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HIGH ASPIRATIONS OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS AN APOSTOLIC CALL TO THANKSGIVING

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The History of Thanksgiving Day

By Joseph T. Larson

THANKSGIVING is mentioned in the Bible 140 times. The word "praise" is mentioned many more times. These two words in their relation are somewhat synonymous. "Praise" means to appraise, appreciate, prize, consider precious, and worthy of honor or thanksgiving.

The Feast of Tabernacles in the Old Testament was perhaps the beginning of thanksgiving. It was not only for a day's duration, but for a whole week. (Deuteronomy 16:1, 13-15). This was apparently preceded by another seven weeks after the beginning of harvest. It would appear that it was late in the fall. In fact, Leviticus 23 shows at least seven ordained feasts of Jehovah.

Throughout the Old Testament, these and other occasions were arranged for thanksgiving and praise, and for the offering up of gifts unto the Lord. David and Solomon called for special times of celebration and thanksgiving to God. After the seventy years' captivity, about 445 B.C., Zerubbabel and Nehemiah called the people together for thanksgiving. The early church, the apostles, and their disciples were thankful to the Lord, not only for the Lord's Day, but also every day. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

The early Britons, Saxons, Scotch, and other peoples had thanksgiving days in Europe from the earliest centuries, although not so generally observed, nor were they always designated as such nationally. In later centuries in England, it was called the "Harvest Home."

In North American history the first Thanksgiving Day was held in Newfoundland in 1578 by an English minister named Wolfall. Another was held in Maine in 1607. Another was held in Plymouth Colony in 1621 by the Christian Pilgrims, who were chiefly Puritans in faith. It is said of them that at that time at least ninety Indians came and partook of this celebration with the Pilgrim Fathers. The feast is said to have continued three days.

Although Thanksgiving Days were celebrated after that time, it was not until President George Washington, in October 1789, proclaimed Thanksgiving Day, that the celebration became established. In 1859, after several appeals had been made by Sarah J. Hale, all but two governors issued proclamations for Thanksgiving Day. At the suggestion of Sarah Hale, President Lincoln again proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day, July 15, 1863, and again October 3, 1863. From that day onward, it has become a national holiday.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations!"

—The Watchman-Examiner

"God's goodness hath been great to thee. Let never day nor night unhallowed pass but still remember what the Lord hat done."—Shakespeare.

FRONT COVER

The twelve young people serving on God's Volunteers Teams No. I and No. II are now witnessing for Christ in several communities. Articles by their directors, Rev. E. W. Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios, are featured on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Every North American Baptist can have a share in this evangelistic outreach of these dedicated young people by remembering them in prayer and by making a gift of \$5.00 or more toward their support as a God's Volunteer Prayer Helper.

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Front Row (left to right): Prof. Hugo Lueck, Seminary teacher; Rev. Connie Salios, director of Team II; Rev. E. W. Klatt, director of Team I; Prof. Roy Siebel, Seminary teacher.

Middle Row: Ingard Tiede, Wenzel Hanik, Bernice Werk, Douglas Woyke and Nancy Green.

Back Row: Marlene Bender, Sharon Schlafmann, Don Ziemer, Carolyn Browen, Wally Fus, Ricky Loe-
wer and Shirley Bertram.

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NEWS and NEEDS...

PUBLICATION SUNDAY. Here are several reminders for Sunday, Nov. 14, concerning the varied and enriching ministry of our Roger Williams Press. It's time to renew your subscription to the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." How many copies of "Moments with God" are distributed in your church? Send your orders for books as Christmas gifts to the Roger Williams Press. Your Sunday school orders for literature will receive our prompt attention. Early in December, the 1966 ANNUAL will be ready, more colorful than ever!

BIBLE PACKETS. More than 2000 copies of "Bible Packets" are now being distributed in all NAB churches through the pastor. They contain 25 pieces of enriching literature on the Bible to deepen your joys in Bible study and to prepare you for our Emphasis Year in 1966 on "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." Each packet costs only 25 cents, which is considerably less than the retail cost of the literature. After looking through your "Bible Packet," you will say, "You couldn't ask for anything more!"

THANKSGIVING WEEK. Thankfulness involves us in worship of God and service to others. The grateful heart stretches out ministering hands to others in need. For many years our NAB Conference has demonstrated the truth that "Thanksgiving" and "Sacrifice" must go together in the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week (Nov. 21-28, 1965). In your Thanksgiving Offering remember the needs of others, of the mission fields, and of our denominational Service Program and thank God for your opportunity to share with others and to give in his Name!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. The twelve young people of God's Volunteers teams and their directors (see pages 6 and 7 of this issue) are busily engaged in the Lord's work, proclaiming the Gospel, canvassing communities and witnessing to the saving power of Christ. You can go with them on these evangelistic crusades with your prayer and financial support. Begin by making at least a \$5.00 contribution as a God's Volunteers Prayer Helper!

EXTENSION BUILDERS. In November the Church Extension Builders will make their contributions to the Crestview Baptist Church in Minot, N. Dak. The article of the Church Extension pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahrán (see page 11), describes the story of this new church and the needs of the field.

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"ALASKA — AMERICA'S
LAST FRONTIER"

Rev. E. P. Wahl
of Edmonton, Alberta

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Search The Scriptures

Many Christians by their perfunctory reading of the Bible miss out on God's greatest blessings. The greatest riches of his Word are laid hold of only by those who search the Scriptures and who explore God's Word.

"Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there."

"Search the Scriptures!" (John 5:39). These were Christ's stern words of admonition to those about him who were walking in darkness. They are also Christ's words of challenge to his discerning disciples for the Scriptures "are they which testify of me." And this testimony we have received through his Word that "the Son quickeneth whom he will" (John 5:21), that we have "passed from death unto life" (v. 24) and that "the love of God is in you" (v. 42).

In the months to come, North American Baptists will be called on to explore God's Word for themselves, with their families and in their churches. The continuous, challenging program will emphasize "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." A BIBLE PACKET of 25 pieces of enriching literature will guide you in this searching of God's Word. It is available through your pastor or from our headquarters office for only 25 cents postpaid.

Search the Scriptures! Study the Word diligently until it becomes sweetness in your soul and "the man of God may become thoroughly furnished unto very good work." Jeremiah experienced this glorious truth when he described his study of God's Words as eating them, "and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15:16). We must live with the revealed Person of the Word and live by the power of the Word until it is profitable for us for "doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). These can be your unfolding joys in the months to come by your diligent study of the Word.

Search the Scriptures! Open your eyes to see how the Word of God has gone forth into all the world. Bible distribution through the united efforts of Bible Societies is an amazing story of the power of the Word to illumine and convict men's hearts and to save to the uttermost. The American Bible Society in its 150th anniversary year has set a goal of 75 million copies of Scriptures to be distributed. The small country of Ghana has ordered one-half million Bibles in six languages for use as textbooks in all schools. This too is a fulfillment of God's Word that his Word "shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

Search the Scriptures! Discover all the facets of God's glory in his Word. The Bible Packet, now available for all North American Baptists, will open your eyes to the wonders and blessings of God's Word through the reading of the 25 informative brochures and leaflets. As you study the Word and walk in the light of its truth, you will find that "everyone who comes under the spell of the Word miraculously becomes himself a living word in his life," transformed by the Spirit of Christ. Begin now with North American Baptists everywhere to "Explore God's Word" and the glory of the Lord will shine on your pathway!

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"Praise ye the Lord. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!" (Psalm 150: 1, 3, 6).

An Apostolic Call to Thanksgiving

Give thanks to God for all he has done for you and embrace every opportunity to thank others for any service rendered. Then your own life will be enriched with God's best blessing!

By Rev. Arthur Hedley, Baptist writer of Herne Bay, Kent, England, written expressly for the "Baptist Herald."

"Be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

THROUGHOUT THE Word of God we hear the call to give thanks unto God, to "come into his presence with thanksgiving."

King David appointed certain Levites to this special service of giving thanks to God. He also composed a special psalm of praise which they were to sing in the sanctuary. It is one continuous song of praise to Jehovah. The children of Israel were to remember God's "marvelous works," his covenant with the patriarchs and Israel's entrance into the promised inheritance.

SHOW FORTH GOD'S SALVATION

All the earth is called to "sing unto the Lord" to "show forth from day to day his salvation. . . for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. . . O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good and his mercy endureth forever." There was a joyous response on the part of Israel—and all the people said "Amen, and praised the Lord" (I Chronicles 16:4-36). The Psalmist himself declared, "I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Little did the Psalmist realize that their hymns of praise would be sung by Christ and his apostles on the eve

of Calvary (Mark 14:26), by the early Christian assemblies, by the Scottish Covenantors in secret places, while some kept watch to give warning if their enemies appeared in the far distance. In our own day millions sing the Psalms of David to express their thanks to God. It was my privilege to minister the Word in Scotland, and it was ever a joy to hear the people sing so heartily and sincerely a psalm or paraphrase.

LORD, I THANK THEE

By Charles D. Alois
Temple Baptist Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

O Lord, much in life I sought
But I found naught.

I labored without ceasing
For an ideal—always searching;

But all in vain; for it was not there.
Not attainable—and from nowhere!

Until one day a joyful grace
Came from thy shining face.

I looked into thy compassionate eyes,
And hence my languid soul did arise

To great heights to serve thee,
Faithfully and more completely.

As we read the Acts of the Apostles and the Pauline Epistles, we see how consistently the apostle practised his own injunction, "Be ye thankful," to the believers in Colosse. He who called on his converts to give "thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20) did himself thank God at all times. In the most adverse circumstances he sang praises unto God.

PRAISES TO GOD

With their feet in the stocks and their backs bruised and bleeding, Paul and Silas "sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:15). During a terrible prolonged storm at sea, when the sailors were panic stricken and too fearful even to eat, Paul becalmed them and induced them to break their long fast. But first in "the presence of them all," mostly pagans, he gave "thanks to God" (Acts 27:35).

At last he reached Rome but how different to his expectations. He had hoped to enjoy the same privilege of preaching the Gospel as he had enjoyed in other cities, at least for a while. But instead he drew near to Rome a prisoner in chains to be tried before Caesar, uncertain of his fate. Waiting for him at the "three tav-

erns," he was greeted by some Christians from Rome. They cheered the heart of Paul and he lifted up his voice in praise to God—he "thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:15).

"THANKS BE TO GOD"

How abundant and varied are his reasons for thanksgiving in his epistles. Three times he uses the phrase, "thanks be to God," for an exceptional blessing—for the victory of the believer over death "through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). In Christ is found the secret of continuous victory (2 Corinthians 2:14). God is thanked for his unspeakable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15).

The Apostle Paul's epistles abound in thanksgiving to the churches for their faith, love, zeal, loyalty to Christ in adversity, their noble endeavor to extend the Kingdom (Romans 1:8, 9; 1 Corinthians 1:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3). With a deeply grateful heart, he thanked the Philippian church for kindly thought for him while in prison for the sake of the Gospel. They sent a message and their love-gifts to him through Epaphroditus, a most devoted servant of Jesus Christ. Their gifts were received as "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:15-18).

Paul asks the church especially to thank Epaphroditus on his return, who hazarded his own life for Christ's sake, to prove by their gifts their love to Paul, a prisoner and uncertain of the result of his trial (Philippians 2:25-30). In the closing chapter of Romans we see how appreciative and grateful Paul was to individual believers for any kindness shown.

The apostle was well qualified to

Giving Thanks

FOR the hay and the corn and wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song, and the harvest brought home—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea to sea,
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free"—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

enjoin the churches to cultivate the spirit of gratitude, for no man was more grateful to God, to fellow-believers, for their love and loyalty, their zeal for Christ and his service than Paul himself.

