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## “. . . and the Truth Shall Make You Free”

By Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

“. . . and the truth shall make you free.”

Baptists by the thousands from 77 countries met these words at the Baptist Congress at Miami Beach, June 25-30, 1965. They saw them displayed in the Miami Beach area and in the meeting places there. They formed the theme of the 11th Baptist World Congress. What do they mean?

We find this theme in John 8:31-32: “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” This statement by Jesus cannot be understood apart from its context. That is why the word “. . . and” has been included in the theme.

What must these words by Jesus have meant to those who heard them originally? In spite of an increasingly hostile atmosphere Jesus had appeared in the Temple at the Feast of Tabernacles and declared that he is the light of the world. He stood before them claiming to be the only visible embodiment of the Father. He was demanding of them obedience to the sovereign will of God.

His teaching had immediately aroused great admiration. But when Jesus began to make clear that his teaching could not be separated from personal acceptance of him as the Christ his listeners hesitated. It was to these hesitant believers he spoke the words: “If you continue in my word, then you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

He called them to follow him, not just admire him. He wanted them to understand that to believe in him did not mean merely to exchange one set of beliefs for another.

The truth revealed in Christ carries its own verification (John 7:17). That verification comes in commitment to it in personal living. This relationship to Christ will affect every area of life. It will radiate into every political, economic, and social relationship. The believer's experiential insight into the truth as revealed in Jesus Christ will give him true freedom in all his relationships.

The freedom with which Christ sets us free has reference to the relationship established between God and the Christian through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

None of us can claim to have all God's truth in Christ fully wrapped up in our tenets and practices. But Christ is full of grace as well as truth. By his grace we find forgiveness for our sins through faith, and by grace we are given ever new incentive to abide in his Word. And if we abide in his Word, we shall gain practical knowledge of his truth and we shall be made free.

### FRONT COVER

The front cover shows several delegates to the Baptist World Congress sessions in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25 to 30 who represented some of the 77 countries from which Baptists came to the 11th Congress. The spacious Convention Hall seating 17,000 people was the setting for the Congress sessions. The illuminated sign with the Congress announcement is in the background of the picture.

### BAPTIST CONGRESS

A full regard of the Congress sessions will be featured in the August 26 issue of the “Baptist Herald.” The women's meetings and the Christian Education Conference held just before the opening of the Congress will also be reported. Many pictures will illustrate these pages as you share in the glorious blessings of the Congress days through the pages of the August 26 issue.

## BAPTIST CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

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The 11th Baptist World Congress held in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, broke all records in attendance and topped all previous Congresses for its excellent program, spiritual highlights and epoch making decisions. The August 26 issue of the “Baptist Herald” will be devoted almost entirely to an illustrated report of these Congress sessions.

**CONGRESS ATTENDANCE.** A total of 17,787 Baptists from 77 countries of the world registered for the Miami Beach Congress. This was about 4,000 above the highest registration at any previous Congress. More than 7,000 people registered on the opening day of the sessions, creating “a traffic jam” of terrific proportions in the Convention Hall lobby. The highest attendance of any of the sessions was the inspiring crowd of 55,000 at the Miami Orange Bowl on Sunday night to hear Dr. Billy Graham in his stirring sermon, “The New Morality.”

**NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS.** A surprisingly large representation of North American Baptists was at Miami Beach for the Congress sessions. It was reliably estimated that more than 275 of our people were present, representing all of our regional conferences and coming from as far away as Edmonton and Leduc, Alberta and Prince George and Vancouver, B.C. A reception for all NAB people held on Saturday evening at the Deauville Hotel after the Saturday night program was attended by 110 people and guests.

**BILLY GRAHAM.** The two messages by the evangelist, Billy Graham, brought on Saturday and Sunday nights at the Orange Bowl, were the highlights of the great Congress sessions with 35,000 and 55,000 people in attendance. He said emphatically: “I am completely and 100% loyal to the Baptist World Alliance. I am proud to have been asked to speak to this Congress.” Billy Graham also held several interviews for the press which were given prominent front page coverage in the newspapers.

**ELECTIONS.** The new president of the Baptist World Alliance is William R. Tolbert, Jr., of Monrovia, Liberia, the first Negro ever to be elected to this high and influential position in the Alliance. Mr. Tolbert, an ordained Baptist minister, has been vice president of Liberia since 1951 and has served as the Personal Representative

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### “WHEN DEATH COMES”

Rev. Donald Miller  
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## Editorial

## Nevertheless!

Have you ever stopped to think how basic and indispensable is the word, NEVERTHELESS, in the Christian vocabulary? There are many things in our lives that we cannot fully understand. At every severe crisis in life, there is that hard duty to be done and there is our human shrinking from it. We may even wonder why these things have come to pass or why they are permitted in our lives. Quite naturally, we pray that God will somehow make it possible for us to please him and to do his will without tears or anguish. But if we are Christians, we add our NEVERTHELESS.

What a comfort it is to realize that it was so with Jesus as he prayed that the terrible cup might pass from him. He dreaded being betrayed by his friend, being forsaken by his followers, and being tortured to death by his enemies. But to the prayer offered in the Garden of Gethsemane, he added his NEVERTHELESS with total trust and perfect love. “Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt” (Mark 14:36). And we are never more at one with him than, when in our faithful service of God, we repeat his NEVERTHELESS.

We add this “Nevertheless” with an unflinching courage in spite of the circumstances. This takes a firm faith in God's goodness and justice. By faith Moses forsook Egypt and with courage did not fear the wrath of the king. Why? The answer is found in Hebrews 11:27. *Nevertheless* “he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”

At times the circumstances of life may sweep like billows over our souls. It may even be a human tendency within us to rebel at the strange and difficult turn of events. Then an unflinching courage is born out of our firm faith in God's eternal goodness. We can then affirm, “Nevertheless, thy will be done.”

We add this “nevertheless” with firm resolution and total trust in God's ways. This was the testimony of the Psalmist, “I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living” (Psalm 27:13). The Christian's faith always sees beyond the dark night of uncertainty and difficulty to behold the goodness and lovingkindness of God. “Nevertheless, I will trust him, for he is my refuge and strength, the light upon my way.”

There were 11 children in the parental home of George Beverly Shea in Syracuse, N. Y. He tells us that the Shea family had no need for an alarm clock. Every day started with his mother singing at the piano. And the song to which the children awoke was the chorus from an old Kilpatrick song:

“Singing I go along life's road,  
Praising the Lord, praising the Lord.  
Singing I go along life's road,  
For Jesus has lifted my load.”

With such a song of praise, we can add, “Nevertheless,” with a complete commitment of ourselves to God's will. This is the secret of the Christian's victory and of the glory that fills his heart. No one can move him from that foundation on which he has built his life. He is firmly grounded to God's will. This one important word, NEVERTHELESS, has taught him the unspeakable joy of faithful service to God.

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# PRAYING HANDS

The "Praying Hands" are much, much more than just a work of art.

They are the "soul's creation" of a deeply thankful heart.

They are the "Priceless Masterpiece" that love alone could paint,

And they reveal the selflessness of an unheard saint.

For when we "give ourselves away" in sacrifice and love,

We are "laying up rich treasures" in God's kingdom up above;

And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands is the truest "Art of Living."

(Helen Steiner Rice).

A Sermon by Rev. Hans J. Wilcke,  
Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota



THE PRAYING HANDS by Albrecht Duerer (1471-1528).

"I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land." Psalm 143:6

A NUMBER of years ago, a businessman presented me with an appreciated gift. It was a framed, copper-reproduced picture of Albrecht Duerer's "The Praying Hands." Not long after, the donor's life came to a sudden unexpected end. The picture thus offered me added inspiration as I had known him as a man keenly interested in the things of God and in his community's welfare.

## A PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE

There must have been others who have felt as did I. In a note received recently the following words were penned. ". . . when you step into our new hospital and see the little chapel and family room, you will also see a large picture of 'The Praying Hands' in memory of Mr. Floyd Peacock."

Thanks for the power and blessing of that which we remember! The person whose note is referred to made an additional comment. Writing in a folder with "The Praying Hands" on the cover, she remarked: "This card reminded me of you. So I am sending it to you. Not that the picture is unusual but I can remember Pastor Wilcke referring to it in his sermons. In fact I will remember a sermon he preached on 'The Praying Hands' soon after he received the picture. . . ." Thank you for remembering. Even though I remember preaching such a sermon, I do not have a copy of it now. Many things that we remember are

in relationship to God, to people and to things. So it is here! There are lives that are productive. These lives speak to us. There are pictures that offer a message. "The Praying Hands" is one of these for me.

## STORY OF PAINTING

The picture was painted by a most capable artist. He was considered an artist of fair reputation. But in the picture, "The Praying Hands," more than the artist's skill is recorded. A fellow student, also an artist, who might have become just as productive as his colleague, chose to give up his studies in order to help Duerer financially and to keep him painting. He became a farm laborer. He worked in the fields. The hands in the picture are these hands that worked, became calloused, and even bled for him. As you look at the picture you become aware that Duerer was expressedly grateful.

What a reminder of Christ who bled and even died for us. When we meet at the Lord's Table we remember the words he uttered. ". . . this is my blood. . . which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Luke 22:2). "The bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51). What was done by Christ on Calvary was done for us! Our thanksgiving can only be proved by a profitable, productive life.

## FOLDED HANDS

The Bible speaks quite frequently about our physical position in prayer. We read of Stephen kneeling (Acts 7:60), the Pharisee standing (Luke 18:11), and the people in Nehemiah's

day bowing (Nehemiah 8:6). You will find many other similar Scripture references of these and other physical attitudes in prayer. Yet the Bible says very little about the position of the hands in prayer. Usually the hands were "spread up to heaven" (Psalm 141:2), or stretched forth unto God (Psalm 143:6). The word "folded" is used only twice in the Bible and in neither case is it in reference to a position of prayer.

Claudius of Turin, a ninth century Christian, was appalled by man's desire to find God through statues, images and other man-created means. He simply stated that in order for a man to find salvation and fellowship with God, he must come directly to him. In enlarging on this theme, he spoke about prayer. He indicated that when hands are folded, they are in a fit position. As he explained, when our hands are folded, clasped together, or held palm to palm, they show that we come with nothing to him who offers his all. In military language, folded hands represent a "grounding of arms," a surrender to a victorious conqueror.

## MIGHTY HAND OF GOD

In the Christian's language, the folded hands may also well declare that we surrender all to the Captor and Savior of our soul and life. Claudius further declared that we "come to him in full submission for grace or disgrace." He knows all things. He can make all things good and right. Our desire to be filled with his Spirit is thus made known.

As we see our own hands, is it not also good to look at the mighty Hand

of God? This may even magnify the efforts of our feeble hands seeking to be useful in the work of God. In Christian iconography (art, etc.) the oldest of all symbols for God the Father is the hand. We have all seen pictures of the clenched hand, the symbol of power, or the hand palm downward, picture of protection, and the hand with palm upward, expression of possession.

Take time to see God's wonder-working POWER. Of creation's majesty the Psalmist writes, "Thou (God) hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands" (102:25). In the declaration of our Savior's wondrous birth we read, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). How wonderful the power even of redemption (Romans 8:11) and God's miracle working power! The Bible speaks again and again of mighty signs and wonders wrought by the power and spirit of God. (Romans 15:19).

## GOD'S PROTECTIVE CARE

See also his protective care. Peter actually links the two. "We are kept by the power of God" (I Peter 1:5). One of my favorite Bible verses says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8). Together we could recite Psalm 23. The Lord's hand is raised over you to protect you in all places.

God is also the rightful possessor of all. The Psalmist is again our teacher. "The heavens are thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them" (Psalm 89:11).

So we come with praying hands to God. Our hands reach out to meet his. May we learn to pray even as the Master taught the disciples to pray. May the final great declaration of our prayers ever be that "thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, for ever. Amen" (Matthew 6:13).

We come with praying hands to God making known our own need for his protecting Hand.

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful Hand."

