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Contributions of Protestant Churches

(EDITOR'S NOTE: You will be interested in seeing where North American Baptists stand with their church contributions in comparison with 41 other Protestant groups.)

More than two billion seven hundred ninety-nine million dollars were contributed in 1962 by members of 42 Protestant churches in the United States. Benevolences, including home and foreign missions, amounted to \$506,939,086, which is 18.11 per cent of the total. For all local congregational items and operations the sum of \$2,292,731,491 is reported.

The Rev. T. K. Thompson noted that all 42 bodies reported figures this year comparable to those of the previous year. For these the per-member amount of \$68.76 for all causes is a decrease from the previous year of 0.35 per cent. Per-member giving for congregational expenses in the 42 bodies was \$57.18, an increase of 2.03 per cent. For all benevolences, the per member figure is \$12.45 this year, a decrease of 3.9 per cent. The latter includes a per-member gift for foreign missions of \$2.18 for 1962, a loss of 1.4 per cent. The percentage decreases in per-member giving are attributable to an increase in total membership without a corresponding increase in dollars contributed.

Twenty-one denominations in the United States reported a figure for new buildings totaling \$247,972,688. This represents 23.61 per cent of the total of \$1,050,141,239 reported by these 21 for all congregational operations and items.

Per-member Contributions for all Purposes

1963 Report for the Calendar Year 1962

1. Free Methodist Church (52,535) -----\$312.58
2. Wesleyan Methodist Church (37,753) ----- 246.40
3. Evangelical Free Church of America (40,375) ----- 222.49
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church (30,603) ----- \$219.98

5. Brethren in Christ Church (8,778) ----- 202.92
6. Evangelical Covenant Church of America (62,418) -- 182.60
7. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (6,140) ----- 164.22
8. Evangelical Mennonite (2,484) ----- 160.77
9. Church of the Nazarene (335,005) ----- 147.78
10. United Brethren in Christ (20,419) ----- 146.00
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (7,726) ----- 137.23
12. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) (141,011) ---- 133.27
13. Pentecostal Holiness Church (57,366) ----- 123.61
14. Mennonite General Conference (36,586) ----- 117.42
15. North American Baptist General Conference (52,073) 113.67

Some of the other groups follow with the order of their listing and their per-member contributions:

34. Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (5,760) ---- 68.44
35. American Baptist Convention (1,544,505) ----- 68.42
37. Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) (1,367,323) - 67.20
39. Methodist Church (10,234,986) ----- 58.53
40. Southern Baptist Convention (10,193,052) ----- 53.06

MISSIONARIES RETURN

(Continued from Column 3)

On Dec. 31st Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Fluth and their family of Minneapolis, Minn., left for Cameroon, Africa by plane. God has wonderfully answered prayers by restoring Dr. Fluth to complete health following the accident more than a year ago in which he was seriously burned.

The church may go through her dark ages, but Christ is with her in the midnight; she may pass through her fiery furnace, but Christ is in the midst of the flame with her.—C. H. Spurgeon.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

CONTRIBUTIONS, Nov. 1963. The total contributions of our churches in November toward the Missionary and Service Program of our denomination amounted to \$106,501.20, some \$4,000 less than during the same month last year. The contributions for the past eight months of the fiscal year amounted to \$563,765.47. Rev. David J. Draewell, Stewardship Secretary, has pointed out that "our contributions must average \$122,000 for each of the final four months to reach our goal."

EXTENSION BUILDERS, Jan. 1964. The \$1.00 contributions of the Church Extension Builders in Jan. 1964 will go toward the very promising new project of the Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville, Mich., which is also being sponsored by the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. The informative article about this new Church Extension project by the pastor, Rev. B. A. Itterman, appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" (Page 8).

SPANISH SCHOOL STUDIES FOR MISSIONARIES. Our Spanish-American missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and Rev. David Keiry of Colorado, are engaged in language studies at Adams State College at Alamosa, Colorado. This is about 17 miles from Monte Vista and Del Norte, where the missionaries live. The acquisition of Spanish will aid the missionaries in their ministry to the Spanish-speaking people of the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

INDIAN MONTANA RESERVE. The Board of Missions has requested Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aaldyk, students at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, to minister to the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta, over the weekends for Sunday supply. The services in the Baptist Chapel on the Montana Reserve have increased in recent months with more than 40 Indians present on some of the Sundays. Dr. Schilke reported: "This is a remarkable progress!" Mr. and Mrs. Aaldyk served at the Indian Chapel on the Montana Reserve this past summer.

MISSIONARIES RETURN. On Dec. 26, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroon missionary-nurse, left the United States for London, England, where she will engage in graduate studies in midwifery before continuing to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa. (Continued in Column 2)

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YOUTH WEEK NUMBER

"Called Unto Liberty."

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Pilgrim's Progress

At the beginning of a new year we are reminded poignantly that we are only pilgrims on this earth. Like Christian in John Bunyan's immortal book, "Pilgrim's Progress," everyone of us trudges along life's road with a burden on his back, caught in a slough of despondency, facing the fierce lions at the Hill of Difficulty, climbing the hill up to the Cross to find the burden lifted, and traveled onward to the Celestial City. As pilgrims of God, we sing: "This is not my home," for we seek that abiding place, "a home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

In your pilgrimage, which is sometimes lonely and always fraught with uncertainty, you will seek the answers to a number of piercing questions. It is a somber search that takes you to God's Word, that makes you reach out for the touch of God's hand, and that involves you in a thoughtful inventory of your days.

What is your life? We measure it by the span of a few years or decades. We describe it with James as "a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." We seize it for the joys and triumphs it can give us amidst its difficulties and defeats. But for all, life is brief and uncertain, and even the President, with wealth and power at his command, can suddenly be struck down in the summertime of his life. How the words of this familiar song stir the depths of our souls: "I am one day nearer home today than I have ever been before."

In this recognition God's people can be heroes of faith (Hebrews 11), confessing that they are strangers and pilgrims on the earth and now desiring "a better country, that is, an heavenly: Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:16).

A second question for reflection at this New Year's gate follows: *What are you worth to others and to your God?* Actually your worth is immeasurable. You are precious in God's sight. You can make your life and this year 1964 a pillar of strength and a channel of blessing to others. A recent editorial in "The Watchman Examiner" reminds us that "in the Gospels Jesus shows the incalculable worth of man. He brings each one of us into brilliant focus of a God who spared not his own Son to reconcile us to himself to his own way of life and inestimable service." For in God's grace, freely bestowed upon all, "each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell; each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven" (Malone).

You can now easily find the answer to the last question: *What is the glory of life's pilgrimage?* It is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. It is to live Christ and to witness for him. It is to realize with Christian in "Pilgrim's Progress" that all the promises of God's Word are ours *for the asking*. So said Christian to Hopeful in Doubting Castle, chained there by Giant Despair:

"What a fool, quoth he, am I thus to lie in a stinking dungeon, when I may as well walk at liberty! I have a key in my bosom, called Promise, that will, I am persuaded, open any lock in Doubting Castle." With that good news, this pilgrim walked on joyously and victoriously toward the Celestial City.

In that spirit as pilgrims of God, walk triumphantly into the year 1964!

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FRONT COVER

There is something awesome and much that is unknown in such a view out over the vast Pacific Ocean, as pictured on the front cover. This is our experience at the beginning of this New Year, and yet we leave the future and commit our lives into God's hands. The cover shows the Natural Arch at Sunset Cliffs, San Diego, Calif. The photograph was taken by Hubert A. Lowman.

"This is the Year that for you waits Beyond Tomorrow's mystic gates."

JANUARY 1964

This month will present a busy succession of programs and activities in North American Baptist Churches. The WEEK OF PRAYER will be observed in many churches from Jan. 6 to 10. Program material has been distributed.

Soul Winning Commitment Sunday is scheduled for Jan. 12 in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. (See 1964 Evangelism Packet).

Program material has been sent concerning YOUTH WEEK from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2. This is always a joyous, eventful week for our church youth.



Life can never be the same again once you have heard God's call to full-time service—whether you accept or reject that call

By ANN WILLIAMSON

IS HIS HAND UPON YOU?

DO NOT SHRINK if God should lay his hand on you. Someone reading this knows exactly what I mean. Suddenly, in the crowded ways of life, you feel yourself to be apprehended. The first impulse, often, is to disengage that grasp, if not to flee in fear. The touch conveys possession, and up to the moment of experiencing it you have, in a sense, been your own. The impulsive "Peter" in you resents the bare implication that "another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldst not."

YOUR WALK WITH GOD

To some of your fellows, there is no God. To many he is vague and unreal, a God without hands: that is, without any means of touching men, even if he did care enough to bother.

You know him! What have you done to merit such grace? Why has light come to you, when millions are still in the dark? Why should assurance of sins forgiven and purpose in life be yours? How many of your neighbors enjoy these priceless gifts?

How many lost, bewildered, lonely people would take hold of that hand at once if they knew where to find it? But they don't. Who is going to show them?

His hand on me! Why should God lay his hand on me? You are baffled! Do not weary yourself trying to work it out, but settle it in your mind that God knows what he's about. You cannot claim to trust him until you are able to say:

*He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.*

Young Christian, no greater honor

can ever come to you than this. Discard your plans for a successful career, no matter how worthy they may be. God has called you to the cure of souls, the pinnacle of earthly privilege.

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU IN '64

Do not tremble, except in awe. Do not be afraid. There is no mistake. If you know God, how much more does he know you! He is saying, as to Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee . . . I knew thee . . . and ordained thee."

Whenever that awareness first comes in a solemn moment, life can never be the same again. You will do one of two things. You will wrench yourself free from the grasp, so strangely compelling, yet not forcing submission, and set out on a road of your own choosing—tragically conscious, to the last day of your life, of the place on your shoulder where that hand once rested. Or you will respond to that holy pressure, fearfully at first, but ever more certain, humbly participating in the most

lowly, yet the most exalted calling; knowing deeper anguish, yet joys more exquisite than you had ever known.

A hand upon me! Is it not the hand that once sawed and planed wood in a Nazareth workshop, that hammered in the nails with craft and care? While its Owner was yet a young man, he hung up the hammer, put away the nails and the wood and set out on a selfless road towards the rough timber, the course hammer and the rude nails of Calvary. Sentiment? No, this is no place for sentiment. The Cross remains starkly real. But it was not, is not, the end.

Your calling involves a sacred, peculiar, tender, intimate fellowship with the One who at this moment is so warmly near—the fellowship of his sufferings, of his Cross.

WHEN YOU SAY "YES" TO GOD

Do not balk at this! Every Christian knows that it was the Cross that

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From beginning to end, the story of our days is that of coming and going. This is the tale of human life!

GO IN PEACE!

By Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, a Former President of the Baptist World Alliance.



"Peace Be Unto This House!" From a painting by Dobson.

COMING AND GOING: this is the tale of human life. Coming—in all the mystery and wonder which surround the beginning of each new life on this mortal plane:

. . . trailing clouds of glory do we come From God Who is our home.

At the other end of the story, going: bidding farewell to all the earth can offer, embarking on that voyage whence none returns.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

The beginning is a coming and the ending is a going; and in between, from beginning to end, the story of our days is that of coming and going.

SIMPLE BUT GRAND WORDS

To cover the grand adventure of existence, its mingling of joy and sorrow, hope and fear, victory and defeat, life and death, language employs these little words "come" and "go." The great Master of language, he who spake as never man spake, employed them, too. It was his delight to use the common speech, just as it was his delight to use the common articles of daily use and make them media of everlasting meaning. The hands that fashioned strips of wood in the workshop were to be nailed to a piece of

timber reared against the sky for all mankind to see. The lips that spake so wondrously did not disdain the words of common speech, filling them with meaning from the skies.

"Come unto me," he said, "all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Go in peace," he said, "thy faith hath saved thee."

Simple words, these; part of the currency of speech ever since man first began to give expression to his thoughts; yet never heard with such depth of meaning until in Palestine long ago they fell from the lips of the Son of God.

