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"Top Twenty" in Denominational Giving

North American Baptist churches that were highest in total church contributions and in per capita giving during the 1964-1965 fiscal year.

DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. -----	\$35,889.34
2. Lodi, First, Calif. -----	35,111.84
3. Benton Harbor, Napier Parkview, Mich. -----	27,515.08
4. Forest Park, Illinois -----	22,470.25
5. Lorraine, First, Kansas -----	21,529.11
6. Detroit, Ebenezer, Mich -----	19,775.70
7. Kankakee, Immanuel, Illinois -----	17,251.88
8. Cleveland, Parma Heights, Ohio -----	16,704.66
9. East Detroit, Ridgemont, Mich. -----	15,875.94
10. Burlington, Oak Street, Iowa -----	15,269.47
11. Winnipeg, McDermot Ave., Man. -----	15,113.96
12. Portland, Trinity, Oregon -----	14,790.95
13. Vancouver, Ebenezer, B. C. -----	13,496.16
14. Anaheim, Bethel, Calif. -----	12,880.10
15. Chicago, Foster Ave., Illinois -----	11,915.11
16. Costa Mesa, Harbor Trinity, Calif. -----	11,797.56
17. St. Joseph, First, Mich. -----	11,789.18
18. Plevna, First, Montana -----	11,115.13
19. Minneapolis, Faith, Minn. -----	10,664.17
20. Philadelphia, Pilgrim, Pa. -----	9,882.13

DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH PER CAPITA GIVING

1. Plevna, First, Montana -----	\$103.88
2. Lorraine, First, Kansas -----	76.89
3. Forest Park, Illinois -----	66.88
4. Hoboken, Willow Avenue, N. J. -----	59.11
5. Oak Bank, Manitoba -----	56.44
6. Germantown, Church by the Highway, N. Dak. -----	54.06
7. Glen Ellyn, Glenbard, Illinois -----	51.29
8. Parsippany, Littleton, N. J. -----	46.56
9. Chicago, Foster Ave., Illinois -----	45.65
10. East Detroit, Ridgemont, Mich. -----	45.23
11. Branch, Mowata, Louisiana -----	45.05
12. Minneapolis, Faith, Minn. -----	44.25
13. Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., -----	42.17
14. Xenia, Community, Ohio -----	41.29
15. Kyle, Immanuel, Texas -----	40.15
16. Odessa, Washington -----	39.74
17. Carbon, Alberta -----	39.58
18. Wessington Springs, Ebenezer, S. Dak. -----	39.35
19. Morris, Emmanuel, Manitoba -----	38.53
20. Union City, Second, N. J. -----	36.73

FRONT COVER

The American Baptist Assembly Grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin are a beautiful scenic spot. The Laymen's Family Conference sponsored by Baptist Men is now convening in the Abbey Area with about 200 people in attendance. The front cover shows the Judson Tower, named after the missionary in Burma, Adoniram Judson, as seen from the Administration Building. Pray for God's blessing on these Conference sessions, July 17-24, 1965.

THE NEW BUDGET

Every North American Baptist should carefully read the new brochure "Answering God's Call" (ask your pastor for a copy) or page 12 of this issue featuring "The Mission of NAB churches" and study our projected needs for the coming year, totalling \$1,100,000. Let this reading stimulate you to regular intercession, consistent witnessing and principled stewardship of your possessions. Copies of the brochure can also be secured by writing to the headquarters office.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

In September the fall program of every church gets into full swing. Activities begin to hum with new plans and programs of advance. This is also true of the North American Baptist General Conference as preparations are now being made for "the new faces" and new programs to be seen in September.

MISSION FIELDS. In September the 8 newly appointed short term missionaries will begin their teaching ministry in Cameroon, West Africa. Prof. George A. Dunger will be arriving in Cameroon to serve on the teaching staff of the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Dunger. Daphne, their daughter, arrived several months previously to begin her missionary service in Africa at the New Hope Settlement. The new missionaries to the Indians, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aaldyk, are beginning their part time ministry to the Indians in the Bull Reserve in September.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. On September 7, twelve bright eyed, enthusiastic young people will begin their training period of four busy weeks as God's Volunteers for 1956-1966. They will be joined at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. by the two new directors with indefinite appointments, Rev. E. W. Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios. Their witness for Christ and evangelistic service will be just as glowing as their useful fervency.

OUR MISSION IN BIBLE STUDY. A new denominational emphasis begins in September with a program of challenge and inspiration for everyone. It is called "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution," our co-operative effort with the American Bible Society in its observance of 150 years of Bible distribution. A wonderful packet of Bible literature will be available at 25c per packet. An exciting program of Bible study and information about the Bible will be conducted in every NAB church. There will be something new and worthwhile in this Bible study program throughout the following 12 months. Keep your eyes open for all the announcements!

OUR SCHOOLS. In September the doors will open to the new and returning students at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. and at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta. A new building will be dedicated in
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PASTOR JOHN NFOR AT BAPTIST CONGRESS

Story of his memorable
visit to America.

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Spiritual Hearing

The world has always been full of things to hear: some making sense, some making nonsense. It has always been up to the Christian to listen spiritually—to decide what is in the air of his world that is worth tuning in. In our day the problem is more acute than ever before. With our electronic marvels of broadcasting and of listening, we can tune in on almost any sound that comes from any source. But we can't begin to listen to everything. There is time to listen to only a few sounds.

The moment a person becomes a serious follower of Christ, he finds himself hearing sounds from heaven and from the earth that he never heard before. God's purposes and guiding will are revealed to him. He becomes attuned to a new set of values by which to live. He has come to realize the eternal truth of God's promise: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, . . . the things that God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9).

A person is spiritually deaf if he cannot hear the voice of God calling and speaking to him. For a large part of the Lord's saving work with us is to give us spiritual ears to hear what God would have us to hear. This is God's gift of grace to us. It's his work of salvation and sanctification within us. It is the ministry of his Word, imparting divine truths to us. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "When we received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (I Thess. 2:13).

Like the disciples of old, we too can have a transfiguration experience. For us, life can be confusing and often terrifying. We too are in a cloud much of the time. But then there comes that Voice to us if we will listen: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7). As you listen with an obedient heart, there will grow in you that love that casts out fear and that vision that scatters all clouds—and that is the spiritual hearing of every true Christian.

Another gift of God is that sensitive understanding to hear "the still sad music of humanity." Are we sensitive to the cries of human suffering, the cry of Lazarus at the gate? Do we give heed to the Macedonian calls that press in upon us? Dare we listen to the voices of the poor, of the oppressed masses living under tyranny abroad? Or to the voices of those who suffer injustice here at home?

The Lord Jesus described the candle that ought to be set on a candlestick to his disciples, calling on them to go and to bring forth a hundred fold harvest. "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear." And he said unto them, "Take heed what you hear" (Mark 9:23-24).

What kind of listeners are we? How strong and sensitive is our spiritual hearing? Those who heed the words of the Lord Jesus Christ are able to practice selective listening to the things that are worthwhile and true. God has given to them "the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7) whereby they can "hold fast the form of sound words."

He that has this spiritual hearing, "let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

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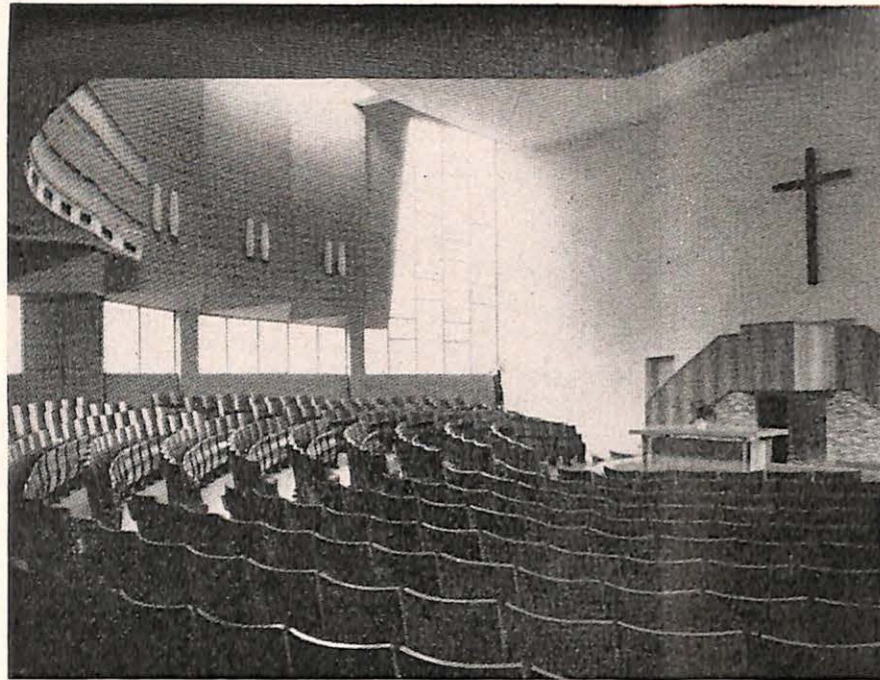
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"Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:6 and 9).

A CHRISTIAN'S foremost task is not to win souls but to "glorify God and enjoy him forever." Worship, being concerned with our relationship to God, takes precedence over evangelism which is concerned with our relationship to fellowmen. In worship we meet God; in evangelism we meet the world.

It follows that effective evangelism is impossible apart from effective worship, for only if we have heard God speak to us can we be authentic witnesses of the Word of God. Every pastor who wishes to introduce a biblical program of evangelism in his church must of necessity begin with worship, for New Testament evangelism is the fruit of true worship.

The current revival of interest in worship may well mean that the Christian church is beginning to discover the main cause of its spiritual weakness. A frequent complaint of pastors is not that church attendance has declined, but that church attendance has become "habitual." People congregate, but they do not worship.

The reasons for this lack of involvement may be several, such as ignorance pertaining to the meaning of worship. I do not wish to be presumptuous by advocating an easy solution to our problem, yet I am convinced that a serious search will help us discover a more meaningful experience of worship. Permit me to make a few observations which reflect my own thinking on this all-important weekly exercise of the church.

"WORTH-SHIP" OF GOD

Christian worship is God-centered. Our English word "worship" is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon root, meaning "worth-ship." In other words,

worship is essentially a recognition and acknowledgment of the "worth-ship" of God. The pastor of a church has been entrusted with the sacred task of helping his congregation to recognize the "worth-ship" of God. If he fails to lead his people in worship, it is usually because he cannot keep himself out of it.

Having recognized and acknowledged the "worth-ship" of God, we will not venture into his presence unprepared. Our place of worship is usually referred to as the "House of God." It goes without saying that the appearance of this "House of God" will not only attract or repel visitors, but it will also reveal to the world our own concept of God. Worship begins when the worshipper enters the sanctuary. Absolute silence, attractive bulletins, appropriate organ music—all help to create an atmosphere which is conducive to worship.

More important than the preparation



MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

Christian worship is God-centered. It is our foremost duty and privilege. It is the living breath that keeps our soul alive!

By Dr. Bernard Schalm,
Professor of Theology,
Christian Training Institute,
Edmonton, Alberta.

of the place of worship is the preparation of the worshipper. We do not worship as "spirits" or "souls"; we worship as total personalities. A tired body or a distracted mind block the gate to meaningful worship. The Sabbath in Old Testament times began at sunset on Friday evening. It was then that every Jew put aside his tools and retired to his home to prepare for worship the following day. What happens to us in church on Sunday morning depends in no small measure on what happens to us after 6:00 o'clock on Saturday night.

