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Thanksgiving Day

By J. J. Montague

WITH steadfast and unwavering faith,
 With hard and patient toil,
 The Pilgrims wrung their harvest
 From a strange and sterile soil.
 And when the leaves turned red and gold
 Beneath the autumn sun,
 They knelt beside the scanty sheaves
 Their laboring hands had won
 And each grave elder, in his turn,
 With bowed and reverent head,
 Gave thanks to bounteous Heaven
 For the miracle of bread.

And so was born Thanksgiving Day,
 That little dauntless band,
 Beset by deadly perils
 In a wild and alien land,
 With hearts that held no fear of death,
 With stern, unbending will,
 And faith as firmly founded
 As the grim New England hills,
 Though pitiful the yield that sprang
 From that unfruitful soil,
 Remembered in their harvest time
 The goodly grace of God.

God grant us grace to look on this,
 Our glorious native land,
 As but another princely gift
 From his almighty hand.
 May we prove worthy of his trust
 And keep its every shore
 Protected from the murderous hordes
 That bear the torch of war,
 And, be the future bright or dark,
 God grant we never may
 Forget the reverent spirit
 Of that first Thanksgiving Day.

—The Watchman-Examiner

COUNT THE MERCIES

"Count the mercies! Count the mercies!
 Number all the gifts of love;
 Keep the daily, faithful record
 Of the comforts from above.
 Look at all the lovely green spots
 In life's weary desert way;
 Think how many cooling fountains
 Cheer our fainting hearts each day.
 Count the mercies! Count the mercies!
 See them strewn along our way!"

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving flings brave banners
 out across the waiting earth,
 Across life's happiness and grief,
 life's love and death and birth;
 Thanksgiving wraps a prayer about
 the hearts that suffer pain
 And with a blessing brings new
 peace when fields are glad with
 grain;
 Thanksgiving flings a challenge out
 across the dying year;
 Thanksgiving sings a splendid song
 that all of us can hear.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget
 That tho' the wrong seems oft
 so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world,
 Should my heart be ever sad?
 The Lord is King!—let the heavens
 ring,
 God reigns:—let the earth be glad.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

NEWS and NEEDS...

THANKSGIVING WEEK. The Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week (Nov. 21 to 28) provides us with an opportunity to express our thanksgiving to God in a tangible way that will advance the work of his Kingdom. The special offerings of these Sundays will go towards the denomination's Mission and Service Program. The financial needs can be viewed on page 22 of this issue.

DR. FLUTH AT WARWAR. Dr. Jerome C. Fluth is now serving as our medical missionary at the Baptist Mission Warwar in Nigeria. "The Board of Mission's decision this year to send a doctor to Warwar, Nigeria is a wonderful answer to many, many years of persistent prayer on the part of countless Christians. Even though I am the first resident doctor in that large area since Sept. 1st, I will be building on the solid foundation of a booming work already begun by Miss Kuhn, missionary nurse, last year. There is no hospital in the foreseeable future, but we trust that God will bless a ministry of mobile clinics as we endeavor to point men to the Savior by demonstrating the love of Christ in this way. We earnestly covet your increased intercession on our behalf as we meet these new responsibilities and tremendous opportunities in this new area of service for him."

CHRISTIAN TITHERS IN CAMEROON. Dr. Peter E. Fehr with other missionaries has gone to Cameroon churches to explain the program of tithing. He has a remarkable story to relate: "After talking about their registration with the local government officer and their church plot, we reached the subject of 'Christian Giving.' We explained the Scriptural approach to giving and recommended that a group who were interested meet on the 1st of each month to give their tithes. As we were thinking of closing, one of the graduate nurses stood up and said, 'Let us not let this moment slip from us. This is like a revival and let us form this tithing group while the Holy Spirit speaks to us and before the devil has a chance to change our thinking.' So five men recorded their names as those determined to give as God prospered them. The deacons asked that it be presented to all the Christians on the next Sunday. We were thankful when we heard that 10 men and one woman gave their tithe with a total offering of 4,390 francs (approximately \$17.50). This amount was more
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"YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

Rev. Leonard Showalter
 of Portland, Oregon

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Editorial

"And God Blessed Him There!"

The place of God's encounters with us, when he showers his blessings upon us, is something to be remembered by each of us with thanksgiving. We share in the experience of Jacob of old when he was led to praise his Lord. "And God blessed him there" (Genesis 32:29).

Dr. Raymond Edman, Chancellor of Wheaton College, in his book, "Then and There," comments on this important word of Scripture: "There is a sort of 'bench mark' of blessing to be remembered always, an established basis from which to measure the mercies of The Measureless One in days to come, just as the surveyor establishes his bench mark showing latitude, longitude and altitude."

At this Thanksgiving Season we too must remember the times and places when the Lord God has blessed us THERE with the riches of his mercies and with the gifts of his love. There can be a hush of the heart, a bowing of the will, a song of thanksgiving, a complete confidence in him with the assurance that our prayers will be answered and his hand of blessing will be opened toward us.

In our thankfulness toward God, we must remember the times and places of human crises and great need when God met us and revealed his mercy and goodness to us. Alone with God, this was the crisis hour for Jacob at Peniel (Genesis 32). It was a place of "utter brokenness before God" when he wrestled with the angel of the Lord and came to himself. This became the place of blessing and of beginning again for Jacob which he always remembered at his "Bethel experience."

Dr. Edman suggests that God's most precious blessings are those experienced by us in such places of human crisis when we meet the One who is the same yesterday, today and forever. "Has anything apparently failed and is your heart filled with fear of the future? Have you been in utter helplessness and human hopelessness alone with God and clinging to him? That place of bewilderment and brokenness can be the place of blessing for you and of beginning of life that is new and full of peace and power." Remember the times that God blessed you there!

Let us also remember the place of God's appointments. We have been most richly blessed of God when we have been at the center of his will. Then we have clearly seen that our God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly." God is able to "supply all your needs." We have come to learn that "he that cometh to God must believe that he is, a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). In his own way and in accord with his will, God has revealed his love and goodness to us.

For with God every place is one of great abundance. In his blessed presence there is fulness of joy. With his gifts, we have the riches that make each of us "a child of the King." At that place of God's abundance—that Bethel experience of our praise and thanksgiving—we are led to say: "I have seen God face to face." His blessing has given us a new name, a new outlook, a new spirit, a new command to serve others in love. Let us not forget our sacrificial gifts from him as we remember with thanksgiving when God has "blessed us there!"

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We who enjoy the mercies and prosperity that God has provided seem to forget the hand that has provided all of our wealth. (Photograph by Harold M. Lambert).

The Forgotten Thanksgiving

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; . . . I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:2).

Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Richard W. Paetzel,
North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

TRADITIONALLY Thanksgiving Day is considered an American holiday in spirit with the celebration of the Pilgrims of 1621. We can imagine the joy and appreciation experienced by this little group of Pilgrims for life itself. Surviving the hard winter of 1620 with illness taking its toll, having a scarcity of food, they realized that God had wanted them to survive. They realized that the cleared land they found, the buried corn, the friendship of the Indians was more than mere chance, but the providential supply of God.

How far from this spirit of thanksgiving we have wandered! We who have more than just our necessities seem to forget the hand that has provided all of our wealth.

The Scriptures provide a parallel example of a people who, though supplied in miraculous ways by the hand of God, needed to be reminded of the bondage from which they had been delivered.

A SONG OF PRAISE

The nation of Israel was successfully led out of the jaws of captivity from an idolatrous, cruel people. Their former mere existence was less than human as their taskmasters burdened them with great toil. These people, whom God had chosen to be his instruments of divine redemption, were treated little better than animals.

But God hadn't forsaken his own. Even this time of suffering was to teach them their utter dependence upon him. God's messenger, thoroughly

prepared for the task, successfully followed the leading of God in providing not only deliverance from bondage by means of the Red Sea crossing, but offered hope of the fulfillment of God's promise concerning Israel and all mankind. The pursuing Egyptians were destroyed by the hand of God, and Israel was safely protected.

Exodus 15:1 tells us that Moses and the children of Israel sang a song of thanksgiving and praise unto God. This expression of gratitude conveyed the realization that God was the source of all strength, salvation, and that he was worthy to be worshipped.

A SAD PROMISE

As we follow the Israelites in their travels, we discover the murmurings, complainings and ungratefulness so evident in our day. They complain about the bitter water at Marah, the lack of food in the Wilderness of Sin, their thirst at Rephidim.

On each occasion their needs were met with such abundance that only by the hand of God could this be explained. He provided manna from heaven every day until they came to the borders of Canaan. He provided water from a rock—enough to quench the thirst of the entire host of people. It seems as if they had forgotten the bondage from which they had escaped. It seems as if they had forgotten their song of praise and their promise to exalt the Lord.

How often have we cried to God for deliverance when our child was ill with an enormous fever? How often have

we promised our lives to God, when we were afflicted by some conflict of body and soul? How often has God by his mercies provided for our needs, and still we complain and forget the hand that feeds us? How sad it is for Christian people, who enjoy the mercies and prosperity that God has provided, to demonstrate by their lack of concern and commitment their continuous ungratefulness to God! Have we forgotten the bondage of sin from which God has delivered us through the work of the Cross?

A SACRED POSITION

Israel had much to be thankful for by the position they held. Had not God called unto himself Abraham from a hedonistic society to be the object of his grace? Had not Jacob and his family been spared the famine that destroyed many through starvation?

By the mercy and grace of God, Israel was chosen to be the instrument and recipient of God's salvation for man. To them he gave the oracles to guide them in their course of life. They had much to be thankful for to God as a result not only of their physical blessings, but of their sacred position.

We as Americans have much to be thankful for as a result of our position. We are among the few nations of the world where the Word of God can be proclaimed without some legal restrictions. We are one of the few nations where the Bible is made available to all in versions understandable even to a child. We are one of the few nations

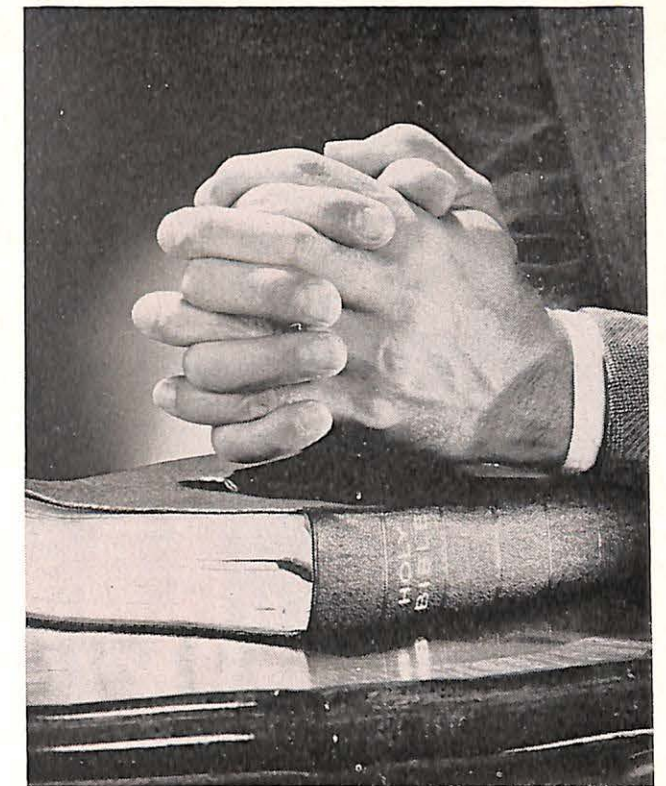
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Let's 'Keep' Thanksgiving!

This Thanksgiving message appeared as an editorial in November 1964 in "The Pontiac Press" of Pontiac, Michigan by the pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church. It makes all of us think about the meaning of "a grateful heart."

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke,
Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



"Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart."
—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

HOLIDAYS are like money. They are easy to spend and hard to keep. Most of us will be "spending" this Thanksgiving Day eating turkey with our family and friends. We are in the best tradition, for the first Thanksgiving on our shores was a day of joyous feasting. But every thoughtful American knows that Thanksgiving is more than good food and family fun.

To truly "keep" this day we must lift our hearts in praise to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Like our Pilgrim Fathers 344 years ago, we must add to our festivity a humble prayer of thanks.

Gratitude, we soon discover, is not an easy art. Counting our blessings takes time and effort. It makes us think. Here is one good reason for this annual November holiday. But how can we "keep" this uniquely American day of thanks?

REMEMBER OUR HERITAGE

We can remember our heritage. Our nation was founded by hardy men of faith. Consider these Pilgrims. After sixty-three days aboard the *Mayflower*, they reached the "stern and rock-bound coast" to face a terrible winter. The story is that they were reduced to mere grains of corn for rations and that once only seven well colonists remained to nurse the sick. More than half their number slept in the snow-covered graveyard.

But the new year brought a harvest, the Indians were friendly, and a day of thanksgiving was called. They were free men in a free land. God was for them. Who could be against them?

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America, this is "the rock whence ye are hewn." Never forget it!

ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S GOODNESS

We can acknowledge the goodness and power of God. In spite of near disaster, the Pilgrims did. Can we do less with our land so prosperous and at peace? With King David we must say to God, "All this abundance that we have provided comes from thy hand and is all thy own" (I Chronicles 29:16). Added to our national blessings is the security of a personal faith.

For a Christian this means the joy of

sins forgiven by the costly sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross—the abundant life now and forever—hope in a cause that will ultimately triumph. For we believe our Lord is the coming King. "He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet" (I Corinthians 15:25). This is the religious faith that founded and preserved our nation. If we lose it we are doomed to the fate of Nineveh and Tyre.

We can appreciate our friends. How seldom we thank those who mean the most to us. This would be a good day to

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THOU OPENEST THY HAND

By Grace Noll Crowell

Thou openest thy hand—the good sun pours
Its warmth and light upon us day by day;
The vaulted clouds release their precious stores
To send the silver rain upon its way;
The grain is ripened, and the golden yield
Is like a benediction down each field.

Thou openest thy hand. O blessed One,
Because of this men live and laugh and sing;
The flowers unfurl their petals in the sun
The little birds take bright ecstatic wing;
Thy love has kept thy great and mighty hand
Opened for every people, every land.

We acknowledge, Lord, thy mercy through our days,
And give thee our united, joyous praise.



THE 1965 TOMOSHIBI CAMP IN JAPAN

The large group of Japanese campers and the staff of teachers at the Tomoshibi Camp (left). Miss Florence Miller, missionary, leads the morning devotions (right) as the young campers sit under the gnarled pines near the sandy beach.

A Rich Harvest at Camp Tomoshibi

At Tomoshibi Camp in Japan among the gnarled pines on a sandy beach Japanese young people gathered for the 7th young people's camp where they showed a genuine interest in God's Word and many saw "the Light" in Christ.

By Miss Florence Miller of the Osaka Biblical Seminary Faculty, Osaka, Japan

NESTLED among the gnarled pines on a sandy beach of Mie Prefecture is a camp site which has been endearing itself more and more each year to the hearts of our Baptist young people in Japan. It is there that our four churches held their 7th young people's camp, which is known as Tomoshibi Camp (Light Camp). It was so named in the hope that through it many might come to the Light.

The theme chosen for this year's camp was "Fruitbearing." It was our great joy to see fruit from the very first day and throughout the remaining three. We were fortunate in having two young Japanese pastors as guest speakers, Mr. Mitsuhashi from one of the Baptist General Conference churches and Mr. Matsumi from one of the Evangelical Free churches.

THIRTY CAMPERS EACH DAY

These two pastors shared a tent together and, although they had been strangers to each other before camp, they became good friends and have invited each other to minister in their respective camps also. This was one of the fruits which went beyond the benefits received by our own churches. By acquainting evangelical pastors with each other, there is a strengthening of the evangelical churches in Japan.

Our camp was geared to young people from Junior High age up through college age. Evening evangelistic services and afternoon recreation were for all campers, but our morning classes were divided both according to age and according to progress in the Christian faith. The Junior Highs studied "Pray-

er" and "The Fruits of the Spirit" under the guidance of Mr. Mitsuhashi and two of our Japanese workers. The Christian young people of High School and College age studied "Personal Evangelism" under Mr. Matsumi. And the non-Christians studied the fundamentals of the Christian faith under Mr. Moore.

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

We averaged about thirty campers each day, about two-thirds of whom were Christians. Most of the others had some contact with our churches and might be called inquirers. Five or six of these young people responded to the invitation to accept Christ. At the closing campfire four or five stood declaring their willingness to give their lives in service for Christ.

In asking various individuals, "What



JAPANESE GUEST SPEAKERS

Rev. D. Mitsuhashi (left) and Rev. S. Matsumi (right), guest speakers at Camp Tomoshibi.

was one of the highlights of camp for you?" I received the following answers: Mr. Hanazono who taught a Junior High class in which two missionary children were enrolled said it was a unique experience for him to teach Americans because heretofore the Americans had always been his teachers. Stephen Moore who was in the Junior High class said that it was a very interesting experience to attend a Japanese camp and hoped he could attend again next year. He appreciated the opportunity to study the fruits of the Spirit more deeply than he had ever done before.

Rev. Fred G. Moore said, "This year's camp was one of the most blessed experiences I have ever received from the Lord. From the very start of the camp until the final service, the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in a very special way. I was privileged to conduct the class for inquirers. During the sessions there was constant evidence of a genuine interest in the Word and the message of salvation through Jesus Christ."

For me personally the highlights centered around our tent devotions. Four or five campers and one counsellor stayed in each tent. Of the five girls in my tent, none confessed to be a Christian the first night. Each night I felt the Holy Spirit work and the atmosphere gradually began to warm. One night each tent was asked to prepare a stunt for "Fun Time." This activity helped to create a feeling of oneness. That night one of the girls of her own volition told us how she had come to believe in the resurrection and second

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Rejoice in the Lord Always!

The author, as the NAB Seminary exchange student at Hamburg, Germany last year, found a radiant Christian witness in East Germany in spite of Communist restrictions. These dedicated Christians do not allow circumstances to disrupt their moods or to dim their faith in Christ.

By Rev. Eric Ohlmann of Louisville, Kentucky

MAINTAINING a radiant Christian witness in a Communist country demands a steadfast faith and genuine spiritual vitality. Just to read of the many and subtle restrictions placed upon believers in those lands is disheartening for us. But under those circumstances many of our fellow Christians are demonstrating a Christian maturity which would put most of us to shame.

Imagine the lot of Christians in East Germany, for example. Immediately following World War II, the relations between the churches and the Soviet regime appeared surprisingly cordial. In the devastation and disorganization of the postwar days, Russian commanders requested and even ordered ministers to proceed with their duties. But

the only religious instruction the children received was in the schools. But now, not only has religious education been forbidden in the schools, all education has become an absolute monopoly of the state, and schools have been designed as training centers for socialism.

Because denazification eliminated the majority of teachers in postwar East Germany, a new teaching staff was also needed. But candidates were to be accepted only from the so-called "democratic" or "working" classes.

Furthermore, by 1952 every teacher was required to be well versed in Marxism-Leninism and was expected to give positive support to these ideologies. Because some candidates for the teaching profession have refused to renounce their Christian faith and to submit to these regulations, they have been expelled from training school and denied the right to teach.

The preceding measures are designed to subject youth in particular to constant propaganda for a specific world view. It is mainly through the schools that the Communists aim to educate their subjects to a scientific world view and to wean them from their religious beliefs. Consequently, many highly qualified children from Christian homes have at times been prevented from even entering high school.

And Christian youth in the schools are discriminated against as, for example, being required to write essays on political subjects for which their marks are dependent, not primarily on their excellence of their performance, but on the correctness of their responses to socialistic political themes. Imagine exposing your children to such a system every school day!

MANY SUBTLE RESTRICTIONS

On the broader scene, in spite of ample assurance of religious freedom in the constitution of 1949, normal church life is made very difficult by further subtle restrictions. Special community work projects, political party meetings, and rallies of various organizations sponsored by the government are scheduled for the hour of worship. Financial squeezes are imposed on the churches. And even small items, such as printing a page of church announcements, are prohibited without a special permit from the government.

Pastors must constantly guard their speech because a government agent may be in their congregations censoring every word that is spoken in an effort to detect anti-socialist tendencies. If any such tendencies are discovered (and in some cases they are framed),

pastors are mercilessly discredited to the public as unpatriotic and subversive.

In equally candid ways the government is substituting socialistic ceremonies for the baptism, confirmation (renamed Youth Dedication), and marriage ceremonies of the church. Except



The sanctuary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of East Berlin, Germany. This church has a membership of about 500 and its services are well attended.

in the case of marriage, these ceremonies are scheduled for the same time as the church ceremonies. All include some act of commitment to socialism. To entice prospective participants, parents are given 100 DM (\$25.00) if they bring their infants for baptism, and youngsters who refuse to take part in Youth Dedication expose themselves to discrimination.

THE UNCHANGEABLE CHRIST

Yet in spite of these trying and exasperating conditions, plus many more, some of the most radiant Christians I have met live in East Germany and not in our land of freedom and opportunity. Though they are battling obstacles to their Christian faith and witness day after day, they, with the Apostle Paul, have learned to be content in whatever situations they find themselves.

How do they accomplish this spiritual feat? One way would be simply to resign to their unfortunate lot and passively to endure all injuries. The ones who have best learned to be content in those difficult circumstances, however, are the dedicated Christians

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The Immanuel Baptist Church of East Berlin, Germany, the largest Baptist church in this sector.

since Communism has gained a hold on the country, it has attempted endless means to reduce the Christian Church.

FORBIDDING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

One of the government's first moves in opposition to Christianity was to eliminate religious instruction from the public schools. While the right of the church to give religious education on school premises was explicitly guaranteed by the constitution of 1949, laws have been passed to the exact contrary, depriving the church of this right.

These regulations have been a severe blow for the churches, because they did not have any religious education of our type in the church program. Practically



Grandview Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska built with volunteer help and with a Baptist builder from Texas serving as foreman on the job.

ALASKA— AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

This 49th state, which is larger than Texas, California and Montana, was bought at a bargain in 1867 from the Russians, was overrun by gold miners in 1896 and by tourists in recent years, and is now the center of intensive missionary work by several Protestant groups, including the Southern Baptists. The author crisscrossed this vast state on his trip of last summer that took him 350 miles above the Arctic Circle.

By Dr. E. P. Wahl, President-emeritus,
Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

YOU'LL LIKE ALASKA! The 49th state of the Union delights its many tourists and business travelers coming chiefly from all parts of the United States and Canada during the summer weeks.

On August 4, 1965 I embarked on the Canadian Pacific boat, "Princess Patricia," at Vancouver, B. C., bound for Alaska. The 308 passengers on the boat were from 30 states and 5 provinces of Canada. What a grateful, restful and invigorating cruise!

Arriving at Alaska, you come in contact with much fascinating history. This mighty piece of land (as large as Texas, California and Montana put together) was discovered by Russian explorers in 1741. The Russian fur traders colonized Kodiak and founded Sitka, making it the capital of Alaska. They brought the Christian religion to the Eskimos and Indians in this part of the world. Traces of this early contact are still visible in the Panhandle of Alaska. At Sitka the old Russian St. Michael's Cathedral still stands. Russian relics and religious treasures of inestimable value and historical documents can all be seen at Sitka.

SOLD FOR \$7,200,000

It was at Sitka on October 18, 1867 that Alaska was sold by Czar Alexander II to the United States for \$7,200,000. Alaska, reaching out over the Pacific Ocean to the south, the Bering Sea and the Chukchi Sea to the west and the Arctic Ocean to the north, has a coastline longer than all of the first 48 states. This country is so large that it is difficult to grasp its bigness. Its differences in climate, people, ge-

ography and economy are hard to understand for anyone who has never traveled over the entire state. Alaska can be divided into six distinct regions.

In 1963 Alaska's population was estimated at 248,000. Only about one-sixth of the Alaskans are Indians, Aleuts or Eskimos. The American way of life has rushed into this part of the world since World War II at such a pace it is most amazing. The past and present, the old and the new are met with everywhere. Log cabins built by gold-rush-stampede and modern skyscrapers; dog teams and jet aircraft; trappers and prospectors wander the mountains and tundra; Geiger-equipped geologists and surveyors are all fascinating sights.



ESKIMO CHILDREN

The doll is not cuddled in the arms of an Eskimo girl but is rather carried on the back as an older sister or mother carries the baby.

The Panhandle of the state can well be visited by boat. Ketchikan is the salmon capital of the world with its nine canneries, three cold storage plants, and a vast commercial fishing fleet of over 2,500 boats. This first northbound port clings to the narrow coastline shelf between the majestic mountains of Revillagigedo Island and the waters of Tongass Narrows.

Juneau, the capital city of Alaska with a population of 10,000, is situated in an area of rugged mountains, innumerable islands, countless channels and bays. Gold discovered by Joe Juneau and Dick Harris in 1880 gave the town its birth. At one time this was the largest gold-mining center in the world. Since 1944 all mines have been closed.

The 28 liquor bars and the large number of liquor stores in the small city of Juneau give it a depressing, down-grading atmosphere. It reminds the visitor forcefully of the often repeated statement in different parts of Alaska: "The Russians brought the Church to Alaska; the Americans whiskey."

DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN 1896

Wrangell, another northbound port, known as the lumber capital of Alaska, is the third oldest settlement in Alaska. It was founded in 1834 by Baron Wrangell as a Russian fur trading post. A recent copper strike on the upper Stikine River holds promise for Wrangell's future.

Skagway, the last port reached as you sail north, was the gateway in 1898 through which thousands of fortune seekers swarmed on their mad

rush to the Klondike gold fields. In those days this town had a population of 20,000; today only about 500 people live here. A line of its history of those olden days reads: "Skagway was little better than a hell on earth."

From Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon (a stretch of 110 miles) a railroad, one of the most difficult ever engineered following the trail of the frantic sourdoughs of 1898, was built in 1898-99. It follows the trail where thousands of fortune seekers journeyed, fought and starved while pressing on to the gold fields in the interior. The mad stampede was one of the liveliest and most colorful events in history.