Two occasions on which Jesus spoke these words are notable. There was a woman who had suffered for twelve years, having spent much on doctors, and (Mark says) having grown worse. She attached herself to a crowd around Jesus, saying to herself, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be made whole." Her faith was vindicated, for she received from Jesus much more than restoration of health. She heard from his lips a word which stilled her trembling and banished her fear: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

The other occasion also concerned a woman, one who crept into a dining hall one evening—a woman who was a sinner, Luke tells us. She brought an alabaster cruse of ointment and knelt and kissed his feet, mingled her tears with the ointment. To the critics of

such apparent waste Jesus made the never-to-be-forgotten reply: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much." And to this weeping woman came the word which was to change the course of her life forever: "Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace."

We are here at the very heart of the Christian religion. In these two incidents, it will be observed, it was neither pope nor priest who declared absolution, offering peace to a weary soul. The change that transformed the lives of two women had nothing to do with ecclesiastical councils or elaborate acts of penance. It was a change effected through the direct personal contact of the soul with the Savior. The needy heart cries out in faith: the divine grace of the Savior responds, and the simple word "go" is as the opening of a door into new and richer life.

"Go in peace!" Would that we could! Go we must, for the life around us will not permit of idling in leisure ease. For everyone life means a path to be trodden, a ceaseless journey, an endless search:

We travel from dawn to dusk, till the day is past and by,
Seeking the Holy City beyond the rim of the sky.

THE VOICE FROM GALILEE

It matters not how steep the path, how arduous the journey, so long as we may journey in peace. But how

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Mrs. Helga Bender Henry lays a wreath on her father's grave beside the Bender Memorial Church at Soppo, Cameroon. Pastor Yerimah of the Soppo Church with Bible in hand stands alongside Mrs. Henry.

U.S. Religious Leaders Visit Cameroon, Africa

Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry of Washington, D. C., visit the Cameroon Mission Field where at Soppo Mrs.

Helga Bender Henry was born.

By Miss C. Belo of Soppo, Africa

DR. AND MRS. CARL F. HENRY of the United States of America arrived at Soppo, Cameroon on November 5, 1963, after spending some time with their son, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia. Their stop at Soppo was a highlight of their African trip because Mrs. Helga Henry was born here while her father, Rev. Carl Jacob Bender, was serving as a missionary in this area. Mrs. Henry was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Carl F. Henry, who is the editor of the magazine, "Christianity Today," and a Baptist minister.

These important visitors were wel-

comed by the Bakweri Women's Choir at the Baptist Church of Soppo. The program was directed by Pastor Yerimah and it included songs in Douala and English, and welcome addresses in English read by Mr. Samuel N. Becke, and in German read by Mr. Robinson Lambe.

The guests expressed joy and appreciation at being in the midst of people whom they had longed to see. They were also thrilled at seeing the progress that had been made in the work that "Sango" Bender had begun. At the end of the program Mrs. Henry was presented with a wreath which she laid on her father's grave.

GUESTS OF PRIME MINISTER

On Thursday, November 7, the Henrys were the guests of Prime Minister Foncha. Mrs. Henry was happy to see the "Schloss" (castle) which was built by her father's friend, Mr. Von Puttkammer. Later in the day they were received at the Baptist Beach Church in Victoria, where "Sango" Bender also worked, and were honored with a reception at the Saker Baptist College of Victoria. Mrs. Henry was pleased to meet with Senior Mrs. Martin, Mr. Burnley and Madame Alice Bell, whom she knew when she was a child.

After visiting the Baptist Mission Stations in Bamenda and Mbingo, the Henrys continued their traveling on this continent, a great deal of which was concerned with work for their magazine, "Christianity Today." The Henrys' visit was an interesting one for all concerned, especially renewing the memories of the work of her late father, for which every Cameroon citizen is grateful.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

The 1964 January-February PRAYER REMINDER leaflets will announce the "Missionary of the Week" for whom our people will pray unitedly during the week following each Monday of the month. These names and the prayer requests will also appear in your church bulletins. The missionaries for Jan. 1964 are:

Jan. 6—
Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence.

Jan. 13—
Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts.

Jan. 27—Miss Laura E. Reddig.
(The Prayer Leaflet omitted a missionary's name for Jan. 20, 1964).



AN AFRICAN SALUTE TO AN AMERICAN LADY

Women of the Baptist Church at Soppo, Federal Republic of Cameroon, and the church's pastor salute Mrs. Helga Bender Henry of Washington, D. C., wife of the editor, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, on their recent visit to Africa.

The Helmut Thielicke Lectures

The visit of a renowned Protestant preacher and theologian from Germany to the Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., which stirred the entire religious community and left a profound blessing upon all who heard him.

By Rev. John Binder of Forest Park, Illinois

PROFESSOR HELMUT THIELICKE, one of the twentieth century's most renowned Protestant preachers, was the first semester guest lecturer at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, November 1-3. The Seminary was certainly privileged.

After studying at Greifswald, Marburg, Erlangen and Bonn, Professor Thielicke earned his doctorates in both Theology and Philosophy. As he taught at various schools from 1935 to 1945, he faced a great deal of opposition by the Nazis. At the close of the war he was offered several professorships from which he chose Tuebingen. In 1954, with the founding of the theological faculty at the Hamburg University, he became dean of the faculty and preacher in the magnificent St. Michael's Church.

AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS

Dr. Thielicke has lectured in most of the countries of Europe, in Japan and in South Africa, in addition to his numerous engagements in North America. Of the some twenty volumes Dr. Thielicke has written, at least nine are already available in English. His major work on "The Theological Ethic" is in the process of being translated. During the Billy Graham Crusade in Los Angeles, he sat on the platform and publicly acclaimed the evangelist as "God's man of the hour."

About 400 ministers and theological students, mainly from the Sioux Falls area, came to hear Dr. Thielicke give his first lecture, "The Relevance of Modern Preaching," which was to be given in the Seminary chapel after a noon luncheon in the Seminary Fellowship Hall. Because of the large crowd, the group had to be moved over to the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church upon their invitation.

In this first lecture Dr. Thielicke pointed out one of the basic weaknesses of modern day preaching—it is too general. "There is no 'man' in general. He is always known in some relationship. You never love in general. You always express love in some concrete relationship. Much of our preaching is so general and safe that it grasps no one. We must speak to specific needs of people and ask people to become involved by having God's deeds happen in them. A sermon is something that brings something to pass."

PROVOCATIVE ADDRESSES

On Friday evening, at the public service in the Washington High School Auditorium, as Dr. Thielicke addressed

about 1,000 people on the subject of "What If Faith Is an Illusion?" he demonstrated relevant preaching. It stimulated thought and action that possibly many people were not accustomed to.

The lecture on Saturday morning on "The Resurrection in Wilhelm Herrmann's Theology: The Historical Background and the Bultmann Controversy," indicated the profound ability of this man of God to treat a very difficult, complex and technical theological problem resulting in a deepened faith in the

about 900 people who came to the morning worship service held at the First Baptist Church to hear the sermon: "The Silence of God." Among other things, he said: "In this age of jet travel and electronic brains, can we entrust ourselves to the views of one who rode on a donkey 2,000 years ago? Why does God remain so silent in the affairs of the day? Despite our questions and doubts, we must dare to risk disappointment and humiliation, as the Canaan woman of Matthew 15. We will then experience the voice of God!"



DR. HELMUT THIELICKE IN SIOUX FALLS

Engaged in conversation with Dr. Thielicke (right) in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church are (left to right: President Frank Veninga, Prof. Gerald L. Borchert, and Rev. Roger Frederickson, pastor.

reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his followers.

The informal Saturday afternoon fellowship of the faculties of Augustana College and North American Baptist Seminary, with Professor Thielicke as guest, proved most delightful. The professor's cheering at an Augustana College football game that afternoon also was most interesting. That evening Dr. Thielicke spent several hours having a "bull session" with Seminary dormitory students. All of this indicates the profound interest Dr. Thielicke has in people and in the various facets of their lives.

"THE SILENCE OF GOD"

The climax of Dr. Thielicke's coming to Sioux Falls was experienced by

HIS HAND UPON YOU

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unlocked the tomb. The Cross is, mysteriously, the key to life. It was so for you.

Clutch the key to your heart, splinters and all, resolved to imitate his obedience. Only thus can your friends and neighbors, and those to whom God sends you, be delivered from sin.

Strange . . . but when you begin to say "yes," when your heart starts to yield, that hand becomes warm, the touch strong but gentle, and from it, through your newly dedicated being, flow waves of indescribable sweetness.

While the hand remains, the fellowship lasts, and his power is yours for the task.

Watch this new Church Extension project at Stevensville, Mich., grow with the sponsorship of St. Joseph's First Church and the support of the denomination's Builders in Jan. 1964!

Another North American Baptist Church

By Rev. B. A. Itterman, Church Extension pastor at Stevensville, Michigan.

ANOTHER NORTH AMERICAN Baptist church has been born! The infant is very much alive! Judging from its actions, it may be well to buy its first pair of shoes a few sizes larger, lest they be outgrown even before the shine is worn off. We believe you are interested in knowing about this child, its origin, and the favorable climate which fosters its life and growth. Therefore we share our experience with you.

STEVENSVILLE AREA

For several years, the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan, watched with considerable interest the new developments and rapid growth of an area just south of their city. Before very long, mushrooming sub-divisions became a common sight, and more and more fruit farms gave way to the surveyors and the contractors. Then followed the bulldozers and construction crews.

The members from the church, who had themselves moved into this new area, became quite excited about the necessity and opportunity of beginning a new work not far from Stevensville, the next village south of St. Joseph. All preliminary studies verified their con-



REV. B. A. ITTERMAN
pastor of the new Church Extension project at Stevensville, Michigan.

victions and thus the congregation purchased nine acres of choice land, one-half mile north of the new Lakeshore High School, and in the heart of these mushrooming sub-divisions.

Once the property had been pur-

chased, a survey was made to discover how many families, now attending First Baptist Church, would be interested in becoming the nucleus for the new work. It was learned that approximately twenty families, living in the Stevensville area, would seriously consider such a move. This led to additional surveys and the matter of calling a pastor.

The denomination's Church Extension Committee and the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph felt led to extend a call to Rev. B. A. Itterman, the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota, in June 1963. The call was accepted and on Sept. 1, 1963 Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Itterman and their three children, Bryon, Bruce and Yvonne, began their work at Lakeshore Baptist.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

As the people began to arrive for the first service, held in the Lakeshore High School, feelings of uncertainty and some anxiety gave way to expressions of joy and thankfulness. A count of the attendance made it clear that our most optimistic predictions had been surpassed, for there were 89 persons present in Sunday school and 112 at the worship service.

Since that time we have averaged 97 in Sunday school, 110 in the morning worship, and 60 in the evening service for the 13 Sundays on which we have met. From the very first Sunday we have enjoyed meeting in regular Sunday school classes and have had the services of a church choir. People have come to us from various backgrounds, but mostly families who had been attending either First Baptist Church in St. Joseph or the Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, and are living in this community.

At the present time we are the ONLY group which has begun a church in this entire area, and the doors are wide open. Our surveys and contacts have led us to believe that there are no obstacles to hinder our progress, and there are many reasons why we should move forward with optimism and vision. There are many families in this area looking for a church home, and we are the only group which has begun to meet that need.

Apart from a Methodist and Lutheran church in Stevensville, approximately two to three miles west from our



WONDERFUL PROSPECTS AT STEVENSVILLE, MICH.

In the first weeks after beginning this new Church Extension project at Stevensville, Mich., large crowds of young couples, outstanding adults, and many children attend the Sunday school and worship services.

ACCIDENT!

On Monday, Dec. 2, God's Volunteers Team No. II traveling in the "International Travelall" were involved in an accident near Grand Forks, N. Dak. The car hit an icy patch on the highway and turned over. The car is apparently a total wreck as well as the musical instruments and some of the luggage.

Four of the team members experienced only minor bruises. But Ramona Buxa suffered a cracked pelvic bone and has been hospitalized for about six weeks. Beth Blackburn had a sprained ankle and suffered shock and was kept at the hospital overnight. The rest of the team continued to Napoleon, N. Dak., to meet their engagement there.

church site, there is no other English-speaking church within approximately four miles in the other directions. New families are moving into this area daily. On a Monday morning in October, 25 new students, whose parents moved into the Lakeshore area over the weekend, registered at the high school for classes.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES

We have a fine group of people with whom to work, and considerable talent from which to draw. The Advisory Board, which did much ground work even before the pastor arrived, has been very active and of great help. Though not yet officially organized, the entire congregation is active in some study and steering committee, and further groundwork is being laid for a strong Baptist witness here. The enthusiasm and joy that are evident in all meetings, and the genuine spiritual concern which has been kindled anew by the tremendous challenges, makes it a thrill to be a part of this new work.

