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# THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD

THE GREATEST thing in the world is the Word of God. It is the Divine inspired revelation of God. Moses wrote, "God spake all these words." Paul added, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." The Lord Jesus said, "Thy word is truth." Peter wrote, "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever." So great is the Word of God that the Psalmist wrote, "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

This Word is the source of our knowledge of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. . . . The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul." "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." We are indebted to the Word of God for our faith. We have been "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." The philosophies and beliefs of man are many. They lead to superstition, fear, and despair. The Word of God leads to light and life.

This precious Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The treacherous way of life is made secure as we are guided by its truth. Hid in our hearts, the Word gives us power to overcome temptation from within and without. The young drink it as milk, and the mature eat it as meat for the strengthening of faith and character. The suffering and sorrowing are encouraged by its as-

urance of the concern and love of God the Father. The dying rest in its promise of life eternal.

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures, they are they which testify of me." Wonderful book, the greatest thing in the world.

Read the Book, teach the Book, preach the Book.  
—Gordon H. Anderson, "The Standard"  
of the Baptist General Conference

## THE STATURE OF CHRIST

By Grace L. Voll, North Freedom, Wisconsin

He is the fountain, to the sin-accused  
To cleanse and purify their darkest stains,  
And also end their ceaseless, burning thirst,  
Removing care and sorrow's galling chains.

He is the Vine to which we branches cling;  
He is the substance of our daily Bread;  
Our Robe of Righteousness; our covering:  
His bosom grants sweet rest for each tired head.

For beauty lovers he is Sharon's Rose;  
To troubled minds the Teacher-counselor;  
The Perfect Pilot through life's undertows;  
An Advocate to whom all should defer.

The Word made flesh, Creator of the whole  
Alone can save, alone can understand:  
Redeems each sin-condemned, lost, willing soul,  
And holds life's balance in his nail-pierced hand.  
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## Through life God has cared for you!

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;  
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee  
with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:2-4).*



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## Editorial

## Your Best Friends!

No one is friendless or lonely who has a good book within arm's length. You can shut the door upon the author and yourself and in the intimacy of this reading adventure you can feel the warmth of his personality and thoughts setting your soul aflame with joy. In a very real sense books—and publications—are your best friends! But so often this is a closed world to many people.

Good books are friends who never fail to inspire. Within the covers of a book are the dynamic, stirring sermons by great preachers which you can read in any hour of spiritual need. The sermons by George W. Truett, G. Campbell Morgan and Clarence Macartney still start the trumpets to sound loudly in my soul. As a high school student almost fifty years ago, I was first introduced to Henry van Dyke's poems and essays. They inspire me increasingly with every return of my mind to them. How refreshing for any reader are Dr. Raymond V. Edman's "Disciplines of Life" and his autobiography as he shares with you his experiences of life and of his ministry as president of Wheaton College. The inspiration of such books will help you stand on your feet triumphantly.

Christian books are like friends who respond at every beckon call. It makes no difference if the authors are thousands of miles away, or if they lived in another century, or if your paths never actually crossed each other. In these books you can have these friends at your side at a moment's notice to enjoy them and to be blessed by them. I never knew Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia Baptist preacher, personally, but I frequently read his "Acres of Diamonds" until the author is now one of "my best friends." Charles Haddon Spurgeon and Charles H. Finney lived long before our time, but their books and messages are still a source of uplifting inspiration. They can be your friends for the asking—for a very small price.

These books are friends who wear well. That isn't always true of some of our friends who can be fickle, forgetful or even downright mean at times. Once you have established a friendship with some great Christian mind through his book or books, the many associations with him through the years will add their luster of glory to your life. Their friendship will grow on you. It will never tarnish.

John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Grace Abounding" are priceless books to be read over and over again. Wilfred T. Grenfell continues to grow larger in stature and grandeur for one through his books, even though he died some years ago. William Shakespeare through his plays, some of which have a profound Christian emphasis, and all of which have a penetrating truth concerning life, is greater today than ever, 400 years after his life. Gipsy Smith, the evangelist, and I still walk intimately together as I reread his fine autobiography. How rich we are with these wonderful friends who are to be found close at hand in your library of books.

So go out and make yourself friends with these books as you clasp the hands of the authors and walk together in reverent contemplation. You will never be lonely with such friends as your constant and inspiring companions.

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# How to Read a Christian Book

DR. A. W. TOZER, well known evangelical author and editor who has recently gone home to be with the Lord, gives four important pointers to aid the Christian in his reading.

WHEN I WAS a very young man I tried to develop my chest by taking deep breathing exercises. I didn't read up on the subject. I just walked along, inhaled all my lungs would hold, retained in a reasonable length of time, exhaled and repeated. That is all there was to it and it worked wonderfully. I felt good and stayed healthy.

Then one day I ran across a book on scientific breathing. That was the end of the exercises and, I almost felt, the end of my breathing, too. What had been an easy and natural thing now became a burden. I became self-conscious and uneasy and before long I gave the whole thing up as a bad job.

## THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

I haven't had much interest in deep breathing since that time. I might have had a barrel chest today but for that scientific book! I often wish I had never seen it.

These are the days of the professional adviser. You can get advice now on how to do almost everything: how to think, how to eat, how to stand, how to walk, how to sleep, how to get out of bed, how to brush your teeth, how to smile and how to shake hands with your pastor. In an effort to make these simple things easier, the professional counselors have complicated them so badly that they are now difficult beyond belief. Some

things should just be let alone.

This article is called, "How to Read a Christian Book," but any average citizen should be able to accomplish that simple task without help from me. If he cannot, then the book will not do him any good anyway. Just open the book, hold it at a fair distance from the eye and concentrate on what is printed there.

Ignore the speed jockeys and the meddlers who try to make two books grow where one grew before. Your problem is not how many books you read, but what books you read and how you approach them. A book is half read when you get into the mood for it, and that is the matter I want to deal with here. That and the kind of book you choose; the "how" of it will come naturally.

1. Be sure the book you select is worth reading. And remember most books are not. And that goes for religious books, too. The evangelical presses are rolling them out by the tons, and most of them will be forgotten in two years and should be sooner. But there are still some good ones to be found here and there. C. S. Lewis suggests that we read seven old books to one new one.

Fortunately some of our publishing houses have plunged in and reprinted a fine line of the great religious works of past generations. I understand that they are not moving too well, but at least they are now avail-

able. Stay away from the religious books that specialize in bright jackets and offer to "thrill" you. The thin thread of evangelicalism that runs through them cannot disguise them completely. They're written to sell and the taint of commercialism is upon them.

## SEARCH FOR THE GOLD

2. After you have made your careful selection, try to get into the right mood to appreciate the book. Poor religious books are written down to our worldly mood in an effort to bring us up. They never do this. The whole philosophy is false.

A great book never comes down; it draws us up to its own level. It cannot be skimmed like a novel. It demands attention and attention requires brain sweat. If you are not willing to come aside from the noise and press of the world to give your heart to the good book, you will never know the treasure it contains. The wise reader is a prospector. He gives himself to his search for gold. He doesn't find it everywhere he looks, but when he does it is worth all his labor.

To get the benefit of the good book we must read actively instead of passively. We must cooperate with the writer. Medicine in the bottle never cures anyone even if it be the very elixir of life itself; truth left in the book never helps anyone either. Truth must be received into the life by moral ingestion.

If the good author is worthy of our confidence he deserves our cooperation as well, and he will get it or we'll waste our time on his book.

The old rule for reading the Scriptures holds in reading any worthy book: "The Word of God should be read in exactly the same spirit in which it was written."

One great Christian writer would not put down a line on the page unless his heart was in such communion with God that he could feel a kind of inspiration upon him. To come in a careless frame of mind to a book thus written would be useless if not downright irreverent.

Unlike things cannot understand each other. The reader must have some spiritual affinity with the writer or there can be no communication. Consequently we must pray for minds worthy to think the thoughts of the great spiritual giants after them. Sometimes we shy away from a religious classic with the excuse that we are not intellectually capable of understanding it.

Usually, however, the trouble is not  
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RECENTLY I went to a supply house to buy a quantity of building materials. A complex business machine had just been installed, and the only person who was thoroughly acquainted with it was out sick. The owner, after several attempts to tally my invoice on the machine, gave up, took a common lead pencil, and in a few minutes had the invoice in order.

This seemingly unimportant experience stimulated a series of thoughts about the lead pencil. Each thought in turn called forth from my heart a responsive prayer.

I marveled that, in this day of extreme complexity, so simple a thing as a lead pencil can be used so universally and satisfactorily. "Lord, keep my life simple enough that I may cope with the issues involved; that I may walk in a plain path rather than leap desperately from doubtful toe hold to questionable finger ledge on cliffs too steep and high for me to master."

A tree dies to make a pencil. "I thank you, O Lamb of God, that you died to redeem me. May I let your death for me become a living experience of death in me to self and sin."

## NOT PRONE TO WARP

Wood for the pencil must be carefully selected: straight of grain; strong, yet soft enough to be shaped; free of knots, pitch pockets, hollows, grub holes, and other blemishes; not prone to warp as it seasons.

"Thank you, Sovereign God, that I was 'chosen...in him before the foundation of the world.' Impart strength to stand in life's trials, and pliability to be shaped into an useable instrument. Remove my natural blemishes. Keep me from warping into unpleasant soul-shapes as the years multiply and I season in the kiln of circumstances fired by personalities."

"Lead pencil" is a misnomer, for the "lead" is graphite, a natural carbon. "God of Truth, help me when I am misnamed and misrepresented not to turn aside from the humble, useful service to which you have appointed me."

Pulling apart a rain-soaked pencil, picked up by the way, I found its lead heart as straight as the wooden case without. "Holy Father, when temptations and trials of life lay bare my heart, may it be found as straight and clean within as I try to appear without."

Examining the inside of the pencil I noticed that the wooden heart had been removed and the graphite heart put in its place. "Thank you, God of all grace, that you took away my 'stony heart' and gave me a 'heart of flesh.'"

A pencil has a number plainly stamped on the outside indicating the nature of its heart. "Help me, risen Savior, to keep my witness in the open; never to hide the fact that we belong to each other."

The lead heart of the pencil must be neither too hard nor too soft for

# THE PENCIL

A routine business purchase stimulated a series of thoughts and responsive prayers about life and our God-given responsibilities.

By ROBERT R. DAWSON

the job it is intended to do. "Wise Father, give me a firmness lest the mark I leave be indistinct; but help me not to be harsh lest the soul callouses that people develop to protect against the roughness of my personality should insulate them from my testimony for Christ."

A good eraser on a pencil can make the difference between a very poor work and a very good work. My life, in its original manuscript, is a very rough draft indeed. "I thank you, Merciful Father, for the blood of Jesus which perfectly erases, time and time again, and substitutes his righteousness for my sin, that there may be a pleasing work in the end. Yet help me never to presume upon this grace, turning liberty into license."

When I was a boy of ten years my grandfather gave me what appeared to be a new pencil. For 30 years it had lain in his desk, unsharpened, and unused. "Help me, God who 'worketh,' to sharpen up and keep sharp for you; to gain a pointed knowledge of your Word; to bring the point to bear upon my own life and the lives of others, lest I should remain unconsumed but useless. May I ever gladly spend and be spent for others."

The pencil is plain, neat, pleasing

to the eye. Some become chewed from stem to stern—eraser gone, point dull, loathsome to handle. "Lord of beauty, forbid that I should destroy my usefulness by disuse, misuse, overuse, or untidy display of the basic equipment you have given me."

A pencil can do nothing by itself, but in a master's hand it can do the work of a master artist. "Dear Jesus, burn deeply into my soul the truth that without you I can do nothing; then give me the confidence that 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'"

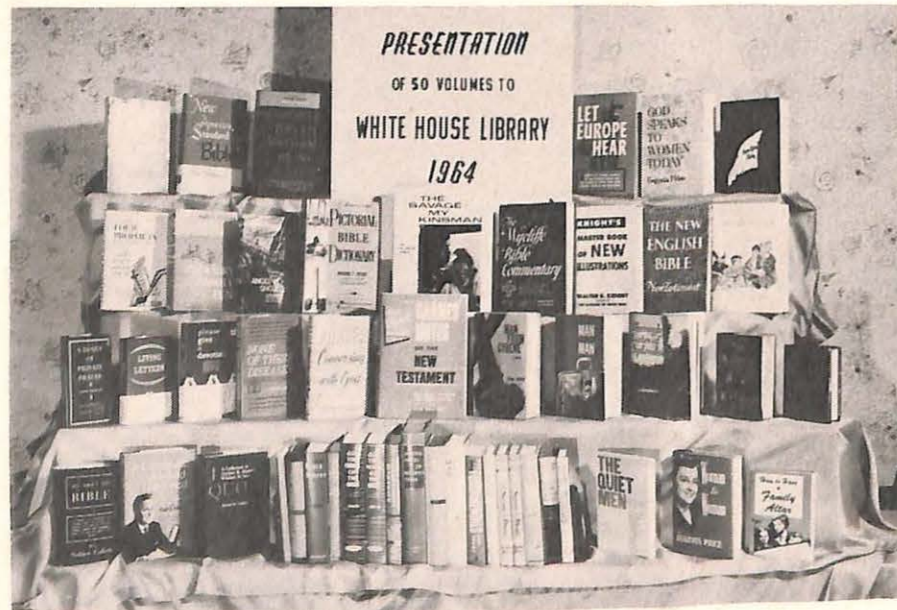
## AN INDELIBLE MARK

The pencil marks all that it touches, whether by an unguided smudge or a directed message that lives on for decades or centuries to bring blessing or cursing. "Lord, guide the expressions of my life that the mark I leave may be discernible and lastingly yours."

As populations increase so does the need for pencils. Figures for 1963 show the annual U. S. production of pencils was 1.7 billion. This is indeed big business in little things.

I see populations exploding and a multiplied need for Christians to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world," to savor the disillusioned heart, and to shine to every darkened soul. "God of the nations, make me to shine in my corner that the men whose windows open upon the courts of my life may see more than dense darkness or the gray void of neutralism; that when never-ending day shall break souls may say, 'His steady light, though small, beckoned me to him who is indeed Light and Life eternal.'"

—Reprinted from  
"The Sunday School Times."



The Christian Booksellers Association presented these 50 books to President Lyndon B. Johnson for a White House Library, Washington, D. C. The 50 volumes include ten each in the following categories: Bible Study, Biography and Missions, Devotional, and Reference. Three books on the Christian Home and seven miscellaneous volumes round out the books for the White House presentation.



# ... NEXT TO YOUR BIBLE!

The concordance, the commentary and the Bible dictionary are important aids to your study of the Bible that you should keep close at hand.