## A PRAYING HEART

We come to him with praying hands joyfully declaring that we are his possession. We are his blood-bought children. "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).

"I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
And it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to thee."

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Duerer gave us a masterpiece, "The Praying Hands." God can give us a praying heart. Perhaps the position of the hands may not be the most important. They may be folded, clasped, or held palm to palm. The important thing is that our prayers be meaningful to our total being.

Why did Duerer paint the picture of his friend's hands in a praying position? We may easily offer any number of good reasons. Actually the praying hands were his (Duerer's) hands expressing gratitude to God for a friend who had offered his life in service for his personal gain.

So it is with us. As we look at our hands, we ought to see the hands of our Savior—hands nail-pierced and bleeding for us. He gave that we might



THE ANGELUS by Jean Francois Millet (1814-1875)

Daily our prayers should be raised in thanksgiving for God's great love toward us. When the "Amen" of our prayers has been spoken, our hands are to become the answer to our own prayers. There is work God bids us do!

have! He died that we might live! Daily our prayers should be raised in thanksgiving for his great love toward us.

## SO LOOK TO THIS DAY!

When the "Amen" of our prayers has been spoken, our hands are to become the answer to our own prayers. There is work he bids us do. The picture given me has the following inscription. These lines are a worthy reminder to us all.

"So look at *Praying Hands* each day as if to find  
The road of life and LIGHT—with  
him who healed the blind;  
These hands could carry many famous names, 'tis true,  
But best of all they should belong to me and you."

## PRAYER

"Lord, let me wake when morning breaks  
Undaunted by my old mistakes;  
Let me arise as comes the sun  
Glad for the task that must be done,  
Rejoicing I have strength to give  
Some beauty to the life I live."

## STRENGTH DAY BY DAY

One day when my burden seemed greater  
Than my body and spirit could bear,  
Weighed down by the load, I faltered  
Beneath my sorrow and care.  
And I cried to the heedless silence,  
As I walked where I could not see,  
"Where is the strength that is promised?  
Where is the strength for me?"

And, suddenly, out of the silence,  
A voice came clear and true,  
"My child, you are striving to carry  
A burden not meant for you;  
And the thought of the years outstretching  
Before you, has darkened the way;  
While the only strength I have promised  
Is the sure strength day by day."

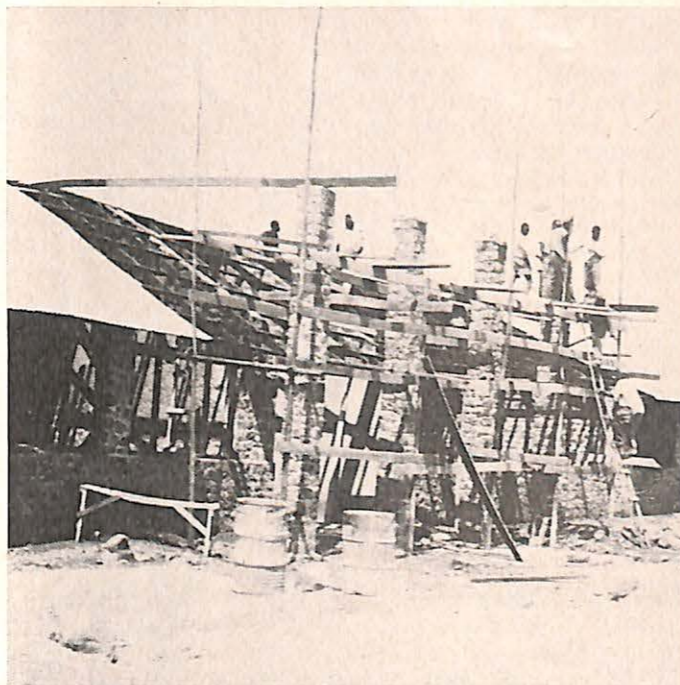
I took one step—and I found it  
Quite easy, indeed to take;  
And the burden slid from my shoulders;  
And my heart that was ready to break  
Gave thanks that my eyes were opened;  
And my shoulders were eased of their load,  
As I saw, step by step, I was strengthened,  
To walk on the roughest road!"

—Grace Noll Crowell

# A NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FOR CAMEROON

The Ndu Baptist College, started less than two years ago, now has 200 students, 11 teachers and new buildings for a tremendous educational program.

By Mr. W. Norman Haupt, Principal,  
Ndu Baptist College



The new four classroom block of the Ndu Baptist College in Cameroon under construction. The building is both of stone and mud blocks.

**N**DU BAPTIST COLLEGE (actually a high school) in the Federal Republic of Cameroon is only 20 months old but already it has 200 students and 11 teachers. When the college first opened in October 1963, we had only an eight room primary school building plus one grass-roofed house to house and provide for the students' eating, sleeping and studying facilities. The grass-roofed house became the kitchen. The classrooms were used for dormitories, dining hall, library and classes. There was no place for my family to live, so we borrowed a nearby house from the government. In any case, we managed, and then set out to build the new college. What a job that has turned out to be!

## BARTERING CONFERENCES

The first difficulty concerned the land. The chief gave us a piece of land adjacent to the former mission compound with its Bible School. The original maps for the land lease were wrong. Hot disputes followed—mostly in an African language I couldn't understand. Finally that was settled only to be changed when the local chief became vexed because of a change in the mission's plans for the college.

That was settled only to have the whole thing changed again when the government agreed to give us another little corner of land in order to make the total plot big enough for a boarding high school of 1000 students—which is what the Prime Minister envisions. So, after many changes, disagreements, letters, maps and secret prayer, the land lease is settled, although we still await official governmental approval.

The second difficulty I faced was to settle the compensation due to people who owned houses which were located

on the new college land. There were eight buildings, most of them uncompleted, on which agreement had to be reached between the owner and me. To the local people, the coming of the college meant that money had come. Now was their chance to get some of it. This resulted in a very, very difficult time of "making market" with each owner for the compensation which he would accept. He would come to my office and ask a fantastic price for a house made of mud-blocks and tree branches.

The money which the college had for building had come from the government and was not enough to build one-fourth of the college. So we were in a tight place. Back and forth we bartered—a real match of wits and will power. Finally, one after the other was settled over a period of some 18 months. We ended up with a thinner purse, some houses which were only fit to be destroyed, and other houses which we could complete. I am no real estate dealer, and this type of business was really of the rough type as far as I was concerned.

Even today we are still holding meetings and discussions about how to pay the compensation on 1000 trees for which one primary school boy is demanding \$200—a fantastic price for this land!

## BUILDING DIFFICULTIES

When we finally got around to start building, it became necessary to set up a type of supply line which would bring cement, nails, paint and every other thing to us. We are far away from any large center of trade, so our nearest source was 90 miles away in Bamenda. Most of our things could be bought there, but it meant that one of the two missionaries on the

NBC staff had to go down personally for several days a month to buy building materials—if they were to be found—and skip his teaching assignments. Other materials, the more specialized ones, had to come from Douala—350 miles south!

I know several builders in our church at home. They only need to pick up the telephone to order ready-mixed cement to be brought to the building site or anything else, for that matter. Friend, out here you drive for hundreds of miles to get it, often arriving to find that they're fresh out or have discontinued handling that stuff you need.

## AN ARMY OF LABORERS

Starting to build a new college means also that masons, carpenters, apprentices, laborers and head-men have to be hired. At first, we found it very, very difficult to get enough men who were interested in working. At that time, money was not very necessary for existence in this area, and working for money was not the obvious thing in life to do. Then after many months when we did get enough workers, they started demanding higher wages. Then they had a strike, more paid holidays were demanded, and so on.

Now after being a land surveyor, a real estate, a building materials supplier, it was my turn to become a labor negotiator to settle all these difficulties and still keep the price within what we could pay and keep the work going ahead in order to have the buildings ready for the new classes of students coming in.

Many crises later, the building work continued after some changes in our building methods. We ended by doing most of our work on sub-contracting



Several dormitories and one dining hall of the Ndu Baptist College are shown in this picture (left). They are built entirely of mud block. At the right, the new four classroom block is under construction.

instead of the daily pay arrangement which less ambitious people prefer! So I got a small education in dealings in labor and management.

## A MIRACLE IN ACCOUNTING

Of course, all this building necessitated the handling of lots of money. The government gave \$40,000 as a grant for new buildings. The mission, through the salaries earned out here by some of the teachers, provided another \$16,000 for the new building. Every penny of this money had to be handled and accounted for, so now I became an accountant too! The only thing that I know about accounting is that it's a miracle when all the money and all the numbers come out correctly!

Now through the months, many changes have taken place here. With the help of Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, a house was built for us in which to live. Rev. Lloyd E. Kwast was our builder while we put up three dormitories and a dining hall. Now Rev. O. G. Meiners is building a classroom block and finishing up some houses to be used by teachers who, we hope, will be coming to us in September.

By now we also have those 20th century luxuries of running water and electricity. These blessings also bring problems of technical repairs and maintenance which none of us here have ever studied. I'm a high school teacher; the next man is a pastor. The Cameroonians up here have had no experience with these machines and generators. Who is to keep all this show going now that we've got it? I'm afraid I'll never qualify as a mechanic, although it would certainly be helpful.

## A MISSIONARY'S LIFE

I suppose that after reading through this, some of you will say that this does not sound much like missionary work. None of it is very "spiritual." No preaching, no witnessing, no leading of souls to the Savior, no spiritual triumphs to write home about, no miracles, just plain ordinary work! Yes, you're right! Inspiring—no! Rewarding—no! Most of us would rather be

teaching or preaching or dealing with souls than be real estate, accountants, builders, repairmen, or what have you.

But, it's got to be done. This is a view of the mundane side of missionary work. It's because of jobs like these that we so often ask your prayers. It's because of jobs like these that we often get discouraged and wonder why we really came out to Africa. It's because of jobs like these that we're participating in the building of God's Kingdom. It's because of jobs like these that we are able to offer a Christian education to youth which is entering a new day—a day that we, your missionaries, want to be filled with God's light and his Spirit in these fine young lives.

Oh, yes, I forgot to tell you about how we raced to beat the rainy season, how some of the walls collapsed, and . . . oh, well, that will keep for another time. We appreciate your prayers.

**HOW BIG IS GOD?**  
*GOD IS BIG ENOUGH . . .*  
To satisfy all the longings of your soul. . .  
To keep you in time of temptation. . .  
To lift you above every storm cloud of ill. . .  
To uphold you when you fall. . .  
To save you to the uttermost.  
. . . *GOD IS ALL YOU NEED!*

## BAPTIST CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

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of the president of Liberia at important occasions. Nine vice presidents were elected from various parts of the world, including Mr. Paul Mbende of Douala, Cameroon, president of the Union of Baptists in Cameroon. The next Baptist World Congress will be held in Hong Kong in 1970.

**MORE TO COME!** The August issues of the "Baptist Herald" will present the full story of the Congress sessions with pictures, publication of several addresses and colorful reports.

## MARRIAGE COUNSELING

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thoughtlessness break down the vital line of communication, and here again the chaplain counselor must be on top of the situation from the very beginning.

## PROBLEMS OF PARENTS

6. This is the age of shedding and re-acquiring and the children of these fruit-basket upsets constitute a serious problem. One parent defends his offspring, while the other squares off: "He is your brat! You do something about it." Since both parties have had unhappy previous marriages, this bantering soon rocks the present marriage.

