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# Manifesto on Religious Liberty and Human Rights

Adopted by the 11th Baptist World Congress,  
Miami Beach, Florida, June 27, 1965.

I. WE THANK GOD for the greater opportunities given to many men, women and children for a full, healthy and free life; for the increasing mastery over the powers of nature and their use for the common good; for new facilities for education, communication and travel; for the decrease of discrimination because of race or creed; and for greater civil and religious liberty in many parts of the world.

II. WE REAFFIRM our faith that the Gospel of God's free salvation in his Son, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is for all men without distinction, and that today as in previous generations it speaks to man's every need, convicting, redeeming, transforming, guarding the human spirit and requiring the ending of exploitation and tyranny, and the provision of full opportunities for its free acceptance and for worship, witness and service.

III. WE SUFFER WITH OUR GENERATION in and through the neglect of God and preoccupation with selfish ends; in the misuse of many opportunities and powers; in failure adequately to mobilize human and material resources to meet men's needs; in acquiescence in policies which deny basic human rights and bring suffering to individuals and communities; in lack of concern for those driven from their homes, imprisoned for conscience sake, and stunted in body, mind and spirit.

IV. WE APPEAL to our fellow Baptists and our fellow Christians everywhere to show concern in these matters; to study what the teaching of Christ implies for human freedom and dignity; to manifest this in their relations with one another, both individual and corporate; and to interpret to the world the reconciling and liberating message of God's love. WE APPEAL to the governments of all lands not only to preserve law and order, but also to recognize and guarantee religious and civil liberty, and the right of men to maintain or change religious allegiance and freely to worship, witness, teach and serve.



THE PARADE OF FLAGS IN THE ORANGE BOWL at Miami, Florida dramatized the presence of thousands of Baptists from 77 countries at the 11th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

## FRONT COVER

Two of the outstanding leaders at the 11th Baptist World Congress sessions in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, are shown on the cover in a press conference held early in the Congress sessions and broadcast over radio. They are the Honorable William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia, the newly elected president of the Alliance; and Billy Graham, evangelist, who drew almost 90,000 people to the Miami Orange Bowl on two successive nights.

## 11th CONGRESS

**SOUVENIR PROGRAMS.** The attractive, 120 page Souvenir Program of the Baptist World Congress featured a tropical scene in full color on the front cover. Besides the names of 232 speakers listed on the program, it presented an informative array of articles on Baptist World Alliance history, missions as the unifying factor in binding Baptists together in the United States of America, etc.

**WITNESS AND EVANGELISM.** The 11th Baptist Congress adopted several resolutions, two of which are especially timely and relevant: "The members of the Congress accept the challenge presented in the Presidential Address by Dr. John R. Soren to a new thrust of Christian witness, evangelism and service throughout the world. Believing this to be one of the greatest needs of our time in every continent they call upon their fellow Baptists to join them in united sacrificial endeavor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.** In another resolution "the 11th Congress affirms its belief in both the brotherhood of all Christians and the equality of all men under God, regardless of race or social position, and that we accept our responsibility as Baptists to take a full share in solving the un-Christianlike distinctions of our societies, wherever they are."

**CAMEROON, AFRICA.** The Federal Republic of West Cameroon, Africa, was ably represented by Rev. John Nfor, executive secretary, and Mrs. Alice Bell, Baptist Woman's Union representative. Rev. Paul Mbende of the French Cameroun was elected as one of nine vice presidents. Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria in her address on Monday evening at the Miami Orange Bowl paid a beautiful tribute to the work of the Bansa Baptist Hospital in training an outstanding Christian nurse, Miss Regina Ghogomu, and told us something about her witness.

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## Editorial

### Baptists In Miami Beach

Miami Beach, the fabulous city of fun and known throughout the world as America's playground, had never seen anything like it before. During the days of the Baptist World Congress, June 25-30, more than 17,000 Baptists from 77 countries of the world filled the hotels of Miami Beach's famed "strip" along Collins Avenue and marched to the spacious Convention Hall singing songs of Zion and conversing in the language of the Bible that was strange to the ears of the natives of the city. Baptists left a spiritual impact upon this playground city of the South that will be talked about for months to come, and the influence of the 11th Congress of Baptists is bound to have worldwide repercussions in the years ahead.

What do Baptists stand for? Who are these Baptists wearing the insignia BWA? These questions were asked of me frequently at the Jewish restaurant, the Pumpnik, across the street from the Deauville Hotel. This persistent inquiry came from many sources in Miami and Miami Beach. The Congress program was given excellent coverage in the newspapers. The evangelistic literature that was distributed on the streets and the forthright answers that Baptists gave to the questions provided a clear image of Baptist distinctives for the entire community.

Both "The Miami Herald" and "The Miami News" featured special eight page sections on the Baptist Congress. In arresting headlines the question was asked: "Who are these 25 million Baptists?" And the answer resounded forcefully in bold type: "They believe all equal before God; the Bible governs their lives."

Another opening paragraph described the spiritual transformation the Congress brought to Miami Beach: "Once devoted almost exclusively to bathing beauty contests, fishing tournaments and the like, this tropical paradise has become a meeting place for the great gathering of Baptists. This God-given surf, sand and sunshine that has been turned into a tropic wonderland has now become a 'playground' for these thousands of Baptists in our midst."

Wherever you went in Miami Beach during the days of the Congress, you rubbed elbows with Baptists from 77 countries and became keenly aware of the living testimony of these Baptists honoring the Gospel of Christ. Miami Beach is largely populated by Jews, by elderly people living on Social Security incomes, and by those whose lives and thinking are often confused. Baptists witnessed everywhere with outspoken boldness but with winsome friendliness to the blessings of the Gospel and the joys that can be ours through God.

How do these Baptists live and work together? The answer was given unequivocally by the Baptists in their fellowship together. "The Baptist Manifesto" was widely publicized: "God has no favorite country, no favorite race, no favorite class. He desires the well being in enriching spiritual values for all men. In God there is no East or West."

This Baptist Congress demonstrated dramatically this wonderful fellowship of Baptists in Christ with no distinctions or discriminations dividing them but with a faith in Christ that unites them in this inspiring Christian brotherhood.

Baptists left their spiritual impact on the sands of Miami Beach, and the Christian songs and the Gospel message heard during the Congress days will not soon be forgotten in this Florida wonderland.

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# "Cry Out and Shine, Ye People of God"

In this masterful presidential address, the newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance called on Baptists in 121 countries of the world truly to identify themselves as the children of God and thus to fulfil the law of Christ.

By Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., Vice-president of Liberia, Africa and President of the Baptist World Alliance

IN THE writing of the brilliant history of the Baptist World Alliance, after sixty years of its existence, an event has been recorded in a new chapter thereof which is most eloquently significant in its interpretation and implicitly far reaching in its effect. That notable event, while personally relating to an individual such as I, claiming no merit to so worthy a distinction, affects every member of this great Baptist Family, numbering about 26 million and found in 121 countries of our one world.

## BAPTIST HALL OF FAME

Indeed your gracious act has niched out for me a place of honor in the Hall of Fame of this world Baptist body, alongside of our illustrious John Clifford, Robert Stuart MacArthur, Edgar Young Mullins, John MacNeill, George Washington Truett, James Henry Rushbrooke, Fred Townley Lord, now of revered sacred memory, Charles Oscar Johnson, Theodore Floyd Adams and Joao Filson Soren who untiringly have given of their immeasurable resources in effectively executing the purposes and objectives of the Alliance. These venerable leaders distinguished themselves for their outstanding erudition, constant faithfulness, unremitting zeal, complete devotion, and their dedicated Christ-like service, and their achievements merit and, as in the past, provoke from us now, and will also call forth from succeeding generations, the highest praise. Their shoe latches, I do not hesitate to admit, I am unworthy to loose.

This voluntary action of yours, which verily can be distinguished as one of the most remarkable events in the history of our time, in which I had not the infinitesimal part to play, is but another manifestation of the power of God, and I bow in humble submission to his will, not knowing at this time what his underlying purpose is, but I am sure it will be revealed in time.

Even now as I speak to you out of the fullness of my heart, I feel myself standing on holy ground in the presence of our Omnipotent God and my feet need to be unshod. Howbeit, I hear a voice distinct and low comforting me with the blessed thought that "he leadeth me," and will remain in me as "I abide in him."

## OUR PRECIOUS INHERITANCE

Whether this consideration of me as the president of this august body has



BWA PRESIDENT  
WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.

of Liberia pauses at the speaker's platform, at the Miami Orange Bowl, before addressing 35,000 people present for the first night session of the Congress. Dr. Tolbert is vice president of the Republic of Liberia.

been provoked out of regard for my race or it is recognition accorded to the continent of Africa, permit me now to state unequivocally that although this is sufficiently important and duly significant, it is immaterial to me and I am the least affected thereby. As far as I am concerned, geographical limitations occasioned by nature and fixed by man, and racial distinctions caused by skin pigmentation, a divine handiwork, vanish into nothingness in the great economy and plan of our God. With me there is neither East nor West, North nor South. There exist as far as human



objects appearing within the range of my vision neither white, black, red, yellow or brown. We all are inhabitants of one world—God's world—and by virtue of our being his children we become common possessors of this precious inheritance.

## GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS

It might be considered timely that I declare my belief in the dignity of the human person, and affirm that I cannot and will never subscribe to anything that infringes upon man's fundamental freedom and human rights sacredly granted him by our great and beneficent Creator. Free from complexes and prejudices, I hold in esteem and respect every man and every woman, influenced by the regard I have for his or her God-like image and the personality and individuality that dominates him or her. To me a "man is a man for a' that," and I am wholly dedicated to the proposition that all men are entitled to the enjoyment of freedom, liberty and justice. When these God-given rights are denied him, such an act by anyone constitutes an affront to God.

I do recognize my inescapable duty to to all that lies within my power to bring all men unto God through our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that they too may share the blessings incident to this glorious relationship, as I so undeservingly enjoy.

## OUR GLORIOUS FELLOWSHIP

Our approach to the challenging problems of our day must be made relevant to contemporary conditions. It is timely that we detach ourselves from traditions and practices that were tolerated or even good in ages past but are not suitable or conducive to the best interest of mankind now. We must adjust and re-adjust our thinking and actions in these times and make the same conformable to the noble principles that are products of the Christ-centered life. This will verily produce a better world one in which social justice and individual freedom and liberty with due responsibility will prevail; one in which poverty, disease, ignorance and all that degrade the human person will be eliminated; one in which the best human relations based on mutual respect and due brotherly affection—not mere tolerance or compassion—will exist.

On this elevated plane we have enjoyed a glorious fellowship. It is only to be expected that the inspirational

experiences gained have revolutionized our thinking. From the continental panoramas clearly projected, without doubt, we have received glimpses of the existing dilemma of human life in or near and distant lands in which the Baptist witness is being made. It would certainly be a tragedy if our vision has not been extended beyond distant horizons, and we would fail to match our convictions by our actions.

As we return to the various areas of our world from whence we hail, let me, under divine inspiration, exhort you—and even myself—in the words of Joshua as he charged the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh: "... Now return ye and get you unto your tents and unto the land of your possession. . . But take diligent heed to the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and cleave unto him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Joshua 22: 4-5).

## OUR TASK TO EVANGELIZE

Let us ever seek to know the truth that we may be made free. This can only be achieved if we continue steadfastly in the Word of our Lord.

The grandiosity of this memorable occasion would have no meaning if we did not reaffirm our determination with all urgency and the greatest emphasis to evangelize the world for Jesus and, as the times demand, to combat the forces of evil of our day by causing the consciences of men to be dominated by the principles of the Christ. This is what the world needs to produce peace, yea, perennial peace with justice. With fullest commitment, let us resolve to make this gift to mankind. Our contribution towards this end must be made in an individual manner and to the limit of our resources.

A few nights ago we were stirred by the message channelled through the enchanting melody of song to "cry out and shine, ye people of God." May this challenging sentiment linger long in our hearts as the tune of the choir ended in our ears.