The person who leads the congregation in worship is usually the pastor. His dress, mannerism and conduct behind the pulpit will either inspire in the worshipper an attitude of reverence, confidence and trust, or awaken feelings of contempt, disappointment and despair. On the platform, as everywhere else, the minister should be himself, but he should be his very best self. The credentials which give authority to his office bear the signature of God himself who throughout the history of mankind has chosen certain ones to lead his people. In the role of a prophet the pastor relates the eternal Word of God to the everchanging needs of man. As priest he intercedes for his people, standing if necessary, in the rift between a holy God and sinful man. People do not come to church to be scolded; they come to be helped.

PRAYER AND MUSIC

Prayer in worship is a corporate act. Hence the bulletin should read, "The church at prayer," or "Worship through prayer" rather than "Pastoral Prayer." As such it should include praise, confession and petition—all related to the needs and experiences of the whole con-

gregation. The extemporaneous prayer is generally preferred; however, this should not be taken to mean "unprepared" prayer. It is difficult to rationalize, says William McNutt, just why the minister who spends many hours in the careful preparation of what he is to say to the people should venture to talk to God wholly unprepared.

Music plays an important role in worship. Psalms and hymns will certainly enrich the service. By the same token, some Gospel songs will inhibit the experience of meaningful worship. Frequently Gospel songs have no sound biblical and theological basis. Furthermore, they tend to be man-centered rather than God-centered, advocating a sort of pious individualism rather than a feeling of corporateness.

A simple test which can be used to determine whether music is worthy to be included in worship consists of four questions: (1) Is the text rooted in sound biblical teaching? (2) Does it inspire an attitude of reverence? (3) Does it relate to the needs of the worshipping community? (3) Is its musical quality such as to give dignity to the message?

CENTRALITY OF THE PULPIT

As Protestants we cherish the centrality of the pulpit. Preaching, no doubt, is the primary medium through which a congregation comes to recognize and acknowledge the "worth-ship" of God. The written Word is the supreme witness to God's revelation in Jesus Christ. It is the divinely inspired "Handbook" that gives direction for Christian living. It is our ultimate authority in matters of church discipline. Good preaching consists in the application of the whole truth to the needs of the whole man. The minister who has a rigid and stereotyped message will soon preach to a rigid and stereotyped congregation; those whose needs are not met will seek out another church.

Worship is incomplete without the offering. Unfortunately too often the offering is regarded as a "necessary evil," which we tend to make more "necessary" and less "evil" through a pious "offering speech." Its association with the announcements has not helped to give it the prominence which it deserves. One of the first lessons which God taught his people Israel was not to appear before him empty-handed (Deuteronomy 16:16-17). The time of the offering in a worship service is a time of consecration. It is a holy act and should be performed with the same reverence as that of Scripture reading or prayer.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A man who fails to discharge his duties as a steward of God mars the divine pattern and purpose for his life, neglects his spiritual, ethical and social duties toward his neighbor and starves his own soul into fruitlessness and spiritual death. The first commandment and the greatest of all gifts is love. Love, however, reveals itself in giving.

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We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving. Since the offering represents our grateful response to God's self-disclosure in Christ, it is much more fitting that it be received *after* the sermon. What better conclusion is there to a worship service than the bringing of one's tithes and offerings to the altar of the Lord?

What about the announcements? Most pastors and churches still regard them to be "necessary evils." I tend to agree that they are "evils," for anything that disrupts our worship of God is an evil. I do not regard them, however, as "necessary" evils. No evil is "necessary." Churches which make use of a bulletin do not need them, and churches which have no bulletin can certainly afford a bulletin board. Reading the announcements printed in



Music plays an important role in worship. Psalms and hymns will certainly enrich the service. "Sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16c).

the bulletin from the pulpit—a common practice in many churches—is an insult to the intelligence of the congregation.

OUR FOREMOST PRIVILEGE

Man holds the distinction of being the only earthly creature that can commune with God. Creation praises God's matchless Name, but only man worships God. Worship is our foremost duty and privilege. It is the living breath that keeps our soul alive. Through it we remain in harmony with God which, in turn, enables us to live in harmony with ourselves and with our fellowmen.

Through worship we discover the dynamic thrust of New Testament evangelism, for the early church worshipped daily, and the Lord added daily such as should be saved. Through worship we will enlist young men and women in our theological institutions, for Isaiah worshipped and then said: "Here am I, send me!" Through worship we will also solve our financial problem, for the widow worshipped and then gave all that she possessed.

FAITH

By Esther Belle Heins
of Lynwood, California

Great God of Heaven, who doth give
A peace, a mind serene,
Through faith we know the worlds
were framed
By thee, adored—unseen!

We know that thou dost smile on
faith;

It is a gift from thee,
And never shines more brightly than
In midst of tragedy.

It is a beacon high on shore
To those who roam the sea,
It does not flicker, flare nor die,
But highlights Calvary.

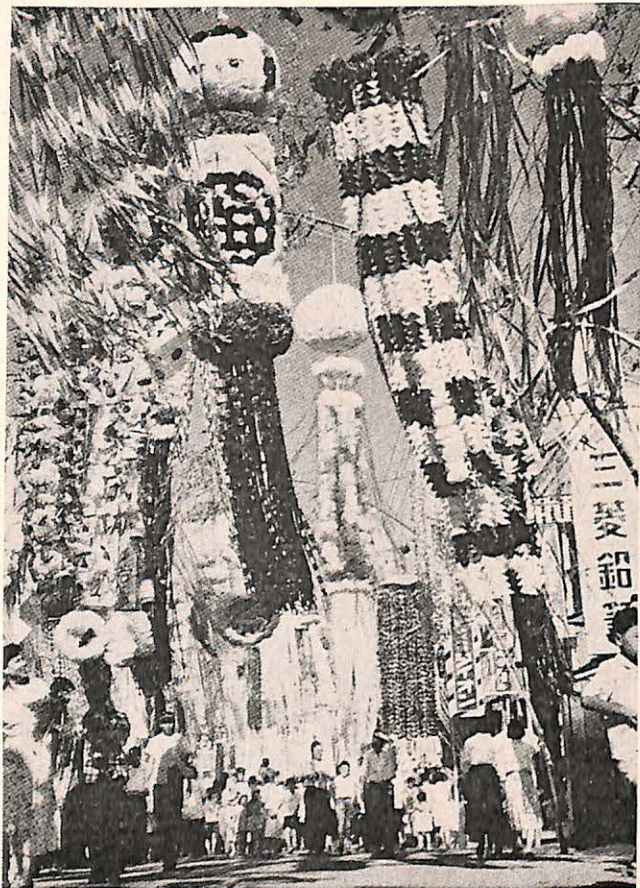
THE SHEPHERD OF LOVE

By Robert P. Schroeder
of Salem, Oregon

The Shepherd of love is seeking his
sheep,
Where'er they may be on the mountain
so steep;
Will he find the lost ones who have
gone astray?
Would you strive to help him find
them today?

Seeking his sheep is the Shepherd
of love,
Busily guiding them to the fold
above;
Of his pasture, we all are his own
dear sheep,
And for us our souls he doth constantly
keep.

Out on the mountain wild and steep,
The Shepherd of love is seeking his
sheep;
To go and find them, who will dare
To bring them back into the Shep-
herd's care?



A festive national celebration in the streets of Osaka, Japan.

WHAT'S NEW— IN TSU?

The new Baptist Chapel in Tsu, Japan, dedicated to God's glory on May 3, 1965, represents the gifts and prayers of God's people at home, the many sacrifices of the Japanese Christians, and a new thrust of the Gospel witness by our missionaries to the thousands of students living in this university center.

By Missionaries Edwin and Meraleen Kern
of Tsu, Japan

"The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build" (Nehemiah 2:20b).

FOR SOME TIME you have heard of the need of a chapel in Tsu, Japan, and perhaps you are wondering what has become of your gifts toward this project. Even though we may have been silent, things have been taking place in Tsu. We wish you could have shared in the thrilling experience of watching our small group of Christian believers plan, pray, give, and help in every possible way to build a suitable house of worship.

One university student said, "I haven't much money to give toward this building project but I will help in whatever way I can by pouring concrete, painting, cleaning, etc."

Since you were not able to share this experience in person, may we, by way of this article, inform you of the progress which has been made thus far.

PURCHASE OF LAND

Ever since mission work was begun in this city of Tsu, much prayer, thought, and investigation have been made to find available land in an appropriate location for a chapel. In February 1964 a plot of land in a new residential area was purchased for a little over \$6,000 with your gifts made available to this project. As a church group, we felt the Lord had led us to this place since it is a new area of Tsu where no other Protestant church is

located as yet.

The prospects for the future look good for it is a housing area which is being developed. Many hospitals and apartments are located in this vicinity. It is also near the main high school, a technical high school, and a main university which presents the challenging opportunity of teaching Bible classes for students. It is conveniently located near train and bus stations.

After land was purchased, funds for a church building were needed. In the 1964 Board of Missions meeting, a loan of \$5,000 from the Chapel Revolving Loan Fund to the church group here in Tsu was approved and granted.

It was a big undertaking for the small group of believers but, trusting God to bless and provide, they ventured out in faith to borrow the money and build this much needed chapel. Thus they borrowed \$5,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund and set a goal of \$1,100 to be raised in addition to this by April 1st. The church plans to pay back its loan as soon as possible so that this money can again be used to build other chapels in Japan as such needs arise.

GROUND BREAKING SERVICE

Floor plans were drawn but, after consulting with a contractor, many changes had to be made because the rising building costs were beyond the funds available. We were grateful for the advice of a Christian contractor in the selection of building materials, etc., which would be durable as well as reasonable in order to cut down on build-

ing costs.

A ground breaking service was held on January 10. The Christians gathered happily in the cold January wind to set apart this plot of land for God's purpose and to ask God's continued guidance in this venture of faith. Our young deacon, Mr. Ando, turned over the first shovelful of ground. The oldest church member, aged 57, and the youngest member, a high school sophomore, also spaded a shovelful of dirt.

The carpenters and masons went to work in full swing on Jan. 18. Even though it was mid-winter, the weather was very favorable for building and therefore progress was steady. The young contractor proved to be a fine conscientious person who has tried his best to please us with a building which would meet our needs. At first he hesitated, for this was his first experience in church-building.

When the main center beam is raised and put into position in the roof, it is customary in Japan for the owner of the building to serve liquor to the carpenters. However, several of the church members gathered at the church lot on that day, not to serve the ordinary drink, but to serve tea and cakes to the workers as well as distribute Christian tracts.

CORNERSTONE LAYING EXERCISES

The cornerstone containing a Bible, a daily newspaper, church records, pictures, etc., was also put into place on March 14. This was another joyous oc-

casation for the Christians as they gathered to sing and meditate on the great fact that "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ, Her Lord"! Once again they were reminded that the Church was not being built on ordinary rock, sand or soil but upon the true Cornerstone, the Lord Jesus Christ!

To cut down on the cost of the building, the Christians offered to help in any way possible. One area where this could be done was in painting, varnishing, waxing, gardening, cleaning and moving. So when this need was mentioned, many volunteered to help. The Christian bond of fellowship was evident as one watched them come to the church to help during their free time, either during the day or in the evening. Thus most of the work was completed in time for the dedication service.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

The Church Dedication Service was held on Monday, May 3, following a church conference at our Ise Baptist Church for all NAB churches in Japan. Most of the people who attended the conference in Ise journeyed to Tsu either by car or by train to attend the service of dedication for our Tsu Shinmachi Church of Christ, Japan Baptist Conference.

The heavens joined in chorus to give praise and honor to God for the "great things he had done." In spite of the strong wind and torrential rains, many gathered to join in giving God thanks for this building and asking his guidance and blessing in the work of this church.

A musical prelude by the church organist, Miss Yasui, at the organ, Meraleen Kern at the vibraharp, and Rev. C. Richard Mayforth at the koto, (a Japanese harplike instrument), set the atmosphere for the dedication festivity. After a song of praise, the churches represented were given an opportunity to extend words of greeting and exhortation to the church in Tsu. Mr. Ando, the church deacon, gave a brief report on the church and parsonage construction.

