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GOD IS GREATER!

A NIGHT IN A LEPER SETTLEMENT

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## The New Beginning . . .

OH TO go back across the years long vanished  
To have the words unsaid, the deeds undone,  
The error cancelled, the deep shadows banished,  
In the glad sense of a new world begun:

To be a little child, whose page of story  
Is yet undimmed, unblotted by a stain,  
And in the sunrise of primeval glory  
To know that life has had its start again!

I may go back across the years long vanished,  
I may resume my childhood, Lord, in thee,  
When in the shadow of thy cross are banished  
All other shadows that encompass me;

And o'er the road that now is dark and dreary,  
This soul, made buoyant by the strength of rest,  
Shall walk untired, shall run and not be weary,  
To bear the blessing that hath made it blest.

—George Matheson.

## One Word Can Change Your Life

EXAMPLE. When you face God someday you'll surely want to say, "Father, I did my best on behalf of the children in my home, in my neighborhood, in my church, to prepare them to carry on thy work."

An old proverb runs like this: "If you would plan for a year, plant grain; if you would plan for ten years, plant trees; if you would plan for a hundred years, plant men." It's our Christian responsibility to plant men and women who will be helping to make the world a lot better than they found it.

What excuse can we give to Christ if we fail to train our young people in his service? Will we say, "I was always too busy. I felt someone else would look after their souls?"

Young people depend upon your *example*, the word that can change your life.

—Robert W. Olewiler

### AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I said to the man  
At the gate of the year:  
"What light canst thou lend  
To those entering here?  
I never have traveled  
This pathway before;  
Thy help and thy counsel  
I humbly implore.  
How can I discover  
What lieth ahead,  
That I may walk safely  
Wherever I tread?"

The man at the gate,  
Turning kindly to me,  
Spake words of assurance  
That answered my plea:  
"The way that seems dark  
Can be cheerfully trod  
By putting thy trust  
In the guidance of God.  
He goeth before thee,  
He knoweth the way;  
Just follow his counsel  
From day unto day."

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

At the close of an old year, we are made keenly aware of many NEEDS—the things we failed to do for Christ, the unfinished tasks on the mission fields, the Macedonian calls that went unheeded, and our own failures and shortcomings. In the presence of Christ, there is no question that is more heartsearching than this: "What lack I yet?"

**MY SPIRITUAL NEED.** Read the sermon by Rev. Robert S. Hess and the article by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg in this issue and reflect on these things. Mr. Sonnenberg expresses the most urgent need of our churches in these words: "We need a commitment on a deeper level and an involvement on a total and personal level to Christ and his Church if we are to be delivered from religious boredom and to present a meaningful witness to the world."

**MISSION NEEDS.** Some of the many urgent needs of our mission fields are listed and reviewed by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of "Christianity Today," in his article written expressly for the "Baptist Herald." Every mission field of ours is in great need of more facilities, better buildings, additional personnel—to be met by those of us at home in Christ's Name if only our love for Christ were more sincere and our sacrificial spirit more willing.

**CHURCH EXTENSION.** In January 1965 our Church Extension Builders will be giving toward the Cedarloo Project in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In reading the article on page 11 of this number, you will be amazed by the spirit of giving of those 41 members facing an indebtedness of \$48,000. They need our support—both in gifts and prayers—so that the Gospel witness might be more radiant in this vicinity.

**BUDGET NEEDS.** Our contributions toward the Missionary and Service Program of the denomination in November amounted to \$90,099.30, more than \$16,000 less than the contributions of a year ago in November. We are still far behind the projected giving if we are to reach our budget objective of \$1,100,000 by March 31, 1965. The needs are great; the sacrificial givers are so few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for a generous heart as a faithful steward of His!

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#### YOUTH WEEK OBSERVANCE

"Dedicated Discipleship"

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## Editorial

## God's Covenant For You!

Like the rainbow that bridges heaven and earth, so God's covenant with his people enables us to look back over the past year with thankfulness and to face the new year with triumphant confidence. This is God's covenant of grace, revealed in his Word and established in Christ Jesus for all who believe on him. "I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people . . . a new heart also will I give them, and a right spirit will I put within them . . . I give unto them eternal life . . . They shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand."

Many years ago that peerless Baptist preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon of London, England, called his people to this remembrance at the turning of a new year; "Have respect unto the covenant" (Psalm 74:20). He went on to say with dynamic fervor: "Because God has given us more than his Word, namely, his covenant, his solemn compact, we may then with the greatest composure of spirit say to him, 'Have respect unto the covenant,' and there we may both hope and quietly wait for his salvation." In these words we can both find encouragement in reviewing the past year and lay hold on confidence as we tread softly into the new year.

For we have tested God's covenant and not found it wanting in our past experiences. With the Psalmist of old we can say: "But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God. Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee." (Psalm 31:14 & 19). The overwhelming conviction of every Christian at the close of the year must be that he is persuaded of the faithfulness of God, that he has received a new measure of God's greatness and grace, and that he has felt the unfolding love of God's hand upon him.

In 1863, the year of the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation by a president of the United States. In this proclamation Lincoln had respect to God's covenant in these memorable words: "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered us in mercy."

We must also remember that this covenant has the solemn endorsement of God's promises for the days ahead. Spurgeon underscores the truth that there was the stamp of God's own Word—that is enough! It was sealed with blood, the blood of Christ on the Cross. It has its power in the veracity of God. God can do all things except this—he cannot lie.

In this spirit Spurgeon blows the New Year trumpet of triumph for all of God's people to hear: "Here is enough to make a heaven in our hearts while yet we are below—the Lord hath entered into a covenant of grace and peace with us, and he will bless us for ever." This bond of God's covenant and the mark of the covenanted ones are found at the turning of the year in our heartfelt plea to Almighty God: "Have respect unto the covenant."

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# GOD IS GREATER!

Here is spiritual morale for 1965. God is greater than anything the world can throw at us. God is greater than the forces that are against us. Remember that the Christian has a refuge in God that is safe and sure.

By Rev. Robert S. Hess  
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God is ready, not only to give courage to be different, but strength to live a radiantly good life in any circumstance. (Photo by Eastern Photo Service).

AT THIS TIME of the year thoughtful persons evaluate the past and anticipate the future. Though sunshine and shadow will be inevitable in the new year, the Christian has a refuge that is safe and sure.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Now accept the truth of I John 3:20, "for if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." Here is the answer to frustrations and fears. We need not be afraid to look forward.

Into the human heart are bound to come feelings of guilt, doubts and fears. How we respond will depend on our concept of God and our relationship to him. This determines whether we face tomorrow with dread or with confidence and peace. God is love; and God is greater than the forces that are against us.

## GREATER THAN SIN

I. God is greater than sin. The sin question is settled. Christ "his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." Accept this fact. When we confess, he forgives. He knows when we have tried and failed. He knows also our love for him and longings for a closer walk. Our fellow men see the deed but God knows the intention of the heart.

As men place their lighthouses on the most dangerous coasts, so where sin abounds, there God's grace does much more abound. And in Jesus Christ, God has given us not only redemption but he makes us righteous

and holy. God's grace is greater than our sin.

## GREATER THAN TROUBLE

II. God is greater than trouble. It isn't a question whether or not we will have trouble; we will. Our failure in obedience to the Great Commission is a major reason for the condition of our world. The neglect of good health habits brings on illness, and an uncontrolled temper and tongue cause wounds without end.

Trouble comes from being part of sinful humanity. The behavior of persons next door and those in a foreign land affects us all. Trouble comes from living a higher life. Christian goodness will draw the world's fire. It stirs dislike because it disturbs. All who live godly will suffer.

A father and his small daughter were walking along the ocean shore. The child was awed by the amount of water. "Is it over my head?" "Yes, it is," replied her father. "Is it over your head?" "Yes, it is." After a thoughtful pause: "Is it over God's head?" No it isn't over God's head! He is greater than our trouble.

## GREATER THAN CIVILIZATION

III. God is greater than civilization. Today devout Christians are asking, "Does Christianity have a chance?" In one sense Christianity is the producer and preserver of civilization. Its influence in every area of life is great in medicine, education, welfare and in government. But only Christianity is eternal! All civilizations are temporary,

including our own. Christianity did not begin with our kind of culture, nor will it end with our civilization.

Christians now live under many different political systems. For the author of our salvation is not of this world, and our eternal citizenship is in heaven. Social orders will come and go; dictators and ruthless men may have their brief and tragic hour, but it will end. We may be called upon to go through tribulation and death, but Christ and eternal life remain. The imperished hope of a new earth will be fulfilled by our Lord. Christ, the Light, has come into our world and nothing will ever be able to put it out. A civilization may die, but God still lives. He is greater.

## GREATER THAN ENVIRONMENT

IV. God is greater than environment. Jesus is honest with us. He never suggests it would be easy to follow him. In fact, he likened it to a cross. Now a cross means death. He never promised an easier life, but a greater life.

All followers of Christ are wounded at some time by reproach, persecution and lies. Thank God, you have been different enough and righteous enough to draw the enemy's fire. In our social life, vocational life and home life, there are pressures that may bear upon us to conform to a godless environment, and we may need to suffer for Christ.

Greater is the eternal Spirit within you than the forces without. God is ready, not only to give courage to be different, but strength to live a radiantly good life in any circumstance. He



HARBOR TRINITY CHURCH, COSTA MESA, CALIF.  
The congregation and the pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess, of the Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., proclaim this Gospel of the greatness and faithfulness of God in shining as a lighthouse for Christ.

never fails. Dare to be different. God is greater than any force, and he will never abandon his own.

V. God is greater than failures. No one wants to be a failure, but a sad fact of life is that everyone fails sometime. Even God's servants do so. The Bible records for our encouragement the case histories of devout men and women who failed the Lord, but who, by the grace of God, profited by it in permitting it to spur them on to a closer walk and a new devotion.

Out of a failure, our Father can bring victory. His suffering love and spiritual power can not be measured by the yardstick of our failures. Our weaknesses and inadequacies are not God's. Like the first Christians, we can lift up our eyes and voices, and say, "Thou art God."

Here is spiritual morale. God is greater than anything the world can throw at us. He is greater than any

weakness within us.

One of Clarence E. Macartney's stories beautifully illustrates this truth:

"In 1847, Frederick Douglas, the eloquent fugitive slave, was addressing an antislavery convention just over the Ohio line at Salem. His own sufferings and those of his people, and the slow progress that the great reform was making, had somewhat depressed him; and a certain bitterness was manifest in the speech which he was making. In the midst of that speech, he was suddenly interrupted by sojourner Truth, the aged Negress, who was a unique and powerful figure in the antislavery crusade, who cried out, 'Frederick, Frederick, is God dead?'"

No, God is not dead! God was not dead in the days of Gideon; he is not dead in our day; and blessed are they to whom is given the instinct to tell that God is on the field when he is most invisible!



THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED SPOT ON THE PACIFIC COAST  
An entrancing view of the lone cypress tree on the 17 Mile Drive near Monterey, California overlooking the waters of this Pacific Ocean.

STORY OF

# STEWARDSHIP

By Rev. David J. Draewell,  
Secretary of Stewardship and  
Higher Education

IN THE beginning of a new year, it is easy to relax and coast a bit. After all, there are 365 days in the year to do something worthwhile. This attitude occasionally may be appropriate for some people and for some prospects. This attitude, however, is never appropriate for North American Baptists who are seeking to respond adequately to their God-given mission in life.

The first quarter of the calendar year is always the last quarter of the fiscal year for the denomination. This means that January, February and March are the most crucial months of the year as far as our cooperative efforts for Christ are concerned. While these facts are normally true, this year they are alarmingly true.

Our giving during the first eight months of the year provided only \$560,-187.69 toward the approved \$1,100,000 goal. Monthly giving for this eight-month period averaged approximately \$70,000.

If our goal is to be attained, contributions must average \$135,000 per month, December through March. We have never in our entire history given as sacrificially as the facts indicate we need to give now. I do not raise the question, "Can we do it?" There is little real doubt that we can!

The important question is, "Will we do it?" The answer to this is found in the degree of our response to the love of Jesus Christ. How much do we really love him? Christ himself is concerned with our response.

The hymn writer revealed Jesus' heart in these words:

"I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,  
That thou might'st ransomed be, and quickened from the dead;  
I gave, I gave My life for thee; What hast thou given for Me?  
I gave, I gave My life for thee; What hast thou given for Me?"

"And I have brought to thee, down from My home above,  
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love;  
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee; What hast thou brought to Me?  
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee; What hast thou brought to Me?"

Only one life, it will soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last.





Njabkwi at the New Hope Settlement pretends that the white coffee blossoms are popcorn. They certainly look like popcorn which the leprosy patients love.

## A Night in a Leper Settlement

This is the thrilling story of a visit by Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry to the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Mbingo, West Cameroon, Africa. Mrs. Helga Henry is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, Cameroon missionaries.