Mankind in this 20th century has made phenomenal advancement in the realm of science and technology. This space and outer space searching identified with this atomic age has brought about startling discoveries. Still the searchings and explorations go on and the unsatiable desire to land on the moon remains the target of those engaged in this space conquest race.

## LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

It is to be feared that the mind of man is not being changed with the same kaleidoscopic rapidity as the physical conditions affected by his scientific achievements. This condition can produce an imbalance that can be disastrous to mankind. To alter this situation, the Christian must become



BWA DELEGATES

from European countries, dressed in their colorful native costumes, enjoy a cool, refreshing drink at a reception honoring the international visitors to the Congress.

as aggressive and militant in his spiritual search to reach the highest heights on most elevated planes in Christ-like living, and strive to bring others within the scope of this influence as the scientist probes into the remote to make new discoveries to satisfy his material longings.

## OUR BAPTIST FAMILY

In our world there are regional groupings prompted by either political or economic expediencies. The fear of something urges this unity among nations and peoples. Thank God, the unity in our Baptist family does not spring from fear, but is produced out of love and is demonstrative of our essential oneness in the Lord Jesus

Christ and in our willingness to cooperate with and serve one another.

Our concern therefore for one another is understandable and the yearning desire to give relief, not only to those of our fold but even to all that are in need, is none the less in consonance with our purpose, being mindful of the distinct warning sounded in these meaningful words: "But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

## LET US MARCH FORWARD!

Ours is a restless and changing world in need of patience, human understanding, faith in one another, tolerance, sympathy, the spirit of forgiveness, good will and, above all, love. The barriers erected out of misunderstanding, selfishness, evil, expediencies, intolerance, conceit, skepticism, jealousy, envy, bigotry, strife, prejudice and hate must be demolished. We can and must take an active role in occasioning this to the glory of God and the peace and security of our one world. May the Prince of Peace breathe on the heat of men's desires and bid their strivings to cease! May the conflagrations in areas where bullets are flying and men are dying be extinguished!

With renewed strength, flint-like faith and complete dedication, let us march forward determined to witness in all sincerity and effectiveness for our Lord and Master both in Jerusalem and in Jericho and unto the utmost parts of the earth, continuing in his words that we may know the Truth and obtain Freedom thereby.

Brethren, let us love one another! Thus we truly identify ourselves as the children of God and fulfill the law of Christ.

## President Tolbert Visits President Johnson

WASHINGTON (BPA)—The newly elected Baptist World Alliance President paid a brief "courtesy call" on the President of the United States here.

William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice president of the Republic of Liberia, visited with President Johnson in his capacity as a state official. He also visited with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Tolbert was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance at the recent Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach. He is the first African to be named to the post. President Johnson congratulated Tolbert on his new position with the Baptist World Alliance.

At a press conference following his visit with the President, Tolbert was asked about the effect of his election to the Baptist post on some racially troubled spots, particularly South Africa. A reporter asked whether through the Baptist World Alliance any pressure would be exerted on South Africa. Tolbert replied:

"Through the Baptist World Alliance we do not exert pressure. Through the Baptist World Alliance we hope we can bring about peace."

While serving Liberia in an official capacity, Tolbert is also active in Baptist life of his country. He serves as president of the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, and as pastor of two churches. Mrs. Tolbert is president of the Women's Missionary Union in Liberia.

While in Washington the African Baptist visited with Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Tolbert hopes to make frequent visits to the United States, and to tour the world, on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance.



BAPTIST CONGRESS AT MIAMI ORANGE BOWL

On Sunday evening at dusk the crowds of Baptists began gathering at the Orange Bowl of Miami, Florida to hear Billy Graham, the evangelist. He spoke to an audience of almost 55,000 people that evening, making this the most inspirational session of the Congress.

## God's Truth Is Marching On!

*The 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach, Florida demonstrated to the entire world that Baptists are in the vanguard forces of Christ and of his armies today because they firmly believe that God's truth is still marching on.*

By M. L. Leuschner, Editor of the Baptist Herald

THIS WAS a great *marching* Congress of Baptists—17,787 delegates from 77 countries of the world—convening in Miami Beach, Florida from June 25-30. The theme, “. . . and the truth shall make you free,” was boldly emblazoned against the background of a huge open Bible both in Convention Hall and the Orange Bowl of Miami.

The songs that were sung by the many youth groups, the stirring addresses by some of the world's most renowned Baptist leaders, the epoch making decisions that were made and resolutions that were reached, and the roll call of nations with many marching feet across the green grass of the Orange Bowl emphasized this fact for 26 million Baptists throughout the world that “God's Truth Is Marching On.” Dr. Gardner Taylor of New York City closed his stirring address on “Freedom and Responsibility” with this significant prayer for all Baptists: “May God arm us with courage and faith to march on to that destiny which God has in store for all of us!”

### MIAMI BEACH SETTING

It was a fabulous setting for the 11th Baptist World Congress. In this playground of America in tropical Florida where billions of dollars have been invested in hotels, night club spots and sports, serious minded Baptists took a long look at God's will for the world, proclaiming the saving power of the Gospel for every person, declared the

judgment of God upon sin in any form in individual or social life, and boldly announced the true equality of all believers in Christ, regardless of color, social class or education.

Here at the Congress sessions we experienced mountain top experiences with Christ revealed to us in all his glory, with speakers serving as lucid interpreters of God's Word, with many other Baptists engaging with us in a heartwarming fellowship. Exalted themes of the Bible had the spotlight of attention thrown on them time and again—“The Inspired Word of God Is Truth” (Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, keynote speaker); “Salvation From Sin and God's Judgment” (Billy Graham's sermons); “Equality and Freedom in Christ” (a note that was often sounded in the Congress); the all sufficiency of all powerful God (Dr. J. Ithel Jones of Wales, England); and the need of a true experience of Christ as Saviour and Master.

### BAPTIST CONGRESS

The Baptist Congress is a “once every five years” gathering of Baptists from all over the globe as an outlet for bearing witness for Christ, as an orientation concerning the conditions in various parts of the world in regard to religious liberty and human rights, a place to channel aid to the needy, an opportunity to clarify Baptist convictions, and as an occasion to meet fellow Baptists and to worship God.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Congress, delivered a masterful address about the ministry of the Alliance and of God's blessings upon it in bringing the Baptists of the world together to know one another more intimately in Christ.

### THE BAPTIST ALLIANCE

“Let us in this Congress listen for the voice of Christ. Let us no longer think of him as being elsewhere, an elusive Christ whom we may glimpse on Sunday morning if we are in the mood and we have a good preacher in the pulpit. We need a constant sense of the presence of God in every circumstance of our life. May this be a time together when we shed our inferiority complex as Christians and dare to lay hold of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, not as a proposition to be proved, but as a life to be lived. There is no emergency with God. God does not have to read the latest news in order to act. The Gospel does not emerge from the human situation. It is based on the eternal love of God. His redemptive purpose for man antedates the foundation of the world. The good news is: ‘God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself’ (II Cor. 5:19).”

This warmth and uplift in fellowship in Christ was soon evident in the Congress sessions and on the streets and in restaurants of Miami Beach. Baptists *do love* to get together, to sing the songs of Zion and to know more about one another. All of the Commis-

sion meetings and the early day time sessions, when the less spectacular things were presented on the program, were attended by overflow crowds.

### BAPTIST PANORAMA

The popularity of a new feature on the Congress program was called PANORAMA. At almost every important Congress session, a bird's eye view or panoramic presentation of the Baptist work on some continent of the world was colorfully given. Through these informative addresses we became acquainted with more than Baptist statistics. We saw Baptist churches as fruitful witnesses of Christ in action winning men and women for Christ, bearing their witness to the truth of the Gospel, and sometimes facing persecution victoriously for their faith in Christ. Baptists in NORTH AMERICA were described by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; AFRICA by E. A. Dahunsi of Lagos, Nigeria, president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention; EUROPE by Henri Vincent of Paris, France, president of the European Baptist Foreign Mission Society; ASIA by Lam Chi Fung of Hong Kong, president of the United Hong Kong Christian Baptist Churches Convention; SOUTH AMERICA by Hugo Ruiz Roca of Cali, Colombia, president of the Colombia Baptist Convention; AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND by Alan C. Prior of Sidney, Australia.

### MANY YOUNG PEOPLE

One of the very pleasant features of the Congress sessions was the prominence given to Baptist young people. Scores of youth groups from Baptist educational institutions, mission fields and churches sang songs that ranged from “I'm Climbin' Jacob's Ladder” to “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” to the “Hallelujah Chorus.” They gave their testimonies concerning their love and work for Christ. A Negro girl from Birmingham, Ala. said: “Life can be beautiful if we have Christ as the strength of our life.” A young medical doctor of Mexico City, Mexico told us of his leadership as the president of the Baptist Union of Mexico. Bill Glass, professional football player from the Cleveland Browns, related how he found it impossible to side-step Jesus Christ. “When I faced him squarely—in faith—I found joy.” A young Russian Baptist of Moscow with his powerful bass voice that rang out in the Orange Bowl sang “How Great Thou Art.”

Another thrilling musical program had been planned for Tuesday night at Convention Hall where about 17,000 people were packed into this auditorium listening to the music of the oratorio: “What Is Man?” based on the 8th Psalm when suddenly the program was interrupted and an announcement was made that the building had to be evacuated immediately on orders of the Miami Beach police. This was done without panic, even though the regrets were tremendous. Later it was learned that an anonymous telephone call had



DR. JOAO F. SOREN, BWA PRESIDENT, IN ACTION

Dr. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is behind the pulpit, speaking to this large assemblage of Baptists during a panel discussion in which Dr. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Illinois (2nd from left, seated at the desks) also participated.

been received from some person in the area who must have taken violent exception to the decisions of the Congress on civil rights and human equality.

### THE NEW PRESIDENT

The Baptists assembled at the Congress were united in their evangelistic zeal, were Christ-like in their demonstration of Christian brotherhood, and were bold in taking action on the important issues of the day. Epoch-making was the unanimous decision of the Congress to elect William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia as the president of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Soren of Brazil, the retiring president, in introducing Dr. Tolbert to the delegates as the new president said: “This is an exceptional break-through, something that has never happened in the history of the Baptist World Alliance.” Equally significant were the resolutions of the Congress and the “Manifesto on Religious Liberty” (which appears elsewhere in this issue).

It was also interesting to see the huge following of Negro Baptists accorded to Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, Ill. and the noticeable absence of Dr. Martin Luther King from the Congress program even though he was in Miami Beach for several days. “Gate crashing is not following the Gospel,” Dr. Jackson said in his Sunday morning sermon, followed by great applause by the audience. “Christian obedience is the only right way. We should obey the laws of the land. The church must not leave its vantage point in protest.”

One of the most deeply moving scenes in the five days of Congress sessions was not listed on the program

but was photographed by scores of photographers and dramatically applauded by long and loud acclaim. Dr. Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., a strong Baptist leader and for a time a contender in the presidential race in the Alliance, asked for an opportunity for a brief word in the closing session. He requested that Dr. Tolbert, the African, from Liberia come stand alongside him.

### OUR ONENESS IN CHRIST

Dr. Hobbs thanked God for the tremendous Congress sessions and stated that the next 10 years might be epoch making for Baptists. “To our leaders and friends,” Dr. Hobbs said to Dr. Tolbert, “we pledge our loyalty, our friendship, our energy. I shake hands with a lot of people of this kind who are my friends, *but I embrace only those I love!*” And then with a unique demonstration of brotherhood in Christ, these two stalwart Baptist giants in Christ—one a Southern Baptist and the other an African from Liberia—embraced each other warmly and affectionately as the camera bulbs flashed.

This was the convincing and indescribable witness of the Baptists at the Congress to the power and grace of the Gospel that can transform us as his children into the oneness in Christ and to send us forth marching into the world declaring that “his truth shall make us free.” Baptists are in the vanguard forces of Christ and his armies today because they firmly believe that God's truth is still marching on. This is the dramatic story of the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach.