"A CHEERFUL GIVER"

Are we as grateful to God as we should be for all his love and goodness to us in Christ? "Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like thee his praise should sing?" John Addison, the hymn writer, could write:

"Ten thousand, thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ:
Nor is the least a cheerful heart

That tastes those gifts with joy."

It is "a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" (Psalm 92:1). It is "comely" (Psalm 147:1), fitting, and it is beneficial to body, mind and soul. If we were more appreciative of God's goodness, we would be far happier and many would be much healthier.

Complimenting an old countryman on his ruddy countenance, he told me he had spent the best part of his life "down in Thanksgiving Street." He who is thankful, not merely on special days but every day, and who finds some cause for gratitude, even in adversity, will be found to possess a cheerful spirit.

A truly thankful soul is a "cheerful giver." Meditate more on what the Lord has done for you, what he is doing for you now, and what he is yet going to do for you (see 1 Corinthians 2:9) and it will have a transforming effect on your whole life.

A KIND, APPRECIATIVE WORD

Are we as grateful as we should be to those who serve us so faithfully day by day? There is Mother who does so much in the course of a single day for our comfort, sustenance and pleasure. Too many take it as a matter of course. A little word of appreciation, some practical expression of our gratitude would mean so much to many a burdened mother.

A kind, appreciative word has inspired many a youth to enter the Christian ministry. Little do we realize what some word of gratitude may mean to one who serves us in "the common round and daily task." Be ye thankful now; tomorrow may be too late. I recall an elderly man who had lost his wife saying to me, "I deeply regret now I did not show her greater kindness."

Give thanks to God for all he has done for you and embrace every opportunity to thank others for any service rendered, and your own life will be enriched with God's best blessing!



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ALL HIS GIFTS

"O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good and his mercy endureth for ever."
(A Devaney Photo).

High Aspirations of God's Volunteers

The hopes and aspirations of these twelve dedicated young people are to serve the Savior and our churches in the joy of the Lord to the best of their ability.

By Rev. E. W. Klatt, Director of God's Volunteers Team I

THE MONTH OF September spelled out a very significant word for God's Volunteers for 1965-1966. It is the word PREPARATION. At the beginning of the month, twelve dedicated young people, from as far west as Vernon, British Columbia, stretching east to Parma, Ohio, and from as far north as Melville, Saskatchewan, and reaching south to Branch, Louisiana, arrived at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for a month of intensive training. Expectations, hopes and dreams entertained in the minds of these young people were then grounded in the classrooms and the practice sessions.

MONTH OF TRAINING

We express our thanks to the instructors: Rev. John Binder, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Rev. Jack Kruegel, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Prof. Hugo Lueck, Prof. Roy Seibel (besides the directors) for their faithful and thorough instructions. We also express our thanks to the former director of God's Volunteers, namely, the Rev. Walter Hoffman, for his contribution to the work he pursued so ardently for several years.

With excellent training of the Volunteers at the Seminary and with the Christian influence of their home churches, pastors and parents, it is a privilege for me to pursue the work as director of God's Volunteers Team I. With high expectations I believe young people will serve their Savior and Lord and the churches of our denomination to the best of their ability.

To realize the goals set for the Volunteers, we desire, not only that the churches which we will serve from October 1965 to May 1966 will undergird us with "Moments with God in Prayer," but that ALL North American Baptists in our far-flung communion will unite in the common bond of prayer for the work of the Volunteers and their directors.

MEMBERS OF TEAM I

God's Volunteers Team I is composed of the following young people: Carolyn Browen of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Ricky Loewer of Branch, Louisiana; Sharon Schlafmann of Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Bernice Werk of Melville, Sask.; Wenzel Hanik, Jr., of Vernon, British Columbia; and Douglas Woyke of Minneapolis, Minn. It was a tense moment and full of expectations when the twelve young people, after prayer and evaluation, became Teams I and II.

During the first two weeks at the



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Director of God's Volunteers Team I.

Seminary little of the training was applied, but during the third and fourth weeks the team had opportunity to present several programs in our churches of the city and the surrounding area. Several calls were also made by the team members as they went out in two's with the director to do practice calling.

One of the highlights of each day was centered in the prayer room, where all of the Volunteers and their directors met to close the day with God in Scripture reading and prayer. Refreshed by the inhaling of the spiritual, each day came to a close with thanksgiving for the blessings of the day and petitions for the future.

ASPIRATIONS OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Our hopes and aspirations are to serve our Savior and our churches to the best of our ability. In the first place, it is our desire to set forth the Gospel by example. Then we would proclaim it over the pulpit in word and in song, and wherever else we are given the opportunity. We also wish to bring the Good News of the Gospel into the homes wherever there are people estranged from God. Add to that, there is also the canvassing which we will be called on to do. It is our prayer that in all of this our

hopes and aspirations will find their fulfillment.

In the line of prospect and canvass calls, the Volunteers gladly share this work with church members who will go calling with them.

We thank God for the "open-door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ—" (Colossians 4:3).

BAPTIST ECUMENICITY IN REVIVAL

The Calvary Baptist Church (NAB) and the First Baptist Church (American Baptist) of Stafford, Kansas joined forces in a great cooperative revival effort Sept. 5-12. They invited Evangelist Don Womack, and the Singing Evangelists Don and Bette Stalneckner with David Tyson (Southern Baptist). The cooperative services were held at First Baptist the first four nights. They were then scheduled to be held at Calvary Baptist the next four nights. The services, however, drew such large numbers of people that they were moved to the Stafford High School Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday nights. People came from the neighboring towns of Hutchinson, Kingman, Ellinwood, Larned, Sylvia and St. John.

One of the outstanding features of this crusade was the special youth fellowships or "pop and chip discussion" and singing times after the evening services. A special supper was held for the juniors one evening before the service, at which time they also had a good time together with the Gospel being presented. Even though it was the first week of school, large numbers of young people attended the services each evening.

On the final Sunday of the services, the First Baptist Church met with the Calvary Baptist Church for a combined worship service. This was followed by a basket dinner. The people had a wonderful time of fellowship in the Lord.

As a result of this cooperative Calvary-First Crusade, the entire Stafford community experienced a greater penetration with the Gospel. Long before the services began, much preparation had been made. Twelve miles square around Stafford were canvassed by adults, and the youth of both churches extended invitations to every home in Stafford the Saturday before the services began. A number of decisions for dedication, salvation and transfer by letter were recorded. The Baptist people of our community are rejoicing in the spiritually rewarding results of this combined, cooperative effort for Christ.

—Edgar B. Wesner, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church

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Great Hopes for God's Volunteers

Read and see how this denominational program of God's Volunteers can be made even more constructive and useful in edifying believers and reaching those who are unbelieving.

By Rev. Connie Salios, Director of God's Volunteers Team II.

SOUTH DAKOTA, my adopted land for about three weeks, prides itself as being the "land of infinite variety," but during my stay at our Seminary for the God's Volunteers training session about the only variety I noticed was the intensity of the rain fall—it seemed to rain every day!

I have been asked to share some of my hopes for the program of God's Volunteers and also to suggest ways in which some of my hopes can be fulfilled.

EXCITING BEGINNINGS

Before being specific about my hopes and dreams, I would like to make a few general comments. Leaving home the Sunday before Labor Day was to mark the beginning of a new phase of life for me. I have been in the process of making the transition from being a local parish minister to that of being an itinerant minister in the God's Volunteers program of personal and visitation evangelism.

I had known about the Volunteer program but I had not grasped the significance and impact this program appears to have made in our denomination. I know who the Volunteers were going to be for 1965-66, but I did not know them until we met together Labor Day evening at the Seminary. I was impressed with these young people from the beginning, and after the month of training I am still impressed but on a deeper level. They are enthusiastic and open to spiritual growth!

What are my hopes for this program of evangelistic outreach? I have been doing much praying, thinking, reading and discussing how this unique and helpful ministry could be made even more constructive and useful in edifying believers and reaching those who are unbelieving.

MY DREAMS AND HOPES

1. To strengthen the personal visitation aspect of this ministry. I hope that our churches will give greater emphasis to the idea of visitation training and calling and working with the Volunteers to reach people where they are. I hope that some churches will want to reconsider the program of eight days of public services and plan for nights of visitation training and going out to make calls.

2. To enter into dialogue with the individual churches and their leaders concerning the evangelistic program we should be planning for and carrying out. I hope that we will be able to sit down together to discuss what

evangelism is—what are the motives, drive, etc., etc.

3. To work with CBY groups to deepen their spiritual experience and to help them plan more effectively to have a ministry with their own Christian youth and a program of outreach for those uncommitted to Christ.

4. To provide dignified but spirited public services that speak to the needs of all those who attend.

5. To make sure that our approach is Biblical and relevant to our age and to the groups with whom we are working.

6. To be considered one part of our total denominational outreach in the area of evangelism. I hope that we as a denomination can some time meet somewhere to discuss in depth the subject of evangelism.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GOALS

What are my suggestions for realizing some of these hopes? In general, we have been seeking to carry out most of these goals in the years that have passed. But more specifically I would suggest these ways of implementing the goals I have suggested:

1. Provide a suitable questionnaire for all of the churches that are requesting the Volunteers so that they can ascertain more specifically their needs in the area of evangelism.



REV. CONNIE SALIOS
Director of God's Volunteers Team II.

Wherever possible, have the co-directors of God's Volunteers or the Director of Evangelism or District Secretaries or Department of Christian Education secretaries meet with these churches to explore their needs and suggest how the Volunteers could more effectively help each church.

2. Work in conjunction with our Christian Education Department and our schools (CTI and Seminary) to help us in our training program so that we will be more adequately prepared to minister in the most constructive way possible.

3. Show our young people how to use the Word of God in discussion-type meetings and work with them on planning for spiritual growth in their group and Christian outreach in the community.

4. Have some responsible group in our denomination consider the possibility of planning for a great conference on the subject of evangelism and bring together all of our leaders and other interested individuals to discuss these matters.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

5. Emphasize the ministry of prayer continuously throughout all of our planning and all of our serving. We must never forget that evangelism is the work of God. Jesus taught us to pray and also taught us and demonstrated for us that with complete dependence upon our Father, who is in heaven, we could do nothing that is lasting.

In closing this article, I need to remind myself that I am going into a completely new area of endeavor and that some of the things that I think are helpful will prove to be ineffective. I need also to remind myself that after this first year of touring the churches, I may need to sit down and write another article for the *Baptist Herald* to share with you what I have learned.

MY PRAYER

Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers may be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for thee
Must needs be done for others.

Others, Lord, yes others
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for others
That I may live for thee.

—Selected

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Another New Year at the Seminary

Arrival of students, opening of classes and first activities at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

By Sara L. Gunst of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

ANOTHER SEPTEMBER — and with it the beginning of another year at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.!

Registration for new students began at 8:00 a.m. on Sept. 7, and by noon that day juniors and transfer students had planned their programs for the semester. A 1½ day orientation began that afternoon, familiarizing new students with Seminary policy and academic life.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, all seminary students, their wives, faculty and staff left for the 4th Annual Seminary Retreat at Lake Poinsett, 90 miles north of Sioux Falls. The two days of concentrated discussions, informal lectures and recreation provided a brief but warm introduction to the Seminary family, and set the tone for continued fellowship and learning throughout the year.

SEMINARY RETREAT

Guest speakers at the retreat were Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas. Mr. Sonnenberg spoke to the Seminary family about "Practicing the Presence of God" while in school and in the pursuit of their life vocations.