After a group of young ladies from the church reminded us in song of the blessings and responsibilities of the day, Rev. Keniichi Kitano, a teacher



TSU SHINMACHI CHURCH OF CHRIST, JAPAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE
The Baptist Chapel at Tsu, Japan which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, May 3, 1965.

at our Osaka Biblical Seminary, brought the dedication message based on II Chronicles 6:12-21 and 6:36-7:5. Our speaker uniquely called to our attention the fact that the crucified and risen Lord is the Head of the Church and, as the temple in Jerusalem was a house of prayer, so the church in Tsu ought also always be a house of prayer. After the challenge from God's Word, Rev. Yoshio Akasaka, pastor of our Ise Baptist Church, offered the dedicatory prayer.

ANOTHER MILESTONE IN JAPAN

The congregation joined in a song of personal dedication followed by the benediction marking the close of another milestone in the history of the Tsu Shinmachi Church of Christ. Opportunity was given for visitors to

OPENING DOORS IN JAPAN

Have you read this wonderful book about our missionary work in Japan and the spiritual needs of this country? It is both informative and inspiring.

view the building and a time of fellowship was enhanced by the tea and bean jam wafers served by the ladies of the church.

There seems to be a definite interest in our church among the residents in this area. Along with the many favorable prospects in the area, we are also faced with possible opposition, for near our church a large building has been built as the prefectural headquarters of a new religious sect called "Rissho Kosei Kai." This is a relatively new sect prospering in Japan which stresses social action and welfare.

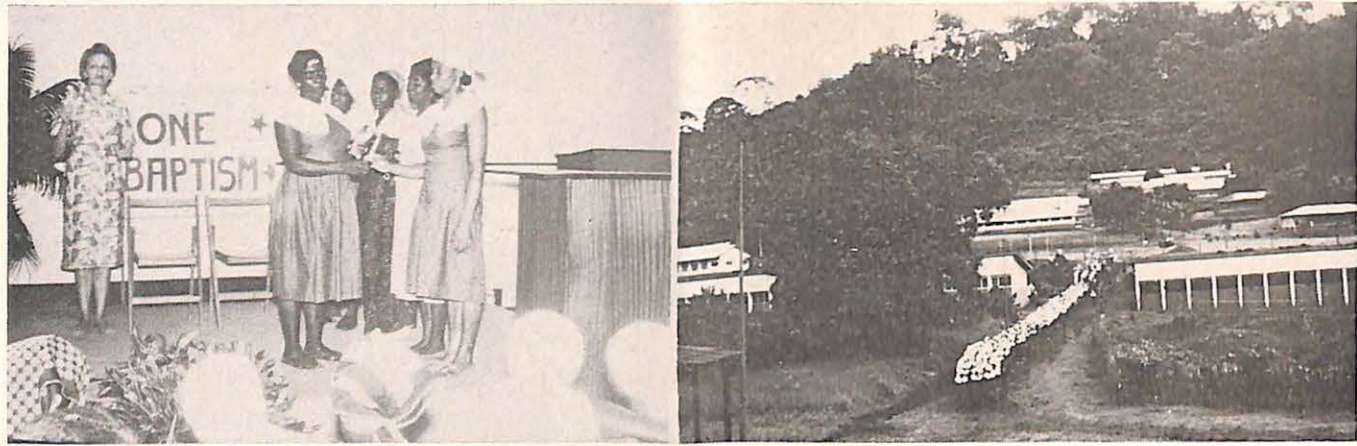
"PRAY FOR US IN TSU!"

We request your prayers for the establishment of a sound Christian witness in the community. Pray that the first impressions made will be favorable and lasting. Pray that many will be drawn to the church, not merely for curiosity's sake, but to know Christ, "whom to know is life eternal."

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."



OUR GOSPEL MISSION IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, TSU, JAPAN
Ground breaking ceremony is held at Tsu, Japan (left) for the new Baptist Chapel with Missionary Edwin Kern leading the service. (Center) Rev. K. Kitano, teacher at the Osaka Biblical Seminary, delivers the address at the dedication of the new church. (Right) A view of the main street in Tsu, a bustling university center.



CAMEROON BAPTIST CONVENTION AT VICTORIA

Bubia Langwa (left) gives "her light" of leadership as a former president of the Women's Union to the new president, Sarah Makake. At the right Baptist women march from the Saker College campus toward New Town during the 10th Cameroon Baptist Convention.

10th Cameroon Baptist Convention Sessions

At the memorable sessions held at Victoria, West Cameroon in May 1965, reports were given that there are 26,105 baptized believers in 420 indigenous churches and that the Baptists are singing lustily: "We are going forward, onward and upward."

By Missionary George Henderson of Victoria, West Cameroon, Africa

FROM SACRAMENTO, California to Victoria in Cameroon, West Africa is a long, long distance, but it is only divided by a few months of time, and only a matter of hours by jet air plane. The North American Baptist General Conference in Sacramento may have had a slightly different menu than coco jams, fish, soup and ekpong coco, palm oil, jama-jama and agusie soup, but basically it's all delicious food which strengthens and nourishes life, and it depends upon the participator as to how the "chop" will taste.

The Cameroons Baptist Convention in Victoria was spiritually "delicious." The theme was I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. (Matt. 16:18). "Allow Him to Build in the Life; In the Church; In the Home; In the Schools; Through Stewardship; Upon Experience; To the Uttermost Parts; Every Christian a Builder; And Building on Higher Ground to the Ends of the Earth."

CHRIST'S CHURCH IN AFRICA

Anyone who has ever taken an active part in planning a convention knows the endless hours of labor it entails months before the scheduled meetings. Africa is no exception to this rule. When we returned to the Cameroons after the Sacramento Conference last summer, we were greeted with the words, "Welcome Home! Glad as how you done come for help we ready all ting for Baptist Convention in April." In Sacramento we were only "spectators." However, in Victoria we are "participators," and this alone makes all the difference in the world.

This is the reason why the Cameroons Baptist Convention in West Africa was such a mountain top exper-

ience in our own personal lives as well as in the more than four hundred Baptist churches in the Cameroons that it represents. Here in the Cameroons we are "participators" and not "spectators." It's a far greater thrill to play baseball than it is to watch a game—even the smallest African child knows this.

But we wonder how many adult Christians have caught the ball and are participating in the game and throwing it to someone else who eagerly waits to catch it. Likewise it is a far greater thrill actually to build a church than it is to watch a church being built. During the Cameroons Baptist Convention here in Victoria, with our eyes and our ears, we reviewed the building plans and schedule for the building of HIS CHURCH here in Central West Africa.

What are the plans? Are we on schedule? Is it a temporary structure, or is it being built with permanent materials? Is it standing the storms? Does it leak? Have many found shelter in it from the tempest? Discouraging as may have seemed the prospects to some of the early pioneer participants while they were gathering the materials in laying the foundations for the structure, when we view the edifice over a period of 25 years of building, the results have been thrilling beyond words.

26,165 BAPTIZED BELIEVERS

Our capable Executive Secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention, Pastor John Nfor, elaborated on the high walls that are being raised for the church of Jesus Christ in the Cameroons. Today there are 26,165 baptized believers in our Cameroon churches.

Our Christians come from 420 individual indigenous churches, spread from the very coastal Atlantic shores to the Mambila plateau far in the interior. Only 18 years ago the number of baptized believers numbered only 6,480. More than a thousand believers a year have been added to his Church these past 18 years. As the church membership increases, so does our soul winning ability; hence this past year there were 3,081 believers added to our Cameroon churches. Next year we are trusting for a Pentecostal harvest with over 3,000 souls for God's Kingdom.

This great gathering in Victoria marked a milestone in the progress of building Christ's Church in Africa. It was the 10th Cameroons Baptist Convention session, which had its humble beginnings in Bamenda in 1954. This week as the great throng filled our Saker Auditorium on our Baptist College grounds in Victoria, and as they lifted their voices in singing, "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way, New Heights I'm Gaining Every Day," I could hear it being sung in the Douala language, the Effik language, and English, and those who did not know the words in their own language, were lustily humming it or improvising in Pidgin. But one thing was certain, this body of believers meant what they were singing: "We Are Going Forward, Onward, and Upward!"

THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH

Our Cameroons Baptist Convention has seen a steady and consistent growth and maturity each year. No missionary holds an office in this Convention, and no missionary has voting power. They only act in an advisory capacity—and so it should be. The

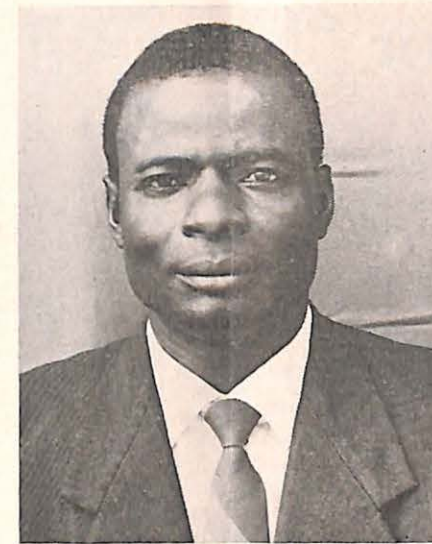
Christian Church was indigenous from the very beginning, with no outside authority, and thus it must remain. Although Africa has become a home to many of us, yet at best we are strangers and foreigners in a strange land. We can never fully understand all the problems in a society so different from our own. Hence, we do not have all the answers to every situation. And yet the Holy Spirit is able to give direction to the native Christian to meet these needs—and they are being met.

The Convention adopted a budget of 1,414,000 francs (\$5,600) to support their own Convention executives and traveling youth worker, to support their own Convention paper, THE BAPTIST VOICE, and to support their own missionaries in the new expanding areas where the Convention has a missionary outreach quite apart from our N.A.B. Mission. These are all milestones that have been reached, which were only a vision ten years ago.

LABOR, SWEAT AND TOIL

All of this has taken solid labor, sweat, toil and sometimes tears, but the Builder is God through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the foundation is Jesus Christ. We as North American Baptists along with the stalwart believers in the Cameroons, who have faithfully preached the Word and witnessed to his power, have been the tools God has used.

Not only have North American Baptist missionaries been sent to lay the foundation for this Church, but God has directed our labors in a part of his vineyard where the building material is plentiful, beautiful and sturdy, and the structure as we view it is magnificent. Some walls still are a bit bare in places, and in a few areas there are some ugly cracks, but the foundation is sure, and the main beams and supports are strong. When one gets in the



JOHN NGAYANG NFOR

Baptist pastor and executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention who attended the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida and is now visiting NAB churches until August 1st.

midst of the building, or one views it from the balcony of the Cameroons Baptist Convention in Victoria—the view is almost breath-taking; and yet we started out so very humbly only a generation ago. This is a building that God himself has wrought, and it is a worthy memorial to him who purchased it with his blood.

ORDINATION OF EBENEZER MOLIVA

One of the highlights of the convention was the ordination of one of our coastal young men, Ebenezer Moliva, into the Gospel ministry. He has completed his course of study at our Ndu Bible School with distinction and is now serving the Baptist church in

Muea in the Soppo field. It was a deeply moving sight to see about 25 African pastors participating in this sacred ceremony. It was thrilling to hear one of our Cameroon trained pastors give the charge to the young candidate, challenging and commissioning him to go forth with the same authoritative message that has the power to transform lives from sinners to saints, and to bring souls lost in darkness to Light and Life Everlasting.

SPIRITUAL ENGINEERS

Is the building thus far completed so that the engineers are no longer needed to give direction and advice to the laborers? About two hundred churches in West Cameroon still do not have a full time pastor or Christian worker. One hundred and thirteen churches have leaders with no formal Bible training whatever. The vast majority of our Christians still can not read the Word of God for themselves. With 420 churches, there are only 29 active ordained Bible trained pastors in our country. This past year another 19 new churches were added to our body, and we expect next year that there will be that many more.

