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We Need The Bible

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MEN NEED LIFE. Therefore men need the Bible. It is the only book this world has ever had that brings spiritual and eternal life to men; and it is the only book that is itself living—alive. "For the word of God is living, and active." "The word of God . . . liveth and abideth for ever."

Men need a book like this, and they could not write it for themselves; so God provided it, and "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Men, today, are working busily at reorganizing the world, readjusting human society, doing everything in their power for the recovery of normal and prosperous economic conditions. It is right that they should; and all hearts are hoping for a lifting of the heavy burdens that are bearing humanity down. But, in the midst of these earnest and sincere efforts, let us remember that we have a book that shows the way of deliverance.

In fear and distress, men have been asking, "What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" These questions are not new; the Lord Jesus quoted them from men in the Sermon on the Mount. And he gave the answer. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things," he said; and he continued: "but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The Bible is the only book that tells us just how we may seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. It is the all-sufficient way—the sure and infallible way. Everyone who reads the Bible with open heart and mind can say, as did a man who lived some three thousand years ago, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

It shows the only way of salvation; the only way of life; the only way of safe guidance; the only way of real strength; the only way of true comfort. It reveals what men could never discover for themselves.

It is written, that "ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

GOD'S CALL TO YOUNG AND OLD

God speaks to young and old, teaching us to number our days so that we can apply our hearts unto wisdom. The front cover of this issue shows Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., a faithful servant of God, preaching a stirring sermon on his 90th birthday from the pulpit of the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie. But God has spoken with a different call in the life of the young 17 year old Bruce Allen Vernon of Benton Harbor, Mich. Read the accounts on pages 10 and 11 for a heart stirring message. Then thank God for the opportunity which you have TODAY to live for him!

BIBLE SUNDAY MARCH 14, 1965

Billy Graham, the evangelist, has read the Bible together with President Lyndon B. Johnson, earnestly considering the words of II Chronicles 1:7-12 (see page 5 in this issue). On Inaugural Day Mr. Graham preached this sermon at the early church service at the request of the president. The Bible is needed today for presidents and leaders, for men and women, for young and old, for rich and poor as never before. This is the overarching purpose of the Bible Day observance in North American Baptist churches on Sunday, March 14, 1965, to meet this need!

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

PRAISE GOD! Our mission field at Warwar, Africa among the Mambila people is now located beyond the boundaries of the Federal Republic of Cameroon in the Republic of Nigeria. For several years no NAB missionary has served this field. Finally Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, has gone to the field to receive a royal welcome (see her article featured on page 4) and to start a new clinic in Christ's Name. This lonely vigil and ministry of hers has already been greatly blessed of God!

REMEMBER! In March 1965 Church Extension Builders will be remembering the new and very promising Extension Field at Stevensville, Mich. with Rev. B. A. Itterman as the pastor. There are prospects for a new church building to be constructed on the strategically located property which has already been purchased. An article about this church with its pressing needs will be published in the next issue.

PRAY WITH CONCERN! This letter came from Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in Cameroon: "Pray for the Christians of this land of Cameroon and especially for those in our Bansa-Oku field that they may grow in their spiritual lives. Pray also for the leadership of our churches that, despite poor education and training, the Holy Spirit may use them to further his work in the churches. Pray for us as we attempt to teach them in the knowledge of the truth of God."

WORK AND GIVE! In the last issue of the "Baptist Herald" reporting the record breaking contributions of our people in December, we stated that there was still much work to be done if we are to reach our \$1,100,000 goal by March 31st. About \$130,000 will have to be given by our people during each of the three remaining months. On Jan. 25, 1965, a few days before the close of the month, the giving of our churches to our Missionary and Service Program had amounted to only about \$90,000, which is still far short of our hoped for total sum for the month.

SEMINARY CONVOCATION. The Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will conduct its Spring Convocation on March 17 and 18 with Dr. David Allen Hubbard, President of Fuller Theological Seminary, as guest speaker.

NEXT ISSUE

"AT THE CROSS"
Pre-Easter Sermon
Rev. Donald P. Patet

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Editorial

It Is Written!

The Bible is God's Word. It is God speaking to man through inspired writers as his chosen vessels. It is the revelation of God's truth and mercy in Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life that lead to the heavenly Father. It ought to be the channel of blessing for us as, through the reading of its pages, we draw on the resources of God's power and lay hold on eternal life. Billy Graham has described this divine ministry of the Bible as "the living Word of the Living God, offering to men who are dead in their trespasses and sins, new life through Jesus Christ."

As Baptists we have been known on some of the pages of history as "the people of the Book." It is one of our distinctive principles that we believe in "the inspired authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and conduct." As North American Baptists, for more than sixty years we have had a unique observance of Bible Day on this second Sunday of every March with blessed results. Again on Sunday, March 14, we shall call attention to these important truths in our renewed observance of Bible Sunday.

Read God's Word daily for its spiritual sustenance. This reminder must be sounded again and again within our hearing. Our daily reading of God's Word is as essential for our spiritual well-being as the air we breathe and the food we eat. These are "the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ." There are many translations and Bible helps which can give you a new, fresh and exciting approach to your reading of God's Word. But let us be diligent in our reading so that our faith in Jesus Christ may be strengthened and deepened.

Meet the conflicts and temptations of life with the Scriptures. Jesus met the tempting offers of Satan, even when he quoted Scripture for his purpose, by the accurate and true presentation of God's truths: "It is written again." Dr. Gilbert Laws, the renowned Baptist preacher of England, once said: "We need discernment in our reading of the Bible. Accurate knowledge and use of the Bible is our best defense in temptation." We need to know "what is written" so that we can use its precepts and truths in the hour of trial and need.

Then, also, send the Word to all climes and countries. One of the purposes of Bible Sunday and of the offering to be received is for the distribution of the Bible and portions of it as well as of Christian literature pertaining to the Bible on our mission fields at home and abroad, through the ministry of God's Volunteers and evangelists, and wherever the need arises for us to send the Light of Jesus Christ into the darkness of the world!

Dr. John A. Broadus, professor of New Testament at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, once asserted that he considers this to be "the greatest privilege of earthly life to give to some fellow creature the blessed Word of God, and then to try, by loving speech and living example, to bring home to the heart and conscience of those whom we reach the truth it contains."

That is the blessing of our Bible Day observance. Give the Word to others! Live it by your triumphant example! Study it until the windows of heaven open and reveal its glory to you!

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A Royal Welcome by the Mambilas

Our missionary-nurse takes up her lonely vigil for Christ among the Mambila people at Warwar, Nigeria and begins a medical clinic in the face of overwhelming difficulties.

By Miss Minnie Kuhn, Missionary at Warwar in the Republic of Nigeria

YOU WILL NOT find Warwar on any recent map of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa. This is now a part of Nigeria. I have been the first NAB missionary to arrive at Warwar for an extended ministry since the days of the Goodmans.

So you now want information about Mambila. I don't think you want to read any dry, old statistics. Instead let me share with you some of the experiences I have had in these short five weeks that I have been in Mambila.

A ROYAL WELCOME

Have you ever been given a real "Royal Welcome" when you have visited a church? Complete with drumming? Welcomed in tones of joy that challenged you and thrilled you with all of your very being as "OUR missionary;" as much as to say—"This missionary is ours and no one had better take her from us"?

This was my first greeting in Mambila, Africa. At first there were only the Christians, but soon it seemed as though the whole village was out to welcome me, including the chief and his councilors. In the welcome speech given by the Field Pastor, I was told how for 18 years the Mambila people had been praying for a doctor or a nurse to come to them. How they rejoiced now that God had answered their prayers!

I couldn't help but feel ashamed that it took us so long to attempt

to supply their need, and even now we are wavering!

MEDICAL HELP NEEDED

Yes, medical help is a very great need. In the few days that I've been

of very expressive looks from several of them, that might well have said, "Are you asking me why I waited so long? Sister; we might ask you why you waited so long before you came," I no longer have the heart to scold



Missionary Minnie Kuhn holds the twin babies of Johnny Ngong, the Kom chief's advisor and holder of the British Empire Medal. The mother is at the left.

on the station I have been reminded of this need many times. Critically ill babies are brought in who have been sick for days.

At first I would scold them and ask, "Mommy, why you done wait so long before you came?" After a couple

them.

On my arrival at Warwar another Royal Welcome awaited me. Also many, many cubic yards of stone had been piled up. When I asked what the stones were for, I was told, "Ma, dis now we new maternity. Small time you go see we go have new house for you for work."

BUILDING ON FAITH

On faith they have started. The foundation has been laid. How we will build and where the money is to come from, no one knows. But Christians and pagans alike are busy carrying stone and sand for the new building. All are very anxious to help.

On my first Sunday in the Warwar Baptist Church, even before I was introduced, I was given a real surprise when I heard the deacon announcing that the people were to come to work the next week. They were to bring sticks and bamboo poles and to put up a temporary maternity building because "our Miss" has arrived and "we can't wait for the permanent building."

This temporary building is now up. It is made of sticks and mud, with a grass roof. We are waiting for the floors and walls to dry and we need doors. Two bamboo beds are already

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This pathway leads into a Mambila village (now in Nigeria) with banana trees growing on both sides and with the typical round, thatched-roofed houses in the background (Photo by Gilbert Schneider).

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The Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership

The sermon preached by Dr. Billy Graham to President Lyndon B. Johnson and invited guests on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, 1965, at the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.

By Billy Graham, Evangelist and Personal Friend of President Johnson

ON THAT DAY, more than a year ago, when the torch of leadership in the United States was transferred, I happened to be with a long-time friend of President Lyndon B. Johnson, and we went immediately to a quiet place to ask God to sustain him for the immense responsibilities which were thrust so suddenly upon him. That afternoon, when he was placing his hand on the Bible and being sworn in to the high office of President of the United States, we read together a passage of Holy Scripture. It was the prayer of King Solomon upon his ascension to the throne of Israel after the death of his father, King David.

Today, at high noon, as he takes that oath again and becomes President in his own right, I can still think of no finer prayer to begin with than that one recorded in 2 Chronicles 1:7-12.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER

"In that night did God appear to Solomon, and said unto him, ask what I shall give thee."

And King Solomon prayed, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may come in and go out before this people."

"And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies . . . but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

"Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee."

Last February President Johnson said, "No man can live where I live now, nor work at the desk where I work now, without needing and without seeking the strength and support of earnest and frequent prayer." Humbled by the magnitude of the responsibilities of a high office, a man begins to probe the erratic swirl of events for a prophetic understanding of history; and when he is a spiritually sensitive man he will feel as Lincoln did, that he is a "humble instrument in the hands of Almighty God."