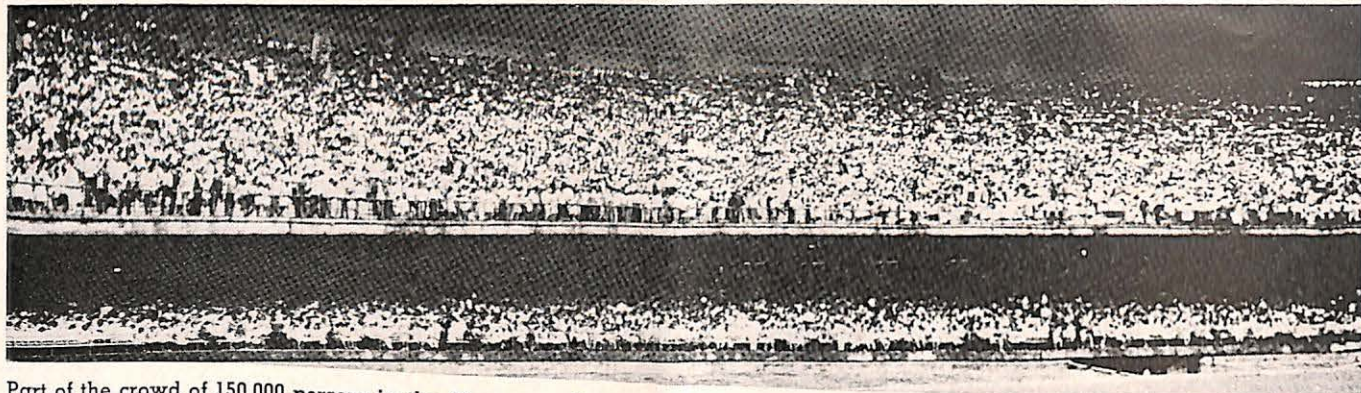
7. John Barleycorn can not be left out. Excessive drinking by the husband or wife or by both to the point of becoming moronic is indeed one of the many causes of marital and family trouble. With increasing teenage drinking, what was previously just a marital problem now forms another triangle of dilemma for the counselor.

What is true in the area of civilian counseling is also very true of ours. The problem presented in the initial interview is not always the real cause of the unhappy and unbearable marriage or even family disturbance.

## A DREAM COME TRUE

Even in the Army, we do have a little more time to give to counseling in this field and so we must and do probe to find the real cause and so assist the couple or the family to re-discover and work toward happiness.

This emptying of my feelings must come to a halt! But let me close with this paragraph—a successful marriage is not one in which two people, beautifully matched, find each other and get along happily ever after because of this initial matching. It is, instead, a system by means of which persons who are sinful and contentious are so caught up by a dream much bigger than themselves that they work throughout the years, in spite of repeated disappointment, to make that dream come true—with the grace of God!



Part of the crowd of 150,000 persons in the Maracana Stadium of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, launching the nationwide evangelistic crusade to continue until June 1965.

## Baptists of Brazil Launch Crusade

A gigantic evangelistic crusade is now under way in Brazil which under God may become a great Latin American-wide crusade by 1970, as observers confidently believe, North American Baptists hope to begin a new mission field in Brazil by that time.

**B**RAZILIAN BAPTISTS' nationwide evangelistic crusade is now under way in the churches of Brazil, but momentum has built up over several months and official launching was in January.

A rally attended by 150,000 persons in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, closed the 47th annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and opened the crusade.

### "SIM! SIM! SIM!"

Even a downpour of rain during the main address by Joao F. Soren, Rio pastor and Baptist World Alliance president, failed to disrupt the meeting. Other speakers were Baker J. Cauthen, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board executive secretary; Missionary H. Earl Peacock, crusade executive secretary, and Brazilian Baptist Convention President Rubens Lopes.

Climax of the afternoon, reported Cauthen, came when Lopes issued a challenge for an evangelistic campaign throughout Latin America in 1970. The vast audience responded enthusiastically, "Sim! Sim! Sim! [Yes! Yes! Yes!]" Lopes two years ago issued the challenge for the nation-wide crusade.

On the preceding afternoon a Baptist parade made its way through Rio's main streets. Crowds applauded the estimated 30,000 marchers—pastors, deacons, missionaries, and representatives of all phases of Baptist life in Brazil. Banners, floats, flags, and displays were featured.

At the end of the parade route, about 100,000 persons assembled in a large plaza and overflowed into surrounding streets.

### THIS IS GOD'S WORK

"It is evident that God is doing a remarkable work in Brazil," commented

Cauthen. "The nation came through a great political crisis in 1964 when it narrowly avoided being taken over by Communist forces. An awareness of their remarkable deliverance has caused the people of Brazil to be concerned as never before about spiritual matters."

Crusade theme is "Christ, the Only Hope." One of the slogans is "1 + 1 = 500,000." There are about 250,000 Baptists related to the Brazilian Convention; all have been encouraged—and many trained—to be personal soul-winners.

Brazil has been organized into 10 regions for administrative purposes in



This poster, advertising the nationwide Baptist evangelistic crusade in Brazil presents the crusade symbol—a sailboat on the open sea, with mast and spar forming a cross—and the crusade theme, "Christ, the Only Hope." (The Baptist World).

enlisting all 2,000 Baptist churches and approximately 4,000 preaching places. All are expected to hold services, beginning in southern Brazil in March and continuing into June in the North.

### A REMARKABLE UNITY

In a country noted for diversity of races, climate, and terrain, Baptists of Brazil have achieved remarkable unity in the purposes and organization of this effort. Campaign goals are to double the number of baptized believers, organize 300 new churches, and call out many for Christian vocations.

A religious census was planned for each church and mission vicinity. Forty million tracts, setting forth the gospel message in simple terms, have been printed for use in visitation.

Those who show interest in crusade services will receive a copy of the Gospel of John; the Brazilian Convention purchased 10,000,000 copies from the Brazilian Bible Society.

### CRUSADE IN 1970

Conservation and follow-up committees have been at work on plans to train and bring to full church membership all who profess Christ during the campaign.

Dr. Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, told the crowd at the Stadium that success in this 1965 effort will be only a milestone. "We must look to a Latin American-wide crusade in 1970," he said. —"Commission" Magazine

**OPEN LETTER**—"An Open Letter to Baptists of America" was presented to the Baptist Congress at Miami Beach, Florida by Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention. This was a stirring call for a Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in all of the Americas by 1970. This four page "Open Letter" in several languages is available free upon request from the editor, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

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# Baptists in Russia — 1965

Baptists of the U.S.S.R. continue to be a vital, growing group with many new converts recently among the Russian young people. The total "Baptist family," counting children and sympathizers, is estimated in the millions.

By Rev. C. E. Bryant of Washington, D. C., Editor of "The Baptist World"

**T**HE Moscow Evening News has mournfully reported "a severe outbreak" of Baptist faith among Russian young people. The official publication of the Communist youth organization has warned its atheist readers: "Baptists are particularly dangerous, for among them the laymen are also evangelists. Every Russian Baptist tries to win adherents to his faith."

### BAPTISTS "IN THE MILLIONS"

Despite discouragement from the Communist government, Baptists of the U. S. S. R. continue to be a vital, growing group. As is true of all religious groups, the Baptist congregations can meet only on approval of the government and in halls made available to them by the government. Still they report 5,400 Baptist churches in the U. S. S. R., with a total membership of 560,000. The total "Baptist family," counting children and sympathizers, is estimated in the millions.

Visitors to the U. S. S. R. report finding crowds of 2,000 people in attendance at the church in Moscow, which has only 1,200 seats. No service they attended lasted less than two hours, many of them as long as three hours—and even then the people left reluctantly. Similar reports come from the churches at Leningrad and Kiev, the other Russian cities frequently visited by tourists.

Young people are legally prohibited from joining the church before their 18th birthday. There are no Sunday schools in the churches, because the Soviet constitution reserves the right of education for the government.

But the Christian faith is contagious. Such faith confounds Communist leaders who had predicted that religion would disappear as older believers died and the young people were educated in atheism.

### AN INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT

No Baptist missionaries have ever been sent to Russia. How then did Baptists get their start? The first Russian Baptist of record was Nikita Veronin, a merchant in Tiflis, who somehow secured a copy of the Bible. His study of the Scriptures brought him to convictions unlike those of the Russian church, and for a while he believed he was the only person in the world with such doctrine.

But in 1867, Veronin met a Lithuanian immigrant, Martin Kalweit, with whom he discussed his odd beliefs. "Oh, you are not alone," Kalweit told him. "You are a Baptist. There

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are thousands of people like you." Veronin was overjoyed, and started witnessing to his friends. After securing baptism at the hands of Kalweit on August 20, 1867, he set up a small church in Tiflis and called it "Baptist."

There was a similar development in St. Petersburg, at that time the capital of the Russian Empire (now Leningrad), and those converts, who carried the name of "Evangelical Christians," started evangelizing Russia from the North while the Veronin converts worked toward the center of Russia.



The choir of the First Baptist Church in Moscow, Russia singing praises to the Lord Jesus Christ from the choir loft in the church sanctuary.

Russian Baptists are organized in a national association known as the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Rev. Yakov I. Zhidhov, the senior pastor of the church in Moscow, is president. Rev. Alexander Karev is secretary. The All-Union Council is a member of the Baptist World Alliance and sent delegates to the Baptist Congress at Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965. There are also some "unregistered" groups of Baptists which do not hold membership in the All-Union Council.

### IN OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

Baptists are strong also in other Communist countries. Romanian Baptists number over 85,000. One third of the 96,000 German Baptists live in the Eastern Zone. Polish Baptists have finished, with financial help from other Baptists of the world, the construction of a fine chapel and a building housing the Baptist seminary and Baptist Un-

ion offices in the center of Warsaw. Yugoslav Baptists operate a seminary at Novi Sad. Baptist churches are active also in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

Baptist people in these and other countries meet privately in their homes when their numbers are small or public services are restricted. A police officer told a Baptist pastor in one Communist country: "I believe you are happy when one of your members dies, because his funeral gives you opportunity to preach in public."

The Communist system, without question, has placed many restrictions and obstacles on the practice of all and Christian faiths. But it has not uprooted it, because Christian faith cannot be eradicated by imprisonment, not by discrimination and ridicule. Even as their difficulties have increased the Baptists of Communist countries have found new ways to bear their witness.

### THE GOSPEL'S CONTINUING POWER

Testimony to the vigor of the Baptist witness comes in the published admission of a Russian Supreme Court justice that open opposition to religion has proved both frustrating and futile. "Harrassment and harsh sentences serve only 'to confirm and even increase' what he calls the people's 'religious prejudices.'" And he cites that in cases where the state has exiled religious leaders to remote areas, "the exiles have lured residents of that area to their faith."

# Introducing Rev. John Nfor of Cameroon

The executive secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention is the first African national from the Federal Republic of Cameroon to visit North American Baptist churches in an official capacity and to attend the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance in Miami Beach, Florida from June 25-30, 1965.

By Mrs. George W. Lang of Bamenda, Cameroon

WE FIRST became acquainted with Pastor John Nfor in 1958 when we moved from Soppo to Ndu to serve in the Baptist Bible Training Centre. He was new at teaching there—and so were we. As we worked together with him that year, we grew to appreciate him—his level-headedness, his faith and steadiness of purpose in wanting to help teach his countrymen the Word of God. During 1959 he left the Bible Training Centre to serve in Mambila, and it was during that year that he was ordained.

"The Lord will provide." (And God did—in the person of Pastor Elias Ngwang, who now teaches at Ndu together with two other Cameroonians.)

During the past year since our move to Bamenda in April 1964, we again have had the opportunity of working together with Pastor Nfor. The same fine qualities that we saw in him in 1958 are still there, matured by seven years of experience. He has done well in giving guidance in the post as Executive Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.



REV. AND MRS. JOHN NFOR AND FAMILY

Left to right: Rev. John Nfor, executive secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention; Elizabeth, age 11; Edward, 7; Rhoda, 5; Rebecca, 3; and Mrs. John Nfor holding Emmanuel, 2 months of age.

Actually we first knew him as John Musa. However, the time came when he felt the need to change his name. Musa was a name commonly used among the Mohammedans and, in the matter of his own name, he wanted there to be no mistake as to where his allegiance was.

## PASTOR NFOR'S LEADERSHIP

When we returned to Ndu in 1961 after our furlough, Pastor Nfor was again teaching in the Bible Training Centre. He served both as Student Advisor and Women's Advisor—and as such he was able often to pour oil on troubled waters by his calm, prayerful approach to problems.

