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Freedom of the Individual in Christ

Personal testimony delivered at the Missionary Service of the Baptist Jubilee Rally at Atlantic City, N. J., on May 23, 1964.

By **Flavius Martin**, Cameroonian Student and Pastor-elect of the Baptist Church, Victoria, West Cameroon

WHAT impresses me the most about Christian missions to Africa is the worth that is placed on a person as a free individual for whom Christ died. In my humble estimation, this is the greatest legacy of the Christian Church to Africa—the idea that persons are bigger than institutions. It is on the basis of this belief in persons that our early missionaries waged an unrelenting war against the dark forces of African society.

It has been pointed out, and rightly so, that Christian missions to Africa were established in the first half of the nineteenth century to combat the evils of the slave trade. Incidentally, the first Baptist Missionary Society to my own country, Cameroons, was founded in 1845. Wherever the Gospel went, every trace of oppression was challenged. The slave trade was fought; twin murder was abolished; forced marriage was contested and trial by ordeal rebuked. I may add that such an open assault against our African culture was made not without many costs in lives both of missionaries and their early converts.

My presence here is a fitting tribute to the Christian concern for the individual. I was born in Victoria, Cameroons, thirty years ago in a family which goes back three generations in the Christian faith. At the age of 14, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and at the same time I felt a strong inner call to serve my people as pastor. It was not until I was twenty-five that I began to take my call seriously. Missionaries rose to my cry and I was sent to this country to prepare for my ministry at home. I may say, without any attempt at exaggeration, that I have been accepted here as an equal and a partner in Jesus Christ, for which I am thankful. It is this above all else that is my most lasting impression of the brethren here.

If you ask me what is our task in Africa today, I should say that it remains the same. It is to ensure the freedom of the individual in Christ, no more and no less.

When free criticism is stifled because it is against those in authority, then that freedom is denied; when education is withheld for fear that

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WHO IS LITTLE PETER?

The front cover shows little Peter of Cameroon, Africa decked out in a colorful African robe standing on a tree stump with his Bible. Perhaps he will be a preacher some day.

This wonderful picture taken by Miss Laura E. Reddig is typical of thousands of other pictures which she has taken with her camera in West Cameroon. For 26 years she has served her Lord and denomination with unswerving devotion and missionary zeal.

She will be honored for her remarkable Cameroon ministry at the

General Conference in Sacramento. The Governor of Nigeria on behalf of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England, bestowed on her the Member of British Empire (MBO). The Federal Republic of Cameroon has honored her with the National Merit Honor medal presented to her by President Ahidjou. For the past 12 years she has found her greatest joy in her service to the leprosy patients at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. But most of all, she has been honored by our Lord Jesus Christ to whom she was rendered this meritorious service.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

1964-1965 BUDGET. The General Council at its annual sessions May 21-22, held in Atlantic City, N. J., adopted a record breaking budget of \$1,100,000 for this coming fiscal year ending March 31, 1965. This includes a \$45,000 increase over last year in the proposed operating budget of \$920,000 for the missionary and service program of the denomination; \$90,000 for special projects such as Church Extension Builders and Buildings, Seminary and CTI Library Funds and Japan Revolving Loan Fund; and \$90,000 for Denominational Advance: If the entire financial goal is reached, then the advance objectives of our denominational societies can be enthusiastically considered.

NINE NEW MISSIONARIES. The General Council approved the appointment of nine missionaries, as replacements or as new missionaries, by the Board of Missions. They are Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison for the Montana Indian Reserve in Alberta, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Harris, missionaries to the Spanish Americans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in addition to the Sandovals; Miss Ingrid Bergatt of Chicago, Ill., who will be a teacher at the school in Ebolowa, East Cameroon, where our missionaries' children are attending (this appointment is for one year on a voluntary basis without salary); Miss Barbara Stroh of Grand Forks, N. D., a teacher at the Saker Baptist College in Victoria; Mr. George Arthur Black, 1964 Seminary graduate, to be placed at the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo, Cameroon; Mr. Oryn Gene Meinerts, missionary to West Cameroon who will serve at Ndu Baptist College; and Miss Daphne Dunger, missionary to Cameroon who will be studying in midwifery training at Hyden, Kentucky for one year. She is a daughter of our former missionaries, Prof. and Mrs. George A. Dunger.

SOUTH AMERICA. The General Council voted favorably to accept the recommendation of the Board of Missions to start a new mission work in Brazil, South America, with 1966-1967. Negotiations are to begin both with the Brazilian Baptist Convention and the Pioneer Baptist Association (formerly the German Baptist Association) to effect an agreement to carry on missionary work in the framework of that Convention and Association and to concentrate on the states of Rio

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"A NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE OPENS IN CAMEROON"

Missionary Norman Haupt

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Editorial

Alive To Your Fingertips!

You can never forget a summer day when you are truly alive to your fingertips! You feel a closeness to God's handiwork that you have never seen before. Your heart feels like bursting with joy as you experience the privilege of just being alive to all the glory of God's revelation. Such should be the day by day prerogative of every Christian.

The most exciting thing to be seen at the mammoth New York World's Fair is a 17½ minute film in Johnson's Wax building entitled "To Be Alive!" It has nothing to do with wax and does not even mention the company's product. But with masterful photography and in striking simplicity it shows the universalities of human experience in the commonplace joys of life, in the eager anticipations of a new day, and in the zestful living by sharing our joys with others. A million glorious things await you and me all around us—if only we have the eyes to see and the spiritual capacity truly "To Be Alive!"

It is distinctively the Christian's adventure to begin each new day in the name of the Lord, with a song of praise to greet his God, and with thankfulness to receive the "new mercies" that each day provides. He becomes alive to his fingertips as he remembers: "This is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" You accept a new day, a small segment of time, as a token of God's goodness. You resolve to use it wisely in God's service. And God does the rest to crown this day for you with heavenly glory, making it shine with eternal splendor.

Your summer vacation experiences can make you feel alive to your fingertips with surging joy as you contemplate the majesty of God's handiwork. Those who will travel to Sacramento on the General Conference train or by car will marvel at the beauty of the Rockies in Colorado. Many of our people will spend some days in the picturesque national parks, opening their eyes to the wonders of God's creation. The glory of God surrounds each of us in the places where we live, and all of us can make our own discoveries that will transform our thoughts and our lives. With the Apostle Paul we can live radiantly with Christ as we exclaim: "Thank God, wherever I go, he makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ."

We become truly alive spiritually when we are men and women of freedom in Christ. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This freedom in Christ awakens us to the abundant life that can be ours, doing God's will, laying hold on new resources of power, and soaring to new heights of spiritual attainment. This was the note that was sounded at the Baptist Jubilee Rally in Atlantic City, N. J., with the thrilling oratorio on Saturday evening considering the question of Psalm 8—"What Is Man?"

"Alive, we thank thee, O Lord whose finger touched our dust, O Lord who gave us breath.

"Our hearts are stirred with each new sight and sound. Like a stream, the whole world pours into our eyes, our hands and fills our souls with living gladness.

"O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name!"

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Deborah the Second

Laura E. Reddig, missionary in Cameroon, West Africa for more than 25 years, was the prophetess of our early mission years who laid the foundations for the vast school system in Cameroon, who dreamed aloud about a settlement for leprosy patients, and whose holy enthusiasm prodded missionaries, Englishmen and African nationals to work hard at their tasks.

By Dr. Paul Gebauer,
Former Field Secretary of the
Cameroon Baptist Mission



LAURA E. REDDIG
of Cathay, North Dakota, missionary nurse in Cameroon, Africa for 26 eventful and fruitful years.

BETWEEN RAMAH and Bethel of ancient Israel stood a palm tree, known as "the palm tree of Deborah." We are told that Deborah, fourth among the Judges of Israel, administered justice beneath that tree. The records refer to her as a judge and a leader. Her very name, signifying "bee," spoke for her as a busy one in God's work.

Out in West Africa, between the shores of the Atlantic and the highlands on the seventh parallel north of the equator, stand landmarks named after the second Deborah, Laura Reddig. Buildings, survey points, road markers, play fields, Africans, young and old, bear her name. Generations yet to be born will bless her memory.

DIFFICULT PIONEER DAYS

Right from the outset of her missionary career, she showed herself the busy bee that she is. She had not to be told what to do. She saw the work and did it. In her actions, she displayed a healthy allergy toward laziness in the years of long ago as well as today. Lazy helpers, lazy students, lazy missionaries and lazy pastors found an enemy in her. She would sting them enthusiastically and often. She would get results or get lazy roadblocks out of her trail. The growth of the Cameroon Baptist Mission owes much to this modern Deborah.

Like the one of long ago, Laura Reddig has been a judge among her Africans. Men were rare during the war years. She took their place. She was accepted. She presided at difficult

church sessions. She was called in on tribal disputes among the early Kaka people. On the porch of her Mbem home she would sit for hours to listen, to investigate, to give judgment. Her wise counsel made possible the survival of churches and pastors and missionaries.

VAST SCHOOL SYSTEM

She led when leadership was required of her. The war years called upon her ability to lead; she led. How else could the work have survived with only four missionaries between 1941 and 1945? Feminine leadership among Africans is rare. Laura Reddig had the qualities which made her acceptable.

Cameroon Baptists are proud of

IN APPRECIATION OF MISS LAURA REDDIG, R.N., M.B.E.

Missionary Nurse, who for twenty-six years served with extraordinary devotion, selflessness and sacrifice in West Cameroon, West Africa and pioneered in our medical mission outreach, first in general clinical work and since 1951 in leprosy missions.