The narrow gauged railroad takes you through alpine scenic beauty "unequaled anywhere in the world." It runs along the large Bennet Lake, where the gold seekers stopped to build crude boats, rafts and such like to navigate with their equipment on towards Bonanza Creek. Here George Carmack and two Indian companions discovered gold on August 17, 1896. Here at the south end of Bennet Lake still stands the old log church built by the populace seeking for gold, a most significant landmark, indeed.

ALASKA BAPTIST CONVENTION

From Whitehorse I traveled by airplane to Fairbanks, "the Golden Heart of Alaska." This is a city with a population of 14,000; in 1939 it had less than 4000. We are now only 130 miles south of the Arctic Circle. Fairbanks enjoys long daylight hours from May to September and its climate compares with the climate of the Dakotas, Montana and the northern part of Minnesota.

Fairbanks is a community on the move. In 1922 the Alaska Agricultural College was opened with 6 students; in 1935 it was made the University of Alaska and has 1500 students today. The city is primarily dependent on its economic mainstays—mining, farming, military installations, and tourism.

The Alaska Baptist Convention held its annual session in Fairbanks while



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

This church with a membership of 900 was visited by Rev. E. P. Wahl on Sunday, August 15, when the Sunday school had an attendance of 360 and an offering of \$1397.54.

I was there. This convention is composed of Southern Baptists started their missionary work in Alaska in the year 1943 and now have 35 churches and 12 missions, more than all the other Baptist groups put together.

By Wien Alaska Airline I now fanned out to the Eskimo villages in the west and north.

Nome, 540 miles west of Fairbanks, was our destination. This town with about 2,800 people living in it became known the world over at the turn of the century when gold was discovered in this area. Before that famous gold rush was over, 40,000 gold-mad men and women had fought over the fabulous riches of Nome's gold beach, and over 100 million dollars worth of gold was taken from the Nome area. At that time there were 153 bars and one little church in Nome. This town's population is 70% Eskimo or part-Eskimo.

Nome, built on the shore of the Bering Sea, has a marine climate during

the summer period. Constructed on permafrost makes the installation and maintenance of sewer and water facilities a real challenge. Nome is the commercial center of northwestern Alaska. It has a school, hospital, bank, a number of stores and several churches. The oldest newspaper of Alaska—*The Nome Nugget*—is printed here.

LARGEST ESKIMO VILLAGE

From Nome we flew to Kotzebue, the second largest Eskimo village in Alaska, boasting a population of 1400. We are now 30 miles north of the Arctic Circle, 1,600 miles south of the North Pole and 180 miles from the Siberian mainland. In 1897 the Quaker Church brought the Gospel to this part of the world. The Friend's Church is still the largest and most influential religious group. The Southern Baptists established a church here in 1956. For the most part, small wooden frame structures have replaced the sod igloo

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NOME, ALASKA WHERE THE MAD GOLD RUSH OCCURRED 65 YEARS AGO

The main street of Nome, Alaska (left) as it appears today. At the turn of the century 40,000 "gold-mad" men and women tramped these streets. The Government Office is seen at the right. Today's population of 2,800 people is 70% Eskimo or part-Eskimo. Nome is located on the shore of the Bering Sea.

Our Trip Through Bible Lands

In the Garden of Gethsemane, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and in the crowded marketplaces, these tourists from America had a profound feeling that Christ's presence was close by.

By Dr. W. C. Heringer of Salem, Oregon

THE GOLDEN GLOW of a setting sun reflected its beauty upon the distant desert sand, as our jet touched down in Cairo, Egypt. Nature had extended a warm welcome to our group as we entered the first of the Bible Land countries.

It was a balmy evening, and we all went sailing on the Nile River. We sang songs of our Christian faith. The stars were shining brightly in the heavens as we sang the song, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." It seemed as if every star twinkled its approval that Jesus would safely pilot us through these Bible Lands.

THE ANCIENT WAY OF LIFE

Our itinerary unfolded itself day by day with new events and places of interest. We visited many mosques and cathedrals. The latter seemed to have a monopoly in the areas where Biblical history was made. The enshrinement of these places gave me no inner satisfaction that I was walking on holy ground.

where natives were selling their wares, fruits, meats, bread or whatever products they had, were still the same.

It was difficult to pass through these areas, especially "The Way of the Cross" street. The women were carrying large baskets on their heads containing bread, fruit and vegetables. The natives sat on the cobblestone streets from early morning until evening peddling their wares. It appeared as though they had no incentive in life for cultural or educational advancement. They are victims of tradition.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

The Garden of Gethsemane with its aged olive trees, estimated to be three thousand years old, gave me a feeling that I was now in the Holy Land. Here was the place where Christ walked and prayed in the Garden. There was something serene about it. No wonder Jesus tarried here. I had the feeling that I was not walking alone in the Garden—his presence was close by!



AT THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE NEAR JERUSALEM

The Tour Group, with Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif., as leader, is photographed among the gnarled olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus walked and prayed centuries ago.

Three score and five years ago my father, Rev. August Heringer, visited and toured the Bible lands. I was constantly wondering, as we traveled in these same areas, how his impressions at that time would compare with mine. I am certain that the cities such as Cairo, Egypt; Damascus, Syria; Jerusalem, and all the others had many people living in poverty and begging on the streets as today. The crowded markets along the narrow streets,

In the evening on that same day our group held a special service at the Garden Tomb, outside the walls of Jerusalem. This area is believed to be the authentic holy sepulchre and the garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

Evangelist Elton W. Crowell related to us the events which took place. We sang songs pertaining to the Cross and the resurrection. The keeper of the Garden, who had been a prominent banker in the new Jerusalem of Israel,

gave up his position to take over the management of the Garden Tomb. He is a fine Christian and gave his testimony of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It was the first evidence of Christianity we heard from a native. He firmly believed in the death of Christ on the Cross and that he arose on the first day of the week. He was so impressive with his testimony that I felt his daily environment at the Garden Tomb endowed him with a great faith possessed by so few in the Bible countries.

THE SEA OF GALILEE

The Sea of Galilee with its natural surrounding beauty impressed everyone. The Galai Kinnereth Hotel on the shores of the Galilee Sea was our headquarters for the night. It was unique from the standpoint of observing the old Orthodox customs and laws. The signs on the wall read: "All shops closed on the Sabbath." Another sign reads, "Please refrain from smoking on the Sabbath." The next morning before we left on our tour, we had a special service on the veranda of the hotel, facing the Galilee Sea.

Pastor E. W. Crowell was called upon to relate the Biblical events which took place in this area. We all felt this was actually the place where Jesus walked and lived among the people. No one could enshrine the Galilee Sea with a mosque or cathedral. It was in its natural form. It seemed so easy to envision Jesus on the shoreline speaking to the people.

We departed by boat from Capernaum to Tiberias across the Galilee Sea. The waves on the water recalled the events of Jesus' calming the storm. One was reminded of Peter's attempt to walk toward Christ on the sea and of Jesus instructing the fishermen to cast their nets from the other side of the boat.

Not far away was the mountain on which Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Everything here seemed so true and natural that I felt this was the holy land we were searching for.

ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Our guide, an intelligent Jew, who knew the contents of the Bible well, was questioned by Pastor Buhler as to his faith. He replied that he "did not believe in Jesus Christ as a savior of mankind. He was just another prophet, like all the other good prophets."

It seems ironic that in these countries, where Biblical history had its origin, Christianity has not progressed to a greater extent. It is interesting to note the word "Jer-usa-lem." It has

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A Vacation With a Purpose

"We made many friends on our trip through Europe, learned much about historical landmarks, and were humbled at the realization of God's greatness. We came back to America a more thankful people!"

By Miss Donna R. Buhler of Sacramento, California

ON JULY 13th a group of 26 Baptists left New York City for three weeks in Europe and the Holy Lands. The Jet flights were a "first" for many of us, adding to the excitement.

Irish bag pipe players and drizzly weather greeted us in Shannon, Ireland. Green patchwork fields proved the truth in the statement: Ireland is the "Emerald Isle."

DIGNIFIED LONDON

Proper London with its black taxis and black umbrellas was our first touring experience. Mr. Brampton, our esteemed guide and former guide for General Eisenhower, Billy Graham, and other leading dignitaries, very efficiently showed us all the famous landmarks in record time before the "tourists" rushed there. We were some of the first to see the spot in Westminster Abbey where Churchill's monument will be placed.

Not far from our hotel, and on the same day of our stay in London, Adlai Stevenson died on the street. We were fortunate to see Charles Spurgeon's former home, which is soon to be torn down and his tabernacle, which is still in use today.

Paris seemed to be as frivolous and gay as London was dignified and proper. Show places lined the main streets. Emphasis seemed to be placed on beauty and leisure. Artists thrive in colonies throughout the city, including the one on Tetre Square which we visited. Some of the more "attractive" of our group even had their portraits done.

At the great Notre Dame Cathedral we had the confessional explained to us, where the priest supposedly has the power to forgive sins. It saddened us to realize that, despite all the beauty and grandeur of Paris, the people themselves did not have the knowledge of a personal God.

Next a very opposite way of life was encountered in East Berlin, Germany. Practically no cars and very few people were seen on the streets. Bomb-damaged ruins remain on many corners, and poverty seems to be rampant.

GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND

Going past Check-point Charlie is an eye-opening experience. Mirrors on wheels are rolled under each vehicle when we exit to make sure no one is clinging to the underside to escape to the western side. We were informed that very few of the Berliners on either side of the wall attend church.

West Berlin looks like any modern American city. Our nights at the Berlin Hilton were very enjoyable. One



AT THE TOP OF MOUNT OF OLIVES

Donna Buhler (author of the article), an Arab guide, Dwight Buhler and Mrs. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif., stand atop the Mount of Olives with Jerusalem, Jordan in the background.

evening we celebrated four of our group's birthdays. On the Sunday evening we held a service in a reserved room, singing German songs.

Switzerland undoubtedly was the most beautiful and peaceful of all countries we visited. We viewed it from the top on Mt. Pilatus, and from below on serene Lake Lucerne. After an evening of strolling about, admiring God's handiwork and visiting the many watch shops, we were again headed for the hustle of another rushing city. . . . And so we went towards Rome (Acts 28:14).

It is almost paradoxical that Rome, which claims to be the site of the true Church, has the largest Communist party outside the Iron Curtain. After dinner one night at the Excelsior Hotel, we were privileged to hear two missionary couples tell of the mission work they have among the Romans. Rev. and Mrs. D. Case with the Greater European Mission and Mr. and Mrs. S. Standridge with a publishing house told us there are only three small Bible Schools in all of Europe.

ADVENTURES IN ITALY

Italy, a country of 50 million people, has only an estimated 2000 known born-again Christians, among whom 100 are missionaries; 99% are Catholic. We were invited to attend the Holy Mary Catholic Festivities, which some of us accepted out of curiosity. Dancing, drinking, and bazaars made up this celebration, and much food was

consumed, including several stuffed pigs.

At every opportunity we had, when we were together as a group, we had devotions led by our tour leader, Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif. Many times it was when traveling by bus, to and from the airport, and between towns. At these times we would share some of our blessings of the day.

The variety of Italian dishes were fun to try including lasagne, spaghetti, ravioli, "tortilini," and "bombellatti!" An anticipated activity was that of attending the outdoor performance of the opera, "Aida." Our waiter was most efficient that night, even to removing our plates before we finished eating. When we asked him why he was in such a hurry, he replied: "Sorry to bother you, madame, but you are in a hurry." As a result we made it just in time for the performance, which was spectacular beyond words. Real horses and chariots even bounded out onto the stage. It was an evening we will long remember.

My story will end here, although my greatest blessing came from the holy land where our Savior had his ministry while on this earth.

We made many friends, learned much, and were humbled at the realization of God's greatness. We came back to America a more thankful people. This truly was a purposeful vacation.

TRIP THROUGH BIBLE LANDS

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the initials of the United States of America in the middle of the word. "Possibly that is why Israel has been able to squeeze us from from both sides so successfully in financial aid").

The USA is rated as a Christian nation. We are in the middle of Jerusalem, like the soul or heart of man inside the body. Why have we made so little progress as American Christians in this land of our early Christian brothers? Why have we permitted Catholicism and all the rest of the religions present in the Bible Lands to implant themselves so deeply into these areas where our faith had its origin? Yes, we have been "a great aid," materialistic nation but we have failed greatly from our inner position in bringing the message of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Redeemer to the Arabs and Jews.

North American Baptists, have we failed by not having a mission field in the so-called Bible countries?

We Are Overjoyed With "Moments With God"

Testimonials by readers concerning the first edition of the new devotional quarterly "Moments With God."

OVERJOYED WITH MY COPY

By Ron and Lillian Pinkel,
Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church,
Alpena, Michigan

I HAVE just received my first copy of "Moments With God." I was overjoyed with the number of people who wrote the different articles. It was such a blessing to read the prayer requests and to feel that here is our own personal devotional guide. My family will certainly get better acquainted with our denomination and their people. The Lord bless you and the editorial committee in this work!