Drawing from a rich background of denominational experience, Mr. and Mrs. Wesseler provided an interesting perspective on the life and work of a pastor from the viewpoint of the layman. Mrs. Wesseler, speaking also as president of the Woman's Missionary Union, told the future pastors



THE VENINGA FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and their children (left to right): Joyce, Jim and Bob.

how to get along with the ladies in their churches!

An event which is *not* annual was interspersed with the opening activities of the Seminary. The Seminary

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1965 INCOMING STUDENTS, NAB SEMINARY

The new school year at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., looks very promising with this large group of incoming students (Photo by Roy Seibel)

helped President and Mrs. Frank Veninga celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary at a reception given by their three children, and held in the Seminary Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12.

OPENING OF CLASSES

Classes began on Sept. 13 at 8:00 a.m. At 50-minute intervals, there was a dash to the Seminary Student Co-operative bookstore for textbooks, then a fast return to the next class to find out which books to buy next. That afternoon, there was a rush to the lumber yard to buy boards for bookshelves . . . and the Seminary year had officially begun!

At the end of the first week of classes, Seminary family and friends from the community and area churches attended the annual Fall Convocation in the Seminary chapel. The guest lecturer was Dr. Ralph Powell, who returned to the faculty this year after a year's sabbatical leave at Princeton Theological Seminary. New students were introduced by the Registrar, Dr. Martha Leyboldt, at the reception which followed, then were welcomed, and welcomed and welcomed . . . by the Seminary president, the student body president and the pastors of the two local NAB churches.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES

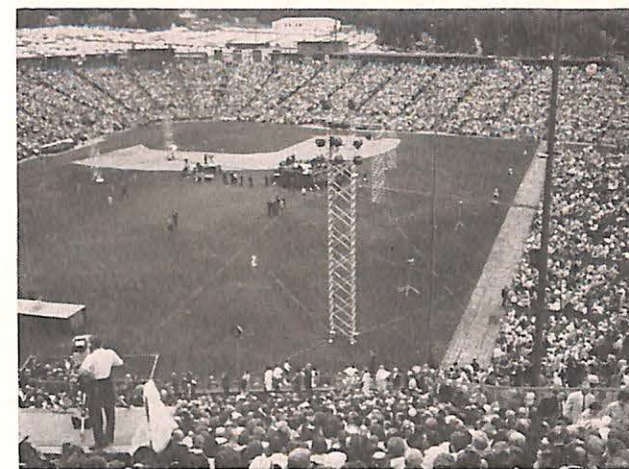
The Seminary Guild, composed of students' and faculty members' wives and woman seminary students, met for a "September Song" on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The Bender Fellowship designed a skit around the incoming students, and presented it at their first meeting on Sept. 23.

The opening month's activities of the Seminary were made even fuller by the presence of the 1965-66 God's Volunteers teams and their leaders, who were in Sioux Falls for training before beginning their tours. In addition to their own intensive class schedule, the teams joined in the chapel services and other Seminary activities. Rev. Edgar Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios, team leaders, and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelism Secretary, and Rev. John Binder, Youth Secretary, both of Forest Park, Ill., were a blessing to the entire Seminary family as they worked with the Volunteers in their training.

The Seminary family has come from California and Michigan, from Alberta and Texas—and all have come to fulfill the will of God in their work and in their lives. We look forward to a rich and full year and to our Seminary life together in him.

Seminary Program at Denver's Billy Graham Crusade

By Ted Keck, Mervin Kramer and Eugene Kern, Students at the North American Baptist Seminary



Bear Stadium in Denver, Colorado on Sunday afternoon with a large crowd of tens of thousands of people to hear the evangelist, Billy Graham.

FOR EIGHT DAYS 50 Seminary students from 14 seminaries throughout the United States converged upon the "Mile High City" of Denver, Colorado for a period of involvement in evangelism during the Billy Graham Crusade. We: Ted Keck, Mervin Kramer, and Eugene Kern from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., had the opportunity to participate in this stimulating program.

A high spiritual note was set for the entire crusade at the Ministers' Breakfast. The 50 seminarians together with 800 Colorado pastors assembled for fellowship.

SEMINARY PROGRAM

By Mervin Kramer

At the Omaha Crusade in 1964, the first Seminary Program was conducted in conjunction with the Nebraska Crusade. The Billy Graham Association realized the necessity of confronting future pastors with the evangelistic need of our present age. The Denver Seminary Program began on Wednesday, August 25, and continued through Friday, Sept. 3. In addition to the practical experiences gained from involvement in the crusade itself, a series of Seminars on Evangelism were provided for seminarians. These sessions allowed seminary students opportunity to become better acquainted with each other, and to share what other seminaries are doing to prepare their students for the Gospel ministry.

A total of 14 lectures were given, centering around the theme of evangelism and the problems involved, especially those with mass evangelism. Each lecture period lasted one and one-half hours with 45 minutes devoted to the address and 45 minutes allowed for discussion.

CRUSADE PERIOD OF PENETRATION

By Ted Keck

The crusade was organized into three phases: Preparation, Penetration, and Preservation. The preparation for the crusade started many

months in advance. Many people had been working in committees, many had participated in prayer, giving, and in counselor training. At crusade time there were about 40,000 to 50,000 people involved.

Thousands of seeking people thronged to Bear Stadium to hear the Gospel proclaimed each evening. The team members estimated the opening crowd would be approximately 15,000, but at 4:30 in the afternoon the first people of a 26,000 crowd began filtering into the stadium. More than 250 churches from Denver and the surrounding area had groups attending.

Each evening a choir of 3,500 voices blended together to express the glories of God in song. The people were also inspired by the music of George Beverly Shea, Ethel Waters, and Jimmy McDonald.

One of the highlights of the crusade was Youth Night. A total of 31,000

people attended the meeting where Billy Graham challenged 20,000 young people to "enlist in the Army of Christ and give meaning to your life." Another challenge was given by the testimony of Bill Glass, defensive end for the Cleveland Browns' football team. In the first seven days of the crusade, there were an estimated 190,100 persons in total attendance; 7,271 of these people had gone forward for counseling.

COUNSELING THE INQUIRER

By Eugene Kern

Each evening, after the Gospel had been presented, an invitation was extended for people to come forward and let Jesus Christ meet their need. The counselors went into action as some came to accept Christ as personal Lord and Savior, some to re-dedicate their lives to Christ, and some merely to get a closer look at Billy Graham. Each counselor was a dedicated and well trained person who was qualified to deal with the inquirer's needs.

The counselor usually counseled with a person of approximately the same age. In the contact with the inquirer, the counselor attempted to help the person understand the decision he was making as well as direct him to the Bible where he could find assurance and help for the new life which he had just begun in Christ Jesus.

The final results of a crusade, such as the Denver Crusade, are hard to determine. Many people experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ, many counselors had the thrill of leading someone else to Christ, and many local churches were revitalized. All of this can have a dynamic force which can begin a chain reaction of new life and hope to a city, a state, a nation, and the world. We who represented the North American Baptist Seminary know that our own hearts were challenged, in that the theme of the Crusade will always have a profound message for us: "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and that no man cometh unto the Father but through Christ."



NAB SEMINARY STUDENTS who attended the Seminary Program at Denver, Colorado. Left to right: Ted Keck, Mervin Kramer and Eugene Kern.

Great Expectations at the Christian Training Institute

Report of the Bible College Fall Convocation, two day spiritual retreat, and the dedication of additional facilities at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM both the faculty and student body of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta gathered on Tuesday, Sept. 7, to observe the Fall Convocation. Due to limited space in the Chapel, we could not invite the public at large, but a number of friends joined the Bible College family for this festivity. The program featured several musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, an introduction of faculty and student body representing the divisional course interests as well as the departmental classification of each student. It was a joy for all to witness the introduction of a new faculty, Prof. J. Walter Goltz, who also brought the address of the evening, "The Unfinished Task."

TWO-DAY RETREAT

The following day the entire Bible College family moved out to Sylvan Lake for a two day spiritual retreat where both faculty and students waited upon the Lord in prayer, in witness of spiritual experience, in discussion of God's leading and call to Christian service, and in consecration of themselves to God in preparation for their high calling. Apart from the devotional messages, two lectures were presented and discussed. One was by Dr. B. Schalm on the "Centrality of the Scriptures in the Christian Training Institute," and the other by Prof. W. R. Muller on "Preparing for Church-related Ministries." Although the weather was rather cool, the spiritual warmth of Christian fellowship and



Prof. J. Walter Goltz delivering the Convocation Address at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

the visible manifestation of God's presence upon our hearts and minds caused us to rejoice greatly in the experiences which will long be remembered by all participants.

Added to these blessings was the special gathering of the denominational leaders to the semi-annual Workshop Sessions and the meeting of the School's Executive Board. This occasion was very fittingly used to dedicate the newly acquired apartment building constructed by the Denominational Investment Committee to accommodate our Theological students

with dormitory facilities and to serve with additional classroom facilities and general offices.

NEW BUILDING DEDICATED

A special dedicatory service was conducted in the Campus Chapel with Dr. F. H. Woyke, our Executive Secretary, bringing a well fitted message on the theme, "Dedicated to Preaching the Gospel." He challenged all of us to preach the Gospel in word and in deed according to God's designed pattern, founded upon the Scriptures in meeting today's needs effectively. Rev. David J. Draewell, our Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, led in the Dedicatory Prayer in which all participated in seeking God's favor upon the ministry to be rendered in these sacred halls. The special music at this occasion was presented by the Christian Training Institute mass choir and a solo rendered by Prof. E. B. Link.

The Executive Board felt greatly encouraged by these events in carrying on plans to enter the open doors of God's opportunities for us for the coming years. We are grateful to God for a larger enrollment than heretofore. The total student body shows a 32% increase over last year, coming to us from five provinces and eight states and even one student from South Africa. We sense a real spirit of eagerness to learn and we are looking forward to a profitable Year of Higher Education at the Christian Training Institute.

CHURCH EXTENSION, MINOT

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to compare averages for 1959 as to 1965:

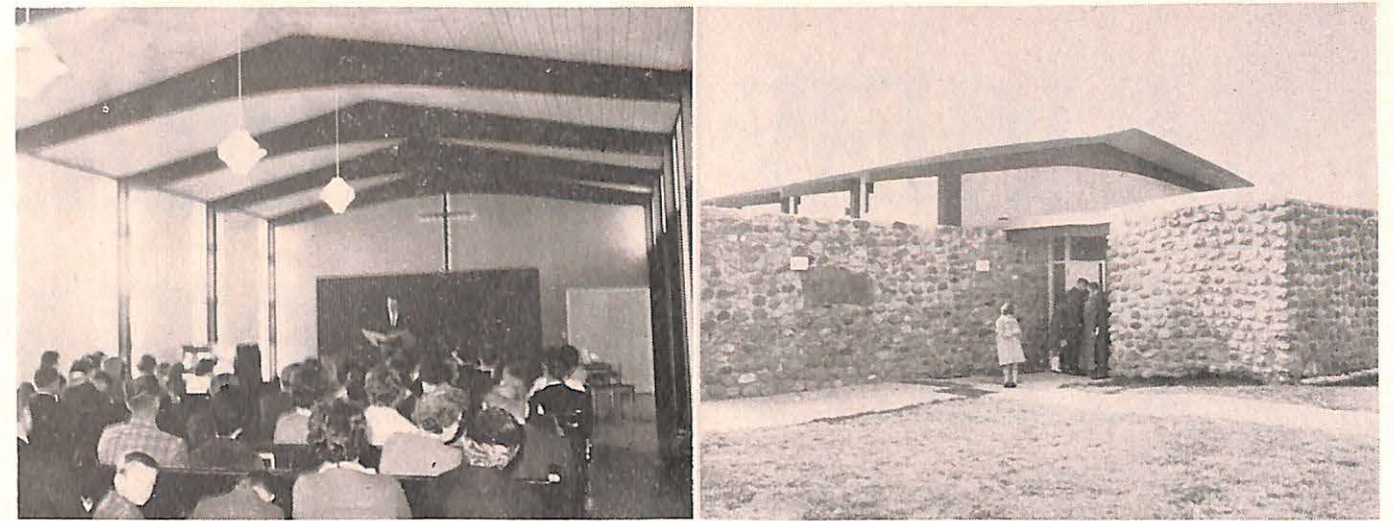
	1959	1965
Sunday School	22	65
Morning Service	17	90
Evening Service	0	66
Mid-week Service	5	38

Statistics certainly do not give the whole picture, but they do give an interesting picture of numerical growth. One discouraging factor over the years has been the great number of people who have come and gone through transfer by the Air Force or transfer with civilian jobs.