# "...And the Truth Shall Make You Free"

This stirring theme and great Bible truth was presented with dynamic power in a marvelous variety of ways by some of the most outstanding Baptist speakers of the world at the 11th Baptist Congress sessions.

**T**HE CENTRALITY of the pulpit characterizes most Baptist churches. With the open Bible before him on the pulpit, the Baptist preacher speaks in the power of God with a freedom and boldness that come only through the Word—"... and the truth shall make you free."

The Congress sessions at Miami Beach gave thrilling evidence to such Baptist preaching at its best. Every sermon and address, and even the brief testimonies and provocative discussions, reached new heights of inspiration. Every word that was uttered deserves to be reechoed from Baptist house-tops in the years to come.

We can praise God for such fiery evangelists and dynamic preachers as these Baptist leaders who appeared before the Congress for their "shining hour": Rubens Lopez of Sao Paulo, Brazil; W. G. Wickramasinghe of Colombo, Ceylon; William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice president of the Republic of Liberia; Lam Chi Fung of Kowloon, Hong Kong; Roberto Maynes of Mexico; and the Ayorindes of Ibadan, Nigeria. The official volume of the Congress with all of these deeply moving addresses by these speakers should be "a best seller" among Baptists.

On Saturday and Sunday nights Billy Graham addressed crowds of 35,000 and 55,000 people in the Miami Orange

Bowl. These throngs and tens of thousands more who read about his messages in the newspapers will never forget his prophetic sermons, "The World in Flames" and "The New Morality."

## BILLY GRAHAM

The "Great Society" will not be man-made, but God-made, Billy Graham emphasized at the Saturday evening Bowl meeting, announced as "Youth Night." "The world is rushing toward the climatic point in history when that society will be here. Man by his own efforts will not save the world. Man can only bring flames of destruction because of the flames of passion, lust, greed and sensuality within. Man can only be set free from the prison of suffering and death by a spiritual dimension that Jesus Christ offers to all who trust and believe in him." Billy Graham warned that "if we as Baptists ever water down our message of the Gospel, then our reason for existence is gone." He concluded: "We must rededicate ourselves as witnesses to the saving grace and power of Jesus Christ."

Billy Graham then championed the cause of biblical morality in his heart searching, fiery sermon on Sunday night at the Orange Bowl before 55,000 people, the largest gathering of the Congress sessions. Rejecting modern

versions of theology and morality, Graham said that old creeds are being scaled down to match dwindling faith and decaying morals. He identified the new theology as humanism—man worship—and labeled it one of the most subtle enemies which the Christian church has ever faced. The evangelist called the new morality a movement in modern ethics which repudiates the commandment on adultery, denies the absolute authority of God, advocates permissiveness with affection in sex, and represents the church's accommodation of its preaching to the current sex revolution. "I say this is not a new morality. It is the old immorality brought up to date. Let us as Baptists reaffirm our faith in moral standards."

## HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church and preacher on the 515 station Baptist Hour radio program since 1958, used as his keynote topic, "The Truth That Makes Men Free." One of the problems of people today, Hobbs said, is that they are failing to discern between true and false freedom. Man exercises false freedom when he feels free to do what he likes and true freedom when he is free to do what he ought. The silver haired preacher described the bondage of sin as anything which tends to degrade the dignity of man, whether it be within himself or be extended to other men. He cautioned the delegates to keep in mind that "Christ is the Truth about ultimate reality and about life. Should science prove beyond a shadow of doubt that the universe is trillions of years old, the Scriptures remind us that Christ existed before that."

Dr. Hobbs in this stirring evangelistic message told the Baptist Congress that they are privileged to preach this Gospel of freedom in the most challenging age of history and urged them to be faithful to their task. He concluded with this evangelistic appeal: "And Christ who is truth can liberate you as you come to know him in the experiential knowledge of regeneration. And this only as you by grace through faith receive him who is full of good grace and truth."

## JOAO F. SOREN

The president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Joao F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, singled out declining morality, divisiveness and waning freedoms as major challenges to the spread of the Christian faith in his address at the Orange Bowl on the opening Wednesday night. "Ethically the human race seems to be retracing its steps back to paganism. Never in history has

freedom been opposed by such formidable foes as in this century," Soren said. "In no other time in history have there been such brazenly anti-freedom philosophies, theologies and ideologies propagating with such militant efficiency their peculiar brand of viruses." Soren said that the picture is still more shocking since freedom is suffering set backs among the "super-civilized" peoples of the earth.

Dr. Soren sounded a trumpet call to action and aggressive witnessing by Baptists everywhere. "This is indeed the time for our witness as Baptists to the transforming and sublimating power of the Gospel. The miracle that transformed the cold and cruel Pharisee into the warm hearted, heroic Apostle of the love of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles is not merely a wonder of the past or a product of an obsolete faith. The Christ of Paul is the unchangeable Christ of the present faith. He is still the appointed Power for the moral renewal and rebirth of sinners in the likeness and in the image of the Holy God. This is the appointed time and the appointed place for us as Baptists to accept the challenge and pledge ourselves before God to join hands and join hearts in a powerful thrust of global evangelistic endeavor."

## JOSEPH J. JACKSON

The Sunday morning sermon before a packed Convention Hall of 17,000 people by Dr. Joseph J. Jackson, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, was characterized by many as "the greatest sermon and the most deeply moving utterance they had ever heard." With simplicity of words and with a burning flame of zeal, Dr. Jackson spoke as a fearless prophet of the true Gospel of Christ: "The church must never surrender her God-given message of redemptive love to become a mere protest organization seeking to pressure men into doing the right, but she must pursue all men in the name of Jesus Christ for their deliverance and salvation. A sure solution to the cold war, racial tensions in the world, and oppression among men, can be found in the man Jesus Christ—the Prince of Peace."

"Believers in Jesus Christ do not meet simply to state a grievance, but they meet to proclaim a Gospel," Dr. Johnson declared. "They do not seek to coerce by intimidation and fear of the crowds, but they inspire others to greatness by the imitations of the life and faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We seek not a crown of honor, but we embrace the cross that a lofty cause might flourish though we suffer, perish and die."

To the accompaniment of many shouts of "Amen!" "That's right, brother," and "Hallelujah" by fellow Negroes, Dr. Jackson concluded: "If we would be Christians we must study anew the doctrine of the cross of Christ and seek to know what is that rare and universal power that comes

through self-denial and commitment to the will of God. We must now answer the question, Are we ready to risk ourselves with the Christ-like way of life?"

## THE AYORINDES

It was an unforgettable spiritual adventure to meet and to hear Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde at the Baptist Convention of the Nigerian Baptist Convention at Ibadan, Nigeria. She is the president of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa. Both are intimate friends of the Cameroons Baptist Convention leaders and each is a very inspiring speaker.

Truth Shall Make You Free." Her message was a colorful and panoramic review of Christian missions in the world, especially in Africa. (She brought a stirring testimony of a student at the Bansa Baptist Hospital of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, which will be quoted in full in a future issue of the "Baptist Herald.") She spoke with great hopes about the future of Christianity in the world, despite obstacles in the way.

"Christianity, despite evil forces of prejudices and tribalism, is driving away superstitions, decreasing disease, ignorance and tribal palavers and abolishing witchcraft and human sacrifices.



## THE BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS AT MIAMI BEACH

Thousands of Baptists and friends continue to pour into the Orange Bowl of Miami, Florida on Sunday night, June 27, to hear Billy Graham, the evangelist, and to see the large open Bible with the Congress theme, "... and the truth shall make you free."

Mr. Ayorinde gave the Baptist Congress a close up view of three obstacles to Christianity in Africa—Islam, communism and nationalism. He called Islam the most powerful opponent of Christianity in the contest for Africa. He emphasized that communism is making inroads to students who attend colleges in China and Russia.

"But I am persuaded," Mr. Ayorinde concluded, "that in the face of odds and difficulties Christianity has a bright future in the world. Only we must remain faithful and steadfast wherever we are. This conviction of mine is arrived at neither by accident nor by wishful thinking. It is the result of my experiences in different parts of Africa, in India, in Japan, and in Brazil. The world is hungry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and it is in your hands and mine."

Mrs. Ayorinde addressed the fourth and last meeting in the Miami Orange Bowl on Monday evening on "The

"But there are hindrances to its development. Islam in West Africa now gains converts at a 9 to 1 ratio over Christianity. The needs are great. There is a need for more missionaries, for more well trained Christian workers, for liberality in giving, for more Christian institutions for tolerance. Out of the shadows of night Africa rolls into light. Oh, my Christian sisters and brethren, praise the Lord, it is day-break in Africa!"

## BROOKS HAYS

A message by Brooks Hays of Washington, D. C., is always an exciting hour in any gathering. This former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a presidential consultant, and now professor of government at Rutgers University in New Jersey, declared that "one of the greatest needs of the hour is a resurgence of Christian patriotism. We must claim the right to witness to

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## "...AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

The theme of the 11th World Baptist Congress at Miami Beach, Florida, presented dramatically against an open Bible, formed the colorful backdrop for the women's program held in the Miami Beach Convention Auditorium.

# Baptist Commissions for Lively Discussion

More than 65 Baptist leaders from many countries participated in the programs of four important Commissions to interpret great Bible truths and our Christian faith as Baptists more meaningfully.

ON SEVERAL afternoons of the Baptist Congress days in Miami Beach, Florida, four important Commissions met simultaneously to consider and to interpret "the hope that is within us" (I Peter 3:15). Some of the most important and spirited discussions occurred at these Commission meetings, so that they were always attended by throngs of people taxing the capacity of the rooms and halls in which they were held.

These Commissions covered the entire field of Baptist thought and witness. They are the Commissions on Religious Liberty and Human Rights; Evangelism and Missions; Bible Study and Membership Training; and Bible Doctrine. More than a hundred Baptist

Commission through its conveners and leaders presented their findings to the entire Congress audience, thus enabling everyone to share in the blessings and results of each Commission.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights was convened by Dr. C. E. Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in the Casanova Room of the Deauville Hotel which is the usual spot for "a night club" in the evenings. Hundreds of people at the tables heard Dr. Eric Ruden of Sweden and Mr. William R. J. Tolbert of Liberia among others deal with the intricate problems of religious liberty. The reports of the Commissions were given by Mrs. Edgar

this Commission's discussion was the adoption by the entire Baptist Congress of the "Manifesto on Religious Liberty and Human Rights," which is published in full on page 2 of this issue.

## EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

The important Commission on Evangelism and Missions found Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary as the able convener. This was by far the best attended Commission, attracting large crowds of people, and it presented the most provocative and inspiring program. "In a struggling, diverse world, which is so ideally one world, and so impossible one world, there are a great many problems facing us in evangelism," Dr. Albert McClellan of Nashville, Tenn., told the assembled 500 delegates. The future methods of evangelism by Baptists around the world were then presented by a group of speakers, including Paul Mbende of Cameroun, Africa.

"The Christian Witness in Our Changing World" was graphically portrayed by ardent evangelistic speakers from Hong Kong, Philippines, Congo, Japan, Argentina, Mexico, and by William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia following his election as president of the Alliance. Rubens Lopez of Brazil delivered a fiery address in Portuguese which was translated. In the following panel discussion the problems of the mission fields today were reviewed by several speakers, including Rev. G. Ben Lawrence of the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

## BIBLE STUDY AND DOCTRINE

Equally significant were the discussions and findings of the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training. Rev. Hermann Woock of Marburg, Germany sounded the plea that "for too long we have educated our people to be good sermon listeners, but we have failed to educate them to talk about their faith. We need to deal with modern problems and seek answers to them by the Scriptures!" But he warned that in order for Baptists to do this, they need to know the Scriptures. This is the task of Christian Education, of more intensive Bible study.