Who will feed these new lambs? Teaching and training leaders is the vital business of the "foreign engineers," in our Bible School, in our training centers, and in our College. The African Church needs trained leaders so that they can train each other. When the structure is finally completed, all of us who have had a part will gather at the feet of Jesus to hear his words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many; enter into the joy of thy Lord!"

TRIBUTE TO DR. AND MRS. LESLIE M. CHAFFEE, MISSIONARIES. RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

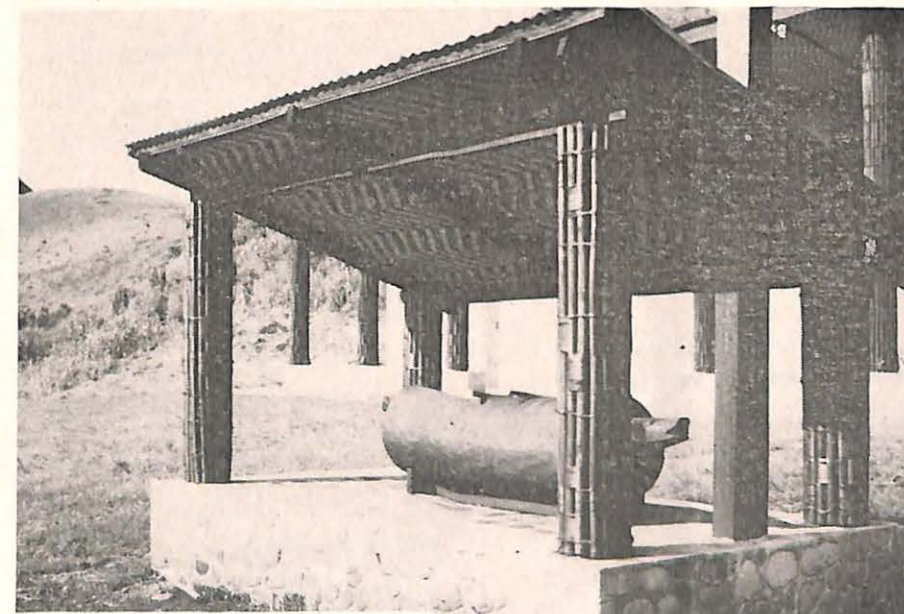
April 29, 1965

We as members of the Board of Missions, confident that we are speaking for the entire denominational family, wish to pay our tribute to Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee for the unique ministry that has been rendered by him and his wife since 1948 on the Cameroon mission field of Africa. Like "Luke the beloved physician," Dr. Chaffee has been the beloved physician at home and abroad.

The uniqueness of his ministry can be characterized by the following:

1. He was the first medical doctor sent by us to Cameroon in December 1948;
2. He combined his medical skill with a deep concern for souls;
3. And in a humble, self-effacing way he belongs to that noble company of Christians referred to in II Corinthians 8:5 who "first gave themselves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God."

Unitedly we say "thank you" to him and his family for the ministry that they have rendered in Christ's Name.



THE CHURCH DRUM AT MBINGO

This huge, hollowed out log is the Church Drum at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients in Cameroon which calls the people to the worship services in the chapel.

Take Time for "Moments With God"

Orders totalling almost 3000 copies for the new devotional quarterly have already been received and printing plans are progressing rapidly for the first edition to be ready in August 1965.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THOUSANDS OF North American Baptist families will soon take time for "Moments With God" as an inspirational guide for their daily Family Altar. The first edition of this colorful 96 page booklet is now being printed in Newton, Kansas and the mounting orders from our churches will be filled in August 1965.

This booklet with its daily devotional message and guidance will bring countless spiritual blessings to our Family Altars. Its foremost aim is to help you to understand God's Word and to feel his Presence guiding you into the events of the day.

"Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone."

"Moments With God" has received a very encouraging response by our churches. Orders have been received

totalling almost 3,000 by the end of June, and many others are being received each week. An additional printing of 1,200 copies will be prepared to send as complimentary copies to all NAB students at various colleges, universities, seminaries and Bible schools, whose names and addresses are known to the Youth Department at Forest Park, Illinois. You can give the names and addresses of such students from your home to your pastor to be forwarded to the headquarters office.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has the distinctive honor of having sent the largest order for 300 copies as its initial subscription to "Moments With God." The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., is second with its order for 200 copies. Several churches have already ordered 100 copies for their families.

The first edition will be for the days of October-November-December 1965.

The message for every page has been prepared by some North American Baptist pastor, youth leader, layman or laywoman, many of whom will be familiar to you. Each page features a theme, key verse, brief Bible passage to read, and a message.

In addition, each page will also have a unique *Thought Starter* to begin a family discussion on some related problem or question concerning our Christian lives. It will also include a *Prayer Reminder* with some specific objective to be remembered in your prayers at the Family Altar. These *Prayer Reminders* will appear only in "Moments With God" hereafter, and will not be distributed in leaflet form as was done formerly. Each page will likewise give an additional and somewhat longer *Bible Reading* which will take the place of the Bible Reading leaflet that was printed and distributed separately in our churches in previous years.

Every North American Baptist home will want to have several copies of "Moments With God" for different members of the family to be used at the Family Altar, in personal Bible reading, and in remembering the missionaries and denominational needs in their prayers. The "Missionaries of the Week" will be announced in this devotional booklet.

MONTHLY FEATURES

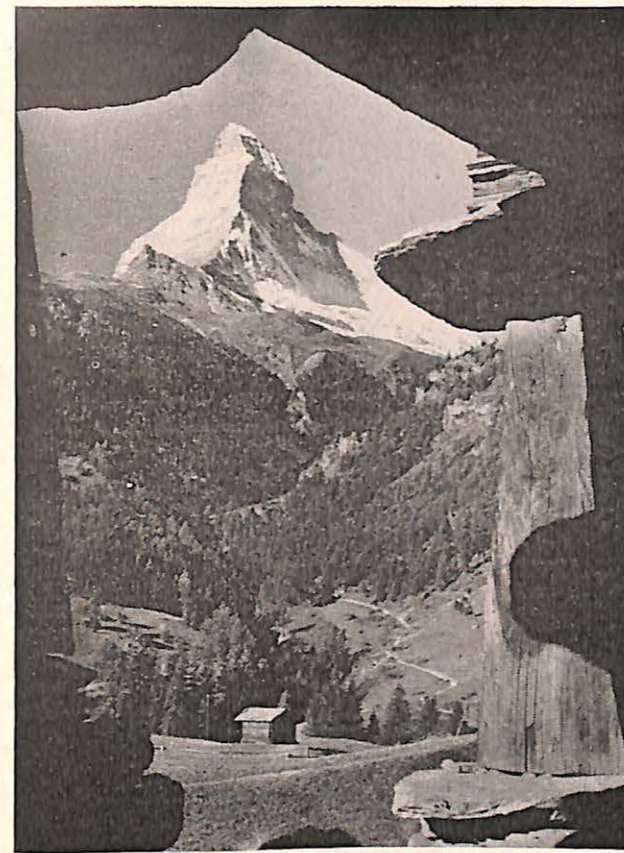
Your suggestions for the improvement of the quarterly and your contributions will be gratefully received. In response to urgent requests, "Moments With God" will feature each month a continuous study of a scriptural subject for an entire week. These will be in the nature of expository messages prepared in a popular style for the entire family.

In October Dr. Jack Scott of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., is presenting a series of expositions on some of the great Psalms. In November the truths and blessings of Christian Stewardship are being described by Dr. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. In December, just before Christmas, the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the Advent of Christ and the coming of the Messiah are being interpreted by Dr. Robert Schreiber of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. These popular features will be continued each month throughout 1966.

PLANS FOR 1966

The Editorial Committee has already made its intensive plans for the first six months of 1966. Requests for contributions have been mailed to some 200 of our pastors and church leaders.

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THE MATTERHORN
14,780 foot peak in the Swiss Alps, one of the most famous mountains in the world.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." (Psalm 121:1).

MOST OF US strive to reach higher levels or what we believe to be higher planes. Riches, fame and prominence are among them in this material-minded world of ours, and in our efforts to attain them we forget to look unto the hills.

Ezekiel also tells us, "O mortal man, set your face toward the mountain" (6:2). That would mean then that we have to rise above the haste and hustle of our daily life and lift our eyes to him who gave us life.

ALONE WITH GOD

It doesn't mean that we actually have to climb to a high summit but rather than we must reach for that which enlarges our spiritual understanding of him. The higher we climb, the greater the reward. Peace and the sufficiency we find in the Master become ours.

Those of us who have been privileged to step into the silence of eternal snows crunching beneath your feet as though in protest to the sudden intrusion into the lofty heights know why men and women make the perilous ascents again and again. Some of them when asked "Why do you do it?" cannot explain, while others unhesitatingly admit that in the profound silence of the mountain world they can FEEL GOD!

In the mountains one is alone with HIM, spiritually naked, stripped of all

Lift UP Your Eyes!

Every soul must climb to summit heights by faith and seek God who fashioned the unspeakably beautiful and awe-inspiring panorama which unfolds before his eyes!

By Mrs. M. Zurbriggen
of Sumner, Iowa

pretense. Forgotten are the noise and din, the haste and hurry, the striving for material things, hate and envy of the world below. Unconsciously the soul seeks HIM who fashioned the unspeakably beautiful and awe-inspiring panorama which unfolds before his eyes. One wants to cling to HIM, to escape the prisons of sham and the artificiality of our modern life which ensnares us and which, instead of liberating us, enmeshes and enslaves us more and more.

HIGHER—STILL HIGHER

How well the Psalmist knew what he was talking about! However, to reach the heights one must have determination and make a great effort! Also one must travel lightly. Leave the burden of fear behind and go up on FAITH. One cannot hurry up a steep incline. Slowly, step by careful step, one must

PRAYER

By Betty Warren MacPike
of Portland, Oregon

I think it does
not matter
if we kneel to pray.
He knows
each circumstance
that brings his own
to him.
I think he hears,
however faint the cry,
and deeply cares.

He sees us
kneeling in our hearts.

advance. We are forced to stop, to take deep breaths, and to pause for recognition of the glorious creation one encounters. Even the small flowers, which escape here and there their birthplace within the rocky mountain walls, tell us of the unsearchable riches of God's creation.

But one must go on if one wants to reach the summit. Higher—higher still, past the timberline, until one's feet at last stand on the very top of the lofty peaks!

How quiet it is up there in the great heights! Nothing disturbs the awesome beauty except perhaps the flapping of an eagle's wings as he rises to his high aerie. Sometimes the thunder of an avalanche, as it hurtles itself into the deep, can break the profound solitude, while the cool winds caress your face as though it were the breath of God! Instinctively one knows that the meeting with HIM will never be forgotten and that it will live on and on in one's heart always!

GOD'S COUNTLESS MERCIES

Again and again one must seek the heights untouched and unsoiled by the hand of man if one wants to find calm and balm for whatever pains and troubles us.

Let us pray: We thank thee, dear heavenly Father, for the beauty of thy creation, for the countless mercies, for the promises that are ours and which we know to be true, for the help that is ours in this sin-sick world—if we will lift up our eyes—unto the hills!

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McCLUSKY BAPTIST CHURCH, McCLUSKY, N. DAK.

The new \$46,000 edifice of the Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, June 6, 1965.

Church Dedication at McClusky, N. Dak.

Report of Church Dedication Festivities at McClusky, N. Dak., by Mrs. Allen Faul, Church Reporter

"LIFT UP YOUR heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" (Psalm 24:7). This was the text of the message brought by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., at the dedication of the new church building at McClusky, N. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, June 6. About 475 persons were in attendance to witness the festive dedication of this sanctuary to the glory of God and to the praise of Christ.

