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THE BIBLE is the essential tool of missions and evangelism. The missionary uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary. Often it goes where an individual missionary cannot go. It always stays on after he leaves—often under duress—and keeps on speaking to a person's heart.

The American Bible Society, with its twenty-six sister national Bible Societies, has embarked upon a great new program, "God's Word for a New Age," which reaches its high point in 1966. The program of advance was approved in 1963 at the Advisory Council, which represents over 65 denominations in this country which support the work of the Society, including the North American Baptist General Conference.

The major target of "God's Word for a New Age" is the increase of total Scripture distribution around the world, through the United Bible Societies, to 150,000,000 copies annually by 1966. This goal is three times the 1964 global distribution of Scriptures.

The American Bible Society has pledged itself to a goal of distributing 75,000,000 copies of Scripture annually by 1966. This is one half of the world goal of the United Bible Societies and is more than a 100 percent increase over the Society's circulation in 1963.

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,232 tongues and languages. The complete Bible has been published in 235 languages, the New Testament in 290 and at least a complete Gospel or other book in 707 tongues.

More than 1,000 languages and dialects remain in which no book of the Bible has yet been published. In Africa, for example, it is estimated that there are 800 languages spoken; yet the entire Bible has been translated into only 72. In eleven countries of Africa, there is not yet a whole Bible available in any vernacular. This continuing work is the task of the churches and the Bible Societies throughout the world. Our Conference churches will share in this program by emphasizing throughout 1966 "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution."

EXPLORE GOD'S WORD

The theme for Christian Education Week, "Explore God's Word" is also the theme for our 1966 conference-wide program of "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." Study the new poster on your church's bulletin board. Secure the new 1966 Bible Packet (25 cents) from your pastor. Become acquainted with the 20 helpful projects, showing how you can take part in this program throughout 1966. The greatest blessings will come to those who use this opportunity to "Explore God's Word" for themselves.

THE MALAGASY BIBLE

The first Bible produced in Africa was the Malagasy Bible, printed on a primitive hand press in Tananarive in 1835. This year, on the 130 anniversary of the printing of this first Bible, Malagasy Christians took the responsibility for Bible Society work into their own hands when the national Malagasy Bible Society was officially inaugurated on June 21st. The story of Christianity in that country is a convincing testimony to the saving and sustaining power of the Scriptures, under the Holy Spirit.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

POWER IN PRAYER. The Christian has come to experience the truth of Tennyson's statement that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." By prayer we become God's co-laborers and he reveals his power and glory through us.

NDU TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. Pray for this important college in Cameroon, Africa as it moves to its permanent site at Belo and becomes our fourth post-primary institution in Cameroon. The entire educational program with its Christian emphasis, as carried on by our Mission, will be graphically depicted by Rev. G. Ben Lawrence in the 1966 ANNUAL.

CAMEROON NEEDS. Mr. Norman Haupt, Cameroon missionary and college principal, has several interesting prayer requests that he has directed to us at home: "Pray for one of our students at the Ndu Baptist College who is greatly troubled by brothers who are practicing witchcraft against him. He needs much prayer! Some of our students are chiefs or sons of influential people. Pray that they may be able to witness to their people and become a spiritual force for Christ in this new African society."

WARWAR FIELD. Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, returned to Warwar, Nigeria on July 1st. This is our mission field in Nigeria beyond the present borders of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, where Miss Kuhn is establishing an important clinic. It is reported that "she is very busy at work again; in fact, one delivery was made by her on her way back to the field." In her lonely and difficult vigil, Miss Kuhn needs our prayers.

OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY. The building plans of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan have undergone recent changes. This has led Rev. Fred Moore to write: "Pray for the continuing efforts to improve both the program and the facilities of the Osaka Biblical Seminary. Also pray for the supplying of our great need for competent, devoted Japanese faculty members."

MOMENTS WITH GOD. By the end of August, the subscription totals for the new devotional quarterly, "Moments with God," had almost reached the 8500 mark. The first printing of the "Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1965" issue has been 9000. Send your church order or individual subscription at once and secure your copies of this memorable issue.

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"OUR FIRST SHORT
TERM MISSIONARIES"

Dr. R. Schilke

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Explore God's Word

Guest Editorial by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

Future generations who read the history of our era may accurately classify it as "The Age of Celestial Explorations." Our generation marvels at the courage of explorers of past centuries who moved westward to develop unknown lands, yet many of the accounts of explorers who stand out as heroes become dwarfed when we consider current accounts of fantastic explorations into space. Man's pursuit after new territories has brought into existence nations, cultures and new dimensions in space.

However, the longings within man's soul have not been satisfied through the exploration of tangible realms of new continents and space, or through landing objects on the moon and taking pictures of Mars. Thank God that man has also been motivated to "Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: . . ." Man's quest for understanding and insight into the teachings of the Bible have resulted in the writing of innumerable volumes seeking to describe man's findings as he "Explored God's Word."

Since our age takes us into new dimensions of God's creation, we also need greater depth in our faith in God. The Bible has furnished man with a proper dimension of his faith for every era of his new experiences. When Jesus proclaimed that his Gospel was for all people of the world and when he associated with those who were not of the Jewish tradition, he was accused by the Pharisees and scribes, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." The actual transition of bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles became the task of Peter, who explored God's message which came to him in a vision. After this experience he recognized the new concept, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34, 35). For each new experience in life there is a spiritual dimension available to us which is adequate for a stable faith in God.

For North American Baptists, the coming year will be one of exciting opportunities to "EXPLORE GOD'S WORD." Beginning with Christian Education Week in 1965 and continuing through September 1966, the theme, "EXPLORE GOD'S WORD," will demand that every one of us devote personal effort to EXPLORE GOD'S WORD for a greater life-related, meaningful faith. Throughout these twelve months various special emphases will focus upon this theme, "EXPLORE GOD'S WORD," which was adopted by the General Council as our denominational theme from October 1965 through September 1966. A special packet will be available from the Promotional Department of our denomination to aid individuals and study groups to make "EXPLORING GOD'S WORD" a most meaningful experience.

Since the Bible has been entrusted to us as God's great gift to man, we will want to be faithful trustees and to strengthen our Christian faith and also to share this faith with the multitudes. Those who will participate in this effort to EXPLORE GOD'S WORD will be able to testify with the Psalmist, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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The reading of God's Word can be "pure delight" for you as you pray: "Spirit of God, my Teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me." (Eastern Photo Service).

Through the Bible: "Pure Delight!"

Since we live by "enjoyments," have you known the pure delight in the fellowship that can be ours in the Holy Spirit through the Bible? It counts upon him for the joy of discovery. It honors the Holy Spirit in that it depends upon his prompting for our informal searching and sharing of the Word.

By Rev. William H. Jeschke,
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"WE BOTH read the same book. You find it interesting; I find it dull." A 16 year old boy saying this to an older Christian offers its own explanation. But when older Christians still find the Bible more "dull" than interesting, further explanation is in order—and overdue.

PSALM 1:1, 2, which presents a man delighting in the "Scriptures" of his time, will provide two important keywords for our explanation. Let us, first, believe in the supreme desirability of being "blessed." Let us, then, be challenged by the choice that must be made wherein we "meditate."

DISCIPLINED MEDITATION

"Blessed is the man" who has "fixed" his choice: rejecting "the counsel of the ungodly" ("ungodly" meaning, whether deliberate or by default; "God invited to be absent") to prefer the blessed God. According to Jesus the choice MUST be fixed! "Or else he will hold to (prefer) the one, and despise the other" (Matt. 6:24). It may have to be: "Choose you (EACH) day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15) until the choice is fixed.

We reveal our choice as to what seems to be "blessed" by our meditative practices. Not enough Christians believe that "the blessed God" (I Tim. 1:11) is not only to be trusted but "ALSO" to be delighted in! (See Psalm 34:4, 5). Far too many Christians have not gone enough beyond the "NOT . . . nor . . . nor" of Psalm 1:1 into the important "discipline of delight" in Psalm 1:2.

When "the blessed God" invites us to seek his face (Psalm 27:8; Heb. 11:6), do heart and will respond, "I WILL seek thee—by way of the blessed Book?" "Beyond the sacred page I seek THEE, Lord?" If "my spirit pants for thee," is it not that I may learn that true rejoicing comes from communion with God—through the Bible? (Luke 10:21; Psalm 119:111; Jer. 15:16).

"He meditates." It is a large discipline: he is at it "day and night." "Meditation is reading with attention," suggests W. H. Griffith Thomas. "It is reading with intention."

1. It involves attention. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith. . ." (Revelation 2, 3; seven times repeated!)

Pray. "Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me." Take time to "behold HIM"! "By looking to Jesus . . . thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see."

Pray it in! Turn all into prayer (praise, petition, confession, etc.) as you "take it in." "Let the word of Christ dwell IN you richly in all wisdom" (Col. 3:16).

2. It involves intention. "Not hearers only—but doers of the word" (James 1:22). "All Scripture . . . given by inspiration of God is profitable" only as I intend to DO the will it reveals. It is profitable for doctrine (teaching): "Teach me thy way, O Lord." It is profitable for reproof: "Thank you, that because you love, you rebuke and chasten." It is profitable for correction: "You restore my soul—into paths of righteousness." It is profitable for training in righteousness: "Help me

to seek first thy Kingdom and thy righteousness."

PROFITABLE BIBLE READING

This is how I view "making Bible study relevant." To use the Bible's preferred word, we must learn to "meditate" more regularly. We "study" most irregularly. "Study to shew thyself approved" actually has as little reference to "Bible study" as "study to be quiet"! (I Thess. 4:11). "Study" for Sunday school or other times, though of vital necessity, is not to be substituted for the habit of "meditation"—which is meant to make our moments "blessed . . . day and night"! "Take my moments (Do "I have my moments?" "Bad moments?") . . . let them flow in ceaseless praise"? It comes this way: let my meditations (Psalms 19:7-11; 119) be "consecrated" and so "acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

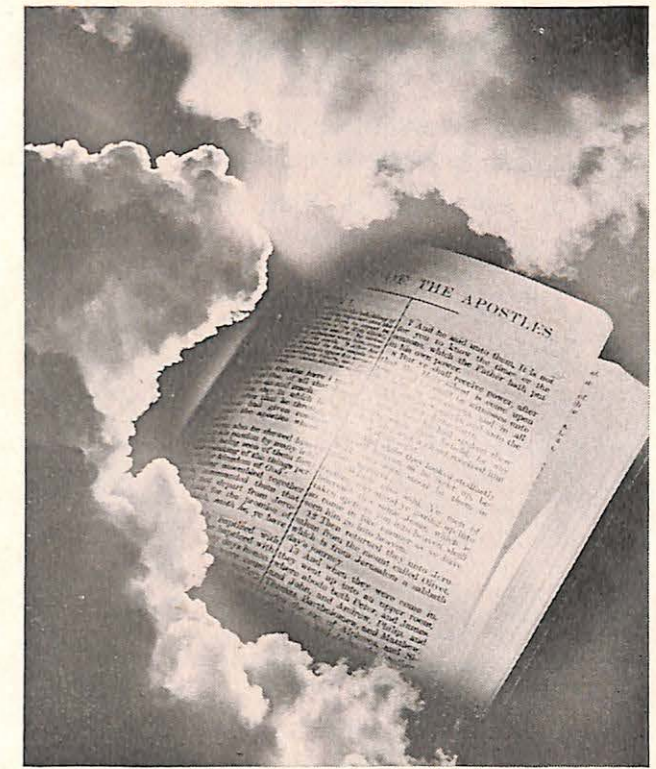
A look at "Home Bible Classes" (requested, too, for this article) points up, among other things, a "grass-roots" hunger for depth-fellowship in the "pure delight." (I John 1:3, 4). It is a latter-day restoration of the early "church in thy house," a "growing by groups" revitalization, undeniably "of the Spirit"—a gift-with-challenge for our time. Being "of the Spirit," the pure delight is the "fellowship that is ours in the Holy Spirit," through the Bible. It honors the Holy Spirit in that it depends upon his prompting for the informal searching and sharing. It counts upon him for the joy of discovery. It shatters the scandalous hesita-

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The Truth That Transforms

Too many people in our churches are saved but untransformed Christians. Their lives show a conventional tameness that is positively dull. But the Bible tells us that Christ wants me to become the kind of a person that I now am not. We must receive his Gift of Power that will enable us to move toward maturity in Christ. Nothing less will do!

