

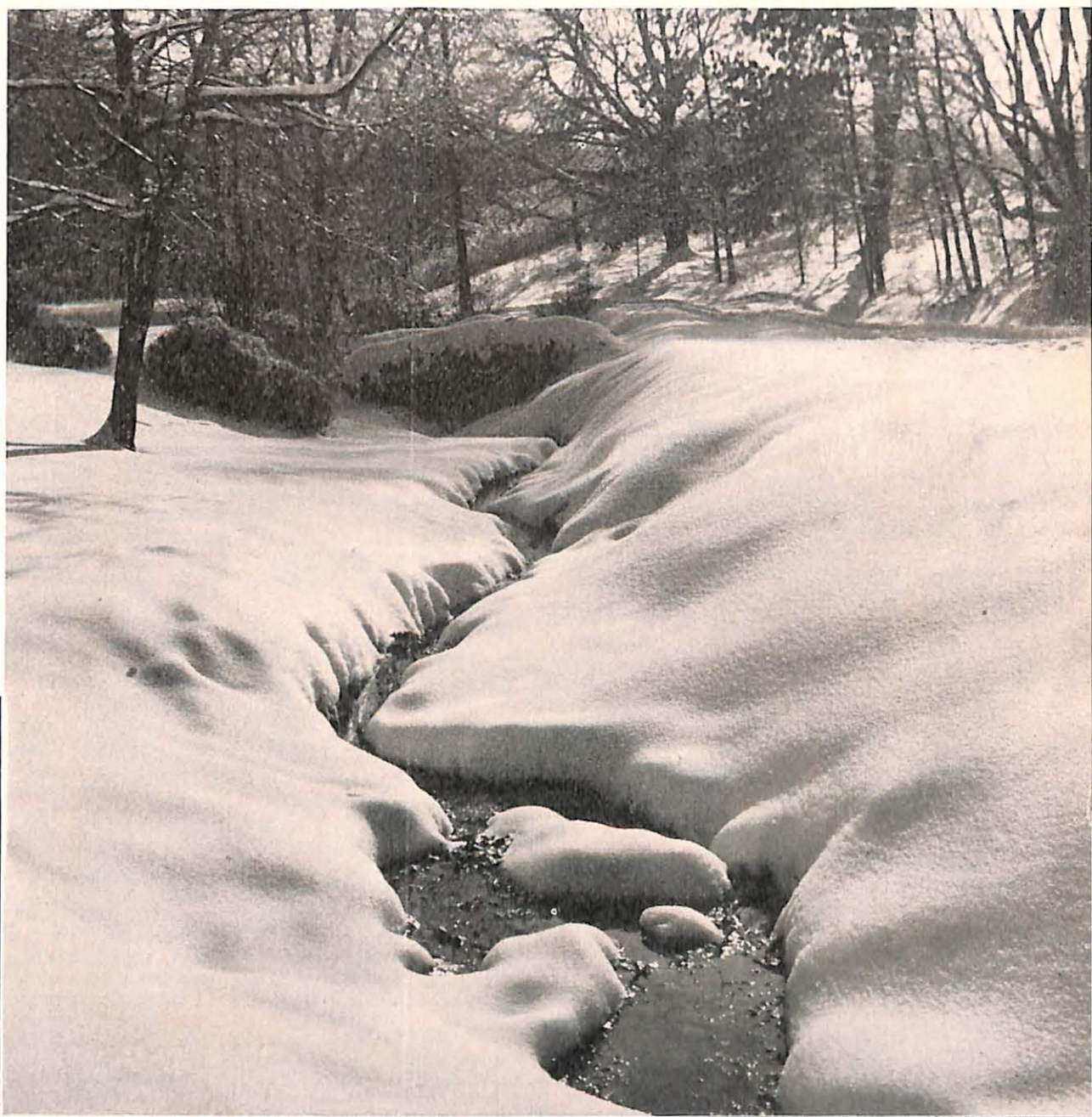
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# PROTESTANT CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS — 1964

The North American Baptist General Conference is 15th among 47 Protestant bodies in the United States and Canada in "per member contributions for all purposes."

New York, N. Y.—Contributions to their churches by members of 47 Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada in 1964 for the first time exceeded three billion dollars. The grand total of \$3,101,639,604 is the highest figure ever reported in the 45 years since these statistics have been compiled.

Forty-one church bodies in the U. S. reported contributions for all purposes of \$2,973,285,264 in 1964. Of this amount, \$551,535,688 was for benevolences, including home and foreign missions, overseas relief, etc., representing 18.55 per cent of the total. This marked a gain of \$20.6 million or 3.88 per cent over 1963. For all congregational expenses, 81.45 per cent of the grand total, or \$2,421,749,576 was reported by these churches. This compares with \$2,327,692,641 in 1963, a gain of 4.04 per cent.

The breakdown of per member giving for benevolences shows \$13.36 in 1964 compared with \$12.97 the previous year, an increase of 3.01 per cent. Per member giving for congregational expenses in 1964 was \$58.44, compared with \$56.89 the year before.

The North American Baptist General Conference stands 15th in the list, far ahead of any other Baptist convention or conference listed. The per member contributions by North American

can Baptists totalled \$120.44.

The only large Protestant denomination (one million or more members) to place within the top 20 in member-giving was the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, whose 1,780,000 members contributed an average of \$104 each. The member-giving figures for other large denominations were:

United Presbyterian, \$92; Disciples of Christ, \$86; Episcopal, \$77; Lutheran Church of America, \$76; United Church of Christ, \$76; American Baptist Convention, \$70; Methodist Church, \$59; Southern Baptist Convention, \$56.

Contributions for new buildings to 17 church bodies in the U. S. also topped the 1963 figure by more than five million dollars. A total of \$246,658,404 was reported for buildings in 1964 by the 17, while 19 denominations reported a total of \$241,472,499 the previous year. For the 17 church bodies, these gifts represented 23.36 per cent of total contributions.

The Commission also released figures for 1964 contributions to the six Canadian churches reporting. Total giving was up by more than one million dollars to \$128,354,340. Of this amount, \$101,420,726 was for congregational expenses, and \$26,933,613 for benevolences. Per member gifts for foreign missions to these Canadian churches increased 11.71 per cent to \$2.48.

# NEWS and NEEDS...

**BACK TO JAPAN.** Miss Joyce Batek brought her leave of absence to an end at the close of October. On Nov. 16 she returned to Japan by Northwest Airlines to renew her missionary service among the Japanese people.

**BACK TO CAMEROON.** Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer's return to the Federal Republic of Cameroon has been delayed by several weeks. They plan now to return to Africa as NAB missionaries between Christmas and New Year. Mr. Holzimmer is to become the acting Field Treasurer during the furlough year of Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman early in 1966.

**BUILDING PLANS IN JAPAN.** Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan will soon undertake a building program by seeking to erect the first unit of the various proposed buildings. This first unit is to be a combination classroom and administration building. It is estimated that the cost will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000 for this first unit.

**MISSIONARY HOMES.** Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, has reported that "in this calendar year we were able to provide three missionary homes for our missionaries in Japan. Early in this year a home could be purchased for Miss Florence Miller; somewhat later a home could be purchased for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore; and within the last weeks some property could be purchased and a prefabricated house built in Matsusaka for Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth. Mr. and Mrs. Mayforth moved into this house on Oct. 21. We praise God for making all this possible. The latter home was made possible because of some sale of property in Japan without the need of additional funds."

**MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES.** Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in his recent Denominational News Letter addressed himself to every North American Baptist: "Is it necessary to say anything about the need? Missionary opportunities, both in North America and in other lands, are unlimited. The new missionary work in South America is to be launched next year, and this can be done only if our advance needs are met. Truly, God is looking to you and me for a faithful account of our stewardship. Let us prove ourselves worthy by laying on his altar our offerings for his service."

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# Editorial

## The 1966 Annual's Exciting Drama

The spiritual drama of life will be at your finger tips in the 68 pages of the 1966 ANNUAL. You will tingle with excitement as you look back into the colorful pages of our denominational history. You will be thrilled by the sweeping views of our mission fields as seen in these drama-packed pages. You will be delighted to have our pastors march in review before you through their biographical sketches, a bi-annual feature of this publication. The 1966 ANNUAL is now ready early in December at the usual bargain price of \$1.00, postpaid.

Seventy-five years ago August Steffens sailed for Cameroon, Africa with his young bride as our first foreign missionaries. You will be amazed to read all that Steffens accomplished for Christ in his few years of missionary service, as dramatically described by his nephew, Gerald Steffens Cowden. The most famous personality of our day in the religious field is Billy Graham. An illustrated article about him in the ANNUAL gives a new and colorful picture of this evangelist, how he works, and how God has blessed him.

The library is "the heart" of our Seminary in Sioux Falls. But few people today know much about the men for whom it was named, *the Kaiser-Ramaker Library*. After reading "They Belong to the Ages," you will have a new appreciation of "the great professors" in those days.

In Japan the young people are seeking passionately for "a cause." This dramatic search by Japanese young people is pictured with memorable life-sketches by Missionary Walter Sukut. Few people realize that we are supporting five Baptist colleges and Teacher Training Centres in Cameroon, Africa besides providing elementary education for about 17,000 pupils in Christian Day Schools. Read this fascinating and eye-opening account by Missionary G. Ben Lawrence.

You will find drama-packed articles in the 1966 ANNUAL, announcing the great World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, Germany in 1966, telling the story of translating the Scriptures in 1232 languages of the world, reviewing the building expansion at the Christian Training Institute, and describing the 100 years of witness by "the Mother Church of Kansas." You will also find much spiritual drama in the editor's first word, "Ride the Wild Horses."

But all North American Baptists will be especially grateful for the biographical sketches of 333 North American Baptist ministers that appear in these pages. This important information is published only every other year, making this your invaluable copy!

The printing of 4400 copies will soon be exhausted. The 1966 ANNUAL is now ready for distribution. The price remains the same at \$1.00 postpaid. Ask your pastor or publication representative for copies for yourself and your friends, or write to the Roger Williams Press with your order. The price is the same for our churches in Canada and the USA. Your dollars never gave you better returns or more reading excitement for your money.

Read the announcement on page 24 with further information about the contents of the ANNUAL. Plan to spend many hours with this thrilling publication, reading the inspirational messages, looking at the 100 pictures, and perusing these 68 drama-packed pages. This is Volume 21—a publication that you will prize greatly for a long time to come.

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1965 Report for the Calendar Year 1964

1. Free Methodist Church (53,601)	\$358.17	9. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (6,335)	179.40
2. Wesleyan Methodist Church (38,715)	282.00	10. Church of the Nazarene (349,270)	160.38
3. Evangelical Free Church of America (45,021)	247.30	11. Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) (139,539)	155.75
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church (30,185)	233.70	12. United Brethren in Christ (21,100)	141.09
5. Brethren in Christ Church (9,378)	210.80	13. Mennonite General Conference (35,651)	137.83
6. Evangelical Covenant Church of America (64,713)	207.99	14. Pentecostal Holiness Church (61,539)	133.91
7. Evangelical Mennonite Church (2,531)	201.36	15. North American Baptist General Conference (53,346)	120.44
8. Orthodox Presbyterian			

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### 1966 ANNUAL

The 1966 ANNUAL is now ready for you, more beautiful and exciting than ever. Read the Editorial in this issue to learn more about its contents. The biographical sketches of 333 NAB ministers will be an invaluable source of information to our people. The price remains the same—\$1.00, postpaid. The printing of 4,400 copies will soon be exhausted. Secure your copy now!



# Spreading the Light!

"Translation it is that openeth the window to let in the light; that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel; that putteth aside the curtain, that we may looke into the most Holy Place." (From the Preface to the Authorized Version of the English Bible, 1611).

Message by the American Bible Society on the occasion of its 150th anniversary of printing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments

THE BIBLE, or portions of it, has been translated and published in more than 1180 languages of the world, but we rarely realize that there are at least 1000 more languages which as yet have nothing of the Word of God. It is true that many of these Bibleless peoples constitute comparatively small tribes, scattered in isolated areas, but the total population of all these 100 groups is almost that of the United States.

For us, who live surrounded by books, magazines, and newspapers, it is incredible that millions of people have no alphabet, and have never seen a single word of their language written but just such peoples do exist in the remote islands of the South Pacific, the towering mountains of South West Asia, the neglected regions of India, the jungles and deserts of Africa, and the steaming lowlands of the Amazon.

## TRANSLATING THE BIBLE

The missionary translator faces a very difficult task if he is to bring the Bible to such peoples, for there are no dictionaries or grammars which he may consult. The only way to learn such a language is to sit down with the people and ask for simple words and phrases.

At first, the missionary must point to objects, gesticulate, and mimic actions—anything in order to obtain the names for such objects as huts, cows, canoes, bows, arrows and lions. By this slow process he finally gains a vocabulary, but not without trouble, for many of the sounds are exceedingly difficult.

For example, the word for an "odor" in Yipounou, a language of the Gabon, is *mbbura*; and if one is to learn some of the Mayan languages of southern Mexico and Guatemala, one must master five different kinds of K-like sounds each making a difference in the meaning of words. In Kekchi, a language of Guatemala, *kak* means "our pig" and *q'aq'* means "fire." How silly it would be for a missionary to say, "our pig came down from heaven" in place of "fire came down from heaven."

In many languages it is so easy to make mistakes. In one Bantu language of Central Africa the missionary was so confused that instead of ending his prayer with the words "dismiss us with thy blessing," he said, "kick us out gently, gently."

Some people think that aboriginal languages are ultra simple in their grammar, even though they may possess queer sounds. This is far from being true. In Congo. Swahili, spoken in

the Belgian Congo, the English sentence "they will cause him to be hit" is translated by a single word, *hawa-takamupikizwa*. To each verb root may be added so many different parts, preceding and following that the resultant forms number more than 10,000.

