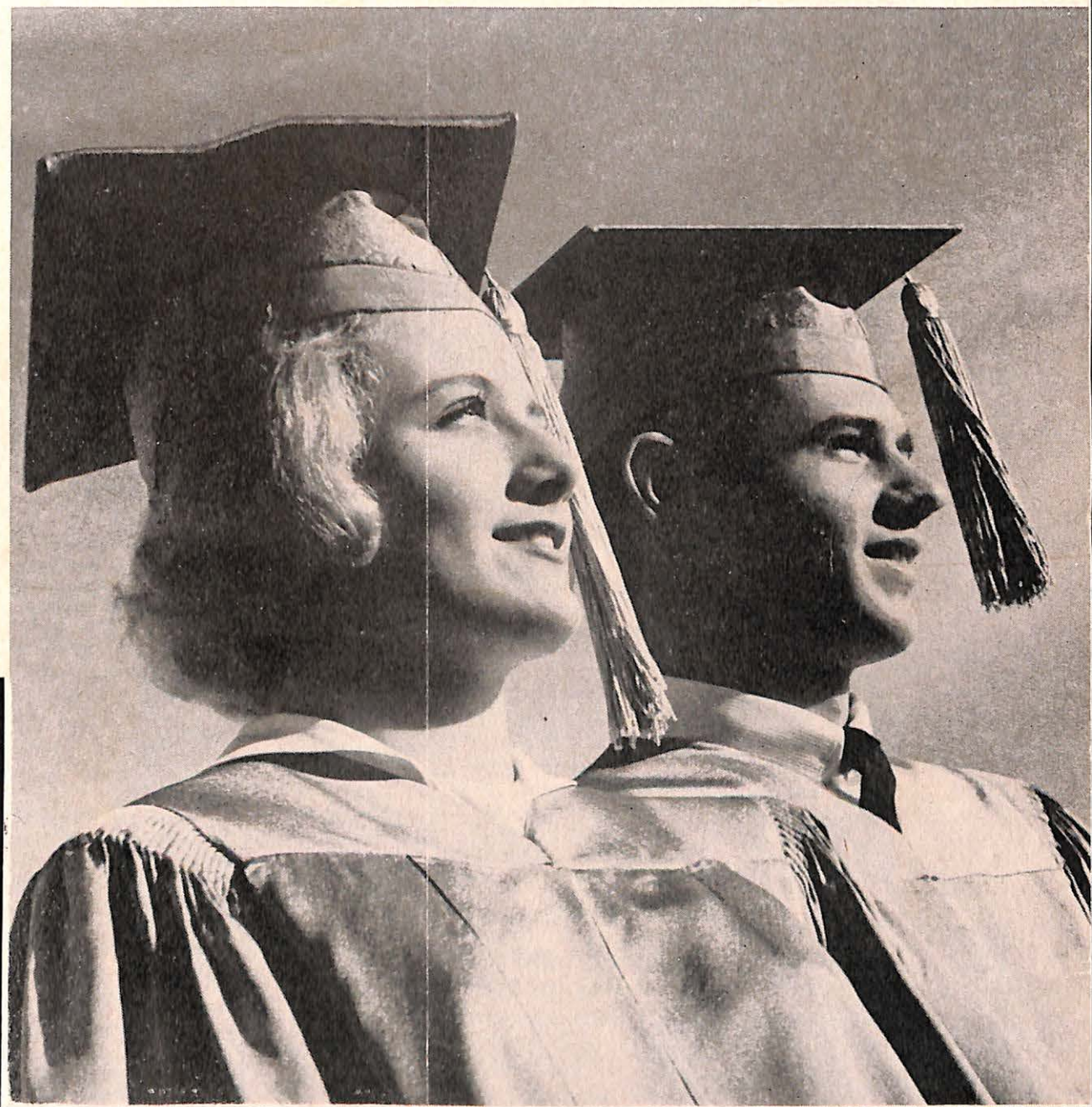


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THE CHRISTIANITY OF CHRIST

IT IS THE personal element that Christian discipleship needs to emphasize. "The gift, without the giver, is bare." The Christianity that attempts to suffer by proxy is not the Christianity of Christ. Each individual Christian, business man, citizen, needs to follow in his steps along the path of personal sacrifice for him. There is not a different path today from that of Jesus' own times. It is the same path. The call of this century . . . is a call for a discipleship, a new following of Jesus, more like the early, simple, apostolic Christianity when the disciples left all and literally followed the Master. Nothing but a discipleship of this kind can face the destructive selfishness of the age, with any hope of overcoming it. There is a great quantity of nominal Christianity to-day. There is a need of more of the real kind. We need a revival of the Christianity of Christ.

—Charles M. Sheldon, IN HIS STEPS

THE FOOT-PATH TO PEACE

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars—to be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them—to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice—to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners—to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are little guide-posts on the footpath to peace.

—Henry Van Dyke

BUILDERS IN LIFE

When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our Fathers did for us."

—John Ruskin

NOW IN THE DAYS OF YOUTH

(In Observance of Youth Week, Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 1965)

Now in the days of youth,
When life flows fresh and free,
Thou Lord of all our hearts and lives
We give ourselves to thee;
Our fervent gift receive,
And fit us to fulfill,
Through all our days, in all our ways,
Our Heavenly Father's will.

Teach us where'er we live,
To act as in thy sight,
And do what thou wouldst have us do
With radiant delight;

Not choosing what is great,
Nor spurning what is small,
But take as from thy hands our tasks
And glorify them all.

Teach us to love the true,
The beautiful and pure,
And let us not for one short hour
An evil thought endure.
But give us grace to stand
Decided, brave and strong,
The lovers of all holy things,
The foes of all things wrong.

—WALTER J. MATHAMS

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

"Are you aware of the most vital and exciting work that is going on for Christ in America today? Open your eyes upon these tremendous harvest fields near at hand. Our greatest God-given task is to evangelize the new residential areas along the growing edge of America and to claim these areas for Jesus Christ. That is the CHURCH EXTENSION task for every North American Baptist!"—Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

BUILDERS. Almost 5,000 of our church people are vitally concerned in these new Church Extension projects and are putting their prayerful interest and their dollars every month to work for Christ and his Gospel. Why not join this host of faithful workers by becoming a Church Extension Builder? In January the Builders' gifts of \$1 each will be designated for the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa, of which Rev. Bernard Fritzke is the pastor.

NEW BUILDINGS. It is thrilling to read about the new Church Extension buildings that are now being constructed or have recently been dedicated to the glory of God. On page 18 the story of the Church Extension project in Stockton, Calif., after five years is featured. The dedication of the new church in Greeley, Colo., is reported on page 18. In March the new Church Extension project in Enid, Okla., will move into its own church building.

NEW FIELDS. We are launching new Church Extension projects in widely scattered areas of North America. You should become acquainted with them and read about them in the pages of the "Baptist Herald" such as: Vancouver, Wash., to which the Trinity Church of Portland, Ore., has called Rev. Alvin Harsch; Temple Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., of which Dr. M. Vanderbeck is the interim pastor; Esterhazy, Sask., to which Rev. Peter Schroeder is going; and others.

CHURCH EXTENSION NEEDS. But the needs are great, and the time is so short. We need pastors who are especially gifted for this kind of difficult ministry to serve on these fields. Our North American Baptist churches need to catch this new vision of the urgency of this witness for Christ and

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"The Changing Face of
World Missions"

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Searching for Dedicated Disciples

By Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary,
Department of Christian Education

I'm quite sure our churches have been losing teenagers for years, but not at today's alarming rate. It's not only the youth from across the tracks, but we are losing youth from many of our church families.

Why do they leave? Why? Fifty years ago society told our youth that it was a good thing to go to church—besides, there wasn't much else to do on Sunday. Now our society, particularly teenage society, is openly scornful of those fellows and girls who faithfully trudge off to church or Sunday school, and on their way they are passed by a thousand cars speeding for cottages, golf courses, skiing trips, and all kinds of places which seem far more glamorous than church.

Then, we must never forget that the teen years have always been the rebellious years. This is nothing new. But it is new that the discipline in the home is so relaxed that youth can do just about whatever they please.

However we make a great mistake if we think for a moment that we lose them because they have no interest in, no hunger for, spiritual realities. In fact, if we take time to find out what is happening within the teenage brain, or if we take time to listen to some of the wicked, non-churched materialists in our community, we will discover again and again an overwhelming desire for a redeeming faith.

If that is right—if people, teenagers and adults, are unsatisfied, restless, bored, frightened, longing for something genuine, an idea, a purpose, a faith that can lift them out of the dull, frustrating rut of the material world—why aren't our churches packed? Why aren't people coming to us for words of salvation? Why are we losing all these young people?

You know the answer as well as I. They do not come to us because we have very little to give them. We have many right words, fine ethics, good deeds, but we do not have love—the accepting, redeeming love, which is the one mark of true discipleship of Christ. I don't want to be unfair; we do have some love. Some teenagers and sponsors share freely their hopes and fears. And yet how much armor we must wear to church—not for the war against sin we sing about, but to protect ourselves from the prying eyes of our fellow church members—to keep Mrs. Smith from finding out how much we dislike her and the superintendent from knowing we do have time to teach a class but haven't enough courage to say, "I don't want to." How often can we share our fears, guilts, doubts, even our joys with one another because we are bound together by the same experience of forgiving and accepting love in Jesus Christ? Too often we can't share our real selves with our peers, let alone teenagers.

God is searching for "Dedicated Disciples" among adults and youth! Youth are searching for a denomination of "Dedicated Discipleship" among adults. If they discover it, they will be motivated to prepare themselves through the highest education possible so they can demonstrate the redeeming love of Christ in various vocations of life.

Youth Week 1965 affords us this opportunity if we take advantage of the time, of the Youth Week program materials, and if we plan and pray!

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The Cost of Discipleship

"Because Jesus is the Christ, he has the authority to call and to demand obedience to his Word."

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer, young German theologian who was martyred by the Nazis in 1945 (From the book, "The Cost of Discipleship"—Macmillan Company).

REVIVAL OF CHURCH life always brings in its train a richer understanding of the Scriptures. Behind all the slogans and catchwords of ecclesiastical controversy, necessary though they are, there arises a more determined quest for him who is the sole object of it all, for Jesus Christ himself. What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? How can he help us to be good Christians in the modern world?

In the last resort, what we want to know is not, what would this or that man, or this or that church, have of us, but what Jesus Christ himself wants of us. When we go to church and listen to the sermon, what we want to hear is his Word—and that not merely for selfish reasons, but for the sake of the many for whom the church and her message are foreign. We have a strange feeling that if Jesus himself—Jesus alone with his Word—could come into our midst at sermon time, we should find quite a different set of men hearing the Word, and quite a different set rejecting it.

OUR PREACHING

That is not to deny that the Word of God is to be heard in the preaching which goes on in our church. The real trouble is that the pure Word of Jesus has been overlaid with so much human ballast—burdensome rules and regulations, false hopes and consolations—that it has become extremely difficult to make a genuine decision for Christ.

Of course it is our aim to preach Christ and Christ alone, but, when all is said and done, it is not the fault of our critics that they find our preaching so hard to understand, so overburdened with ideas and expressions which are hopelessly out of touch with the mental climate in which they live. It is just not true that every word of criticism directed against contemporary preaching is a deliberate rejection of Christ and proceeds from the spirit of Antichrist. So many people come to church with a genuine desire to hear what we have to say, yet they are always going back home with the uncomfortable feeling that we are making it too difficult for them to come to Jesus.

Are we determined to have nothing to do with all these people? They are convinced that it is not the Word of Jesus himself that puts them off, but the superstructure of human, institutional, and doctrinal elements in our preaching. Of course we know all the answers to these objections, and those answers certainly make it easy for us

to slide out of our responsibilities. But perhaps it would be just as well to ask ourselves whether we do not in fact often act as obstacles to Jesus and his Word. Does not our preaching contain too much of our own opinions and convictions, and too little of Christ?

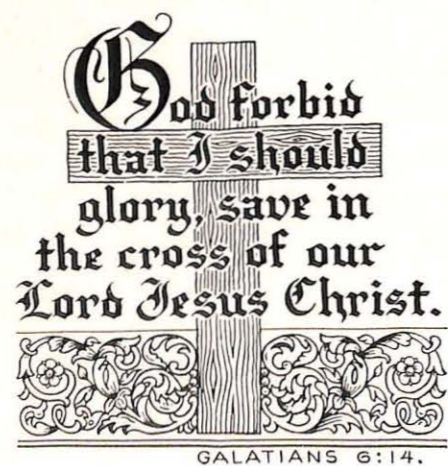
THE COMMAND OF JESUS

When the Bible speaks of following Jesus, it is proclaiming a discipleship which will liberate mankind from all man-made dogmas, from every burden and oppression, from every anxiety and torture which afflicts the conscience. If they follow Jesus, men escape from the hard yoke of their own laws, and submit to the kindly yoke of Jesus Christ. But does this mean that we ignore the seriousness of his commands? Far from it. We can only achieve perfect liberty and enjoy fellowship with Jesus when his command, his call to absolute discipleship, is appreciated in its entirety.

Only the man who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly, and unresistingly lets his yoke rest upon him, finds his burden easy, and under its gentle pressure receives the power to persevere in the right way. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy, and the burden is light. "His commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

The commandment of Jesus is not a sort of spiritual shock treatment. Jesus asks nothing of us without giving us the strength to perform it. His commandment never seeks to destroy life, but to foster, strengthen and heal it.