By Lloyd A. Eshbach of the Moody Press, Chicago, Illinois

**H**AVE YOU EVER been uncertain about the meaning of a verse of Scripture? Surely you have. Maybe you've wondered, for instance, if it's really easier "for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 19:24).

Or you have searched for an elusive verse. You recall that it was in Romans—or perhaps it was Ephesians... or was it Galatians? You can quote it word for word. And you can almost recall where it appears. But not quite.

There are several basic kinds of reference books which can help you in these and other problems that arise in your study of the Bible. The three most important are a Bible dictionary, a concordance and a Bible commentary. To many of our readers these will be familiar. To others they will not.

A second group of reference books—quite important but to some not indispensable—includes a Bible atlas, a Bible handbook, a study Bible and several of the modern English translations of the Word.

Let us consider these in turn.

## BIBLE DICTIONARY

A Bible dictionary, like any dictionary, is an alphabetically arranged compilation of words and their definitions—but words with biblical significance. This includes proper names—people and geographical areas—as well as common nouns with special scriptural meanings.

For example, under *Jonathan* are described the fifteen individuals so named in the Bible, as well as the two mentioned in the Apocrypha (the word Apocrypha is also defined). References to the books, chapters and verses in which the *Jonathans* appear are also included. The common noun *stone* is treated with its peculiar biblical significance, with reference made to the places where the word appears. A good Bible dictionary can help greatly in making the Bible understandable.

Among the six or eight Bible dictionaries in print, here are three selected for their conservative approach, their general usefulness and their varied prices:

*Davis Dictionary of the Bible* by John D. Davis. A standard work for several decades. Fourth revised edition, 868 pages, Baker Book House, \$5.95.

*Unger's Bible Dictionary* edited by

Merrill F. Unger. Over 1200 pages. First published in 1957. More than 7000 definitions. Moody Press, \$8.95.

*The New Bible Dictionary* edited by J. D. Douglas. The most recent of the group and probably the most exhaustive. 1424 pages. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., \$12.95.

## A CONCORDANCE

A Concordance is the second indispensable study tool, providing immediate access to any verse of Scripture of which a key word is known. The key words are arranged in alphabetical phrases following, plus position—book, chapter and verse. Some Bibles contain concordances, of course, but because of their brevity they are of limited value.

Three concordances are the recognized leaders:

*Cruden's Unabridged Concordance* by Alexander Cruden. Exactly as prepared by the author, complete with notes and comments. 732 pages, Baker Book House, \$5.95.

*Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible* by Robert Young. Any phrase, verse or character from the Bible is easily found with its 1280 pages. 311,000 references. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., \$12.75.

*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* by James Strong. Every word in the Bible in alphabetical order, with every passage in which the

word appears. 1809 pages, Abingdon Press, \$14.75.

## BIBLE COMMENTARY

The third indispensable Bible study help is a commentary. Bible commentaries are available in a variety of formats ranging from a single volume of a few hundred pages to sets of as many as forty volumes. Some are the work of a single author; others represent the combined efforts of many scholars, each an expert on certain books of the Bible. All of the larger commentaries consider the Scriptures verse by verse.

A commentary, as its name implies, comments on the Bible in detail, interpreting its meaning. For this reason a commentary should be selected with utmost care. For the average Christian a one volume commentary should provide ample help. Three commend themselves:

*The Wycliffe Bible Commentary* edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer and Everett F. Harrison. Written by 48 evangelical scholars. Phrase by phrase exposition. Published in 1962. 1543 pages, Moody Press, \$11.95.

*Commentary on the Whole Bible* by Jamieson, Fausset and Brown. An older commentary, but soundly evangelical. 1600 pages, Zondervan Pub. House, \$8.95.

*Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible*. Written more than two centuries ago, this work still has great value. Two one volume editions are available—one edited and abridged by Dr. Leslie F. Church. 2000 pages, Zondervan, \$9.95. There is also a smaller volume containing comments by Matthew Henry, Thomas Scott and others, called a "Concise" commentary. 1024 pages, Moody Press, \$5.95.

## OTHER BIBLE HELPS

Beside these basic tools are several of secondary importance which, nonetheless, can make your mastery of the Scriptures.

A Bible atlas is important in helping you to visualize the setting of the great events of Scripture. Containing photographs and both colored and outline maps, a good Bible atlas is our best source of general information on Bible archaeology, geology and geography. A good atlas is *Baker's Bible Atlas* by Charles F. Pfeiffer, published by Baker Book House, \$7.95.

A Bible handbook is a good addition to the Christian's library, although in part it duplicates information appearing in other previously mentioned vol-



Books in a library can be the open windows upon new vistas of beauty, knowledge and truth.—(Photo by A. Devaney, N. Y.).



umes. *Halley's Bible Handbook*, for example, contains an abbreviated Bible commentary, with notes on the books of the Bible—their historical, geographical and chronological backgrounds; as well as maps, Bible history confirmed by recent archaeological findings, church history and the like.

A study Bible is of inestimable value to the seeking Christian. An outstanding example is *Nave's Study Bible* (Moody Press, \$11.95 and \$25). In addition to the King James Version of the Bible, it contains a verse by verse topical analysis of the Bible.

#### ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

Finally, a number of modern English translations of the Bible are of value. By comparing several translations of a difficult passage, for example, you can get a clearer understanding of the meaning of a verse.

The relative merits of the different recent translations have provided the

# Bible Translations for Personal Study

*"Next to the King James Version of the Bible, what translation do you like the best and use the most in your personal study?"*

## AN ACCURATE TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE'S ACTION VERBS

Contribution  
by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke  
of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

WHEN WORKING on a New Testament text, I invariably reach for Williams. I refer to Charles B. Williams' translation known as *The New Testament (A Translation in the Language of the People)*, Moody Press, Chicago (\$2.25 to \$6.95).

My personal interest in this version goes back to Seminary days. Our Greek professor, Dr. J. R. Mantey, knew Dr. Williams personally and called his work "the best translation of the New Testament in the English language." Strangely enough, at the time, the book was out of print. We were ready to buy up the plates and find a publisher! Moody Press did just that, and now advertises "more than 250,000 copies sold to date!"

My practical interest in Williams concerns his accurate translation of the Bible's action words. The genius of the work is the precise rendering of the tense of the Greek verb. Express the tense correctly and your whole verse flashes with new meaning. For example:

*"So I tell you, keep on asking, and the gift will be given you . . ."*

*"If we continue to live in the light . . . the blood of Jesus His Son continues to cleanse us from every sin."*

*"No one who is born of God makes a practice of sinning . . ."*

*"Christ was offered once for all to take away the sins of many . . ."*

*"Whatever you forbid on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven . . ."*

For public reading, portions becomes a bit awkward and repetitious; but for private study, it is a gem. If you want to know what the New Testament says, keep Williams within arm's reach.

## GOD'S SPIRIT SPEAKS IN AN INTIMATE WAY

Contribution  
by Rev. Everett A. Barker  
of Lorraine, Kansas

To answer the question: "What Bible or New Testament translation do you like to use and regard as your favorite next to the King James Version?", could be answered by looking on my book shelf and observing the relative wear of the translations. This would give objective indication because we usually gravitate to that which we prefer. Since I began college and seminary studies, after World

War II, I have variously used different versions: WEYMOUTH, AMERICAN REVISED, REVISED STANDARD VERSION, PHILLIPS and THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE as well as possessing others. I have made it a practice to use one of these translations in daily Bible reading in order to familiarize myself with different readings. In sermon preparation and Bible study I have used them for comparative purposes.

To return to the question, I find that Phillips has been my favorite, particularly LETTERS TO YOUNG CHURCHES. I make this statement with the awareness of the liberty which he has taken with the original text, the fact that he engages in paraphrase and his views of inspiration. Nevertheless, he has achieved a lucidity of expression and imagery which appeals to my imagination. Perhaps not all reasons appear on the surface, but Phillips' use of language touches the conscious and latent emotions which are the real person. This choice of Phillips does not mean that I exclude other translations and versions which are creditable.

As a pastor I might like to think of myself as more scholarly than to find satisfaction in Phillips' translation. However, for me, God's Spirit is able to speak in an intimate way through the language of Phillips' translation. The worn edges and missing binding cover indict me as favoring this translation.

## ETERNAL BIBLICAL TRUTHS COME ALIVE

Contribution  
by Rev. Robert Schreiber  
of Kankakee, Illinois

Next to the King James Version I enjoy using both Phillips' New Testament and Norlie's Simplified New Testament. While neither one of these is a translation in the strict sense of the word, their value lies in the interpretation of archaic expressions. The frequent use of colloquial expressions makes the meaning come alive, thus making the application of eternal biblical truths to contemporary life situations more pungent and pertinent.

In the Old Testament on one occasion we are told that "they read in the book in the law of God distinctly; and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." (Nehemiah 8:8). People frequently admit that they do not read the Bible because they do not understand it. Phillips and Norlie have clarified many passages to such an extent that at times their translations almost become com-

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basis for considerable discussion. Such comparison hardly falls within the scope of this brief article. However, it may safely be stated that many scholars consider the American Standard Version (not the Revised Standard Version) among the best. Phillips' New Testament is most enjoyable reading, though usually it is considered more of a paraphrase than a translation. Many laymen find value in the Amplified New Testament and Old Testament. This too is hardly a translation, the amplification in a sense comprising a brief commentary. The Williams translation of the New Testament is excellent, and so also is the Berkeley Version of the Old Testament.

Why are these mentioned here? After all, they *are* the Bible. Although, like the majority of Christians, you still prefer the Authorized or King James Version of the Bible, these modern versions can assist in shedding light on the meaning of God's Word.

The Bible itself, of course, is primary. Study must begin with this Book. But the concordance, the commentary, the Bible dictionary and these other reference books all have their place . . . next to your Bible.

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Your Publication House uses strategic weapons in today's worldwide battle for men's minds and souls. These tools are the Word of God, religious books and literature.

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

AT THE BACK of communism lies a particular theory of revolution, and the methods it employs to achieve this end are subtle, prolonged and intelligent. These methods are aimed at men's minds and intellects. They are based on the assumption that men will read, and by reading will understand. Printed, penetrating publications are the strategic weapons in today's worldwide battle for men's minds and souls. As a Publishing House we have the tools to counteract the forces of evil and to promote the cause of Christ. These tools are the Word of God, religious books and literature.

This special publication issue not only points up the importance of Christian literature, but also shows the large part which the Roger Williams Press plays in making this literature available to you.

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work in this field. It was written by our missionaries and, in order to make it distinctly Japanese, the art work for the cover was done by a Japanese student. The book itself was printed in Japan and shipped to this country. The price of this attractive book is \$1.00 per copy, and only 70c per copy when purchased in quantities of ten or more.

A new missionary booklet, "Now We Are 88," which gives a biographical sketch of each of our missionaries is now available as well. This book contains information on all missionaries, including those who have gone out to the field this fall.

The next book to come off the press by the first week in January 1965 is a new study course entitled, "What Is the Christian Life?" This course, written by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, General Conference moderator, appeals particularly to the college age young people. It can be used as a Sunday school elective, camp course, or for church membership classes.

During the fall months we are reminded of the Christmas season and the many friends with whom we will exchange greetings. It is a pleasure to which all of us look forward. A few boxes of Scripture Christmas cards from the Roger Williams Press will help to convey the message of peace on earth, good will to men because Christ our Savior is born. Other gift items are listed in our special Christmas catalogs. These gifts, chosen with great care can show your love which flows out to others because God so loved that he gave.

When thinking of a gift, think first of a religious book or some other item of spiritual significance found in the Roger Williams Press catalog. Additional copies of the catalog are available upon request. Make the Roger Williams Press your Christmas headquarters.

## RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

We realize that it is humanly impossible to keep in personal contact with many friends throughout the denomination. However, we have a media through which we are able to keep in touch with the spiritual victories and mountain top experiences of our friends within their local churches and conferences. This media, of course, is our denominational publications, the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE.

Churches are reminded again that this is the time to renew subscriptions to these publications and to recruit new subscribers. Too often we take for granted the wealth of material which appears within these pages—the inspirational articles, the latest missionary news and activities, reports of local churches and conferences, and many other interesting items.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

The response to our new Sunday school literature imprint program has been far beyond all expectations. Our imprint supply was quickly sold out and we have increased our imprint order to meet the anticipated demands for the winter quarter. Many churches have asked for sample sets for review purposes and we have been able to supply most of these. However, here too the requests have exceeded our supply. Such a response from our churches has been most gratifying. We are striving for the goal to have every one of our North American Baptist churches order ALL Sunday school material through the Roger Williams Press. Is your church helping us reach this goal?

One of the newest avenues of service carried on by the Roger Williams Press is to act as the official book sales agent for the Christian Medical Society. We now have the added opportunity of serving the many Christian people in the medical profession. Christian books are ordered and sent to doctors and hospitals in various mission fields of the world. The major volume of sales, however, is to the doctors, dentists, and students preparing for the medical profession right in our own country. We have been

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BAPTIST HERALD

# Launching Our New Devotional Quarterly

A Publication Event in 1965 which will be greeted with interest and acclaim by North American Baptist churches.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE MOST ambitious publication venture of the Roger Williams Press since the "Baptist Herald" was started in 1923 will soon be launched. For several years members of the Publication Board and denominational leaders have talked about our own *Devotional Quarterly*. Now the time for action has come to make this dream of these years come true!

The Publication Board has drafted its first plans for the new *Devotional Quarterly* and sets its sails for 1965. The General Council has approved the over-all plan, and the General Conference in session at Sacramento, California has endorsed it. But the hard work of intensive planning and preparation still has to be done.

## OUR PLANS

The new North American Baptist *Devotional Quarterly* will make its first appearance on October 1, 1965. A high standard of spiritual excellence and attractiveness has been set. The *Devotional Quarterly* will have a colored front cover and will be outstanding for its contents to inspire the entire family.

Early in 1965 a sample edition of our "Devotional Quarterly" will be distributed to all of our churches and conferences. You will be able to see and judge for yourself the kind of spiritual feast that will be laid out for you in every edition of this booklet.

A competent Editorial Committee has been appointed consisting of Dr. M. L. Leuschner, chairman; Rev. L. Bienert, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, Rev. John E. Grygo, Rev. B. C. Schreiber and Rev. Herbert Berndt. The Promotional Department by Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. B. C. Schreiber will attend to the editorial tasks.

## OUR NEEDS

We shall need the support of all of our churches and families to make this venture of our own *Devotional Quarterly* a success. Printing totals should approximate 8,000 to 10,000. We shall respond to your generous orders from our churches by striving to give you the best possible devotional booklet. The first session of the Editorial Committee is scheduled for December 1964.