Presented by the Board of Missions of
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(Scroll to be presented to Miss Reddig at the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif.)

their school system. They have a right to be proud. And they have a right to say that the foundations for this vast system of today was made safe and secure by Laura Reddig. The restless war years saw her everywhere, opening schools everywhere, opening schools faster than the British director of education could close them. Many years after the race for schools had come to a halt, this man confessed that Laura Reddig left him breathless and speechless. He hated her and he admired her. In the end she was right.

The people needed these schools, however imperfect in appearance and management. The need was great. She met that need. She made secure flimsy beginnings, amalgamated struggling endeavors to help bring about that which is great and good today. They who know this bless her.

NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

And she was the prophetess of our early years. In the mud huts of her first dispensary, she dreamed about a hospital and a doctor. She dreamed aloud until the Banso Hospital and Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee became realities. She dreamed aloud about training schools for nurses and midwives. These schools now function. And she dreamed very loudly about care for lepers. She loved them. She foresaw that which many of today accept as normal and as natural: the New Hope Settlement. Care for the outcasts of today would not be without the prophetic strategy of Laura Reddig.

She has a right to be deeply concerned about the Settlement. Some have blasted her for her stubborn, insistent demands. As far back as 1946 I heard the inspector of medical services, an Englishman, moan aloud about the news that Laura would visit his office soon to make known her latest ideas. He'd run, he said; he did, when she came to call. Her holy enthusiasm annoyed many missionaries. They who are healed—bless her!

So do I—one who benefitted greatly by witnessing her enthusiasm, her uniqueness, her dependability, her single-minded devotion to the cause of her Lord. May you do likewise who read of her deeds, for in the Song of Deborah we are advised:

"Tell of it,
You who ride on tawny asses,
You who sit on rich carpets
And you who walk by the way."
—(Judges 5:10—R.S.V.)

Stir my heart to prayer, Lord,
Stir my feet to go.
Put the woe upon me
That others three might know.
Make me discontented, Lord,
To go the daily round.
Give me wings to go, Lord,
Where hungry souls are found.
Into thy dear hands, Lord,
My life has found a place,
Oh, make it count for souls
In this dark, needy place.

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Prayers Come True!

In these 26 years of missionary service, the author has seen God's amazing miracles take place in Cameroon, Africa, has witnessed rich harvests of souls on the mission field, and has experienced wonderful answers to prayer in her own life.

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary Nurse in Cameroon, West Africa

"**H**OW DOES IT feel to have completed twenty-five years as a missionary in Africa?" Marvelous! A wonderful privilege! A joy unspeakable to have shared in God's plan for the people of West Cameroon! A mighty daily challenge to bring to these people a Savior whose power has changed and continues to bring abundant life to all who receive him. "Was it worthwhile?" A thousand times "YES!"

Were I to choose one phrase to describe these wonderful years, it would be this: *PRAYERS COME TRUE!* Were there but one song to choose which would express my heartfelt feelings, it would be: *"TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!"*

BEGINNINGS IN 1938

Before going to Africa in 1938, it was my privilege to make my first American-Canadian trek into our North American Baptist churches. Though a newly appointed and totally inexperienced missionary, I shared with you the hopes and dreams of the Cameroon mission field, and you promised to pray. None of us, home folks and missionaries alike, envisioned or dreamed dreams or prayed prayers as big as what God had planned for us in the Cameroon and elsewhere!

Beginning with two mission stations, Mbem and Warwar, (located over 400 miles from the Atlantic coast of West Africa, just at the waist-line), your first little band of missionaries: Paul and Clare Gebauer, George and Louise Dunger, Edith Koppin (our first nurse, retired in 1941), and I prayed for vision and wisdom to build right for God's glory in the Cameroon.

Whereas missionaries in many lands often labor dozens of years for converts, God poured out rich and precious harvests of souls whose lives he has marvelously changed. The three organized churches of 1938 with a total of 290 members have grown to 401 churches with a vast army of 22,557 believers. (End of 1963). (Our N. A. B. churches total 325 with a membership of 52,625).

PRESENT NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

Thirty-three ordained Baptist pastors and scores of our own Bible Training Center graduates now serve churches formerly led by men having had only adult literacy and Bible Study classes. These churches are organized into the Cameroon Baptist Convention, with its various fields and associations comparable to our N.A.B.

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PRIZE PICTURE BY LAURA REDDIG
This little boy of Mfe was photographed by Laura Reddig. Of the thousands of pictures taken by Miss Reddig in Cameroon, this is one of her best prize photos.

organization. Travelling pastors perform work similar to our own district secretaries. Students from our various training centers spend holidays in teams like the God's Volunteers. Each of the eleven fields sets up its own budget, planning for increased expansion and outreach with the Gospel.

Cameroonian teachers share responsibilities with our missionaries in training the 44 students (plus their wives) now enrolled in our Ndu Baptist Bible Training Center. How God has made our prayers come true!

That joyful singing? It comes from our 162 Christian Day Schools! Yes, our one school, one teacher and fifty pupils of 1938 have become a vast network of Christ-centered schools where 14,000 boys and girls begin each day's lessons with devotions and prayer. It was not until the early 1950's that our mission began to meet some of the needs for higher education (beyond the eighth grade) and training colleges to help equip Christian leaders for our rapidly changing Cameroon. Three high schools and two teacher training colleges now bring these blessings to almost 700 young men and women of the Cameroon. A corps of 18 missionaries, 15 Cameroonians, 14 Peace Corps Volunteers, and 3 French teachers are now helping to mold the minds of these future leaders. We are thankful to our Cameroon government for the grants they give to our mission to conduct our vast school system as we feel God would have us. Through our schools, prayers come true!

OUR MEDICAL MINISTRY

The days, when missionary nurses trekked from village to village with a medicine box, have given way to medical and surgical treatment by qualified



Early in 1939, soon after her arrival in Cameroon, Africa, Miss Laura Reddig (left) assisted by Miss Edith Koppin had to treat the deep scalp wounds and lacerated eyes on these two Africans whose heads were badly gashed by a leopard.

and dedicated doctors in our 100-bed Banso Hospital and a 36-bed hospital at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Thousands find new health and a new life in Christ. Today, the 45 graduate midwives of our Banso Midwives Training School are serving at maternity centers throughout the Cameroon. Our maternity centers at Mbem and Belo touch thousands of people annually, bringing much joy and new health to new Cameroon parents.

The second class of nurses began its training in 1964 at Banso. These young people will carry Christ's message and healing much farther into the villages than your missionaries ever could. The medical ministries at Banso and Mbingo do not walk alone. Forty vigorous churches are scattered throughout Banso where people promised: "You can have a hospital, but you will never have a church." Around the Settlement area of Mbingo are three churches, with several more connected with distant treatment centers.

Over 1000 patients have received the thrilling news: "You are free of your leprosy." Today another 2000 are receiving treatment at the Settlement and its 42 leprosy clinics. Yes, in our medical work, we know "prayers come true."

ELEVEN MISSION STATIONS

Today, at eleven mission stations, (Warwar, Mbem, Ndu, Banso, Belo, Mbingo, Bamenda, Bali, Kumba, Soppo, and Victoria) your Cameroon missionaries are applying their skills and devotion to help our people to a vital and personal experience with Christ. All the mental stimulation of our schools, all the physical help through our medical work, and all the Bible teaching throughout our various avenues of Christian service on the mis-



The first Sulphone pills were given by Missionary Laura Reddig on June 10, 1953 to some of the pitiful leprosy patients at the Bamenda segregation village. This was the forerunner of the New Hope Settlement.

sion field can bear lasting fruit only as each individual life is touched and transformed by the living Christ.

Through the 3-H Girl's organizations, the Boys Brigade, the Women's Meetings, and the Men's Meetings, your missionaries and African leaders strive to bring a fuller meaning and quality into the personal, home and church life of each member. There is an urgent need for suitable Christian literature for all ages. Youth centers and Christian recreation guidance would do much to offset the advances of materialism, liquor, and other forces which are so active to undermine the church and home. How

grateful we are that Bible reading and prayer are still a vital part of each school day's sessions.

Yes, prayers come true! They have in the past, far beyond our little faith! They are coming true now, in our very midst, as the Spirit touches our lives. They will continue to come true in the future, if we remember to make big plans!

RECRUITING NEW MISSIONARIES

During my very first furlough in 1944, it was my privilege to bring to our churches our need for 30 missionaries on the Cameroon field. My, how small was our vision and our faith! Today there are 60 missionaries appointed for Cameroon, and we cry for 15 more by September, 1964! Since then, our Japanese field has opened up, and our Indian and our Spanish American work has begun.

At the recent Board of Missions meetings held in Forest Park, as the various fields presented their needs for more missionaries, Dr. R. Schilke, general mission secretary, reported that the missionary application file was almost empty! Remembering how much larger God's plans are than our vision and faith, let us as pastors, leaders, parents and missionaries keep ever before our young people this need, this glorious privilege of helping Christ's Kingdom come on earth. God is calling, but are we within calling distance, conditioned to his will and direction?

Compare the size of our denomination, the number of missionaries we have, and the per capita giving to missions and for over-all contributions with that of other denominations and you will see that, where we have launched out in obedience to Christ's command, he has more than abundantly blessed and enlarged our influence.

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THE FIRST "OFFICIAL" PICTURE OF THE LEPROSY "FAMILY"

On Coronation Day, June 2, 1953, the first official picture of the New Hope Settlement family was taken with all 58 patients present and with Missionary Nurse Laura E. Reddig (left) proud of the Settlement. At this time 130 lepers had been told to return to their homes until "the first doctor comes."

Decisions and Dilemmas!