But one question still troubles us. What can the call to discipleship mean today for the worker, the business man, the squire and the soldier? Does it not lead to an intolerable dichotomy be-



tween our lives as workers in the world and our lives as Christians? If Christianity means following Christ, is it not a religion for a small minority, a spiritual elite? Does it not mean the repudiation of the great mass of society, and a hearty contempt for the weak and the poor?

OUR ANSWER TO GOD

Yet surely such an attitude is the exact opposite of the gracious mercy of Jesus Christ, who came to the publicans and sinners, the weak and the poor, the erring and the hopeless. Are those who belong to Jesus only a few, or are they many? He died on the cross alone, abandoned by his disciples. With him were crucified, not two of his followers, but two murderers. But they all stood beneath the cross, enemies and believers, doubters and cowards, revilers and devoted followers.

His prayer, in that hour, and his forgiveness was meant for them all, and for all their sins. The mercy and love of God are at work even in the midst of his enemies. It is the same Jesus Christ, who of his grace calls us to follow him, and whose grace saves the murderer who mocks him on the cross in his last hour.

And if we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer this question we shall have to go to him, for only he knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey's end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy.

In the modern world it seems so difficult to walk with absolute certainty in the narrow way of ecclesiastical decision and yet remain in the broad open spaces of the universal love of Christ, of the patience, mercy and "philanthropy" of God (Titus 3:4) for the weak and the ungodly. Yet somehow or other we must combine the two, or else we shall follow the paths of men.

May God grant us joy as we strive earnestly to follow the way of discipleship. May we be enabled to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to the sinner. May we withstand our foes, and yet hold out to them the Word of the Gospel which woos and wins the souls of men. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light!" (Matt. 11:28ff).

Making Life's Decisions — and You!

God works like a potter shaping clay in his hands. Your life is being shaped by him in this way. But you need to have complete trust in him and seek his guidance.

By Mr. Wilfred L. Weick of Agassiz, British Columbia, a Student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

EVERYONE wants to be successful in his vocation or profession. And, of course, you do. But do you have a plan for your life? Do you know in what direction you are heading? What are some of the factors involved when making decisions for your life's vocation? Let us look at some of the things that will help you in making your important decisions.

In Acts 17:28 we read, "In him we live and move and have our being." This means that you must, first of all, consider God as the hub of all that you do. Since God has created you, surely he is interested in you and all that you do. He was interested in you when you were born and since that time until now. Presently he is interested in your soul and desires to have a living relationship with you as an individual. He is also interested when the time will come for you to make a decision about your life's vocation.

Now that God gave you life and brought you into this world, surely he is far more able to order your life than you are. One of the first things you must do is to trust him for guidance and you will be much more successful in making the right decisions for your life's vocation. The Psalmist tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

DISCOVER YOUR APTITUDES

But you ask, "How can I know what are the guiding factors that God uses in helping me make decisions that are according to his will? I don't want to be a misfit! I want to make the right decisions, especially in the vocational field." Today there are some excellent ways to determine where your abilities lie and what type of work would suit you. This need not be guess-work, nor does it mean sitting around wondering what God has in store for you to do.

First of all, you will want to discover where your interests and abilities lie. There are interest and aptitude tests which are designed to help you discover your interest and abilities. Such tests may lead you to find what kind of work you would like to do and would be capable of doing. Tests are not always accurate, but it is surprising how much they do tell about you. Next, you will want to take a careful look at yourself and your talents which God has given you to use. These may become God's suggestions for your life's work. You will want to see how these

talents can be used in certain vocations.

Another factor in making your vocational choice is to consult your teacher or school vocational advisor. Never underestimate their guidance. Get acquainted with them. Talk with them about your future plans (or lack of them). They will be happy to discuss this with you and to give you helpful advice. You may not always follow their suggestions. However, this may open up some areas or possibilities that you never thought about before. Re-

perience in working with people, he can give you some pertinent facts to consider when you make a vocational decision. Here again you will want to get to know him and then talk with him. As God enlightens him so that he can help people, he will be able to enlighten you.

THE BEST YOU CAN DO

There is still another area that needs to be explored. It is the area in which you are now. "Are you doing all you can at the place where you are pres-



PRAIRIE YOUTH CONFERENCE AT BANFF

Several hundred North American Baptist young people attended the 2nd Prairie Youth Conference at the School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta from Sept. 4 to 7, 1964.

member, these people often see things in you that you may not be aware of yourself.

SEEK COUNSEL OF OTHERS

A factor that is often neglected and may be of tremendous help to you can be found in the members of your family and especially your parents. Their understanding of you and their prayerful encouragement and advice may help you immensely. This does not mean that parents will tell you exactly what your vocation should be. Nevertheless, their advice is worth considering, and again they may be able to give you some insights into your problems. Above all, ask your parents to pray with you concerning God's leading in your vocational choice. To be sure, your parents would be thrilled if you would talk over such matters with them and then pray with them.

You will also want to seek the help of your pastor. He too can be a real source of help to you as you are in the process of considering the many opportunities in vocations. Out of his ex-

perience in working with people, he can give you some pertinent facts to consider when you make a vocational decision. Here again you will want to get to know him and then talk with him. As God enlightens him so that he can help people, he will be able to enlighten you.

Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John while they were busy about their daily work—fishing. (Mark 1:16-20). William Carey was a cobbler; yet while he was busy about his work, God showed him another vocation. So he went to India as a missionary. Many an executive has reached the top by starting out as a paper boy or a clean up boy in some store. They reached the top simply because they were faithful in doing their present jobs well. It is important that you are faithful in the present responsibilities, however small they may seem to be. God may use

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Finding Your Place in God's Service

What qualifications are necessary for the Christian to fill an important position of responsibility and trust?

AN EXCELLENT YOUTH LEADER

By Stanley Ekrot of Waco, Texas

WHENEVER A PERSON receives a position of responsibility or trust, there are always certain qualifications which he must possess as well as certain duties he must fulfill. This is certainly true of a youth leader, perhaps even more true than it is of adult leaders.

DEDICATED AND DEPENDABLE

A new youth leader usually brings to his position many doubts and fears as to his ability to assume and to carry out the duties of his office. However, if he is willing and eager to do his utmost, there is no doubt that he can succeed. Perhaps the primary qualification of leadership is dedication—being ready and willing to do the best job possible. But dedication is not always enough.

It is typical of a young person to lose his dedication. This type of "hot," then "cold," dedication, although rather shiny on the surface, fails to stand the test of time. Therefore, a youth leader must be trustworthy and dependable.

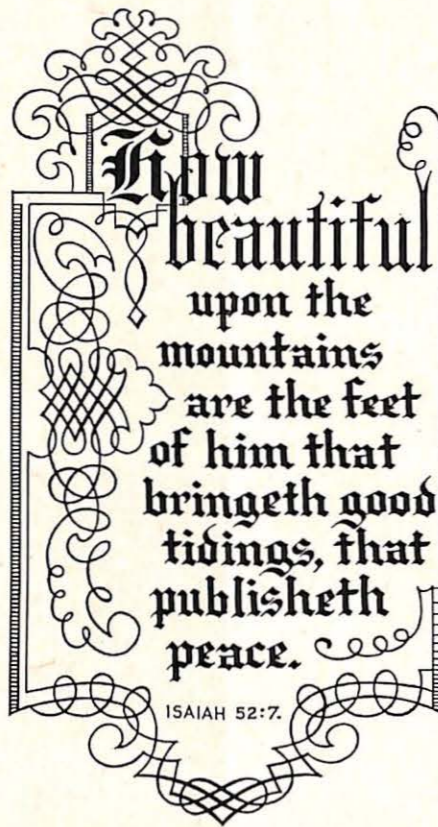
A youth leader is called upon to carry out his responsibilities by many people—the pastor, adult sponsors, and other youth. If he fails to do his job, and to do it well, he is not worthy of leadership. A leader must be dependable at all times and in all situations. The responsibilities entrusted to him should be done rapidly and with care.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Dedication and dependability will go a long way in making a youth leader, but there is a third qualification which overshadows these. This qualification is the ability to deal with people, with personalities. Many capable youth leaders fall down in his most important area. A good youth leader will be able to work with people, to delegate authority, and yet not leave anyone dissatisfied or unhappy.

Quite often, the success or failure of a youth leader rests on this primary point. A person who can give orders as well as take them, who can work with others, and who is trustworthy and dependable is an excellent Christian youth leader.

"Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, who has appointed diverse orders in thy church, give thy grace to all those who are called to any office or place of service, and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine that they may faithfully serve before thee to the glory of thy Name and the benefit of thy holy Church through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."



THE CHALLENGE OF SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Martha Hargreaves of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The ultimate aim of Christian education is to glorify God by bringing people one step nearer to maturity in Christ—"until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord. Yes, grow to the point of being filled full with Christ" (Ephesians 4:13, Living Letters). And the Director of Christian Education must be prepared personally, educationally and have experience to carry out this aim in the local church.

Personally, the director must have a vital Christian experience, a call from God, a love for people (children, youth and adults), physical and emotional maturity, mental and spiritual growth and a purposeful pleasing manner.

Educationally, the Director of Christian Education must have a knowledge of the Bible, our Christian faith and doctrines, the work of the church, educational techniques and practical theory. To obtain this training, a college education and graduate study or seminary training with major emphasis given to Christian education, is very

important. Of greatest value to the preparation of a Director of Christian Education is the in-training application of the knowledge received, enabling him to experience the actual objectives, responsibilities and problems he will encounter in the field of Christian education. This experience aids the director in formulating a personal philosophy of Christian education within his spirit-led abilities, becoming acquainted with his own personality traits and developing a reservoir of the "How's" of Christian education.

Through this preparation, the director should be equipped to fulfill duties such as: to integrate and direct all the agencies, organizations and activities of the church; to obtain, inspire and train leaders for various phases of the work and to challenge each member to find the place of service God intends for them in the church; to seek continually to improve the total program by the best methods of supervision and counselling; to bring the Christian education program to the "public eye"; to maintain a spirit of good fellowship and cooperation among those included in the entire program.

The need for men and women in the field of Christian education is great—men and women who are willing to accept the challenge of achieving the goal—"to glorify God."

WOULD GOD HAVE YOU BE A MISSIONARY?

By Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Illinois, Missionary in Cameroon, West Africa

"The laborers are few," so "go ye into all the world." Is God calling you into the harvest field? If you feel he is speaking to your heart, are you asking yourself what the necessary qualifications will be before you can present yourself as ready to go where he calls you?

Our mission fields are open to the young person who is totally dedicated to the Lord Jesus and who has wholeheartedly given his life to God and seeks to know his will in life. Have you vowed to God that you will go where he wants you to go? Then your life as a missionary begins immediately. The disciples were told to go first to Jerusalem. Your Jerusalem is your home church.

Can you see a need for your services in the Sunday school, the C.B.Y. program, the Vacation Bible School, the choir or some other activity in your church? Are you ready to sacrifice your personal desire as to how you spend your time, your talents and your money? Are you concerned about the spiritual health of your classmates in school? Have you inquired of their

church relations? Have you invited the unchurched to your Sunday school or church services? Are you zealous in your interest in the mission fields? Are you praying for the special spiritual needs in your home church?

As you answer the above questions in the affirmative, then consider these further qualifications. Physically the laborer must be fit and willing to obey the normal rules of health. Mentally he must be alert, able to learn and willing to keep an open ear and mind to new ideas and suggestions. Common sense is a necessary asset, to which we would add patience, a co-operative spirit and the ability to stick to it when the going gets rough.

Concentrate on your preparation and get the best possible training in your field, be it preaching, teaching, healing the sick, administration or building. The Apostle Paul sums up the ideal qualifications in the 12th chapter of Romans. Accept the challenge to "give him your bodies, a living sacrifice," and rejoice that you are called into his service.

HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO THE MINISTRY?

By Rev. LeRoy Kiemele of North Freedom, Wisconsin

I would like to suggest several areas which must be included in an endeavor to determine certain qualifications necessary for becoming a pastor. To be sure, a Christian minister cannot be a specialist in everything that pertains to religious matters and the church, any more than a medical doctor, who only specializes in certain areas, knows all there is to know about the medical profession. But whatever his talent, a pastor must put to use every ability and potential God has given him and develop it to God's glory. The Scriptural teaching still holds true that God has appointed some to be "apostles, prophets, teachers . . ." (I Cor. 12:28). Everyone has gifts "differing according to his grace . . ." (Rom. 12:6).

CONSIDER THE NEEDS

First, I believe that an essential quality of the potential pastor is RECOGNIZING THE NEED IN GOD'S HARVEST FIELD FOR MORE LABORERS. To enter full-time Christian service is perhaps the most spiritually rewarding vocation in the life of a believer. While all vocations, when entered conscientiously as a committed Christian, are important and for the most part necessary, yet none are so important as one which specifically deals with issues of eternal worth and value.

Too often our churches take for granted that pastors are always available. So they never bother to encourage their own young people to consider Christian service, especially the Gospel ministry. I believe that if our youth are confronted with the needs of the ministry, those to whom God has spoken will respond to that need.

An Appraisal of Our Seminary

An unsolicited tribute to the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Dr. A. J. Harms, Pomona, California

RECENTLY I HAVE conducted meetings in churches whose pastors were graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Having conducted crusades or "Deeper Life Meetings" in a goodly number of churches where pastors of other denominations were stationed, I had an opportunity to compare the pastorates of men who had graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary with those who had graduated from other seminaries. I have found that men who have been trained at Sioux Falls are making good in a very excellent way.