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"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). (Photo by A. Devaney, New York).

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

IN THE ABOVE statement God comes to his conclusion about transformation. We want to enter into his understanding of this truth by seeking to understand, to apply, and to experience the "inner shift" which MUST follow if we claim to have received the "Gift."

MORE DYNAMIC IN DESCRIPTION

Most of our teaching is descriptive of correct biblical concepts. Just knowing these truths lacks the power to push out of our life those guilt-producing, anti-God feelings in our soul. Our concepts tell us that we have a right to freedom, but we are bound.

This state of affairs is in large measure due to our emphasis upon what Christ has done FOR us, unbalanced by the needed thrust of what we have done WITH him. Thus, we are like spectators who wonder why their spiritual fitness is not equal to that of participants. We are declared righteous, but not made righteous; justified but not transformed. We have received a gift that has no power to create the inner shift. The whole thing has about it a conventional tameness that is positively dull and routine.

Something must be done! To describe this tame thing as the "old having passed away, ALL having become new," is to abuse simple words. Let me suggest a point of beginning that can be helpful.

Historically the substitutionary death of Jesus FOR the individual has received proper emphasis among evangelicals. Evangelical schools and groups have always included this in their statements of faith. But the equally fundamental teaching—the substitutionary living of Jesus Christ in the body of every Christian (Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:13) has not received equal attention. This truth needs the practical emphasis that the other has received. Transformation is largely dependent upon this truth—*Christ living within*.

This is the most important fundamental tenet of the faith for the modern "saved" Christian. It needs to be sounded soundly. Let us close all of the "theological escape hatches" that produce saved but untransformed Christians so that teacher and those taught shall be convinced that there is no other way than the one that makes transformation biblically necessary. Our tameness needs to be challenged by this dynamic.

One urgent need in Christian teaching is the purification of motive—why am I a Christian? This question, if asked in the spirit of concern and answered in the light of scriptural self-examination, will reveal more blockage to transform than any other cause.

It is an established fact that the typical teenager wants to be liked and accepted as he is, for his own sake. This very obvious fact about teenagers has a wider application. It is the basic social drive in all people. Thus, it is easily and readily applied in hearing the Gospel which then means that God likes me and accepts me as I am, without

making any moral demands upon me. God does not expect transformation. This leads to stagnation and sterility in the life of the person who heard and accepted the Gospel in the mood of social acceptance minus the consciousness of demands for moral change. Such a Christian, in order to protect his doubtful status, gathers around him books and teachers that assure him that he is a "babe in Christ," or he is a carnal or disobedient Christian, which, if he believes it, will make him permanently insensitive to moral change.

MORE MOTIVE IN METHOD

It is, therefore, of utmost importance to bring motive into the discussion of methods, teaching and personal work. Not everyone who believed was accepted by Jesus Christ (cf. John 2:23-25). Jesus knew what was in the heart of the believer and accepted or rejected according to what he saw. This exercising of insight into persons is best described as paying attention to the motive underlying belief.

The Bible teaches that when a person puts himself into the hands of God as clay in the hands of the potter, *HE WILL BE MOULDED* (Jeremiah 18:3-5). If a person joins himself to Christ as a branch to bear fruit, *HE WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT* (John 15:5). If a person comes to Christ to know the path of righteousness and be led along it, *Christ CAN and WILL* point it out and lead that person (Psalm 23, John 10:27). If the motive of the person is to be a New Testament Christian, using its methods for arriving at the goal God sets before all (Ephesians

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Discovering the Bible Again

Discovering the Bible again and using it with conviction and wisdom in our homes can have a transforming effect upon our entire family life and on our action as individuals.

By Rev. Bruce A. Rich, Director of Children's Work, Department of Christian Education

DRIVING through rural and urban America we may notice that many homes have the family name posted on the mailbox or other appropriate place that is conspicuous to the visitor or passerby. The purpose for this, of course, is that everyone coming that way will know who dwells within the home.

God has asked that we as Christians write another message upon the posts and on the gates of our home. He has asked that we write his law, his message, in our homes in such a way that we ourselves and all entering our homes would know the meaning of it. (Deut. 6:6-9).

THE BIBLE'S INFLUENCE

In spite of God's command, countless Christians have failed to give a prominent place in their homes to the Word of God. God's continuing concern is that the message of his Word will find its place of influence in our homes.

The Bible was first used in the home by Christians, and later was directed into the church and school setting because it was neglected in so many homes. But the Bible still does its best work when it is used faithfully and wisely in the home.

As Christian people, chosen by God to represent him in the world, we desperately need to discover how to use the Bible effectively in our homes. We are confronted on every side, including the Christian home, with the effects of degrading morality. And yet there are those in every generation who continue to fight their own battle in this confused world of mixed values. They fall into a pattern of life which seems right, but later discover that though they are educated, socially proper and accepted, really they are empty inside because they lack a reason and a goal for life.

Much of humanity's confusion, moral sickness and spiritual emptiness can be remedied through the home if those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord would realize that they cannot live by bread alone, but must also begin to exercise his Word in the home.

THE TRAINING OF THE HOME

We are often content to believe that the religious needs of our lives are cared for in the church program and that we have no further responsibility. The educational ministry of the church has provided a much needed emphasis in our training, but it is not intended to be a substitute for the training in the home. If it were not for the church's ministry, many families would receive



God's continuing concern is that the message of his Word will find its place of influence in our homes. (Luoma Photo).

no religious training or experience. In truth, this ministry is intended to augment or complement the training in the home. The depth of our experience in the Word of God must take place in our homes if it is really going to change our lives and those of our families and acquaintances.

The New Testament does not outline a curriculum for the institutionalized religious training of children, because God's basic design was for training to be given within the home by parents, and not as the responsibility of the public school or the church school.

It is in the home as we grow up and in turn direct the growth of others that long-lasting attitudes are developed and put into practice. In the home setting we have the responsibility to be learners and teachers, as we experience and broaden the Christian concepts of family living and participation. Such endeavors at building home life cause members of the family to say, "I understand my family better, and I'm sure they understand me better." Or they may respond by saying, "My home is a happier place since we've tried family living together." The proper use of the Bible can create the climate where family ties can grow and flourish.

Worshiping together is a part of God's plan for Christian families. The Bible should be read in every Christian home for the Bible is the only Book that offers man redemption and shows him the better way to overcome his dilemmas in life. It is as the family begins to read and to discuss the Bible and its relevancy to life that they will

learn to understand and love the Word.

Parents themselves should be first to read, know and enjoy the Bible. As they renew and develop fellowship in the Word of God they will be an example to their children and be able to guide them in their understanding. The family studying the Word of God together can greatly strengthen the ministry of the church. In building our home, a Bible study program can be a real benefit.

When we consider the rush of life today the thought of home Bible study and devotions may seem very idealistic. We are compelled to ask, "Is it really possible to have this worship time in our crowded busy lives?" It is true that many Christian families find it difficult to have any regular time for devotions because of the many varied activities in which they are involved. But if we are going to follow the command of God to use and live the Word of God in our homes, we must determine a way. We should try to meet daily in this time of study and worship, but if this is an impossibility we certainly must establish one or two times during the week for this important time of spiritual renewal and direction.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Family devotions can be meaningful to each member of the family. Following are some suggestions which may be helpful: 1. Each person should have his own Bible, using the version best liked and suited for his need. 2. As earlier suggested, following the Sunday School lessons can develop real interest. 3. Other plans of selecting a book of the Bible to study or following a devotional quarterly should be chosen to meet the needs of a particular family. 4. The use of pictures, identification games, and short statements about particular Bible characters or places is of real value with children. 5. Some families have what they call a Bible corner where they may keep a family Bible, a children's Bible story book, several modern translations, a Bible dictionary, Bible maps, and other books that help toward understanding God's Word.

Parents are the key to the successful use of the Bible in the home. In spite of all the difficulties in finding time for meditation on God's Word, parents need to have a real conviction of the importance which it has in the life of the individual members.

Discovering the Bible again and using it with conviction and wisdom in our homes can have a transforming effect upon our family living and actions as individuals.

Baptist Churches Around the World

All around the world Baptists are awakening to a new concern for the work of teaching the Word of God. This message was presented to the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training at Miami Beach, Florida in June 1965.

By Rev. Andrew D. Mac Rae, Ward Road Baptist Church, Dundee, Scotland

ALL AROUND the world Baptists are awakening to a new concern for the work of teaching the Word of God. In countries like the United States of America and Canada, all-age Christian education is an established tradition. But in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden, Korea, the Philippines, England and Scotland, the vision of Christian education for all in an integrated program is a new one which has brought fresh life, growth, fellowship and power to many churches.

Concern for the teaching ministry of the church is on the increase. This concern has overleaped racial, social, cultural and political barriers. Although it has received tremendous impetus from the Baptists of America, it is not to be thought of simply as an American movement, any more than the Sunday school idea is now thought of as a British concept, because it began in Britain. What is happening is that Baptists around the world are affirming a Biblical principle which has validity for us all, whatever our nationality. In this matter "there is neither Jew nor Greek," neither Japanese nor Brazilian, neither Nigerian nor Scotsman . . . we are "all one in Christ Jesus."

BAPTIST WORLD STRATEGY

God is leading us to a world strategy as Baptists, which, wherever it is followed in dependence on the Holy Spirit and in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission, is bringing much blessing. Moreover, our common concern for real Biblical education is the surest guarantee that in our fellowship all national and other barriers are bound to fall.

In coming to our subject, there are three aspects to be noted.

There is a variety of attitudes toward the teaching ministry of the church. What some Baptist groups have found to be the most thrilling movement in their history is still viewed with uncertainty by others, particularly those whose national or historical or theological conditions have an opposed influence. Some fear that this is merely a matter of method and procedure, which may even stifle the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This view usually exists because men are committed to a tradition they are unwilling to change, and may even regard as sacrosanct—i.e., that the teaching method of the church is through the preaching ministry and that more personal teaching is only suitable to the very young. Yet when Jesus commissioned the disciples to "preach" the

Gospel, he also urged them to "teach all nations." Baptist churches around the world are seeking to obey that command!

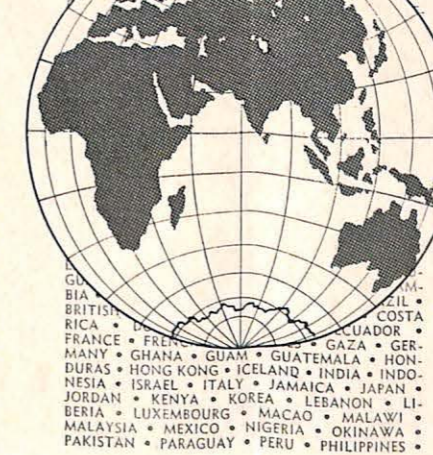
GOD'S CHANNEL OF BLESSING

The story becomes thrilling when you begin to ask what God is doing around the world by this means. There are various exciting effects.

First, fellowship is everywhere deepened. From Australia comes evidence of a new sense of fellowship as "a larger body of the membership have become involved in corporate study." From Japan comes news that this approach has provided opportunities for fellowship often not found when the morning worship service was the only place of meeting. The same effect is noted in Sweden through its adult "Bible Circles." The experience of Baptists in Nigeria and Scotland demonstrates that this fellowship is also leading to a deepening of Christian family life around the Word, where families now talk of Christ and his Word in a new way around the meal table.

Secondly, in many areas there has been a unifying of the church's mission.

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Throughout the Baptist world, there is an air of expectancy. Baptists expect God to do great things as they "hold forth the Word of life" to all men everywhere.

From Hong Kong we hear that there is, under this movement, a re-evaluation of the church's nature and mission as a whole. Our New Zealand friends tell of a new sense of the unity of worship, teaching and preaching. And in Scotland one church testifies, "This new emphasis has helped us see more clearly what we are here for."