After he was chosen Executive Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention in May 1963 at Ndu, the thought in all our minds, of course, was: "Who is going to replace Pastor Nfor at the Bible School?" One day I said to him, "What are we going to do here at the Centre when you are gone?", to which he answered quickly:

## VISITS IN AMERICA

Now as he goes to America for the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, we are glad for the opportunity that a number of you at home will have to meet and have fellowship with him. He spent about a month after the Miami Congress in visiting churches and also attending the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Pray for him and his fine Christian wife, Merina, as she stays at home caring for their 5 children: Elizabeth,

Rev. John N. Nfor of Cameroon, Africa had the unusual distinction of reading the Scripture passage on Sunday evening, June 27, before 55,000 people in the Miami Orange Bowl, Florida. Dressed in his native dark green robe, Mr. Nfor made a striking appearance. He also shook hands with Billy Graham, the evangelist, who thanked him warmly for his clear reading of the Scripture passage.

Edward, Rhoda, Rebecca, and the baby, Uniwoh.

## MY PERSONAL LIFE HISTORY

By Pastor John Ngayang Nfor

I was born at Ndu in a pagan home. When I was about two years old, my father died.

I went to school in 1939 and completed my education in 1947. In 1942, I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin and on March 27, 1943 I was baptized in the Ndu Baptist Church.

In 1946, I felt a call into the Gospel ministry and became part-time teacher while still in school. Toward the end of 1947, I applied to become a full-time pastor in any of the churches in the Ndu Field. This was granted by the field evangelist.

After my schooling in 1947, instead of taking over a church, I was recommended to go to the Baptist Bible Training Centre which had just been started in 1948 at Belo. After reading verse 2 of I Timothy, chapter 3, I decided to go and prepare myself for the Gospel ministry.

## PASTOR AND EVANGELIST

After my one year of Bible School, I became pastor of the Ndu Baptist Church in 1949. During 1950-1952 I served as an evangelist for Ndu, Ntumbaw, Taku and Wat Associations in Ndu Field.

In 1953 I decided to go back to the Bible School. In September of that year I married Marina Mabah from my own village.

In 1954, my wife and I accepted a call from Victoria as Field Evangelist. Then in 1955 I became pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Kumba, returning to Victoria in 1956 to continue as the Field Evangelist.

I went back to the Bible School to finish my third year in 1957 and, after completing the three-year course, taught as a tutor at Baptist Bible Training Centre in 1958.

I accepted a call as Field Evangelist in Warwar in 1959 and on July 26, 1959 I was ordained by the Mbamga Baptist Church, Warwar Field.

## IN GOD'S HAND

Following this, 1960 through 1962, I served again on the staff of the Baptist Bible Training Centre as tutor. Then in 1963, I was elected Executive Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. My wife and I have five children: three daughters and two sons.

Our plans for the coming year lie solely in the hands of our Lord who loves and cares for his own people.

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# Christ's Church Is on the March!

Presidential Address at the recent sessions of the Cameroon Baptist Convention calling for a spiritual drive and a concern for the unsaved by all of the Cameroonian Baptists.

By Rev. Stephen Nteff, Past President of the Cameroons Baptist Convention.

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"  
(Matthew 16:18).

Motto: ONE LORD, ONE FAITH,  
ONE BAPTISM.

I COUNT IT a great honor and privilege to serve for the second time as President of this convention. First of all, let us thank God for his guidance and blessings since you re-elected me. During the past two years, with the help and wisdom of God, churches have been organized and new preaching areas have been opened through the missionary effort of Cameroons Baptist Convention church members and workers. New schools and colleges have been opened. Extension of medical facilities have been provided, especially in the Belo and Warwar fields.

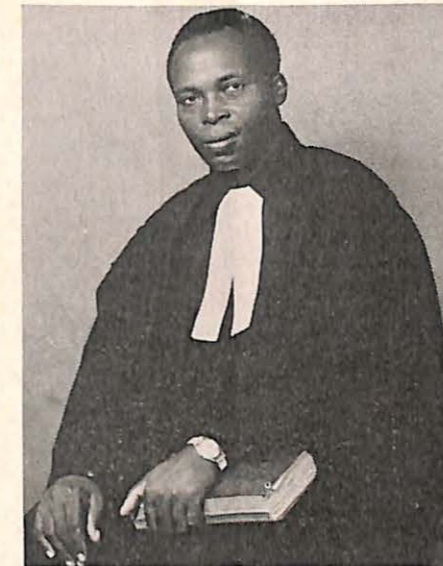
These achievements do not come overnight without your co-operation and prayerful and thoughtful planning as well. I know as well as you that there are pressing and unavoidable problems confronting all our churches today in the Cameroon. These problems must be faced with tactful and proper skill. Some of these are the need of trained pastors with enough experience to lead a church, trained and devoted Baptist teachers and nurses for our hospitals and schools. These problems are bound to increase along with our rapid progress.

## BUILDING THE LORD'S CHURCH

Baptist Christians in this state alone can number about 30,000. It must also be admitted that there are churches all about us with very few active members and some with no leaders at all. How do we expect our work to grow in such churches? Remember the period of the judges in the Old Testament with the popular statement, "And everyone did that which was pleasing in his sight." Such a period cannot call for progress in the building of our Lord's Church.

Therefore, I appeal to the fields and associations to look into the problems of the churches without leaders and to help them—to call some. The people about us expect us to practice all the Christian virtues in our daily life. Let this practice follow us to our offices, classrooms, market place and wherever we are.

But it is very discouraging to note that many of our Christians are bad advertisements for their faith. I therefore urge you as members of the convention and all people of Christian faith to go back to your knees and let people see Christ in you, and not



Rev. Stephen Nteff, past president of the Cameroons Baptist Convention, who brought the Presidential Address at the recent annual convention.

you alone!

The church is on the march! Christianity is not failing, for it cannot fail. We are the ones who are failing. The Master himself said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Let the church therefore stand firmly for the faith that gave it birth.

From the beginning of Christian history, the success of the church was based upon faith, conviction and the undivided loyalty of the early Christians in the risen Lord as Savior of the world. The message of the angels at the birth of Christ could here be quoted, from the Gospel of Luke, "And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"

## CHRIST-LIKE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

At this point we cannot forget to express our gratefulness to the government of our country for insuring to every individual in the Cameroon the unhindered right to exercise full freedom of religion, according to the dictates of his own conscience. Each one, therefore, who refuses to join the Christian faith has to account for himself before God for not making use of the good news which was brought to all people.

There is another point upon which I should like to touch, namely, the

spiritual and moral standards of members in our Convention churches. Let us be reminded that the Church of Christ is expected to have a higher moral standard than is found elsewhere in the world. It is then our responsibility to face the issues of immorality in our churches, schools, colleges, and hospitals with Christian courage. Let us remember the Biblical injunction: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect."

## OUR MARCHING ORDERS

The true church of Christ always has a mission to the world. Let us recapture the order of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We must develop a spiritual drive and a concern for unsaved people. We cannot meet these needs without widening the scope of our activities. All of our church giving must be doubled in order to meet the rapid changes in our modern Cameroon. We must not only extend in words but in deeds also.

Today people say that the divisions in the Christian religion have become a scandal, that the churches should unite. In this field of thought one can easily smell the acids of secularism which are an attempt to mar our ultimate goal. There is a noticeable essential oneness of churches in basic faith. There is co-operation in all areas of common concern, though that has nothing to do with organizational differences. Do we want to be externally unified but inwardly divided? Let us seek God's will and direction in our efforts for the extension of his Kingdom.

## ANSWERED PRAYERS

I would like to pause here a minute and bring my hearty commendation to the executive members of this Convention as well as the Mission advisor to the C. B. C. on whose shoulders lies the great task of regular meetings to examine policy and pass action on some of the changes which you have already noticed, especially "church registration."

Finally, I should like to share with you my gratefulness to the Lord for sparing my life in the motor accidents which you have already prayed for and about which some of you wrote to inform me of your prayers.

"I will build my church!" May the Lord grant us courage and a new vision of our responsibility to Christ as we try to expand the faith upon which his Church is built.

# yes, I TITHE!

By Roland Johansson  
of Auburn, Michigan

a member and the organist of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan.

He is the administrative assistant to the manager of the Plastics Production Dept. of the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Mich.

## YES, I TITHE

When my wife makes a cake, she must mix together certain ingredients and bake them in the oven at the right temperature for the necessary length of time to end up with something for



MR. ROLAND JOHANSSON  
of Auburn, Michigan

the family to enjoy. With specially designed equipment, powerful fuels and the latest electronic devices, it is possible to place a man in orbit around the earth. With love, understanding and the Lord Jesus Christ at its Head, a home can be one of the happiest places on earth.

In each of these examples certain basic principles are at work, whether they be chemical, physical, psychological, or spiritual principles. We may not understand how they work or why God designed the world to operate in

## Australian Baptists Tour America

A delegation of 38 Australian Baptists visit Regina, Saskatchewan and the Faith Baptist Church on their way to the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach, Florida.

By Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

TUESDAY, May 18th, will long be remembered by members and friends of the Baptist churches in Regina, Saskatchewan. Judging from all expressions of the faces of 38 Australian Baptists, they will not forget it either. These Baptists from Australia and New Zealand were on their way to the Baptist World Alliance in Miami Beach, Florida and spent Tuesday, May 18th, in Regina in splendid fellowship with the Baptist churches here.

Baptist pastors met the entire group early in the morning for a breakfast engagement. After this period of orientation and welcome, we toured a number of worthwhile institutions and met the leading personalities of the city and province. Among these places was first the new Saskatchewan Power Corporation Building of 13 stories. Under competent guidance we saw the city from the top of this building and were refreshed with a coffee break. From here we entered into the Council Chamber of the City of Regina and met the leading officials in the absence of the major.

The Chamber of Commerce had arranged for a delightful luncheon engagement and the Minister of Health and Welfare briefly addressed the group. Then we toured the Museum briefly. In going through several residential sections, we also visited a number of churches. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Barracks were also on our list and here we saw the strenuous training of these future R. C. M. P.

this manner. However, if we want to succeed in any undertaking, we must follow the principles that are at work. A cake left in the oven for too long or short a time is a failure. Lack of love in

For the evening dinner we met at the Cameron Baptist Church and each church had several representatives in attendance for further acquaintance and recognition.

### GREAT BAPTIST RALLY

The climax was reached when Baptists of the city and this great delegation from AUSTRALIA met for a Baptist Rally at the Faith Baptist Church. Our mixed choir rendered a splendid spiritual selection and welcomed the entire group in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the host pastor, and Rev. R. C. Standerwick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spoke briefly and then committed the entire service into the hands of the Australian delegation.

With brief messages and special selections the entire evening proved to be rather short to express fully the joy and gratitude of each one. We were also privileged to view a number of slides showing Australia in its beauty and splendor. At the conclusion of the Baptist Rally, the group was divided into seven groups with five persons, each visiting as many Canadian homes as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schmuland had graciously opened their home as representatives from Faith Baptist and the refreshments were a delight to all.

The day was far spent and the time for embarkation had come. It was a day of great blessing that caused us to sing and say: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

a home can cause its destruction.

I believe that "Tithing is God's Principle of Giving" and if I honor this principle, my Christian life will be enriched in many ways. My wife and I decided at the very beginning of our marriage, almost eleven years ago, to begin tithing. One of the first checks we write on payday is a check to our church since the Lord's work should come first and cannot depend on what we might have left over. Throughout our marriage God has blessed us and in many different ways: inner peace and joy, a spiritual church, a happy home life, two wonderful boys, Christian friends, and good health, to mention only a few. We can only find reasons to continue tithing and have become convinced that it is only the beginning of giving and not an end.

You will find that tithing results in finding what is good and best in your own Christian experience, and this is because you will be following "God's Principle of Giving."

## Marriage and Family Counseling

The United States Army Chaplain has a heavy responsibility in marriage counseling and assisting families to work toward happiness in their homes. These are interpersonal adjustments for Service Men and civilians alike to make the dream of a successful marriage come true—with the grace of God!