The Commission on Bible Doctrine dealt with several provocative subjects and was addressed by outstanding Baptist theologians and scholars of many different countries. The one subject which most people would expect Baptists to agree on is baptism. But Baptists around the world have differing views even on this subject. This provided the background for serious and helpful discussions. The Dutch theologian, James Reiling of Utrecht, Netherlands, declared that too many Bap-

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# Panels on Our Christian Witness

These were blessed and profitable hours of presentation and discussion at the Baptist Congress sessions as panels of Baptist leaders considered "Witnessing to God's Truth in Various Lands."

SOME OF THE liveliest and most informative hours enjoyed at the Baptist Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25 to 30, were the four morning "Panels on Christian Witness in Various Lands." This was the brain storm of Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., a former president of the Baptist World Alliance and the chairman of the Program Committee. He kept the participation of the 48 members of these panels to the point, brief and down to earth. He introduced each of the panel members with some homespun phrase of informality. He made these panel hours live with vibrant enthusiasm.

## "WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH"

"Witnessing to the truth in the Christian community" was discussed by a panel of 12 Baptist leaders on Saturday. Among these was Dr. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Ill., whose contribution to this discussion was relevant and forceful. "Witnessing to the truth where other Christian churches dominate" was reviewed in a most provocative manner by speakers from England, Brazil, Spain, Norway, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Philippines, Colombia, France, Poland, Mexico, Sweden and Hong Kong. Most of these Baptist speakers had to be cut short in their testimonies, for their hearts were flowing over with so many important things to talk about.

In a more serious hour the panel on Tuesday morning considered "Witnessing to the truth in a secular society." The final Panel Presentation on Wednesday morning considered "Witnessing to the Truth amid other world religions." Among these speakers were Rev. John N. Nfor, executive secretary of our Cameroons Baptist Convention, and Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

In somewhat different approach but helping to get these panel discussions off to a good start, an unusual panel was presented on the opening morning, Friday, June 25. The past presidents and BWA secretaries discussed "The Purpose of the Baptist World Alliance and the Congress." Seldom has such an array of BWA leaders been so close together to be in range of the camera's focus: (see picture), Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the BWA; Joao Soren of Brazil, president of the BWA; Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., former president of the BWA; C. Oscar Johnson of Berkeley, Calif., former president of the BWA; Eric Ruden of Sweden, former associate secretary of the BWA; and Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., assistant secretary of the BWA.

These Baptist leaders told what the Alliance's aims and purposes are, reviewed its history since 1905, described its outstanding personalities of the years, outlined its functions, and pictured its marvelous fellowship as "a working team of Christians under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, witnessing to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ."

## 25 MILLION BAPTISTS

These thousands of Baptists in Miami Beach at the Congress sessions were the representatives of more than 25 million Baptists in some 121 countries or territories of the world. The largest number—more than 22 million—are in

connected with the Alliance—Southern Baptist Convention, North American Baptist General Conference, National (Negro) Baptist Convention of the U.S.A., Inc.; National (Negro) Baptist Convention of America; American (Northern) Baptist Convention; Baptist General Conference; and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference—and 21 other non-affiliated bodies.

The impact of these fine panel discussions was expressed by one of the panel members: BE AWARE AND BE INVOLVED. Josip Horak, president of the Yugoslav Baptist Union, added: "A church is either dead or alive. Dead men do not need human rights, and



A BAPTIST CONGRESS COMMISSION IN ACTION

THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM hears an address by Albert McClellan of Nashville, Tennessee. Also at the speaker's table are J. D. Grey of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois, the convener. Dr. Woyke is the executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference.

scholars and other leaders from 26 different countries of the world comprised the permanent membership of these four Commissions. Their task was that of exploration of questions pertinent to Baptist world understanding and co-operation and an interpretation of these truths to lead us into a more meaningful expression of our faith and a greater fulfillment of the Great Commission.

At the Congress sessions on Friday afternoon, June 25, and again on Tuesday afternoon, June 29, a most inspiring parade of 65 outstanding speakers addressed these Commission gatherings on the respective subjects and took part in spirited discussions. Later each

Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, president of the BWA Women's Department; Dr. J. D. Hughey, foreign mission secretary to Europe and the Middle East for the S.B.C.; and by Dr. C. E. Carlson.

"Let us whose religious liberty is denied take hope," the speakers declared. "The suffering of others has not been in vain, and yours will not be either. But so far the Baptist trumpet has given an uncertain sound. Many Baptists have done their best to advance human rights, but too many of our churches have looked on the color of a person's skin when deciding whether to admit him for worship or membership in our churches."

One of the most significant results of



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE LEADERS IN A PANEL DISCUSSION

Left to right: Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C. (standing), general secretary of the BWA; Joao F. Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the BWA; Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, former president of the BWA; C. Oscar Johnson of Berkeley, California, BWA president in 1947-50; Erik Ruden of Stockholm, Sweden, former associate secretary of the BWA, now general secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union; C. Ronald Goulding of London, England, associate secretary of the BWA; and Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., associate secretary of the BWA.

North America. Nearly one million are in Asia, with India, Burma and China having the greatest segments. More than a million are in Europe, with the half million in Russia representing the largest group, and the 300 thousand in Great Britain the next largest. There are a half million Baptists in Africa, nearly half of them in the Congo; a quarter of a million in South America, where nearly 200,000 of them are in Brazil; more than 100,000 in Central America; and nearly that many in the Southwest Pacific, including major groups in Australia and the Philippines.

In the United States, Baptists are divided into seven major denominations

some churches have more rights than they use. The church needs more consistent Christian practice—and this is not easy in some parts of the world."

## CROWN HIM LORD!

In the official program booklet of the Congress the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," appeared on three pages with the words to be sung to three different tunes. In the opening minutes of the first session on June 25 and almost at every meeting thereafter this hymn was sung. It belongs particularly to the Worldwide Baptist

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# Highlights of Miami Beach

Interesting news items about the 11th Baptist World Congress, June 21-30

• **77 COUNTRIES.** Among the 17,787 Baptists registered at the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, seventy-seven countries were represented. The flags of these countries were never flown at the sessions as in previous Congresses, but each of these representatives spoke the words of the Congress theme "...and the Truth Shall Make You Free," in his or her language or dialect. This was a most impressive hour on Sunday night.

• **NO RAIN, THANK GOD!** Four of the evening sessions were held in the open air Miami Orange Bowl with attendances from 25,000 to 55,000 people each evening. Billy Graham spoke at two of the largest gatherings in the Orange Bowl. In spite of threatening storm clouds on each of these evenings and nearby rolls of thunder one night, not a single drop of rain fell on these out of door meetings, thus providing a most inspiring setting for the services held in this football stadium.

• **NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS.** It was gratifying and even amazing to see so many North American Baptists, ministers and their families, laymen, young people in attendance. Virtually all nine regional conferences were represented with several people coming



**CONGRESS SMILES!**

Billy Graham on the platform at the Orange Bowl, Miami, Beach, Florida with Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, seated just behind him (left).

over 4,000 miles to the Congress. It was reliably estimated that a total of 250-275 North American Baptists attended the Congress sessions in Miami Beach. On Saturday night after the evening service, a reception for present and former NAB people was held in the Deauville Hotel, attended by 110 people. Refreshments were served

## WELCOME! BAPTISTS

MIAMI BEACH, June 27—The lobby bulletin board at the Deauville Hotel, headquarters for the 11th Baptist World Congress, carried the usual list of groups meeting in the hotel.

The top of the list read:  
Welcome  
Baptist World Alliance  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

as friendships were renewed at this delightful gathering. Dr. Frank H. Woyke warmly extended a welcome to all. Mary and Martha Leypoldt served as hostesses for the refreshments.

• **OFFERINGS** Billy Graham at the Saturday evening service in the Orange Bowl declared that he felt somewhat "uncomfortable" as a Baptist because no collection was being held. So offerings were received on Sunday morning and again in the evening with amazing results. On Sunday morning the offering totaled \$11,387.14 and at the Orange Bowl service \$8,978.37. Of this total sum, \$15,876.33 were designated for Baptist Relief which ministers to a great pressing need in many parts of the world. The relief program aids distressed people all over the world, including hurricane victims in Haiti, Angola, and Congo refugees.

• **BRAZILIAN DELEGATION.** The largest number of Baptists for whom housing was provided was a delegation of 60 Brazilians who were placed

in the Perring Baptist Migrant Center in Miami Beach during the Congress days. About 20 more stayed in the First Baptist Church. A tour of local Baptist mission work was provided by Miami Beach churches featuring a trip to the Seminole Baptist Indian Village where Genus Crenshaw, missionary, is in charge of the Baptist work.

• **DR. SOREN, PRESIDENT.** Dr. Joao Soren's leadership as the president and presiding officer of the 11th Baptist Congress in Miami Beach was superb. He excelled as a parliamentarian but he also radiated spiritual joy and dignity in his masterful introduction of speakers and events. He has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil since 1935, the same congregation which his father led as pastor for 33 years previously. He has been the president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention five times. He speaks fluently in Spanish and Portuguese and several times served as interpreter for other speakers. His English is flawless. His presence and leadership at the Miami Beach Congress contributed greatly to the spiritual heights of the Congress.

• **INTERESTING ITEMS.** For us as American Christians, one of the most interesting and impressive items in all the Congress services was the fact that the audience always stood reverently while God's Word was read. On Sunday night in the Orange Bowl Rev. John Nfor of the Cameroon Baptist Convention read the Scripture passage

## OFFICERS OF BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE 1965 - 1970

### PRESIDENT:

William R. Tolbert, Jr., Monrovia, Liberia, vice president of the Republic of Liberia

### VICE PRESIDENTS:

- (1) Paul Mbende, Douala, Cameroun, President of Union of Baptists in Cameroun.
- (2) Lawrence Silcock, Lower Hutt, New Zealand, Sunday School editor.
- (3) Shuichi Matsumura, Tokyo, Japan, Director of New Life Movement.
- (4) Aleksander Kircum, Warsaw, Poland, President, Polish Baptist Union.
- (5) Ernest Payne, London, Great Britain, general secretary of Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.
- (6) Roberta Porras Maynes, Mexico City, Executive Secretary of National Baptist Convention of Mexico.
- (7) Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Alabama, promotions director, WMU, Southern Baptist Convention.
- (8) Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pastor of First Baptist Church.
- (9) John W. Williams, Kansas City, Kansas, pastor, Saint Stephens Baptist Church.

### TREASURERS:

Carl Tiller, Washington, D. C., Western Division  
Sir Donald Dinmore, Birmingham, England, Eastern Division.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Those chosen to head the specialty groups include Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, re-elected president of the Women's Department; Robert Mills of Georgetown, Ky., chairman of the Men's Department; and Gunnar Hoglund of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the Youth Committee.

in the presence of 55,000 people. Almost all of the prayers offered by Baptist nationals at the Congress sessions were prayed in various languages and dialects. This emphasized our unity before the throne of God in spite of differences in language and national background.



**A RECORD BREAKING THROG OF BAPTISTS AT CONGRESS SESSIONS**

More than 17,000 people registered and attended the day sessions of the Baptist World Congress held in Convention Hall, Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965.

# The "Tie" Which Binds Us "Together"

Report of the women's pre-Congress Executive planning sessions and of the four BWA events presented by the Women's Department at the Baptist Congress in Miami Beach, Florida.

By Mrs. Delmar Wessler, President of the NAB Woman's Missionary Union

THE NAME of our BWA Women's paper for this continent, "TIE", along with "TOGETHER", our news and information bulletin for women of all continents, unitedly express the purpose of our Miami meetings, the TIE which binds us TOGETHER. I am certain that these pre-Congress Executive planning sessions of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance created a re-dedication among the leaders which will cause all of us to be more faithful to our trust.

Many times people ask, "Why have conferences and these big expensive meetings such as the Baptist World Congress every five years?" Mrs. Edgar Bates, Women's Department Chairman, gave us an interesting comparison. A number of years ago one hospital changed from the radium to cobalt treatment of diseases. They had an important discovery to make, for after five years, this cobalt had to be returned to more of its own substance in order to remain effective. It needed to be recharged and re-invigorated. Thus Baptists need the fellowship of those of similar faith in order to continue an effective Christian life and to grow spiritually.