We shall need an appropriate name. The contest for such suggested names is now open. The contest will end March 1, 1965. First prize for the best name selected will be \$20 in a gift certificate with the Roger Williams Press. Three other prizes of \$5 each (gift certificates) will be award-

ed. Enter the contest as often as you desire. Clip the box on this page, enter your name for the *Devotional Quarterly* and send it to the Forest Park address.

## OUR OFFER TO YOU

We can offer you a publication that will compare favorably with the best booklets of its kind on the market and at favorable prices. Order blanks for our churches will be prepared early in 1965 and sent out with the sample copies of the *Devotional Quarterly*. Watch for the announcement about the prices to be quoted. This will be determined after important sessions with the Literary Committee and Devotional Quarterly Committee later this year.

This will be a uniquely and colorfully prepared publication of our own. Many of our ministers, lay people, missionaries, youth leaders and women will be asked to make contributions to this *Devotional Quarterly*. You will share in the blessings of these Bible meditations for each day with your friends, who are known to you from our own denominational circle. Send your response cheerfully and promptly when you are asked to make a contribution. Pray earnestly for God's blessing on this venture of faith.

## PRAYER REMINDERS

Each day's meditation will include a Scripture passage, the message and a prayer request. The material that now appears in the "Prayer Reminder" and "Bible Reading" leaflets will be incorporated in this *Quarterly*. All of our 53,000 people will be united in spirit around God's Throne of grace and power. This can be a spiritual focal point of our entire denomination

as we read God's Word and pray together.

Several suggestions as to the nature and ministry of the *Devotional Quarterly* have already been received from interested friends since the General Conference sessions in Sacramento. You are invited to voice your suggestions as to the emphasis to be given by the quarterly and the ministry which it ought to render.

This has been our DREAM of many years. You can now help to make this dream come true. It will take hard work and our united effort to reach the high goals we have set before ourselves in launching this North American Baptist *Devotional Quarterly*. With its new name, to be contributed by you, and with the blessing of God upon the booklet, we dedicate ourselves to the new venture of our *Devotional Quarterly*, even as we shall dedicate every number of this new publication "to the glory of God."

## THE TOOLS OF YOUR PUBLICATION HOUSE

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thrilled by the amount of fine Christian literature which is read by the doctors and nurses of our land.

This literature is also placed in the waiting rooms of the doctors' offices so that people who are waiting may spend this time profitably by reading something which directs their thoughts to God. This is one way in which we can help doctors to be a true witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

## WE SERVE YOU!

We count it a privilege to serve you with a variety of Christian literature which gives inspiration and helps to keep our ideals and thoughts in the spiritual realm. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., in a recent address to Christian booksellers, pointed out the significance of the work we are doing. He said, "You are physicians providing the antidotes of purity for those who have been bitten by the serpents of pornography. You are liberators to those who are bound in the chains of ignorance. You are guides to bewildered and frustrated minds lost in the maze of confusion. You are teachers of truth to a generation which has been victimized by falsehood and half-truths. You are preachers standing behind counter-pulpits heralding him who is Light." This is the privilege and responsibility of your Publication Society.



# God's Hand in a Handbook

A lifetime of love for God's Word makes this book, "HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK," great.

Story of Mr. Henry H. Halley who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 10, 1964

ONE BLISTERING summer day as Henry Halley stared out the window of his train coach at the sagebrush of western Kansas, a new idea which was to transform his own life as well as that of many others, entered his mind. The long (three day, four night) journey across the continent from Michigan, where he had been forced to leave the pastorate due to ill health, to the new fruit ranch in California was tiresome.

But the new idea relieved all the boredom. He would repeat familiar passages of Scripture, meditating upon "The Lord is my shepherd," the "blesseds" of the beatitudes, the sermon on the mount.

## RICHES OF GOD'S WORD

He found it delightful. Closing his eyes and forgetting the blur of telegraph poles the train sped past, Halley dwelt upon the riches of God's Word.

But relief from boredom was not the only blessing the experiment gave him. Out of it came a revelation from God how he could commit far more Scripture to memory and use it in witnessing.

Halley began to memorize other familiar portions of the Bible—but not only when traveling. Whenever he got a chance the New Testament came out and a new mental recording was made.

"I never thought I had much of a memory," he told me with a smile. "But it is amazing what extraordinary things an ordinary memory can do when it is working for the Lord. As a kid in school I could successfully cram for examinations, and then quickly forget. So I had to do double duty in developing a retentive memory."

Over the months and years he continued to allow the Bible portions to become imprinted in his mind. One day a daring idea struck him: *Commit the Bible to memory*. Was it just a notion or an inspiration? The thought was both fascinating and overwhelming. But Halley sensed that God was saying to him, *Go ahead*.

## RECITING THE SCRIPTURES

He condensed the Bible to about one-third its original size, then began the mountainous task of committing the abridgement in its entirety to memory.

One day a telephone call came from the deacon of a church outside Kalamazoo, Mich., where the Halleys lived.

"Our pastor is sick. We'd like to have you come and preach for us."

Halley agreed. He entered the pulpit determined to speak only words from God—none of his own. Quietly he re-

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**SHOW** the Bible in your life,  
**SOW** the Bible in the world.

cited the sermon on the mount and other gospel passages.

Response was overwhelming. The Spirit of God had spoken.

Calls from other churches began to come. Some wanted a series of memory presentations of Scripture.

Halley responded, found himself traveling from place to place in a new ministry.

Sometimes local churches united for a week's campaign, sometimes for two or three weeks. The family moved from Michigan to Chicago, and gradually even Halley's part-time real estate business faded as requests for his quoting of Scripture became more pressing.

"The story of the crucifixion, abridged from the four Gospels, was by far the first choice. It took an entire evening to give it," Halley explains.

Repeat calls also came for the condensed account of the resurrection, the Revelation of St. John, the creation narrative from Genesis, the books of Job, Ruth, Ecclesiastes, and Paul's missionary journeys from The Acts.

"The most difficult to recount was



the Epistle to the Hebrews," he says. "It was the only book I was ever afraid I would forget."

Through his traveling years Halley's schedule usually called for mornings spent in study of archeological findings and Bible history in the library of the town where he happened to be speaking. Afternoons he rested—to protect his naturally weak voice—mentally reviewing the entire Bible abridgement through each week.

Before reciting the Scripture, Halley found it useful to give a background sketch of the Bible passages he was to present. In one Indiana town a stenographer sat in the front row taking shorthand notes of the preliminary remarks, noisily shuffling her notebook pages. Halley decided to prepare a leaflet for free distribution and eliminate the preliminary remarks.

It was 16 pages, called "Suggestions for Bible Study," and Halley gave out 10,000 copies the first year. The next year he expanded it to 32 pages and distributed another 10,000. From year to year its distribution and ministry increased rapidly.

Halley traveled at his own expense, paid his own hotel fees, received only the free will offerings of churches. Often he made 300 to 400 appearances a year. His journeys took him into nearly every state in the Union, and several provinces of Canada.

In all he repeated the Word of God before more than 2,000,000 people.

With the growing number of Bible recitals, the leaflet accompaniment grew also. It expanded into scores of pages, finally hundreds. Finally a charge had to be made for it.

## BIBLE HANDBOOK

World War II put a stop to the recitals. In Chicago, where Mrs. Halley had taught school through the years that her husband had traveled, the two joined in work on the *Bible Handbook*. Much of its ministry results from Mrs. Halley's unflagging faith that God could use it. Now past the four score mark, they continue the labor that has built a treasury of information about the Scripture and stimulation to discover its content personally.

The book contains nearly 1,000 pages of compact information on Bible history and commentary, traces church development, holds a profusion of maps of ancient times and a long list of "Best Bible Verses," and relates amazing archeological discoveries that verify in detail biblical records.

For example, there is detailed account of the achievements of British and American archeologists who uncovered the two-mile-long, half-mile-



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wide city of Ur, which in the time of Abraham was the most magnificent city in all the world.

The *Handbook* describes the Babylonian tablets which tell of a great flood amazingly like the account in Genesis. It reports the layers of water-laid clay, eight feet thick and totally foreign to the native soil, which have been found in the land of Noah and his ark.

## GOLDMINE OF INFORMATION

This year the book reached its 23rd edition and passed the one million and a quarter mark in number of copies in print. Scholars, Bible students, ministers, archeologists and laymen alike regard it as a gold mine of information.

Sample of its varied distribution is a Chicago hospital where, of some 500 student nurses, approximately 100 were estimated as owners of the book. In Ohio a Jewish seminary purchases *Handbooks*.

Despite his advanced age, Dr. Halley is still vitally interested in Bible study and related subjects. He and Mrs. Halley now make their home in a delightful Chicago lake front apartment building, designed especially for senior citizens. It is a stimulating experience to meet and talk with them about the history and present ministry of *Halley's Bible Handbook*.

But though *Halley's Bible Handbook*, known in its familiar grey and blue jacket to thousands, is a treasury of information about the Bible, it is more than that. Breathing through its pages is the burden of its author's heart: urging every reader not only to know about the Bible, but to know the Word of God, which lives and abides forever.

# 25th Year for Baker Book House

Story of an evangelical Publishing House which has published Professor Bernard R. Schalm's book on worship and Dr. Charles W. Koller's books on preaching among others.

STARTING twenty-five years ago as a one-man Christian bookstore and publishing firm, Baker Book House is celebrating the year 1964 as a Silver Anniversary year, grateful for a history of active and continued growth. Plans are being made to issue a record number of books this year, and expansion blueprints are being studied to house the activities of the firm in a new and larger building. Baker Book House has been guided from the beginning by the founder, Herman Baker, and the firm is still at its original location at 1019 Wealthy Street, in the evangelical publishing hub of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Shortly after opening his doors to business in 1939, Mr. Baker brought out his first publication, *MORE THAN CONQUERORS*, An Interpretation of the Book of Revelation, by William Hendriksen, which is still on the active list and now in its 13th printing. Along with a busy publishing program, Baker Book House continued to grow in the used and out of print religious book field, and is one of the very few outlets specializing in this phase of religious books.

Three members of management, Clarence Dykhouse, Benjamin Veldkamp and Cornelius Zylstra have served a total of 57 years with the relatively young publishing firm. In 1957, Richard Baker joined his father's or-

ganization in a sales capacity and this year another son, Peter Baker, will become associated with the firm in the same work.

Largest publishing project undertaken by Baker Book House is the reprinting of *THE BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR*, in 57 volumes, acknowledged as the largest and most complete collection of sermon material. The most successful single publications have been *BAKER'S BIBLE ATLAS*, by Charles F. Pfeiffer, and *DAVIS DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE*, by John D. Davis. Baker Book House has established a goal of continuous work on major scholarly works in the conservative field. One result of this goal has been *TWENTIETH CENTURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE*, and another result has been *BAKER'S DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY*.

## THE BIBLICAL WORLD

The current project, chosen as the Silver Anniversary Publication, is *THE BIBLICAL WORLD*, A Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology, edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer, E. Leslie Carlson, J. A. Thompson, and Claude F. A. Schaeffer, expected in December 1964. During the year of 1965, plans have been made to bring out *CLARKE'S ONE VOLUME COMMENTARY OF THE HOLY BIBLE*, a condensation of the Adam Clarke's classic commentary prepared by Dr. Ralph Earle, of Kansas City Nazarene Seminary.

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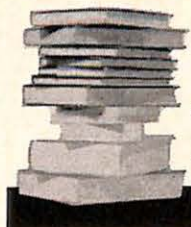
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# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

## HISTORICAL NOVELS

**JACOB HAVE I LOVED** by Jean Rees. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—286 pages—\$3.95.

Old Testament history becomes alive in a more meaningful way as the reader follows the distinctive imagination of Jean Rees. Although it is in novel form the facts of Scripture are not distorted. Young people, in particular, will enjoy this story of love and compassion, tragedy and triumph in the life of Jacob. God's wonderful guidance is seen more clearly as the story unfolds and comes to a glorious end. All the characters around Jacob, especially Leah and Rachel, become alive and are seen in the picturesque background of Palestine and Egypt.

**THE CHAMPION OF LIBERTY** by Norman E. Nygaard. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—159 pages—\$2.50.

Here in vivid language is a graphic portrayal of the difficulties of those who came to the New World for religious freedom, only to deny it to others. Roger Williams was indeed a champion. In his refusal to recant there is an element of Lutheran steadfastness, choosing banishment rather than compromise. The settlement at Providence was the first attempt on the North American continent to develop a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Williams, however, was not always tolerant of others who differed with him. He had a long memory for slights which he received, and a short memory for his own mistakes and shortcomings. When George Fox visited the Quakers in Providence, he held meetings in the colony and won many converts. Williams became incensed and their antagonism and religious controversies continued for several years. In spite of his own weaknesses, he made a great and worthy contribution to religious liberty and the Baptists in particular owe him a lasting debt.

## BOOKS WITH A MISSIONARY INTEREST

**AS YE GO . . . PREACH**, edited by Billy Keith. Printed in Tokyo, Japan—1963—165 pages—\$2.50.

This is an interesting and inspiring record of 24 missionary sermons from around the world by as many mission-

aries. Bob Pierce, Frank Laubach, and Finlay Graham are among those included in the volume. Billy Keith speaks for Japan where he is active in the Japan Baptist Convention's New Life Movement.

**MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY TODAY** by Leslie Lyall. Inter-Varsity Press—1963—160 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

This is a valuable resource guide for the missions course or for the individual who is interested in missionary work. The basic facts of all continents and nations are clearly stated and the latest statistics, which change rapidly, are not more than two years old in some cases only. For a brief world survey this small volume is invaluable.

**CHURCH GROWTH IN MEXICO** by Donald McGavran. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—136 pages—\$1.95 (paper).

This is an excellent survey of Protestant growth in one of the Latin American countries. Two important elements contributed to the rapid increase in church attendance and membership: protection by the government and a changed attitude on the part of Catholic priests. It has led some priests to say: "The Evangelicals are good people. You might emulate some of their qualities. Do not trouble them." The map of Mexico, provinces and the charts indicating the progress made by each denomination are interesting and informative.

## FOUR BOOKS FOR YOUR DEEPER LIFE READING

**A RELEVANT SALVATION** by Reginald E. O. White. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—132 pages—\$2.25.

Mr. White does not merely refer to the salvation found in the evangelistic service in which the first decision is made for Christ. Salvation is a growth in faith which affects all of life. There is a great deal of loneliness, uncertainty and lack of knowledge among Christians which keeps them from experiencing the full freedom which salvation brings.

The pastor as counselor can make good use of the material. It is well written by an Englishman who is a master of the English language.

**MASTERING LIFE WITH THE MASTER** by Wesley H. Hager. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—105 pages—\$2.50.

The title may sound like a little play on words but there are many who call Jesus Master and who have never let him master all of life. The usual areas of weakness are covered, including discouragement, loneliness, frustrations, doubts and others. They are all common problems which must be mastered in an uncommon way—the way of Christ.

