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## O Canada, Glorious and Free!

Dominion Day, July 1st, Dominion of Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land;  
True patriot love in all thy sons Command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The true North, strong and free,  
And stand on guard, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, glorious and free,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

O Canada! where pines and maples grow;  
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow;  
How dear to us thy broad domain  
From east to western sea;  
Thou land of hope for all who toil,  
Thou true North, strong and free!

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies  
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise  
To keep you steadfast through the years  
From east to western sea;  
Our own beloved native land,  
Our true North, strong and free!

Ruler Supreme, who hearest humble prayer,  
Hold our Dominion in thy loving care;  
Help us to find, O God, in thee  
A lasting, rich reward,  
As waiting for the Better Day  
We ever stand on guard!

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Independence Day, July 4th, United States of America

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

### FRONT COVER

The front cover shows the imposing statue, PEACE, in the gardens outside the General Assembly Building at the United Nations in New York City with the skyline of New York's skyscrapers in the background. "Peace," an equestrian statue by Anton Augustincic, is the gift of Yugoslavia. The 16 foot bronze statue stands on a 26 foot pedestal faced with blocks of rose-colored Yugoslav marble.

### PEACE

Peace in our time, O Lord,  
To all the peoples—Peace!  
Peace surely based upon thy will  
And built in righteousness.

Come, as thou didst of old,  
In love so great that men  
Shall cast aside all other gods  
And turn to thee again!

—John Oxenham

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

The outreach of North American Baptists in their missionary witness and service program is constantly being extended. This ministry is giving our Conference "a new image" in acquainting North American Baptist church members and friends of the denomination with the greatness of God's work entrusted to us.

**EXHIBIT AT BAPTIST CONGRESS.** A colorful and informative exhibit, depicting the ministry of the North American Baptist General Conference, was prominently displayed at the 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach, Florida from June 25 to 30. This 20 foot exhibit was the center of attraction for tens of thousands of Baptists at the Congress sessions. Five thousand copies of an introductory leaflet about the NAB Conference were also distributed at the exhibit booth.

**INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.** After teaching in the 3rd annual Bible School for the Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta, Canada, Rev. William Sturhahn stated that "some of us continue to marvel at the actual knowledge of the Bible by our Indian students, a knowledge which has been acquired over the years through the faithful teaching of our missionaries." The courses of study included "Major Doctrines of the Bible" and "Highlights of the Gospel of John." Read this entire fascinating account in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

**NEW EXTENSION PROJECTS.** The new Church Extension project in Dickinson, North Dak., has had a very auspicious beginning. The first meetings have been held with encouraging attendance, and an interim pastor is on the field. A call has been extended for a pastor for the new Church Extension field in Drumheller, Alta. These are new missionary opportunities which merit your prayerful interest and financial support.

**MISSIONARY ROSEMARIE HACKMANN.** The end of April concluded a year of service at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in West Cameroon for Miss Rosemarie Hackmann who had volunteered for one year of service only. The year has been filled with much activity and many blessings for her. About 2,000 leprosy patients receive treatment at the New Hope  
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### MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

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## Editorial

## LOOKING AHEAD!

In the Christian life, the upward look is all important. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Colossians 3:1). Equally important in the Christian's discharge of his stewardship responsibilities is the forward look. God sets spiritual objectives before every Christian which are to be reached by grace and power from above. The Christian can be described as one who is "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

This set of sails for every life was aptly described by Oliver Wendell Holmes in "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" in 1858. "I find the great thing in this world," wrote Dr. Holmes, "is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. We must set sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

This is just as true of our denominational fellowship as it is of the individual Christian. Our greatness as North American Baptists in the sight of God must be viewed in the light of the high and lofty aims we have set before ourselves. This can be our best year of service for Christ if we are impelled to go forward under the constraining power of God.

Our budget objective of \$1,100,000 for this fiscal year looms like a high mountain before us. We have never reached that height—but with God's help it can be done! If everyone of us catches that vision by looking ahead to this goal and then makes that extra effort—with sacrificial gifts—for Christ, then we shall succeed. God's promises are for those who are obedient to his commands.

As North American Baptists we are looking ahead to an inspirational year emphasizing "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." As we observe the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society and promote our own Bible objectives with a variety of colorful programs and the distribution of captivating literature, we shall "Explore God's Word" with new freshness of understanding and with new joys of spiritual awareness. Look for the first announcement about this program this summer, and then look ahead to a year of rich, meaningful Bible study from September 1965 throughout 1966.

As North American Baptists, all of us should be following the work of the Denominational Advance Planning (DAP) Committee with interest and prayerful concern. Sub-committees are making a study of the denominational needs with long range planning in order to report their findings at the 1967 General Conference. We are looking ahead as a denomination to great tasks and to a more effective and aggressive witness for Christ.

With scores of our young people responding to the call for "God's Volunteers" and with a spirit of concern and commitment to Christ evident in the lives of many of our church young people, we can look ahead to a bright and promising denominational future. We can be assured that these young people are not marking time for floundering, but are looking ahead to new heights of leadership. They are capable of great things with Christ—and the future is in good hands as they take hold of the helm of this leadership.

Looking ahead with these objectives and in this spirit, we as North American Baptists cannot fail in the tasks that God has entrusted to us.

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In our modern urban centers people are still spiritually destitute. They are still spiritually lost. They still need to be reconciled to God.

# Servants for Jesus' Sake

In the midst of all the changes of our modern, materialistic world, by which we endeavor to give a 20th century face to the New Testament Church, the minister must never lose sight of his role as a servant of God's people.

Baccalaureate Sermon at the NAB Seminary by  
Dr. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Illinois

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5).

IT HAS BECOME trite to say that ours is a materialistic age. It is so obvious that to say it causes as much commotion as if we were to say, "Water is wet." But ours became a materialistic age only because it first became a humanistic age. All attention and emphasis has been focused on man and on life in this world. All energy and enthusiasm have been directed toward the attainment of creature comforts and physical security. "The Great Society" was the desire of the individual long before it became a political slogan.

## SPIRIT OF THE WORLD

In the atmosphere of humanism and materialism, the role of a servant is not a popular one. Indeed, it is considered to be degrading. The Negro race in our land is seeking to rid itself of this image because the Negro leaders say that it does not contribute to the dignity of a man. It is not only equality of opportunity that is sought, but equality of economic power as well.

This is the spirit of the world in which we live and in which you will serve. The Christians who will fill the church pews are not immune from that spirit—and neither are you. Unless you fully understand your task, you will find yourself becoming a helpless victim of our times and, what is even

more tragic, powerless to help those who desire to be freed from the unseen chains which bind them to this earth.

I plead with you therefore, that you shall see yourself, as Paul saw himself, a servant for Jesus' sake.

## "YOUR SERVANTS"

1. Whose servants are we to be? This letter was directed to the Christians at Corinth, and Paul uses the expression, "your servants." While he was constantly aware of being the slave of Jesus Christ, he never lost sight of his role as a servant of God's people. He was not only an evangelist, proclaiming the Gospel of salvation, but he was also shepherd, counsellor, teacher, and disciplinarian.

Without a love for people and without a sacrificial concern for their needs, the servant of God finds his ministry to be largely ineffective. Paul M. Miller in his book, "Servant of God's Servants," says: "A Christian minister as well as any other Christian servant fulfills both his prophetic and his priestly ministry the best when he presents his whole body and personality as a living sacrifice to God, but pouring out in service for others."

Unfortunately there are not many of us who can honestly share the depth and sincerity with which Paul says, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Nor do all of us share the full passion of John Knox when he prayed, "Give me Scotland, or I die." Nevertheless, something of that vicarious spirit must be in us if

we are to fulfill our true role as servants.

Peter called upon persecuted Christians to remember that "even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21). If God's people are encouraged to take Christ as their example, how much more should the servant of God accept this responsibility! Throughout his earthly ministry Jesus emphasized his servant role, a role which he continues in his High Priestly function. He called upon his disciples to accept the role of a servant.

In our affluent society it is easy to think that people can afford to pay others for services which they sometimes ask the minister to perform. While there are a few who may take advantage of an all too willing minister, most of the people are starving for a demonstration of genuine concern and personal interest. They are longing to have someone show an interest in them as persons, not as human check-books. There are so few who are willing to take up the basin and towel and so many who prefer those things which increase their status and prestige. Yet we are most like the Master when we truly become servants of God's people!

## CENTRALITY OF PREACHING

2. The purpose of the servant is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ in order to proclaim the Gospel of reconciliation—reconciliation with God, first of all.

Paul felt he was under compulsion

to preach the Gospel, and he said he would be miserable if he could not do so. Everything else was given a secondary place in his ministry, because he knew that if man were to meet Jesus Christ it must be through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel.

He knew that the Corinthian Christians did not think much of him as a person, but he was not deeply concerned about this. He was not interested in dazzling them with a display of his wisdom and knowledge. He did not even care whether or not they considered him to be a fluent speaker. His main concern was the presentation of Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Our sophisticated age makes a great many demands upon the servant of God. More and more churches are saying that it doesn't matter whether or not a man can preach, as long as he is an able administrator and has a charming personality. Indeed, in some circles there is even a trend toward the substitution of ritual for preaching, promotion for spiritual power.

These things have the ultimate effect of presenting self instead of Christ, and they build an organization instead of an organism. People are still spiritually destitute; they are still spiritually lost. They still need to be reconciled to God, and only as the servant of God maintains the centrality of preaching the gospel will they find the way to God, which is through Jesus Christ and him crucified.

## CHRIST, OUR UNITY

We also need to proclaim the Gospel of reconciliation among the brethren who are within the family fellowship. Sometimes the servant of God must walk a lonely road if he is to bring about a reconciliation between the brethren.

There are those who are just waiting for an opportunity to pour out all of the refuse of their lives—their bitterness toward some and their disillusionment with others. The servant of God frequently becomes the convenient container into which all the ill feelings are poured. The rubble and wreckage of broken human relationships must be carried away, and the servant of God becomes the human vehicle.

Our humanistic and materialistic world makes it far easier to build barriers than bridges. There is a growing tendency for us with our multitude of interests to go, each in his own way, and therefore opportunities to know and to understand one another are becoming rare. In such a situation it is easy for misunderstanding and suspicions to develop.

The servant of God has a responsibility to preach Jesus Christ, not only as Savior, but also as Lord in whom we find our unity. "For we are all one in Christ Jesus." We must teach people to "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." As the servant of God leads his people into a

closer relationship with Jesus Christ, he also leads them closer to one another. For it is in Christ "that the whole body, as a harmonious structure knit together by the joints with which it is provided, grows by the proper functioning of individual parts to its full maturity in love" (Eph. 4:16, Philippians).

## PROMOTING ONESELF

3. There is always the danger, however, that the servant will become preoccupied with self. We must never forget the fact that Jesus calls upon us to deny self when he calls us to follow him. Dietrich Bonhoeffer expressed it



1965 SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT, SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

Dr. George A. Lang (behind the pulpit) leads the festive audience at the 1965 Seminary's Commencement Exercises to a close after Dr. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Ill., (standing, left, front row in audience) has been honored with the D.D. degree.

this way: "When Christ calls a man he bids him come and die."

The spirit of our age is often expressed in the words, "I am entitled . . ." I shall never forget the shock I experienced when for the first time I heard these words spoken deliberately and boldly. They came from the lips of a young GI who had just been discharged following the close of World War II and who was a fellow student at Baylor University. While waiting for class to begin one day some of us were sharing our aspirations for the future now that the war was over. This young man startled us all by the intense tone of his voice as he said, "I risked my life out there, and now this country owes me a living. I'm entitled to it and I'm going to get it. If you have something I want, I'm going to take it away from you." In the years that have passed since that day, I have often wondered what happened to that young man.

Since that time I have frequently heard people use those words, "I am entitled . . ." Sometimes it was in self-pity, sometimes in arrogance, but al-

ways with the supreme desire to promote self.

The Dewey philosophy of education which advocated unrestrained self-expression; the growing welfare state which often stifles individual initiative; the tremendous industrial progress which has made all the luxuries of life available to the masses; the phenomenal scientific achievements which have catapulted us from the horse-and-buggy age to the missile age in less than 50 years; the clever advertising techniques which exploit the selfish desires of people—all of these factors and many more have contributed to an undue emphasis upon the importance of

self. Not even the most naive among us would venture to say that the servant of God has not been affected.

## CREATIVE LIVING

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has said that the Gospel was not intended to fit the age, but to correct the age. If this is true, then the servant of God must be careful not to permit the spirit of the age to mold his thinking, his outlook, and his purpose. Dr. Turnbull has put financial things in proper perspective when he says, "We are not paid to preach; we are paid in order to be free to preach." Keeping our divine calling in proper focus will at times call for sacrificial living.

This preoccupation with self can also be seen in our attitude toward problems and difficulties. In its infancy psychiatry thought that the ideal life was one that was void of all conflicts. It was soon discovered that such a life, if it were possible to achieve, would lack a dynamic force. Now the emphasis is being placed upon creative living

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**THE BUMMERHAUS**  
Headquarters of the Waldensians in Steyr, Austria prior to and during the Counter-Reformation.