The property is valued at \$70,000 or more and total indebtedness is \$59,000.

We ask all of our fellow Christians of the North American Baptist fellowship to pray for us and, most important of all, to pray for and support the whole program of Church Extension. It is not only our task as a fellowship but it is Christ's work. . . for he said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

BAPTIST HERALD



A Sunday morning worship service (left) in the chapel sanctuary of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota. At the right the congregation is beginning to exit from the church building which is attractively built with prairie stone.

A Church Extension Vision in Minot, N. D.

The Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak., can meet almost every test of success in Church Extension. But its needs are still very pressing. Church Extension Builders are giving their November gifts to this mission field and church.

By Rev. Elmo Tahrán, Church Extension Pastor in Minot, North Dakota

SIX YEARS AGO the Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak., was the vision of the denominational Church Extension Committee and of several other people involved with the work. The church began as a Sunday school with 11 students meeting in the pastor's home. Since Church Extension is the direct and Scriptural fulfillment of extending the work of Christ, this humble beginning has expanded into a lively, friendly little church, because of the Lord's blessing.

In this article we hope to present the spiritual and statistical blessings of the Crestview Baptist Church over the six years of its existence.

Usually when a thrust is being made for the Lord's work, we can expect opposition in the most unexpected and surprising ways. Crestview was no exception. It seemed that every door for a meeting place was closed so that the only door open was the pastor's home. This had some disadvantages, since some nominal Christians do not seem to be able to worship in a house but must have brick and mortar surrounding them, called a church.

The advantages were these, however. Those who would fellowship with other Christians in a house were of a variety of Christian backgrounds that were a blessing to the church. These were the faithful ones who went calling for Christ, who gave sacrificially and were an encouragement to the pastor and the weaker Christians who came into the fellowship. Many of those whom God led into this fellowship are in other parts of the world serving their country and their Lord in the Air Force. The number of peo-

ple who have come to know Christ as Savior over these years at Crestview Church has been thrilling, and just as thrilling has been seeing the spiritual growth of these individuals.

Morning services were conducted in the pastor's home for two years until we acquired the use of a school for Sunday school and morning worship. Evening services and prayer meeting were continued for almost four years in the pastor's home until another meeting place had been acquired for all services. In November 1963 we moved into the present church building which is actually the Educational Building of a projected plan for several buildings (campus style) to be



Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Tahrán examine the prairie stone wall at the rear of the chapel of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. Dak.

erected on 3.8 acres of land over the years as the Lord prospers numerical and financial growth.

At that time we felt that the building would be adequate for our needs for at least five years but, after having been in this building almost two years, we find that our Sunday school is suffering for classroom space. Plans are now being made to build a parsonage, for which we can get a local loan easier than for a church building, which will be used for Sunday school facilities, children's church and various other activities of the church.

At this time we find that the largest and most effective ministry is to young couples, Air Force, college age and business youth of the area. In this day and age of castigating young people, we are discovering that young people will respond to sacrifice and live for Jesus Christ if given a chance to do so.

As we examine the statistical reports and averages for all the years during which we have labored here, the only thing we can see is that God has done more than we can ask or think. The last year and a half have been the days of the greater growth, numerically and financially. In 1960 our monthly income was \$125. In 1964 it was \$459 per month, and so far in 1965 it has averaged out to \$800 per month and also to build we will need for 53 members. However, in order to expand and meet a budget of \$750 per month and also to build we will need to call on the Lord and the Lord's people to stand behind us and his work.

It will be interesting to the readers (Continued on page 10)



DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS AT THE C. T. I.

General workers during a recess period in their semi-annual Workshop Sessions are photographed in front of the newly dedicated building of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

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Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Liberty

The highly controversial Declaration on Religious Liberty won a test vote in Vatican Council II and was accepted as a basis for the final declaration by the council.

By W. Barry Garrett, Baptist Public Affairs (BPA) observer at the Vatican Council sessions

VATICAN CITY (BPA)—Vatican Council II, early in its fourth session, voted for the Declaration on Religious Liberty in principle. The vote was 1997 to 224.

The religious liberty declaration introduces a revolutionary idea into the Roman Catholic Church. Those favoring the action maintain that when completed and promulgated by the Council it will be binding on all Catholics.

The implications of this declaration both for the Catholic Church itself and for the rest of mankind will be unfolding for the next century. Rather than deploring the fact that the Roman Catholic Church finds it impossible to produce a fullgrown doctrine of freedom, both for itself and for others, it is better to rejoice that the Church is able to make this break with the past and turn its face toward a new day of freedom.

TEXT OF DECLARATION

Three paragraphs summarize the declaration:

1: "This Vatican Council therefore declares that the right to religious liberty is truly founded upon the dignity of the human person, as that dignity is made known to us by reason, and especially by the revealed Word of God. This freedom consists in this, that man must be immune from coercion, whether on the part of individuals or social groups, or on the part of any human authority. Consequently, in matters of religion, no one may be forced to act contrary to his conscience, nor may he be impeded from acting in accordance with his conscience, in private or in public, within due limits."

2. "The Council further declares that this right must be so recognized in the juridical structure of society as to become a civil right, to which every man and every religious body may legitimately lay claim. The preservation of this right is the concern both of the people and of the government, each in their own way."

3. "And lastly, the Council declares that from this affirmation of religious liberty it does not follow that man is under no obligation whatever in matters of religion, or that he is emancipated from God's authority. Nor does religious liberty imply that man may esteem the false and the true as of equal value, or that he is dispensed from the obligation of forming for himself a true opinion in matters of religion, or that he may arbitrarily decide whether, and in what religion, and in what way he will serve God. This

matter of religious liberty therefore leaves intact Catholic doctrine regarding the one true religion and the one Church of Christ."

CIVIC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The religious liberty declaration is limited to freedom as a civic right. The problem of "internal" freedom within the Roman Catholic Church is not touched upon in the document. This fact is deplored by the liberal element in the church, but they are willing to settle for this declaration at the present, knowing that the implications will inevitably spill over into their own fellowship. Eventually the problem of freedom within the church will have to be faced, but this declaration on civic religious freedom is the most that can be hoped for at the present.

There are many points of strength in the document and some points of weakness. The following list of quotes is not an effort to separate the two, but it illustrates what the Roman Catholic Church is trying to say.

Conscience: "Man always becomes aware of and recognizes the dictates of this divine law through the medium of his own conscience; and this too contributes to the dignity of the human person. In all his actions, therefore, every individual is bound to follow his conscience faithfully, so that he may finally come to God, his last end."

Coercion: "Everyone is well acquainted with that moral principle, which forbids that anyone be forced to act contrary to his conscience in matters that pertain to religion."

"But in our times, on account of the increased appreciation of the human dignity of the person both as an individual and as a citizen, it is further demanded that in human society force must not be used, either by individuals or by social groups or by the government, to prevent a man from acting according to his conscience in matters of religion either in private or in public, and of course within due limits."

RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

Protection of Freedom: "The defense and advancement of the inviolable rights of man is the principal duty of any civil authority. Government therefore must effectively undertake, by just laws, the defense and protection of the religious liberty of all the people. It must also see to it that the equality of all the people before the law is never infringed for reasons of a religious nature."

"From this it follows that it is wrong for any government to impose

upon the people, by force or fear or any other unjust means, the profession or rejection of any religious creed, or to prevent anyone from entering or leaving a religious body. It is all the more contrary to the will of God, and a violation of the sacred rights of the individual and of the family of nations, when force is used in any way whatever to abolish or to repress religion itself, whether in the whole human race, or in some particular locality, or in a given religious group."

Religious Bodies: "The religious liberty, to which individuals are entitled, must also be recognized as the right of religious bodies... so that they will be able to govern themselves according to their own laws, pay homage to the Supreme Being with public worship, assist their fellow members in the practices of their religious life and nourish them with their religious doctrine. They must also be able to promote those institutions in which their members cooperate in ordering their lives in accordance with their religious principles."

Conclusion: "It is indeed obvious that all peoples are daily becoming more and more one, that men of different culture and religion are bound together by closer relations, and that the consciousness of one's own personal responsibility is increasing. In order, therefore, that peaceful relations and harmony may be restored and confirmed, it is required that throughout the world religious liberty be made secure by effective legal safeguards and that due respect be had for the highest duties and rights of men to lead a religious life in society with freedom."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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of Drive-in Services in the church parking lot on the last three Sunday nights in July and the first Sunday night in August. Those attending saw and heard the services from their cars, the speaking and music being amplified over loudspeakers. Newscasts of the unique services were telecast over Peoria TV stations, and news stories concerning them were published in Peoria newspapers and presented over Peoria radio stations. Special honors were paid to members of North Sheridan Church at recent ceremonies. Mrs. Walter E. Kohrs was named Mother of the Year, and Calvin Stone was named Father of the Year, both selections having been determined by ballots cast by members of the church. Each honoree was presented with a gift from the church.

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• The First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho has extended a call to Rev. Fred Penner of Costa Mesa, Calif., the director of Christian education at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa for the past two years. Mr. Penner has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Paul, Idaho church on Nov. 3rd, succeeding Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, now of Spokane, Wash.

• The First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho honored its pastor, Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, and family at a farewell dinner held on Sunday, Sept. 5 after the morning worship service. They were presented with a gift from the church members and best wishes were extended to them prior to their departure for Spokane, Washington. They are now serving the Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane.

• On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, baptized three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Promotion Day was observed by the Sunday School on this same Sunday with a goal of 500 persons in attendance. The church has ordered 250 copies of the NAB devotional quarterly, "Moments With God."

• The Bethel Baptist Church of High Prairie, Alberta has extended a call to Rev. Ernest Losey who has been serving a free evangelical church in Southern Alberta. He had also engaged in previous service with the Sunday School Mission in the Peace River area and was known to the church congregation in High Prairie. Mr. Losey began his ministry at the High Prairie church on Sept. 1st.

• Mr. Paul Stolz of Tacoma, Wash., who had planned to audit the financial records and books for the Cameroon Baptist Mission in Africa (see "Baptist Herald," Sept. 23, 1965 issue, page 15) became ill in Europe on his way to Africa and was forced to return to Tacoma, Wash. There was great disappointment on the mission field as well as for Mr. and Mrs. Stolz, who have a keen interest in missions. They are members of the Calvary Church.

• On Sunday, Sept. 19, the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., honored its pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, and his wife on their 10th anniversary of service at the church. The moderator, Mr. Jack Augustin, presented a large picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" to the Woykes at the morning worship service. The pastor stated in accepting the gift: "May God's blessing be upon us all as we continue together in Christian service."