## INTERESTING NATIVE IDIOMS

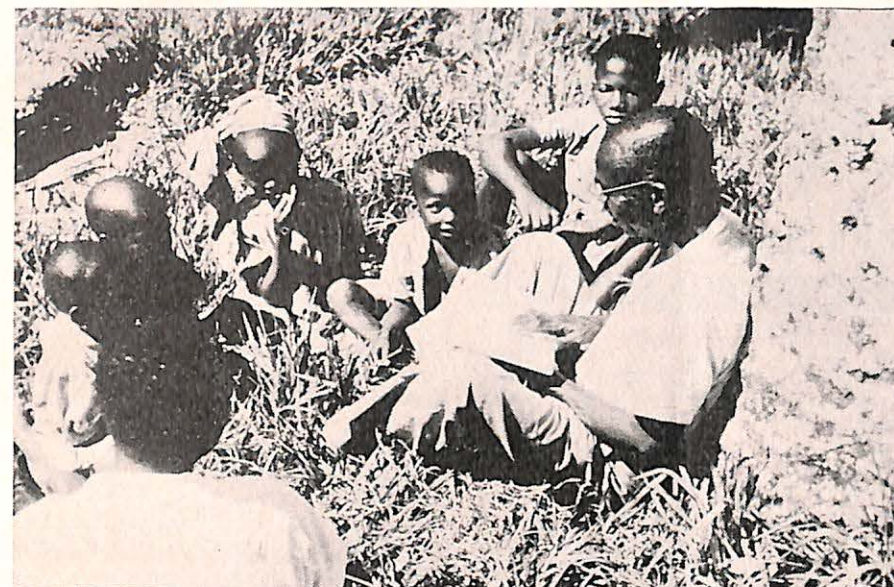
Of course, it is true that many languages of so-called primitive peoples have many fewer words than we do in English. Nevertheless, Bible translators are constantly amazed at the rich vocabularies of these remote peoples. The dictionary in the KiKongo language of Central Africa has more than 40,000 words, and the lists are not exhaustive. Naturally, native peoples do not have words for things which they do not know, but they have no difficulty in constructing names for new things which they see, even as the Pame-Chichimecs of central Mexico devised the expression "house that walks" for a "bus" and a "house that flies" for an "airplane."

In many instances the idioms are quite different from our own. The Bible translator among the Shilluks, those tall Nilotics of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, must speak of "stinginess" as "having a big heart" and "generosity" as "having a small heart." This, of course, seems quite contradictory to us, but the Shilluks justify their expressions by saying, "You see, a stingy, selfish man is one who has grabbed everything he can and has put it into his heart, and therefore his heart is big; while the generous man has given away almost all that he has, and therefore, his heart is small."

## WORDS WITH RICH MEANING

There is no language into which the Bible cannot be translated, and in many instances the words used are graphic and rich in spiritual meaning. For example, the Quechua Indians of Bolivia speak of the "peace" which God gives as "God makes us sit down in our hearts." The Baoule of the Ivory Coast say that "joy" is "having a song in the body." The Eskimos of Point Barrow, Alaska, call a "hymn" a "song of prayer"; and the Tzeltal Indians of southern Mexico describe "faith" as "hanging onto with the heart."

This phrase "to hang onto" may be used to describe a great parasitic vine which wraps itself around the trunk and branches of some towering mahogany and becomes so intricately



## THE WORD OF GOD FOR ALL THE WORLD TO HEAR

In an informal setting an African pastor reads the Bible to children who are "all eyes and ears" for this wonderful Word of God. (Photo by American Bible Society).

bound to this giant of the jungle that it cannot be torn away. Similar "hanging onto with the heart" is thus the essence of faith.

## REDEMPTION FOR THE BAMBARAS

The Good News of the Bible is often told with figures of speech which are somewhat meaningless to us, but full of significance to others. The Bambaras of West Africa speak of "redemption" as "having one's neck taken out." Such a phrase would mean nothing to us, but speaks clearly to those in whose memories rest the vivid tales of the great slave raids, in which Arabs captured Africans in the interior and drove them out to the coast to be sold to the Portuguese, and finally transported to the Caribbean and most of them eventually to the United States.

Long lines of slaves, each with a galling iron collar around his neck, and with a heavy chain leading to the slave ahead and to the one behind, were driven like cattle by the lash of the slaver's iron-tipped whip. If perchance a local king or chief saw in the weary line of hopeless men someone whom he wanted to rescue from slavery because he was a friend, the chieftain might offer to the slave-dealers so much gold, silver, brass, or ivory, and by this means he might redeem such a man—literally, he would take his neck out of the cruel collar.

And so it is that Bambara preachers explain how all of us are slaves to sin and self, driven under the lash of Satan, but how God in Christ Jesus has redeemed us—freed us from this slavery—literally taken our necks out; and now we belong to him who has rescued us from spiritual death.

"But why such concern that the Bible be in the language and hands of the people?" one may ask. Precisely because it is different from any other

may I have that book, so that I may read it to the people of my village off in the forest, for those words made holes in my heart."

That was the idiom of his language—but how eloquently expressive it is for us.

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible must speak in the mother tongue of every people that it may indeed "make holes in the heart." Records show that some part of the Bible is appearing in a new language

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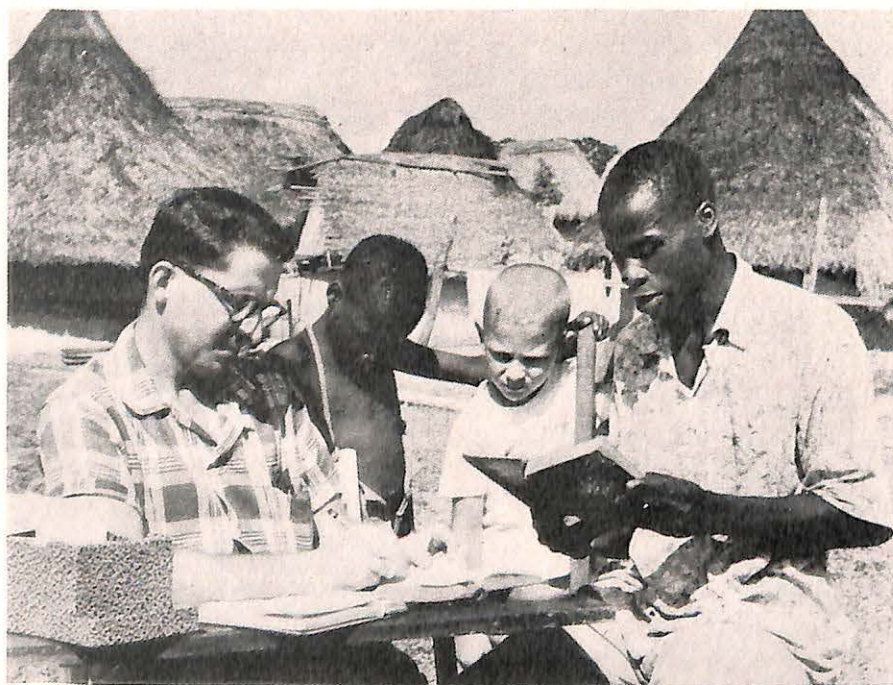
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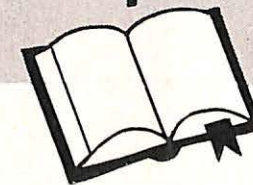
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Pastor Gerald Currens, a Christian missionary, works with a Liberian helper in Liberia, Africa on a translation of the New Testament into the Loma language. (Photo by American Bible Society).

## explore god's word!



## THE BIBLE IN THAILAND

Among the boats thronging the canals of Central Thailand, there is one with a different cargo from all the others: it is laden not with rice or fish, but with Bibles. The couple who live on board have made it their aim to cover all the numerous canals in Central Thailand, making sure that the people in the villages alongside the canals, who are inaccessible by any other route, are given the opportunity of reading the Word of God.

This colportage work by boat is just one aspect of the activities of Thailand Bible House, which aims to distribute 1,500,000 copies of Scripture in Thailand this year. Besides distribution by boat, some 20 colporteurs are taking the Scriptures to the people, five of them by motorcycle. They distributed over half a million Scriptures last year, in addition to another half million distributed through other channels—schools, book shops, etc.

The project to place Bibles in Buddhist temples in Thailand, begun two years ago, is continuing, and is finding an encouraging response in many quarters. The Bible House has received letters from several temples asking for more Bibles, because one copy is not enough for all the priests to read.



# Your Involvement in Christian Education

*Do you really love Christ? Does your concern for others go as far as rolling up your sleeves and going to work for Christ in your church? Every Christian should become involved in the church's program of Christian Education.*

By Rev. Leonard Schowalter, Assistant to the Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

**H**AVE YOU EVER asked the questions, What is Christian Education? What constitutes a good Christian Education program? Correctly answered, these two questions should help you see the importance of Christian Education in the local church and encourage you to become personally involved.

Simply stated, Christian Education has a three-fold aim: to win people to Jesus Christ, to instruct them in the Christian faith and life, and to motivate and train them for Christian service.

## EVANGELISM'S CONCERN

Christian Education's first concern is to present the Gospel of Christ to those who do not know him. In connection with the local church, there seem to be two ways in which this is done, *the Right Way* and *the Church Way*. Before we can win people to Christ, we must have people to whom to witness. The preacher needs an audience, the teacher needs a class, and the witness needs a listener.

The Right Way or the Biblical Way seems to be the method used least. This is the way of Acts 8:1-4. This takes the Gospel of Christ to the peo-

ple outside the church's four walls. Then after they have been witnessed to or won to Christ, they are brought to church. This way asks that the Christian learn to witness for Christ himself, not to be dependent on the church.

It is a fine thing to bring one's friends to church and this should be encouraged. But if it is done with the thought, "I'll let the church tell them about Christ," it is questionable. As Christians, we should consistently witness and win people outside the church on our own.

The Church Way seems to be to try and attract people into the church through services and programs with the hope that possibly the minister or teacher will be able to reach them for Christ. Far too many use this method. Society's present condition testifies to the failure of this method.

## THE CHRISTIAN'S WITNESS

In God's program every Christian is to be a witness. The world is dying without a knowledge of Christ because we have largely limited the preaching and witnessing of Christ to the four walls of our churches. We must not hide behind these walls of wood and

stone and hope to lure people into our churches to hear the Gospel. Christian Education seeks to restore and to promote the vision of every Christian witnessing for Christ, within and without the church. If we are to fulfill Christ's commission to "go into all the world," then we must do just that. We must "Go" to them; not wait and hope and pray that they will "Come" to us. Did not Jesus encourage the use of this way in Luke 14:23?

Very few non-Christians come to church on their own. When they do come to church, we must be ready effectively to reach them with the message of Christ. This means that leaders and teachers must know how to present the Gospel and how to deal with a person about his soul's salvation. Their messages and talks must contain the Gospel.

They must know how to make a proper, personal approach and application. How to follow up a witness is vital also, especially in the light of a new convert. Evangelism is the first thrust of Christian Education. It seeks to train soul winning leaders and teachers. It follows the Biblical precedent of Acts 8:26-39. And the Holy Spirit adds to the church such as should be saved.

## INSTRUCTION IN FAITH AND LIFE

After we have won them to Christ, we need to instruct them in the Christian faith and how to live the Christian life. New believers must be taught about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Heaven, Hell, Angels, Man, Satan and the Bible. They need to know how daily to live this new life; how to pray, how to study the Bible, how to witness; about home and family life; about special implications; about tithing and about temptations.

Christian Education seeks to develop mature, growing, Christ-like, Spirit-led Christians. This phase is carried out largely through classes and teachers. These teachers and leaders must be trained and well-equipped. They must know how to teach, how to communicate Bible truth so that it is translated into life and experience. They must know their subjects, Bible doctrines and Christian living. They must not only know these things but daily practice and enjoy them in their own lives. This is the challenge we find Paul giving to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul also speaks of this in Romans 2:21-23.

Where do these teachers and leaders come from? It is the job of Christian Education to produce them. Teachers and leaders are not born that way;

they are made. Christian Education seeks to discover those whom God has called and seeks to train them for work with the Christian population. This is the second phase of Christian Education. The emphasis is on instruction and instructors.

## TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Dr. Howard Hendricks of Dallas Theological Seminary has aptly pointed out that the greatest problem in the church today is the unemployment problem. The Scriptures bear up this fact in Matthew 9:37-38. In analyzing this problem, two things come to light.

First, *the disuse of talent*. God has given to each church all the necessary raw material to fill every leadership need. But most of it is sitting out in the pews, unchallenged, untapped and not being used. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 teaches us that every church has men and women with God-given talents and gifts to fill every job. These



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talents and gifts come to us either naturally, or at the time of our salvation, or when God knows we will need them. It is the task of Christian Education to discover, motivate and develop these talents and gifts which God has given to us. Like precious stones, they need to be polished and perfected.

It has been said that in the average church everybody is willing. Fifteen to 20% are willing to work and the other 80 to 85% are willing to let them. One pastor has said, "Everyone in my church is working. Twenty percent are working with me and 80% are working against me, but everybody is working." Christian Education seeks to reverse these deplorable statistics. The church is not a place for spectators but participators. God is calling his people to rise up (literally out of the pews), to be willing to serve and

# yes, I TiThe!

By Mr. George A. Salzman

*Christian farmer of Manteno, Illinois.  
Member of the Immanuel Baptist  
Church, Kankakee, Illinois*

**W**E ARE engaged in farming about 50 miles south of Chicago, Ill. Our main crops are corn and soybeans. We also have some dairy cattle and a few hogs.

My wife and I have been tithing since we were first married about 15 years ago. We don't remember exactly when or how we began. It just seemed a part of the Christian life to give back to God a portion of what he had given us.

Perhaps the starting point was on April 3, 1949. Dr. Homer Hammontree was holding special meetings in our church and it was during that time that God worked in both of our hearts. My wife was saved, and I surrendered my will to God's will.