**DEEPER LIFE FOR YOU** by C. Wade Freeman. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—95 pages—\$2.50.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." These words are often repeated verbally but not often enough in experience. The messages are both devotional and evangelistic, written by the Director of the Division of Evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The outline form makes the messages easy to read and easy to retain.

**PREACHING THROUGH THE BIBLE** by Eric W. Hayden. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—283 pages—\$3.95.

The title is quite impressive and should be reserved for a preacher's encyclopedia of perhaps 20 or 30 volumes. Every pastor, even after a long ministry, knows that it is impossible actually to preach through the Bible.

Mr. Hayden believes that every book in the Bible should be, at one time or another, included in the ministry of the Word. As the reader can readily imagine, the volume has 66 sermons, one every book in the Bible. Each one is based on the Key Word, the Theme and the Key Text. It can be very helpful to the pastor as a guide in preparing sermon topics and expositions far in advance, and as a review of the entire Bible for a study course.

**INTERPRETING THE BIBLE** by A. Berkeley Mickelsen. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—425 pages—\$5.95.

It should be emphasized that this volume deals with the principles of interpretation and not with interpretation itself. It defines and unfolds the laws applied by exegesis. The science of meanings, which is so important to communication, becomes intensely more significant when applied to Scripture.

This is not a simple book which can be ordinarily classified under the category of "Bible Helps." It is a scholarly work which could be used in seminaries as a textbook. The outline in the carefully worked out contents and the copious notes indicate a great deal of study and research. Dr. Mickelsen is Professor of Bible and Theology in Wheaton College, Illinois.

**GOD'S COVENANTS** by Donald Grey Barnhouse. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—176 pages—\$3.50.

Dr. Barnhouse was well known as an outstanding preacher and editor of "Eternity Magazine." This is the eighth volume on Bible doctrines based on Romans. *God's Covenants* is an exposition of Romans 9:1-11:36. This section deals with Paul's love of his brethren, the Jews, God's plan for them and their ultimate deliverance. The author's approach is non-technical and easily readable. Since most of the exposition is devotional and inspirational, it is practical and profitable for both minister and layman.

**THEM HE GLORIFIED** by Bernard Ramm. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing House—1963—148 pages—\$3.25.

Dr. Ramm is still remembered as one of the lecturers at our North American Baptist Seminary some years ago. One of the favorite words of the Bible is the word "glory." It is also used frequently in sermon and song. But somehow most of the theological treatises have either ignored or neglected it. The word belongs to the vocabulary of eschatology, but even here it is often by-passed. Perhaps theologians are more interested in the technicalities of eschatology—numbers, dates, events—rather than in the joy and anticipation of the future. Dr. Ramm has given us a clearer picture of the glory of God, the glory of Christ and the glory of the redeemed.

**THE CHRISTIAN YES—OR NO** by E. Spencer Parsons. The Judson Press—1964—96 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

The reason that this book is not any longer may be because 96 pages of provocative material is enough for anyone to digest. This is a sample of one of the questions: Why is it that so many ministers forsake their initial high commitment to the church as a dynamic, transforming instrument of God's purpose, and settle for a peaceful, budget-balancing institution of large size and modest benevolences? Somewhere along the line the minister has stopped saying "yes" to God.

**GREAT SERMONS ON THE BIRTH OF CHRIST** compiled by Wilbur M. Smith. W. A. Wilde Co.—1963—236 pages—\$4.50.

Dr. Smith is noted for his thoroughness with which he tackles his subjects. Outstanding as these sermons are by great preachers of the past and present, there is ample evidence of intensive research before the author chose his material. His voluminous bibliography on the immediate theme is an indication of his wide reading. In addition, a comprehensive bibliography is included on the general subject of Christmas.

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# Baptist World Alliance Meetings in Germany

*Our executive secretary represented the North American Baptist General Conference at the meetings of the Executive Committee, Relief Committee and Study Commissions of the Baptist World Alliance held at Hamburg, Germany from August 17 to 21, 1964.*

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, N. A. B. Executive Secretary

ON THE AFTERNOON of August 17, the campus of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Hamburg, Germany was the scene of much activity as about 100 representatives of Baptists around the world arrived for the annual Baptist World Alliance meetings. Meeting at the Seminary during the days of August 17-21 were the Executive Committee, the Administrative Committee, the Relief Committee and the four Study Commissions.

At the first session of the Executive Committee, a warm welcome was extended by the Rev. Hans Fehr on behalf of the Baptist Union of Germany and by Dr. Hans Luckey as president of the Seminary. Dr. John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Alliance, responded to the greetings, expressing the joy of the visitors at being privileged to meet on the beautiful Seminary campus.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The sessions of the Executive Committee took place during the first two days, with President John Soren presiding. I shall here attempt only to touch briefly a few of the items that were considered.

*The General Secretary's Report.* In his report the General Secretary, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, listed some of the changes that have taken place in the world since the organization of the Baptist World Alliance in 1905: a three-fold increase in population, the emergence of fifty new nations, increased speed of travel, technical and industrial revolutions, two devastating world wars and the growth of a materialistic and atheistic philosophy. All of this has served to enhance the value of the BWA to Baptist churches around the world "as an agency of communication, a voice for human freedom and human rights, a channel of aid to people in need, a forum of our convictions and a catalyst for fellowship of Baptists in 100 lands."

*Constitutional Changes.* The Executive Committee also considered carefully some constitutional changes that are designed to make the BWA Executive Committee more fully representative of its constituent bodies around the world. Heretofore the Executive Committee has been elected at each World Congress upon nomination by a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Committee. Since the size of the Executive Committee is limited to 70 members, many Bap-

tist bodies have no representation.

Under the proposed change every convention or union would be represented by one or more members and these members would be nominated by the constituent bodies themselves rather than by a congress nominating committee. Under this arrangement the size of the Executive Committee would be increased to about 140.

A further proposed change has to do with membership requirements. This proposal would require that member conventions or unions must have their own identity apart from any other Baptist body, must have had a stable organization for at least three years and must contribute regularly to the Alliance budget.

## BAPTIST RELIEF CHANNELS

*The Relief Program.* The Alliance has served in a marvelous way as a channel for relief in times of emergency, especially in areas of the world where there are no other Baptist relief channels. The Reverend Adolph Klaupiks, Relief Coordinator, reported that the Alliance has again rendered assistance in the resettlement of many refugees and has contributed relief to needy people in Angola, South Kasai, Burundi, Cameroon, Hong Kong, Haiti

and Eastern Europe. It should be noted that most conventions belonging to the Alliance carry on their own relief programs. The total outlay of funds through the BWA Relief Department last year was \$58,288.71.

Relief needs continue to be urgent in many parts of the world. A relief program costing \$77,900 for aid in the Congo, Burundi, Assam, Eastern Europe, Haiti and Hong Kong was approved by the BWA Executive Committee.

*Election of Dr. Ronald Goulding as European Secretary.* The incumbent European Secretary of the Alliance, Dr. Eric Ruden, tendered his resignation effective July 1, 1965. Dr. Ruden will then return to his native Sweden to serve as Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union there.

To succeed Dr. Ruden, the Executive Committee elected the Reverend Ronald Goulding of London, England. A former president of the European Baptist Federation, Mr. Goulding is pastor of the Haven Green Baptist Church, Ealing, London, where he has served for seven years. Mr. Goulding prepared for the Gospel ministry at Spurgeon's College. Mrs. Goulding was born in Berhampore, Orissa, India, the daughter of pioneer missionary F. W. Jarry, M. B. E. The Gouldings have three children: Ruth Margaret, recently married; Judith Ann and Stephen Ronald.

## 1965 BAPTIST CONGRESS

*The Miami Beach Congress.* The 11th Baptist World Congress is scheduled to be held in Miami Beach, Florida June 25-30, 1965. Daytime sessions are to be held in the Convention Hall, while the five evening sessions will be in the Orange Bowl.

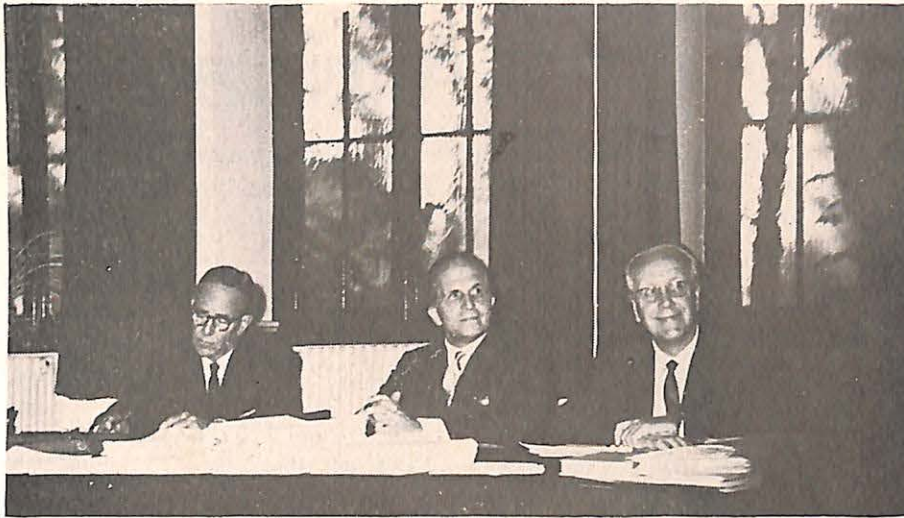
The Deauville has been designated as the headquarters hotel. Assurances have been given by Miami Beach authorities that there will be no racial discrimination when the World Congress meets. Registration cards will not indicate the race of the person registering, so that hotel rooms will be assigned without reference to race. The Reverend Conrad Willard of Miami, Florida, chairman of the local arrangements committee, reported that 7000 hotel rooms have been set aside for the Congress, more than half of them at a rate of \$6.00 per person or less, double occupancy.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, chairman of the Program Committee, reported that the theme of the Congress is to be "And The Truth Shall Make You Free" (John 8:32). Morning sessions



DR. RONALD GOULDING  
of London, England, the newly elected  
European Secretary of the Baptist World  
Alliance.





**BWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEADERS, HAMBURG, GERMANY**

Left to right: V. Carney Hargroves, recording secretary; John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president; Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., BWA general secretary.

will feature the work of the four study commissions, with afternoon meetings divided into interest groups such as men, women, youth, pastors, theological teachers and radio and television. Dr. John Soren, president, will bring the message on the opening night. Dr. Billy Graham will preach in the Orange Bowl on two evenings, Saturday and Sunday. The oratorio, "What Is Man?", first presented at the Baptist Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, New Jersey on May 23, 1964, will be the program feature on the night of June 29.

**THE STUDY COMMISSIONS**

The last few days were devoted to the work of the four study commissions. These are the commissions on (1) Baptist Doctrine, (2) Religious Liberty and Human Rights, (3) Evangelism and Missions and (4) Bible Study and Membership Training.

Interest was keen in the sessions of all the commissions, judging by the animated discussion that took place even between sessions. My more specific comments will have to be restricted to the group in which I participated, the Commission on Evangelism and Missions.

In the area of evangelism, a World Evangelism Survey is being carried out by a committee under the direction of Dr. Albert McClellan of Nashville, Tennessee. About forty groups around the world are considering answers to a series of questions concerning evangelism. Although the final report is to be presented at the World Congress in Miami Beach, the commission spent some time discussing a preliminary report. The discussion was led by Dr. Henri Vincent of France and Dr. A. S. Clement of England.

In the area of missions three papers were read and discussed. The first paper entitled "Ways of Presenting the Call To Service To Young People," was presented by Dr. J. B. Middlebrook of London, England. He stressed both God's direct call and his use of

human agents. Among other things he stated, "The church itself in its worship and preaching, its Sunday school and youth work, its education and fellowship and its service within and without is surely the greatest of all agents for the call to the service of the Kingdom."

The paper prepared by the Reverend Lawrence A. North of New Zealand on the subject "The Personal Call to Be a Missionary" was read, in his absence, by Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Texas. Dr. North stated that a person, to be genuinely called to service, must have experienced a true conversion and must have an absolute and overmastering conviction as to the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as Savior.

The final paper was presented by

Dr. Frank Means of Richmond, Virginia on the subject, "Fall-outs Among Missionary Recruit Prospects." Among the factors that tend to discourage prospects he mentioned doubts as to qualifications, the opposition of parents, emotional instability, the long and arduous preparation required, the materialism of our day and the spiritual lassitude of Christian people. In view of all these difficulties, he emphasized that our churches must give young people ample opportunity to respond to the Holy Spirit's call, give spiritual encouragement and counsel and provide financial assistance to help with the necessary training.

**SOUL SEARCHING QUESTIONS**

The commission spent the final hour considering the questions, "Why are our churches not growing in members as they should? Why are not more people responding to our soul-winning efforts?" In the discussion at the early part of the hour the agnosticism and materialism of our day were given as the greatest obstacle to soul-winning. It was pointed out that people simply no longer have a sense of the presence of a holy and righteous God and of a judgment to come and as a result they are not open to the Gospel.

Gradually the discussion turned to self-examination, however, as one after another confessed that our churches share the materialism of our age and that the spiritual life and evangelistic fervor of our people leaves much to be desired. The hour ended with an unforgettable season of prayer as we implored God to forgive our lack of dedication and to send us a true revival among our own people and then a harvest of souls won for Christ and his Kingdom.

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# My Return to Africa!

*This African national student found many changes in Cameroon but was deeply impressed by the liveliness of the churches, a new sense of national purpose in the faces of the people, and the effective mission of U. S. Peace Corps members.*

By Rev. Flavius Martin of Victoria, Cameroon

**M**Y HEART beat quickly that Thursday morning when I arrived at the Douala airport. I had been away from my homeland for five years. In my absence, Cameroon had become an independent republic. What was I to expect? But my fears were quickly banished. I was allowed re-entry without protest. Everywhere, peace and quiet reigned, and it has continued ever since.

Life is slow by American standards but business runs on an even keel. Occasionally, there are hold-ups at the "French" border involving whole villages, but this is a temporary measure for security reasons. One wonders where television reporters get their news of vandalism and lawlessness in Africa. Perhaps, Cameroon is an exception!

## THIS IS AFRICA!

Having left New York City with its crowded streets and sprawling skyscrapers, I found Buea, the mountain-side headquarters of Cameroon very refreshing. The painted chalets peeping behind eucalyptus trees, the terraces of bushes, the forested hillsides in the background, and the endless rows of palm trees make one feel that this is Africa again.

Competing with the luxuriant freshness of nature is the rapid development apparent everywhere. Houses spring up like mushrooms, often with poor sanitation. Shops with blaring music sprout in every corner. Roads are expanded to hold a steady stream of cars, and beer signs advertise countless brothels. One wonders how long it will take before the congestion of the townships crowd out the open spaces. Intelligent people will fight to conserve our African bushes and streams!