THIS IS A FINE FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

After using "Moments With God" as my personal devotional booklet this quarter, I want to recommend it to anyone who may not yet have used it. This is not just another devotional quarterly. Almost each day there is a different North American Baptist sharing his devotional thought for the day. This is a way of getting acquainted with those we do not know and a pleasure to have those, whom we already know, share their thoughts with us.

"Moments With God" is a family devotional booklet but for those who may be away from home—at school, in the Service, or others—it is a book that will bind us closer together as a denominational family and make us more aware daily of our relationship to God. —Elizabeth M. Kapteina, Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Penn.

ENRICHMENT OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Life's hectic pace and the pressures of daily routine often leave us with little or no time for meaningful periods of devotion. In order to maintain such devotional periods, we must learn to discipline ourselves and to follow, if at all possible, a systematic, though not necessarily a rigid, pattern of devotions.

"Moments With God" is an invaluable aid to me in this regard, and has helped me truly to experience significant moments with God. I have found

the diverse meditational thoughts to be stimulating and thought provoking, and they have challenged me to a more fervent and consecrated life. The thoughts are not monotonous, yet they sustain the necessary continuity in habit and practice.

"Moments With God" should be in the hands of every one of our church members, as I am convinced that it will enrich our spiritual life immensely and will bring us into a closer and more meaningful fellowship with our Lord. —Kurt Redschlag, first year student, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

UNITED AS FAITHFUL PRAYER WARRIORS

"We, being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:5). As a member of this great body, I have been impressed by the way "Moments With God" brings us together as a denominational family. Even though we represent various walks of life, we have much to share with one another as laborers together with him. As our human bodies are fitly joined together, so our devotional quarterly aids in joining us together as one body.

One of the most outstanding features of this production is the daily prayer request. Prayer is the greatest source of spiritual strength and growth for the church. If every North American Baptist were a faithful prayer warrior, I am confident that, not only would we be richly blessed personally, but our denomination would surpass its present needs and reach forth to new fields which are already white unto harvest.

—Donald De Boer, First Church, Corona, South Dakota

A CHANNEL OF BLESSING

What? Another devotional booklet when so many good ones are already available? Perhaps you have wondered, too. Now we have the first issue of "Moments With God." What do I think now?

Finding a very favorite poem of mine on the back cover set me in a good mood for evaluation. As I paged through the booklet, I found that I

knew most of the contributors. This made me feel that it "belonged to me." Next the many questions given, particularly the "Thought Starter," appealed to me. We do so little genuine thinking that we need this "prodding." Family group discussions could be helpful, especially if questions could be assigned in advance. Also I much prefer the suggestions for prayer, rather than written prayers, to bring the devotional period to a more personal, prayerful close.

However, as promising and as inspirational "Moments With God" may be, unless we use it faithfully, thoughtfully and prayerfully, and then try to live it, it can become just one more devotional booklet. Let us make it a true channel of blessing for our denomination!

—Miss Alethea S. Kose of Chicago, Ill., Forest Park Baptist Church.

MEETING A REAL NEED IN OUR CHURCHES

The publication of "Moments with God" is making a real contribution to the spiritual life of our denomination. It contributes greatly to unify our family worship in every home and to unify the family worship of the entire church. It also creates a spirit of unity by acquainting us with the individual contributors who are members of our denominational fellowship. This devotional booklet meets a real need and is much appreciated by those of us who have made continued use of it. Everyone of us should endeavor to introduce it to our acquaintances who as yet have not benefited by its blessed ministry.

We want to voice our appreciation to the Committee in charge of arranging this booklet for a job well done.

—Dr. A. S. Felberg, President, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

A PURPOSE WITH WHICH TO BEGIN EACH DAY

In the brief time we have used the *Moments With God* devotional booklet, we as a Christian Training Institute student body have utilized its material for spiritual gain. Every morning around the breakfast table we are led, as a family, in our daily meditation by the students in turn.

The content of the booklet is quite simple and is easily translated into our daily lives. Because of this fact, we are able to live our Christianity more effectively. Before this material came out, we had no unified or consistent devotional material, but now the students, as they present this prepared material create a unified purpose with which to begin each day. Because

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25th Anniversary at Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. D.

This Home after 25 years has property and buildings valued at \$1,000,000 with accommodations for 190 residents, stressing a Christian ministry to "the whole of man" in caring for these senior citizens.

THE BAPTIST HOME of Bismarck, N. Dak., observed its 25th anniversary on Tuesday, Oct. 5, The program was held in the chapel of the Home. Program chairman was Walter Aman of Bismarck. The theme of the program and anniversary brochure was "What God Hath Wrought."

Rev. Herman Effa of Linton led the congregation in the singing of two hymns, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Faith Is the Victory." Scripture, a portion from Psalm 71, was read by Rev. Roy Harfst of Napoleon. Prayer was by Rev. David Littke of Berlin. Special music furnished by the male quartet from the Bismarck Baptist Church.

FORMER ADMINISTRATORS

Congratulations were extended by Mayor Evan Lips of Bismarck followed by the greetings from the former administrators of the Home. Mrs. Karl Gieser, of Portland, Oregon, widow of the late Rev. Karl Gieser who together were the first administrator and matron of the Home, spoke words of praise and encouragement for the advancement of this fine work. Rev. R. Sigmund of Cleveland, Ohio marvelled at the 25 years of growth, which surely required vision, insight, service and sacrifice. Rev. B. W. Krentz of Long Beach, Calif., brought greetings from sunny California and the challenge to "go and do in the Name of the Lord."

Mr. Aman introduced the guest speaker, Rev. B. C. Schreiber, assistant promotional secretary from Forest Park, Illinois. Our hearts were blessed by the message on the theme, "What God Hath Wrought," and the very fitting Scripture portion from Psalm 71, beginning with verse 7.

"This Home was begun for the people who needed love, care and a home. It required a true sense of values. It is paramount that there remain an interest in life, for even its latter years must have a purpose in order for each to grow older gracefully and with dignity."

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER'S CHALLENGE

The challenge was placed before all to see in our senior citizens the resources that only years of experience can provide.

"In our progressiveness and scientific age, we see the establishment of blood and bone banks. Is it not feasible that we could establish 'prayer banks,' 'faith banks,' and love banks in our Retirement Homes to which our church people could refer their problems? Think of the great spiritual resources to be tapped for counsel and advice!

"Am I being idealistic when I challenge you of the Home to support a

missionary? I think not. God wants us to work while on earth. Can you imagine the prayer support of the chosen missionary? The prayers of the senior saints reaching the throne of God—tremendous!"

Such were the challenges given by Mr. Schreiber. What a fine tribute to have paid our beloved elders!

Rev. A. Bibelheimer pronounced the benediction. Following the program an Open House was held, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING OF THE BAPTIST HOME AT BISMARCK

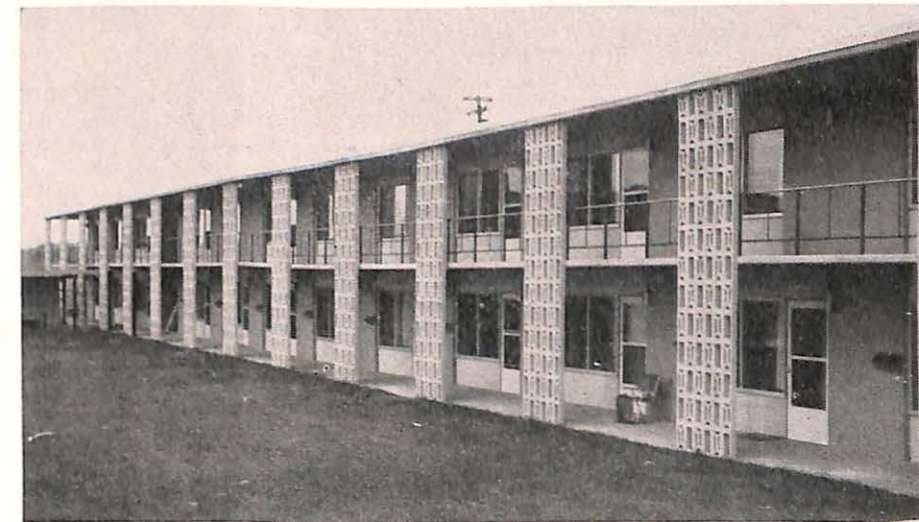
On Oct. 5 the annual Corporation Meeting of the Baptist Home of Bismarck, N. Dak., was held. Rev. Orville Meth, president, gave the welcome and opening remarks. Don Schimke read from Psalm 100 and Otto Grenz led in prayer. The election of the board members was held. Re-elected for an-

other term were Rev. O. Meth, Rev. B. Edinger, Rev. I. Fazer and Mrs. John D. Kirschmann.

Rev. Alfred Weisser, administrator, gave a very informative report. With the completion of the Retirement Units the total value of the Home property now stands at approximately \$1,000,000. The housing facilities now accommodate 190 residents. The constant aim of the Home is to improve the care of our people spiritually, mentally and physically.

The report of the chaplain, Rev. A. Bibelheimer, stated the definite need and place of the chaplaincy. "We have more guests and stress service to the whole of man." He expressed thanks to the churches who bring in programs and asked for continued visitation and prayer support for those who have loved ones in the Home.

Following the business meeting, a dinner was served to 70 guests. —Mrs. John D. Kirschmann, Secretary



The new Retirement Units at the Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. Dak. At the 25th anniversary festivities it was announced that the total value of the Home property now totals about \$1,000,000.

A RICH HARVEST

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coming of Christ which before had seemed too ridiculous to accept.

The last evening at the campfire, a high school boy who is the son of a school principal, testified that although he had come to Sunday school and church for a number of years, he had never seen the necessity for baptism. But after speaking with one of the pastors, he had understood the reason for it and was now willing publicly to declare his faith through baptism. That night the girls in my tent asked about baptism and its meaning. The one, who had testified of her faith before, openly declared that she too was now will-

ing to be baptized although she knew that her parents would oppose it.

Not all of the fruit of camp was visible to us. Some of it is still being harvested. Shortly after the opening of the fall term at the Osaka Biblical Seminary, one of the young men who stood to dedicate his life for Christian service came to visit the seminary. He definitely feels God is calling him into his service. He has told his parents about it but, of course, they think it foolish of him to give up a good job for what they consider to be a silly notion.

We are grateful to the Lord for the rich harvest which he has given through camp and for the fruit which may yet be borne from it.

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THE FORGOTTEN THANKSGIVING

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where Gospel broadcasts are available to the vast majority of people. God has seen fit to continue his witness in our midst. We need to praise God for the position that we have as a nation in the mercies of God. How long will he restrain his hand of punishment for our lack of gratitude and sin? America needs to get on her knees and to recapture the spirit of gratitude experienced by our forefathers.

But what a glorious position we enjoy as believers redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. We have been picked up out of the pit of death and judgment by the grace of God and set upon the rock of forgiveness and salvation. As is illustrated in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we have been restored to a position of sonship. God has showered his blessings upon us, giving us a peace and purpose for this life and the next.

A HEART TO LOVE GOD

Yet how many of us complain about our health, our wealth, our neighbors, the seeming difficulties that we are facing! Can we compare the inconveniences and possibly heartaches and afflictions we might endure for a season with the sufferings of God's Son for our sin? God purchased our salvation that we might live a life for him. Is our thanksgiving spirit limited to one day or are we reflecting in our daily experience a gratitude to God, not only for what we have but for what we are?

John Wesley, while attending Oxford University, experienced something that began the change that God later brought to fruition—a change that would make John Wesley a giant among the heroes of faith. He came from a Christian home and had inherited a keen mind and good looks, but he was rather snobbish and sarcastic. One night while engaged in conversation with a porter, he discovered that the poor fellow had only one coat, was very hungry (having had nothing to eat since the day before), and lived in such impoverished conditions that he didn't even possess a bed he could call his own. Yet he was an unusually happy person, full of gratitude to God.

Wesley sarcastically said, "And what else do you thank God for?"

The man replied in the spirit of meekness, "I thank him that he has given me my life and being, a heart to love him, and above all a constant desire to serve him!" John Wesley was solemnized by this, and recognized that the man was practicing the art of true thankfulness.

Let our hearts be inspired, not only to observe this Thanksgiving Day in a spirit of true gratitude to God, but to carry forth each day, that God gives us breath, a longing to live a life of service because of the position that we have in him.

Have you replied to the BAPTIST HERALD QUESTIONNAIRE?

Your answers will help greatly in improving this publication and strengthening the ministry of our NAB Conference.

Use the Questionnaire form that appears on pages 21 and 22 of the Oct. 21, 1965 issue of the "Baptist Herald." You can also ask for separate reprints of the Questionnaire from the Forest Park office or from the address below.

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it is written with a denominational emphasis, we are drawn closer together especially through the prayer reminders.

Why is it so easily adapted to Life? Each thought pertains to our everyday lives and will help us through "The Thought Starter" (at least) to think more as to how we may better live for Christ.