The message was preceded by the audience lifting their voices in the singing of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing." The Men's Chorus sang "To God be the Glory." Following the message the solo number, "Bless This House," was given by Mr. Duane Lasher, accompanied by Mrs. Lasher at the piano. (It was a special joy to observe this couple in service for our Master. Only recently they received Christ as Savior and were the first couple to be baptized in the baptistry of our new church.)

Rev. W. G. Gerthe, pastor, led the audience in the responsive Scripture reading from II Chronicles 7:1-4 and 12-16. The prayer of dedication was offered by two deacon brethren: F. C. Heitzmann, in the German language, and George Kessler in English. A duet, "Jesus, Our Helmsman," was sung by the pastor's wife and daughter. Words of congratulation and greetings were extended by 13 neighboring pastors.

The evening service featured Musicarama—a 30 minute medley of musical numbers from various groups and individuals of the church. This was followed by slide pictures of the church building in progress. Rev. Ed Oster of Leola, S. Dak., a former pastor, rendered the solo, "My Song." Dr. Leuschner spoke from II Corinthians 2:14 and reminded us that "Every Day With

Jesus" is sweeter than the day before. Dr. Leuschner was also the speaker for the morning worship service, bringing a message for Pentecost Sunday based on the text, Romans 8:9.

The ladies of the church provided a bounteous meal and evening supper. Tables were decorated with spring flowers and miniature replicas of the new church building. Building Fund offerings for the day amounted to \$2,148, and thereby one-half of the cost of the building has been reached by contributions.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new church were held on March 15, 1964, when the church celebrated its 60th anniversary. Soon afterwards, construction began on the \$46,600 structure. The church was first used July 1, 1964, with completion of the entire edifice early this spring. The building is an L shape design and provides 8,000 square feet of floor space. Features are laminated arches, wood-siding, hot-water heating, and tiled floors throughout. The auditorium measures 100 by 34 feet and seats 300 persons with overflow space seating another 100. The second unit measures 36 by 40 feet and contains a very spacious entry plus the cloak room, pastor's study, Sunday school office, and lavatories. Also on the main floor are located the baptistry, nursery, and two classrooms. The basement facilities include the dining hall, kitchen, 12 classrooms, furnace room, lavatories, and storage room. Approximately 18,000 hours of volunteer labor were provided by members and friends of the church.

We praise God for this new sanctuary and the greatly improved facilities which it affords. We thank him that he has enabled this generation to erect this building and that we could observe this memorable day in the history of

EASTERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT HOLIDAY PARK CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The Eastern Conference convened in the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 29—May 2, 1965. The opening service began enthusiastically as Rev. Dale Chaddock, host pastor, led the congregation in inspirational singing. The conference theme, "The Summons To Action" was based on II Timothy 2:15. Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., dealt with the topics, "A Summons to Read" and "The Summons to Teach." Conference pastors elaborated on the following assignments: "The Summons to Prayer," Rev. Allen Herman, Arnold, Pa.; "The Summons to a Family Altar," Rev. Paul Galambos, Buffalo, N. Y.; "The Summons to Sanctification," Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Rochester, N. Y. For the message on Sunday morning Dr. Arthur Kannwischer spoke on the "Final Summons" based on Rev. 20:12-15. Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary, and Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary, challenged us with various areas of concern which are prevalent in their particular fields of service and at the banquet Saturday evening Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill., spoke and presented slides of his recent trip to Africa and the Near East. His presentation and fresh viewpoint of our Cameroons Mission Field was very much appreciated.

Elected to office were: moderator, Mr. Gerhard Panke, Buffalo, N. Y.; vice moderator, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Rochester, N. Y.; Recording Secretary, Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt; Statistical Secretary, Rev. Paul Galambos; General Council representatives, Rev. Eldon Janzen, Rev. Laurence Prast (Alt.); Mr. Merle Gibbens, Mr. Reuben Jahn (Alt.); Mission Committee, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, Rev. Raymond Yahn, Mr. M. I. Kuehl; Christian Ed. Committee; Children's Work, Mrs. Dale Chaddock; Youth Work, Rev. Fred Mashner, Mr. Irvin Woermke; Adult Work, Rev. Raymond Yahn, Rev. Allen Herman; Woman's Missionary Union, president, Mrs. A. Harrison; Vice President, Mrs. M. Kuehle; Secretary, Mrs. I. Woermke; Treasurer, Mrs. Oswald Kannwischer; C.B.Y. Officers: President, Karl Hohensee; Vice President, Douglas Bentz; Secretary, Doris Kaiser; Treasurer, Judy Simon; Advisor, Rev. Dale Chaddock. The next conference will be hosted by our church at Toronto, Ontario, April 21-24, 1966.—Jothan G. Benke, Reporter

OUR FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION

This 24 page brochure with its colorful review of our Conference in its work for Christ and missionary outreach is available at all regional conference sessions and at the headquarters office. Ask for your copy!

the church, Pentecost Sunday. May it ever be used for the "assembling of ourselves together" and in the winning of many more precious souls for Christ.

MY PHILOSOPHY OF STEWARDSHIP

A Testimony by Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., manager of a Conveyor Manufacturing Plant and a member of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul.

From early youth I felt that I had both a privilege and a responsibility toward God regarding the time and abilities he gave me and regarding any money he granted me to have for labor expended. By example my parents indicated that they loved the Lord and that they desired to serve him to the best of their ability.



MR. VERNON C. HECKMAN
of St. Paul, Minnesota
a member of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church.

Even when single, my philosophy of stewardship was often tested in the fiery furnace of everyday living. After marriage, there were times when in trying to meet the increasing and perplexing needs of our growing family, I faltered along the way. But praise his Name, he rescued me! A message based on Hebrews 13:5 given by our pastor at just the right time set me "on course again." How I appreciated that message then and now! About then David's words in Psalms 145:18 and 19 came to my attention and I said, "Amen, Amen! You are right!"

Later other verses of Scripture stood out on the holy pages of his Word to firm up and solidify my convictions on the stewardship of the whole of life. John 12:26 took on real meaning for me personally and became my "Balm of Gilead" during another time of testing. Another time, the anchor verse that God gave for help was Psalm 5:11.

The testings are not yet over for me. The stewardship of life continues to be a more glorious experience year by year. It is amazing how little experien-

THE MISSION OF N.A.B. CHURCHES

Fiscal Year, April 1, 1965—March 31, 1966

	Basic Program	Special Projects
OUR MISSION IN NORTH AMERICA		
Indian Mission in Canada	\$ 9,160	\$
Spanish-American Mission in USA	23,476	
OUR MISSION ABROAD		
Cameroon Mission in Africa	211,665	
Japan Mission in Asia	73,825	
Austrian Mission in Europe	2,500	
Japan Revolving Loan Fund		2,000
OUR MISSION TO NAB CHURCHES		
Mission Church Support	72,221	
God's Volunteers	26,000	
Volunteer Evangelists	1,000	
Woman's Missionary Union	2,400	
District Secretaries	42,700	
OUR MISSION IN BUILDING NEW CHURCHES		
Chapel Building Fund	1,700	
Church Extension-operating	83,000	
Church Extension-building		20,000
Church Extension Builders		40,000
OUR MISSION IN MISSIONARY ADMINISTRATION		
Christian Training Institute	41,950	
Christian Training Inst. Library Fund	58,200	2,000
North American Baptist Seminary	83,200	
Seminary Library Book Fund		10,000
OUR MISSION THROUGH THE PRINTED WORD		
Bible Distribution	5,000	
Roger Williams Press	24,100	
OUR MISSION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
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Youth Work	11,500	
Adult Work	12,000	
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OUR MISSION TO THE NEEDY AND AGED		
Aged Ministers and Relief	5,000	
Seven Homes for the Aged	4,200	
Pension Fund	16,000	
Fellowship Fund	2,000	
OUR MISSION IN FELLOWSHIP AND PLANNING		
Conference and Council	42,000	
Promotion and Publicity	39,100	
Stewardship and Higher Education	16,300	
OUR MISSION IN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT		
Advance Fund		75,000
Budget Reserve	29,100	
Miscellaneous		6,000
Total	\$954,797	\$155,000
Less Missionary Investment Income	9,797	
	\$945,000	
TOTAL FINANCIAL GOAL	\$1,100,000	

ces can either add or retract. In spite of set-backs, God enables and he provides "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." With the

Psalmist I can say, "As for God, his way is perfect."

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

SPEAK UP!

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

YOUR "JOHN HANCOCK" SIGNATURE

Letter to "Speak Up" department

After reading the first two letters of the forum "Speak Up," it is my opinion that every writer should identify himself with his view by appending thereto his "John Hancock." No one should take pot shots of petulance at persons who are out in the open and himself enjoy the privileged sanctuary of anonymity.

And a constituency that enters into serious debate upon such innuendo so advanced can only reflect upon himself.

Let the person who wants so badly a free ride to Forest Park get up in his church or conference and say so. It may just take him at his word and send him to Forest Park, and beyond!

A Lamprecht, Pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

ANSWER BY DR. IHRIE

Few will disagree with your feelings, Pastor Lamprecht. Most of us are not pleased with anonymous letter writers. As I look over the letters which come to SPEAK UP, I find that the majority of the correspondents do sign their names but request that their identity be withheld from publication. There seem to be two reasons for this: modesty and fear of reprisal. I can understand both feelings. Most people do not want to put themselves forward or 'catch it' for saying something critical.

My own feeling is that there are things which ought to be said and criticisms which are in good order, but which would never be stated if the writer were to be identified. This may sound like catering to cowardice but the matter goes deeper than that. It is sad but true that even among believers we cannot count on reactions of courtesy or understanding. We may be reflecting our spiritual immaturity as a fellowship, but there is such a thing as unkind reaction and even retaliation. Some brothers have learned this the hard way. None of us are satisfied with this condition, but we contribute to it every time we say an unkind or critical thing about a brother.

This column will continue to engender a spirit of understanding through free expression, even when the basis of freedom is protection from identity. Feel free to say anything you wish; your name will be withheld upon request.

BIBLE SCHOOL AND SEMINARY TRAINING

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

In your Open Forum "Speak Up" of the Feb. 25, 1965 issue, an unnamed college graduate student made a plea for a denominational plan of Biblical instruction on the university campus. One sentence struck me very odd, and it is in reference to the attitude expressed in this sentence that I wish to comment briefly. Quote: "In our modern age the student wanting to get an education has no time to spend a year or two at Bible School or at Seminary to learn this." If I interpret his words correctly this student is saying (1) that training at a Bible School or Seminary is not really education, and, (2) that secular education in preparation for an earthly vocation is more important than religious education in preparation for Christian living. Is our belief valued so little that we do not deem it wise spending several years at our Bible School or our Seminary in order to strengthen it? I have done graduate studies myself, and I am fully convinced that there is no better way for young people to prepare themselves for college than to attend either the Christian Training Institute or our Seminary for one or two years. Our denomination supports these institutions for this very purpose, and a Bible training program on the university campus, though commendable, can only be "second best."

Bernard Schalm, Edmonton, Alberta

ANSWER BY DR. IHRIE

Thank you for your reply and for your testimony, Dr. Schalm. There is a feeling among many that our schools are places where you prepare only for specialized Christian service, such as the pastorate or the mission field. Not very many have looked on the Christian Training Institute or the Seminary as places where future engineers or lawyers or accountants should go for Biblical grounding before training for their professional careers. One reason, I suppose, is that most students feel that they have only so many years (and so much money) available for their training and must invest these things directly toward their academic goal. Years spent in Bible School would seem like costly detours or delays. The credits gained in most Bible Schools are not transferrable to an accredited university. Students in the Seminary must have their undergraduate work behind them. We join you in prayer that our

schools will be able to meet the very need cited in the letter from our college student.

POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION WITH ANOTHER BAPTIST CONFERENCE?