Thirdly, this emphasis is resulting in more active obedience to the Word. "The obligation to do what is believed" is more strongly felt in New Zealand. Nigerian Baptists are asking more questions about Christian living in the light of the Bible. One Swedish Baptist has this to say, "Once the Bible was only my refuge in sorrow. Now it is a source of power for my daily life."

Fourthly, "the priesthood of all believers" is being re-emphasized as more and more members engage in active service. Evidence of this can be seen in situations as nationally diverse as Japan, England, Sweden and the Philippines, where we find this experience, "The work is spreading—and by Filipino men and women, boys and girls, who thought Christ meant what he said when he commanded: 'Be my witnesses.'"

A CONCERN FOR OUTREACH

Fifthly, a new concern for outreach is felt around the Baptist world. Although this is proving difficult in some areas, there is ample indication of the effectiveness of outreach in many areas, nowhere more than from New South Wales, where "the secret of the all-age Sunday school success in New South Wales has been its emphasis on soul-winning." Our Nigerian friends are finding the same. And outreach is leading to growth, as in Brazil, where between 1940 and 1960 the membership of Baptist churches has leapt from 59,000 to over 183,700.

Who does not know the way God has blessed this movement in America and Canada? Few stories are as thrilling as the Baptist advance of the 1950's in this land. Again and again in churches I have visited in the United States, the answer to the question, "What makes your church grow?" is, "The Sunday school is the heart of our expansion." I think of a ten-year-old suburban church. It began by the efforts of a Baptist deacon and a few friends. When I saw the church, it was eight years old, had over 600 members, and had founded two other churches in that time.

The story is thrilling. But it is one (Continued on page 14)

To the Land of Her Birth

The story of Miss Daphne Dunger, born of missionary parents in Africa and now serving as a missionary to Cameroon.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

BY FAITH

By Elaine V. Emans

BY FAITH the walls of Jericho fell down; by faith was fire put out; by faith were the mouths of lions stopped; by faith were armies put to rout.

Then surely I, whose mountains rear only to modest heights, can prove that faith is still the formula to make them move.

—Salvation Army's "War Cry."

present Federal Republic of Cameroon.

In those earlier years land and people were strange. Living conditions were primitive. When the time for the birth of Daphne came, it was thought best to take the mother to Ebolowa in French Cameroon where medical facilities were available. Thus the birthplace became Ebolowa on June 22, 1939.

CHILDHOOD REMEMBRANCES

The coming of this first white child to missionary parents in this area brought with it many open doors among the Mambila people. Following the residence at Warwar the family also resided at Ndu from 1942-1945. Of these years Daphne says: "I remember vividly many scenes of life." She remembers some of her playmates. She remembers how "Auntie Laura" Red-



LITTLE DAPHNE

Daphne Dunger at about four years of age is snugly resting in a large native basket in Cameroon where her parents were missionaries at the time.

dig cared for the sick. She remembers Robert Jam, the evangelist, and the early morning prayer meetings. She remembers the trekking and crossing of rivers on Mimba's shoulders.

"These first five years," she says, "were very happy ones and I learned much from my parents about the faithfulness and greatness of our Heavenly Father." She remembers an experience at the age of four when her mother was praying with her in the Ndu Mission house. This is one of her first conscious realizations of a personal knowledge of God.

SOJOURN IN AMERICA

Daphne Dunger was nearing the age of six when her parents came "home" to America for their first furlough, arriving in June, 1945. In telling about this she places home in quotes with relation to her parents since her "home" was in Cameroon. America to her was new and strange. The experiences during that furlough year were difficult in many ways as she remembers them. For the first time she "saw the cold, civilized western life." Though not without difficulties, she became part of it. After one year of furlough and the coming of her sister Amaryllis into the family, they returned to Cameroon for a second term of service.

During these next years the family lived at Soppo. It was during this term of service that Daphne witnessed the beginning of that marvelous increase in our missionary staff which has characterized the years since then. She remembers Rev. George Henderson preaching at Soppo. She remembers the former missionaries, Myrtle Hein and Hilda Tobert. As she watched them serving at the little clinic at Soppo, one day she was asked to rub some salve on a little girl's sore neck. This experience seems to stand out and concerning it she says: "I never shall forget that experience for then and there I knew that this was the way I could really serve Jesus."

The term of service was cut somewhat short by her father's illness and necessitated an earlier return to America by March 1948. God had other plans for her father. A return to Africa as a missionary was not possible. However, after several years advanced study for the Ph.D. degree, Dr. George A. Dunger was called to the faculty of our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to head the Missions department. These intervening years of study and regaining of health were also difficult for Daphne. Moving about from place to place and fitting into the American

culture were not easy.

During her seventh grade she also became consciously aware of the fact that Christ had become her Savior. Soon thereafter upon confession of her faith she was baptized by Dr. George A. Lang, then president of our seminary, in a baptismal service at Chancellor, S. Dak.

GOD'S CALL TO CAMEROON

The desire to serve Christ in Cameroon has increased ever since that experience at Soppo. In camp attendance, through missionary visits, and in church activities this desire became intensified. At the General Conference in Waco, Texas in 1955 during the service of the missionary rally, God very definitely spoke to her. When the invitation for the commitment to the call of God was extended, Daphne answered it with "Here am I, Lord, send me!" Though Africa was on her mind and in her heart, she committed her ways to God to whatever place he would send her.

The call of God did not become dim during the years of training which followed. Her fellowship with the risen Christ and with others of like faith kept this call glowing brightly. During the last days of December 1961, Daphne attended the Inter-Varsity International Missionary Convention at Urbana, Illinois. At this convention she "intellectually" re-examined this call to service and felt the reality of it more strongly. Again she committed herself into the Lord's hands.

PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Following her high school graduation from Washington High in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May 1957, Daphne Dunger entered nurses' training at the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minn. In Sept. 1960 she re-



MISS DAPHNE DUNGER

Daughter of Prof. and Mrs. George A. Dunger, who was born in Cameroon and has now returned to Africa as one of our missionaries.

ceived her R.N. diploma. During these years of nurses' training she also became involved with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The Bible Study groups were of great help to her. Following her graduation she intended to return to Sioux Falls and to work as a nurse. However, an opportunity came to her to assist the Nursing Arts Instructor at her Alma-Mater for a year. It was a year of many learning experiences.

The next several years were devoted to both work and studies at the Uni-

versity of Minnesota in Minneapolis. In the spring of 1964 she received her B.S. degree in Nursing Education from the university. That same spring she was also appointed by our Board of Missions as a missionary to Cameroon. In August 1964 she entered the midwifery course at the Frontier School of Nursing at Hyden, Kentucky and received her midwifery diploma early in February 1965. Though a bit late for the second semester at our seminary, nevertheless she lost no time, enrolled in it and thus completed one semester at our seminary.

GOD SENDS HER FORTH

The commissioning service at her home church, Trinity Baptist in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on the evening of May 23, 1965 was another highlight experience in her life. The writer had received the invitation to bring the commissioning message and could arrange to be present and accept this invitation. To her father was given the unique privilege of giving the prayer of dedication. Before doing so, he first revealed his own experiences of the raging battle within himself when his daughter yielded to the call of God to missionary service at Waco, Texas in 1955. But then with joy and gladness, he gave her to the Lord in prayer and thus further commissioned her.

And so God sends her forth to the land of her birth. The Cameroonians are waiting for her. To them it also means a "homecoming" when they heard about the coming of Daphne Dunger. Many remember her as a little child. Now they will receive her as a servant of Christ in whose name she goes. In the company of Miss Ruby Salzman and several Volunteers for Cameroon she left by air from Chicago, Ill., on Aug. 23rd. May the land of her birth now become the land of her service as she serves Christ in Cameroon!

PASS IT ON!

By Henry K. Burton

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on;
'Twas not given for thee alone,
Pass it on;
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Did you hear a loving word?
Pass it on;
Like the singing of a bird?
Pass it on;
Let its music live and grow,
Let it cheer another's woe,
You have reaped what others sow—
Pass it on.

Be not selfish in thy greed,
Pass it on;
Look upon thy brother's need,
Pass it on;
Live for self, you live in vain,
Live for Christ, you live again,
Live for him, with him you reign—
Pass it on.



AN EXCITING, WARM WELCOME BY CAMEROONIANS

Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth receive a very warm welcome from patients and staff at the Mbingo New Hope Settlement upon their return. A similar festive reception awaited Daphne Dunger.

A Ministry With the Lord's Approval

For the benefit of Church Extension Builders giving to the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, British Columbia in September 1965, here are amazing Extension facts, stirring testimonies and a future challenge to make you want to "go a second mile" in this ministry.

By Rev. Ervin B. Strauss, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church Richmond, B. C. Canada.

"When they arrived and had called the congregation together, they reported all that God had helped them to do, and how he had thrown open the gates of faith to the Gentiles. And they stayed for some time with the disciples there" (Acts 14:27, New English Bible).

THE REPORT of Paul and Barnabas after their first missionary journey showed to the gathered and supporting church at Antioch that this foreign missionary ministry had God's approval. The various facts which they reported revealed that God was working with them. They were lined up with his program and purposes. We would like to report some of the facts that we have experienced as the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, B. C., which convinces us that the Lord approves of this missionary ministry of Church Extension.

THE "GO" OF THE GOSPEL

First, Christians living in a suburb haven't only moved into another community but they have often moved away from Christ and Christian fellowship. In some cases this has brought them into a stage where they become inactive members of a church. The ministry of Church Extension has been and will continue to be a redeeming

ministry to many families in this spiritual state.

Secondly, there are also many Christians who continue faithfully to serve the Lord in their home church but, because they have to drive out of their "Jerusalem" into another "city," it becomes evident that their Christian life is more devoted to a cause, to a task, to a local program, to a language, or even to a group of friends rather than to Christ and his commission. It could be stated that the concept of the church going to the people has been changed to a concept of expecting the people to come to the church. Jesus made it very plain by his coming to seek and to save and by sending his disciples that the Gospel is incomplete without the "GO." I believe the missionary work of Church Extension has corrected and is correcting our missionary ministry so that our concern is for the spiritual well being of our neighbor, which is often blotted out by our broad and usually impersonal concern for the spiritual well being of mankind.

Jesus makes it plain that the only effective way to witness to mankind is to be his witnesses among the kind of people who live around us. Many are willing to pay large sums so that someone can take the Gospel to "regions beyond," but seemingly they think it doesn't pay to go to take the Gospel to the "region beside" them. I am sure

that the genuineness of our missionary concern on a personal basis is best measured by our concern for the region beside us. This shows whether Christ's love has really gripped our hearts. What would we think of a missionary who is always trying to witness where he is not, and what would be accomplished? We are fully persuaded that Church Extension has brought into proper focus the great commission of our Lord and lines us up with the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

HEART WARMING TESTIMONIES

Thirdly, Church Extension has revealed that when Christians line up with the purposes of God in their local areas, their own spiritual life prospers. It is surely a proven fact that too many servants sitting around in one congregation usually create a "sit"-uation but servants active in service are sanctified. Soaking and sitting sours, but soaking and serving sweetens. We know that the ministry of Church Extension has sweetened the Christian lives of many Christians. Here are some testimonies from our own congregation.

"My wife and I are really thankful to the Lord for bringing us into the fellowship of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church. This church, which is at the corner of our street, has a live ministry by which we are able to grow and to be used for the Master. It is our real desire to bring many lost souls to the Lord that they might join our fellowship here. Pray for the ministry and the members of the church, that we might be constantly in the will of the Lord so that his work will grow."

"For many years as a North American Baptist member living in the Richmond District, my prayer and strong conviction were that we should begin a mission work in this area. To the glory of God such a work has been begun with the support of Church Extension Builders. As a chartered member of the Rose of Sharon Church, I can truthfully say that the Lord has blessed this work with a blessing that I had never experienced before. Members have become alive and are very faithful in attendance, especially in prayer meetings and the many prospects in this area make this a real challenge to me. The unity and the oneness of heart and mind is the greatest blessing to me."

"Fellowship and friendship and willingness describe our work in a nutshell. You know practically everyone like your brother. The willingness of every member to work in the church

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Certainty in a Land of Uncertainty

At the core of Christianity is that precious stone and metal which no fire, however furious, can destroy. In Germany's East Zone, the German Democratic Republic, only a faith that is true and real at the profoundest levels of man's existence has a chance to survive.