By DR. CARL F. H. HENRY

Editor, Christianity Today

ONLY TWICE—once in Asia and again more recently in Africa—have I visited a leper colony. Both experiences are unforgettable—although for quite different reasons.

It was Taiwan's "Little Woman," missionary Lillian Dickson, who took me out to her leprosarium in Formosa in 1959 for the lepers' midweek prayer meeting. As we drove to the colony, I prodded her with questions about the contraction of leprosy, veiling my uneasiness and ignorance of the disease and its treatment. What made the Taiwan experience truly memorable was an unexpected development in that prayer meeting.

### A SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Through two interpreters (Formosan and Chinese—since the audience included some of Chiang Kai Shek's troops who had fallen victim) I spoke from John 14 about Christ's legacy to his followers. Then an elder in "the Leper Church" arose and addressed the gathering. 'Lil' Dickson whispered the sense of what he was saying: Severe storms and floods had just inundated large areas of Formosa, and this leper was pleading with his fellow-lepers (poor and isolated though they were) to provide a sacrificial relief offering for the homeless.

Emotionally this was a disarming blow. Only in Sunday school days, when hymns like "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" prodded me to desig-

nate my pennies for "foreign" as well as home missions, had I made any "gift" that might show a care for the lepers. But here in Taipei these lepers—with almost nothing at all to give—shared what little they had with those they considered even less fortunate. It was evident afresh that the Gospel of Christ stirs depths of human compassion to which human history untouched by grace remains a total stranger.

### NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

In mid-November, 1963, I spent my first and only night in a leper colony. In West Cameroon, Africa the work by pioneer missionaries of the North American Baptist Conference has grown into divergent ministries of mercy—churches, mission stations, schools, hospitals, a maternity clinic, and a 2800-acre leper settlement at Mbingo with 450 self-supporting patients.

The leprosarium is one of two bringing hope to once outcast and forgotten Africans in West Cameroon (the second is sponsored by Presbyterians). This New Hope Settlement is located

### MISSION PICTURES

The pictures of leprosy patients and of the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry at the New Hope Settlement in Cameroon, that appear on these pages, were taken by Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary-nurse. Thanks, Miss Reddig!

260 miles inland in the grasslands. In the dry season one can reach the Nigerian border—40 miles away—by a circuitous 12-hour drive or a week's walk through the rugged hills. The settlement has a commanding view of scenic country which the Kom tribe long used as a funeral path to a waterfall, over which they plummeted their dead into the afterlife until missionaries taught them a sounder doctrine of immortality and resurrection.

At the leper settlement my wife and I talked late into the night with Dr. Eugene Stockdale and his wife, Violet (who teaches Bible classes in the Church of the Lepers. In the Bible, leprosy stands as a symbol of sin because of its deforming characteristics and apparent incurability; because of the danger of contagion victims were segregated from the community and shouted "Unclean! Unclean!" when others approached them.

### DISCHARGE DAY

The happiest day in a leprosarium is Discharge Day. As it draws near, the "chop palaver" (dinner table talk) is rife with speculation as to who will be declared "symptom free" or non-infectious. Treatment may last from one to ten years—most requiring four or five years—and results in a discharge of virtually every patient. None is dismissed as "cured," however, unless re-examined at six month intervals for a period of years. About ten per cent must return for further treatment.

In Dr. Stockdale's home we viewed color slides of the settlement's progress in combatting leprosy, and the next day we went out to meet the patients. Actually the leper hospital is treating as many non-leprosy out-patients from the area for one or another affliction as once it treated lepers alone, and leprosy patients themselves are now helping build a new leper wing so the old hospital can be given over entirely to non-leprosy patients. All of the inhabitants of the leper settlement come voluntarily.

We visited them in their dormitories, saw them at work in the coffee fields and handcraft center, and in church and at play. The leper settlement aims to be self-supporting through cattle, crops and crafts. Each leper works two days a week to compensate for his or her board, and has the option of working additional hours for pay.

We learned that the most common type of leprosy, the disfiguring type which shows itself in resorbed bones of the hands and feet when its victims seek treatment too late, is not really lepromatous or infectious. The lepromatous type shows itself in the form of skin nodules resembling large hives and requires segregation for treatment. Of the 300 patients living inside the Mbingo settlement about half are infectious.

### SCHOOL AND CHURCH

One feature of the settlement is an elementary school where 96 leprosy children are taught by three non-leprosy teachers. There is a church, too, whose pastor, Joseph Kileh, was graduated from the Baptist Bible Training School at Ndu. On the staff of the leper hospital are several former patients who now minister to those still undergoing treatment; one such staff member is a registered nurse, Samuel Semi Jam.



DISCHARGE DAY AT NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

How these leprosy patients rejoiced when they were given their "discharge certificate" announcing that they were now "symptom free." They praised God for his healing mercy and power and thanked the Baptist Mission for its medical ministry to them in Christ's Name.

The Mbingo leprosarium desperately needs a hydro-electric power plant to adequately light the hospital and the entire settlement, and replace the two-horsepower plant now providing emergency lighting for the doctor's residence and also for the operating room in the hospital nearby. Leprosy patients with stunted hands and feet would willingly cut and shape and install the light poles were such a power plant forthcoming.

But the settlement's one physician, Dr. Stockdale (a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Wheaton College, and University of Illinois) would welcome equally much the assistance of another doctor devoted to healing of the lepers. The outgrown hospital in which he now labors has 25 beds, and the new wing for leprosy patients only

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**World Day for  
Leprosy Sufferers  
Sunday, Jan. 31, 1965**

ONE OF THE world's most serious health problems is the superstition-shrouded, disabling disease of leprosy. It afflicts an estimated 10 to 15 million people and places a crushing economic and social burden not only on its victims but on communities in need of all their human resources.

Leprosy's victims throughout recorded history have been cruelly treated, unjustifiably stigmatized and miserably neglected. Even today, with the great recent advances in medical understanding of the disease and its disabilities, progress in leprosy treatment and control lags far behind that of other endemic diseases.

Today we know that leprosy, often called Hansen's disease, is a chronic disease of low infectivity which can be treated and in many cases arrested, and whose stigmatizing disabilities can often be prevented by early treatment.

Despite the great increase in recent years of treatment programs run by missions, government, United Nations agencies and voluntary organizations, still less than 20% of the world's leprosy victims are under regular treatment.

On Sunday, January 31, 1965, the Twelfth World Day for Leprosy Sufferers will be observed throughout the world. Originated in 1954 by M. Raoul Follereau of France, the day is now observed in more than a hundred countries and endorsed by heads of state, health officials and voluntary and mission organizations. We earnestly commend this observance as an occasion to affirm our concern in the tragic plight of millions who suffer needlessly from this chronic disease and to recognize our responsibilities in giving moral and financial support to our missionary ministry fighting this disease.



AT THE NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT HOSPITAL

Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry (right and 3rd from right) visit the Settlement Hospital operating room with Dr. Eugene V. Stockdale (left to right), Samuel Semi Jam, nurse; Mrs. Henry; and Barbara Kieper, missionary nurse.

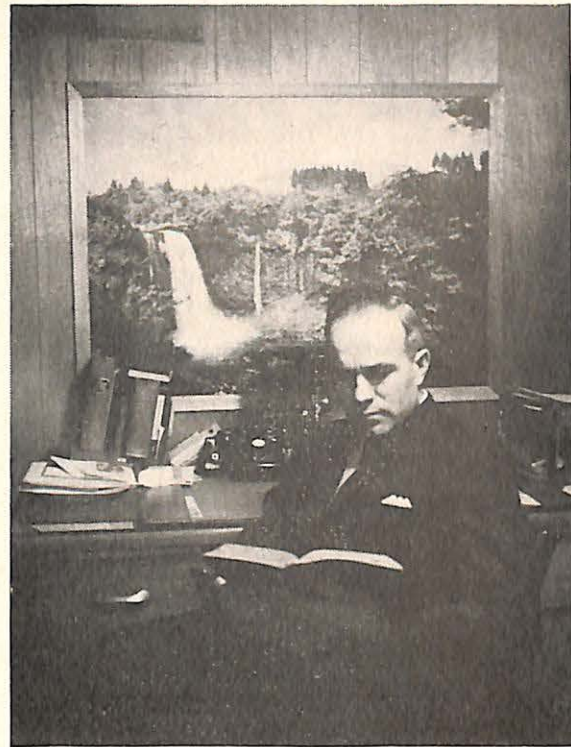
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# Six Years as District Secretary

We need a commitment on a deeper level and an involvement on a total personal level to Christ and his Church if we are to be delivered from religious boredom and to present a meaningful witness to the world.

By Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon, Western District Secretary



Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, deeply engrossed in a Bible meditation and in reflective thinking at his Portland, Oregon home.

THE EDITOR OF THE "Baptist Herald" has put me on the spot, a position which the past six years have made rather familiar for me as the Western District secretary. It is his request that I share with the readers some candid reflections about the lights and shadows of my type of work. Others have frequently ventured their studied guesses and settled opinions in a forthright manner. It is now time that some unvarnished facts and feelings be divulged by those directly involved. Thus I am asked to speak out.

At the outset, it is important to reach agreement on one important matter: that there are indeed lights and shadows to our work. Not all we do or attempt to do is as glittering as some people suppose. Nor do we grope in unbroken shadows of perpetual frustration and trouble as others seem to think. To my mind no Christian work is better designed to advance character development than that of district secretary. I hasten to add that I have not always taken maximum advantage of the opportunities offered to add inches to my stature.

## THE WEST COAST

The highlights of my ministry are many, and they are turned on in strange places by unusual events, and in every case by unique people. The list of such events which I shall enumerate merely suggests that we pick our lights and shadows. What is a highlight for me may not be that at all for another person going through the same experience. What we possibly can agree upon is that the most memorable experiences come as divine surprises. So I

have experienced it.

The West Coast is a variety-laden expanse of land of vast dimensions. In order to carry out my assignments and to meet my appointments, much travelling is mandatory. No one travelling today can miss the impression that the crowded ways of depots and airports make upon him. The number of people moving on wings and wheels is at times staggering. And in the milling, moving throng you can find, if you care to look at all, your most unforgettable character. A number of unique individuals now come to my mind, and I think of them because of the indelible impression they made upon my life.

**W**enture  
unto you,  
and peace,  
and love,  
be multiplied.  
JUDE TWO.

## A GRIZZLY OLD MAN OF INDIA

I recall the grizzly old man who was born in India. His body has been in this country for 54 years, but his mind and soul still live in his native India. He was fully aware and conversant with the culture and customs peculiar to the West and America, but he refused to be imprisoned by them. There is something enviable and salutary about a man who can ride out the cultural pressures to conform, emerging from that conflict without any winds of mental or emotional disorders blowing about him. He was an extremely poor man and most certainly not a Christian, for he managed to get the Creator and creation mixed up in one and the same thing. But he was rich in his ability to possess his soul in calm resolve not to conform.

Granted that he went too far in his self-management, what about the Biblical injunction "not to conform to this world"? Is this not one of the forgotten commands of our faith, one that is cause for so much spiritual weakness and compromise, one that is crucial to our ability to present a meaningful witness to the world? Is it possible that, while we claim a Gospel power mighty to deliver us from this crooked generation, here is a man who can claim no such Gospel but whose life displays in far greater abundance the fruits of such deliverance? Highlights sometimes have a painful side to them, and this one affected me that way.

## A DIPLOMAT FROM TIBET

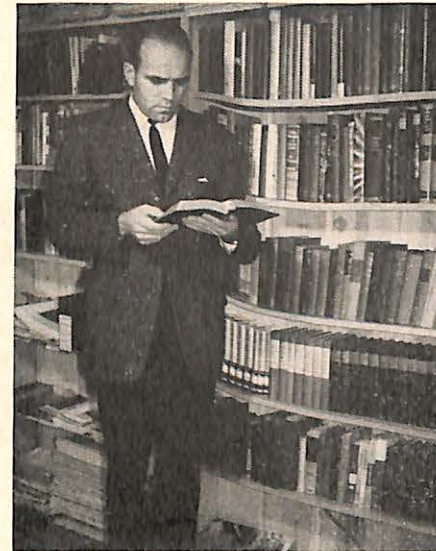
I have a vivid recollection of a youthful diplomat from Tibet who was mak-

ing his first tour of the United States sponsored by his country and the United Nations. Much of what met his eyes was viewed in dazed belief and unbelief, but one thing which the Oxford trained man could not understand at all was our strange family life, our easy attitudes toward divorce and desertion, and the disrespect generally accorded old age. I can still see him in the painstaking process of writing a letter to his parents casting about for the word that would unmistakably convey the idea of esteem which he held out for them.

He began writing, "My honorable father," and then turning to me he demanded an explanation for our easy attitudes. I ventured one with profound embarrassment which he found impossible to believe. He was not a Christian, but I wondered whether he did not come closer to the New Testament ideal of family life than much of Christian America.