Along with great challenges go great responsibilities. We are endeavoring to meet these as best we can. The Organizational Committee is presently drawing up our doctrinal statements and working out arrangements for organization, charter signing, and incorporation early in 1964. The Finance Committee is giving direction in the matters of Church Extension Builders, the building fund, loans, and other money matters. The Building Committee is studying building plans and conferring with architects. Other committees and groups such as the Board of Christian Education, Maintenance, Visitation, and the women's group, are rendering a valuable service.

By now you can perhaps understand why we feel that this infant is very much alive, and that he should grow up to be a strong man. It will take finances, hard work, and instruction but we are confident that this child will become a vital member of the North American Baptist family. The more you pray, and the more you give, the greater will be the mutual benefits and blessings.

God's Volunteers Working With Youth

Reports of the ministry of God's Volunteers Teams

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I By Jean Berndt, Reporter

"YOUR OLD MEN shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28). We as God's Volunteers Team No. I go from city to city, church to church, person to person, because we have been caught up by a vision. This vision is that hundreds of persons will come to know the complete joy of living through our personal witness and that they, in turn, will set out to do the same.

In our last four campaigns we have shared with others what we are doing in response to this vision. In Medicine Hat, Alberta, we discovered that Rev. H. Schumacher shared our vision. With his help we not only challenged the young people within the Temple Baptist Church, but we reached others with our testimony at a city-wide Youth for Christ rally, in Youth for Christ clubs in the Junior and Senior High Schools, and at a Halloween skating party (where we sang and testified while on skates). We also challenged youth through a half-hour television program.

As we moved into Edmonton, Alberta, we saw even greater opportunities to share our vision with young people. At the Capilano Baptist Church under Rev. Walter Goltz's guidance we held a rally for several Baptist churches in the immediate area. Here those who are familiar with our program came to know our concern for others.

In the Central Baptist Church our director joined us and we renewed and broadened our faith in this vision. We reached more young people at a C. B. Y. fellowship, a Youth for Christ rally and at the German Association's youth program.

At Namao Park Baptist Church of Edmonton we met with more young people through a Youth for Christ Bible Club and a rally with the Zion Baptist Church young people.

During these two weeks we saw young people come to know Christ personally for the first time and still others who rededicated their lives. We, as a team, will never forget a young man who was caught up with this vision and brought friends to rededicate their lives to Christ.

A highlight of our youth work in the Edmonton area was participating in a rally for all N. A. B. churches of the area. Here we had one last opportunity to show that living a Christian life is a joy and to challenge them with our vision.

During these weeks we not only gave but received encouragement from these young people. Yet as you read this, we challenge you to have such a vision—a vision and concern for the lost and to present Christ to them.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II By Ramona Buxa, Reporter

In every church to which we go to as God's Volunteers, there is always one particular group whom we strive to reach, and these are the young people of the church.

While in Herreid, S. Dak., we had the opportunity of working with many High School students. We had a social time on Friday evening before our series of meetings began, which gave us the opportunity to get acquainted. During our "Crusade for Christ" services, it was a thrill to see more young people coming out each night. There were 11 who came forward during the week and rededicated their lives to the Lord. What a joy to see young people who will take a stand for Christ! On Saturday evening while in Herreid, 12 young people and the Volunteers went to an area "Singspiration" in Bismarck. This was a good time to meet young people from the Central Association of the Dakota Conference.

During each campaign we have about two "After-church Fellowships" with all the young people in the church. In Linton, N. Dak., we had a large group of young people from the high school age and also those working in the community. During our fellowships we enjoy a few games, sing choruses and have a testimony time. In Linton four young people and one young housewife came to know Christ as their personal Savior and on the last night we had the thrill of seeing 15 young people come forward and rededicate their lives.

"Schmay" took us safely to our sixth campaign in West Fargo, N. Dak., after Linton. We were in the Grace Baptist Church for a week of meetings. We were welcomed by a Saturday night supper with the college young people. Then on Sunday evening after the service, we had a fellowship for the same group. It was very encouraging to see their enthusiasm for the Lord and the active part they play in the church despite their busy college schedules. During our stay in West Fargo we went to Grand Forks, N. Dak., for a Thanksgiving service.

"A Simple Outline of God's Way of Salvation"—it's not the Baptist way or any denominational way but it's God's Way to eternal life! This is the name of the pamphlet we use in our visitation, and we give one to each person whom we contact. If the person shows signs of seeking, we go through the plan of salvation with him and point the way to Christ.

The Lord has been with us and has given us so many blessings. It has been such a joy to meet young people, and we are looking forward to many opportunities in the future.

Baptists and the Vatican Council

A Baptist news reporter has been sent to the Second Vatican Council in Rome by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to provide first-hand reports of the sessions to the Baptists of America.

By W. Barry Garrett, Associate Director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

BAPTISTS, IF THEY are to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ, must understand the major developments among other Christian communions throughout the world. What other Christians are doing has a direct bearing on Baptist strategy and planning for the implementation of their own obedience to the Great Commission. This is especially true if major changes are in the making in the Roman Catholic Church that claims a constituency of 50,176,000 in North America and a grand total of 550,356,000 which is more than half of all the Christians in the world.

For the first time in nearly 100 years the Roman Catholic Church is engaged in an Ecumenical Council in which all the bishops of the world are invited to participate. (Vatican Council I was held 1869-1870). When Pope John XXIII was asked to explain his purpose in calling the Council, he opened a window and said, "To let some fresh air into the Church!" This was his dramatic way of saying that the Catholic Church was too burdened with medieval encrustations and that if it is to win its way in the 20th century and the centuries to follow it must make a new approach and must make itself relevant to the new age into which the world is emerging.

"RELIGIOUS FREEDOM"

The most often heard expression of the purpose of Vatican Council II is that it is convened "for the renewal of the church." This means that there are many "reforms" needed within the life of the church. Although no one expects any changes in the basic doctrines of the church nor any new pronouncements on dogma to come from the Council, there are being proposed many basic changes in attitude, in structure, and in approach to other Christians and to the world. These are among the items which Baptists must understand and evaluate.

One of the items on the agenda of Vatican Council II of major interest to Baptists is "religious freedom." This problem has caused concern to Catholics and non-Catholics alike through the years. Catholic theologians are struggling with the old idea that "error" has no rights and must be suppressed. Likewise, the old theory that where Roman Catholics are in the minority, they ask for religious freedom, but when they are in the majority, they oppose external freedom of other religious beliefs, is being challenged within the inner circles of the church.

The entire world is waiting to know how the Vatican Council II is going to implement and interpret Pope John XXIII's views on the right to worship God according to one's own conscience as set forth in his encyclical "Pacem in Terris." He said, "Every human being has the right to honor God according to the dictates of an upright conscience, and therefore the right to worship God privately and publicly."

Hans Kung, professor in the University of Tubingen in Germany and a theological adviser to Vatican Council II, emphasizes that the teaching authority claimed by the Catholic Church cannot set aside the freedom of the Christian conscience. He says that "it is universally held in Catholic moral theology that conscience is the immediate norm of conduct in every case." He applies this to "inerrant papal and conciliar decisions." How much of Hans Kung the church will approve remains to be seen.

CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS

In the matter of church-state relations the Roman Catholic Church has not arrived at dogmatic positions. Its practice in this regard varies from nation to nation and from age to age, adjusting its practice to a wide variety of political circumstances. A number of Catholic theologians hold liberal viewpoints on the subject of religious liberty and church-state relations. Baptists could hope that the church as a whole will follow their lead rather than the objectionable practices of the past years.

It is significant that the American bishops are at the forefront in the insistence on serious consideration of the problems of religious liberty. They are aware that Catholic restrictions on Protestants in Spain, Colombia, and other so-called Catholic countries are an embarrassment to the church and are a hindrance to the growth of Catholicism in the world.

Likewise, a liberalization of the church regulations on the marriage of Catholics to non-Catholics has been proposed to the Vatican Council II. These restrictions and requirements have been a source of sharp tension between Catholics and others. Baptists will watch developments along these lines with intense interest.

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In order to assist the Roman Catholic Church to make preparation for this supposed eventual reunion Pope John XXIII created a Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and appointed Augustin Cardinal Bea as its president. Repeated contacts have been developed between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches. The ecumenical movement is taking on a more comprehensive aspect. Previously it was confined largely to Protestant communions.

HOW ARE BAPTISTS INVOLVED?

Baptists are not uniform in their response to the ecumenical movement. Some have refused to become involved in the discussions and in membership in national and world councils. Others have joined the councils and participate in the discussions. Regardless of one's personal opinions on the subject and regardless of the position of any one denomination of Baptists, it is imperative that Baptists know and understand the ecumenical movement. Most certainly what the Roman Catholic Church does in this regard in the decades and centuries ahead cannot be ignored by any responsible group of Christians.

A long list of other points of interest to Baptists in Vatican Council II could be discussed, many of which will be reported during the course of the Council. Among these are the role of the laity in the church, Catholic strategy for world missions, the clash between Christianity and a materialistic, atheistic philosophy, the relevance of the faith to social, economic and political conditions, reform in the liturgy, the sources of divine revelation, the nature of the church, and the authority of the bishops in relation to that of the pope.

A glowing testimony: "I have confidence in our people! I have faith in our church! I appreciate and love our work!"

A District Secretary Views His Work

By Rev. Rubin Kern of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, Eastern District Secretary

IT IS DIFFICULT to define my work as a district secretary. It is, I believe, a work that defies definition. Defining my work would be confining it. This is a work, as I have found, that demands of me to be ready to serve any time anywhere as the need arises. This is a work that requires, beyond one's being an expert in any specialized area, a greater scope of experience, the use of good, common judgment and a generous apportionment of God's guidance.

During the months that I have served as Eastern District Secretary, I have been tested and challenged to the degree that I am now able to say: "I like my work!" I am frequently called upon for counsel and service. I want to assist the pastors and churches in my district. For what more could I ask?

OUR BELOVED DENOMINATION

Our denomination is well known to me. I am grateful for this. I have viewed our work in pastorates of the Northern, Pacific, Central and Atlantic Conferences. I have had the opportunity to see and be a part of the inner operation of our work through committees and boards on which I have served. Now I am able to observe our work from a somewhat different vantage point—through our churches over an extended area.

As I visit these churches I come in contact with people—members of these churches. It is here that I see our denomination in terms of service, sacrifice, love, aspiration, vision and faith. But it is here, as well, that I see something of our work in terms of disbelief, doubt, distrust, criticism, strife, disharmony and refusal.

This latter viewpoint may give the impression that I am somewhat dissatisfied with and disappointed in our work and denominational fellowship. Not at all! I have learned to accept people as they are and to help them at the point at which I find them. That was the approach and method of Jesus. I have confidence in our people. I have faith in our churches. I appreciate and love our work.

GOD'S WORK ON EARTH

This past summer I travelled by automobile through the states of Vermont and New Hampshire. I was impressed and inspired by the excessive scenic beauty. There I beheld the slowly fading sunset over the serene waters of Lake Champlain; the lofty wood-

lands over the rolling White and Green Mountains; the clean villages in the distant valleys; the soaring clouds above; and the cold, hard protrusions of granite and marble from beneath, all blending into a submissive pattern of beauty and harmony.

More recently I flew over the State of Iowa to note again the man-carved pattern of corn fields, farm yards, pasture lands and towns. It all looks so perfect from far above. But as you come down to look closely and examine in detail and converse with the men and women who have had a share in carving this pattern, very soon you hear and see and become aware of the flaws, the hardships, the problems, the mistrust and disharmony. Down here things are not all so beautiful!

But we are not soaring clouds. We are not embedded granite and marble. We are not a man-carved pattern to be viewed and examined from afar. We are a fellowship of free human beings. We are God's children—churches engaged in doing God's work—extending his Kingdom. At the same time we are faced with the hardships and conflicts of life as they exist on the ground level. We are living in a world of sin. We are doing God's work down here.