Having taught in three different seminaries, I also had the opportunity to compare faculties. As a whole, I have a good word to say for all the Baptist seminaries in which I have taught. However, I have been particularly impressed with the following aspects of the Seminary in Sioux Falls where I was Visiting Professor for two years.

1. There is a remarkable thoroughness with which a course is taught. There is a deep conscientiousness on the part of the faculty members that their students shall know, understand and be able to apply, in a practical way, what has been taught and learned.

2. A wide knowledge of the whole theological field with its inter-related areas can be found there. The men at

Sioux Falls understand well the theological, philosophical and historical trends which have emanated from various schools of thought, both in America and Europe. They know them and hence are able to appraise them for what they can contribute.

3. There is an excellent relationship between student and teacher. Each teacher feels a keen responsibility for every student in his classes and does all he can to insure his progress and achievement.

4. The type of preparation that the Seminary fosters enables a man to hold a pastorate in almost any Protestant denomination. Of course the Seminary majors in the preparation of Baptist ministers.

5. The atmosphere of the school is highly favorable to the pursuit of research. The modern library with its newest and best books, together with the latest findings in archeology and textual criticism make for an inquiring spirit.

6. Above all, there is a reverent and a devotional atmosphere which makes for the cultivation of a sincere and genuine Christ-centered experience.

7. If I were a young candidate for full time Christian service today I would certainly consider the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota for my preparation.

Second, recognizing that a need for more pastors exists, ONE MUST BECOME BURDENED TO HELP MEET THAT NEED. This means that Christian young people must become personally involved in fulfilling the Great Commission given by our Lord. It is not enough to say, "Well, I can always pray or even give so that others can go." Every dedicated Christian must ask himself, "What does God want me to do with my life? How and where can I best serve him?" Anything less is second-rate Christianity. Nothing in life brings such peace of heart and satisfaction to the believer as does the fact of knowing that one is in the place where God wants him to be.

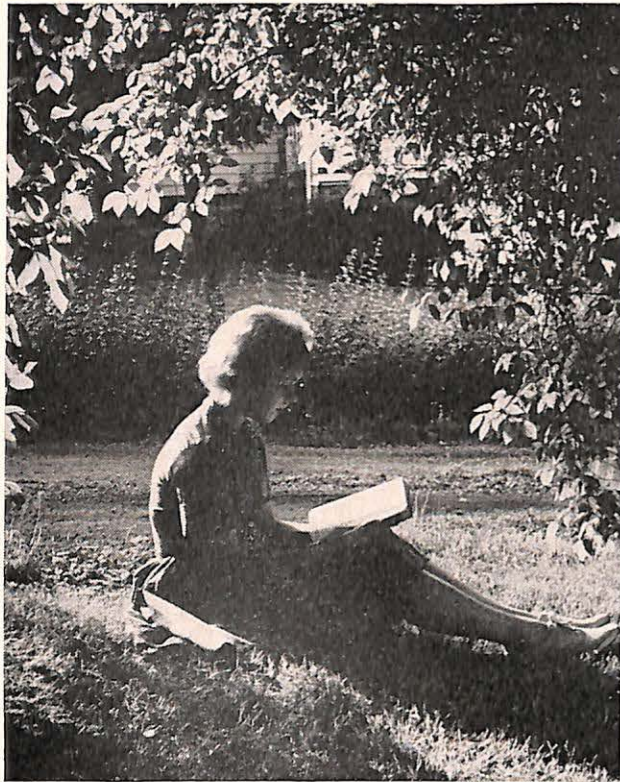
It ought to go without saying that a pastor is one CALLED OF GOD. Without such a confirmation, every little obstacle or discouragement would cause him to ponder, "Am I in the right business? Is this really where God wants me?" He must recognize that God has called him to a position of responsibility rather than privilege. Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27). The pastor's basic task as an under-shepherd is "for the perfecting of the saints . . . for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Here we might well include the necessity of ADEQUATE AND PROPER TRAINING. With the present emphasis in all fields being that of higher education and more training, it becomes necessary that the pastor be properly prepared in order adequately to cope with the needs of his congregation. The ministry has many involvements which require a pastor to have a well-rounded education in both the secular and religious fields, with a probable minimum equivalent of a full college course in liberal arts and Seminary training.

LOVE FOR PEOPLE

One could not leave an important area such as this without considering two other factors. A pastor and potential pastor must have A SINCERE LOVE in his heart FOR PEOPLE, with a deep concern for their needs. Simply to have proper training and possibly several degrees would of itself not be adequate without this additional requisite. The spiritual well-being of these people must ever be uppermost in all his efforts, and this can only come through identification with the needs of his congregation, physical as well as

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"God leaves the very best to those
Who leave the choice to him."

(Photo by Luoma)

To Do or Not to Do— That Is the Question!

Important questions on teen-age dating are answered candidly in the light of God's Word and of his will for you.

By Miss Julianne R. Baker, Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., and a Student at Michigan State College.

WHAT IS AND HAS been one of the most popularly discussed topics in our Christian youth groups? Many young people will agree that it is the topic of dating. Its popularity indicates a concern among dedicated Christians to seek God's choice for a lifetime partner and to know how to date properly according to God's standards written in his Holy Word.

God has given us promises and principles that are consistent with his love for us. The decision of letting God do the choosing is extremely important. It is in accordance with God's wonderful plan for a more abundant life as Christ died to give us, even as he says in John 10:10b. God loves you and gives you the very best for your life, if you will let him. He "is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of. . ." (Living Letters, the paraphrased epistles, Ephesians 3:20).

"God knows, he loves, he cares;
Nothing this can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to him."

—Author Unknown

GOD'S MORAL CODE

Many questions raised in youth group discussions are sometimes answered unsatisfactorily. The perfect, written source of satisfaction is your Bible. God's moral code is infallible, consistent and unchanging. Let us discuss some typical questions in the light of God's Word.

"Is dating important?" Yes, eventually dating may lead to real love

through the process of knowing God's will and understanding the interests, attitudes, values, beliefs and qualities of those whom you date.

"When am I ready to date?" is another typical discussion question. A young person doesn't just look into a mirror and say, "Well, Kid, you're old enough to date now, get going!" No, many things work together to make an individual ready, such as family influences, social and physical development. Most young people begin dating in their middle teens; any earlier may lead to disappointments.

"I'm ready to date, but have no dates" may be your comment. If so, take a look at your personality as others know you. A pleasant personality goes a long way. Do you possess the Christian quality of honestly liking and being interested in all people of all ages? A popular tip from Dale Carnegie is "Be a good listener!" And keep well-informed by reading your Bible, books and magazine articles which enable you to make intelligent contributions in order to keep a conversation going. Make yourself available and desirable.

"Is my appearance attractive and pleasing to God?" A consecrated Christian will be neat and sensible about his dress, not conforming to the world. Be careful to use that soap, comb, toothbrush and deodorant of yours! God is pleased when we honor him with our appearance. (Girls, be careful! "Be thou an example of the believers" even in the way that you dress!)

"What about asking for a date?"

Boys, listen carefully. Try to avoid the approach—"What are you doing Saturday evening?" A date is an invitation, not a "quiz program." First, tell her "where" and "when," and then, ask her if she will go along with you. Be pleasant if she refuses; it may be impossible for her to explain her refusal.

Now girls, your part is to graciously accept or refuse the invitation with a "thank you." Remember, the invitation is also a compliment. Boys prefer a prompt answer without reluctance or hesitation. Be honest, keep everything "on the level." His next invitation may be the one that you'll be able to accept.

QUESTIONS ON DATING

"Should I date only Christians?" Your dating may some day lead to marriage, if it is in God's plan for you to marry. A wise and obedient young person will date only those who believe in Christ in a personal way. God's command concerning this matter is found in II Corinthians 6:14. Being "religious" is not enough. In order to have complete oneness, each partner must be equally sold out to the Lord. Nothing else will do.

"Where can a Christian go to have fun and what can he do?" Look around! If you run out of things to do, when there are so many school and church activities especially planned for you, use your integrity and imagination to think up something different. No one has as many interesting things to do as a Christian has to do!

"What time is too late to come in

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The life of college students today is filled with many distractions and allurements, but as long as we keep our eyes centered on Christ, we have nothing to worry about. (Luoma Photo).

AS UNIVERSITY and college students of today, I believe that we must take very seriously the sharp and pointed command of Jesus, "Follow Me." It is only as we accept this challenge that we become truly dedicated disciples of Christ.

Many young people today are defeated spiritually because their motive for following Jesus is wrong. I believe that Christ came to rule men and women through their hearts rather than by force. We can read different accounts in God's Holy Word where many followed him while miracles were being performed but fled at Calvary.

THE GREATEST INVESTMENT

So it is today on many of our college and university campuses that we find a great number of miracle followers, but the crowd that follows him to Calvary is comparatively small. I believe as young people we will either follow him out of gratitude and place our all at his feet, or, like Peter, we will follow him for what we can get out of it.

As a college student, the greatest investment I can take part in is giving my all to Jesus Christ. If I am going to be a disciple of his, I must give him everything that he deserves, and continually consecrate and dedicate my life to Christ.

Why is it that so many university and college young people dedicate their lives to God, but so few actually reach their destination in fulfilling God's will for their lives?

A tightrope walker was asked if he were frightened as he walked across

the wire, realizing how far it was should he drop to the bottom.

"No," he answered, "I never think of what is below. I keep my eye on the other end."

YOUR EYES ON THE GOAL

One night Peter saw Jesus walking on the sea and asked the Lord to command him to walk on the water also. The Lord invited him to do so, and Peter stepped out on the water. Then, all at once, he began to sink. Why? Was God's power too weak to keep Peter walking on the sea? No! Peter simply got his eyes off the Savior and looked on the waves.

The most important step toward keeping ourselves dedicated to Christ, as university and college students, is to keep our eyes on the goal—the Lord Jesus Christ. The life of a college student today is filled with many distractions and allurements, but as long as we keep our eyes centered on Christ, we have nothing to worry about.

As Christian college students of this day, I believe we have a great responsibility of proclaiming the Name of Jesus Christ. Many young people think that Christianity is a set of super-pious rules and regulations, but I believe that Christianity is an abundant life of stability, power and purpose, with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

YOUTH WEEK THEME:
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Campus Discipleship

As a Christian college student, I believe that Christianity is an abundant life of stability, power and purpose, with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

By Arlyn Thielenhaus of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas and Student Pastor at Hoisington, Kansas.

How thankful I am today that some fifteen years ago I decided to take God at his Word. Although at times there was a certain amount of doubt and confusion in my mind, yet I have committed my life without reservation to Jesus Christ. I have put my complete trust in his statement: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

HAND IN HAND WITH CHRIST

As I walk from class to class across the beautiful campus here at Sterling College in Kansas, and as I stand in the pulpit every Sunday morning at the Calvary Baptist Church in Hoisington, Kansas, I realize that many people are looking at my life and how I live. I only pray that I might walk hand in hand with Christ as he meets my every need. And as a college student these needs might be many, but it matters not what they are: wisdom, encouragement, guidance, strength, he is always ready to help.

As a Christian college student in a changing world, I can truly say that Christ has given my life a deeper meaning and significance—the abundant life that he promised. I have lasting joy that comes from a daily walk with the Savior. I pray that I might always strive to live for Christ, following God's perfect and eternal plan, operating under the power of the Holy Spirit.

I would challenge all Christian university and college students today—LIVE for Jesus Christ! He wants YOUR life to count for him.

Getting Along With Your Parents

A young person's success in life depends a great deal upon how well he gets along with his mother and father. You can have the happiest moments of your life AT HOME if you heed these lessons.

By Miss Karen Brachlow of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a Member of the Faith Baptist Church.

IN MANY C.B.Y.F. buzz-sessions teen-agers want to know the answers in getting along with parents. Clyde Narramore's book, "Young Only Once," gives many helpful suggestions to this problem.

Getting along with parents requires skill and it is a necessary skill. It is important because a young person's success in life depends a great deal upon how well he gets along with his mother and father. Studies show that young people who have the best relationships with their parents make the best citizens, the best husbands and wives, and the best business and professional people.

FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS

Getting along with parents is one form of getting along with people in general. If you learn how to get along with your family, you'll have little trouble getting along with anyone else. God will give you wisdom in getting along with them, providing you ask for it. We must first remember God's commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother, . . . that thy days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Deut. 5:16).

Top level executives talk things over. The higher their positions the more time they spend in discussion. Discussion is the best way to solve problems and to make good decisions. Try it—it also works at home.

Words are good conditioners; they get people ready. Words can relieve tensions and apprehensions. For that reason they have gripe sessions in the army. It gives everyone a chance to unload and get things out in the open. Be sure your discussions are kept calm and friendly. Getting excited when you are trying to talk things over is a good way to lose your point. As a Christian you must guard against bottled up differences that harm your spiritual life.

Avoid arguments with your parents. When a clash comes up, sidestep it with a pleasant answer. The Bible says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." It is also your responsibility to make the situation more peaceful. For Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

SEEK ADVICE

Parents are flattered when you ask them for advice. It makes them feel that you have confidence in them, that you really believe in them. When you ask the advice of your parents, you impress them with how intelligent you are—smart enough to go to the right source for advice.



"The strongest cord of love between parents and children is a spiritual one. It's the basis of real fellowship." (Eastern Photo Service).