## "KITCHEN THEOLOGY"

The highlights of lasting joy were often turned on in the homes of our pastors and their families where I experienced hospitality at its best. I recall the long hours of discussion with pastors in the area of theology. These



## IN HIS LIBRARY

Rev. Joe Sonnenberg says: "Reading on the run is very difficult. I miss the normal life in my study and with my beloved books. But diligent study is very important for all of us."

informal sessions, where all pretense was cast aside like a shabby old coat, seemed to suggest theology at its best because we were led to declare our own sins and questions to each other and to God. Would to God that such "kitchen theology" were proclaimed from our pulpits! Then the sometimes heard complaint that "our pastor is preaching at us" would cease and the Lord would do wonders in our midst.

This is the age when criticism is freely offered. The pulpit is critical of the pew and the pew is not outdone by the pulpit. People can be found in our

churches who maintain that the stalwart saints of former days have vanished altogether, and only the critics are left. I cannot share that pessimism. My frequent days and nights in the homes of our lay people, people devoted to Christ, to their pastor, and the work of the church have dispelled that specter of gloom. I have received instruction from them which is not listed in a seminary description of courses nor found in books on practical theology. We do have our Priscillas and Aquilas in our churches who can help any learned or discouraged Apollos. My prayer is that their tribe may indeed increase!

## MANY YOUTH CAMPS

During the past six years I have had opportunity to occupy the pulpits of our churches repeatedly. Naturally these experiences have been extremely helpful in getting to know our people and our work. But the lights of joy were turned on brightest in our youth camps. Not everything that happens in these camps can possibly have the approval of God. The ceaseless mystery, however, is that so much good is accomplished. Since the Western District abounds with youth, camps likewise abound. Through the years I have been quite regular and active in these camps. Consequently I have in my files letters from young people and parents who through these efforts have been helped.

Here is a letter from a grateful mother. Her daughter, one of many today, had yielded to the hordes of temptations swirling about our youth today. The girl was a tormented guilt-ridden soul who had come to loathe her life but could not spring the trap wrapped around her. In an hour of desperate need at a camp, she turned to Christ for help. Her life was changed and so were the home relationships.

I remember a youth camp which had progressed on a rather calm and somewhat subdued pattern. No one reported any crucial discovery or decision. Then one day a young man came to me with a genuine resolve in his voice and manner saying that he had decided to respond to the call of God into the ministry. This young man, gifted as he is, will one day occupy the pulpits of our churches as pastor. At a time when the laborers are few, you can readily see what such experiences do to one concerned.

## NEW DIMENSIONS OF SERVICE

The parade could go on. I recall with delight the names of people who found a new dimension of commitment and involvement through the efforts of Church Extension. Doubts were dispelled and a sense of reality was gained now that they were busy for the Master who had need of them.

What about shadows and disappointments? You have already detected them in what was said and perhaps left unsaid. Frankly I have not encountered any keen disappointment. I miss the normal family life which my work makes impossible. So does the family.

I miss the normal life in the study and my beloved books. Reading on the run is not the same thing.

But perhaps what is most painful is the list of failures credited to my account. In some quiet moment of reflec-



## READY TO TRAVEL

"I miss the normal family life which my work and many travels make impossible. But I am both humbled and glad to take up the work of servant to pastors and people." (Rev. Joe Sonnenberg).

tion I am convinced that many of the failures could have been avoided had I been able to convince the parties involved in the problem that my motives and mission were objective and pure; that I was seeking to conform to the Spirit and will of Christ as much as they were.

This statement requires a further word of explanation. There are people who seem to believe that anyone in leadership has vested interests to guard and protect. Thus when on a problem-solving mission, what he says and does must be taken with reservation or guardedly. A bias is assumed whether one is in evidence or not, simply because I represent our office at Forest Park. Here I must testify to the absolute freedom the brethren at the office have accorded us in such missions.

On the other hand, when a brother pastor on a special occasion rises to his feet and publicly observes that the best thing that ever was done was to appoint district secretaries, I am convinced that the vast majority of people think otherwise and I am both humbled and glad to take up the work of servant to pastors and people.

## TODAY'S URGENT NEED

One last question was asked of me. What is the urgent need of our churches? Generally our churches are doing a commendable work. Our danger is to believe loudly but not deeply. We need a commitment on a deeper level and an involvement on a total personal level to Christ and his Church if we are to be delivered from religious boredom and to present a meaningful witness to the world.



# SPEAK UP!

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

To All the Brethren:

It is my hope that the department in the "Baptist Herald" which we are calling "Speak Up" will be a source of help and blessing to all of us. It has seemed to me that we need a means of sharing with one another on a heart to heart basis and that until now we have not had such an opportunity. It isn't enough to converse with each other at meetings and conferences. These are too limited in scope, too private, and too scattered to accomplish much.

## HELPFUL DISCUSSIONS

We need some sort of forum or rostrum from which we can offer suggestions, raise questions, express feelings, and offer ideas which will reach the hearts and minds of the whole denomination. We need to be a North American Conference 365 days of every year, not just for seven days every three years.

Now please recognize the spirit in which I am hoping to engineer some helpful discussion. It is my hope to act as a moderator only. It is certainly not my intention of pretending to be a source of information on all subjects or to be any "prophet" or "seer" who claims to have the answers to questions of opinion or policy. As moderator I do feel that certain principles ought to be kept alive and intact. I do feel responsible for maintaining the high standards of denominational conduct established by my predecessors; but I am totally incapable of being any different from or any more than any other parish minister in our conference.

Just so we can open this monthly discussion in a spirit of vigor and concern, let me offer an example of one letter I have received and let me react to it. I will withhold the name (by request) but I hope it will be only one of many such expressions of concern.

## CONTRIBUTOR'S LETTER

"My dear Brother: For over four decades God has permitted me to be a servant in our North American Conference. For the last few years I have been a layman, but still have a pastor's heart. Although most of my charges have been in the smaller towns, I have found the faithfulness of the Lord to be a great blessing. Many changes have taken place since I began my ministry and I would say that most of them have been for the good. Even some which I have not favored have been necessary and I do not resent them.

"I have had this matter on my heart

for several years and, while I do not know where the answer lies, I want to tell you that it is a burden to me. I am not sure that very many of the younger men feel as I do. Perhaps I can say it best in a question: Why are we not growing as a denomination? I do not mean this as a criticism, but feel that our leaders must face it. I have read the statistics of other groups of our size and they are growing in number every year. Those who practice baptism report many more baptisms than we report.

## IS SOMETHING MISSING?

"Some of these groups have almost doubled since the war and I am told that our national population has been increased by over twenty per cent. We have not increased by that much, so that we are not keeping up with the population. We stay about the same in number and have for a long time. I have asked others about this, and they always say that we need to pray more or make more of evangelism. I would like to hear this matter discussed but



DR. A. DALE IHRIE  
of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., General  
Conference Moderator and Editor of the  
"Speak Up" page.

it was not mentioned in the last three General Conferences as far as I remember. What do you think? Is something missing in our fellowship? Is God not blessing us? I hope our leaders, especially our pastors, can do something. If they don't, I'm afraid we will grow weaker and be taken over by some other group.

"I will continue to love and pray for our conference until the Lord removes me. I would rather not have you show this letter to anyone else because I don't want them to think I am being critical, but I would appreciate hearing from you. I have also written to a few others. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
(Name withheld by request.)

*Moderator's Note: This letter may be a good point at which to begin our open forum on the page "Speak Up!" You are hereby invited to respond to this brother and express your opinions as well as your concerns. Such a public discussion may do us all a lot of good.*

## MODERATOR'S COMMENT

How can this man's question about the lack of denominational growth be answered without being speculative? There is a temptation to answer such a probing query by making excuses. Possibly the answer is in the area of our need for spiritual growth—and this is the easy analysis offered by almost every person who points to a weakness in any church: "You aren't spiritual enough!" It is a difficult thrust to parry; who of us would dare defend himself by saying, "I am spiritual enough"? The very answer would smack of pride, the greatest sin of all.

But is an easy reference to "unspirituality" the answer? Is it all the answer? Does sociology play a part? Most of our churches have been in small towns or rural areas; these are being emptied out by national trends. Are we affected by this? Can the most evangelistic pastor report great numerical growth in an area of declining population?

Our original mission was ethnic and linguistic; in most of our churches this is no longer true. The transition to bilingual churches and then to English has not been easy in most places. Have we paid a price for our heritage, precious as it is?

In certain areas we have multiplied. When I came to Detroit in 1949 we had four churches; now we have twelve. Is this due to spirituality? Church Extension? Area expansion? Probably all three. One thing I feel: *God's hand is on us yet.* We have a great ministry as a denomination. I believe our best years are still ahead!

## WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?

If you have a question or problem affecting our Conference for Dr. Ihrie to answer, send your letter to Baptist Herald, "Speak Up," 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

BAPTIST HERALD

# Not Unto Us . . . Unto Thy Name Give Glory!

Your Church Extension dollars and prayers in behalf of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa will be greatly appreciated in January 1965. The needs are still urgent with an indebtedness of \$48,000 for 41 members, but the prospects are as bright as God's promises!

By Rev. Bernard R. Fritzsche of Cedar Falls, Iowa

GOD HAS WROUGHT some wonderful victories for his cause in "The Battle at Watnoo." (See article in "Baptist Herald," August 1961). Actually as the "battle" developed, the church was finally located in Cedar Falls, on the Waterloo border, and hence the name, "Cedarloo" Baptist Church, was selected.

Looking back over the progress during the past 3½ years, our hearts rejoice and we praise the Lord for his goodness. Recently a Cedar Falls couple whose living room window fronts toward our church told me how much they appreciated the appearance of our building on the hilltop. Sipping coffee before retiring at night, they often sit and look out and see the church front of bricks and stone aglow in the floodlights. Their eyes are led heavenward by the brilliantly illuminated white spire.

"It is a very beautiful and inspiring sight," said he. We who are a part of this church readily agree. Recognizing the goodness of the Lord and the faithfulness of our North American Baptist churches, we say with the Psalmist, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory . . ." (Psalm 115:1).

## ENCOURAGING GROWTH

In May 1961 seven adults were committed to form the nucleus of a new witness for Christ here, including the pastor and his wife. On June 11, 1961 our Sunday school program was launched with two classes—one for adults and one for children. The children's class consisted of only two scholars, the pastor's boys, Mark and Dean Fritzsche. Three and one-half eventful years later, our Sunday school has eight classes, and the average attendance for October 1964 was 87 per Sunday with our Rally Day on October reaching a high mark of 124. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:23).

To be sure, the path to victory was not without great concern, much labor and some occasional tears on our part. However, we recognize that by all human standards the work could not have prospered. So here again is evidence that the Church of Jesus Christ is a divine institution. In spite of human weakness, limitations and errors, he sees fit to develop it. Except for God's grace, it could not be done. The glory truly belongs to him.

In November 1963 we occupied the basement of our partially completed building. A great deal remained to be done. One year later on November 15,

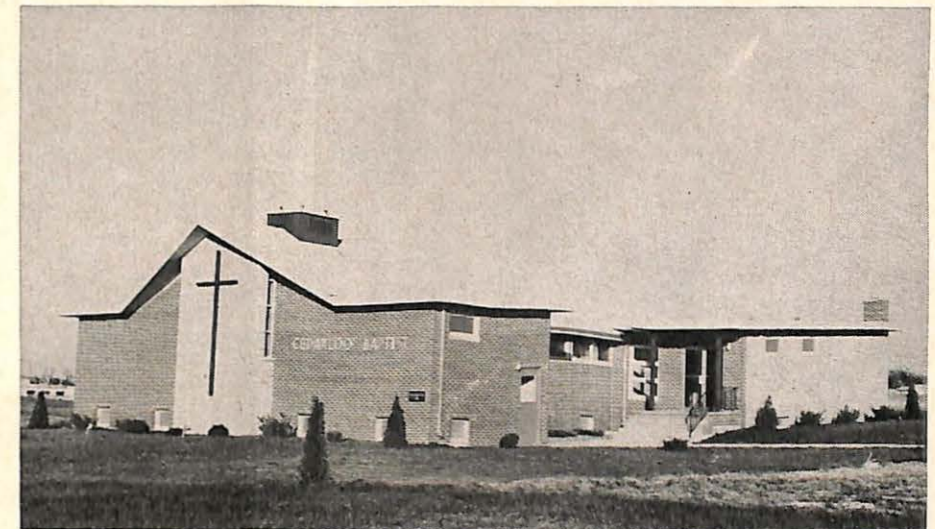
1964 we moved up into our main auditorium for our worship services. Much still remains to be done, but with enthusiasm we press forward. A year ago, when we began meeting in our new facilities, we counted 19 members. Today 41 members say, "we" when the Cedarloo Baptist Church matters are discussed. Our prospect list is long and the boys and girls comprise a large percentage of our attendance. In the words of a certain Gospel broadcaster, we too can say, "The future is as bright as the promises of God."