REV. RUBIN KERN

The Eastern District Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Sometimes that which we view as beauty and harmony in nature is no more than a static submissiveness of God's creation. And equally as often, that which we behold in man, in our churches and in our denomination as being unwholesome and out of harmony is an honest attempt of our striving to do God's work and to follow his will as we know and understand it. Sometimes the most disheartening and the hardest experiences of our ministry and work result in the most bounteous harvest.

WORKING HARMONIOUSLY TOGETHER

It appears to me that the thing of greatest importance is not that we do our work in exactly the same manner as the next man or the neighboring church, or to think and express ourselves precisely alike. The thing of greater importance is that, in our variance of method, thought and deed, we work together with a singleness of devotion and purpose to do the work that God has assigned to us.

There must be unity of vision to behold God's purpose and a willingness to do his work in the unifying Spirit of Jesus Christ. We claim him as our Savior and the Lord of our lives. He is the cornerstone in whom the abiding credentials of the past and the future are sealed. He is the Head of the Church who directs, controls, unites and empowers us to do his work.

May we therefore be totally committed to Christ and faithful in our stewardship so that through my work and your work as individuals, and our work as a body united in Christ, HIS WORK might be done!

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How do I know it?
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MARCH OF EVENTS



● **FORMER BASEBALL STAR.** Jackie Robinson, business executive and former baseball star, was named president of United Church Men, a nationwide organization which serves an estimated 10 million Protestant and Orthodox laymen, and is a central department of the National Council of Churches. He will serve a 3-year term of office, beginning January 1, 1964. Mr. Robinson was elected by unanimous vote of UCM's Board of Managers at its annual business session in the University of Indiana's University Center in Indianapolis.

—The Watchman-Examiner

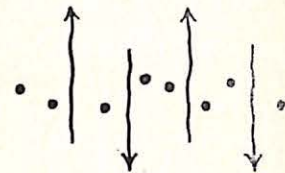
● **CHRISTIANS AND SMOKING.** Habitual use of cigarettes is incompatible with Biblical principles, the November 8 issue of *Christianity Today* declares. Because of mounting medical evidence

and obsolete. The Soka Gakkai (literally, Value Creating Society) is a political party as well as a religious system and is reported to be next in rank to the Liberal-Democratic and Socialist parties in Japan.

● **POAU AT WORLD'S FAIR.** Visitors to the World's Fair in New York City will find a witness to the American principles of church-state separation and religious liberty in an exhibit

sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, announced that the organization has contracted for exhibit space in the two-year fair which starts in April 1964. The display will be housed in the Protestant Center. Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., is national president of POAU.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



25 YEARS AGO JANUARY 1939

In January 1939 four of our outstanding North American Baptist ministers were called to their Heavenly Home. They were:

● **Professor G. H. Schneck** of Brooklyn, N. Y., (Jan. 2, 1939) at 68 years of age.

● **Rev. C. A. Daniel** of Detroit, Mich., (Jan. 23, 1939) at 77 years of age.

● **Rev. F. H. Heinemann** of Minnetrista, Minn., (Jan. 24, 1939) at 74 years of age.

● **Rev. F. A. Bloedow** of Winnipeg, Man., (Jan. 27, 1939) at 62 years of age.

linking it with lung cancer, the cigarette habit "has moved from an optional indulgence to a question of stewardship of the body," asserts the inter-denominational journal. "On the Scriptural ground that the God who gives us our bodies requires accountability for their use, none of us has the right to contract any habit that has been shown to lead to grave illness and premature death. For Christian adults in particular it contributes by force of example to teen-age addiction to a dangerous and often fatal habit and thus violates the Biblical principle of responsibility for one's brother."

● **MILITANT CULT IN JAPAN.** Soka Gakkai (pronounced *soak guck eye*), with a following of almost ten million Japanese, militantly desires to crush all other religions not only in Japan but throughout the world. The cult regards itself as not only the one true Buddhist religion, but the one true religion on earth. Its principal aims are the propagation of its teachings throughout the world, even by forced conversion when necessary, and the denunciation of all other faiths as false

● **New Church in Budapest, Hungary.** The foundation stone for a new Baptist church building in Budapest, Hungary has recently been laid. The new house of worship, which has been in the planning stage for two years, is for the only Baptist church in the Buda part of the city, whereas there are 20 churches on the Pest side of the Danube River. Dr. J. D. Hughey, president of the Ruschlikon Seminary in Switzerland, took part in stone laying ceremonies as a representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is helping financially in the building project. The Buda church should be ready for use within a year.

● **Scottish Baptists Vote on WCC.** By a 316-59 vote, the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland decided to continue the denomination's "disaffiliation" with the World Council of Churches. The Scottish Baptists broke away from WCC in 1955. Rev. A. W. Speirs of Edinburgh argued that ecumenical conversations could not be carried on "at the national level" while the denomination refuses "to do so at the international level." But his motion was turned down by the delegates. "The unity which Christ purposes for his people is neither external nor organizational—but spiritual, and this unity the Christian community already has in Christ," the committee recommendation declared.

● **N. Amer. Baptist Fellowship.** Plans for establishment of a North American Baptist Fellowship—drawing the various groups of this continent together for fellowship and cooperative planning—were approved in principle by the Baptist World Alliance executive committee at its Waco meeting. The continent-wide alliance was proposed earlier this year by leaders of major Baptist groups who have cooperated the past five years in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The Fellowship would be

patterned in large part after the European Baptist Federation, which has drawn the Baptists of that once war-racked continent into friendly cooperation in many areas, including missions.

● **Baptist Leprosy Missions in East Pakistan.** The Arthington Baptist Mission Hospital, Chandraghona, East Pakistan, is one of 10 leprosy missions and hospitals receiving help from The Order of Charity, an organization which encourages schools to adopt leprosy projects in many parts of the world. The British Section, founded 14 years ago, has voluntary committees in London, Birmingham and Bristol. Chandraghona Hospital, which was started nearly 60 years ago, serves an area of 6,000 square miles in which there is only one hospital, though there are over 100 leprosy patients who, besides receiving medical treatment, are trained in gardening, carpentry, rice growing, weaving and raising fruit and vegetable crops.—*The Baptist Times*.

● **\$4,000,000 for Seminary.** A long-range development program totaling \$4,000,000 by 1970 was launched by Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, at a leadership dinner held Oct. 1 at the Harvard Club in Boston. Congresswoman Edith Green of Portland, Oregon gave the main address on "The Leadership Crisis in America." She is chairman of the House committee on education and an active churchwoman. Dr. Herbert Gezork, president, explained that a total of \$2,500,000 is required to construct four urgently-needed buildings—library, classrooms and faculty offices, chapel and women's dormitory—and to provide additional endowment income for scholarships and faculty salaries. The balance of the \$4,000,000 goal by 1970 is designated to strengthen endowment for scholarships and professorships.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● **The First Baptist Church of West** New York, N. J., has announced that its pastor, Rev. Nicholas Lasko, recently resigned and brought his ministry there to a close on Nov. 30. He has accepted the call from a church in another Baptist convention in the metropolitan New York area. He had served as pastor of the West New York, N. J., church since 1959.

● **Recently Rev. Robert Zimelman** of Minneapolis, Minn., pastor of the Faith Baptist Church since 1959, presented his resignation to the church. He brought his ministry in the Faith Church to a close on Dec. 31. His plans for the immediate future are not known, but he is awaiting a church opening and looking to God's guidance for his continued ministry as a North American Baptist pastor.

● **On Sunday, Nov. 24, Rev. Raymond P. Yahn**, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. They were received into the church's fellowship at the communion service on Dec. 1. The Temple Church is making a strong drive to enlist its members as Church Extension Builders with Miss Betty Jean Staib as the church captain.

● **The Evergreen Baptist Church** of Brooklyn, N. Y., has asked Dr. W. J. Appel, a former pastor, to make a survey of possibilities for relocation or for a Church Extension project on Long Island, N. Y. At present, the congregation of the Evergreen Church is worshipping with the Ridge-mont Baptist Church. The survey is being made by Dr. Appel at the request of the Evergreen Baptist Church. Dr. Appel began this ministry on Nov. 25, 1963.

● **Peter Chi Mbako**, one of the Baptist students from the mission field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, has been studying for the past year at Stout State College at Menomonie, Wis. He has announced that the course of studies at the college has been extended to three years to 1967. The other Cameroon Baptist student in the United States, Mr. George Mbunkur, is a student at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Ia. Both young men are studying with the aid of scholarships granted them.

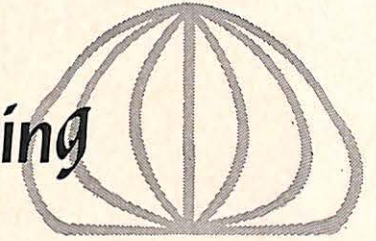
● **Rev. Harold E. Weiss**, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., baptized 15 young people at an impressive service held on Sunday morning, Dec. 1. The youth of the church brought an inspirational Christmas Eve program. Every Tuesday evening is set aside as "Visitation Night" when members of the church, under the supervision of Mr. Merv Noah, call on people of the community. It was hoped to have members of God's Volunteers Team II take part in the Watchnight Service of the church.

● **A Memorial Service** in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy was held on Monday, Nov. 25, at the

Methodist Church of Dallas, Ore. This service was sponsored by the Dallas Ministerial Association and was broadcast over radio station KROW of Dallas. The memorial sermon was preached by Rev. Clarence Walth of the Salt Creek Baptist Church. His message, "What Can You Do For America?" was later printed in "The Visitor," the weekly newsletter of the Salt Creek Church.

1959, was called to his heavenly Home at 11:48 p.m. on Sunday night, Nov. 24, at the Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor. He suffered a heart attack several days previously. He was 56 years of age. Mr. Knauf served as minister of the following NAB churches: Anamoose, N. Dak.; Alpena, Mich.; Bethany Church, Kansas; Elk Grove, Calif.; and First German, Benton Harbor, Mich. He is survived by his sor-

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● **The C.B.Y. of the First Baptist** Church, Linton, N. Dak., presented a missionary and thanksgiving play entitled, "How Much Owest Thou Thy Lord?", to the Linton congregation on Sunday evening, Nov. 24, and to the Napoleon Baptist Church congregation on Sunday evening, Dec. 1. The play was directed by Miss Arleen Mattis, Linton C. B. Y. president, and the offerings received were designated for the Central Dakota-Montana Association C. B. Y. Mission Project. Rev. Herman Effa is pastor of the church.

● **Dr. Frank H. Woyke**, Executive Secretary, attended the sessions of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C., on Nov. 25 and 26. He is the chairman of a committee that is preparing the By-laws of the North American Baptist fellowship, newly organized fellowship of various Baptist bodies that will soon be launched. The BWA Executive Committee also considered plans for the raising of funds for the new Baptist building in Washington, D. C., which will cost several million dollars.

● **On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17**, the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., was crowded to capacity with 961 persons to hear Miss Ethel Waters, Negro soloist, who has been singing regularly at the various Billy Graham Crusades and whose records of Christian songs have been distributed throughout the world. She is a convert of the Graham Crusade in New York City several years ago and is now bringing a radiant witness for Christ. Her best known song is the gospel hymn, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor of the First Church of Lodi.

● **Rev. W. W. Knauf** of Benton Harbor, Mich., pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, since

rowing widow, two daughters, and a son. The memorial tribute appears on page 23 of this issue.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Donald N. Miller** of Watertown, Wis., have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 2, who has been named Timothy Dale. The Millers also have two daughters in their family. Mr. Miller is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg of Chicago, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 25, who has been named Brenda Jean. This is their third daughter. Mr. Sonnenberg is the pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago.

● **The Calvary Baptist Church** of Corn, Okla., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Dec. 1, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," as guest speaker. Offerings for the NAB mission fields were received. Before the evening service, young people of the church visited the Home for the Aged in Corn and brought a Christmas program of carols followed by a German message by Dr. Leuschner. A preview of the 1964 General Conference at Sacramento, Calif., was also given at the earlier youth service with colored slides of Sacramento and the Pacific Coast shown.