## Rewarding Experiences of Our Ministry in Austria

In looking back over 50 years in the Christian ministry, the author expresses his thankfulness for the Lord's mercies in the Hungarian crisis (1956) as God used his servants to minister to Baptist refugees, and for the many Christian friends and assurances of prayerful interest.

By Dr. W. J. Appel of Salem, Oregon

**F**OLLOWING a period of unique service as Minister of Membership with the Covenant Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, a church of the American Baptist Convention, a call came to me in 1956 from our General Missionary Society to undertake the ministry of survey and study of our North American Baptist mission work in Austria.

For more than ninety years, Baptists in this land of Austria have sought under great difficulties to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the missionary zeal of the parent church in Vienna, the desire to extend the Baptist witness in Austria led to the establishing of other groups, several of which have developed into organized churches, each of these having a missionary outreach in surrounding communities.

Work is now being carried on in the four largest cities of Austria—Vienna, Graz, Linz and Salzburg. There are also Baptist churches in Bad Ischl, Ternitz and Essling. These churches and mission stations are organized into a fellowship known as the Austrian Baptist Union, one of 22 unions composing the membership of the European Baptist Federation.

### AUSTRIAN BAPTIST UNION

Following the Second World War, a large influx of refugees from surrounding countries made their way into Austria, increasing greatly the membership of our Baptist churches. These new-

comers took their places in the life of the church, and although they increased the strength numerically their financial abilities were very limited.

For many years we as North American Baptists have assisted in the administration and financial support of the work of the Austrian Baptist Union, caring entirely or in part for the salaries of pastors and workers. As a result of our survey and study, the Baptist Union of Germany is undertaking increasingly the assistance in administration and support of the Austrian work. Under the leadership and direction of a committee composed of representatives of both the German and the Austrian Union, significant prog-



Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel with Mrs. Herbert Hiller (left) in front of the Baptist Church at Linz, Austria in 1960.

ress is made. Through this arrangement, the amount of our support is being reduced gradually until it will entirely cease in 1966 and we shall be able to reach out into other areas of need, especially in Brazil, South America.

Since there is no institution in Austria for the training of young men and women for the ministry and other fields of Christian service, it is necessary for those experiencing a call to full-time service to apply for training to the well-established Baptist Seminary and Missionary Training School at Hamburg, Germany. The cooperation with the German Union has thus been a distinct contribution to the Austrian work.

### HUNGARIAN BAPTIST RELIEF

Scarcely had we arrived in Austria in 1956 when the uprising of the Hungarians against Communist oppression brought thousands of refugees across the border into Austria. Among them were hundreds of Baptists who naturally sought refuge at our Baptist churches. This influx soon became a cause for concern to our Austrian Baptists, who in the beginning tried to care for the needs of these refugees, most of whom had fled without any of their worldly goods.

The increasing burden led to the calling together of representatives of Baptist groups working in Europe. Under the leadership of the Rev. Arnold Koester, pastor of our Vienna Baptist

Church for 30 years, these met at the parsonage of the Vienna Church to consider procedure for the future care of the Hungarians. This meeting resulted in the organization of a committee known as the Baptist Committee for Hungarian Relief.

Those composing the committee were Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, representing the Southern Baptist Convention, now General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Edwin H. Bell, European Representative of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. John Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention, who for many years had been Director of Baptist work in Yugoslavia; Pastor Arnold Koester of the Vienna Baptist Church; Miss Ursula Koester, daughter of the Vienna pastor; and the Appels as representatives of our North American Baptists. The Committee was eventually recognized as the official committee of the Baptist World Alliance for Hungarian Baptist relief.

Steps were taken at that time by representatives of the United Nations to open doors for the refugees into other countries. The major responsibility, however, rested upon the Austrians until such time as the requests of the refugees were processed and arrangements made for their transportation to other countries. Our Vienna church, several other churches and the Young Men's Christian Association building were soon crowded with men, women and children.

Our Baptist Church used its Sunday school rooms until they were overcrowded. Sleeping and cooking facilities were improvised. Gathering information from the refugees was an important item in preparation for their processing by the authorities and their eventual migration to other countries. Since it was not possible for Ursula and Betty Appel to do the job alone, the very able services of Anneliese Zahn, secretary for our Immigration



A Hungarian Baptist refugee family immediately after their arrival from Hungary during the 1956 Revolution, enjoying "a refugee meal" at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna Austria.

Office in Bremen, Germany, now a member of our McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Canada, were invaluable.

### "THE VIENNA WOODS"

Because of overcrowded living conditions in Vienna, where the largest number of refugees had come, it was necessary to find another place of temporary asylum. Eventually an old neglected mansion in the Vienna Woods, some 20 miles from Vienna, was found and rented. This building, used by the Russian soldiers during the period of occupation, was in a condition of extreme disrepair, with no central heating system and many broken windows.

Under these conditions the refugees were moved into the building. Immediate steps were taken to secure heating, which meant a small stove for each room; cots, bedding and other pieces of furniture were purchased; and an old cooking range conditioned so that meals could be served.

For the administration of this home, one of our Austrian missionaries, Gustav Kunzelmann, a one-time Army officer, was appointed. At our request, a deaconess, Talea Meyer, was sent from the Deaconess Home in Hamburg, Germany, who, in spite of a lack of knowledge of the Hungarian language, became a ministering angel to the men, women and children at the home. Under the management of these two devoted individuals, and the willing assistance of Mrs. Kunzelmann, the building was soon transformed into what the Hungarians later called "their second home."

During the stay of longer or shorter duration of the Hungarians at this home, both joys and sorrows were experienced—the birth of a child, the marriage of a fine young couple, a baptismal service conducted in the Vienna Church, the death of an elderly man, etc.

### THE BARATH FAMILY

In Salzburg, where we were living at the time of the revolution, the barracks and housing units built by the United States Government for our Army of Occupation and vacated only a year previous, when the Peace Treaty was signed in 1955, again became a beehive of activity as they housed thousands of these Hungarian refugees.

An experience at one of the camps where we had the privilege of visiting will always be remembered because of a fine Hungarian Baptist family, composed of father, mother and three children, who were fortunate enough to remain together in their flight from Hungary. We arrived at this camp one day to find the place buzzing with excitement. Word had just come over the microphone that a certain number were to ready themselves for migration to Canada, the Barath family among them. We spent a precious time of fellowship and prayer with them moments before they left.

Although using different languages, we were confident of the Father's presence.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, (front row, 3rd and 4th from the right), are surrounded by the members of the Mandolin Choir at the farewell accorded them by the Baptist Church, Salzburg, Austria.

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# "The Christian Ministry Today"

Report of the 115th commencement activities of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. by Richard Rabenhorst.

THE TIME finally arrived for the commencement activities for the graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., May 15-16. For the graduates, the week-end was filled with feelings of accomplishment, self-examination, and anticipation for the future. In all of this there was a deep sense of gratitude to God for his guidance, the opportunity of receiving training at the Seminary, and strength to complete the task.

The Seminary's 115th commencement activities began with an informal banquet held at the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls on Saturday evening, May 15. Dr. Roger Fredrikson,

ice, and Miss Joyce Ringering for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Radel, Superintendent of Buildings and Matron, also received recognition for their five-year ministry.

Acknowledgment of student awards and scholarships was made: Dallas Keck—the American Bible Society award; Eunice Kern and Pat Thurlow—the Woman's Missionary Union scholarship; Daphne Dunger—the Central Conference Woman's Union scholarship; and Ken Unruh—the Dakota Conference scholarship. The Senior Class presented the Seminary with a tape recorder for student use. This gift was given in appreciation for the training received at the Seminary.

istry today requires something far above human ability, the anointing of God. The lives of God's servants must demonstrate this anointing from him.

In the absence of the president, who was being honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Professor George A. Lang conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Robert Schreiber in recognition of his outstanding contributions as pastor and denominational leader. Dr. Schreiber's ministry began in the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, after graduating from our Seminary in 1942. He has also pastored three other churches and is presently serving at Kankakee, Ill. He has evidenced outstanding and faithful leadership as a member of the General Council, Board of Missions, and the Seminary Board of Trustees.

Degrees were conferred upon seven students: Paul Custer, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Dallas Keck, Portland, Oregon; Hisashi Murakami, Okayama Ken, Japan; John Thielenhaus, Bison, Kansas; Frank Walker, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Wilfred Weick, Chilliwack, British Columbia; the Bachelor of Divinity degree; Miss Eunice Kern, Leduc, Alberta, the Master of Religious Education degree.

## ENTERING INTO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Three graduates have accepted calls from churches: Paul Custer, First Methodist Church, Hartford, S. Dak.; Dallas Keck, Tabernacle Baptist Church, George, Iowa; and Wilfred Weick, First Baptist Church, Randolph, Minnesota. John Thielenhaus and Frank Walker have not made decisions concerning calls at the time of this writing.

Two graduates are looking forward to missionary service. Miss Eunice Kern plans to serve in Cameroon, West Africa, as a short-term missionary under the N. A. B. God's Volunteer program. Hisashi Murakami will be enrolled in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., for graduate work leading toward the Th.M. degree before returning to Japan. The commencement activities are over for these graduates. The training which they have received is just another step in their development as servants of God. Books still have to be studied, life's exams still have to be passed; their work has just begun! Therefore, their "commencement" is not the end, but just the beginning of their part in "the ministry today."

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# Guideposts for Our Churches

Report of the Annual General Council Sessions, May 21 and 22, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

WITH constitutional authorization, the General Council acts for the General Conference between triennial sessions. The Council's decisions are therefore far reaching in determining the objectives which we as North American Baptists will face in the year ahead of us. In a way, the General Council sets these GUIDEPOSTS prominently before us in our denominational fellowship.

About 75 members of the General Council, guests and friends attended the annual sessions on May 21 and 22 at the headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill. Under the tactful and wise guidance of the moderator, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, important business items were transacted, a marvelous fellowship was enjoyed, and time was sacredly set aside for intercessory prayers for our churches. Mr. H. H. Stabbert, Conference vice-moderator, led the Council in the opening devotional service.

## STATE OF THE DENOMINATION

The General Council gravely reviewed the spiritual state of our churches. The low ebb of spiritual life and the flickering fires of evangelistic fervor in many churches should constrain all of us to pray for a heaven-sent revival in our midst. The Council emphasized this GUIDEPOST for all NAB churches: *We must be earnestly concerned about the spiritual needs in our lives and in our churches.*

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in his annual report underscored this truth: "The slow rate of growth in our denomination should give us concern. One person baptized and received into our churches for every 26 members—dare we be satisfied with that? What is wrong? Why should we lose through the back door each year almost as many as we receive by baptism through the front door. This situation calls for earnest self-examination and prayer."

The General Council is giving leadership to the entire denomination by endeavoring to raise the level of spiritual life and evangelistic witness. It wrestled with the problems of recruitment of young people for full time Christian service. It has strengthened the department of evangelism and Church Extension. It adopted "A Code of Ethics" for our Baptist pastors to appear in the brochure, "Calling A Baptist Minister". It is calling on all of our people to be burdened in prayer with this spiritual concern.

A second GUIDEPOST was prominent in the deliberations of the General Council: *We must advance in our faithful stewardship toward God!* The pro-

gram of Biblical stewardship must have priority in all of our lives. A great deal more can be done by North American Baptists if each one becomes keenly aware of his stewardship responsibilities and privileges before God.

## GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES

STEP 2 of the denomination's "Scriptural Tithing Education Program" sponsored by the Stewardship Committee was commended to our churches. The budget of \$1,100,000 for the Mission and Service Program of the denomination was adopted. The Council recognized "the need of a staff man or men who would have as their primary responsibility the implementation of programs of deferred giving (through wills, annuities, life income agreements, etc.) among our constituency" and requested the Stewardship Committee to do further research in this area and to bring a detailed report at the next annual session.

There must be a forward look in every department of activity in the denomination. The Council's third GUIDEPOST concerned the Roger Williams Press: *We must deepen the channels of communication with improved and additional literature.* The Council members approved the appointment of an Editor of Christian Education Literature on a part time basis. Miss Sara Lou Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., has accepted this appointment and is beginning her ministry this summer in the preparation and editing of the Sunday school literature in this imprint program.

The General Council also gave financial support to the new publication venture, "Moments With God," the devotional quarterly for North American Baptists, and approved plans for a third printing of the "North American Hymnal." These channels of communication with our church people must be kept open at all times. Several new publications are now in preparation to provide this important information for everyone who will read.

## OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

A great deal of the General Council's time and attention concerned our educational institutions: the Seminary and the Christian Training Institute. GUIDEPOST No. 4 was clearly evident in the Council's deliberations: *We must strengthen our educational institutions.* Because of this concern, the General Council set 1967 as the target date for the accreditation of the Seminary, commended the Seminary's plan to solicit

\$10,000 during the coming year for the Library Book Project, and approved the appointment of a part time business manager.

