustaining source. He certainly gave us what he called, 'an iron ration of God's spiritual food.' Laymen's Day was observed in thousands of churches and chapels today, and I'm sure there was the same spirit of oneness, as Christians everywhere must feel each time they seek to magnify God in one mind and of one accord."

## THE 1965 ANNUAL

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# Varied Experiences Lead to Our Mission

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By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE WRITTEN testimonies of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey Harris in their application for missionary service confirm again the marvelous workings of God's Spirit in the lives of his children. First there is his leading to the need of salvation and the acceptance of Christ as Savior. Then there follows his leading in Christian witnessing which leads to a desire and call to Christian service. And then there is his leading to surmount the obstacles in getting the necessary preparation and training, after which God grants an open door to service.

In all these varied experiences William and Marcia Harris recognized the leading of God's Spirit and give honor to him as they dedicate their lives to serve Spanish-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas as our duly appointed missionaries.



REV. AND MRS. DEMPSEY HARRIS  
missionaries to the Spanish Americans in  
the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

## GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

Wm. Dempsey Harris was born on Feb. 12, 1936 at Albuquerque, New Mexico as the first born of five children (3 sisters and one brother) to Wm. and Dorothy Harris. His parents seldom went to church during his early years. Occasionally he attended the First Avenue Baptist Church in Albuquerque with his father's brother where he heard the Gospel for the first time. On one occasion he followed an invitation and stepped forward but did not understand the meaning of salvation. His mother disapproved of this action, and he was no longer permitted to go. Soon thereafter his parents sold their home and moved to the city's outskirts.

During his seventh grade he met Rev. L. E. Mishler and family at the Alameda Community Chapel. Through their influence he, his parents and other members of their family came to know Christ as Savior. Two years later in the summer of 1950 they were baptized by Rev. D. Maynard and joined the Alameda Community Church.

Marcia Germaine Harris, nee Hein, was born on Jan. 6, 1938 at Philadelphia, Pa., as the first born of five children (2 sisters and 2 brothers) to John and Mary Hein. Her father was serving in the Navy at that time, and thus during her early years the family travelled much as they followed their father. Between her age of 1½ to 3 years they were stationed at Hawaii. Upon their return they lived in turn at Jacksonville, Fla., in North Carolina, and in Corpus Christi, Texas. At that time her father was called into combat at Okinawa and returned after two years, during which time the family resided at El Centro, California.

Here at El Centro Marcia began her first grade of school. Together with her

mother they attended the Imperial Community Church where her mother's sister and family were members. At the age of five years, under the ministry of Rev. Elmer Wilder, Marcia accepted Christ as her Savior. The following year in 1944 she was baptized by Mr. Wilder and became a member of the Imperial Community Church. When her father returned from Okinawa, the family moved to San Diego, Calif., and attended the First Baptist Church there. Later the family moved to Spring Valley in San Diego County. Here they joined the Casa Do Oro Baptist Church of the Baptist General Conference.

## GOD'S CALL TO SERVICE

About the time of his baptism in 1950, Wm. D. Harris attended a Child Evangelism Camp. There he felt the call of God to missionary work and dedicated his life to such service. For reasons of health of one of the children, the family left New Mexico and moved to Stockton, Calif. At Stockton William attended the Woodruff Evangelical United Church.

Under the ministry of Rev. Roy McGrath he was led to see the importance of witnessing. He often accompanied the pastor in visits to hospitals, jails, and Rescue Missions. This gave him many opportunities in Christian witnessing. In Rescue Mission work he was frequently given the opportunity to speak to the men. This witnessing led him in his senior high school year at Stockton to re-dedicate his life for the preparation for the ministry.

Marcia also felt the call of God in her high school days to full time Chris-

tian service, especially to missions. This came about as she heard missionary speakers and attended camp. She was active at the time in her own church as Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, and youth worker. This Christian activity gave her much joy and created a greater desire for Christian service.

## YEARS OF PREPARATION

Frequently young people dedicate their lives for Christian service without realizing that years of preparation for such service are required. The Christian ministry requires no less a thorough preparation than what other professions require. It was noted above that Wm. D. Harris dedicated his life "for the preparation for the ministry." He realized the importance of such preparation. He wrote to the Moody Bible Institute and Arizona Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Mishler were dean of men and women at the latter institution at that time, and this no doubt influenced the final decision to go there. He enrolled at A.B.I. in 1954 and graduated with a Diploma in Bible in 1957.

Marcia was also looking about where she might get her Bible training. She thought of BIOLA and of A.B.I., and after much prayer decided to apply for admission to Arizona Bible Institute where she attended one year, 1956/57. Here William and Marcia met. This was William's final year at A.B.I. Upon his graduation, they were married on June 15, 1957. Marriage brought to Marcia the career and call of wife and mother and thus ended her formal Bible School training. Since then the Lord has given them five children.

During the summer of 1957 William and Marcia Harris worked among the Apache Indians in Payson, Arizona. This was their introduction to missionary work. In 1959 they moved to San Diego, Calif. Here William enrolled at the Linda Vista Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 1959 and graduated with a B.A. and B.Th. degree in May of 1962. All this time he was employed in secular work to provide for his family. In Sept. 1962 he enrolled at Talbot Theological Seminary in the hope of working towards a B.D. degree. However, his secular work schedule changed, and after one semester he had to discontinue his classes.

## SPANISH-AMERICAN WORK

Living at Anaheim, Calif., brought them in contact with our Magnolia Baptist Church where Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer is the pastor. They became members of this church of ours.

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# SPEAK UP!

An Open Forum for communication among North American Baptists to be moderated by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, minister of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and General Conference Moderator.

## TO ALL THE BRETHREN:

We are all thankful that we have the opportunity to converse with each other on a person to person basis once every three years. Some of the freshest and most constructive thinking I have heard has been expressed over a cup of coffee after a busy day at a General Conference. Some of the most valid concerns carried in the hearts of laymen and ministers alike have been given in front of the coke machine or at a luncheon table.

Sometimes I have felt that the things of greatest importance to us all never get to the floor. The agenda has to be filled with so much business and detail that the real communication among us is crowded out of the precious week we are together. There are people with important things to say—and they are not heard because there isn't time or because they would be too embarrassed to stand in the spotlight before a large group.

## FLOW OF COMMUNICATION

It has occurred to me that we need to have a living flow of communication all through the triennium. We need to keep the General Conference vitality alive. We must find some way to overcome the barriers of distance and make provision for our people to be heard. The deepest thinking and the most accurate impressions are not always conveyed by means of democratic representation at boards and committees. There are highly intelligent people in our denomination from whom I have never heard—at least publicly. I want to hear them.

To this end I am asking for your permission (and, I beg, your tolerance if I prove to be inept) to start an open forum by means of the printed page. Since this is an experiment, I make no promises as to how it will come out. Maybe the idea will prove to be sterile and will have to be dropped after a few times. On the other hand, it could prove to be a real help to us all. It can be a continuance of the face to face fellowship we enjoy around the book-tables and in the sweet-shops at a General Conference.

It can also raise our spiritual temperature as we learn what is on each other's heart. At least I would like to ask your permission to try it. Along with you I am concerned that the denomination be the finest, most fruitful, truly spiritual instrument for God it can possibly be. To this end we need the help of every layman and every minister we have.

## PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

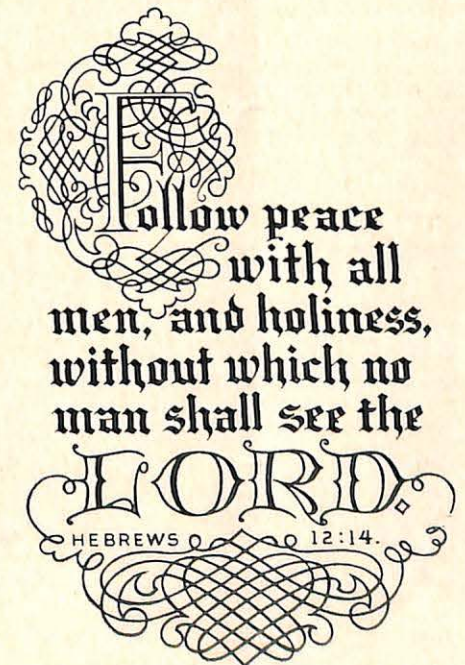
Now here is the procedure I have in mind—and we may have to alter it as time goes by. We will try to stay within the pattern of simple ground rules.