During the next four years, many of you here today will have to make decisions of State, perhaps greater than those of any of your predecessors. You will hold in your hands the destiny not only of America, but of the world. You will lead the richest and the most powerful nation the world has ever known. It is a nation



THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON leave the National City Christian Church on Inauguration Day, after hearing Dr. Billy Graham (behind Johnson with Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey) deliver the message, "The Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership."

which has been abundantly endowed with material blessings, but it is also a nation in danger of losing its moral moorings and its spiritual perspective.

Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom, once said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul" (Mark 8:36). This applies to nations as well as to individuals, for a nation that loses its spiritual courage will grow old before its time. Even if we gain all our material and social objectives, and lose our souls, it would be disastrous. Winston Churchill once said, "Man's destiny is not measured in material computations."

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

There is a spiritual dimension to leadership which this administration has already recognized. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The White House is a bully pulpit." So it is! From this city you are already leading the nation to its greatest moral and spiritual heights. Jesus Christ said, "Unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required." Those who have the greatest power always need the greatest guidance.

No government rules except by the will of God. You are leaders, not only as a result of the greatest mandate the American people have ever given, but there is a mandate higher than the ballot box. You have responsibilities not only to all the people of America and

to the peoples of the world, but you have also a great responsibility to the God of our fathers.

Even to the most casual observer, it is apparent that there is a growing spiritual vacuum in our nation. Our wealth and our prosperity are in danger of making us complacent and careless in the matters of the spirit. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Many nations have tried it, and failed. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

In foreign affairs, we are faced with overwhelming problems, from Southeast Asia to the Congo. In domestic affairs, we are faced with an alarming crime rate, a moral crisis, and many individual psychological problems which fill our hospitals. These problems will become more intense and more demanding during the next four years.

There seems to be no permanent solution to our problems. We try this scheme and that, but we find that each one is only a stop-gap measure. Could it be that we have failed to diagnose properly the ills of the world? Could General MacArthur have been right when he said, 20 years ago, "The problem, basically, is theological . . . there must be a revival of the spirit, if we are to save the flesh."

I know the leaders of this administration, especially the President and Vice-President, well enough to know that they believe he was right—that our problems are basically spiritual and that they require a spiritual solution. That spiritual solution was outlined by God to King Solomon long ago, when he said,

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

DEPENDENCE ON GOD

To approach the problems of the next four years in a spirit of prayer and humble dependence upon God would bring a freshness of vision and purpose that could capture the imagination of the world.

During the next four years, there will be moments of discouragement, despondency, and even disillusionment. There may come times when some of you will feel like Woodrow Wilson did, when the Senate voted against the ratification of Wilson's proposal for the League of Nations. The news was telephoned to the White House. "I

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Dr. J. C. Gunst (right, standing), guest speaker at the annual Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Banquet, Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, is at left, standing. Others in the picture are Sunday school officers.

This Ministry Also!

Highlights of a District Secretary's ministry with its many joys to brighten his heart, the discouraging hindrances that make him seek God's wisdom, and the challenging opportunities for service to Christ and the denomination.

By Dr. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minnesota,
Central District Secretary

WHAT IS THE ministry of a District Secretary? To answer that question properly, the leaders and people of our churches should share in the evaluation. When our editor made the assignment to write an article on the District Secretary's ministry, it was gladly accepted realizing that in writing such an article one can become rather involved. From the secretary's point of view, six compact fruitful years of meaningful service have become history much too rapidly. These were hard but enjoyable years of service.

This assignment was for a review of HIGHLIGHTS of this ministry. There are always highlights in every service or ministry. By selecting and emphasizing certain activities, one does not in any way minimize or leave the other services rendered of less importance. All services rendered in the Name of Jesus are equally important. The day by day routine duties give us much joy as the HIGHLIGHT events which require special preparation, devotion and effort.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS

However, at times when a larger amount of contacts in the interest of the overall ministry are made, that seems to be more significant. To a District Secretary every mission performed is of equal importance. The activities may vary from contact with one person or leader of an organization, with a family or with committees, to large conference and association sessions.

Significantly a HIGHLIGHT for the District Secretary is experienced in the local Conferences and Associations. At these gatherings pastors and delegates (leaders devoted to the Lord's work in the local church) share spirit-

ual progress across the conference floor, thus reporting highlights of the Lord's blessing on the local church. Progress in their programs or adversities that have come to persons in the church receive prayerful attention and are often a challenge in blessing the people who are present.

To hear reports on vital goals that have been set and how these were achieved; to hear of the number of souls who took a stand for Christ and accepted his program through the church stirs my heart. To share in the hearing of the Gospel message with the many representatives at such an occasion, mutually to cope with existing problems in the churches, and to face together realistically the challenge to win the world about us, this is always a HIGHLIGHT because it becomes such a personal encouragement. Also to become more fully aware of the demands and needs for a greater missionary outreach in the larger fellowship to which these churches belong, and the way the people respond to the call of God is a most thrilling experience.

One must see, mingle, feel and share the personal pulse-beat of these God-fearing people—the old, the young, a cross-section of the church membership—to get the thrilling spiritual satisfaction of their high ambitions for a faithful and loving ministry to Almighty God. Four local conferences and some seven associations a year are a most thrilling HIGHLIGHT in my ministry each year.

PASTORS' AND DEACONS' CLINICS

Another special HIGHLIGHT in my ministry as District Secretary in the last three years must be reviewed. Pastors' and Deacons' Clinics have been planned, initiated and effectively

carried out in three of the conferences. The one day sessions of these clinics on an associational or state area level have proven most helpful. The response by our church leaders has been overwhelmingly gratifying.

At the clinics the deacons and pastors come face to face with their duties, responsibilities, spiritual demands and needs of the individual in the local church. Qualifications of the officers, the relationship between leaders, the pressing spiritual needs of the times, problems which the church must face in the community and the obligations we face together in a world missionary outreach are all prayerfully evaluated and discussed for enlightenment, prayer concern and encouragement. The experience as well as the eager response on the part of our leaders to cope with the real issues in the life of the church, which involves time, travel costs and personal effort is a most thrilling HIGHLIGHT in this ministry of mine.

PERSON TO PERSON CONTACTS

HIGHLIGHTS are endless in this specialized service, such as the person to person contact with our devoted and faithful pastors. Frequently the District Secretary is introduced to a congregation or conference audience as "the pastor to pastors." Little does the public or congregation realize all that is implied in such an introduction. Little do people know what it means to the pastor to be able confidentially to share the often seemingly insurmountable spiritual problems (and everyday life problems as well) of individuals or of the church as a whole with one who makes every effort to understand and in return prayerfully seeks to assist in solving such problems.



DR. J. C. GUNST TAKES PART IN MANY COMMITTEE SESSIONS

Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary (left picture, standing behind chart and blueprint, confers with the Building and Planning Committee of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas. Right picture: The Southwestern Conference Church Extension Committee at its annual session. Dr. Gunst is at extreme right.

This is equally true in person to person contacts with our laymen in leadership, and even more so with our young people of whom there is an increasing number seeking guidance through such contacts. These are HIGHLIGHTS in this ministry which drives one daily to the feet of Jesus for wisdom, strength, courage and the bounties which only God can supply as in faith we come fully committed to his guidance.

DISCOURAGING EXPERIENCES

Thank God for HIGHLIGHTS in our lives, particularly in the Christian ministry. On the other side of the coin in Christian service are the *disappointments* or better known as *discouragements*. Allotted space will permit mention of only one such a saddening discouragement. The most harmful thing, it seems to me, is the discouraging hindrance of the *un-christlike church and pastor relationship*. How can "God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven" when children of God, Christian believers in our churches, and men called of God, cannot work together in peace, Christian understanding and unreserved devotion to God and his cause?

The doorway to salvation for souls and the expansion for the missionary outreach of Christ's commission are thus blocked, sometimes solidly halted, where loving Christian harmony among church leaders is lacking. This is most discouraging for any dedicated Christian worker. This type of church-pastor relationship often reflects the temperament of some members, their indifference to the church's mission, their laxness in support of the program, and their lack of missionary vision and zeal for community concern and world mission outreach. It must be stated that such existing conditions are isolated cases, but in our small fellowship they can be devastatingly harmful. This is most discouraging.

All rejoice in the *spiritual status* and atmosphere in many of our churches. For the most part our

churches are very well spiritually orientated. These churches, at the same time, are denominationally cooperative and loyal. They are enthusiastic about our missionary program, giving full support to the growing missionary outreach of our wonderful fellowship.

When our churches demand good Bible-centered study materials for their Sunday schools and youth programs, when they take special interest in their young people's programming at youth camps, when the young people are constantly encouraged to enter Christian service, and when there is vital concern for our program in missions, higher education and stewardship ministry, then it can be said that the *spiritual status* of such churches is wholesome and effective in the lives of its membership.

NEEDS STILL CHALLENGING US

Having said all this, there still remains the importance of stressing some existing needs. The following are the greatest needs:

1) There should be a deeper spiritual dedication on the part of all of us with greater zeal to study (really know) the Scriptures in order to be Bible orientated Christians. We need more trained Christian leadership for our churches.

2) There is a need for closer relationship of our conference leaders, and for contacts of leaders across conference lines. There should be a closer tie-up of churches within the conferences. There should be more uniformity in the presentation of our overall denominational missionary effort, more inter-conference planning, training and program promotion.

3) There needs to be a better understanding of the church's status and spiritual needs of our people by our foreign and home missionaries. At the present, it is too much a one way street.

What about the future? The challenge is greater today than ever before for new PROJECTS and the en-

largement of our horizons. Our people need to be made aware more fully of the existing needs here at home. There is a decided need for more, larger and better new churches in our cities and growing communities. We need to make our church work more appealing to trained young people to encourage them to return to our churches after college years to assume leadership and stewardship responsibilities in our churches. There must be a more definite approach to some of our talented and very dedicated young people to hear so that they may heed the call of God into the Gospel ministry.

OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES

Yes, the ministry of this District Secretary has been a most happy and rewarding experience. More specifically these have been some of the most outstanding experiences:

1) The full confidence which our pastors have in their District Secretary, their loyalty to and cooperation with the denominational enterprise in presenting Christ's great Commission to our people in our churches have been a blessing to me.

2) An increasing number of our outstanding young people who increasingly seek counsel and spiritual guidance from their church leaders, pastors, District Secretary and other denominational leaders.

3) The gracious response of the leaders of our churches, who have sought guidance and were helped in securing pastors when pastoral changes were necessary.

4) Last but not least, it has been a most rewarding experience to have had a part in the total ministry of our churches, in the larger denominational fellowship, and to share in the proclaiming of the Gospel with all of God's faithful people wherever our witness has an outlet.

Thank you for your many prayers, your confidence, and your wonderful cooperation in the greater ministry unto him "WHOSE WE ARE AND WHOM WE SERVE."