The Council further strengthened the work of the Christian Training Institute by approving the plan to change the curriculum to that of a Bible College program, updating the educational requirements, and thus being able to grant the Bachelor of Religious Education degree to deserving students. The Council further granted approval to "the steer donation program" whereby Canadian farmers who are CTI alumni might give additional financial support to the school, granted the privilege to the school to employ an additional faculty member, and took under advisement and serious consideration the early relocation of the school to a new campus which will now receive further study by the Denominational Advance Planning Committee.

The General Council sets the sail for the denomination and missionary outreach by approving plans for new mission fields, the appointment of new missionaries and any recommended advances in this ministry. The Council endorsed GUIDEPOST No. 5: *We must enlarge our missionary and evangelistic outreach.* As a result, budget approval was given for the going of Miss Daphne Dunger to the Cameroons field, several missionaries were brought from the government loan basis to full time mission service in Africa, eight short term missionaries as God's Volunteers for Cameroon were approved, a Medical Contingency Fund for our missionaries was set up, and an additional sum of \$60,000 for Church Extension building loans was made available.

## WE CAN REAP BOUNTIFULLY

This is your General Council in action, giving leadership to the entire denomination in the important ministry of God's Kingdom. It is the working faith of the Council that *we must clearly envision the future needs and opportunities before us.* A Council Committee, the Denominational Advance Planning Committee (DAP) with Mr. Edwin H. Marklein as general chairman, is making a thorough study of the future needs of the denomination to report to the Council in 1967. The projected program of "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution" for the consideration of our people in 1966 was heartily endorsed. In the words of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, "The current year gives us a new opportunity to forge ahead . . . let us therefore sow bountifully in order that we may also reap bountifully."



DR. ROBERT SCHREIBER OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Dr. George A. Lang (right) on behalf of the North American Baptist Seminary confers the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., as Mr. Herman Bleeker (left) adjusts the doctorate hood on Dr. Schreiber.

pastor of the church, challenged those present with the development of the class motto, "Heirs of His Promise," based on Galatians 3:29.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Seminary President Frank Veninga was honored by all in attendance as announcement was made that the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity would be bestowed upon him the following day at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill.

Several faculty members received special recognition for faithful service rendered to the Seminary. Dr. Martha Leyboldt and Professor Roy Seibel were recognized for ten years of serv-

On Sunday morning, the Baccalaureate Service was held at the Trinity Church. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., spoke on the theme, "Servants for Jesus' Sake." (See pages 4 and 5 in this issue).

## THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The climactic commencement service was held Sunday afternoon in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, moderator of the N. A. B. General Conference and pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., delivered the commencement address, "The Ministry Today." He stated that the min-

# Denominational Contributions of NAB Churches

Total contributions and per capita giving of all churches from April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965 published at the request of the denomination's Stewardship Committee.

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Connecticut</b>		
Bridgeport, King's Highway	\$ 2,586.35	\$21.92
Hamden, Central	1,210.85	14.59
Meriden, Liberty Street	235.95	2.38
<b>Delaware</b>		
Elsmere, First	3,537.14	15.58
<b>Maryland</b>		
Baltimore, West Baltimore		
<b>Massachusetts</b>		
Jamaica Plain, Rock Hill	760.74	7.39
<b>New Jersey</b>		
Hoboken, Willow Avenue	886.75	59.11
Jamesburg, First	1,405.05	10.33
Newark, Evangel	600.00	.88
Newark, Walnut Street	1,546.20	17.57
Parsippany, Littleton	744.96	46.56
Union, Clinton Hill	2,173.70	7.99
Union City, Cornerstone	1,336.63	15.54
Union City, Second	2,204.03	36.73
West New York	520.86	17.36
West New York, Faith	602.00	8.03
<b>New York</b>		
Brooklyn, Evergreen	2,122.96	12.94
New York, Second German	1,063.80	12.97
Ridgewood	2,396.29	9.32
Woodside, Immanuel	4,656.55	18.55
<b>Pennsylvania</b>		
Bethlehem, Calvary	6,388.91	31.79
Philadelphia, Fleischmann Memorial	4,073.30	27.52
Philadelphia, Pilgrim	9,882.13	29.59
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	5,594.91	
<b>Total—Atlantic Conference</b>	<b>\$ 56,530.06</b>	<b>\$14.74</b>

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Illinois</b>		
Bellwood, First	\$ 3,916.71	\$16.46
Chicago, East Side	1,491.13	13.56
Chicago, Foster Avenue	11,915.11	45.65
Chicago, Baptist Mission	1,008.35	6.91
Forest Park	22,470.25	66.88
Glen Ellyn, Glenbard	3,487.67	51.29
Kankakee, Immanuel	17,251.88	33.96
Norridge, First	2,207.64	27.94
Peoria, North Sheridan	2,220.23	11.27
Trenton, First	744.44	10.34
<b>Indiana</b>		
Indianapolis, Bethel	363.01	3.05
<b>Michigan</b>		
Alpena, Ripley Boulevard	1,191.00	6.44
Auburn, First	4,611.67	26.20
Benton Harbor, First German	3,741.24	27.92
Benton Harbor, Napier Parkview	27,515.08	33.72
Bloomfield Hills	2,311.00	21.40
Detroit, Ebenezer	19,775.70	25.55
East Detroit, Ridgemont	15,875.94	45.23
Gladwin, Round Lake	1,992.37	13.84
Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe	35,889.34	42.17
Grosse Pointe Woods, (Not NAB)	2,581.15	
Lansing, Colonial Village	8,119.50	14.90
St. Clair Shores, Bethel	6,810.93	17.46
St. Clair Shores, Community	15.00	.50
St. Joseph, First	11,789.18	23.30
Stevensville, Lakeshore	716.00	9.18
Troy, Bible	342.29	4.33
Utica, First	16.11	.14
Warren, Fellowship	2,115.76	16.53
Warren, Redeemer	5,798.97	11.69
Warren, Trinity	3.40	.02
<b>Missouri</b>		
Mt. Sterling, Pin Oak Creek	629.55	25.18

## Ohio

Cincinnati, Walnut Street	248.26	3.10
Cleveland, Erin Avenue	3,182.15	15.15
Cleveland, Hillcrest	426.65	3.39
Cleveland, Missionary Baptist	243.20	4.77
Cleveland, Parma Heights	16,704.66	31.34
Cleveland, Snowview	1,950.36	16.12
Dayton, Shroyer Road	1,970.35	3.52
Xenia, Community	2,271.14	41.29

## Ontario

Windsor, Bethel	205.00	3.53
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	8,522.38	

<b>Total—Central Conference</b>	<b>\$254,641.75</b>	<b>\$25.39</b>
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## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>North Dakota</b>		
Anamoose	\$ 746.42	\$10.66
Ashley	3,190.89	10.46
Berlin	515.93	4.53
Beulah, Immanuel	912.28	11.70
Bismarck	4,567.50	12.72
Carrington, Calvary	1,599.40	12.21
Cathay	1,397.47	21.50
Fessenden, First	3,449.08	24.29
Gackle, Grace	2,389.87	20.43
Germantown	2,919.50	54.06
Goodrich, First	2,508.96	15.49
Grand Forks, Grace	3,542.63	14.58
Harvey, Bethel	739.45	8.31
Hebron, First	2,980.88	14.06
Hettinger, Grace	540.13	12.28
Jamestown, First (Left NAB Conf.)		
Jamestown, Temple	453.00	10.02
Lehr, Ebenezer	1,423.25	5.92
Lincoln Valley	254.46	10.21
Linton, First and Hazelton	2,082.77	6.56
Martin	820.30	12.47
McClusky, First	1,783.63	21.67
Medina, First	498.35	7.44
Mercer, First	446.41	13.24
Minot Crestview	397.18	2.72
Minot, First	577.21	19.60
Mott, First	548.88	16.52
Napoleon	1,338.45	22.00
New Leipzig	1,936.66	15.74
Rosenfeld	1,022.96	10.87
Selfridge, First	228.30	11.82
Streeter, First	756.54	17.02
Turtle Lake	2,229.20	16.77
Underwood, First	1,945.05	11.68
Venturia	1,619.03	18.25
Washburn	2,336.02	16.06
West Fargo, Grace	1,910.77	10.26
Wishek, First	2,092.77	

## South Dakota

Aberdeen, Calvary	468.34	5.26
Avon, First	9,127.22	31.26
Bison, Grace	199.50	5.87
Chancellor, First	5,234.68	33.86
Corona, First	4,062.67	15.64
Danzig	2,110.89	25.49
Emery, First	9,506.43	10.67
Eureka, First	2,049.21	19.89
Herreid	5,349.29	10.67
Isabel	832.28	2.12
Lemmon, Temple	44.50	4.63
Leola, First	319.54	24.32
Madison, West Center Street	5,910.42	16.64
McLaughlin, First	1,164.80	173.31
McIntosh, First	173.31	2.44
Parkston and Tripp	1,021.90	1,313.67
Plum Creek	3,704.83	26.09
Rapid City, South Canyon	582.71	9.55
Selby, Faith	461.25	17.08
Sioux Falls, Northside	633.31	5.23

Sioux Falls, Trinity	1,061.92	10.84
Spring Valley	661.42	8.94
Tyndall	1,641.75	19.78
Wessington Springs, Ebenezer	1,219.99	39.35
Wessington Springs, Immanuel	1,499.65	17.85
<b>Montana</b>		
Billings, Calvary	1,033.54	8.99
Plevna, First	11,115.13	103.88
Sidney, First	767.74	9.60
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	8,211.76	
<b>Total—Dakota Conference</b>	<b>\$139,163.33</b>	<b>\$17.18</b>

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>New York</b>		
Amherst, Bethel	\$ 4,155.50	\$20.99
Buffalo, Austin Street	828.60	9.21
Buffalo, Temple	3,365.90	14.20
Folsomdale	8.80	.18
Rochester, Andrews Street	3,871.15	16.54
<b>Ontario</b>		
Arnprior, First	2,043.19	11.74
Hamilton, German Baptist Mission	1,336.30	6.19
Killaloe, Calvary	1,849.67	12.09
Killaloe, First	376.90	4.43
Kitchener, Central	459.98	1.99
Kitchener, Salem	813.59	9.80
Neustadt, First	1,032.30	10.53
St. Catharines, Immanuel	868.00	8.77
Sebastopol	32.00	1.10
Sudbury, German Bethel	90.00	9.00
Toronto, German Baptist	2,423.25	10.22
Oshawa, German Baptist	15.00	

## Pennsylvania

Arnold, Union	2,158.10	10.68
Erie, Open Bible Tabernacle	204.00	3.14
Erie, South Hills	963.81	10.59
Munson, Forest	1,099.81	11.83
Penn Hills, Calvary	107.00	2.23
Pittsburgh, Holiday Park	929.55	12.07
Pittsburgh, Temple	5,059.71	15.06
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	791.54	
<b>Total—Eastern Conference</b>	<b>\$ 34,883.55</b>	<b>\$11.13</b>

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Alberta</b>		
Calgary, Brentview	\$ 1,853.24	\$22.33
Calgary, German	561.70	3.77
Calgary, Grace	617.00	6.17
Calgary, Temple	2,965.21	11.49
Camrose, Fellowship	974.00	13.91
Carbon	8,707.22	39.58
Drumheller, Parkdale	198.00	
Drumheller, Zion	3,676.11	34.04
Edmonton, Bethel	90.45	1.68
Edmonton, Capilano	1,978.18	16.91
Edmonton, Central	8,301.35	14.46
Namao Park		
Edmonton, German Zion	2,643.13	11.70
Edmonton, Emmanuel	1,876.69	11.73
Edmonton, McKernan	7,207.55	26.79
Edmonton, Meadowlark	313.55	7.13
Edmonton, Salem	885.00	7.83
Forestburg	71.29	
High Prairie, Bethel	91.24	4.56
Hilda, First	1,613.84	18.77
Hobbema, Benke Memorial		
Leduc, First	3,570.90	13.08
Leduc, Temple	1,586.36	9.61
Lethbridge, Bethany	3,728.50	33.90
Medicine Hat, Grace	2,456.57	11.93
Medicine Hat, Temple	2,782.45	20.02
Olds, East Olds	2,165.52	21.02
Onoway	831.68	11.55
Rabbit Hill	799.96	10.81
Telfordville, Baptist Mission	25.50	1.50
Trochu	4,138.48	27.05
Valleyview, Emmanuel	450.91	8.67
Wetaskinwin, Calvary	1,892.11	11.47
Wiesenthal	3,408.21	21.85

## Manitoba

Minitonas, First	4,472.10	13.35
Moosehorn, First	190.74	3.74
Morris, Emmanuel	7,628.83	38.53
Oak Bank	1,636.80	56.44
Ochre River, Grace	228.50	2.43
River Hills, Whiteshell	955.30	17.06
Swan River, Temple	2,204.62	16.33
Winnipeg, German Baptist Mission	3,822.00	8.69
Winnipeg, Grant Park	1,289.27	13.86
Winnipeg, McDermot Avenue	15,113.96	22.56
Winnipeg, Third German	2,456.19	25.85