1. We invite any member of the North American Conference to write whatever may be on his heart, addressing all letters to the Forest Park office (7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois) with the words "SPEAK UP" written on the lower left face of the envelope (so we won't lose the letter in other business correspondence).

2. We will make an attempt to print as many as possible, but will be under no necessary obligation to do so because of limitations of space or duplication of contents. We will not be able to answer or acknowledge the receipt of any letter or return it to the sender.

3. Every letter must be signed by the writer; we will accept no anonymous mail. However, if the writer whose name has been signed does not want his name to appear in print we will simply say, "Name withheld by request." We will do this only if we are so requested. This will give more freedom of expression to those who might feel that their letters could be used to discriminate against them.

4. Absolutely no letter will be printed that engages in criticism of another person by name or designation of office. Neither shall we honor any letter that is not Christian in tone or written in good taste. Important note: If your



letter doesn't appear, please don't assume it was eliminated because of its content or wrong tone. Our problem will be space and time; we expect very few non-acceptable letters.

5. We ask that your letters be kept as brief as is necessary to make your point, but there will be no limitation on length. Some matters can't be discussed in ten lines, and we know it. Dr. Leuschner will have to determine how much column space is available in any given issue. Sometimes, if the letter is long, we may only be able to print one—and it could conceivably take up a whole page in the Herald.

6. The moderator asks permission to reply or comment concerning the letters if he feels so led. Some letters may need a reply; some may not. Sometimes it may be necessary for him to write a paragraph or two concerning the subject of any given letter.

## SEND YOUR LETTERS

Now, then, let us hear your feelings and thoughts about matters that concern us all. They may have to do with some aspect of our denominational life. They may simply reflect some thinking you have done in the field of theology or evangelism or administration or child-rearing or youth work or politics.

One thing more: if the "Speak Up!" page disturbs you in any way, take it up with the Lord. Don't level away at the denominational personnel. I know I speak for every believer when I say that while we all have our ideas and attitudes, we also have Christian grace in our hearts. We may not always agree, but we have deep and loving respect for every brother, and we rejoice in our Baptist freedom to serve him together without losing our individuality. I have always appreciated the motto: *In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty, and in all things charity.* Paul told us how to follow this: "In honor preferring one another."

Yours in Christ,

Dale Ihrle

Note: First "Speak Up" page: Dec. 31, 1964. Deadline for letters: 5 weeks previous to each issue.

## TRAVELING FOR CHRIST

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for our visitation program. Many people, who were not able to come to church, listened to the radio. Our visitation program was in the rural area again.

Our team has also shared Christ with the older people. We had meetings at the Stoney Creek Lodge, Bethany Senior Citizens Home in Camrose, as well as the Senior Citizens Home in Leduc. We sang and shared our witness with them. These programs were a real blessing to the older people, and we were encouraged by them to go on and win souls for our Christ.

These many opportunities have been a real joy and a challenge to us and we hope that we are receiving your prayer support so that we can continue in our ministry of winning souls.



# Fall Convocation at the C. T. I.

A total of 75 students are enrolled in the three departments of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta representing 5 Canadian provinces, 6 states of the U.S., and the country of Colombia, South America.

By Professor Wm. R. L. McLatchie, Edmonton, Alberta.

THE SUMMER'S busy schedule of travel, earning money, and Christian service and witness has drawn to a close with the opening of the 1964-1965 academic year at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Theological and high school students commenced their studies early in September, and the Bible School students joined the Institute family on registration day. Oct. 19, at the height of an unusually extended and beautiful fall season in Edmonton.

The completion of this year's student body was marked by the fall convocation on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20. A large gathering of parents, alumni, and friends of the Institute convened in the chapel with students, faculty and the executive committee of the Board of Trustees.

President Albert S. Felberg presided with Prof. Edward B. Link as leader of the congregational singing and Mrs. Verda Schalm as organist. The service was adorned with the musical offerings of two student groups, a mixed quintet and a male quartet. Prof. Edward B. Link sang "Remember Now Thy Creator" with viola obligato by Prof. William R. L. McLatchie.

The greetings and charge to the students from the trustees of the Institute



**PROF. WM. R. MULLER**  
faculty member of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta delivering the Convocation Address on "Preaching in a Changing World."

were given by Board chairman, Mr. Carl Lang. The Scripture text of the

convocation address, II Timothy 2:1-7 and 4:1-5, was read by Prof. McLatchie, and the convocation prayer was led by Prof. Arnold Rapske.

In recognition of his appointment this year to the Institute's faculty as Dean of Students and Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology, Rev. William R. Muller addressed the convocation. In his message on the subject, "Preaching in a Changing World," Prof. Muller pointed out the problems created by the rift between science and religion in the modern world and challenged contemporary Christians to meet present-day needs for the communication of the Gospel. Dr. Bernard Schalm led in the closing consecration prayer.

The Christian Training Institute has been blessed with a fine student body in three departments, and the rise in the enrollment of the Bible School Department is particularly gratifying. There are 18 students in the Theological Department, 42 in Bible School, and 15 in High School, a total of 75 students representing five provinces and six states, and one other country (Colombia, South America). The Institute is looking to God for his continued blessing and help in its growing program of education for more effective Christian service.

Our Sunday school as well as our church membership have continued to grow. Four new classes have been formed in our school. We are in the midst of a Sunday school expansion campaign. Last spring, a Jr.-Hi Youth Group was organized and much growth and enthusiasm resulted. Now the Sr.-Hi Group has been actively working, and a new College-Age Group also meets on Sunday evening.

The officers of the Christian Service Brigade recently sponsored a pancake and sausage supper for the boys and

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## Great Events at Xenia, Ohio

Report from the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio, a former Church Extension Project, by Mary A. Thompson.

THE CONGREGATION of the Community Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio experienced a glorious spiritual thrill on Sunday, Oct. 11, when they witnessed nine young people following their Savior in baptism. These decisions came about through the influence of the evangelistic services held in our church last spring by Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., through the Billy Graham Crusade in Columbus, Ohio in which our church had an active part, through the experiences at camp as well as through the teachings of our own Sunday school, youth groups and church services.

An additional blessing was ours at this baptismal service. About four years ago we held our first baptism at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, then located in Dayton, Ohio. We were meeting in a school at that time. The situation is now reversed. Cornerstone Church has sold its building and is relocating. They are now meeting in a

school and they needed a place to baptize their candidates. It was a joyous occasion to offer them the use of our church and again we were blessed by a joint baptismal service when six of Cornerstone's young people joined our candidates in a thrilling service.

The Lord has blessed us greatly.



Nine young people of the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio who were baptized by Rev. John Ziegler.

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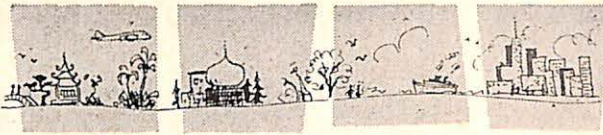
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# MARCH OF EVENTS



● "A MIGHTY FORTRESS" IN ROMAN CATHOLIC HYMNAL. A modern English version of Martin Luther's famous hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is included in The People's Mass Book, a new Roman Catholic hymnal published in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brought out by the World Library of Sacred Music, the book has the imprimatur of Auxiliary Bishop Paul F. Liebold of Cincinnati. The Catholic version is not substantially different from English translations sung in Protestant churches except that archaic language is modernized. It makes a number of changes in words and phraseology but retains the well-known first two lines: "A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing." (ABNS).

● GERMAN PROTESTANTS IN POLAND. German Protestantism has virtually disappeared from the former East German areas which came under Communist control and Polish administration following the Second World War, states Dr. Harold Kruska, President of Church Service East, an agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany. Dr. Kruska stated that since 1939, when there were more than three million communicants, the number of German Protestants in the wide east area has been reduced to thirty-five thousand.

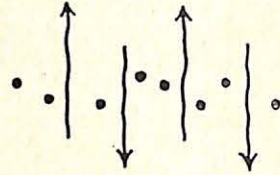
● MEMORIAL TO DR. SCUDDER. A memorial to the late Dr. Ida S. Scudder, founder of the Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital, will be erected in the form of a one thousand-seat auditorium in Vellore, India. The structure will be available for concerts, lectures, religious gatherings and college student meetings. Dr. Scudder spent some sixty years as a medical missionary in India, prior to her death in 1960. The medical college which she established at Vellore was the first co-educational Christian school of its kind in India. It is supported by many denominations around the world.