7th INTER-VARSITY MISSIONARY CONVENTION

About 7000 college and university students gathered at the Assembly Hall of the University of Illinois for the Inter-varsity Missionary Convention. Among these were a number of North American Baptist young people, including Miss Louanne Fuchs of Redlands, California.

Change ... Witness ... Triumph!

Report of the 7th Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention on the campus of the University of Illinois with 7000 students from around the world experiencing the impact of an avalanche of God's blessings upon their lives.

By Miss Louanne Fuchs, Faculty Member of the University of Redlands, Redlands, California

APPROXIMATELY 7000 students from around the world crowded into the Assembly Hall on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana, Ill., during the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention held Dec. 27-31. Nothing hindered students from attending; 443 travelled out of flooded California; Congolese students came in the wake of the brutal killings in their country; 19 Mexican students travelled by bus leaving before Christmas; others from South America, Japan, Korea, Europe, India, Australia, Pakistan came by whatever means of travel they could find.

WHY THEY CAME

Why did they come? As a Ph.D. candidate in physiology explained: "I came to seek out God's will for my life. I am certain about teaching, but it's a matter of where—here or abroad. The convention will give me an opportunity actually to talk to missionaries about qualifications and places of need." Hundreds of students echoed his words, for 95 mission boards were represented at the convention, each with its own booth con-

taining literature and important data. Numerous students came seeking a deeper reality in their walk with Christ. Many others, burdened for their fellow non-Christian students in the dorm, the classroom, the bull-sessions, came eager to learn ways of becoming more effective witnesses on the campus. "When my roommate says he wants proof for the existence of God, what can I say?" "My professor claims that religion is nothing but good psychology."

WHAT THEY FOUND

And so they came, searching for answers to the problems contemporary Christian youth faces. And what did they find? Many came to know Jesus Christ for the first time. One young girl from Toronto humbly admitted to me, "I really came to look for a boy friend—but I found someone infinitely greater. I found Jesus."

Thousands of others in dedication yielded themselves to God saying, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee." Throughout the convention the Spirit worked individually in each heart, as indicated by

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the moving testimony of some of the students.

THE MESSAGE OF DELIVERANCE

The message of the convention, conveyed through the daily Bible lessons given by the Rev. John Stott of All Souls Church, London, England, through the issues faced by the missionary panels, through speakers such as Billy Graham, and through the intimate dorm prayer groups, is a message, not for students only, but for the entire Christian world.

We are living in a radically changing world, a vastly insecure world, threatened by the advance of communism, the population explosion, the race problem, the destruction of the Gospel inside our churches, and much more. If you and I could somehow hear the heart cry of the anguished and drowning people around us, the one question they would be asking: "Does anybody here know God?"

We as Christians have a message of deliverance. We have an answer for the world. Why are we not speaking up? Christ commissioned us saying, "Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me. Go forth, therefore, and make all nations my disciples, baptizing men everywhere in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (New English Bible.) And again in Acts 1:8 Jesus said to his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you. And you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Judea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth."

A ROYAL WELCOME

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in the "Lying in Ward" and one in the labour room. We have also improvised a delivery table.

GOD IS WITH ME

The nearest maternity centre is Mbem and right now the natives are afraid to go there because they get picked up in the Cameroons for "tax tickets." Nigerians don't pay their tax until January or February. Mbem, for most of them, is also three days' journey for them. The nearest hospital is Bansa or Ganye. Both require almost a week's trekking.

Some people say that a single girl should not be alone so far from anyone else. I do not agree—you are never alone here. There is always someone around and one is far too busy trying to meet even partially the medical needs and the great spiritual hunger of these people to be lonesome. I pray to God that we shall not fail them again!

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.

LETTER FROM A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

Being a graduate student at the university, for some time I have been concerned with the attitude of North American Baptists towards the spiritual needs of our students at schools of higher education. Recently I have been pleased to note that we have appointed campus chaplains in areas of high student populations. (See What's Happening page in this issue). A program of this sort will clearly do much good. I would like to give a positive suggestion as to the specific needs of college students and how to go about filling these needs.

In my opinion the main need of the average Christian college student is knowledge, above a Sunday school level, of what his faith is based on and how the Bible can be studied to provide a basis for his faith. In our modern age the student wanting to get an education has no time to spend a year or two at Bible School or at Seminary to learn this. Thus I suggest that at universities and colleges in the vicinity of one of our N. A. B. churches or served by one of the campus chaplains, some sort of program be set up to train students along theological lines. This could probably best be done by courses taught by ministers or other qualified personnel in the immediate area of the campus. This would best be accomplished in cooperation with other Baptist or even other evangelically minded denominations in the area. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship may be a good group to cooperate with.

The courses could be one or two hours a week with exams and grades. In the normal four-year student life much could be learned. In a semester school eight such courses could be taken in the four years (perhaps Theology 100A, 100B, 200A, 200B, etc.). In schools with yearly, trimester or quarter systems similar plans could be made. Having several churches cooperating would be helpful in that a larger number of students could take part and the teaching load per pastor would not be as great. Where doctrinal differences do exist, all sides would be presented to the student so that he would realize there is a basis for these differences which have arisen over the years.

These programs would not only help students answer for themselves questions such as what is the nature of God and other similar ones, but would also help him be more confident in his

efforts to win his contemporaries to Christ, many of whom have spent much time studying secular philosophies.

There are, of course, drawbacks in the proposal. Students may have difficulty finding time to spend at these courses but if they are really interested and if it is important enough to them they will make time. Another difficulty may be that some of the pastors involved may take the opportunity provided in this way to proselyte members. Also there may be too much preaching and not enough teaching. Nevertheless, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. North American Baptists should take the initiative in starting a program of this sort in college and university areas.

(Name withheld by request).

DR. IHRIE'S ANSWER

You have certainly put your finger on a basic need and offered a fine suggestion for meeting it. Our Secretary of Higher Education has already initiated plans which lend themselves to this kind of guidance and study. A program along these lines is also being carried on by the Director of Youth Work, Rev. John Binder, and the Committee of Youth Work.

One of the things which concerns us all is the feeling among college students that they are not really prepared to meet criticisms of the Christian faith, especially on the intellectual level. Even those who know quite clearly what they believe find themselves hard put to defend their convictions against the challenge of atheism and rationalistic opposition. It is indeed disturbing to think that young people can be born into our churches, grow up in our Sunday schools, and yet be unable to cope with unbelief on the university level. Is it that our curriculum has been inadequate?

At any rate, your fine counsel is most timely and more appreciated since it comes from a university student who is now facing these very needs. Thank you for writing.

BIBLE DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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yes,
I TITHE!

By Mr. Edmund E. Bohnet of Garden Grove, California, Christian businessman, a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., and the chairman of the denominational Stewardship Committee.



MR. EDMUND E. BOHNET
Chairman of the denominational
Stewardship Committee.

FOR MANY YEARS I have been active in church work, and as a businessman and contractor it seemed to be my lot to serve on finance and building committees in churches. It was during this time when we discussed ways and means to raise funds for a building project that someone asked, "How much could we expect a member to give for the needs of the church?" Of course, the answer was, "AT LEAST A TITHE."

We turned to the Scriptures to see if tithing should be our measure of giving or if it only applied to God's people in Old Testament times. We found "that tithing is a Biblically revealed pattern of systematic and proportionate giving, practiced by devout men of all ages who desired to honor God with their substance (Genesis 28:-

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Roses Along Life's Highway

On his 90th birthday at Erie, Pennsylvania, this highly esteemed minister of the Lord Jesus Christ gives us his keen observations of life in our churches since his graduation from our Seminary in 1902, the lights and shadows of his pastorate, and the unfolding blessings of an unflinching faith in God.

By Rev. Willard S. Argow of Erie, Pennsylvania

OUR ESTEEMED EDITOR, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, has asked me on the occasion of my 90th birthday to note a few of the many happenings in my long life and ministry. My great difficulty has been to know what to include and what to omit. God and my many friends have been exceedingly good to me.

Mrs. Argow and I were married in Pittsburgh, Penna., on Oct. 2, 1902 and began our ministry in Hutchinson, Minn., at a salary of \$450.00 and no parsonage. I had borrowed \$50.00 to get married. An outstation 15 miles away necessitated the purchase of a

It was not considered a visit unless one ate a meal with the family, which gave us an opportunity to help in the field and while the "better half" made herself useful in the kitchen. This would give us a contact for a personal touch with our church people.

"A house going minister makes a church going people." This pastoral ministry gave us a good church attendance. Bedside prayers with a dear old saint, desperately ill, resulted in a complete recovery and gave cause for thanksgiving. It those days the farmers were "good sermon tasters," which was revealed after 20 years

campaigns in neighboring churches, with their pastors returning the services. God answers prayers in his own time and way. We had one week of preparatory prayers. Then the brother gave of his very best for two weeks and another week of follow-up prayers followed, and still not a single convert. That brought us to our knees and sent us out for "a hand-picked fruit," which resulted in the conversion of heads of families and their sons.

The burning of the church building in Madison, S. Dak., was God's way of preventing the split of the church over the language problem. It resulted in a reunited church willing to sacrifice. Two other pastorates of mine were in Kankakee, Illinois and Erie, Penna.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

After 30 years or more, we could say: "My lines have fallen in pleasant places." Then like a lightning out of a clear sky, my beloved wife was stricken with a nervous breakdown. It was difficult to agree with Paul when he said: "All things work together for good to them that love God." I was inclined to say: "Paul, you did not know what you were talking about, for I cannot see any good for anyone or any cause." My only consolation was, "in all things."

After much prayer, I began to see that God had other plans. But what a price to pay! More than 20 years of interim and supply work followed in five of our own churches, five months of promotional work, six months of evangelistic services and supply work in 54 different churches in and around Erie, Penna.

Finally God answered the many prayers in my wife's behalf and gave us 10 years of renewed and increased happiness in her complete recovery with keenness of mind, intense interest in all affairs, and an extensive correspondence. God then took the weary body unto himself about a year ago, to await our coming.

THE JOYS OF SERVICE

A person, who was asked the secret of his success, answered: "I had a friend." I had friends also, too numerous to mention. They honored me by electing me at conference time to membership in the School (Seminary) Committee, the Publication Board, the General Mission Committee, three times as statistical secretary at regional conferences, twice to this office in the General Conference. I was asked

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Rev. W. S. Argow (left) on his 90th birthday receives the congratulations of Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor of the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Penn., before Mr. Argow steps into the pulpit to preach the sermon. (Photo by Edward J. Lutz).

horse and buggy, which was made possible through a bank loan of \$65.00 at 10% interest. Just as "the mail must go through," so we made it at 20 below zero, getting stuck in the snow, as we traveled to our mission station for services. It was constructive work and we enjoyed it!