By Chaplain George W. Zinz, Jr., of Fort Dix, New Jersey

IN THESE UNITED STATES of ours, young men and young women by the hundreds of thousands are coming together in marriage, drawn by mutual attraction, on the assumption that satisfactory interpersonal adjustment will take place of its own accord. But evidence shows that not more than half of these young couples will find the kind of happiness they seek and expect.

Until quite recent times, interpersonal adjustment was not even considered necessary for a successful marriage. So long as children were born to continue the family line and the couples were forced to stay together by social pressure, the purpose of marriage was considered to have been achieved.

### KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Elaborate devices were set up to avoid the development of a close interpersonal relationship between husband and wife, presumably because such involvement was known to generate conflict. One of these devices employed was to condition women to a submissive role in which, as wives, they responded to their husbands' unfettered self-expression. Another was to divide the spheres of influence of husband and wife into almost completely separate compartments with the minimum of overlapping. These devices are still in widespread operation in the Eastern world.

In the West, however, these ancient barriers to full interpersonal involvement of husband and wife have been swept away in the campaign for individual freedom and autonomy. The result of all this is that marriage offers, to the average couple, greatly increased possibilities of harrowing conflict.

These conflicts must be dealt with if the ever increasing divorce rate is to be slowed down to a walk. The military is deeply concerned with keeping its families intact and therefore has given some of us chaplains clinical and advanced training in this ever-growing field of "Marriage and Family Counseling." Those of us thus trained have been charged to conduct workshops for other chaplains and allied services such as *Mental Health*, *Red Cross*, *Provost Marshal*, and *Judge Advocate*.

### PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Marriage is not something that "comes naturally." It is not the product of behavior patterns sometimes called "instincts." It is an institution brought into being by God. It is a cluster of customs and group habits, of attitudes,



CHAPLAIN GEORGE W. ZINZ  
of Fort Dix, New Jersey

ideas, and ideals of social definitions and legal restrictions. Yet society does not demand or even expect preparation for marriage.

Anyone may marry, provided that he seems to fulfill the meager requirements of the law. He may be scatterbrained, immature, maladjusted. He may know practically nothing about marriage or its responsibilities. Society assumes the attitude, "Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Success in marriage is assumed to come "naturally." One cannot get away from the fact that marriage is the only human endeavor in which ignorance is considered a virtue.

Thus the Army is placing heavy stress on premarital counseling which is that form of counseling which centers around the interpersonal relationship of a man and a woman, helping them to evaluate their relationship in view of their approaching marriage and thus acquainting them with the ways by which they may build a happy and successful marriage.

There is something strangely irrational about a policy of waiting until people get into serious trouble and then offering to help them out. Long, heartbreaking hours of counseling time are consumed in the attempt to correct false ideas and attitudes that should never have been allowed to develop.

We have advocated at least three interviews and would like to stretch this to twelve hours of counseling with the couple wishing to marry. This,

however, is the ideal and only too often we have to resort to "band aid" counseling for lack of time. Yet even in this "one time" of opening their hearts to the chaplain and more deeply to one another, there is a moving on to the levels of communication of feelings and values.

### MAJOR MARITAL PROBLEMS

I would like at this time to list a few of the major marital problems producing the heaviest load of counseling.

1. Problems arising from youthful marriages. These are the youngsters who have married at the drop of a hat, and then find that marriage is not all the bliss of a honeymoon; they are ready for whatever help we can give them. I feel that this is one of the areas where the Army gets more than its share. Not finding marriage what they expected; early separation from each other by orders overseas; inadequate housing; poor pay—all of these make this problem area distinctively military property. Intercultural marriages with decided personality conflicts could be added.

2. A second area for marriage problem is in the attitude of "Who's boss?" in the marriage relation—the dominance or submission in marriage. The wife has been left to operate the home while the husband has been overseas for two or more years. The husband comes back and the wife is not ready to relinquish the running of the home, having tasted what has long been foolishly considered the male's domain.

3. A third area is that of budget. Even with a small pay raise every three or four years, many service couples find themselves in constant hot water. The chaplain counselor must exercise the wisdom of a Solomon.

4. A fourth area is one akin to our fellow counselors in civilian circles. Yet I feel that our situation is just a little darker shade of gray. The opportunity for unfaithfulness seems, on the surface at least, greater and more frequent in the Services. How this horrible cancer can destroy! What a chore for the counselor! Thank God, the chaplain counselor can call on the Holy Spirit to assist him in the structuring of his counseling sessions.

### LACK OF COMMUNICATION

5. Lack of communication is still the most destructive weapon in marriage, in or out of the Army. I do not mean in the area of language alone, but in heart, mind, and soul. Selfishness and

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# God's Volunteers, With No Strings Attached

These 12 young people are blazing the trail for all North American Baptists in a personal evangelistic ministry as they witness to the saving power of the Gospel and, with a complete commitment to him, win others to Christ.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

IT'S A JOY to see scores of our church young people ready to serve as "God's Volunteers" with complete commitment to Christ—"with no strings attached." They are an enthusiastic testimony of what Christ can do with a life by transforming it with an inner glow of peace and joy. They are setting an example for the rest of us in commitment to Christ without any reservations.

In "Forward," a devotional quarterly, the author describes the people of Judea who had heard that Jesus of Nazareth had some marvelous power over the forces that afflict men. So they brought their sick—old and young, rich and poor—to the door of the house where he was staying. They needed help and he gave it to them with "no strings attached."

## THEIR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

The author went on to say that "when we bring our need to Christ, and ask him to help us on HIS TERMS, we are helped in ways often beyond our knowing. What follows is up to us." But we too must follow and serve him as our Lord and Savior "with no strings attached."

Consider these young "God's Volunteers" in our midst. Among the forty and more who send in their applications annually and who are ready to go at the Master's bidding, only twelve can be appointed each year. The limitations in funds and travel equipment make it necessary to send only two complete teams of six young people in each team on their evangelistic crusades into our bustling cities and rural communities with the saving message of the Gospel of Christ.

Consider their commitment to Christ with "no strings attached." At the stage of their lives when going to school or getting a job or making money can be very, very important, these young people are willing to give almost a full year of service in this evangelistic witness for Christ! In our world of today, when men and women go on strike for higher pay and when prices and salaries are skyrocketing, these young people do not ask for any money and receive no remuneration except the meager allowance for sundry personal expenses. This is a service for Christ that has its motivation in a deep and wonderful love for Christ "with no strings attached." This is Christian stewardship at its highest and best!

It takes courage and training and commitment to be a "God's Volunteer"—to ring doorbells and to tell people

of Christ and his Gospel; to lead people on their knees to the Savior of mankind; to witness to other young people about the joys of the Christian life; to travel many miles and to go into strange surroundings; and then to claim these new citadels of people for Christ! This should be the task and responsibility of every Christian as priests and servants of the Most High God to win others to the Lord Jesus Christ. But many of us shun our task or shirk our responsibility or find excuses for our lethargy and indifference.

Then "God's Volunteers" arrive on the scene or their story comes to our attention in the pages of the "Baptist Herald," and we realize how much we have failed our Lord and how many of these joys of a glowing witness for Christ we have missed.

## DIRECTORS AND TEAM MEMBERS

The training period for the two teams of "God's Volunteers" will be held during the month of September at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Two full time directors will lead the teams in their evangelistic witnessing and in the programs to be presented in churches and communities. They are Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alta., who has served this past year as an interim director, and Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., the young, popular pastor of the Glenbard Baptist Church.

The young people who will serve on the two teams of God's Volunteers for the 1965-1966 year are:

Marlene Bender—Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta

Shirley Bertram—Snowview Baptist Church, Parma (Cleveland), Ohio

Carolyn Brown—First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

Nancy Green—North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin

Erica Loewer—Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

Sharon Schlafmann—Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Imgard Tiede—McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bernice Werk—Melville Baptist Church, Melville, Saskatchewan

Waldemar Fus—Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

Wenzel Hanik—Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C.

Douglas Woyke—Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Donald Ziemer—Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota

## YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT

During the training period at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., they will spend long and busy hours in the classroom, engaged in studies and discussions on personal soul winning, get acquainted with one another, and map out their plans for the trips ahead of them. Rev. D. Fuchs, director of Evangelism and Church Extension; Rev. John Binder, youth director of the Department of Christian Education; and several seminary professors will serve on the teaching staff in September in addition to the two directors.

You can join hands with these young "God's Volunteers" by remembering them in their work in your prayers and by making your contributions to their ministry designating them "For God's Volunteers." Then watch the pages of the "Baptist Herald" this fall for the accounts of their evangelistic witness across America!

## OUT OR IN?

All the water in the world  
However hard it tried  
Could never sink a ship  
Unless it got inside.  
All the evil in the world,  
The wickedness and sin  
Can never sink your soul's fair craft  
Unless you let it in.  
—Submitted by Mrs. John A. Baumgart, Maywood, Ill.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE BAPTIST MEN.** The Baptist Men and Pastors of the Central Conference met at the Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren, Mich., during the Central Conference sessions on May 29 with 58 men in attendance. After a luncheon, served by the ladies of the church, a brief business meeting was held. Dr. Herbert Pankratz, vice-president, discussed the possibilities of a Central Conference Men's Retreat. It was decided to refer this matter to the Central Conference Committee on Christian Education for further study with a report to be made at the next Men's Conference. The following officers were elected: Dr. Herbert Pankratz, president, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Egon Boesler, vice-president, Warren, Mich.; Mr. William H. Thompson, secretary-treasurer, Dayton, Ohio. The business session was followed with a song by Mr. Irvin Oberegfeld and a challenging message was given by Rev. Oliver Strong of Kankakee, Ill. (Egon Boesler, Reporter).

● From June 6 to 13 evangelistic meetings were held at the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta with Rev. Walter Hoffman of Minneapolis, Minn., a director of God's Volunteers, as evangelist and Rev. E. Tahran of Minot, N. Dak., serving as song leader and soloist. Children's meetings and a youth rally were also conducted with great success. Rev. Rubin Herrmann is the pastor of the church.

● The Paul Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho held a Vacation Bible School from June 7 to 11 with a daily average attendance of 66 children. The theme, "Discovering With Christ," was carried out with a space rocket and a large picture of the moon. On Saturday, June 5, the children of the Baptist Church held a parade through the streets of Paul to help advertise the Bible School, as reported by Mrs. Don Coker.

● Mr. Paul Michelson of SaSalle, Colorado, a son of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, was appointed by the Board of Missions to serve as the summer worker on the Spanish-American mission field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado from June 1 to August 31. He is assisting in the ministry of the Vacation Bible Schools and in the conduct of the various mission services. He is boarding with Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens in Monte Vista, Calif.

● On June 19 Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, British Columbia was suddenly called to his heavenly Home following a heart attack. Mr. Kornalewski's last pastorate was at the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna. Since then he has continued his radio ministry and he and his wife have been conducting a Rest Home in Kelowna for elderly people. A more detailed memorial tribute will be published in a forthcoming issue.

● Late in June Mrs. Erika Borrmann, office secretary in the department of the General Missionary Society at Forest Park, Illinois entered the Presbyterian-St. Luke Hospital of Chicago, Ill., for observation and treatment. Her many friends in our churches and woman's mission societies have been requested to remember her in their prayers. Cards or letters can be sent to her at Presbyterian-St. Luke Hospital, 1753 West Congress, Room 241, Chicago, Illinois.

● On Thursday evening, May 6, the Tabitha Society of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet with approximately 200 guests in attendance. The dinner was served by the husbands and sons of the members. Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Eureka, S. Dak., guest speaker, brought an appropriate message. Also included in the program was the presentation, "Brides of Yesterday," with 14 wedding gowns being modeled, as reported by Mrs. Ted Schock.