What then are our needs? Spiritually

needed for additional classroom space. Pews and pulpit furniture are needed to complete our worshipful sanctuary. Then of course, there are the kitchen cupboards and equipment needed to assist us in the program of drawing people together in Christian fellowship.

When the building is completed, inside as well as out, then, humanly speaking, we will all be proud as North American Baptists to offer to the community adequate facilities to do the work of Christ here.

We salute our Iowa Association churches and their pastors. They have



CEDARLOO BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Since 1964 the Cedarloo Church has been worshipping in the main auditorium, but much still remains to be done to complete the building and its facilities and to meet the indebtedness of \$48,000 for 41 members.

we need much maturing, for almost all of our members are young in Christian experience and service. Pray for us! We need constantly to grow in our concern for the lost about us that we might ever reach more of them. The anticipated growth of Cedar Falls is that it will double in size in the next 20 years. Pray that we might indeed fill the Master's requirement in being the church that we ought to be for his cause.

Materially, we also need your assistance. Our financial commitments are heavy with a present indebtedness of nearly \$48,000 for 41 members. For the present we can do little more than meet our general expenses and the payments on our building obligations. We are therefore looking to you, our brethren, to help us in the completion of our building.

Floor coverings are needed for the main floor area. Folding partitions are

continued to support this work in the purchasing of the land and in our building program. With gratitude we also remember the contributors to our initial Church Extension Builders Fund Club appeal for the Cedarloo Church. It helped immensely. And certainly, not least of all, our thanks goes to all North American Baptists who contributed to the general Church Extension budget. Without that a Church-Extension pastor's initial salary and housing would not be possible.

## FAITHFUL CONTRIBUTORS

I wonder if we recognize the tremendous effort and service which our brethren on the Church Extension Committee are doing! We thank the Lord for them too, and pray that God may give them much wisdom as they lead us in the thrilling program of Church Extension for Jesus Christ in the year 1965.



# Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach

Come and join the 30,000 Baptists at the 11th Baptist World Congress in the vacation capital of the United States, Miami Beach, Florida, from June 25 to 30, 1965.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

**YOUR EXPERIENCES** at a Baptist World Congress will sparkle like a diamond in your Christian pilgrimage. The colorful pageantry of such a congress is unforgettable. You will be stirred by messages and you will make friendships in Christ's Name that will change the course of your life. You will be spiritually enriched with the kind of wonderful gifts that money cannot buy.

In 1965 you will have the opportunity of a lifetime to be an enthusiastic participant in such a thrilling Baptist World Congress to be held on the North American continent. You can join the throng of 30,000 Baptists at the 11th Baptist World Congress to be held in Miami Beach, Florida, from June 25 to 30, 1965.

## PREVIOUS CONGRESSES

In 60 years of Baptist World Alliance history, this will be the fifth Congress held on this continent. Each one has made history and left an indelible impact on Baptist life. A few years before the opening shots of World War I in 1911, the 2nd Baptist Congress met in Philadelphia, Pa. These sessions were pervaded wonderfully by the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love," and by the deeply moving messages of the peerless Baptist preacher, John Clifford.

The 1928 Baptist Congress in Toronto, Ontario, was memorable for its setting in the fabulous Canadian National Exhibition grounds of the city. Those

of us who attended those sessions will never forget the tall, lean figure of Edgar Y. Mullins of Louisville, Kentucky, a humble, saintly man of God and a dynamic, fearless preacher of the Word.

Probably the largest attendance at any Baptist World Congress throughout the sessions was in 1939 at Atlanta, Georgia. The highlight of those memorable days was the Sunday afternoon mass meeting out in the open in the ballpark of the "Atlanta Crackers" with 60,000 people present to hear the late Dr. George W. Truett speak eloquently on "The Baptist Message and Mission for the World Today."

The last Baptist World Congress held on the North American continent was in 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio. Of all the spiritual thrills of those days, none can compare with the colorful parade of Baptist leaders, historical floats, missionaries and young people going through the streets of Cleveland down to the Cleveland Stadium with the climax enacted there in the Roll Call of Nations.

## JUNE 25-30, 1965

Now 15 years later, you will have another opportunity to attend a Baptist World Congress within easy reach of everyone in our Conference. This ought to be the most spectacular and stupendous Baptist Congress ever held. Delegates and visitors from 115 countries of the world will be present in a cross section of Baptist life around the face of the globe. The moving sessions will be held in the Miami Beach Con-

vention Hall, a modern, air-conditioned beautiful auditorium.

Four evening sessions will be held in the 73,000 seat Orange Bowl Stadium in nearby Miami. Evangelist Billy Graham will speak both Saturday and Sunday evenings in the Orange Bowl. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., the preacher of "The Baptist Hour" over television and radio, will bring the opening message in the Stadium. W. Hines Sims of Nashville, Tenn., will serve as the Congress Musical Director. A 5,000 voice choir from church and college choral groups in Florida and neighboring states will be used. The afternoons will feature divisional meetings of study commissions and interest groups.

## WITNESSING PANELS

Baptist leaders from all parts of the world will tell their own stories of Christian witness when the Congress meets in Miami Beach. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, chairman of the Congress Program Committee, said that parts of four morning sessions will be devoted to panels in which Baptists will discuss with one another—for the whole Congress to hear—the hardships and successes of Baptist life in their areas of the world.

"We are adopting this panel technique in order to allow all delegates to know as intimately as possible the church's leaders in remote parts of the world," he explained. "We think too the delegates will welcome this departure from a customary program of speech after speech."

The first of four "witnessing" panels will tell of "Witnessing to the Truth in a Christian Community," with representatives of countries where Protestant Christianity predominates participating. Successive panels will tell of "Witnessing to the Truth Where Other Christian Churches Dominate," "Witnessing to the Truth in a Secular Society," and "Witnessing to the Truth Among Other World Religions."

At one of the evening sessions to be held in the Memorial Auditorium the oratorio, *WHAT IS MAN?* which was such a spectacular success at Atlantic City, N. J., last May, will be presented. This original musical score and libretto depict men and women with the touch of God's glory upon them as they witness to the new freedom that they have found in Christ.

## FORMS AND LITERATURE

Miami Beach, a seven-square-mile sliver of land, has more hotel rooms—most of them first class—than each of more than a dozen states. Until 1913 there was nothing in Miami Beach but

## BAPTIST CONGRESS, MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA,

June 25 to 30, 1965

Read the illustrated article about the Baptist Congress in the 1965 ANNUAL.

Secure from your pastor the "Official Registration Form" and follow instructions.

Ask for copies showing lists of all hotels and motels and their addresses in Miami Beach and Miami, Florida. Also secure the form to be filled out for your hotel reservation.

a lot of mangrove swamp. Today it is a supersized playground, the vacation capital of the United States, a fabulous seaside resort. Minutes away from your Miami Beach hotel, you will find the ocean, some of the most exciting attractions of the world, tropical jungles, and amazing shopping centers.

To know more about the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla., June 25-30, 1965, you must follow this procedure: first of all, read the five page article in the 1965 ANNUAL entitled "Baptists Invade the Vacation Capital of the United States." (This will give you reams of information). Then ask your pastor for one of the "Official Registration Forms." Fill it out and sent it with your registration fee to the mailing address in Miami, Fla., that is given on the form. You should also ask your pastor for copies of two other full page announcements. One of these lists all the motels and hotels in Miami Beach and in Miami that will be available to Baptists and their quoted prices. A map on the reverse side shows the exact location of each hotel.

The BWA Administrative Committee has stated that all prices in the best Miami Beach hotels have been lowered for the Congress to about \$8 per person for double occupancy and \$12 for single occupancy in the room. Other rooms that are more reasonably priced are also available.

Then you should also have a full page form to be filled out and sent to the proper address for your hotel or motel reservation. This should be done quite promptly.

## 25 MILLION BAPTISTS

If you cannot secure this material from your pastor, you can write to the Promotional Secretary, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois with your request.

Almost 25 million Baptists are witnessing to the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world today. This will be solemnly symbolized at the great Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla., as 30,000 Baptists together sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and as hands are clasped and hearts are linked together in our witness to Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come and join these Baptist throngs, June 25 to 30, 1965, and your Christian life will be enriched exceeding abundantly above all that you could now ask or think.



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, JAMESTOWN, N. DAK.

Almost 100 people are attending the Sunday services of the newly organized Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., meeting in a Seventh Day Adventist Church building.

## Church Extension in Jamestown, N. Dak.

The story of the Temple Baptist Church in Jamestown, N. Dak., organized with 90 charter members and carrying on a fruitful ministry for Christ.

By Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Interim Pastor

**AFTER MUCH WORK** and ardent prayer and after many, many miles of travel, the decision was finally reached to declare Jamestown, North Dakota a *Church Extension* area and to establish another NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH in that city.

As stated, it required much prayer and time and travel. We appointed a local committee which helped us in an un-official capacity for some time. This committee consisted of Mr. Rueben Wolff, Mr. Art Buchwitz, Mr. Archie Remboldt, Mr. Henry Tahran, and Mr. Elmer Schindel. We have two alternatives.

## MANY CHARTER MEMBERS

After some months, we knew that the alternative for the First Baptist Church to decide to come back into the conference was not to be reached, and therefore the decision was reached that a new church was to be established in Jamestown, such a church to be built upon the principles of the New Testament Church, even Jesus Christ, and representing the North American General Conference.

We were able to rent the Seventh Day Adventist Church building, located in the heart of the city, and this church was made available to us for Thursdays and Sundays. In this manner, prayer for a suitable place of worship was answered.

The first meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 13, and an enthusiastic group gathered for worship. A North American Baptist church was established, and 64 became members of the new church. The charter membership list

grew to about 90. On this particular Sunday, 92 people gathered to worship the Lord. (See accompanying picture). On Sept. 20, a Sunday school was organized with 51 scholars, with 6 classes and teachers. Nine visitors were present.

Six persons expressed their desire to become charter members of the new organization by confession of faith and baptism. On Sunday, Oct. 4, their desire was realized and we had not only the privilege of baptizing six adults, but also to unite, through this act, six families in the Lord as well as in their church relationship. We praise the Lord for what he has done in Jamestown for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ and the NAB General Conference.

## INSPIRING SERVICES

On Thursday evenings, we gather for Bible Study and Prayer, and we are happy to state that between 30 and 40 people gather in this manner. On Thursday, Oct. 22, the church met for a Fellowship Supper in the Farmers Union Building, and 122 people gathered in this manner. It was a very pleasant as well as a fruitful hour. On Thursday, Nov. 12, the church met in business session and chose the name "Temple Baptist Church" for a permanent name. This brought joy to the hearts of the people to have a church established on Christ and the Book.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, we enjoyed a great day. Rev. Daniel Fuchs of the Forest Park Office, Director of Church Extension, was with the church as a guest speaker and a great day of inspiration and fellowship was experi-

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MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION HALL

Here in this modern and spacious Convention Hall of Miami Beach and in this "Vacation Capital" of Florida, the 11th Baptist World Congress will be held from June 25-30, 1965.



# Centennial Highlights at Kankakee, Ill.

Report of "Old Timers" Day, the Centennial Pageant and the visit of the former pastors, Rev. W. S. Argow and Dr. Louis R. Johnson, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

By Mrs. Alice Luhrs, Church Reporter

ON SUNDAY, OCT. 18, the members of Immanuel Baptist Church Kankakee, Illinois observed "Old Timers" day as one of their 100th Church Anniversary special events. Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., former pastor from 1912 to 1917, was the special speaker. Colorful Centennial costumes were in evidence in the congregation and great blessings were received by all. Many former members and friends were in attendance.

## "OUR CLOUD OF WITNESSES"

An original Centennial Pageant was presented on Friday evening, Oct. 23, in the sanctuary of the Immanuel Church as one of the outstanding events of the centennial year. This pageant depicted the hundred year history of the church from 1864 to 1964. "Our Cloud of Witnesses" were the 18 former pastors of the church, around whom the story and script were written. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, was the narrator. Also included were the Junior and Senior choirs and other special music.

From the opening scene in Green Garden, Illinois, at the home of Rev. E. Tschirch, who brought the Gospel to Kankakee, (twenty miles in those days was a long way), to the closing thrilling anthem of the senior choir, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the audience of 350 persons was held spellbound. This did not include the 55 participants, including the pastor, plus the choirs who would bring the number present well over 400.



Participants in the Centennial Pageant, "Our Cloud of Witnesses," at the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill.

Left to right: Mrs. Richard Eckels, Mr. Richard Eckels, Mr. Wm. T. Edwards, Mrs. Edward Woodrich and Mr. Edward Woodrich.

The sending out of sons and daughters into full time Christian service was an impressive scene, especially since we were privileged to have two of them with us—Rev. Albert Gernenz, executive secretary of the Illinois State Baptist Convention, and Ruby Salzman, who had come home on furlough just in time for this occasion. The roll call



IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, KANKAKEE, ILL.

Throughout this year 1964 this church has been observing its Centennial Anniversary. The presentation of the historical pageant "Our Cloud of Witnesses," was a dramatic climax of these events.