There are times when mother and dad are worried, tired or emotionally upset. This is nothing unusual. It happens to everyone once in a while. Take "Mom," for instance. Life is an endless merry-go-round of meals, dishes, clothes and a hundred other things. "Mom" is a person and not a machine. There are times when she does not feel well. Alert yourself to your parents' moods and try to help make such times a little brighter for them.

Every dad likes to feel that he is the head of the house. Both God and society hold him responsible for the way things go in the family. He pays the bills. He buys the groceries and clothes and he is the general fix-it man. But how much thanks does he get for it? Dad would appreciate a little praise now and then.

HOME COMPANIONSHIP

Parents realize the importance of companionship. They can see things which their children can't; strong and weak points both. It's important for

your parents to have a chance to get acquainted with your friends. These associations give them confidence—both in you and in your friends. Of equal importance is the fact that you should try to tell your parents about your plans beforehand. Parents do not like sudden surprises, and they feel more a part of your program if they know something about it.

Many times something comes up and you can't be home at the time you said you would. So instead of having your family worry about you, a quick telephone call will solve the problem. Public telephones are easily available today and they only cost a dime.

Kahlil Gibran said, "Work is love made visible." Work is a means of self-expression, as well as a contribution to our society. The family is the basic working unit, with mother, father and children building together toward common as well as separate ends.

Parents are really impressed with the fact that their sons and daughters are no longer children when they begin to buy their own socks, hose or sweaters. When you share with your own money, you have a greater appreciation for what you have, and your parents have a greater appreciation for you.

FAMILY FUN

A sociologist said, "Pleasuring together is one of the most effective methods of socialization known." Family fun is one way to bring the generations together. Spending more time with "Mom" and Dad is not a sign of immaturity, but a sign of maturity. You'll enjoy getting to know them better and you'll find they have personalities, too.

The strongest cord of love between parents and children is a spiritual one. It's the basis of real fellowship. If your parents are saved, you should praise God. If they are not, God has given you a great mission right at home.

Prayer is your greatest source of strength. Teenagers have a definite responsibility to pray for their family. Don't fail to pray regularly for them. It will mean a lot in maintaining good relationships. Try it and find how God blesses you—and them.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family." These words were spoken by a man who had achieved world fame, a man who had received the highest honors the world could give. Your home can mean just as much to you if it is crowned with God's blessings. Remember, though, it is your responsibility to do your part!

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Crusade for Christ Campaigns

Story of the ministry of GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAMS No. 1 and II by the official reporters.

TEAM I IN CALGARY, MONTANA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

By Sandra Scheffler, Reporter

God works in wondrous and mysterious ways! One of our own team members has felt the Lord calling him into the ministry for quite some time. But ever since he joined God's Volunteers, he has felt this call more strongly. At our last campaign before Christmas in Isabel, S. Dak., Bob Wilcke made known his decision to accept God's call into the ministry. We can only thank God for this and for the influence it has had on our own lives.

Our last campaigns of the year ranged all the way from the booming metropolis of Calgary, Alberta to the smaller-type village of Plevna, Montana.

CALGARY AND MISSOULA

It was a real joy to work with Rev. Rubin Herrmann at the Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary. We were able to get in on their Halloween party and in this way have fellowship with the people. Besides the two children's rallies, we did a great deal of canvassing and prospect calling with members of the church joining us in the evenings.

Leaving Canada, we crossed the border into the U. S. to Missoula, Montana. There at the Bethel Baptist Church, we were thrilled to see as many as 91 at our children's rallies with several accepting Christ as their Savior. Rev. Herbert Vetter was also able to open many doors of service for us on radio and television. We especially enjoyed witnessing to the young people at the fellowships, parties, and high school Bible Clubs.

PLEVNA, MONTANA

We left Missoula in the snow and came to Plevna, Montana to find more snow. We spent Thanksgiving Day in a snow blizzard which was a new experience for one of our team members from Oregon. Due to the bad weather, we couldn't do hardly any visitation, but we were able to do a great deal of radio broadcasting.

This was probably our greatest outreach besides the meetings. Rev. Edward Kopf, the pastor, took us to the hospital in Baker, a nearby town, to sing for one of his sick members. As it turned out, we were asked to sing for all the patients, the doctors and nurses.

ISABEL, S. DAK.

Our last campaign for 1964 was at Isabel, S. Dak., at the Isabel Baptist Church where Rev. Loren A. Weber is pastor. The people welcomed us with a delicious pot-luck dinner on Sunday at the church! Here we also had two chil-

dren's rallies, a high school assembly, and did prospect calling. As I mentioned before, it was here that Bob Wilcke accepted his call into the Christian ministry.

Before separating to go home for Christmas vacation, both teams joined together at Bismarck, N. Dak., for a big Youth Rally. And all too soon we had to say our good-bys!

Pray for us that God might continue to work mightily as we have already evidenced this year. God's Volunteers Team I wishes you all a very blessed New Year!

TEAM II IN SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA

By Anita Schlehner, Reporter

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS Team II has been in Canada for some time proclaiming Christ and presenting a challenge to many people. Our first campaign in Saskatchewan was held in Saskatoon. We were at the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church where Rev. Edward Hohn is the pastor. Our Church Extension project in Saskatoon is coming along at a rapid pace. The church is in a new area of the city, and so many homes were contacted for the first time for the cause of Christ. We gave our invitations to the Crusade as well as to the church services. In this way, many prospects were found for the church.

Other opportunities for service in Saskatoon were a television appearance, a children's rally and a program in a teachers' college and in a high school. It was a real joy to meet the young people of this church. Most of the young people were our age. At our Crusade, university youth rededicated their lives to Christ. We hope that you will remember these young people in your prayers as well as the church.

MANITOBA

Because of the accident, (see Dec. 3, 1964 issue, page 15), our team left "Schmigt" in Saskatoon. One of the church members and the pastor transported us to our next campaign, which was in Minitonas, Manitoba, where Rev. Herman Pohl is the pastor. During these two weeks we had many opportunities for service to witness for Christ besides our Crusade for Christ campaigns. We sang in the high school, the Senior Citizens' Home and the Valley Hospital.

We also had two large boys' and girls' rallies. We praise God for the many first time decisions that were made by these young people. We are also thankful for the rededications which were made.

Our first week in Yorkton was spent

in prospect and canvass calling. In the second week, Rev. Walter Hoffman joined us for the campaigns. From Minneapolis he brought our new car called "Schome." (Schome gas, schome oil, schome room and etc.) The team was really happy to see our new station wagon, a 1965 maroon Dodge.

In Yorkton we were kept busy again with programs in high schools, youth rallies, television appearances, and once again the boys' and girls' rallies. Again there were many first time decisions and rededications made by the young people. In the Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Walter Kerber, there were many blessings, and we are thankful for that church and the pastor in their efforts of helping to win souls for Christ.

WHITESHELL CHURCH, MAN.

From Yorkton the team went to the Whiteshell Baptist Church in River Hills, Manitoba, where Rev. Bruno Voss is the pastor. This was our last campaign before our Christmas vacation. We, as a team, have really been blessed during the first half of our tour. We can see many prayers being answered each day, and your prayer support is appreciated and will be blessed. We hope that you will pray for the people who made their decisions for Christ in our campaigns.

MISSION NEWS

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to provide funds to launch out into new fields as the Macedonian calls sound with their urgent pleas. We need to take our place in "the front lines" of service for Christ in this Church Extension ministry.

MAKING LIFE'S DECISIONS

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these experiences of yours and lead you to another vocation.

If you want to know all the details for the next fifty, sixty, or even seventy years of your life, you will be disappointed. God does not work that way. He works like a potter shaping clay in his hands. It is a minute by minute or step by step process. The basic thing you must be aware of is that you are being led by God. You may not know how God is leading, but you can know he is leading.

This is where you must have complete trust in him and to believe his promise, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32: 8). Remember, God can work in all the areas that have been suggested, but he must be considered when you make your decisions.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

THE BAMBOO CROSS by Homer E. Dowdy. Harper and Row—1964—239 pages—\$3.95.

Viet Nam has been the source of newspaper headlines for a number of years. It is associated with the sharp-tongued "Dragon Lady," the frequent change of political and military leadership, accusations of persecution by Catholics against Buddhists and Buddhists against Catholics, Buddhists committing suicide publicly by burning, and, of course, the high cost of American money and lives in trying to contain Communism. A number of years ago the sacrificial work of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley came to the attention of the world before he died of cancer at an early age.

But **THE BAMBOO CROSS** is a dramatic record of the power and glory of the Christian witness which is continuing in the jungles of Viet Nam, and which never appears in newspaper headlines. It is not so much a record of the work of the Christian missionaries, but of the results of their missionary efforts in the lives of a half dozen Vietnamese converts.

From the first page to the last it is primarily the story of Sau, an unusually courageous and gifted evangelist, teacher and leader, who traveled from village to village in order to bring the Gospel, "the Spirit of the Skies," to his fearful and superstitious people. Danger and death threatened him from all sides—the mysterious jungle men, Communists, village sorcerers and former friends. When the savage war with the Viet Cong called for many villages to move, Sau and his brother Kar helped them to safety at great danger to their own lives.

Because of his wife and children, he had a strong urge to settle down, but there was so much work to do. The bamboo cross was calling and there were many villages which had not yet heard of the "Spirit of the Skies."

The author, Homer E. Dowdy, shared the dangers with these people while collecting material for the book. His missionary contacts were primarily with those of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, who for more than fifty years built a growing Evangelical Church and developed strong indigenous leadership.

DAILY GUIDANCE. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—\$2.00.

This pocket size, hard cover devotional guide is unique in that it is

based almost entirely on special selected Bible readings appropriately chosen for each day in the year. The only addition is the inclusion of a short poem of not more than eight lines at the bottom of the page.

Since no author is mentioned, it must be taken for granted that the compilation was made by the Zondervan editorial staff.

THE TWILIGHT OF EVOLUTION by Henry M. Morris. Baker Book House 1964—103 pages—\$2.95.

The main purpose of the book seems to be a refutation of Huxley's constant refrain that "all intelligent persons agree that evolution is a fact." His "proof" is revealed by the many recognized men of science who are teaching in both Christian and state-supported universities and who describe themselves as non-evolutionists. In his case against evolution he brings forth evidence that there is no evolution occurring in the present and none in the past. Because of increasing signs of discontent and skepticism, he anticipates a resurgence in the belief of Biblical creation.

Mr. Morris is a well-known scientist who is presently with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

CANCER BY THE CARTON by S. I. McMillen, M.D. Fleming H. Revell Co.—1964—64 pages—60c (paper).

This small volume is an adaptation and amplification of a chapter from the author's book, *None of These Diseases*. A comparative chart on the back reveals an alarming death-rate of smokers with that of non-smokers.

WHY NOT JUST BE CHRISTIANS? by Vance Havner. Fleming H. Revell 1964—128 pages—\$2.50.

The title is taken from the topic of the first sermon. Dr. Havner's pungent style is familiar to those who have heard him in Bible conferences and evangelistic services. The sermons are

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short but packed with good, pointed thoughts and illustrations.

ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS by F. F. Bruce. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—254 pages—\$3.95.

Mr. Bruce is a distinguished author and a religious historian. Presently he is serving as Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, England. Some of the outstanding religious journals and commentaries are also edited by him.

From the Exodus to the war with Rome and the destruction of the second temple, the author takes the reader on an exciting and well-documented history of Israel and the nations surrounding her. One wonders, however, why he went over Israel's early beginnings so hastily. The birth of this religiously important nation deserves a little more detail.

Thorough research is evident on every page, although footnotes are sparingly used. Historical information is incorporated in the main stream of the story, making it a readable volume for ministers, Bible students and ordinary laymen. Those who are not acquainted with the Apocryphal or non-canonical books of the inter-Testamental period will find the Hasmonaean or Maccabean chapters fascinating reading. These chapters alone are worth the price of the book.

MISSIONARY PRINCIPLES by Roland Allen. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.—1964—168 pages—\$1.45 (paper).

A TREASURE TO SHARE by Elizabeth Anne Hemphill. Judson Press—1964—160 pages—\$2.50 (paper).

Mr. Allen has arranged the contents in such a way that it makes a wonderful and meaningful outline. Based on the impulse, the hope, the means and the reaction, he takes the thoughtful reader through a stormy conscience which soon becomes awakened to the importance of obedience to the command of Christ. His principles are not applicable to foreign missions and home missions only, but to any God-appointed work anywhere.

In **A TREASURE TO SHARE** you will be taken on an exciting journey with a pioneer missionary. Thomasine Allen or "Tommy," as she is more affectionately known, was one of five thousand members of the Student Volunteers. This great missionary movement, which was given its greatest impetus by such outstanding men as John R. Mott, Robert Speer and Sherwood Eddy, had as its motto, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation."

How a fatherless girl in Franklin, Indiana began her obedience to God's command and finally landed in northern rural Japan, where she was instrumental in establishing a Christian witness in the educational, medical and economical life of the Japanese, is a thrilling story.

• **The Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa** has extended a call to Rev. August Post of George, Iowa to which he gave a favorable response. He began his ministry in the Sheffield Church on Sunday, Dec. 13, succeeding Rev. Ralph E. Cook. Mr. Post was formerly the minister of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of George, Iowa.