By two representatives of the Christian Training Institute student body, Edmonton, Alberta:

Miss Caroline Kern and Mr. Leonard Strelau.

OUR CHURCH WAS DELIGHTED BY "MOMENTS WITH GOD"

The response to "Moments With God" in our church at Goodrich, N. Dak., has been most gratifying thus far. We ordered the same amount of daily devotional booklets that we used at other times in our church and there were always a number of copies left over. When we put out "Moments With God" and announced that they were available, as was our practice at other times, all of them were gone even before the beginning of the month of October when we began using them. To me and as some others have expressed it, the highlights of this devotional book is the daily prayer reminders of our denomination. Also the fact that the devotional material is written by some of the people of our own fellowship. It makes it interesting to read of some of the daily experiences and problems faced by the brethren and how the Lord undertook and answered prayers. These personal experiences are heart-warming. Surely, I would recommend it to all of our church families because we will find that it will acquaint us better with one another; it will strengthen our ties that bind us together, and it will help us to understand the great work that the Lord has entrusted to us.

—Rev. Jacob Ehman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak.

ALASKA—LAST FRONTIER

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of the past. The United States Government is building a high school at present in Kotzebue. This construction will cost more than one million dollars.

Now on to the farthest point north, Barrow, located 330 miles above the Arctic Circle with a population of 1,600, the largest Eskimo village in the world. Here from the middle of May to August 2, the sun never goes below the horizon. It is situated in a marshy tundra and the ground seldom thaws open more than two feet. There are no sidewalks, water or sewer systems. Whales, fish, seals, and walrus, the basic food of the natives, are cut up and stored in natural food storage ice cellars.

LIFE IS HARD!

Life is hard at Barrow. The climate is severe and the winter night three months long. Only one supply boat arriving the last week in August visits Barrow once a year. However, the Eskimo is happy and smiling.

The Presbyterians sent missionaries to this point as early as 1890. Other denominations have come since then, but the Presbyterian Church is the largest of the village having a membership of 600. Our guide told us that some Sunday evenings there are as many as 1000 people out for the evening service. Here, also, a new million-dollar high school is being built. The question came to my mind: "And when the young people have received high school training, what then?" To live at Barrow requires very little education.

MORAVIAN MISSION WORK

The Moravian Mission work of Alaska is the oldest Christian ministry carried on among the Eskimos. The first Moravian missionaries arrived in Alaska in 1885. Bethel, in the southwestern corner of Alaska, is the stronghold of the Moravian Church in this far north country. In 1905 the first church was built, which is still standing.

When I arrived in Bethel the Moravian Church Conference was just in session. This afforded me the great pleasure of meeting all of their missionaries. Two of them were at one time students of our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. I also met more than 20 of the native workers or lay-preachers of the Moravian Church in Alaska. The Moravians also have a splendid children's home and school at Kwethluk, a ministry started in 1925.

"America's Last Frontier" offers many opportunities to those who are willing to pioneer and ready to work hard. It is a marvelous challenge to the Christian Church, which has done a fine piece of work but which needs to do much more to combat evil as Satan spreads these evil forces in large measure, even in this far north country.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt, Cameroon missionaries** who are now residing in Harper Woods, Mich., during their furlough, have announced the adoption of a girl who was born on August 20, 1965. She has been named Karen Ruth.

● **The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.**, has appointed Mr. Quay F. Reiser, Jr., of New Castle, Pa., a senior student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, as assistant to the pastor. He will serve in this ministry during the coming academic year. Rev. Herbert J. Freeman is pastor of the Forest Park Church.

● **On Oct. 6 the car of God's Volunteers Team No. 1** was involved in an accident on the streets of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for which the driver of the car was not to blame, but in which the car was badly damaged. Temporary travel arrangements for the team members had to be made for several weeks until the car was repaired. Rev. E. W. Klatt is the director of Team No. 1.

● **"A College and Career Retreat"** for all NAB college and career young people in the area of the Twin Cities of Minnesota was held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 23, at the Union Gospel Mission Camp. A discussion of concerns to these young people was conducted with Rev. John Binder of Forest Park, Ill., serving as one of the resource leaders. Rev. Donald N. Miller of Minneapolis, Minn., is the NAB Area Chaplain.

● **"Word of Life" meetings were held** by the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio from Oct. 21 to 31 with Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Mich., as the speaker. The church set new records in attendance on Sunday, Sept. 26, with 138 persons present for the Sunday school session and 150 persons at the morning worship service. A Sunday school expansion campaign was held in October. Rev. John Ziegler is pastor of the church.

● **Early on Friday morning, Oct. 1st,** fire broke out in the building of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., causing a great deal of damage. The church sanctuary was badly damaged by fire and water. The pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, lost all of his books in the church study. The congregation is now holding its services temporarily in a rented hall until the damaged church building can be restored.

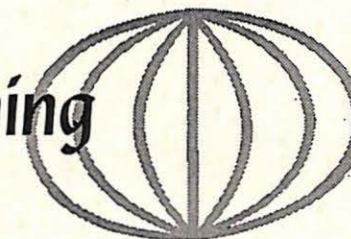
● **Dr. M. Vanderbeck, who is making** a Church Extension survey in Rochester, Minn., for the denominational Extension Committee, would like to receive the names and addresses of any North American Baptist church members residing in or coming to Rochester, Minn., as well as the names of those who might be coming to the Mayo Clinic and Hospital. His address for the present is Box 1181, Rochester, Minn.

● **The Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn.,** held a Christian Education Evaluation Dinner on Tuesday evening, Oct. 12, with Prof. Clifford Anderson of Bethel Seminary in St. Paul as the guest speaker. An attractive new brochure has been prepared under the direction of the Publicity Committee introducing the church and its ministry to people of the community. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

5:00 P.M. on Oct. 18. They planned to visit with their children and grandchildren, to see Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse in action on this field, and to view the work of our mission field in the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

● **The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon** in its "Trinity News" bulletin of Sept. 1965 has listed 47 of its students in various colleges and universities. The two institutions that

what's happening



● **Rev. William Hoover received seven** persons into the fellowship of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on Sunday evening, Sept. 12, including Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz who live in Long Beach, Calif. The guest speaker at both services on Sunday, Sept. 19, was Dr. Charles A. Berry, editor of "The Biblical Research" and director of "Faith and Freedom Foundation, Inc." The church has ordered 75 copies of the denominational quarterly, "Moments With God."

● **The Bible Baptist Church of Troy, Michigan** recently purchased a new home as a parsonage for its pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene K. Stroh, at the price of \$21,300. The home is situated on a spacious 100 by 100 foot lot and features new wall to wall carpeting, double garage, family room, finished basement, and beautiful landscaping. Occupancy by the pastor's family occurred on Oct. 1st. The home is located on Defour Drive in Sterling Township, Michigan.

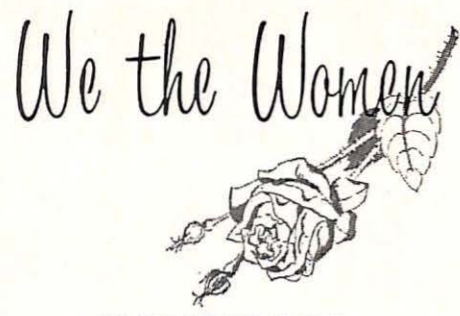
● **The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia** has appointed a student youth director for the winter months. He is Mr. Howard Anderson, a graduate of the University of British Columbia with the Bachelor of Science degree and at present a third year student at the Northwest Baptist Theological College. Last summer he served as assistant pastor at the Central Baptist Church in Victoria, B. C. Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the church.

● **On Oct. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fluth of Minneapolis, Minn.,** left the Twin Cities by plane to visit their children, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Fluth at the Warwar Mission Field in Nigeria (formerly Cameroon), Africa. They arrived at the Tiko airport at

have most of the Trinity Church students are Portland State College and Oregon State College. Six different courses of study are being offered in the reorganized Adult Department curriculum, to which there has been an enthusiastic response by the church adults. Dr. John Wobig is pastor of the church.

● **Rev. W. Muller of the Christian Training Institute faculty, Edmonton,** was guest speaker at the Harvest Mission Festival held by the Central Church, Yorkton, Sask. Friday evening he challenged the Christian Fellowship Circle that Thanksgiving is not a day but a way of life. On Saturday he spoke to a group of 70 young people impressing upon them the importance of right living for the Lord. Sunday morning and evening he spoke on "The Response of a Thankful Heart." For the first time in the history of the church the Thanksgiving offering exceeded \$1,000. Rev. W. Kerber is the pastor.

● **Dr. Donald H. Madvig, professor of** Old Testament at the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was a guest speaker at the Tabor College Chapel service on Sept. 27. On the Sunday prior to this, Dr. Madvig was the featured speaker at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas at their annual Harvest Mission Festival. At the Tabor College chapel service Dr. Madvig spoke on "Presuppositions to the Study of the Old Testament" to some 400 interested listeners. Introductory to his lecture he indicated the evidences of general renewal in the study of the Old Testament. Accompanying Dr. Madvig was Rev. Don Decker, pastor of the Strassburg congregation.



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

We are pleased to have Mrs. Frank Woyke challenge us as we approach another Thanksgiving season. As we unitedly show our gratitude, we can prayerfully exclaim, "How Great Thou Art!"

GRATITUDE: 1621—1965
By Mrs. Frank Woyke, Forest Park, Illinois

One lovely fall day in the year 1621, Governor Bradford, the leader of the Plymouth Colony, stood looking out at the rich cornfields and he thought of many things.

He thought of the twelve years the Pilgrims had spent in Holland before coming to this new land. He thought of his wife, Dorothy, who had died so tragically while they were still on shipboard. He thought of the winter just past, a grim story of too little food, of unbearable cold, of rampant disease. And now, at last, this abundance!

As he wiped away a tear, Governor Bradford remembered the festivals the Dutch had had in Holland to give thanks to God for an abundant harvest. It was clear to see that Plymouth was to be blessed with such a harvest and Governor Bradford decided that they, too, should have such a festival.

Thus, a day in autumn for a public thanksgiving was set aside, and it proved to be such a success that the festival was repeated year after year. Its popularity soon spread to the other New England colonies.

In 1777, soon after the end of the Revolutionary War, the Congress of the new United States decided to appoint a special day to give thanks for the war's end. The motion stated: "Resolved, a Committee be appointed to prepare a recommendation to the Several States, to set apart a day for thanksgiving for the signal successes, lately obtained over the enemies of these United States."

Samuel Adams, the delegate from Massachusetts, was appointed the chairman, and filled with the spirit and practice of thanksgiving, for the New England colonies had been practicing it ever since the year 1621, Samuel Adams filled the document with much religious thought.

Although the last sentence of the proclamation made it clear that the day be a holiday from work, it also cautioned against any undue revelry:

"And it is further recommended,

From the Professor's Desk

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

I have heard about existentialism for a long time now, but will you please explain just what it is?

There are several reasons why it is not easy to explain what existentialism is. First, there are many widely differing varieties of existentialism, almost as many as there are existentialists, and someone has said that at times we are all existentialists in some way or other. Like cosmic rays, it has affected us all, whether we are conscious of it or not. The entire mood of our present world has been invaded by its approach to things. Evidence of its way of thinking is seen in magazines, newspapers, novels, art, music, TV, theater, politics, religion, etc.

NOTABLE EXISTENTIALISTS

Jean-Paul Sartre has largely been responsible for the popular currency of an atheistic type of existentialism through his brilliantly-written plays, novels, essays, journals and philosophical volumes. The influential German philosopher, Martin Heidegger, also represents this type, and his influence upon Rudolf Bultmann, foremost New Testament scholar, is unmistakable. Karl Jaspers is a mediating type, an agnostic, yet he is said to be very religious.

There is Nicholas Berdyaev, the Russian Orthodox layman; Gabriel Marcel, the French Roman Catholic; Martin Buber, the aged and recently deceased Jewish philosopher; Paul Tillich and Reinhold Niebuhr among American Protestants. These are only a very few of the more notable existentialists. A great host of others could be mentioned representing a wide range of thought and of religious, or non-religious, commitment.

A second reason which enters into the difficulty of telling precisely what existentialism is flows obviously from this first reason. There is little doctrinal agreement among the existentialists. Actually existentialism is not a body of doctrine at all; it is a way of approaching the problems of life; a way of doing philosophy. At this point it should be stated that the Germans in particular are unhappy a-

that servile labor, and such recreation as thought at other times innocent may be unbecoming the purpose of this appointment, be omitted on so solemn an occasion."

The Pilgrims had not forgotten that it was God's providence that had led them to these shores. That they had passed on this awareness of God's providence to their heirs is apparent from the opening sentence of this first Proclamation of Congress:

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about the term "existentialism." They prefer to talk about the "philosophy of existence," and this points to the very heart of the matter, for it is fundamentally concerned about the meaning of existence, and begins by man's radical questioning of his own existence, his very being (this is why existentialism is so intimately related to ontology, the science of being or reality).