● **Rev. Peter Pfeifer**, pastor of the Union Grove Congregational Church, Union Grove, Wis., since 1957, has resigned to become chaplain-interne in Missouri State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Mo., for the next nine months as part of his clinical training for becoming an accredited chaplain with the American Protestant Hospital Chaplain's Association. Mr. Pfeifer served as pastor of numerous N.A.B. churches at Waco, Texas; Burlington, Ia.; Erie, Pa.; and Temple Church, Milwaukee.

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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
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ONE DAY AT A TIME

The beginning of a new year presses vividly upon all of us the unpredictable, and sometimes frightening, prospects of an unseen path. As the old year ends and the new year begins, our thoughts turn to time.

An anxious patient, lying on her sickbed, turned to her doctor and asked: "Doctor, can you tell me how long shall I have to lie here and suffer?" "Just a day at a time," replied the thoughtful and wise physician. At the beginning of a new year this is wonderful advice for us. We cannot see beyond, nor do we need to do this, for tomorrow is in God's hand. What a comfort to know that God has divided the coming year into smaller portions, and we shall have to live it "just a day at a time."

For some of us the year will bring renewed hope, unexpected pleasures, unsought opportunities to be seized or overlooked, and closer communion with God. At the threshold of this new year stands God, ready to cross it with us.

Each day is a distinct break with the past. Each night when we close our eyes in sleep, we close another paragraph of life—something has slipped beyond our grasp forever and each new day reveals a new and unwritten page in our book of life. The year 1964 with its rich treasure of 525,600 unspent minutes is in our hands. This priceless possession is ours to invest.

Psychologists tell us that the average individual is capable of doing far more than he is now accomplishing. There are those who have drifted along with life's tide for years, then awakened to new visions and greater achievements. May we start the year with enthusiasm and high plans and concentrate on the things that really count! May we follow the advice given in this little poem entitled, "A Day Well-Lived."

"Greet each morning with anticipation,
Tackle your job with determination,
Let others be your first consideration,
Kindness and service your aspiration
Be tolerant and resist temptation,
Live each day filled with inspiration,
Run life's race with hope and expectation,
Then close each day with quiet meditation.

From the Professor's Desk

By Professor Gerald L. Borchert, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Can it be said that everything that happens is connected with the purpose of God?

One cannot escape the pervading theme which runs throughout the Bible that God's purpose *somehow* extends over the entire universe and that even the minutest details of life are *in some way* of divine ordering. This obviously does not mean that all that happens is according to his perfect will or that he is determinatively or efficiently active in all which comes to pass. But it does mean that nothing happens which God did not foresee and at least permissively allow to come to pass, and in that sense is included in his purpose and plan; or it may pertain to that which he has directly and causatively willed to happen.

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God wills nothing which is evil, although he does will to permit evil things to happen and is able to use even this evil in such a way as to further his own plan. The Psalmist states that God is able to make the wrath of man to praise him (Psa. 76:10cf. 2:1-12).

Typical of the biblical witness to the hopeful assurance of God's providence are the words of the Psalmist, "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all. . . . He is the governor among the nations" (Psa. 103:19; 22:28). Daniel states, "He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth: and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35). Paul testifies, "He works all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11), and our Lord affirms, "One sparrow shall not fall on the ground without your Father. . . . The very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:29, 30).

These biblical affirmations stand in striking contrast to the attitude of much modern thought which sees little or no purpose in the events of history, let alone any divine purpose. Alfred Noyes' book, *The Edge of the Abyss*, rather aptly describes the lost, futile feeling of people today in a nuclear age. Representative of much thinking of our time is that of Karl R. Popper of the University of London, who asserts that history has no meaning or purpose. To say that history's meaning is the design of God or that God reveals himself in history is idolatry and superstition and is an escape from reality, Popper states. Progress, he affirms, rests alone with man; he only is the maker of his fate.

Our century has seen the rapid growth of nihilism, which denies that there is any objective or real ground of truth or morals. It often claims that conditions are so bad as to make destruction desirable for its own sake independent of any constructive program or purpose. Many today are saying that life is absurd, devoid of meaning; death is the only certainty. Lives are hopelessly ensnared in anguish, despair, nothingness and estrangement. Much of this is the result of the failure of people to recognize and to submit to the purpose of God for all men in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Three basic aspects of divine providence are conspicuous in Scripture: It is apparent from such texts as Neh. 9:6; Acts 17:28; Col. 1:17 and Heb. 1:3 that God maintains all his creatures in their very existence, and without his constant preservation nothing could continue to be. Created things can exist only because of a positive exercise of divine sustenance and support. God only is self-existent; all else has a dependent and derived existence.

A second basic aspect of God's providence is his activity in all that comes to pass. There is not a single moment of time in which any creature acts absolutely independently of the divine will. His power interpenetrates and is operative somehow (permissively or efficaciously) in every movement throughout the universe. Yet men's actions are really their own and men are morally accountable for what they do. Men's activities are not regarded as God's activities, which are always consistent with and respect human freedom, when properly understood.

God's ruling guidance with respect to the final outcome or end of all things is a third basic aspect. He is directing history in such a way that it will unfailingly arrive at its designed ends. Every detail in the divine plan will be fulfilled. God not only knows how world history will end, but he is so acting in it that the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever (Rev. 11:15).

Many problems arise in our minds with regard to the affirmations stated above, and a second article will follow which will seek to come to grips with some of these problems. The thought of God's connection with everything that happens is most appropriate for the time of the beginning of a new year.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 12, 1964

Theme: PHILIP AND ANDREW,
EVANGELISTS

Scripture: John 1:35-46

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The evangelized must become evangelists if the Gospel is to be preached to the whole world.

INTRODUCTION: There is a great deal of curiosity as to what happened in the life of Jesus between the ages of twelve, when he was found in the temple among the doctors "both hearing them and asking them questions," and the time when he suddenly began his public ministry. This part of our Lord's life is sometimes referred to as "the hidden years." However, it does us little good to speculate as to what Jesus did between the ages of twelve and thirty. If it had been necessary or important enough, God would have found some way of revealing it through his Word. Evidently it was not necessary for our salvation. The important thing is to remember what Christ said and what he did and to surrender and follow him with all our hearts and souls and minds.

It is strange that John the Baptist should be ignored in our lessons which deal with the personalities around Jesus. He must have played an important role in the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He was baptized by him and gave him the highest compliment that could be directed to a prophet. Nevertheless, let us now examine two more important personalities around Jesus.

I. POINTING TO THE SAVIOR.
John 1:35, 36.

We do not know how long the association between Jesus and John the Baptist lasted. Since there was a Baptist relationship (Luke 1:36), they must have known each other quite intimately. John's reputation was already established and he had no difficulty attracting the crowds to his culty preaching, in spite of his bluntness, frankness and name-calling. See Luke 3:7-8.

But his main mission in life was to point to the Savior. What a simple gesture and what a simple message: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." This, in essence, is the most important function of every messenger of God—to keep in the background while keeping Christ in the foreground. A profound message often directs attention to the messenger and distracts from the Savior.

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II. FOLLOWING THE SAVIOR.
John 1:37-40.

John's simple message got results, for two of his own disciples immediately left him and followed Jesus. A popular preacher often has a large number of followers, but a truly great preacher may often be lonely like John the Baptist when he sees the converts truly following Christ.

Jesus is quick to notice those who follow him, even though they follow from a distance. He responds to our seeking, to our curiosity, to our hunger and thirst, and he can do for us what we can never do for ourselves.

III. WINNING OTHERS FOR THE SAVIOR. John 1:41-46.

When we are filled with good news we are in a hurry to share the good news with good friends. Our own brothers and sisters and parents are naturally first in our minds and hearts. So far as ability and talent are concerned, there does not seem to be anything unusual about Andrew. The outstanding trait about him was the fact that he had a passion for finding others and bringing them to Jesus. Dedicated personal workers are often more successful in winning souls for Christ than great teachers or preachers.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why did Jesus not choose men who had more education to be his disciples?
2. Why did Nathanael have such a low opinion of Nazareth?
3. Why did not Jesus ask John the Baptist to be one of his disciples?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 19, 1964

Theme: NICODEMUS, CAUTIOUS
INQUIRER

Scripture: John 3:1-5

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It won't help much simply to talk about religion unless it leads to a definite decision for Christ and the new birth.

INTRODUCTION: When we review the men whom Jesus won as followers, we cannot help but think of the words of Paul when he wrote, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (I Cor. 1:26). However, we do have the fervent wish that Jesus would have succeeded in winning some of the wise and noble men of his day. Among these we would certainly include Nicodemus. He was such a

gracious and likeable person that we cannot help but feel sorry and sad that he did not respond to the Savior and follow him with his whole heart and soul. Sometimes we wonder how it is possible to spend an entire evening with Jesus and leave his presence without committing our lives to him.

The word "cautious" in the theme of our lesson may give us a clue as to why Nicodemus was so hesitant in openly following the Master. This is the important difference between the disciples whom Jesus called and the men of Nicodemus' character and nature. Peter, James, John and the other disciples threw caution to the wind. They abandoned themselves freely in their following.

I. NICODEMUS, THE EVENING VISITOR. John 3:1-2.

There are various reasons Bible expositors give for the evening visit. One of them suggests that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night because he wished to keep his visit secret. He was afraid of what his fellow Jews would say if they discovered where he went. But perhaps Nicodemus visited Jesus that night because he couldn't wait until morning. Then, too, he realized that Jesus was busy all day and always among many people, for the crowds followed him wherever he went and he longed for a private interview with the Master.

II. NICODEMUS, THE INQUIRER.
John 3:3-8.

Nicodemus realized that Jesus was not a teacher who came from a certain school or university. He recognized him as a teacher who came from God. He also recognized the proof: "No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." The Jewish leader thought he would spend a quiet evening with Jesus and engage him in a confidential talk and exchange some philosophical and theological views. Jesus, no doubt, appreciated the kindly nature of Nicodemus, but he seemed to disregard his attempt at flattery. He quickly changed the subject and pinpointed Nicodemus down to a great and important need in his life.

We do not know how much Jesus actually helped Nicodemus, but we would never have had a record of this wonderful conversation on the new birth if he had not visited Jesus that night.

III. NICODEMUS, CONFUSED AND UNCERTAIN. John 3:9-15.

It is strange how much a man can know about religion and have so little spiritual perception. Though scholarly,

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Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

by Lon Woodrum

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CHAPTER ONE

THE HIGHWAY THROUGH the desert was running straight ahead of him and straight behind him, both ends tapering into the sky-line.

His cream-colored Buick was hitting eighty, which was miles past the speed limit. But he had no more use for speed limits than he had for many more important laws.

The sun was behind him, falling to the skyrim fast, and he was glad, for it had been a scorching day. Los Angeles was a long way behind him now, and according to his map it was twenty miles to Quantacca.

Quantacca was where he was stopping. Until he finished a job there.

Glancing up into his mirror he saw a sunburned face. The result of wallowing around in the sand-drifts for three days. He had wallowed on purpose. The sun could do a lot toward changing that San Quentin color.

He grinned fleetingly at himself in the mirror and remembered a girl once saying, "Your smile is like a flashlight, Tom. You ought to turn it on more often."

There hadn't been too much in his life lately to make him turn it on. When you came to think about it, there hadn't been much from 'way back. Back when he was a kid.

You start thinking about something and it keeps coming in on you. His sick Mom. His beat-up Pop, trying to make that little fruit farm outside of Fresno give up a living. Pop made it work, too, till the bank took the farm when he couldn't dig up the mortgage money. The Beacon family had found itself in a little shack by the railroad, broke, with Mom practically dying. In fact, she did die. In that miserable little shack.

Pop Beacon went back to the banker who had demanded the farm and slammed him so hard he broke his head. And Pop went to jail for a year.

He didn't quite finish the sentence because he died the day before he was to get out.

I hate banks, Tom thought. And bankers.

That's why he wasn't going to mind this job in Quantacca.

The truck-stop cafe and motel showed up a mile west of Quantacca. He eased up on the gas. Probably some sadpussed cop around. He hated cops more than he hated bankers.

The Buick almost squatted at the pressure of his brakes. A little whirl of dust swept around him as he stopped off the highway.