The message that day was on the fact that at the close of World War II our leaders demanded absolute surrender from the enemy. This was the basis for the invitation at the close of the service. "Will you surrender? Will you turn your life over to him?" I responded to that appeal. From that day to this I have never doubted that decision. It just seemed natural that tithing was one of the things God expected of me.

We tithe because we love the Lord.

to take their rightful places of leadership.

Along with the disuse of talent we often have a *misuse of talent*. We are sometimes guilty of pressing people into service before they are prepared to serve. Our motto should be, "No Job Without Proper Training." Many times we give people the wrong job, and they fail and we wonder why. Perhaps, if we had carefully counselled with them and put them into another area of service, they would have met with great success. The jobs we give people must correspond to their individual talents, training and experience.

Christian Education seeks to promote leadership training. It seeks willing people to take instruction. It seeks to place them in the right position. Borrowing from the song writer, Arthur Woolsey, we are saved to serve. And the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me . . . for the work, those whom I have called."

In order for the Christian Education



MR. GEORGE A. SALZMAN  
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We tithe because of God's mercy, grace, patience, love and understanding of us. We also know that God does not ask us for something we do not love. We tithe so that the work of God will prosper and go forward.

Can we say that because we tithe we have no problems? Of course not. We probably have as many problems as anyone. Has tithing solved all of our money problems? Of course not.

But through it all, we have a peace in our hearts and the assurance from God himself that he will guide us and provide for us. We only pray we may be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us. May there be many others who will join us and experience the blessing and peace that the Lord has to offer them through tithing!

program to be really effective, everyone must become involved. Everyone should and can do something. Every Christian should say to the Lord, "What part should I play? What position should I train for? Where should I serve in this program?" Go to the Lord and ask him to show you your talents and gifts. You will be greatly surprised as he reveals things to you which you did not know you had.

Do you really love Christ? Do you really want to see others enjoying the salvation and blessings you have found in Jesus? Does this concern for others go as far as rolling up your sleeves and going to work for Christ in your church? If you feel inadequate and untrained, will you present yourself for training and allow God to develop those unused talents and gifts? Everyone can and should do something in the program of Christian Education.

Search your hearts. God is speaking to you. Don't say "No!" You will never regret a move in this direction. God will use and bless you for his glory.



## ANOTHER LEARNING SITUATION FOR ALERT CHILDREN

Every Sunday school class or Vacation Bible School session provides opportunity for children to apply the Christian principles they have learned as they study, work and play together in the school. (Luoma Photo).



# God's Volunteers With Twelve New Faces

Introducing the 12 young people serving as God's Volunteers Teams I and II for 1965-1966 with their directors.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I

Report by Wenzel Hanik

ANOTHER YEAR in the history of God's Volunteers has begun. In September twelve new faces appeared at the Sioux Falls Seminary. With expectant hearts, we met for a one month training period.

Our training consisted of 12 classes such as: Gospel of St. John; Prayer and the Holy Spirit; Epistle to the Ephesians; and others. Among our teachers were Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. John Binder, Prof. Seibel, and Prof. Hugo Lueck who made the classes very interesting and stimulating.

## TEAM MEMBERS

After a few days the teams were chosen. For Team I the Director is Rev. Edgar Klatt from Edmonton, Alberta. The team members—four girls and two fellows—from south to north

other soprano, Sharon is our team statistician. Our tenor and trumpet player is Douglas Woyke, 22, of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Doug graduated last spring with a B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Doug is our car custodian.

Our two Canadian teammates are Bernice Werk and Wenzel Hanik. Bernice, 22, from our Church Extension church in Melville, Saskatchewan is our team treasurer. She also plays piano and sings alto. She has completed one year of college and for the past few years has worked as a bookkeeper. Wenzel Hanik, 20, our bass, hails from the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, British Columbia. Wenzel has completed his first year of college. On our team he is the reporter.

## FIRST CAMPAIGN

Our first campaign was held at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux

our theme verse with you: "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ" (Col. 4:3). As we hold campaigns, we as a team meet every day at 11:00 a.m. for devotions and prayer fellowship. We would appreciate it if you would remember us in your prayers, especially at this time. We are sure that the Lord will bless our work as you stand behind us in prayer.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II

Report by Marlene Bender

On Sept. 7, 1965, "the big moment" came for God's Volunteers members when the group of twelve young people was divided into two teams. All of us had met for the first time at Sioux Falls where we began our training. We would now like to introduce Team II to you.

## PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

Marlene Bender, who is 23 years of age, comes from our church in Carbon, Alberta. She sings soprano and is our reporter to the "Baptist Herald."

"The Lord became my Savior when I was ten years old. But I did not grow in my Christian life. It was only when I came daily to the Lord, asked him for forgiveness and strength that I began to grow in him. I pray that this year he will help me be a winner of souls."

Shirley Bertram comes from the Snowview Baptist Church in Parma, Ohio. She is 19, sings both soprano and alto on our team. She also plays piano and serves as our secretary.

"I was saved when I was 9 years old at our camp. Two years ago when the Volunteers were at our church, I felt the need of doing something more worthwhile for my Lord. I praise God that I have been accepted as a Volunteer and have this opportunity of serving the Lord."

Nancy Green serves as our music and program co-ordinator. She comes from North Freedom, Wisconsin and is 20 years old. Nancy plays piano, trombone and accordion.

"I was saved in 1955 and am thankful for Christian parents and friends who have been a great witness and encouragement to me. When chosen for the Volunteers, I felt very inadequate to win souls for Christ. I found a verse, Phil. 4:13, which gave me much help: 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'"

## LIFE'S IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Imgard Tiede comes from the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She is 19, sings alto and plays piano. She is our treasurer.

"The most important decision in my



## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II

Left to right: Marlene Bender, Nancy Green, Wally Fus, Rev. C. Salies, Director; Don Ziemer, Imgard Tiede and Shirley Bertram.

life was made when I was 9 years old. It was then that the Lord came into my heart. Last year I felt I should apply for God's Volunteers Team. I'm so glad that the Lord saw fit to use me in this service."

Wally Fus, our group leader, comes from the Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta. Wally is 25, sings bass and plays the trumpet.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." I thank God for having the opportunity of serving as a God's Volunteer. I pray that he will use me effectively to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dan Ziemer of the Bethany Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Minn., is our car custodian. He is 20 and sings tenor.

"After receiving Christ as my Savior, I felt I hadn't grown spiritually. I finally realized that I needed a daily dedication to Christ in order to grow. I praise and thank God for Christian parents and guidance in my life."

While in Sioux Falls, we had the opportunity to serve in neighboring churches. In these meetings we saw the importance of our work. We are trusting God to "open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ" (Col. 4:3).

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM I AT EUREKA, S. DAK.

"God's Volunteers" Team I ended its services at the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 24th. Their ministry here was a time of blessing and spiritual refreshment for all. The entire city was canvassed from door to door and many responded by attending the meetings, so that the Baptist church was filled to capacity for every service. The High School Auditorium was used for the closing service. Several of our sister churches in the area also attended the last service and, together with our members and people from the community, some 665 appreciative people

## IMPORTANT BOOK REVIEW

THE LETTERS OF PAUL, AN EXPANDED PARAPHRASE by F. F. Bruce. Eerdmans—1965—323 pages—\$4.95.

There is little doubt that this will become an indispensable addition to the works on Paul. Not only are the epistles presented in their chronological order but a continuous biography of Paul is inserted between the letters. The voluminous references have a commentary value which, although limited, can prove very helpful to the reader.

In his introduction the author makes a special point of emphasizing the fact that he is not trying to represent Paul as saying something which he did not intend to say. A literal translation of words does not necessarily give clarity of thought. In this respect a paraphrase conveys the meaning more readily. Mr. Bruce does not give the reader his personal opinion of what Paul meant to say, for this would be an interpretation. In his paraphrase he is careful to reveal the thoughts and ideas of Paul in the light of the context.

A very helpful comparison can be found in the last three chapters of II Corinthians in which the author brings out the sharp, biting sarcasm of Paul. This could never be fully conveyed in a literal translation. It is all the more meaningful when contrasted to Paul's expression of love and concern toward the end of chapter thirteen.

Mr. Bruce uses the English Revised Version of 1881, not because he is an Englishman, but because it reproduces more accurately the nuances of Greek grammar and follows the idiom of the original as closely as possible. For convenience it is printed alongside the Expanded Paraphrase. The Epistle to the Romans is appropriately entitled, "The Gospel According to Paul." Since 1959 Dr. Frederick F. Bruce has been Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, England.

## HOME MISSION PRAYER

Send forth thy heralds, Lord, to call  
The thoughtless young, the hardened old,  
A scattered, homeless flock, till all  
Be gathered to thy peaceful fold.

Send them thy mighty word to speak,  
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart,  
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,  
And bind and heal the broken heart.

Then all these wastes, a dreary scene,  
That make us sadden as we gaze,  
Shall grow with living waters green,  
And lift to heaven the voice of praise.

—William Cullen Bryant

## MY PRAYER

By Mrs. Eloise Finlay

A Resident Guest at the Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland Oregon. Her son is Dr. Paul R. Finlay, Bethel College Registrar, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Father, come and take my hand and keep me near thy side  
That in thy very presence I may constantly abide.  
I dare not face life's battles or sail life's stormy sea  
Without the blest assurance that thou wilt pilot me.  
Drive out the sinful doubts and fears that sometimes bring dismay,  
And keep me fully trusting, though dark may seem the way.  
Help me to count the blessings thou dost so freely bestow,  
And in every walk and way of life thy perfect will to know.  
Help me to claim thy promises and fully trust in thee;  
As thou dost mark the sparrow's fall, I know you'll care for me.  
As gold must take the refiner's fire to bring it to its best  
May I, no matter what trials may come, be willing to stand the test.  
So fill me with thy Holy Spirit and my heart and life refine  
That thine own pure and sinless life may be reflected in mine.



## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I

Seated (left to right): Carolyn Brown and Erica Lower. Rev. E. W. Klatt, Director, is kneeling at center.  
Standing: Douglas Woyke, Sharon Schlafmann, Bernice Werk, and Wenzel Hanik.

are: Erica (Ricky) Loewer of the Mo-wata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana. Ricky is 19 years old and has completed her first year of college. On our team she is the secretary, plays the piano and organ, and sings also. Carolyn Brown, 22, a registered nurse, hails from the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak. She is our program co-ordinator and sings soprano.

Next is Sharon Schlafmann of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Sharon, 22, graduated last spring from the North Dakota State University with a B.S. degree in Home Economics Education. An-

Falls, S. Dak., where the pastor is Rev. Jack Kruegel. At this church we enjoyed many blessed hours. We had the joy of leading several young people to the Lord and also to see some of the young people re-dedicate their lives to the Lord. We felt the Lord's closeness to us at all times.

Unfortunately, while at the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls we had a car accident. However, the Lord had his hands on the team members so that no one was hurt. The following evening we were able once again to give a program.

We as a team would like to leave



# Our Stewardship in Church Construction

*This provocative article is published at the request of the General Conference Stewardship Committee. At a time when church construction in America came close to the billion dollar mark, North American Baptists should take inventory of their spiritual ministry, expressing their faith in a right attitude toward God and in winning men and women for Christ.*

A WELL KNOWN Christian periodical reported that the cost of church construction in 1964 came close to the billion dollar mark. That is a staggering figure that should testify to a living Christian witness in America. But does it? Could it not also be a reversion back to the Middle Ages, when the Christian faith was expressed in magnificent cathedrals and domes rather than in redeemed men and women? This is a question to be considered.

## CHURCH GIVING STATISTICS

I have done a little checking through our 1964 local church giving statistics. Although the figures contain no details under "For local building fund expenses," we may assume that the expenditures were for repairs, church construction and parsonage buildings.



MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH, ANAHEIM, CALIF.

This former Church Extension project of Anaheim, Calif., is now worshipping in this attractive edifice that is modern and functional in architectural design and that honors the Name of Christ with spiritual simplicity and beauty.

Here are some of the totals, taken from these church reports. Churches used \$3,255,470 for their own local ministry; under "Building" we have another total of \$1,661,469 listed. We see that one third of expenditures for local purposes was used for church or parsonage building or repair.

I added another column, listed under "For North American Baptist Mission and Benevolence." This is our contribution to the great commission of Christ beyond the local community. The statistics show the amount of \$910,188. Comparing this with the \$1,661,000 spent on buildings, it would seem that appraising our church building pro-

gram does become a matter of Christian stewardship.

There is no question about the absolute necessity of having a church building. The pastor also needs a decent home. We know of the troubles and difficulties of building a congregation, reaching the community, teaching and preaching without adequate room or in crowded facilities. We rejoice when a new Church Extension church may dedicate its own building to the glory of God. We also know, however, of the heartaches of a congregation that carries too heavy a financial load. This congregation may have launched a building project before investigating every angle or "counting the cost." We know also the disappointments when the building proves inadequate, impractical or even too small.

stained glass windows, elaborate altars, carved furniture, majestic organs in themselves do not cause a building to turn into "a place where thine honour dwelleth."

We have known humble living rooms, plain four-walled halls where the Spirit of God worked. A veteran and pioneer missionary in Southeastern Europe once said, "All we need is a building that has sufficient light, fresh air and warmth." Baptists need never build churches that can be paraded as architectural marvels or as unique construction phenomena.

## 2. GOD'S PURPOSES

Before a congregation builds a church or parsonage, it should reaffirm the purpose of the building. It is a place where God's people come together for the purpose of worship and evangelism. As part of these two basic purposes we preach, teach, sing, play music and have fellowship. The church is the place where people will consecrate themselves and their possessions to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this connection one wonders sometimes how purposeful fellowship halls with wall-to-wall carpets and soft lounges really are. A church is a meeting place of God's people to pay homage to the Lord, and also gather instructions from their Lord for the task of winning people to him. (Preaching and teaching).