## SINGING MEN ANNOUNCE RECORDS

Because of many requests while they were on tour this past summer, the Singing Men Quartet has now released their first record, which is available from them. The cost is \$3.75 (\$4.00 in Canada) for the record. If you would like to order one or more, please fill out the form at the bottom of this column and send it to:

THE SINGING MEN  
North American Baptist Seminary  
1605 S. Euclid  
Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

Please enclose your check or money order with the request.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ records at a cost of \$3.75 (\$4.00 in Canada).

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State or Province \_\_\_\_\_

of servicemen and the playing of taps for three young men who gave their lives was a deeply moving experience.

## DR. LOUIS R. JOHNSON

Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., pastor from 1958 to 1962, who with his wife had been invited for the week end, narrated a film taken during the construction of the building showing the various stages and spoke briefly. The choir then sang the same anthem as they had sung at the service—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Rev. Robert Schreiber concluded the service with a brief challenge to us.

A social time was held in the Fellowship Hall, when the members of the cast in beards and appropriate costumes mingled with the audience. Appropriate refreshments of doughnuts and cider, buttermilk and coffee were served. Besides the pastor, Mrs. Robert C. Johnson and Mrs. George A. Salzman wrote and directed the pageant.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, a large audience of both present and former members greeted Dr. Louis R. Johnson, as he brought the messages of the day and challenged us. After the service, a singspiration and social time was held in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments served by the Homecoming Committee. With the Psalmist we say: "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts" (Ps. 145:4).

## HIS GIFT

By Mrs. Hazel Onstad  
of Sacramento, California

Don't be chained to a limit sign  
If it blocks the road to the good you do.

Remember that you are a child of  
God's . . .

That freedom's a gift

He gives to you.

● Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez of Bentley, N. Dak., have announced that a daughter born to them on Nov. 18 passed away during birth. Mr. Friez is the interim pastor at the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, S. Dak. The obituary of Sherry Kaye Friez appears on page 23 of this issue.

● Rev. Carl Palfenier, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., since 1961, recently presented his resignation to the church which was regretfully accepted. His resignation will take effect on Feb. 1, 1965. He has announced that he will give his full time to graduate studies.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 15, Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., baptized 14 persons on confession of their faith in Christ at a very impressive baptismal service. A "Church Talent Program" on Sunday evening, Nov. 29, created a great deal of interest in the congregation.

● Mr. Robert F. Herzog of Woodside, N. Y., a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Woodside, N. Y. and a former General Council member, observed his 82nd birthday on Nov. 6 "in happiness of spirit and in good health." He has been a deacon of the Immanuel Church for 35 years and the church clerk for 36 years. Rev. A. Husmann is pastor of the church.

● The Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Walter Schmidt of Norridge, Illinois, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norridge since 1958. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Milwaukee church on Feb. 1st, succeeding Rev. Wilmer Quiring, now of Rochester, N. Y.

● The Baptist Church of Raymore, Sask., is being served at present by its new pastor, Rev. Leonard Eichler, who began his ministry there several months ago, succeeding Rev. Arthur Zeller. Mr. Eichler comes from the NAB church in Minitonas, Manitoba, and studied at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., and Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● Rev. Alfred A. Foll of Startup, Wash., aged 78, a guest in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., since 1959, was called home to glory on Oct. 10th. He served a number of North American Baptist churches with great faithfulness, the last church having been Odessa, Wash. The memorial tribute to him prepared by his pastor, Rev. Robert R. Hoffman, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, has called Mr. Klaus Tonn as student pastor. He is a student at present at the Winnipeg Bible College. He is rendering an appreciated student ministry in the Sunday school, youth work and church program at the McDermot Avenue Church. The pastor of the church until

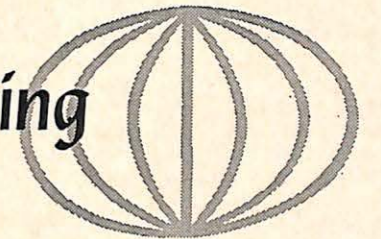
February 1965 is Rev. Reinhold Kerstan.

● On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, the choirs and several members of the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario and their pastor, Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, conducted a special service at the Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ontario. The auditorium was well filled for the program of musical

forth came by plane from Japan to be at his mother's bedside shortly before her homegoing. The memorial tribute to Mrs. Mayforth, age 56 years, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● On Jan. 2, 1965 Rev. W. S. Argow, one of the honored senior pastors of our North American Baptist General Conference will celebrate his 90th birthday at his home in Erie. He served nu-

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numbers and a Gospel message by Mr. Hunsicker. The Sebastopol Church is without the services of a regular minister at present.

● The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer was observed on Monday evening, Nov. 2, by the Benevolent Society of the Applington Baptist Church, Applington, Iowa. Mrs. Elton Kirstein of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, vice president of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, was the special speaker. Women of the Cedarloo, Steamboat Rock and Parkersburg churches were guests. A social hour followed the service.

● Rev. Bruce Rich began his ministry as Director of Children's Work in the Department of Christian Education at Forest Park, Ill. on Nov. 1st. His wife and two children joined him later in the month. They are now residing in the suburb of Westchester, Ill. Mr. Rich's first extended engagement will be in a Leadership Course and anniversary church service to be held by the Calvary Church of Billings, Montana over the week-end of Jan. 10, 1965.

● The Wisconsin C.B.Y.F. Fall Rally was held at the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., on Oct. 3 and 4 with a good attendance and Prof. Ed Link as the guest speaker. The mission project goal for the preceding year toward the support of God's Volunteers was met and exceeded. The project for the coming year is The Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, with a goal of \$1,500.

● Mrs. Charles Mayforth of Benton Harbor, Mich., the mother of Rev. Richard Mayforth, NAB missionary in Japan, and of Rev. Ronald Mayforth, pastor in Madison, S. Dak., passed away on Nov. 20 after an illness of several months. The husband and two other sons also survive. Rev. Richard May-

merous churches of our Conference with distinction and blessing. He is now residing with one of his daughters at 2527 West Ridge Road, Erie, Pa. Congratulatory cards and best wishes for his 90th birthday can be sent to him at this address.

● Rev. Peter Geissler of Rochester, N. Y., age 82, was called to his heavenly Home on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. The memorial service in Rochester, N. Y., conducted by Rev. Wilmer Quiring was held on Nov. 27, and another service was held at the Baptist Church at Avon, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, with Rev. Peter Wiens in charge. He was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery at Avon beside the body of his wife who passed away some years ago. Mr. Geissler's last active pastorate was in the Avon Baptist Church. The memorial tribute to him will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● "The Singing Men," the musical quartet sponsored by the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., accompanied by Mr. Dick Rabenhorst as speaker brought great blessing to our churches and at the General Conference sessions last summer through their songs and testimonies. A record of their songs is now available at \$3.75 (\$4 in Canada). Many people will want to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to hear their inspiring messages in song again and again by means of this record. Use the order form that appears on page 14 in sending your orders for the record.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas observed Harvest and Mission Sunday on Nov. 1st. The children of the Sunday school, under the leadership of Mrs. Richard Newell, presented an interesting and enjoyable program in the evening service. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand then showed colored

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

Joyfully we begin our New Year with a challenging devotional thought from our immediate past president, Carolyn Sherman. We are happy that she is actively working in our denomination as secretary to our Seminary president, Rev. Frank Veninga.

As we go into a New Year, it is my hope that each of us will determine to begin anew with God. If we are willing to be third, putting God first and others second, the New Year will prove fruitful in happiness and usefulness. Happy New Year to YOU!

#### ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

By Mrs. Carolyn Sherman  
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Great things attempt for him, great things expect  
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

These few lines of verse present a tremendous challenge to each one of us as another year is dawning. It is said that upon a sun dial in England are the words, "You can waste me, but you can not stop me." Yes, it is true that we can waste our leisure time, or we can make it count for the Lord.

This contrast is symbolized by two clocks. One of these is marked with a giant's head and the twelve hours are swallowed up as they march into the giant's head. At noon, the figures of the twelve apostles come forth and as the hour chimes, each apostle bows before his Lord. Will the year 1965 find us using our moments so that we will be able to bow before our Lord?

Many people scoff at resolutions but, while many are broken, many must be kept. At the beginning of a new year it is well to make high resolves and cling to them with faith. Jonathan Edwards on the eve of a new year made a list of resolutions. Among them were the following:

Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live.

Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I can.

Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, to be obedient to God.

To these we might add the resolution to set aside definite moments for God. Whether these moments are in the morning, noon or at night, it is only as we keep them diligently and they be-

## From the Professor's Desk

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

*How do you explain the recent emphasis upon the so-called legitimate and necessary secularization of the gospel?*

Formerly, terms like "secular," "secularization," and "secularism" were regarded as designating something bad or unfortunate within Christendom. Today, however, they have taken on a positive and constructive meaning for many contemporary thinkers, partly due to the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who has often been called "the theologian of the secular."

Bonhoeffer's thought has come to be known as "a secular theology for a world come of age." "The world come of age" refers to the modern generation of godless mankind which regards itself as having outgrown its need for religion. Disciples of Bonhoeffer feel the intense necessity of accepting their responsibility as citizens of this world where God has placed them and to keep close to contemporary secular life among the masses of unbelievers as those who are sensitive to concrete reality. They feel that we must live in the world and be involved in its visible and tangible realities in order to "enworld the evangel."

#### SECULAR THEOLOGIANS

The life of the church must be linked with the life of the people of the world in order to be on earth what Christ was—"the Man for others." There is no place for isolationism (separation) or for a visionary approach. We must live in the world and love it, as our Lord did. What is needed is a practical brotherly love for one's fellow-man, expressed in actions which make human life more human in a world of selfishness, brutality and violence. The "secular theologians" are consistently con-

come a part of us that we will fully realize that they are the most important moments of the day.

An artist was asked, "What is your best picture?" He answered, "My next." As we think of another year dawning, may we think in terms of making our next opportunity for Christ our greatest opportunity. May we envision a New Year not stained by lack of dedication to Christ and not marred by neglected opportunities. May we remember that "every day that dawns brings something to do that can never be done as well again."

So let us face the new year with him at our side and carry out the theme of our triennium—"and go quickly and pray, read, work, plan, support, serve and give."

My best wishes to each one of you for a New Year filled with peace, contentment, and good will!

cerned with the sociological side of the church's life and are raising a voice of protest against self-centered religiousness. Self-sacrifice, they urge, is the highest fulfillment of a human being. Authentic Christianity reproduces the participation of God in the suffering of the world.

Some of the secular theologians go so far as to suggest that a secular society without any formal religion or world view is an authentic possibility for modern man. Indeed, that a secular attitude is required by a faithful response to God's revelation in history. To be specific, secularism affirms belief in the objective reality and normative value of nature. Sometimes divine attributes are ascribed to the mechanical world—unity, constancy, eternity, ubiquity and omnipotence. Belief in nature, is claimed, expresses itself in the confidence that the law of nature is also a moral law, and that this is discoverable by human reason apart from revelation. Culture becomes the process whereby man creates the values and conditions by which he lives.

#### IDEOLOGY OF SECULARISM

It appears from many indications that the ideology of secularism has become one of the world's great religions. It has become a dominant way of life confined within the natural order of things, endowing this world with absolute and self-evident meaning and value. By many today this is regarded as a context of faith within which secularism is not inherently hostile to religion. Some feel that even God, understood as the depth of human reason, consciousness and experience, is a quite possible predicate. The last two decades have witnessed a growing alliance between secularism and religion, or perhaps more accurately stated as a resurgence of religion on secularist premises.

In 1956 Will Herberg remarked that "Americans think, feel and act in terms quite obviously secularist, at the very time that they exhibit every sign of a religious revival. It is this secularism of a religious people, this religiousness in a secular framework, that constitutes the problem posed by the contemporary religious situation in America" (*Protestant, Catholic and Jew*, p. 15).

In another article some other aspects of secularization will be developed, inasmuch as this has become a very important issue among many modern thinkers.

#### PREPAREDNESS

For all your days prepare,  
And meet them ever alike;  
When you are the anvil, bear—  
When you are the hammer, strike.  
—Edwin Markham

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## sunday school lessons

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

#### A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 10, 1965

Theme: THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Temptations are permitted to come to us, not to make us fall, but in order to make us strong.

INTRODUCTION: Because Jesus was the Son of God, we find it difficult sometimes to believe that he should ever have had the thought of temptation. But this is one of the reasons Jesus came—to show us that temptation can be conquered. He came to live on this earth and suffer and experience all the human frailties to which we are subjected to every day. He knows what we go through because he went through it. He experienced physical hunger and thirst; he knew what it was to be tired and weary; he felt the warmth of friendship and the sting of enemies, and he suffered the emotional conflict in time of temptation. He knows and that is why he cares.