By Rev. Fred Bonkowsky of Cleveland, Ohio, written after an extensive tour of East Germany in July 1965

EVEN THE NAME of the "Germany" bounded on the east by the heavily guarded Oder-Neisse border and on the west and south by death-strip, watch tower and barbed wire is uncertain. This communist part is variously termed "East Germany," "Middle Germany," "the Soviet Zone," and the "German Democratic Republic." It is ruled by Walter Ulbricht, the strictest dictator in all of Eastern Europe.

Little is certain in the private lives of the seventeen million residents except that many of them would leave if they could. There is an absence of terror at present. But it might come again in the future. The visitor to the zone and the citizen thereof are never sure precisely what the laws or civil processes are. Thus one is always a bit fearful; even if there is no need to be.

Uncertainty exists in the ideational, the political, and the economic realm. Today's orthodoxy may be tomorrow's heresy; today's hero an enemy of the state in a month or two. A position of security may turn out to be one of exposure. Necessities of life, of which there appear to be a surplus, may suddenly become so unavailable that a housewife can spend days shopping throughout the city without finding something like baby food.

CHURCH VS. THE STATE

Uncertainty is also the rule in the relations of the church and the state. Immediately after the second world war, cordiality existed. The communists went out of their way to honor pastors who had been anti-Nazi. Of course, church-state connections were abolished. Religious instruction was no longer allowed in the schools; but it was allowed. The churches no longer received support through taxation. But the communist goal in the early years was to win the church to their cause.

When this did not work, a hard line was introduced. The church was declared to be a remnant of the Nazi regime. Pressure was put on pastors; some were even arrested. No Christian could expect vocational or educational opportunity and advancement concomitant with his abilities. Various state functions were introduced to replace Christian baptism, confirmation and marriage.

This hard line was also not notably successful. Thus, at present, there is no visible campaign against the church. For the first time since Hitler, there are no pastors in prison. Since September, Christians have been allowed



"All the glory of man is as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever" (I Peter 1:24-25).

"alternate service" to serving in the army. According to reports, there is no city without a church. Established church services and functions continue unharassed.

The recently published "15th anniversary edition of the short history of the D. D. R." indicate the present line. It simply fails to mention the church or any churchman. It suggests that Christianity does not exist; that East Germany is a land without bishop, pastor, Bible study, or worship service. The presence of twelve million Protestant and one and a half million Catholic Christians is overlooked. Officially, East Germany has no church and no congregations.

State ceremonies replacing church functions are emphasized. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the state's "naming ceremony." To replace confirmation and joining the church, there is "youth initiation" which every "good" and "patriotic" young person attends. The communists have even gone so far as to promulgate the "ten commandments of socialism."

The church's first response was to oppose these measures directly. Later, it altered the timing of its own ceremonies in the hope that people would take their children both to the state for naming and to the church for baptism. One half of the children of Protestant parents are baptized.

But only a small percentage of these

receive Christian instruction and subsequently join the church. Ninety per cent of the young people accept "youth initiation." There is a conflict between the vows spoken in "initiation" and those of confirmation. The former promise ultimate loyalty to the state; the other to Christ. Confirmations have dropped by two-thirds in most areas. As a general rule, the pastor re-enters the life of a person baptized in the church only at the cemetery.

STATE CONTROLS IN EAST ZONE

The state controls all printing, public meetings, building, school teacher hiring, etc. At all these points Christianity is combatted as an antiquarian belief system. Only 7,000 of the 104,500 school teachers in the zone are Christians. And all are required to teach atheistic materialism. Even if the church has money to build, hold extra meetings, or print Christian literature, it has difficulty getting permission to do so.

In spite of the difficulties, very few of the 6,000 Protestant and 1,600 Roman Catholic clergymen have attempted to flee to the West. Yet there is a lack of pastors, for too few new ministers are being trained. Forty per cent of the churches in Saxony are without a clergyman. The Baptists, 17,000 strong, have 220 churches but only 150 pastors.

At best Christians are ridiculed for their stupidity in believing old fairy tales and dumb stories. No Christian is really looked upon as "loyal." Treatment in vocation and society follows naturally. For example, a youth may be denied a high school or university training because he has been confirmed instead of initiated.

This refining by fire has burned away much of what passed for Christianity in an earlier age. Gone is the "value" of being a Christian. Gone is the social respectability. Gone are the Landeskirchen and those who called themselves Christians because it was the nice, convenient, easy thing to do.

MARTYRS AND HEROES

Christians in the zone are not concerned with denominational labels. And such terms as "fundamentalist," "liberal," and "conservative" are so out of place as to be laughable. The only important question is, "What does it mean to be a Christian and how can this understanding be reconciled with life in a communist world?" Opposition demands of each Christian that he

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Rev. and Mrs. Ervin B. Strauss and their family of Richmond, British Columbia. Mr. Strauss is the pastor of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, a Church Extension project of the denomination.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

A STILL SMALL VOICE by E. F. Engelbert. Eerdmans—1965—216 pages—\$3.50.

These sermons, for all occasions, come from an unusual pastor who had an unusual ministry. Forty-three of his fifty years were dedicated to an inner city pastorate in Baltimore, Maryland, drawing people from suburbia as far as twenty miles away.

Following a Lutheran Missouri Synod type of church calendar, the author sounds a strong evangelical and provocative note which strikes a chord in the ear and the heart of people everywhere.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL by Philip C. Johnson.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER by Elvis E. Cochrane.

THE EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS by Charles N. Pickell. Baker Book House—1965—\$1.50 each.

These three study manuals are part of The Shield Bible Study Series which will, in the near future, cover the entire Bible. Nineteen volumes are already available. The studies are prepared by well qualified Bible scholars and outstanding ministers. In order to make it as practical as possible for the laity, critical scholarship has been kept at a bare minimum. The authorship, content and message are meaningfully presented in order to help the Christian increase his knowledge of the Scriptures and help him in his spiritual and practical growth.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP AND CHURCH ARCHITECTURE by James F. White. Oxford—1964—224 pages—\$6.00.

The subtitle, *Theological and Historical Considerations*, describes the general subject matter of the book, but for practical purposes the author is concerned with the portion of the church building which is used for worship. It is his hope that building committees will gain a deeper and more reverent understanding of the basic principles involved in building a house of God.

Dr. White deplores the lack of attention given to the liturgical factors in Protestant churches, especially with the doing of the work of worship. It is in this area that the building committee must be able to ask intelligent questions about the purpose of every

act performed in its worship before it can give sufficient instruction to the architect. This means that many of the problems of church architecture are theological.

The author selected a number of interesting examples of early and medieval patterns for the purpose of discussion. Reformation experiments, from the time of Luther to the Quaker meeting houses, are given meaningful treatment. The present stalemate and limited experimentation are discussed to some degree. However, the author is not unmindful of the non-theological importance of the church. Business firms are highly conscious of the importance of architecture in creating a public image. The same thing is true of churches. The volume should be in ministers' as well as in church libraries.

THE WEIGHT OF GLORY by C. S. Lewis. Eerdmans—1965—66 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

Although some of these addresses were given over twenty years ago they are filled with thoughts and insights which have the aura of timelessness about them. Those who are acquainted with the life and work of C. S. Lewis will appreciate the truths which he expresses so deeply and profoundly.

THE TEXT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, ITS TRANSMISSION, CORRUPTION AND RESTORATION by Bruce M. Metzger. Oxford—1964—268 pages—\$7.00.

The New Testament was not handed down to us by some magical process, or by a single miraculous act, nor by divine fiat. Its transmission cannot be compared with the Book of Mormon whose golden plates were supposedly found by Joseph Smith. It cannot even be compared with the giving of the Ten Commandments through Moses, awe inspiring as that may have been. No work of research has been as long and as arduous in the history of man than the effort and time put forth in the attempt to give us the New Testa-

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ment, as closely as possible, in its original text. And the end is not yet.

As an example of some of the textual problems the author cites the close of Colossians 2:2 which has a bewildering variety of readings. The manuscripts present fifteen different conclusions of the phrase "to the knowledge of the mystery of . . ." In order to give the correct sense, both the external and internal considerations must be taken into account. The multiplication of scribal attempts to clarify the sense has often been a hindrance to later translators. Since none of the original documents is extant, the translator is left with a host of later witnesses from whom he must extract the truth by cross examination.

The author presents an excellent and scholarly work which, however, is best suited as a textbook for the seminary classroom, and for those who have a fair knowledge of Greek. A Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Bruce M. Metzger is well qualified in the realm of textual criticism.

COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS by F. F. Bruce. Eerdmans—1964—447 pages—\$6.00.

This epistle has always been somewhat of a mystery so far as authorship and destination are concerned. In his introduction the author offers no additional clues, but at least he gives an interesting and detailed account of all the available theories. The footnotes are quite voluminous and a knowledge of Greek would help the student wherever the author refers to the Greek text or quotations from early church fathers. Sources and authorities are quoted liberally and indicate the thoroughness and scholarship with which the volume was prepared.

Although a commentary of this type is usually recommended for the seminary classroom and the pastor's study, Christians in general ought to make some personal effort in promoting their spiritual growth. This was one of the weaknesses the author of Hebrews saw in his day when he said, "Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ and press forward to maturity." Dr. Bruce indicates that an appreciation of Christ's high priesthood will stretch their minds as nothing else can.

The sixth chapter of Hebrews, particularly verse 1-8, is given excellent treatment and should help the layman clear up his fears of the unpardonable sin, or the fear of not being offered a second chance. No book in the New Testament is so close to the Old Testament. Therefore a knowledge and understanding of the priesthood and sacrificial system in the Old Testament is important. The author's comments on Melchizedek will be highly appreciated.

Dr. Bruce is Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, England. The New International Commentary on the New Testament, of which this present volume is a part, is under his gen-

eral editorial direction. Seven more volumes are in process of preparation before the commentary is complete.

A RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES INVENTORY published by Family Life Publications, Inc., Box 6725, Durham, North Carolina. Speciman Set of 2 inventories, 2 profiles, and manual, 65 cents.

(Review by Dr. Robert Schreiber, Kankakee, Ill.)

This is another of the very helpful counseling aids published by this group. The purpose of this material is to help people discuss their beliefs in a counseling situation. The manual makes it clear that this is not intended to be a test in which there are right and wrong answers. Instead, it is an instrument "to help persons verbalize their feelings, their doubts, basic attitudes, and their fears." No professional training in counseling techniques is required since the manual gives extensive explanations on the use of the inventory. No attempt is made to guide the theological interpretation of the answers, so that the counselor is free to do this himself.

Any pastor or teacher interested in the spiritual life of older young people and adults will find this to be a springboard for much rewarding discussion in individual and group situations. Many people can be guided into more constructive religious attitudes through a proper use of this material.

LAND OF UNCERTAINTY

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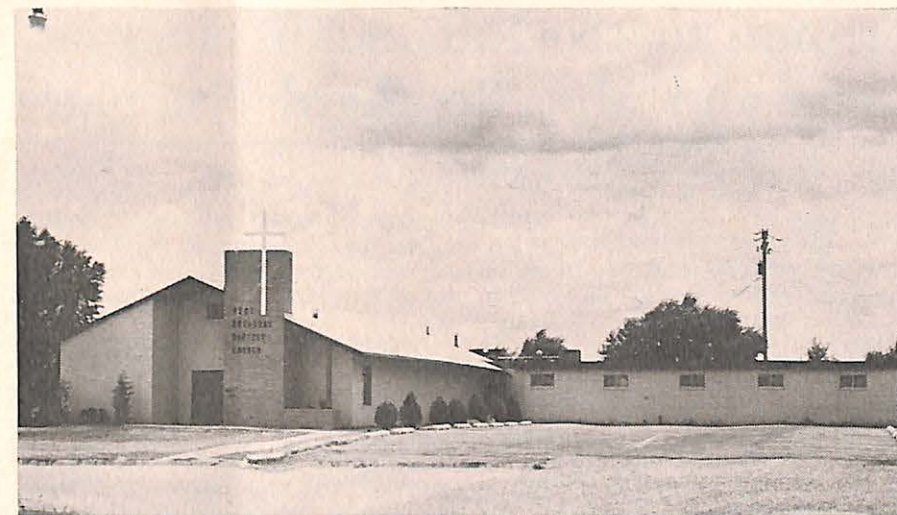
examine his faith to see if it be worth holding.