● NATIONAL S. S. CONVENTION. The 19th annual National Sunday School Convention was held in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, Oct. 7-9, 1964. There were 6807 registered delegates for the stimulating and interesting Workshops. Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon spoke on the first evening. In the registrations 30 states were represented; also the Bahamas and Canada. There was a good representation of North American Baptists participating from the Oregon Association. Mr. Melvin Becker of Trinity Church of Portland assisted with the cashiering and accounting. Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz of the Bethany Baptist Church had the interesting privilege of serving at the registration desk during the days of the Convention, as reported by Mrs. Schulz.

● HONORS FOR BILLY GRAHAM. Billy Graham, world evangelist, was honored in Raleigh, North Carolina, his home state, on Nov. 18, on the occasion of his winning the 1964 Upper Room Citation. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of "The Upper Room," in making the announcement said: "The award is given to Dr. Graham 'for his outstanding contribution to world Christian fellowship. He is a compelling minister of

the gospel. He has preached to more people in person and has worked with more Christians of many denominations than anyone else. His work has been on all of the continents and on many islands of the sea." "The Upper Room" is an interdenominational daily devotional guide published bi-monthly in 36 languages and 42 editions. It is distributed in some 120 countries of the world.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS



● Baptists of Yugoslavia. Fifty-eight British Baptists recently visited the Baptists of Yugoslavia. They worshipped with churches at Severin na Kupi and Rijeka, and they visited in the homes of Baptist families. Richard Kingston, a member of the group, has reported, on their return to England, that Yugoslav Baptists number 3,700 in 46 churches. Forty per cent of the members are under 35 years of age and the church is adding about 100 members a year. Yugoslav Baptist history began in 1862 or earlier and their Baptist Union was born in the early 1920s.

● Tent Evangelism in Germany. Eighty-three tent evangelism campaigns were conducted in West Germany and West Berlin during the summer by the Evangelical Free Church Union (Baptist). "The task of the tent missions is to reach those who have no contact with the churches," said Rudolf Thaut, general secretary of the Union. The Union has 12 tents, which seat from 250 to 1,000 persons. Others are provided by district conventions. Meetings are held in villages and towns as well as in the great industrial cities. Several are arranged for holiday and rest centers.

● Resolution of Irish Baptists. The Baptist Union of Ireland, during its annual assembly in Belfast, went on record as opposing the ecumenical movement. The resolution declared: "That this assembly being convinced of the pressing necessity for all evangelical Christians to clarify their attitude towards the World Council of Churches, the present ecumenical movement and the Romeward trend discernible in many quarters, now places on record its fundamental opposition to the movements already enumerated, and hereby appoints a committee to prepare a statement for publication which will make clear the

grounds of our opposition as Irish Baptists to these developments."

● 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. The Parliament of Norway has awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to Martin Luther King, Jr., Atlanta, Ga. Dr. King, an American Baptist pastor, is a noted leader in the civil rights movement and is head of the Southern Christian Leadership Council. Dr. King's leadership in non-violent action for race relations, which has won world-wide attention, commended him for the Nobel award. The American Baptist Convention gave him the first Dahlberg Peace Award when the Convention met in Atlantic City, N. J. last May. (ABNS).

● Dr. W. A. Criswell. The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Dr. W. A. Criswell, emerged unscathed when the small plane in which he was riding crash-landed in the Peruvian Amazon jungle, September 1. Rev. Criswell said, "It was one of the most miraculous providences that God has ever given me." The prominent Baptist pastor was on an annual missions tour, observing the work of Southern Baptist foreign missions in South America.

● New Convention for Haitian Churches. Rev. Aaron Webber, Administrative Associate for the Division of Latin America, met with the new directive Board of the Haitian Baptist Convention in Port au Prince, Haiti, at its joint session early in October. Formal organization of the Convention was on July 21, 1964. The constitution and by-laws were adopted during a Pastors' Retreat, August 5-8, at Limbe Seminary. The Board of the Convention is made up of four pastors and the general missionary. Baptists have been in Haiti for over a century. The American Baptist Home Mission Society sent its first missionary there in 1923. Today the 74 churches minister to 545 stations.

● Rev. and Mrs. Robert Krueger of Grand Rapids, Mich., have announced the birth of a son, Timothy Jon, on Sept. 24. Mr. R. Krueger formerly served as pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● Mr. William Epp recently resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, High Prairie, Alberta, effective Oct. 30, 1964. He announced that he would become the pastor of a church in Slave Lake, Alberta at that time. He has served as minister of the High Prairie Church since 1961.

● Evangelistic services were held at the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., from Oct. 4 to 16 with Rev. H. Walter Trim of Jamestown, N. Dak., as evangelist. There was special music at every service, and several persons rededicated their lives anew to Christ during these meetings, as reported by Mrs. Edwin Schmidt. Rev. Ervin J. Faul is the pastor.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. J. R. Kruegel of Trenton, Illinois to which he has responded favorably. He hoped to begin his ministry in the Northside Church about Dec. 1st, succeeding Rev. Robert G. Krueger. Mr. Kruegel was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois since 1957.

● The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas has extended a call to Rev. Kenneth Howe of Spokane, Washington, which he has accepted. Mr. Howe will begin his ministry in the Central Church on December 13, succeeding Rev. L. B. Hinz. Mr. Hinz has served the Central Church since February 1957. He has been appointed Chaplain at the Veteran's Hospital in Waco, Texas. Mr. Howe has been the minister of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., since 1959.

● Rev. Otto Patzia of Vancouver, B. C. recently presented his resignation to the Ebenezer Baptist Church which he had served as pastor since 1959. At the same time he asked the church to release him from all pastoral duties as of Oct. 1, 1964. The church graciously granted his request and accepted his resignation. His plans for the immediate future call for a complete rest for at least three months. Mr. Patzia stated: "After that we shall see how the Lord leads and be ready to serve wherever we are needed."

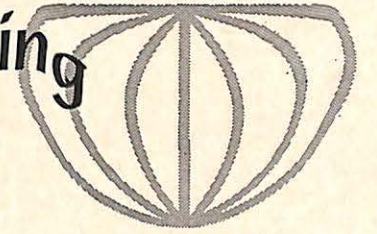
● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana from Nov. 8 to 15 with Rev. Arthur K. Schulz of the Bethany Church, Portland, Ore., serving as the evangelist. Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 18 with Mr. Dennis Huber in charge of the evening service. Several messages were brought by these laymen on "Spiritual Sleep": Ed Wolff, D. Fuchs and Ed Wiest. Other laymen took part in both of the Sunday services. Rev. Richard A. Grenz is the pastor.

● On Sunday, Oct. 4, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., baptized three persons and received five new members into the fellowship of the church. On Nov. 1st two others were received into the church. Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 18 with a special meeting held that evening. Guest speakers were Mr. William

Hamden, Conn.; vice moderator, Rev. M. Y. Stewart, Boston, Mass.; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Taylor, Bridgeport, Conn.

● The Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., has approved the appointment of a seven-member Planning Committee charged with the responsibility of planning for the future.

## what's happening



McGuire, principal of East Hills Junior High School; Mr. C. G. Kinnison of the insurance department of the Detroit Edison Company; and Mr. David Penner, a surgeon.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., held a Teacher Training Course from Oct. 12 to 15 with Rev. John Binder, assistant secretary of Christian Education in our NAB Conference, serving as the teacher. The results were very encouraging with an enrollment of 30. The young people of the church have elected their officers as follows: Berndt Goebel, president; Irene Reiter, vice president; Irmgard Hebel, secretary; Alfred Hebel, treasurer; and Mr. Franz Mohr, advisor and Bible expositor. Rev. Assaf Husmann is pastor of the church.

● As a part of its service to the community, the Forest Park Church permitted the use of the lower auditorium for purposes of voter registration on Oct. 6 and voting on Nov. 3. Appropriate signs were placed in the entrance to maintain the practice upheld by the church. With the many people passing in and out of the building, it was the prayer of the congregation that this contact with the church might be a means of drawing them to the Savior and that those still without a church home would feel a desire to come and worship with the church, as reported by Miss Erna Redlich.

