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THE FIRST EASTER

By Annie Johnson Flint

They who loved him and they who hated
Have stood together beside his cross,
And these are resting in wicked triumph,
And those are mourning their bitter loss;
How they had hoped he should yet redeem them,
Had owned him Master and known him Friend—
Oh, Star of Jacob! too early setting,
By clouds o'ershadowed, is *this* the end?

Soldiers and people and priests and rulers
Wreaked their malice and angry spite,
Though invisible angel legions
Only waited his word to smite;
Savior of men and strong Deliverer,
Himself he would not, could not save,
And cruel hands have seized and slain him
And set their seal on his guarded grave.

Giver of life, to death a hostage,
Lord of glory, in shame who died,
King of kings, by his foes defeated,
Mocked and beaten and crucified,
Light of the world, in darkness lying,
Maker of earth, in bondage held—
Surely, Israel's hope has perished,
Surely, the doom of good is knelled.

Cometh the dawn of the Easter morning,
Cometh the flashing of angel wings;
Oh, ye timorous hearts despairing!
Myrrh and aloes are needless things,
He who was dead is risen—risen!
His words of comfort your grief shall dim;
And out of the grave of our sins and sorrows—
We who love him—we rise with him.

"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:5-7).

LO! HE IS RISEN

The vault men sealed is open now,
The stone is rolled away;
And angels clad in shining garb
Stand watch, where Jesus lay.

For him is past the darksome night—
He's left the silent tomb.
The sun again doth brightly shine,
And sweetest flowers bloom.

Let all the saved of earth rejoice
And sing their happy lays.
'Tis Easter day—the Lord is risen,
To him be endless praise!

EASTER IS . . .

Lillie D. Chaffin

Easter is for singing . . .
Songs of hope and cheer,
Hymns of faith and duty,
Joy of the year.

Easter is for giving . . .
May our giving lead
Us to new awareness
Of those who are in need.

Easter is for praying . . .
That everyone may see
Beyond the beauty of the lilies
To eternity!

"But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

NEWS and NEEDS...

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS.
Study the statistical tables on page 22 of this issue. The encouraging items are that the February 1966 contributions amounted to \$65,003.09 and that the total contributions for the first 11 months of the fiscal year were \$921,854.29, more than \$50,000 ahead of last year. The month of March will tell the story of how successful we shall be in reaching the goal of \$1,100,000. Watch for that announcement!

PRAY FOR STUDENTS. From the Joseph Merrick School in Cameroon, Mr. Norman Haupt, principal, writes: "What a land of contrast Africa is—the cry is development and education—but get a few miles off the main road and it's as it has been for hundreds of years. Our interest lies in the contrast that Christ can make in the lives of pagans. We thank the Lord for the opportunity he has given us in taking these young lives from such backgrounds and winning them and moulding them for Christ. Pray for us daily, won't you? Pray for our students, too, for they have so much to overcome."

OUR MISSION IN TSU, JAPAN.
Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern write: "December 10, 1965 marked our 10th anniversary in Japan. In reminiscence of the past, we see God's provision in patience and wisdom to learn the language to communicate his wonderful message. We have seen God's work of salvation in the hearts and lives of the Japanese people with whom we were able to associate. Our mission work in Tsu, Japan was begun with an English Bible class for university students. About 50 Japanese, including students and occupational people living in Tsu, have found Christ as Savior and have become members of the church here. But since Tsu is a city of only 120,000 people with no industrial work, most students upon graduation leave for the larger cities like Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo. However, the Lord has seen fit to also work in the hearts of the people living in Tsu. At present we have 28 members and 5 will follow the Lord in baptism this spring."

BAPTIST MISSION, WARWAR.
This mission field located in Nigeria across the border from Cameroon, is one of our needy fields. It is in need of a greater medical ministry and a more
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Editorial

He Passed This Way!

Wherever the Risen Christ passes by, everything glows with beauty and love. His touch brings new life to the hearts of those who believe and say: "My Lord and my God!" His words bring comfort and peace to heavily burdened souls. His promise, "Because I live, you shall live also," thrust men and women into the arena of life, "turning the world upside down" for the Gospel witness. The Bible presents ample evidence of this in the lives of those who met the Risen Christ at the sepulchre garden, in the Upper Room, on the Emmaus Road, in Jerusalem, and on the Damascus Road.

Even nature awakens from its winter sleep and breaks forth into blossoming beauty at Eastertime as a symbol of the transforming touch of the Risen Christ upon all of life. We see the message of new hope in the lilies of the field, the crocuses and tulips of our gardens, and the flowers that adorn our churches on Easter Sunday. All around us this Easter truth is demonstrated, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

"He passed this way, and sleeping earth
Springs into life beneath his feet;
The seeds and bulbs that dormant lay
Send forth a message, green and sweet."