The end result is predictable to anyone who has read church history. At the core of Christianity is that precious stone and metal which no fire, no matter how furious, can destroy. Each persecution, bold or subtle, has produced its desired effect. But it has also produced a refined Christianity and martyrs and heroes of the faith.

So it is in East Germany today. The quantity in the church is declining. But the quality is a striking contrast to many a "flabby" American congregation. Many of the Christians of the zone have staked their futures, their fortunes, indeed sometimes their very lives on a faith in God.

Their's is a faith which must go beyond "shibboleth" or mere "ethical Christianity." Only a faith that is true and real at the profoundest levels of man's existence has a chance to survive. Only if Christ has truly conquered can one dare call on his Name. Faith must be a response to no aberration or human preaching but only to the unconquerable Gospel of Easter.

There can be no glib affirmation. What there can be and is is the assurance that "in the final analysis the decision of men against God is helpless in the face of God's decision for man." Thus there is certainty in a land of uncertainty.



WEST BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, ENID, OKLA.

This fine church building and educational unit with floor space of 5700 square feet was purchased for \$56,000 and dedicated for the use of the West Broadway Baptist Church and to the glory of God

Church Dedication at Enid, Okla.

Festive dedication services at the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma, a Church Extension Project, by Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor.

THE PSALMIST invites us to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise." This was the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., did on Sunday August 8th, realizing that God had opened to us as North American Baptists an extension work in Enid. In less than one year we have come from the beginning of a work to an organized church group that has the opportunity to fellowship in a ready made church plant.

For five months, the West Broadway Church has been meeting in its recently purchased building. The church structure which was built in 1958 (first unit) and 1962 (second unit) was built by the Church of Christ, and they literally outgrew the building at this time. The edifice has a floor space of 5700 square feet and will seat over 200 people.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our Executive Secretary, was the guest speaker for the dedication service, and Mr. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas, South-

western Conference Church Extension chairman, was speaker for our cornerstone laying ceremony, both held on the same date.

The sister churches of our Oklahoma Association were present, sharing in the services and bringing greetings from their own churches. The Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., was our special guest, having been invited to the morning service and a fellowship dinner because they had "mothered" this Church Extension project. At our beginning of the extension work in Enid, before there was any organization, a building was available for sale which we could use for the work here. This is where the Immanuel Church came to our aid. As "a mother church," incorporated in the state of Oklahoma, it took the steps in borrowing money for us so that we could proceed. A sum of \$45,000 was borrowed locally by the Immanuel Church and, at the time of possession, the remainder was due which was made available through our denominational headquarters.

GOD'S MARVELOUS GUIDANCE

In January, 1965, West Broadway Baptist Church was organized. Then it took steps immediately to incorporate, and by March 16 it was possible to pay the full sum of \$56,000 so that we could take possession.

Today, nearly one year later, we have been able through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, the guidance and direction of our S.W.C. Church Extension Committee, and the help of headquarters to have a building of our own, dedicated to the glory of God. We have added the tower to the structure at a cost of \$850.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING BAPTIST HOME, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

The Corporation of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, North Dakota will have its Annual Meeting at the Home Oct. 5, 1965 at 10:00 a.m. Following this meeting, the afternoon program will be the 25th anniversary observance of the Home. All members of the corporation are invited to the Annual Meeting and program.

Bernard Edinger, Secretary
Orville Meth, President

Tribute to the Indian Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Indian Mission Supervisor and
Northern District Secretary

WHEN THE NEUMANS left the Indian Mission work in Alberta in August to assume pastoral duties with the Grace Baptist Church at Calgary, Alberta, they had served for 17 years, with one short interruption, as our missionaries to the Indians of Canada. Brother Neuman and his wife Mildred are well known in our churches. Their services as promoters of missions at conferences and camps have always been sought after.

As a disciple of the late Rev. Fred Benke Mr. Neuman had an early keen interest in and concern for the Indians. When he graduated from our Christian Training Institute Bible School Department in 1948, he and his wife felt the call to minister to the Indians. During these 17 years Brother Neuman has been a faithful and devoted servant of the Lord, often under difficult living and service conditions.

He and his family have won the sincere love of the Indians. He is respected by government officials of Indian Affairs. His counsel is sought at Indian Band meetings and at high level department conferences. His love to

Christ, his experience in the work and his concern for the Indian make it hard for us to see him step out of this ministry.

Under his ministry we have come a long way. Two day schools were established on the Montana and the Bull Reserves. Both schools are listed officially as Baptist schools. Our missionary work on the Hobbema Agency is regarded with high respect by officials of the government and of other missions. A year ago we established the first indigenous Baptist Church among the Indians of Western Canada—the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church. This step could only be taken after much prayer and preparation by Missionary Neuman.

Even though we have deepest regrets that they are leaving the Indian Mission work, nevertheless, we wish to assure them of our high regard. In behalf of the Indians and the Northern Conference Mission Committee, our heartiest "Thank you" to the Neumans. They, in turn, have assured us of their continued prayerful support of our mission to the Indians.

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS

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4:13), HE WILL BECOME THAT. Motive is all-important in answering the question: why am I interested in becoming a Christian? We must use it much more than we have.

This means that we need to help each other in spiritual diagnosis. The hindrances to transformation are within. I must look where Christ looks and believe for reasons he sets before me, the greatest being total transformation of my life (II Corinthians 5:17).

MORE ENERGY IN EXPERIENCE

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. . . ." (John 1:12). Should a person with average intelligence and interest read this verse for the first time, and then be asked to pick out the important words, one surely would be "power." He would pick up these impressions from the verse and context: Christ wants me to become the kind of person that I now am not. My real lack is power to become that person. So, being the Savior he is, he gives me the adequate power to become a son of God. This person would conclude that the primary awareness of receiving this gift would be an inflow of new power not present before. Now the matter of becoming a son is a very reasonable command because there is power equal to the demand.

It is important to maintain the sim-

ple logic of Christian experience set forth in this verse. We help no one by supporting them in a tame, dry, powerless reception of Christ. It will be disappointing to all concerned. In our attempt to keep faith simple, we too easily make Christian experience contentless. If we need power, then we MUST receive it, and it must work in us. Nothing less will do.

What then is a biblical consciousness of adequate Christian experience? Power! Energy enough to be moving toward the maturity in Christ! Personally, this will mean an inward awareness of growth, and an outward revealing of those characteristics that show that Jesus Christ is the Truth, the Life, and THE WAY OF TRANSFORMATION INTO THE FULL STATURE OF CHRIST (Ephesians 4:13).

BAPTIST CHURCHES

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which calls us to expectancy. William Carey's words, "Attempt great things for God: expect great things from God," were never more relevant than in this situation.

Throughout the Baptist world, there is an air of expectancy. In the Orient, Baptists are poised for the 1966 Orient-wide Sunday School Crusade. They expect God to do great things. He will not disappoint them.

Some of us lived too long in the ebb-tide of Baptist life. Now God is doing a

new thing among us. The tide, I believe, is turning and, if we are ready, the days before us may bring a flood-tide of divine blessing and of enlargement in the Name of Christ. As we turn our steps homeward from this great experience of fellowship in our Lord, let us do so with gratitude for the past, and with confidence in his power for the future, as we bear Christ's Name before a needy world, "holding forth the Word of life" to all men everywhere. Christ has been with us hitherto. Christ is with us here. Christ will be with us still, and with that living Presence, none can stay the progress of these who give themselves to his obedience.

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as a teacher, usher, etc., as well as in the building of the church edifice has been a blessing almost unbelievable. But you've got to believe it because you see it with your own eyes. It's the working of the Holy Spirit."

Fourthly, Church Extension has revealed that in our own Jerusalem or in the province or city next to us, there is a harvest field of souls that we have overlooked. Sometimes our attitude is that most of them have some religion, or belong to some church, but so do the people of Africa, India, South America and Japan. It has been through Church Extension that we realize that many precious souls, who have had a religion and a church, have now truly come to know Christ and without him we know there is no salvation.

It thrills our hearts as we witness in our community and reach folk, who have been led astray by false teachers, to hear them praise God for bringing them back into the fellowship of the believers. Then also, when one observes our potential, growing community, where within the next seven years the population is to double, we can say that the few Gospel preaching churches will need to expand their facilities to house the present population and will have to double their facilities in the next seven years.

We are confident that our present facilities will be crowded this fall and we must make plans to add a second unit quite soon. We all know that a church needs a place, a building, in which it can worship and work, and we know that this costs money. It is in this area that we especially thank the Lord for Church Extension Builders and trust that some of the facts that have become real to us may challenge many more of our fellow Christians. We also pray that through this Spirit-ministry in their hearts, they will see the tremendous importance of this missionary work of our conference, the work of Church Extension.

Since we through experience know that the missionary ministry of Church Extension fulfills such a vital need as the mentioned facts indicate, we once again heartily commend the faithful support of this ministry to every member of our Conference.

● Raye Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., a son of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, won third place recently as violinist in the Chicago Tribune Music Contest. This is an outstanding annual musical event in the Chicago area attracting thousands of contestants. He won a \$500 award. Raye is a Junior student at Roosevelt University in Chicago and a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, of which Rev. Clarence H. Walth is the pastor.

● Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak. were honored on Sunday evening, August 1st, on their 20th wedding anniversary with a special program by members of the church. Mr. John Stading served as master of ceremonies. Church members and children of the E. J. Fauts participated in special musical numbers and poetry recitations. Rev. Max C. Schultz of Hebron congratulated the honored couple. A reception was held afterwards.

● In August Rev. Laurence R. Prast of Winburne, Pa., presented his resignation to the Munson Baptist Church of Forest, Pa., which he has served as pastor since 1960. The church acted favorably on the resignation. Mr. Prast has announced that he and his family are moving to the area of Altoona, Pa., where Mrs. Prast will be teaching school this fall and where Mr. Prast will be enrolled at Pennsylvania State University, Altoona Campus, and will be driving a bus part time.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. John Thielenhaus of Bison, Kansas to become its pastor. He has accepted the call, succeeding Rev. I. H. Schmuland who is now the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak. Mr. Thielenhaus was ordained into the Christian ministry on July 23, which is reported at length in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." He began his ministry in Aberdeen on Sept. 5th.

● The Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., has extended a call to Rev. Myrl Thiesies of Paul, Idaho to which he has responded favorably. He has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Spokane church on Sept. 12, succeeding Rev. Kenneth L. Howe, now of Waco, Texas. The church has been ably served in recent months by the interim pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel. Mr. Thiesies has been the pastor of the Paul Baptist Church in Idaho since July 1959.

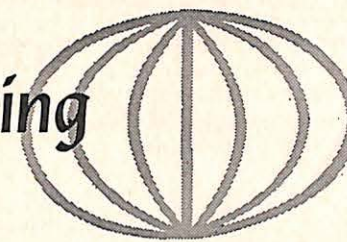
● Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is now serving as the Field Representative, Retirement Projects, for the Division of Health and Social Ministries of the American Baptist Convention. He and his family are residing in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. He served as pastor of the University Baptist Church, Bakersfield, Calif., during the past year. In former years he was the pastor of these NAB churches: Ogden Park, Chicago, Ill.; Kyle, Texas; Elgin, Iowa;

and Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif. For several years he served as liaison to the Federal Housing Authority.

● Rev. and Mrs. Erhard Knoll of Cleveland, Ohio have announced the birth of a son on June 22, who has been named Ralph Erhard Carl. Mr. Knoll is the pastor of Cleveland's Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Fred M.

Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., held its Vacation Bible School with 150 children enrolled. Mr. Mervin Noah served as director of the school assisted by an able staff of about 33 workers. Departmental superintendents were: Mrs. Ruth Weiss, Youth; Mrs. Russ Burke, Junior; Mrs. Mervin Noah, Primary; Mrs. Ethel Glewwe, Kindergar-

what's happening



Penner of Costa Mesa, Calif., have informed the headquarters office of the birth of a son on July 27 who has been named Steven John. Mr. Penner is the director of Christian Education at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Merke of Lethbridge, Alta., have announced that a son was born to them on August 11 who has been named Gerald Peter. Mr. Merke is pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge.

● Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stolz of Tacoma, Wash., arrived in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa on Sept. 9 to spend at least four weeks in Cameroon. Mr. Stolz, an experienced accountant, is auditing the financial records and books of the Cameroon Baptist Mission and giving further assistance to the C.B.M. treasurer, Rev. Kenneth Goodman of Cameroon. The entire trip, including all expenses, is being borne by Mr. and Mrs. Stolz. They will spend two weeks touring the mission field and two weeks auditing the books. They are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, of which a former Cameroon missionary, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, is the pastor.

● From August 9 to 20 the Riverview

Harvest and Mission Festival Program

Suggested Date: Oct. 10, 1965
(Or some Fall date.)

- Recitation material has been sent to all churches.
- Programs (Bulletin inserts) have also been mailed. Read the story of "Open Windows in Cameroon."
- Offerings for the Mission and Service program of the denomination.
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ten; Mrs. William Sehnert, Nursery; and Mrs. Carol Glewwe, Crafts. A monthly paper, "Riverview Baptist Signal," features a section, "Yes, I Tithe," patterned after the popular column in the "Baptist Herald." Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

● Farewell services were held for Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroon missionary, on Sunday evening, August 15, by the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., and on August 22 by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Both churches, which are supporting Miss Salzman along with the Grosse Pointe Church, Mich., presented her with checks to be used for scholarships for needy girls in Africa. At the Forest Park Church service, Miss Salzman spoke on "Thoughts from the Heart," and the pastor, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, brought an appropriate message of tribute, "Our Sister-Servant of the Church."

● A Home Mission Workshop for the denomination's home missionaries and guest speakers was held at La Salle, Colorado from August 4 to 6. The provocative program centered on the theme, "Taking Christ to the Minorities." Missionaries present were Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval and Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Harris. Denominational leaders taking part in the program were Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. William Sturhahn, Dr. J. C. Gunst, and Rev. Lyle Wacker, Southwestern Conference Mission Committee secretary. Guest lecturers were Rev. Gordon H. Fraser, president of Southwestern School of Missions, Flagstaff, Arizona, and Mrs. Margaret McQuinn, director of the Public Welfare Department of Weld County, Greeley, Colorado.

● A large contingent of new and returning Baptist missionaries arrived in Cameroon, Africa recently. The first

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

MEMORY'S PICTURES

By Mrs. Raymond Yahn,
Program Packet Editor

AS CAMERAS clicked and flash bulbs popped at the Baptist World Congress which convened recently in Miami Beach, Florida, I became aware of the amazing number of amateur photographers we have today. As wonderful as pictures are in helping us to relive and to convey to others unforgettable experiences, somehow they can't quite relate the actual experience of being an actual part of a great host of Christians gathered to fellowship, to worship, to learn, to plan and to work together for our Lord. Such was our experience at Miami Beach!

How warm and friendly we found our fellow Baptists from all over the world! I cannot forget the firm handshake and captivating smile of the dear lady from England who in her delightful accent said, "And you *must* come to our country one of these days!" What a thrill it was to be able to speak a few words of greeting to the many Baptist women from overseas, each dressed in her native costume, at the reception given in their honor. It was here I had the joy of meeting Mrs. Alice Bell from our own Cameroon Baptist mission field and of speaking with her about mutual friends, our missionaries to her country.

As I write this, so many, many pictures flash across my mind, but one which stands out is that of the magnificent pageant presented at the Orange Bowl by the Women's Department of the BWA. For the climax, the stadium was completely darkened. On the field one by one the outline of each continent was revealed by an arrangement of lights and flags. Inside each continent were gathered many representatives of that continent in their native dress. What a tremendous finale this was, a graphic portrayal of Baptists the world over working together to proclaim the TRUTH which makes men free!

All of the women's meetings were particularly meaningful to me. Even with such large numbers of women gathered, there seemed to be a special warmth and intimacy, this tone being set by the deeply sincere and dedicated leadership of the Chairman of the Women's Department, Mrs. Edgar Bates. Still ringing in my ears are the

From the Professor's Desk

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

Does not the Roman Catholic attitude toward tradition offset or nullify the authority of Scripture?

The accepted position of the Catholic Church has been that there are two coordinate and equal sources of revelation, Scripture and tradition. Unusual tension and debate arose, however, over this position at the Second Vatican Council. It was argued that Catholics must come to terms with the new insights which historical, exegetical and theological labors of recent times have produced. The same forces which are calling for a revival of the Church also demand a reorientation to new streams of thought.

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Scholarly investigations have turned up evidence that the coordinate and equal authority of Scripture and tradition was criticized at the Council of Trent in the 16th century when Catholic doctrine was defined. There were those who contended that the authority of the Bible was of such a unique character that tradition could not be placed on the same level with it and that the Council's report had been revised to indicate this.

"In view of this discussion at Trent," writes G. C. Berkouwer, "modern theologians contend that Trent consciously turned down the equal status idea when it revised the report, and that therefore Trent lends support to the conviction that the two-source theory of revelation is open to another than the traditional interpretation of it. All agree that both Scripture and tradition are accepted by Trent as sources of revelation. The issue is whether Trent left the matter of their mutual relationship an open question." (*The Second Vatican Council and The New Catholicism*, p. 93).

R. J. Geiselmann has brought to the

strong, distinctive voices of two African women, Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde and Mrs. Grace Sagie, each of whom brought timely messages. I realized anew that we women—whatever our nationality, background, or culture—have a common bond, the responsibility of Christian womanhood, of living and proclaiming Christ our Lord.

How fondly I recall the wonderful times of Christian fellowship with friends and with members of our own North American Baptist family. Our "Florida tan," the result of a few snatched hours in the delightful Miami Beach surf, is fast fading but not so with the many memories of our experiences at the Baptist World Congress. They have enriched our lives and will linger for a long, long time.

attention of present-day theologians the fact that the revision of the Trent declaration was forgotten almost immediately after the Council had concluded its deliberations. Under the determined influences of the Counter-Reformation the equal status of the two sources of revelation became the traditional interpretation of Trent. But recent investigations have tended to show that Trent did not mean to teach a doctrine of two coordinate sources of revelation. The traditional Roman Catholic position seems to have been posited on the Counter-Reformation's misreading of the Council of Trent.

The issue over Scripture and tradition has begun to attract considerable attention in contemporary Catholic theology, and Geiselmann's investigations have aroused an amazing interest and concern. A new conviction concerning the sufficiency of Scripture is developing in the Roman Church. It is not that tradition is being abandoned or minimized, but that its position on a par with the Bible is being seriously questioned. It is now being argued that tradition is only an *interpretative* source, not a source of revelation on the same level with Scripture. This position, it is affirmed, is accorded to the most ancient tradition of the Church, which confessed that all truth of salvation is contained in Scripture. In fact, this new Catholic outlook makes possible an agreement with the Reformation doctrine of *sola Scriptura*.

THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURE

A profound change is taking place in the controversy between the Reformation and Rome, claims Berkouwer: "Within Catholicism, a new and strong accent is being placed on the unique and normative function of Holy Scripture and the notion of two independent sources of revelation is in growing disrepute. . . . Now . . . the new theology insists that Scripture is sufficient for all truth, and that tradition only interprets the truth of Scripture" (*Ibid.*, pp. 107-8).

Not all scholars are as optimistic as Geiselmann, Berkouwer and others, maintaining that Trent actually did mean to teach two distinct and equal sources of revelation and that the situation is not materially different from the position taken by the Roman Church for the past 400 years.

In a day when Roman Catholics are feverishly engaged in the study of Scripture, and the question of the supreme authority of the Bible is a lively topic of discussion, one can hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide humble seekers into all the truth of God, the power of Christ's redemption, and the fellowship of his true Church.



A TEACHING GUIDE
Date: October 3, 1965
Theme: JOSEPH: ACHIEVING CHARACTER
Scripture: Genesis 37:3-4; 39:20-22;
45:3-8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Joseph's determination to do his best under all circumstances helped him, by the grace of God, to live above his circumstances.

INTRODUCTION: Life stories of outstanding men and women have always been a great source of inspiration receive great blessing from reading the biographies of great saints. Naturally the Bible characters are most important for our study in how God deals with men. Some are better known than others, and not all come up to God's highest standard of service and holiness. Nevertheless, we can learn from their failures as well as from their successes.

In the story of Joseph, the teenager can find some practical and spiritual lessons for their own lives. So much emphasis is put on modern day delinquent younger generation in the same category. There are many good teenagers today just as there were many in Joseph's day. Young people can be spiritual strength by learning to put God first in his life. Circumstances, difficulties and temptations were overcome because he had a faith and a hope that all things would eventually work together for good to them that love God.

I. THE HOME LIFE OF JOSEPH. Genesis 37:3-4.

Sometimes it is difficult to see the difference between love and indulgence. Love does not depend upon what we buy for our children or what we do for them, but on what we are to them. A loving atmosphere in the home is much more important than the giving of many gifts. Love also has a degree of discipline. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6).

When reading the story of Joseph we cannot help but feel that Jacob mixed some indulgence with his love for Joseph. To show so much favoritism for one at the expense of the other was not fair. How would our older brothers today feel if the father bought the best and most expensive suit for the youngest? The personality defects in the older brothers finally led to thoughts of hate and murder.

II. THE DIFFICULT LIFE OF JOSEPH. Genesis 39:20-22.

September 23, 1965

sunday school lessons

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

From favorite son to sudden slavery and imprisonment was a decline in circumstance that was not easy to accept. For the time being it must have seemed to Joseph that all was lost. He could have sat in the corner of his cell and indulged in self-pity. Or he could have become bitter against God and told him that it doesn't pay to be good. But the discovery that the Lord was with him made all the difference. We can already see how he had changed since he had left the comforts of home. He could have been a much better brother. However, when he became a slave he decided to be the best slave that it was possible to be. And when he became a prisoner he decided to be a model prisoner.

III. THE VICTORIOUS LIFE OF JOSEPH. Genesis 45:3-8.

From slave to prisoner to prime minister of Egypt at the age of thirty is not the story of every man's life. But it shows what God can do with a man dedicated to total obedience. His humility becomes evident when he addresses his brothers. He does not say, "I am Joseph your ruler," or "I am Joseph your enemy and avenger," but "I am Joseph your brother." The fact that God was so kind and loving to him made it easy for him to be kind and loving to his brethren. Ultimately God's will and plan were worked out so that Joseph became the savior of his family and nation.

Questions for Discussion

1. Compare today's teenage problems with those of Joseph.
2. Would it have been easy for Joseph to forgive his brothers if he had not become a success?
3. Where do parents fail in the training and nurture of children?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 10, 1965

Theme: EXERTING HELPFUL INFLUENCE

Scripture: Exodus 18:5, 10, 11, 13-22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God speaks to us directly, but we must be humble enough to understand that he also speaks to us through others.

INTRODUCTION: In the life of Joseph, we have an example of personal adversity and misfortune which ultimately led to his appointment as second highest ruler over Egypt. It took only a few years to prepare Joseph to deliver his family from starvation and death, but it took many more years to prepare Moses to deliver the Israelites who had multiplied in Egypt.

Moses spent the first forty years of his life in Egypt where he was reared and educated in the court of the pharaoh. Because he had killed an Egyptian, he had to flee. Coming into the land of Midian, he stopped by a well and protected the seven daughters of Jethro, the priest of Midian, from a group of rowdy herdsmen. He was content to dwell with the man and served as a shepherd for forty years. During this time Jethro gave him Zipporah, one of his daughters, to be his wife.

The Midianites were closely related to the Israelites, for Midian was a son of Abraham by Keturah, his second wife. God had a purpose in bringing Moses, the future deliverer of his people, to know Jethro and his family. He entertained a warm and sympathetic interest in Moses' career as a deliverer of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

I. MOSES AND HIS FATHER-IN-LAW. Exodus 18:5, 10, 11.

The relationship between Moses and Jethro must have been very friendly and cordial as indicated in verse 7. After working together for forty years, there developed a deep love and respect which did not diminish through the years. We do not know much about the religion of Jethro because no particular gods are mentioned. Perhaps Moses often spoke about Jehovah, the God of Israel, and now that he saw and heard of the mighty works of God in delivering the Hebrews by the hand of Moses, he was convinced that the Lord was greater than all gods.