• The Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual meeting on Sept. 29 and 30 at the headquarters building, Forest Park, Ill. Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler, president, and nine members of the Executive Committee deliberated on important projects and plans for the 436 women's societies in the Conference. The re-

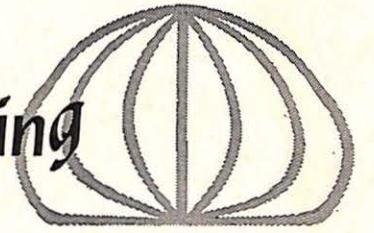
port about the sessions by Mrs. Jo-
than G. Benke of Buffalo, N. Y., appears on page 16.

• The Minnesota Association in conjunction with the denominational Church Extension Committee has appointed Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor, to serve in Rochester, Minn., effective Sept. 7. He is making a canvass of the city for the purpose of studying the possibilities of starting Church Extension services with NAB people and friends. Dr. Vanderbeck's

On Sunday evenings, Oct. 10 and 17, the pastor brought illustrated lectures about his recent trip to the Holy Lands. The Church Workers' Banquet was held on Oct. 12 with Rev. Everett C. Crimmings of the First Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., as the guest speaker.

• God's Volunteers Team II and the director, Rev. Connie Salios, were the guests of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., on Sunday morning, Sept. 26. They conducted

what's happening



first reports from the field in Rochester, Minn., have been encouraging.

• The denominational Workshop Sessions were held at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta from Sept. 23 to 25, attended by 14 general workers. Reports were received and plans for denominational advance were discussed. On Sunday, Sept. 26, the members of the Workshop filled the pulpits of NAB churches in Edmonton and vicinity. The dedication of the new C.T.I. building held on Thursday evening, Sept. 28, is reported on page 10.

• Rev. Henry Pfeifer's last Sunday at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., was on Sept. 26. A farewell reception was held that Sunday evening following the service. The dedication of new choir robes was held in connection with a special musical program that same Sunday evening. Dr. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., spoke at the Sunday evening service on Sept. 19. Miss Betty Mantay, Cameroon missionary, addressed the annual Thanksgiving and Tea Service of the Woman's Missionary Society on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5.

• Rev. Aaron Buhler observed his 6th anniversary as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., in September. On Sunday morning, Sept. 26, he preached an appropriate anniversary message. During these 6 years Mr. Buhler has received 437 new members into the church by baptism and letter.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

for the Mission and Service Program of the denomination will be received in North American Baptist churches—
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a very impressive service. This was followed by a pot luck dinner for all. The Woman's Missionary Society attended the meeting of a neighboring society to hear Miss Lucille Wipf, Japan missionary. The society conducted its own "Guest Day Program" in October and held its "White Cross Work Day" in November. Rev. Walter Hoffman is pastor of the Plum Creek Church.

• The denominational Church Extension Committee and the Dakota Conference Committee have extended a call to Rev. Wilfred A. Dickau of Ebenezer, Sask., to become the pastor of the new Church Extension project at Dickinson, N. Dak. A survey of the growing community was recently conducted, followed by regular services conducted by Rev. Alfred Weisser of Bismarck, N. Dak., and more recently by Rev. Frank Friesen, interim pastor. The prospects of the Dickinson project are quite glowing. Mr. Dickau, who has served as the minister of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of the chewan since 1961, began his ministry in Dickinson, N. Dak., on Oct. 29.

• Homecoming Sunday was observed by the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., on Sept. 19 with Rev. M. W. Zeeb, pastor, answering the question, "Has Christ Involved You?" Following a fellowship supper, the film, "The Clock Secret," was shown. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroon missionary, addressed the anniversary service of the Woman's Missionary Society on Wednesday evening, Sept. 16. Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Zeeb began their 6th year of service at the Kenosha church in September.

• The North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., conducted its third session (Continued on page 14)

We the Women

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

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SES-
SIONS — SEPT. 29-30, 1965
Report by Mrs. Jothan Benke,
Secretary

As the Executive Committee sessions for 1965 at the Forest Park headquarters building came to a close, we clasped hands and sang, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." I feel sure that each of us experienced the proverbial tug at our heartstrings as we thought of parting once again. Although most of us did not know one another prior to serving on this Committee, a bond of love and common purpose has knit us closely together as we strive to serve our Lord and the women of our Woman's Missionary Union who have elected us. The two days of our annual meeting (Sept. 29-30) were filled to the brim as our energetic president, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, presented for our deliberation and decision numerous matters concerning our work.

As we reflected on the achievements of our White Cross work, we noted that a new record was attained in the total weight of our shipments by an increase of 3,071 lbs. over last year.

We are thankful for the fine acceptance which the "Meals For Missions" project has had in many areas of the conference. Testimonies of many of our women relate that they have experienced a closer walk with the Lord since enlisting in this project. We were told during our sessions that approximately \$9,000 has been contributed since we have undertaken this program of spiritual discipline. This amount of money has been designated for the building of a much needed medical classroom at Bansa Baptist Hospital and treasurer's office at Kumba. The funds received now and through September 1966 will be contributed toward the Girls' Dormitory at the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan. Keep "Meals For Missions" alive in your society. The rewards are great! The results are gratifying!

You will be reading and hearing about our new Bible emphasis—"All 66 in '66." This program is to serve as an encouragement to our women to complete the reading of the Bible during 1966, thereby acquiring more knowledge and understanding and gaining spiritual enrichment in and through God's Word.

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From the Professor's Desk

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

How would you evaluate the life, ministry and writings of Albert Schweitzer in the total picture of the witness of Christianity in the world of today?

To evaluate the life, ministry and writings of Albert Schweitzer is an extremely difficult task, partly because of the unquestionably towering greatness and genius of the man, and partly because of his magnificently strange and paradoxical nature. Schweitzer's vast accomplishments in the area of music, literature, philosophy, theology and medicine stagger the imagination and defy adequate appraisal. Clearly, he was one of the world's greatest personalities, as has been most competently reported in Werner Picht's new book, *The Life and Thought of Albert Schweitzer* (Harper and Row Co., 1965).

REVELATION OF TRUE GREATNESS

"Albert Schweitzer," writes Picht, "is a divine gift in troublesome times." Whatever disagreements anyone may have with Schweitzer's thought, especially with his theology, and admittedly it is very radical at times, one cannot fail to recognize his life as a revelation of true greatness, particularly in his prodigious humanitarian efforts at Lambaréné, French Equatorial Africa.

The better acquainted one becomes with this venerable patriarch, the more difficult it becomes to give any capable estimate or analysis of the total picture of his witness in today's world. It is virtually impossible for the ordinary person to be adequately informed in the various spheres of Schweitzer's many-sided productivity. His accomplishments in any one of the fields in which he brilliantly excelled could be regarded as a full life's work for one man.

His biblical and theological volumes (*The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, *The Mysticism of Paul the Apostle*, *Paul and His Interpreters*, *Civilization and Ethics*, etc.) are landmarks of scholarly liberal thought. Beside these writings he has completed several volumes in his monumental work, *The Philosophy of Civilization*. He is considered the world's foremost authority on Goethe. His years of work as a humanitarian won for him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952, which prize money he used to expand his hospital and set up a leper colony. As well as being an authority on the life of Johann Sebastian Bach and an expert interpreter of his music, he was an authority on organ building.

Paradoxical are Schweitzer's profound and intimate experience of the

reality of the person of Christ in his own life and thought, and his devotion to the rationalistic thinking of the Enlightenment. For the former center of his thought, he receives the criticism of liberal scholars, and for the latter the criticism of conservatives. There is no doubt that Schweitzer departs decisively from orthodox theology, especially in the area of Christology. His "consistent eschatology," while devastating the old liberal thinking about the imminence of the kingdom of God espoused by Adolph Harnack and his followers, leads him to describe Jesus as a mistaken, deluded man of his times in error about many things, particularly about his Messianic role and the imminence of the Kingdom.

THESES OF SCHWEITZER'S ETHIC

The Kingdom of God will be realized through devoted, sacrificial social efforts, according to Schweitzer, who found no place in his thought for the need of regeneration and evangelism. One does not find in his writings any adequate appreciation for the biblical description of the sinfulness of man and the redemptive purpose of Christ's atoning death.

The thesis of Schweitzer's ethics, and indeed of his life as a whole, involves a pantheistic reverence for life. But this mystical concept is qualified and illuminated by his exaltation of Jesus Christ, which he expresses in the most practical terms of sacrificial service. "How can you fault a man," comments Addison H. Leitch, "who says to a native coming out from the anesthetic, 'It was Jesus who sent me to you?'"

Incontestably, Dr. Schweitzer was one of the greatest men of all times, too lofty and manifold to grasp easily, a truly universal man. His wonderful face gave him the appearance of a magnificent-looking man. At times he could be dictatorial, pedantic and irascible; at times he was magically charming, and on occasion worshipped by his associates. He has been called a "tyrant with a heart of gold." It is not hard to appreciate and even love a tyrant and a heretic who has a heart of gold.

Whatever else might be said about him, few modern men have made such an impact and witness of Christianity in the world today. "His life was an enduring protest against the materialistic mania of modern man" (*Christianity Today*, Sept. 24, 1965).

GREATNESS

"Were I so tall to reach the pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The mind's the standard of the man."

BAPTIST HERALD

Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

Reports of recent ordination services in North American Baptist churches.

ORDINATION, REV. WILFRED L. WEICK. The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church at Chilliwack, B.C., called representatives from four NAB churches of the British Columbia Association for Sept. 10th to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the Gospel ministry Mr. Wilfred L. Weick, a 1965 graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The council organized and elected Rev. E. Strauss as moderator and Rev. P. Daum as clerk. Mr. Weick presented 1) his Christian experience; 2) his call to the ministry and preparation; and 3) his beliefs and doctrinal views.

Sunday, Sept. 12th brought pastors and visitors in large numbers to attend this blessed ordination service. Rev. R. Jaster led in singing and Rev. A. Milner led in the opening prayer. It was the joy of Rev. P. Daum to preach the ordination sermon for one whom he baptized. Rev. E. Strauss led in the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands by the pastors present, and with Mrs. Weick kneeling beside her husband in dedication. Rev. P. Siewert gave the charge to the candidate and welcomed him into the ranks of NAB pastors. The certificate of ordination was presented by the moderator, Rev. E. Strauss. After Rev. Wilfred L. Weick and his wife had sung a dedication number, he dismissed the service with the benediction. They have taken up their Christian ministry with the Baptist Church at Randolph, Minnesota. (P. Daum, Clerk).

ORDINATION, REV. FRANK WALKER. On Wednesday afternoon, August 25, an ordination council met at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., for the ordination of Frank Walker. Nine sister churches of the Northern North Dakota Association and Dr. Frank Veninga, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were represented. Rev. Jacob Ehman was elected moderator and Rev. Howard Westlund clerk. Mr. H. S. Carlson of the church presented the candidate to the council. The candidate told of his conversion experience, of his call to the Gospel ministry, and satisfactorily stated his doctrinal beliefs.

At the ordination service that evening Dr. C. Faul read Scripture, and Sheldon Preston led in prayer. Rev. W. Potratz delivered the ordination sermon, "OUR MINISTRY," based on 2 Chronicles 20:1-17. Ten ministers laid their hands on the kneeling candidate as Dr. Frank Veninga offered the ordination prayer. Rev. Ray Hoffman gave the charge to the church. Rev. Leon Bill gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Ronald Derman welcomed Brother Walker into the Gospel ministry. Mr. H. S. Carlson on behalf of the church presented a gift. After the clos-



Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick and their daughter, Joyel, at Chilliwack, B. C., where Mr. Weick was ordained by the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church.

ing hymn, Rev. Frank Walker pronounced the benediction. He is the pastor elect of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan. May God richly bless his ministry! (Rev. William Effa, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. WILLIAM NEUMAN. On Monday, Sept. 6, a group of delegates from 10 area N.A.B. churches gathered in the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana to examine and recommend for ordination their pastor, Mr. William Neuman. The council elected Rev. Richard Grenz of Billings, Montana as moderator and Rev. Arnold Friez of Lemmon, S. Dak., as clerk. After the candidate presented his conversion, call, preparation, and doctrinal statements, the council recommended to the host church to proceed with the ordination service.