As the living Christ passes your way, he comes to minister to you with God's gifts. "My peace I give unto you!" "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you!" "Lo, I am with you always!" One of the greatest proofs of the resurrection of Christ from the dead can be seen in the changed lives of countless men and women who have encountered him as "he passed by their way." As you can tell the lamplighter down the dark street by the lights he has lit, so you can see the living Christ down the corridors of time by the lives he has changed and redeemed and transformed with God's heavenly gifts.

"He passed this way, and stumbling feet
Walked straight and sure, because he came,
And hands that faltered at their task
Are blessed and strengthened in his name."

The Risen Christ, who passes by every highway of life, also came to reveal God's eternal truths to men's hearts. The Apostle Paul was right in claiming that Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our faith. (1 Cor. 15:14-20). The living Presence of Christ today gives us firm assurance of eternal life, for his words were not idle words but they are new life and power in the hearts of his believers: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

What a glory it is to meet the Risen Christ on your pathway of life! Through faith in him, you can share in the power of his resurrection. Because of him, we live "by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:23). In his presence, we have a guiding light that goes before us, for time and eternity.

"He heals the broken hearts of men,
And does their haunting fears allay;
And earth may hope, this Eastertime,
Because our Savior passed this way."
—Arthur M. Nash.

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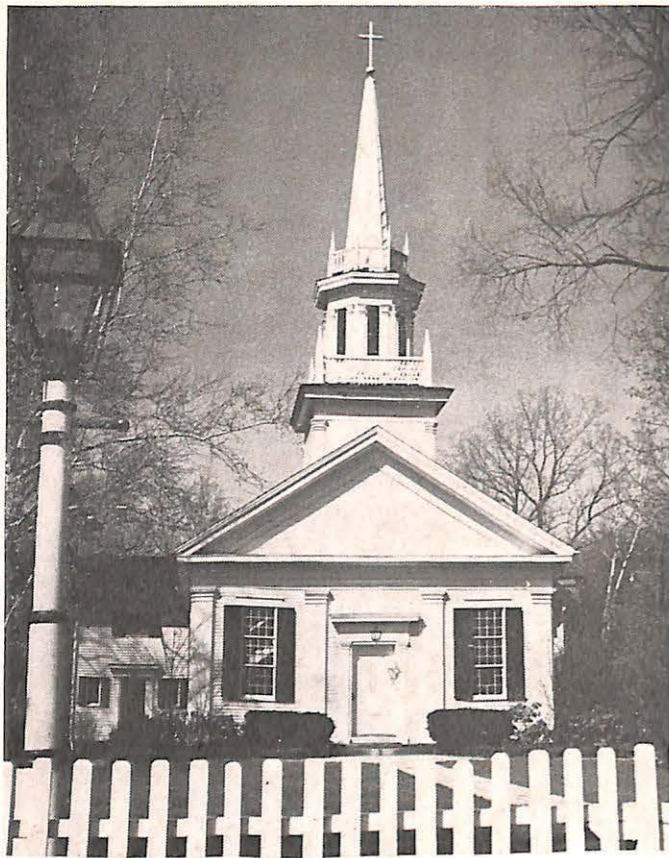
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WE CELEBRATE JESUS

He lives! He lives! We will repeat it. All language fails, and our best doxologies break into wordless wonder and silent awe. We celebrate him as Lord of all. My God and King!

By Gerhard E. Frost
of St. Paul, Minnesota

HE LIVES! God is not dead! And because he lives, we celebrate. We celebrate Jesus.

Jesus, no martyred saint or fallen hero, no frail and gentle memory, no fading echo and dimming afterglow, but living Love, victorious, strong, enduring still. We celebrate him as Lord of all. My God and King!

CHRIST'S VICTORY

Death, bend your stiff neck. Bow your proud head, for we celebrate Jesus. Death, you are no match for Love. It is presumptuous to think that you can hold him fast. Your reign is broken. He lives. He has won, and in his victory your crown is struck from your head.

God is not dead. "He stirs up the people," they said. They said it about Jesus when God walked the streets of time and space for those brief years. It was true. But it was not only true then. It is true today, for he lives.

I cannot escape him, this Living One. When I celebrate him, he gets me into trouble. I want to be just a face in the crowd, I want to hide but he keeps drawing me out and I am afraid. I want to run!

Why are you such a high voltage presence, Lord Jesus? Why must my choice be between you and my pleasant stagnation? Why can I not celebrate "in peace," in comfortable aloofness from the festering facts in our human situation. Why must you, the Prince

of Peace, come as the Messenger of strife? Why? Why?
Because you live!

"HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE"

"He stirs up the people . . . teaching . . ." What a frightening definition of teaching. And yet, I find it to be true. To celebrate Jesus in reflection is always to be prodded into action. To be taught by him is to be stretched and I fight that. It hurts to be stretched. Can it be that all learning is change and change is pain?

When I listen to Jesus, I can't stop with formal mastery of facts. Fierce street fights break out along the avenues and back alleys of my mind. New thoughts engage old prejudices and big burley lies challenge Truth's right to the road. I am anxious and again I want to run. But we celebrate Jesus, and in faith's fellowship you and I may learn to stand.

He lives! He lives! We will repeat it. Words shatter under their burden as they try to say it. All language fails, and our best doxologies break into wordless wonder and silent awe. But

Easter is a time for giving to make Christ, the Savior known throughout the world.

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the Word finds words for his purpose, inadequate though they be. Though they cannot say it all, they are enough, enough for you and me.

AN IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

No, God is not dead. And to you who have said this, we who celebrate Jesus quietly affirm that it is not so. If you mean that our God is hidden, that he is the God who hides in the testing circumstances of our dangerous time, as he once hid in diapers and on the Cross, we agree. He is not only the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ. He is the "hidden God" as well. *But he is not dead.*

If your intent is only to raise some questions which we may not ignore, then raise them, but not with words which mislead and even blaspheme! If your purpose is to say that we are dead to his loving approaches, say this, but do not presume to fashion a death bed for God. Death is death, and if God were dead no tongue could tell it. No man could proclaim it, for it is by

the creating and sustaining hand of the Ever-living One that we live.

THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE

"And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures," says our ancient creed. I come to the scriptures in order to celebrate Jesus. I come remembering what a friend has said: that a love letter must be read for what it is; that a young lady, receiving an urgent message of proposal from one who loves her will not read it as an English composition, though it is that, nor as a sociologist collecting data on courtship in our culture, though it is that, too, but she will read it for what it is, a heart's expression of a great longing, the longing to be one! This is what the Bible is to me, God's message of longing and willingness, but more than that, God's news that all barriers have been broken down, that I am accepted and forgiven.

"Father!" When I say that in faith and trust, I celebrate Jesus, for "when we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" it is "the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." Where there is Easter there is Christmas and Pentecost, too. Whenever I say, either alone or with you, "Our Father," I celebrate my new birth into the Body of Christ.

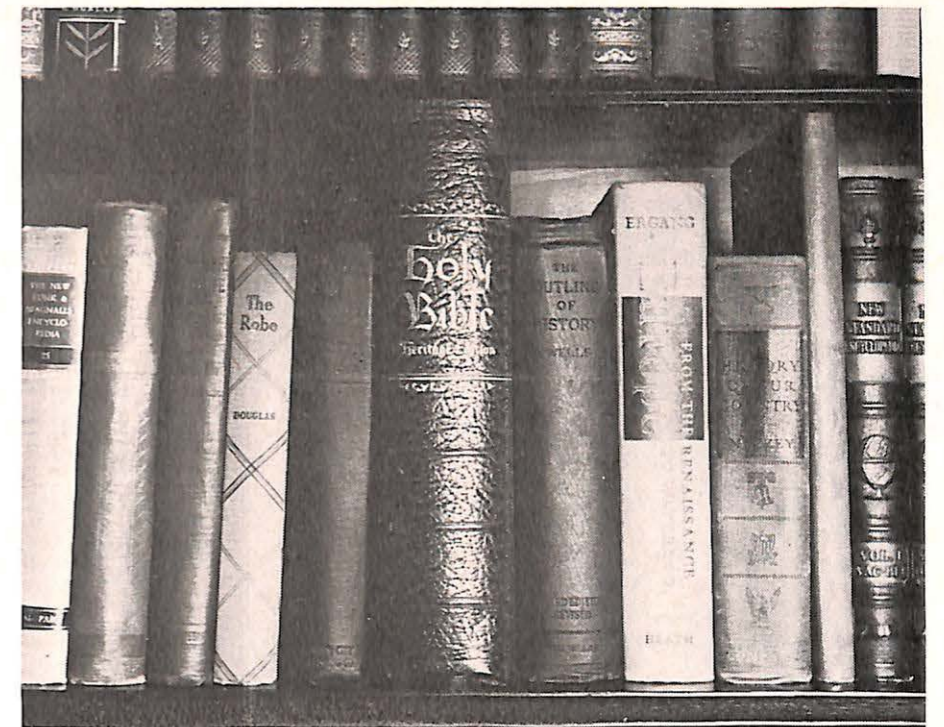
"LIFE IS SINGLE FILE"

I know that life is single file. It is true, as Luther said, that "every man must do his own believing even as every man must do his own dying." Remembering that there is a world of difference if I say only, "he is risen," and do not affirm that he is risen for me, I place myself before his face. I build my house of life on this Rock, that "he has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death."