The Foodnook Cafe, a sign said. There was a string of cabins behind the cafe. A kid was in the yard back of the cafe and he looked to be about ten. He had hair red enough to make a bull charge it and expressive blue eyes. He came over to the Buick.

"Hi," said Tom. "How's things?"
"What things?" asked the kid.
"Everything." Tom put a wide grin on the boy.

"Everything I know about is okay."
"What's your name, kid?"

"Freddie Fitzgerald. It's an Irish name, Fitzgerald."

Tom nodded. "There was a writer named Fitzgerald."

"There was a prizefighter named that, too."

"Who owns this place?"

"Pop does. Robin Fitzgerald."

"Any cabins vacant?"

"All of 'em are."

Just then a gangling tall man with very thin uncombed hair and eyes the color of Freddie's came out the rear door of the cafe.

"Cabin?" he asked.

"Uh-huh. Which one?"

"Grab your choice."

Tom took the cabin at the end of the row, to the north. Fitzgerald went to get a key and a registration blank.

Freddie said, "I'll help you unload if you like."

"Okay."



Tom Beacon somehow felt that the world owed him a living after convicting him of a crime he had never committed. (A. Devaney Photo).

Freddie looked at the square box Tom took into the cabin. Tom said, "Typewriter." He added, "I write."

"Books?"

"Novels."

"You write anything about space-ships and things like that?" asked Freddie.

"Afraid not, Freddie."

"What do you write about then?"

"Oh... love."

"Love?"

"There's something wrong with love? It makes the world go 'round, if you'll pardon an oldie."

"You ought to get acquainted with Nancy."

"Who's she?"

"My sister. You'll see her in the cafe, if you eat there. She's the waitress."

"Oh?"

"She reads about love. She thinks it's real fine. She has a lot of old-time books about it."

"How old is Nancy?"

"Twenty-two. My brother's twenty-seven."

"Got a brother, huh?"

"He likes history stories. They're better than love stories. I don't mean to make you feel bad, 'cause if you write about love—"

"That's okay. Don't worry about it."

"My brother's name is Brett. He's a deputy sheriff."

Tom straightened. "Cop, huh?"

"Uh-huh. Carries a thirty-eight special. He's a crack shot, too."

Tom began unpacking. Freddie said, "Why don't you write about space-ships?"

"I'm afraid that would be out of my line."

"Spaceships are great. 'Specially if you get 'way out in outer space. Sticking around Mars, or any of our little old planets, is not too good. You have to get 'way out there. It's like staying at home if you stay on one of our planets, like Mars or Venus."

Tom wagged his head. "Maybe I

should write about space."

"Boy, if you do I can help you with it. I know a lot about it."

"I imagine you do."

"Even if you wrote about love you could have love in a spaceship, couldn't you? Or on a planet where they have alligator-men."

Tom grinned. "You're okay, Freddie."

Freddie's face reflected pleasure. "I don't want to pester you. Mom says I pester people sometimes. I'll be seeing you around."

He left.

Tom unpacked slowly. He shaved, bathed, and put on a white sport shirt with dark trousers. He was hungry. Outside the cabin he saw the sky on fire in the west as the sun went down. The air was cooling as it often does in the desert in the evening. The air smelled dry, clean, good. Any air was better than the kind you get inside the walls of a prison.

Quantacca lay a mile to the east of the truck-stop. It was a mining town. It had a lot more money in it than one might suspect, just looking at it.

Tom Beacon had never been to Quantacca before. But Blacky McTone had been there. McTone had given Tom the lowdown on the place. He spelled it out that night in a prison cell in San Quentin.

"Tom," McTone had said, lighting a cigarette, "there's nothing to it, pal. Quantacca is located just right. It's an island, only it's surrounded by the desert instead of water."

Blacky's eyes were flat-looking, almost like an idiot's. He seemed to look past you when he was talking. He looked stupid, but a lot of cops in California knew he wasn't stupid. He'd pulled many a job without getting caught. Only by a freak accident had he got tripped up and sent to San Quentin. Then only for five years.

"I cased the town, friend," he said to Tom. His voice was low and almost as soft as a woman's. "I cased the Quantacca National Bank. And it's a cinch. I've got a sweet plan for us, friend. Just as soon as we blow this living death."

"We get out one day apart," said Tom.

"A nice thing," McTone blew a long thin stream of smoke past Tom's face. "We'll meet in L. A. I'll give you the dope there. And you'll meet some of the boys who will help with the job."

"Okay," said Tom.

"We'll have only four of us, you to set the thing up, the other three to take the bank. Friend, with that fat mining payroll coming in we grab a nice chunk of stuff for each of us!"

Remembering, Tom felt the old uneasiness. He'd had that uneasiness since he had been a dirty-faced kid.

He put a look around him, and in every direction the big bare mountains ringed the town, twenty or thirty miles away, except in the direction back toward Los Angeles. At points it looked as if a giant had split the

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mountains with a meatax. The peaks stood craggy, dry, in the sunset.

Tom was headed for the cafe when Freddie met him. He said, "You like this country?"

"It's nice."

"Where you from?"

"Los Angeles."

"Pop took me there once. It's a real whopper of a place."

"Uh-huh. It's a rat-race."

"When I got back to the desert here I felt how big it really was—a different kind of bigness. And quiet, too. Boy, there's room out here!" He waved his hand across the skyline.

"Yeah."

"I heard Doctor Gregory say there's room out here for a horse to run, and room for your soul to grow."

"Gregory—?"

"He's our minister at King Street Church. He's the best."

"You go to church, huh?"

"Well, sure. Don't you?"

Tom's shoulders dropped, then lifted again. "I'm afraid not."

Another boy about Freddie's age approached them. Freddie said, "Here comes my pal, Alee Jones. He helps me with the dishwashing sometimes."

"Dishwashing, huh? Nice job."

"You think so? Look, maybe you'd like to prove that! I get Alee hooked into the job whenever I can. He doesn't mind. He's my buddy, and I guess a buddy's supposed to do something for you once in a while. Alee's named after Alee Reynolds, the baseball player."

When Alee came up Freddie introduced him to Tom. Alee was gloomy-faced.

"What's wrong with you?" asked Freddie.

"Oh, it's Mom and Pop. They're having another squabble." Alee made a gremlin face. "Mom asked Pop to open a jar of pickles because his grip is stronger than hers. He couldn't get the lid off either, so him and Mom got mad, and he smashed the pickles against the sink. Mom yelled till you could hear her clean to Phoenix."

Tom went on to the cafe thinking, *Some kids have a tough time of it. I know. I've had a tough time myself.*

The Foodnook Cafe was not a large place but it was cleanlooking, even cheerful. There weren't any patrons in the place. Tom took a stool at the counter.

The girl came in from the kitchen, wearing a white uniform. She had the bluest eyes he had ever seen, and her hair was bright gold, combed up off her face. Her nose was small and straight. She had a pretty mouth; she was slim and her head would have come to Tom's shoulder if he had hoisted his six feet frame into a standing position.

His gray eyes examined her. He said, "You're Nancy, huh?"

She frowned. "Yes. But I don't believe I know you."

"Freddie told me your name."

"Oh? That sounds like Freddie, all right."

"Interesting fellow, Freddie."

"Yes. Isn't he?"

"I'm Tom Beacon."

"Fine. What can I do for you, Mr. Beacon?"

He scanned the menu. "Ham and beans."

She left and came back with silverware. He said, "Nancy. A real nice name."

Nancy flushed slightly. "Thanks."

She got bread and butter. "Are you staying at our motel?"

"Uh-huh."

"For long?"

He grinned. "Shall I tell you the truth? I wish I was staying longer than I am. I think I like this place."

His gray look was upon her. She flushed again and turned away from him, as though she had not heard what he said. She brought his order. She eyed him as he began to eat it.

"I'm glad you think you'll like it around here."

A girl about Nancy's age came in. She came to the counter and took a stool not far from Tom.

"Hi, Nancy," said the girl. She had very black hair and black eyes and a full mouth. She wore a gray dress that look rather expensive. She glanced at Tom coolly, and he looked back at her until she glanced away.

"Mr. Beacon," said Nancy, "this is Marianne Towers."

Tom nodded. "Hi."

Nancy said, "I just saw Freddie in the kitchen, Mr. Beacon. He tells me you're a novelist."

"The name is Tom," he said. "I do write books."

"A writer!" Marianne was immediately interested. "Imagine that! I never met an author before."

"Maybe it's just as well," Tom grinned at her.

"This is an honor," said Marianne. Her dark eyes glowed. "Have I read any of your books?"

"What books have you read?"

"Oh, quite a few. I like novels."

Tom tried to appear nonchalant. He had written a couple of novels—before he went to San Quentin. But they had never gone far.

"I wrote *Thunder Before Dawn*. And *Midnight Lover*."

Marianne wrinkled her brows in thought. "I don't think I ever read either of them. Did you ever read them, Nancy?"

Nancy's head made a negative motion. "I don't think so."

"Of the making of books there is no end," said Tom.

"So you know the Bible," said Nancy.

His look caught hers. "Is that from the Bible? I never knew where it came from. I'm not a Bible man."

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Special Reports from North American Baptist Churches

75th ANNIVERSARY, SECOND CHURCH, UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

The Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., celebrated its 75th anniversary from November 1 to 3. The pastor, Rev. Ronald Nasshan, and members were blessed with three wonderful days of reunion, reminiscing, fellowship and challenge. Sister churches, former members and friends were invited to an Old Timer's Night. Mrs. Charles Milton prepared and read highlights of the church's history of the past 75 years. A former pastor, Rev. Richard Sparling, now pastor of the Elsmere Baptist Church, Delaware was guest speaker.

Another former pastor, Rev. Norman Klann of Alpena, Mich., spoke at a banquet prepared and served by the women of the church. Mrs. Mathilda Brackman was honored for her active membership of 65 years. The church took this opportunity also to recognize Traugott Aeschlimann, Otto Weber, Alfred Metzger and Paul Stucki for their faithful services for the Lord.

The activities were climaxed on Sunday with Mr. Klann speaking at both the morning worship and evening services. Trustee Henry Schell was chairman of the Planning Committee for the anniversary.—Mrs. John Emr, Church Clerk.

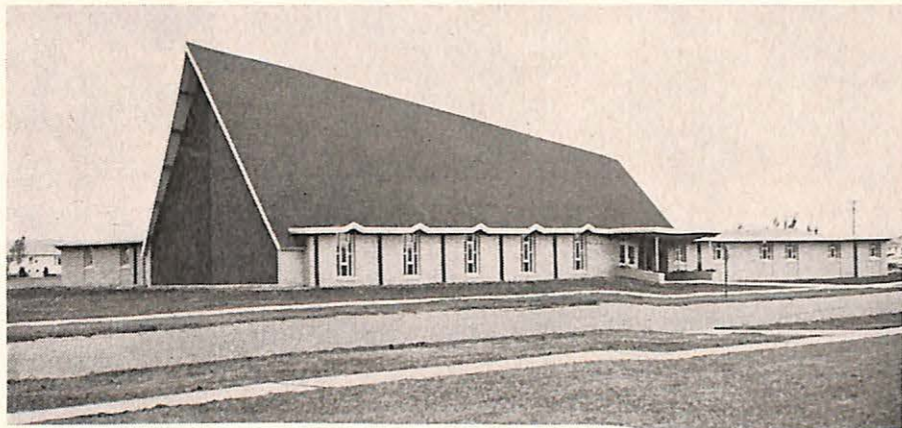
DEDICATION OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

In our day, public gatherings are held to dedicate many different kinds of projects. But surely none of the observances can have the deep significance experienced in dedicating a church building to God for worship and Christian service.



75th Anniversary of the Second Church, Union City, N. J.—(left to right): Rev. Ronald Nasshan, pastor; Rev. Richard Sparling, former pastor; Mrs. Mathilda Brackman, church member for 65 years; and Rev. Norman Klann, former pastor.

Our hearts were filled with grateful emotion as we prepared for the dedication day of the new sanctuary and Christian education facilities of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 20. The entire Sunday school met together for opening worship under the theme, "Using These Facilities To Build Lives." Rev. Frank Veninga, president of our North American Baptist Seminary,



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

The newly dedicated edifice of the Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., valued at more than \$200,000 with a total seating capacity of 570. Rev. Willis Potratz is the pastor.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., contributed much to the blessings of the day ministering in the morning worship service and the afternoon dedication service.