## COMMITTEE SESSIONS

One hundred and three women were brought to Miami Beach, Florida for this time of fellowship, instruction



Mrs. Delmar Wessler, (left), president of the NAB Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. Elisabeth Fluegge of Germany, chairman of the European Baptist Women's Union.

and planning. Part of their expenses came from the Baptist Day of Prayer offerings. One of the outstanding features of these days was the exchange of ideas among women from 73 countries. I was particularly grateful for the smaller planning groups of about 25 women where we could express ourselves very informally and could really learn to know these women of God.

For example, I was privileged to be on a committee with women from 23 countries, including three continental chairmen and Mrs. Bates, chairman of all Continental Women's Unions, along with the wife of President Soren of Brazil, and wife of the newly elected President Tolbert of Liberia, Africa.



WOMEN DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST CONGRESS

Baptist women met some of the international guests at a reception Friday afternoon. A hostess from Miami (left) pours punch for Mrs. Edgar Bates, Hamilton, Ontario, president of the BWA Women's Department; Miss Waddad Masrallah, Beirut, Lebanon; Mrs. Joseph Ayorinde, Idaban, Nigeria; and Mrs. Olivia Lerin, Mexico City, Mexico.

Also, school administrators, a medical doctor, a doctor of mathematics, women who are wives of officials in their countries, delegates to the United Nations, Baptist school superintendents, etc., were participants on this committee. As Baptists, we are fortunate to have these dedicated and influential women in our membership!

## MRS. BELL OF CAMEROON

The BWA made it possible for Mrs. Alice Bell of the Baptist Church in Victoria, West Cameroon, Africa to attend. I was happy to introduce her to many of our NAB women during the reception which was given so that all women attending the Congress could meet our overseas women and the Executive officers. Six thousand women somehow managed to come in and enjoy these delightful women.

Mrs. Bell has a Baptist heritage which will interest all of our "Mission minded" members. As we ate together several times and frequently talked together, the influence and love of our missionaries were evident. Mrs. Bell's grandfather, as a very young man, worked with the first missionary to Cameroon, Alfred Saker. In 1858, they worked in the forest area, which is now the thriving city of Victoria, and established a Baptist church. Her father was pastor of this church for 36 years and, as a little girl, she remembered Missionary Bender's family, having been a playmate of Helga Bender and her sister. She is now a widow of a Post Office clerk, but happily tells of her three sons and three daughters.

Flavius Martin, whom many of us remember as having recently studied and graduated from our NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls, is her pastor. Both she and her pastor are third generation Cameroon Baptists. What tremendous dividends foreign missions has among the redeemed ones of these 25,000 baptized believers in Cameroon!

## FOUR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

The four BWA events planned by women were the reception, the colorful presentation of all representatives of the Continental Unions on Saturday, the election meeting on Monday afternoon, and the pageant for all on Monday evening. Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada was re-elected as chairman of the Women's Department. The six vice presidents are the chairmen from each continent. Mrs. Olivia Lerin of Latin American was elected secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis of USA is the treasurer.

People were often asked to sing in their native language during group singing, and prayers were offered also

in this manner. In our women's group, we prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison, each in her own tongue. Many words for "Our Father" and for the rest of the prayer were heard. How beautiful this must have sounded to our Heavenly Father to have representatives from nearly all the world joining in this prayer.

As each Continent Chairman presented her colorfully costumed representatives, she gave a brief review of their work and progress. Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde of Africa said that her continent has become a lighted continent and is no longer just a continent of foreign missions for they too are sending out missionaries. Fourteen of their countries were represented in Miami Beach.

## WOMEN OF MANY COUNTRIES

Mrs. Ayako Hino of the Asian women presented 21 women, and she stressed the vastly different cultural backgrounds among their women, for more than half of the population of the world lives here. All leaders stressed the importance of our Christian witness and the urgency of evangelism. Australia, including New Zealand and New Guinea were represented by Mrs. Church. In many areas work is progressing slowly and special prayers were requested for New Guinea.

The European Continental Union includes 17 countries, and was very capably represented also by their chairman, Mrs. Fluegge of Germany. There is no official list but it is believed that there are 500,000 Baptists in Russia. We should pray for suffering Baptists all over the world and for those behind the Iron Curtain who quietly meet for renewing their faith.

Spanish is spoken in the Latin American Union meetings. Twenty-eight women represented all the countries in their Union. Large numbers of new Christians in many areas were noted by their chairman, Mrs. Alfred Lerin.

Dr. Soren in his talk "Gathering Stones" challenged our women to continue to increase our dedication and our varied activities. Mrs. O. D. Wiles of England expressed the idea that our Women's Fellowship needs constant review in this rapidly changing world. There are 13 million Baptist women in the world who can be a mighty spiritual force for God.

## "THROUGH THE YEARS"

At the final meeting of the Women's Department, a pageant "Through the Years," was presented on a massive screen, using silhouettes and colored pictures along with lovely choral music. The portrayal of influential Christian leaders began with Ann and Adoniram Judson and progressed through the history of Baptist witness around the world. A map of the world, outlined with small Christian flags and lights, completely darkened Orange Bowl stadium. Representative costumed women leaders stood in their area of the world.



MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION AUDITORIUM

Baptist World Alliance delegates from 77 countries of the world converge on the beautiful and spacious Miami Beach Convention Auditorium for the morning sessions of the Congress.

## BAPTIST COMMISSIONS

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Each continent became brilliantly illuminated in the progressive order in which it became organized and took its place in the Continental fellowship. Europe was first in 1948 when their countries banded together to try to mend the heartbreak of war scars through spiritual communication. The Baptist Day of Prayer began at this time also. Following the pattern set by European women, continental unions were organized in North America and Latin America, and then in Africa in 1955, followed by Asia and Australia. Being a part of this great convocation at Miami Beach could not possibly leave one the same person he was before attending. Our perspective was broadened and dedication increased as we realized anew that we must present our changeless Christ to a rapidly changing world NOW! Christ is the only hope for this divided world!

## CONGRESS PANELS

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Fellowship because it was written in 1779 by John Rippon, a London minister and publisher who is credited as being "the father" of the idea of the Baptist World Alliance, having proposed a world meeting of Baptists as early as 1790. Its words still ring with the glory of our expression and ardent faith in Christ:

"Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all!"

Baptists came to these coronation heights in these Congress sessions in Miami Beach, which was evident especially in the panel presentations as they felt their "togetherness" in their witness to Christ and to his Gospel.

tists do not really understand the meaning of the doctrine from whence their name comes. "Sometimes they don't want really to surrender to Christ in personal faith, but they just want to belong to the church. If it is only this, then I question if their faith can ever grow into the maturity of a changed life."

In addition to these Commission gatherings there were separate meetings on several days arranged for WOMEN, YOUTH, MEN, PASTORS, THEOLOGICAL TEACHERS, and RADIO AND TELEVISION people. Overflow crowds attended these sessions, and scores of people spoke out of the fullness of their experiences and with deep and profound convictions. At the gathering for the Baptist pastors held in the Miami Beach Auditorium, where during the winter months Jackie Gleason presents his television program, the following outstanding religious leaders spoke with great forcefulness: Rev. William A. Lawson, Negro minister of Houston, Texas on "Race and Human Rights"; Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, on "Home and Morality"; Rev. Anatol Kiriuchantsev, pastor of the Baptist Church in Leningrad, USSR, on "World Peace"; and Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, president of the Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., on "World Fellowship."

Every possible subject for helpful discussion on great truths of the Bible and on intricate problems of the Christian life were presented lucidly and quite exhaustively. As a result of these studies, which will be continued in local Baptist churches throughout the world, it is hoped that Baptists everywhere will be alerted to these crucial issues.



# "Go . . . Teach . . . All Nations!"

A report on the history making Christian Education Workshops for Baptists of the world at Miami Beach, Florida, June 18-23.

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

THE MOTIVATION for our Christian education ministry in the local church has come from Christ's commission to teach the *Message* which has become meaningful in our own lives because Christ is our Savior and Lord. Churches have also been motivated to carry out this Christian education commission by banding together into a fellowship of believers with like faith and extending their missionary ministry through teaching the Gospel in other lands. A new dimension in missions through Christian education is facing Christians in the world today as the means of communications have brought us closer together, and as we corporately face the mammoth task of Christ's commission to "Go . . . teach . . . all nations." We are expanding our missionary program

Baptist World Fellowship, especially through the teaching ministries of the churches." The Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training carefully planned to structure a plan whereby Baptist leaders and representatives from countries around the world could meet for a week of workshops to foster a world-wide advance of Bible teaching and membership training.

The officers of the Commission on Bible Study and Training were: Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins (Chairman), Professor of Religious Education, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Dr. Kenneth Cober (Co-chairman), Executive Director of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, Valley Forge, Pa.; and Dr. Clifton Allen (Secretary), Editorial Secretary of the Sunday

is a missionary." Dr. Cober stated, "This is a good Baptist doctrine and thoroughly in keeping with the earliest Christian tradition. The full ministry of the church was given to the whole church. The New Testament makes no distinction of status between two groups of people, one the clergy and the other the laity. Every member has a particular function, a special role in keeping with the gifts bestowed upon him by the Holy Spirit." The thoughts expressed in this paper highlighted the need for a well-trained laity who have a clear concept of the "mission of the church" in today's world.

The presentation by Dr. Gaines Dobbins on the theme, "Examining the Biblical Foundations and Present Urgency of Bible Study and Membership Training," was a well-documented treatment of the teaching program throughout the centuries. In dealing with the role of the church today, Dr. Dobbins said: "No challenge to the church today is more imperative than the restoration of its teaching function according to the New Testament ideal. Alongside of the public school in every community should be the teaching church, not in rivalry or antagonism, but as providing the moral and spiritual values which come from Bible study under church control and for the distinctive purpose of Jesus Christ." The purpose of the workshop group was highlighted in a closing statement by Dr. Dobbins, "We are here to get back to fundamentals, to rediscover our divine commission, to confront an ignorant world to be taught and a lost world to be saved, to renew our partnership and discipleship with him whom we call Teacher and Lord."

## THE ALL-AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since many of the Baptists around the world have Sunday school for children only, the workshop sessions were structured to deal in a practical manner with the program of the all-age Sunday school. Topics which related to this emphasis were: "Basic Principles in Curriculum Development" by Dr. Glenn Asquith of Valley Forge, Pa.; "Basic Principles in Sunday School Organization" by Dr. George Wilson of Hong Kong, China; and "Basic Principles in Providing Adequate Buildings and Equipment for Religious Education" by Dr. Elmer Gray.

The topic, "Basic Principles in Leadership Development," was presented by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. It was cited in the paper that "among the basic requirements to be observed in the

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# "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Highlights of the 11th Baptist World Congress sessions in Miami Beach as seen by some of the 275 North American Baptists in attendance.

## THE WORLDWIDE WITNESS OF BAPTISTS

By Miss Ellen Lehr,  
Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

IT IS difficult to sit down to write about one highlight in a great conference such as the Baptist World Alliance Congress. At such a gathering the song, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love . . ." takes on new meaning.

The panel discussions on "Witnessing to the Truth," moderated by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, were particularly meaningful to me. It was a challenge to hear those in countries where a public witness is forbidden tell of ways they can and do witness for Jesus Christ. It was a challenge to hear those from lands where missionary efforts have been great tell how they witness to nationals in the face of persecution and ostracism.

Hearing the people from other lands speak of their "witness to the truth" gave me a new appreciation of the privilege that is ours to witness. We, as they, can witness through the consistency of the lives we live, the love we show toward our fellowmen particularly in times of crisis, an incidental reading of the Word of God. In addition, we are free to speak of the Lord much as we choose—freedom to witness is ours!

It was impressed, challenged and motivated by the witness of those who are the product of missions. Our own Cameroon work was well publicized by Rev. John Nfor and Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, both products of our Cameroons mission schools, both of whom participated in the program.

These were great days for us—days that have left an indelible impression upon our hearts and minds.