The existentialist, or the philosopher of existence, is not concerned, for example, with the abstract, theoretical question, "What is man?" He wants to know something more concrete and practical, something more radical and existential, namely, "Who am I?" "What am I living for?"—which is a summons to the individual to "know himself," being conscious and concerned that he is a responsible being. This involves searching self-examination and decisive personal commitment.

"DO SOMETHING! EXIST!"

Existentialists typically regard truth, not simply as something you think about and nicely arrange into a system of doctrine, but truth is something you *do*, and this is very close to the biblical way of regarding truth, especially in the Apostle John's writings: "do the truth"; "walk in the truth"; "if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." Thus, truth is not something about which one speculates or merely accepts as some teaching; truth has to do with one's fundamental existence and action.

What you do, that is what you are, and that is the person you shall be. This is what is behind the often repeated maxim subscribed to by most existentialists: "Existence is before essence," or as Heidegger states it: "Existence precedes and conditions essence," to which he adds the cryptic affirmation, "and I am condemned to be free" (*Being and Nothing*, p. 515); that is, man has to choose and make himself whatever he is and becomes; I am free to create, and I am responsible for creating, an image of man and my own destiny—a terrifying responsibility!

Existence, as used in this context of thought, is not the passive continuance in being of common speech. Something active is implied, an emergence from passiveness which expresses itself thus: "Don't just be there—do something! Exist!" Various forms of existentialism argue that man exists (truly exists) only in so far as he shapes his own existence and thus confers an essence upon it by his own conscious choice. For the theist this is understood in terms of dependence upon God and the priority of divine initiative.

110 Years of Christian Service

The historic Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church in the Ozarks at Mt. Sterling, Missouri celebrates its 110th anniversary.

Report by Miss Ricka Leimkuehler, Church Historian

THE PIN OAK Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri observed its 110th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, with the pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster, as chairman of the festivities. Founder's Day of the church was July 4, 1855 when the Rev. August Rauschenbusch, the first pastor, baptized the first seven members in the Gasconade River.

Saturday night, Sept. 11, Rev. Fred Holzimmer, missionary to the Cameroon mission field, spoke and showed slide pictures of the mission field. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the main celebration was an all day affair with a very large attendance. The theme was CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK. During the Sunday school hour, Missionary Fred Holzimmer spoke of conditions in the Cameroon mission field. At the worship hour, Dr. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, gave the anni-



REV. FRANK ARMBRUSTER
pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church in the Ozarks of Missouri.

versary sermon: "The Church Christ is Building" (Acts 4:24-37).

At the afternoon program letters of greeting from four former pastors were read: Rev. C. C. Barton, Rev. John Kemnitz, Rev. Olland Ford Cole and Rev. Arthur A. Voigt. The Salem-Hope Presbyterian Men's Choir (a neighboring church) sang three fitting selections. Dr. Schilke closed the afternoon session with a brief message, "Continue in the Faith." The church choir sang a selection for the Sunday morning worship hour and also a selection for Sunday evening closing session. A booklet, "A Century and Ten Years of Christian Service," prepared for the occasion by Ricka Leimkuehler, church historian, was also well received. We praise God for the pastors of the yesterdays including our present pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster. They answered the call, "Preach the Word" 1 Tim. 4:2.



PIN OAK CREEK CHURCH
of Mt. Sterling, Missouri which celebrated its 110th anniversary on Sept. 11 and 12, 1965.

WE THE WOMEN

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"For as much as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God. . . ."

But what of America in 1965? In an era of economic abundance, can "The Affluent Society" be as aware of the superintending providence of God as in days gone by? Where abundance can be taken for granted, does it follow that gratitude is also taken for granted? On Thanksgiving Day is it "Thank you, God, ho-hum!" as we look at our tables over-loaded with food?

The answer for Christians is loud and clear: Praise the Lord with fervor for we never had it so good! Let us, then, be up and doing for true gratitude translates into action. The thanksgiving in our hearts should overflow into a desire to help others less fortunate than we.

In the same spirit of our forefathers, let us be aware of the superintending providence of Almighty God. True gratitude in 1621. True gratitude in 1965.

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And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!"*



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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 28, 1965

Theme: AMOS: CHAMPION OF JUSTICE

Scripture: Amos 7:12-15; 5:14-15, 18-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Seeking material things while giving the impression that one is seeking God results in the death of such a seeker.

INTRODUCTION: We often judge a man's greatness by how long he lived, by how much work he accomplished, or by how much he wrote. From a human standpoint, we have consistently divided the prophets into major and minor categories. But from God's point of view, it is doubtful whether his biographical file has the same classifications. To obey God and do his will fully is no minor task.

On the day in which the people gathered to commemorate those who gave their lives at Gettysburg, few remember that Edward Everett gave a masterful two hour oration. This was the major address. Today, people all over the world remember only a two minute speech given by Abraham Lincoln and commonly known as the "Gettysburg Address."

It is difficult to refer to Amos as a minor prophet when we read and study the nine short chapters packed with strong truth and argument. There is no indication that this is a minor message for a minor crisis. God needed a man with unusual courage and conviction to proclaim his Word at a time when skepticism was the accepted philosophy and truth was ridiculed.

I. THE PROPHET'S CALL. Amos 7:12-15.

Amos was not ashamed of his background. He was an ordinary herdsman, a day laborer who had no formal education. In addition to herding animals, he was also occupied as a dresser or trimmer of sycamore trees. In the quiet wilderness he meditated on the law and the righteousness of God. He saw the awful sin and the danger and he was compelled by God to rebuke and to warn. His tremendous force and personality attracted people of every social status. Like John the Baptist later, he was a voice crying in the wilderness of sin and evil.

II. THE PROPHET'S EXHORTATION TO SEEK GOD. Amos 5:14-15.

Amos was both positive and negative in his message—positive in that they should make an effort to seek good, and negative in that they should hate the evil. But it was difficult to talk to these people about good and evil

when they were in a time of prosperity. To the Israelites this was a sure sign of God's divine favor. They were his chosen people. He was on their side because they worshiped him, made pilgrimages to the shrines and sanctuaries and sacrificed on the altars. What further proof do they need that they are acceptable to God? Very seldom have his blessings come down to them in such abundance!

III. THE PROPHET'S PLEA FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. Amos 5:18-24.

All of their attempts to be religious was merely a cover for their sin and corruption. They cheated the poor one day and offered part of their ill gotten gains to the Lord the next day. But there is no substitute for a holy life. No holy place, no holy sacrifice, no holy service, no holy songs can take the place of a holy heart and life.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the difference between the individual and the social gospel? Did Amos advocate both?
2. Why should prosperity be dangerous to Christian faith?
3. If Amos were preaching today would he be considered a fanatic?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 5, 1965

Theme: ISAIAH: PROPHET-STATESMAN

Scripture: Isaiah 1:11-12, 14-17; 31:1-3a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Many Christians are willing to give to the church and work in the church and show pride in their beautiful building. But how many genuine temples of the Holy Spirit are seen in the pews and in the homes?

INTRODUCTION: According to our judgment Isaiah stands at the top of the list as the major prophet in the Old Testament. Some of his writings reach the highest peaks of inspiration. The combination of his statesmanlike character and prophetic vision gave him an unusual distinction as a gifted leader, orator and writer.

Since his labors began prior to the death of Uzziah, and assuming that he was then about twenty years old, he would be eighty years of age, or even older, at the death of Hezekiah. His prophetic ministry extended over a long period of sixty years or more.

His brilliant mind, his devotion to God, his courage and loyalty, all challenge us as Christians. The inspired political wisdom of an Isaiah is needed today more than ever, and we pray

that our leaders in the Christian world and in government might show more signs of this type of God inspired statesmanship.

I. THE WRONG PURPOSE OF RELIGION. Isaiah 1:11-15.

Isaiah was not a popular preacher. He did not tickle their ears; he pulled them. He did not soothe their hearts; he disturbed them. He realized that there was a great deal of religious activity going on in the temple but there was no religious life in the heart. The prophet condemned all these formalities because they were not accompanied by a humble and reverent spirit. God hated them. They sacrificed the best animals, gave liberally of their possessions, but never offered God their minds and their hearts. It was a religious show but not a religious experience.

II. THE RIGHT PURPOSE OF RELIGION. Isaiah 1:16-17.

A thorough cleansing of the heart and soul must take place before God would accept the offerings and sacrifices in the temple. The Lord seeks lives filled with justice, righteousness and purity. True religion is moral in character. He is not concerned with cold, formal ceremonies and rituals. Obedience to God and love and mercy toward men are the real signs of a worshiper. It is our business as Christians to make the love of God known and to confront men with the saving power of the Gospel.

III. MAN'S POWER vs. GOD'S POWER. Isaiah 31:1-3.

In the court of the temple, Isaiah preached to the more common people. But he did not stop there. He was fearless in expressing the will of God also in the court of the king. He did something which we are often advised against doing—he got mixed up in politics. Like many of us he could have stayed out of this mess by simply saying, "You can't fight city hall." But he did fight city hall and went to the highest source in government to let them know what is right and wrong.

Isaiah saw the danger of putting faith in the army of a pagan nation, in horses, chariots and horsemen. They were looking down to Egypt for help when they should have looked up to heaven. If Israel had been morally and spiritually prepared God could have done wonders for them. (See Zechariah 4:6).

Questions for Discussion:

1. Is it right for Christians to wor-

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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

special events

EBENEZER, DETROIT, MICH. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., is demonstrating our Conference emphasis on Bible distribution in a practical way. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, the church made a financial contribution which made it possible for the placing of more than 400 Gideon Bibles in the new Pontchartrain Hotel in downtown Detroit. On Sunday, Sept. 19th, Warden George A. Kropp of the Jackson Prison, the largest in the world, was present to receive a contribution of 500 copies of the special Billy Graham addition of the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs to be used by the chaplains in that institution. Dr. Jack Scott, pastor, reports that the congregation enthusiastically supported these special endeavors to spread the Word of God in areas where they may have an effective influence.

UNION, ARNOLD, PA. Members of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., have been working hard to repair and beautify the church and property and also to increase interest in the Sunday school and worship services. Men and boys of the church spent 283 hours working, plus the work that was contracted to outside concerns. To pay for all these improvements an IMPROVEMENT FUND was started, with a goal of \$3,000. On Wednesday, Oct. 6th, a congregational dinner was served to approximately 100 people. In pledges and cash, above our regular giving, the goal was almost reached. We thank God for this united effort that has been shown by our people through the hard work and planning of our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Allen B. Herman.

Our Sunday school has been revamped. In Oct. we began with the six point system, and the study of "Christianity and the Cults" for this quarter in all the classes from Senior High up. Already there has been an increase of about 30% at all services. (Florence Pressick, Reporter).

CALVARY, TACOMA, WASH. The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., held its third annual Church Rally this year on Sept. 10 and 11 at the Glendawn Bible Camp. This is the time when we as a church get together informally to plan the Fall and Winter program for the various church organizations. At the Friday evening meeting several of the church leaders presented the needs and goals for the church. The Saturday morning and early afternoon sessions were devoted to the program planning by church boards and youth organizations. The Deacon Board and Finance Committee talked over their problems and



Mrs. Rupert Mehlhaff (center) of Washburn, N. Dak., presented the Grand Award pictures in Scripture Memorization to Candace Enockson (right) and Byron Luithe (left) of the Washburn Baptist Church.

aims for the coming year, and the workers in the Sunday school, Sunday evening youth groups, and Weekday Youth activities did the same. We first met together in a short opening worship program at which time Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor, pointed out to us our overall aim in program planning—which is to carry out Christ's command to make disciples,—and not merely to educate and entertain those who enter our church doors. We then divided into the several groups for planning sessions. (Elfriede Gudelius).

sunday school programs & events

EBENEZER, VANCOUVER, B. C. Annual Award Day for Scripture Memory accomplishments took place on



Eight of the 9 Grand Award winners in Scripture Memorization of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C., with the sponsor, Mrs. Frieda Zilke, at the center of the group.

Sept. 19, 1965 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., during the Sunday school hour, when 128 children received pins and bars. Nine scholars were presented with the last bar and picture—the largest number of young people to receive the grand award to date. Eight of these are shown with our sponsor, Mrs. Frieda Zilke, in the center of picture. For pupils who, in addition to learning the verses, attended Sunday school and church services regularly, an all day picnic for Primaries was arranged; for Juniors and Junior High's free camp was given. To be responsible for an effort this large is a tremendous task. May the Lord continue to use Mrs. Zilke to further this work in our church, for what better thing can we do for our children than to encourage them to hide the Word of God in their hearts. (H. Konnert, S. S. Superintendent).