• **The Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash.,** has called Dr. W. J. Appel to serve as interim pastor for an extended period. He began this ministry, in which he has excelled in several pastorless churches in recent years, in December. Dr. and Mrs. Appel are residing in the parsonage of the church. Rev. Kenneth Howe, former pastor is now in Waco, Texas serving as the minister of the Central Baptist Church.

• **Evangelistic services were held at the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak.,** from Nov. 8 to 20, conducted by the well known radio evangelist, Rev. N. E. McCoy of Jamestown, N. Dak. Special music was provided nightly by neighboring NAB churches and the McCoys. Attendance was very good and the services proved to be a time of blessing and fellowship for all. Rev. W. G. Gerthe is the pastor.

• **It has been announced that Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, Cameroon missionary** now home on furlough in Watertown, Wis., entered the Lakeview Sanatorium, 1202 Northport Drive, Madison, Wis., early in December for treatment of tuberculosis. It is expected that her stay at the Sanatorium will be for an eight weeks period at least. Her many friends in our churches are requested to remember her in their prayers that she may soon be restored to full health.

• **With the custodian's resignation of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn.,** the College and Business Young People's group found an unusual opportunity to support the Minnesota CBY Mission Project. The church trustees have arranged to pay the group the regular allotted salary during this interim period. The Senior High Group is also supporting the State Mission Project through scrap paper and scrap iron drives. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

• **The NAB headquarters staff at Forest Park, Ill.,** joined Miss Gretchen Remmler in the celebration of her 77th birthday on Monday afternoon, Dec. 7th. For 35 years she served as office secretary for Dr. William Kuhn and Dr. R. Schilke and was in charge of the denominational relief ministry for the suffering people of Europe following World War II. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. R. Schilke and Dr. M. L. Leuschner took part in the informal birthday celebration. Miss Remmler had baked delicious Christmas "Stollen" for the occasion.

• **A Youth Choir composed of young people from the Junior High and Senior Youth Departments** has been organized at the Oak Street Baptist Sunday school, Burlington, Iowa. They sang for the first time at the church service on Sunday evening, Nov. 22. The choir is directed by Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, director of Christian education, and the pianist is Mrs. Howard Johnson, the pastor's wife. The choir also sang for

serve as the Church Extension project pastor in Vancouver, Washington, which the Trinity Church is sponsoring. There are promising possibilities for an NAB church in Vancouver, Wash., just across the Columbia River from Portland, Ore., as envisioned both by the Trinity Church, of which Dr. John Wobig is the pastor, and by the denominational Church Extension Committee. Rev. Alvin Harsch, who has accepted

what's happening



the Iowa Youth Retreat held in Burlington over the Thanksgiving week end and during the Christmas season.

• **The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois** dedicated its new Youth Department Sunday School Rooms on Sunday morning, Nov. 22, with Rev. Charles Hartman of the Illinois Baptist State Convention as the dedication speaker. Mr. Paul Sims, Sunday school superintendent, was in charge. Open House for the newly decorated parsonage was held that same afternoon. A Union Thanksgiving Service for all the Protestant churches of Trenton was held in the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, with Rev. C. Hess of the Methodist Church bringing the message.

• **The new Church Extension project in Enid, Okla.,** with Rev. Wesley A. Gerber as pastor, is holding its Sunday morning services in the Hoover Grade School, 2800 West Broadway, Enid, Okla. The property of another church just in front of the school has been purchased for \$56,000 (about \$40,000 below its appraised value) and our new church will take full possession of the building on March 21, 1965. This building, covering an area of 5,700 square feet, has a seating capacity of over 200 and an education unit with 12 classrooms. It is fully air conditioned and has a paved parking lot for 45 cars. The new church will be organized in January 1965.

• **The Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore.,** has extended a call to Rev. Alvin Harsch of Emery, S. Dak., to

the call and will begin his ministry in the Pacific Northwest on March 1st, has been the pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., since 1960.

• **The Fort George Baptist Church, South Fort George, B. C.,** received almost a full page of publicity in local newspapers for its projected new building to be constructed for \$40,000 (valued at \$60,000) in the Seymour Subdivision of Prince George, B. C. "The Citizen" in its issue of Dec. 2nd showed the architect's plans in a large spread across the page and reported the church's plans for the building at great length (see a brief report from the church elsewhere in this issue). A striking feature of the new church will be its tower of open beam design and topped with a huge cross. Rev. Bert Milner, pastor stated: "This will be a unique feature among Prince George's churches."

• **Rev. and Mrs. August Kraemer of Edmonton, Alta.,** were recently honored on their 25th wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Prof. and Mrs. A. Rapske of Edmonton, Alta. A number of friends were invited to share in an informal Open House fellowship. Since Mr. Kraemer had served as pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton from 1926 to 1940, many of those who came were friends of former years. Rev. August Kraemer is now 81 years of age and actively concerned for the spiritual well-being of the churches in our day. Mrs. Kraemer was married to Mr. Kraemer in 1939. At the time she was widowed and had two children from her first marriage with Rev. Henry Rumpel. The children of the family shared in making the occasion one to be cherished in future days.

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

INTRODUCTION

All of us learned to love Mrs. H. J. Schulz when she served with great dedication as our German Program Packet Editor last triennium. She is now serving as the German Woman's Editor for our publications. I was so deeply impressed with her devotional entitled, "Lord, I Have Time," which she gave during our executive meetings that I asked her to share some of these ideas with you readers.

I shall relate to you just as she wrote about her early life and her full and active life in the church now.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Mrs. H. J. Schulz

I was born and grew up in Berlin, Germany. At the age of 14 I received Jesus into my heart, was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of a Baptist Church in Berlin-Charlottenburg. In 1942 I was married to Hans-Joachim Schulz who is now an architect. We have four children: 2 daughters and 2 sons. We are happy that all our children have made their decisions for the Lord. Personally, I attribute my desire to serve the Lord wherever he wants me to a great extent to my mother's dedication. I have had ample opportunity of service with children, young people, and also adults. Right now I am assistant Sunday school teacher in our Ladies' Class and president of our Women's Missionary Society. Since 1951, when we arrived in Canada, the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been our spiritual home, and we are grateful for it.

LORD, I HAVE TIME!

By Mrs. H. J. Schulz of Winnipeg, Manitoba

"LORD, I HAVE TIME!" This unusual statement in the prayer of a young Frenchman of our day started me contemplating on the subject of "Time." Searching the Scriptures on this was a thrilling experience and yielded a wealth of material enough for more than one sermon.

In the first chapter of the Bible God installs time by making the light and setting the sun in the sky, and in the last chapter he is going to abolish time which he himself shall give light for all eternity instead of the sun. The frequent use of such terms as "in his

From the Professor's Desk

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

Please explain further the idea of "secular theology" about which you wrote in an earlier article.

It was pointed up in a previous article that the terms "secular," "secularism," and "secularization" have taken on positive and constructive meanings for some contemporary religious thinkers, instead of the previously considered negative or unfortunate meanings. There are now many leaders who are ardently championing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "secular theology for a world come of age."

Typical of this thinking is an article by William O. Fennell, "The Theology of True Secularity," in *Theology Today*, July 1964. He develops the idea that in Jesus Christ the radical separation between the church and the world has not simply been transcended but broken down. If the world has been reconciled to God, Dr. Fennell says, then there are no longer two realms, a godly and an ungodly, standing in irreconcilable enmity toward one another. There is now only one realm, the created, creaturely, fallen, yet reconciled and renewed realm over which Jesus Christ reigns as Savior and Lord.

FENNEL'S THESES

In explicating his theme, Fennell states three theses. First, in creating the world God called into being, not a religious, but a secular sphere, so-called because he willed for it a certain autonomy to be creaturely as a good in itself. Second, in creating man, God called into being a creature gifted with independent freedom and assigned him to use that freedom to build a human, secular world within the world of God's creation. Third, in Jesus Christ God has rescued the world from man's "religiousness," restored it to its original "secularity," and in him has given back to man the freedom which he lost when he sought to make his culture a religious and therefore idolatrous thing.

Affirmed is the idea that the church should not be calling men to a "religious" understanding of and attitude toward nature and human culture, but to a better, truer "secularity." Under-

time" "in the fulness of time" indicate that God uses time to carry out his plan of salvation with mankind.

Jesus himself was very conscious of his Father's time, even to the hour. He tarried when the hour had not yet come. Remember his first miracle at the wedding in Cana, and the two days he abode in one place at the time of Lazarus' death? But he lost no time and went fearlessly when his time was due: "The hour is come . . . Rise up, let

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lying this kind of thinking is inevitably the kind of universalism espoused by Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "There is no part of the world, be it never so forlorn and never so godless, which is not accepted by God and reconciled with God in Jesus Christ . . . the world has been justified by grace" (*The Cost of Discipleship*, p. 38). Elsewhere the martyred German theologian avers, "Whoever sets eyes on the body of Jesus Christ in faith can never again speak of the world as though it were lost; he can never again with clerical arrogance set himself apart from the world. The world belongs to Christ."

In his *Ethics* Bonhoeffer claims that "the whole reality of the world is already drawn into Christ and bound together in him, and the movement of history consists solely in divergence and convergence in relation to this center" (p. 64).

Too often the assertion is made by the "secular theologians" that God is dynamically at work in the world for its redemption *without* and *apart from* the church, and that the church could well listen to and observe the world to hear what it is saying and doing about the salvation of mankind. For example, a Y.W.C.A. executive, deploring the failure of the Christian Church before an international Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. conference in Beirut, Lebanon, said, "God is working for justice in his Christ-redeemed world and this will come about with or without the aid of Christians."

PAUL TILlich'S APPROACH

Paul Tillich supports this kind of approach in his "principle of the consecration of the secular" and the "emancipation of the secular," in which he emphasizes the openness of the world to the impact of the Spirit without the mediation of a church. The Divine Life and the Spiritual Presence, Tillich repeatedly affirms throughout his *Systematic Theology*, is present and at work everywhere within creaturely life, in all religions, and in the secular power structures of the world. The secular is the necessary corrective of the holy, and it itself drives toward the holy: "The secular is driven toward union with the holy, a union which actually is a reunion because the holy and the secular belong to each other. For neither can the holy exist without the secular" (Vol. III, p. 248).

Commonly today, especially in liberal circles, it is urged that church people enlist in the support of and in active engagement with secular social action groups. They are the ones who are really "doing the job" in the world. Traditional evangelism and missionary action, even with up-dated methods and approaches, is totally irrelevant and ineffectual, it is claimed.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 24, 1965

Theme: CHRIST AROUSES OPPOSITION

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The best person who ever lived had the worst enemies the world has ever known.

INTRODUCTION: It will always be difficult to understand why the world is opposed to good men. Some people think that the only way to strengthen their faith is by destroying the faith of others. By knocking down someone else they are attempting to put themselves on a pedestal. Booker T. Washington, the great Negro educator, used to say, "You can't push a man into the gutter and keep him there unless you stay there yourself."

Jesus had enemies simply because they did not like the fact that he went about doing good. But anyone who is a friend of sin will come in conflict with the Savior. Selfishness, jealousy, the lust for power and authority were evident in the people who opposed Jesus. But worst of all was the fact that his enemies opposed him in the name of religion. To put the cloak of religion around unrighteousness is the height of hypocrisy. Jesus cannot help anyone who calls good evil and evil good. Their senses of right and wrong is so corrupted that it is almost impossible to correct it.

I. JESUS AS THE FRIEND OF SINNERS. Matthew 9:9, 10.

No one else would have thought that Matthew would be worthy of being chosen as a disciple of the Lord. It is surprising how ordinary the apostles originally seemed to be. Matthew was one of the most despised among the Jews. A Jew who became a tax collector was immediately an outcast.

Perhaps Matthew was a little modest in writing the gospel, for according to Luke 5:29 it was Matthew who made a great feast in his house and invited all his tax collecting friends. Maybe he wanted to introduce them to Jesus. If not, then this would be his farewell party to his former associates. He found the best friend in the world and he would never give him up.

II. JESUS AS THE ENEMY OF THE RIGHTEOUS. Matthew 9:11-13.

Some people want to be so good that they become good for nothing. They set up their own standard of goodness, and all those who do not meet their standards are classed as sinners. These people who criticized Jesus were far from

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being as good on the inside as they appeared to be on the outside. They made a show of religion but they did not have a religion of the heart and of the mind.

The scribes and Pharisees thought they were spiritually healthy and did not need the healing power of Christ, while the publicans and sinners admitted their sickness and realized their need of healing their sin-sick souls. The Pharisees wanted to find God, to please him and to worship him, but they thought they could do it without taking notice of the needs of men. They became blind to love, justice and mercy.

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF FOLLOWING JESUS. Matthew 10:17-25.

This was the first time the disciples would be on a preaching mission without him, and they needed a great deal of help and encouragement, plus a lot of warning.

Christ did not want to give them the impression that they would have a joyous vacation on this missionary journey. It was a "test run" for the disciples. If they could pass this difficult part of their training, then they would become stronger and better prepared for what lay in the future. So far they had theory; now they must put theory into practice.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why should Christians expect trouble when they witness to the truth found in Jesus Christ?
2. Is the church catering too much to the respectable people in the community?
3. Is our Christian life made too easy for us today

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 31, 1965

Theme: REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

Scripture: Matthew 11:20-30

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus Christ was never neutral and he cannot give us the privilege of being neutral.