In the evening service, Rev. Milton Vietz of Hettinger, N. Dak., led in the opening prayer. Rev. Arnold Friez gave the report of the council. Rev. Walter Klempel of McIntosh, S. Dak., read a portion of Scripture from Ephesians 4:1-20. The ordination message was given by Rev. John Grygo, Forest Park, Ill., editor of German publications. Rev. Richard Grenz gave the vows of ordination to the candidate. Rev. Allen Gerber of New Leipzig, N. Dak., gave the charge to the church and Rev. Otto Fiesel of Mercer, N. Dak., gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Edward Kopf of Plevna, Montana led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Howard Westlund of Carrington, N. Dak., and pastor of the candidate's home church, welcomed Mr. Neuman into the fellowship of N.A.B. ministers. The certificate of ordination was presented to the candidate by Rev. Richard Grenz. After the singing of the closing hymn, "I Would be True," the newly ordained Rev. William Neuman, closed with the benediction. (Arnold M. Friez, Clerk).



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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 14, 1965

Theme: **JONATHAN: SELFLESS LOYALTY**

Scripture: **I Samuel 20:12-17; 23:15-18**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jonathan and David loved each other, not for what they could get from one another, but for what they could give each other.

INTRODUCTION. The little boy Samuel grew up and became a great spiritual force in Israel. He was able to unite the twelve tribes and make them a strong nation. But as their nationalistic pride developed, their desire for a king became more and more evident. Saul was chosen as the first king and began with the spirit of humility. But his repeated disobedience displeased God and David was prepared to take his place.

We sometimes hear of fathers having disobedient sons, but here is a case in which a son had a disobedient father. Jonathan was a generous and noble man. There is not a single derogatory statement against him in Scripture. A man with such a flawless character ought to be given more attention, because the qualities evident in his life make for the kind of sainthood which should be revealed in Christian lives in our day.

I. JONATHAN AND DAVID'S FRIENDSHIP. I Samuel 20:12-16.

Saul seemed to be fighting every inch of the way in order to prove himself king, but it was a losing battle. He lost stature in the sight of God.

Saul hated David but he could not convince his son Jonathan to hate him. It was a precarious position for the young prince to be in. How was it possible to be loyal both to his father and to the friend whom he loved better than a brother? David also felt the pressure but could not give up his love for Jonathan. Both of them were in danger of being killed by Saul if he had had the opportunity.

No doubt Jonathan and David became attracted to each other even before David was chosen to be the next king. This was no fair weather friendship. It was a love which was unbroken, even in the face of what seemed to be an insoluble problem.

II. JONATHAN AND DAVID'S COVENANT. I Samuel 23:15-18.

True friendship must also have a spiritual quality about it in which there can be felt a distinct consciousness of God. Jonathan saw clearly

that God was with David. He realized that it was God's will and purpose to put David on the throne of Israel. This was no indication that Jonathan was forced into friendship with David, for all through the relationship he gladly and joyously affirmed what he believed to be the will of God.

Saul's enmity was now fully in the open. David had to flee from place to place because Saul's army was always seeking him out. It became the most desperate time of David's life because he had to run like a hunted animal. Trust in God is not always easy at a time like this.

But when he seemed to be at the point of greatest discouragement, it was Jonathan again who left his father's camp in order to seek David out for the purpose of strengthening his faith in God. He braved the greatest danger to himself in order to assure David that he would be king over Israel and that Jonathan had no higher ambition than to be second in command.

Questions for Discussion

1. Read II Samuel 1:25-27 and discuss David's lament over Jonathan.
2. How does the love of man compare with the love of God in Christ?
3. Is it enough to be friendly in general without being loving in particular?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 21, 1965

Theme: **NAAMAN: ACTING ON FAITH**

Scripture: **II Kings 5:1-5a, 9-15b**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Faith does not mean that God is ready to heed our every beck and call; it means that we are ready to follow obediently when he calls and directs us.

INTRODUCTION: It is strange to be studying the life of a man who was not a Hebrew. Actually he was an enemy of Israel for he was the general who led the Syrian army to victory over the northern kingdom. Some of the Israelites were captured and had to serve as slaves. The story, however, is not centered so much on Naaman but on Jehovah, the God of Israel.

The story of Naaman has to do with the northern kingdom. Its reputation can best be described by what was said of most of their kings repeatedly: "He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." However, when everything looked hopeless, God raised up two dynamic prophets whose names were Elijah and Elisha.

Benhadad was an able king of Syria who invaded Israel several times at

the time of Naaman. Jehoram, son of the infamous Ahab, was king in Israel. This classic story has no bearing on the life of Israel or Syria, but it has a meaningful lesson for all time on the power of God to bring spiritual wholeness to those who trust him and act upon their faith.

I. GOD'S WITNESS IN A STRANGE LAND. II Kings 5:1-5.

The description which the writer gives of this man leaves us with the impression that he had gone up the ladder of fame and fortune and that he had little to be desired. He was also described as a great man. But greatness is a relative term. It depends on whose sight in which you are looked upon as being great. Naaman had practically everything his heart could desire. Yet he had a great and serious problem. He could not enjoy his riches, his fame, his fortune nor his greatness because he was a leper.

Here is a beautiful picture in contrasts: Naaman, it is said, was great with his master, but the little maid, whose name we do not even know, was great with God. First of all, she was great because she was not bitter. She was great because she never lost faith and courage. It was her faith and her love that led her to feel sorry for her master.

II. HINDRANCES TO FAITH. II Kings 5:9-13.

It is strange how a man's ego gets in his way, no matter how extreme his circumstances. Naaman not only wanted to be healed but he wanted to be healed in his way. He already felt insulted because the prophet did not accord him the proper respect. No doubt he expected Elisha to come out and give him the kind of greeting which befits his position. Sick as he was with leprosy, he was not willing to come down from his high horse. His pride came first. He was used to giving orders and not taking them, especially from a servant lady. God has to cure us of our pride before he can cure us of anything else.

III. THE POWER OF SIMPLE FAITH. II Kings 5:14-15.

Fortunately Naaman's servants had a measure of good common sense and were able to discuss the situation when he calmed down a bit. He was on the verge of missing the greatest blessing of his life because the prophet refused to see him and perform some magical "hocus pocus," or perhaps advise him to do something great or daring. After all, the cure was a very simple one; all it needed was a

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Centennial Jubilee at Baileyville, Illinois

One hundred years of service for Christ at the First Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois is observed by the congregation and friends.

By Rev. Lyman F. Erickson of Baileyville, Illinois

THE DAYS OF August 12-15, 1965 were a time of great blessing for the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois. During these days 100 years of faithful ministry of the Word of God were recognized by the congregation, community and friends.

THE GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker for the centennial was Rev. David J. Draewell, Stewardship Secretary for our General Conference. Mr. Draewell is a grandson of a former pastor of the Baileyville Church. The messages which he brought were based on the theme text for the centennial, *I Kings 8*, and especially verse 57, "The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers."

The Thursday evening service presented greetings from our community churches, as well as greetings from former pastors. Afterwards a fellowship hour was held in the church dining room with the board members in charge. Decorating the table was a cake shaped as an open Bible. During the refreshment hour music was provided by the family of Rev. and Mrs. Leon Franck of our La Crosse, Wisconsin church.

Friday evening's service had a special "after service note" with a recording by Rev. Merle Booth, former pastor of Baileyville. Known as the "Singing Parson" he favored the congregation with a musical greeting which was richly presented.

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

On Saturday afternoon a service sponsored by the ladies' organization of the church was especially highlighted by honoring those who have been members of our church 50 years or longer. They were presented with a single red rose in a white stem vase. Mrs. Carrie Tobert, wife of Rev. Asaph Tobert and currently on leave from the Sudan Interior Mission, spoke.

On Saturday evening an all church Centennial Banquet was held at the local grade school gym. The young people were given the responsibility for this service. They presented personal testimonies from the Tobert Children, also testimonies from two of our church youth, Mr. Elwyn Zimmerman who is studying at our Seminary at who is studying at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Miss Lois Vogt, a graduate nurse, who is studying at Bob Jones University. Mr. Relman DeVries was the master of ceremonies. Rev. David J. Draewell spoke to us concerning our personal responsibility to the Lord. Over 126 people shared in this fine banquet.

SUNDAY'S JUBILEE SERVICES

The Sunday services were full of



REV. AND MRS. LYMAN F. ERICKSON and their sons, Timothy, David and John.

blessing. During our 9:30 A.M. service we heard from our missionaries. Rev. Asaph Tobert spoke to the youth and then Rev. John VanderSchie, Deputation Secretary for the Sudan Interior Mission, spoke on the Holy Spirit who



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special events

GRANT PARK, WINNIPEG, MAN.

In August the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., purchased new fir pews to replace the metal and wooden chairs used up to that time. A good many visitors have commented on the now excellent and worshipful appearance given by the pews. At a September business meeting of the church, it was decided to build an addition to the present educational building that will serve as the narthex, church offices, educational space, kitchen and small dining area, and day nursery center. If finances and other conditions allow, the building will be of one story and a basement, and be begun and completed in the summer of 1966. (Donald Richter, Pastor).

TEMPLE, MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA.

August 9 to 13 were the days for the Vacation Bible School of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta. Our pastor, Rev. H. Schumacher, was in charge and Mrs. Virginia Jaster assisted him with the secretarial work. There were 19 teachers helping in the school with 79 children enrolled and an average daily attendance of 70. The closing program on Friday night was enjoyed by all who attended. On Sunday, August 29, we were privileged to have Dr. R. Schilke in our midst who showed interesting slides on our new proposed mission field in South America. On Sept. 5 we observed Laymen's Sunday with Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., as guest speaker. He showed us slides which he took while on an African tour. We must thank God for blessings received and for our pastor, Rev. H. Schumacher who brings heart searching messages Sunday after Sunday, (Emma Weber, Reporter).

TRINITY, SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

Enthusiastic young people from the United States and Canada have made their college-career homes in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The colleges, Augustana and Sioux Nettleton Business College and places of employment draw these young people to the area. During the month of September, the 12 members of the God's Volunteers teams joined our fellowship also.

Trinity Baptist Church, Rev. E. Wolf as pastor, has begun a youth-centered program urging these young people to attend. Sunday, Sept. 12 started this program out with a bang. Fifty-five young people were in the Sunday school class. The get-acquainted supper and meeting, with Art Helwig as president leading, gave us a chance to meet 65 NAB's and visitors. The NAB city-wide reception wound up the day's activities with a gather-



Dale Gross (left) of the Pioneer Baptist Sunday school, Pound, Wis., receives the Scripture Memory Course grand award from Mr. Arnold Rymer in charge of the program at the church.

ing of 98. We are all looking forward to a great year of study-fellowship with NAB youth and other students who will be joining us. (Jarene Gunst, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. RICHARD C. AXMANN, RICHARD C. AXMANN, SON OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE AXMANN OF THE NORTH SHERIDAN BAPTIST CHURCH, PEORIA, ILL., WAS ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY AT ORDINATION CEREMONIES HELD AT THE CHURCH ON JULY 10. THE ORDINATION SERMON WAS PREACHED BY DR. RICHARD BESANCON, PROFESSOR AT JUDSON COLLEGE, ELGIN, ILL. REV. GEORGE AXMANN IS PASTOR OF THE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MUDLAKE, TERRETON, IDAHO. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER REBECCA HALBERT OF MT. GILEAD, OHIO, WHO IS A GRADUATE OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL OF CHICAGO. MR. AXMANN IS A GRADUATE OF CALIFORNIA BAPTIST SEMINARY, COVINA, CALIF., WITH A B.D. DEGREE. THE FATHER OF THE NEWLY-ORDAINED PASTOR IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS OF NORTH SHERIDAN BAPTIST CHURCH. (Walter Kohrs, Reporter).