● The 67th annual sessions of the New England Association were held on Oct. 10 and 11 at the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn. Guest speakers were Rev. Ruben Kern, Eastern District secretary; and Dr. Ralph E. Powell, N.A.B. Seminary professor who is on sabbatical leave at Princeton Theological Seminary. The theme, "The High Calling of God" (Philippians 3:14), was considered by pastors of the Association. The newly elected officers are: moderator, Mr. Douglas Shepard,

recommending the most feasible steps to be taken to bring to fruition a new and more spacious building in church and neighborhood. A church-wide Training Union has also been present, beginning with Nov. 15. At group of young people. The church hopes to add two adult classes, as well as a Primary and Story Hour Group shortly. Dr. Louis R. Johnson is pastor of the church.

● The Rock Hill Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston), Mass., held an impressive service of installation for its pastor, Rev. Melville Yorke Stewart, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14. Rev. Ruben Kern, Eastern District secretary, brought the sermon of installation. Other ministers participating in the service were Rev. William Kershaw with the charge to the congregation, Rev. Kenneth McCowan with the charge to the church, and Rev. Richard Sweetzer offering the prayer of installation. Mr. John McDonald extended the welcome to the pastor in behalf of the church.

● God's Volunteers Team II and the Director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, were involved in an accident in Saskatoon, Sask. on Oct. 28th. All six team members were in the car, a 1963 Pontiac Station Wagon. The car slowed down to 10 miles per hour at a caution light, cross walk. Another car rammed in from the back at about 60 miles per hour. The impact was such that the entire back of our car was wrecked, the frame bent, both seats were torn loose, and the motor dismounted from the frame. Almost miraculously no one was seriously hurt except for whiplashes, the result of which may show up later. All members have had a medical check-up. A replacement of the car may be required. Legally our team is in the clear.



# We the Women

BY MRS. DELMAR WESSELER  
of Lorraine, Kansas  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

Mrs. Marie Waltereit of East Detroit, Mich., is our enthusiastic White Cross chairman. We have already been challenged by her reports of the largest amount of White Cross materials ever sent to Africa. Mrs. Waltereit comes from Columbus, Nebraska where she was a member of the Shell Creek Baptist Church. She is a versatile person, for her training included Teacher's Training, a year of nurse's training before her husband induced her to get two years education in Northwestern Bible School.

She is well prepared for her role as an active minister's wife. Three children help keep their home lively: Ruth, a senior in Wayne State University; David, in grade 12 in High School; and James in the 6th grade.

Besides helping in nearly every area of church life, she has been president of the Dakota Conference, Northern Conference, and is the White Cross chairman of the Central Conference. She knows many of the "joys" of the Missionary Societies for she was president in different churches for 16 years. She truly comes to us with a varied background of experience.

## OUR WHITE CROSS CHALLENGE

By Mrs. H. J. Waltereit

This world of ours has three kinds of people living on it. They are known as the Wills, the Won'ts, and the Can'ts.

The Wills accomplish everything; the Won'ts oppose everything; and the Can'ts fail in everything. How we thank God that our women belong to the Wills! We were greatly impressed with the tremendous amount of White Cross work that was sent out to Africa last year. All of this was because you women purposed in your hearts to follow our Master's example when he said, "I must work while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

The year 1963 brought new advances on our mission fields with the opening of the new Maternity Hospital at Bango and the Maternity Center at Mbem. Our missionaries rejoice over these new opportunities of witnessing. Thus our objective in White Cross has also increased.

Questions have been asked by many of our women concerning our quotas which I shall endeavor to answer. Our White Cross Chairman in Africa (one of our nurses) estimates each year the need of the Mbingo Hospital, Bango

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# From the Professor's Desk

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

Are there not some circumstances in extreme situations which may justify or make permissible the humane taking of the life of some helplessly suffering individual whose life is no longer worth living?

This question involves the problem of euthanasia, or so-called "mercy killing." It can at times be an emotionally-loaded question, which in extreme situations makes it very difficult to give any easy answer. Whatever the circumstances, however, the writer feels that such "mercy killing" would always be wrong.

The ground he advances for such a categorical answer is that God alone is the Author and Ruler of life, which must always be held as a sacred trust from him and in complete submission to him as the only One who has the right to dispose of or to terminate the life of a soul which he created after his own image. God is the preserver and sovereign over life; he alone can decide when a particular life has come to its appointed moment of death. Man may not take the prerogative of life and death in his own hands. This is an inviolable right which only the Creator can exercise. It is for him alone to justify the continuance of a life or to dispose of it.

## GOD'S EXCLUSIVE RULE

When all this is said, it is readily admitted that there are such pathetic

cases where life (as far as finite, mortal man can judge) seems absolutely no longer worth living. Yet the principle of God's exclusive rule over human life and death cannot be compromised, however emotionally arousing some cases of extremity might be. This must be maintained, the writer feels, even though the sufferer of some incurable disease may himself passionately request the termination of his miserable existence.

It would seem to go without saying that if the grievously suffering victim did not explicitly give his consent or express his wish for such a deliberate death, or if, as in the case of mentally incompetent persons, such a request could not be made, that it would be a gross usurpation of prerogatives to terminate the life in however merciful a manner without such an explicitly expressed wish. For example, who could judge how dearly even an incurably insane patient may cling to life in spite of his suffering?

But even when the absolutely helpless and hopeless sufferer passionately asks for relief in death, such supreme, ultimate action lies only in the counsels and action of God. An important consideration arises at this point in the distinction between arbitrarily taking away a life and the doing of everything possible in order to prolong life artificially. There is a difference between the deliberate ending of a person's life, which actually constitutes killing, and allowing a person to die a natural death.

## A LIFE'S UTILIZABLE VALUE

Whatever obligations a medical doctor may feel to prolong the life of his patient through artificial means and thus to postpone death for as long as possible, there seems to be no such obligation from the consideration of Christian ethics so to extend the life and hence the sufferings of the patient, unless it would be his expressed wish for this to be done. Particularly if the sufferer explicitly stated his desire to be relieved of his miseries, then it would appear to be altogether legitimate to let nature take its own course and thus to allow the end to come in its own due time. This is altogether different from the intentional destroying of life.

Some have suggested the rather extreme thesis that life has a right to existence as long as it is in any way useful to society, and when this utility ceases the life may be removed. This idea is basic upon the false premise that life consists only in its utilizable value for the community. But life which is created and preserved by God

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## WE THE WOMEN

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Hospital, and other centers. This need (quota) is sent to the denominational White Cross Chairman. She divides this quota into 9 quotas, not evenly, but according to the number of women workers in each Conference. Our women workers in each Conference range from 133 (the smallest) to 1981 (the largest), so that you can readily see why we assign quotas per member. Our local Conference White Cross chairman takes the quota assigned to her Conference and in the same way tries to divide the quota among the individual mission societies. You see how difficult this is because some articles are more time consuming and more costly because of yardage; thus one large article may be equal to three small ones.

It costs headquarters 30c per pound to send White Cross work on to Africa. Again and again someone asks, "Can't these things be purchased in Africa?" This summer I put this question to Mrs. Peter Fehr. She said, "Sometime ago Dr. Fehr needed bandages very quickly. So he drove to the government hospital to buy some, but found it impossible to buy any." Women, do you realize how important your work is? By supplying our missionaries with White Cross work, they have the opportunity to fulfil a two-fold mission, that of healing the body while they present the precious Gospel to the sick soul.



MRS. H. J. WALTEREIT  
of East Detroit, Michigan, White Cross  
Chairman of the Woman's Missionary  
Union.

I have faith that unitedly we will meet the great objective that has been placed in our hands. With a prayer on my lips I would challenge us all with the words of Paul in I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved sisters, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Standing (left to right): Mrs. Willy Herke, Editor, German Program Packet; Mrs. Edward Kopf, Editor, English; Mrs. Raymond Yahn, Editor, English Program Packet; Mrs. David J. Draewell, Council Representative; Mrs. H. J. Schulz, Editor, German. Sitting (left to right): Mrs. Eric Pohl, Treasurer; Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Vice-President; Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler, President; Mrs. Jothan Benke, Secretary; Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, White Cross Chairman.

## VARIED EXPERIENCES

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Through the ministry of Mr. Fischer, who is a member of our Board of Missions and now its Vice-President, they learned about our Spanish-American Mission and about our plans for the appointment of another couple to the work in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. This appealed to them. As they prayed about this, they were led to inquire and made known their desire.