## UNFORGETTABLE PICTURES AT MIAMI BEACH

By Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mashner,  
South Hills Church, Erie, Pa.

IT IS difficult to point out any one single act as the highlight of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Miami Beach. The whole affair can be summarized in the words of the hymn-writer:

"How lovely and how cheering,  
When brethren faithfully  
Do always dwell together  
In peace and harmony.

"When every tribe and nation  
Shall to the light have come,  
One flesh and but one Shepherd  
Will mark all Christendom."

Regardless how we say our words,

eat our food, wear our clothes, in Christ we can come together in a five-day program and enjoy a world fellowship. In spite of our differences, we could not fail to feel that we have much in common. Here in Miami Beach, this unity in Christ was exhibited and gave us a foretaste of heaven's design.

"AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE." This theme-text guided and directed the thoughts and intentions of this world fellowship of believers. To see nearly 90 representatives from the continents of the world step to the platform and with a God-fearing boldness repeat this text in their native tongue, many of them dressed in their native garb, was indeed a sight to behold and hear, an unforgettable picture.

The marvelous pageant, under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, warrants every praise and thankfulness. Though a daring thing to attempt in an open air stadium, the beauty and symmetry of the world design below, with corresponding outlines marked by Christian flags, and a native representative, vividly depicted our Baptist witness in 121 countries. All this made us feel proud to be part of a large body of 26 million believers.

## MIAMI BEACH, THE 'PRAY GROUND' FOR THE BAPTIST CONGRESS

By Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller,  
Immanuel Church, Woodside, N. Y.

FOR MILES along the sun-swept, sandy shore of the Atlantic Ocean rise numerous large hotels, surrounded by magnificent garden beauty and the green grace of palm trees, swaying in the breeze. Broad, clean avenues are lined by shrubs, brilliant with blossoms. Along these avenues are spacious accommodations, cheering friendliness, and sightseeing delights in this festive city which was celebrating its Golden Anniversary. It is more than a coincidence that a gathering of hosts of Baptists, of interested, gifted church-leaders should meet in this wonderful place for re-orientation and re-motivation, for re-consideration of the privileges and responsibilities of our freedom and favoured position in Christ.

Indeed, it was a wonderful week of deep thinking on vital Kingdom concerns, and long-range planning, of high worship and working together in confrontation of our common task of witnessing in our time. The program was full, rich and varied, interspersed by the lovely strains of choral rendi-

tions. The sessions in the spacious Convention Hall featured informing and stimulating addresses by eminent speakers on various phases of the theme, sectional panels and discussions. The evening sessions in the balmy Orange Bowl were open to the public, hence packed by hosts of people, and highlighted by a nightly panorama of Baptist work on various continents, an impressive historical pageant, powerful testimonies in word and music and the evangelistic impact of Billy Graham—colorful and unforgettable scenes, a sea of eager faces and expectant hearts, united in and focused on Christ!

This congress was characterized by a push for peace and racial understanding, evidenced in the election of a Negro president, Dr. William R. Tolbert of Liberia, to whom full support was promised.

One never knows whether we shall be privileged to attend another Baptist World Congress, but we are thankful for the ability to participate in this one. As has been said, it "improves one's theology, enlarges one's interests, broadens one's understanding and sympathies, and enriches one's spiritual life."

## A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN ITSELF

By Mrs. Fred L. Paul,  
Dayton's Bluff Church,  
St. Paul, Minn.

"BLEST BE the tie that binds" has taken on a deeper spiritual meaning for me, having had the opportunity to participate in the pre-Congress meetings of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, and some of the sessions of the Congress itself in Miami Beach, Florida in recent days.

The privilege of warm, Christian fellowship with sisters in Christ from "oe'r the seven seas" is an experience to be held in pleasant memory for many years to come. It was an experience that brought fresh and deeper meaning to the blessed truth of John 3:16: "For God so loved the *WORLD*, that he gave his only begotten Son—." This experience heightened my appreciation for the need to continue our efforts, by prayer and giving, for the further extension of his Gospel ministry "unto the uttermost parts of the world!"

Women were present at the meetings from 67 countries—but shortness of space prevents singling out one or more for special mention. However, it is possible to say collectively that their testimonies gave evidence to a spirit

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BIBLE STUDY AND MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

This large representative group from many countries of the world met at the North Miami Shores Baptist Church, Florida prior to the Congress sessions to consider "Bible Study and Membership Training." Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. John Nfor of Cameroon, Africa were members of this study group.

from the one-way structured plan, where missionaries were sent to other countries to evangelize, to the new design where the evangelized join us in planning together on a world-wide basis to fulfill Christ's plan to teach the Gospel to all nations.

## THE COMMISSION'S LEADERSHIP

Baptists have been very sensitive to these new open doors of opportunity to fulfill Christ's hope of proclaiming the Gospel. In 1955, the Baptist World Alliance established the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training whose purpose would be "the stimulation of advance in Bible study and membership training in all areas of our

## FOUNDATIONS FOR TEACHING

The opening session centered on reviewing the foundations for a teaching church. Dr. Kenneth Cober, in his paper on "The Church and Its Mission," referred to an article which appeared in the *Baptist World*, written by Professor Hugo Lueck of our North American Baptist Seminary, in which it was emphasized that "every Baptist



**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE OFFICERS, 1965-1970.**

Elected at the 11th Congress in Miami Beach was President William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Monrovia, Liberia, shown seated with Mrs. Tolbert. Vice presidents are (left to right, standing): Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Paul Mbende of Douala, Cameroun; John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Birmingham, Ala.; Ernest Payne of London, England; Roberto Porras Maynes of Mexico City, Mexico; and Aleksander Kircun of Warsaw, Poland.

## "AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

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our faith in every land and must move always to full freedom for people of all nations."

Mr. Hays concluded with a passionate plea that the hope of the world is to be found in the "unsullied Cross of Christ."

"Twentieth century Christians have new responsibilities in civic life. Popular government has been extended. Participation in the processes of government is essential if committed Christians are to meet their responsibilities. Our neighbors who lack a spiritual motivation in political activity need what we have to give for the reformation and guidance of the political State upon which many of our liberties depend."

### GARDNER TAYLOR

Thunderous applause broke out several times during the address of Dr. Gardner Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York since 1948 and the first Negro and the first Baptist ever to serve as president of the Protestant Council of New York. In speaking on "Freedom and Responsibility," he struck at the idea of holding people responsible without granting them the freedom to act responsibly. "To deny schooling to a person and then to hold him responsible as intellectually unfit, to sentence any soul to the bondage of living in a filthy ghetto and then to brand him as irresponsible because he is dirty, to deny a person the freedom of employment and then to hold him responsible for not being ambitious is a brutal violation of one's own moral apparatus and an insult to the God whose dignifying stamp is in every hu-

man soul."

Dr. Taylor reached great heights in presenting the Christian standing in the true light of freedom in Christ: "We who stand on the awesome levelness of Calvary stand in sublime emancipation, the glorious liberty of the Sons of God. That man to whom the Cross has truly spoken is free, free from the claim of preference, since 'all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' A man so touched by Christ and his Cross is free from the limitations of geography and old parochialisms of class and color, for 'if any man be in Christ he is a new creation,

## MESSAGE TO BAPTIST CONGRESS

From the President of the United States,  
**LYNDON B. JOHNSON**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is gratifying to learn that Baptists from all parts of the world are assembling for the Alliance meetings. As President and on behalf of Americans of all religious faiths, I extend a cordial welcome to the visitors from other lands.

I wish to add a personal word of gratitude to Baptists from this and other countries for the profound contribution made by your denomination to my own family's religious experiences. My earliest impressions of spiritual and moral forces carry a Baptist identification. I have observed with pride the impact of Baptists' devotion upon the life of my native State. These devotions have been an influence for righteousness and peace in our beloved country and throughout the world.

old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.' A man to whom Christ is truly real is free from poisonous divisions that separate human souls punitively and arbitrarily according to skill or sex or skin, since for those who have put on Christ, 'there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ.'"

### C. OSCAR JOHNSON

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, a former president of the Baptist World Alliance and one of America's most beloved Baptist preachers, brought the Coronation Address in the closing session of the Congress on "Our Unity in Christ." He declared: "We have heard much in recent years about union, unity, world fellowship and united this and united that. But today it is doubtful if we can find real unity in any area which we may explore." Johnson said he saw little unity in the United Nations, United States, United Kingdom, labor unions, political parties or religious groups.

But Dr. Johnson described this unity for Baptist as the Person of Christ "In whom there is to be found all there is of God. Our unity in Christ then must be in his program for the finishing of that which he began and for which he gave his life. We follow a Person who is Divine, the Son of God in the flesh; not a weakling, but with all Power and Authority on earth; with the express Purpose of saving a lost world, and a Program in which we are to be involved with all others who know him as their Lord and Savior."

### MANY OTHER SPEAKERS

The procession of great, dynamic Baptist speakers continued almost without end: Dr. J. Ithel Jones, principal of the South Wales Baptist College (Seminary), Cardiff, Wales, in his Congress sermon at the Orange Bowl on Monday evening, June 28; the Honorable Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, Pa., with his provocative proposals for world peace from the Christian statesman's point of view, entitling his address, "Space Ships as Sentinels of Peace"; Dr. Russell F. Aldwinckle, professor of theology at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario, speaking with scholarly profundity on "The Nature and Purpose of Our Freedom"; and the Honorable William R. Tolbert, Jr., the vice president of the Republic of Liberia, bringing his presidential address. (This is published in full on pages 4 and 5).

Here were stalwart Baptist spokesmen from all countries of the world, asserting our God-given freedom to read and to study his Word, to love one another in Christ's sense of love, and to submit to the transforming influence of the Spirit of God. This was the glorious demonstration of the Presence of God in such a gathering of Baptists at these 11th Congress sessions!

• **The German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta** has extended a call to Rev. Waldemar Laser of Winnipeg, Manitoba, pastor of the German Baptist Mission since 1954. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Calgary church on Sept. 1st, succeeding Rev. Henry S. Stinner.

• **Mrs. Hazel Potratz**, clerk of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa for the past 14 years and Karl A. Miller of Clermont, Iowa, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa for over ten years, were united in marriage in the Sumner church on July 30th. Rev. Harry Haas officiated at the double ring ceremony. Rev. and Mrs. Lorimer Potratz of Corona, S. Dak., son of the bride and daughter of the groom, were their attendants.

• **From July 12-16 the Faith Church, Regina, Sask.**, held its Vacation Bible School with Mrs. Ella Sailor as director. The theme was "Discovering With Christ." There was an enrollment of 85 children and 21 workers. A splendid closing program was held on Friday evening, July 16. The children brought an offering of \$25.00 which was given to one of the church's missionaries, Miss Viola Galenzoski of Lima, Peru, as reported by Miss Doris Roson.

• **Rev. Jothan G. Benke**, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., was one of five clergymen completing a 6 week course at Meyer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo designed to help them minister more effectively to ill parishioners. Dr. G. Charles Bachmann, chief Protestant chaplain at the hospital and director of the training course, explained that "participating in the framework of a large hospital enables ministers to do a more meaningful job."

• **On Sunday evening, July 18**, the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon honored two of its young women who will soon be leaving for Africa as God's Volunteers teachers for Cameroon or as "short term missionaries." They are Nancy Grover and Jeannette Moeckli. Dr. John Wobig, pastor, spoke on "God's Call to Women." The Trinity Church has also voted to proceed with the erection of a sanctuary and educational unit at the Church Extension project in Vancouver, Wash.