DALLAS, TEXAS. On Sunday evening, August 1st, the ground breaking service for the North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas was held. The program was opened with the singing of the Doxology followed by prayer and Scripture read by Rev. Gordon Thomas, pastor. We were privileged to have Dr. J. C. Gunst as the guest speaker. Following the breaking of ground by the building committee, the church was asked to join in turning over some ground, thus marking the beginning of building activities on the five acre site. The church is presently meeting in a chapel converted from a garage by volunteer labor of members and friends of the church. We praise the Lord for his leading in the lives of the members and friends of

North Highlands Baptist Church and pray that many souls will be led to Christ. (Mrs. Edward Seeliger, Reporter).

sunday school programs & events

POUND, WISCONSIN. Since the Scripture Memory Course was introduced in the Sunday school of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., by Mrs. G. W. Blackburn several years ago, we are happy now to announce our first Grand Award winner. Dale Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gross, received the award from Mr. Arnold Rymer, who is in charge of the program. We trust that the Word may be hid in the hearts of these children, even after they have finished the course. (Mrs. Emily Mattrisch, Reporter).

PARKSTON AND TRIPP, S. DAK.

A fall "kick-off banquet" was enjoyed by the Sunday school teachers and officers of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches, S. Dak., on Tuesday evening, Sept. 7, in the dining room of a local cafe. Newton Voigt was master of ceremonies. Group singing was led by Sam Fuller. Our pastor, Rev. John Hisel, led in the opening prayer. A reading by LaVerna Mehlhoff and an instrumental number by Jeanene Rieb and Shelby Steele followed. Our guest speaker was Rev. Ronald Mayforth from the West Center Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak. Harold Lippert led in the closing prayer. (Viola Mehlhoff, Reporter).

BETHANY, REGINA, SASK.

For the first time in its 39 year history, the Bethany Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., held one week of Vacation Bible School from August 2 to 6, with the closing program on Sunday evening. The week of Bible study and handcrafts was preceded by several evenings of "door to door invitations." The total enrollment was 47 children. The school was under the leadership of Rev. W. Kroguletz, assisted by six teachers and six helpers as well as chauffeurs. Some of the children had never heard God's Word before, and they learned some important Bible verses that, as we pray, will remain in their hearts throughout their lives. We praise God for the three young boys who made their decisions for Christ on the last day of the school. (Armin Tisher, Reporter).

OCHRE RIVER, MANITOBA.

The Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Man., held its Vacation Bible School from Aug. 16-20. Rev. Alex Sootzmann, the director, was assisted by the following teachers: Mrs. H. Prikker, Mrs. Ted Prikker, Mrs. H. Amman, Mrs. R.

Roos, Miss Nettie Oltrop and Miss Ella Boerchers. Thirty-eight children enrolled for the five day course and most of these were brought in daily by the teachers, some coming from a distance of 20 miles. On Friday afternoon the children and teachers enjoyed a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Amman. The closing program on Sunday evening was well attended by parents and friends. The offering amounted to \$36. (Mrs. Frieda Boerchers, Reporter).

WHITESHELL, RIVER HILLS, MAN.

"The Christian's Birth and Growth" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held by the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Man. Because of the distance some of the teachers had to travel, a one week school was held with morning and afternoon classes, Rev. B. Voss, our pastor, was the director, aided by 10 teachers and helpers. The enrollment was 67. The closing program held Friday evening, Aug. 6, was well attended by parents and friends. The handwork was attractively displayed in the lower auditorium. On Sunday, Sept. 12, pins were awarded to Myron Henshell and Tim Kretchmer who successfully completed the Scripture Memory Course for this year. (Mrs. W. Kretchmer, Reporter).

MINITONAS, MAN.

This year's Scripture Memory Course of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man., was climaxed with a closing program presented by the children at a Sunday evening service. Of the 56 boys and girls enrolled, 43 successfully completed the course. According to age group and work accomplished, each child was awarded with a book to help him in spiritual growth. Four girls: Carol Hart, Margaret Hart, Rita Hart and Marilyn Kesterke, were honored with the Grand Award by the Department of Christian Education for having completed the entire course of nine years. Mrs. Robert Fenske, the director of the Memory Course, was assisted by nine loyal helpers. A one week all day Vacation Bible School was held in July under the leadership of Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, with 90 children enrolled, an average attendance of 75 and 14 teachers and helpers. Kenn Grieger was vice-director and Evelyn Kilbrai served as pianist.

MISSIONARY CHURCH, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The Lord greatly blessed the Vacation Bible School held by the Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio under the fine leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Erhard Knoll, July 12-16, at the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A., using the theme, "Discovering with Christ." Total average attendance was 92, including 20 teachers and helpers. Over half of the attending children were visitors, and we praise God that 30 children and teens accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. The total offerings amounted to \$68.89. Half of this amount had been designated for denominational missions. The

balance was used to cover part of the total expenditures of \$275. Preceding this year's Bible School, our members, particularly the young people, had distributed over 800 invitational leaflets as a car caravan, consisting of cars and a sound-truck publicizing our V.B.S. throughout the neighborhood. (John Semmelroth, Reporter).

woman's missionary societies

MICHIGAN'S WOMEN'S RETREAT. The annual Women's Retreat of the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., and the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., met

at the Good News Camp near Gladwin, Sept. 17-18. The theme of this year's retreat was "Christ In Your Conversation" with Exodus 4:12 as the theme verse: "Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." Not only was a good time of fun and fellowship had by all, but each one was challenged as she listened to the inspiring messages of our guest speakers, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer of Cameroon, Africa. Officers elected for next year are: president, Mrs. Betty Braun of Auburn; vice-president, Mrs. Shirleen Liske of Alpena; secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Voss of Alpena; and treasurer, Mrs. Delores Ford of Gladwin. Next year's retreat will be at the Good News Camp, Sept. 16-17. (Esther Berkan, Secretary).

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McLAUGHLIN, S. DAK.

Sunday evening, August 1st, the McLaughlin, Selfridge and Moberge Baptist Churches of South Dakota had the joy of witnessing a joint baptismal service in the Moberge Church. We were thankful for the use of their church for this event. Rev. Jacob Klingenberg gave a very fitting message on "Why We Are Baptists." Six young people from the McLaughlin Church entered the waters of baptism and later the hand of fellowship was extended to them by our pastor. Three converts from Selfridge were baptized: Dean and Karen Hepper and Pam Walker. Rev. S. Gardner of the Moberge Church baptized one convert. A solo was sung by Leo Friez of McLaughlin



Baptismal candidates at McLaughlin, South Dakota. Back row (left to right): Carol Walker, Jerry Pastian, Wayne Grosch and Rev. J. Klingenberg. Front row: Leo Grosch, Pam Pastian and Ronald Walker.

accompanied by Jaynie Moser. (Mrs. Art Moser, Reporter).

CALVARY, WETASKIWIN, ALTA.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta held one week of Vacation Bible School, August 9 to 13, with evening classes for all age groups. We had an enrollment of 202, a staff of Sunday school teachers, and our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. Leverette. The theme was "Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World."

Rev. J. Leverette who presented a heart searching study was able to lead our people into a new consciousness of the abiding presence of Christ. Following a course on baptism we were privileged on Sept. 26 to witness the baptism of 18 candidates on confession of their faith in Christ. Ten others were received into the church's membership by letter. On the same evening the hand of fellowship was extended to them by Rev. J. Leverette. (Mrs. Herman Schielke, Reporter).

GRANT PARK, WINNIPEG, MAN.

Early in the spring planning got under way for Vacation Bible School to be held by the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man. Mr. Bill Rentz was appointed director and led the preparations and school to the best level it has so far achieved. Total attendance exceeded 200 with the number on the staff bringing the total enrollment to nearly 250. The closing program of the two week school on August 8 saw nearly 300 people present.

In mid-summer Rev. Donald Richter, pastor, baptized six people (two young people and four adults), all of whom come from a non-Baptist heritage with one a converted Roman Catholic. Six more transferred into the church with the result that the membership now stands at 112 for the 5-year-old church. The church cooperated in the summer camping program of the Southern Manitoba Tri-Union (NAB) with workers, counselors, and campers. Nearly a dozen persons from Grant Park Church found Christ through the camping program. (Donald Richter, Pastor).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

BILLINGS, MONTANA. Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana was honored Sept. 15 at a fellowship dinner on the occasion of his birthday and the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the Gospel ministry. Greetings were extended by the various church departments. A telegram and several



Rev. Richard Grenz behind the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana.

letters from pastors of the Dakota Conference, his home church of Napoleon, N. Dak., and relatives were read. Rev. R. Grenz responded with reminiscences of the past 25 years. The church fellowship presented him with a love offering and good wishes for many more years in the service of our Lord. Rev. and Mrs. E. Goosen of the Conservative Baptist Church were special guests. Mr. Goosen brought an inspirational and challenging message to climax the program. Rev. Richard Grenz, his wife and three children have served at Calvary Baptist Church of Billings since August 1960. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).



A large group of 110 young people besides the staff members from Cleveland, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and western New York attended the Tri-State Senior Camp at the Tri-State Camp in August.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, VANCOUVER, B. C. On Sept. 8th the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., had the great joy to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of our beloved and faithful members, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loch, Sr. Their family of one son and his wife, 6 daughters and their husbands and 21 grandchildren were all present, a living document of God's blessing resting on this happy family. Since their arrival in Canada in 1927, the Loch's were first members of the Regina Baptist Church and, after moving to Vancouver, they joined the Bethany Baptist Church. They have always been an inspiring example of faithfulness in the Lord's work. An interesting program was rendered by the church choirs, soloists and the lovely daughters of our couple. Our pastor, Rev. E. Rogalski, expressed the congratulations of our church. (C. Dymmel, Reporter).

RANDOLPH, MINN. On Sunday afternoon, July 25, the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., held a reception to welcome its new pastor, Rev. Wilfred L. Weick, his wife and their "wee" daughter, Joyel. Mrs. August Meyer and the ladies' trio provided music. Greetings were brought by several Twin Cities' pastors and also by the pastors of the local Lutheran and Methodist churches. As God blesses and the new pastor leads, this church goes forward with new zeal toward reaching out in the community. (Edna Miller, Clerk).

DALLAS, TEXAS. On Sunday evening, June 13, the North Highlands Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas and family into our church. Mr. Gerald Neugebauer presided, and the following church officers spoke words of welcome: Mr. Herman Steindam representing the church; Don Reed, Sunday school; Mrs. Edward Monschke,



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loch, Sr. of Vancouver, B. C., at their 60th wedding anniversary held at Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver.

president of the Woman's Missionary Union; and Herman Balka, Training Union. Rev. Kenneth Howe of Waco, Texas was guest speaker. We thank God for the blessings already received under the guidance of our pastor and family. A pantry shower awaited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas as they arrived at the parsonage. (Mrs. Edward Seeliger, Reporter).

PLUM CREEK, EMERY, S. DAK. On Sunday evening, Aug. 22, after the service we of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., gathered in the church basement for a fellowship lunch, bidding farewell to our Seminary student, Ken Gould, and his wife of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who so ably served us during the summer months.