Today the Lord of the Church "stirs up the people." He arrests us and addresses us. He calls and sends. He asks his church to leave her sheltering walls and walk the streets with him. He uncovers long forgotten issues. He exposes frontiers more vast than any we have ever known before. I am a member of this church but my temptation is to "send him to Herod." I have been well schooled in this art of sending him to "someone else." I still like "truth in the sky" better than Truth in the flesh, wearing work clothes. I prefer to think of Love rather than acts of love and Justice rather than acts of justice.

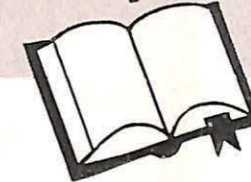
In a world that is glutted on trivia and sick unto death of itself, a world starving for the daily doxology of loving service, the holy worship of self-giving and fellowship, we affirm: No, God is not dead. He lives! And "no one who believes in him will be put to shame."

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EXPLORE GOD'S WORD. "Truly, in dealing with the distribution of the Word of God, the results are unpredictable." (Luoma Photo).

EXPLORE GOD'S WORD!



"BRAZIL'S GREATEST SCRIPTURE CAMPAIGN"

"Gospels three times as high as Mount Everest!" This was how the Bible Society of Brazil's mammoth order for Gospels was described.

1965 was the year of a nation-wide evangelistic campaign conducted by the Baptist churches of Brazil. Said the campaign president, "The object will be to evangelize through the local church, and not by other means. The campaign will be an exceptional opportunity for work for all Baptists: men, women, youths and adolescents. Not only will the pastors be mobilized, but the sheep also."

When the campaign was being planned, the Bible Society suggested that a Scripture distribution campaign might be included, and offered to cooperate by making Bibles, Testaments and Gospels available at reasonable prices, with the campaign's symbol imprinted on the covers. The idea was accepted with enthusiasm; and the result was an order for 10,000,000 copies of the Gospel of St. John, together with an order for Bibles to be sent to federal, state and municipal authorities all over the country.

The task of distributing ten million Gospels was undertaken by the two thousand Baptist churches of Brazil—on average, 5,000 copies for each church. Colportage leaflets were prepared, to give the churches advice and suggestions about their distribution. In most cases the Gospels were delivered personally from door to door, before and during the series of evangelistic conferences arranged by the local churches. By the end of the year, almost all the churches had distributed their Gospels. In a population of 80 million people, it is reckoned that half the families of Brazil were contacted during the campaign.

Reports have come of thousands of new Christians in every state; some churches have doubled the number of their members. As one person said, "Truly, in dealing with the distribution of the Word of God, the results are unpredictable!"

Christ's Church for the Cameroonians

The Baptist churches of Cameroon, Africa are in the process of growing into Christian maturity and of giving amazing leadership to God's people in West Cameroon. This is colorfully depicted in the "1966 Cameroon Calendar."

By Rev. Fred Folkerts of Bamenda, West Cameroon, Acting Field Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission.

PAUL in his letter to the Ephesians sets the goal for churches of all nations that "we may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." The churches of Cameroon, Africa have set that goal before them and are in the process of growing up into him. Some of the outstanding features of that growth process are described in the experience of Cameroonian churches today.

THE POWER OF YOUTH

The churches of Cameroon depend heavily upon their youth for leadership today and hope for tomorrow. Many young school teachers are lay pastors or superintendents and teachers of Sunday schools organized in the local church. As never before, other young men are in training for the ministry at the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu. Young men and women just out of Secondary School take their places of leadership in the church while they serve in secular professions.

This realization of the power for good in the youth of the land is seen in the establishment in November 1965 of Camp Saker just outside Victoria. The pastors and members of the Mizpah Baptist Church of Newtown and the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Victoria, with the help of Rev. George Henderson, have established the Christian Camp Grounds in abandoned plantation buildings four miles outside Victoria.

There on the picturesque beach under clustered palms and spreading almond trees is another monument to Afred Saker and a training ground for today's youth. It has been done by and for Cameroonians, and they sense keenly the great possibilities which this camp holds for growth and training in Christ.

Another evidence of the Cameroonians' concentration on youth is the election of Rev. Samuel B. Nfomi as the Youth Worker of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. He has spearheaded the organization of Boys Brigade companies throughout the land. He has also used his many energies with those of youth in the work of Christ.