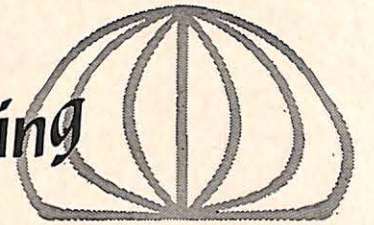
● Mr. Albert Sauer of Vancouver, B.C., an influential member of the Ebenezer

Baptist Church of Vancouver, was killed in an automobile accident in England on June 29. He and his family were on a sightseeing tour of England and Europe. Mr. Sauer was a former member of the General Council representing the Pacific Conference and at the time of his homegoing he was a member of the Board of Trustees of

at the communion service held that same evening. Mrs. Henry L. Bieber reported: "We of the Mowata Church are rejoicing over the many blessings that the Lord has sent to us in recent months."

● The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa held its Vacation Bi-

## what's happening



the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. His former pastor and the president of the CTI, Dr. A. S. Felberg, took part in the memorial service held at Vancouver's Ebenezer Church.

● Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta will leave on an extended tour of Alaska on August 2nd. He will visit churches and mission fields and make his observations of this 50th state of the United States. Dr. Wahl has also announced that he has accepted the call of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alberta, to serve as the full time pastor with the understanding that he will have two months free in summer and two months in winter, provided that he can secure a student supply for this time.

● On Sunday, May 16, the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, La. and its pastor, Rev. Eleon Sandau, welcomed six new members into its fellowship, one by baptism, Karen Bieber, and five others by letter: Ricky Loewer, Charles Bieber, Mrs. Arthur David Lengefeld, Freddie Graff and Bobby Graff. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended by the pastor

## YOUNG PEOPLE IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA

Anyone who knows of a young person who will be coming to the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., area for work or school, please send this person's name and Twin Cities' address to:

Rev. Donald Miller  
4350 Russell Avenue, North  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412

A committee composed of Twin Cities young people, pastors, and the new N.A.B. College Chaplain are interested in meeting them and keeping them in contact with our North American Baptist work.

ble School each morning from June 1 to 11. The theme was "Proclaiming Christ, our Peace." The school had an enrollment of 70 and there were 12 teachers and helpers. The average attendance was 64.6 for the two weeks. Two boys accepted Christ as Savior. The closing program was held on Friday evening, June 11. The offerings received during the two weeks and at the Friday evening program amounted to \$112 which was designated for African missions, as reported by Mrs. Henry Trittlen, Reporter.

● Eight young people have been appointed as God's Volunteers for Cameroon" or as "short term missionaries" for Africa. Their services as teachers will extend over a period of 21 months. Among these appointed young people is Miss Eunice Kern, a 1965 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The names of the others will be announced shortly. An Orientation Course for all of these short term missionaries will be held for them at the headquarters building, Forest Park, Ill., from August 17 to 21, 1965 shortly before their departure for the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

● The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., has announced the appointment of Miss Muriel Linton of Windsor, Ontario as church missionary, effective July 4th. Her work will be primarily in counselling with women and working with children. Miss Linton is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. For several years she served as a missionary in Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission until ill health terminated her missionary ministry. Since then she was the church worker at the Elim Covenant Church and the Edina Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. Adolph Braun is the pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church.





# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

DATE: August 8, 1965

### THEME: CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:35; Acts 2:46-47; Hebrews 10:19-25

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Today when so much emphasis is placed on week end pleasure, we ought to strive so much the more to end our week on a spiritual note of worship.

**INTRODUCTION:** We come now to a very important area in which Christian growth takes place. Its importance is attested to the fact that it is varied. It requires concentration and it demands responsibility. Careful and meaningful habits of worship ought to be established and cultivated early in life.

Worship is, first of all, an individual activity. A Christian should not have to make a decision every day as to whether he should set aside a few moments for worship or whether he should nurture his spiritual life with God. A personal prayer life ought to be pursued at all times.

Worship is also a family activity. This is not always easy, especially when the various members must go their different ways. School, work, neighbors, friends and community activities keep us not only busy, but separated much of the time. There will usually be time if you think of it as the most important part in the day's program rather than the least important.

Worship is also a corporate activity. Attending church services should be a habitual practice. It was said of Jesus that he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath "as his custom was."

### I. THE CHRISTIAN IN PRIVATE WORSHIP. Mark 1:35.

This verse ought to make every Christian ashamed who is in the habit of saying, "I'm too busy." No matter how busy Jesus was he never gave the impression that he was too busy to pray. On the contrary he taught that men ought always to pray and not to faint (Luke 18:1).

In these days when we must cope with the rapid pace and tension of living, we are advised to exercise properly, choose a hobby or participate in some form of recreation. But there should also be an emphasis on the value of prayer for the benefit of our spiritual health and growth. A "prayer-break" should be of much greater importance than a "coffee-break."

### II. THE CHRISTIAN'S WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. Acts 2:46-47.

Here was the ideal church worshiping, witnessing, working and fellowshiping through the power of the Holy Spirit. First of all, they were all together in one place with one accord. There was harmony as well as unity. They were also a praying church. This in itself is the highest and best form of worship. It was communion as well as communication with God through Jesus Christ, their Lord. Best of all, they were waiting for something to happen and it did, above all that they could ask or think.

We should leave the service with more than when we came. On the other hand, we must also remember that the members of the first church did not keep what they received. They immediately shared their experience with others.

### III. THE CHRISTIAN'S DEEPER LIFE. Hebrews 10:19-25.

The Christian now has access to Jesus Christ, our High Priest, who can be approached with faith and not fear. The condition is that we draw near with a true heart, a spirit of trust and with bodies which are clean and worthy of being temples of the Holy Spirit.

One of the results of true worship is edification. We are to stimulate our fellow members in order to bring the best out of everybody, either by example, by suggestion or by a loving concern. Some drift into the habit of not attending church services. The church's witness becomes weaker and the spirit of revival is soon lost. If the Christian loses his power of witnessing, then the sinner fails to find salvation for his soul.

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What weaknesses are evident in your worship service?
2. What is the difference in attending church services for fellowship and attending for worship?
3. Why should we practice all three forms of worship? Why is Sunday worship service not enough?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

DATE: August 15, 1965

### THEME: CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH SERVICE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-13

**INTRODUCTION:** Many Christians think they have done their duty either by participating in one of the prescribed ways of worship or in all three. But the object of worship would be lost if it stopped there.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Worship is never to be thought of as a substitute for work. Rather it is a preparation for more efficient and loving service to Jesus Christ.

It is not without some purpose that in the series of lessons on Christian growth, service should be the last on the list. We must always be mindful of the truth that we are saved to serve, that we worship to serve and that we continue to grow while we serve. Someone has said that if you are a lazy Christian you should not waste your time in reading Romans 12. But if you are sincere, zealous and anxious to serve the Lord, then it would be profitable to memorize it.

No Christian need be a useless follower of Jesus Christ. There is work for all in the Kingdom, strong or weak, rich or poor, talented or untalented, old or young, educated or uneducated. If you think you can do nothing with your life, then give God a chance. He can do more with it than you can, as D. L. Moody once said. God will always find something to do for a willing heart.

### I. GROWTH THROUGH COMPLETE SURRENDER. Romans 12:1-3.

Paul naturally had a high ideal but he lived up to it, and he hoped that others would join him in this wholehearted dedication to the Lord's work. We must keep in mind that the apostle is addressing these words to Christians. God demands of them an all out consecration, body, mind and spirit, for service and worship. It is an offering of our lives, not as an animal sacrifice on an altar, but in living every day to the honor and glory of God. Notice that Paul does not mention possessions, time or talents. When the self is sacrificed, then all the other things fit into their proper order. The self-centered life will be replaced by a Christ-centered life, the pull of the world will grow weaker while the pull of Christ will grow stronger.

### II. SERVING THROUGH GOD-GIVEN GIFTS. Romans 12:4-8.

Paul's favorite analogy to the church seemed to be the human body. See also I Cor. 12:12 and Eph. 4:16. He saw each member of the church as having individual talents and capabilities which should be used in the corporate and united work of the church, not in competition with each other but in co-operation with each other. Naturally there will be some ten talent members as well as some with only one talent. God only expects you to use what you have, but he expects you to

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Rev. A. Lamprecht of Ridgewood, N. Y., chats with the Baptist receptionist at the impressive and colorful Baptist Exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

## Baptists at the Fair

The Baptist Exhibit at the New York World's Fair is sponsored jointly by six Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, including the North American Baptist General Conference. The Fair season for 1965 closes October 17.

By Rev. A. Lamprecht, Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

**F**OR THE CURRENT two years the greatest attraction in New York City has been the World's Fair. No Protestant will want to miss the Protestant and Orthodox Center and the feature film, "Parable," which asks and answers the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian in the modern circus of life?" And every Baptist will want to visit the Baptist Exhibit at this Center and be thrilled with his own heritage and trace his denomination's growth until it has become the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. Our North American Baptist Conference churches have staffed this Exhibit from May 24 to June 14. Visitors are invited to introduce themselves when they visit the Fair during the summer.

### VISITORS TO BAPTIST EXHIBIT

Visitors in the Baptist exhibit during the 1964 Fair season totaled almost 175,000. The average daily number was approximately one thousand, almost twice that anticipated. Only one of the 24 exhibits in The Protestant and Orthodox Center had more. Visitors in the exhibit were of many faiths and of no faith. They came from all over the world. Thousands signed the guest register.

The exhibit was planned to give non-

Baptists information on two points: (1) who Baptists are, and (2) what they are doing in the cause of Christ. Eight modules form a horseshoe around a circular desk for the volunteer receptionists. A black and white motif points up the color elements: a rear-illuminated map transparency, a cycle of illuminated events in Baptist history, a rotating map showing growth, a richly illuminated replica of a Gutenberg Bible, rear-projected color slides on missions, a rotating sculpture work, and pictures augment recorded messages.

### RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

But that is only the beginning. New York City is always in itself a "world's fair." Its centripetal pull has caught up over 10 million people in a cosmopolitan pulse that is unforgettable. Its many churches, for sheerness of size and grandeur, are among its greatest attractions.

North American Baptists are also invited to the Ridgewood Baptist Church anytime during the week, and especially to its summer worship services at 10 A.M. on Sunday mornings. This is the "home" of the North American Baptist Hymnal. The church is located in the borough of Queens, close to Forest Park, and can easily be reached from the Fair by a 20 minute ride via

### DEDICATION OF RETIREMENT APARTMENTS AT BAPTIST HOME, BISMARCK, N. DAK.

On June 14, residents and friends of the Baptist Home of Bismarck, N. Dak., gathered in the chapel of the Home for the dedication service of the newly constructed Retirement Apartments. Program chairman was Rev. John Benham of Minot, N. Dak. Invocation was by Rev. A. Strohschein of the Bismarck Baptist Church. Congratulatory greetings were brought by Mr. E. Fleck, city commissioner, representing the city of Bismarck; Mr. R. Ritterbusch from the engaged architectural firm; Mr. A. Goplin representing the State Health Department, and Mr. J. Meisner, general contractor. Special music was provided by the Bismarck Baptist Male Quartet and Mr. Leo Friez of McLaughlin, S. Dak., after which Chaplain A. W. Bibelheimer led in prayer.

The message of dedication was brought by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational director of Church Extension and Evangelism. The text of the message was taken from Mark 2:1-5, stressing our responsibility to the whole man—meeting both physical and spiritual needs. Reports were given by Rev. I. Faszler, Building Committee chairman, and Rev. Alfred Weisser, Administrator. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. J. Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak. The presentation of the keys was held outdoors with the Retirement Apartments in the background. Mr. J. Meisner, the general contractor, presented the master keys to Rev. O. Meth, Board Chairman, who in turn presented them to Rev. A. Weisser, Administrator. Reuben Friez led in prayer.

The Retirement Apartments were constructed at a cost of \$225,000. The unit is a two-story, 32 by 200 foot brick structure; with the upper apartments being ground level toward the north and lower apartments at ground level on the south. There are 20 apartments; the upper level are the larger units with a separate bedroom. The lower units, designed for single dwelling, utilize a room divider for the separate bedroom effect. The rates are \$80 per month for the compact units and \$100 per month for the larger units. All utilities are furnished. All units have kitchenette features and wall to wall carpeting with furniture of maple in keeping with the Early American decor. Laundry facilities are available in a separate laundry room equipped with two washers and two dryers. The Retirement Apartments are joined to the original Home buildings by a covered walk. (Mrs. John D. Kirschmann, Reporter).

the Van Wyck and Interborough Parkways. The church is at Catalpa Ave. and 64th Place in Ridgewood, Long Island. It is colonial in design and its Romanesque tower is floodlighted at night. Its pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, and people wish you all a happy summer.