Report of the General Council sessions in Atlantic City, N. J., May 21-22, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE GENERAL COUNCIL at its annual sessions May 21-22 made many crucial decisions in the light of God's guiding Spirit. But it also faced perplexing dilemmas in the hope that God will give further light toward their solution in the future. The 53 Council members met in Atlantic City, N. J., at the Seaside Hotel in conjunction with the Baptist Jubilee Celebration.

The lengthy discussions and involved conferences provided little time for the allurements of the boardwalk or the sandy beach. But the uplifting view out over the blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean reminded the Council members of the greatness of God's love and of the illimitable resources of his power to meet every need of life and of our denomination.

CHAIRMAN MARKLEIN

Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, the chairman and General Conference moderator, piloted the Council sessions through "heavy seas" and calm waters to its port of objective. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, vice moderator, set the spiritual tone for the sessions with his devotional message on Psalm 67. Appropriately this followed the singing of the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Every Council member had a volume of 120 pages in his or her hands containing reports, recommendations and statistical graphs pertaining to every cooperating society and every phase of our denominational work. For the larger part of the first day, these reports were presented and discussed until a clear picture was seen of our entire denomination in action. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, called attention to the trends of today for increased spending to meet the mounting needs. It was his firm conviction that \$20 to \$25 per capita per year for NAB missions should be an absolute minimum as a goal for missionary giving. This represents a sizeable increase over the present per capita giving of \$18.93.

Then the time came for the making of the decisive decisions. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the General Council adopted the financial goal of \$1,100,000 for our missionary and service program. Of this, \$920,000 will be for the operating budget, \$90,000 for special projects, and \$90,000 for Denominational Advance, an estimated sum which will be spent only if and when the entire financial goal is reached. Every North American Baptist should realize that this is about \$105,000 more than we have ever given in a 12 month period and that this record breaking bud-

get will be attained only through the increased giving and sacrificial striving by everyone of us.

The epoch making decisions of the General Council revealed a prayerful, earnest concern by its members to do the will of God and to merit his blessing as we go forward in faith. More than \$500,000 of the budget goal have been allotted to the inspiring program of MISSIONS presenting the saving Gospel of Christ as Redeemer through our 88 missionaries on many mission fields of the world. This includes the appointment of nine new missionaries, two of whom are replacements, for our fields in Cameroon, Africa, among the Indians and the Spanish Americans. (See their names and fields of service on page 2 of this issue).

The General Council also approved the plans of the Board of Missions to start a new mission work in Brazil, South America with 1966-1967. It is hoped that this work can be carried on effectively through two missionary couples at the outset in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina in southern Brazil.

DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT

President Frank Veninga of our Seminary presented a 13 point program for "A Decade of Development—1965-1975"—which would cost \$548,550. President A. S. Felberg of the Christian Training Institute presented recommendations from his Board of Trustees for a relocation program and for faculty and school expansion which would easily involve a million dollars over a period of years.

In view of these pressing, overwhelming needs and also in the light of recommendations made by the Committee on Higher Education, the General Council appointed a Long Range Development Committee to analyze the needs and opportunities of all of our denominational departments and to make suggestions for a combined advance program for the period of 1967-1976. In addition, the Council looked with favor on the relocation program of the Christian Training Institute and in that spirit referred this recommendation to the Long Range Committee for further study.

Many other decisions by the General Council will be of interest to our people. The Pension Fund premiums have been made more generous. The new Denominational Quarterly proposed by the Publication Society has been approved with the first copies to be ready on or about January 1, 1965. The appointment of a second Director of God's Volunteers was approved who will be the spiritual mentor and preacher for the second team

of God's Volunteers. Plans for the next CBYF Congress to be held at Estes Park, Colorado, August 29-Sept. 4, 1966, were approved. Additional financial help for the Baptist Men's program was granted.

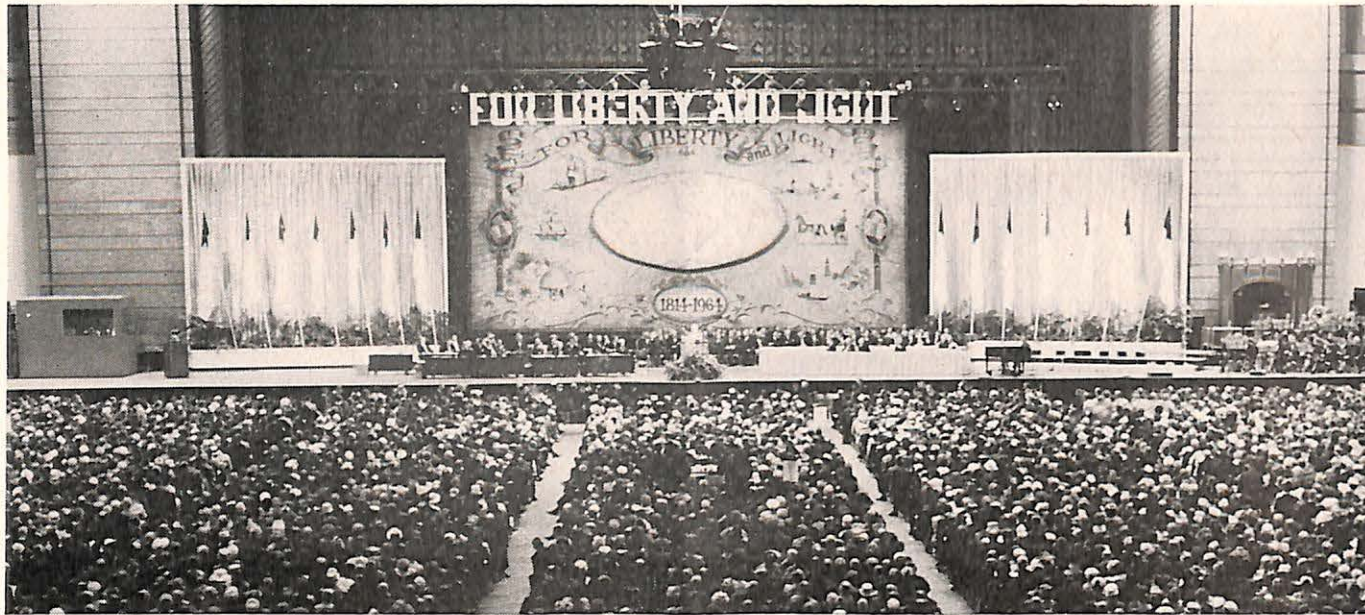
BAFFLING DILEMMAS

But the General Council also faced its dilemmas—baffling, perplexing and overwhelming. With the adoption of the imprint program for our Sunday school literature a year ago and in the face of strong recommendations made by the Department of Christian Education and by the Roger Williams Press that an Editor of Christian Education Publications be appointed, a favorable decision seemed likely. But the funds for such an expansion are simply not in sight. What could the General Council do, especially with other departments demanding similar action to be taken for their expansion programs? This created the dilemma of these days.

The General Council still approves the imprint program of the Sunday school literature which is being warmly recommended to our churches, but action for the appointment of such an editor will have to wait for another year and for further study.

The Committee on Higher Education enthusiastically presented a recommendation that a Director of Campus Student Work should be appointed whose ministry would begin Jan. 1, 1965 and who would minister to our many college and university students in developing denominational loyalty, recruiting students for our schools, and to assist in their spiritual training. This was to be a part of the major thrust of our denomination in our ministry in higher education in 1964-1965. Since such an appointment was financially impossible at the present time, it was voted to make this ministry, as far as it is practical and feasible, a part of the responsibilities of the present Youth Director in the Department of Christian Education with assistance by local pastors serving as college chaplains.

In Christian service, the dilemma is always at hand that we face needs greater than our resources, that we cannot advance as rapidly as our faith impels us, and that there is always more work to do and objectives to reach than we are willing to undertake. You can change these dilemmas into glorious victories by your persistent prayers, by your sacrificial gifts, and by your intense loyalty to the program of Christ entrusted to us. God will grant his grace and power to all who go forward by faith to do his will!



CONVENTION HALL, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

In this mammoth Convention Hall about 18,000 Baptists representing seven Baptist bodies and 22 million members celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first national organization of Baptists in America. The theme, "For Liberty and Light," challenged Baptists to go into all the world, with vignette pictures of Baptist mission fields shown on the huge backdrop, taking the Gospel of Christ symbolized by the array of Christian flags on both sides of the platform.

"Stand We Now in Open Freedom"

Almost 20,000 Baptists in mammoth Convention Hall, Atlantic City., N. J., representing 22 million Baptists in 7 Baptist bodies, demonstrated the glory of Christian fellowship in Christ and witnessed unitedly to the Gospel message, "For Liberty and Light."

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

BAPTISTS from throughout North America observed the 150th anniversary of missionary advance in Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24, by considering their united witness, "For Liberty and Light," by discussing their distinctive beliefs and differences, and by emphasizing missions—the purpose for which the first Baptist convention was organized in 1814. The historic Third Baptist Jubilee Celebration meeting at huge Convention Hall with about 20,000 Baptists in attendance, including 150 North American Baptists, was the first time in history that the representatives of the seven largest Baptist bodies in North America gathered under one roof for a big joint session.

"WHAT IS MAN?"

Baptists believe firmly in the dignity of man, in the eternal worth of a man with the touch of God's Spirit upon him. The Baptist Message proclaimed that "human personality is sacred and of infinite worth. Every man possesses human dignity. Every man is worthy of respect and Christian love." As Baptists we believe that "religious or soul freedom is the fountain-head of all freedoms."