WASHBURN, N. DAK. The Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., has been faithfully carrying on the Scripture Memory program. On Aug. 22 we had the entire group present an evening program for the church congregation. At this time we had the privilege of presenting the Grand Awards, Sallman's "Head of Christ" pictures, to Candace Enockson and Byron Luithe who had completed the nine year course, the first pupils in our church to receive these awards. We also presented awards to all the children who had successfully completed their year's assignments. We had 20 children enrolled in this denominational program and had a leader for each department. (Mrs. Rupert Mehlhaff, Sponsor).

woman's missionary societies

SHELL CREEK, COLUMBUS, NEBR. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebr., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, Sept. 19. Mrs. Gus Lange, program chairman, presided. Mrs. Harvey Behlen read the Scripture passage and Mrs. Elmer Behlen led in prayer, followed by a duet by Mrs. Allen Mohrman and Mrs. Jim Chollar. Our president, Mrs. Paul Zoschke, introduced our speaker, Mr. Harold B. Johns from the Forest Park Baptist Church, who showed some very interesting pictures of his trip to the Holy Land and to our Cameroon Mission Field. (Mrs. Vernon Mohrman, Secretary).

RACINE, WIS. In September the Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., had as its speaker Miss Rosa Pope, who talked to us about "The Ministry

of Angels." At the latter part of the month we met at the church to do White Cross work. We went on a trip to the Forest Park Headquarters on Oct. 14 to visit the White Cross room and to learn how the workers there prepare the articles for overseas shipment to our mission fields. On Thursday evening, Oct. 7, we celebrated the 84th anniversary of our society. Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Glittenberg, retired missionaries to China, were the guest speakers. A special Day of Prayer was held on Nov. 1st. At present our church is without a pastor, but we trust that the Lord will soon send us the man of his choice. (Mrs. Hugo Schacht, Reporter).

MAGNOLIA, ANAHEIM, CALIF. The women of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held their annual retreat at Edendale on Sept. 24 and 25. Mrs. Elsie Kwast, mother of Rev. Lloyd Kwast, missionary to Cameroon and member of the Bethel Baptist Church, showed slides that she and her husband had taken on their recent trip to visit Mr. and Mrs. Kwast and their family. She gave a very interesting account of the work there, of all the missionaries and the various types of work. This was followed with a campfire with song and testimonies. On Saturday the 40 women were divided into smaller groups for devotions. We all came together again for an inspirational talk by Mrs. Virginia Groat, Special music throughout the retreat was furnished by Mrs. Shirley Turner, soloist. Our president, Mrs. Jean Sturges, introduced her father, Mr. Elgar Rubright, who spoke on "The Christian Home," bringing a very descriptive message on the need of our day for Christian parents. (Mrs. Ellen Froslic, Reporter).

PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO. On Friday evening, Sept. 17, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio held its first meeting of the year. Mrs. Elsie Kronenberger led us in devotions putting special emphasis on the theme for our coming year, "And Go Quickly." Mrs. Thelma Jett gave a preview of the program and devotional material for this year. Each circle will take a book and give a book report as a project this year to help stimulate the reading of Christian literature. Mrs. Ruth Winslow presented the program, *Reflections* by Mrs. Violet Stockdale, a missionary nurse at the New Hope settlement and the wife of Dr. Eugene Stockdale. Mrs. Stockdale's vivid word pictures as presented by Mrs. Winslow created in us a greater interest and compassion in our fellow-Christians, the African women. (Mrs. Joyce E. Leidy, Secretary).

SOUTHWOOD PARK, TIGARD, ORE. The Ladies Missionary Circle of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon celebrated the start of their fall meetings with a Birthday Luncheon at the church starting at 5:30 P.M. on Sept. 19th. The ladies were in charge of the whole program, including the evening service and those attending church and additional friends were all invited. Each group was instructed to prepare an impromptu song, scripture, skit or something descriptive of their birthday month. A birthday collection was taken at each table. At the evening service, a welcome was given by our president, Eva Schaber; a prayer by Lucile West, White Cross Chairman; devotions by Doris Mardock, Vice-President; a report on the history and purposes of the Ladies Group by Hattie Metcalf, Secretary; and Violet Huber, our pastor's wife, in charge of music, directed the ladies' chorus. A welcome addition was the lovely voice of Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer from Linton, N. Dak., who was visiting with the Hubers. She has written an article in the new N.A.B. devotional booklet, "Moments With God," under date of Saturday, Oct. 9th. Beautiful colored slides of the Holy Land were shown by Rev. Albert Wardin, a former pastor of the church. His descriptions and comments made the Biblical scenes come alive with great interest. (Hattie Metcalf, Secretary).

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. G. KRAUSE. Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Krause of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday afternoon, June 13. They were united in marriage on April 5, 1915 in Eureka, S. Dak. Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Church, spoke and Mrs. Carol Mehlhaff sang the song, "God Leads His Dear Children Along." The Krauses moved to Lodi seven years ago. One year later Mr. Krause suffered a severe stroke and has been ill ever since. However, this day marked a high point in their married life as their six children, grandchildren and a host of friends greeted them and wished them well. (Aaron Buhler, Pastor).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

SPOKANE, WASH. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., had the privilege of welcoming its new pastor, Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, to the pulpit. He brings with him his co-workers: wife, Virginia, and three sparkling daughters, Diane, Debbie, and Denise. The church presented a special program in music in which young and old alike participated with vocal and instrumental numbers. A reception honoring the Thiesies followed the service. Sunday, Oct. 3, was Promotion Sunday for our Sunday school students. Each class participated in a program presenting something that they had studied and learned throughout the year. We are now enlarging our visitation

program. Many plans are in the making and with the Lord's leading we will carry them through. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Secretary).

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM KLAPSTEIN. On Sunday, June 13, Mr. and Mrs. William Klapstein of Edmonton, Alberta celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the McKernan Baptist Church. Members of the McKernan Church, relatives and friends joined in making the celebration a memorable occasion. A program was held in their honor consisting of several numbers in song as well as words of congratulations and best wishes from the various organizations of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Klapstein have five sons, one adopted daughter and 26 grandchildren.

FELLOWSHIP, WARREN, MICH. The Fellowship Baptist Chapel of Warren, Mich., officially welcomed Rev. Frank Walker as its pastor on Sunday, Sept. 5. Mr. Walker, a former businessman, graduated from the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this spring. He has succeeded Rev. Walter Stein who is now pastor at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The evening welcome service, featuring many musical numbers and brief addresses by members of all groups of the church, was concluded with a time of fellowship. May the Lord bless the ministry of Rev. Frank Walker at our Chapel! (Judith Wunsche, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Krause of Lodi, Calif., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration observed at Open House in their home.

RACINE, WISCONSIN. On Sunday evening, Sept. 12th, a farewell reception was given for Rev. Herbert Berndt and family, by the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., beginning with a fellowship supper after which we went to the church auditorium for a program. The program was ably presented by M. C. William Cook who introduced the soloists, Mr. Richard Warner and Mrs. Harold Brygger. The young people of the church acted out a skit-song after which Bill Kresal, Jr., Bob Johnson, Jr., and Craig Stabenau, presented "The Holy City" by piano, trumpet and voice. Gifts from the

church, Woman's Missionary Society, and the C.B.Y. were presented to the pastor and his family. Over 250 persons attended the reception coming from our Milwaukee and Kenosha churches. Our pastor was very active in our state camping program. He will be missed very much, but we wish him the Lord's blessings in his new undertakings. (Henry L. Binder, Reporter).

XENIA, OHIO. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Community Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio celebrated its fifth anniversary as a church. At the close of the morning worship service, the pastor, Rev. John Ziegler, and his wife, Millie, were completely surprised by the presentation of an electric dryer for their home. Mrs. Ziegler was presented with 15 American Beauty roses, three for each year she has been with us. Mr. Ziegler was given a billfold containing a monetary gift. The two of them were given "a bundle of notes" of appreciation written to them by members and friends of the church. The evening service featured testimonies as to the blessings of the Lord during these five years, with pastor and congregation reminiscing and expressing their thanks to God. A time of fellowship followed when films of the building of the church and slides

evangelistic services & baptisms

GRACE, CALGARY, ALBERTA. The Grace Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., witnessed the baptism of three converts on Sept. 26. The church welcomed 10 new members, seven of whom came by testimony and letter. Our pastor, Rev. R. Neuman, spoke appropriately on the topic, "In Obedience to Christ's Command." We are thankful for those who were obedient to the command of Jesus Christ. Following the service, the Lord's Supper was observed. (Mrs. Edith Riske, Reporter).

BETHANY, PORTLAND, OREGON. At the close of the evening service at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon on Sunday, Sept. 12, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz had the joy of baptizing 9 young converts. Instruction classes, designed to establish these young Christians in their faith, had been held on several preceding Sundays by the pastor at the parsonage. Then on Sunday, Oct. 3, these new members were received into the fellowship of the church by our pastor, Mr. Schulz, and the deacons. (Mrs. Evelyn Keehn, Reporter).

STOCKTON, CALIF. On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, an outstanding and inspirational event at the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., was a baptismal service, when 8 persons were baptized, including a father and his 3 sons. This fine group was received into the church's membership on Oct. 3, along with 5 others who came by transfer and by statement of

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of the important events in the life of the church were shown. (Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, Reporter).

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

CENTRAL DAKOTA-MONTANA ASSOCIATION. The Central Dakota-Montana Association, comprising 31 churches, convened for its annual sessions in the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak., Oct. 7-10. The theme, "LIVING CHRIST" (Philippians 1:21), was truly a living, soul-searching experience for each one who heard it expounded. The keynote address was given by Dr. Richard Schilke, "Needed—A Living Christ" (Gal. 2:20). Some of the other topics brought by local pastors were "The Lordship of Christ," "Victorious Praying in the Living Christ" and "Occupying for Christ." A highlight of the association was the Missionary Moments each morning, with Rev. George W. Lang, our missionary from Cameroon speaking on "Visions of the Christ." On Saturday afternoon a panel discussion on "What the Christian Home Should Be" was led by Rev. Leon Bill, with Miss Janyce Bertch, Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, and Mr. Elmer Ketterling taking part. In the evening the film, "The Family that Changed the World," was shown.

The newly elected officers for the Association year are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Carl Weisser, Wishek, N. Dak.; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Arnold Friez, Lemmon, S. Dak.; Secretary, Rev. Loren Weber, Isabel, S. Dak.; and Treasurer, Mr. Julius Gall, Herreid, S. Dak. The Leola church with only 69 members and under the capable leadership of their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. Oster, are to be commended on their wonderful hospitality and the efficiency with which they handled the Association. May our living each day show a clear picture of the Living Christ who dwells within us! (Mrs. Carl Weisser, Reporter).

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Thirteen new members received into the fellowship of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif. (The little girl with her parents at the left was not among the new members).

Vacation Bible School at Camp Drum, N. Y.

By Leslie P. Albus, Chaplain
(Lt. Col.), USA, Post Chaplain

FOR THE first time in many years, a Vacation Bible School was conducted at Camp Drum, New York. Enrollment exceeded the 130 mark. This school was comprised of pupils from the Post and the surrounding area. Teachers were also drawn from this area. Churches participating in the school were Methodist Churches from Felts Mills and Black River, New York; Woolworth Methodist Church, Great Bend, New York. We also had pupils from Great Bend Episcopal Church and Felts Mills Church of Christ.

The mechanics of the school were drawn up by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Lynn Gordon, who was Assistant Post Chaplain at Chapel No. 1 during the month of June. The school was directed by the Post Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leslie P. Albus and coordinated by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Herold G. Lohrmann with the assistance of Sp.4 Lester H. Elliott of the Chaplain Section. Two local pastors served as instructors in the school. They are the Rev. Allan G. Dickinson, Black River, New York and the Rev. Raymond Deitz, Great Bend, New York.

The school was held from July 6-16, 1965. It closed with a program of participation by the pupils at Chapel No. 1. This program marked the end of two weeks of Bible study, organized games and craftwork. The volunteer workers and the pupils were given certificates of appreciation and completion, respectively.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CAMP DRUM

The Primary Group of the Vacation Bible at Camp Drum, Watertown, N. Y., with the instructors at the left and rear.

KEEP THANKSGIVING!

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begin. Dr. William L. Stidger, professor and poet at Boston University, says that one day he remembered the elementary school teacher who had first planted in his heart a love for verse. He wrote her a simple note of thanks. The reply he had was a classic.

"My dear Willie:

"I cannot tell you how much your note meant to me. I am in my eighties, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and like the last leaf of autumn, lingering behind.

"You will be interested to know that I taught school for fifty years and yours is the first note of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue-cold morning and it cheered me as nothing has in many years."

So let us "keep" Thanksgiving. Grateful for our heritage, thankful to God, kind to those who help us, and always breathing George Herbert's prayer:

"Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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ship on Sunday and then do as they please for the rest of the week?