Apparent in the faces of the people is a new sense of purpose and national self-confidence, but there is need for mature experience and training even among those in high authority. Africanization is rapid. Young men with little experience have been rocketed overnight into authority. What can they do but answer the challenge? The church in Africa does not lag behind. Responsibility is being transferred to competent nationals, but there is room undoubtedly for all. Perhaps now, more than ever before, the selfless services of all devoted men, whether black or white, are best needed and appreciated.

Our churches are alive. One cannot help but be impressed by the lively expectancy of the people. With few ex-



**REV. FLAVIUS MARTIN**  
following his ordination as a Baptist minister at the Ebenezer Church of Victoria, Cameroon.

ceptions, worship services are crowded. Singing in African style is vigorous and spontaneous. Choirs in perfect rhythm parade the streets. Old problems remain, but the future outlook is undoubtedly bright. The people are eager for the Word of God. Who will feed his flock?

It was my privilege to attend a Field Pastors' Conference in Bamenda, called and organized by the evangelism secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission. Being new on the field, I was impressed with the liveliness of our indigenous leaders. In spite of their little training, they demonstrated a quick grasp of local church problems. Away from the stateliness and coldness of American churches, one is easily transported by the free and spontaneous prayers of our African pastors. They are simple, but men who are fully committed. An area of special advance is the mimeo press in Bamenda which turns out church literature adapted to local needs.

Relations between mission and convention appear cordial. One has the impression that there is a movement from isolated non-interference to aggressive involvement. One notices that missionaries are a part of the local churches working in full partnership,

a good spirit for a new era! Discussions on relative matters were free and frank.

## PEACE CORPS IN CAMEROON

The fact that convention and mission officers were housed in a single secretariat helped to boost the prestige of our budding churches. After five years, it was my impression that missionaries are trying hard to adapt to the simplicity of our African situation. A missionary lady carried her baby on her back African style. Homes are simply furnished as the average, well-to-do African home. Certainly, this must be a sacrifice by comparative American standards, but it is doubly worth it.

The Peace Corps in Cameroon is a mission. Let nobody count it out! Peace Corps members attend our churches regularly. Their services in our schools are as selfless as those of others. They make friends easily and live among the people, demonstrating the spirit of friendship. On the whole, reports of their work have been more than favorable. A Catholic priest said to me in confidence: "They have done well; they were well selected." Perhaps one need change the narrowness of the American people as to the place of voluntary non-church affiliated agencies in Africa. I may say, with deep humility, that this is a triumph for Dr. Paul Gebauer and the Athens, Ohio group.

What of the future? Will the church in Africa still welcome missionaries? Africans do not press for the expulsion of non-Africans. They do not press for the creation of an isolated Black State. What most people want is a rediscovery of the African personality, an assurance of self-respect, and the right to participate fully in the development of our new nation. This is the spirit of the age!

## ORDINATION OF FLAVIUS MARTIN

Mr. Flavius Martin of Victoria, Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa was ordained into the Christian ministry at a very impressive service held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Victoria on Sunday morning, August 2, 1964. The ordination program of 27 numbers lasted for hours in which four NAB missionaries took part. National Christian leaders who participated were: Rev. M. B. Nji offering the prayer; Rev. S. N. Nteff bringing the charge to the church; Rev. J. N.

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**BAPTIST HERALD**

# Our Newest Church Extension Project

*In Enid, Oklahoma with a population of 46,000, of whom 30,000 are not in any church, and after a canvass made by 40 NAB volunteers from neighboring churches, a new Extension project has been started. Church Extension Builders will give toward this promising work and church in November 1964.*

By Rev. Wesley A. Gerber of Enid, Oklahoma, Church Extension Pastor

**E**NIID, OKLAHOMA was founded in 1893 with the opening of the Cherokee Strip. It has grown steadily to where it is now the largest city in the northwest area of Oklahoma. Enid with its population of 46,000 is a rapidly growing city with at least 25 families moving into the city per week.

Agriculture, oil and manufacturing are the three major industries. Enid is at the center of the wheat belt with the nation's third largest wheat storage point here. Manufacturing of steel fabrications, bricks, clothing and foundry products all speak for its phenomenal growth, for through such industry thousands of people are employed. In addition, Vance Air Force Base operates out of Enid, and both Air Force and civilian installations are in the Air Training Command of jet pilots.

## SUPPORT OF SISTER CHURCHES

With this background of a city's growth, one is also made conscious of this city's tremendous spiritual needs. We have been told that this city of 46,000 has only 16,000 people who have their names on church roles or who are active in some church program. With nearly two-thirds of the population not in any church at all, the challenge to meet the spiritual needs of these people is tremendous. Enid has 73 churches representing 25 different denominations. Our aim is certainly not just to have another church here, but to minister to our people who are moving to Enid, and to interest people in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he might become their Savior.

The North American Baptist General Conference of churches in Oklahoma for some years has been interested in a work here in Enid. Three of our sister churches lie in a radius of 50 miles from here. Thus many of the families from these areas have moved here seeking employment and a livelihood for their families. With these insights into the needs of a rapidly growing city and the challenge of Church Extension work, a Church Extension project is being formed in Enid.

Jesus, in speaking to his disciples regarding their relationship to him and the work of the Kingdom, said: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain..." (John 15:16). This verse has spoken very forcibly to us in recent months

as we were confronted with Church Extension work. For months we have been conscious of the needs that exist, the challenge that this type of work presents, the shortage of pastors for this type of work, and yet we dismissed it from our minds because we enjoyed the work of an established church.

Somehow the Spirit of God continued to work, and as we prayed about it, and as the challenge kept coming up before our minds, and as the Word of God gave instruction, through our yielding we felt real peace and joy in accepting the call of Church Extension to Enid.

## FIRST AREA CANVASS

The enthusiasm of the Oklahoma Association of churches for Church Extension work has been a real source of inspiration and encouragement. On a Tuesday night in September, 40 volunteers from the Oklahoma churches came to Enid and helped us on an area survey. We first met for a pot luck fellowship supper at 5:30 P.M., and then spent over an hour canvassing a 50 square block area. When the survey had been completed, we met for the purpose of discussing our canvass.

The spirit of these churches is for Church Extension work in Oklahoma, and they want it now! The enthusiasm that is evident is supported by prayer, financial support and interest. So great is this interest that the pastors have committed themselves to the giving of a family or two each Sunday to attend our services here in Enid. As the Church Extension pastor, I appreciate this sacrifice on their part. I think we are agreed that it takes people to attract people. We should have six to eight families each week from our sister churches for this purpose.

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Even before we officially started, a number of people have come asking about the new work in Enid. When will you get started? With our numerous contacts already through the business world, many have wished us well, and do speak of a further need for more churches in Enid.

## SERVICES IN SCHOOL BUILDING

Several weeks ago while in Enid looking for a house, we were also concerned for a meeting place. In the general area, where we have been interested, is a Junior High School. There we contacted the principal of the school and his feeling was negative, because, as he said, "The school board has a policy that no organization can have use of school facilities in the city of Enid." This did not satisfy us, so we made contact with the superintendent of schools. The school board then came up with a proposal that the North American Baptist Conference may have use of the Hoover Grade School for their Sunday morning worship services. This school is very ideally located in the area which we surveyed and seems very definitely to be another answer to prayer.

We believe that God will continue to go before us, opening doors as the needs arise. Because of the opportunities that have been afforded, and the response that has been made to these open doors, we do wait upon God's Spirit to give direction.

## RETURN TO AFRICA FLAVIUS MARTIN

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Nfor giving him the hand of fellowship into the Baptist ministry; and Makaka Williams presenting him with the Bible. Missionary G. Ben Lawrence, who is now home on furlough, brought the ordination sermon.

This was the first time in a quarter of a century that the Ebenezer Church of Victoria was able to witness the ordination of a young man whose ancestors in the city of Victoria were staunch Baptist Christians. This left a profound impression on the hundreds of people who were present. Flavius Martin studied in the United States at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and at several colleges and universities in the States from 1959 to 1964.



# A General Conference Commentary

Observations about the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., by Mr. Ernest A. Kahe of Forest Park, Illinois who with his wife attended a General Conference for the first time.

THERE IS NO dictionary on earth that has words adequate enough to describe a religious conference such as our 34th General Conference at Sacramento, Calif. One has to be there to experience it. My first thought was always the same: I look over the audience and see 1000 or more people whom I have never seen before in my life. But then all at once I realize that they are my brothers and sisters and that we all belong together. I met people, well known to me by their names only; some through the "Baptist Herald," some through their work in different mission fields, and some through their outstanding work within the United States.

## WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIP

I would like to mention, first of all, Rev. W. S. Argow, our senior minister. He is a tall upright gentleman at the "young" age of 90. He is a Baptist minister of the old school, sincere, understanding, and full of compassion. His grandfather was baptized by J. G. Oncken, and his father by Koebner. After one talks with him, one is left with a very elated feeling. Dr. J. W. Bradbury from New York was also there. He is a small man with wavy hair, but he has a forceful voice and penetrating light-blue eyes. Rev. H. Palfenier delighted us with his sharp and witty but well meant humor. Prof. Edward Link from Alberta, Canada has a wonderful singing voice and a great ability as a song leader.

Brother Edward Marklein, our very talented moderator, is a banker from New Jersey. He has a very easy go-

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ing and, at times, very humorous attitude. Not to be forgotten was my pleasant conversation with Mr. H. H. Stabbert, an insurance broker from Anaheim, California. He is the past president of our Baptist Men and a very remarkable gentleman. Mrs. Stabbert is a sister of Mrs. Irma Grosser (nee Schroeder). Dr. Herbert Pankratze gave us several organ concerts, masterfully played.

## INSPIRING MUSIC

Now I would like to mention something very close to my heart, namely, the choirs. The excellent Mass Choir, consisting of members of all the Sacramento and nearby churches, well schooled and with excellent voices and the Ladies' Choir, sang a combination of hymns for us, also the Men's Choir with their vibrant and resonant voices added to the glory of the Conference days.

The informal comradeship, the togetherness of all our people, and the numerous testimonies and inspiring sermons gave me a deep insight into



MR. HERBERT H. STABBERT  
of Anaheim, California,  
General Conference Vice-moderator,  
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God's mysterious and guiding ways. As one walked into the auditorium in Sacramento, one immediately felt welcome and at home.

It was a privilege to see the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, one of our most modern church buildings. The pure, Christian love of our people at the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim was heartwarming. This was on the Post-Convention Tour.

All of these experiences put together make a glorious conference and, as I have said before, one has to be present to understand fully the true meaning of a Baptist Conference. In conclusion, I would like to say that I bless the day my wife, Ruth, and I decided to attend the 34th General Baptist Conference in beautiful Sacramento, California.



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS AT SUTTER'S FORT

On Wednesday afternoon, July 15, many General Conference visitors went to the historic Sutter's Fort in Sacramento to learn more of the fascinating history of the Gold Rush Days in California more than a century ago with the discovery of gold.



• On Sunday, July 19, Rev. and Mrs. John Hise held open house in the newly redecorated parsonage at Parkston, S. Dak. About 125 people attended the open house festivities from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Refreshments were served by LaDonna Voigt and Janet Lippert. Mr. Hise is pastor of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches.

• Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, formerly an NAB pastor, has begun his ministry as chaplain at Hollidaysburg State Hospital in Pennsylvania. He and his wife are located about 50 miles from the Munson Church of the denomination. His new address is 513 Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

• On Sept. 17 and 18 the Colorado-Nebraska Association held its annual sessions at the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebr. with Rev. Paul Zoschke serving as the moderator. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, served as guest speaker and brought the evening messages. The Association theme was "Christians and Worship" based on the text of Psalm 96:9.

• The Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, La., has extended a call to Rev. Eleon L. Sandau of Randolph, Minn., pastor of the Baptist Church there since 1959. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Louisiana church on Dec. 1st, succeeding Rev. Alex Sootzmann, now of Ochre River, Manitoba.

• The Baptist Church of Burstall, Sask., has voted to dissolve as a church and to turn over all assets, including all monies of the church and Sunday school treasuries, to the denomination. Mr. Henry Winter has been serving as the church clerk. The church has been without a minister for quite a number of years.

• Word has been received that Rev. James W. Knauf, a son of the late Rev. W. W. Knauf and Mrs. Knauf, was recently inducted into his new position as the Minister to Youth at the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. He was welcomed into the fellowship and ministry of this church of the American Baptist Convention on Sunday, Sept. 20.

• The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., has extended a call to Mr. Allan Kranz of Killaloe, Ontario, a 1964 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, to serve as its director of Christian education and youth activities. He has responded favorably to the call and began his ministry in October. Rev. S. Donald Gantstrom is the pastor of the Calvary Church in Tacoma.

• On Sunday, August 2, guests at the Baptist Church of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., were Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert who have just returned to the United States for their furlough from another term of missionary service in Okene, Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission. Mr. Tobert spoke in

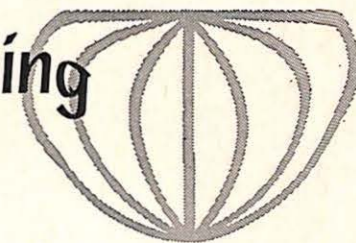
the evening service. They are related to Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of the Bloomfield Hills Church. Mrs. Tobert is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

• The Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Reinhold Kerstan of Winnipeg, Manitoba, pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church since 1962. He has accepted the call and announced

est Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the Sunday services. Rev. Herbert Vetter, pastor, has announced that the church served as host to the annual Northwest Association at its session, Oct. 15 to 18.

• Miss Ruby Salzman and Miss Ernestina Schmidt, Cameroon missionaries, left Africa in September for Kankakee, Ill., and for Calgary, Alberta, respectively for their furlough. They visited the Holy Land on their trip

## what's happening



that he would begin his ministry in the Milwaukee church in January 1965, succeeding Rev. John Goetze, now of Hamilton, Ontario. Mr. Kerstan will be in charge of the 75th anniversary festivities at the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg from October 22 to 25.

• On August 18 ground breaking exercises were held for the new \$230,000 building of the Baptist Home of the Dakota Conference at Bismarck, N. Dak. This new building will provide for 20 self-contained units to be known as Retirement Apartments for couples. Rev. Alfred Weisser, administrator of the Home; Rev. Orville Meth, president of the Board; and Rev. Jacob Ehman, program chairman, took part in the proceedings. With the completion of these Retirement Apartments, the Home will have a total capacity of more than 200 guests.