This overarching truth was dramatized with overwhelming inspiration on Saturday night with the premiere

presentation of the oratorio, "What is Man?" based on Psalm 8. The oratorio composed by Ron Nelson of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island and with prose narrative written by Samuel Miller, dean of Harvard Divinity School, graphically portrays man with all of his modern engines and with his latest inventions being confronted by God. Then the chorus rallies to the cry, "This Day Is Set On Freedom," and begins a swirl of musical motion toward an enormous climax in which one almost expects the musical forces "to lift off." In this musical crescendo man stands now among the stars where his fingers reach through tides of space and hidden fire to ask:

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

There God's quietness and strength may open a world of grace
And make us free in his will!"

This exciting oratorio was presented by 60 instrumentalists from the Baltimore Symphony under the direction of Dr. Thor Johnson, director of the Chicago Little Symphony; by the 150 voice Singing City Choir of Philadelphia, Pa., directed by Elaine Brown; besides the soloists, Irene Jordan of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Sherrill Milnes, noted baritone; and Carl R. Greyson, narrator

and television and radio star of Station WGN-TV of Chicago, Illinois. The oratorio received a tremendous standing ovation by the large audience.

"FOR LIBERTY AND LIGHT"

On the opening night of the Jubilee Rally Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia led the first memorable service with dignity and warm enthusiasm. This service demonstrated the staunch belief of Baptists that the Gospel of Christ must be relevant to the times in which we live, in which we are to be "fighters for freedom." The Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, former Canadian Prime Minister, called on all fellow-Baptists to "emulate something of the purposeful sacrifices that impelled the early missionaries in Canada and the Pilgrims who carried their faith to a continent. We need this faith—the faith that dared to face what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles. We need the light of faith in the darkness of today—a faith that, while knowing fear, will overcome it; a faith that, knowing discrimination, will banish it. Our weapons in the battle for Liberty and Light are the sword of truth and the buckler of faith."

The Hon. Brooks Hays, consultant to President Lyndon Johnson and former president of the Southern Baptist

Convention, reminded the audience that historical decisions of the church, especially those to send missionaries to foreign lands, have themselves "involved the relationship of religion in human government. Today with new issues, some of global dimensions, awaiting determination, we must profit by experiences of the past and resolve not to retreat from responsibility of the handling of these serious problems of a distraught world."

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

On Saturday morning a provocative and profitable discussion of Baptist Distinctives and Differences was conducted by a 20-member panel composed of representatives from each of the seven participating Baptist groups debating the various viewpoints on theology, race relations, and the nature of the church. North American Baptist representatives on the panel were Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein and Rev. David J. Draewell. Mr. Draewell also served on the Draft Committee and had largely written the section on Baptist Distinctives. (See Baptist Herald, May 21, 1964, page 10-11).

This discussion, which almost became a lively debate but never an acrimonious dispute, was interesting because it revealed how Baptists can differ in many matters of interpretation but not in their unswerving loyalty to the Lordship of Jesus Christ as Savior and God. It was a wonderful demonstration of the fellowship in Christ that binds us together. This was exemplified throughout the days of the Jubilee Rally in Convention Hall, in the spirited singing, in the fellowship on the boardwalk and in personal conferences with mutual admiration for one another in the Name of Christ. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor emeritus of Yale University Divinity School and an outstanding Baptist, brought an historical glimpse of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, followed by a Round Table Discussion concerning the results of the five year Baptist Jubilee Advance conducted by Dr. Oscar Johnson, Dr. R. Dean Goodwin, Dr. Casper Warren and Dr. Albert McClellan.

MISSIONARIES' TESTIMONIES

A colorful missions-emphasis session on Saturday afternoon featured an impressive parade of 150 Baptist missionaries dressed in their native costumes of the countries they serve and also heart moving testimonies by Baptist nationals from six countries. Among these were Flavius Martin of the Federal Republic of Cameroon (whose message appears on page 2 of this issue) and Hisashi Murakami of Osaka, Japan, two national students representing the North American Baptist General Conference whose fervent testimonies commanded the attention of the large audience and won for themselves loud acclaim. This faith of Baptists that clothes them with missionary zeal and that sends them as God's ambassadors into all parts of



THE BUSY BOARDWALK AT ATLANTIC CITY

Until 9:00 A.M. bicycles are permitted on the Atlantic City boardwalk. After that, hundreds of Baptists promenaded along the boardwalk, greeting one another and looking out over the breaking waves and the blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

the world was seen on the colorful backdrop on the platform of Convention Hall and emphasized in every message of the Rally days centered on "For Liberty and Light."

Baptists have a glorious record of fighters for freedom and champions of soul liberty. This was revealed in the early Sunday morning service with the presentation of the drama, "Except for John Leland" written by Professor Albert Johnson of Redlands, Calif. Young people of the South Hunderdon Regional High School of New Jersey made these Baptists of Revolutionary War days come to life in depicting the Baptist influence on early American efforts to pass the Bill of

Rights. Rev. Leland was such a driving force for separation of church and state and for religious liberty who by a providential encounter with James Madison and other architects of the United States Constitution was influential in having the Bill of Rights written into the political framework of our American government. With such champions of religious liberty, Baptists stand now in open freedom!

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

The Sunday morning message by Dr. John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, called on Baptists to a re-

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BAPTIST JUBILEE RALLY LEADERS

Left to right: Harold E. Stassen, former president of the American Baptist Convention; Brooks Hays, special assistant to the president of the United States and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; John G. Diefenbaker, leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and former Prime Minister of Canada; and Theodore F. Adams, Baptist Jubilee Rally presiding chairman.

North American Baptists in the Sacramento Area

Six vigorous and dynamic NAB churches with a total membership of more than 2000 in or near Sacramento, Calif., will welcome you to the 34th General Conference sessions, July 13-19, 1964.

By Rev. Eric Kuhn,
Willow Rancho Baptist Church,
Sacramento, California



The city of Sacramento, Calif., with the beautiful Capitol building at the center, surrounded by the Capitol Park and with the Sacramento River in the foreground.

THE SEARCH for gold was on. Its discovery in early 1848 quickly brought evil days to Captain John A. Sutter who had chosen the Sacramento, Calif., area nine years earlier to establish a colony for his countrymen from Switzerland. His workers left crops to rot and caused ultimate loss of his fort in their frenzied efforts for material gain.

Tragedy and death marked the path of the Gold Rush '49ers in their quest, and only a few ever gained that wealth for which they were willing to risk their lives. Out of these early difficult beginnings, however, and surrounded by hundreds of other history-laden places, there now stands the third fastest growing metropolitan area in California, the capital city of Sacramento.

LODI, CALIFORNIA

Some years later another group marked its beginning. Lodi, a city about 35 miles south of Sacramento, was a new home for this group of Baptist families. With goals far nobler than mere material gain, they assembled in various homes for fellowship and worship. In 1905 this group of pioneers under the guidance of Rev. Gustav Schunke organized a church with 17 charter members.

Little did this small group realize that from their spiritual dedication and purpose there would arise six vigorous and growing churches in this northern California area. Witnessing to the saving grace of Christ, these churches, under the guidance and support of the North American Baptist Conference, have attained an outreach of a total membership of well over 2,000 with great potential remaining. What a tremendous living memorial to that group of stout-heart-

ed Christians almost three score years ago!

Today the First Baptist Church of Lodi as the eldest of the northern California group has grown to such stature that many mission projects at home and abroad have gained from its generous support. A rich heritage of faithful pastors and loyal workers has resulted in the accomplishment of numerous exploits for God, not the least of which is a beautiful church plant consisting of the main building with the spacious sanctuary adequate to house the large membership, the Sunday school building with chapel and classrooms, and the new and impressive educational building. God has honored the years of sacrifices and growth, relocation and building, with a praiseworthy triumph—the largest missionary budget in the history of the church. The present pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, has served the church since 1959.

ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Five miles from Elk Grove, in the town of Franklin, the second milestone in the North American Baptist witness for this area was reached. Only twelve years after its beginning, the First Baptist Church of Lodi was instrumental in enabling a group of Baptists to start a fellowship of their own in 1917. Organizing with 52 members in February 1924, as a mission church under the leadership of Rev. Gustave Eichler, the group continued growing under the able leadership of subsequent pastors so that the church became self-supporting in 1938.

The consistent growth in membership and a lack of available land to extend the building challenged the group to make the vision of a church building in the nearby Elk Grove

community (some 20 miles north of Lodi) a reality. The new edifice was dedicated in 1948, and faithful stewardship resulted in the mortgage burning celebration by 1956. The vital testimony of this church necessitated further space, and on Easter Sunday 1962, God was glorified through the dedication of a distinctively attractive Sunday School unit. Rev. Walter Berkan has ministered to the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove since 1959.

TEMPLE CHURCH OF LODI

Another Baptist witness was established in Lodi in 1948 when the Temple Baptist Church was organized in the western part of the city. The 173 members called Rev. Arthur Weisser as the first pastor, and the group was soon actively engaged in building the first unit providing Sunday school rooms and temporary sanctuary. Continued growth necessitated planning for larger facilities, and in 1956 the first service was held in the new attractive sanctuary providing seating capacity for 600 people.

God has blessed the unified effort, and the mortgage burning ceremony for this church of beautiful Spanish architectural design took place in 1963. There is more to achieve, however, and the church is looking forward to the building of additional Sunday school facilities. The church is now being served by its third pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, who succeeded Rev. Robert Schreiber in November 1962.

And then this area began to experience the benefits of the denominational Church Extension program. At the 1952 General Conference in Philadelphia the Church Extension program was born with Dr. William Ap-

pel appointed as Church Extension survey worker. Assisted by members of the Elk Grove Baptist Church, he conducted a survey which resulted in the purchase of a church site located in a lovely suburban residential area of south Sacramento known as Willow Rancho.