We must, however, never forget to remember the difference between temptation and yielding to temptation. It is the yielding to temptation that is sin. Let us remember the words of Hebrews 2:18: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

I. THE FACT OF TEMPTATION. Matthew 4:1.

Temptation often comes at the most unexpected moments. Sometimes when we feel strongest the temptation seems most intense. Jesus was tempted soon after his greatest spiritual experience. Such an experience can make us either very strong or it can also lead to spiritual pride. The devil knows this and he will take advantage of every weakness.

II. THE TEMPTATION FOR PHYSICAL DESIRES. Matthew 4:2-4.

After going without food for such a long time, a man is tempted to say, "Anything for a piece of bread; anything for a drink of water." Our physical needs become very important to us when they are denied.

What the devil was recommending to Jesus was that he use his God-given power, which was to be used for the life of the world and the salvation of souls, and use it as a magic power for some fringe benefits to satisfy his personal needs.

Jesus does not deny that man must live. But bread is not the only item on

the menu. A man can have a houseful of bread and still starve if he neglects his spiritual life.

III. THE TEMPTATION FOR PUBLIC APPROVAL. Matthew 4:5-7.

Satan appealed to the dramatic and to the spectacular. How easy it would be to prove to all that he is the Son of God by simply casting himself from the highest point of the temple and have angels carry him into the center of the multitude.

IV. THE TEMPTATION TO AVOID THE CROSS. Matthew 4:8-11.

The Devil's tools were primarily a misuse of Scripture and "if" questions to doubt his divinity. The last temptation was a vision of a conquered world lying at his feet without dying on the cross. But Jesus knew the Scriptures, he knew his heavenly Father, and he knew the plan for his life.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. In what way are Scripture and prayer helpful in overcoming temptation?
2. How was it possible for Jesus to be tempted when he was the Son of God?
3. How can the temptations of Jesus help us in our temptations?

#### A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 17, 1965

Theme: THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-25

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Kingdom is at hand, but it will do you little good unless the Kingdom is in your heart.

INTRODUCTION: The ministry of John the Baptist was very successful and spectacular, but it was shorter even than that of Jesus, lasting barely two years. He feared no man, and when he felt it his duty to reprove Herod, he faced the ruler like Nathan the prophet faced David and said, "Thou art the man!"

It is easy to condemn sin among the common people, but it is often dangerous to condemn sin in high places. That is where a courageous man of God is really needed, even though he may lose his life in the process.

The one who first proclaimed the Kingdom of God was finally beheaded. But the King and his Kingdom live on. It was necessary for John to proclaim the message and to announce the coming of the Messiah, but it was not necessary for him to live on. He was faithful in that which God gave him to do.

I. JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE. Matthew 4:12.

The first verse of our lesson may give the impression that Jesus felt no sympathy or sorrow for John. But nothing can be further from the truth. No one received any higher commendation from Jesus. (See John 5:35; Luke 7:28).

Jesus realized that John's mission was finished and that his own was just beginning. He could not even let John's imprisonment deter him from his great mission which he proclaimed in simple words, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

In Galilee Jesus realized that the people were much more open-minded to the Gospel of the Kingdom than those around Jerusalem who were dominated by the Jewish religious rulers.

II. JESUS' MINISTRY IN CAPERNAUM. Matthew 4:12-17.

Although Nazareth was his home, he was not welcome there and almost lost his life. Jesus knew where he was wanted and where he was needed. Capernaum was a busy fishing village. The area was called "Galilee of the Gentiles," and these Jesus also came to save. There must have been a customs station there where dues were collected by government tax gatherers because Matthew was on duty one day when Jesus called him (Matt. 7:9).

It seems strange that Jesus should use the exact words and message of John the Baptist, but he preached with greater authority for he was the King of the new Kingdom.

III. CALLING FOLLOWERS INTO THE MINISTRY. Matthew 4:18-22.

Jesus realized that every one of his disciples must be carefully, prayerfully and personally chosen because they would be responsible for the proclamation of the most important message in the world. He preached the message of repentance now but the time would come when that same message would have more meaning and power in the light of the cross and the resurrection. Some of his choices may have looked like poor candidates for the ministry. No scribe, Pharisee or priest could have seen any favorable qualifications for discipleship in Peter, Andrew, James or John. Jesus saw them as they were, but even more important, he saw what they could become.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. Why did Jesus not ask any of the scribes and Pharisees to be his followers?
2. What are the qualifications for disciples today?
3. What do people mean when they talk about faith healing?



# Festive Services of Dedication

Reports from N.A.B. Churches about God's blessings upon their witness and ministry.

**CYPRESS, NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.** On Sunday, Nov. 8th, the official opening of the Cypress Baptist Church in North Seattle, Wash., was held. Over 300 people from the immediate area and sister churches crowded into the chapel and over into the fellowship hall. Hearts were thrilled with the singing of the 50-voice choir from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia as they served us that day. It was certainly a generous expression of dedication of the choir to charter a bus and then to sing at both the morning and afternoon services.

Dr. W. J. Appel, Salem, Oregon, was the guest speaker of the day. Already our Sunday school enrolment stands at 125 just two weeks after the official opening of the church. The pastor, Rev. R. Grabke, is teaching a membership class with a good enrolment.

The building includes a chapel with a seating capacity of 200 and an overflow seating an additional 150; a Fellowship Hall and Educational Unit that includes a nursery, toddlers room, Primary Church room, pastor's study and church office. The building designed by Carl Bullock, one of our members, was constructed for \$25,000. We are so happy for the many new families coming to our church and for Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee who have recently returned from Cameroons, Africa as missionaries. Mrs. Chaffee serves as our church organist. (R. E. Grabke, Pastor).

**IMMANUEL, VANCOUVER, B. C.,** On Oct. 17 the Immanuel Baptist



**CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.** Rev. R. E. Grabke, pastor of the Church Extension project at the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash., leads the festive program which officially launched the services of worship in the new building.

Church of Vancouver, B. C., dedicated its new educational building to the glory of God. This \$35,000 edifice, adjacent to the present church building, provides 12 Sunday school classrooms, two large halls for the youth group, Women's Society and church organizations. The architect, Mr. W. Buttjes, was able to plan for a beautiful building and the work was brought to completion in four months with Mr. Frank Stanzl as contractor.



Out of door dedication service held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., dedicating the \$35,000 educational unit (right) to God's glory and to the teaching ministry of its Sunday school.

The dedication service was held out in the open on a beautiful fall day. Rev. G. Gebauer, pastor, spoke briefly

on Psalm 118. He reviewed the marvelous story of our various buildings dedicated to God's glory as follows: 1957 the church; 1962 the new parsonage; and 1964 the educational unit. Mr. M. Luecking spoke for the church and Mr. H. Goliath for the Board of Christian Education and for the Building Committee. Then the key to the new building was turned over to Mr. Frank Stanzl and the Sunday school expressed its gratitude through the superintendent and a recitation by the children.

Our church has a present membership of 400 members and a large Sunday school. We have a Saturday School with about 240 children in attendance,

120 of whom are from our own church families and 120 from the Mennonite Brethren Church. Our youth group totals more than 70. We believe that God is with us and is greatly blessing and prospering his work in our midst. (G. Kohlhasse, Reporter).

**ZION, EDMONTON, ALTA.** On Sept. 20th, we of the Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, were privileged to dedicate our new church. More than 800 people attended the dedication service in the afternoon and were blessed by the messages in word and song. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, brought the dedication sermon in English, and Dr. E. P. Wahl in German. Words of greeting were extended by 10 sister churches. Besides we had also invited Rev. R. Kluttig, the former minister of the church, Rev. Fred Merke of Lethbridge, and Dr. A. S. Felberg who spoke in behalf of the Christian Training Institute. With the hymn; "To the Work, We Are Laborers for God," the three hour service was concluded.

From Oct. 11 to 25 we were blessed by the stirring messages of missionary-evangelist, Dr. John Thiessen. Night after night there were clear decisions for Christ. We praise God for his wonder working power revealed in this revival. (Norbert Laudon, Pastor).

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**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, EDMONTON, ALBERTA** The festive service of dedication of the German Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta showing the choir, visiting pastors, guest speakers and the local minister, Rev. Norbert Laudon, at the right (front row).

## North American Baptist Associations

Reports of fall sessions and elections of officers.

**IOWA ASSOCIATION SESSIONS.** The Iowa Association met at the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, Oct. 16 to 18. On Saturday morning breakfasts were held for the men's group and for the women. On Saturday afternoon a panel of six pastors presented the topic, "What a Pastor Expects from His Congregation," followed by "Talk Back" comments by members of the congregation.

On Saturday evening about 250 gathered for the banquet. Mr. Hisashi Murakami gave a brief testimony, with President Frank Veninga of the Seminary bringing the message. The session closed with a missionary service on Sunday afternoon, with testimonies by a number of young people and with Mr. Hisashi Murakami giving the final address. New officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Lyman Erickson; vice-moderator, Rev. Glenn Fink; secretary, Rev. Harold Drenth; and treasurer, Mr. Earl Kiple.

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION (GERMAN DIVISION).** "This was the best Association that I can remember," remarked one of the pastors who attended the Alberta Conference (German Division) held at the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Nov. 5-8. The timely theme of evangelism through the local church united friends and delegates in an effort to learn more about the best methods to do the Lord's work most effectively. Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker who challenged the congregation with the necessity and urgency of evangelism.

The closing rally on Sunday after-

noon was the climax of the Association. About 800 people crowded a rented school auditorium. The united choirs under the direction of Mr. H. Kleiber gave a powerful expression to the wonderful truth of the Gospel. Rev. D. Fuchs spoke about the need for genuine gratitude. The new officers are: moderator, Rev. Fred Merke; vice-moderator, Rev. Erwin Babel; treasurer, Mr. Fritz; and secretary, Rev. Werner Waitkus. (Richard Hohensee, Reporter).

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION.** The Kansas Association convened at the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Oct. 19-21, with the theme being, "Daily Devotions," based on Luke 11:3. The guest speakers included Missionary Earl Ahrens, Spanish-American Missionary; and Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary. Dr. Gunst brought the keynote address Monday evening on "Evangelism in the Home" (Acts 16: 40).

Tuesday morning our sessions began with Rev. M. Warkentin leading us in devotions. The afternoon devotions were given by Rev. Mr. D. Decker on Phil. 2:9-11. Two workshops were led by the Rev. E. Barker, and Missionary Earl Ahrens, on "Christ-centered Activities" and "Practical Daily Life," respectively. The most unforgettable service for many was the evening meeting when the young people led and provided special music. Mr. Harv Schmucker, formerly associated with Hutchinson Youth for Christ, challenged us to be more than average Christians.

Wednesday morning, Mr. D. Priestley emphasized I Cor. 1:3 for devotions. The association officers elected are: Rev. K. Schmuland, moderator; Mr. Arlen Janssen, vice-moderator; Mrs. D. Priestley, secretary; Mr. Paul Kohman, treasurer. Scripture Memory Committee members are: Rev. Merle Brenner, (1965); Rev. Donald Decker, (1966); and Mrs. Dwight Kruse, (1966); Prudential Committee: Rev. E. Barker, (1965); Rev. E. Wesner, (1966); and Rev. G. Voegelé, (1966); Mission Committee: Mr. E. Hildebrand, (1966). (Mrs. David Priestley, Secretary).

### MY SUGGESTION FOR NAME NAB DEVOTIONAL QUARTERLY

Name contest will definitely close on Jan. 31, 1965. Send your suggestions NOW to Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park Ill.

My entry for the name for the new "Devotional Quarterly" is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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movies on the work that he and Mrs. Hildebrand were able to accomplish in the construction of buildings for Saker College during their recent term in Cameroon, Africa. The total offerings of the day were designated for our N.A.B. missionary outreach. Rev. Edgar B. Wesner is pastor.

● **Mrs. Ethel Hendricks Kruse of Philadelphia, Pa.,** has written a fascinating account of her life story consisting of 100 mimeographed pages. She served as matron of the Baptist Home in Chicago, Ill., and of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa. She has had many important contacts with NAB churches in Illinois, Iowa, California and South Dakota. On Feb. 16, 1933 she and Rev. F. P. Kruse were married in the chapel of the Philadelphia Home for the Aged. With her clear and prodigious memory and with her active interest in many denominational activities, Mrs. Kruse has written an autobiography which is both interesting to the reader and historical. Miss Lenore Kruse of Valley Forge, Pa., typed and prepared the volume for her mother. At present Mrs. Kruse is a guest in the Philadelphia Home for the Aged where she will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Feb. 16, 1965. Her winsome spirit is expressed in these words of her autobiography: "I sit in my chair and read, write, do handwork, and listen to the radio. The Lord helps me to pray for our Home and for others."



# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## Sunday School Programs & Events

**CENTRAL, YORKTON, SASK.** Central Baptist Sunday School in Yorkton, Sask., is busy with many activities. A definite increase in attendance is enjoyed. More classrooms were provided this fall to house the growing Sunday school. As a result of our Vacation Bible School last summer a number of unchurched children are attending our school. The Junior Choir sings every Sunday morning which is enjoyed by young and old. Three years ago we began our Scripture Memorization Course. A number of boys and girls enrolled. Arlyce Boerchers, who began previous to this date, is the first one who has finished the entire course and received the grand award, "The Head of Christ." (Hertha Rowden, Reporter).