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 13, with well attended services, special selections by the choir directed by Mrs. Jane Schmutz, and an offering of \$2,333 for NAB missions. The morning services of the church are now broadcast over the Missoula radio station KGMV. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of For-

Africa. By the time that this issue goes to press, both of these missionaries should have arrived in America. Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, Cameroon missionary nurse, will leave Africa for her furlough at the end of October. Her home is in Watertown, Wis. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer will be coming home to Michigan in December on their furlough.

• The Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20, with the services of the day. Offerings of \$1,313.55 for NAB missions were received, as reported by Rev. Orville Meth, shown Missionary pictures were also held on by Dr. Leuschner at a service Church Friday evening, Sept. 18. On Thursday a complimentary dinner and program for all the public school teachers of the community with more than 100 teachers, their families, and Baptist Church leaders present. Dr. Leuschner was also the guest speaker at this occasion.

• A distinguished guest speaker at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. from Oct. 6 to 8 was Dr. Wm. B. Lippard of New York, N. Y., for more than 50 years the editor of "Missions" magazine. One of his books also became the 20,000th volume to be catalogued in the Seminary library. Dr. Lippard's autobiography, "Fifty Years an Editor," is the author of his best seller autobiographical book, "Fifty Years an Editor." The topics of his addresses on these successive days were "Christian World Mission of Today," "The World Fellowship of Baptists" and "The High Cost of Interdenominationalism." Dr. Lippard is a son of a former evangelist of the NAB denomination, Rev. William Lippard.

## OPENING DOORS IN JAPAN

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# From the Professor's Desk

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

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

From time to time through this column, you will be hearing from "old acquaintances" as well as from the "new members" in our denominational Woman's Missionary Union. We have the privilege of having a past president tell us what our new triennial theme means to her. Welcome to this "WE THE WOMEN" column again, Freda Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota!

## COME SEE... GO QUICKLY!

By Mrs. Freda Reddig

These words, recorded in Matthew 28:6 and 7, were spoken specifically to women by no less a personage than a radiant angel himself. To the grief-stricken Mary and Mary Magdalene, these words brought proof positive that their Lord had risen from the dead and was living once again. Their sorrow was instantly turned to unbounded joy. They hardly needed the admonition to "go quickly" to tell the good news to the disciples and their friends. They sped away immediately. Their feet literally had wings.

Today you and I have the same good news to tell others, and we need to "go quickly" to speed us on our way. Going quickly implies urgency, enthusiasm, interest and joy. Those of our women, for example, who attended the Sacramento Conference came away with an inspiration that will long live in their hearts. Telling of it to those at home set those messages heard echoing and re-echoing in many other hearts. One enthusiastic woman who went "quickly" lit the torch of interest in dozens of others. Such enthusiasm will most assuredly bear fruit in greater achievements in the new triennium.

The "Go Quickly" of the radiant angel can be applied to so many areas of our Christian living. How often we have the impulse to do something worthwhile for others, but because we do not heed that impulse immediately it dies within us. That sick friend is never visited, the unhappy neighbor never cheered by a friendly call, or the discouraged one never lifted up with a word of help. We all have it within our power to brighten someone's day—lighten another's load. Do we go quickly on these errands of mercy? By letting ourselves become hemmed in with our petty problems, our outreach is small indeed. We so easily lose the

Do you think the Second Vatican Council might have been a great propaganda scheme to win over many Protestants at least to a favorable attitude toward Roman Catholicism?

Whether this motive was uppermost, or to what degree it was present, the writer cannot say. Certainly the Roman Church is concerned about both keeping its own adherents and winning converts, including those from Protestantism. One bishop expressed the purpose of the Second Vatican Council as a sincere effort to "get the house in order with the expectation of company dropping in."

## CONCERN FOR A RENEWAL

At least one can rejoice in every sincere effort to "get the house (the church) in order," and there can be no doubt about the genuine concern and efforts expressed and exerted for the renewal of the Roman Catholic Church. Reference in this column has already been made to the spirit of humility and repentance expressed on the part of many of the Catholic clergy. They sincerely raise the question as to whether the purpose of the Church in the world is to rule or to serve. Affirming the latter, they emphasize the example of our Lord, whose glory was that of humble service, whose Kingdom is not of this world. Warning is sounded against pride and self-glorification.

This mood has been called "anti-triumphalism," and it is quite remarkable in light of the past claims of the Roman Catholic Church for itself. G. C. Berkouwer, author of the excellent books, *The Conflict With Rome* and *Recent Developments in Roman Catholic Thought*, says: "No one is able to predict what will come of it (the crusade against triumphalism and the desire for self-criticism and renewal)." Father Hans Kung contends that the Church will be worthy of belief only as it refuses to be an instrument of power and accepts its position as a servant. He insists that it must submit itself constantly to the criticism of the Lord, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to serve." It has no right to demand unconditional surrender and return to Rome as the one true Church which

radiance, the joy, and zest for living that marks the growing, glowing Christian.

Next time a noble impulse flits across your mind, obey it—quickly! Your life will be the richer. The Lord's work is done best by those who obey—who go QUICKLY.

only has the keys of the Kingdom.

Even if this spirit might represent the feeling of a minority within Catholicism, it does represent a very influential and vigorous conviction. One could earnestly pray that it may become a mighty ground swell within Romanism.

While not doubting the sincerity of such a humble and penitent attitude, it should be observed that it is a part of the total effort to make the Church relevant to contemporary society. Being asked to explain his purpose for calling the Council, Pope John opened a window and said, "To let some fresh air into the Church." Outdated medievalisms must be discarded in order to spearhead a new approach for a new age and a newly emerging world.

## YOUR ATTITUDE OF INTEREST

Whatever changes there may be in attitude, approach, organization or structure, no one should expect any new doctrinal pronouncements. The pope will continue to be infallible and will be the supreme and final authority in the Church. Even though the bishops have been delegated certain new authority to the effect that henceforth the Church will be ruled by the college of bishops, it will always work in cooperation with and never contradictory to its head, the pope.

Last year Pope Paul, speaking of Catholic motives for unity with other Christians, said, "Our manner of speaking toward them is friendly, completely sincere and loyal. We lay no snares; we are not motivated by temporal interests." At the same time, he acknowledged the "enormous difficulties still in the way of the desired union." Catholics are not at all unaware of the great distance that separates them from the rest of the Christian world.

The writer cannot help but be impressed favorably with the many indications of new life and the genuine desire for renewal in the Catholic Church, particularly among the clergy. He would suggest an attitude of interest in order to understand what is going on within Catholicism; an attitude of prayerful concern that God may accomplish all of his will for Catholic people around the world ("With God all things are possible" Matt. 19:26); an attitude of caution and discernment in order not to be naive or foolish. Meanwhile, we are under commission to bear witness to the saving grace and power of Jesus Christ as our living, victorious Savior in order that we may win people through his saving Gospel.

## STATISTICS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1964 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Teachers & Officers	W. M. U. Societies	W. M. U. Members	C. B. Y. F. Societies	C. B. Y. F. Members
Atlantic	23	108	3836	23	2837	361	33	744	28	437
Central	39	380	10031	41	9384	1187	63	2099	70	1208
Dakota	65	252	7753	65	7641	1254	79	1661	99	1539
Eastern	23	135	3133	24	2418	337	29	731	24	473
Northern	60	278	8099	64	8291	1231	69	1696	64	1439
Northwestern	38	250	6838	38	5497	774	59	1805	68	1093
Pacific	45	462	10012	45	9845	1356	60	2047	79	1624
Southern	10	11	805	10	717	136	9	143	8	229
Southwestern	24	98	2541	27	2632	495	35	726	32	393
Total	327	1974	53346	337	49262	7131	436	11652	472	8435
Total Last Year	325	1898	52625	322	49348	6922	412	11798	468	8927
Total Increase	2	76	721	15		209	24		4	
Total Decrease					86			146		492

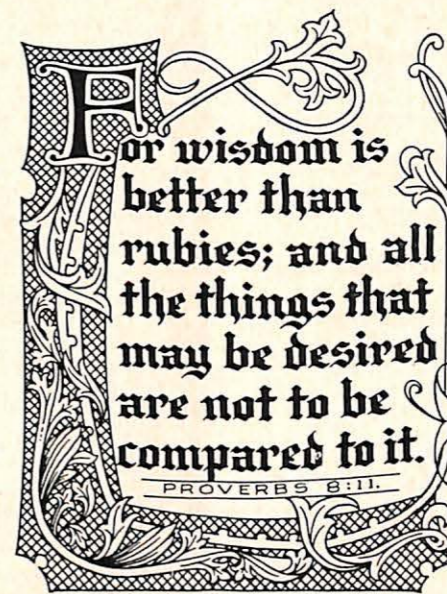
## DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS

Statistics tell the important story of our attainments and setbacks as North American Baptists during the past year. As such, they reveal interesting trends in our spiritual ministry and witness and suggest the story where we are going. A study of the statistical tables on this page will be both an encouraging and sobering experience for you.

## MEMBERSHIP—53,346

There has been a slow but steady increase in all departments of our Christian service. Baptisms during the past year are slightly higher than in the previous years, and our church membership as the North American Baptist General Conference has reached a new high total of 53,346. But it must be noted rather sadly that with almost 2,000 baptisms, there is still only a net increase of 721 new members during the year.

Six new churches were officially welcomed into the Conference during the past year giving us now a total number of 327 churches. The new churches are as follows: Littleton Church, Parsippany, N. J.; Missionary Baptist, Cleveland, Ohio; Meadowlark Church,



Edmonton, Alberta; Benke Memorial Church (Indian), Alberta; Lincoln Village Church, Sacramento, Calif.; and Westbrook Church, Santa Ana, Calif.

## PER CAPITA GIVING—\$120.29

The total giving of our people for

local purposes and for all missions amounted to \$6,330,053.49. This represents per capita giving of \$120.29. This compares favorably with the statistics of a year ago. One of the interesting and heartening things to note is that our church people gave \$21,661.16 more for NAB missions and at the same time gave \$20,339.94 less for "other than NAB missions." It can be stated that the faithfulness of our people to God's Kingdom work and to the support of our own mission fields, entrusted to us, has been most commendable.

There seems to be a trend in less building and expansion on the local field. For local building fund purposes there was a decrease of \$90,976.55. It would be wonderful if this could be reflected in a similar increase in missionary giving but this was not altogether the case.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

Study these denominational statistics prayerfully in the light of what God expects of us as his stewards and also in keeping with the goals of missionary and spiritual advance which we have set before ourselves. Even these statistics can be a thought provoking sermon for you!

## CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1964 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	For local Church Operating Expenses	For Local Building Fund Expenses	Total for Local Field	For N.A.B. Missions & Benevolent	For Local Conference Missions	Total for All N.A.B. Missions	For other than N.A.B. Missions	Total for All Mission Purposes	Total for All Purposes
Atlantic	\$ 235,169.00	\$ 102,173.00	\$ 337,342.00	\$ 31,547.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 32,632.00	\$ 55,624.00	\$ 88,256.00	\$ 425,598.00
Central	782,853.64	342,862.89	1,125,716.53	201,497.12	15,932.91	217,430.03	89,013.28	306,443.31	1,432,159.84
Dakota	459,031.92	185,775.35	644,807.27	130,223.39	10,507.15	140,730.54	10,886.81	151,617.35	796,424.62
Eastern	166,108.63	90,796.37	256,905.00	31,066.06	8,913.02	39,979.08	12,281.76	52,260.84	309,165.84
Northern	461,060.18	240,176.02	701,236.20	141,557.82	21,723.11	163,280.93	28,583.68	191,864.61	893,100.81
Northwestern	388,910.68	181,716.14	570,626.82	107,848.82	13,212.12	121,060.94	57,328.82	178,389.62	749,016.44
Pacific	653,486.00	481,634.45	1,135,120.45	181,364.78	30,960.75	212,325.53	38,710.86	251,036.39	1,386,156.85
Southern	43,489.86	7,297.77	50,787.63	11,255.40	1,510.84	12,766.24	1,983.94	14,750.18	65,537.81
Southwestern	163,424.88	29,040.76	192,465.64	73,831.92	3,735.76	77,567.68	2,859.97	80,427.65	272,893.29
Totals	\$3,353,534.79	\$1,661,472.75	\$5,015,007.54	\$910,192.31	\$107,580.66	\$1,017,772.97	\$297,272.98	\$1,315,045.95	\$6,330,053.49
Last Year	3,263,738.37	1,752,449.30	5,016,187.67	863,385.59	132,627.22	996,111.81	317,622.92	1,313,734.73	6,329,922.40
Total Increase	89,796.42			46,806.72		21,661.16		1,311.22	131.09
Total Decrease		90,976.55	1,180.13		25,446.56		20,349.94		



# sunday school lessons

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 1, 1964

Theme: STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS

Scripture: I Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** A three-fold question: Do my possessions possess me? Do I possess my possessions? Does Christ possess me and my possessions?

**INTRODUCTION:** Those who can give their wholehearted approval to the last question have the full blessing of God upon their lives. When Christ possesses the heart, then it is a joy to repeat the words of Jesus: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

But people generally do not like to be told what to do with what they choose to call their personal possessions. Many believe that this is their private business, and they wish to have the privilege of attending to their own affairs in their own way.

Jesus had much to say about money and possessions because he realized how dangerous it was to the spiritual and eternal welfare of each and every one of us. There has always been a perverted sense of values in which possessions have repeatedly outweighed the soul. Few people realize that in the sight of Jesus Christ one soul outweighs the world and everything in it.

### I. CONTENTMENT AND POSSESSIONS. I Timothy 6:6-8.

The thought of contentment is brought out a number of times in the New Testament. Paul, writing to the Philippians, (4:11), said: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therein to be content." It was not something that came naturally to him without some effort on his part. To lie inactive in prison was not easy; to be beaten and stoned was not a pleasant experience; a number of shipwrecks was not tranquilizing to the nervous system. But by the grace of God Paul learned to be content in the midst of the most unfavorable circumstances.

### II. THE DANGER OF POSSESSIONS. I Timothy 6:9-12.

The apostle does not say that those who are rich fall into temptation and a snare, but those who set their hearts on being wealthy and have no other aim in life. Their aim is to seek riches—not the will of God. In their passion to get wealth they fall into "easy" money making schemes and develop sinful desires and lusts which

ultimately ruin and destroy their lives as well as their souls.

Many good things can be done with money if it is used unselfishly. There are many saints among the rich and many sinners among the poor. Poverty does not lead to piety nor do riches indicate that you have the blessing of God.