WILLOW RANCHO CHURCH

In June 1955 Rev. and Mrs. Clarence H. Walth were appointed by the Church Extension Committee to begin a work here which would eventually be known as the Willow Rancho Baptist Church. Prayer services were begun in the homes, but the need for larger facilities led to the use of a rented store building where the first Sunday services were conducted. Following a continued growth, the church officially organized in April, 1956 with 56 members. By this time the group, together with help from the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, was able to move into the completed dual purpose parsonage-chapel.

The continued growth in attendances stimulated plans for construction of a church building, and the vision of faith was rewarded on Sept. 29, 1957 when the first Sunday services were held in the lovely first unit chapel building. Continued growth has encouraged further ventures. The requirement for more land necessitated the buying of two homes in the immediate church area, one house affording greatly needed additional Sunday school space at the present time. Milestones reached include the church becoming self-supporting in 1960 and, more recently, a note-burning ceremony marking the end of the parsonage indebtedness. And the erection of an adequate sanctuary is still the great expectation. Some day this, too, will be the fulfillment of a consecrated sacrificial effort. The present pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, succeeded Pastor Walth in 1960.

The horizons of Church Extension



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

This is the largest church in the NAB Conference with more than 1000 members. Its worshipful, functional building is the scene of many services and activities throughout the week.

effort were expanded as Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser accepted the challenge of developing a work in the city of Stockton, ten miles south of Lodi. Thirty charter members organized the church, now known as the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, in November 1959. Weekly prayer meetings and Bible study were held in the home of the pastor until March 1960 when the first service was conducted in the church building still under construction. Eight classrooms and the worshipful chapel were soon utilized to capacity.

In the short span of its existence the work has grown steadfastly, and the new unit, only recently dedicated, is supplying more Sunday school rooms and a social hall for youth meetings and other functions. A crowning achievement for this young church was a recent vote of the

church to become self-supporting. Rev. G. G. Rauser continues as pastor of this work.

Church Extension effort continued to advance. The Lincoln Village suburban area of Sacramento was selected as the next place. Without benefit of any nucleus of North American Baptist people in the area at that time, the local Church Extension Committee handled the many details necessary in preparation for the establishment of a church in a new community.

LINCOLN VILLAGE, SACRAMENTO

Rev. and Mrs. William Acton responded to the challenge of this field in February 1963 and began the work by conducting prayer meetings in their home. Sunday worship services followed within the next few months with the June ground-breaking service marking the beginning of the building project for the church and Sunday school unit.

Progressing quickly with capable leadership and aid from the neighboring North American Baptist people, it was possible to hold services in the new building in October 1963. In January, Sunday school was started. Expectant faith has been well rewarded with 26 members now in the church membership and about 60 in attendance for the Sunday morning worship services.

The distinction of being the first established church in Lincoln Village belongs to this group. Standing noticeably and invitingly on a rise in the landscape near the entrance of this new community, the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Village is a splendid monument to spiritual growth in the area.

We praise God for that which he has wrought in this part of northern California. To him alone "... be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever."



Rev. and Mrs. Eric Kuhn of Sacramento, Calif., and their family: Rhoda, Eunice and Lois. Mr. Kuhn is the pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento.

July 2, 1964

A New Arm Reaches Out to Youth

The General Council approves a denominational ministry to college and university students.

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

FOR MORE THAN A decade, North American Baptists have had a desire for a denominational ministry to college and university students. Sometimes this desire was expressed privately as parents and pastors considered the need of demonstrating Christian interest in young people attending institutions of higher learning away from home. On other occasions, this desire was expressed publicly in church business meetings. On still other occasions, local conferences adopted resolutions to draw the attention of the General Council of the denomination to this need.

IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES

The Board of Education and Publication, during the years 1958-61, considered seriously this question. Its final resolution, however, was passed on to the Committee on Higher Education, which began a systematic study of it at its annual meeting of April, 1963. The committee started its study by adopting the following six objectives for such a denominational ministry:

1. To facilitate guidance to our youth who are looking forward to college training.
2. To assist our youth spiritually during their college years.
3. To maintain and strengthen denominational ties with our youth during their college years.
4. To assist in directing our youth into Christian vocations.
5. To encourage our youth to receive theological training in our denominational schools.
6. To preserve our youth for strategic places of denominational service in our churches and/or mission fields.

The committee next recognized that there were at least four possible ways the denomination could serve students:

1. Through the building of a denominational liberal arts college.
2. Through the adding of a junior college program to the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta.
3. Through the establishing of cooperative relationships with one or more Christian colleges already in existence.
4. Through a pastoral ministry approach which would seek to maintain some degree of personal contact with our students in whatever school they may be training.

WHAT ABOUT OUR COLLEGE?

One year after beginning its information gathering activities, the

Committee on Higher Education considered its findings. After much discussion and analysis of the data received, it formulated four basic resolutions for action by the General Council. *The committee's first recommendation was that no denominational liberal arts college be established.* Though it recognized that a denominational college has been a hopeful dream of some North American Baptists for years, it was convinced that such would not be wise in view of the following facts:

1. An initial capital funds investment of \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 would be required.
2. Large annual subsidies required for a college would weaken our ability to adequately support our present two schools of higher education.
3. Due to geographic considerations, curriculum limitations of a liberal arts program, and higher tuition costs than comparable tax-supported schools, the college would undoubtedly minister to only a small fraction of NAB students.
4. Regional accreditation would probably not be achieved for five to eight years.
5. The entire status of higher education programs, particularly in the U. S., is experiencing great change and uncertainty.
6. A recent survey of our churches revealed only a modest interest in establishing and supporting a college.

JUNIOR COLLEGE AT C. T. I.

The committee's second recommendation was that a junior college program at the Christian Training Institute not be established as a project of the General Conference. Some of the factors which led to this conclusion were:

1. A junior college program would require the immediate relocation of CTI thus demanding a capital funds campaign larger than any in our denomination's history.
2. There is no great over-all denominational interest nor indicated financial support for such a program.
3. The proposed idea finds its greatest student potential and indicated financial support among our Canadian churches.
4. In our denominational history, projects which have had primarily local area appeal—such as homes for the aged and youth camps—have been supported basically by local conferences and only nominally by the General Conference.
5. To be accredited, the junior college would have to be affiliated with the University of Alberta which would restrict the curriculum offered, the

text books used, and the examinations administered.

6. The standards of affiliation are determined solely by the university which also reserves the right to change and up-grade them every five years if it so desires.

7. The university affiliation could involve the denomination in serious church-state issues.

8. The CTI Trustee Board at its annual meeting this past March decided not to renew its request for an accredited junior college.

9. Conversations are presently being carried on by duly appointed committees of both the Baptist General Conference (Swedish) and our denomination concerning cooperation in Canadian Christian higher education.

PASTORAL MINISTRY APPROACH

The third recommendation of the committee was that the possibility of entering into cooperative arrangements with one or more presently established Christian schools be kept under advisement. Such a decision was reached after the data gathered revealed both the possibility and the complexity of implementing this approach. The committee, therefore, concluded that while the doors should not be shut to this alternate, neither should immediate action be taken to carry it out.

The committee's fourth recommendation was that a pastoral ministry approach be approved as the major thrust of our denominational ministry to college and university students. The following facts brought about this favorable action:

1. This is the only alternate which could touch in some way all of the post high school students of our denomination.
2. A pastoral ministry could be started more quickly and with less initial expense than any other alternate proposed.
3. The cost of such a program in its fullest form would undoubtedly be less than the initial cost of a student ministry program involving any one of the other alternates.
4. The development of this program could be slow or rapid as its effectiveness justifies and as finances permit.
5. The program could even be eliminated—if need be—with no threat of a capital funds loss.
6. Our General Conference has a greater ability to meet the personnel needs of this alternate than of any other.
7. There has been evidenced con-

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Parents can enroll their little children in the Nursery and Children's Program at Sacramento (July 14-18, 1964) for a nominal fee of \$2.00 per child.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

By Mrs. Audrey Hoff, Children's Recreation Committee Chairman

An interesting schedule for each day's activities has been planned for the children attending the General Conference. A detailed plan, similar to this, will be given to each parent and child upon registration at the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif. Boys and girls who will enter first grade this next term and through grade 6 in public school are encouraged to attend these activities.

We would like to advise parents as to the \$2.00 fee which will be charged for each child taking part in this program at the time of registration. We find this necessary in order to help pay for some of the expenses incurred in planning these activities for such a large group of children. Secure further information as you register with your family at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento.

ALL activities for the children will be held in basement of the Memorial Auditorium, unless stated otherwise. No evening activities are planned.

Tuesday July 14

Swain Oaks Church, Stockton, Calif., in charge.

- 9:00- 9:30 Registration
- 9:30- 9:45 Welcoming, Singing of Theme Song
- Going up to Little Theatre in Auditorium.
- 9:45-10:30 Devotional and Missionary Hour
- 10:30-11:00 Recess (activities in groups).
- 11:00-11:40 Singfest and Story Time (Puppet Show)
- 11:40-12:15 Crafts.
- Interchange Group I & II
- 12:15-12:30 Recess
- *12:30- Picked up by the parents

- Noon
 - 2:30- 4:30 Visit to Sutter's Fort of Sacramento (by bus).
 - * 4:30- Picked up by the parents
- *—Promptness by one of the parents will be appreciated. No child will be released without his parents.

Wednesday, July 15

First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

No afternoon activities are planned for this day since this is a free afternoon for all Conference visitors.

Thursday, July 16

Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

NOON PICNIC AT PARK

12:30- 4:30 Afternoon will be spent at William Land Park and nearby Zoo of Sacramento.

4:30- Picked up by parents.

Friday, July 17

Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

2:30- 4:30 Field Trip—(Possibly to Campbell's Soup Company) (by bus).