It seems to me that the greater actual task of the church is outside its four walls, namely, among people in the world. Each congregation should carefully assess the purpose of its proposed building. The purpose of a parsonage is in housing the servant of the Lord and to offer him such conveniences that will enable him and his family to minister joyfully, yet humbly, to the people. No pastor should have to live in an elaborate palace-like mansion. It is impractical and most embarrassing for him to have to furnish too large a living room, dining room, four or five bedrooms, a recreation room and look after an elaborate garden. He feels embarrassed to receive guests from small rural churches in such a home.

On the other hand, it should not be expected of a pastor with a family to be crowded into a small house without modern sanitary facilities and conveniences. This situation would not be conducive to happy living, particularly when many members live on the other extreme.

The word "purposeful" is usually difficult to define in new Church Extension projects. The ultimate purpose

of such a new project is to establish a living congregation. We begin with a Sunday school, reaching adults and children of the community. Often the response is overwhelming, but the response to salvation is slow. The most practical start seems to be the educational unit with a good and proper room for gospel meetings.

## 3. ADEQUATE FACILITIES

Here the minds may differ. Some people would consider it adequate when pre-school children sit in a chamber under the roof or under the stairs without light or air, or when Juniors crowd into the kitchen, as long as they themselves do not have to use such rooms.

Adequacy for a preaching ministry must be taken into account. Several factors should be considered in planning for size and number of rooms:

(a) What is the present attendance at a worship service?

(b) What potential for growth is there in the congregation itself? How many children and young people are in the church? What are the reasonable possibilities that these children and young people will grow into adulthood within the local church? A community without economic expansion or employment or education usually offers little potential to its children and youth. Some rural churches find themselves in this predicament. City churches should build with vision to the future.

(c) What potential for growth is in the community? Number and types of other churches, total population and expansion plans should be considered.

Adequacy for a teaching ministry is also important. We are becoming increasingly conscious of our teaching responsibilities toward children, young people and adults of the church and

community. The arm of the Sunday school is the responsibility of the church. How important adequate and bright Sunday school rooms have become. Well trained teachers know that they cannot give their best in overcrowded, poorly ventilated and poorly equipped rooms.

## 4. ATTRACTIVE BUILDINGS

It seems irresponsible for a congregation to plan a church building, thinking only of the comfortable pew while being indifferent to its teaching ministry. Unfortunately this has happened and will probably happen again. Our children will bless the wisdom of their parents who have provided adequate rooms for Christian education.

Here, too, opinions can be far apart. Attractiveness is a somewhat subjective term. We should first note



SANCTUARY OF THE MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH

This Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., stresses Biblical stewardship among its members, carries on an evangelistic outreach in the community, and gives generously to the work of Christian missions through our denominational program. Rev. Kenneth Fischer is the pastor of the church.

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that attractiveness should be secondary to points I-III above. It seems quite unlikely that people will be attracted to a church because of its elaborate beauty alone. If they are, they will miss the point. We want to attract men to the Lord Jesus Christ. We would venture the suggestion that a church should (a) not be repulsive, (b) architecturally it should fit into the community. Traditionally North American Baptist churches minister principally to the middle class population, with a fair attendance by laborers and professionals. In our present economic prosperity, our building plans may lean toward the elaborate expensive structure; hence a word of caution towards beauty in simplicity.

## 5. ECONOMICAL IN STEWARDSHIP

This is the sticker. In theory everybody agrees. We are here particularly concerned about spending the Lord's money as his good stewards. Values differ in the different parts of our vast denominational area. Cost of buildings depends on location, building materials and labor. There are congregations which would spend elaborately on their private cars and homes and have nothing left for the house of God or for the church's missionary program. Other churches will build an elaborate house of God, while they suspend all missionary activities and gifts. Building a house of God is more a venture of faith than a matter of pure business and technique. "Faith" means primarily a proper attitude and relationship towards God. This is Christian stewardship.

Never should a congregation suspend its missionary giving and interest because it wants to build. You do not build a power-plant which generates just sufficient power to drive its own machinery. A church, like the power-plant, is erected for the purpose of ministering to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the world. God has rewarded and blessed.

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# A Gift from the People of Lariat

The newly painted chapel of the Grace Baptist Church in Lariat (Monte Vista), Colorado surprises the pastor and receives amazing publicity in the "Monte Vista Journal" newspaper.

By Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Missionary to Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

RECENTLY I WAS away from Monte Vista, Colorado on denominational assignments in Washington and Oregon. The Lord poured out a real spiritual blessing at these camps and on the campers, for which we praise our Lord.

It is customary among missionaries that, when we are away from the appointed field of service, we keep abreast of developments through letter and by telephone. Nothing of what was taking place in Monte Vista filtered back to me in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, there seemed to be an impassive and unconcerned response to questions forwarded.

At seven o'clock on the evening of my return to Monte Vista, the telephone rang and Mr. Torres wanted to know if I could come to Lariat and the church. This was unusual for there was no meeting scheduled for Friday night, but since Mr. Torres called I had better go. It occurred to me that the church could have been vandalized again.

## A "STORY BOOK" CHURCH

Surprise is hardly the word to describe my amazement on driving up to the church. I saw that it had been newly repaired and painted. The church stood out in beautiful white with a light green trim. The color contrast was a little extreme, but as our

young people later described it, "It looks like a 'story book' church." It is beautiful! They had even extended the concrete walk up to the road.

More was to come. At the door of the church I was greeted by the 15 men of the community who had done the work of painting while I was away. I knew every one of them and many of their problems. The tremendous impact of what had happened flooded my heart and emotions when I realized that of the 15 men only one was a recent convert, while the other 14 were dedicated Roman Catholics. That they should do this for a Protestant church seem incomprehensible.

Then I was further moved when I found out that they had not only provided all the labor but had also purchased a large share of the paint for the project. I am sure that even if they had painted the building purple, my joy would have been no less. These Spanish men had done it and that on their own initiative. Only if you have lived and worked with these people can you begin to realize what a venture they had made.

"Are you pleased, Rev. Ahrens?" was their question. "You have helped us so much that we want to show our appreciation in some way. We thought you would like to see the church painted. Some of our young people have treated you badly by breaking win-

dows, defacing the property and making general trouble for you in the services. You remained so kind and patient that we just had to do something to show our appreciation."

It is necessary to tell a little more. The incident just mentioned took place on Friday evening. Saturday six of our young people got together to make the church spotlessly clean on the inside. Their comment was, "If the men can work so hard to make the church look nice on the outside, we can certainly make it nice and worshipful on the inside." They worked from 10 o'clock in the morning till 11 o'clock at night, removing all the old wax from the tile floors, washing windows, etc.

Sunday morning came. Who should walk into the church but four of the men who had worked on painting the church? We had a record attendance of 32 people. This may not sound like much to many of us, but when you have been having from 6 to 10 or up to 20 in your morning service, an attendance such as this overwhelms the pastor.

## WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

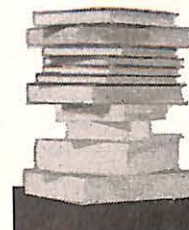
As part of the church service I invited the President and the Vice President of the community to come and stand with me while I led in a short service of dedication. Our prayer was that "the white" of the church would stand for the purity and perfection of Jesus Christ in our lives and be revealed as such to the community. Also that the green should stand for abundant growth and fruitfulness for our Lord's Name and glory.

It is a little difficult to interpret what this community contribution will mean in souls won to Christ. The event does indicate a desire for change and signifies the community's acceptance of us. Mr. Robert Garcia, a young man from the valley and our summer worker of 1964, happened to be visiting while the project was in progress. With tears in his eyes he declared, "You have no idea what this means. That MY people would do such a thing has never been heard of before. The Lord is surely going to bless your ministry with souls won to Christ."

We do thank God for this evident community acceptance of us and our representation of Christ. Do join with us now in sincere and fervent prayer that they will also come to know the joy and assurance of sins forgiven, the glorious liberty of peace in personal identification with Jesus Christ and growth in spiritual maturity and service for him.



Grace Baptist Church in Lariat (Monte Vista), Colorado now boasts a new coat of paint and other repairs, as the result of a "surprise gift" from the people of Lariat to the Rev. Earl Ahrens, pastor of the church and missionary to the Spanish Americans. (Photo by Monte Vista Journal).



## BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**CHRISTMAS**, an American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, edited by Randolph E. Haugan. Augsburg—1965—\$1.50 (Gift Edition in Envelope).

This Annual always has a number of interesting and inspiring features, some of which lend themselves very appropriately for Christmas programs. Its excellent art and variety of literature make it welcome to every member of the family.

**FLASH-CARD STORIES, THE EARLY LIFE OF CHRIST: THE GOOD NEWS—THE ANNUNCIATION; THE GIFT GOD GAVE—THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.** Baker—1965—\$3.95.

Velma B. Kiefer and Adrien Beerhorst have combined their talents in the publication of this Bible-Story Visuogram. Many of these are already being used in the Sunday school as an aid to teaching. As a change from Flannelgraph, the teacher will find this approach to be simple and effective, particularly in the Primary and Junior departments.

**HIGLEY, 1966 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY.** J. A. Huffman, Editor-in-chief. Lambert Huffman Publishers—\$3.25.

The many editors involved in writing this commentary give the teacher a wide variety of thought material and lesson helps. Although most of the material is geared for the adult class, there is also much that can be helpful for the younger departments. A verse by verse exposition is augmented by an outline for those who are able to fill in with their own original or creative study. An added feature is the Special Day Selector on the jacket of the book.

**THE HARVEST OF THE SPIRIT** by J. Lester Harnish. Judson—1965—126 pages—\$1.75 (paper).

Taking his keynote from the New English Bible (Gal. 5:22-23), the author has developed a series of messages based on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The sermons are Christ-centered and lead the Christian, not to an imitated Christ-likeness of the exterior, but to a power generated from within. Dr. Harnish is not entirely a stranger to our denomination, having served the Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit,

Mich., for a number of years. Recently he served as the president of the American Baptist Convention.

**PASTORAL CARE IN THE CHURCH** by C. W. Brister. Harper and Row—1964—262 pages—\$5.00.

Many a pastor is either overwhelmed by the variety of services expected from him when he begins his ministry or he is disillusioned about working with people in the church who are supposedly Christian.

Dr. Brister discusses some penetrating questions which may help the young pastors as well as those who feel they need to enlarge and strengthen their experience. "How is a minister to resolve the tension between the pull of his humanity and his pastoral calling?" "With what resources may ministers face the emotional, ecclesiastical and ethical hazards of their high calling?"

The chapter on the *Preparation for Pastoral Care* is of particular importance especially for the post-graduate. The conclusion following each chapter and suggested reading are concise, pointed and meaningful. As is expected in a book of this type psychiatry and religion are brought into focus, particularly in the discussion of guilt and illness. The author displays a keen insight into the heart of the pastor, his needs, and the needs of the people whom he is called to serve.

**SERVANT OF GOD'S SERVANTS** by Paul M. Miller. Herald Press—1964—236 pages—\$4.50.

Although the author tried not to restate the things which are said in many other books and draw attention to certain aspects of the minister's work which are often omitted or treated too lightly, there is little that can be considered new. However, what he says is well said. His emphasis is stronger on the minister as evangelist. The administrative duties or "sub-church" practices (the author's term) can be a danger to the effectiveness of

## BOOK ORDERS

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the work of the Holy Spirit. The minister as counselor is looked upon as an important and necessary aspect of Christ's redeeming ministry.

The seven appendixes contain a great deal of valuable and interesting information for the pastor. They include topics such as Christian ordination, apostolic succession, history of Christian worship and others.

**PREACHING FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL** by Kyle M. Yates. Broadman Press—1964—181 pages—\$3.25.

As a professor at Baylor University and Southern Baptist Seminary, as well as pastor of two influential churches, Dr. Yates brings a rich collection of practical and spiritual messages which help the reader to understand the Gospel of John more fully. Their expository nature will give the pastor inspiration and illumination in preparing his own messages on this beloved gospel.

**THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE** by Anna E. Koglin. Warner Press—1964—96 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

This is another study of the Gospel of John with a different emphasis. Although the volume is limited to 96 pages it is an excellent commentary on the important passages. Chapter 7 is an example of the dramatic way in which Dr. Koglin presents Jesus' argument with his opponents. It is short on words but long on inspiration.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** by George A. Turner and Julius R. Mantay. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—420 pages—\$8.95.

This is the fourth volume in the Evangelical Commentary on the Bible. It may be a number of years before its completion, but in the meantime it is well worth the effort to examine each volume as it is released.

Because of the problems of the Gospel of John and its distinctive emphasis, it has always endured a greater share of criticism. In the introduction the authors list 16 important omissions and ten supplements. The fact that John is both a reporter and interpreter, and uses distinctive terminology should make the reader aware of the special significance of the facts. It is often referred to as the "spiritual Gospel" because beneath the obvious lies a deeper meaning.

The American Standard Version is used but the exegesis is based on the Greek text supplemented by the latest manuscripts discovered in Palestine and Egypt. Its practical value is evident in its construction and arrangement of the material. The text, exegesis, exposition, notes and references are all meaningfully presented on each page.

**WE FOUND OUR WAY OUT**, edited by James R. Adair and Ted Miller.

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# SPEAK UP!

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

## RACIAL PROBLEMS IN OUR COUNTRY AND CHURCHES

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

Yesterday I heard a minister make some statements about the need for accepting Negroes into the church. It has always been my belief that God wanted the races to remain separate. Why would he make different races in the first place if he didn't want some kind of distinction to be kept? How can this distinction be kept if we accept colored people into our churches? How long will it be before young people of different races are keeping company with each other and getting married? How would you feel if this began to happen among your young people? How do you feel about this? I would appreciate your answer. I have enjoyed the column but I wish it would appear in every issue.

Sincerely yours,  
(Name withheld)

My dear Brother:

This is one of the problems we would all like to avoid, but which we cannot escape in the light of reality in our time. It is more than a local problem; it is global. It will have to be solved on a global scale if civilization is to continue. There are twice as many Negroes as Caucasians on the planet (and three times as many Orientals).