2. What was the outcome of this threat by the Assyrians under Sennacherib?

3. If we are to trust God for all our help, does that mean that we are to be pacifists?

CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

September 1965

Conferences	Sept. 1965	Sept. 1964	Sept. 1963
Atlantic	\$ 3,905.87	\$ 4,311.93	\$ 2,358.17
Central	17,270.82	18,613.86	12,830.59
Dakota	15,494.70	14,585.73	7,526.32
Eastern	2,094.86	419.76	2,113.60
Northern	6,371.16	7,181.58	3,493.58
Northwestern	12,090.68	10,282.49	7,977.73
Pacific	6,595.27	14,146.83	3,282.70
Southern	896.19	722.15	531.90
Southwestern	2,299.16	6,144.40	4,203.70
Inter-Conference	1,758.00	2,120.45	2,943.20
Total	\$ 68,776.71	\$ 78,529.18	\$ 47,261.49

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of Sept., 1965	\$ 65,224.41	\$ 3,552.30	\$ 68,776.71
For the month of Sept., 1964	72,880.92	5,648.26	78,529.18
For the month of Sept., 1963	41,967.86	5,293.63	47,261.49

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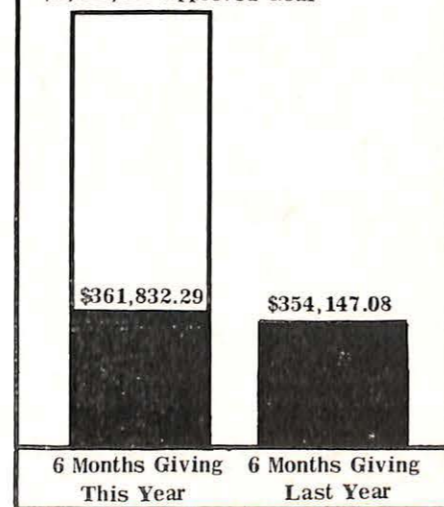
April 1, 1965 to Sept. 30, 1965	\$341,743.65	\$ 20,088.64	\$361,832.29
April 1, 1964 to Sept. 30, 1964	330,213.96	23,933.12	354,147.08
April 1, 1963 to Sept. 30, 1963	292,630.18	27,156.23	319,786.41

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

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BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MISS DOROTHY ALBUS of Jamestown, North Dakota

Miss Dorothy Albus of Jamestown, N. Dak., went to be with her Lord Sept. 12, 1965. She was born April 28, 1890 in Foster County, N. Dak. She passed away suddenly in the Jamestown Hospital at the age of 76 years, 4 months and 15 days. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 14, was baptized the same year by Rev. William Wahl and united with the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors are three brothers: Frank and Arthur of Carrington, N. Dak.; Henry of Portland, Ore.; two sisters: Mrs. Carolina Elton of Carrington, N. Dak., and Mrs. Pauline Seibold of Lincoln, Nebr. Preceding her in death were her parents, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Carrington, North Dakota
MRS. CAROLINA ELTON, Sister

MRS. HENRY BRONLEWE of Buffalo Center, Iowa

Mrs. Henry Bronleewe, nee Stella Beekman, of Buffalo Center, Iowa, was born near Parkersburg, Iowa, March 10, 1894, the daughter of Peter and Etta Niehuis Beekman. In 1913 she moved with her parents to the Buffalo Center, Iowa community where she was married to Henry Bronleewe in 1918. In 1914 Stella confessed her faith in Christ and united with the Buffalo Center Baptist Church, where she was active for the Lord especially in the Women's Mission groups.

She passed away on August 30, 1965. Mourning her death are her husband; two daughters: Ruth (Mrs. Bruce) Whitmore of Montevideo, Minn. and Loretta (Mrs. Bernard) Aunan of Omaha, Neb.; and a son, Robert, of Buffalo Center; and two brothers: Ole and Henry Beekman of Buffalo Center. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center.

Buffalo Center, Iowa
G. W. BLACKBURN, Pastor

MR. RUDOLPH WESNER of Anaheim, California

Mr. Rudolph Wesner of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Russia on Jan. 26, 1894. At the age of 24, he was born again and baptized by Rev. Thomas Stoeri in 1920. He was united in marriage to Helen Nelitz in 1919. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., until 1933. From 1933 to 1956 he served in various offices in our Napier Parkview Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Wesner were charter members of the Magnolia Baptist Church, becoming members in April 1957. He served in many ways on the Deacon Board, as Visitation Chairman, helping in the care of the lawns and buildings. His strong faith was a great inspiration to all.

As a result of a strong Christian home the Wesner's son, Edgar, obeyed God's call to the ministry and serves as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas. Their daughter, Elvera, is married to a pastor, Rev. Richard Cagle of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Wesner is survived by one sister, Emma Schlutt, and four brothers: Reinhold, Adolph, Henry and Emile, all of Michigan, and 11 grandchildren. Mr. Wesner departed to be with the Lord on Oct. 2, 1965 at the age of 71 years and 8 months.

Magnolia Baptist Church
Anaheim, California
KENNETH L. FISCHER, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH PFEIFFER of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeiffer, nee Pfaff, of Chicago, Ill., was born in Feketehegy, Hungary (now Yugoslavia), on Oct. 14, 1875. She passed away to be with her Lord Sept. 10, 1965 at the age of 89 years, 10 months, 26 days. As a young girl she gave her heart to

the Lord Jesus as her Redeemer and was baptized on her 13th birthday, Oct. 14, 1888, by Rev. Heinrich Meyer, and was received into the First German Baptist Church in Budapest as a member. She was married to Karl Pfeiffer on Nov. 25, 1898. Eight children were born into their family circle.

Surviving are her children: Karl P. Pfeiffer, Lombard, Ill.; Edwin H. Pfeiffer, Palos Hts, Ill.; Adele Misar, Beverly Shores, Ind.; Elsie Hirth, Chicago, Ill.; Tabea Brausch, Des Plaines, Ill.; Ruth Blum, Indianapolis, Ind.; Erika Koehler, Frederick, Md.; 21 grandchildren, and 42 great grandchildren; one brother; and 4 sisters. Mrs. Pfeiffer came to the U. S. with her family in 1922 and she became a faithful member of the First German Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., now the Foster Ave. Church. Rev. C. H. Walth officiated, and the text used was found in Joshua 24:15, which was Mrs. Pfeiffer's life long motto. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery next to her husband.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois
C. H. WALTH, Pastor

MISS LYDIA FREY of Portland, Oregon

Miss Lydia Frey of Portland, Oregon was born at Stafford, Oregon on May 24, 1891 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon on Sept. 29, 1965 following a lingering illness at the age of 74 years, 4 months, and 5 days. She came to know Christ as her personal Savior in January 1904 under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt and on Easter Sunday of that year was baptized by him into the fellowship of Trinity Baptist Church. Lydia was a faithful member serving for many years on the Church Board and in other prominent positions. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home for the Aged and for several years served as chairman and head nurse of its Nursing Home.

Those who mourn her passing are two brothers: Rev. Theodore Frey of St. John, Kansas and Charles E. Frey of Portland, Oregon; 4 sisters: Mrs. Pauline Neubert, Mrs. Rebecca Kleinau, Mrs. Jennie Boehi, and Mrs. Rose McAdams, of Portland; and many nephews and nieces.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MR. CARL TRACHSEL of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Carl Trachsel of Portland, Oregon, was born on July 6, 1889 in Bern, Switzerland and died at Hillsboro, Oregon on Sept. 8, 1965 at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 2 days. In 1913 he came to the United States settling in Oregon and lived for 45 years near Reedsville. On Sept. 26, 1916 he was united in marriage to Louise Staehli. He was converted to the Christian faith in 1914 and baptized into the fellowship of Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon by Dr. Jacob Kratt. He was faithful to his Lord and to his church and gave of his time and money for the cause of Christ.

Those who mourn his departure are his sorrowing widow, Louise Trachsel; two daughters: Mrs. Florence Louise Schmitke of Dallas, Oregon and Mrs. Gladys Boehi of Portland, Oregon; three sons: Loren, Howard, and Donald Trachsel, all of Portland, Oregon or vicinity; one brother, Frank Trachsel of St. Helens, Oregon; and a sister in Switzerland; 17 grandchildren, besides a large host of other relatives and friends. May God comfort all the bereaved in this time of visitation.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MRS. AUGUSTA FRANZKEIT of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Augusta Franzkeit, nee Kebler, of Tacoma, Wash., was born May 6, 1880 in Poland, Russia. She was the daughter of Ludwig Kebler who was a Bible Colporteur in Russia for the British Bible Society. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the "Memel" at Kavono, Russia. She was married to George Franzkeit Oct. 3, 1899 in Europe. They moved to America two years later and settled in Tacoma, Wash., becoming members of the German Baptist Church (now Calvary) in July 1901. They served their Lord faithfully through the church and their home was given to hospitality.

She was preceded in death by her husband who passed away July 12, 1946 and a son Harry who died Oct. 29, 1953. Mrs. Franzkeit went to be with the Lord July 4, 1965 at the age of 85. She had suffered a fall in which she broke her hip two months before her death. She is survived by a daughter, Florenz Yost, of Tacoma; a sister, Mrs. Ella Dampf of Germany; six grand-

children; and 18 great grandchildren.
Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington
DON GANSTROM, Pastor

MR. EMIL H. GLEWWE of West St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Emil Herman Glewwe of West St. Paul, Minn., was born in Germany in 1888 and came to America at the age of four and lived most of the remaining years of his active life in West St. Paul, Minn. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1905 and was received into the Riverview Baptist Church, remaining a faithful member until his sudden and unexpected death on Aug. 9, 1965 at the age of 77 years. Brother Glewwe served faithfully as deacon for 25 years and was very active, always promoting the cause of Christ in every way possible. Together with his beloved wife, who preceded him in death two years earlier, they constantly befriended and entertained God's servants and other guests in their home. In Oct. 1962 they observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary with all children present.

He is survived by 6 daughters: Florence (Mrs. H. Hunt) of Anoka; Theresa (Mrs. E. Stanke) of N. St. Paul; Hilda (Mrs. T. Hirsch) of Minneapolis; Lucille (Mrs. K. Krueger) Hutchinson; Edith (Mrs. J. Vanderbeck) Los Angeles, Calif.; and Doris Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn. There are 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He is also survived by four brothers and one sister, as well as many relatives and friends who will cherish the fondest memories of him. Rev. Henry Schroeder, former pastor of the family, assisted the local pastor in the memorial service.

Riverview Baptist Church
West Saint Paul, Minn.
HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

NEWS AND NEEDS

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than the total giving of the church in any one month during the previous years."

EVANGELISM IN JAPAN. Summer has come and gone but our missionaries in Japan are busier than ever in their ministry for Christ. Rev. Walter Sukut has sent this urgent request to our Conference churches: "We would like to request your prayers for the success of a new program which we have just launched at Kyoto. At our last members' meeting our church voted to declare every 2nd Sunday of the month as Evangelistic Sunday, at which time both morning and evening services will be evangelistic in nature. Also the members will all eat lunch at the church; and will spend at least 1½ to 2 hours in the afternoon in an evangelistic outreach such as street meetings, tract distribution and home visitation programs. Pray for this new endeavor to reach others to which our Christians have pledged their support."

A TEACHING MINISTRY. Shortly after her arrival in Cameroon, Miss Barbara Stroh entered upon her responsibilities as teacher at Saker College at Victoria, Cameroon. Her testimony is inspiring: "I believe God has given me a work to do at Saker College. What a privilege I have to be teaching in a mission school! The opportunities are many, even in teaching an English or literature class, to proclaim God's truths which are pertinent in all areas of life, including the classroom situation. Being advisor to our Baptist Girls' club on Sunday afternoons brought me closer to the needs of our Baptist girls as well as allowing me entrance into the homes of our aged and sick in Victoria and New-town."

Cameroon Baptist Almanac — 1966

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This is a unique and wonderful introduction to your Baptist brethren in Cameroon. This calendar was prepared by the promotional department at the request of Rev. John Nfor, executive secretary, during his recent visit in the U. S. A. An order for 1,500 calendars has been filled and sent on its way for distribution among the Baptists in Cameroon to be sold at 100 francs each. It was felt by the secretarial staff that our NAB people at home might also like to have their own copies of this calendar. So 1,500 additional calendars were printed for sale in our churches.

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Five chiefs of the Wun Area, Federal Republic of Cameroon, dressed in their colorful "chiefs robes" as they attended a regional Fair. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING

Nov. 25 - Dec. 25

A marine on Guadalcanal, 22 years ago, wrote to his mother:

"I am writing you, Mom, to ask that you read with me a chapter from the New Testament each day. . . . This is my plan. Beginning about the middle of the month, you and Pop will read the first chapter of Mark, and I will read the first chapter way across the other side of the world. Each day we'll read the next chapter, and I will feel that somehow we are sort of joining invisible hands; and I know that, if I come back, the church and the Bible will mean more to us than ever in our lives."

His idea was suggested to the American Bible Society and it soon developed into annual December readings in churches and elsewhere throughout the world.

Book marks listing these Bible Readings from Nov. 25 - Dec. 25, 1965 have been distributed in all N.A.B. churches. Secure your copy from your pastor or write for your copy to NAB Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

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who have determined to share in shaping their society though all odds seem to be against them, the ones who refuse to be defeated or disheartened by circumstances. They can then truly rejoice in the Lord always because they do not allow circumstances to disrupt their moods. Their joy remains in the unchangeable Christ, irrespective of circumstances.

At the same time, in the midst of our abundance and liberty, we are annoyed, complain, and show bitterness of spirit even under slight provocation or abasements. May God help us to see beyond immediate and depressing circumstances and to see that he is at work, even at those times with a plan designed to serve our good. Christians in Communist countries are trusting him for the ultimate victory. Can't we?

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