4:30- Picked up by the parents

Saturday, July 18

Elk Grove Baptist Church in charge. Morning schedule is the same as shown above.

No afternoon activities are planned, since the General Conference picnic at William Land Park will be held.

NURSERY PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

By Mrs. Edna Schulz, Nursery Committee Chairman.

MEETING PLACE: First Methodist Church, 5 blocks from the auditorium. Nursery activities include infants and boys and girls through pre-first grade age.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., in charge.

- 9:00- Sign in time and get acquainted.
- 9:30- 9:45 Group singing (Theme Song). Pledge to the Christian Flag.
- 9:45-10:00 Story Time.
- 10:00-10:30 Snack time and Recess.
- 10:30-12:00 Trip to Park for 3-4 year old. Planned program for 1-2 year old. (But not scheduled). Crafts etc.

- 2:00 P.M. Sign in Time.
- 2:30- 2:45 Sing Time
- 2:45- 3:00 Parables from nature.
- 3:00- 3:30 Rest Period.
- 3:30- 3:45 Snack Time.
- 3:45- 4:00 Recess.
- 4:00- 4:30 Clean up time.
- 4:30 Sign out.

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY SERVICE DURING THE EVENING SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Swain Oaks Church, Stockton, Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY SERVICE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento,

Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONTINUOUS NURSERY SERVICE DURING NOON HOUR. PARENTS WHO WISH TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN AT NURSERY DURING LUNCHEONS MUST BRING CHILD'S LUNCH OR TAKE THEM TO LUNCH AN HOUR EARLY.

- 1:00- 1:30 P.M. Sign in time
- 1:30- 2:00 Listen time (Rest and record music)
- 2:00- 3:00 Tour to Fairy Tale Town (William Land park) for 3 and 4 year olds. Those who are 2 years old and under stay at the church.

- 3:15- 3:30 Snack time
 - 3:30- 3:45 Free Time
 - 3:45- 4:00 Clean up and sign out
- PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN BY 4:00 P.M. PROMPTLY.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., in charge.

Morning and afternoon schedule is largely the same as shown above.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 18

The Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., in charge.

Morning Schedule is the same as shown above.

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY SERVICES SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

NO NURSERY SERVICE ALL DAY SUNDAY, JULY 19.

FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL

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knowledge will lead to self-discovery and self-discovery to rebellion then that freedom is denied; when Christians who profess the same Lord and Savior and refused the privilege of open discussion and association then that freedom is denied.

We must be careful not to forget the principle for which your early missionaries served and died as heroes, the priceless belief that it is for the individual that our Christ came to die. I firmly believe that the history of the African church will depend on how well we can preach and practice that freedom.

MISSIONARY NEWS AND NEEDS

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Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. It is hoped to begin this new mission work with two missionary couples and it has been estimated that approximately \$15,000 would be needed to begin this new mission field.

• The Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., has announced that its pastor, Rev. Theodore Haworth, has recently resigned. He was a student at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. The church is considering a successor to Mr. Haworth.

• On Sunday, April 12, Rev. W. C. Damrau of the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, baptized 6 converts and received these and a young couple by letter into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, May 10. Recently God's Volunteers Team No. II and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, held a Crusade for Christ in the Snowview Church for 10 days.

• The Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Manitoba, has extended a call to Rev. Alex Sootzmann of Branch, La., pastor of the Mowata Baptist Church since 1951. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Ochre River Church in August 1964, succeeding Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky, now of Swan River, Manitoba.

• On March 1st Rev. William Epp, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, High Prairie, Alberta, baptized four persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Three others have been baptized previously. The reporter stated: "We rejoice to see the Lord working in our midst, and in the near future we hope to hold another baptismal service." This is our northernmost NAB church in Canada.

• Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hill of Kyle, Texas, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 7, with Open House held at their home. They are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle. Mr. Hill has been a member of the General Council in past years and both of them have frequently attended General Conference sessions and been identified with denominational activities.

• The Milo Terrace Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., has announced that Mr. Zeke Zimmerman, a second year student at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., is serving on a part time basis as its pastor. He will complete his second year at the Fuller Seminary over a period of two years, and then he hopes to finish his seminary studies at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

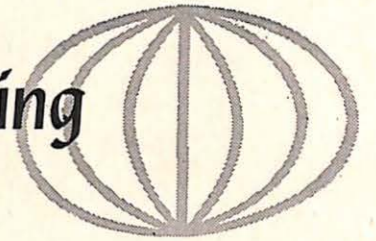
• Rev. John Vanderbeck of Orange, Calif., formerly pastor of NAB churches in Chicago, Ill.; Kyle, Texas; Elgin, Iowa; and Anaheim, Calif., began his ministry as the pastor of the University Baptist Church of Bakersfield, Calif., on May 9. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. For the past 2½ years Mr. Vanderbeck has been Housing and Care Consultant for building facilities for the care of senior citizens. The Vanderbeck's temporary address is 2618 Cardinal Ave., Bakersfield, Calif.

• The Nokomis Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., has called Rev. C. I. Wiebe of Leduc, Alta., as its pastor. He has been the minister of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near South Edmonton, Alta., since 1962. Mr. Wiebe has accepted the call and began his ministry at the Nokomis Baptist Church in June, succeeding Rev. Edmond Hohn, at present the pastor of the Hudson Bay Park Church of Saskatoon, Sask.

conference will again provide hosts and hostesses from Sept. 24 to 30 at the Baptist Exhibit.

• Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary, had the unusual privilege of serving as the high school commencement speaker on May 21 in Cathay, N. Dak., from which she graduated some years ago. Among the high school graduates was her nephew, Michael Reddig, the second youngest

what's happening



• Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penner of Costa Mesa, Calif., have announced the birth of a son on May 2nd who has been named Philip Arthur. This is their first child. Mr. Penner is the Director of Christian Education at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Rich have announced the birth of a girl on April 24. Mr. Rich is the Director of Christian Education at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore.

• The Temple Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. C. T. Remple of Tacoma, Wash., pastor of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church since 1962. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Calgary Church on August 2, 1964, succeeding Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt, now of Creston, B. C. The interim pastor of the church at the present time is Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif.

• Rev. Richard Christeleit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., baptized 19 persons at a Sunday evening service in February. Eleven of these were received into the fellowship of the church at the Communion service on Sunday, May 2. Six others were received into the church by letter during April. Jewell Ashley, church press agent, reported: "We thank God for our new members."

• Members of North American Baptist churches of the New York City area, especially of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, served as hosts and hostesses at the Baptist Exhibit of the New York World's Fair from May 16 to June 15. Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor of the Ridgewood Church, is in charge of these arrangements for NAB churches at the World's Fair. Our

son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reddig. On June 2nd Miss Reddig took part in the 30th anniversary of her class at Mounds Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn., and attended the commencement exercises of the school.

• In the April 23 issue of the "Baptist Herald" it was reported incorrectly that the Temple Church of Calgary, Alberta, had changed its name. It should have stated that the former Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary located at 235-8th St. N. E. has changed its name to the Grace Baptist Church. The church has also successfully called Rev. Cornelius Enns, a member of the Janz Evangelistic Team, as its pastor effective in July 1964. The former pastor, Rev. Adolf Janz, has rejoined the Janz Team.

• On June 20 Miss Carrol Annette Bullock of Tacoma, Wash., and Mr. Larry Lane Goodman, the only son of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa, were married by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom in the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash. Carrol is a member of this church. Mr. Ganstrom is a former Cameroon missionary who was on the mission field in Africa when Larry Goodman was "a growing boy" on the mission compound.

• Since the consolidation of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon and its Brush College ministry on Dec. 1, 1963 other eventful decisions have been made. On May 3, 1964 the consolidated membership voted to erect a sanctuary at the site of the present chapel. A new name was unanimously chosen for the consolidated work—Riviera Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, as reported by Mrs. Marc Saucy, (Continued on page 19)



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

A CORDIAL INVITATION

By Mrs. G. G. Rauser of Stockton, Calif.

W.M.U. President of Pacific Conference

In I John 1:3 we read these blessed words, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." As the Apostle John desired, that the saints of God might share in the joys and blessings which can only be found in Christ, thus we also long in our hearts to have fellowship with our fellow-believers in the Lord. As we are looking forward to the General Conference which will convene in the beautiful city of Sacramento, Calif., in July, we also would say with the words of John the apostle, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may also have fellowship with us."

CORRECTION!!

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The price of the tickets for the Woman's Missionary Union Luncheon is \$3.15 instead of \$3.25.

The price of the tickets for the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee Breakfast is \$1.15 instead of \$2.25.

As president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference, I would like to encourage the women of our North American Baptist Churches to avail themselves of this opportunity to come to this Conference. California has many interesting historical places to be seen, as well as such natural beauty, such as the Giant Redwoods, the majestic Sierra Mountains, Yosemite National Park, the unique city of San Francisco and many other places too numerous to mention. All of these places are from 100 to 175 miles from Sacramento.

However, the greatest incentive should be the spiritual benefits. John said, "And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son." The inspiration that will come through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, from the missionary reports, and from the personal contact, with so many of God's servants and people will make the week an unforgettable experience. We hope to see you in Sacramento.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Do you find the writings of Soren Kierkegaard helpful for your own thinking?

"For anyone who wishes to understand the period in which we live," writes S. U. Zuidema of the Free University of Amsterdam, "a knowledge of the basic ideas of Kierkegaard is indispensable." This opinion is shared by Lutheran scholar Martin J. Heineken, who thinks his influence can hardly be exaggerated: "He marks a turning point in the history of Christian thought. No one can be a theologian today without coming to terms with the issues which Kierkegaard raised."