The Board of Missions considered their application and appointed them as missionaries to the Spanish Americans in Rio Grande Valley. They were to begin with September, devote the major part of the first year to language study and look around for the opening of mission work in and around McAllen, Texas. This is to be an expansion of our Rio Grande City work, where a church has now been organized known as the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church and where Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval are now ministering.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Harris accepted the appointment. The Magnolia Baptist Church ordained Mr. Harris to the Christian ministry on July 12, 1964. It also undertook partial support for them. At the time of the General Conference in Sacramento Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey Harris were among others commissioned to missionary service on Sunday, July 19, 1964.

They have since moved to Edinburg, Texas where they are presently engaged in the study of the Spanish language. They find their practical experience in the services of Garcias Ranch Baptist Church at Rio Grande City. May God Guide them to find the proper location for the opening of the new testimony in missionary work among the Spanish speaking people in the South!

## THE PROFESSOR'S DESK

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possesses an inherent right which is wholly independent of its social utility. And in God's sight there is no life that is not worth living, for life itself is valued by God whose purposes, sometimes mysterious and inscrutable, are often beyond the limited understanding of finite men. "The fact that God is the Creator, Preserver and Redeemer of life," states Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "makes even the most wretched life worth living before God."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Promised Land. Jesus came to lead us into a new life and into the greatest Promised Land of all—heaven.

He is also Emmanuel, God with us, and his Holy Spirit is God in us.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Why was it necessary for Jesus to have a human father and mother?
2. Why does God want to be with us when so few people want to be with God?





# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 13, 1964

Theme: BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Scripture: Philemon 8-21.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** True brotherly love can be an experience only for those who through Christ acknowledge God as their heavenly Father.

**INTRODUCTION:** The letter to Philemon is not as well known and not as intensely studied because it is concerned with what seems to be a personal problem and does not discuss any theological issues. It is one of the shortest epistles in the Bible. Paul had occasion to write to Philemon, who was probably a well-to-do businessman, in behalf of Onesimus, a runaway slave. Philemon must have become a Christian while Paul worked in Ephesus. They became close friends, and the church at Colossae met in his home which must have been spacious enough to accommodate a large group (Philemon 2).

Like most slaves, Onesimus had the desire to escape and try to begin life over again as a free man in a place where he thought he would not be recognized. Since Rome was a large city, he thought he would be unnoticed among the thousands of inhabitants.

Brotherly love becomes especially significant in this lesson because it shows the difference the love of Christ has already made in the attitude and relationship of a Christian slaveholder toward his slave.

I. A SLAVE REBORN. Philemon 8-14.

Paul was dealing with a very delicate situation. Somehow Onesimus may have attended a Christian meeting or gotten in contact with Paul and he became a convert. Confession and repentance must have been very difficult for him as a runaway slave, knowing that the consequences could be tragic. Slaves were dealt with very severely, and it was not uncommon to have them killed. His new birth must have been very genuine, therefore, in the face of all the circumstances.

The runaway experience actually worked out for the best because of an unprofitable slave became profitable, both to Paul and to Philemon. True conversion makes a man worth something—physically as well as spiritually.

II. A SLAVE'S NEW STATUS. Philemon 15-17.

We do not know why Onesimus could not have become a Christian while he was in the household of his master. However, there must have been something planted in his heart which

attracted him to the Christians in Rome.

Even though Paul accepted the fact of slavery in the light of the time in which he lived, he nevertheless saw a higher order of the equality of man. Because of Jesus Christ, he saw in Onesimus no longer a slave but a brother beloved. Paul, Philemon and Onesimus were now on the home level and had the same worth in the sight of God. At the foot of the cross all men are equal.

III. PAUL'S TOTAL INTERCESSION FOR A SLAVE. Philemon 18-21.

How willingly Paul puts himself into the place of another. What he is saying is this: "Welcome this runaway slave as you would welcome the apostle Paul. If he owes you anything and is unable to make restitution, charge it to my account and I will see to it that you are reimbursed. I am taking full responsibility for Onesimus, and I have faith in him that he can be fully trusted."

It gives us inward strength when friends have confidence in us. It inspires us to live up to the faith that others have in us.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What kind of advice do you think Paul would have given if the master of Onesimus had not been a Christian?

2. What is the difference between a physical brotherhood and a spiritual brotherhood?

3. Did Paul ever speak out more directly against slavery (Gal. 3:28)? Does this verse have anything to say about discrimination?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 20, 1964

Theme: "GOD WITH US"

Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 18-25

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** While we are planning to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us also be concerned about the new birth in the hearts of men.

**INTRODUCTION:** In our last lesson we saw what effect the Gospel of Jesus Christ has had on slavery. It was only a beginning, but as people began to understand the message more fully they realized the importance of human worth and freedom. It culminated in the appearance of two great men whom God sent in the fullness of time—William Wilberforce in England and Abraham Lincoln in America.

But the world is still enslaved by sin and this is the greatest and most important reason for which Christ came. "I came that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundant-

ly" (John 10:10). Paul also realized the importance of the coming of Jesus when he said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15).

Matthew is the first gospel although not the oldest. He wrote it to convince the Jewish people that Jesus was the Messiah which was predicted in the Scriptures. The details of Jesus' genealogy and birth were therefore given special importance because the Jewish people were concerned with the ancestry of the one he was presenting as King. Matthew's purpose was to stress the kingly nature of Jesus.

I. THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS. Matthew 1:1.

The first 17 verses may sound a little dry and monotonous to the reader of the Bible today. But not so to the Jews. They kept a careful record of their ancestors in order to keep alien people out of their family line. A priest, in particular, had to be able to produce an unbroken record of his lineage back to Aaron.

Most of us cannot trace our genealogy back very far. Others may not be very proud of their ancestors. It is not always important for you to know where you came from, but it is important to know where you are going. Being Abraham's children did not make the Jews one whit better (John 8:39). We will not be judged by what our ancestors were but by what we are.

II. THE BIRTH OF JESUS. Matthew 1:18-20.

We do not know very much about Joseph and Mary. Neither seemed to have any particular family distinction in their generation. Evidently they belonged to a pious remnant which continued to serve God with the heart, soul and mind even after religion as a whole had lost much of its vitality and power. Their heart warming spiritual religion was in strong contrast to the traditional ceremonial habits of the priests, scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees.

The important part to remember is that, when God chose to reveal himself, he did it through the means of a family. There is no better way of getting to the heart of humanity than to enter and abide in the home.

III. THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING. Matthew 1:21-25.

In the fullness of time God sent his Son in order to perform the greatest mission in the world. Jesus is the Greek form of the name Joshua which means "Jehovah is salvation." The first Joshua led the Jewish nation into the

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BAPTIST HERALD

# our denomination in action

## special events

**HEBRON, N. DAK.** The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 27, with Rev. A. J. Borchardt of Streeter, N. Dak., as guest speaker. Special music was rendered by the church choir at both services. The church was decorated with all kinds of fruit and harvests of the field. A special mission offering was received. We thank God for his care and blessing which were ours during the past year. Rev. E. J. Faul is our pastor. (Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter).

**GACKLE, NORTH DAKOTA.** Fruits, vegetables, and other evidences of the God's abundance decorated the sanctuary of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., Oct. 4, when Miss Laura Reddig, veteran of 26 years in Africa, served as speaker for the Harvest Mission Festival. The largest Harvest Mission Festival offering in the history of the church was received totalling nearly \$1,700 which goes in its entirety to foreign missionary work of North American Baptists. In addition to the Harvest Mission offering, quarterly mission offerings are received which also go for missions. The church was well-filled for both morning and evening services, and about 30 young people were in attendance at the youth service at which Miss Reddig also spoke. (Bernard Edinger, Pastor).

**ODESSA, WASH.** We of the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., are happy to report a fine response to our annual Mission Harvest Festival and Missionary Conference held Oct. 11-12 with Dr. Leslie Chaffee as our guest speaker. In spite of the fact that this area has suffered from a severe drought, leaving farmers with only half a normal crop and with pasture land for cattle dried out, our little group gave \$1450 for missions and Church Extension. We had an interesting innovation started this spring. Following the idea of "Steer, Inc." two members have volunteered to pasture young steers, donated by others, and then give the increase to missions when the steers are sold. God has honored this procedure in a number of areas. Perhaps it could provide a new channel of missionary interest in some of our farming area churches. (Vern Slater, Pastor).