Dear Mr. Moderator,

In our area we hear quite a bit of talk about our conference combining with the Baptist General Conference. I have heard that the pastors in Detroit, Mich., are meeting with the pastors from the Baptist General Conference. Is this true? If the two groups were joined, what would happen to our mission fields, schools, headquarters staff, etc.? What would be gained by such a union? I would like to hear of what others are thinking about this. I would not want us to join any group if we lose our important mission projects and schools. Another question I have is whether they are true to the Word and spiritual. I would rather that you withhold my name because I don't want anyone to think I am starting a controversy which I am not trying to do at all. I am only seeking information and would like to hear the opinions of others in our denomination. What is your opinion?

Yours in His Name,
(Name withheld by request)

DR. IHRIE'S ANSWER

Dear Brother in Christ,

In my opinion the Baptist General Conference (Swedish background) is a truly Christ-centered and Biblical fellowship of Baptist believers for whom we are thankful to God. These brethren have a fine testimony and a good record of faithful service in the fields of missionary endeavor, Christian education, stewardship, and evangelism. We certainly stand alongside them in wanting to keep the Baptist witness on a high level of fruitfulness for Christ. My own heart has been blessed and enriched by my fellowship with the General Conference brethren whom I have known. Our Detroit area pastors have met together twice (three years ago and two years ago) and we all enjoyed the comradeship.

As to union or amalgamation with the General Conference, I have no terribly deep feeling for or against the idea at the present time. This entire issue is being considered by the denominational Advance Planning Committee with a report to be made at the General Council and General Conference sessions in 1967.

MISSION NEEDS

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September at the CTI and a new faculty member will be on the scene. Considerable progress is being made by the Seminary toward accreditation with an approved target date in 1967.

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS. In September the orders for the new devotional quarterly "Moments With God" will be filled and 1,200 complimentary copies will be sent to all NAB students whose names and addresses are known.

• **The Faith Baptist Church and the West New York Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey** have announced a merger that was effective in May 1965. The new church is known as the First Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey. The pastor is Rev. Garry Miller and the church clerk is Lily Moore, 436 - 63rd Street, West New York, N. J.

• **The Publication Board** has appointed Rev. Eldon L. Janzen of Arnprior, Ontario as the Business Manager of the Roger Williams Press effective August 1st. At that time he will succeed Rev. L. Bienert who is becoming the assistant to the president of a church-related college at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Janzen has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior since 1958.

• **On Sunday morning, April 4,** three new members were received into the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas by letter. Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, pastor, baptized four candidates on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday morning, May 16. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on June 6 and another adult was received into the church by testimony, as reported by Mrs. Melvin Schulz.

• **The Plum Creek Baptist Church** near Emery, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Walter Hoffman of Minneapolis, Minn., to which he has given a favorable response. Mr. Hoffman has served as a director of the "God's Volunteers" teams since 1958. He has announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Plum Creek Baptist Church during the last week in July and will succeed Rev. Alvin Harsch, now of Vancouver, Washington.

• **The Board of Trustees of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta** has extended a call to Rev. J. Walter Goltz, pastor of the Capilano Baptist Church of Edmonton since 1961, to become professor of Missions and Evangelism. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his services at the CTI in September. This appointment of the new faculty member was approved by the General Council in May 1965.

• **The Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak.,** a Church Extension project of the denomination, has extended a call to Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland of Aberdeen, S. Dak., pastor of the Calvary Church of Aberdeen since 1961. His answer has been favorable, and he will begin his ministry in the Jamestown church on September 1st. Dr. M. Vanderbeck has been serving as the interim pastor of the Temple Church in Jamestown, N. Dak., since its beginning.

• **The First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak.,** has extended a call to Rev. Raymond Hoffman of Canistota, S. Dak., to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Hoffman has been the pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota since his student days at the NAB Seminary in

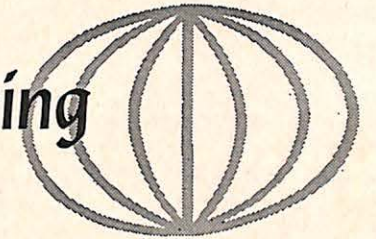
July 1961. He continued to serve the church after graduation in a full time capacity. He will begin his ministry in the Fessenden Church on August 1st, succeeding Rev. Gordon R. Thomas, now of Dallas, Texas.

• **The Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon** has extended a call to Rev. H. J. Wilcke of St. Paul, Minn.

trich Bonhoeffer's thought and the form and message of the church in the current world. At the evening programs families of the pastors brought a brief highlight history of their lives and ministries.

• **At the recent General Council sessions in Forest Park, Ill.** Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa was hon-

what's happening



He has responded favorably and announced that his pastorate in the Oregon church would begin early in September. He has served as the minister of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul since 1960. In the Salt Creek Church of Oregon he will succeed Rev. Clarence H. Walth, now pastor of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill.

• **On Friday evening, May 21,** the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing Choir of 36 voices, St. Paul, Minn., presented a concert of sacred music at the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn. The Mother-Daughter Banquet was held on Thursday evening, May 20, with Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Minneapolis, Minn., as the special speaker. Gideon Sunday was observed on May 23 with a report about the ministry of Bible distribution by the Gideons at that service. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

• **Mrs. Emma Kampfer of Maywood, Ill.,** age 83, passed away on June 13. At the time of her homegoing, she was a guest in the Baptist Retirement Home of Maywood. Mrs. Kampfer and her husband, the late Rev. George Kampfer, served as Baptist missionaries in Assam, India. She was also the director of the Lizzie Aiken Institute in Chicago for many years. A daughter, Mrs. Margaret McKinney, and her family survive her as well as three nieces: Alethea and Celia Kose and Mamie Marchand. A more detailed obituary will appear in the next issue.

• **Ministers of the Atlantic Conference churches** held their annual retreat at the Bradley Beach Cottage of Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 28 to July 2. Guest speakers were Prof. Hugo Lueck of the NAB Seminary who brought five addresses on "Heretics, Monks and Saints," and Prof. Ralph Powell, also an NAB Seminary professor, who led several provocative discussions on Die-

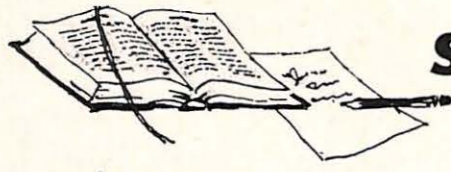
ored for his 19 years of faithful service on the Finance Committee of the denomination during which he also served as the chairman of the Committee for most of the years. In behalf of the General Council, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein presented Mr. Schwerin with a copy of the illustrated volume, "Our Living Bible" by Avi-Yonah and Kraeling which had been autographed by all of the General Council members. Mr. Schwerin will continue to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

• **In May a Song Festival was held** in the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba with three neighboring churches participating. A large mass choir rendered inspiring numbers under the capable direction of Mr. Ed Hart. Each church was responsible for a special number. The guest speaker was Rev. Alex Sootzmann of Ochre River, Man. The offering was designated for the Manitoba Camp at Wellman Lake. The evening program proved to be a real blessing and reminded the large audience of the wonderful opportunity to sing these praises to our Lord and Master, as reported by Mrs. Dave Binder.

• **After accepting the call of the Church Extension Committee** extended to Rev. Howard D. Westlund of Carrington, N. Dak., to become the pastor of the Church Extension project in Dickinson, N. Dak., as reported in the June 17th issue of the "Baptist Herald," Mr. Westlund was led to decline the appointment. He has announced that he will remain as the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington. In the meantime, Rev. Frank Friesen is serving as the interim pastor in Dickinson, N. Dak., until the Church Extension Committee is successful in calling a pastor for the field.

• **On May 18 Mr. Ben H. Breitkreuz,** a 1964 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, graduated from

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 25, 1965

Theme: CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH STUDY

Scripture: Acts 17:10-12; II Timothy 3:10-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God cannot reveal himself to a lazy Christian. He must study to show himself approved.

INTRODUCTION: Last week we discussed growth through conflict and the difficulty Paul had with his two natives. Some of his human nature was revealed in his conflict with Barnabas before their second missionary journey. The closing verses of Acts 15 give us an indication of how sharp the contention must have been between them. There were probably times when Paul wished they could have parted on friendlier terms, and no doubt he wished he could have taken back some of the sharp and angry words he had said. But to their credit as great Christians they never spread rumors or gossip against each other. It was a personal matter which was settled and they realized that the spreading of the Gospel and the strengthening of the churches were of primary importance.

This experience took place shortly after "Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord" (Acts 15:35). It is an indication of how important it is to grow through the study of God's Word so that we might live together, work together and have fellowship together as God's children.

I. GROWING THROUGH SPIRITUAL HUNGER. Acts 17:10-12.

Correspondence courses, Bible schools, radio, television and conferences are anxious to help all those who have a hunger and thirst for the deeper things of the Spirit. There is no excuse for ignorance of God's Word. Many of these opportunities are free for the asking and no one is there to hinder, prevent or persecute you.

It was different in Paul's day. Often he was treated roughly and in danger of his life. It must have been spiritually uplifting to come to a place where people were truly receptive to the Word of God. In Berea they were described as being "more noble." They had inquiring hearts and minds which prompted them to search the Scriptures for themselves to see whether these things were actually true. The results were encouraging because many believed.

II. GROWTH THROUGH EXPERIENCE. II Timothy 3:10-13.

In the meantime Paul became ac-

quainted with a young disciple by the name of Timothy who showed evidence of becoming a good preacher and teacher. He alerted him to the possible persecution which might be his lot, not to frighten him but to encourage him. It was Paul's intention to be prepared to accept whatever comes, realizing that this is a part of the Christian life and nothing unusual. Christ promised a victorious life but not an easy life.

Christians may have the impression that this does not have application to the present. Yet there are many who are reviled and ridiculed for their faith. In other countries Christians suffer bitter persecution and death.

III. GROWTH THROUGH CONTINUED STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES. II Timothy 3:14-17.

There are many who begin the Christian life but soon grow weary when they discover that it is not as easy as they thought it would be. The faith which is implanted into our hearts as children will not easily be shaken if it is continued in personal Bible study and then centered on Jesus Christ, the Object of our faith. God's Word is the best equipment for life. It can make us complete and mature. The present as well as the future are secure because we have the security of God's Word.

Questions for Discussion

1. How have the teachings of the Bible affected governments?
2. How much have you studied your Bible since your conversion?
3. What is the difference between studying the contents of the Bible and studying to be better Christians?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date August 1, 1965

Theme: CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

Scripture: Romans 14:13-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Because the Christian's faith is centered on Jesus Christ, he has a hunger for fellowship with people who are of the same mind and spirit.

INTRODUCTION: There were so few Christians during Paul's time and so few scattered churches that there was very limited opportunity for fellowship. Wherever they gathered, however, they kept in close contact with each other. They needed mutual comfort and support, and they needed an opportunity to share their joys and sorrows.

If the Jews were thought of as a peculiar people, then we can imagine how much more this was true of the Christians who, at this time, were a

very small minority. Even more than the Christians of the 20th century, they could understand the oft repeated song:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

As Christians we know that God loves us and that we love him. But his love becomes more tangible when it flows through us to others and from others to us.

I. THE DANGER OF BROKEN FELLOWSHIP. Romans 14:13.

Judging is one of the most difficult occupations in the world, and yet most of us believe that we are capable of judging righteously and correctly. When we are involved in any circumstances which involve judgment, more often than not, we give ourselves the benefit of the doubt and judge in our favor. Everyone seems to be an authority on what is right and what is wrong, what is black and what is white. Yet the greatest authorities cannot always agree. Very seldom, if ever, have the nine judges on the United States Supreme Court handed down a unanimous opinion.

Rather than judge a brother harshly or unfairly, the apostle recommends that it should be made as easy for him as possible by smoothing the way for him. He may not be ready for some constructive criticism; therefore in the meantime it would be well to give him a helping hand and an encouraging word. Instead of making him stumble, help him to walk steadily and preserve the fellowship.