A discriminating use of S. K.'s emphases can be most helpful to the Christian. His opposition to "proofs" for the existence of God, for example, helps us to realize that which has long been recognized; namely, that the more God has been proved the less he has been believed. Whenever I try to argue that God exists, I actually lose my believing relation to him, since proving God moves me from the role of a servant to that of a lawyer. God's personal reality is not experienced that way. Whatever is ultimate and absolute can never be proved, but can only be known by faith. God is not contained within our system of logic. God is the Absolute by which we are proved.

FAITHFUL, TRUSTING OBEDIENCE

Faithful, trusting obedience describes man's relationship to God, not abstract thought, rational argument or even a system of doctrine. The human mind by means of its powers of reason cannot produce the images that will sustain a true knowledge of God. "Reason cannot grasp what faith believes." What is needed is a miracle of divine grace, a gift of God, a desperate, passionate act of faith, an absolute decision for Christ!

Many of Kierkegaard's insights into the person and work of Jesus Christ are positively illuminating. Christ is understood, he insists, only through his Lordship over our lives. We can know him, not through ideas or teaching, but only through obedient discipleship. Christ comes to us in a form (crucified) that insults both our notion of self-reliance and our natural intelligence. He is the absolute Paradox who can only be approached and known through penitence and commitment ("infinite resignation"); otherwise he is foolishness and an offense (I Cor. 1:18-25).

In his self-disclosure as God, Christ is a genuine revelatory fact. Yet he

appears as the man Jesus, the incognito of God (he came in lowliness and humiliation, not in power and glory). It takes faith to believe in him, not merely reason. And God does not allow himself to be encountered in any other way than in Christ.

FOUNDATION OF FAITH

The faith whereby man knows God also enables him to know himself as he ought to know himself—a finite, dependent, sinful being. But this faith also enables man to become his real self—capable of true fellowship, both with God and with his neighbor. Man gains his true being in the Word of God.

Kierkegaard undoubtedly has profound insights into the nature of sin, faith and conversion, but often one is impressed that he is writing more as a master psychologist than as a biblical theologian. For all his stress on God as the wholly Other, his entire approach is so concerned with the subjective character of faith that the result is another kind of anthropocentrism. He concentrates so exclusively on the subject of faith that faith's Object tends to become obscured.

While being appreciative of "the Dane's" attack on an intellectualized, rationalized faith, the writer cannot help feeling that he goes too far in rejecting every attempt to ground faith on evidence, or in his statement that there are no reasons for which one should commit himself to Christ. Fact must be the foundation of faith or faith has no foundation. Kierkegaard seems thus to fail in providing an adequate source and basis for faith.

NEW ARM REACHES OUT

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siderable interest by our churches in beginning and supporting this kind of ministry.

Each of these four recommendations was accepted by the General Council. The Council also approved the beginning of the pastoral ministry program during the current fiscal year. The program will be implemented by the Director of Youth Work in the Department of Christian Education. Further information about this program will be given at the General Conference in Sacramento. In addition, all of our churches, during the special year of higher education emphasis to begin this fall, will be given detailed information about this new denominational ministry to college and university students.



sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 12, 1964

Theme: GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God is more concerned about us than any of our concerned prayers for deliverance which are directed to him.

INTRODUCTION: Hundreds of years earlier God had promised Jacob, just before he moved to Egypt, that he would make of him a great nation (Gen. 46:3). In the meantime, there were many advantages of Israel's sojourn in Egypt. Here they developed their skills and learned much about national economics while they grew in their own culture and religion. Even slavery had its compensations. During this rigorous life they multiplied and grew; they were drawn together more closely as families and as a people; they were led to rely on Jehovah their God as their source of deliverance; they became more willing to leave Egypt and to return to the promised land of their fathers.

During the years of security and prosperity, we do not hear of Israel praying unto God. But now their prayers have become desperate cries for help and deliverance. Although they could not see nor be aware of God's answer to their prayer, he was already working during their affliction and preparing a man who would soon deliver the people, provide their laws and lead them on their way as a nation.

I. THE PREPARATION OF MOSES. Exodus 2:1.

After his adoption by the daughter of Pharaoh and his education, Moses had to flee because he had killed an Egyptian who mistreated one of his fellowmen. He settled in the land of Midian whose inhabitants were descendants of Abraham and his second wife, Keturah (Gen. 25:1-4). Here he found employment guarding the flocks of Jethro, the priest of Midian, and later married his daughter, Zipporah.

As a shepherd Moses had time for meditation. At the same time he learned the ways of the desert tribes and the sources of food and water. He became acquainted with the land through which he would some day lead the Hebrew people in their long weary years of wandering in the wilderness.

II. THE CALLING OF MOSES. Exodus 2:2-6.

In the story of Moses we see the importance of thorough preparation

which is required in the service of God. His period of training was twice as long as his actual period of service.

Throughout the Bible we find that those who were called by God had no difficulty in hearing the voice of God. It is also comforting to know that he knows us all by name. When he does call, we must be reminded that we will be in his holy presence and that we cannot consider ourselves on equal terms with God who is holy while we are sinful. Through Jesus Christ we now have access to the throne of grace so that we can "draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto us" (James 4:8).

III. THE COMMISSIONING OF MOSES. Exodus 2:7-12.

Although God is all-wise and all-powerful, he needs human beings to carry out his purpose on earth. It is always through the cooperation of a man that God delivers his people. Like Moses we still make excuses, but they are all broken down by God's promises. For when God says "I will send thee" he also says "I will go with thee." This was the promise of Christ when he commissioned his disciples, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20).

Questions for Discussion:

1. Were eighty years of training and preparation really necessary before Moses could begin his task?
2. Why did God have to use such mysterious and miraculous means to call Moses? How does God call men today?
3. Why do men make so many excuses when God calls them?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 19, 1964

Theme: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Scripture: Exodus 6:2-7; 12:29-33a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is difficult to continue in faith when we see things getting worse instead of better.

INTRODUCTION. The first attempt of Moses and Aaron to intercede for the children of Israel caused Pharaoh to go into a fit of rage. "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go" (Ex. 5:2). Human pride is often stubborn and strong and God must take drastic measures in order to get around it. Not only did Pharaoh refuse to let the Hebrews go but he made their lives even more unbearable by demanding

that they make bricks without straw supply and maintaining the same quota.

Moses and the people of Israel were no better than we are today. We have the idea that if God promises to go with us that this means we will have no difficulties or dangers and that life will be traveled on one long, smooth highway. When God goes with us we may have to travel on a very rough road, but it will be a very sure road. The song writer who wrote, "It's not an easy road," knew from experience what he was talking about, but it made it easier when he discovered he could also sing about it.

I. GOD'S PROMISE TO MOSES' FOREFATHERS. Exodus 6:2-4.

God does not forget his promises. Several hundred years had passed since God called Abraham, and many periods of blessings and hardships had been experienced over the years. The covenant included the assurance that the people of Israel would be given the land of Canaan which was promised to Abraham and his seed. Perhaps there were many in Moses' day who thought little of the promise and some who no longer remembered. But now that the Hebrews were in bondage and were suffering, they became more aware of their past. God always remembered his covenant but the children of Israel had to be reminded of it.

II. GOD'S PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE IN THE PRESENT. Exodus 6:5-7.

Israel felt that their days of slavery were over and the time to claim God's promise had come. It is interesting to note how often God uses the personal pronoun. Again and again he says "I will" and "I have," giving Moses and the children of Israel the assurance that he knows what is going on, that he is concerned about them and has never forgotten them during all the years of suffering in Egypt. He is the great "I am" who is mightier than any ruler on earth.

When God says that he will save them with an outstretched arm it is an expression indicating that God is always at hand ready to help in time of need.

III. GOD'S DELIVERANCE REALIZED. Exodus 12:29-33.

The dramatic story of the ten plagues is in the form of a contest between the power of God and the power of Pharaoh. It was the death of all the firstborn that broke the resistance of Pharaoh. In this connection the inauguration of the Passover

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

WATERTOWN, WIS. The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has recently purchased a parcel of land, north of the parsonage, as a future site of the church. An unprecedented Easter offering of \$925 was received for this new venture of faith. For the past two years, Rev. D. N. Miller, pastor, has compiled a comprehensive Year Book. It includes a "State of the Church" message, names of officers and committees, a summary of sermon titles, church calendar, directory, financial reports, names of those deceased in the past year, witty sayings and sound advice. The annual Woman's Missionary Society program was held on Sunday, April 12. The program included the inspiring film, "Through Gates of Splendor." (Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter).

PARSIPPANY, N. J. The Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., a Church Extension project would like to announce the sale of the little chapel in which we have been holding our services. Plans are getting underway to build a first unit to our new church. Plans are also in the



Rev. Gordon Huisinga (center, back row), pastor of the Littleton Baptist Church, Parsippany, N. J., with 9 new members received into the church.

making for a Vacation Bible School to be held this summer. Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga has been going through the Book of Romans at the Sunday evening services, the Gospel of John during an Adult Bible Class, and the Book of Acts at the Wednesday evening Bible Study Hour. The Ladies' Missionary Fellowship has been doing White Cross work every Thursday afternoon. A young people's organization is being established. On Sunday evening, May 3rd, Pastor Huisinga had the privilege of baptizing 8 persons on confession of their faith in Christ and receiving them and 2 others into the fellowship of the church the following Sunday. (Doris Biron, Clerk).