Prior to the afternoon dedication service, a brief date stone laying ceremony was held. Appropriate articles were placed in the "Time Box." Then the chairman of the Board of Trustees unlocked the church door and all the people entered, our choir sang "To God Be the Glory" which seemed to ring throughout the church

and echoed the feeling within each one of us. Letters of greeting were read from each of our former living pastors and from others. We were also grateful for the spoken words of greetings by representatives of a number of our sister churches, the mayor of Grand Forks, the president of the Greater Grand Forks Ministerial, and the architect.

The building occupies 15,800 square

feet of floor space. Its over-all length is 170 feet. The width is 92 feet on the west end and 72 feet on the east end. The cost of the building, with the pews and the installation of the pipe organ from our old church, is \$187,110. Our people did all of the painting and finishing work. The seating capacity of the sanctuary is 385 plus the balcony and overflow chapel, which gives seating for a total of 570 persons. The kitchen cabinets and a number of folding doors to divide classrooms will be added later.

We praise God for the inspiration and opportunities of the new facilities. Our pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, has been a great inspiration to us.

Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter

CARETAKER WANTED!

The Board of Directors of the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp is looking for a caretaker for our camp at Crystal Springs, North Dakota. The caretaker must maintain the grounds and buildings of the camp on a year-round basis. During camp he must be available to assist the camp personnel as needed in keeping with his position. The salary is \$200.00 per month plus housing, utilities, and meals during camp. Please state qualifications when applying.

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special events

Bethany Church, Kansas. The Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 13. A table was decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers displaying God's bountiful gifts to us. We were privileged to have Flavius Martin as guest speaker at both morning and evening services. The mission offerings amounted to \$1,242.77. From Nov. 10 to 17, Deeper Life Meetings were held with Rev. Wesley Gerber of Durham, Kansas, bringing the messages from Ephesians. Believers were strengthened and inspired to greater service for our Lord.—(Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter).

Edenwold and Davin, Sask. Laymen's Sunday was observed by the Men's Brotherhood of Edenwold and Davin, Sask., on Oct. 27 in the Davin Church under the leadership of the Brotherhood president, Mr. R. Kurtz. The program featured a panel discussion on "The Right Use of the Lord's Day." Rev. A. Kliever was in charge and panel members were Eddie Rumpel, Edward Rosom, Wm. Kramer and Darold Sauer. Special numbers and two group songs were also rendered. The offering was taken for Dr. Peter Fehr in the Cameroon Mission Field.—(Ernest Rosom, Reporter).

Hilda, Alberta. The Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta held its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Oct. 20. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, guest speaker, brought very timely messages for both services. The offerings totalled over \$800. The annual program presented by the Ladies' Missionary Circle was given on Nov. 17. Special numbers, several biographies of our missionaries, a film about the Bansa Hospital in Cameroon, and a play, "Mrs. Berg's Sacrifice," were featured in the program. During the missionary program, a presentation of a lovely pulpit, communion table, and two chairs was made by the Ladies' Missionary Society to the church. Rev. Rudolph Rapske, pastor, offered the dedicatory prayer.—(Mrs. Loretta Strauss, Reporter).

Missoula, Montana. The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana held its Mission Festival on Sept. 15th with Dr. Richard Schilke as the guest speaker. From Oct. 1 to 10 we held special meetings with Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif., as guest speaker. The evenings were highlighted with beautiful pictures of the Holy Land which Mr. Buhler took while on tour last summer. On Oct. 11, Rev. Walter Sukut showed us pictures of Japan and told of the mission work there.



Flavius Martin, Seminary student from Cameroon, Africa and Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas.

On Oct. 13, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger showed pictures and told us of the work in Cameroon, Africa. A great day in the history of our church was Nov. 3rd at a mortgage burning ceremony. The choir prepared several special numbers and our former pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, and his family accepted our invitation to take part in this event. In his inspiring message on "Where Do We Go From Here," Mr. Remple stressed that we must MOVE FORWARD.—(Mr. Bennie Oelke, Reporter).

High Prairie, Alberta. The Bethel Baptist Church of High Prairie, Alberta held its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Oct. 20, with Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton as guest speaker. With him came five students from the Christian Training Institute to render vocal and instrumental numbers. The young people took a major



MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY

This ceremony was held at the Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana with these leaders participating: Rev. H. Vetter, pastor; Emil Hochhalter, former church clerk; Rev. C. T. Remple, former pastor; and Herbert Schmutz, building supervisor.

part in the open session of the Sunday school and thrilled the children with stories and singing. After the morning service in which Dr. Wahl spoke so earnestly, a dinner was served by the ladies to some 90 people. Then we gathered to see a film of Dr. Wahl's trip to Russia in which we were all challenged as we saw the faith and courage of our brethren there.—(Rev. Wm. P. Epp, Pastor).

Odessa, Wash. The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., has experienced the joy and inspiration of its first Missionary Conference. When we were unable to secure an NAB missionary speaker, we invited Rev. Edwin Ratzliff of the Sudan Interior Mission to come for a three day conference, Oct. 31 to Nov. 3. The ladies served a delicious Sunday dinner which encouraged a good attendance at the afternoon service. With a small membership of only 38 (4 of these are non-resident), the church gave \$1,530 in cash and \$366 in pledges, the largest mission offering in the history of the church. Of this sum, \$1,232.45 will go to missions of the NAB Conference and \$538.35 will go to the Church Extension work in North Seattle. Appreciation of the Conference was evidenced by a hearty request to repeat it next year.—(Vern Slater, Pastor).

Zion, Milwaukee, Wis. From Nov. 6-8, special services were held at the Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., with Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Detroit, Mich., directing our thoughts to the promises of Christ in his Word. On Saturday evening, Nov. 9, "a love feast" was held at which we recalled how our church began 10 years ago with an adult Sunday school group of 42 German-speaking immigrants recognizing the need for such a new church. The Zion Church was organized in October 1953 after much prayer.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, 1963 the Zion Church held its 10th anniversary program. Many of our friends from other churches of Milwaukee and Chicago brought their greetings and shared in the festivities of this festive program. Rev. John E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., challenged the congregation to be a living church with our life in Christ. The choir of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee favored us with a musical selection. We also remembered that in August 1958 we moved to our present site. The membership now totals 208 with approximately the same number to be found in our daughter church, Bethel Baptist of Milwaukee. One could almost call our church "a melting pot" since our membership consists of German-speaking people who were born in at least 12 different countries. Rev. John Goetze is pastor of the Zion Church.—(Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

Portland Ave., Tacoma. On Sunday, Nov. 10th, Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., baptized seven radiant Christians, two of whom were married, saved Catholics. All were taken into the fellowship of the church the same evening during the Communion Service. A large attendance shared the blessings of the evening. This year, 22 Christians have been baptized and welcomed into the church's fellowship.—Alice Armstrong, Reporter).

Oak Bank, Man. The Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba held a week long Evangelistic Crusade, Nov. 3-10 with our pastor, Mr. L. Wilkes, as speaker, who was mightily used of God. Four decisions were made for Christ. We were greatly blessed by the songs of the choir, duets and quartet numbers and a solo by Mrs. Crystal Paul, who has recently come to us from the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg. A story was given each night to the children by different Sunday school teachers.—(Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter).

First, Emery, S. Dak. From Oct. 9 to 16 the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., had the joy of having God's Volunteer Team No. II and Rev. Walter Hoffman with them. Their Christian zeal and enthusiasm were a real blessing to all. Several dedicated their lives to complete service and 5 grown-up men accepted Christ as Savior. We pray the word planted will still bear fruit to eternal life.—(Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

Trinity, Portland, Ore. For eight great days from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon was blessed at special meetings with Dr. Pieter Smit, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., formerly of Lorraine, Kansas, bringing the messages on the Holy Spirit. These were day and evening sessions. Saturday evening was reserved for a dinner exclusively for young people with a message by Dr. Smit. During these inspiring services, many rededicated their lives anew to Jesus Christ, and quite a number accepted him as their personal Savior and are now awaiting baptism.—(Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

Ochre River, Man. On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Manitoba had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of four people upon confession of their faith in Christ. The service was held in the beautiful sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Dauphin, Manitoba. Following the baptism, the pastor, Rev. H. Bushkowsky, extended the hand of fellowship to each one of the candidates, after which all took part in the communion service. Further blessings of the Lord were experienced



Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of the Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash., and 7 "radiant Christians" whom he baptized on Sunday, Nov. 10th.

during a series of Deeper Life meetings, which were held Nov. 5-15. Rev. Fred Pahl of Springside, Sask., served as guest speaker, leading us into the deeper truths of the Word of God.—(Mrs. H. Bushkowsky, Reporter).

Woman's missionary societies

Bethany, Milwaukee, Wis. On Nov. 13, the members of the Bethany Ladies' Missionary Society of Milwaukee, Wis., gave a Thanksgiving Luncheon, to which all the women of Bethany church and those of a neighboring church had been invited. The tables were prettily decorated in the autumn colors. The program followed with Mrs. Ruth Lind presiding. One of our guests, Mrs. Ervin Diepke, sang for us. Mrs. William Erbach also sang an appropriate solo. An inspiring message on "Giving Thanks" was presented by Mrs. Leroy Kiemele, wife of the pastor of our church in North Freedom, Wis. Mrs. Kenneth Miller then sang for us, after which Rev. Wilmer Quiring led in the closing prayer.—(Laura Weihe, Reporter).



Rev. H. Bushkowsky (right), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Man., and four young people who were baptized and received into the church.

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Oak Bank, Man. On Monday afternoon, Nov. 4, the Woman's Missionary Circle of Oak Bank, Manitoba met in our church for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. We were honored by having our pastor, Mr. L. Wilkes, open our meeting with prayer and also to have with us Mrs. R. Grapentine, Sr., the only one left of the original charter members of our church. Though blind and hard of hearing, she still smiles, with thanks to God.—(Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter).

First, Emery, S. Dak. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., met for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner with their husbands and friends as guests. Special friends from the Seminary at Sioux Falls were Mr. and Mrs. John Siewert and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kramer. Mr. Siewert spoke on our theme, "How Great Thou Art" and the Kramers rendered a vocal duet. The offering was designated for a special project at the new church which is nearing completion. The King's Daughters of the church held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 12th. In addition to a short program, Missionary Kenneth Ontjes from Jamaica spoke to the group and Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor, sang "How Great Thou Art." The offering was for Missionary Edwin Kern's support in Japan.—(Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

Women's Day of Prayer, Colorado. For the first time in the history of Baptists of the Greeley, Colo., area, women of six churches met on Monday, Nov. 4, at the First Baptist Church sanctuary to observe the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. The North American, American, Southern, and Conservative Baptist groups were represented. The 50 women attending included some from the North American Baptist churches at La Salle and Greeley (Sherwood). The message from the chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance was read by Mrs. Edwin Michelson of the La Salle Church. The offering, taken for Baptist World Relief projects was arranged by the Sherwood Baptist group. Four of their women served as ushers. They were Mrs. Gus Mohrman, Mrs. Leo Keller, Mrs. Adam Moser and Mrs. Darrell Giggy. Following the inspirational program and directed period of prayer, the fellowship tea was also held. The 1964 program for this Day of Prayer is scheduled to be held at the Sherwood Baptist Church at Greeley.—(Mrs. Verna Michelson, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

Underwood, N. Dak. On Sunday evening, Nov. 17, the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., held a reception in honor of its new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Weber and their five children. Members of the nearby Washburn Baptist Church were guests and Rev. R. Stading was the guest speaker. Mr. Roland Koenig, moderator of the church, presided. The various officers of the church extended a gracious welcome to the Weber family. Mr. Weber spoke on behalf of his family thanking the church for the welcome and for the large supply of groceries at the parsonage. The Webers' former charge was at Crawford, Texas. Our Mission Festival was held on Oct. 27. The church was beautifully decorated with vegetables and flowers which reminded us of God's goodness. Rev. Henry Lang of Bismarck, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. Offerings amounted to \$1,-

065.47 with \$416.84 sent to NAB Missions.—(Mrs. E. Blatchford, Reporter).