Modern life has brought a condition of proximity in which the historic barriers between the races (oceans, boundaries, cultural and language differences) have been removed. We are now next door neighbors to every man on the globe. The races must learn to live together or perish in conflict. How they may learn to live together is one

of today's demanding problems.

It may be that providence has given to the United States the task and opportunity to be a social laboratory from which may emerge important answers for the whole world. It may be that the Christian Church (because it is strong in America) will have more responsibility in this area than any other one force on earth. The questions you ask are indeed vital.

Since there are no authoritative guidelines, (except in terms of Christian principles), I can only offer some opinions. They may or may not coincide with the "consensus" among the brethren.

## NO RACIAL DISTINCTIONS

1. I believe that the "ideal" or goal toward which we strive is a society in which the races accept each other totally and without reservation on any level at all—biological, social, spiritual or otherwise. I say this on the basis that Christ died for every human being which proves they are equal in his sight as far as their acceptance is concerned.

None of the racial variations imply superiority or inferiority. Human beings are human beings. The only Scriptural distinction among men is on the basis of being lost or saved. Once a man is in Christ, he is acceptable to all his brethren as being a redeemed individual. All other distinctions are erased—bond, free, Jew, Greek, male, female—as far as acceptability is concerned.

2. I believe this "ideal" or goal must be reached by spiritual and non-violent means. That this implies "gradualism" seems obvious. That the slow pace of gradual progress will be challenged by

impatient revolutionaries who resort to violence seems inevitable. That the whole process must be regulated by enforced laws seems necessary.

I feel Christians must throw their weight behind all law enforcement agencies if the inevitable social blending (wrought by science and progress in transportation, industry, and education) is to proceed in an orderly fashion. Without such law enforcement, even the most innocent "non-violent" demonstration will precipitate civil unrest, and even open warfare.

## BI-RACIAL CHURCHES

3. I believe Christians are called upon to demonstrate true Christian attitudes as the inevitable racial blending occurs. This will require great grace (of the same kind God has shown to us in accepting such an unworthy sinner into his family of the beloved). One place where such grace will be increasingly necessary is the local church. As racial blending continues on the industrial and residential level, more and more Negroes will seek fellowship in churches which have been exclusively Caucasian.

When this occurs, the church will undergo a crisis of heart searching. If the new families are seeking genuine fellowship, (which is usually the case), the church must decide whether to become a bi-racial church. My own opinion is that no other course would be Christian.

## BROTHERHOOD IN CHRIST

4. In the difficult struggle toward the "ideal" society of perfect fellowship, the church is meant to be an earthly example to the rest of the world. Brotherhood in Christ must be more than a theory if our testimony of grace is to carry any weight at all. In my opinion, this implies the blending of races on the social, cultural, and marital levels of life. I believe racial prejudice is a sin among Christians. I do not believe racial intermarriage is a sin.

I fully recognize the agonizing reactions and the emotional difficulties which result from such experiences during the period of sociological imbalance. The human race including Christianity will suffer many heart-rending occurrences. Each individual incident must stand or fall on its own judgment where specific individuals are involved.

I am not saying that intermarriage must take place because a Christian conscience always dictates it; earnest individual consciences may be led more often in the opposite direction. I am simply saying that such occurrences will increase among us and that, when they happen, they are not sinful in the sight of God because they are bi-racial. If true love is involved—mutual love for Christ and each other—I see no reason why God should not bless the union.

In your letter you asked me to state my opinions and to express my own feelings toward these things. What are yours?

• **Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen** have established their residence in the vicinity of Dallas, Oregon and are attending the services of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon. Mr. Friesen has been one of the denominational interim pastors since 1957.

• **Rev. and Mrs. E. Strauss of Richmond, British Columbia** have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 17 who has been named Steven Lee. Mr. Strauss is the pastor of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church of Richmond, a suburb of Vancouver, B. C.

• **The Milo Terrace Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.**, has announced that Rev. Don Wyatt is now serving as its pastor having succeeded Rev. Vern Lewis who served the church as student pastor. The church is located at 754 North Avenue 50 in Los Angeles.

• **The Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak.**, has extended a call to Rev. George W. Neubert of Clatonia, Nebraska, who formerly served as the minister of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Beulah church on Dec. 5, succeeding Rev. Edwin F. Voigt.

• **The Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Michigan** has announced that its pastor, Rev. Leslie Howell, recently presented his resignation to the church effective Dec. 31st. His plans for the future were not announced in the news dispatch sent to the headquarters office.

• **The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.**, held a Bible Conference from Sunday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 7, with inspiring Bible messages by Dr. John Werner of Wheaton, Ill., Bible teacher and evangelist. The church choir directed by Dr. Herbert Pankrat and various church groups rendered special music at the well attended services. Rev. Clarence H. Walth is the pastor.

• **The First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington** has extended a call to Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle, N. Dak., pastor of the Grace Baptist Church since 1958, to which he has replied favorably. He has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Colfax church on Dec. 1st, succeeding Rev. F. E. Klein, now pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn.

• **Mr. Clarence Turner of Lodi, Calif.**, a member of the First Baptist Church, was recently elected president of the Greater Lodi Kiwanis Club. Mr. Turner is the manager of "Creditway of America." Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, reported in the church's "Messenger" that "on the local level Kiwanis is constantly striving for community betterment. One of their projects last year was the buying of 50 trees for a city park."

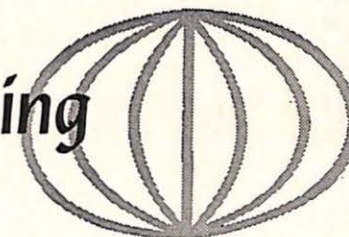
• **Rev. Kenneth Howe, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas**, had the joy of baptizing six young

converts recently. They are Joyce Lippert, Dawn Baxley, Garey Sherrod, John Lippert, Roland Kippen and Danny Kelly. They were extended the hand of fellowship into the church by the pastor during the communion service on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, as reported by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht.

• **God's abundant blessings were evident at the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak.**, on Harvest Mission Sunday, Oct. 17th. The platform was arrayed with fruits and vegetables re-

• **The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa** held a Deeper Life and Evangelistic Crusade from Nov. 14 to 19 with Rev. Walter Dingfield of Fargo, N. Dak., serving as the evangelist. Some years ago Mr. Dingfield was the NAB pastor at Startup, Wash. The guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 17, at both services was Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Rochester, Minn., Church Extension interim pastor. Rev. George W. Breitzkreuz, pastor of the Elgin church, conducted special meetings at the

what's happening



mind the people of God's goodness and care. Rev. E. Klatt, director of God's Volunteers Team I, served as guest speaker bringing the messages for the day. Sacrificial offerings for the Building Fund and for Missions totaled \$4,642.76. Rev. Fred Fuchs is pastor of the church.

• **On Laymen's Sunday evening, Oct. 17**, at the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., several members of the Men's Fellowship spoke on the topic, "Laymen Fit to be Used." Ross Burke spoke on "Laymen in the Home"; Al Ahlquist, "In the Church"; and Don Seiford, "In the Community." Several laymen—Wm. Sehnert, Harold Kurzweg and Hildon Kuntz—took part in the worship service. At the morning service, Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor, brought the message, "Men That Please God."

• **The Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill.**, has announced that Rev. William Neuman of Sidney, Montana has accepted an appointment by the Board of Directors to serve as the Assistant Superintendent, effective January 1966. Mr. Neuman resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana on Oct. 24, 1965 which he has served since 1964. Mr. Neuman served in the Home for three months in 1963 during which he showed a real concern for such a ministry. Mr. Edward Meister is the superintendent of the Home.

## UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY, DEC. 1965

Observance sponsored by the American Bible Society.  
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Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., from Oct. 31 to Nov. 5.

• **With 250 people in attendance** the laymen of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., presented a fine program on Sunday evening, Oct. 17. Daryl Harr and Darrell Howen were at the instruments. Singing was led by Ruben Burgstahler, Scripture and prayer given by Vernon Weigum and Bing Taylor. Challenging testimonies were brought by Bud Baber, John McGladdery and Frank Schulz (three men who recently came into the church fellowship). and a message was given by Cap Lohr. "20 Singing Men" were led by Boyd Barth. The entire program was under the direction of the Christian Education Director, Bob Radcliffe.

• **The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C.**, was organized with 101 members on Sept. 18 in full harmony and complete understanding with the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver. Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, formerly pastor of the Ebenezer Church, has accepted the call to become the minister of the new Pilgrim Church, effective Nov. 28. On that Sunday the new edifice of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, located at the corner of Inverness Street and 45th Ave., will be dedicated. The Immanuel Church gave the Pilgrim Church \$17,000 for the purchase of its new site and \$10,000 toward the new church building. In the meantime, the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver has called Rev. Paul Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario as its minister. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry there in January 1966. He has been pastor of the Central Church of Kitchener since 1960.



# We the Women

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

## 1966 BEST SELLER

Are you planning to read the best selling book of 1966? We want all of you to be challenged by this special plan which our W.M.U. has. We plan to read "ALL 66 IN '66," all of the Bible during the next twelve months!

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There are many advantages in our reading of the entire Bible. Many of us have been reading and studying certain chapters, books and subjects. We know that frequently the entire Bible should be read in order to let the Holy Spirit give us a view of the entire plan.

The leaflet, "Getting More Out of Your Bible," with its suggestions for reading the Bible comes in the packet our denomination prepared for its emphasis in "Exploring God's Word." This packet contains 24 folders, tracts and studies which you will cherish and find increasingly useful in the coming months and years. It may be purchased through your pastor or the representative in your church, or it may be ordered from the Roger Williams Press at 25 cents per packet.

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The Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas which observed its 75th anniversary in October 1965 with Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., a son of the church, as guest speaker. The Rev. Kenneth L. Howe is the pastor of the church.

## 75th Church Anniversary, Waco, Texas

Report of the anniversary festivities at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht.

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST Church of Waco, Texas had the joy of celebrating its 75th Anniversary Oct. 15-17, 1965. The festivities began with a banquet on Friday evening, served in the church dining hall. Mr. Harry Lampert served as toastmaster and presided over the program that followed. He called on Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, chairman of the Anniversary Committee, to give a brief history of our church and to introduce special guests, among them Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Koller.

Special music was provided by a ladies' trio composed of Maxine Hansen, Ruth Poerschke and Mary Lou Hoeffner, and organ selections by Carlton Springfield. Since the First Baptist Church of Waco was instrumental in the organization of our church, it was most fitting to have their fine young pastor, Dr. H. J. Flanders, bring the message of the evening. He was introduced by our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Howe.

On Saturday evening a church-wide picnic was enjoyed by the church family and friends. A former pastor of our church, Chaplain L. B. Hinz, brought the devotional for this gathering, and Dr. Koller spoke informally recalling the talented and dedicated leaders of former years who gave much of their time and effort.

The highlight of our celebration was the presence of our guest speaker, Dr. Charles W. Koller, president emeritus of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., a son of our church. On Sunday morning the topic, "The Grand Continuity of the Grace of God," was very fitting and well developed. On Sunday evening at the concluding service of our celebration he spoke on

"Living by the Day." The church choir, under the direction of Milton Lippert, rendered beautiful numbers. A vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert added to the services.

It was very fitting during this service to dedicate a new piano for our sanctuary, which was the project of our young people, and also a new Hammond organ, purchase of which was made possible through a generous donation by a young couple of the church, together with other donations. Mr. Milton Lippert, music director of the church, and Mr. Carlton Springfield were in charge of this dedication service. Miss Mary Lou Hoeffner serves as organist.

The Central Baptist Church was organized on March 4, 1890 in the home of Rev. Joseph Gronde. Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, then president of Baylor University, presided at the meeting, and the First Baptist Church of Waco was instrumental in its organization. A 14 page brochure containing the history of the church was prepared and given to all in attendance. We thank God for his leadership throughout these years, and as we look to the future we covet your prayers that we may be found faithful in carrying on the work that has been entrusted to us.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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for Israel only and why was the new covenant made for all people?

2. Why is it so difficult for Jewish people to accept Christ as the Messiah?

3. Why should it be easier to obey the law in our hearts than the law in the courts?

## Conference and Association Sessions

Additional Reports from the Field

**WOMAN'S UNION, DAKOTA-MONTANA ASSOC.** On Friday evening, Oct. 8, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota and Montana Association held its program at the school auditorium at Leola, S. Dak. Mrs. William Geidt, president, presided. A tableau was presented by the Lehr Society followed by a musical selection by the Ladies' Chorus under the capable direction of Mrs. F. Fuchs of Eureka, S. Dak. A mission challenge was brought by Mrs. E. Kopf of Plevna, Mont. On Friday afternoon the women met at the Legion Hall for a delicious banquet followed by a business session and a memorial service. New officers elected were: president, Mrs. Wm. Geidt; vice president, Mrs. Loren Weber; secretary, Mrs. S. Seiler; treasurer, Mrs. H. Effa. (Mrs. Marvin Schilling, Reporter).

**BADLANDS YOUTH RALLY AT SIDNEY.** The First Baptist Church and CBYF of Sidney, Montana were hosts to the Badlands Youth Rally, August 20-22. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer of our Cameroon mission field and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism, brought inspiring messages on the theme, "Be a Growing Christian." New Rally officers for the coming year are: Dennis Huber of Plevna, Montana, president; Dorothy Reich of Mott, N. Dak., vice-president; Cathie Evans of Sidney, Montana, secretary; Phillis Schneider of Hettinger, N. Dak., treasurer; Rev. E. Kopf of Plevna, Montana, dean; Mrs. Wesley Arnold of McIntosh, N. Dak., music director; and Rev. L. Weber of Isabel, S. Dak., missions promoter. A mission goal of \$1,500 was accepted for the coming year. (Mrs. Earl Backhaus, Reporter).