• **The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois** has extended a call to Rev. Calvin R. Chadderton to which a favorable response was given. He began his ministry in the Trenton church on June 20 succeeding Rev. J. R. Kruegel, now pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. A reception for Rev. and Mrs. Calvin R. Chadderton was held by the Trenton church on Sunday afternoon, June 20, which is reported at greater length in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

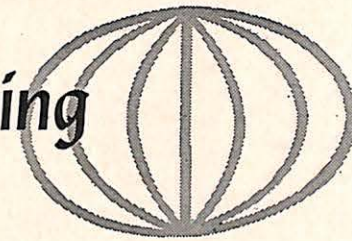
• **The Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio** held a farewell service for Rev. W. J. Luebeck and family on August 8

before their departure for Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where they are now living. Miss Barbara Cahill is now serving as the Director of Christian Education. Recently a pantry shower was held for her. On Sunday evening, Aug. 22, Rev. Fred Bonkowsky described some of his recent experiences in Berlin, Germany. Two of his three provocative articles have appeared in the "Baptist Herald."

then. The 8 children of these couples were hosts for the celebration. A successful Bible School was also held at the church under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Henry Lang.

• **Mrs. Bertha Lang Griffin of Waterloo, Iowa**, was taken to her heavenly Home on July 24 at 68 years of age. She was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. August Lang. From 1922 to

## what's happening



• **The Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa.**, has extended a call recently to Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield Hills since 1962. Mr. Gieseke has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Bethlehem church on Sept. 12, succeeding Rev. Frank J. Kolk. Mr. Gieseke is a frequent contributor to our publications, now preparing a series of meditations for one week to the devotional quarterly, "Moments with God."

• **A 25th double wedding anniversary** was recently celebrated at the First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Christiansen and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Frick. The couples were married May 25, 1940 in the First Baptist Church of Durham by Rev. Edward Kary, and both have lived in the Durham community since



**AUSTRIA AND INDONESIA** were among countries represented at the BWA Women's Department reception honoring international delegates. Left to right they are Mrs. Rosa Fuellbrandt of Austria, and Miss Rut Tugiani of Indonesia. The Negro woman between them has not been identified.

1950 she served her Lord faithfully as a missionary of the China Inland Mission until she and other missionaries were forced out of China by the communists. In 1954 she was united in marriage to Rev. Herbert Griffin who had also been a missionary in China. Bertha Griffin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa for the past 50 years.

• **Rev. and Mrs. William Effa of Cathay, N. Dak.**, have announced the birth of a daughter who has been named Marianne Ruth. This is their first daughter in a family of three boys. Mr. Effa is the pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter on July 29 who has been named Valerie Dawn. Mr. Zimmerman is serving as the summer student pastor at the Forest Park Baptist Church. In September he will begin his final year of studies at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

• **Rev. and Mrs. Norman Vernon of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a number of events planned in their honor during the week-end of July 10 and 11. A surprise party at the parsonage, planned and prepared by the young people, began the festivities of the week-end. These were young people from the church as well as many who had found Christ as their personal Savior through the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Vernon following the home-going of their son, Bruce. On Sunday afternoon, members of the church hosted an Open House. A garden setting formed a frame from which friends and guests were received by the Vernons. Gifts and a money tree graced the table and pictures depicting 25 years together were displayed.



# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 5, 1965

Theme: GROWING IN FAITH

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14, 19-23;

Hebrews 11:1

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Growing in faith does not mean that you are getting bigger; it means that you are getting smaller and God is getting bigger.

**INTRODUCTION:** No one seems to have a limitless faith. More often than not, we admit that we are still weak in faith, and we know in our hearts that it is a weak excuse. It is difficult to speak of faith in terms of size or quantity, and yet Jesus said that if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed we could move mountains. On the surface it seems like such a little faith compared to such a big job. But we must remember that it does not depend so much on the strength of our faith as it does on the strength of God.

After speaking in a service, Fanny Crosby was approached by a woman who said, "What great faith you have, Fanny Crosby!" To which she replied, "I have only a little faith, but I have a great God!"

Our faith will become self-centered if we think of it as an instrument with which we can move God. Rather let it be centered on God and on how he can move us. We must become his instruments, to be used by him according to his will. Faith is not given in order to let people see what we can do but what God can do.

**I. FAITH IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER.** Colossians 1:9-10.

Intercessory prayer is an important element which contributes to our growth in faith. Evidence of its power is felt throughout the Bible. Moses and Samuel interceding for Israel; Jesus praying for his disciples; and the greatest intercessory prayer of all time found in John 17. Our faith often rises or falls, depending on who is praying for us. The most comforting and strengthening thought is the assurance of knowing that Jesus is at the right hand of God making intercession for us.

**II. A GROWING FAITH.** Colossians 1:11-20.

There is a special kind of strength needed for patience and endurance which only God can supply. It often takes more strength and faith to wait than to act. Many people outside the Christian fellowship have faith in themselves and in their ability. This

is self-confidence. Faith in God goes beyond and above self-confidence and centers itself on God and not on self. The Colossian Christians had faith in Christ's redemption and forgiveness through his blood. Now they had to go on in faith and see the reconciliation of all things.

**III. THE FRUIT OF FAITH.** Colossians 1:21-23.

It is not always comfortable to be reminded of our former way of life. The apostle is not sparing in describing their former condition by giving them a picture of their mind as well as their wicked hearts. But look at the difference now! Being unblamable and unprovable in God's sight is a secure and clean and comfortable feeling. This should be evidence enough to continue in faith. There must be constancy of faith and a determination to remain on solid foundation. God did not bring us peace at any price, but peace at the greatest price—peace through the blood of his Cross.

**IV. FAITH DEFINED.** Hebrews 11:1.

This is still the best and most quoted definition of faith. It gives the Christian the full assurance that God will keep his promises. Faith precludes that there are many things that we cannot see and many more that we cannot understand. But we have our Father's promise that, at the end of the way, he will be there to receive and welcome us. Then the unseen will be real and the mysterious will become clear.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 12, 1965

Theme: GROWING IN SELF-DISCIPLINE

Scripture: I Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:12-13, 23-24, 31-33.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The person who is striving to be a good Christian must use self-control in all things—even the good things.

**INTRODUCTION:** The songs we sing do not always give us a true picture of the Christian life. During the Singspiration we are led to forget some of the perspiration that goes along with being a Christian. It is much easier to sing, "There is sunshine in my soul," than truly to feel it. "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before" gives us the impression that there are only "ups" in the Christian life and never any "downs." And "Just a little talk with Jesus" doesn't always make it "all

right." Sometimes it takes a long, concentrated talk that goes on for days and months, sometimes even years, before our problem is solved.

"Just a little talk with Jesus" is far removed from what Jesus indicated when he said, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." The difference is whether you are going to use prayer as an aspirin tablet for your little spiritual aches and pains or whether you are going to enter the school of discipline in prayer that reveals your deep-seated doubts and tries your faith to the utmost.

**I. THE NECESSITY OF SELF-DISCIPLINE** I Corinthians 9:24-27.

If self-discipline is so necessary for physical performance, how much more in the realm of the spiritual? The Christian is not like the Greek athletes in competition with other Christians, but in competition with himself. It is a discipline in which the higher nature is to win over the lower nature—the spiritual over the carnal. The only losers are those who sacrifice spiritual discipline for a life of self-indulgence.

Paul is concerned about being a good example. He is not a shadow boxer. When he fights he means business. He has real opponents. Not those of flesh and blood, but the enemies of the spirit which require something more than physical strength. In the battlefield of life Paul could not afford to baby himself or he soon would have perished.

**II. TEMPTATION AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.** I Corinthians 10:12-13.

Confidence is a great and necessary virtue. We must believe; we must have faith. If we go on day after day with the "I don't believe I can do it" attitude, then our life will be a failure. On the other hand, overconfidence is also dangerous. We are warned against the temptation of pride or superiority. Because we have had one great Christian experience, we often think of ourselves as being stronger than we really are. The most respectable bank teller and church pillar has often become the biggest embezzler. Sunday school teachers, deacons and even ministers have had tragic experiences.

Faith in God will help us overcome any and all temptations. There are times of testing, and we can only grow if we trust God to watch over us.

**III. PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DISCIPLINE.** I Corinthians 10:24-33.

When we become Christians, our sense of personal interest is changed

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# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## special events

**ABERDEEN, S. DAK.** The Men's Fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., presented a program at the newly organized Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak. Two weeks later we were invited to the Men's Fellowship meeting to present a program at the Ashley Baptist Church. The programs featured musical numbers, readings and remarks by our pastor, Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland. At a recent regular monthly meeting we were privileged to have Mr. Philip Docktor, our Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp caretaker, show slides and give detailed information about the Camp Fellowship hours which were enjoyed after each event there. (Milton Schrenk, Reporter).



Leaders of the Sacred Choir Concert held by the Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon and the Southwood Park Church, Tigard, Oregon.

Left to right: (Southwood Park Baptist) Rev. Adam Huber, pastor; Mrs. Rudy Bauder, choir director; (Glencullen Baptist) Mrs. Ben Truax, choir director; Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor.

**GLENCULLEN AND SOUTHWOOD PARK, OREGON.** A joint Sacred Choir Concert was presented by the choirs of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon and Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon, on Sunday evening, June 13, at the Southwood Park Church. Pastors and choir directors of the two churches are: Rev. Adam Huber and Mrs. Rudy Bauder, Southwood Park; Rev. Herbert Schauer and Mrs. Ben Truax, Glencullen. Mrs. Gay Metcalf accompanied two of the numbers and the guest organist, Revetta St. Clair Creclius, voice teacher to the two directors, accompanied the remainder of the program. Included were joint and separate numbers by the choirs, sextet of Southwood Park, quartet of Glencullen, and duets by the choir di-

rectors, as well as the two pastors. It was an inspiring and happy service. (Florence S. Bauder, Reporter).

**DANZIG, S. DAK.** The Rev. Jim Berndt family of Hoffman Estates, Illinois presented a "Musicrama, the Gospel in Sermon and Song" program at the Danzig Baptist Church, S. Dak., on Tuesday evening, July 6. The program, dedicated to his parents who were members at Danzig, drew a large attendance with at least 85 relatives present, many of whom had never met Mr. Berndt's family. Danzig Baptist is also Jim's home church. The "Berndt Evangelistic Team" is composed of the parents, 3 daughters: Gwen, Melody and Autumn, and one son, Bruce. The team plays 21 different instruments. Mr. Berndt attended the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1962, has a degree from Bob Jones University and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth for two years. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, NEW YORK AND VICINITY.** The Baptist Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity held their summer retreat at the Bradley Beach Cottage during the weekend of June 25-27. Eighty-two young people attended. This was one of the largest turnouts we have had. Our guest speaker was Prof. Hugo Lueck of the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who presented an interesting and informative talk on "Baptist History." Rev. Gary Miller, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of West New York, N. J., led the devotional period which was inspiring and challenging to the young people. A blessing was received by all who attended. (Elke Labus, Corresponding Secretary).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS**  
**FIRST, EMERY, S. DAK.** The First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., conducted a Vacation Bible School from May 24 to June 4. The theme and material used was "Discovering With Christ." The director was Mrs. Lawrence Brown and assistant director was Mrs. J. Roskins aided by 26 teachers and helpers. The average pupil attendance was 101. The offerings received during the school sessions and at the last evening demonstration program amounted to \$212.22 and were designated for Rev. and Mrs. William Harris who are engaged in language study in Edinburg, Texas preparing for our new mission station in Texas. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

**WACO, TEXAS.** The Central Baptist Sunday School, Waco, Texas, held its annual Vacation Bible School July 21-25. Mrs. Chris Hansen, Jr., was Director of the school, with Mrs. Herbert

Stobbe serving as assistant, and Miss Barbara Marstaller secretary. A fine group of teachers and workers assisted in the various departments. The enrollment was 75. The closing exercise on Friday evening was well attended by parents and friends who enjoyed a fine program presented by the children. During the Bible School several of the boys and girls indicated their



Ordination of Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta with the laying on of hands by the pastors. Mrs. Poschwatta is kneeling beside her husband.

desire to accept Christ as Savior. On Sunday evening, July 12, two of our Sunday School boys followed the Lord in baptism. They are Pat Burns and Jerry Jones. Rev. Kenneth Howe is pastor of the Central Baptist Church. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter).