II. STRENGTHENING THE FELLOWSHIP. Romans 14:14-18.

Most of us have the urge to stand on our rights and not let others tell us what we can do and what we cannot do. But there is something more important than standing on our rights, and that is having a loving and tolerant attitude concerning the rights of others.

Christians are to love one another and their conduct should be based on love. The sensitive conscience of a weak Christian is not yet able to cope with life around him. He is sincere in his willingness to follow Christ, but he stumbles easily because he is immature. "Strengthen thy brethren" is a command given not only to Peter, but to all of us.

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Bible School students and teachers at the annual Bible School held on the Indian Bull Reserve in April 1965 near Westaskiwin, Alberta.

Indian Bible School on Bull Reserve

Third annual Bible School for the Indians on the Bull Reservation of Alberta, held at the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church, and reported by Rev. William Sturhahn, Co-ordinator of the Indian Mission.

CHURCH conducted Bible Schools used to be a big and valuable annual event in many of our Canadian prairie churches. Today it is almost impossible to conduct such schools, except for our Indian Baptist Church on the Bull Reserve Indian Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. For the third straight year a Bible school was held during the full week immediately after Easter. This particular week enabled the high school young people to attend.

The young Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church, realizing the great value of Bible training for its people, old and young, was now responsible for the school for the first time. Together with the deacons, our missionary, Rev. R. Neuman, carefully planned the program and sessions, contacted teachers and promoted the school.

BIBLE COURSES TAUGHT

The courses were most interesting and advanced. Here is the list: "Major Doctrines of the Bible" taught by Rev. Lloyd Kresier and Rev. Phil. Grabke; "Highlights from the Gospel of John," by Rev. Dave Harrison; "The Story of the Bible" by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; and "Studies in Old Testament Books" by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. A music period closed each day's activities. Some of these courses, such as "The Doctrines of the Bible" and also "The Story of the Bible," presumed a good deal of Bible knowledge.

Some of us continue to marvel at the actual knowledge of our Indian students, a knowledge which has been

acquired over the years by faithful teaching of our missionaries. This year's student body was made up of a majority of young people, one or two young married couples and one mother of six. We noticed different types of questions and interests from previous classes. These young people had questions that dealt more with technical or doctrinal aspects, such as "How could God make the world in six days?"

The adults of previous years posed questions that were related to their Indian life and culture, pertaining to the sun dance or peace pipe. It appears that each year we have a pleasant surprise. On the second day, while class had just started, a young man walked in, accompanied by a stunningly well dressed and looking young woman. They took their places and faithfully attended classes. During the Bible study periods the young woman was exceptionally fascinated and attentive.

THE EVANGELISTIC INVITATION

Again, as in the previous year, we had here a young woman of Roman Catholic background, married to a young man of the Bull Reserve. She had been trained to regard any Protestant missionary or preacher with disdain and suspicion. Of course, she never heard Bible teaching. When Mary walked into my class on that morning, I did not know that only two months earlier she had been married to Solomon Bull by our missionary.

On the final evening Rev. W. W. Sibley preached an evangelistic message. Mary listened with obvious awe, and the Holy Spirit spoke to her. She did

not yield that evening but she confessed later that she could have come forward easily if all of this were not so new to her. We pray that Mary will be converted and become a consecrated young wife and mother among her people.

Nine students attended classes with 90-100% attendance record. The highest attendance was 16. The church provided noon luncheons prepared by Mrs. Neuman. The closing program, held in the church, was well attended by natives and friends from neighboring churches. For the best attendance and general participation, students Bernice Stoney and Larry Crane received a reward.

We pray and hope that as a final result the Lord may call some of these young people who will give themselves to the ministry among their own people.

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

IMMANUEL PORTLAND, OREGON. A wonderful banquet was served to all mothers and daughters of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon on May 25 in the church basement. Approximately 150 persons were in attendance. The program for the evening was full of inspiration. Mrs. Adam Huber from the Southwood Park Baptist Church of Tigard, Oregon was our guest speaker. Immanuel's newest mother is Mrs. Myrtle (Weeldryer) Schaub. Mr. and Mrs. Schaub received their new daughter on Mother's Day, a Korean orphan girl. She is a charming addition to our fellowship! (Judy Hoelzer, Reporter)

GRACE, MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. The Women's Mission Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta celebrated its 40th anniversary on April 11. A program was presented in the afternoon featuring numbers in song and the play, "The Four Seasons of Life." The ladies of the Hilda, Golden Prairie and Temple Churches rendered songs to help beautify the service. The past president, Mrs. Brost, Mrs. Rapske, and Mrs. Zeitner, were presented with corsages as well as the present president, Mrs. Klippe. Mrs. R. Rapske was the guest speaker at the program. Supper was served in the basement for all our members and friends who attended the service. (Mrs. Matilda Fauser, Reporter)



Ladies' Mission Society, Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta with the executive seated in front row. Second from left: Secretary, Mrs. Mathilda Fauser; Treasurer, Mrs. Violet Treiber; President, Mrs. Helen Klippe; Vice-President, Mrs. Marie Zeitner; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Edna Croissant; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte Engel.



Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Left to right: Mrs. William Evanston, Secretary; Mrs. Henry I. Wetzler, Vice-President; Mrs. Samuel Maschner, President; and Mrs. Emil Schadick, Treasurer.

GOLDEN PRAIRIE, SASK. Fifty-three grandmothers, mothers and granddaughters gathered at the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., on Sunday evening, May 30, for a belated Mother's Day luncheon, which was served in the church basement. The oldest mother, Mrs. Christ Oster, and the youngest mother, Mrs. Milton Jacksteit, were presented with corsages. After the luncheon, a delightful

variety program honoring our mothers was presented, which was enjoyed by all present. (Mrs. R. Kohls, Reporter).

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Members and friends gathered on Sunday, May 23, to observe the "Diamond Jubilee Anniversary" of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif. Mrs. Samuel Maschner, devoted president of the society, was in charge of the joyful occasion. The inspiring program opened with Beethoven's, "The Heavens Declare," rendered beautifully by Joanne McDonald at the organ, and Cheryl Bower at the piano. Interesting reports of progress were given by Mrs. William Evanston, secretary, and Mrs. Emil Schadick, treasurer. The choir's ministry in song included two favorite anthems, "Make Me a Blessing," and "Higher Ground." These were rendered under the able direction of our faithful pastor and director, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt.

It was on May 20, 1890 that 11 women of the church met and decided to organize the Ladies' Missionary Society. One of the eleven, Mrs. Margaret Schulze, is still a loyal member and observed her 100th birthday last September. During this time 16 women have served as president. A touching memorial to past members was given by Mrs. Evanston and Mrs. H. J. Wetzler. A highlight of the afternoon service was the inspiring address by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, who spoke on the appropriate theme, "The Good Work That Is Remembered." (Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter)

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK. The mothers and daughters of the Trinity and Northside Baptist Churches of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met for a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 10. There were 94 in attendance. Mrs. Frank Veninga was toastmistress. Mrs. Donald Madvig led the group singing. Tribute to the daughters was given by Mrs. Alvin Bleeker; tribute to the mothers, by Karen Madvig, and tribute to the grandmothers, by Miss Louise Westerman. The theme for the banquet was "Mother's Apron Strings." "Strings of Memories," a narrated tableau, was presented by Irene Mehlhoff, Darlene Strobel, Carol Snyder, Daphne Dunger and Joyce Veninga. The musical background was furnished by Mrs. Donald Madvig, Joyce Ringering and Beth Blackburn. "Strings of Faith and Courage" were presented with short talks by Mrs. Wilfred Weick on the topic, "A New Mother"; Mrs. Hugo Lueck, "A Courageous Mother"; and Mrs. Emanuel Folff, "A Brave Mother." "Strings of Strength and Devotion" were depicted by Mrs. Werner Lemke and Marilyn Seibel. Aprons were presented to Mrs. Arthur Haas for having the most daughters present,

Mrs. Jennie Linsz the oldest mother, and little Lisa Berndt the youngest daughter present. Prayers were offered by Miss Louise Westerman and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel. (Mrs. Alvin Bleeker, Reporter).

SPECIAL EVENTS

TEMPLE, MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. We of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, are thankful to the church and to Rev. H. Schumacher, who helped in organizing a boys' club called "Christian Service Brigade." This club consists of two groups, "Stockaders" and "Battalions," who gather once a week with activities, crafts and Bible study. We praise God that many boys have already accepted Christ through the ministry of this "Christian Service Brigade." (Emma Weber, Reporter)

POUND, WIS. In recent months we, as a group of young people of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., have been very active. We take charge of the evening service every second Sunday of the month. On May 9 we presented a Mother's Day pageant called "Memories." Mrs. E. S. Fenske, our pastor's wife, was the director. The program was greatly enjoyed by a well attended audience. The mother with the most daughters was presented with a flowering plant. Miss Gloria Maloney, our CBYF president, was married to Mr. Jerry Gusick in April. (Bev Gummin, CBYF Reporter)

BEULAH, N. DAK. On Sunday evening, May 2nd, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., was privileged to show the Billy Graham film, "The Heart is a Rebel." Many hearts were challenged and deeply touched that we might win more souls in the future. The community was invited and our church was filled to capacity. We are also happy to report that this is the first year in which all our Scripture Memorizers have completed their work. Although we had only 11 memorizers, we praise the Lord for each of them as they have hidden the Word of God in their hearts. (Mrs. Edwin Voigt)

SIDNEY, MONTANA. The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana has recently purchased two lots adjoining the church property for \$4500. The buildings have been removed from the lots and work is being done by the men and young people of the church to convert the area into a parking lot. Offerings to pay for the lots are held the fifth Sunday of each month with five Sundays. The first two offerings have totaled over \$1150. The church rest rooms have been remodeled and the heating system enlarged with materials salvaged from the new property. The labor for these improvements was all donated by church members and friends. Mr. William Neuman is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Earl Backhaus, Reporter)



Christian Service Brigade of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

FIRST, LEDUC, ALTA. The First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta is very active in all its branches under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Norman Dreger. On Friday evening, Feb. 5th, our annual Church Fellowship Supper was held. In spite of the fact that near blizzard conditions existed, the church basement was comfortably full for the occasion. Besides a brief musical program, the activities of the past year were reviewed. Two new electrical stoves were purchased for the church kitchen, and the ladies had the joy of using them for the first time at the fellowship supper. We as a church are very thankful to God for our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Dreger. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter)

HUTCHINSON, MINN. On Wednesday, March 24, Barbara Kieper, missionary nurse in Cameroon, Africa, visited and spoke at the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn. Emphasis was given to the needs of missionaries with a display of White Cross work done by our Woman's Missionary Society. Dr. Herb Hazzard of the Minnesota Sunday School Association conducted a Teacher's Training Workshop for our teachers the first week of March. An inspiring Easter concert was rendered by our choir and special music and meditation were presented by a team of young people from Northwestern College of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fratzke of our church celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a coffee hour on Sunday evening, March 28. (Mrs. Ruth Stillings, Reporter)

YORKTON, SASK. On Sunday evening, March 28, at the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., the musical program, "Songs of Yesteryear," was presented with 4 men's quartets, a mixed junior choir and mixed adult group taking part. The quartet consisted of Ed. Jonat, Albert Knoll, Fred Grunert and Adolph Effa, who sang together 50 years ago. They thrilled the audience with songs of the past. Rev. John Kuehn, pastor of Ebenezer West from 1937 to 1940, brought the mes-

sage. A baptismal service was held on April 18 when 8 young people were baptized by Rev. W. Kerber and added to the church. Four other persons were also received into the fellowship by church letter. On Mother's Day, May 9, three couples dedicated their children to the Lord. The evening program was led by the young people with slides, narration and organ music background depicting, "Life in a Christian Home." (Hertha Rowden, Reporter)