**SASK. CBYF RETREAT.** The Saskatchewan Association CBYF experienced one of the greatest Youth Retreats that we can recall from Sept. 3-6, 1965, at the Good Spirit Lake Camp grounds. It was thrilling to see 69 young people registered for the retreat. Also, in attendance was our Youth Director, Rev. E. Hohn from Saskatoon, and our missionary in the Cameroons, Miss Betty Mantay, who is now home on furlough. Both presented us with a real challenge to yield our entire life to the Lord Jesus Christ. The speakers for the Retreat included Rev. J. Neudorf, serving Fenwood and Melville; Rev. P. Schroeder, serving the extension work in Esterhazy; Rev. W. Dickau, serving in Ebenezer; and Rev. F. Pahl, serving in Springside. The Lord spoke to each of us in a unique way through two films, "The Red Trap" and "A Letter to Nancy."

A highlight of the weekend was the fireside service which was held on Saturday night. As young people sang and testified of what the Lord meant to them, a real impact was made upon

one precious soul. The very controversial book, "The Comfortable Pew" by Pierre Burton was a topic for discussion by our panel. (Miss Shirley Werk, Secretary).

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION.** The Pacific Northwest Association was the guest of our Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Washington. This small group of saints were indeed courageous to undertake this huge task of lovingly entertaining and housing all delegates and friends from nine churches. The theme, "Looking Unto Jesus," was divided into challenging topics. We are grateful to our guest speakers, Professor Roy Seibel, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, as well as all area pastors and lay people for their excellent contributions. Each message touched our hearts.

The Woman's Missionary Society enjoyed a delicious luncheon in the church with Missionary G. Ben Lawrence the guest speaker. The Men's Brotherhood luncheon had Professor Seibel as the speaker. The Association banquet was held in the local school auditorium. Professor Seibel challenged us with his message, "Looking Unto Jesus Through His Ambassadors." A hearty welcome was extended to the recently organized Cypress Baptist (Extension) Church in Seattle, Rev. R. E. Grabke, pastor. In 1966 the Association will be guests of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. (Gertrude Ahrens, Reporter).

## SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION.

The South Dakota Association was held at the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak., with Rev. W. D. Dachtler as host pastor, using the theme, "The Believer and The Holy Spirit." The guest speakers for the Association were Dr. J. C. Gunst, Rev. John Grygo and Dr. Ralph E. Powell. There were 60 guest registrations and the churches had a representation of 55 delegates. The new officers for the year are: moderator, Rev. Peter Wiens; vice moderator, Rev. W. D. Dachtler; secretary, Rev. John Hisel; and treasurer, Mr. H. Lippert. Tuesday morning began with the Inspirational Hour led by Rev. Walter Hoffman on the theme, "Spirit Controlled." On Tuesday evening Dr. Ralph E. Powell spoke on "The Aspects of Love" which proved to be a wonderful time of soul searching for all who attended. A Fellowship Hour followed the evening service.

On Wednesday afternoon the men held their luncheon as well as their program. At the close of the afternoon Rev. John E. Grygo spoke on "Co-Workers with Christ." The Association concluded its annual session on

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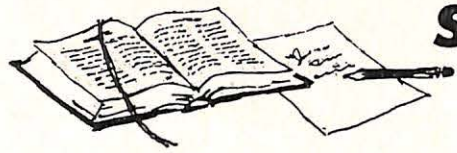
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# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 12, 1965

Theme: **JOSIAH: DELIGHT IN THE LAW**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Josiah's name and reign are like a spiritual oasis after passing through miles and miles of pagan desert.

**INTRODUCTION:** The young king followed Manasseh whose evil reign lasted for 55 long years. No other king is given so much space and so many words in describing the evil and paganism that were rampant during the years in which he ruled Judah with an iron hand. Practically the entire country was filled with graven images. Even the temple of Solomon was desecrated with the setting up of idols. No longer was there room for Jehovah for whom this house was built. Manasseh became even more pagan than the pagans, for it is said that he "seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel" (II Kings 21:3-9).

His son Amon reigned for two years and was slain during a conspiracy. It was one of the worst periods in Hebrew history. The spiritual life of the people was at such a low ebb that, from a human point of view, it seemed impossible for them to rise again. But we can thank God that he sees differently than we do. He can reveal himself in the darkest of circumstances.

**I. THE NEW KING.** II Kings 22:1-2.

Very little is known about the early life and training of Josiah. But because he took such positive action and a vigorous stand against idolatry, it must be taken for granted that he was given some good, solid religious instruction. Perhaps a good word should be added concerning Josiah's grandfather Manasseh. According to II Chronicles 33, he repented while he was a captive in Babylon. When he returned, he restored all the altars in Jerusalem and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel. This act of repentance and humbling experience may have been instrumental later in giving Josiah something on which to build. In II Chronicles 34 we are told that Josiah began to seek after the God of David, his father, when he was 16 years old. At the age of 20, he began to destroy the altars of Baal and at 26 his efforts at reformation became more intensified.

**II. THE NEW REFORMATION.** II Kings 23:1-5.

During the process of repairing the

temple, the Book of the Law was found which led to a more serious self-examination of the king and people. It is generally taken for granted that it was the Book of Deuteronomy. Hilkiah the priest recognized it and gave it to Shaphan the scribe who in turn read it to the king. When he heard some of the portions, he was convinced that the denunciations found in the scroll were intended as a warning to him and his people. Further light and interpretation were needed, and the king commanded the priest and elders to enquire of the Lord.

After reading to the people, the king set a good example by committing himself to God. The people immediately followed by standing on the covenant. Reformation and transformation began immediately in the temple as well as in the hearts of king and people.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Discuss further how important it is for leaders to be good examples.
2. Is it possible to force people to keep God's laws if they do not love him?
3. How can God's Word be lost today?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 19, 1965

Theme: **JEREMIAH: PROPHET OF THE NEW COVENANT**

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:15-17;

33:14-16; 31:31-34

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** God does not allow his eternal purposes to suffer permanent defeat; the present may appear hopeless but the future will bring victory.

**INTRODUCTION:** The introduction to Jeremiah's prophecy states that his father, Hilkiah, was a priest in the village of Anathoth, a suburb of Jerusalem. Here young Jeremiah received his call and, soon after, came to Jerusalem where he served as God's messenger for 40 years.

Jeremiah was one of the great figures in Hebrew history, and he was destined to pass through the most trying and soul-stirring experiences. His mission was to testify to a sinful and stubborn people, misled by false prophets, and to witness to their doom. He saw the nation pass from the happy prosperous conditions under Josiah to their state of iniquity under the last four godless kings. He witnessed the invasions of the Babylonians and the final destruction of the city.

In circumstances, both desperate and heartbreaking, he faithfully and cour-

ageously declared the word of God. He saw no hope in the immediate present and could only reveal the crushing judgment that was to fall upon the nation.

**I. THE PROMISE OF SALVATION AND RETURN.** Jeremiah 31:15-17.

These words do not express the joy and happiness which we usually associate with the Christmas season. Some may wonder why we have a lesson on Jeremiah at this time of the year. But the first Christmas was a long time coming. It was a fulfillment of a series of promises made through the prophets of Israel and Judah. Jeremiah stands on the brink of disaster, but he also stands on the sure promises of God. The most difficult time to express faith and hope is when everything looks dark and hopeless. There would be more suffering and grief before God's salvation would be revealed.

**II. HOPE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS REMNANT.** Jeremiah 33:14-16.

The prophecy of the Branch has its fulfillment in Jesus Christ in whom the priest and king were combined and whose reign will last forever. This was difficult for the Jewish people to imagine in the midst of all this desolation. Not even Jeremiah was aware of how far in the future this would take place.

**III. GOD'S NEW COVENANT WITH ISRAEL.** Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The first words that come to mind when reading the prophecy of Jeremiah are the words of Jesus Christ as the prophecy was being fulfilled: "This cup is the new testament in my blood." The student of the Bible will find in these passages the most famous and most significant teaching of Jeremiah. Flesh and blood could not have revealed this to Jeremiah, but only God in heaven.

The old covenant was set up for one primary purpose—to bring Israel into a close union and relationship with God. The purpose of the new covenant is the same but the means of effecting it are different, and its object is not only Israel but the world. The will of God could not be worked out in obedience to laws, commandments and sacrifices. Through Christ we are led to the dedication of the individual will to the will of God in the heart. It is not a new law but a new Spirit. Christmas is a reminder of God's great promise and fulfillment of that covenant.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Why was the first covenant made

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BAPTIST HERALD

# our denomination in action

## Woman's missionary societies

**APLINGTON, IOWA.** On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Benevolent Society of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa sponsored an evening meeting for all ladies of the church. About 75 guests were seated at four tables decorated in accordance to the four seasons. Waitresses for each table were dressed appropriate to each season. Mrs. Robert Grinnell of Dunkerton, Iowa, formerly of the Amish group, was the speaker. She told us about the customs and problems of the group. (Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter).

**DANZIG and TYNDALL, S. DAK.** The Danzig and Tyndall Woman's Missionary Unions jointly hosted a Baptist Guest Day at the Danzig Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 28. Mrs. David Zimmerman welcomed guests from Avon, Parkston, Tripp, Plum Creek (near Emery), Danzig and Tyndall. The song service was led by Mrs. Wilbert Berndt followed by Scripture reading by Mrs. Edith Berndt, and prayer by Mrs. Freda Bren. Mrs. Erwin Weber, program chairman, introduced the theme which was "Favorite Hymns" and how they came to be written and by whom. As each note of the scale was put in place on the musical staff on the platform, the story of a hymn relating to that letter was given. As guests entered the church, the reception committee of Mrs. Calvin Finck and Mrs. James Janssen pinned on them "musical notes" picturing a musical instrument. The decorations committee was Mrs. John Brandt and Mrs. Arnold Lubbers. More than 75 guests were present. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

**BETHEL, AMHERST, N. Y.** October 10 was observed as "Ann Judson Sunday" at the Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst (Buffalo), N. Y. The occasion marked the 50th anniversary of the church's Ann Judson Missionary Society. As a token of recognition, gold ribbon badges were pinned to the dresses of the society members. Mr. Donald Witt of Cameroon, Africa was the missionary speaker, and he also provided special music.

At the evening musical program, Mr. Witt gave an educational and inspirational challenge relative to our mission work in Cameroon. Mrs. Jothan Benke, secretary of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union, extended greetings, and also sang a solo. There were three charter members present, and Mrs. Sybil Thompson, president of the Ann Judson Society, presented gifts to them. The charter members present were Mrs. Anna Diener, Mrs. Irma B. Distler, and Miss Anna Peterson. Pastor Albert Fadenrecht gave special



Grand Award winners in Scripture Memorization at the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., with the memorization director (right).

recognition to the society in behalf of the church. The generous love offering received was designated for denominational missions. (Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht Reporter).

## sunday school programs & events

**FESSENDEN, N. DAK.** October 3 was Promotion Sunday for the Sunday school department in the First Baptist Church Fessenden N. Dak. Students were promoted to their respective classes and awards were given for those in our Scripture Memory Program. We had three Grand Award winners who completed the course this year. Left to right in the picture they are: Shirley Koenig, Mrs. Walter Albus (our director) and Walter Albus. Ann Pepple, who is not shown on the picture, also received a Grand Prize Award. Mrs. James McBain, Clerk.



Mrs. Walter Albus (center), Scripture Memory director in the Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., with two of this year's three Grand Award winners.

**GOLDEN PRAIRIE, SASK.** On Sunday, Sept. 26, we of the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., had the pleasure of presenting the Grand Award in Scripture Memorization to two boys: Eugene Erman and Vernon Arndt, for having completed the required Memory Courses. Pins were also presented to 19 other pupils who had learned Scripture verses during the past year. At present there are 22 children enrolled in Scripture Memorization for the coming year. We praise God for the interest that is shown in this work, both by the pupils as well as by the sponsor, Mrs. Jacob Erman. (Mrs. Robert Kohls, Reporter).

## special events

**EDENWOLD-DAVIN, SASK.** The Edenwold-Davin Men's Brotherhood of Saskatchewan held a well planned program on Sunday evening, Oct. 17, in the new Balgonie Baptist Church. It was a capacity audience. The men rendered two chorus numbers under the direction of Mr. Russell Bayley, as well as quartet, duet and musical numbers. They also gave an account of their work and report of their meetings. Their regular meetings vary, and one outing is held annually with their wives at a park. Rev. Bill Spletzer of Southey was guest speaker for this latter program. The offering was \$80, some of which will go to the Dr. Peter Fehr Project. Miss Caroline Harder of C. B. C. in Regina was the special organizer for the program that followed. May God bless our laymen that they may be dedicated and faithful! (Mrs. Isabella Brucker, Reporter).

**WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. DAK.** On Sunday evening, Sept. 19, at an impressive service at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., it was our joy to witness the baptism of Mrs. Lester Weber, her daughter Donna, and Mrs. Elroy Heuther. At the communion service on Oct. 3rd they were welcomed into the church fellowship by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz.

During the last week of September the interior of the church was completely redecorated and beautiful drapes hung at the front of the auditorium. Recently the parsonage has been completely insulated.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, the Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches united for the annual Harvest Mission Fest with Professor Hugo Lueck from our Seminary as guest speaker. The offerings of the day amounted to \$880.29. How we praise God for these wonderful blessings! During the last week of October Rev. Norman Miller of Chancellor S. Dak., served us in evangelistic meetings. (Thomas Lutz, Pastor).



**WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO.** "Another Chapter in Our Venture of Faith" was the theme of our Sunday evening service on Oct. 10. In observance of Laymen's Sunday, several men spoke on "Our Original Vision," "Our Present Status," and "Our Vision for the Future." We were then privileged to witness the burning of the note on the property occupied by the Chapel and parsonage. This particular loan (from Forest Park) was chosen to be paid to release this money for other Church Extension projects. Although this was a 14 year loan, it was paid in approximately 3 years, due largely to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jungkeit. On the following Wednesday evening, it was announced that this couple had also paid the remaining indebtedness on our Chapel, an amount in excess of \$6,000. In the accompanying picture are (left to right): E. Twilley, chairman of Deacons; V. Rau, chairman of trustees; L. Taylor, chairman Finance Committee; Dr. Louis R. Johnson, Pastor; Fred Jungkeit; and A. Mauch, church moderator, participants in the note burning ceremony. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

**MISSOULA, MONTANA.** In August the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana started an addition of a new educational unit onto the present building. We are already looking forward to its completion since most of our Sunday school rooms are overflowing. On Sunday, Sept. 19, we had our



Mortgage burning ceremony at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., led by the pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson (4th from left). (See report for the names of the other church leaders).

Harvest Mission Festival with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon as guest speaker. He brought very timely messages on "Immortalizing our Giving" and in the evening on "Our Responsibilities at Home."

Also in September we as a church secured the aid of Church Finance, Inc., of Whittier, Calif., to aid us in an every member canvass for the raising of \$60,000 over a three year period. There was a wonderful response on the part of our people and the goal was more than reached. This will enable us to go ahead with further steps of advancement that are yet planned for the future.

We also received many wonderful

blessings from special meetings held Oct. 3-10 with Rev. Richard Grabke of Seattle, Wash., as evangelist. The choir rendered special music each evening besides other special numbers. Our evangelist told a continued story each evening to the many children in attendance. Most of all, we rejoiced to see God working as the Holy Spirit convicted and worked in each one of our hearts and several persons were saved.

Our pastor, Rev. Herbert Vetter, has started another new membership class to continue throughout this year. (Mrs. Jacob Kirschmann, Reporter).

**TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK.** Harvest and Mission Sunday was observed recently at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Fall flowers, garden fruits and vegetables were displayed in the sanctuary for the impressive morning and afternoon services.

Rev. Edward Kopf of Plevna, Montana was the guest speaker at the morning service. Mrs. Kopf, editor of the "Broadcast," spoke at the afternoon service. The church mixed choir presented musical numbers at both services after having had a long rest of about 1½ years. Elmer Schindel, musical director at the local school, directed the choir.

A noon pot luck dinner was served to approximately 200 members and friends of the church, of which Orville Meth is the pastor. The offerings of the day were designated for missions.

Ladies' Missionary Fellowship served coffee and cake in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

The construction of the church began on March 23, 1965 and was ready for occupancy in June 1965. A choir has been recently formed. For the month of October, our Sunday school attendance for all ages averaged 65 and for morning worship 70. The church plans to conduct a *Bible Adventure Campaign* for grade school children Nov. 27 to Dec. 11, 1965. (Mrs. Fred Biron, Reporter).

## evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. William Effa (right), pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., with three baptismal candidates.

**GERMANTOWN CHURCH, N. DAK.** On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1965, the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., had the pleasure of having a joint baptismal service with the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak. Three candidates: Kent Streibel, Joel Broschat, and Marcy Buechler, were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Wm. Effa. The hand of fellowship was extended to the new members, after which the members of both churches held a joint communion service. (Mrs. Calvin Edinger, Reporter).

**FESSENDEN, N. DAK.** A joint baptismal service was held by the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., with the Germantown Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., on Sunday, Oct.

10. Our pastor, Raymond Hoffman, baptized the following upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (front row, left to right in picture): Connie Koenig, Glen Fuhrman and Jane Martin; (back row) Lewis Rappuhn, Mrs. Lewis Rappuhn, Mrs. Ralph Edinger, and Mrs. Wm. Konwischer. Communion service was held and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the new converts. (Mrs. James Mc Bain, Clerk).

**McCLUSKY, N. DAK.** Special meetings during the first week of October at the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., featured the nationally known recording artists, "Paul and Bob." Evangelist Paul Levin and blind singer Bob Findley inspired the audience nightly. A number of decisions were recorded. The Men's Brotherhood of the church has organized "Dakota Christian Crusades." Talented Christian musicians and speakers will be presented at these crusades in an effort to reach many in the community for Christ. At the first crusade on Aug. 19, the Klaudt Indian Singers presented their program. On Sept. 18 the Palermo Brothers were present for the second crusade. The third Dakota Christian Crusade was held Sept. 30 with "Paul and Bob" on the opening night of their meetings here. (Mrs. Allen Faul, Reporter).

**JAMESBURG, N. J.** The members and many friends of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J. were privileged to witness an impressive baptismal recently.

Upon confession of their faith, 16 persons were baptized and extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service which followed. One additional member was received by transfer of letter and prior to this two others were received by testimony. Words of encouragement and spiritual help were spoken by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Boymook. We as a church rejoice in the greatness of God's blessing upon us in this and in many other ways. (Grace J. Epp, Reporter).

**WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO.** On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, it was the privilege and joy of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., to witness the baptism of two adults and two young people. These four, together with another adult, were received into the fellowship of our church on the following Sunday evening during the observance of the Lord's Supper. August 15th is a day we will long remember! After a very inspiring message by our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, seven young people walked down the aisle to give themselves for fulltime Christian service. Three of these are already in college preparing for the Gospel ministry or missionary work. Now we praise God for these who have said "yes" to God's call. Vaughn Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who attends Baylor University in Texas, has been selected to sing in the Religious



Rev. Raymond Hoffman, (right) pastor of the Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., and 7 persons whom he baptized on Sunday, Oct. 10.

Hour Choir, well-known group in that area. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

## RECEPTION

**BETHLEHEM, PA.** Rev. Harold W. Gieseke was installed as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem,



Sixteen of the 19 new members received into the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., by Rev. Arthur Boymook, pastor (right). Of these 16 were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Baker Book House—1964—76 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

**SPIRITUAL SECRETS OF FAMOUS CHRISTIANS** by Anna Talbot McPherson. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—162 pages—\$2.50.

**MEN MADE NEW** by David R. Enlow. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—150 pages—\$2.95.

All three volumes are biographical in content. Personal experience is always dramatic and dynamic. These are real people who had real problems and who found a real salvation. Both young and old will find inspiration and encouragement as they follow these seekers after God as they emerge from the darkness of sin, doubt and unbelief to faith and new life.

Pa., on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3.

The charge to the new pastor was given by Dr. John McGahey, of the Philadelphia College of the Bible. The charge to the church was given by Dr. Edwin H. Frey, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bethlehem. A challenging message was presented by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The theme of his message was Romans 8:28 "All things work together for good to them that love God." A welcome from the conference churches was extended by Rev. Herman Kuhl, moderator of the Atlantic Conference and pastor of the Willow Ave. Baptist Church, Hoboken, N. J. Sister churches sent their congratulations, their desire for God's blessing, and expressed their joy and gladness in God's leading of Brother Gieseke to the Calvary Church. Other ministers attending the service from conference churches were Rev. Garry Miller, of the First Baptist Church, West New York, N. Y., and Rev. Donald Mostrom, of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Union City, N. J. (David P. Gunkle, Reporter).

**LIVING CAN BE EXCITING** by Aaron N. Meckel. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—148 pages—\$2.95.

**ABOVE OURSELVES** by James H. Jauncey. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—150 pages—\$2.95.

Perhaps there is already an overabundance of "How to" books, but they seem to be an indication of a seeking generation. We wish they could be followed as easily as some of them are written. With a little faith and much practice the Christian, who is hoping and praying for a more abundant life, can find help and inspiration through the messages in these volumes.

Mr. Meckel has the gift of using the right poetry in the right place in order to emphasize his messages dealing with vital problems. Mr. Jauncey is a gifted journalist, educator and pastor who has practical insight and spiritual truth for a triumphant Christian life.



## SO. DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday evening with Rev. W. D. Dachter in charge and Dr. Powell bringing the message, FRUIT of the SPIRIT. During these days the Association heard much in reports, prayer concerns, missionary needs and challenges to our own personal lives. The resolutions and projects that were adopted are commitments that we shall seek to carry out as God gives wisdom and strength. (Walter H. Hoffman, Reporter).

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

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ed congregations which in faith have built a new house of God and kept up their missionary giving. Possibly the somewhat alarming difference between \$1,662,000 listed for buildings and \$910,188 listed for mission contributions could be evened out to the fifty-fifty level.

If a congregation can build under the principle, "Cost is no object," it should re-examine its missionary activities. A church costing \$100,000, which serves no greater purpose and renders no greater spiritual ministry than a \$60,000 church, represents a waste of the Lord's money. The same applies to the construction of parsonages. The world is not starving for lack of beautiful church buildings, but it is starving for lack of an adequate Gospel witness.

Every congregation which plans to build should seriously consider the employment of its own members—men and women. This adds to the interest of the project. There could be considerable savings of cash money involved. Admittedly such an arrangement is not always possible. But where it is possible, it gives members a sense of a personal investment, somewhat as the Jews had in the time of Nehemiah when they built the walls and gates of Jerusalem. They said: "Let us rise up and build."

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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# Obituary

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

## MR. FERDINAND SCHANTZ of Gotebo, Oklahoma

Mr. Ferdinand Schanz of Gotebo, Okla., was born in Austria on March 10, 1880 and went to be with his Lord on Sept. 24, 1965 at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 14 days. At the age of 7 years, he came with his parents to America who settled near Coryell City, Texas. He was united in marriage to Carlina Hodel on Sept. 18, 1906. In 1910 they moved to a farm near Gotebo, Okla., which was still their residence at the time of his death.

At an early age he was converted and joined the Canaan Baptist Church at Coryell City. After moving to Gotebo, he joined the Salem Baptist Church and was active in serving the Lord at every opportunity. He was a faithful member until it disbanded in 1964.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Viola; a daughter-in-law, Edna; one sister; and four brothers. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Roland, in 1959 and by a son, Werner, in 1964.

JOHN FLAMING, Officiating Pastor

## MRS. LOUISE ZIFKA of New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Louise Zifka, nee Memmele, of New York, N. Y., was born May 18, 1897 in Tuningen, Germany. She came to the United States in 1924 and in 1928 she was joined in marriage to Mr. Paul Zifka. Mrs. Zifka joined the Second German Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. When her family moved to New York, she became a member of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City.

Mrs. Zifka went through a period of severe suffering. But with God's grace and mercy, she recovered and was sent home from the hospital. Then when everything seemed well, she passed away suddenly in her home on Oct. 10, 1965 of a cardiac condition. She leaves to mourn her husband Paul; one son, one grandson, one brother, and one sister. She is remembered as a quiet, dedicated and good Christian mother and wife.

Second German Baptist Church

New York, New York

DANIEL KOLKE, Pastor

## MR. GUST YERKE of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Gust Yerke of Lansing, Mich., was born Dec. 20, 1890 in Russ-Poland and died in Lansing, Sept. 12, 1965, at the age of 74. He came to Michigan in 1901 and was engaged in farming most of his life. In 1905 he accepted the Lord as his Savior, was baptized, and became a member of Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich. In 1948 the Yerkes moved to Lansing and became members of the Colonial Village (formerly Holmes Street) Baptist Church where he was a faithful member until God called him home. Active in the church, he served as deacon, S. S. superintendent, S. S. teacher, and sang in the choir and male quartet.

Brother Yerke was united in marriage to Lena Reimer Dec. 22, 1914. To this union were born 11 children, 3 of whom preceded their father in death. He leaves in loving memory his wife, 8 children, 22 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 1 sister, and a host of relatives and friends.

Colonial Village Baptist Church  
Lansing, Michigan

ROBERT F. PENNER, Pastor

## MRS. ARTHUR GERBER of Camrose, Alberta

Mrs. Arthur Gerber, nee Clara Weisser, of Camrose, Alberta was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Weisser at Camrose on April 4, 1906. She confessed Christ as her Savior and openly identified herself as a follower of Christ in 1919. She was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Gerber on Dec. 28, 1927. After a lengthy illness, Mrs. Gerber

was called Home to Glory on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1965 at the age of 59 years and six months.

Mrs. Gerber leaves to mourn her death her husband; five children: Rev. Wesley Gerber of Enid, Oklahoma; Leslie of Drake, N. Dak.; Mrs. Allen (Bernice) Link of Leduc, Alberta; Duane at home, and Rev. Alan Gerber of New Leipzig, N. Dak.; her mother, Mrs. Rosa Brown; and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted from the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose with Rev. P. R. Grabke officiating.

Camrose, Alberta

## THE FAMILY

### MRS. SOPHIA J. MATTIX of Rock Springs, Wis.

Mrs. Sophia Josephine Mattix of Rock Springs, Wis., was born in Excelsior Township of Sauk County, Wis., on April 27, 1887. In 1906 she was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph Mattix, and to this union were born four children: Edna who died in infancy; Richard of Madison, Lloyd of Middleton, Wis.; and LaRetta, Mrs. Ralph Hearn of near Ironton, Wis., with whom she had made her home for the past 25 years. Her husband died in 1936.

She was baptized and joined the Rock Springs Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her death. She was also a charter member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Death came very suddenly to Mrs. Mattix on Oct. 11, 1965 at the Reedsburg Hospital. She reached the age of 78 years, 5 months and 14 days. Survivors include six grandchildren, one great grandchild and one sister, Mrs. Harry Sturdevant of Rock Springs, besides some cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

North Freedom, Wisconsin

LEROY KIEMLE, Pastor

### MRS. CHARLES VOIGT of Lemmon, South Dakota

Mrs. Charles (Olive A.) Voigt, nee Nelson, of Lemmon, S. Dak., was born at Salem, S. Dak., on Nov. 4, 1889, two days after South Dakota became a state. In 1910 she came to the West River country and took a homestead in Corson County. She purchased the lumber for her claim from Charles Voigt who was employed by a Lemmon Lumber Company. On April 24, 1912 these two were united in marriage. Later Mr. and Mrs. Voigt moved to Perkins County and were long time residents of the Lemmon community. In April 1962 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Voigt was a member of various Baptist churches throughout her life, having become a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon in April of 1965. Even though she was only a member of the Temple Church a short time, she was faithful in her support even before she became a member.