**CALVARY, TACOMA, WASH.** On June 30th, the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., finished a successful Vacation Bible School. It was held for one week with classes in the morning hours. There were over 100 registered. This is not as large as in other years but it was one of the best Bible schools we have held. We were able to attain higher quality in our teaching and to give more personal attention to the children, due to a smaller enrollment. Those of us who were privileged to hear the children sing their songs, recite their Bible verses, and tell about the lessons learned felt that it was a very fine school. Rev. Allan Kranz, our assistant, and his corps of dedicated teachers and helpers are to be commended for their part in this endeavor. (Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter).

**BEULAH, N. DAK.** "Christ Brings Peace" was the theme of the Bible School held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., June 2-11. The school was directed by our pastor, Rev. Edwin Voigt. Wilma Binder taught the Junior Hi Class. Mrs. Ed-

gar Strom taught the Juniors assisted by Mrs. Vic Karges. Mrs. Edwin Voigt taught the Primary class. She was assisted by Jeanne Hauff and Candace Strom. Miss Janis Binder taught the Kindergarten class assisted by Heidi Ewert. Mrs. Ray Fischer taught the Nursery Dept., assisted by Vicky Ost. The total offering brought during the eight days was \$26.46. On Friday evening we held our Bible

School program. On Sunday, June 13, following the morning service we had our annual Sunday School Picnic in the park in Stanton, N. Dak. We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, and also a devotional time led by our pastor. Surely, the seeds planted in the young lives during the days of Bible School will bring forth fruit unto life everlasting in the days to come. (Mrs. Edwin Voigt, Reporter).

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**CALVARY, TACOMA, WASH.** On Sunday evening, June 27, and again on Sunday evening, July 11, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., had the privilege and joy of baptizing 8 children and two adults. It is always a joyful occasion when young children of parents of the church take the step of obedience to God's will and promise to be faithful to Christ throughout their lives. But it is also the responsibility of both the parents and the church to help them in their Christian growth. (Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter).



Nine persons received into the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario by baptism and on confession by Rev. Eldon Janzen, pastor (3rd from right).

tan Bible Church, Ottawa, Ontario as our guest evangelist. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).

**GREENVINE, BURTON, TEXAS.** Three persons were saved at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas and three persons publicly rededicated their lives as Rev. R. D. Wade of Austin, Texas conducted evangelistic meetings from June 14-20. Bible school was held from June 28 to July 2. The teachers were Mrs. Delvin Gummelt, Miss Ruth Poerschke and Miss Fay Kramer. Average attendance was 25. On Monday, July 5, our annual picnic was held. A brief program followed the dinner with Bible school children reciting some of the memory work they had learned. On Friday evening, July 9, we were privileged to have with us Rev. Malcolm Fry, our pastor's son, of Tucson, Arizona who demonstrated his talents by playing the piano, singing and also preaching. He brought a message entitled, "The Lordship of Jesus Christ." (Mrs. F. Effenberger, Reporter).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**CENTRAL, GEORGE, IOWA.** At the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa on June 9th Mr. and Mrs. George DeNeui observed their 50th wedding anniversary. A brief program was rendered at which Rev. Harold Drenth, our pastor, spoke, basing his thoughts on Psalm 34. Mr. and Mrs. DeNeui

are the parents of six children who were present. Mr. DeNeui is one of our deacons and Mrs. DeNeui is treasurer of our Woman's Missionary Society. They were presented with a beautiful bouquet of golden chrysanthemums and a teapot trimmed in gold. (Julia Oltmann, Reporter).

**TRENTON, ILLINOIS.** Rev. Calvin R. Chadderdon was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, June 20. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Mr. Gus Willeke, oldest resident member of the church. Words of welcome and inspiration were extended by Mr. Ted Klasing, member of the Board of Deacons; Rev. Walter Beick, moderator for the Alton Association; and Rev. George Schutte, on behalf of the Trenton Council of Churches. Rev. Charles Hartman, Southern Area Secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, delivered the sermon and also conducted the service of installation for Mr. Chadderdon and his wife. Special musical numbers included "Living for Jesus" sung by the Youth Choir and "The Love of God" sung by Milton Luginbuhl. Following the service, a reception was held honoring the Chadderdons and giving the members and visitors an opportunity to become acquainted with one another. (Mrs. F. Ranz, Clerk).

## GO . . . TEACH

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call of the disciples was a personal commitment to follow Jesus as a learner and also as a teacher of that which was learned. To become an efficient learner carried with it the responsibility of teaching. It was required of these followers to relate through words, deeds and actions the newness which came into their lives because of commitment to Christ.

The closing service of the workshop was designated as our "commitment to a world-wide crusade in advancing Bible study for the people of the world." Dr. Theodore F. Adams, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, brought the closing message on the theme, "The Bible and Baptist Advance."

The Findings Committee of the workshop group noted in its evaluation of the six day sessions that this "has been a laboratory in learning. The many comments of the workshop participants, as well as a careful analysis of the program, lead to a consensus of judgment that the concept, plan and structure of the workshop could easily serve any Baptist union or group of unions in training leaders for the church's educational work." Several of the Baptist bodies reported about plans already underway to conduct this type of workshop in their area within the next year. Among these was the Asia Sunday School Crusade scheduled for 1966.

The learning opportunities, which were many during these days of the workshops, and the fellowship with Baptists of approximately 40 countries, provided insight into the marvelous fulfillment already evident of Christ's command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ." We were also made aware of the unfinished task of spreading the Gospel and our need for individual dedication and participation to "Go . . . Teach . . . ALL Nations."

## Obituary



### MR. WILLIAM C. HUISINGA of Aplington, Iowa

Mr. William C. Huisinga of Aplington, Iowa was born Nov. 2, 1893 in Grundy County, Iowa. He spent his entire life in this community, engaged in farming. During World War I he served his country in the armed forces. On June 27, 1920, he was baptized by the Rev. D. Koester, and became a member of the Aplington Baptist Church on July 4, 1920. On Nov. 30, 1927, he was united in marriage to Eva Eckhoff. To this union was born one son, Merle.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister. He is survived by his wife, a son, and three sisters: Mrs. John Lindaman of Parkersburg; Mrs. B. F. Ostercamp of Aplington; and Mrs. Dena Neymeyer of Parkersburg; and other relatives and friends. After a brief illness and hospitalization, Mr. Huisinga passed from this life on July 7. The funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon, July 10, in the Aplington Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Donald Patet, officiating.

Aplington, Iowa DONALD PATET, Pastor

### MR. EMIL ISAAK

of Anamoose, North Dakota

In the sudden passing of Mr. Emil Isak of Anamoose, N. Dak., his wife Frieda lost a devoted husband and companion. He was born Aug. 20, 1909, at Fessenden, N. Dak., and later moved with his parents to the Rosenfeld community, where he lived all his life. He passed away on June 4, 1965, the day he returned home after spending one month at the hospital following a heart attack. He reached his Savior, and was baptized by Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer and united with the Rosenfeld church in 1945. Rev. R. C. Stading of Washburn, N. Dak., and Rev. Reuben Gruneich of Martin, N. Dak., conducted the memorial service at the Rosenfeld church. He was united in marriage to Frieda Wiersch on July 23, 1935, and to this union ten children were born.

As a faithful husband and father he is mourned by his loving wife, Frieda; five sons: Orland, Waterloo, Iowa; Wesley, Drake, N. Dak.; Loren, Ralph and Ronald Drake, N. Dak.; 5 daughters: Mrs. Ronald (Carol) home; Mrs. Ronald (Carol) home; Mrs. Elliott (Alice) Strobel, Denhoff, N. Dak.; Mrs. Marilyn (Alice) Iszier, Minot, N. Dak.; Karen, Marilyn and Maren at home; 4 grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Isak, Bismarck, N. Dak.; 4 brothers; and one sister.

Rosenfeld Baptist Church  
Anamoose, North Dakota

THE FAMILY

### MR. OTTO FAUL

of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mr. Otto Faul of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born Nov. 24, 1890 in Sutton, Nebraska. He died after a brief illness June 27, 1965 at the age of 74 years. For 5 years he resided with his parents in Aurora, Ill., then in 1899 settled on a farm near Sawyer, N. Dak. On Feb. 6, 1913 he married Mary Dietz, and they made their home on a farm near Cathay, N. Dak. He retired in 1949 to Fessenden, N. Dak.

On Jan. 11, 1925 he accepted Christ as Savior and on June 28, 1925 he was baptized by Rev. A. P. Schultz. He united with the Germantown Baptist Church where for 29 years he was a faithful and active member. He served as trustee for 12 years, as deacon for 6 years and as S.S. teacher for a number of years. On Nov. 14, 1954 he transferred his membership to the Baptist Church in Fessenden where he served as S.S. teacher and deacon until his death.

He is survived by his wife Mary; 5 children: Rev. Irvin Faul of Hebron, N. Dak.; Mrs. Melvin (Martha) Heinrich of Northfield, Minn.; Elmer of Cathay, N. Dak.; Rev. Lawrence Faul of Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies; Mrs. Marvin (Verna) Johnson of Marion, Ala.; 8 grandchildren and 4 brothers.

Fessenden, North Dakota  
WILLIAM EFFA, Officiating Pastor



### MR. ALBERT SAUER of Vancouver, British Columbia

† 1915—1965 †

### MR. ALBERT SAUER OF VANCOUVER, B. C. FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LAYMAN IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

Hundreds of friends were grief stricken when news broke that Mr. Albert Sauer of Vancouver, B. C., had died, after having been struck by an automobile in London, England. The Sauer family had just commenced a six week European vacation when the tragedy took place.

Mr. Albert Sauer was born in 1915 at Lemberg, Sask. He became a Christian at the age of 14, whereupon he joined the local Baptist church. In 1930 he moved with his parents to Vancouver, B. C., and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1936 he was married to Winnifred Schindel. To this union four children were born.

Mr. Sauer was noted for his devotion to the work of the Lord. He directed the choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver for 27 years. For 10 years he was director of music. He served on our denominational General Council for three years and one year on the General Conference Nominating Committee. He endeared himself to the British Columbia Association by his leadership in music and camp work. He served on the committee and board of the Evergreen Baptist Home of White Rock, B. C., for many years. He also was a member of the Christian Training Institute Board of Trustees since 1961. The unusual talents with which God had endowed him were devotedly spent in the cause of Christ. Our whole fellowship will greatly miss this fine Christian layman.

The loss of Brother Sauer will also be felt in the community. Mr. Sauer was a director of the Seaboard Lumber Sales and also a director of the B. C. Lumber Manufacturers Associ-

ation. He was the manager of Silver-tree Lumbermill. In the realm of these affiliations and others, he made unique contributions.

He is survived by his loving wife, Winnifred; 2 sons: John and Peter; 2 daughters, Ruth and Elaine; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sauer of Vancouver; 2 sisters: Mrs. Elsie Modell of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Freda Townsend of Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. Albert Sauer died on June 28, 1965 at the age of 50 years. A memorial service was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, on July 7 at which time nearly a thousand people gathered to pay tribute to the deceased.

The sorrow of this untimely death will be keenly felt by the family, the church, and the community for many months to come. We trust God will convey counsel and comfort to all the bereaved.

Paul Siewert, Pastor

## BLEST BE THE TIE

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of dedication, devotion and consecration, as they praised God for his goodness to them and the opportunities for service for him. Records of accomplishment for God's work were thrilling to hear from the lips of representatives of the countries of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America, our own North America, as well as countries behind the "Iron Curtain." An increased number of Baptist women the world over are participating in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, which affords the blessing of prayer fellowship, and the opportunity to bring before the throne of grace our praise and common concerns in union.

The sharing of our experiences, I'm confident, enlarged our vision so as to pray more intelligently for his worldwide work, and strengthened our individual commitment to be more sensitive to his guidance so as to accept those opportunities for service that are ours to fulfill. Surely, those days spent in fellowship with his people from far and wide were a foretaste of Heaven itself!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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so that *Christ* comes first, *others* second and *ourselves* last. Paul was trying to help the Christian in Corinth from becoming too concerned with their personal liberty. The question should not be whether anything is lawful or not, but whether what they do is helping to build up their fellow Christians.

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