## Saskatchewan

Balgonie	9.30	
Burstall (dissolved)	170.35	10.65
Davin, Grace	382.09	12.74
Ebenezer	3,032.94	20.49
Edenwold	314.14	6.54
Esterhazy (Church Extension project)		
Fenwood	423.06	4.60
Glidden, Calvary	633.00	16.23
Golden Prairie, First	437.65	6.73
Jansen, Temple	1,156.20	22.23
Lashburn		
Melville	390.39	24.40
Nokomis	1,476.62	12.84
Raymore	479.82	8.89
Regina, Bethany	157.75	2.46
Regina, Faith	1,636.99	9.15
Saskatoon, First German	266.20	8.87
Saskatoon, Hudson Bay	812.10	20.82
Southey	2,214.41	18.30
Springside	4,290.11	18.26
Yorkton, Central	2,800.52	16.77
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	5,794.23	
<b>Total—Northern Conference</b>	<b>\$139,338.08</b>	<b>\$17.17</b>

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Illinois</b>		
Baileyville, First	\$ 1,231.56	\$11.96
<b>Iowa</b>		
Aplington	7,418.91	26.50
Buffalo Center, First	2,097.38	9.67
Burlington, Oak Street	15,269.47	20.52
Cedar Falls, Cedarloo	677.60	18.31
Elgin, First	4,436.66	21.86
George, Central	1,063.60	6.77
George, First	3,342.53	18.07
Parkersburg, Calvary	3,793.62	17.81
Sheffield, Grace	3,855.77	24.25
Steamboat Rock, First	2,455.16	11.75
Sumner, First	706.74	6.04
Victor	1,602.30	14.44

## Minnesota

Appleton, First	299.44	3.25
Hutchinson, Bethany	1,414.21	11.50
Jeffers	717.89	8.07
Minneapolis, Brook Park	444.60	6.01
Minneapolis, Faith	10,664.17	44.25
Minnetrissa	750.44	6.20
Mound Prairie, First	34.00	2.13

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>British Columbia</b>		
Chilliwack, Victoria Avenue	\$ 182.65	\$ 2.20
Creston	395.00	
Kelowna, Grace	3,127.02	16.55
Kelowna, Trinity	1,461.48	14.05
K.imat, Kitimat German	372.01	15.50
Osoyoos	188.15	11.07
Prince George, Bethel	709.86	5.63
Prince Rupert, Bethel	364.51	7.01
Richmond, Rose of Sharon	436.88	8.74
South Fort George	1,351.47	22.91
Terrace, Zion	1,187.12	21.98
Vancouver, Bethany	8,252.16	27.42
Vancouver, Ebenezer	13,496.16	20.14
Vancouver, Immanuel	4,879.15	11.45
Vernon, Faith	626.46	8.35
<b>California</b>		
Anaheim, Bethel	12,880.10	22.40
Anaheim, Magnolia	7,411.14	14.17
Costa Mesa, Harbor Trinity	11,797.56	34.30
Elk Grove, First	2,906.82	13.21
Inglewood, Inglewood Knolls	2,460.00	11.71
Lodi, First	35,111.84	34.76
Lodi, Temple	9,293.02	16.02
Los Angeles, Milo Terrace	920.81	19.18
Sacramento, Lincoln Village	533.46	19.05
Sacramento, Willow Rancho	1,341.65	4.99
Santa Ana, Westbrook	1,774.04	17.74
Santa Ana Heights, Upper Bay	1,289.98	9.63
Stockton, Swain Oaks	359.05	2.46
<b>Idaho</b>		
Paul, First	590.99	4.62
<b>Montana</b>		
Missoula, Bethel	6,874.95	28.41
<b>Oregon</b>		
Dallas, Salt Creek	5,566.08	17.61
Milwaukie, Wichita	143.70	3.59
Portland, Bethany	4,679.00	14.81
Portland, Glencullen	716.15	4.37
Portland, Immanuel	4,161.03	22.99
Portland, Trinity	14,790.95	19.75
Salem, Riviera	1,862.51	13.50
Stafford, First	671.49	7.54
Tigard, Southwood Park	761.70	7.54
<b>Washington</b>		
Colfax, First	2,398.84	7.92
Alderwood Manor, Cypress	79.20	3.77
Odessa	1,589.71	39.74
Renton, Sierra Heights	306.16	7.47
Spokane, Terrace Heights	1,242.21	11.94
Startup	1,269.30	12.69
Tacoma, Calvary	7,127.34	18.14
Tacoma, Portland Avenue	462.30	3.58
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	7,418.59	
<b>Total—Pacific Conference</b>	<b>\$187,821.75</b>	<b>\$18.76</b>

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Louisiana</b>		
Branch, Mowata	\$ 1,892.06	\$45.05
<b>Texas</b>		
Crawford, Canaan	277.12	2.25
Dallas, North Highlands	520.35	8.13
Donna, Central Valley	138.00	2.51
Elm Creek	205.15	7.60
Gatesville, Bethel Heights	37.50	.39
Greenville, (Burton)	362.49	4.59
Kyle, Immanuel	1,806.86	40.15
Rio Grande City, Garcia's Ranch	125.00	3.13
Waco, Central	1,534.38	6.45
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	3,061.23	
<b>Total—Southern Conference</b>	<b>\$ 9,960.14</b>	<b>\$12.31</b>

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
<b>Colorado</b>		
Center, Spanish American Mission	\$ 40.09	\$
Del Norte, Bethel	43.06	1.66
Greeley, Sherwood Park	424.73	13.70
LaSalle, First	663.68	4.64
Monte Vista, Grace	107.78	
<b>Kansas</b>		
Bethany, near Vesper	3,286.41	35.34
Bison, First	1,094.80	13.52
Dickinson County, First	1,483.65	14.69
Durham, First	3,209.76	21.84
Ebenezer, near Elmo	1,062.20	9.08
Ellinwood, First	2,718.20	15.53
Hoisington, Calvary	72.80	2.51
Junction City, Highland	270.41	8.45
Lorraine, First	21,529.11	76.89
Marion, Emmanuel	2,927.36	23.80
Stafford, Calvary	7,748.23	34.44
Strassburg, near Marion	2,752.67	22.02
Wichita, Memory Lane	395.21	10.40
<b>Nebraska</b>		
Beatrice, West Side	2,166.40	17.61
Columbus, Redeemer	614.89	29.28
Creston	482.29	11.48
Shell Creek	2,536.70	28.83
<b>Oklahoma</b>		
Cherokee, Bethel	56.10	1.48
Corn, Calvary	1,787.60	12.59
Enid, West Broadway	232.32	
Gotebo, Salem (church disbanding)	3,407.05	
Immanuel, near Loyal	2,259.22	31.82
Okeene, Zion	3,327.00	22.94
Shattuck, Ebenezer	1,635.43	21.24
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	4,519.18	
<b>Total—Southwestern Conference</b>	<b>\$ 72,854.33</b>	<b>\$28.99</b>

SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE

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through maintaining a normal level of conflict.

The servant of God must always recognize that the servant is not greater than his Lord—not in the privileges of service nor in the problems of service. We can become guilty of seeking the easy solution to our problems, and the easy one is not always the right one or the best one. Instead we are called upon to demonstrate the reality of that which we preach, namely, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." The servant of God must show, as

did Paul, the sufficiency of the grace of God. There may be many thorns in his life, and for their removal he may pray more than three times. Shall we not also pray for grace enough to be able to say with Paul, "I can even enjoy weaknesses, suffering, privations, persecutions and difficulties for Christ's sake" (2 Cor. 12:10 Phillips)?

GOD'S SUFFICIENT GRACE

God's grace was sufficient for us in our salvation. His grace was sufficient in calling us into his service. His grace is sufficient in equipping us to become effective and fruitful servants. His grace is also sufficient in overcoming difficulties. Some of us have witnessed a great

many changes in the life of the minister. His terminology has changed. We no longer preach; we communicate the Gospel. People no longer have a spiritual experience; they have an encounter with God. We no longer have a conversion; we have a dialogue. The minister no longer has a study; it is a counseling room. In the midst of all these changes by which we endeavor to give a 20th century face to the New Testament church, let us never lose sight of the servant role of the minister.

THE JOY OF THE LORD

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 11, 1965

Theme: OUR CONTINUING RESPONSE TO CHRIST

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-16; Romans 8:26-28

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** To live with Christ, to suffer with Christ and to die with Christ should be the Christian's highest goals.

**INTRODUCTION:** The letter to the Philippian church is one of the most joyous of the Pauline epistles. Their problems were not nearly so serious as those he found in Corinth. And the fact that they remembered him with a love gift while he was in prison overwhelmed him. Such a warmhearted expression of their devotion and loyalty touched his heart. His appreciation is therefore conveyed in more intimate language than in any other letter. The apostle literally poured out his heart and shared his personal thoughts with his Christian friends in Philippi.

This warm and close relationship must have meant a great deal to him because he was still a prisoner in Rome. Yet in spite of his confinement, Paul was a joyful Christian. His goal was to be Christlike whether in jail or out of jail, and he tried to recommend this highest and noblest goal to all followers of Christ. Outward circumstances never changed his inward condition.

### I. PAUL'S HIGH AIM. Philippians 3:7-11.

According to Jewish standards, Paul had gained much before he became a Christian. His religious and social status among his brethren would have been on a very high level. This meant much more to a Jew than we can imagine. Yet he renounced it all to follow Christ. But in no sense did he sacrifice in order to follow Christ. He suffered no losses; he reported only capital gains. His boast was now in the Lord and not in any of his former works. It was his desire to attain a closer fellowship with Jesus through a sharing of Christ's sufferings.

### II. PAUL'S CONTINUING QUEST. Philippians 3:12-16.

The deep humility of Paul becomes evident in this expression in verse 12. Even though he has a passionate yearning for perfection and completeness in Christ, he does not hesitate to declare that he has not obtained his goal. The closer he drew to perfection in Christ, the more conscious he be-

came of his imperfections.

Because of what he was, he is all the more grateful for what Christ has done for him. Now he must do his best for Jesus, and like an athlete, strain every muscle and nerve to reach his goal. The expression, "forgive and forget," is much more easily said than done. Certainly the apostle's former way of life was not easy to forget. Yet he knows that it will do no good to dwell on it.

### III. PAUL'S CEASELESS SEEKING. Romans 8:26-28.

Writing now to the Romans, Paul tells how our weaknesses are being cared for. In spite of our best efforts we often become discouraged. That is when we must rely on the Holy Spirit so much the more. It is when we feel weak and helpless that the strength and guidance of God are often made most meaningful to us. Everything that happens to us can help us grow in our Christian faith if we let it. Paul learned to live over the circumstances of life and not under them.

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What is God's part in our Christian growth and what is our part?
2. How can we be conformed to the death of Christ?
3. Is it easy to accept everything in life and learn a spiritual lesson from it?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 18, 1965

Theme: CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH CONFLICT

Scripture: Romans 7:13-25

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** When we come to God in repentance and faith and are saved by grace, one of the shocks of the new life is to discover that we are not saved from the possibility of sin after we profess Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** We come now to a part of Scripture which is largely the basis for all of our theological beliefs and interpretations. In the book of Romans, Paul deals with the deep things of God. Chapter 7 is particularly difficult to interpret because it is part of an involved argument as to the place of the law of Moses in the life of a Christian. During Paul's time, there were people who saw only two extremes. Some Jewish Christians believed that nothing changed one's attitude and obligation to the law, while others claimed that Christ had freed them from the law to such a degree that they thought it perfectly normal

to live in self-indulgence.

Paul thought of the law as a schoolmaster which led his children to Christ where they now serve and live in the new life of the Spirit. It was the difference between righteousness under the grace of God through Christ as over against righteousness by knowledge and self-discipline.

### I. THE CHRISTIAN'S STRUGGLE. Romans 7:13-23.

Any Christian who genuinely wants to be good will have conflict. Paul wanted to be good even before he became a Christian. But in spite of a holy and righteous law, he was unable to live a holy and righteous life. The law, however, did not prevent sin, nor did it do away with sin. It could do nothing but expose it. Therefore it was not the law that brought about his death; it was his sin.

The laws which we have can prohibit, constrain and restrain a man, so that his outward behavior can be controlled, but laws have no control over his spirit. The real power of a Christlike life comes from an inner motivation.

Before Paul was born again, he was involved in some kind of mechanical goodness, but he discovered very soon that he could not control his actions and emotions by merely pushing the right mental button. Every time he pressed his finger on a "good" button something "bad" came out.

### II. THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY TO VICTORY. Romans 7:24-25.

The title of the well known book, "What Would Jesus Do?", is in the form of a question which never leaves us. Every area of life will have to be approached with Christ in mind. In the battle between the flesh and the Spirit, we may feel as wretched as Paul. But there is a note of hope in such a despairing cry. It is a sign that we are at the end of our rope and that we have to surrender.

Paul ends with a glorious song of victory. He discovered that he was not alone in the struggle. The resources of God through Jesus Christ are always available to the believer in every temptation and testing. Where our spirit is willing, God will undertake and undergird with his Holy Spirit. To those who desire strength and power to serve the Lord, they can be sure that the Lord will provide.