**DANZIG AND TYNDALL, S. D.** The Danzig Baptist Sunday school of South Dakota observed the Harvest Mission Program on Sunday evening, Oct. 11. The program was arranged by the committee composed of Mrs. LaVern Berndt, Mrs. William Radack and Wilbert Buchholz. The platform was appropriately decorated with fruits and

vegetables by Mrs. Roland Pudwill, Mrs. Clifton Hubner and Mrs. Clinton Berndt. A missionary offering was received. Harlan Voigt, Sunday school superintendent, was in charge of the program. The Tyndall Baptist Sunday school observed its Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 18. A potluck fellowship was enjoyed at 6:00 P.M. followed by the program from the Sunday school with Calvin Finck, superintendent in charge. The committee in charge of decorating the church auditorium were Mrs. Harven Rueb, Mrs. Andrew Stemper and Mrs. Albert Schuh. Appropriate remarks were made by Rev. George Lubbers. A missionary offering was received. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

**ORDINATION, REV. CHESTER STROBEL.** Ordination services were held by the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska on Sept. 29, for their pastor, Rev. Chester Strobel. It was a momentous occasion as church members made the day's activities a memorable one in the Lord. The parents of both Rev. and Mrs. Strobel were present. Seventeen laymen and pastors made up the Council delegation from Creston, Redeemer and Shell Creek of Columbus, Nebraska; First Baptist of Dickinson County and Ebenezer, Elmo and Highland of Junction City, Kansas. Local church deacons Carl Rice and Duane Higgins led in the opening of the Council sessions. Rev. Paul Zoschke of Shell Creek was elected as moderator of the Council. Deacon Carl Rice presided at the evening service. Guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Raymond Dickau, Parkersburg, Iowa, a former pastor of



Rev. Paul Meister who was ordained on Oct. 24 by the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and is now serving as pastor at Watertown, Wisconsin.

Brother Strobel. Special music was brought by the choir. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Zoschke. Rev. LeRoy Schauer gave the charge to the church. Rev. James Schacher gave the charge to the candidate. The hand of fellowship into the ministry was extended by Rev. Oliver Ringering. (LeRoy Schauer, Council Clerk).

**ORDINATION, REV. PAUL MEISTER.** Delegates from 13 churches in the Chicago area met in Council on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Paul Meister into the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Meister is a recent graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary and has accepted the call to serve the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., as of Nov. 1st.

Rev. Bert Itterman was elected moderator and Rev. Walter Schmidt secretary of the Council. The candidate gave a concise, clear and thorough statement concerning his conversion experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. It was unanimously recommended by the Council that we continue with the ordination service. Dr. Charles W. Koller, interim pastor at Foster Ave. Church, presided at the ordination service, offered the ordination prayer and gave the charge to the church. Rev. David J. Draewell brought the ordination message. Rev. Carl Palfenier read the Scripture passage and Rev. Herbert Berndt led in prayer. The Foster Ave. Male Chorus under the direction of Dr. Herbert Pankratz sang two numbers. Rev. Walter Schmidt gave the charge to the candidate and Dr. Frank H. Woyke welcomed the candidate into the Gospel Ministry. The offering of the evening was given to Mr. Meister toward the purchase of books for his library. Rev. Paul Meister closed the service with the benediction. (Walter Schmidt, Secretary).

## sunday school programs & events

**GERMAN CHURCH, CALGARY, ALTA.** A Vacation Bible School was held from Aug. 3 to 16 at Forest Lawn, Calgary, Alberta, a Church Extension work of the German Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. G. P. Schroeder. The classes were held in both English and German. We started with 46 children the first day. The attendance rose beyond our expectations as we had 93 children on the fourth day. The interesting point was that only a few of these (about 15) were children of church members. The 10 teachers, one of whom was Rev. H. S. Stinner, stayed for a brief discussion and prayer at the end of each school day. Our aim was to show Jesus to



the children with the theme, "Jesus the Promised Savior." (H. Hattenhaur, Reporter).

**OAK BANK, MANITOBA.** Scripture Memory Course pins and grand awards were presented to students who had completed their year's work at the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., on Sunday, Sept. 20. With the blessing of God, the faithfulness of teachers, the interest of students, the fine co-operation of mothers, and under the capable sponsor, Miss Grace Albrecht, the following list has been made possible: 16 students completed their year's work and were awarded their yearly pin; 14 girls and boys learned the Extra Honor verses; two grand award winners were Fred Arnold and Howard Edmonds. This brings the number to five who have completed the Scripture Memory Course in our Sunday school. (Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter).

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** A Leadership Training Course on "Teaching Successfully: Adults, Youth, Primary and Junior, and Kindergarten and Nursery" was conducted at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., during the month of October. The teachers for these respective groups were Pastor H. J. Freeman, Gordon Loux, Cathryn Cramer and Erna Redlich, and Martha Remus. In spite of the many activities now in progress, 20 workers took advantage of this opportunity for more specialized training with most of them completing the course for credit. Mrs. Hollis Barber is the general superintendent of the Sunday school and Rev. L. G. Bienert is the chairman of the Board of Christian Education in our church. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

## Baptist Men

**MADISON, S. DAK.,** The Men's Brotherhood had charge of the morning service at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., on Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 18. Arville Mohrman read Scripture and Graydon Rohrer led in prayer. Elton Wernisch, president of the Brotherhood, introduced the speaker, Mr. Henry Fluth, a layman from the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. He based his message, "Functioning Christian Laymen," on Proverbs 4:23. The Men's Brotherhood held its first meeting on Sept. 22 with their wives and friends as guests at a delicious dinner. Rev. D. Omanson of the Sun Prairie Baptist Church, Canova, S. Dak., spoke to the group. A message in song was brought by Mrs. Omanson and by the Men's Quartet.

**TYNDALL AND DANZIG, S. D.** The men of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of South Dakota observed Men and Missions Sunday at the Danzig Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Oct. 24. Erwin Weber, president, was in charge of the program. Scripture reading was by John Brandt, prayer by Richard Voigt, and Wilbert Buchholz led the song service. A vocal solo by



Fred Arnold and Howard Edmonds (left to right) of Oak Bank, Manitoba won the Grand Award in Scripture Memorization.

Bob Rueb and a men's quartet of Harven Rueb, Calvin Fink, Sidney Hebner and Albert Mattis brought special music. Two laymen, Sidney Hebner of the Danzig Church and John Lubbers of the Tyndall Church, brought challenging messages. Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor, made comments regarding the missionary offering towards the Peter Fehr project which Baptist Men of the South Dakota Association have adopted. Becky Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Weber, was a winner of the grand award in the Scripture Memory Work program. She is a member of the Tyndall Baptist Sunday school. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 18 in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with a large number of laymen participating in the morning and evening services. In the morning service the male chorus, under the direction of H. B. Johns, sang "A Volunteer for Jesus" by Gabriel. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, spoke on the topic "The Lord Hath Called By Name." The evening service was completely in



Becky Weber of the Tyndall Baptist Sunday School who was a grand award winner in Scripture Memorization.

charge of the laymen with the message "In Times Like These" presented under three topics: "Men Need the Savior" by Ben Wiese; "The Savior Needs Men" by Benjamin A. Purdom; and "Church and Men Need Each Other" by Guenther Hochheimer. The benediction was pronounced by Gordon Loux, assistant to the pastor. (Erna Redlich, Reporter.)

## Association Sessions

**SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION.** From Oct. 4-6 the churches of the South Dakota Association met at the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison for a thrilling Fall Meeting. The theme for these days was well chosen, "The Family in God's Family." Several of our area pastors spoke on subjects related to the theme. The Association felt privileged to have had as guests for the many sessions, Dr. R. Schilke, Dr. J. C. Gunst, and Missionary Barbara Kieper. The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. Leland Friesen, Emery; vice moderator, Rev. W. Dachtler, Rapid City; secretary, Rev. John Hesel, Parkston-Tripp; and treasurer, Mr. Harold Lippert, Parkston-Tripp.