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Backhaus. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Backhaus of Madison, S. Dak., were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with Open House Oct. 20 in the West Center Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Ben Jung registered approximately 180 guests. Raymond Backhaus was master of ceremonies. The program consisted of a reading by Mrs. Art Kirstein and Maurice Brandes, songs by grandchildren, greeting by Roger Backhaus, songs by Clara Nelson, Marcene Brandes, Sharon Nelson and Earl and Edna Backhaus. Accompanists were Mrs. Benke, Mrs. Art Gutzman and Mrs. Nelson. Remarks were made by Rev. Jothan Benke and Graydon Rohrer. Mrs. Art Kirstein poured at the serving table and Mrs. Robert Backus was dining room hostess.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

Nebraska-Colo. Association. The Nebraska-Colorado Association held its annual sessions at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbia, Nebr., with Rev. LeRoy Schauer as host pastor on Sept. 12 and 13. The theme was "The Concept of the Church" based on the book of Ephesians. Challenging messages were given by Rev. Paul Zoschke, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Edwin Michelson, Rev. George Neubert, and Rev. Raymond Harsch. New officers elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Paul Zoschke; vice-moderator, Rev. Edwin Michelson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George Behlen; Youth Council, Mr. Herbert Kipf, Mrs. Louis Meissner, Rev. Paul Zoschke, Rev. James Schacher, Sandra Scheffler, and Nike Houston.—(Mrs. George Behlen, Reporter).

Round Robin Missionary Conference. Sept. 26 to 29 were special days of blessing for the North Dakota churches of Ashley, Berlin, Lehr, Napoleon, Venturia and Wishek. We are grateful for the Round Robin Missionary Program which made it possible for Rev. Fred Folkerts, Rev. David Keiry, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. Walter Sukut, Mrs. George Henderson and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger to work on a rotation schedule among us. The need for deeper dedication was keenly felt as our missionaries vividly portrayed to us the indifference and complacency that the American Christian churches harbor. These days of blessing were crowned by the Sunday services. In the afternoon, under the capable leadership of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the missionary team held a panel discussion regarding our present day mission program. The evening service was highlighted with an 85 voice Mass Choir presenting the cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold." Rev. Fred Folkerts closed with

a dedication service after which 12 of our young people dedicated their lives to the Lord.—(Milton W. Falkenberg, Reporter).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Wis. In Erie, Pa., he also served as Protestant Chaplain in the Veterans Administration Hospital.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dieterle of Anamoose, N. Dak.,** observed their 25th wedding anniversary at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church on Oct. 18. The pastor, Rev. Erhard Knoll, was in charge of the program. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., who united the honored couple in marriage 25 years ago, was the guest speaker. Special features of the program were: vocal solo and reading by Gloria and Janet Dieterle, respectively, daughters of the honored couple; vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dieterle accompanied by Mrs. Hilda Schneider of Goodrich, N. Dak. Their son, Brian, was also present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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honest and sincere, Nicodemus could not understand the basic simple requirement for entrance into the Kingdom of God. He was devoted to the law and had an intellectual understanding of all its various implications. But he could not grasp the truth that devotion to Jesus Christ meant a heart devotion. The Master in Israel could not master salvation's first lesson..

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the difference between the new birth and Christian education?
2. Why should it be so difficult for good men like Nicodemus to accept Christ?

January 2, 1964

Obituary

MR. FRED TIMMRECK

of Benton Harbor, Michigan
Mr. Fred Timmreck of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born in Pomerania, Germany August 5, 1873, and reared in the Lutheran faith. He emigrated to America in 1896, located in Benton Harbor, and engaged in farming. In 1907 he married Mrs. Louise Prillwitz with whom he lived in a happy relationship for almost 56 years. Death released him from lengthy suffering on Nov. 1, 1963.
Preceded in death by his wife on June 3 of this year and by two sons: William and Ernest Prillwitz, he is survived by five children: Mrs. Theodore (Gertrude) Menchinger; Mrs. Paul (Adeline) Zoschke of Columbus, Nebraska; Mrs. Anne Tebbe, John and Roy Timmreck; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Rev. Norman Vernon and Rev. William Shepley of Napier Parkview Baptist Church.

Benton Harbor, Michigan
PAUL F. ZOSCHKE,
for the family.

MR. JOHN WOEHLE

of Lodi, California
Mr. John Woehl of Lodi, Calif., was born in Russia and came to the United States at the age of 2½ years and settled in North Dakota. He was converted and baptized as a young man. His faith in Christ remained strong throughout his life. In 1943 he and his family moved to Lodi where he lived and was a member of the First Baptist Church until his death on Nov. 4, 1963.
He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Woehl of Stockton, Calif., Ben Woehl of Wishek, N. Dak.; one daughter, Martha Gainer of Stockton, Calif. One infant daughter, Ottilia, preceded him in death. He is also survived by his brother, Henry Woehl of Wishek, N. Dak.; two sisters: Mrs. Christine Hoff of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Mrs. Sophie Haas of Ashley, N. Dak. There are 5 grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

REV. W. W. KNAUF

of Benton Harbor, Michigan
Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., was called to his heavenly Home on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963. He was 56 years old. He was born May 15, 1907 in Schmalkaldon, Germany, and came to the U. S. in 1923. In 1919 he accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized the following year in Kassel, Germany. In answer to God's call to the ministry, he studied at the Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago and Sacramento State College, Sacramento, Calif. In 1936 he was ordained in Anamoose, N. Dak., where he served as pastor from 1936 to 1939. From 1939 to 1945 he headed a church in Alpena, Mich., and later pastored churches in Vesper, Kansas and Elk Grove, Calif. He had been pastor of the Benton Harbor church since June 1959.
Survivors include his widow, the former Emma Buseman, whom he married Sept. 6, 1929 in South Dakota; two daughters: Mrs. Harvey (Phyllis) Sapp of Glendora, Calif.; and Mrs. Donald (Evangeline) Troop of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a son, the Rev. James Knauf of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Henry and Herman Knauf, and a sister, Mrs. Elisabeth Ahlbrecht, all of Germany. Three grandchildren also survive.

Rev. James Knauf, associate pastor of the Madisonville Baptist Church of Cincinnati, officiated at the funeral. He was assisted by Dr. Richard Schilke and Rev. John E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill. Rev. Norman Vernon of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, and Rev. L. H. Broeker of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph.
First German Baptist Church
Benton Harbor, Mich.

THE FAMILY

REPORTS FROM FIELD

(Special Reports to "Baptist Herald").

DEDICATION OF NAMAQ PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Sunday, Oct. 27, was a very special day for members and friends of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta for it marked the completion of the Namao Park Baptist Church, a mission of Central Church. The activity began with a Sunday School Dedication Program. The beautiful new edifice was being used for the first time. The worship service followed with Dr. Bernard Schalm of the C.T.I. faculty speaking on the topic, "The Role of the Church in Modern Society."

At 2:30 p.m. the formal dedication service was held. With over 500 people present, the building was filled to capacity. Numbers by the various choirs of the Central Church and by a mass choir, a vocal solo as well as a violin number beautified the service. The pastor, Rev. H. Hiller, was in charge of the service. The associate pastor, Rev. R. Hohensee, led in the Act of Dedication, and Rev. W. Muller led in the Prayer of Dedication. After the dedication address, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" by Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastors or their representatives from the various sister churches in the area conveyed their greetings.

The new church is constructed on seven city lots with a seating capacity of 300 and parking for 100 cars. It is built in such a way that there is room for enlargement as for an Educational Unit, should the need arise. The Sunday very fittingly was brought to a close with a joint communion service at the Central Baptist Church.—(Mrs. Violet Bachler, Reporter).



Namao Park Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, a mission of the Central Church, which was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 27.

75TH ANNIVERSARY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, APPLETON, MINN.

ON SUNDAY morning, Nov. 17, 1963, 136 people gathered to hear the Rev. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., speak on "The Hand of God in Human History," at the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn. The occasion was the 75th anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church (formerly the Holloway Baptist Church) and the 10th anniversary of the church's relocation in Appleton.

Martha Friedrich, one of our very dear older members, prepared a short history of the church which she presented at the afternoon service attended by 172 persons, including friends from Corona, Hutchinson, Jeffers, the Twin Cities, Ortonville, Artichoke, Minn., and friends from local churches, who gathered with the church members in the newly decorated church auditorium to hear Dr. Leuschner

speak on, "To God Be the Glory." Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor, was in charge of the festivities.

Letters of congratulations were read from neighboring churches and former pastors—E. A. Buenning, E. Kopf, J. Ziegler, and B. J. Lautt. Of the original debt of \$33,250, about \$3,500 remains to be paid on the church edifice. The parsonage debt is dwindling also. The Ladies' Missionary Circle, begun when Buenning's served us in Holloway, continues to serve the Lord faithfully. May whatever we have done bring honor and glory to God!

GO IN PEACE!

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elusive is that blessed state of mind! There is no peace around us, nothing but anxiety and uncertainty. And how can we have peace within, we who walk amid the dust of the way carrying our memories of sins committed and all too conscious of our wanderings from the shining highway?

One of Horatius Bonar's best-known hymns is:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest."

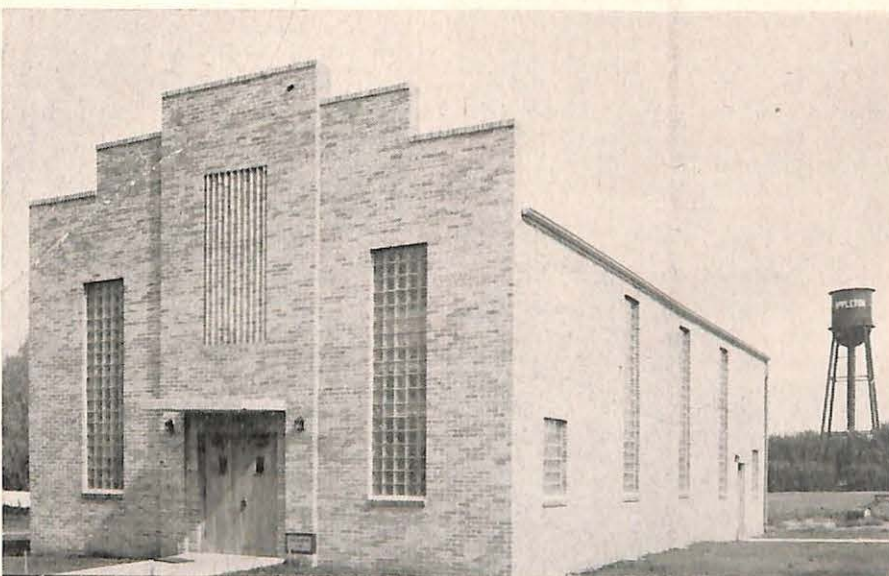
It appeared over a century ago, and Bonar himself gave it the title, "The Voice from Galilee."

There is no peace for us until we have listened to that Voice. Better than the profundities of theologians and the speculations of philosophers is the word of Christ. Do you remember the story of the Japanese prisoner named Tokichi Ishii? He was a murderer, sent by the law to the prisoner's cell. But a missionary happened to visit that cell and leave in it a copy of the New Testament. More out of boredom than anything else, the prisoner took up the little volume just to pass the time. Something happened. The criminal cell shone with a new light, for through that New Testament Tokichi Ishii was converted. He wrote his autobiography, *A Gentleman in Prison*, a book which has circulated all over the world and has been the means of calling many to the way of salvation.

What is it in the New Testament, we may ask, which comes like sunshine in the gloom and hope in despair? It is the voice of One who calls

o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea.

The first word we hear from him is "come"; and when we draw near enough to catch his accents above the tumult of the world, we hear him say "go." Without understanding how the miracle has been effected, we find ourselves on the way again—and it is the way of peace. There is no formula to explain this: we only know that there is a magic in his word; the assurance of forgiveness, the sense of restoration, the glow of certainty. We take up our journey again with a security we did not know before: for what are all the raucous voices of the world so long as we have heard the Voice from Galilee?



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, APPLETON, MINNESOTA

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn., celebrated its 75th anniversary, the 10th anniversary of the church's relocation from Holloway to Appleton, and the church's Thanksgiving Program. Dr. C. H. Seecamp is pastor of the church.