INTRODUCTION: There is a two-fold truth in our theme today. Rejection and acceptance refer to man and his responsibility of making a choice. Judgment and invitation refer to God in his relationship to man. Our acceptance will be a result of his invitation, but his judgment will be a result of our rejection. The ever-present question for all of us is, "What will you do with Jesus?" No question in the history of the world can make such a difference in the life of humanity. No tragedy is

comparable to his rejection; no joy is comparable to his acceptance.

The background for our lesson is based on John's imprisonment. Because of his fiery character and impatient nature, he must have been concerned as to what was happening on the outside since his imprisonment. Perhaps he expected a more imminent appearance of the Kingdom of God. Or maybe he expected Jesus to take more drastic measures in bringing it about. He was troubled with doubts and therefore sent two of his disciples to Jesus with the question: "Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?" After giving them assurance, Jesus began his stern and solemn message to the cities.

I. JUDGMENT ON THE CITIES. Matthew 11:20-24.

The cities in which Jesus' mighty works were done were given a mountain of proof of his divinity, but they looked for mole hills over which they stumbled. Both John the Baptist and Jesus were criticized. They found fault with the preachers of repentance but found no fault in themselves. Other cities, even outside the borders of Israel, would have repented if they had had the opportunity. Capernaum was condemned most severely of all because the people there had the best opportunity for repentance.

II. THANKSGIVING FOR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL. Matthew 11:25-27.

This is a sad commentary on all the learned men — philosophers, rabbis, Pharisees, scribes—who were unable to comprehend Jesus. Those who thought they knew it all could not understand the first principles of Jesus' teaching. Nicodemus could not even understand the simple truth of the new birth. Yet the unschooled fishermen, the women in the street and the common people learned things from Jesus that the wise men were unable to fathom. Those without worldly knowledge advanced spiritually far beyond those who had every educational and intellectual privilege.

III. INVITATION TO THE NEEDY. Matthew 11:28-30.

This is the most gracious, the warmest and the most all-inclusive invitation that Jesus gave. It is another way of saying, "Whosoever will may come." Jesus does not hesitate to condemn and to threaten when necessary, but his ultimate and final will is that the invitation be always open and his hope is that condemnation will not be necessary. He began by pronouncing the

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At the Top of the Nation

Within sight of the snow-crowned Rocky Mountains, the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colorado dedicated its new sanctuary to the glory of God

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

SUNDAY, NOV. 29, was to be a memorable day in the history of our Sherwood Park Baptist Church in Greeley, Colorado. There was an atmosphere of expectation. Much preparation had been made by pastor and people. The chapel and educational unit of the new church were to be dedicated to the glory of God and the extension of his Kingdom.

We arrived in Greeley Sunday morning, Nov. 29, as the early winter sun began smiling over the eastern horizon and the snow-capped mountains glittered their response along the skyline in the west. The air was clear and zesty and the scenery spectacular. High up on a tower a thermometer indicated 42° above zero. It was thrilling to breathe at the top of the nation!

MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCE

"At the Top of the Nation" is a description properly belonging to Colorado because it is the highest of the 50 states and contains 75% of all the area in the United States except Alaska which is 10,000 feet or more above sea level. Colorado has 1,143 mountains and peaks which rise to an elevation of 10,000 feet. Of these, 831 mountain peaks tower between 11,000 and 14,000 feet, and 53 peaks are 14,000 feet high or more.

As we gathered at the new Sherwood Park Baptist Church on this dedication Sunday, we had come to a spiritual mountain-top. Guests and visitors from sister churches in Kansas and Nebraska had arrived for the occasion. Beautiful floral pieces donated by well-wishers adorned the worshipful chapel. Against the wall behind the pulpit a softly illuminated cross reminded the congregation that this is the House of the Lord.

The organ played "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" as superintendent Eugene Robb took charge of the Sunday school which now has an enrollment of nearly 100. A Sunday school choir directed by Mrs. Raymond Harsch, the minister's wife, sang two numbers. The chapel and educational unit combined provide facilities for 14 separate classes.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Raymond Harsch, the pastor, called the congregation to worship: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him, and bless his Name." In the absence of Dr. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Delmar Wesseler, the chairman of the Southwestern Conference Church Extension Committee, brought the challenging message on evangelism through Church Extension from the standpoint of a Christian layman. At the close of the service the

congregation met outside for the cornerstone laying.

DEDICATION FESTIVITIES

The actual dedication service took place in the afternoon. Members and friends of the new Sherwood Park Baptist Church joyfully joined in singing "The Church's One Foundation." The Honorable Mayor Gordon Rissler warmly extended greetings from the city of Greeley and Rev. R. Bunge, president of the local Ministerial Association, spoke words of congratula-

tion. Rev. Edwin Michelson and Mr. Delmar Wesseler extended greetings on behalf of sister churches of the Colorado-Nebraska Association and the Southwestern Conference. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Mary Carpenter the church choir sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus."

The dedication message was brought by the Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, Rev. D. Fuchs. Reverently and in worship, the congregation stood as Rev. Raymond Harsch led in the act of dedication. Both leader and congregation joined in the closing prayer: "With eagerness to seek and find thee in this place O God, to see the lost brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ, to experience the regenerating power of thy Spirit in our lives, to hear the call of the mission fields in our own lives and families, we solemnly dedicate this place of worship as well as ourselves this day. How excellent is thy Name, O Lord, in all the earth!"

5th Anniversary, Swain Oaks Church

Blessings of God on the ministry of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., during the past five years as reported by Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor.

ON NOV. 25, 1959, just five years ago, the Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif., was founded. Thirty-three members (including the children) gathered in the home of Pastor and Mrs. G. G. Rauser for the purpose of organizing a church. After much fervent prayer and waiting upon God for guidance, the group of believers organized as the Swain Oaks Baptist Church.

Since there was no local Church Extension Committee at that time, the group had to carry on all of the responsibilities of such an endeavor. They had to decide as to the size and nature of the building, the raising of the funds, etc. However, in this it was once again proven how much can be done by only

a few people who are united in the bond of love and who are dedicated to the cause of Christ.

Many hundreds of hours of donated labor were invested in the building of the church which was 45 by 122 feet in dimensions. On May 22, 1960 the first service was held in the nearly completed church. All beginnings are hard and almost always rather small. However, through the many personal gifts of friends and of sister churches of Lodi and, most of all, through the sacrificial giving and work of the charter members, the work got off to a good start. Before long our beautiful chapel was furnished with all new church furniture. A new Baldwin Electric Organ

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SWAIN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH, STOCKTON, CALIF.

The church sanctuary (left) and addition or educational unit (right) of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., at its fifth anniversary.

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

DETROIT WOMEN'S SOCIETIES. The Women's Missionary Societies of the 11 North American Baptist Churches of the Greater Detroit, Mich., Area held their Fall Luncheon on Nov. 6 at the Ridgemont Baptist Church. There were 212 members present. At the business meeting led by Mrs. Pat Crane, president, interesting reports with highlights and impressions of the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., were given by Mrs. Jack Scott of the Ebenezer Church and Mrs. Adolph Braun of the Redeemer Church. Scripture verses were given by the various societies in response to the roll call. The luncheon was followed by a program held in the main auditorium with Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, speaking on the text, "Come Over into Macedonia and Help Us." Group singing at both meetings was led by Mrs. Erna Rief. A solo was rendered by Kay Holderbaum of the Community Baptist Church with Mrs. Katherine Zietz of the Ridgemont Church at the organ. (Mrs. Erna Rief, Reporter).



Scripture Memory leaders and grand award winners at Goodrich, N. Dakota. Left to right: Mrs. Walter Schmidt, sponsor; Brenda Graff, Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor; and Roger Tessman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

GOODRICH, N. DAK. During a recent Sunday morning service, two young people of the Goodrich Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., were honored for having completed their nine years of Scripture Memory work. They are shown with their awards in the accompanying picture: Mrs. Walter Schmidt, the sponsor; Brenda Graff, Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor; and Roger Tessman. The picture of the head of

Christ was also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schneider in memory of their daughter, Georgianna, who went to be with the Lord a few months before completing the course. Our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, brought the message on "The Seed, the Word of God." A trumpet trio and a song by our pastor's wife and daughters were also rendered. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

MCDERMOT AVE., WINNIPEG, MAN. The McDermot Ave. Baptist Sunday School of Winnipeg, Manitoba is grateful that children are still willing to take time to memorize Scripture verses. This past year 91 children completed the course. Mrs. Meta Schmidt



Mr. Hans Rogalske (left), S. S. superintendent of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., presents the Grand Award prize to three Scripture memorizers.

is in charge of Scripture Memorization with 10 faithful helpers. The three Grand Award winners pictured on this page with Sunday school superintendent, Hans Rogalske, are as follows: Wilfred Schulz, Hannelore Herzog and Winfried Wachsmann. (Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter).

PAUL, IDAHO. This fall a Bible Club called, "The Good News Club," was organized at the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, with the help and co-operation of 4 fine teachers: Mrs. Elva Kaurin, Mrs. Lois Dawson, Mrs. Eloise Erickson, and Mrs. Lena Schafer. The children of ages 6-12 meet on Monday afternoon after school in the church fellowship hall for singing, Scripture memorization, and a story from the Word of God.

Nov. 1st was Promotion Sunday for many of our Sunday school scholars. Bibles were presented to those promoted from the Primary to the Junior classes by our Sunday school sup't., Sheldon Erickson. Scripture Memory



The sanctuary of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario decorated with fruits of the field and autumn branches for the Thanksgiving Service.

awards were also presented by Mrs. Lois Dawson. This was also Harvest-Mission Festival Sunday. We were thankful once again to the Lord for his bountiful harvest as we observed the display of fruits and vegetables on the platform and enjoyed the program by our Sunday School scholars. The choir also presented a number, "Praise Ye The Lord." (Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter)

SPECIAL EVENTS

KILLALOE, ONTARIO. On Sunday, Oct. 18, Rev. Paul Hunsicker, pastor of the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, was invited to serve as guest speaker at the new Evangelical United Brethren Church of Killaloe on their Anniversary Sunday. Special music was brought by the Holtz Brothers from the Pembroke E. U. B. Church and the Men's Joint Choir of Killaloe. Mr. Hunsicker's message was "The Church as the Chosen Witness." At the evening service the mixed choir of 45 voices from the 3 churches of Killaloe, directed by our pastor, rendered several numbers. (Mrs. Hazel Kranz, Reporter).

SASKATOON, SASK. The Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., celebrated its annual Thanksgiving Supper and Fellowship on Sunday, Oct. 11, with 80 people present. A beautiful display of the harvest's bounties in front of the pulpit reminded us of the blessings that the Lord has showered upon us. On Sunday, Oct. 18, our pastor, Rev. Edmond Hohn, had the privilege of receiving five new members by letter into our church. From Nov. 1 to 8 we had the blessed privilege to share in the ministry of God's Volunteers Team No. II and the director, Rev. Walter Hoffman. We all enjoyed their lively singing and the preaching of God's Word. The average attendance during the meetings was 112 and the number of homes contacted was 224. (Edward H. Klassen, Reporter).

TYNDALL, S. DAK. The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Tyndall, S. Dak., held a guest day program on Nov. 4 when 60 ladies from the local Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches attended. Mrs. Erwin Weber, program chairman, presented a musical program based on the stories of famous hymns. A large treble clef had been arranged on the platform and the letters of the music scale were placed in position as favorite hymns corresponded to the letter. Miss Joyce Batek, missionary from Japan and our special guest, sang "Nearer My God to Thee" in Japanese. A musical note was pinned on each guest as she arrived and at refreshment time each guest was seated at the table where the "musical instrument centerpiece" corresponded with the motif on her musical note. Mrs. Andrew Stemper, Mrs. Fred Bren, Mrs. George Lubbers and Mrs. David Zimmerman were the committee in charge of decorations and refreshments.

HILDA, ALTA. In October the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta., observed Thanksgiving Day with Rev. R. Rapske in charge. An offering of \$1,025.76 was received, some of which was designated for missions. Nov. 1st was set aside as Layman's Sunday. The Male Chorus served in song. Messrs. H. Strauss and J. Enslin served as speakers at the morning service. In the evening service there were musical numbers and a panel discussion by four men. On Nov. 15 the Woman's Missionary Society presented its annual program with our president, Mrs. M. Rapske, in charge. Missionary Tina Schmidt brought greetings. We viewed the White Cross slides with Mrs. Helen Boettcher as narrator, and a monologue, "The Other Light," was presented by Mrs. Loretta Strauss. Eight women presented the play, "Lost and Found" directed by Mrs. Tillie Anderst. (Mrs. Dorothy Schatz, Reporter).

RABBIT HILL CHURCH, ALTA. With the help of the Lord and the leadership of Dr. E. P. Wahl, interim pastor, we of the Rabbit Hill Church, South Edmonton, Alta., have rallied to our task and God has blessed our efforts since our pastor left us in May. In August a very successful Vacation Bible School was held. Oct. 11 was Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday in the Rabbit Hill Church. A special mission offering of \$460 was received. This was the highest special mission offering on record for our small group. From Nov. 15 to 22 a week of special meetings were held with Dr. E. P. Wahl as speaker which revived the entire church. Every night a special group of singers or musicians from Edmonton and vicinity inspired us greatly with their special selections. The young people presented a special Christmas service on Sunday night, Dec. 20, and the Sunday school brought its Christmas program on Dec. 23. (Mr. Wesley Kuhn, Reporter).