**WOMEN'S SESSIONS, S. DAK. ASSOCIATION.** The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association was held at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. D., on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6. The service was led by our president, Mrs. W. D. Dachtler of Rapid City. She also led in a very impressive playlet, "You Make the Difference." Mrs. Donald Miller of Corona read Scripture and led in prayer. Song service was led by Mrs. Ronald Mayforth of Madison. Special music was presented by Mrs. N. Buchholz, Mrs. A. Berndt, Mrs. R. Meyer and Mrs. M. Chytka of Northside Church, Sioux Falls. Miss Barbara Kieper, missionary to Cameroon, spoke on "A Day's Work as a Midwife in the Cameroons," putting special emphasis on our White Cross work and challenging us with the words, "Carest thou not that we perish?" A tea followed, hosted by the Madison ladies. Mrs. Backus, local president extended the welcome. A trio number "It's Not an Easy Road" was sung by Mrs. L. Potratz, Mrs. H. Loof, and Mrs. M. Hoekman of Corona accompanied by Mrs. A. Harsch. The new officers are: Mrs. W. D. Dachtler, Rapid City, president; Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Emery, vice president; and Mrs. Donald Miller, Corona, secretary-treasurer. (Mrs. Fred Jacobs, Reporter).

**CENTRAL DAKOTA-MONTANA ASSOCIATION.** The Central Dakota-Montana Association convened at the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana Oct. 8-11. The pastor, Rev. E. Kopf, and members of the host church made the stay of the delegates very pleasant by their warm and friendly welcome. The Association was also spiritually enriching. Professor Hugo Lueck of

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Association pastors delivered eight messages on the inspiring theme, "The Biblical Teachings of the Holy Spirit." Missionary Laura Reddig of Cameroon won her way into the hearts of each one anew by her missionary messages.

Rev. David Littke moderated the business sessions. A Church Extension Committee was organized to investigate prospective fields, make surveys and give direction to groups interested in beginning a North American Baptist church. The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. Edward Kopf; vice-moderator, Rev. Carl Weisser; secretary, Rev. Loren Weber; treasurer, Mr. John Stading. (Loren Weber, Reporter).

**CENTRAL DAKOTA-MONTANA WOMEN'S SESSIONS.** The Woman's

Missionary Union of the Central Dakota-Montana Association held its annual sessions during the Association on Friday, Oct. 9, at Plevna, Montana. The ladies met for a noon luncheon in the social hall of the Baptist Church. Later they held a business meeting with Mrs. Carl Weisser presiding. The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. William Geidt; vice-president, Mrs. Loren Weber; secretary, Mrs. Simon Sieler; treasurer, Mrs. Herman Effa. At the afternoon service, the ladies of the host church gave a stirring missionary play centered around a mother who could not accept the fact that her son was called to be a medical missionary. Miss Laura Reddig, Cameroon missionary, gave a timely missionary message on "Abundance Through Abiding." (Mrs. Loren Weber).

in the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. We pray also that God might send to us, in the near future, the man of his choice to minister to us here. Until that time Dr. Arthur Kannwischer, a former pastor of Union, and other men have consented to fill our pulpit. We covet your prayers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, that the Spirit of God might lead us as a church and that we may be led according to his will and not our own. (Mrs. Fred Pressick, Reporter).

**TRINITY, PORTLAND, OREGON.** The event highlighting the Trinity Church Choir's Fall chicken feast social in Portland, Oregon was the honoring of five long-time, still active members. As special guests of honor the choir saluted Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bertuleit (59 and 49 years service), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubauer (59 and 47 years service), and Mrs. Jennie Boehi, approximately 50 years service. Both of the above gentlemen are former directors of the choir and have otherwise participated faithfully in furthering the musical program of the church. Not to be overlooked on this occasion were several other former faithful servants in the ministry of music who have "retired." Those also receiving honors were: Mrs. Theresa Schiel (35 years), Mr. David Billeter (40 years), and Mrs. Ida Wyss who sang with the choir before 1900. Mrs. Emma Meier Schade, now residing in South Dakota, was honored, in absentia, for her fifty-odd years of outstanding service as directress and organist. (Wilbur E. Reich, Reporter).

**MADISON, S. DAK.** Sunday, Oct. 11, was a special day of blessing for members of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., when a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Mayforth and Pamela Sue. The program included Scripture and prayer by Ralph Backhaus. Representatives of all the church organizations expressed words of welcome and hopes for the future. Rev. Zimmerman of the First Baptist Church, Madison, spoke in behalf of the Ministerial Association. The choir, under the direction of Miss Eva Keen, sang "Hallelujah for the Cross." A piano duet was played by Linda and Lana Michelke. Speaker for the evening was Prof. Roy Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Mayforth responded to the words of welcome. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter).

## Baptismal Services

**WHITESHELL, RIVER HILLS, MAN.** A baptismal service was held by the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20th. Following lunch, served in the basement of the church, the congregation gathered on the banks of the Whitemouth River, which provided a perfect natural setting for this service. It was a beautiful day and the leaves on the trees with their red, gold, and brown autumn colors added to the

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## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**NORRIDGE, ILL.** A 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated at the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4. The happy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giese, renewed their marriage vows in a beautiful ceremony with our pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, officiating. The attendant was Mrs. Giese's sister, Mrs. Hattie McKay, who was also the maid of honor when the couple was first united in marriage. Two baritone solos by Mr. John Stengel, "Today O Lord" and "The Lord's Prayer," filled out the service to perfection. A gala reception followed in which everyone showered the couple with well wishes for many more years of blessed marriage to one another and to Christ. (Ruth Hess, Reporter).

**BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., remembered the birthday of its pastor, Rev. William Hoover, on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, with cards, flowers and a birthday surprise and reception having been arranged for him by the church boards. Hosts and hostesses at the reception were deacons and deaconesses of the church. A Sunday school workers conference is being conducted on the second Tuesday evening of each month. The sessions are directed by Mr. Cliff Holland, director of Christian Education. On Sunday morning, Sept. 27, Dr. Berthold Jacksteit



REV. AND MRS. WM. HOOVER

of Anaheim, Calif., at the birthday celebration and reception in honor of Mr. Hoover held by the Bethel Baptist Church.

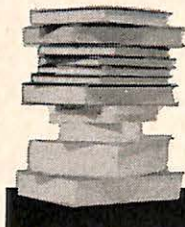
of Valley Forge, Pa., a former pastor of the church from 1951 to 1958 was the guest speaker using the subject, "Answer by Fire."

**UNION, ARNOLD, PA.** It is with regret that we of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., must announce the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff from our church to begin his pastorate at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Members of the church met with them to say farewell after the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, Oct. 21. Gifts of Alcoa ware were given to them. He closed his ministry in Arnold Sunday, Oct. 25. We pray that God might continue to bless their ministry



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giese (left) of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill., at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration, and Mrs. Hattie McKay (right) who was the maid of honor at the wedding ceremony 60 years ago.





# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**HIGLEY 1965 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY.** Lambert Huffman Publishers—527 pages—\$2.95.

Although this is a verse by verse commentary which many may consider as highly "content" centered, there is much material which makes the pupil the center of interest. Higley has undergone many changes during its 32 year history and its contributors number about fifty. "Teacher's Target" and "Introduction" are two of its strong points. The picture illustrations are at times naive and weak and the Teen Discussion Guide limited. It would be better if it were kept at an adult level, otherwise the material must be stretched out too thinly. Although there is a small section of life situations and present day truth, the questions in the "Teacher's Pump Primer" are wholly content centered. This is an area in which life-centered discussion is very important.

**ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON 1965** by Arthur H. Stainback. Fleming H. Revell Company—122 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

One of the weaknesses of Sunday school commentaries is their lack of illustrative material. Mr. Stainback has done an excellent job of keeping the illustrations short and to the point as well as relative to the lesson material.

**LIGHT ON GREAT BIBLE THEMES** by Hugh Robert Horne. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—103 pages—\$2.50.

Many good ministers are poor authors. Mr. Horne, however, attended Northwestern University School of Journalism and is better qualified than most preachers to put his thoughts into writing.

The great Bible themes incorporated in this volume are the basic doctrines of Christianity. The "sound doctrine" of which Paul speaks is often neglected in the church. A re-reading and a re-studying of these truths will inspire any minister to see the need for renewed emphasis on doctrinal preaching in our present age.

**SIX FAMOUS STORIES** by Clara Murry. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—112 pages—\$2.00.

These are condensed and retold stories which have the aura of agelessness about them. Perhaps many of us have

forgotten such classics as *SAVED AT SEA*, *CHRISTIE AND HIS ORGAN*, *JIM'S HOUR OF TEMPTATION* and *MAPLE GROVE FARM*. They are interesting and inspirational for young and old alike.