**ARLYCE BOERCHERS**

of Yorkton, Sask., who was the first grand award winner in Scripture Memorization in the Central Baptist Church.

**WEEKDAY BIBLE SCHOOL, STAFFORD, KANSAS.** The Weekday Bible School of Stafford, Kansas began its sessions on Wednesday, Oct. 23, with 250 pupils enrolled. The school is being operated on a release time basis with classes for grades one through six. Classes are being held in the educational building of the First Christian Church on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The older children are chaperoned to and from the public school buildings by teams of mothers from the cooperating churches, and the younger children, grades one and two, are transported by bus. A staff of five teachers has charge of the classes which are 45 minutes in length. Two of the teachers, Mrs. Adolph Bill and Mrs. Herman Hildebrand, are members of the Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Herman Hildebrand is also the principal of the Bible School. Rev. Edgar Wesner, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, was president of the Weekday Bible School Association last year. He has assisted the 1964-65 president, Rev. Clarke Harbach of the First Baptist Church, in setting up an enlarged Bible school program this year on a release time basis. Nine churches of the Stafford community are supporting this challenging venture.

## Special Events

**BETHANY, VESPER, KANSAS.** The annual Harvest and Mission Festival was observed at the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas on Sunday, Oct. 18. We were greatly blessed and challenged by Missionary Joyce Batek from Japan, who spoke to us at the morning and evening services and also showed slides of the Japan mission field. The offering amounted to \$1,881.80. Of this \$1,527.50 were designat-

ed for missions. The theme of the Harvest-Mission Festival with Miss Batek was "Blessed is the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psalm 68:19a). Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, pastor, was in charge of the services. The Homebuilders Class was in charge of the decorations. (Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter).

**HETTINGER, MOTT AND NEW LEIPZIG, N. D.** The Baptist Churches of Hettinger, Mott and New Leipzig, N. Dak., cooperated to sponsor a missionary conference, Nov. 12-15. Miss Joyce Batek, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, and Miss Barbara Kieper were the guest missionaries. The conference program was made up of several local missionary services, two mass rallies and separate informal meetings for men, women and youth. The men's meeting was a breakfast, the women's meeting a tea, and the youth meeting a banquet. We are thankful to God for giving us insight and inspiration through the missionaries who ministered to us. (Allan Gerber, Pastor, New Leipzig Baptist Church).

**GLADWIN, MICH.** On Sunday, Nov. 15, the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., had the privilege of having Rev. David Agnor, chairman of the Board of Christian Education from the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., as guest speaker for the dedication of an oil painting entitled, "How Great Thou Art," in loving memory of the late Mrs. Alma Renas. Rev. Norman Berkan, our pastor, was in charge of this service and Harmon Palmer, deacon, led in prayer. Adolph Wolfe brought a brief summary for this dedicatory event. Mrs. Esther Berkan, wife of our pastor, who did the marvel-

ous oil painting came to the platform to draw the drapes for the unveiling of the picture which is directly behind the baptistry. Rev. David Agnor's message was taken from the text, Gal. 2:20-21. (Augusta Will, Reporter).

**GERMANTOWN CHURCH, N. DAK.** On Sunday, Sept. 27, the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., held its annual Harvest Mission Festival with Rev. R. F. Derman of Harvey, N. Dak., as guest speaker. Following a Fellowship Supper a short program was presented with Mr. Derman once more bringing us an inspiring message. From Oct. 21 to 30 we held evangelistic meetings with Rev. L. Friesen of Emery, S. Dak., as evangelist. His messages were truly inspiring and a blessing to us. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, our Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program with Rev. and Mrs. L. Hawket of Devils Lake, N. Dak., as our guests. They showed pictures of their work with the Indians at Fort Totten Reservation. A group of Indians accompanied them and rendered several numbers in song. (Mrs. Calvin Edinger, Reporter).

**BISON, KANSAS.** The goodness of the Lord was manifested not only in the Harvest decorations of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, but also in the beautiful day of Sunday, Nov. 8. Rev. Gordon Voegele of Wichita, Kansas was our guest speaker, bringing a challenging message. After spiritual stimulation and challenge, there was a time of fellowship at the fellowship dinner. During the evening service Mrs. Voegele presented a chalk drawing entitled, "God's Faithfulness." A girl's trio sang and Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus played appropriate selections on the organ. In recognition of God's faithfulness, we were able to respond with a mission offering of \$380. Blessed be God who always causes us to triumph and rejoice in his grace! (Clemence Auch, Pastor).

**ORDINATION, REV. W. KROGULETZ.** On Saturday, Sept. 12, the NAB Council for the ordination of Mr. Waldemar Kroguletz was held at the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario. Rev. William Sturhahn served as chairman and Rev. W. Ertis as secretary of the Council. Mr. Kroguletz brought his testimony in a clear and precise manner in which the guiding hand of God became evident to all who were present. That same evening the ordination service was held. Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, brought the ordination message. A deeply moving biography of the candidate was given by Rev. W. Gutsche, a dear friend of the Kroguletz family. Words of welcome into the ranks of Christian ministers and of our denomination were given by Rev. R.

Kern, Eastern District secretary; by Dr. L. A. Gregory, representing the Ontario Quebec Conference; and by Mr. A. Rottke, representing the church. Rev. and Mrs. Waldemar Kroguletz are at present stationed at Regina, Sask. (B. P. A. Ertis, Reporter).

**ST. JOSEPH, MICH.** The First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., recognized National Pioneer Girls Week at a pot-luck banquet on Nov. 19 attended by more than 80 women and girls. Mrs. Kenneth Fenner opened the dinner meeting with prayer. Mrs. Edna Beimfohr, chairman of the Pioneer Girls Committee, welcomed the Pals, Gals, and Mothers. She then introduced the Guides in the two divisions of Pioneer Girls. Vera Zwar is Chief Guide of the Pilgrims (girls in the 3rd through 6th

grade). Helping Mrs. Zwar are Janice Kimball, Emily Wetter, and Betty Geible. Chief Guide of the Colonists (girls in Junior High School). Marge Wolf was next introduced and assisting her are Pat Snyder and Charlotte Mayforth. Mrs. Beimfohr introduced the Area Representative for Pioneer Girls, Miss Nancy Walker. Since this is the 25th Anniversary of the Pioneer Girls organization, special service recognition was given to the following Guides: Marge Wolf for 10 years of faithful service; Vera Zwar for 5 years; and Carol Gonnerman for 5 years. Miss Walker showed slides depicting life in Camp Cherith, the summer camp of Pioneer Girls. She then had a devotional thought about two girls who played important roles in the Bible. (Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Yerkes of Philadelphia, Pa., at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**50TH ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAMUS.** On Friday, Oct. 23, Mr. and Mrs. John Ramus of Arnprior, Ontario, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ramus of Cobden, Ontario. They were married on Oct. 22, 1914, in Lyndock, Ontario and were blessed with 6 sons and 2 daughters. (One child died in infancy). They have 15 grandchildren. During the devotional period their son, Rev. Henry Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario, read from Psalm 90. Toasts from several members of the family along with "Good Wishes" from others added to the blessings of the occasion. A platform rocker and an electric clock were received from the family and the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, of which Mrs. Ramus is a faithful member. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).



Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring at the farewell program of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**BETHANY, MILWAUKEE, WIS.** On Oct. 10 a farewell program and reception was held in honor of the Wilmer Quiring family. Rev. Wilmer Quiring has accepted a call to the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., after serving us faithfully for 13 years. During the evening service, the leaders of our various organiza-



Mr. and Mrs. John Ramus of Arnprior, Ontario at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

tions and committees expressed their thanks toward the pastor, his wife and their five children. A wrist watch with appropriate inscription was given to Mr. Quiring by the congregation as a token of appreciation. The family also received many other gifts. We wish them God's richest blessing in this new pastorate. — (Lynne Dudek, Reporter).

**ROCHESTER, N. Y.** On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Andrews Street Baptist Church Rochester, N. Y., welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, and his family who began their ministry here on Oct. 11. They were warmly greeted by the chairman of the Board of Deacons and by the presidents of the various organizations within the church. Words of welcome were also extended by Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District secretary, and Rev. Charles Harding of the Monroe County Baptist Association. Mr. and Mrs. Quiring responded with their "thank you" for the welcome and for all that had been done in preparation for their arrival. (Jean Berndt, Reporter).

**PILGRIM, PHILADELPHIA, PA.** On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., honored Mr. and Mrs. Julius Yerkes on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. A "Family Night" program was held in the lower auditorium with the pastor, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, in charge. Appropriate hymns and messages recalled for our honored couple not only the beginning of their own family life as they reared seven sons, but also conveyed the Christian's experience from the time he is born into the family of God until he approaches the sunset years of life. Through all of life's happenings, God is faithful. Except for one son who was hospitalized, the other children with their families were in attendance, plus a host of friends from near and far. As an expression of our esteem they were presented with a picture of Christ in Gethsemane, which can glow in the dark, symbolic of what Christ has done for them through these many years. (Katherine Yung, Church Clerk).

**WATERTOWN, WIS.** On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, a reception was held at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., for the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Meister. A representative of each department of the church brought words of introduction and welcome. Rev. Lowell Reykdahl, pastor of the local Methodist Church, welcomed the Meisters in behalf of the Ministerial Association. A letter from Rev. R. Woyke of Milwaukee, Wis., welcoming the Meisters into the ranks of the Northwestern Conference was read. Rev. Peter Retzlaff of Lake Mills, Wis., interim pastor, brought words of challenge. Mr. and Mrs. Meister expressed their gratitude for the warm reception given them. A beautifully designed Memorial Book was recently presented to the First Baptist Church of Watertown. A great variety of memorials which have been presented to the church will be recorded in this book together with the names of the donors. (Mrs. J. J. Abel),



## evangelistic services & baptisms

**APLINGTON, IOWA.** God's people at Aplington, Iowa were challenged during the evangelistic services held Oct. 27 to Nov. 1 with Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., as our evangelist. On Tuesday evening Sunday School teachers and pupils were seated together in observance of "Sunday School Night." Thursday was designated as "Family Night" and it was good to see so many complete families together in attendance. Four persons came forward to express public confession of faith in Christ. (Mrs. Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter).



Sixteen young people and adults were baptized on Sunday, Oct. 25, by Rev. LeRoy Kiemele (right), pastor of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis.

**NEW LEIPZIG, N. DAK.** We at the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., have recently completed a series of services called "Christian Commitment Days." The challenge to Christian and non-Christian was to make whatever commitment that God was asking of them. The first week, November 4-11, Rev. Thomas Harfst of Napoleon, N. Dak., spoke on prominent Bible themes. The series of services closed with a missionary conference sponsored by three of the area churches. There were evidences of the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst during the days of special emphasis. (Allan Gerber, Pastor).

Blackburn, was privileged to baptize five young boys on profession of their faith in Christ and at a later date they were received into the church. (Mrs. Deane Jurgens, Reporter).

**NORTH FREEDOM, WIS.** On Sunday evening, Oct. 25, spiritual blessings were experienced at the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., when 16 adults and young people were baptized by Rev. LeRoy Kiemele, pastor. On the following Sunday morning, the hand of fellowship was extended to the converts on the profession of their faith. Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Kiemele of the North Freedom Church welcomed members of the congregation and friends to an open house at their home to show the recent improvements which had been completed in the parsonage. The North Freedom Church held a study course from Nov. 16-19 on "My Account With God," with Rev. Milton Zeeb of Kenosha, Wis., as director. (Mrs. Louise Green, Reporter).

**BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA.** Special services were held by the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, Sept. 23-27, with Rev. John Michel as guest speaker. Mr. Michel is pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Mankato, Minn., and directs the "I Believe in Miracles" telecast. These meetings in our church resulted in a number of decisions for the Lord Jesus. On Nov. 1st three adults were given the hand of fellowship upon testimony of their complete obedience to the Lord. On Sunday, Nov. 8, our pastor, Rev. G. W.

## woman's missionary societies

**STAFFORD, KANSAS.** The King's Daughters Missionary Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas held its annual Family Night Fel-

lowship Supper on Monday, Nov. 16th. Following the supper, which was well attended, a musical program was presented by a group of five college young people from the Haviland Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, under the leadership of Rev. Roy Clark, Professor of Music at the college. The supper and program, which highlighted the

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Thanksgiving theme, was of great blessing to all who attended.

**WOMEN'S SERVICE UNION, CHICAGO.** The Women's Service Union of Chicago, Ill., and Vicinity sponsored a concert on Friday evening, Nov. 6, at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Miss Dorothy Fuchs, pianist, a member of the Forest Park Church and Mr. Raye Pankratz, violinist, a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, presented an inspiring concert. The talents of these two dedicated young people were combined in the interest of missions. The Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan will receive the offering of the evening. Following the concert, refreshments were served by the women of the Forest Park Church. (Marie Swanson, Secretary).