TWIN CITIES, MICH. A Union Thanksgiving Service was held on Nov. 25 by the four NAB churches of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., and the North Lincoln Baptist Church of the General Conference at the Napier Parkview Church. A 90 voice Mass Choir was directed by Mrs. Doyle Barkmeier of the Lakeshore Baptist Church. Pastors who took part in the service were: Rev. Paul Deal, Rev. Robert Weiss, Rev. B. A. Itterman, Rev. Henry D. Smith from the First German Baptist Church, and Rev. Kenneth Fenner from the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph. The 575 persons who attended were given the opportunity to share in the Mission Offering designated for the Osaka Biblical Seminary, and the response was \$361. Since the General Baptist Conference is co-operating with our Conference in this venture in Japan, it made it possible for all five churches to give full support and interest. (B. A. Itterman, Reporter).

GREELEY, COLO. Fourteen members representing the five churches of our Colorado-Nebraska Association met in the new, beautiful auditorium of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colorado on Nov. 30 to form a Recognition Council. The purpose of the council was to examine this congregation to see if they could be recognized as a Baptist Church of like faith and practice. The council was well satisfied with the reports of progress and plans for the future that the pastor, Rev. Raymond Harsch, gave. The council was pleased to see the evident enthusiasm for and willingness toward co-operation with our denominational family and activities.

The church then proceeded with the recognition service. Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Columbus, Neb., read the Scripture, Rev. Paul Zoschke of the Shell Creek Church brought a timely message and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of our denominational Church Extension program, led in the recognition prayer. Miss Janet Bohlender sang a solo. Following the service the guests and members had opportunity to become better acquainted and deepen the bonds of fellowship as the church hosted a time for refreshments called "Linger Longer." (Chester Strobel, Council Clerk)

KENOSHA, WIS. On Sunday, Nov. 22, Missionary Gilbert Gordon from Cameroon, Africa spoke in the morning service of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., as a part of our denominational Higher Education Conferences. His message was "Recruiting Christian Workers." At the evening service the Watertown and Racine churches united with us for the closing rally. We were greatly blessed in having with us as speakers, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, Missionary Gilbert Gordon and Mr. Walter Pankratz from the Foster Ave. Baptist Church in Chicago, representing our

Sioux Falls Seminary. Rev. Herbert Berndt from Racine and Rev. Paul Meister from Watertown were also with us and, with the latter in charge, the Rally was closed with a question and answer period in which the young people had an active part. An offering was received for the Higher Education ministry in our denomination.

SOUTHWESTERN PASTOR-DEACON CLINICS. The second annual series of Pastor-Deacon Clinics of the Southwestern Conference were held the second week in November. The Zion Church of Okeene hosted the Oklahoma Clinic, the Emmanuel Church of Marion was host to the Kansas Clinic, and the West Side Church at Beatrice was where the Nebraska Clinic was held. Rev. Everett Barker of Lorraine, Kansas conducted two separate classes for the pastors and deacons. Mr. Harvey Kruse, a deacon of the Strassburg Church at Marion led two workshops. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, spoke to the deacons and pastors in a combined session on the theme, "The Pastor and Deacon Prepare for Revival (Special Meetings)." Rev. Wesley Gerber, Enid Church Extension pastor, served as chairman and brought the opening devotional each day. In the three clinics a total of 82 pastors and deacons were together in study and fellowship. New committees were selected to conduct a similar clinic next year. (Wesley A. Gerber, Reporter).

FORT GEORGE, B. C. Fort George Baptist Church of South Fort George, B. C., is launching out on a big building program in the newly developing and fast-growing Seymour Subdivision of Prince George. The church has approved the sketch plans of the architect, Mr. Desmond Parker, and has given him the green light to proceed with the final drawings. The first phase will be an educational unit, planned as a temporary sanctuary at the same time, at an estimated retail value of \$60,000 and with a seating capacity of at least 160. According to church decision, building will commence in the spring of 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kallweit of our church are now on a tour of Africa and Europe. Mrs. Kallweit's sister and brother-in-law are missionary teachers in Kenya, due for furlough, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schmidt. The Kallweit's will be visiting with them in Kenya, and then returning on an extended tour with the missionary couple. They expect to be back in Prince George by July 1965.

Missionary Ernest Zimelman and Dr. B. Schalm of Edmonton, Alta., shared as guest speakers in our Prince George churches. They were also interviewed by Rev. Bert E. Milner on the local TV station during our program "Gospel Echoes." This program will now be reaching out to other towns as the station extends its coverage. (Bert E. Milner, Pastor).

evangelistic services & baptisms

CRESTON, NEB. On confession of their faith in Christ as Savior, Mrs. Terry Scheffler and Mrs. Lester Scheffler were recently baptized and were given the hand of fellowship at the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska. Rev. James Schacher is our pastor. The church parlors have been completely redecorated. (Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter).

OAK BANK, MAN. The Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba greets you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have just experienced a blessed week of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. B. Voss of the Whiteshell Baptist Church, Riverhills, Manitoba, as guest speaker. His messages were a real challenge to the Christians and at the same time thought provoking for the non-Christian. Our prayers and good wishes go out to each reader of this wonderful little magazine. (Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter).

OCHRE RIVER, MAN. A baptismal service was held by the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Manitoba on Sunday, Nov. 15. Our church had a combined service with the Dauphin Baptist Church where eight candidates of the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River were baptized by the Rev. A. Sootzmann. Rev. Tablot of the Dauphin Baptist Church spoke on the meaning of baptism. In closing, the Lord's Supper was observed and the new candidates were welcomed to the fellowship of the local church. (Alex Sootzman, Pastor).

TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N. Y. On Sunday evening, Nov. 22, Rev. J. Benke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., led nine young people into the baptismal waters, baptizing them on their confession of faith in Christ. On Sunday morning, Dec. 6th, they were given the hand of fellowship at the Communion Service. In his kindly manner Mr. Benke challenged them with the words of the Apostle Paul that now they are ambassadors for

Christ. These young people range from 8 years to 15 years of age, and we are committing them into God's care and trust they will grow in faith and in grace. (Mrs. Hulda Hartman, Reporter).

KENOSHA, WIS. The month of November was very eventful for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis. On Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, our pastor, Rev. M. W. Zeeb, was privileged to baptize 14 of our young people and extend the hand of fellowship to them at the evening service. From Nov. 4 to 9 he spoke at the Iowa and Minnesota Deacons' Clinic. Mr. Joe White supplied the pulpit in his absence. From Nov. 16 to 20 he conducted leadership meetings on the topic, "Stewardship," at North Freedom, Wis. On November 26 a City Union Thanksgiving service was held in our church. Pastor Elftman of the First Presbyterian Church brought the message, "Attitude of Gratitude," and our chapel choir assisted in song. The offering received at this meeting was given to the Protestant Youth Center of Kenosha. (Mrs. Dan Behr).

MINITONAS, MAN. From Nov. 11-18, the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., was filled to capacity with 400 people every night to hear the inspiring and heart touching testimonies in word, song and music of God's Volunteers Team No. II with Rev. W. Hoffman, director. In two afternoon rallies about 200 boys and girls were captivated and challenged to accept Jesus as Savior. Remembrance Day gave the unique opportunity to confront nearly 500 students through word and song with the Christ who gave his life for all nations. The spirit and the cooperation of team members and director with pastor and officers of the local church was excellent. The impact of this Crusade for Christ upon church and community has been far-reaching and deep. Eleven first time decisions and 12 open rededications were made. (Rev. H. A. Pohl, Pastor).



Rev. James Schacher (right), pastor of the Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., and two baptismal candidates.

BRENTVIEW, CALGARY, ALTA. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, pastor of the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., baptized four converts on confession of their faith in Christ. They were Mr. Ed Browne, Jim and Judy Browne and Mr. Helmut Look. A total of 9 new members were received into the church on Sunday, Nov. 8. God's Volunteers Team No. I and their director, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, were at the church from Oct. 27 to Nov. 8. The membership of our church has now risen to 100. The Conference on Higher Education was held at the Brentview Church from Nov. 27 to 29 with Rev. John Binder of Forest Park, Ill.; Mr. William Rentz, Cameron missionary; and Mr. Don Buyer of Carbon, Alta., participating in the program. (Mrs. Velma Martens, Reporter).

ELGIN, IOWA. Evangelistic services were held at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, Nov. 15-20, with Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wisconsin as guest speaker. His ministry in our church was a challenge and blessing to our congregation. The Sunday school in an attendance competition with Baptist churches in Sumner and West Union, Iowa was the winner in an 8-week crusade. "There Is Space for You" was the theme of the contest and rockets were used to show progress from Sunday to Sunday. The losers met in the Elgin church Sunday evening, Dec. 13, to entertain the winners with a program and refreshments. Our pastor, Rev. George Breitzkreuz, was the speaker at the Sunday morning service for the Iowa Youth Retreat held Thanksgiving week-end in Burlington. Mr. Mervin Kramer, seminary student at Sioux Falls, supplied our pulpit on that day. (Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter).

MEN'S PROGRAMS

PAUL, IDAHO. The laymen of the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho took over the services on Sunday, Nov. 8th, while our pastor attended the Oregon Association at Stafford, Oregon. Those taking part in the services were Dave Kraus, Harold Young, George Dean, Sheldon Erickson, Don Watson, and Don Coker. A men's quartet: John



Rev. J. Benke of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y., & 11 young people whom he recently baptized. They are (left to right): David Stoltman, Beverly Johnson, Barry Stoltman, James Zier, Stephen Ley, Mr. Benke (rear), Michael Tebor, James Beckett, Nancy Banach & George Hartman.

and Otto Riedlinger, Fred and Alvin Renz, presented a musical number. The Men's Chorus composed of all the men of our church sang "Since I Have Been Redeemed." Union Thanksgiving Services were held at the Paul Congregational Church on Wednesday, Nov.

25th. Special numbers were brought by the Methodist Church, Congregational Church and Baptist Church. Rev. Myrl Thiesies of the Baptist Church brought the Thanksgiving message, "The Attitude of Thanksgiving." (Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

KILLALOE, ONTARIO. We of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, are happy to report that Rev. Paul Hunsicker and his family began their ministry at our two churches, Calvary and First Churches, in Killaloe on Sept. 6. A reception welcoming the Hunsickers was held in the Calvary Church after the Sunday evening service in addition to a pantry shower for the pastor and his family. On Sunday, Oct. 11, Thanksgiving Sunday in Canada, we held special services. The church was beautifully decorated for the autumn season. The church choir rendered special numbers under the direction of our pastor. (Mrs. George Kranz, Reporter).

50th ANNIVERSARY, MR. and MRS. J. MITTLEIDER. Mr. and Mrs. John Middleider of Herreid, S. Dak., were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at the Herreid Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. A program was presented with their son Floyd as master of ceremonies; a duet by the daughters, Mrs. Elvin Ackerman and Mrs. Herbert Rudolph; a reading by another son Mervin; the reading of the couple's history by Mrs. Herbert Rudolph; a solo by a granddaughter, LaVonne Middleider; another reading by Mrs. Elvin Ackerman; and an accordion solo by a grandson Harlow Rudolph. Our pastor, Rev. Iver L. Walker, brought a brief message. Open house was held in the church parlors with approximately 150 guests present. All five children were present for the festive occasion. The couple also has 17 grandchildren and 2 great

grandchildren. (Mrs. Herbert Rudolph, Reporter).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

RIVERVIEW, WEST ST. PAUL, MINN. Members and friends of the Riverview Baptist Church of West St. Paul, Minn., realized many blessings and a great spiritual challenge at their



Mr. and Mrs. John Middleider of Herreid, S. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Stewardship and Missionary Conference, Nov. 15 to 22. Rev. David Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, brought inspiring messages at the opening Sunday services. A men's supper meeting was held on Monday and an all-church service



Missionary Conference at the Riverview Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

Left to right: Mervin Noah, Church Missionary; Rev. David Keiry, Mrs. Mildred Neuman, David and Cathy Harrison, and Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor.

Tuesday evening. Mr. Draewell was the speaker at both of these services and challenged us to deepen our personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Christian Stewards.

The remainder of the week was devoted to missionary endeavor and progress. We were privileged to have with us for the conference two missionaries supported by our church, namely, Rev. David Keiry of the Spanish American field and Mrs. R. Neuman of the Indian field in Alberta, Canada, also Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison, former members of our church. Dave and Cathy, as known to us, are working among the Cree Indians on the Montana Reservation in Alberta, Canada. Dave, dressed in his Indian Chief's uniform, visited several schools in West St. Paul.

One of the highlights was the Ladies' Missionary Tea on Thursday afternoon. "Building Christ's Church among the Indians" was the topic of Mrs. Neuman's information and challenging message. The young people's groups sponsored informal gatherings in homes on Saturday.

The closing Sunday was a great climax of the conference. Each missionary participated in the program. Colored slides of the Indian work were presented at the evening service. Rev. David Keiry brought the closing message. Several special missionary offerings were received during the week. (Mrs. Frank Kloss, Reporter)

BETHLEHEM, PENN. Recently the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Penn., purchased a new parsonage. The house, a split level, is of brick and frame construction and is about seven years old. It is located in the East Hills section of Bethlehem at 3185 Shakespeare Road on an 88 by 120 foot lot. It has a living room, dining room, kitchen, recreation room, 3 bedrooms, 1½ ceramic tiled baths and a one-car garage. On Nov. 1st, Pastor and Mrs. Frank Kolk invited the church to an open house. Mrs. Edward Wamser and Mrs. Emrys Lewis acted as guides in showing the members through the house. Mrs. Kolk has the home styled

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The new parsonage of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., located in the East Hills section. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Kolk and family are the first occupants.