### III. THE RIGHT USE OF POSSESSIONS. I Timothy 6:17-19.

To give such a charge to wealthy and influential Christians was not an easy assignment for young Timothy. It is never an easy task for any young and inexperienced pastor to speak with such authority. Nevertheless the minister is responsible for proclaiming the whole counsel of God to rich or poor, to educated and uneducated, to young and old. Rich people can only become richer by being rich in good works.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is it so difficult for those who have too much to share with those who have too little?
2. Discuss some of the sins of the rich and compare them with the sins of the poor?
3. If we are stewards of the Gospel should we not also be stewards of our possessions?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 8, 1964

Theme: AN UNASHAMED WITNESS

Scripture: Psalms 27:1-3, 7-14

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** In the stewardship of money we share our possessions, but in the stewardship of life we share our selves.

**INTRODUCTION:** Last week the lesson was centered around stewardship and the Christian attitude toward possessions. This week an even more important truth is emphasized. It concerns the stewardship of life and the wholehearted giving of ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. This includes not only the giving of ourselves in personal devotion but the giving of ourselves in witnessing to others.

This kind of witnessing is not always easy because it is no simple matter to express our life to the world. All too often we live within the confines of our four walls in our home because we cherish our privacy. But we also build walls around our hearts and minds and do not let many people enter there.

Paul's life was remarkable because he was not ashamed to expose his life to the world. He did it through a spiri-

tual X-ray so that all could see clearly what he looked like on the inside. His testimony was true because his life was true.

### I. WITNESSING WITH POWER. II Timothy 2:6-7.

Paul advised Timothy to stir up his God-given gift. He was not to turn down the flame, but to rekindle it so that it may burn brighter. The church needed enthusiasm and vigorous leadership and it could only be done through continuous effort, faith, prayer and diligent study.

This was no time for timidity. God needed men of courage. Jesus' last words to his disciples were, "and ye shall receive power." This was what the young pastor was to remember. By using the sound mind which God had given him he would be able to exercise good common sense in all areas of the work.

### II. WITNESSING IN SUFFERING. II Timothy 2:8-12.

To testify to the sufferings of Christ and of his saints is often easy until we find ourselves in circumstances in which we too must suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Paul urged Timothy to bear his suffering manfully for he might one day suffer the same fate for the sake of Christ. Faith makes all the difference. Paul's faith was unshakable and his surrender complete. In this particular instance he is not saying that he has faith in *what* he believed, but in *whom* he believed. His trust is in a person, Jesus Christ. His faith was proved by experience and he is now ready for anything, even death.

### III. WITNESSING IN TRUTH. II Timothy 2:13-14.

A strong and true witness must hold fast to the sound doctrine. Not only must he experience the saving faith of Christ in his heart and life but he must learn how to express that faith so that others may be able to understand it and accept it. Witnessing pays the best dividends and this is what God expects of us. No reasonable excuse can be found for not witnessing if Christ has really saved us and if our lives are overflowing with his abundant blessings.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. If Paul could witness fearlessly from prison, why should it be so difficult for us to witness from the comfort of our homes?
2. How can we overcome timidity and fear in order to be more effective witnesses?



# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C.** The children of the Sunday school of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, show a keen interest in the Scripture memorization program of our denomination. This year there were 26 pins awarded. Two of our students, Carol Speltzer and William Badke, received the Grand Award prize. They had successfully completed the nine year course. (Mrs. Edith Hoffman, Sponsor).

**CENTRAL, GEORGE, IOWA.** On Aug. 8th the C. B. Y. F. of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa sponsored a program at which time the Melody Quartet of the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa presented a sacred concert. This quartet consists of four boys ranging in ages from 13 to 16. Their pastor, Rev. B. Fritzke joined them in some of the numbers and Mrs. Fritzke accompanied them at the piano. The boys also gave their testimonies. To witness a pastor and his wife joining these boys in this work and listening to the singing was a real inspiration to everyone. The offering received will be used for the Iowa C. B. Y. F. Mission Project. (Julia Oltmann, Reporter).

**CORN, OKLA.** The Commissioned Baptist Fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Oklahoma has been busy this summer. Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lepke and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Unger, they have been striving diligently to become more convincing witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. Twenty-five of our group enjoyed a week-end in July at Six Flags Over Texas, an educational amusement park near Fort Worth, Texas, and 27 of our young people were blessed and inspired by an August week-end retreat at Red Rock Canyon State Park in Oklahoma. As a follow-up to this retreat, our young people have organized a Wednesday evening class on Christian witnessing. We pray that these young people may continue with such dedication in order to become the tremendous Christian leaders we will sorely need in the future. (Mrs. Gary Reimer, Reporter).

**STARTUP, WASH.** Sunday, Aug. 9 was a memorable day for the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., when we held the dedication of our new parsonage. "To God be the Glory" was the title of the message brought by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Pacific District secretary. Rev. R. E. Grabke from the Cypress Church led in the responsive reading and prayer. The choir sang a number. Mrs. Mary Schalo from the front room



Carol Speltzer and William Badke, Grand Award winners in Scripture memorization of the Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C.

window sang "Bless this House." Mr. Jake Keck, one of our deacons, cut the ribbon. The pastor and his family entered to stop at the doorway and extended a hearty welcome to all. Friends attended from our guest churches: Calvary Church and Portland Avenue Church of Tacoma; Cypress Baptist of Alderwood Manor and Sierra Heights of Renton. (Mrs. Lester Alberg, Reporter).

**BROOK PARK, MINNEAPOLIS.** The Brook Park Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted a Vacation Bible School from August 3 to 13. There were 84 children enrolled of whom 36 had perfect attendance. There were 15 faithful teachers and helpers on the staff. "Around the World With Christ" was the theme. The mission offering of \$53.81 was used for the church's building project. Recently the Ladies' Philathia Society went on a tour of Midway Hospital in St. Paul. This is one of our Twin City Baptist hospitals. Mr. Dale Rott, a 1958 graduate of our seminary, and presently an instructor at Bethel College in Speech and Dramatics, is the supply pastor of our church, succeeding Rev. Adam Huber. We of Brook



The newly dedicated parsonage of the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., in which Rev. and Mrs. Robert R. Hoffman and family are the first occupants.

Park Church earnestly request the prayers of the people of our denomination in the selection of a full-time pastor. (Mrs. Robert C. Schmidt, Asst. Clerk).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

**TEMPLE, CALGARY, ALTA.** The Temple Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., conducted a one week Vacation Bible School, August 17 to 21. Miss Eunice Kern was the director, assisted by Rev. C. T. Remple, with 18 teachers and helpers. A total of 124 pupils was enrolled. Average attendance was 116. The theme was "Making Time Count for Christ." The week was climaxed with a program on Friday evening with a wonderful attendance of parents and friends. Display of pupils' workbooks and handcrafts was in the lower auditorium. (Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter).

**MCDERMOT, WINNIPEG.** A Vacation Bible School was held at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., during the latter part of August with Mr. Hans Rogalske in charge. The children presented a fine program to a large audience on a Sunday evening. The Beginners brought songs and Bible verses around the theme, "The Creation." The Primary children repeated their memory verses and sang songs. The Juniors covered "Bible Heroes." Enrollment was 167 with an average attendance of 126 and with 82 pupils who had perfect attendance. Kenneth Campbell received the prize for bringing 8 new scholars. The mission offering amounted to \$38. A total of 32 teachers gave their time and prayers to make this Bible School a success. (Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter).

**CARBON, ALTA.** To emphasize the theme, "Around the World With Christ," the song, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" was learned by the 109 children who attended and 26 teachers who taught during the Carbon Community Vacation Bible School, Carbon, Alberta, July 20-24. The children contributed \$68 toward the World Vision Organization. The week was climaxed with a closing program and display of handcrafts on Friday evening. Since this is a community effort, the expenses that are not met at the closing program offering are pro-rated and then paid by the Baptist, United and Anglican Sunday schools. Since we, the Baptists, are by far the larger majority, we praise God for this avenue of service in conducting the school. (Estella Reich, Director).

**RACINE, WISC.** Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisc., is extremely grateful to God for the very successful Vacation Bible School, held August 10



to 21, under the leadership of Pastor Herbert Berndt. The theme, "The Promised Savior," revealed to the children, ages 4 through 14, how God promised a Savior beginning in Genesis of the Bible, and took them through the Bible showing them many of his other promises, including his coming again. A "Flying Saucer" contest encouraged the children to become "fishers of boys and girls," resulting in a record-breaking enrollment, including staff members, of 267 persons. The integration of Spanish-American, Negro and white pupils, as well as staff members, proved to be a real blessing, making the daily missionary emphasis by Pastor Berndt even more meaningful. The daily offerings were received for the Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, our Spanish-American missionaries in Colorado. Teenagers were in abundance, either as teachers, helpers, or learners. The Teeners Class proved helpful also to Pastor Berndt throughout the two weeks by performing many small but necessary tasks, and they also made their own visual aids for their part of the closing program. (Mrs. Arthur Hilker, Reporter).

**FAITH, REGINA, SASK.** A Vacation Bible School with the theme, "Around the World with Christ," was held at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., from Aug. 10 to 21. Rev. H. Pfeifer, pastor, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Reed directed the 23 teachers and assistants. The average attendance for the two weeks was 118. The daily offerings amounting to \$54 were designated for the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in Africa. On Friday evening, Aug. 21, every department had a part in presenting a fine program to over 200 people. An offering of \$72.10 was received to help defray expenses. Handwork was later displayed in the lower auditorium. (Mrs. Lester Kuehl, Reporter).



**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH LEADERS, REGINA, SASK.**  
Members of the teaching staff of the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan.

## evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. E. H. Nikkel, (left), pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., and six young people whom he recently baptized.

**TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C.** August 9th marked another day of rejoicing for the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., as we again gathered on the shore of Okanagan Lake at the Green Bay Baptist Camp for a baptismal service. Rev. Fred Pahl of Springside, Sask., and Rev. Ben Heppner of Guadalupe, French West Indies were the guest speakers that afternoon. The baptismal candidates (shown in the picture, right to left) are: Dwight Holmberg, Lorraine Bredin, Janice Smuland, Luan Busch, Joyce Smuland, and Barbara Jaster; with our pastor, Rev. E. H. Nikkel officiating. These candidates, along with Mrs. Rueben Radomske, received

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the hand of fellowship into the church at the evening service. (Rose Leschert, Reporter).

**IMMANUEL, WOODSIDE, N. Y.** Following the wonderful evangelistic meetings by Rev. William Hoover of Anaheim, Calif., in March, two baptismal services were held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Woodside, N. Y. on May 30 and June 7 when 13 persons were baptized by Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, and nine others were received into the church's fellowship by



Rev. A. Husmann of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., baptizes a police officer on confession of his faith in Christ who was followed by his entire family in the baptismal waters.

letter and confession of faith, making a total of 22 new members. Six of the newly baptized included the family of a police officer, and were part of the first fruits in our new neighborhood. As an expression of their thankfulness, the newly saved family invited the entire congregation for a fellowship hour with refreshments at the end of the Communion Service. We praise the Lord for those days of inspiration and rejoicing (Robert F. Herzog, Reporter).

**ALPENA, MICH.** Following a recent Sunday morning service at the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., the congregation took their lunch with them and enjoyed dinner on the grounds of the Wm. Pollards of our church. Choruses were

sung and an impressive baptismal service was held in the waters of Lake Huron behind the Pollard home. The baptismal candidates were John Schwenke, Harvey Klann, a brother of Pastor Klann, and Ivan Saddler. (Mrs. Don Liske, Reporter).



Rev. Norman Klann (left) of the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan and three baptismal candidates.

**PLEVNA, MONT.** We of the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, rejoiced with John and Lorene Buerkle, their sons, Lorin, Dale, and Vernie and Mrs. Emil Sieler, her family, Loretta, Emil, Thomas and Lanette, who on Sunday, August 23, stepped into the baptismal waters bearing testimony of their salvation in Christ. They, together with Mr. Sieler, were extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf. "Making Time Count For Christ" was our theme for Vacation Bible School when 55 students enrolled for one week of morning and afternoon school. Fourteen teachers directed their studies. Eight young people completed the 9 year Scripture Memorization Course in May. They were presented the grand award for their accomplishment by Mrs. Walter Hockhalter, their sponsor. The Choir, consisting of 34 voices and under the direction of Mrs. Edward Kopf, presented their annual concert, "Songs About Jesus," on Sunday, Sept. 12. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wilmer Huber. (Ruth Sieler, Reporter).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.** The Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Mich., on August 7 concluded two weeks of Vacation Bible School with a registration of 176 and an average daily attendance of 127. There were 16 teachers and 9 teen-age helpers. We thank the Lord for the well attended program on Thursday evening, August 6, and praise his Name for the 13 decisions that were made during Bible School. We were very thankful since this was our second Bible School organized and directed by our own people. Leslie Howell is the pastor. (Mrs. Lillian Herhuth, Director and Reporter).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**DURHAM, KANSAS.** After faithfully having been led for the past 4½ years by our pastor, Rev. Wesley Gerber, it was with deep regret that his resignation was accepted by the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas. Mr. Gerber has answered the call to the new Church Extension project in Enid, Okla. A service of dedication for the little children of the church was a part of the morning service on Aug. 31. An evening baptismal service for five young converts: Willabeth Meur, Susan Goertz, Marlene Unruh, James Hamm, and Curtis Frick, was observed at the Emanuel Church at Marion, Kans. on the same evening. Members of the church and friends gathered after the morning service, Sept. 6, for a farewell dinner in honor of the Gerbers. A lovely blanket was presented them from the church with our wishes for God's richest blessings in their new vineyard of service. (Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter).



Six Grand Award winners in Scripture Memorization at Plevna, Montana. Left to right: Peggy Huber, Sharon Haar, Sharon Opp, Marilyn Huber, Roger Fuchs, and Robert Burkle. Absent for the picture were Joan Bechtold and James Huber.

**PARKSTON, S. DAK.** After the Sunday evening worship services on Aug. 31 at the Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., a farewell program was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff who are moving to Ealem, Oregon. Albert Radel was in charge of the program which expressed words of appreciation for the devoted services that Mr. and Mrs. Mehlhaff and their daughter, Lois, rendered to our church during the past 14 years. Those who participated in the program were Albert Radel, for the Deacon Board; Leland Koth, for the Trustee Board; Mrs. Edwin Rieb, for the Woman's Missionary Union; Edwin Rieb, for the Sunday school; Sam Fuller, for the Men's Brotherhood; and Rev. John Hisel, for the church. A gift was presented to them from the church by Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff. A new church register will be placed in front of the church building in tribute to their services. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).

**KANKAKEE, ILL.** Rev. David Dracwell of Forest Park, Ill., denominational secretary of stewardship and higher education, was the guest speaker Sunday evening, Sept. 13, as Mr. Oliver Strong was installed as Christian Education director for Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill. His subject was "What Makes Christian Education Effective in the Local Church." Mr. Ronald Hayhurst sang a solo and there was congregational and choir singing. Participating in the service were the moderator, Gilbert Luhrs and the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber. Mrs. Leo Paccamonti, president of the Women's Missionary organization of the church, made a presentation in the form of a "Pantry Shower" to Mr. and Mrs. Strong, from the women. The deaconesses were in charge of refreshments, which were served at a table centered with an arrangement of apricot colored glads, leaves and cattails, also brown tapers. Mrs. George W. Salzman served the coffee and Mrs. Darwynne Pucek the punch. (Alice Luhrs, Reporter).