II. MOSES' DIFFICULT TASK. Exodus 18:13.

It is difficult to imagine the great amount of work which Moses took upon himself, and with the help of God he brought the children out of Egypt. But now other problems took up his time. The Israelites were still a fumbling, confused, undisciplined horde of ex-slaves. Almost all of them were ignorant, not having had opportunity for education in Egypt. Camping so close together tended to make them squabble frequently. Tempers flared up and disagreements of all kinds developed and all of them appealed to Moses to settle their differences. From early morning until late at night, they stood in line waiting for their cases to come up.

III. JETHRO'S WISE COUNSEL. Exodus 18:14-22.

Jethro observed Moses for a while and then approached him by asking some very tactful questions. One of the easiest things in life is to give advice,

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Conference Sessions and Camp Programs

Special Reports of Important Denominational Events

JUNIOR CAMP, WELLMAN LAKE, MANITOBA. From July 26 to August 1, eighty campers gathered at the beautiful camp grounds of the Northern Manitoba Baptist Tri-Union at Wellman Lake, Man. Camp Dean and Director was Rev. H. A. Pohl and camp manager, Mr. Art Sonnenberg. Missionary to Japan, Miss Lucille Wipf, challenged the campers every night to follow Jesus, while the Bible study groups were instructed by dedicated teachers, Missionary to Haiti, Miss Alma Albright, Lorraine Bender (C.T.I.), Sharon Berndt (Sioux Falls College), Rev. H. Bushkowsky and Rev. A. Sootzmann. Counselors were Evelyn Kilbrai, Marilyn Hiller, Art Dilk, Henry Fenski, and Mrs. Arnold Eisner of Minitonas served as head cook assisted by six helpers. Eight campers accepted Christ.

through the thought provoking messages by Rev. David Draewell who communicated the Word of God with authority.

Highlights of the conference were the Woman's Missionary Union service, (see separate report), the meeting especially geared to meet the needs of the young people on Saturday night, and the climactic missionary rally on Sunday afternoon when Missionary Reinhold Neuman challenged the conference with a timely missionary address. Not to be forgotten was the cooperative spirit and the very fine hospitality provided by the Bethany Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Waldemar Kroguletz. All in all the 62nd Northern Conference was a spiritual highlight of wholesome Christian fellowship. To God be the glory! (Rev. Richard Hohensee, Reporter).

their ministry with the Indians.

The new officers of the W.M.U. are as follows: president, Mrs. Viola Pahl, Springside, Sask.; vice-president, Mrs. Molly Rapske, Hilda, Alta.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Isabelle Nornberg, Nokomis, Sask.; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Martha Hollerbaum, Regina, Sask.

The annual W.M.U. program, presented on Friday evening, July 9, was in the form of a pageant, written and directed by the president, Mrs. Pahl. Mrs. H. Schultz of Winnipeg spoke briefly and Mrs. Mildred Neuman of Hobbema, Alta., in full Indian dress, presented the missionary challenge. Mrs. W. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., rendered a vocal solo, and the ladies sextet of Regina, Sask., also sang several selections. (Mrs. Isabelle Nornberg, Reporter).

WOMAN'S UNION, DAKOTA CONFERENCE. The Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union met June 18 at Grand Forks for their noon luncheon. The theme, "Go Quickly and Tell," also in Spanish and Indian, was written in black lettering on white paper and draped in front of the speaker's table. Mrs. I. H. Schmuland, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference, and Mrs. Sheldon Preston, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Grand Forks, welcomed those present. About 200 ladies attended the cafeteria style luncheon.

A number of songs, directed by Mrs. Ronald Mayforth, were sung by the group with Mrs. Herman Effa at the piano. Mrs. John Kranzler read Psalms 27:21-29 followed with prayer by Mrs. Daniel Heringer. Mrs. Alvin Filler, with her wonderful ability to memorize and orate, presented a monologue, "Mullola's Musings."

The annual election resulted in the following new officers: President, Mrs. I. H. Schmuland of Jamestown, N. D.; vice-president: Mrs. Alvin Bauer of Bismarck, N. D.; secretary, Mrs. Reinhold Pfaff of McClusky, N. D.; treasurer, Mrs. Louis Bibelheimer of Cathay, N. D.; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Ed Oster of Leola, S. D.

Two societies, the Missionites from Carrington and the Woman's Missionary Union of Jamestown, were admitted to our membership list. To complete the program, the West Fargo Society, with Mrs. Leon Bill in charge, conducted a short service in memory of those women who had gone to be with the Lord.

The women were in charge of the afternoon service. We were favored with appropriate musical selections by the women of the conference. Dr. Leslie Chaffee gave a fitting message. Then the Grand Forks Mission Society presented the play, "Widening Circles." Dr. R. Schilke pronounced the benediction. (Mrs. Alvin Auch, Reporter).

BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Sunday School Programs & Events

DANZIG, S. DAK. Miss Loxie Lou Voigt of Tyndall, S. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Voigt, and a member of the Danzig Baptist Sunday school of South Dakota, was awarded the picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" for completing nine years of Scripture memorization work. The presentation was made by Miss Helen Buchholz at the Danzig Baptist Church where she is a member. Twenty-six other children received pins for another year of memory work completed. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).



Loxie Lou Voigt of the Danzig Baptist Church near Tyndall, S. Dak., a grand award winner in Scripture Memorization.

TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK. Last fall 30 boys and girls of the Turtle Lake Baptist Sunday school, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., enrolled in our denominational Scripture Memory Program. During the Thursday night Family Bible Study three leaders met with them for verse recitation and explanation, story time as well as for prayer, while the adults met separately. All 30 completed their respective courses for the year and were presented with a book

as a prize from our Sunday school. On June 27th during our Sunday school hour four girls who have finished the entire nine year course of Scripture Memory work received the grand award picture presented to them by Mrs. Orville Meth, sponsor, on behalf of the Dept. of Christian Education of our denomination. (Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter).



Four grand award winners in Scripture Memorization at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Left to right: Linda Bauer, Peggy Bauer, Maxine Miller, Lois Klain, and Mrs. Orville Meth, sponsor.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

CANISTOGA, S. DAK. A farewell service was held for Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman and family at the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak., on July 22. The program featured words of appreciation by representatives of the various departments and presentation of their gifts. Several readings and musical numbers were given. Brief talks were given by our neighboring pastors. A love offering was given to the Hoffmans. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman expressed their thanks. We will cherish the memories of our former pastor, his capable wife and their family and we wish them God's richest blessing as they minister to the church and their Christ at Fessenden,

N. Dak. (Mrs. John Woltzen, Church Clerk).

MCDERMOT AVE., WINNIPEG, MAN. The McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba is grateful to God that they now have two capable ministers. Rev. and Mrs. H. Haut and family of 5 children were welcomed on May 16th, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein and their daughter on August 8th. At both occasions speakers representing the various organizations gave the ministers every assurance of co-operation in the Lord's work. Fellowship hours followed each welcoming meeting. Mr. Haut is a graduate of the Christian Training In-

stitute and carried on the work of our church until the arrival of Mr. Stein. We wish to acknowledge the services of Mr. Klaus Tonn who was a student at the Winnipeg Bible College. He served us faithfully when our church was pastorless. We also wish to express thanks to our deacons and especially to Mr. J. Rogalske for their guidance during the past months. Sunday, August 1st, marked the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Walter Stein. It was a blessed day and God became very near and real to us. The sincere prayer of every devoted church member is to be filled with love and understanding so that we may labor together to further his Kingdom. (Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kiemele of Linton, N. Dak., members of the First Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. ED KIEMELE. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kiemele, members of the First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family and members of the church on July 18. Rev. LeRoy Kiemele of North Freedom, Wis., youngest son of the family, brought the message in the morning worship service of the church. A program was presented at 2:00 P.M. with members of the family and the church participating. This was followed by Open House in the fellowship hall. The Kiemeles were married in Linton on July 13, 1915. They lived on a farm west of Linton and attended the Freudenthal station until it was closed and then attended the First Baptist Church of Linton. Mr. Kiemele has been active as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, trustee and deacon. Their 12 children (8 sons and 4 daughters), all married, were home for the celebration. Five of the sons served actively in the armed forces during World War II and all returned home safe and sound. Also of interest is the fact that all the children received their grade school education in the same country school that their father attended. We



NORTHERN CONFERENCE LEADERS, REGINA, SASK.

Left to right: Rev. Edmond Hohn, Moderator; Rev. David Harrison, Indian Missionary, Montanta Reserve; Rev. David J. Draewell, Guest Speaker; Rev. R. Neuman, Indian Missionary, Bull Reserve; and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Pastor of Faith Church, Regina.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE, REGINA, SASK. It was not difficult to find the Faith Baptist Church in Regina, Sask., on July 7th. The numerous visitors and delegates coming from three prairie provinces and wearing distinctive white badges pointed the way to an attractive church building which hosted the 62nd Northern Conference. Right from the beginning one could sense that under the competent leadership of the host pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the conference had been well planned and organized.

"Preaching the Word" was the general theme with the following sub-headings: The Word of Redemption, The Word of Obedience, The Word of Holiness, The Word of a Living Hope, and The Word of Missions. The guests and delegates were especially blessed

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, NORTHERN CONFERENCE. The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference met at Regina, Sask., on Friday, July 9, for its annual luncheon and business meeting with 176 women representing 41 societies enjoying the dinner served in the lower auditorium of the Faith Baptist Church. Mrs. Fred Pahl of Springside, Sask., president of the W.M.U., ably served as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Richard Hohensee of Edmonton, Alta., gave a devotional talk and Mrs. W. Kerber of Yorkton, Sask., led in group singing. Two tape recorded messages were heard, one from Mrs. Hisashi Murakami, and one from a convert on the Spanish American mission field in Colorado. Mrs. D. Harrison of the Indian Reserve at Ponoka, Alta., guest speaker, presented the challenge of

rejoice with the Kiemeles in their celebration of this evidence of God's blessing through the years. (Herman Effa, Pastor).

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. FRITZ KAISER. On Sunday, August 1, many friends and relatives gathered at the Daniel Behr residence in Kenosha, Wis., for the happy occasion of celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kaiser. An open house was conducted in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser were married August 4, 1905 in Germany and came to America in 1913, making their home in Kenosha. Both are charter members of the Immanuel Baptist Church and have served in many capacities with faithfulness to Christ and his cause. Present also at the open house were two of the wedding attendants, Mrs. Richard Kaiser and Mrs. Paul Kaiser. Their three grandchildren and six great grandchildren and one daughter and her husband were all present for the happy event. (M. W. Zeeb, Pastor).



Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kaiser of Kenosha, Wis., charter members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

special events

ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO. During our weekly prayer service on June 29, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen and family. The chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Irvin Woermke, conducted the program in which each organization of the church presented a special number in word and song. Gifts were presented to the Janzens by each organization of the church, including a gift of money from the members and friends of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Janzen thanked the church for their kindness and help during the past 7 years and 4 months they had been privileged to serve God in our midst, and Mr. Janzen gave us a brief outline of his responsibilities as the new business manager of the Roger Williams Press, Forest Park, Illinois. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).



Rev. Ernie Rogalski (center, rear), pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C., with seven baptismal candidates.

TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbleman and family, Cameroon missionaries, were the honored guests at a farewell gathering recently at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak. The Zimblemans spent the past two years mission field, showed slides of their work in Cameroon, West Africa. The Zimblemans spent the past two years in the United States on furlough, the first six months of which they spent in Turtle Lake. Joel and Kirk Zimbleman were received into the Turtle Lake church membership in July of this year. The Zimblemans spent some time in Oregon where Mr. Zimbleman worked towards his doctor's degree at the University of Oregon at Eugene. He received his doctor's degree in education early in June of this year. (Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. One of the attractions at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., these days is not the drinking fountain, although people seem to congregate there before and after the services. On closer in-

spection, one finds an artistic display of numerous colorful post cards and church bulletins bearing greetings from our church members and friends who were vacationing in areas spanning the continent from Vancouver, B. C. to Miami, Florida. Mrs. Alwin Giegler has done a beautiful job of typing the messages from the back of the post cards for our convenience and easy reading. At the very top of this bulletin board are the words "Thanks for Writing." Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, instituted this use of the board so we could share our vacation experiences with one another. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

SOUTHEY, SASK. It was our joy and privilege as the Junior Choir of the Southey Baptist Church, Southey, Sask., to be the guest choir at the first Children's Rally of the Northern Conference held at the Faith Church, Regina, Sask. We as a church are enjoying the services of the Junior Choir each Sunday morning to open our Sunday school and at other occasions. We also have a Children's Hour for the winter months which is held during the time of the prayer hour for the adults. We have had between 20 and 25 children enrolled. The hour consists of Scripture memorization, a study of one of our mission fields each year, and some classes for each age group with study time for the older ones and handcraft for the younger ones. We feel that the study of missions is very important for the children. Pray with us that the Lord may bless these young lives as they hide his Word in their hearts. (Ruth Lang, Reporter).

BISON, KANSAS. On Sunday, July 18, prior to the morning worship service at the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, Rev. Clemence Auch dedicated the Fred Niedenthal Memorial. The memorial consisted of a Communion Table Scarf, Pulpit Scarf and Bible Marker. Also a memorial gift in money had been previously sent to the library at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The congregation of our church honored our pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch, with a pantry shower on his birthday, June 27. It was our privilege of having the ordination of Rev. John Thielenhaus in our church on July 23. He is a member of our church and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus. We are thankful for the blessings that have been ours under the guidance of our pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch. (Clara Lucille Niedenthal, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday, July 18, we at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., were delighted to have Pastor John Nfor, Executive Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, Cameroon, West Africa, as the guest speaker at the morning worship service. Prior to this Pastor Nfor had visited all the Sunday school classes. Dr. R. Schilke, our denominational General Missionary



Junior Choir of the Southey Baptist Church, Sask., that sang at the Children's Rally of the Northern Conference held at the Faith Church, Regina, Sask. Ruth Lang, director, is in back row at left, and Mrs. E. Berkan, pianist, is at right (back row). (Photo by A. J. Govinchuck).

Secretary, introduced Pastor Nfor to a capacity audience. Pastor Nfor conveyed greetings and spoke on the need for obedience to the Lord's command, having faith that great things will be accomplished. He based his message on the incident of the large catch of fish when Christ commanded his disciples to cast their nets on the other side, in spite of the fact that they had toiled all night and had caught nothing. Pastor Nfor's pleasing personality and enthusiasm won the hearts of his listeners. His report on the work and needs of our Cameroon mission field was given at the Missionary Rally held on July 21 at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

ORDINATION OF REV. JOHN THIELENHAUS. On July 23, twelve churches with 31 delegates from the Kansas Association churches met at the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas to consider and advise as to the expediency of publicly setting apart to the work of the Gospel ministry John Thielenhaus, a 1965 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. Clemence Auch, host and also the candidate's pastor, opened the meeting. The council was organized electing Rev. Merle Brenner as moderator and Rev. Henry Lang as clerk. The candidate gave a very fine presentation of his Christian experience, calling into the Christian ministry and his doctrinal views.

At the ordination service held that evening, Arlyn Thielenhaus, a brother of the candidate, led the song service after which Scripture was read by Rev. Edgar Wesner and Rev. Oliver Ringering led in prayer. A special musical selection was sung by Carol Thielenhaus after which the ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Kenneth Smith, Dean of Students at Sterling College, and former professor of the

candidate, on the timely theme: "The Gospel in Miniature." The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Clemence Auch. Rev. Everett Barker gave the charge to the church and Rev. Merle Brenner the charge to the candidate. The hand of fellowship and welcome into the ministry was extended by the candidate's pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch, who also presented the ordination certificate. An offering was received for the candidate which was designated toward ministerial aids in the pastor's library. Rev. John Thielenhaus closed the meeting with the benediction. (Henry Lang, Clerk of Council).

Vacation Schools

EVERGREEN, LYNBROOK, N. Y. The Evergreen Baptist Church of Lynbrook, N. Y., held a two week vacation Bible School the first two weeks in August. The children who attended were from the Lynbrook area where the church has been relocated. A special program was held at the close of the Bible school and the children showed the items they had made and also sang songs and recited Scripture. We are also happy to announce that we have our first new member to our Sunday school. The Lord certainly has been blessing our work in Lynbrook, N. Y., and we give all the praise and glory to him for this. (Anna Steinhoff, Reporter).

ABERDEEN, S. DAK. The Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., held its annual Sunday school picnic recently at which time everyone received a spiritual blessing as well as recreational enjoyment. After the picnic the children passed out leaflets announcing our one week Vacation Bible School, with evening classes for all ages including adults. We had an enrollment of 103. An offering was received every evening with a prize giv-

evangelistic services & baptisms

MARION, KANSAS. Recent additions to membership at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas have been Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor (shown on the left in picture); Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hiebert (at right) Pastor Melvin Warkentin is at the center. Three persons were accepted by baptism and one by previous experience and their testimony. (Mrs. Billy Wray, Reporter).

HEBRON, N. DAK. On Sunday, July 25, a service of baptism was held at the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., at which time Rev. E. J. Faul, pastor, was privileged to baptize a young girl on profession of her faith in Christ. Following the baptism, Mr. Faul extended the hand of fellowship to the candidate, after which all took part in the Communion Service reminding us again of our Lord's death and resurrection. (Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter).

MINITONAS, MANITOBA. Eight new converts who were baptized on July 25 were given the right hand of fellowship by Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, and welcomed by the five deacons of the church into the ranks of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man. Prior to the communion service, our missionary to Japan, Miss Lucille Wipf, spoke about our mission work in Japan and rendered the musical selection on the organ, "How Great Thou Art." Lorraine Bender of Carbon, Alta., and Sharon Berndt of Tyndall, S. D., were presented to the congregation as teachers of the Northern Manitoba Tri-Union Junior Camp to be held the following week. After the service the young people gathered for an informal time of fellowship under the leadership



Rev. Melvin Warkentin (center), pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas with four new members received into the church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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of eight newly appointed short term missionaries, Norman Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn., arrived in Cameroon on August 2nd along with Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman and family and Rev. John N. Nfor. Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger arrived by plane from Hamburg, Germany on August 22. On August 25 the arriving party included Daphne Dunger, Ruby Salzman and the short term missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dermody and two children of Anaheim, Calif., and Eunice Kern of Leduc, Alta. On August 26 the following missionaries arrived in Cameroon, Africa by plane: Tina Schmidt, returning missionary, and the following four short term missionaries: Wilma Binder of Beulah, N. Dak.; Mary Ann Fuchs of Plevna, Montana, Nancy Ann Grover and Jeanette Moeckli of Portland, Oregon. There is great rejoicing on the Cameroon mission field with the safe arrival of these missionaries, Christian teachers and servants of the Lord!

THROUGH THE BIBLE

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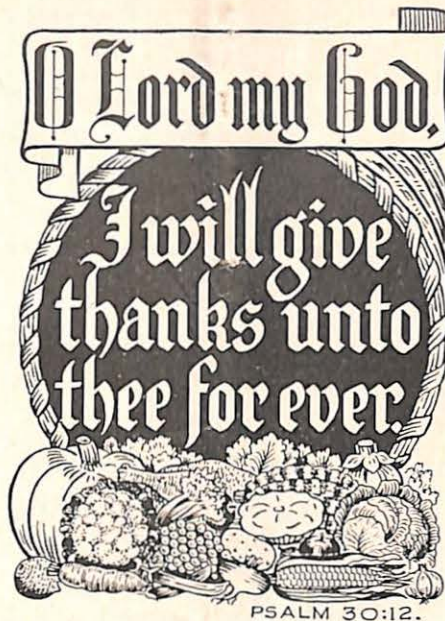
tion to "talk our faith," and cultivate naturalness and spontaneity for our every-day witness.

Let the church be the church wherever its members live; it is only the "church on this corner" when all its members are assembled there. Let the home that "will serve the Lord" be a mission station in its community. Neighbor-evangelism is still our number one means of community penetration.

Acquaintances and neighbors who will "not darken the church door" may come to a non-sectarian meeting in a friend's home—where that friend has established an appreciation for them as persons. The other Christians in the group should be briefed as to the taking in of such "strangers." It will involve studied effort to bring "the language of Zion" down to earth. It will involve learning from Jesus what it is to befriend sinners.

Pastors are encouraged to train laymen as leaders and "source persons"—the latter to help discussion with comments and questions. The teacher-centered lecture is to be avoided. Controversial issues, probing and pressure are also to be avoided. Only the Bible is used, with extra copies available—perhaps a Confraternity edition—and a concordance handy. First-person summaries may be offered first on previously-assigned passages. Questions are encouraged and greeted with utmost courtesy. "The only foolish question," it might be said, "is the unasked one." "We learn from one another; we receive from God through one another," is another important guideline. No dogmatic imposing of one's opinion or belief; the Holy Spirit will reveal and apply the truths to the hungering soul.

At a scheduled moment light refreshments should be served. The formal meeting should conclude after one



hour. Inquirers may stay (their questions preferred over those of the Christians!) They should be conferred with apart from group discussion.

The prayerful aim must always be for all: to "know God" through Jesus Christ, (John 17:3) and to discover the "pure delight" of communion as "friend with Friend." Since we do live by "enjoyments," this is the blessed discovery and blessed sharing that come through Bible meditation: that we may delight in and "keep" his holy law—and "enjoy him" forever!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Rev. B. C. Schreiber

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and one of the most difficult is to take it. Why does God use and need common ordinary men to give his great saints advice and counsel? There is no doubt that Moses had a much greater part in God's plan than Jethro. Why could not God have revealed a better plan of judging the children of Israel to Moses directly? He spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend (Ex. 33:11).

Moses was a good and humble man but not a perfect man. Responsibility and work should be shared. We know what happens when one man tries to do all the work in the church. Soon he will want to "run" the church and no one else will have anything to say. To train leaders is better than to retain the leadership. This was the beginning of a democratic form of government in which many took a part of the responsibility.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is it so difficult for some leaders to delegate responsibility to others?
2. Is it easier to learn from experience or to learn from advice?
3. How does Jethro's plan compare with management and organization today?

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES

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average attendance was 106 youth and a staff of 20. In addition to special speakers and a Bible study, the youth enjoyed special recreation each evening, such as volleyball or swimming. Their closing program was at Edendale on August 7th where the speaker was Dan Brown. We praise the Lord for his blessings and especially for the 35 students who made decisions for salvation and others for rededication of their lives (Mrs. Darlene Abbott, News Reporter).

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Vacation Bible School was held by the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., in July with a closing program on Friday, July 16th. We had an excellent school with good attendance and a fine staff of teachers and workers, with Mrs. William Oliver serving as director. "Discovering With Christ" was the theme and total enrollment was 165. The total offering of \$87.00 was designated for Church Extension. "A Tribute to Vacation Bible School Workers" by Louise Crawford, appeared in our weekly Newsletter edited by our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson:

My dishes went unwashed today
I didn't make a bed;
I took God's hand and followed
To Vacation Bible School instead.

Oh yes, we went adventuring,
The Juniors, Faculty and I,
Exploring the Bible,
Its truths we can't deny.

That my house was neglected,
That I didn't sweep the stairs,
In twenty years no one on earth
Will know, or even care.

But that I've helped a boy or girl
To noble adulthood grow,
In twenty years, the whole wide world
May look, and see, and know.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, BENKE MEMORIAL CHURCH. The eager little "red-skins" lined up outside to march into the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve for the beginning of a week of Vacation Bible School in July. This is not something new anymore. They now come knowing exactly what to expect, and come they did. Yes, 57 of them, and we had a wonderful week of fun, fellowship, work and singing. "Discovering With Christ" was the school theme. Rev. and Mrs. Jake Leverette, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Gail Dickau and Linda Schalin were teachers from the Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin; Miss Sharon Berndt of Tyndall, S. Dak., and Miss Lorraine Bender of Drumheller. Mrs. Neuman brought the missionary story, and Rev. R. Neuman, director of the school, also opened the daily sessions with a devotional. Our discoveries with Christ were exciting and rewarding.