"HOW WE ECONOMIZED"

The next pastorate was at North Freedom, Wis., and at Abelman in the afternoon. Again it was the horse and buggy transportation. A large garden, chickens and a Jersey cow helped us to make a living. An offer in a magazine on "How We Economized" gave us our first and only literary money of \$25.00.

THE BURNING OF A CHURCH

Our North Freedom church released me for seven different evangelistic

REV. W. S. ARGOW

A report about the Erie Church's reception for Rev. W. S. Argow on his 90th birthday appears on page 19.

Mr. Argow's address is 2527 W. Ridge Road, Erie, Penn.

God Calls Pastor's Son Home While Playing Basketball

Hundreds of young people in Benton Harbor, Mich., were deeply moved to consider life's meaning and their relationship to Christ by the sudden death of 17 year old Bruce Allen Vernon, son of Rev. and Mrs. Norman A. Vernon of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor.

ON MONDAY evening, Jan. 4, 1965, God called Bruce Allen Vernon, 17 year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Norman H. Vernon of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., home to be with himself. Bruce was playing basketball with the church league high school basketball team. At halftime, Bruce sat on the floor and then collapsed. He was then taken to a nearby hospital, and pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

An autopsy revealed that Bruce was in perfect physical condition and that his death could not really be explained by medical science other than to say that Bruce had played with all he had, as was characteristic of anything he did; as a result there was a cardiac arrest or heart stoppage. Someone said, "It was either do or die for Bruce, and that's what he did!"

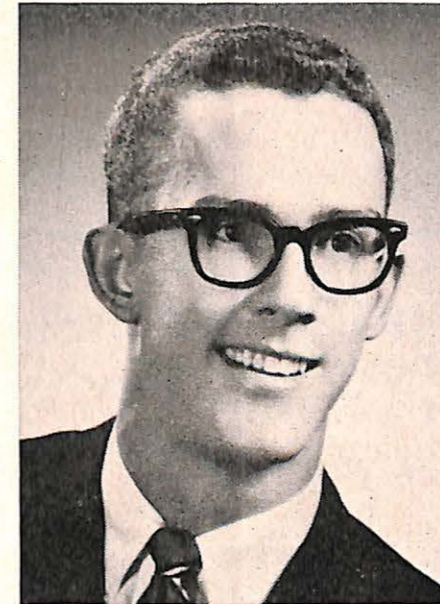
Bruce moved with his family to Benton Harbor two years ago (January 1963) when his father accepted the call to be the pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church. He then enrolled in the Benton Harbor High School and soon began playing with the Benton Harbor baseball team as first baseman.

COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Bruce did very well in sports. Last summer over 800 boys met in Kalamazoo, Mich., from the states of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana for a three day baseball clinic, and Bruce was the only one who was chosen as a major league prospect. Naturally, his hopes were high and he began to have dreams and visions of becoming a great major league ball player and being able to testify like many other Christian major league players.

For some time Pastor and Mrs. Vernon felt that God was calling their son into the ministry, but they knew he had professional baseball on his mind for the future. About six weeks before Bruce's death, Pastor Vernon called his son into the parsonage study and said, "Son, you're fighting a losing battle." The two had a long talk together and the following day Bruce said: "Dad, the Lord doesn't want me to be a major league ball player; he wants me for the ministry." Then he began to testify to all the varsity boys and many of the students at the high school. This total commitment of his life to Jesus Christ resulted in a great change in his life.

Soon after the Associated Press sent



BRUCE ALLEN VERNON of Benton Harbor, Michigan who was suddenly called home to glory on Jan. 4, 1965.

the news of his death from coast to coast, telegrams, letters and phone calls began pouring into the Vernon home. A telegram came from Billy Graham, a long-time friend of Pastor Vernon. Beverly Shea sent flowers and said in his telephone conversation: "Fear not tomorrow—God is already there."

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Naturally the Vernons were shocked and could not understand God's ways, but soon the Lord revealed to them his thoughts in the matter. To this point, over 300 decisions for Christ have been made. As Pastor and Mrs. Vernon stood by the casket of their only son at the funeral home, (they had lost one son at birth in 1955), they constantly witnessed to the grace of God to the hundreds of friends who came to see Bruce for the last time.

After Rev. Roy Gustafson, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, had conducted the service, Pastor Vernon rose to his feet and stood at the end of the casket and then began to talk to the people. There wasn't a dry eye in the building at that time. Mr. Vernon said, "This was our son, but we gladly give him to the Lord—his mother and I." Then he asked for the young people

to stand who now felt that they either wanted to accept Christ as Savior or to yield their lives to Christ in complete dedication just as Bruce had done.

Several scores of young people immediately stood to their feet at that time. Here the Vernons were beginning to see the results that were going to take place as a result of their son's death. Pastor Vernon asked that the young people meet in a special room afterwards so that he might talk with them. These young people came and more to show that their lives had really been affected. Now they are out witnessing and have already won some of their friends to Christ. Memorials for the Youth Building Fund have already amounted to more than \$1300.

ALONG LIFE'S HIGHWAY

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to preach the baccalaureate sermons at Sioux Falls College and at Eastern State College. Three times it was my privilege to deliver the memorial address at General Conference sessions. I also served on the faculty of the Young People's Assemblies at Mound, Minn., and Linwood, Ohio.

I can honestly say that I never sought these honors, but accepted them as an opportunity for service for the Lord. In those early days ministers were called on the record they had made and no trial sermons were requested. It was always difficult to ascertain just when and where God wanted you to serve when several calls came at the same time.

I sowed with tears often, but God gave the harvest. Can you fathom the joy when after 10, 20 or 40 years someone tells you that your sermon is still remembered and that it has influenced their life? Can you understand this joy when Rev. L. H. Broeker, Dr. John Wobig, and Rev. G. K. Zimmermann tell you that God used your message to lead them to yield their lives in the service of the Master, and others said: "Thank you for your articles published!"

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

Yes, there were lights and shadows in my life! Years ago the late Rev. George Geis, missionary in India, when visiting us, said that while on a trek in the jungles, he could put out his hand and feel Christ's presence. I replied: "How I envy you." Since then, I too can say: "He is real; he is near." And as the little girl repeated incorrectly: "The Lord is my shepherd—that's all I want." Amen, it is true. I know! So, "be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if you faint not."

A month before my dear father died, I asked him if he would choose the ministry again after many heartaches. He replied, "Yes, gladly!" So would I after more than 62 years in the Christian ministry.

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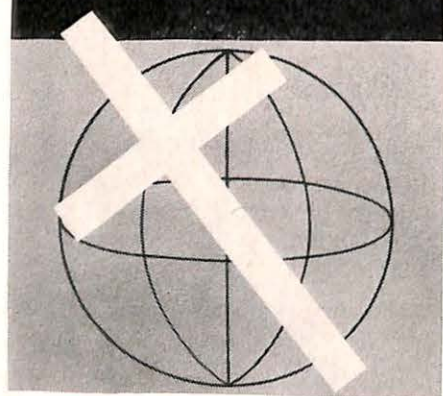
**"WHAT DOTHTHE LORD
REQUIRE?"**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
MARCH 5, 1965**

Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler

The anticipated World Day of Prayer will soon be here. Prayer and giving for the world-wide mission of the church have been the primary purpose on this World Day of Prayer's meaningful history of more than 75 years. It has traditionally brought Christians together across denominational, racial and cultural boundaries to pray for the needs of the world and to make an offering for carrying out the Church's mission around the world.

**What doth the Lord require...
but to do justly...love
mercy...walk humbly**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 5, 1965**

It may interest you to know that the same theme and basic Scripture passages are used in approximately 125 countries and areas of the world. We are very fortunate in having Dr. Martha Leyboldt of our Sioux Falls Seminary, write our English program, and Mrs. Hugo Lueck, also of Sioux Falls, write our German program. We are very appreciative of these women's efforts in preparing of these women's materials. Our offering on this day is designated to go entirely to our four mission areas which compose our \$75,000 Women's Missionary Union Project. Please send your offering designated as "World Day of Prayer Offering"

From the Professor's Desk

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

Would you please explain what is meant by "contextual ethics" and give your opinion of it?

Contextual ethics is that approach to moral behavior which begins with the particular concrete situation (the context within which ethical decisions are made). In Christian contextual ethics it is the believing community and fellowship of the church, the *koinonia*, which is taken as the starting point. When ethical thinking begins here, the activity and purposes of God become the concrete context from within which behavior is guided.

Little or no place is found for moral principles or abstract ethical precepts, for, it is felt, these represent a static and sterile approach, whereas contextualism provides insights which give creative meaning and direction to behavior. The general context which should always underlie moral actions is an understanding of what God is doing in the world to make and keep human life human.

FOREMOST EXPONENT

Undoubtedly the foremost exponent of this school of thought in America is Dr. Paul L. Lehmann of Union Theological Seminary in New York, whose book *Ethics In A Christian Context* (Harper and Row, 1963) has likely become the most important statement of this viewpoint. He writes, "In the *koinonia* valid ethical questions and concerns are different from what they may be outside the *koinonia*." For example, the definitive ethical question is not "What ought I to do?" but "What am I, as a believer in Jesus Christ and as a member of his church, to do?" because in the *koinonia* one is always fundamentally in an *indicative* rather than in an *imperative* situation (p. 131).

The general answer to the above

to Women's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., making checks payable to North American Baptists, Inc.

It is an amazing thing when we think of the contrasts in the lives of the women who will be praying on this particular Friday. Some women will travel by jet that day; another sister will walk many, many miles with a baby strapped to her back; others will gather in rest homes, in front of a radio, some in chapels or in lovely churches, in schools, huts or in the open air. Some are hungry; some worried and anxious; some sad. However, on this day, ALL sisters in Christ are joining in prayer for a common purpose, for they do love the Lord and are grateful for their salvation, and

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question is, "the will of God." But in a typically existential mood, Lehmann adds, "I am to do what I am!" "To do what I am is to act in every situation in accordance with what it has been given me to be. Doing the will of God is doing what I am" (p. 159). It also means to "do the truth" (a very Johannine statement), which, he adds, means to be what one is in the context of the Truth. "The indicative character of Christian ethics is the consequence of the contextual character of the forgiveness and the freedom with which Christ has set men free to be and to do what they are in the light of what God has done and is doing in him" (p. 161).

The problem of humanization is the decisive ethical issue. Again and again it is urged that we must align ourselves with God's activity in the world to make and keep human life human. Only a Christian ethic that focuses upon the issue of humanization and maturity is on the right path, for only then one acts from within the believing community and fellowship which is the church, the *koinonia*, and then one begins within the activity and purpose of God and continues toward the goal of a mature humanity, the wholeness of every man and of all men in the new humanity inaugurated and being fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the world.

LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Contextual ethics emphasizes the point that it is not concerned with "the good," as is moral philosophy, but with that which I as a believer and a member of Christ's body am to do—the will of God. It is oriented toward revelation (in an existential sense of the term) and not merely toward morality (in the sense of the secular moralists). It is the fellowship-creating reality of Christ's presence in the world, the instrument through which the complex wisdom and life-giving vitality of God is realized in concrete human society. The responsibility of Christians is so to make known the unsearchable riches of Christ that men are drawn into the *koinonia* and do not remain outside.

An admirable stress is placed upon Calvin's insistence that "if we wish to belong to Christ, let no man be anything for himself; but let us all be whatever we are for each other." It is this emphasis which expresses the reality of the Christian life as life in community, not a life of individualism or of isolation.

Space does not permit an expression of the writer's opinion of contextual ethics, but this will be given in the next issue.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 7, 1965

Theme: **LABORERS IN THE KINGDOM**

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's lovingkindness is expressed to all who enter the Kingdom, whether they come in early or late.

INTRODUCTION: In chapter nineteen we see again the human and materialistic concepts which the disciples had in reference to the Kingdom of God. After Jesus had the conversation with the rich young ruler who found it impossible to part with his possessions and follow the Master, his disciples were amazed at the Lord's conclusion.

The disciples still had the thought, so often expressed in the Old Testament, that moral goodness resulted in proportionate material reward. Riches were therefore a sign of God's blessing, and if the rich are not saved, then who is? They were suddenly overcome with a fearful thought which was expressed by Peter: "Behold we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we get out of this?" The disciples did not understand the full meaning of reward, but they were satisfied to know that their sacrifices would not be in vain.

I. EMPLOYMENT IN THE KINGDOM. Matthew 20:1-7.

When Jesus promised the disciples such a generous reward, he said nothing about their length of service, merely the condition, which was sacrifice and surrender. By way of illustration he told them a parable. It is sometimes referred to as the parable of equal pay for unequal work, or the parable of the unpredictable employer.

The agreement and contract seemed satisfactory to both parties, and the laborers began work immediately. Again and again as the householder sought more laborers, the conditions were repeated and employment accepted.

II. PAYMENT IN THE KINGDOM. Matthew 20:8-15.

Before there is any discussion on this portion of Scripture, it ought to be understood that these words of Jesus have nothing to do with labor-management relationships. No business man has the right to do as he pleases with the men who work for him. Payment in the parable was based on willingness to work, even though only one hour was left in the day.

III. PRINCIPLES IN THE KING-

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DOM. Matthew 20:17.

God's principles are based on grace, justice and righteousness. The blessings of the Kingdom are spiritual and often intangible in which the joy of the Lord is the same for all. The distinction between first and last vanishes and the equalizing of privileges takes precedence.

Questions for Discussion:

1. If God is fair should not some consideration be given to those who worked and suffered for him all through life?
2. What do you understand about the Christian doctrine of reward and punishment?
3. What does it mean to you when you sing, "I surrender all"?

**A TEACHING GUIDE
Date: March 14, 1965**

Theme: **INHERITORS OF THE KINGDOM**

Scripture: Matthew 21:28-31; 22:1-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: To inherit the Kingdom you must surrender to the King, love, obey and serve him.

INTRODUCTION: In Jesus' day the chief priests, the scribes, the Pharisees and Sadducees sought to achieve a state of righteousness, not simply following the basic commandments given by God, but by an elaborate system of ceremonial law, sacrifice and tradition which were accumulated through the centuries by former rabbis and elders. In addition to these, the Jews made much of their ancestry and purity of race. The right-

eousness of Abraham and the authority of Moses seemed to them a guarantee of their own righteousness and authority. They were under the impression that they had a monopoly on God and that no one dared question their power and authority. But now they became worried because Jesus was a threat to their authority and the people were deserting them and following Christ.

I. GOD REQUIRES REPENTANCE. Matthew 21:28-32.

One interpreter called this parable "The Better of Two Bad Sons." It portrays two imperfect people. The Jewish nation, and particularly their religious leaders, were imperfect but they were blind to their sins and hypocrisy. After promising to be a dutiful son the nation of Israel changed its mind and deliberately became disobedient.

The first son represented the publicans and sinners who refused the offer of the Gospel but afterward repented and accepted. Such a comparison infuriated the Jews who thought they were righteous enough and had no need for repentance.

II. GOD REQUIRES ACCEPTANCE. Matthew 22:1-10.

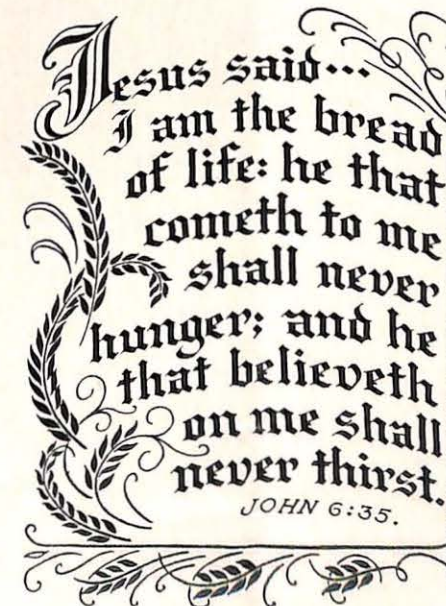
The comparison with a wedding banquet or feast serves to emphasize the joy and gladness which should be evident in the lives of the citizens of the Kingdom. Because the invited guests did not come, the invitation was extended to strangers in the streets. "Whosoever will may come" seemed to be the heart of the invitation. As many as accepted were welcomed.

III. GOD REQUIRES A RIGHT SPIRIT. Matthew 22:11-14.

The parable emphasizes the truth that a guest must appear at the royal feast with the pure garment of righteousness. An invitation to the wedding was not to be treated lightly. The man without a wedding garment came with an "I don't care" spirit. By his very dress he revealed a lack of respect and courtesy to the master of the feast. At the wedding as well as at the judgment there is strict separatism. The Lord knows his own, and there is no way in which a man may "sneak" into heaven.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is there so much indifference to the invitation of Christ today?
2. Have you kept all your promises to God concerning your time, money and talents?
3. What is the difference between religious activity and Christian living?



Christian Education Committee Highlights

Important programs are being launched by the Christian Education Committee of the denomination to emphasize the fact that education must include spiritual training in order to develop the whole person.

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

WE ARE CONSTANTLY being made aware in every phase of our society that education holds the key to progress and new findings. In Christian education we seek to emphasize that education must include training in the spiritual phase in order to develop the whole person. When the General Christian Education Committee members met for their annual meeting and shared reports and developed new plans, there was a spirit of urgency to strengthen the impact of effectively communicating God's message in every avenue of Christian education opportunities. We wish to relate some of the reports and actions taken by the committee.

LOCAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

Since each of the local conferences has two elected representatives who attend the General Christian Committee meeting, we are privileged to hear first-hand reports of Christian education activities planned and carried out by local conference committees on Christian education. The reports indicated an increase in the number of workshops being held during association and local conference sessions and regional Christian education conferences. A favorable reception of the Roger Williams Press curriculum was also indicated in the reports by the local conference secretaries.

COMMITTEE ON ADULT WORK

Advance assignments were made to do research on the following phases of adult work: "The Home or Extension Department" by Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Columbus, Nebraska; "Adult Classes for Young Couples and Single Adults" by Rev. Arthur Patzia of Carbon, Alberta; "Our Ministry with Older Adults" by Rev. Alvin Harsch of Emery, S. Dak.; "The Adult Department and Adult Classes" by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill.; and "Methods of Teaching Adults" by Dr. Martha Leyoldt of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The discussion of these papers led to consider providing a manual on adult work for our churches. This recommendation was approved by the General Christian Education Committee. Since it will take considerable time to develop such a manual, it was agreed to compile the material which has been presented and to make it available to our churches as a temporary manual on adult work.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Since our newly appointed Director of Children's Work, Rev. Bruce Rich, had been a member of this committee

for the past two years, he was able to give efficient leadership to this important phase of our Christian education program. The Bible verse memory work, included in the Roger Williams Press curriculum, and our Scripture Memory Program were evaluated by the committee and it was agreed to maintain the Scripture Memory Program with some revisions.

Junior Mission Material in our churches was evaluated with the intention of making it more meaningful for the age groups who are using it. Some changes in format will be made to make it more attractive for use with children. The name has also been changed to "CONTACT—Mission Education."

The reports on the Dynamic Junior Camping program reveal an increase in the number of junior camps now using this program. Steps are being taken to assist camp leaders to train counsellors for this camping program.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WORK

The youth program theme for September 1965 to August 1966, "EXPLORE GOD'S WORD," will coincide with the over-all emphasis in the denomination on "Our Mission in Bible Study." The "Youth Work Planbook" will highlight the theme, "Explore God's Word," and contain suggested alternate programs for use with the CBYF Youth Training Hour material.

Plans were also being outlined for the Second Triennial CBYF Congress to be held at Estes Park, Colorado, August 29—September 4, 1966. The unique setting in the mountains and appropriate program plans will make this a "must" for young people in all of our churches.

STUDENT CAMPUS MINISTRY

The decision of the General Council in May 1964 placed this program in charge of the Department of Christian Education. The Committee on Youth Work has outlined plans, which have been approved, to appoint chaplains in seven areas where there is a high concentration of North American Baptist students. Further reports on this program will be shared with our people as the appointments are completed.

The reception of the Roger Williams Press curriculum in our churches has been very encouraging. New developments by the publisher indicate that continuous revisions and improvements are being made in the curriculum. The need for an editor of education literature is becoming increasingly more urgent to provide the supplements and substitute materials necessary to gear the material to our churches.

We solicit your prayers and financial support for God's leading that this further step of faith to strengthen our Christian education program may become reality.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Planning together for the future in Christian education in a second annual imprinters meeting held January 4-6 in Glendale, Calif., were representatives of seven evangelical denominations and the officers and editors of Gospel Light Publications. From left to right: Miss Eva Cornelius, Gospel Light Christian education consultant in the Midwest; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, N.A.B. Conference; head of table: Dr. Milford S. Sholund, Gospel Light Director of Biblical and Educational Research; and Dr. Cyrus H. Nelson, Gospel Light President; last two on right hand side: Rev. David Olson, and Rev. Lawrence Swanson, Baptist General Conference.

Gospel Light Publications Conference

Report of the 2nd annual Imprinters Conference held in Glendale, Calif., Jan. 4-6, with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., in attendance with other Christian educational leaders.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM seven evangelical denominations attended the 2nd annual Gospel Light Publications Imprinters conference at Glendale, Calif., January 4-6 and learned first hand of current plans and production for significant improvements and updating in GLP curriculum and related products.