THE GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP

Leaders don't grow overnight. One stands in reverence to God for the many years of preparation, planting, cultivation, struggle, study and counsel which has borne fruit in stalwart Cameroonian leaders.

Many of these leaders are pictured

on the "1966 Cameroon Calendar." (See next page). They have given good steerage and teaching to the churches. The picture is tinged with remorse that they are so few for the great needs of the Convention and Mission are hard at work training more. Two Teacher Training Colleges are at work training 100 graduates a year. Three Secondary Schools are at work training young men and women for all walks of life. A Nurses and Midwifery Training Course at Banso provides leadership training for hospital and maternity work. The Bible School at Ndu is producing 15 to 20 graduates per year for the ministry. The Convention needs 300 more graduates to provide a trained pastor for every church. There is a woeful gap between supply and need.

One cannot help but recognize with admiration the great contribution to the work of Christ of such present leaders of the Convention as Mr. E. K. Martin, Rev. John Nfor, Mr. Samuel Becke, Rev. Samuel Nfomi, Rev. Philip Nshing and Mr. Martin Ikome. Many others in the past have served faithfully. God has blessed the work accordingly.

THE STRUGGLE FOR PURITY

Rev. John Nfor as Executive Secretary of Cameroon Baptist Convention is often called upon to mediate disputes and to give counsel in churches of the Convention. He with many other pastors is faced regularly with vexing problems of church discipline involving morality charges, polygamy, witchcraft, mishandling of funds and abandonment of faith. The churches, as in other lands, are far from pure. But there is a great army of faithful who are struggling and are coming to victory through Christ over the forces of temptation and the devil.

Not only in practice but in belief as well, there is a struggle for a purer understanding of the Word of God.

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Old and young alike grasp at the opportunity to read and know for themselves the teaching of the Scriptures.

THE DESIRE FOR RECOGNITION

The Baptist World Alliance has proved to be the staging area for the debut of Cameroon Baptist Convention into a worldwide family of faithful. North American Baptists have been good in providing guidance in making these wider experiences in fellowship possible and meaningful for the Convention. It has fulfilled in a measure the Cameroonians' need to be known, recognized and useful in the conduct of worldwide Christian endeavor.

On the local scene, the desire for recognition has been realized in a deep respect and mutual understanding of man to man. Leaders of the schools and churches stand before the people with dignity and confidence in the power of God at work through them. And the people respond with respect and cooperation.

Cameroonians do not want roles for which they are not trained or experienced to fill. They want to have deserved recognition. For that reason the responsibility lies heavily on those of us who can to help provide that training and experience for Cameroonians so that they with honour may fill every role of service for Christ.

Great sprawling urban areas are building up around several commercial centers in Cameroon. Housed in some elaborate modern buildings but mostly in shanties with filth at every hand, these towns have become centers of unemployment, unrest, immorality and disillusionment for many and hard work or exploitation, rapid prosperity and riotous living for some. Many naive young people have gravitated to these centers in search of employment.

The urban churches have not been able to cope with these overwhelming needs around them, and in some cases are not spiritually equipped to meet the challenge. Help and encouragement must come from the outside. Pray that God may raise up more of his witnesses in the urban areas of Cameroon! Thank God for the faithful few.

THE DEARTH OF GIVING

So often one sees huddled shamefully in the bottom of the offering basket a few well fingered francs. The deacons go unobtrusively at the end of the service to count the meager

gifts. It's almost a universal picture and one might expect in a poor country less in amount. But so close to the offering plate one sees the signs of prosperity on every hand. Rich embroidered gowns flow spotlessly over the shoulders of those who sit in the pews. Cars, motorcycles and bicycles empty their occupants at the church doors. Stomachs are well filled. Homes of cement and stone are cluttered with abundance. Many members could give in abundance. A few do.

Encouraging evidence of sacrifice and stewardship is breaking out in the churches. Several tithing clubs have started. The Convention in Cameroon, West Africa has adopted the largest budget in its history. Several have helped the weak and struggling ones. Some of the fields send out their own evangelists. The spirit of self-support in all areas of the work grows.

VITALITY OF THE WOMEN

The women of the Convention churches waited with baited questions for the return of Mrs. A. Bell from the Baptist World Alliance Congress at Miami Beach, Florida. They were thrilled by her report of the Congress sessions and her tour of North American Baptist churches. She reported to them from association to association with other officers of the Women's Union. Accompanied by Mrs. Alma Henderson, missionary women's worker these leaders of the Cameroonian women bounced over rough roads and trekked up steep hills to report, to encourage and to rally the strong spirits of the women in the churches.