# Central Conference Sessions at Detroit

Report of Central Conference held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Detroit, Mich., by Rev. Norman H. Vernon of Benton Harbor, Mich.

THE 85th ANNUAL Central Conference sessions were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., May 27-29. Dr. Jack Scott is pastor of the host church. The convention theme was "The Lordship of Christ" and I John 2:3 was the theme verse. The conference moderator, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, presided at the sessions and was assisted by the vice-moderator, Rev. W. C. Damrau. Following Thursday afternoon's registration, the first session of the conference was held with Prof. G. L. Borchert of the North American Baptist Seminary speaking on "The Lordship of Christ." Dr. D. H. Gallagher of Cleveland, Ohio gave the inspirational address on Friday night—"How to Pray for Missionaries." Special music during the conference was provided by the host church under the direction of Mr. Gordon E. Nelson. The Young Adult Choir of the church, which also sang at last year's Central Conference, was included in the special music. The King's Herald Trio of the seminary was also present and provided special music.

Miss Daphne Dunger, a missionary appointee, gave her testimony. She is the first second-generation missionary to return to Cameroon, Africa where she was born and where her parents were missionaries. Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary on furlough, was also present and brought greetings from the Cameroonian Christians. On Friday evening, eight new pastors and church workers were officially welcomed into the conference. The Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville, Michigan was officially welcomed as a church into the Conference. There were special activities provided for the young people after the Friday evening session and all day Saturday. Rev. John Ziegler was in charge of the special young people's conference. The host church was in

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION SESSIONS AT PACIFIC CONFERENCE

In an atmosphere of joyous expectation, the ladies of the 71st Pacific Conference met on June 18 in the handsomely decorated Fellowship Hall of the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon. The motif, "Spring Fantasy," was artistically and elegantly carried out in the decorating of the tables with variegated butterflies and colorful spring flowers. The lovely pink programs in the shape of a fan enhanced the beauty of the decorations. The women of the host churches, Salt Creek and Riviera, with the assistance of the talented Mrs. Dixie Lacey of Salt Creek Church, had charge of these much admired decorations.

Mrs. G. G. Rauser, president of the Women's Missionary Union of the Paci-

fic Conference, and Mrs. Henry Schrenk, President of the W. M. U. of the Riviera Church, welcomed those present. A woman's trio from the Trinity Church of Portland, composed of Mrs. Wilbur Reich, Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg and Mrs. Roland Wahl, favored us with a lovely rendition in song. A skit, entitled "The W. M. U. Washline," was presented by the ladies of the Salt Creek Church. This cleverly portrayed skit stirred our hearts to a serious attempt to reach these high goals and thus become more effective workers for our denomination, our missionaries, and our Lord. The devotional part of the program was the highlight of the afternoon hours with Mrs. Louis Johnson, of the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento in charge. With the theme of her message, "Occupy Till I Come," Mrs.

charge of meals during the conference and provided an excellent menu for each meal they served. Various committees brought reports to the conference. The Central Conference voted to re-affirm their position related to studying the possibilities of merger with the Baptist General Conference. There was a lengthy discussion related to this subject. The delegates at the conference were reminded to write to their Congressmen regarding various issues of our day that are related to church and state.

The newly elected officers are as follows: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Moderator; Rev. Adolph Braun, Vice-Moderator; Rev. Ed. Pritzkau, Recording Secretary; Rev. Eric Knull, Statistician; MISSION COMMITTEE: (3 years)—Rev. Walter Damrau, pastor; Mr. W. Pieschke, Layman; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: (2 years) Adult Department and Secretary: Mr. Herb Klingbeil; Youth Department (Secretary): Rev. John Ziegler; Youth Department Ass't. Secretary: Rev. Ray Niederer; and Children's Department; Mrs. William Faust; CAMP COMMITTEE: Camp Director (2 years): Rev. Gene Stroh; Registrar (2 years) Mildred Wolfe; Public Director (1 year): Rev. Kenneth Fenner; Sr. High Camp Dean (2 years): Rev. Bert Itterman; Junior High Camp Dean: (2 years)—Rev. Paul Deal; and Junior Camp Dean (2 years): Rev. R. I. Thompson.

The Woman's Missionary Union held a dinner Saturday noon. Miss Dunger and Miss Salzman were featured speakers at this dinner. The men and pastors went to the Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren for Saturday noon's meal. The final Central Conference Banquet for this 85th Annual conference was held Saturday evening at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center.

Johnson read Luke 19:11-15 and suggested that "the Lord expects us to fill faithfully the place he has given to us until he returns." The annual election resulted in the following new officers: President, Mrs. Sam Rich, Bethany Church, Portland; Vice-President (California), Mrs. Louis Johnson, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento; Vice-President (Oregon), Mrs. Rudy Bauder, Southwood Park Church, Tigard; Vice-President (Washington), Mrs. Paul Stolz, Calvary Church, Tacoma; Vice-President (British Columbia), Mrs. Bruno Hiller, Bethany Church, Vancouver; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Fischer, Magnolia Church, Anaheim; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Vetter, First Church, Missoula; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, Cypress Church, North Seattle.

To complete the program, Mrs. Rauser conducted a short service in memory of those women of the Pacific Conference who had been called to higher service during the year, and Mrs. Clayton Wenger, of Riviera Church, appropriately sang "Sunrise Tomorrow," in her beautiful clear voice. Mrs. Lena Gieser of the Immanuel Church, Portland, closed the meeting in prayer. (Betty Appel, Reporter).

## GOD'S BLESSINGS AT THE SASKATCHEWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"PRAISE GOD from whom all blessings flow" expressed the heartbeat of those attending the Saskatchewan Baptist Association at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., June 11-13. Praise God for spiritual blessings received from God's messengers: Missionary Miss Tina Schmidt, Rev. E. B. Link, and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn.

Praise God for the blessings received through stewardship. For the first time in some six years or more, the Saskatchewan churches exceeded their adopted budget; two-thirds of which was allocated to our extension projects at Balgonie, Esterhazy, Melville and Saskatoon. Praise God for the birth of a NEW church. It was with joy that the Association extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly organized and recognized Balgonie Baptist Church. This new church's future is potentially wrapped up in its thriving Sunday School.

Praise God for the blessings received through "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" for this was the note upon which our Association concluded. Several hundred hearts were inspired by the musical program arranged and directed by Rev. W. Kerber. The program included the Springside Baptist Church Choir as the Guest Choir, a mass mixed choir, a mass male choir and several smaller group selections. Rev. Sturhahn presented the newly elected officers and led in the Dedicatory Prayer. Missionary Miss Schmidt brought the closing address. (C. I. Wiebe, Reporter).

# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

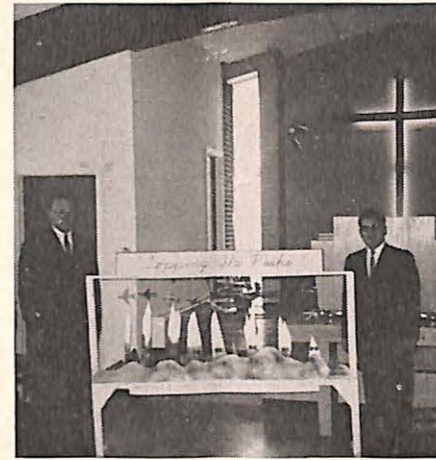
## special events

**HOISINGTON, KANSAS.** The members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas wish to express their gratitude to the men of the Bison, Ellinwood, Stafford and Lorraine Churches for tearing down the wooden structure on the rear of our church building and for closing in the outside wall with brick. A sale was held of all salvaged material that was not used. May God bless these men for their labor of love and for the many hours given toward this project in Christ's Name. (Mrs. Frederick Schlegel, Reporter).

**GREELEY, COLORADO.** The choir of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado presented the cantata, "The Risen Savior," on April 18 under the direction of Mary Carpenter with Bill Robertson as organist. We held a fine Sunday school contest called "Topping the Peaks." We topped all records as attendance climbed from 80 to 125. We held a combined service on Easter Sunday evening with the Baptist Church of LaSalle, Colorado at our Sherwood Park Church. Seven persons from Sherwood Park and 9 from LaSalle entered the waters of baptism. On Easter Sunday the Sunday school attendance was 125, morning church service 157, and evening service 183. (Leo D. Kellar, Reporter).

**PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY.** The Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., a Church Extension project of the NAB denomination, held its first service on June 13th in our new church building. Ninety people attended. God is certainly pouring out blessings more than we can describe. It was only two and one half months ago that we had our Ground Breaking Service. Many folk of our congregation have been volunteering their time and hard labor, working long hours, making it possible to occupy our new building. Our pastor, Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga, has been working right along, taking part in every operation. The faith of our people, cooperation, and willingness to help has been most outstanding. Although our church building is not completed as yet, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God for what he has accomplished and will perfect in a rapidly growing area, where there is a great need for the Gospel to be brought forth. (Mrs. Fred Biron, Clerk).

**BROOK PARK, MINNESOTA.** The dedication of the first parsonage at the Brook Park Baptist Church, Brooklyn Center, Minn., was held on Tuesday evening, May 23. Rev. Henry G. Ramus, our new pastor, spoke from God's



Results of the Sunday School Attendance Contest, "Topping the Peaks," with Gene Robb, S. S. superintendent, and Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor.

Word in a message entitled, "Christ in the Home." On behalf of the congregation, the trustees, represented by H. Blaine Fluth, presented the parsonage to the pastor and his family for dedication. The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary. Mrs. Blaine Fluth sang "Bless This House." After the benediction, the congregation and friends of the church went to the parsonage where a dessert fellowship was held with Mrs. Ramus and the Philathea Society serving as hostesses. In the words of our pastor, "Once again God came through for his faithful people, and through his wise providence has provided for the success of his ministry and the glory of his Church." (Mrs. Robert C. Schmidt, Reporter).

**TEMPLE, SWAN RIVER, MAN.** The Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man., together with our neighboring church in Minitonas, held a very successful and informative Higher Education Conference. We were privileged to have Prof. W. R. Muller from the C.T.I. of Edmonton, Rev. Donald Richter of Winnipeg, Man., and Mr. W. Rentz of Winnipeg with us. Mr. Muller presented the C.T.I. story to us in slides and spoke on "Our Mission in Training Church Leaders." Mr. Richter introduced our Seminary and spoke on "Our Mission in Theological Education." Mr. Rentz spoke on "Missionary Work in a Changing World." On Sunday, May 16, the members of the church were happy for the parents of the children who came to dedicate their children and themselves to the Lord. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. Bushkowsky. (Mrs. Dave Binder, Reporter).

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** Children's Day was observed at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on

Sunday morning, June 13. The Junior and Senior choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Loux and Hermann Ho'z, respectively, rendered the music and the young people served as ushers. Tokens of our best wishes were extended from the Sunday school to the graduates by Mary Leypoldt, who presented a Phillips translation of the New Testament to the Junior and Senior High graduates, and Rev. Gordon Loux who presented a Christian Worker's Testament to the college graduates. Mrs. B. C. Schreiber, sponsor, presented the awards to those completing the Scripture Memory course. After an object lesson for the boys and girls and a brief message, our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, had the pleasure of dedicating 11 children to the Lord. Mrs. Richard Schilke presented each mother with a lovely rose on behalf of the Sunday school. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

### PLUM CREEK, EMERY, S. DAK.

At the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., an all day, one week Vacation Bible School was held in June with a closing program held on Sunday, June 6. The offerings amounting to \$75 were designated for the Christian radio station KNWC. Daily attendance was 27 with 8 teachers and with a seminary student, Mr. Ken Gould, assisting. Mr. Gould is serving our church until our new pastor, Rev. Walter Hoffman, arrives the last week in July. On May 23 we held a dedication service for the lovely flower stands given in memory of Mrs. Amelia Edzards by her children. (Mrs. E. Decker, Reporter).