Among the seven denominations sending representatives is a grand total of 2425 churches and 379,000 Sunday school students. All of these denominations officially imprint and distribute Gospel Light closely graded Sunday school Bible lessons in a cooperative effort to provide Christ-centered Bible teaching in their Sunday schools.

Attending the conference, which was hosted by Gospel Light Research Director Milford S. Sholund, among others were: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education, North American Baptist General Conference; and three delegates of the Baptist General Conference: Rev. Oriel Hanson, executive secretary and manager of Board of Publications; Rev. David Olson, editor of Christian Education Publica-

tions; and Rev. Lawrence Swanson, secretary of the Board of Bible School and Young People's Work.

Dr. Sholund reports that a major area of discussion was the revision of the Junior age curriculum for grades 4, 5 and 6. Inclusion of New Testament lessons will be added to each year of the Junior materials, which heretofore have always covered strictly the Old Testament. Miss Ruth Bathauer, who attended the 1964 conference as a delegate from the North American Baptist Convention, is the new Junior Editor for Gospel Light and is in charge of the proposed revision. First copies of the revised lessons are scheduled to come off the press in 1966.

Also under revision is the Senior High School material. Fritz Ridenour, managing editor of TEACH magazine, is the newly appointed Youth Editor for Gospel Light. Among the High School improvements being studied is a completely new format for the student's book.

Most discussed topic at the conference was the total Christian education program of the local church, with emphasis on the Sunday evening and mid-

1964 CONFERENCE REPORTS

This monumental volume of about 300 pages has now been distributed to our churches.

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week programs. According to Dr. Sholund, Gospel Light is giving serious study to Sunday evening, midweek and camping programs, as well as worship programs for juniors through youth and Junior Church. Developments in these and other areas will be introduced beginning next year.

A Tribute to Rev. W. S. Argow

A review of a long and happy pilgrimage of life and of 62 years of a fruitful ministry for Christ on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration.

By Rev. Fred Mashner, Pastor of the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

WILLIBALD S. ARGOW was born on Jan. 2, 1875 in Albany, N. Y., where his father, Rev. William F. Argow, served as pastor of the First German Baptist Church. Willibald's boyhood days were spent at Dayton, Ohio. Later he graduated from the German department of the Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., and was ordained into the ranks of the Gospel ministry at Hutchinson, Minn., June 25, 1902.

ARTICLES, TRIPS, HONORS

He was married on Oct. 2, 1902 to Emma Hamel in Pittsburgh, Pa., by his father. Taking his young bride to Hutchinson, he began his illustrious ministry as pioneer pastor to the local church, with another preaching mission some 15 miles away. (See article by Mr. Argow on page 10 for other pastorates).

Brother Argow contributed numerous articles to the "Baptist Herald,"

"Der Sendbote" and "The Watchman-Examiner." He was author of a study course for young people on "The Apostle Paul as a Missionary." He served the denomination at large as promotional secretary, travelling some 19,000 miles by auto, train, horse and buggy, visiting 42 churches and assemblies. Six months were spent in evangelistic work.

Brother Argow will perhaps be best remembered as an interim pastor in 54 different churches in and around Erie, Pa., going as far east as Dunkirk, N. Y., and Union City and Edinboro West. It was while serving the First Presbyterian Church of Erie for

eight months that the church was destroyed by fire. Other downtown churches quickly offered their facilities. The offer of the late Rabbi Cherrick was accepted, with the happy combination of a Baptist preacher preaching to a Presbyterian congregation in a Jewish temple.

This past summer Rev. W. S. Argow attended the sessions of the General Conference for the 20th time in 60 years, an unprecedented record in the history of our denomination. Through his suggestion a Seminary Book Fund was created, which now has matured to over \$30,000. The organization of a Seminary Alumni Association was also established last year at his suggestion at the General Conference in Sacramento, California.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday morning, Jan. 3rd, Brother Argow celebrated his 90th birthday by preaching to his former congregation, the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. Hearts were moved to tears as his words of wisdom and admonition, born out of years of experience and devotion, reflected upon the past and challenged others to a greater consecration for Christ in the future. On the previous day, his children and friends gathered from far and near at his home to pay their respects and to congratulate "this old soldier" of the Cross who shall never die.

A CHRISTIAN IS—

*A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves,
A voice through which Christ speaks,
A hand through which Christ helps.*
—Selected.

OUR denomination in action

special events

KENOSHA, WIS. A special event occurred in the life of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., during the New Year's Eve service. The members gathered to witness the ceremony and to take part in the burning of the church parsonage mortgage which originally amounted to about \$15,000. Our pastor, Rev. Milton Zeeb led the congregation in a responsive litany while the church moderator, Melvin Behr, burned the mortgage, signifying that the debt for the parsonage had been fulfilled. The nine room parsonage was built mostly by the church members in 1956. Prior to this event Don Jensen, a very observing photographer, showed slides of members of the church at various activities during the course of the year. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by all and we entered the New Year praising God for all his goodness to us. (Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter).

ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO. On Thursday evening, Dec. 31, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, held their annual Family Fellowship Evening. Following the supper and song period, we were delighted to have Rev. David Draewell of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. He also served at the following Sunday services. Our pastor, Rev. Eldon Janzen, revealed the mystery letters which we have heard about and read a great deal in recent months in our church bulletins, "M.O.P. 1965," which signifies a "Mile of Pennies in 1965" for our building fund. The Sunday school has adopted this project in collecting these pennies to see how quickly we can complete a mile of pennies which would be \$844.80. This will be for a new church building planned for the future. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).

LEMMON, S. DAK. The Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, S. Dak., extended a call to Rev. Arnold Friez to become its pastor. He responded favorably and has been working on the field since September 1964. A new interest has been shown; this is evidenced in an increase in attendance. Several people who are not members of the church as yet are attending the services and have expressed a desire to join. Our financial needs are great but the sacrificial giving of the people has proved their sincerity in continuing the work of the Lord. The annual Christmas program sponsored by the Sunday school was held in connection with the evening service on Dec. 20. Also a Watchnight Service was held on New Year's Eve. We had a blessed time of fellowship as we spent the closing hours of the old and the be-



Mr. Melvin Behr (right) of the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., burns the parsonage mortgage papers as the pastor, Rev. Milton Zeeb, looks on at the joyous Watch Night service.

ginning hours of the New Year in singing, sharing of testimonies, prayer and a feasting on the Word of God. In faith we look forward to the progress of the Temple Baptist Church. (Mrs. Delbert Hintz, Reporter).

Woman's missionary societies

ROSE OF SHARON, RICHMOND, B. C. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, B. C., has a membership of 17 ladies. We are still a new organiza-

anniversaries & receptions

FESSENDEN, N. DAK. On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, Mrs. James McBain of Fessenden, N. Dak., was honored with a special program by the young people of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden. Instead of the Thanksgiving Service she had planned for the young people to present, she was pleasantly surprised when three girls came to the platform and unrolled a sign that said, "Congratulations, Mrs. McBain!" Mrs. McBain is the advisor for the C.B.Y.F. and has been a teacher of a young people's class for 25 years. "This Is Your Life" was presented with various voices from the past including members of her family and former class members. The young people also presented poems and special musical numbers. She was presented with a corsage, 25 year teacher pin and a "Praying Hands" plaque, in appreciation of her years of service. Rev. Gordon Thomas, pastor, concluded the program by challenging those present to greater heights for Christ.

tion since we celebrated our first anniversary on May 2, 1964. On Nov. 12, 1964 we had a Missionary Luncheon with Mr. Williams Rentz, Cameroon missionary, as guest speaker. The missionary offering amounted to \$108.57. Officers for 1964 for president, Mrs. A. Mayer; secretary, Mrs. C. Iseli; treasurer, Mrs. W. Henze; and White Cross chairman, Mrs. D. Pohl.

CBY (youth) fellowship

IOWA CBYF RETREAT. The young people of the Iowa C. B. Y. F. received countless blessings at the retreat held at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, Nov. 27 to 29. Over 70 young people registered from out of town. Guest speakers were Rev. George Breitreuz of Elgin, Iowa, who spoke on the theme, "Be My Disciple"; Bob Trautman, a Navigator from Independence, Iowa, who led us in a workshop and discussion period; and Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, pastor of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Our last meeting was the noon meal held in the social hall. The Lord was certainly with us during the whole week end. We, as young people, will appreciate your prayers as we ask the Lord to help us in our witnessing. How we truly want to witness for Christ! (Lynette Thye, Secretary).

BILLINGS, MONTANA. On Christmas Eve the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Billings, Montana, presented the program, "The Characters of Christmas Speak." This heart touching program using all departments was presented to a capacity audience. Our Sunday school engaged in a six weeks attendance contest with sister churches of Plevna and Sidney, Montana, the theme being "Honor His Word." Congratulations go to Sidney for having won on the basis of total percentage. However, we are grateful to God since 10 of our 13 classes gained members. We observed the 20th anniversary of our church on Sunday, Jan. 10, at which time Rev. B. Rich, denominational director of Children's Work, spoke challenging words on "The Living Church" using Philippians 3:7-16, as his text. Letters of congratulations were read from former pastors and charter members were recognized. A mission offering was received during the evening Gospel Service and later Rev. B. Rich showed

BIBLE SUNDAY, MARCH 14

• Read the leaflet, "God's Word for a New Age," to be distributed in your church at your Bible Sunday observance.

slides, "The Gospel to the Indians." Nine Sunday school workers and leaders completed the Leadership Training Course, "A Church Using its Sunday School," presented by Rev. B. Rich. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).

60TH ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. FASTNACHT. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fastnacht of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., were honored on Dec. 27 on their 60th wedding anniversary at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs. A program was presented by their children and grandchildren. Larry Winter, a grandson, was Master of Ceremonies. Eight of their nine children were present. Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor, brought a brief message. Open House was held that afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fastnacht have 28 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. (Mrs. Julius Winter, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fastnacht of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration held at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

evangelistic services & baptisms

POUND, WISCONSIN. Revival meetings were held at the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., during the last week of October with Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of Cedar Falls, Iowa bringing the messages. Musical numbers featured solos by Mr. Fritzke, instrumentalists, duets, quartets and a Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Fenske. Six young people made their decisions for Christ. Four of these and a young lady entered the waters of baptism on New Year's Eve. (Two of the young people were ill and could not be baptized at this time). On the following Sunday morning the hand of fellowship was extended to five new members by our pastor, Rev. E. S. Fenske. The Week of Prayer was observed with services in several of the homes. (Mrs. Emily Matrisch, Reporter).