They organize choirs; they have high spirited women's meetings; they rally in great numbers to meetings and feasts; they parade in uniforms and patterned-alike dresses; they toil on their farms for a small income; they give liberally to sponsor the cause of the Women's Union. The women of the Convention churches are strong.

THE SENSE OF FELLOWSHIP

The Field Conferences of October through December 1965 were highlights of Christian fellowship. The churches of each field gathered for two or parts of three days for a full program of Bible study, admonition, reports, warm fellowship and plenty of food. Missionaries were an integral part of this fellowship. In April 1966, the Forest Area and Grassland Area semi-Annual Conferences reinforced the bond of unity in Christ.

Cameroonian Christians live in the oneness of the Body of Christ. It is reflected in their readiness to help one another, their ability to understand and accept each others' weaknesses, and their gracious reception of another from the outside.

The fellowship is sometimes broken by carelessness to the Word of God or by clannishness of a given tribe. But the Christians of all areas are trying to overcome these obstacles in unity.

The false gods in Cameroon are not quite the same as they used to be. At

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one time, they were a shaped stone, a carved piece of wood, a possessed bird or animal or place, or a spirit returned from the dead. These are still present. But today others threaten to capture the imagination of the people. From the north the prophet Mohammed has sent his missionaries. Many are bowing to Allah. There are even some who come in the name of Christ but neither walk nor preach in his way.

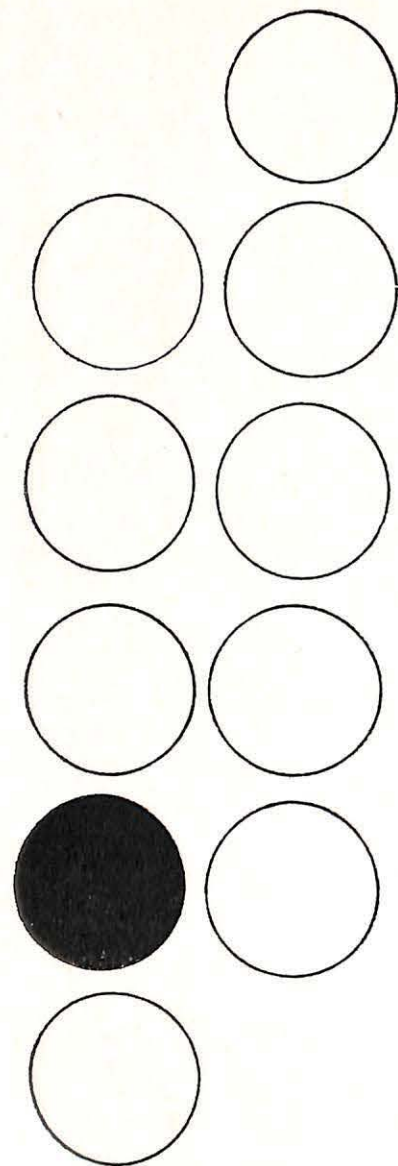
There are those on the continent who claim to be saviors of their nations but who live as demigods. The

great god of materialism has flooded the hearts and lives of so many. These false gods are enough to turn many away from the churches. And some within the churches hanker after them.

THE PLIGHT OF THE BACKWARD

Great numbers of Christians cannot read or write. Most of them are beyond those years when there are schools or opportunity for them to learn. The Word of God is closed to them, aside from others who will read

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Why More Tithers Needed?

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Houston, Texas

WE KNOW that we are or God's family, while the whole godless world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19 NEB). Has it ever really laid hold upon us that *the whole world* is in the hands of Satan? Ours is not a Christian world. Ours is not a Christian civilization. Our own land is not a Christian land.

Daily, because of the population explosion, the number of unsaved people increases. Godlessness is on the march. Only a false optimism could persuade us that we are winning the battle against unbelief and sin!

The whole world picture has changed. The growth in population; the tremendous outreach of atheistic communism; the increasing availability of propaganda distributed through the printed page; the modern means of transportation; the channels of communication such as television and radio—all this adds up to a new challenge to Christian witnessing to *the masses* of people around the world.

The Scripture quoted above reminds us of the great division which exists in humanity, namely, "God's family" and "the whole godless world."

Our Lord left us with a tremendous task, an impossible task apart from his presence and power. Once again we hear his voice speaking with deep intensity and urgency, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We *must* do this! It is our personal responsibility.

DEDICATED MEN AND MONEY

We cannot do it, however, without men and money. He must have dedicated men and women and they must dedicate their resources to him.

Many a Christian has wrestled with the problem of how much of his money to give. Our God has made the answer easy. Why not follow his clear command and begin there? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Tithing is just, and fair, and proportionate, and reasonable. It is all of this—but it is more. It is the way to the discovery of spiritual blessings hitherto unknown.