**FESSENDEN, N. DAK.** On Thursday, Oct. 29, members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Fessenden, N. Dak., held a tea in honor of Barbara Kieper, Cameroon missionary nurse. The program included the skit, "Memories." This gave some of the highlights of Barbara's life beginning with statistics of her birth and ending at the time she made her decision to go to Africa. The church dining room was decorated with an African theme and also displayed some of the articles Barbara had brought home with her. Afterwards the ladies were given an opportunity to become better acquainted with her work. Mrs. Gordon Thomas, our pastor's wife, had baked a cake and decorated it in the shape of Africa. This was the centerpiece for the serving table. (Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Reporter).

**LORRAINE, KANSAS.** A white blanket of snow (much needed and the first of the season) inspired us to sing lustily, "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS," as all three Baptist Missionary Societies of Lorraine, Kansas met for a Thanksgiving Program. Mrs. John Blank, Jr. president of the King's Daughters, read an appropriate Scripture passage and led in prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegele of the Memory Lane Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas presented the program. Mrs. Voegele used her chalk artistry to develop the theme, "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS." We were all enthralled as we watched her unfold its beauty. Mr. Voegele showed slides of their work in the Wichita Church. We were challenged by their enthusiasm to witness and "build their church." Approximately 45 guests were served delicious refreshments from a beautifully set table by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Roscoe Craig and Mrs. Ralph Fowler of the Kings Daughters and Dorcas Societies. (Mrs. Delmar Williamson, Reporter).

**TYNDALL AND DANZIG, S. DAK.** The annual Tyndall and Danzig, S. Dak. Baptist Woman's Missionary Union program was held at the Tyndall Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 1. Mrs. John Lubbers, local president, welcomed the group and introduced Mrs. James Janssen, Danzig president,

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## Obituary

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

### SHERRY KAYE FRIEZ of Bentley, North Dakota

Sherry Kaye Friez, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez of Bentley, N. Dak., passed away during birth on Nov. 18, 1964 at the Lorenzen Memorial Hospital, Elgin, N. Dak. Funeral services were held Nov. 19 in the Meyer Funeral Home Chapel in Elgin, N. Dak. Burial followed in the New Leipzig Baptist Church Cemetery, New Leipzig, N. Dak. Besides her parents, Sherry is survived by her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Friez of Bentley, N. Dak.; her maternal grandfather, Mr. Chris Sprenger of Elgin, N. Dak.; and many relatives.  
New Leipzig, North Dakota.  
ALLAN GERBER, Pastor

### MR. WILLIAM SALZBRENNER of Victor, Iowa

Mr. William O. Salzbrenner of Victor, Iowa, son of Carl and Maria Solbrig Salzbrenner, was born March 12, 1907 at Amana, Iowa. He was employed at the Amana Woolen Mills where on July 21 he suffered a severe heart attack requiring hospitalization at the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City for six weeks. He was able to return home on Sept. 4 to recuperate, but a month later was again taken to Veteran's Hospital suffering a pulmonary edema, and death came to take our brother "Home" on Oct. 23, at the age of 57 years, 7 months, and 11 days.  
He had accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1946 and then became a member of the Victor Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Blome of Victor; two brothers, two sisters; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Glenn Fink, assisted by Rev. Fred Schmidt, former pastor, in the McAninch Chapel on Oct. 26.  
Victor, Iowa  
GLENN FINK, Pastor

### MR. JOHN KLEIN of Lemmon, South Dakota

Mr. John Klein of Lemmon, S. Dak., passed away in his sleep at his home in Lemmon, S. Dak., on Nov. 10, 1964. He was born at Long Lake, S. Dak., on Sept. 17, 1893. He was united in marriage to Rose Kessler on Nov. 20, 1913. The Kleins made their home at Long Lake and in Canada and then moved to Baker, Mont., before coming to the vicinity of Lemmon, where they farmed until 1959 when they retired and moved into Lemmon. Mr. Klein accepted the Lord in 1916 and followed his Lord in the waters of baptism at Hoskina Lake. At the time of his death from leukemia, he was a member and a deacon of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak.  
Mr. Klein is survived by his wife, Rose; one son, Wolvin of Lemmon; and 3 daughters: Elsie, at home; Irene (Mrs. Harold Purdon); and Wilma (Mrs. Gilbert Gundersen) of Lemmon; and two brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger and interment was in the Green Hill Cemetery of Lemmon, S. Dak.  
Hettinger, North Dakota  
MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

### MRS. CHARLES MAYFORTH of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Mrs. Charles (Gertrude A.) Mayforth of Benton Harbor, Mich., died at 8:55 A.M. on Nov. 20, 1964, in Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for six weeks. She had been ill since Sept. 1964. She was born Sept. 23, 1908 in Chicago. She was married to Charles Mayforth on May 4, 1934 in Chicago. They moved to Benton Harbor, Michigan in 1940. Mrs. Mayforth was a graduate of Austin High School and DePaul Academy, both in Chicago. She was a 1929 graduate of West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing and was a visiting nurse in

Chicago for four years. She was a registered nurse in Mercy Hospital of Benton Harbor for two years.

Survivors include her husband; four sons: Rev. Richard Mayforth, a missionary with the North American Baptists at Kobe, Japan; Rev. Ronald Mayforth, pastor of West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak.; Robert Mayforth of Benton Harbor, a teller at Farmers and Merchants Bank; and Russell Mayforth, a student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; a brother, one sister, and five grandchildren.  
First Baptist Church  
St. Joseph, Michigan  
KENNETH C. FENNER, Associate Pastor

### REV. ALFRED A. FOLL of Startup, Washington

Rev. Alfred A. Foll of Startup, Wash., was born Nov. 28, 1886 in Chicago, Ill., and passed away Oct. 10, 1964 at the Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon. After heeding the call to the Gospel ministry, Mr. Foll entered the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., in 1911, and graduated in 1917. He was ordained to the ministry on May 4, 1918 and served the following congregations: Ingersoll, Oklahoma; Muscatine and Victor, Iowa; Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska; Hutchinson, Minn.; and Odessa, Washington.  
In 1952 he retired, moving to Startup, Wash. While here, Mrs. Emma Foll, his beloved wife and helpmate during 35 years of their ministry, passed away on March 19, 1959. Brother Foll then took up residence at the Baptist Home for the Aged at Portland, Oregon. He leaves to mourn his homegoing these children: William A. Foll, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Phyllis Cook, San Francisco, Calif.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, Spokane, Wash. and 3 grandchildren. Rev. A. A. Foll touched many lives during his life and ministry and they shall not forget him.  
Startup, Washington  
ROBERT R. HOFFMAN, Pastor

### MRS. RALPH McKEEVER of Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Mrs. Ralph (Bernita Carolyn) McKeever, daughter of Sam and Bertha Geis, was born on Oct. 10, 1927 at Loyal, Okla., and passed away on Oct. 27, 1964 in the Community Hospital in Kingfisher, Okla. On April 8, 1949 she departed was united in marriage with Ralph E. McKeever and established her home in Kingfisher, where she resided until her pilgrimage on earth ended. She was employed in the People's National Bank of Kingfisher for 20 years. In July, 1938, she deceased was baptized upon confession of her faith in Christ as her personal Savior and united with the Immanuel Baptist Church at Loyal, Okla.  
Funeral services took place in the First Baptist Church, Kingfisher, Okla., conducted by the pastor, Rev. V. B. Appleton, who was assisted by Rev. M. De Boer. Interment was in the Kingfisher Cemetery. She is survived by her husband; the parents; a brother, Kermit Geis of Loyal, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence (Wilma) Yost, Kingfisher, Okla.; 3 nephews; besides other relatives and friends who mourn her departure.  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Loyal, Oklahoma  
MARTIN DE BOER, Pastor

### MR. FRED SCHULER of Washburn, North Dakota

Mr. Fred Schuler of Washburn, N. Dak., was born on Nov. 9, 1878 and passed away at his home at Washburn, N. Dak., at the age of 86 years (lacking 4 days). He came to the United States in 1907 and settled at Parkston, S. Dak., and then in 1915 he moved to a farm near Washburn. He married Christiana Schuetzle Hepper on June 4, 1930 at Washburn. They retired from the farm in 1939 and moved into Washburn. He became a Christian in the old country and upon coming to Washburn he became a member of the Washburn Baptist Church where he served as deacon for some seven years.

He leaves behind his wife, at Washburn; 4 sons: Carl of Carbon, Alberta; Adolph of Baldwin, N. Dak.; and Albert and David, both of Washburn; 6 daughters: Mrs. Richard (Mary) Sayler, Anaheim, Calif.; Mrs. Harry (Emma) Joss, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Bill (Christina) Schatz, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Christ (Leofina) Walker, Selfridge, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ralph (Eileen) Pudwill, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Arthur (Ruby) Etro, Riverval, New Jersey; two step-daughters, Mrs. John Walker, (Elsie) Bismarck, and Mrs. Albert (Emma) Schuler, Washburn; one step-son, Albert Hepper, Washburn; one sister; 55 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.  
Washburn Baptist Church  
Washburn, North Dakota  
R. C. STADING, Pastor



Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary nurse, views the White Cross display at the Baptist Church, Tyndall, South Dakota.

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who led the song service. Mrs. John Brandt of Danzig read Scripture and Mrs. Freda Bren of Tyndall offered prayer. A skit, "True Greatness," was given by Mrs. Erwin Weber and Mrs. Calvin Finck (Tyndall). The guest speaker was Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary. A display of White Cross supplies was of special interest. A missionary offering was received.

**ALPENA, MICH.** Officers were elected by the Ladies Missionary Society of the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Elected were Mrs. Tom Twite, president; Mrs. Norman Klann, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Voss, secretary and Mrs. Victor Niebuhr, treasurer. Also on the program were two Thanksgiving readings by Mrs. Leonard Schwenke and a progress report on the Christian Service Brigade, by Jon Juola. In other business it was noted that 12 fruit boxes will be packed for the elderly and shut-ins of the church. Missionary Laura Reddig of the Cameroon, Africa field was guest speaker at the Dec. 1 meeting. A year ago our Ladies Missionary Society voted to divide into 5 circles, monthly in homes with the exception of 3 joint meetings that are held in the church with a special speaker and program. (Mrs. Don Liske, Reporter).

## JAMESTOWN, N. DAKOTA

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enced.  
As we look back we praise God for what has been done thus far and for what he will do for us in the future. We covet the continued prayers of the members of the Conference and we invite all who come through Jamestown or who come to live in this city to pay us a visit. If you know of a Baptist family who lives here, please get in touch with them. You can write us at Box 1241, Jamestown, North Dakota.



## IN A LEPER SETTLEMENT

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will soon accommodate 32 more.

In 1952—just about the time that medical science had successfully developed new drugs for leprosy treatment—a nurse from Cathay, North Dakota, who last year marked her 26th year as a missionary in Cameroon, helped found the Mbingo Settlement. Miss Laura Reddig still carries on at Mbingo, although currently on a year's furlough. Dr. Stockdale and two nurses, Rosemarie Hackmann and Ardice Ziolkowski, now supervise not only the central leprosarium but also 25 branch clinics with 2000 patients. Because the latest methods of leprosy treatment involve the use of modern drugs, earlier detection and classification, many persons can be helped successfully as outpatients.

A valley which for centuries had been a wilderness of unsure hope for the dead has become indeed a settlement of sure hope for the leprosy living. One patient after another now comes and goes, and each passing year the lines of voluntary applicants to the early treatment outclinics become longer and longer, while the number of "incurables" become less and less.

Our night in the Mbingo settlement



Jermanus, a crippled leprosy patient, earns "chop money" by weaving colorful canes around gourds and calabashes.

left us doubly thankful to God—thankful that we had been spared so much in the way of human misery, and thankful that the marvel of modern medicine has made even leprosy a commentary on the healing mercy of God.

## THANKS, MRS. MARIE ROSS!

By Rev. L. Bienert, Business Manager of the Roger Williams Press

Readers of the BAPTIST HERALD will be interested to know that Mrs. Marie Ross has retired from her work in the subscription department at our denominational Headquarters' Building in Forest Park, Illinois, after more than four years of dedicated service. Mrs. Ross' interest in our headquarters office dates back to the very beginning of our move to Forest Park many years ago. During the fifteen years that her husband served as comptroller, she frequently helped out in the bookkeeping department. Then followed several years of inactivity due to a severe arthritic condition. God wondrously restored her health so that she was able to assume the duties as head of the subscription department when we moved from Cleveland to Forest Park.

Mrs. Ross took a personal interest in each subscriber to our denominational publications and tried to give this personalized service at all times. We at the office have greatly appreciated not only her efficient work but also the fine congenial spirit in which she assumed her duties. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to her for service performed in the name of the Lord.

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