Obituary

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

MR. LOUIS RABENHORST of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mr. Louis Rabenhorst, age 55, of Watertown, Wis., was born in the town of Emmet, Wisconsin on Dec. 10, 1908. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rabenhorst Sr. Surviving him are two aunts, Mrs. Irwin Rabenhorst of Watertown and Mrs. Nordean Groth. Mr. Rabenhorst was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. Louis Rabenhorst was a member of the First Baptist Church of Watertown and was an active member, even though he was handicapped from birth.

PAUL MEISTER, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Watertown, Wisconsin

MRS. ALBERTINA MERCNER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Albertina Mercner, nee Lattmann, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born June 24, 1872 in Zurich, Switzerland. In 1882 she came to the United States with her parents and settled in Philadelphia. At 13 years of age, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, and was baptized upon confession of her faith by the Rev. John Linker. In 1892 she was united in marriage to Mr. Otto Mercner. The Lord blessed this marriage with six children, three sons and three daughters.

Her husband and her three sons preceded her in death. Mrs. Mercner passed on to her eternal reward Nov. 4, 1964. She leaves to mourn her passing, her three daughters: Mrs. Freda Davis, Mrs. Evelyn Mahn, and Mrs. Dorothea King, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Her pastor, the Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann, spoke words of comfort on the text which she chose long before she died: "I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH" (II Tim. 4:7).

ERNEST A. HOFFMAN, Pastor
Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Pa.

MR. LUDWIG MANTEI of Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Mr. Ludwig Mantel of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was summoned to his eternal rest on Sept. 17, 1964 at the age of 88. His last days upon earth were not easy. For three months he lay in the Wetaskiwin Hospital suffering untold agonies, longing to have his Master call him home. He was born on Feb. 10, 1876 in Poland. In 1893 he came to Canada from his homeland. He resided for two years in Winnipeg, Manitoba and then came west to the Leduc, Alberta area. Here he resided on a farm until 1946 when he retired to Wetaskiwin. On April 1, 1907 he was married to Ida Wohlgemuth.

In the great revival conducted by the late evangelist, Rev. H. Schwendener in the First Church of Leduc, Mr. Mantel also was converted and soon followed his Lord in baptism. Being baptized by Rev. F. A. Mueller, he joined the First Baptist Church of Leduc and remained a faithful member of that church. Besides his dear wife, Mr. Mantel leaves his two daughters, one son-in-law, two grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many friends to mourn his passing.

E. P. WAHL, Pastor

MR. JOHN WIEDMANN of Venturia, North Dakota

Mr. John Wiedmann of Venturia, N. Dak., was born May 25, 1880 in Annanthal, South Russia. In 1890 he emigrated to this country with his parents and took up residence west of Venturia. His active life included teaching school, a hardware business and also the position of postmaster which he held until his retirement in 1950. Mr. Wiedmann accepted Christ as his Savior in 1907 and the following year was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Ven-

turia Baptist Church. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Katharina Haas. Mr. Wiedmann passed away on Oct. 17, 1964 in the hospital at Dallas, Oregon. He reached the age of 84 years, 4 months and 22 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing, three daughters: Mrs. Emil Saylor, Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Fred Strobel, Fargo, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Ephraim Schrenk, Dallas, Ore., 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Officiating ministers were Rev. A. Bibelheimer, Rev. I. Faszler and Rev. M. Falkenberg.

Venturia Baptist Church
Venturia, North Dakota
M. W. FALKENBERG, Pastor

MRS. CARRIE SCHMIERER of Lodi, California

Mrs. Carrie Schmierer of Lodi, Calif., was born in Parkston, S. Dak., on Sept. 28, 1893, and passed away at the Community Hospital in Lodi on August 18, 1964, following a lengthy heart illness. She had reached the age of 70 years. She was married to Charles J. Schmierer on Nov. 8, 1917, in Armour, S. Dak. He farmed in Parkston and later operated a harness shop in Woonsocket, S. Dak. In 1933 they moved to Salem, Oregon, where they lived until coming to Lodi in 1948. Mrs. Schmierer was converted in 1915, along with two other sisters during a series of special meetings in Delmont, S. Dak. Rev. George Lohr, well known former minister in Lodi, was assisting in these services. She was baptized on August 6, 1916.

During her lengthy illness she exhibited much patience, and trust in the Lord, even though the way was hard. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on Dec. 25, 1953. She is survived by her three daughters: Mrs. Isabelle Clausen, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Delores King and Mrs. Esther Hoffman, both of Stockton, Calif.; 4 sisters: Mrs. Theresa Schulz, and Mrs. Laura Christman, both of Lodi; Mrs. Bertha Jensen, Howard, S. D.; and Mrs. Inez Christman of Sacramento, Calif.

ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church
Lodi, California

DR. WALTER H. MEHLHAFF of Wishek, North Dakota

Dr. Walter H. Mehlhaff of Wishek, N. Dak., was born August 28, 1898 at Tripp, S. Dak. Shortly after graduation from Sioux Falls College and the Kansas City Missouri Dental College in 1926, he began his dental practice in Wishek. Dr. Mehlhaff had a full life of activity in the church and civic affairs. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age, was baptized June 8, 1907, and became a member of the Tripp Baptist Church. Later he had his membership transferred to the Wishek Church. He taught Sunday school for some 36 years. He was Sunday school superintendent, trustee, and acted on the parsonage building committee. He also represented the district of Wishek in the North Dakota Senate from 1948-1952.

He was married to Pauline C. Ehrmann at Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 2, 1929. The last number of years a slow decline in his health was evident, and on Oct. 26, 1964, he was called to the heavenly reward. Those who mourn his passing are: his wife Pauline; the two sons: Barlow of Wishek; Rev. Harvey of Lodi, Calif.; the daughter, Jeanne (Mrs. Richard Bonander) of Valley Springs, S. D.; four sisters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Wishek, North Dakota

TO DO OR NOT TO DO

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from a date?" The answer is that you're too late when you hinder the confidence with which your parents permitted you to go on the date in the first place. Be fair to your parents! "Don't let them down; they brought you up!"

The age-old question about going steady never fails to come up. Going steady is promising your time and company to one special person. Differing from engagement, it lacks commitments regarding the future. No one can say who should or who should not go steady. But the couple who uses "going steady" for a teenage "social security

card" is definitely wrong. Two teenagers who put Christ first in their lives will not take advantage of each other and will grow to desire the highest good for one another, if God shows them that it is in his plan for their lives.

The question of "what is wrong with petting?" is usually answered covertly. Petting, outside of the God-planned purpose, which becomes part of the physical oneness of marriage, is sexual excitement minus gratification, leaving feelings of guilt. God has strong language in his Word about such behavior. Thus, petting is taboo for Christian young people.

Now the question of "how and when do I know if I'm really in love?" Ask yourself, "Do I desire the highest good for the one whom I love?" This is an all inclusive test for real love. The best evaluation of love is found in I Corinthians 13. "Love is kind, is not arrogant, and never ends." (R.S.V.)

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Love and marriage is a wonderful gift from God. You don't want to be a gift or receive a gift marked with the Devil's pricetag—"Slightly Soiled, Reduced in Value," do you? Obey God and keep those standards high! A teenager once said, "Today, because of movies, television, records and moral standards set by society, the teenager's concept of love has been twisted into a three-letter word called 'sex.'" Proof of this is emphasized in the alarming statistics that nearly half of the unwed mothers in the United States are teenagers.

This is where Mom and Dad come in. Your part, Mom and Dad, is to emphasize the truth of love ordained by God to your boy or girl when he is young. Give him genuine love by preparing him early enough for the rough teenage years by having "father to son," "mother to daughter" talks. Provide reading material and encourage wholesome activities which will guide him to the truth about love, thus combatting the ugly new lie about love that is sweeping through our college campuses.

Warn your teen-ager about the mistake of "sacrificing the permanent—the eternal—on the altar of the immediate." In other words, young person, don't toy around with passing momentary satisfactions and throw away the chance for everlasting peace and joy which comes by doing only what is acceptable in God's sight.

Some young moderns will say, "We can't tell what's right or wrong anymore—everybody's doin' it!" Always remember that, as a Christian, you know what is right and what is wrong because God tells you in his Word. You have no excuse to think differently. James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good (right) and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Young moderns also say, "But we don't have an image of moral excellence upon which morality depends." This statement is complete nonsense! Look up to Christ; HE is our image of excellence. Praise God for him!

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generally with Early American type furniture—some pieces being antiques which were refinished by Pastor Kolk.

After being shown through the house, punch and cookies were served in the dining room by Mrs. Roy Schuyler and Mrs. Louis Raab, presidents of our Women's Missionary Societies. Mrs. Edgar Lewis also assisted in the serving of refreshments. The old parsonage which is located next to the church on Dellwood Street is now being used for additional Sunday school space. (Mrs. Philip Beck, Reporter).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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greatest woes and ended in giving the greatest invitation.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What kind of a judgment would Jesus give if he spoke about your city or village?
2. What kind of excuses do people have today for their lack of repentance?
3. Did Jesus mean that no wise or prudent persons are capable of understanding the things of the Spirit?

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was installed and in the course of the years four pianos were donated to the church, so that every Sunday school department has a musical instrument.

Since its existence the church has received 157 members, not including the charter members. The present membership is 154. The last Sunday school year had an average attendance of 163. In the month of April 1964 we became self-supporting. On the 17th of May we had the joy of dedicating a new addition to the building of 34 by 85 feet. This gives us a spacious nursery and a large social hall which converts into six Sunday school classrooms.

God has blessed us with very talented and loyal people, which is the secret of our success. The Word of God is proclaimed without fear or compromise as the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.

To be sure, no church has ever been founded without problems and difficulties. Mr. Winston Churchill said during the crisis of England: "It will take blood, sweat and tears, but we will win." So the victory of the church is in the power of the blood of Christ and the sweat and tears and supplication of God's people, but we will win, for "we are more than conquerors through him who loves us." Pray for and support Church Extension for it certainly pays.

Baptist Men—Notice!

THEME FOR 1965 — God's Call to Men LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE

Reserve Dates: July 17 to 24, 1965
American Baptist Assembly,
Green Lake Wisconsin

Articles will appear in Feb. 11, 1965 issue of the "Baptist Herald" and in a Conference Leaflet for distribution early in February.



This filmstrip, **BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE 1965**, graphically tells the story of our Baptist World Fellowship and the role of the Baptist World Alliance in helping fellow-believers in 120 countries to work together in fulfilling the Great Commission. There are 59 picture slides in color, selected from the libraries of many photographers and edited by Fon Scofield and Johnni Johnson. It has been previewed at the NAB headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. and acclaimed as "very beautiful" and "distinctively interesting."

The film is educational, informational, inspirational—ideal for use in the churches on BWA Sunday, Feb. 7, and for building interest in the Baptist World Congress at Maimi Beach, June 25 to 30, 1965. It is accompanied only by a written manual with the script to be read by the person showing the pictures.

The Visual Aid Department at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., has twelve of these filmstrips on hand. They will be made available to our churches on a "first come, first served" basis. There will be no charge for the use of this filmstrip of 59 picture slides if your church should be receiving or has received an offering for the Baptist World Alliance on BWA Sunday, Feb. 7, 1965. Otherwise the usual charge of \$1 will be made. Please state, when ordering the filmstrip, whether such an offering has been or will be taken.

It is also important for you to give your second and third choice in dates when ordering the filmstrip. It will be sent to you and your church at the earliest opportunity.

WE THE WOMEN

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us go."

When Jesus was so conscientious about "his time," no wonder it grieved him, even to tears, that God's people of the Old Covenant did not know "their day" (Luke 9:42) and their times. But what about God's people of the New Covenant?

Paul and James knew that we too spend our time unwisely, and they admonish us in Eph. 5:15-17 and in James 4:13-15 to "understand the will of the Lord" when going about our daily work and making our plans. Our times are in the hands of the Lord God himself (Psalm 31:15), and he has made room in them for every little task and every big one he wants us to do. What a comforting thought! Our prayer need not be "Lord, give us more time to do this and then that," but "Lord, grant us grace to recognize what thou wouldst have us to do and then help us to do it in thy time and in a manner which reveals that there is peace in knowing 'My times are in thy hand, O Lord.'"

FINDING YOUR PLACE

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spiritual.

Finally, COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE WITHIN. For anyone to enter the ministry without this and a real burden for pastoral work would mean only unhappiness and defeat. But for such who know they are in God's will and that God wants to use them, what joy will be theirs to watch God fulfill his purpose through surrendered wills and dedicated lives. It is Christ in us, the hope of glory, power and victory!

SAYING "YES" TO GOD AS A PASTOR'S WIFE

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There are many characteristics that one might list as qualifications for a pastor's wife, but the one that stands out most clearly in my mind is that of willingness. By this I mean that a pastor's wife ought to be willing to give herself in service and devotion to God and to people. I believe that a pastor's wife ought to feel "called" just as her husband does, not to preach, but to serve wherever the Lord leads.

Before a girl says "Yes" to a young man entering or considering entering the ministry, she ought to ask herself if she is willing to be a pastor's wife. Is this God's purpose for her life? Would she be willing to stand by her husband, to support and encourage him, and to feel that his work is her concern too? If not, she could be the greatest hindrance to her husband's work just by being unwilling to share in it. But if she feels this is her place, the Lord will give strength for the tasks and joy in service as pastor and pastor's wife labor together for him!