She passed away at the Five Counties Hospital of Lemmon on June 21, 1965 after an illness. She is survived by her husband; 2 sons: Charles, Jr. of Lemmon and Leonard of Circle, Montana; 3 daughters: Mrs. Vern (Claire) Leonard of Las Vegas, Nev.; Mrs. Ada Tracy of Helena, Montana; and Mrs. Gene (Evilo) Loken of Pierre, S. Dak. She also leaves 13 grandchildren and two sisters.

Lemmon, South Dakota

ARNOLD M. FRIEZ, Pastor

### MR. JACOB B. WEISERT of Jamesburg, New Jersey

Mr. Jacob B. Weisert of Jamesburg, N. J., was born in Montclair, N. J., on Nov. 9, 1884 and died on Sept. 4, 1965 after a brief illness at the age of 80 years and 10 months. Mr. Weisert was baptized as a young boy and became an active member of the First Baptist Church in Jamesburg where he was an active member until his death. The positions of Sunday school superintendent, trustee and deacon were held by him at some time throughout his life and were carried out in a faithful way in service to the Lord. For many years, Mr. Weisert served his community in various capacities. His helpful and understanding way of Christian concern will be missed by all who knew Mr. Weisert.

Mr. Weisert is survived by his wife Ethel; two sons: Dr. James of Morris Plains, and Kenneth D. of Arlington, Va.; two brothers: Emil of Helmetta, N. J., and William of Manasquan, N. J.; four sisters: Mrs. Pauline Gardner and Miss Carrie Weisert, both of Jamesburg, N. J.; Mrs. Raymond Sigle of Dayton, N. J., and Mrs. Harley Hasbrook of Benson, Vt., and 4 grandchildren.

Jamesburg, New Jersey

ARTHUR BOYMOOK, Pastor

### MRS. CHRISTINE TISCHER of Leduc, Alberta

Mrs. Christine Tischer, nee Gohlke, of Leduc, Alta., was born August 14, 1901 at Kiel, Germany, and was called to her Heavenly Home Sept. 18, 1965. On August 25, 1923, she was united in marriage to Emil

Tischer and they emigrated from Germany to Leduc, Alberta, where they settled on a farm. In 1931 Mrs. Tischer received Christ as her personal Savior during an evangelistic crusade conducted by Rev. Albert Ittermann. Later that year she was baptized by Rev. Philip Daum and received into the membership of First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta. Her life was characterized with wholehearted devotion to the Lord. For many years she served as secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society and reporter to "Der Sendbote."

She leaves to mourn her loving husband, Emil Tischer; five daughters: Mrs. Inga Gingsras of Edmonton; Mrs. Helga Newman of Ponoka; Mrs. Eleanor Sullivan of Edmonton; Miss Ruby Tischer of Edmonton; Mrs. Hannah Grunwald of Leduc, Alta.; four sons: Helmut and Henry of Leduc; Albert of Calgary; and Eddie of Edmonton; also 9 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Marie Viehweger of Edmonton; and a brother, Helmut Gohlke of Germany.

First Baptist Church

Leduc, Alberta

NORMAN W. DREGER, Pastor

### MRS. FRERICKA KLEIN of Calgary, Alberta

Mrs. Frericka Esemann Klein of Calgary, Alta., was born on March 14, 1877 at Hoffnustal, Odessa, South Russia and passed away on Oct. 14, 1965. On Nov. 22, 1898 she was united in marriage to Mr. W. Klein and this happy union was blessed with 10 children. Her husband passed away in 1950. In 1903 the Kleins moved to the U. S. A. and homesteaded at Washburn, N. Dak., until they moved to Alberta, Canada in 1928. They farmed until 1939 when they retired to Calgary. As a young girl she accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior, was baptized and became a member of a Baptist Church. In Calgary she joined the Bridgeland Baptist Church and later the Temple Baptist Church. She was a very faithful member, a great lover of Christ's Church and a good mother to her children.

She leaves to mourn two sons: Rev. Fred Klein of St. Bonifacius, Minn.; Gottlieb of Minot, N. Dak.; 5 daughters: Mrs. J. Bertsch, Mrs. Mary Bettcher; Mrs. Roger Carr, Mrs. Clifford Erasmus of Calgary and Mrs. Nick Chalus of Toronto, Ontario; also 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

Temple Baptist Church

Calgary, Alberta

C. T. REMPLE, Pastor

### MRS. PAULINE SCHULTZ of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Pauline Schultz, nee Goltz, of Vancouver, B. C., was born in Wolhynien, Russia on Nov. 27, 1879 and passed away to her eternal reward on Oct. 18, 1965. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior in her early youth and became a member of the Alexandria Church following her baptism in 1894. In 1899 she was married to Mr. Gottlieb Miller, who predeceased her on Dec. 20, 1942. The Millers immigrated to Canada in 1902 and resided in the Leduc, Alberta area. In 1921 they relocated to Edmonton, where they remained until the death of Mr. Miller. Mrs. Miller was married to Mr. Karl Schultz in 1946. In 1947 they moved to Vancouver, B. C. and had their membership transferred to the Bethany Baptist Church. Mr. Schultz passed away in 1957. Mrs. Schultz remained a faithful member of the church until the Lord released her from her physical suffering.

Her passing is mourned by one brother, Rudolf Goltz of Edmonton, Alberta; one daughter, Olga Dickson of Edmonton, Alberta; 5 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. A memorial service was held in the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., on Oct. 22, and another memorial service was held in Edmonton, Alta., on Oct. 25 with Rev. R. Hohensee officiating.

Bethany Baptist Church

Vancouver, British Columbia

ERNIE ROGALSKI, Pastor

### MR. JACOB CROISSANT of Greeley, Colorado

Mr. Jacob Croissant of Greeley, Colorado went to his reward on Sept. 10, 1965. Mr. Croissant would have reached the age of 83 in November 1965. He was born in Odesa, Russia, Nov. 5, 1882. He married Elizabeth Roth on Nov. 3, 1904. The Croissants moved from Russia to the United States in 1907, where they settled in Johnstown, Colorado. In 1928 they moved to the Hardin Community, Colorado where they farmed for 20 years before retiring. Mrs. Croissant preceded her husband in death in 1948. After the death of his first wife, in 1948, Mr. Croissant married Mrs. Josephine Meyer. Mr. Croissant was a member of First Baptist Church of La Salle.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mrs. Josephine Croissant, are sons: Pete of La

Salle; Reinhold and Paul of Sterling; Chris of Reedley, Calif.; Henry of Covina, Calif.; Roland, Elmer, and Albert of Hardin, and Harold of Greeley, Colorado; and daughters: Mrs. Alfred (Florence) Reck of Fort Collins, Colorado; and Mrs. Frank (Elsie) Hoogie, Missionary in Manila, Philippine Islands; also a stepdaughter, three stepsons, a brother, five sisters, 32 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

La Salle, Colorado

EDWIN MICHELSON, Pastor

### MRS. DENNIS DE WERFF of Lorraine, Kansas

Joan (Wilkins) De Werff of Lorraine, Kansas was born the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkins of Lorraine, Kansas on Dec. 23, 1945. She was taken from this life suddenly on Oct. 11, 1965 in an auto accident southeast of Ellinwood while enroute to pick up her husband from the farm. Her life span was 19 years, 9 months and 18 days. She accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of nine and was baptized upon profession of her faith in Christ on April 3, 1955 by Rev. Harold Gieseke. At the time of her death she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. Her interest in the Lord's work included service as a counselor at Scripture Memory Camp last year.

Joan was married to Dennis De Werff August 11, 1965 and since then has been a beloved member of the Harold De Werff household. Death came two months to the day after her marriage. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Dennis; parents: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkins; one brother, Bob Wilkins, Millbrae, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Ted (Adele) Ronen of Parsons, Kansas; grandmother, Mrs. Anna Wilkins, Lorraine; one niece, and six nephews.

Lorraine, Kansas

EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

### MR. DICK ENGBRECHT of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mr. Dick Engbrecht of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on Feb. 4, 1875 at Bochum, Westfalen, Germany. He passed away on Oct. 17, 1965 at the age of 90 years, 8 months and 13 days. He came to the United States in 1894. On Oct. 5, 1899 he married Barbara Zuber, and the next year he joined his father-in-law, J. V. Zuber, and brother-in-law, Adam Zuber, in the farm implement and mercantile business in Fessenden. On August 1, 1962 at the age of 87 he retired from his insurance business.

During his lifetime he was very active in church and civic affairs. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, being baptized in 1904. He helped organize the Young People's Association of the Northern Association and was the secretary and treasurer for many years. He was a trustee of the church for a number of years. He was a charter member of the Fessenden Fire Dept. and the Fessenden Fair Assn. He served as Fire Chief for 17 years. He was elected as an alderman of the City of Fessenden in 1924 and served for four years. In 1924 he was elected County Commissioner of Wells County and served for 14 years until 1940.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, in 1942; a son, Floyd, in 1950, and two daughters in infancy. Surviving him are a daughter and three sons: Mrs. W. E. (Elsie) Kleper of Fessenden; Erwin of Fessenden; Richard of Cooperstown, N. Dak.; Eric of Hobbs, New Mexico; 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Fessenden, North Dakota

RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor

### MRS. ELLA S. BRAEGER of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mrs. Ella Swayne Braeger of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born in Shirleysburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1869 and passed away at the Harvey Hospital Sept. 24, 1965 at the age of 95 years and 9 months. At the age of 15 she left home to reside in Illinois, Alabama and New York before coming to New Rockford, N. Dak., in 1900. From there she went to Bowdon, N. Dak., where she taught a country school residing at the George Brynjulson home. It was here where she met Gustav F. Braeger to whom she was united in marriage on June 18, 1902. Her husband passed away in 1941, after which she took up residence in Fessenden where she resided until her death. She spent two winters with her sister in Akron, Ohio, where a very unusual honor was given her, being named Akron's "Mother of the Year."

As a young girl she joined the Baptist church and remained a faithful member the remainder of her life. She was an honorary member of the Ladies' Missionary Society, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Roy (Leona) Kuske of Fessenden; Harold of Fessenden; Clarence of San Jose, Calif.; Fally of Bowdon, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Cy (Gladys) Clough of Emerick,

N. Dak. She also leaves 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Fessenden, North Dakota

RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor

### MRS. PAULINE ANNA RAPPUHN of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mrs. Pauline Anna Rappuhn of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on June 29, 1890 on a farm in Germantown Township. She passed away on Sept. 22, 1965 at the age of 75 years, 3 months, and 24 days after an illness of about 4 months. On March 25, 1916, she was united in holy matrimony to Charley Rappuhn. After their marriage, they lived on a farm near Fessenden until 1954 when they retired from active farming and moved into the city of Fessenden. One of their 5 children, Elmer, age 13 months, preceded her in death.

She accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior at the age of 15. She was baptized upon confession of her faith and became a member of the Germantown Baptist Church. She was an honorary member of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Fessenden. She leaves to mourn her bereaved husband, Charley; one daughter, Elda, Mrs. George Wehmuller, Wahpeton, N. Dak.; three sons: Leslie, Elmhurst, Ill.; Lewis and Ardell of Fessenden, N. Dak.; 10 grandchildren, 3 sisters: Mrs. Albertine Boese, Mrs. C. R. Van Buskirk, and Mrs. Martha Clow all of Lodi, Calif., and a host of friends and relatives.

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### MR. CARL STILLER of Los Angeles, California

Mr. Carl Stiller of Los Angeles, Calif., was born May 11, 1880 in Austria. He departed from this life to be with the Lord on Oct. 16, 1965 at the age of 85 years and 5 months. In his youth he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. On May 14, 1906 he married Bertha Wuensche, and with her he shared joy and sorrow for over 59 years. In 1907 he came to the United States and made his home in Detroit, Mich., where he joined the Burns Avenue Baptist Church. In 1921 he came to Los Angeles and united with the 15th Street Baptist Church (now Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church).

God gave him a wonderful musical talent, and he used it to the glory of God, as an organist, orchestra leader and choir director, always assuring his pastor of his prayers for the church which was so dear to his heart. He was a wonderful husband and father, devoted to his family. He was loved by all who knew him and will be sorely missed. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Bertha; 3 daughters: Elsie Schoeleman and husband Harry; Frieda Caulfield and husband Robert; Florence Stuart and husband Harold; 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church

Inglewood, California

EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor

### MRS. JULIANA KUJATH of Kelowna, British Columbia

Mrs. Juliana Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., the beloved and faithful wife of the late Rev. Albert Kujath, was called to her eternal Home after a busy and blessed pilgrimage of 77 years. Mrs. Kujath was born on August 5, 1882 in Poland. At the age of 12 years she came to Canada and settled in the Leduc, Alberta area. While working in Edmonton she met her husband and was married on March 22, 1904. Also during her stay in Edmonton she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in 1905. She was active in the church and shared in the concern of her husband to see men and women accept Christ as their Savior while her husband served as colporteur for 7 years, as pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, as Northern Conference Mission worker, as pastor of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church in Regina, Sask., and of the Grace Baptist Church in Kelowna, B. C. Sacrificially and with great dedication she served her Lord; even in the latter years she was still known as the "Beloved Pastor's Wife." Mrs. Kujath was a faithful prayer warrior, and her life was a blessing to many.

The Lord called her home after several years of illness on July 15, 1965. She leaves to mourn two sons: Albert in Kamloops, B. C.; Walter in Grand Prairie, Alberta; two daughters: Martha Neher of Carbon, Alberta; and Frieda Wojcik in Regina, Sask.; 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, as well as many who had come to love her dearly as a servant of the Lord. Mr. Kujath preceded her in death 6 years ago. The funeral services were conducted at the Grace Baptist Church in Kelowna with the Reverends Robert L. Kluttig, E. H. Nikkel and John Wellenberg in charge.

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