FIRST, EMERY, S. DAK. We, at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., were greatly blessed during the evangelistic meetings from Nov. 11 to 22. Deeply spiritual and challenging messages were brought by Rev. Robert F. Penner of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. On Sunday evening, Nov. 15, we were privileged to hear a concert by the 50 voice choir of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, under the direction of Dr. Paul W. Wohlgenuth. The Christmas season was brightened with a variety program by the upper Sunday school classes and a program of recitations and songs by the lower classes on Christmas eve. The New Year was ushered in by a service of prayer, testimony and inspiration and the sound film, "One Foot in Heaven." Rev. Leland H. Friesen is pastor of

our church. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

RAPID CITY, S. DAK. On Sunday, Dec. 13, the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., held a baptismal service in the North Rapid Baptist Church building. Seven converts were baptized after giving their personal testimonies. Rev. W. D. Dachtler brought a message on "Identification With Christ." Fifteen new members were received into the church followed by the Communion Service. Those baptized were Lila Goehring, Joanne Goehring, Mrs. Herbert Goehring, Mrs. Duane McMillian, Mrs. Lindly Levy, Lester Nies, and Gary Goehring. Those coming into the church by letter were the Erwin Meyers family from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Mr. Duane McMillian. Our annual Christmas program, "The Gates of Christmas," by the Sunday school was held Dec. 20. The holiday season was brought to a close with a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service. (Mrs. Dale Saunders, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. At the Sunday evening service, Jan. 17, we at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., were privileged to witness the obedience of two candidates who followed their Lord through the waters of baptism: Mrs. Garold L. Paxson and Thomas A. Zimmerman (son of Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman). After the choir's rendition of "Why Should He Love Me So?", our pastor, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, spoke on the theme, "The Life Before You." The hand of fellowship was extended to these persons on the first Sunday in February. This was an in-

spiring forerunner of the blessings which we received during the 75th anniversary celebrations, Jan. 21 to 24. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

SELBY, S. DAK. From Nov. 15 to 19 special meetings were conducted at the Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S. Dak., with Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak., serving as our evangelist. Our hearts were blessed and our faith was strengthened as he expounded the Scripture to us. A very fine Christmas program was rendered by about 30 children under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler. The program was entitled: "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ." On New Year's Eve the Faith Church joined the Baptist Church in Herreid, S. Dak., in a Watchnight Service as well as in a union baptismal service. Rev. Ivan Walker of Herreid baptized 17 candidates and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Selby led four boys through the baptismal waters. The hand of Christian fellowship was extended to these along with four others who came by letter on the following Sunday at our communion service.

MCDERMOT AVE., WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. One of the highlights of the Christmas season at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba was the annual Sunday School Christmas program. Over 800 people filled the auditorium for this event, featuring an evening of song, verse and instrumental music. In charge of arrangements was Mr. Herhard Wachsmann, assistant Junior superintendent. An impressive candlelight service was followed by the singing of Christmas carols by a Junior Choir, directed by Dieter Hettig. The Primary and Beginner Classes had a part to the delight of the parents and friends. Other items on the program were a violin solo, two piano duets, a horn duet and a Junior Girls' Quartet. New Year's Eve was spent in praise to God for his goodness to us. A baptismal service was held, and eight young people were able to begin 1965 fully dedicated to the Lord. Ten people were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, Jan. 3rd. (Mrs. A. Parr, Reporter).

BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF. On Sunday evening, Nov. 15, the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. held a baptismal service at which Rev. William Hoover, pastor, baptized 14 persons. Additional blessing to a beautifully inspired service came as a complete surprise to the families involved. The grandparents of three children from the Baresel and Feige families, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baresel living in Stuttgart, Germany, had written to Pastor Hoover sending the Bible verses, used by the grandparents at their baptism, for reading at the Bethel Church service. These verses were Rev. 2:10 and Matt. 5:8. They requested the pastor to supply a third verse, II Tim. 1:12. Thus the Christian

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Peruvian women, some of them Indians, at a Sunday market in Pisac, Peru, in South America.

Our South American Neighbors

The author, who is a public school teacher in Kansas and a former North American Baptist, has given these keen observations of life in South America following a trip to that continent, its potential for the future, and its possibilities for a greater missionary and Christian witness.

By Mrs. Myrtle Wirth of Salina, Kansas

A TOURIST GETTING his introduction to his neighbors in South American countries in their own homeland returns appalled, dismayed but fascinated. Here is a great continent with almost unlimited resources, colorful traditions, many races and cultures, great economic differences, vast areas that are virtually unexplored, and the fastest growing population in the world.

A RESTLESS CONTINENT

It is a beautiful continent, with the rugged, snow-capped Andes, the variety and color of the vegetation at the jungle edge, the rainbows over two miles of Iguassa Falls, the rolling plains, the beaches, and the mighty rivers.

It is a restless continent, casting off old ways and reaching for a modern way of life it does not understand. Its constitutions were patterned after the United States but its culture is European.

Each night, reviewing the new and exhilarating experiences of the day, the tourist asks himself, "What is the Christian educator's answer to the things I have seen?"

WHAT ABOUT:

The towering Andes—which must be crossed for better communication between peoples;

The vast amount of undeveloped land—which is desperately needed to feed the growing population;

Illiteracy—with about 80% who are functionally illiterate;

Disease—the Indian mother carrying her undernourished baby into an old church hoping for a miracle to save her child;

Dwellings—the sub-human living conditions in the squatter areas;

Land Reforms—how to take land from one owner and share it with others; *A growing labor class*—what relationship will exist between owners and this growing middle class;

Government—changing so often, infiltrating of Communist propaganda, office seeking for personal gain; *Restless, rioting university students*—seeking answers to life?

There is growth in South America. Government, commercial, service, and religious groups are recognizing the opportunities at hand. Many of these problems are our own, too. The tourist comes back, not with the answers, but faced anew with the great challenge of living and of the necessity of the understanding heart.

Peter said to his friends at Jerusalem, "As God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I that I could withstand God?" In every area there is room for Christian personnel and witness, not to make them like us, for we are poor examples at best, but to show them "the like Gift" so that they may do their growing under that Guidance which it has been our privilege to have.

YES, I TITHE!

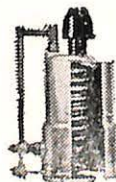
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20-22; Leviticus 27:30; II Chronicles 31:5; Hebrews 7:1, 4). It is more basically an activity of faith than of finance. Though it is not specifically advocated as either a minimum or a maximum standard of Christian giving, it does nevertheless have Christ's commendation (Luke 11:42) and is accompanied with God's promised blessing (Malachi 3:10).

Because tithing affects the family and its needs, my wife and I prayerfully looked for our answer. Our decision was to launch out in faith. We knew God would keep his promises and supply all our needs.

Our decision was the right one, for many years have passed and God has provided all and above our needs. Our greatest blessing is that we know that we have a small part in bringing the Gospel to the unsaved, both here at home and to the far parts of the world.

If you do not tithe, why not look into the verses referred to above and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to make the right decision? DO IT NOW!



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Obituary

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

MISS ELSIE DE BOER of Madison, S. Dak.

Miss Elsie DeBoer of Madison, S. Dak., was born on Nov. 23, 1911 in Little Rock, Iowa. Since 1913 she lived in the Madison, S. Dak., vicinity. For 14 years she was employed at Galway's Department Store of Madison. On April 1, 1934, she was baptized by Rev. J. F. Olthoff at the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison and subsequently was welcomed into the membership of the same. She also became an active member of the Ann of Ava Guild of the Madison church.

During the last year of her life, Miss DeBoer suffered a great deal due to acute arthritis. Nevertheless, she always maintained a cheerful, Christ-like attitude about it all. On Dec. 18, 1964 she entered into a new life with her Lord. Her survivors include her mother, Mrs. Rena DeBoer of Madison; three brothers, and four sisters. She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, and a sister.

West Center St. Baptist Church
Madison, South Dakota

RONALD E. MAYFORTH, Pastor

MRS. BERTHOLD CIRANKEWITSCH of Trochu, Alberta

Mrs. Berthold (Hilda Kaiser) Cirankewitsch of Trochu, Alta., was born on Feb. 20, 1920 at Wilsche, Germany. She was the oldest child of August and Emma Kaiser. She came to Canada with her parents in 1926 and settled at Success, Sask. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized upon the confession of her faith, becoming a member of the local church. On Dec. 19, 1939 she was united in marriage to Berthold Cirankewitsch and took up residence at Trochu, Alberta.

Mrs. Cirankewitsch entered University Hospital in Edmonton on Dec. 1st and underwent heart surgery on Dec. 9th and went to meet her Master on Dec. 10th. Funeral services took place in the Trochu Baptist Church conducted by the pastor. She is survived by her husband; 2 daughters: Genevieve of Edmonton; Elaine (Mrs. Arnold Kelbert) of Minot, Manitoba; one grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Fred Hemmerling of Kelowna, B. C.; and two brothers: Trautwald Kaiser of Calgary, and Herbert Kaiser of Olds.

Trochu Baptist Church
Trochu Alberta

OSCAR FRITZKE, Pastor

MRS. DICK DIRKS of George, Iowa

Mrs. Dick Dirks of George, Iowa was born at Emden, Germany on June 23, 1904. She passed away on Dec. 24, 1964 following a heart attack on Dec. 17. She received her education in Germany and in Nobles County, Minnesota. She lived in the George community for the past 32 years. On Oct. 21, 1924 she was joined in marriage to Mr. Dick Dirks. This happy union was blessed with three sons and three daughters. On her profession of faith in Christ she was baptized into the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa in 1934.

Mrs. Dirks is survived by her husband, Dick Dirks; and by her father, Dick Aelits, of Barrett, Minn. Her three sons and her three daughters also mourn her passing. Funeral services were conducted at the Central Baptist Church with Rev. Harold Drenth officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Lawn Cemetery of George, Iowa.

Central Baptist Church
George, Iowa

HAROLD DRENTH, Pastor

MR. JACOB BRENNSEISE of Washburn, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Brenneise was born in Odessa, South Russia on May 2, 1883. He passed on to his reward at the Bismarck Hospital after

16 days of hospitalization. He reached the age of 87 years. He came to this country with his parents at the age of 18 and settled on a farm in the Underwood community. He married Selma Giedd at Underwood on Nov. 15, 1906. The couple farmed at Garrison until 1916 when they moved to a farm north-east of Washburn until they retired in 1944 to Washburn. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June 1956. Mrs. Brenneise died in 1959.