**THE CHRISTIAN LAYMAN** by Franklin M. Segler. Broadman Press—1964—128 pages—\$2.50.

In the calling of a pastor there seems to be a conflict of interests. The church membership often believes that the success or failure of a congregation depends on a strong man in the pulpit. The pastor, on the other hand, believes that the growth of the church depends on an active Christian laity in the pew. The author's phrase, however, is closer to the truth when he says that "layman and pastor are both God's co-workers."

Laymen should receive part of the credit when the church succeeds but they should also shoulder part of the blame when it fails. There is no doubt that great pulpiteers have been present in every generation, but what is needed is some great Christian churchmanship that is unafraid to practice the biblical truths in all walks of life.

**THE HOUSE OF CHRISTMAS** by Harold Kent. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—123 pages—\$2.95.

The author is an ordained minister as well as a practicing architect. In both categories he is a builder. Mr. Kent's essays or themes are centered around the well known biblical stories of the birth of Christ. The Incarnation, annunciation, shepherds, wise men and other events are presented in an atmosphere of spiritual truth and reality. It is a refreshing experience to read these old truths in the light of the author's study and experience.

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**THE GOSPEL MIRACLES; MANY THINGS IN PARABLES** by Ronald S. Wallace. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—161 pages—\$1.95 (paper).

With the price of books as high as they are today, it is seldom that good bargains are available. This volume contains two books for the price of one. Coming from a Scotchman makes it all the more significant.

The two subjects make a good combination, for the miracles and parables have much in common. Every parable brought to its completion ultimately results in some form of miracle. Eventually, the effects are more meaningful and more enduring.

The expositions are refreshing because they are permeated with life-giving truths. The style is simple, yet sincere, and the reader is aware that there is much biblical scholarship embodied in the discussion of each parable and miracle. The exposition on *The Unjust Steward*, to which he refers as a "clever crime" is particularly illuminating and very timely.

This Scottish preacher-theologian has a very forceful and convincing way of expressing himself. Both ministers and laymen will find it profitable to refer to this volume in their studying and reading of the miracles and parables of our Lord. In the Appendix, the chapter on *The Parable and the Preacher* is of special importance to the minister who, of necessity and because of his position, needs additional clarification for teaching and preaching purposes.

**CHRISTIAN HEROES OF TODAY** by Don Mainprize. Baker Book House—1964—81 pages—\$1.95.

The Junior's idea of a hero may not be exemplified in this volume, for these are primarily the stories of Christian athletes and a few outstanding men in the armed services. Perhaps in some respects they may even seem quite ordinary. However, the spiritual and Christian witness is emphasized and the biographies should help the Junior to maintain and strive for higher spiritual values in all areas of life and not only in athletic and other achievements.

**THE JUNGLE DOCTOR SPOTS A LEOPARD** by Paul White. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—120 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

This story for Juniors is another Jungle Doctor classic which is part of a series already well-known by many Christian boys and girls. Jungle Doctor fans will welcome the new addition.

**FRISKY FINDS A TREASURE** by John Calvin Reid. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.—1964—31 pages—\$1.00.

A beautiful story about animals with a meaningful parallel found in Jesus' parable of the pearl of great price. Children will love it.

## Obituary



**MR. WERNER E. SCHANZ**  
of Gotebo, Oklahoma

Mr. Werner E. Schanz of Gotebo, Okla., was born Aug. 12, 1908 in West Station, Texas and passed away on Sept. 29, 1964 after suffering a heart attack. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 13 and was baptized by Rev. C. Peters. He became an active member of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo. He was faithful in his church attendance and the Lord's service for many years. His love and devotion to his Lord were an inspiration to all who knew him. He served as Training Union president, Sunday school superintendent, church pianist, deacon and teacher.

He was married to Edna Weber in 1940, and to this union one son was born who preceded him in death at the age of 16 in 1959. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schanz; one sister, Viola; and a host of relatives and friends. The memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Gotebo, and burial in the Salem Cemetery.

Gotebo, Oklahoma  
DALE GEIS, Officiating Pastor

**MRS. WUBKE BOERCHERS**  
of Ochre River, Manitoba

Mrs. Wubke Boerchers, nee Baumann, of Ochre River, Manitoba was born August 8, 1886 in Firrel, Germany. In her early youth she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church in Firrel, Germany. On July 4, 1909 she was united in marriage with August Boerchers. In 1928 the Boerchers came to Canada and settled in this community. She died suddenly in Dauphin General Hospital on Oct. 5, 1964 at the age of 78. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, ten children, 33 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and one sister in Germany. The 10 children are: John, Ochre River; Hermann, Charles and Bill in Laurie, Man.; Adolf and Frieda (Mrs. Schulz) in Yorkton, Sask.; Martha (Mrs. Prikker) Ste. Rose; Theresa (Mrs. Van Santon) Elk Grove, Calif.; Grethe (Mrs. Schnittjer) Makinac; and Netta (Mrs. Cull) Ochre River. She was known as a faithful Christian throughout her life. Blessed be her memory! Interment was in the Turtle River Cemetery.  
Grace Baptist Church  
Ochre River, Manitoba  
ALEX SOOTZMANN, Pastor

**MRS. JOHN BUCHNER**  
of Edmonton, Alberta

Mrs. John (Marie) Buchner, nee Freimann, of Edmonton Alberta was born August 6, 1897 in the Ukraine. At the age of 14, she experienced the joy of salvation through faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. Hepperle. In 1918 the family moved to Gruenberg, Silesia in Germany, where Marie met and married John Buchner on Oct. 9, 1921. In 1926 Mr. Buchner emigrated to Edmonton, Canada, and Mrs. Buchner followed with two children a year later, and joined Central Baptist Church where she worshipped faithfully and became active in the Woman's Missionary Society. She especially enjoyed doing White Cross work, and loved to accompany her husband to conferences. However, about two years ago her strength began to wane due to certain afflictions, and during the last few months she suffered much. On Oct. 13 she quietly passed away from this troubled earth to her heavenly reward at the age of 67 years and 2 months.

Left to mourn her passing are her sorrowing husband, John; 3 daughters: Mrs. Ben (Marie) Stayer, Mrs. Erwin (Ellis) Zapf, Mrs. Alex (Jeanette) Bogdanow, Jr., all of Edmonton; 2 sons: John Jr. of Toronto, Ont.; and Fred of Edmonton, Alta.; 8 grandchildren; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Emille Barnetske and Mrs. Fred Kleihe.  
Central Baptist Church  
Edmonton, Alberta  
HERBERT HILLER, Pastor

## WHITESELL CHURCH, MAN.

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beauty of the setting. The band of a neighboring Lutheran church provided us with music.

Rev. B. Voss, pastor, challenged the candidates and all present to "Look to Jesus," in all circumstances of life. As the three young men entered the waters, the choir sang "I Surrender All." At the communion service the same afternoon, the hand of fellowship was extended to them. (Mrs. W. Kretchmer, Reporter).



## EVENTS AT XENIA

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their fathers. The evening proved to be a blessed time of fellowship and learning for all who attended.

The landscaping around the church is being accomplished by degrees and the finishing touches are being put on the building which we are already rapidly outgrowing. Our choir is planning its first Christmas cantata. Many people comment on the fine work of this dedicated group.

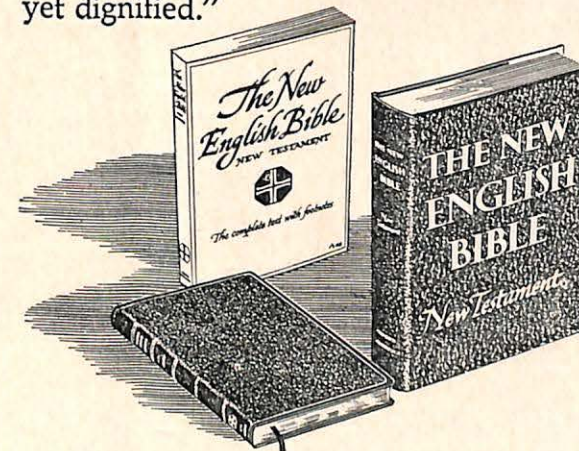
From November 4-8 Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., was at our church for a Deeper Life Conference. A youth retreat was held Nov. 13 to 15.

Baptismal service for the Whitesell Baptist Church of Manitoba at the White-mouth River.

Left to right: Rev. Bruno Voss, Tim Kretchmer, Wilson Tiede and Myron Henshell.

The youth of the Indianapolis church were the guests of Community Baptist Church and Rev. Richard Christeleit, together with Rev. John Ziegler, directed the retreat.

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