#### Questions for Discussion

1. Do we have any reason to believe that the Christian life is an easy life?
2. Why should it be so easy to do wrong and so difficult to do right?

● Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Japan, a 1965 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary with the B.D. degree, will be studying this fall at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. He will be studying for his Master of Theology degree. Mrs. Murakami will be accompanying her husband to Philadelphia. Mr. Murakami graduated from the NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May 1965 "cum laude"—with honors!

● A new Spanish American Mission Field in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas will be undertaken by Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Harris on Sept. 1st. This will be at Edinburg, Texas where there are many opportunities to witness with the Gospel among Latin Americans. Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Sandoval, the other missionary couple, are stationed at Rio Grande City. The Bible School located at Edinburg, Texas has trained several Mexican nationals for this ministry to the Spanish-American people.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., welcomed its new Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Leonard Boyd Showalter, his wife, Barbara, and children: Mark, Alan and Andrea, at a reception during the Sunday evening service on May 16. Mr. Showalter formerly served the Chelan Community Church at Chelan, Wash. Mrs. Miriam Kruger reported: "We are praying for the Lord's blessing as Rev. Leonard Showalter ministers to us in the Bible School and youth groups." Dr. John Wobig is the pastor of the Trinity Church.

● Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Wieschollek of Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 9. The anniversary program was held on Sunday afternoon at the German Bethel Church of which Mr. Wieschollek is the pastor. Congratulatory messages were brought by Rev. John E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., and by the Reverends Rudolph Woyke, R. Kerstan and Walter Schmidt of Milwaukee. Church representatives also extended their congratulations and remembered the honored couple with gifts. They were married in Berlin, Germany on May 10, 1940.

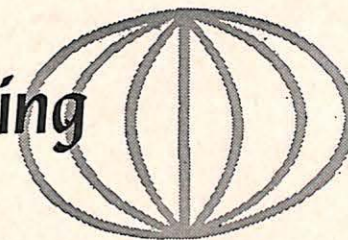
● On Sunday evening, May 9, the young people of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., honored their mothers by presenting a Mother's Day program which was greatly appreciated by all present. After the service, members and friends gathered in the lower auditorium to bid farewell to the interim pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Zeller. Words of appreciation were expressed by church officers and gifts were presented to them. Mr. Zeller responded with appropriate comments and words of thanks. Several numbers in song were rendered by the young people.

● Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Livingston, N. J., a member of the Littleton Baptist Church, Parsippany, N. J., was the recipient of the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Piedmont Bible College of North Carolina on Sunday, May 23. Dr. Gruen is the Conference Secretary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews with headquarters in New

Mother's Day program on Sunday evening, May 9, was in charge of the church's young people. The Faith Church was host to the Northern Conference sessions from July 7 to 11.

● The Publication Board with the approval of the General Council has appointed Miss Sara Lou Gunst of Min-

## what's happening



York City. At the 18th commencement exercises of Piedmont Bible College, Mr. H. F. Seawell, Jr., attorney at law in Carthage, N. C., brought the address. Twenty-three students were awarded the B.Ed. and B.Th. degrees besides the D.D. honorary degree granted to Dr. Gruen.

● The Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., has been actively ministering with the Gospel over television in recent weeks. On Sunday, May 16, the church choir of 25 voices together with the pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, conducted a half hour program over a Regina TV station. This program is in charge of Captain Cole of The Salvation Army. Mr. Don Scheirer of the Faith Baptist Church, who is also employed as an engineer at CKCK-TV, sings two spiritual selections every morning during the program "Psalmody." On Thursday evening, May 13, a group of 9 Ambassadors from the Winnipeg Bible College conducted a program at the Faith Church. The

### BRONZE PLAQUES

Numerous bronze plaques have been placed prominently in the NAB Headquarters Building, Forest Park, Ill., and at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., listing all the donors to the Denominational Advance Building Fund, 1959-1960. This fund of \$250,000 made possible the new headquarters building and the Seminary library. In addition to the plaques, an Honor Book has been placed in the Trophy Room of the headquarters building and in the Seminary Library with the names of all donors inscribed who made contributions to the One Hundred Dollar Club. A total of 336 names are inscribed in each of these Honor Books. Visitors to the buildings will be interested in giving special attention to these plaques and Honor Books.

neapolis, Minn., as Editor of Christian Education Literature on a part time basis. Miss Gunst will give her full time to this new important position during the summer months and then study at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., during the next two school years in the Department of Christian Education, giving half of her time to the editorial assignment. She will be working with the Roger Williams Press and the Department of Christian Education in the preparation and editing of new lessons for the imprint material of the Gospel Light Sunday School quarterlies in addition to other assignments. She began her ministry at Forest Park on June 14. She is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis.

● On June 18 Rev. John Nfor of Bamenda, Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, arrived by plane in the United States to participate in the sessions of the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach, Fla., June 25 to 30. Mr. Nfor has been the executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. This will be the first time that a national official of the Cameroon Baptist Convention will be visiting this country and the NAB churches. Following the Congress sessions, from July 1 to August 2 Mr. Nfor will visit many churches and several regional conferences and will take part in the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wis. Mrs. Bell, representing the Cameroon Woman's Missionary Union, also was a delegate to the Baptist Congress and will go on a briefer tour to some of the NAB churches.

● The Commissioning Service of Miss Daphne Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., appointee to the Cameroons Baptist Mission field in West Africa, was held at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux

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## C.I.T.'s 25th Commencement Exercises

At the commencement program of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., 11 high school and 5 theological graduates were honored in this "second series" of week end festivities.

By Professor Edward B. Link, Edmonton, Alberta



Dr. E. P. Wahl, behind the pulpit, delivers the commencement address for the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta at its 25th anniversary festivities.

each representing one of the past 25 years, joined in a chain of verbal greetings, before the historic commencement address, "The Power That Brings Salvation" by Dr. E. P. Wahl, C.T.I.'s founder and president-emeritus.

Stirred to go forth in the power of the Gospel and not to be ashamed, the graduates received their diplomas from the president, Dr. A. S. Felberg. The 1965 touring C.T.I. quartet sang "Soldiers of Christ Arise." The entire gathering joined in the class theme song,

### CHOICE

By Betty Warren MacPike  
of Portland, Oregon

If I were free  
to go where I would go,  
and do what I would do;  
if all the richest wealth  
were mine,  
and servants did my will;  
if I could sway  
the greatest minds,  
and set the world on fire;  
if I could choose  
my life,  
and realize my dreams,—

I would stay here,  
this place,  
he chose for me.

BAPTIST HERALD

ON ITS 25th anniversary the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta graduated 26 students, a number just short of the first total enrollment of the first 1940 class. This was the first highlight of this spring's graduations. But the second thrilling factor proved to be the "homecoming" for the silver celebration of C.T.I. alumni representing every class year since the school's inception. Reunions, nostalgia, spiritual and intellectual stimulation mingled with profound enthusiasm for the school's future stamped this year's proceedings as outstanding in the history of our Christian Training Institute.

For the month of April an historical exhibit prepared by the C.T.I. Baptist History Class depicted the 25 year involvement of the school with our North American Baptist cause in its history and mission fields. This interesting room greeted those gathering for the series of week-end festivities which started out with the Saturday evening banquet on May 1 honoring both the 11 High School and 5 theological graduates. Rev. R. Neuman, a member of C.T.I.'s first 1940 class and long-time missionary to the Indians, challenged C.T.I. to meet its goals of making men for God in his message, "Men Made Here."

Another early C.T.I. alumnus, Rev. R. F. Dickau of Parkersburg, Iowa, brought the Sunday morning baccalaureate sermon, "Potential-Abused or Used," at the Namao Park Baptist Church. The commencement service took place at the packed Central Baptist Church. Moving moments of music featured a male quartet composed of early C.T.I. quartet singers and the alumni choir directed by Mr. Robert Neske, long-time early director of C.T.I.'s music. Twenty-five alumni,

prayers. For granting me recovery, I will never cease to praise our Lord.

Business or business meetings to many are boring, and yet they can give us much information and appreciation for the manner in which the business of our conference is carried on. Attend as many conferences and become as involved as you can not only in the women's work but in other phases as well.

It is often said that we learn to appreciate another person after getting to know him well. My challenge to you is this: Get to know our conference well and, I believe, you will praise God for it even as I do.

### ? A QUESTION FOR YOU ?

By Mrs. David Draewell,  
General Council Representative for  
the Woman's Missionary Union

The question I would like to pose is simply this: What does the North American Baptist General Conference mean to you? Now I realize that no one but you can answer that question. So I will merely tell you what it has meant and means to me today. I know it can mean just as much or more to you.

Perhaps the first blessing in my life was that I was born into a Christian and North American Baptist home in South Dakota. I will admit that through the early years of my life, this fact, at least consciously, did not mean much to me. Nevertheless, that is where my training began and our conference work gradually became familiar to me.

### OUR CONFERENCE PROGRAM

When our family moved to a different location and joined a different Baptist church, I must say that as fine as the church was, their conference program and missionaries were, of course, unfamiliar to me. After only a couple of years, we found our way once again to the fellowship of one of our conference churches.

Our conference became even more a part of me as I served as a secretary in our Forest Park office, as a pastor's wife in two of our churches, as secretary of our Woman's Missionary Union and now as your Council Representative.

As I sat in the General Council sessions recently, this question which I raised to you came into my mind. To have the opportunity to listen to discussion on the many phases of our conference work, and then to stop to think about our part in them is tremendous. We can pass it off lightly or ask what difference does it make.

Space does not permit discussing these different areas of our work and you have the opportunity to read reports concerning them in the "Baptist Herald." I will mention only two items which meant much to me.

### PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is a great part of our people. I think of the many General Conferences, local conferences and all the other times when this has been uplifting. I also think of the prayer fellowship when I became seriously ill and was the object of many of your



Members of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Washburn, North Dakota at its 50th anniversary program. Mrs. R. C. Stading, pastor's wife, is at right.

## 50th Anniversary, Woman's Society, Washburn, N.D.

Report of the Anniversary Festivities, Woman's Missionary Society, Washburn, N. Dak.

THE OCCASION of the Baptist Missionary Society's 50th Anniversary at Washburn, N. Dak., was indeed a most memorable and joyful day of festivities. In the afternoon an informal Anniversary Tea was enjoyed by the ladies of the church and it was a pleasure to have Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, with us. The evening service at the High School Auditorium highlighted the day's events with a program by the ladies. Mrs. R. C. Stading brought words of welcome and also introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Sherman, who brought a most heart searching and challenging message on "Service," based on Romans 12:1.

Those honored in special tribute were Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., who was the local pastor 50 years ago and who helped in organizing this society; also Mrs. Adolph (Pfeifle) Singer of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, who is the only surviving charter member;

and Mrs. John Reiser, the oldest present member, who has been a member 48 years, having served as an officer 27 years. A memorial service was held in memory of the 41 sisters who have passed away and a historical report of 50 years of progress was read. A picturesque historical display of the society's activities and a picture display of the group in action was enjoyed. Music was furnished by a double duet, and members of the society sang, "What Shall the Harvest Be?" A vocal solo, "So Send I You," depicted the lighted scene of Christ over the theme, "Onward With Christ."

A beautiful cake in the shape of a large cross with a raised open Bible over the foot of the cross and many floral arrangements greatly enhanced the service. Visitors who joined in commemorating this memorable event were from the Baptist churches of Turtle Lake, Underwood, Mercer, Beulah, Goodrich and Bismarck.

## 80th Church Anniversary, Jamesburg, N.J.

Report of 80th Anniversary Festivities at Jamesburg, New Jersey  
by Mrs. Grace J. Epp.

THE 80th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., was celebrated on Sunday, May 16, in grateful acknowledgement of God's divine grace and guidance through the years. The Sunday school had the privilege of hearing Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary, share with us the opportunities and blessings of our denominational fellowship. At the morning worship service we were happy to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our speaker. His topic was chosen from Joshua 23:14

and was entitled, "The Golden Threads of History." Rev. C. Peters of Elsmere, Delaware, a former pastor also took part. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, presently at Princeton Seminary, was a welcome visitor.

A family dinner was held for all members and friends, with an informal program after the dinner hour. Mr. J. B. Weisert, senior deacon, assisted in the "burning of the mortgage" ceremony. This mortgage had provided for the renovation and addition to the church in the form of a fellowship hall,

pastor's study and classrooms.

Floral arrangements had been given by all organizations of the church as part of the memorial. Recognition of members who had been members for 50 years or more was given. Letters of congratulations and greetings from former members, friends and sister churches were read. Mrs. Edward Clinton read a poem which she had composed for the occasion which reviewed the accomplishments of the past five years. At the close of the program, a challenge was given to the members of the church by Mr. Edward Clinton, chairman of the Board of Trustees, when he introduced the results of the Planning Committee for an addition to the church, with further renovations for the Sunday school and sanctuary.