### TYNDALL AND DANZIG, N. DAK.

The Vacation Bible School of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of South Dakota was held at the Danzig Church from May 31 to June 4. The theme was "Worshipping God." Rev. David Zimmerman, director, was in charge of the morning devotions, salutes and story time. Mrs. James Janssen led the chorus singing each morning with Mrs. Richard Voigt, pianist. Daily attendance was 57 students, 16 teachers and the pastor. An offering of \$30 was received to be sent to the needy children of Japan. Teachers and assistants were as follows: preschool, Gladys Bernet, Loxie Voigt, Julia Burfiendt; Beginners: Mrs. Harry E. Bucholz and Mrs. John Brandt; Primary I: Mrs. Wilbert Berndt and Katherine Buchholz; Primary II: Mrs. Clifton Hubner and Donna Berndt; Juniors: Mrs. Wilbert Buchholz, Mrs. Glen Janssen and Barbara Rueb; Youth I: Mrs. George Lubbers and Sandra Hebner; Youth II: Mrs. Alfred Buchholz and Mrs. Richard Voigt. (Mrs. Richard Voigt, Reporter).

**GLADWIN, MICH.** The Vacation Bible School of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., was held June 7-11. Mrs. Jean Kleiss was the director of the school. Those who served as teachers were: Pre-school children, Mrs. Jean Kleiss; Primary, Mrs. Bonna Bonham; 3rd and 4th grades, Miss Janet Palmer; Junior No. I, Mrs. Charles Baker; Junior No. II, Mrs. Harriott Schindler; Junior High No. I, Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe; and Junior High No. II, Mrs. Delores Ford. Average attendance was 66 per day, and the highest attendance was 73 with 10 teachers and helpers present. On June 13, a fine program was given by the scholars of the school. The total missionary offering of \$13.95 was designated for missions in Japan. (Augusta Will, Reporter).

**POUND, WISCONSIN.** From June 7 to 11 a Vacation Bible School was held at the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., with Mrs. E. S. Fenske serving as director. There were 50 children enrolled and 16 teachers and helpers served on the staff. Six children accepted the Lord Jesus. They are now receiving instructions by Rev. E. S. Fenske. Daily offerings amounted to \$33.85, and were designated for our new mission field in Brazil. On Friday evening the children presented their program and their handcraft was displayed. On Sunday evening, June 20, the C.B.Y.F. presented a Father's Day program. Rose boutonnaires were given to the oldest father, Peter Waselchuk, and the youngest father, William Borkowski, 28 years of age. (Emily Matrisch, Reporter).

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA.** It was the privilege of Rev. Peter J. Wiens, pastor of the First Baptist Church,



Nine of the 11 young people of Avon, S. Dak., who were recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon by Rev. Peter J. Wiens, pastor.

Avon, S. Dak., to baptize 11 young people from the Sunday school on Eas-



Rev. Edward J. Pritzkau, pastor of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio with five baptismal candidates.

ter Sunday and on the first Sunday in May to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. Those in the accompanying picture are: (left to right) front row: Bruce Voigt, Lewayne Lukkes, Charlene Jurrens, Jolene Jurrens; back row: Dennis Jurrens, Scott Jurrens, Caroline Quartier, Allen Meier, and James Meyer. Not pictured are Debbie Ridgeway and Robert Eben.

**ERIN AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO.** We began this year 1965 with a thorough study of the Holy Spirit's person, work, and ministry. Through this our hearts were touched and marvelously prepared for the special meetings which we were to have in spring. In March our former denominational evangelist, Rev. Herman Palfenier, ministered to us in the German language for one week. These were meetings as we never had before. In rain and snow our people came and packed the church—and the most amazing thing of all was that the first two rows of pews were filled with children! Truly, the spirit of God moved among us as souls were saved and decisions were made in rededication and



Rev. N. Drenth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta with two young baptismal candidates.

consecration of life. One month later—two weeks before Easter—these German meetings were followed by a week of meetings with Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of Philadelphia, Pa., who presented a heart-searching study of I John. He was able to lead our people into a new realization and consciousness of the abiding, adequate, and sufficient presence of Christ. On the Sunday after Easter it was our privilege to reap the first harvest of these meetings as we witnessed five persons moving through the baptismal waters. Since then we have witnessed and observed in quite a number of our people a remarkable and marvelous change as they have entered into the understanding and full consciousness of the new life in Christ. (Edward J. Pritzkau).

**FIRST, LEDUC, ALTA.** Following a course on "Baptism" conducted by Rev. N. Dreger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, two candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. It was indeed a highlight and a joy to see their radiant young faces as they stepped into the baptismal waters, bearing testimony of their salvation in Christ. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter).

**BILLINGS, MONTANA.** The Lord's presence was experienced at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana on Pentecost Sunday, June 6, as six candidates were baptized. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended to them by our pastor, Rev. R. Grenz, on the following Sunday at the communion service. In the accompanying photo they are: (left to right) Rev. R. Grenz, Mr. Irving Compton, Rhonda Opp, Cindy Newton, Monica Sieler, Dennis Newton and Davie Wiest. Vacation Bible School was held from June 7-11 with the theme, "Discovering With Christ." Seventy-two children were enrolled with an average attendance of 60. A mission offering was received each day for West Cameroon, Africa. Teachers who served were:

Mrs. R. Waller, Mrs. A. Hochhalter, Mrs. Ed Wolff, Mrs. A. Hruska, Mrs. I. Compton, Mrs. R. Grenz, Mrs. Ben Sieler and Mrs. Joanne Kopptie, Phyllis Fuchs, Jane Opp, and Bonnie Fuchs. Rev. R. Grenz served as a director of the school. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).

**ST. JOSEPH, MICH.** Easter Sunday was an especially joyous time at the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich. Sixteen people expressed their desire to follow Christ in baptism. The following Sunday another 12 people were baptized. (See accompanying photos of both baptismal groups). On Sunday, May 9th, these 28 new members besides another three were given the right hand of fellowship into the membership of First Baptist of St. Joseph. To God be the Glory! (Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).



Rev. Richard Grenz (left), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana and 6 persons who were baptized on Pentecost Sunday.

**RAPID CITY, S. DAK.** On Friday, May 21, the winners of the Sunday School Contest, the Senior boys and girls and the Beginners Dept. and their



Rev. Kenneth Fenner, (left, rear row), pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., and 12 converts who were baptized on April 25. On Sunday, May 9, these and 16 others (see other picture) were received into the fellowship of the church.



Sixteen people who were baptized on Easter Sunday by Rev. Kenneth Fenner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan.

parents were served a delicious dinner at the South Canyon Baptist Church. The S. S. superintendent, Mr. Harold Rhodes, and his wife were hosts with several mothers volunteering to do the cooking. The losers of the contest were asked to serve and do the dishes. Afterwards all played games. On May 24 the Senior C.B.Y. were hosts to the four young people from their group who graduated from the Rapid City High School. Guests of honor were Robert Crooks, Sherry Kittle, Jacqueline Kwyzla, and Larry Odegaard. The parents of the graduates were also invited to the banquet. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schlottman, presented each graduate with gifts of a book of devotions and a book of poems for the graduate. Mr. Schlottman brought the message of the evening using the theme, "We Are Important to God." Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Dachtler were

guests and the invocation and benediction were brought by the pastor. There were 24 present at the banquet. (Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter).

**CBYF BRITISH COLUMBIA RETREAT.** After much planning and hard work, the CBYF of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., enjoyed a week-end retreat at Greenbay Baptist Camp, Westbank, B. C., from May 28 to 30. Wenzel Hanik, the Vernon CBYF leader, was director with the Vernon vice-president, Trudy Taranowski, acting as program chairman. The theme, "Victorious Christian Living," prevailed throughout the camp. Saturday evening, the highlight for many, saw different young people bringing special numbers and skits. This was followed by a talk by Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C. After this inspiring talk, several young people rededicated their lives to Christ. Besides the 19 Vernon campers, 13 Trinity and Grace campers of Kelowna and 5 Immanuel campers of Vancouver enjoyed the weekend. We pray that this weekend might have helped some young people to walk closer to God. (Wenzel Hanik, President).

## woman's missionary societies

**FIRST, LEDUC, ALTA.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta observed the World Day of Prayer on March 5 with the ladies of the Wiesental and Wetaskiwin Baptist Churches as their guests. A very fine program was presented with Mrs. Mildred Neuman of the Montana Indian Reserve, and the pastor's wife, Mrs. Verna Dreger, as guest speakers. On March 12 the members presented their annual missionary program. Musical numbers by the group trio, an accordion solo and a play, "The Power Of Prayer,"



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## ST. JOSEPH, MICH. REPORT

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ris Jones represented the Board of Trustees; Lillie Cuthbert represented the Music Committee; Rev. B. A. Irtterman, pastor of Lakeshore Baptist Church, represented the Extension project of First Baptist; Lester Dogger on behalf of the Sunday School; and Miss Sally Beimfohr spoke on behalf of the young people. The church choir under the direction of Erick Souart sang "O For A Thousand Tongues." Blanche Hill accompanied at the organ. Rev. John Binder spoke as representative of the North American Baptist headquarters; Gus Beimfohr, deacon in charge of the reception, read a letter from Rev. Frank Venninga, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Mr. Fenner's alma mater. The service closed with remarks by Pastor and Mrs. Fenner, and introduction of Mrs. Fenner's parents. (Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).

**EMMANUEL, MORRIS, MAN.** A large group of members and friends of the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man., gathered at the church on Sunday afternoon, June 13, to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg and their sons, Mark and Timothy. Our service opened with a number of selections by the band under the direction of Harvey Edell. The service was led by Mr. J. J. Janzen; scripture was read by Mr. Erwin Bergstresser; and Rev. M. Taubensee led in prayer. Words of farewell were brought by the following representing various organizations: Mrs. Wm. Paschke (W.M.S.); Mr. Leslie Edel (Chorus Choir); Mr. Rudy Stork (Male Choir); Miss Iris Paschke (C.B.Y.F.); Mr. Les Janzen (S.S. superintendent—English); Mr. Paul Bergstresser (Board of Christian Education); Mr. Sam Myers (Homebuilders); Mr. Arthur Neuman (S.S. superintendent—German); Mr. John Schroeder (Church and Deacon Board). Musical selections were rendered by the Chorus Choir, Male Choir and the Junior Choir. The following sister churches were also represented with farewell messages: Mission, McDermot Avenue, Third, and Grant Park, all of Winnipeg, and the Oak Bank Church. As a church we wish the Wollenbergs many blessings in their new ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C. We trust the Lord will continue to use them effectively there as he has done here in Morris. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, Reporter).

## MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	May 1965	May 1964	May 1963
Atlantic	\$ 3,514.61	\$ 2,305.73	\$ 1,765.18
Central	6,603.63	7,532.39	9,312.72
Dakota	4,439.85	2,707.60	6,508.47
Eastern	1,010.73	1,820.72	2,059.42
Northern	10,023.22	3,965.66	15,136.55
Northwestern	4,294.96	3,025.63	4,762.78
Pacific	7,724.66	10,373.74	11,958.33
Southern	921.39	395.50	387.60
Southwestern	1,821.08	884.91	6,103.55
Inter-Conference	1,469.73	1,832.63	1,931.93
Total Contributions	\$ 41,823.86	\$ 34,844.51	\$ 59,926.53

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1965	\$ 40,070.29	\$ 1,753.57	\$ 41,823.86
For the month of May, 1964	33,303.60	1,540.91	34,844.51
For the month of May, 1963	54,783.28	5,143.25	59,926.53

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1965 to May 31, 1965	\$107,453.93	\$ 6,287.36	\$113,741.29
April 1, 1964 to May 31, 1964	122,043.69	7,386.94	129,430.63
April 1, 1963 to May 31, 1963	122,125.78	11,884.72	134,010.50