**CRESTON, NEB.** Mr. and Mrs. Herman Settje, Sr., of Creston, Neb., who have spent their entire married life in this community, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at the Creston Baptist Church. About 100 guests enjoyed a dinner served by the Dorcas Society, including the couple's eight children and their brothers and sisters. A program followed in the church sanctuary at which Rev. James Schacher, pastor, gave a brief message. Several of the grandchildren sang "Jesus Loves Me"; Sandra Scheffler and Mrs. Joe Odermatt sang a duet accompanied by



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Settje, Sr., of Creston Neb., at their golden wedding anniversary.

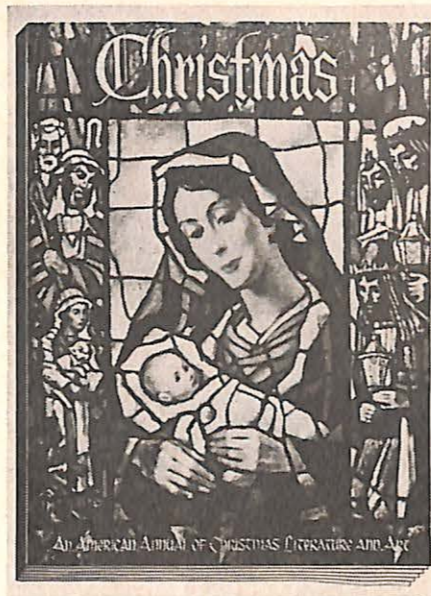
Carol Scheffler; Mrs. James Schaffer gave two readings; and Mrs. Wade Carpenter read a history of the couple. Children of the couple are: Wilbur of Norfolk; Clarence of Washougal, Wash.; Virgil of Milbank, S. Dak.; Herman Jr., Gene and Stanley of Creston; Mrs. Robert Fenhaus of Cor-



ona, S. Dak., and Mrs. Kenneth Schultze of Madison. (Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter).

**ST. CATHARINES, ONT.** With heavy hearts the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ontario bade farewell to their pastor, Rev. Alexander Hart, Mrs. Hart, and daughter, Dietlind. Mr. Hart had been the first pastor of this newly organized church and served for seven years. On Saturday evening, August 29, the members of the church held a special farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Hart and family, when they were presented with many beautiful gifts and honored by the church officers. Sunday, August 30, was highlighted by having the editor of "Der Sendbote," Rev. John E. Grygo, in our midst. In the afternoon the farewell service was held in the church, crowded to capacity with many pastors and members from nearby churches also present. Mr. Joseph Koch, senior deacon, served as chair-

Retreat held by the CBYF of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma, August 28-30 at Red Rock State Park near Hinton. There were 23 young people present for the Retreat. The theme was based upon Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." Our speakers were Dr. Richard Schilke, Mission Secretary from Forest Park, Ill.; and Mr. Jim Craddock, area director for Campus Crusade for Christ for the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. Our pastor, Rev. Lyle Wacker, led in our Bible study from I John. The mornings and evenings were set aside for Bible study and messages. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Unger and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leppke served as sponsors. Each of the young people returned home on Sunday afternoon knowing Christ in a more intimate way and willing to serve with their lives wherever God would lead them. (Carolyn Schmidt, Reporter).



**CHRISTMAS ANNUAL**

**MADONNA AND CHILD**—The Nativity scene is depicted in richly colorful, stained-glass effect by artist Edmund Koppitz for the cover of this year's **CHRISTMAS**, an American Annual for Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 34. The Annual, a collector's item in homes throughout America, is edited by Randolph E. Haugan, and published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Gift edition in envelope, \$1.50; Library cloth edition, \$3.50). Copies can be ordered from Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

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**CBY ACTIVITIES**

**CORN, OKLA.** "Made to Witness" was the theme of the week-end Youth

**Obituary**

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

**MR. LOUIS B. SPLITTER**  
of Lorraine, Kansas

Mr. Louis B. Splitter of Lorraine, Kansas was born on Oct. 1, 1881 on a farm near Lorraine and passed from this life on August 29, 1964, having attained the age of 82 years, 10 months and 28 days. He had been ill for a year and was hospitalized various times until his home going at the Ellinwood Hospital. As a young man, he was converted to faith in Jesus Christ and baptized by immersion by Rev. Robert Stracke. He became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine where he had been a faithful member for over 60 years. On Christmas Day 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kroesch, the daughter of Rev. William Kroesch and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Stracke.

During his earlier years he served as a trustee of the church, a board member of the Elevator Co-op, and a board member of the local public school. He leaves to cherish his memory his widow, Anna; a daughter, Mrs. Delmer Mehl of Bushton; 3 sons, Vernon of Lorraine; Dr. Stanford of Berkeley, Calif.; Dr. Earl, Silver Springs, Maryland; a sister, Mrs. Frances Kaaz of LaCrosse, Wis.; as well as 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church  
Lorraine, Kansas  
**EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor**

**MRS. FREDERICK BERKAN**  
of Southey, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Frederick Berkan, nee Martha Pekrul, of Southey, Sask., was born in Poland on May 11, 1893 to Rev. and Mrs. Julius Pekrul. Her parents brought the family to Canada where Rev. Julius Pekrul took up his pastoral duties at Lemberg, Sask. In his pastoral duties moved to Southey where 1906 the family moved to Southey where they helped to organize the Southey Baptist Church, became charter members of the same, with Rev. Julius Pekrul as its first pastor. Martha Pekrul, born and raised in the parsonage, came to know her Savior at an early age. She was baptized at about 15 years of age by her pastor-father in one of the nearby lakes.

On Feb. 3, 1912, she became Mrs. Fred Berkan and the Lord richly blessed the path that these two were privileged to walk together. Many of their cherished joys were shared with us as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary about two years ago. The Lord also blessed the entire community through them and their family of seven sons and four daughters. Two of seven sons are in the Gospel ministry in our denomination. The memorial service was held at the Southey Baptist Church on August 29.

This faithful wife and loving mother is sadly missed by her husband, Frederick; and by her children: William of Raymore, Sask.; Roy of Semans, Sask.; Gordon of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.; Elmer of Southey, Sask.; Norman of Gladwin, Mich.; Walter of Elk Grove, Calif.; Floyd of Regina, Sask.; Viola (Mrs. L. Phipps) of St. Therese, Que.; Grace (Mrs. F. McIlroy) of Southey, Sask.; Ethyl (Mrs. L. Hoffman) of Regina, Sask.; and by 34 grandchildren.

Southey, Saskatchewan  
**PETER SCHROEDER, Pastor**

**MR. JOHN EISEMAN**  
of Selby, South Dakota

Mr. John Eiseman of Selby, S. Dak., was born in Odessa, South Russia, Nov. 27, 1890. He came to the U. S. A. with his parents at the age of three. They settled on a homestead near Eureka, S. Dak. In 1922 he was baptized and united with the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Later he became a charter member of the Faith Baptist Church in Selby, S. Dak., where he remained a member until the Lord call-

ed him to himself at the age of 73 years, 9 months and 4 days.

After his marriage to Katherine Becker in 1912 they settled on his parents' farm. His first wife died in 1913 and in 1914 he married Lydia Becker. His second wife died in 1956 and in 1959 he married Pauline Aman. In 1961 he moved to the Moberge Nursing Home and in 1962 to the Baptist Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., where his earthly pilgrimage came to a close.

Survivors include his widow of Aberdeen; two sons: Reinhold of Portland, Oregon, and Reuben of Akaska, S. Dak.; 3 daughters: Mrs. Elmer (Alvina) Jucht of Bridge-water, Mrs. Chiles (Clara) Wickersham of Gettysburg, and Mrs. Norman (Marcella) Thorstenson of Selby; 24 grandchildren; one great grandson; 2 brothers; and 3 sisters.

Faith Baptist Church  
Selby, South Dakota  
**J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor**

**MR. AUGUST HUBER, SR.**  
of Herreid, South Dakota

Mr. August Huber, Sr., of Herreid, S. Dak., was born Feb. 26, 1888 in South Russia. He came to this country in 1909 and settled on a farm southeast of Herreid. He was united in marriage to Louisa Moser in 1912. Three years later she passed away. One son, Phillip, had been born to this union. Later that year he married Barbara Hoff and soon they moved to a farm south of McIntosh, S. Dak. Here his second wife passed away in 1918. Two sons, August, Jr., and Johnny had been born to this union. On Jan. 20, 1919 he was united in marriage to Magdalena Vilhauer. Three children were born to this union: one son, George, and two daughters, Minnie and Lizzie. During the 1950's they went to Oregon for a short time after which they returned to Herreid to live in retirement.

August Huber professed faith in Christ in 1917 and became a member of the Anental Station of the McIntosh Baptist Church. In 1921 his church letter was transferred to the Herreid Baptist Church. He served as Sunday school teacher at the Spring Creek Station for many years. He also served as custodian of the Herreid Baptist Church for about 10 years.

He had been bedridden for the past two years following a stroke. He passed away on August 29th at the Moberge Hospital at the age of 76 years and 6 months. Survivors include 3 sons, Philip of Moberge, S. Dak.; August, Jr., and Johnny of Minneapolis, Minn.; two daughters: Minnie, Mrs. Wilmer Fischer of Pierre, S. Dak.; and Lizzie, Mrs. Clarence Bauer; 4 step-daughters: Christine, Mrs. Louie Klob of Leola, S. Dak.; Louise, Mrs. Edwin Fischer of Herreid; Freda, Mrs. Raymond Schnell of West Linn, Oregon; Maggie, Mrs. August Bechtold of Lodi, Calif.; 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Herreid Baptist Church  
Herreid, South Dakota  
**IVAN WALKER, Pastor**

**MR. HERMAN J. WEELDREYER**  
of Chancellor, S. Dak.

Mr. Herman J. Weeldreyer of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born in Holthuesen, Germany on July 21, 1884. His Lord called him home on Sept. 4, 1964 at the age of 80 years. In 1901, he came to America with his parents who settled near Monroe, S. Dak. As a young man he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. In 1928 he became a member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., and remained an active member until his death.

Mr. Weeldreyer's marriage to Flora DeNeu in 1911 was blessed by three sons: Alvin, Carl and Lawrence. Mrs. Weeldreyer passed away in 1918. In 1923 he was married to Dora Johnson. God also blessed this marriage with the following children: Johanna, Walter, Ruth, Herman Jr., Louise, George and Edith.

Surviving him are his children: Alvin, Parker, S. Dak.; Carl, Fayetteville, N. Car.; Lawrence, Hermine, George and Edith, of Chancellor, S. Dak.; Walter and Ruth of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Herman, Jr., and Louise of Mitchell, S. Dak.; and two brothers: Albert and Bill of Chancellor; and three sisters: Carrie and Mrs. William DeNeu of Chancellor and Mrs. Vert Burma of Avon, S. Dak.; and 31 grandchildren.

Chancellor, South Dakota  
**NORMAN MILLER, Pastor**

**MR. REINHOLD SCHWENKE**  
of Alpena, Michigan

Mr. Reinhold Schwenke of Alpena, Mich., age 74, a retired Indian Reserve farmer, died recently at Alpena Hospital, where he was admitted. Mr. Schwenke was born Oct. 30, 1889 in Valyria, Russia and came to the United States about 51 years ago, going first to Chicago. He came to Alpena Coun-

ty 45 years ago and settled in the Indian Reserve area.

He married Julia Eppinger on Dec. 4, 1915. She died in 1956. Mr. Schwenke was a member of Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church. Surviving are a son, Leonard; 11 grandchildren; and two nephews. Another son, Arthur died in 1955. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church  
Alpena, Michigan  
**NORMAN KLANN, Pastor**

**MR. SAMUEL GERTZ**  
of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. Samuel Gertz of Vancouver, B. C., was born March 29, 1891 in Colossna, Russia. In 1928 he immigrated to Canada making his home in Nokomis, Sask. After a year he took up residence in Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Gertz was joined in holy wedlock with Lydia Semke on Nov. 18, 1918. He personally surrendered to Christ in conversion on June 16, 1918, whereupon he was baptized in Yahodinka, Russia. He was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church for 35 years, where he served the Lord in whatever capacity he could as a trustee, deacon and of late honorary deacon.

He passed away on Sept. 12, 1964 at home at the age of 73 years. His passing is mourned by his wife, Lydia; two sons: Walter and Harry of Vancouver; four daughters: Mrs. Hazel Gassner of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Senta Tobert, Mrs. Lena Konesky of Vancouver, B. C.; and Mrs. Freda Uptigrove of India; and 9 grandchildren. The memorial service was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sept. 16th, with Rev. Paul Siewert and Rev. P. Daum officiating.

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
**P. DAUM, Correspondent**

**BRIAN PAUL STEUER**  
of Stevensville, Michigan

Brian Paul Steuer of Stevensville, Mich., was born on April 8, 1948 in Benton Harbor, Mich., and was called away in death on Sept. 8, 1964 at the youthful age of 16 years and 5 months. The Lord opened his heart at an early age to the message of salvation, and in response to that message he received Christ as his personal Savior. Shortly thereafter he was baptized by Rev. William Hoover and became a member of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church when it was formed.

About two years ago the Paul Steuer family moved from Benton Harbor to their present home near Stevensville, and thus became interested in the effort to begin a new church in the Lakeshore area. This led to the hour when on Feb. 16, 1964, Brian Steuer, together with the rest of the family, gave testimony of their personal faith in Christ and then became a charter member of the Lakeshore Baptist Church, of Stevensville, Michigan, when it was organized on March 1, 1964.

With his passing he leaves behind his parents: Paul and Elizabeth; two sisters: Deborah and Lynette; his paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. William Steuer of St. Joseph; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Kiel, of Benton Harbor; 8 uncles; 8 aunts, 22 cousins, and a great host of friends.

Lakeshore Baptist Church  
Stevensville, Michigan  
**B. A. ITTERMAN, Pastor**

**TRANSLATIONS FOR STUDY**

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mentaries.

It is true that in some cases their theological orientation can be seen, but these incidents are so few that the practical values are not lost thereby. For me, inspiration lies in the revelation of truth not in the verbal correctness of a translation. Words are the vehicle by which God conveys his truth to man, and if a colloquial expression can accomplish that more effectively than an exact verbal translation, then I thank God for the man who has the divine gift of doing that. This is what these two translations have done for me, and in turn I hope I have been enabled to make God's truth more vivid to my people.



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