A most unique program was given at 3:30 p.m. by the "Balalika Stringed Orchestra" from the Russian Baptist Church of South River, N. J., a neighboring church. The sacred selections were arranged by a Christian layman who had recently come from Russia as a refugee and were of the style which befitted both the instruments used and the country represented. The entire festivities were under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Arthur Boy-mook, with Mrs. Edward Clinton as chairman of the Anniversary Committee. With the inspiring presence of Dr. M. L. Leuschner, the members were given the challenge of renewed consecration to God as were those early pioneers who founded the church.

### RECOGNITION COUNCIL, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, JAMESTOWN, N. DAK.

The newly organized Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., desired to unite with our North American Baptist fellowship. Upon their request a Recognition Council was called. On April 29th 43 delegates and friends from 17 area churches met in Jamestown to examine the doctrinal beliefs and polity of the church. The Church Clerk, Mrs. Prince Leonard, read the decisions of the church which led to the calling of the Council. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, temporary pastor, gave a brief history of the church. After hearing the church's covenant and pertinent portions of its constitution, the delegates voted unanimously to receive and to recognize the TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH as a New Testament church.

The recognition service was held that evening. The local choir, under the direction of Elmer Schindel, sang a very fitting song. The charge to the church was given by Rev. J. Ehman of Goodrich. Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa of Linton rendered a song. The message, "What Is the Future of the Christian Church?" was given by Rev. Allan Strohschein of Bismarck. Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle was elected moderator of the Council and Rev. I. H. Schmuland of Aberdeen as secretary. May the Lord lead and direct this new church in its ministry!

# OUR denomination in action

## special events

**PLEVNA, MONTANA.** The Baptist Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Mission Circle of Plevna, Montana presented their annual Easter program featuring the play, "To This End." This was a powerful and deeply moving drama for the Easter season directed by Ruth Sieler. The events from Jesus' appearance before Pilate to the moments of his death and resurrection were related in such a manner that one had the feeling of having actually been present. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, Reporter).

**FIRST, GEORGE, IOWA.** On Thursday evening, April 22, the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa was privileged to have the choir of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., present the Easter cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Savior," under the direction of Jim DeBoer. Professor Donald Madvig of our Seminary faculty was narrator with Mrs. Madvig at the piano. This was truly an inspiration to all in attendance. The following Sunday evening, April 25, the "King's Heralds" of the Seminary thrilled the congregation with their music featuring vocal and instrumental numbers. An offering was received and presented to both groups in appreciation of their services. (Dorothy Krull, Reporter).

**HEBRON, N. DAK.** The congregation of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., held a surprise reception on Sunday evening, April 25, for the members of the Church Choir and its director, Mrs. Ervin J. Faul, in appreciation of the faithful and consistent presentation of the Gospel songs for the worship services. The reception was in the church parlors following the evening service. On the evening of Mother's Day, the church featured Mr. Jack Markey, America's Irish Balladier of Gospel Songs, and Mr. Doug. Carlson, the Golden Trombonist of St. Paul, to a capacity audience from points as far as 60 miles away. The congregation was challenged to a deeper Christian life. (Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter).

**TYNDALL AND DANZIG, S. DAK.** An Easter song and story program, "The Easter Guest" by M. Barbara Stewart and Norma Lighthill, was presented at the Danzig Baptist Church of South Dakota on Sunday evening, April 18. Mrs. Harlan Voigt served as the pianist and Mrs. Jean Hebner as director. The annual Woman's Missionary Union program was presented at the Tyndall Baptist Church on Sunday evening, May 16. Several filmstrips were shown. Mrs. John Lubbers, president, presided. There was an organ-piano duet by Barbara Rueb and Eunice Zimmerman, respectively. A spinnet

Wurlitzer organ was recently purchased by the Tyndall Baptist congregation. Laddie Schuh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuh and a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church, was valedictorian of the Tyndall High School Senior Class. He was also chosen "State Star Farmer," the highest award to be received on the South Dakota state level by the F. F. A. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

**CARBON, ALBERTA.** On Sunday afternoon, April 25, the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., held a dedication service for the new Educational Unit, constructed this past winter, as an addition to the church. This unit consists of a large vestibule, a pastor's study, a church office, a library and 11 new Sunday school classrooms. Many neighboring churches were represented in this service with their greetings and congratulations having been printed in the dedication program. Congratulations in person were brought by the architect and Rev. William Sturhahn, our District Secretary. The dedication prayer was offered by Rev. C. Remple of Calgary, Alta. Several musical numbers were rendered by the choirs from the Trochu Baptist Church, Carbon Senior and Carbon Junior Choir. The Carbon Ladies' Sextette sang "Bless This House." The message, "The Responsibility of Opportunity," was delivered by the guest speaker, Professor Willy R. Muller, of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. (David Gieck, Secretary).

**MINNETRISTA CHURCH, MINN.** On Mother's Day, May 9, the members of Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., saw their prayers and dreams realized when Rev. Frank Friesen and the trustees, Jay Gregg, Lamont Weiland, ElRoy Bergs, turned over the first shovels of dirt during



Ground breaking for the new parsonage, Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn. Left to right: Jay Gregg, Rev. Frank Friesen, Roy Krotzer, Lamont Weiland, Ed Adam, ElRoy Bergs, Warren Gregg, Irene Maas, and Marcella Beise.

the ground breaking ceremonies for the new parsonage. Mr. Friesen led in prayer commending the building of the parsonage to God. Rev. Frank Friesen has served us for the last seven months and many blessings have been received during his ministry. The ground breaking ceremony was his last Sunday with us. Rev. Fred Klein began his ministry with us on June 6th. He is the first minister to live in the new parsonage. (Mrs. LeRoy Bruhn, Reporter).

**WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** On Sunday afternoon, May 2, mothers and daughters of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., enjoyed a Tea sponsored by the W.M.S. Guests were greeted by the president, Mrs. Arnold Mauch, and daughter, Cathy, with a total of 74 signing the guest book. Pouring were our pastor's wife, Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, and daughter, Victoria, and Mrs. W. W. Rueb and daughter, Mrs. Vernon Jungkeit.

An evening of Christian fellowship and entertainment was enjoyed by approximately 200 people at the annual Family Dinner sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood on May 14. President George Kirk presided. The quartet of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton were special guests and brought a good selection of musical numbers. "Magic" was cleverly brought out in table decorations and also by another guest, Stan Adair, Christian magician. The evening closed with prayer by our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

**HUDSON BAY PARK, SASKATOON, SASK.** May 2-9 was Family Week at the Hudson Bay Park Church, Saskatoon, Sask. The week began on Sunday morning with a stirring sermon, "Wanted — Christian Homes," based on Eph. 5:21-6:4 by Rev. E. Hohn. A literature display with samples for family devotions and other helpful books on Christian family life proved to be very popular. The evening sermon, "Enoch, a Father Who Walked with God," challenged all to be different for Christ's sake in these materialistic times. The first Mother and Daughter Banquet of the church was held on Friday, May 7, with 84 persons present. The program was a tribute to mothers and a challenge both to mothers and daughters to surrender to Christ completely. On Sunday morning, through the life of the godly mother Hannah, we were urged to follow in her steps. At this service six children were dedicated to the Lord, the parents pledging themselves publicly to raise their children in "the fear and admonition of the Lord." The week was climaxed on Sunday evening with the film, "The Family That Changed the World." (Gerda Schuman, Reporter).

**BISON, KANSAS.** On Sunday afternoon May 2, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas assembled in an impressive service to dedicate a Baldwin Organ and a painting of Heinrich Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane." The Baldwin Organ was dedicated in memory of these departed loved ones: Mr. Fred Beahm, Russell Sell, Mrs. Hulda Ringering, and John Thielenhaus, Sr. The painting, the work of Mrs. S. C. Tanking, artist, was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Fred Beahm. Music was sup-

plied by Mr. Harold Hasse, accompanied by Mrs. Hasse who was the guest organist. A solemn dedication service was led by our pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch. A message of dedication was brought by Rev. Merle Brenner of Ellinwood, Kansas as guest speaker. We thank God for his goodness and faithfulness to us, and pray that these beautiful and useful additions may enhance the beauty of our sanctuary and aid in our worship service. (Clara Lucille Niedenthal, Reporter).

**CHANCELLOR, S. DAK.** God's blessings have been very real for us at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak. The highlight of recent activities was experienced when nine candidates followed the Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday evening. They are: Elmer Wiebersiek, Mrs. John Schroeder, Jr., Mrs. Richard Poppinga, Roy Peters, Curtis Bartels, Barbara Bartels, Carla Burma, Sharon Poppinga and Merlin Wildeboer. Rev. Norman Miller is pastor of our church. In April a week of special revival services, with Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak. as evangelist, proved to be a great blessing as several found Christ as Savior and others rededicated their lives to him. A Men's Brotherhood has been organized. Gordon Folkerts has been elected president of the group. Mrs. Elmer Klock was appointed church librarian and with a committee has been busy receiving contributions and purchasing books for our new church library. (Mrs. Herman Bartels, Reporter).

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**GLADWIN, MICH.** The Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., on Easter Sunday, April 18, held an impressive evening service at which 16 young people were baptized and 7 others joined the church by letter and another group of 7 by experience. A total of 30 persons received the right hand of fellowship at the communion service that evening. May each individual find their place of service to the Lord in this Round Lake Baptist Church! (Augusta Will, Reporter).

**CENTRAL, EDMONTON, ALTA.** Palm Sunday was the beginning of a blessed Easter week for the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., when 15 persons, who had accepted the Lord, were baptized by our minister, Rev. Herbert Hiller. These were then received into the church fellowship at a communion service on Good Friday evening. A special blessing was experienced by all on Easter Sunday evening, when the choirs of the church joined together in a choral program. We praise God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us! (Mrs. B. Jeske, Reporter).

**BROOKFIELD, WIS.** On Palm Sunday five young people followed their Savior in baptism at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin. The ceremony was performed by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz. Then on Maundy Thursday a special musical program with light effects was held, along with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. On Easter Sunday members and friends of Immanuel were served an early Easter breakfast by the Woman's Missionary Union. Following this, the children presented their traditional Easter program in song and verse, and then we proceeded to our regular worship service, completing a most inspiring morning for all those participating. (Mrs. Egon H. Grothe, Reporter).

**GLENCULLEN, PORTLAND, ORE.** On Sunday evening, April 4th, at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, ten people were baptized and received into the church's membership, and two others entered by experience. Following the inspiring baptism service, the communion service was observed and the hand of fellow-



Rev. Herbert Hiller, left, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta with 15 baptismal candidates.

ship was extended to these twelve. We thank God for each one who has accepted him and for the privilege of working for him." In the accompanying picture Rev. Herbert Schauer is at the left second row. The group picture shows Mr. and Mrs. A. McCallson and daughter, Candy; April and Andy Schauer, Mr. and Mrs. James Haddon, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Garrick and son Ricky; Kathleen Houck and Gayle Hagar.



Rev. Herbert Schauer, (left, middle row), pastor of the Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon and 12 new members received into the church's fellowship by baptism and experience.

# ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendelburg of Stafford, Kansas, members of the Calvary Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary.

**GOLDEN WEDDING, MR. AND MRS. H. WENDELBURG.** On Sunday afternoon, April 18, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendelburg of Stafford, Kansas celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary by having Open House. Hosts for the occasion were their children: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wendelburg, Tribune, Kansas; Miss Norma Wendelburg, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Zeigler, Walterboro, S. Car.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wendelburg, Stafford, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Minnick, Ottawa, Kansas; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendelburg, Stafford, Kansas. Over two hundred friends visited the couple to honor and congratulate them. A service in their honor was held at the Calvary Baptist Church on that same evening. Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor, gave a devotional message based on their favorite Scripture passages and then presented a family Bible to them in behalf of the church. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall of the church. From the very beginning of their wedded life, they established a Christian home. They have been an inspiring example of faithfulness and devotion to their family and to the Lord.

**IMMANUEL, WOODSIDE, N. Y.** Sunday, May 16, was truly "a day of regret" for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Woodside, N. Y., when our beloved pastor, Rev. A. Husmann, brought his farewell message on "Love" as the third of his "Discharge Testimonials." Out of the overflow of his heart and mind, he symbolized the spirit of the true shepherd of the flock. In the afternoon service we were favored with the presence of two representatives of our denomination: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who reminded his listeners to share the same love and appreciation shown to the Husmanns with the successor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, in furthering the Kingdom of God in our midst; and Rev. R. Kern, our faithful secretary of the Eastern District. A special event was the dedication of a bronze tablet commemorating Rev. A. Husmann's faithful endeavor in the building of this fine edifice of worship. Our combined choirs and the musical selec-

tions were highly appreciated. A poem by the gifted wife of our esteemed choir director depicting the cares and duties of our good pastor and his wife, was delivered by Miss Lipinski of the choir. Several others spoke in behalf of their churches: Rev. A. Lamprecht for Ridgewood, Deacon Nicolai for the Second Church of New York City, and Mrs. Steinhoff for Evergreen-Lynbrook, L. I. Greetings in letters were read by our program chairman, Mr. Meissner. Last but not least, the church presented to the Husmanns, by unanimous vote, a notable sum of a \$1,000 as a love gift from us. (R. Herzog, Reporter).