WISHEK, N. DAK. Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Bender of Wishek, N. Dak., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29. They were honored by their children with a program at the First Baptist Church. The family history and several readings were given. The nine grandchildren sang the German song, "Immer Froehlich." Greetings from the church and the Mission Circle were read. Rev. Carl Weisser brought an appropriate sermonette. Mr. and Mrs. Bender have been members of the Wishek church for 50 years. Their 4 children and the 9 grandchildren also attend the same church. (Mrs. Elmer Schauer, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Bender of Wishek, N. Dak., on the festive occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

organ now serves as a call to higher ground in Christian living and to fervent praise of God in the Forest Park sanctuary in memory of one of the church's radiant saints.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

MADISON, S. DAK. The Ann of Ava Guild of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., honored the mothers and friends of the church at a dinner Tuesday night, May 19, in the church parlors. The dinner was attended by 90 women. A welcome was given by the president, Mrs. Robert Backus. Mrs. Lyle Fawbush sang a solo, "Mother," accompanied by Mrs. Douglas Richardson. A duet was sung by Mrs. Neal DeBoer and her daughter, Dianne, accompanied by Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. Jothan Benke spoke on "Say It with Flowers" using a red carnation in her talk which she presented to her mother. Mrs. Otto Guddat, Rochester, N. Y., who was in Madison at the time. Mrs. Harm Frerichs, program chairman, closed with prayer. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter).

GOODRICH, N. DAK. The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., presented a Mother's Day program on Sunday evening, May 10. The church was decorated with flowers and with a large picture of one of our charter members. Several musical numbers were followed by the drama, "Lost and Found," which was given by members of the society. A mother in a rocking chair sat on the platform as the poem was read, "Your Mother," followed by a song by a group of 10 ladies. Following the showing of "The Highest Mountain," a lunch was served by the society. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

HILDA, ALBERTA. On Sunday evening, May 10, a Mother's Day program was presented at Hilda, Alberta, by the Male Choir. The program was in honor of the mothers with several musical numbers rendered in addition to poems and instrumental selections. Mr. E. Anderst is the president; W. Wuerfel the director; Mrs. Rudolf Rapske serves as pianist. Each woman was presented with a carnation by the men in the morning service. On May 12 the Woman's Mission Society held a Mother's and Daughter's Banquet for the first time. Mrs. Rapske, president, welcomed all who came. A program was presented by the group in charge with the girls, and some other ladies, taking part in different numbers. Mrs. B. Demaere of Schuler, Alberta, was our guest speaker. This was followed by a luncheon. (Mrs. A. Schatz, Reporter).

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. "Spring Fashions" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., on Friday evening, May 8. A group of 110 mothers and daughters enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Elk Grove, Calif. Our hostess and president, Mrs. Virginia Mauch, gave a few words of welcome, and a diversified program followed the dinner, with several mothers and daughters participating. Potted plants were presented to three mothers with the largest number of children or grandchildren present. The program was climaxed by a fashion show in which a large number of the ladies and girls modelled dress and sport clothing which they themselves had made. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).



Rev. Norman Miller (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., and 17 of the 18 new members received into the church by baptism and letter.

had the joy of welcoming 18 new members recently. Thirteen of these came by baptism and five by transfer of letter. A week of special meetings from March 5 to 13 with Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., as evangelist proved to be a blessing.

A reception was held for A/1c and Mrs. Arnold Weeldreyer and Steven on May 15. He has served his country for nine years of which the last three were spent in Spain. We are enjoying the changes made in our church sanctuary. These include carpet in the aisles and platform and a new piano. These blessings and many more give us cause to rejoice. (Mrs. Raymond De Neui, Reporter).

WATERTOWN, WIS. Prior to the coming of "God's Volunteers" Team No. 1, and the evangelist, Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wis., the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., conducted three study periods on "The Call to Discipleship." A 24-hour Prayer Vigil was also kept just before the opening of the "Crusade for Christ." The uplifting stories, the sincere testimonies of the team, and the heart searching messages by the evangelist



Rev. Milton Falkenberg, pastor at Venturia, N. Dak., and five young people whom he baptized on Sunday, March 29.

CARBON, ALBERTA. On Easter Sunday evening, the members and friends of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., gathered to witness a baptismal service. Sixteen persons joyfully gave expression to their Christian faith and were baptized by Rev. Arthur Patzia, our pastor. This was Mr. Patzia's first baptismal service. Of great interest and benefit to the candidates were the special classes on baptism, conducted by the pastor, for several weeks previously. At the communion service, held on the same evening, these 16 were received into the church's fellowship together with another person on confession of her faith in Christ. All this has been possible only because of the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in applying the Word of God to listening hearts. (David Gieck, Clerk).

CHANCELLOR, S. DAK. Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak.,



Rev. Arthur Patzia, pastor of the Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta, and 17 young people whom he baptized recently on confession of their faith in Christ.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

WISHEK, N. DAK. The First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., and its pastor, Rev. Carl Weisser, recently welcomed 10 new members into its fellowship by baptism which was held on Palm Sunday, March 22. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended by the pastor at the communion service that same evening. (Mrs. Elmer Schauer, Reporter).

VENTURIA, N. DAK. Beginning with the sermon, "Following Him," on Sunday evening, March 29, Rev. Milton Falkenberg, pastor of the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., had the privilege of baptizing 5 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Afterwards the new members were welcomed into church at



Rev. Carl Weisser (rear), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., and 10 persons whom he recently baptized.

the communion service by Mr. Falkenberg and the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Otto Bertsch. The Venturia Baptist Church is rejoicing over the many blessings that the Lord has sent in recent days. The accompanying picture shows, left to right: Sonia and Dorinda Breitling, Candace Haas, Wanda Dollinger, Brian Knoll and Rev. Milton Falkenberg.

BAPTIST JUBILEE RALLY

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newed vitality in world evangelism. "This is the task for which the church exists," he said as he depicted the evangelistic passion which should characterize Baptists in making Christ known as Savior of the world. Dr. Soren appealed to his audience: "Has it not dawned upon you what might happen to this world if these 26 million Baptists could work out a God-inspired plan whereby this immense potential could be mobilized into a national spiritual crusade unto the ends of the earth?" It should be noted that Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, is serving as the chairman of a special committee of the Baptist World Alliance for making 1964-1965 a "Year of Evangelism Emphasis."

The spiritual climax of the Baptist Jubilee Rally was reached with the ministry of the Billy Graham team on Sunday afternoon with Cliff Barrows



DYNAMIC BILLY GRAHAM

Billy Graham, the evangelist, meets the press at Atlantic City, N. J., and graphically describes the needs of the world which only the Lord Jesus Christ can meet.

leading the singing, with Beverly Shea singing "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer," and with Billy Graham speaking on "Ye Must Be Born Again."

"Every man must accept Christ or reject him," Billy Graham said. "If you reject him, you may think you are free, but actually you are in the worst kind of moral and spiritual bondage. Because Christ only can set us free, he is the only Person in history who makes any sense out of history. This then will be the glorious climax of history when he comes again!"

CHRIST HAS MADE US FREE!

Because of these inspiring days of the Baptist Jubilee Rally, Baptists who were present in Atlantic City and those at home in far greater numbers can now state with boldness:

Extra Copies of the

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issue of the "Baptist Herald" are available without charge.

ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:

Who are the North American Baptists?

Where do our contributions go?

Where do these Baptists stand?

How is the denomination organized?

Where are its mission fields?

A CAPSULE PICTURE OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS IN ACTION

Write for free copies for your friends for yourself!

"Stand We Now in Open Freedom!" We have a God-given song which we can proclaim to all the world:

"Sing now of a new age,
Of men made new, of peaceful valor
and bold compassion;
Sing of bright vision and valiant wills;
Lay the foundations deep in the heart
where God has marked us with
freedom, dominion and power,
and lighted the self with stars of
mercy and grace."

May that light shine brightly wherever Baptists gather and may they be valiant champions of religious freedom for all men everywhere because Christ has made us free!

PRAYERS COME TRUE

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In 1960 we set a goal to have 100 missionaries in 1964. At present there are 88 under appointment, with many more needed on every mission field. Can we fill our aim before this year is over? How many of us have even begun to make a real sacrifice to Christ's work in this world? Have we gone without some necessity of life that others may know Christ? How many luxuries would we give up for his sake?

RENEWED HEALTH AND STRENGTH

Part of these wonderful twenty-five years began with an order to go home "because of illness" in 1959. "You will never return to Africa," was the first doctor's report as I arrived home. Having just completed over 20 busy years as a missionary-nurse in West Africa, I might have been discouraged or dismayed. But God wants his children to trust him, leaving their lives completely in his control. How acutely aware I was of the fact that a vast network of prayers was ascending on my behalf from our denominational family. It was a feeling of being upheld on wings of prayer and concern, just knowing God would have the last answer.

Those were wonderful months of quietly resting and waiting. With the



Laura E. Reddig and Ruby Salzman, missionaries in Cameroon, look through a native bird trap made by the nationals to capture wild birds.

Psalms I could say: "It is good that I was afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes" (Psalm 119:71). "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3). And the wonderful verse given me by Dr. Kuhn when I was first commissioned has blessed me: "Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

My heart's pace-maker needed help and adjustment. The medications prescribed, restful days with my family, and the prayer of countless friends brought about a change in four months which surprised the doctor, prompting him to ask: "How soon do you want to return to Africa?" After a refreshing deputation tour of six months, I returned to Africa in July 1960 for another term of service. Missionary service may not give material riches, but, oh, the joys of knowing you are doing what Christ wants you to do! And, oh, we become millionaires through the friendships God gives us! We are treated as kings and queens throughout our denominational homes! And we know many, many people love us and pray for us because we are your representatives in Africa!

LET US PRAY TOGETHER!

Another busy furlough year lies ahead, or has already been started. I'd be most grateful to be a little megaphone through which God will speak to many young people about Christian service, and to all our people about being more completely yielded to the Master's will and program. Let us work and pray together that 1964 may be a great year of beginning anew for each one of us... completely committed to his will, completely obedient to all he asks us to do.