TROCHU, ALBERTA. Various activities have recently taken place at the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta with several organizations participating. During the Easter vacation week, April 19-23, the Sunday school held its Vacation Bible School with the pastor, Rev. Oscar Fritzke, as director. There was an average attendance of 60 with the various age groups divided into 6 different classes. The theme of their studies was, "Discovering With Christ." A closing program was held on Friday evening with the various classes taking part and giving a brief outline of their work and studies. On Easter Sunday evening the Woman's Missionary Society presented a program of songs, poems and the play, "Go Ye." On Friday evening, May 7, the girls of the "Missionary Echoes" met with their mothers for a "Mother and Daughter Banquet." On May 9 these same girls had charge of the Sunday evening service, presenting the Mother's Day program. The young people have also been busy in preparing the play, "A Given Privilege," which they rendered on Sunday evening, May 23. (Mrs. Harry Strohschein, Reporter)

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION. The British Columbia Association met for its annual conference at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Vancouver, B. C., from May 21 to 23. Over 100 delegates came from our various churches. Rev. E. Strauss was re-elected as moderator. Dr. B. Schalm of Edmonton, Alta., served with instructive and inspiring messages. The mission offerings received during the Sunday

services were designated for local missions, going partly to the support of the Osoyoos Baptist Church in its endeavor to gain a full-time pastor and partly to the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, our Church Extension project. The sacred concerts on Sunday (German in the afternoon and English in the evening) were held in the Ebenezer Church because of its greater seating capacity. Over 1500 people attended these services and all enjoyed the inspirational presentation of the choirs, band, orchestra, solos, quartets and speakers. We praise God for the blessings received and look forward to meeting again next year in Prince George. (Ernie Rogalski, Reporter)

FAITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. During the month of May the Mother's and Daughter's Banquet was held at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., with the theme, "Pattern For Living," and with an attendance of 130. Two Parent-Child Dedication services were conducted for children up to 4 years of age (11 children in all). A Choir Recognition Service with the

theme, "Come With Singing" (Psalm 100:2), was held at which Choir Director Alvin Quiring, Organist Mrs. Alvin Quiring and 23 choir singers were present. On May 30th a baptismal service was held, Sharon S. Redisky being baptized and the right hand of fellowship being extended to her and to Iola Kludt who came by transfer of letter from the Immanuel Baptist Church, Westington Springs, S. Dak.

We have two young men recently inducted into the Armed Forces. Pvt. Gustav Paul Jung and James Daniel Bokovoy, who are of special prayer concern to us. Our pastor, Rev. Donald N. Miller, was on vacation during June, attending the Baptist World Congress. Seven other members also attended the Baptist World Congress. June 10th, Father and Sons Banquet. Our youth attended the NAB Minnesota three Youth Camps at Big Sandy Camp near McGregor, Minn., June 13 to 27, considering the theme, "God's Faithful Stewards" (I Peter 4: 10, 11). (Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Historian).



Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Geis of Hillsboro, Kansas, members of the First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16, 1965.

on Sunday, May 9. Many relatives and friends called on the honored couple during this special day to extend well wishes and congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Geis have been active in the First Baptist Church of Durham throughout their married life.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. EDWARD F. GEIS. Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Geis of Hillsboro, Kansas celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 16 at their home in Hillsboro. Their four children were hosts for the occasion. The children are: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klein and Mr. and Mrs. William Meier of Marion, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Geis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitney of Wichita, Kansas. They have five grandchildren. Many friends and relatives called during the afternoon extending their good wishes to the honored couple. They have been a part of the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas for years.



Mr. and Mrs. Solomon H. Geis of Durham, Kansas at their 60th wedding anniversary on May 14, 1965. He and Mr. Edward F. Geis of Hillsboro, Kansas (see accompanying picture) are brothers.

remembered by the Honorable Mr. Manning, Premier of Alberta and also received a certificate of recognition by the Governor General of Canada! Sunday evening was climaxed by a short program by the C. B. Y. of the Grace Baptist Church in honor of the celebrating couple. All children were present for this joyous occasion.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MR. AND MRS. SOLOMON GEIS. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon H. Geis of Durham, Kansas celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary May 14. Their children, Mrs. Fred Caywood of Hutchinson, Kansas; C. M. Geis of Circleville, Kansas; and Irwin Geis of Durham, Kansas were hosts at an Open House for their parents at their home in Durham

CENTRAL, EDMONTON, ALTA. On Sunday, May 16, approximately 700 members and friends of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., gathered to bid farewell to the Rev. Herbert Hiller family, who had served us so faithfully for almost 9 years. With Rev. Richard Hohensee, our new pastor elect, in charge of the service, ministers from neighboring churches and representatives from various church organizations brought words of recognition and farewell. The music of the afternoon featured favorite numbers of the Hillers. Guest speaker was Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary. Mr. Hiller was presented with an engraved calendar desk set, and Mrs. Hiller with an engraved copper tea service and a woolen Hudson Bay blanket. We will miss the Hillers greatly, and will always remember their love and kindness. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless them at the Immanuel Church, Woodside, N. Y. (Mrs. B. Jeske, Reporter).

FESSENDEN, N. DAK. A farewell dinner was held at the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., for Barbara Kieper on April 18 after the morning services. Words of appreciation for Barbara's work in the Cameroons and God's richest blessings for her missionary service were expressed by our pastor and deacon board. On May 16, we held a joint baptismal service with the Harvey Church. Twelve candidates were baptized, 8 from the Fessenden church and 4 from Harvey.

Sunday, May 30, was a day of rejoicing and also of sadness for us. Ten members were received into the fellow-

ship of our church. In the evening we held a farewell luncheon and program for Pastor Gordon Thomas and family. The program consisted of words of farewell by the various departments and presentation of their gifts, musical numbers, a reading, pictures of events during the pastor's ministry in Fessenden and then a response from the minister and his wife. Our prayer is that God will use him and his family in a marvelous way to bring many souls to Christ as they serve in the North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas to which they have been called. (Mrs. James McBain, Church Clerk).

dedication SERVICES

BALGONIE, SASK. The dedication service for the newly organized Balgonie Baptist Church, Balgonie, Sask., took place Sunday, April 25, with Rev. Arthur Kliever acting as chairman. Rev. H. Pfeifer of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., spoke in behalf of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association. A ladies' trio and the men's quartet of Davin rendered special numbers in song. Mr. C. McConnell, contractor, presented the key of the church to Mr. F. Linzmeyer, chairman. Mr. M. Linzmeyer gave a brief financial report on the building expenses and also brought reports for the church and Sunday school. Greetings were extended by the pastors or representatives of 7 churches, also by Mr. I. Friesen on behalf of the Gideons and by the Mayor of Balgonie, Mr. John Wagner. Mr. Chalmers Wirth, pastor of the church, brought the message. Mr. Darold Sauer of the Davin Church led in the dedication prayer. We thank God for his wonderful leading in supplying our needs and in bringing this building to completion. We ask for his continued blessing so that his Name might be glorified. (Mrs. Dorothy Parsons, Reporter).

ESTERHAZY, SASK. The Esterhazy Baptist Church, Esterhazy, Sask., was host to some 200 guests from Springside, Ebenezer, and Yorkton, on Sunday afternoon, May 23, who gathered in the Legion Hall, for a special service dedicating the Baptist parsonage to the glory of God. Presiding at the impressive ceremony was Rev. F. W. Pahl, of the Springside Baptist Church. The dedication speaker was Rev. W. Dickau of Ebenezer, Sask. Rev. W. Kerber gave the charge to the churches and to the Church Extension pastor, Rev. P. Schroeder. Three laymen also took part in the service, with Mr. L. Pullman offering the dedication prayer; R. Bohn reading Scripture and A. Peppel offering the closing prayer. Special music was provided by the Ladies' Trio of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Open house was held at the parsonage to give the guests an opportunity to view the comfortable parsonage erected by the three churches of Yorkton area. Pastor Schroeder of Ester-

hazy also announced that a building site had been secured on the corner of 5th Ave. and Babyak Street west of the new school project. There a new church will be built.

sunday school PROGRAMS & events

CENTRAL, EDMONTON, ALBERTA. On Sunday evening, May 30, the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, held its annual Children's Day program and Sunday School Talent Night. The program offered a variety of vocal numbers as well as violin, piano, accordion and guitar solos and duets. Two songs were sung by the Sunday school choir, and the Primary Department presented its recitations. We thank God for an active and growing Sunday school. (Mrs. B. Jeske, Reporter).

MARTIN, NORTH DAKOTA. "My Saviour Teaches Me" was the theme used at the Vacation Bible School sponsored by the E. U. B. and Baptist Churches of Martin, N. Dak., from May 31 through June 4. A total of 72 children were enrolled along with 14



Pastors of Saskatchewan churches cooperating in the Church Extension project at Esterhazy, Sask.

Front row (left to right): Rev. Fred W. Pahl, Rev. Walter Kerber; standing: Rev. Wilfred A. Dickau, and Rev. Peter Schroeder of Esterhazy.

teachers and helpers. On Thursday morning an offering of \$25.77 was given towards the work of the Gideons. The climax of the week was the program rendered at the School Auditorium on Sunday evening with all the children bringing the songs, Scripture verses and incidents relating to the lessons they had learned the past week. We pray that many young lives were and will be brought closer to the Lord because of this week of Bible School. (Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson, Reporter).

Baptist Men

NORTH FREEDOM, WIS. At the May meeting of the Men's Fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to Cameroon in Africa, was their guest speaker. Women and children were also invited to listen to Miss Salzman and to see the pictures which she showed. After the meeting, refreshments were served in the basement for a time of fellowship. This evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. For their next meeting in June, the Men's Fellowship held a Sweetheart Banquet at Birchcliff Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. (Louise Green, Reporter).

DR. LEWIS, BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE LEADER, DIES

Washington, D. C. — (BWA) — Dr. Walter Oliver Lewis, a pioneer leader in the modern development of International Baptist fellowship, died in a Washington, D. C. hospital at the age of 88. Dr. Lewis, a native of Missouri, was general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance 1939-48 with offices first in London and later in Washington, D. C., and then served as associate secretary of the Alliance with offices in London 1948-55 with particular responsibility for post-war relief.

Dr. Lewis was perhaps better known in Europe than in his native America. He first went to Europe as a student in German Universities; then returned to the continent as a chaplain with the American troops in World War I. He became European representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies in 1922, and helped administer American government relief in Russia when famine hit that country in the winter of 1922-23.

In 1939 he was elected general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. When a new general secretary of the Alliance was named in 1948, he became associate secretary for Europe, directing Baptist relief work across the war-ravaged continent.

He worked during his retirement years toward the translation of the works of Balthasar Hubmaier, a "three-quarter Baptist" who was burned at the stake in Vienna in 1528 as a heretic. Hubmaier believed in baptizing only believers and in the separation of church and state, as Baptists do. Baptists today look on him "as one of our spiritual ancestors," Dr. Lewis said. Hubmaier's works have not yet been published in English.

MOMENTS WITH GOD

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And run not before him,
Whatever betide;
In joy or in sorrow,
Still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus,
Still trust in his Word."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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III. THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN FELLOWSHIP. Romans 14:19-21.

The salvation and growth of the weak brother are more important than doing the things which your faith allows you to do. Construction and not destruction should be your goal. New converts will need loving attention, and it is the responsibility of the older and more mature Christians to make some sacrifices in order to help them grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Paul was a man of great faith, and the eating or not eating of meat dedicated to idols did not affect his spiritual relationship with God. But if his freedom affected the weak brother's conscience he was willing to abstain altogether.

Questions for Discussion

1. Compare I Corinthians 8 and notice the similar difficulties these Christians also faced.
2. Is it fair for the more mature Christians to cater to the weaker members if they make no effort to grow in their faith?
3. How can we have fellowship with each other and still remain true to our convictions?

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