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS DERMAN.** On Saturday afternoon, April 24, relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Derman gathered in the church sanctuary in Medina, N. Dak., to honor them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their oldest



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Derman of Medina, N. Dak., who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 24.

son, Gilbert, led the service. Dr. A. J. Borchardt pastor of the church, read an appropriate Scripture passage. Ronald Derman, a nephew, led in prayer. A musical program was rendered by the children and grandchildren. Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer, the Derman's pastor at the time of their 25th anniversary, led a short meditation. Robert Derman, a grandson, read an account of the honored couple's wedding. Three of their wedding attendants were present as well as Mr. Derman's mother who is 91 years old. Their children are Mrs. Vernon Deans and Mrs. Gottlieb Dockter of Minneapolis, Minn.; Gilbert Derman of River Falls, Wisc.; and Milton Derman of Grand Forks, N. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Derman are still active in the Lord's work and praise him for his leading in their lives. Mr. Derman has been a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years. From 1956-1961 they were caretakers of the Crystal Springs Youth Camp near Medina. (Report by the Children).

**ROSENFELD, N. DAK.** It was with deep regret that we of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota said farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Erhard Knull and Carmen on Sunday afternoon, May 2. At noon we held a fellowship dinner in the church basement. A program was arranged with different organizations of our church expressing words of appreciation. The ladies of the church and the Senior C.B.Y.F. brought numbers in song. The program was in charge of the chairman of the board of deacons, Mr. Elvin Kanko. The ladies of the church presented Mrs. Knull with a gift and the Junior and Senior C.B.Y.F. presented Mr. Knull with a gift in addition to the offering, given to the Knulls. (Mrs. David Dieterle, Reporter).

**GOLDEN WEDDING, MR. AND MRS. DAVID BILLETER.** The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Billeter of Portland, Oregon was celebrated on Sunday afternoon, April 25, in the Trinity Baptist Church sanctuary. Mrs. Billeter was escorted down the aisle for the commemorative service by their son, James B. Billeter, and Mr. Billeter by their daughter Mrs. Vinson V. Sly (Marian). Their wedding soloist, Walter Brenneke, sang for this service, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Dr. John Wobig, pastor, spoke on the original wedding text, Ruth 1:16. About 400 people honored the couple by attending the service and reception



Mr. and Mrs. David Billeter of Portland, Oregon, members of the Trinity Baptist Church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 25.

that followed. Mr. Billeter is a native Portlander. Mrs. Billeter was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and came to Portland in 1909. They now have five grandchildren. Mr. Billeter has been a life-long member of Trinity Church and the couple was married here in 1915. Mr. Billeter served on the church Finance Committee for 40 years, as treasurer for 20 years, as a deacon and in other church offices. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

**COLFAX, WASH.** How to report a day packed with emotions of all kinds and saturated with much planning, work, happiness, sadness and love—this is a difficult task! This was that kind of day, Sunday, April 25, at the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., when we as a church bade farewell to Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein. A noon potluck dinner followed the morning's farewell message. The afternoon program was attended by about 300 persons. Brief talks were given and various gifts presented by a number of people representing several "area groups" and the local church. Two anthems by the choir, favorites of Mrs. Klein and conducted by her, also a trumpet trio, enhanced the program. The "love gift" from the church amounted to over \$1,000. Our local radio station broadcast the entire program that evening from a tape which was recorded and given as a gift to the Kleins. This was our way of saying, "Thank you and God bless you!" (Program Committee Reporter).

**GRACE, MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.** On Sunday evening, May 16, the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta held its reception for the new pastor, Mr. Gerhard Poschwatta, his wife and family. A special program was presented with Mr. Gustav Pasiciel, deacon, in charge. Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky read scripture. The mixed choir under the direction of Rev. R. Kanwischer rendered two numbers. Other special numbers were by a sextet, solos by Mrs. Helen Griscowsky, Mr. Otto Mueller, and Dr. Taranger from the Temple Church. The newly formed Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Helen Griscowsky sang "God So Loved the World." A representative from each organization of the church spoke words of welcome. The Temple Baptist Church accepted the invitation to attend the service, and their minister, Rev. H. Schumacher brought an inspiring message. Mr. Poschwatta responded with words of appreciation for the kindness shown to them on their arrival, for a newly redecorated parsonage, and also for the groceries which had been placed in the home by the members of the church. (Sylvia Treiber, Reporter).

**UNION CHURCH, ARNOLD, PA.** The members of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., are grateful to God for sending us our new pastor, Rev. Allen B. Herman, who began his ministry April 4, 1965. He trained for the ministry at Practical Bible Training School, Binghamton, N. Y. He began his ministry as associate pastor of Union Baptist Church, Union, N. Y., and later of First Baptist Church, Oxford, N. Y. While serving Calvary Church, Brackenridge, Pa., he met and married the former Ruth Scott, a school teacher of Brackenridge. The Hermans have a son, Paul, age ten, and a daughter, Lacrisha, 8 months. Members and friends of the church gathered on Tuesday evening, April 6,



Missionary play, "Hseng Yen's Reward," presented at Anamoose, North Dakota by Violet Buxa (right) and Everette Herringer (left) and others.

for a reception for the Hermans. Dr. Arthur Kannwischer, a former pastor of Union Church, presided at this meeting. Greetings from Temple Church, Pittsburgh, were brought by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Yahn and from Holiday Park Church by Rev. Dale Chaddock. Mr. Paul Bullock represented the Penn Hills Church. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cox sang two numbers. Mr. Cox is a member of the Gideon organization and came to our assistance many times during the absence of a pastor. The message was brought by Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary. Response was by Brother Herman. (Mrs. Fred Pressick, Clerk).

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

**BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., enjoyed the fellowship program and food at their annual Mother and



Rev. and Mrs. Allen B. Herman and their family, Paul and Lacrisha, of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Penn.

Daughter Banquet on May 4. Their guest speaker, Mrs. Lorene Roberts, displayed her hobby of hats and gave spiritual emphasis to each one, describing its origin. New chairmen of the Society were introduced, several mothers received corsages, and all were served by the men members at Bethel. A total of 213 attended this most enjoyable event. (Dorothy Pressel, Reporter).

**NORTH FREEDOM, WIS.** On Friday evening, May 7, 57 mothers and daughters of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., enjoyed a Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Sierra Inn at Lake Delton. The theme of the banquet was "Brides of Yesterday" with wedding dresses being modelled by the brides themselves or by substitute brides where the dresses no longer fitted. The oldest dress dated back to 1909, with the most recent being a 1965 dress. Mrs. Phyllis Gaetzke read the narration which told of interesting items about each dress. (Miss Louise Green, Reporter).

**ANAMOOSE, N. DAK.** The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., held its annual missionary program on April 5. The missionary play, "Hseng Yen's Reward," directed by Mrs. Alvin Auch was presented. All the ladies participated in the play and in rendering musical numbers between acts. There were over 200 persons in attendance. An offering of \$80 for the Dakota Conference was received. Our Mother-Daughter Banquet was held May 13th in our church basement on the theme, "On Life's Pathway With Christ." Mrs. Jake Herringer, president, extended a welcome. A bassoon solo was given by Margean Herringer and a reading by Mrs. Eva Michelson. Devotions were led by Mrs. Alvin Auch. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Elard Helm and Miss Ella Bitz. (Mrs. Marlin Engen, Secretary).

**EMMANUEL, MORRIS, MAN.** A new venture was embarked upon by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., on May 3rd. A "Mother and Daughter Tea" was held in the evening to commemorate Mother's Day. We were especially happy to have several women from the community present. Mrs. I. Wollenberg led us in a devotional period. An excellent skit, "Memories," had been prepared for us by Mrs. Selma Kran. A large group participated in the skit. Mrs. W. Rapske played the part of the Mother, and Mrs. E. Hoffman was the narrator. Inspirational selections were also provided by various ladies' groups. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all those present. Mrs. John Wollenberg (pastor's wife) and Mrs. L. Paschke (W.M.S. president) were tea hostesses. We hope to make the "Mother and Daughter Tea" an annual event. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, Reporter).

**SWAN RIVER, MAN.** We of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man., thank God for his recent blessings. Our Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program with musical numbers, readings and a short play. Our choir presented their annual cantata, "No Greater Love," on Good Friday evening to a large audience. On May 2nd the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet. The daughters paid special tribute to the mothers by presenting the program, with one of the mothers responding. Special recognition was given to the oldest and youngest mother, who were presented with corsages. Mrs. Herbert Bushkowsky brought a memorial for the departed mothers. Our pastor, Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky, spoke briefly after which we enjoyed a time of fellowship. (Mrs. Dave Binder, Reporter).

**BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was held Sunday evening, April 25. Mrs. Phil Boettcher, president, presided. A beautiful rendition of "How Great Thou Art" was given by the German Ladies' Chorus. Incoming officers for the new year were recognized by Mrs. Joe Quast, with the prayer of dedication offered by Mrs. William Hoover. Our yearly report showed a very successful year in our combined circles, numbering 134 members. Dr. Richard Chen, representative for "Evangelize China Fellowship," gave a challenging message inspiring us to work even harder for our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mrs. George A. Draper, Reporter).

**ALBERTA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.** Women from all of Alberta received countless blessings and much encouragement at the 8th annual Alberta Women's Missionary Union Conference, April 6 to 8. The Wiesenthal Church of Millet very



Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska with three baptismal candidates.

graciously entertained approximately 200 ladies. A very practical program around the theme, "And Go Quickly," was planned by the Executive Committee. The guest speakers, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Spanish American Missionary; Mrs. Cathy Harrison, Indian Missionary; and Mrs. Manning, wife of the Honorable E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta, were most interesting and challenging. Mrs. Lena Ohlmann gave a Bible study on Galatians. Nearly 300 women attended the Conference Banquet. At a public service following the banquet, Mrs. Manning showed slides and gave a colorful report of a recent trip to the Holy Land. At the installation service Mrs. Fro Hiller challenged the new officers to "Go Quickly and Serve." The new officers are: president, Mrs. Phyllis Buyer; vice president, Mrs. Audrey Littman; secretary, Mrs. Linda Ohlhauser; treasurer, Mrs. June Kern. (Audrey Littman, Reporter).

NOTE: Several reports had to be held over to the next issue for publication. Please be patient during the summer months. EDITOR.

## CBY (youth) fellowship

**SHELL CREEK, NEBRASKA.** "Walking With Jesus" was the theme of the annual Graduation Banquet held on Friday, May 14, at the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska. Guests included the young people from the Creston and Redeemer Baptist Churches. The guest speaker, Rev. David Draewell, brought the message, "Every Minute Counts," which proved to be inspirational to all. Both high school and eighth grade graduates were honored. Rev. James Schacher served as toastmaster. Recently three young people were baptized by Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the Shell Creek Church. In the accompanying picture they are: (left to right) David Mohrman, Dayle Alswager, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke and Mrs. Larry Behlen.

**WISCONSIN YOUTH RALLY.** The young people from N.A.B. churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa gathered in Watertown, Wis., for a Tri-State C.B.Y.F. Rally on May 1 and 2. The theme, "Do Your Friends Know?", was presented by Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The young people spent Saturday taking part in discussion groups, viewing slides about witnessing, and participating in outdoor recreation. On Sunday, Rev. Herbert Berndt of Racine, Wis., brought the message in the morning worship service held at the First Baptist Church. The closing afternoon service was held at the band shell at Riverside Park. The young people took part in several of the services with testimony by word and music. (Nancy Norman, Wisconsin State Secretary).

Spring Valley Baptist Church where he was a faithful member until his sudden death. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Ella Heyer of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived on a farm near Monroe where they resided until 1948. In 1948 they retired from active farming and moved into Monroe where Mr. Johnson was the custodian of the Monroe Public School for three years. Survivors include his wife; four children: Henry of Canistota, Margaret (Mrs. Claus H. Buseman) of Lennox, Lorene and Elsie (Mrs. Ed. Tornow) both of Monroe, S. Dak.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Spring Valley Baptist Church Canistota, South Dakota

RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor

**MR. RUDOLPH BLUM**  
of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Rudolph Blum of Chicago, Ill., who was born in Graudenz, Germany, Feb. 13, 1881, died May 16, 1965. His wife, Ida, preceded him in death. He was converted as a young boy and was baptized on August 10, 1893 in Graudenz, Germany by Rev. Ziel. He came to Chicago with his family in 1911. He joined the First German Baptist Church, now the Foster Avenue Church, of Chicago and with the exception of a few years that he lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was a faithful member of, and at his passing, an Honorary Deacon of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. He was a member of our Central Baptist Home family for nearly 8 years. He is survived by two sons: Mr. Herbert Blum of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Mr. Arthur Blum of Glendora, Calif.; two daughters: Mrs. Jacob (Herta) Lehr of Long Island, N. Y.; and Mrs. Stanley (Irma) Chandler of Chicago, Ill.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church  
Chicago, Illinois

CLARENCE H. WALTH,  
Officiating Pastor

**MRS. LYDIA SCHMIDT**  
of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Lydia Allerding, nee Breittling of born July 11, 1902 in Kalina, Poland, and died May 12, 1965. She was married April 28, 1929 to Gustav Schmidt. Their marriage was blessed with five children, two preceding her in death. She was converted as a young girl and was baptized on June 10, 1917 in Dombie, Poland by Rev. Otto Lenz. The family immigrated to the United States on Feb. 16, 1952. Her first home in the U. S. was in Louisiana, where the family took up membership at the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana. In recent years she was a member of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago. Her godly influence as wife, mother and Christian friend will be greatly missed. Her quiet enduring spirit was more than a match for the tribulations experienced during the war.