On Friday, Sept. 3, we welcomed our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman, and sons Wendell and Warren. A welcome was extended by the following: Sunday school superintendent, Roger Decker; Junior CBY, Mrs. Wayne Decker and Bennie Fauth; Young Adults, Robert Decker; Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Edwin Decker; Men's Brotherhood, Herb Decker; and Board of Deacons, Ralph Oller. The guest speaker was Rev. John Hise, pastor of the Parkston and Tripp Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman responded graciously. (Mrs. Edwin Decker, Reporter).

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

TRI-STATE SENIOR CAMP AT LAKE ERIE. The TRI-STATE SENIOR CAMP was held from August 21 to 28. There were 110 campers present plus a very fine staff. TRI-STATE CAMP is located on Lake Erie just west of Erie, Pa., and serves our N.A.B. churches from Cleveland, Western Pennsylvania and Western New York state.

Three courses of study were offered: 1. MAKING GOD'S MESSAGE MINE taught by Rev. Rubin Kern, our Eastern District Secretary; 2. WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?, a study of

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Obituary

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

MR. HERMAN ZACHAY of Seal Beach, California

Mr. Herman Zachay of Seal Beach, Calif., was born on Oct. 27, 1896 near Lodz, Poland and was taken to his heavenly Home on Sept. 18 at the age of 68 years. At the age of 13 he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Rev. E. Mohr at the First Baptist Church of Lodz.

He came to America at the age of 16 and married Martha Hiebner on Nov. 1, 1918 in New York City. He was employed for 18 years in the textile industry and for 30 years as a successful agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He served his Lord faithfully through church music for over 50 years singing in and directing choirs and leading singing at NAB General Conferences. His life in his service for God and man was characterized by friendliness, honesty, efficiency and punctuality.

His survivors are his widow, Martha; his son, Elmer of El Cajon, Calif.; his son Elbert of Huntington Beach, Calif.; his sister, Mrs. Mildred Cicior, of Philadelphia, Pa., and three grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.
ELMER ZACHAY, Minister

MRS. JOHN TAUBENSEE of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mrs. Maria Elisabeth Taubensee, nee Schonrath, of Winnipeg, Man., was born in Elisabeththal, Russia, Oct. 6, 1906. As a girl of 18 she accepted the Lord as her Savior, was baptized, and became a member of the Baptist Church in Gronau, Germany. In 1926 she became the wife of John Taubensee. The young couple immigrated to Canada in 1930. She was a faithful member of our churches in Springside (Ebenezer West), Minitonas, Swan River (Temple), and Winnipeg (McDermot).

After a period of severe suffering, which she bore patiently looking to her Lord for the needed strength, she was called to her heavenly home on Sept. 3, 1965. The funeral service was held Sept. 8 in the Temple Baptist Church in Swan River where she had resided for 23 years, and where she had been a charter member of the church. Interment took place at the cemetery in Minitonas at the graveside of two of her children.

Besides her loving husband, John, she is survived by one son, Johnny, in Winnipeg; two daughters: Mrs. John Nikel (Irma) of Edmonton and Mrs. Burns Lucas (Ruby) of Swan River; 8 grandchildren; two brothers and four sisters.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
REV. MANFRED TAUBENSEE and
REV. H. BUSHKOWSKY,
Officiating Pastors

MR. EDMUND WEHR of Santa Cruz, California

Mr. Edmund Wehr of Santa Cruz, Calif., was born on June 25, 1899 on a farm near Martin, N. Dak. He passed away suddenly in his home in Calif., after a heart attack on May 21, 1965. He was 65 years, 11 months and 26 days of age. He lived most of his life in Anamoose, N. Dak., where he operated a garage. In 1962 he and his wife moved to Santa Cruz, Calif., and managed a motel until his death. He was married June 23, 1927 to Leah Dobler. He was converted early in his boyhood years and was baptized by Rev. G. Eichler. He joined the Anamoose Baptist Church where he later served as Sunday school superintendent and as deacon. At the time of his death, he and his wife were members of the Twin Lakes Baptist Church, Santa Cruz, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Leah; 4 sons: Dennis, Bismarck, N. D.; Kenneth, Denver, Colorado; Myron, Dixon, Calif.; James, Santa Cruz, Calif.; 9 grandchildren; 1 brother, Arthur, Anamoose, N. D.; 1 sister Esther Kowarsch, Indianapolis, Ind.; and a step-

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MR. HERMAN ZACHAY
of Seal Beach, California
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mother, Matilda Wehr, Anamoose, N. D. He was buried at the Oakwood Memorial Cemetery, Santa Cruz, with Rev. Guy Zehring, officiating.

Anamoose, North Dakota
ALVIN AUCH, Correspondent

MRS. MAGDALENA GRUENEICH of Underwood, North Dakota

Mrs. Magdalena Grueneich of Underwood, N. Dak., age 74, passed away at her home in Underwood on Sept. 3. She was born at Ashley, N. Dak., Nov. 14, 1890. She grew up in the Ashley community where she married Gottlieb Grueneich on Jan. 9, 1913. In 1925 they moved to the Underwood community where they farmed until moving into Underwood in 1950. Her husband preceded her in death in 1956. Since 1963 she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsley of Underwood. She accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 20 and was baptized in June 1911 near Ashley. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Underwood and its Ladies' Missionary Society.

She is survived by two sons: Arthur Grueneich, Underwood, N. Dak., and Rev. Reuben Grueneich, Martin, N. Dak.; 4 daughters: Mrs. Otto (Hulda) Graf, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Howard (Elsie) Grimsley, Underwood, N. Dak.; Mrs. Emil (Esther) Birst, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Gideon (Edna) Goehring, Ashley, N. Dak.; 3 brothers; 2 sisters; 30 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
Underwood, North Dakota
WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor

MR. FRED KUBLICK of Minitonas, Manitoba

Mr. Fred Kublick, age 51, of Minitonas, Man., was born on Nov. 8, 1913 at Kruchy (Kostopol), Poland. In 1932 he married Martha Mueller, to which union God gave five children, two sons and three daughters. He farmed at Kruchy (Poland) till 1938, in the Warthegau (Germany) till 1942, and upon his immigration to Canada in 1949 five miles south of Minitonas, Man. From 1942-45 he served in the German Army and was a prisoner of war in Russia till 1948. In his youth he was baptized by Rev. M. Jeske and united with the Baptist Church at Kruchy. At Minitonas he attended the services of the First Baptist Church. On Sept. 5, 1965 he passed away suddenly when fatally shot in a tragic hunting accident close to his farm.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife; two sons: Edward of Winnipeg, Man., and Daniel of Minitonas, Man.; 3 daughters: Ruth (Mrs. Herbert Schneider) of Goshen, Indiana; Anna (Mrs. Reinhart Unruh) and Irma, both of Minitonas, Man.; 5 grandchildren; 2 brothers, and one sister, all living at Minitonas, Man. Funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Minitonas, Manitoba
HERMAN A. POHL, Pastor

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN ZACHAY AND A MESSAGE TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM

By Rev. Elmer Zachay, his older son.
"Fear thou not; for I am with thee, be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

It is the Christian's rightful faith that, however dark the night, God's love surrounds us. Whether we find him near or far, or cry out in anguish yet hear no answering word, we still can know that God has not forsaken us. When we are assured that God ceases not to love us, we can watch in patience through the night and wait for the dawn. Then as God finds us and speaks to our waiting spirits, peace and power flow into our lives.

"Glory, glory, glory, I see JESUS! G-l-o-r-y! I see JESUS! JESUS is coming for me." These were the clear, radiant, joyous words spoken by Herman Zachay of Seal Beach, Calif., as Christ the Lord revealed himself to him in a vision only about 60 hours before he actually went to glory on Sept. 18th.

Since Herman Zachay knew the King of glory from his youth up, his life in his service for God and man was characterized by faithfulness, honesty, friendliness and punctuality. He had a pleasant sense of humor and was a lover of nature. His life was enriched through his talent in music, directing church choirs for 43 years, leading congregational singing at many large conferences of his denomination, and playing the violin as a hobby. His loyalty was to his home, his church, his country and to his God. Truly, he was a good witness and his influence will live on.

However, that which was not healed and transformed in this life, will be perfected in the resurrected life through his firm faith in our victorious Lord. There is no death to the Christian, only new beginnings. God is not limited to time in perfecting his children; he has all eternity to mold us into his likeness.

And so it is that we will miss him greatly, but we are grateful for the way he has shared his good life with us and for the assurance of our future reunion with all who are in Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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little faith to try it. Naaman was healed in body and soul, for he said afterward, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel."

Questions for Discussion

1. Why was Naaman, a Syrian and foreigner, healed when there were many lepers in Israel who never found healing? See Luke 4:27.

2. Is there a difference in being healed by faith and healed by medical science?

REPORT, CAMP AT LAKE ERIE

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Dr. Dale Ihrie's new book taught by Rev. Don Hulin, the new pastor of the Penn Hills Baptist Church in Pittsburgh and Director of Pittsburgh Youth For Christ; 3. MORALS FOR MODERNS dealing with Christian answers for the problems of today's teen-agers, taught by Rev. David Dræwell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

Dr. Douglas Gallagher, pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, brought challenging messages at each of the evening services. We were privileged in having one of our missionaries to Japan, Miss Lucille Wipf, share her experiences with our young people. Rev. Dale Chaddock served as recreational director, Rev. Larry Prast as rifle instructor, Mr. Lloyd Benton as archery instructor, Rev. Edward Pritzkau as registrar, Miss Barbara Cahill as music director. Rev. Fred Mashner was Camp Director, and Rev. Raymond Yahn as Camp Dean. In addition to those mentioned, there were others who contributed their time and talents to the task of having a successful camp. We are grateful to the Lord for the blessed week he gave us and for the decisions that were made for him.

WE, THE WOMEN

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Program Packets for last year were completely sold out, and we regret that some orders could not be filled. The new packets give promise of even bigger and better things with the English packet developing the theme, "The Christian Woman—Today" and the German program material enlarging on how we can "Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Our Savior Jesus Christ."

Already plans for the women's meetings in the 1967 General Conference in Detroit, Michigan are on the move, and we look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with our women from all parts of our vast conference, as well as a time of real spiritual uplift and challenge. Plan to be there!

Before closing this report, may we encourage you to become an avid reader of the printed page of our Woman's Missionary Union. We publish the BROADCAST and DER RUNDKUNDE, besides two columns—"We the Women" in the BAPTIST HERALD and "Die Frauenecke" in DER SENDBOTE. This material is produced with YOU in mind—for your enrichment and information. As our lives become saturated with the tasks and opportunities which are ours as a Woman's Union, we will radiate enthusiasm and kindle a spark in the life of another woman who as yet has not caught the vision. The Lord has blessed abundantly. Grant that we may be willing to do our part and launch out into even greater areas of service!

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LOYALTIES

"Then Peter began to say unto him,
Lo we have left all, and have followed
thee" (Mark 10:28).

"I came to your church last Sunday,
I walked up and down the aisle,
I noticed your Seat was vacant,"
Said the Master, with a kindly smile.

"Yes, I was at home," I answered,
"Some folks from up state way
Drove down for a week-end visit,
So we stayed in the house all day."

Or, "I had an awful headache;
I had a roast in the pan,"
Or, "We overslept this morning,
But I go whenever I can."

The Master gazed at me sadly,
As he was about to speak,
"My Child," he replied. "Are there not
Six other days in the week?"

I saw I had grieved my Master,
As slowly he turned away,
And I vowed he'd not find me absent
Again on his Holy Day.

—Submitted by Mr. G. T. Mingoia,
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