In 1961 he married Mrs. Rosina Schuler in Washburn, and both went to live in the Baptist Home in Bismarck in 1963. Mrs. Schuler Brenneise passed away June 19, 1964. He was a faithful member of the Washburn Baptist Church and served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher for many years and also as deacon of the church. He is survived by the following: a son, Arthur of Al Monte, Calif.; 4 daughters: Martha (Mrs. Sam Schuler) of Wilton; Mrs. Emma Reinsma, Archer, Iowa; Agnes (Mrs. Helmut Laib) Washburn; Ruth (Mrs. Benny Miller) Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; 2 sisters; 24 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Washburn, North Dakota
R. C. STADING, Pastor

MR. JACOB J. SCHWEIGERT of McLaughlin, South Dakota

The community of McLaughlin, S. Dak., was stunned on Sunday morning, June 7, 1964 by the sudden passing of a 31 year resident, Mr. Jacob J. Schweigert. He was where he loved to be in his church. He had just concluded teaching the Adult Sunday school class when he suffered a fatal heart attack. He was born Sept. 15, 1885 in Odessa, Russia. As a youth he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized in the Baptist faith before leaving the "Old Country." "Jake," as he was better known, came to the U. S. in 1905. A few years later he went to Ashley, N. Dak., where he met and married Emma Mayer on March 3, 1908. In 1912 the young couple moved to Bismarck, N. Dak., to make their home where their eight children were born. In 1930 the family moved to Plevna, Mont., and in 1933 to McLaughlin.

His first wife, Emma, passed away in 1948; and in 1949 he married Emilia Quenzer. He is survived by his wife, Emilia; two daughters: (Anna) Mrs. Andrew Bertsch, McLaughlin, S. Dak.; (Verna) Mrs. Chris Aldinger, Billings, Mont.; three sons: Henry of Cederville, Ill.; Reuben of Fairfield, Calif.; and Theodore W. of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; two sisters: three step-daughters; 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mr. Schweigert was a devout Christian who

OUR FAITHFUL PASTOR

By Mrs. Hazel Williams
of St. Joseph, Michigan

A Tribute to the late Rev. L. H. Broeker written during his pastorate at the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.

What a friend we have in Pastor,
All our joys and griefs to bear!
We find comfort going to him
With our worries and our cares!
Is it needless pain we cause him
With our problems here and there?
In his voice is love and solace
When with him, our sorrows share.

He's so good, so kind and gentle,
Always helping everywhere!
Old or young, it makes no difference
When he's needed, he's right there!
Can you find another Pastor
Who his life so freely gives,
Never thinking of his own self,
Just for others, truly lives?

God protect our faithful Pastor,
Keep him in your precious arms,
Give him strength and needed courage
Guard him from the things that harm!
Oh, that we would be more thoughtful,
Remembering that he's human too;
He gets weary just as we do,
But he's steady through and through.

always played an important part in church affairs. He was a charter member of the Bismarck Baptist Church. He served his church and Lord in various capacities such as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, church secretary, treasurer and deacon. He loved to sing and for many years sang in a male quartet in the church. He also served as trustee for the Bismarck Baptist Home for the Aged and more recently was on the Board of Directors of this Home.

McLaughlin, South Dakota
ALFRED WEISSER,
Officiating Minister

MR. GOTTLIEB RAUSCHENBERGER of Kief, North Dakota

Mr. Gottlieb Rauschenberger of Kief, N. Dak., was born Dec. 19, 1892 in Catalou, Rumania. He came to the U. S. in 1911, and married Katherine Jeske of Medicine Hat, Alberta in 1912, where they resided until 1915, when they returned to the States and took up farming near Kief, N. Dak. In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. Rauschenberger moved to Kief, where he became known as an efficient carpenter and builder. He accepted the Lord as his Saviour and was baptized by Rev. Arthur Voigt, June 20, 1954, and became a member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of rural Anamoose. He served as assistant teacher and teacher in the Adult Dept. of the Sunday school, as well as a member of both the board of trustees and the board of deacons.

During the past two months prior to his passing he suffered intensively, until, on Dec. 12, 1964, the Lord called him home at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 24 days. He is survived by his faithful wife, Katherine; 5 sons: John and Harold of Kief; Roland of Velva; Leonard and Gilbert of Kenmare; 5 daughters: Mrs. Martin (Ida) Isaak, Mrs. Albert (Linda) Isaak, Mrs. Herbert (Rosella) Hauff, all of rural Drake; Mrs. Elard (Freda) Helm of Anamoose; and Mrs. Woodrow (Emma) Hamers of Drake; 23 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. John Schon in Cleveland, Ohio, and Marie, residing in Bulgaria; and a brother, Rev. Jacob Rauschenberger in Prince Rupert, B. C.

Rosenfeld Baptist Church
Anamoose, North Dakota
ERHARD KNOLL, Pastor

MRS. CAROLINA LEHR of Tyndall, South Dakota

Mrs. Carolina Lehr of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born May 4, 1872 in Plotzka, Bessarabia, South Russia and died at the Tyndall Hospital on Jan. 13, attaining the ripe age of 92 years, 8 months, and 9 days. On New Year's Day Grandma Lehr and Rev. and Mrs. George B. Lubbers were privileged to have the four girls of "God's Volunteers Team II" in their home. They sang "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" literally making the walls of the old house ring. They concluded with the song, "Some Day." In less than two weeks Grandma Lehr was transported to the Land of Glory, and now sings that "New Song" over yonder. Grandma Lehr and her family came to the U.S.A. in 1879 and settled six miles northwest of Scotland, S. Dak. She was converted in 1892 and united with the Congregational Church near Scotland. Then in 1923 she joined the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., where she was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society and served for many years as its secretary.

She was married to George Lehr Nov. 9, 1893. Seven children were born to this union of whom five survive. They are: Arthur William Lehr of Neward, Ohio; Hulda (Mrs. George B. Lubbers) of Tyndall; Esther (Mrs. George A. Lang) of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Ruth (Mrs. Dick J. Ortland) of Detroit, Mich.; and Martha (Mrs. Arthur W. Rummel) of Mt. Clemens, Mich. There are also 10 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren surviving. Her husband, George Lehr, passed away in 1946.

Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches
Tyndall, South Dakota
DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

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SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS

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feel like going to bed and staying there," Wilson said. He could not sleep that night, and he turned to Dr. Grayson about three o'clock in the morning, and said, "Doctor, the devil is a busy man."

Later in the morning, he had Grayson read St. Paul's consoling words from Second Corinthians, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Turning to Grayson, President Wilson said, "Doctor, if I were not a Christian, I think I should go mad, but my faith in God holds me to the belief that he is, in some way, working out his own plans, in spite of human mistakes."

Centuries ago Moses stood before the people of Israel and said, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee . . . if thou turn to the Lord, thy God, and shall be obedient unto his voice . . . he will not forsake thee . . . nor forget the covenants of thy father, which he swore unto them."

In the midst of the bloody Civil War, Abraham Lincoln read his Bible regularly. He memorized passages from its pages. He used the Word of God to help him make decisions and solve problems. In matters of right and wrong, the God of the Bible was Lincoln's final court of appeals. The overwhelming problems of his day drove him to the Scriptures and to his knees in prayer. Out of this humble dependence on God came the preservation of the Union.

History throbs with crisis, but the Gospel is that God is *for* men, and that, in the greatest crisis this world has ever known—when Jesus Christ went to the cross—God transformed that tragedy into triumph and wrought redemption for those who trust in him.

SAM HOUSTON'S CONVERSION

Mr. President, on the wall of your office at the White House, I have seen a framed yellowed letter. It was written to your Great-grandfather Baines more than 100 years ago, and it bears the bold—almost defiant—signature of Sam Houston.

Your great-grandfather led General Sam Houston to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This conversion transformed that troubled, rough hero of San Jacinto into a man of peace, happiness, and purpose. As Marquis James put it in his book, *The Raven*:

"The long quest for spiritual repose ended when Houston knelt before the altar and asked to be received into the Church, and on the 19th of November, 1858, the convert waded into the chilly waters of Rocky Creek, and was baptized. A church publication at that time said, 'The announcement of General Houston's conversion has excited wonder and surprise of many who have supposed that he was

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Rev. B. A. Itterman, Pastor

Article about this Church Extension project will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

past praying for."

At the time, somebody said to Sam Houston, "Well, General, I hear all your sins were washed away." "I hope so," Sam Houston replied, "but if they were all washed away, the Lord help the fish down below."

On the day Sam Houston was baptized, he offered to pay half the minister's salary in the church. When someone asked him about it, he said, "My pocket book was baptized, too."

This newness of spiritual life that the President's Great-grandfather Baines helped introduce to General Sam Houston is the same transforming faith we need in our nation today if we are to meet successfully our rendezvous with destiny. That letter, written by a heroic Texan, to the great-grandfather of our President, is heartening evidence of a sense of moral direction. The letter itself is important, but the fact that the President chose to hang it in his office, is also important. It is a shining symbol that from the very apex of government, there is a spiritual emphasis in our national affairs.

On this solemn occasion, as a great nation goes forward under its newly chosen leaders, I find great comfort for the future, symbolized by a yellowed scrap of paper on a White House wall.

NEEDED FOR CAMEROON

Our Mission Field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa urgently needs the following volunteers:

1. **A MECHANIC** for maintenance and repair of mission vehicles.
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Remuneration will be \$100 a month. All other expenses, including travel to and from the field in Africa, will be borne by the volunteer. This can be a wonderful opportunity for you to invest your life and money in Christ's service.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS FOR CAMEROON. Read the Sept. 24, 1964 issue of "Baptist Herald" pages 8 and 9, concerning these Volunteers, qualifications and terms of service.

For further information write to Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

WE THE WOMEN

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will pray for the many who have not yet heard or accepted him.

Jean Ohlman says, "These are your women, World! Reaching themselves all over the earth to meet the challenges of a terrifying time—the panic of nuclear power, the tension of prejudice, the tragedy of hunger, the scourge of ignorance, the crime of delinquency, of unemployment, of idleness, of totalitarian rule. Meet the challenges—not with wringing hands and pleading prayers but with thinking heads and action prayers."

As YOU pray on our World Day of Prayer, and EVERY DAY, remember as our Laura Reddig boldly told us, "Remember, as you pray, that you may be an answer to that prayer," and in many cases you MUST be the answer to that prayer!

With this thought in mind, let's prayerfully consider "Revelation" by W. Montgomery:

I knelt to pray when day was done
And prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone;
Lift from each saddened heart the
pain,

And let the sick be well again."
And then I worked another day
And carelessly went on my way.

The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on my road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done
I prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone,"
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered
clear,

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray
Whom have you tried to bless today?"

God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve him here below,
And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me but see another day
And I will live the way I pray."

"...and what doth the Lord require of thee . . .?" (Micah 6:8b).

"Where'er a noble deed is wrought,
Where'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts in glad surprise
To higher levels rise."

REPORT, BETHEL, ANAHEIM

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grandparents across the sea participated in the actual baptismal service of their grandchildren in California. On Sunday evening, Dec. 6, at the communion service the church welcomed the 14 baptized new members into the membership together with 4 others received by letter and experience. (Mrs. R. Mellen, Reporter).