She is survived by her husband, Gustav; two sons: Eugene and Bruno of Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Elsbeth Ladwig of Chicago; 6 grandchildren; 3 sisters: Mrs. Olga Eichstadt and Miss Helene Jesse of Chicago; and Mrs. Emma Trudering; and one brother, Friedrich Jesse. Four brothers preceded her in death.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church  
Chicago, Illinois

CLARENCE H. WALTH, Pastor  
**MRS. LYDIA ALLERDINGS**  
of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Lydia Allerding, nee Breittling, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born Dec. 19, 1889 at Venturia, N. Dak. She grew to womanhood in this vicinity and on Jan. 7, 1909 was united in marriage to John Hildenbrandt. He passed away in August 1951. In Feb. 1954 she was united in marriage to John Allerding at Plevna, Montana. They made their home in Ashley, N. Dak. She had been in ill health several weeks prior to her death in the Bismarck Hospital. She passed away on the day of her birthday on Dec. 19, 1965 at the age of 75 years. She professed her faith in Christ and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. V. Wolff in 1903. To the time of her departure she had been a member of the Ashley Baptist Church which she liberally supported with her gifts.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, John Allerding; and the following stepchildren: Emma (Mrs. August Fischer), Hazelton, N. Dak.; Herbert Allerding, Spokane, Wash.; Gustav Allerding, Plevna, Montana; and Ida (Mrs. George Hart), Mill Valley, Calif. 4 brothers; and 3 sisters. Ashley, North Dakota

ISADOR FASZER, Pastor

**MR. ADAM S. HAAS**  
of Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Adam S. Haas was born Jan. 11, 1885 at Menno, S. Dak. In 1887 he moved with his parents to North Dakota to a farm west of Venturia. On Dec. 20, 1907, he was united

in marriage to Sophia Woehl at Wishek, N. Dak. In 1944 they retired from farming and moved to Ashley. He had been in ill health the past year and spent the last week in the Ashley Hospital where he passed away Dec. 16, 1964, after reaching the age of 79 years, 11 months and 5 days.

At the age of 22 years he surrendered his life to Christ for salvation, and in June the following year he was baptized, joining the Danzig Baptist church. Later he became a charter member of the Venturia Baptist Church, where he served as deacon from 1926-1944. He leaves to mourn his death 3 children: Relina (Mrs. Arthur) Breittling, Venturia, N. Dak.; Leon Haas, Moorehead, Minn.; and Albert Haas, Venturia, N. Dak.; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 4 brothers; and 2 sisters. Ashley, North Dakota

ISADOR FASZER, Pastor

**MRS. SOPHIA HAAS**  
of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Sophia Haas, nee Woehl, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born April 4, 1886 in South Russia. She came with her parents at the age of 3 years and settled near Eureka, S. Dak., later moving to a farm 16 miles southwest of Wishek, N. Dak. On Dec. 20, 1907 she was united in marriage to Adam S. Haas at Venturia, N. Dak. In 1944 they retired from farming and moved to Ashley. She had been in ill health the past year and passed away at her home Oct. 21, 1964 after reaching the age of 78 years, 6 months, and 17 days.

At the age of 17 she surrendered her life to Christ for salvation and two years later in 1905 Rev. Christian Bischof baptized her on the profession of her faith. She was a charter member of the Venturia Baptist Church and later became a member of the Ashley Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn her death the following children: Relina (Mrs. Arthur Breittling), Venturia, N. D.; Albert Haas, Venturia, N. D.; Leon Haas, Moorehead, Minn.; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and one brother, Henry Woehl, of Strassburg, N. D.

Ashley, North Dakota

ISADOR FASZER, Pastor

**MR. REINHOLD K. BERTSCH**  
of Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Reinhold K. Bertsch of Ashley, N. Dak., was born April 14, 1918 in McPherson County, S. Dak. He grew to manhood in this vicinity and on April 1, 1938 he was united in marriage to Alma Grueneich at Underwood, N. Dak. He passed away suddenly at his brother's home in Eureka, S. Dak., March 11, 1965, after reaching the age of 46 years, 10 months and 27 days. His wife preceded him in death almost two years.

He surrendered his life to Christ for salvation in his early manhood and was baptized by Rev. Walter Stein in obedience to his Savior's command. He was a faithful member of the Ashley Baptist Church. As a Christian he walked circumspectly before his Lord and was an encouragement to his family and the church.

He leaves to mourn his death the following children: Leslie Wayne Bertsch, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Raymond Reinhold, Janice Eileen, Shirley Ann, Stanley Elroy, and Robert Lee, all of Ashley, N. Dak.; his mother, Mrs. Matheldia Bertsch, of Ashley; one sister, and 3 brothers.

Ashley, North Dakota

ISADOR FASZER, Pastor

**MR. LEO FRED REISCHKE**  
of Salem, Oregon

Mr. Leo Fred Reischke, of Salem, Oregon was born March 7, 1877 in Big Stone City, S. Dak., and went to be with his Lord on April 12, 1965 at the age of 88 years, 1 month, 5 days. With his parents he moved to Beatrice, Neb., then to a homestead in North Dakota in 1900, and in 1906 to Stoneplace, Alberta. He received Christ as his Savior and was baptized in Beatrice in 1898. In 1908 Leo Reischke and Lydia Hiller were married at Rabbit Hill, Alberta. In 1910 they moved to Salem, Oregon, and in 1911 back to North Dakota where they farmed until 1942. During the war years the family moved to Seattle, Wash., and in 1945 came to Salem.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Lydia; one brother, Louis of Salem; one sister, Laura Duerre of Arcadia, Calif.; one son, Orval of Norma, N. Dak.; and 5 daughters: Mrs. Tom (Stella) Harmon, Salem; Mrs. Frank (Luelle) Rytter, Whitier, Calif.; Erma Reischke, Salem; Mrs. Oscar (Eveline) Grosz, Wapato, Wash.; Mrs. Clemence (Sylvia) Auch of Bison, Kansas; 12 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Leo Reischke was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a faithful follower of his Savior in the Riviera Baptist Church.

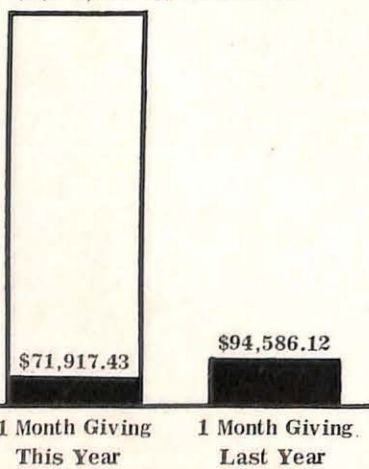
Riviera Baptist Church  
Salem, Oregon

ARTHUR BRUST, Pastor

## OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. MISSION PROGRAM  
April, 1965

\$1,100,000 Approved Goal



## CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

April 1965

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1965	April, 1964	April, 1963
Atlantic	\$ 2,872.56	\$ 4,304.66	\$ 5,719.13
Central	6,723.58	24,793.30	12,348.56
Dakota	8,953.34	7,654.16	11,513.98
Eastern	3,953.83	2,510.53	2,797.80
Northern	12,377.13	19,193.45	6,595.26
Northwestern	10,920.81	10,761.36	12,679.27
Pacific	15,375.95	19,038.26	13,343.70
Southern	886.38	578.59	1,485.16
Southwestern	7,700.02	3,086.81	5,467.10
Inter-Conference	2,153.83	2,665.00	2,134.01
	\$ 71,917.43	\$ 94,586.12	\$ 74,083.97

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of April, 1965	\$ 67,383.64	\$ 4,533.79	\$ 71,917.43
For the month of April, 1964	88,740.09	5,846.03	94,586.12
For the month of April, 1963	67,342.50	6,741.47	74,083.97

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Same as for the month of April.

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## REWARDING EXPERIENCES

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ence, and truly the glory of the Lord transformed the horrors of the barracks that day and gave hope for the future. Several years later we had the joy and privilege once again of greeting the Baraths, this time in the little Hungarian Baptist Church in Toronto, Canada, which they had helped to organize and of which the Rev. Mr. J. Czerepka was now the pastor.

In a beautiful letter last Christmas the Baraths once again expressed gratitude for the help given them in a time of desperate need. This is only one of the many families and individuals who were blessed by the efforts and outstretched hand of loving service of our denomination in its missionary and relief ministry to the needy and distressed. A major portion of our first year's stay in Austria was given over to this emergency ministry to the Hungarian refugees.

### LIVES KNIT TOGETHER

During our ministry in Austria we experienced the constant prayerful concern and cooperation of our Mission Committee at home. I would mention in particular the able and discerning direction and assistance of our General Mission Secretary, Dr. Richard Schilke. One of the highlights of our stay in Austria was his visit one day in Vienna on his way to the African mission field. The visit of Dr. Schilke, who met with the officers of the Austrian Baptist Union, contributed greatly to the decision leading to cooperation with the German Union.

How closely our lives had become knit with our beloved Austrian brethren, we realized most keenly at the farewell services. Expressions of their Christian love for us and sincere gratitude to their brethren in America, whose representatives we were, were wholeheartedly and sincerely expressed. We shall always be grateful to the Lord and to our denominational fellowship for the privilege of this unique ministry, one of the most difficult and yet one of the most rewarding experiences in my ministry.

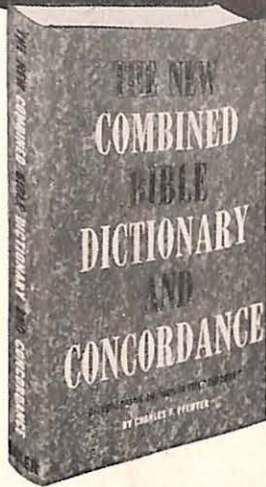
Through the constant concern of Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, ever alert to keep our people informed of the far-reaching ministry of our Conference missionary endeavors, we were frequently requested to send reports and articles for our publications. Dr. Leuschner's enthusiasm and warmhearted appreciation were a source of constant encouragement and established a growing bond of friendship between us.

Recognizing that the measure of good health I enjoy is a trust from my Lord, I have the great desire to continue in some form of service for him. For more than three years now I have been permitted to serve our denomination through Church Extension and interim work.

In looking back over the years, I am

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increasingly thankful to God for the many Christian friendships and assurances of prayerful interest. I cherish a letter written to me by our friend, the late Henry P. Donner, while I was in Church Extension in California in 1955. He wrote:

"Before me lies the photograph of yourself and your good wife which came through your Christmas greetings . . . I had three sieges at the hospital; since the latter date I have been at home recuperating until I am almost back to normal and am able to participate in things that are close to my heart. While I cannot do much, intercession is one of the services that I

can render; in that capacity your name is daily mentioned before the Lord because of the necessary work which you are doing. . . In this photo, both of you look well preserved and I wish you many more years of usefulness.

Yours in the love of God,  
Henry P. Donner"

This is one of the many assurances of prayer on my behalf, and I thank God for the contributions that have come to my life through these faithful intercessors.

I have a deep conviction in my heart that the call to the ministry that came to me many years ago was the call of God, and I am thankful that he has maintained this conviction and given me many and varied opportunities for service. I would to God that I had been more faithful to these golden opportunities.

### GOD'S UNFAILING FAITHFULNESS

The meager response on the part of young men and women to the last command of our Lord and Savior gives me genuine concern, and in closing I would urge the young people of our fellowship to give prayerful consideration to the pressing need for entering the doors of the Gospel opportunity that are still open, and to keep themselves sensitive to the divine call, which demands the very best of devotion and preparation for the high calling in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

I can testify to my Lord's unailing faithfulness in the words of the prophet Jeremiah, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Falls on Sunday evening, May 23. Dr. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, delivered the message. The Commission to the Church was brought by Prof. Donald Madvig, and the Commission to the Missionary by Rev. E. Wolff, pastor of the church. Daphne's father, Prof. George A. Dunger, offered the prayer of consecration. Others who took part were Dr. Martha Leyboldt, Prof. Hugo Lueck, Prof. Gerald L. Borchert and Mrs. Roy Seibel. Miss Daphne Dunger brought a deeply moving testimony. She was born at Ebo-lowa, French Cameroun, while her parents were missionaries in Africa. Thus she is returning to "the land and people of her birth" as an NAB missionary nurse.

### MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS

(Continued from page 2)

Settlement and in more than 30 outlying clinics. Rosemarie Hackmann has now volunteered her services for another year. Her offer has been gladly accepted by the field and the Board of Missions.