Many Christians have said, "We would like to tithe, but we just can't afford it." The truth is that we cannot afford *not* to tithe! God does not ask his people to do what they cannot do.

SET US AFIRE, LORD!

Set us afire, Lord,
Stir us, we pray!
While the world perishes
We go our way,
Purposeless, passionless,
Day after day.
Set us afire, Lord,
Stir us, we pray!
—Ralph Spaulding Cushman

"On all our possessions, on our time, and talents, and influence, and property, God has written: 'Occupy for me, and till I shall come.' To obey his instructions and serve him faithfully is the true test of stewardship."—C. Simmons.

When he calls them to obedience he enables them to meet his challenge. Tithers walk by faith in his promise. Faith pleases him and he honors it.

We need more tithers. There can be no doubting this. "The whole godless world lies in the power of the evil one." Christ did not call us to "enjoyment" of the wonderful blessings of the Gospel. He called us to a warfare against godlessness. The churches are to go into all the world with their message.

BLESSINGS OF TITHING

Tithing, when done from the right motive, and in the right spirit, means a new day of dedication and fellowship for the tither. It warms the heart. It brings a sense of satisfaction which always accompanies obedience. It opens "the windows of heaven." It produces an atmosphere in which spiritual awakening and revival are possible.

Thank God for those who do tithe and have been tithing for years! Only eternity will reveal what their dedication and obedience has made possible. With spiritual vision and wisdom they are laying up "treasure in heaven."

We need more tithers! With all the farflung activities of the Christian Church, we have only scratched the surface. These are days of urgent need around the world. We are sitting on a tinderbox. We are in the midst of world revolution upon a vast scale. Unbelief and godless living are sweeping in upon us in a tidal wave.

Multiplied thousands of Christians who are now little more than spectators must be enlisted in an all-out effort to bear witness in a more dynamic, militant, concerted response to the personal call of Christ.

Our emphasis must now be placed upon the absolute Lordship of Christ in our lives. Too long we have been content to be "professing Christians" only. Too long we have been complacent and "at ease in Zion." Too long we have been satisfied to be "hearers" but not "doers."

Responding to God's challenge faithfully to return to him at least one tenth of all that he has entrusted to us will strengthen us personally.

It will renew the spirit of Christian home life. It will deepen the spiritual life and power of our churches. It will mean the enlistment of human life, the personality, talent and ability of those who begin the wonderful practice of tithing.

It will say to our Lord that we love him in deed and in truth. It will say to the indifferent and to those who are only partially enlisted that there is a higher level of discipleship. It will say to "the godless world" that we take Christ seriously, that we mean business. —The Baptist Program

BAPTIST HERALD

Welcome to the Cave!

A provocative and deeply moving sermon based on the text, I Samuel 22:1-2, and preached at the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

By Rev. William W. Sibley, Pastor

THERE ARE always critical days when any new thing is begun. As it was true at the beginning of King David's rise to power, so it is true at the beginning and the establishment of a church. There are difficult days when people from various walks of life begin to unite with a new work. There are not many who are willing to hazard their present situation to join with a small band and labor in a needy place. And often those who do are maligned and criticized by others. But as David welcomed followers to the Cave Adullam in preparation for his rise to the throne over all Israel, so do we as a church welcome men and women to share with us the joys and sorrows of our God-given mission.

DAVID'S STORY

After God had rejected Saul as king over Israel, he sent Samuel down to the house of Jesse to anoint a new king. In so doing he said to the prophet: "Look not on the countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Thus the most unlikely of Jesse's sons was anointed and soon found himself in a place of prominence in Israel.

David encountered the wrath of Saul soon after the slaying of Goliath. And when he returned victorious from slaying the Philistines, the singing of the women, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands," was more than Saul could stand. This led to an attempt on David's life and to his fleeing to the Cave Adullam.

At the cave God began to gather followers to David, and from this small band would eventually rise an army that would put David upon the throne. There were his numerous and respectable kinsmen; some representatives of the priesthood; some of his military companions; some who had suffered at the hands of Saul; and some adventurers.

Matthew Henry says, "They were not great men, nor rich men, nor stout men, nor good men; they were men of broken fortunes and restless spirits." Those "in distress" encountered the disfavor of Saul because of their friendship with David, and those "in debt" because of the oppression of unlawful creditors who flourished under Saul. "And everyone that was discontented" or "bitter of soul" was such because of the prevailing conditions in Israel. They were not the rich or the sophisti-

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cated. No, nor the respectable citizens. They came from different walks of life, but out of them God would fashion an army that would shake the kingdom.

CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS

The Gospels portray a parallel to David and his band in the life of Jesus and the disciples. There was nothing in the birth of Jesus to suggest to the people of Israel that he was born to be their King. And yet at the age of 30, Jesus began to gather about him a band of followers who would constitute the beginning of his church, against which the gates of hell should not prevail. He called fishermen, tax-gatherers and adventurers.

I've always wondered what would have happened had the choice of the disciples been left up to us? I think we would have gone into Jerusalem and Judea and asked, "Are there any religious and respectable people here? Are there any wealthy people here to choose as disciples?"

And someone might have said to us, "Well, whatever you do, don't choose that man over there! He smells fishy and is very profane. And don't call that dreamer Nathaniel; he just isn't with it. And be careful of that one there, he's a little bit crooked, and if he becomes a follower he'll write long genealogies. And whatever you do, don't choose those noisy fellows over there. They are so noisy we call

them the 'sons of thunder.' And besides they have a mother who is always trying to push them ahead. No, don't call James and John."

But Christ announced at the beginning of his ministry that he came for the needy people, the poor, the broken-hearted, the captives, the blind, and the bruised. His invitation is to the "weary and heavy-laden." And out of these cast-offs of society, Jesus began his work which will eventually see him exalted over all the earth as "King of kings and Lord of lords."

INVITATION OF THE CHURCH

The church labors to establish the Kingdom of God's anointed Son. Thus we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." And as surely as there was a war of parties in the days of David, there is a war of parties being fought today—the Kingdom of God against the forces of darkness. Every local congregation of God's people follows Christ, their Captain, and in spite of persecution they seek to do his will. It is not easy. It costs sacrifices and deprivations. It means separation and sometimes martyrdom. But to all the church invites, "WELCOME TO THE CAVE."

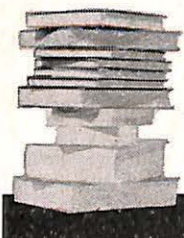
The church is to be an open door into worship and service for any who will. Undoubtedly, many are still in the world because the church has made its doors so narrow with narrow love, narrow doctrine, and narrow standards, that the needy can't get in. Can you imagine David turning anyone away from the Cave Adullam? Can you imagine him saying, "You have a poor reputation," or "I hear you're in debt," or "You've been in trouble; you'd better find another cave?" No! I'm sure David must have welcomed them all to join his band.

My friends, the church invites, "Whosoever Will," to come and join God's people. There is no racial barrier. There is no social barrier. We do not keep people out of our fellowship because of their lack of social prestige or financial affluence. Let us have those who are in distress. Do we not have an answer? Is there no help here? Do we not have some balm of Gilead to share? Let us have those who are in debt. When a man gets so burdened down that there's no place to turn, there ought to be a sympathetic body of people ready to comfort and to help. Let us have the discontented, those that have become bitter in soul over their present situation.

MEADOWLARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Some have wondered about our people at the Meadowlark Church. Some may smile when they realize that we come from many different backgrounds, different churches, different educational schools, different experiences, some with dark pasts, some with a long list of failures behind their name—**BUT A PEOPLE WHO HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO BE SOME-**

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

OF SEX AND SAINTS by Donald F. Tweedie. Baker—1965—73 pages—\$1.00.

D. Tweedie, who heads the clinic in Pastoral Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, discusses the physiology, psychology and theology of sex from a sane, realistic and Christian point of view. Excellent for the pastor as marriage counselor.

VICTORY IN VIET NAM by Mrs. Gordon H. Smith. Zondervan—1965—246 pages—\$3.95.

According to the reports on radio, television and in newspapers it seems almost impossible that any missionary work can be carried on in this small, war-torn country. This volume will prove to be a surprise and a challenge to the safe and secure Christian in America.

Mrs. Smith's lucid style, together with her excellent photography, make this a revealing "book of acts," and what God can do with fully dedicated missionaries in a so-called impossible part of the world. Love, tenderness, sacrifice and tragedy are interwoven in this first-hand account of the Holy Spirit in action. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have given more than 35 years of service to the Vietnamese and they expect to give the rest of their lives to carry the message of salvation to the untouched, unknown, and unexplored regions of this country.

BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH by Ralph Heynen. Baker—1965—111 pages—\$2.95.

Too much concern about health reflects a neurotic tendency while a total unconcern about health reveals a dangerous foolishness. In between these two extremes one must find a stable balance. The author, who is presently serving as a hospital chaplain, has some pertinent advice for those who are well and would like to remain healthy and for the sick who would like to become well. The person's mental, emotional and spiritual state are taken into consideration in these short but meaningful chapters.

PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION OF GLADNESS by Amy Balding. Baker 1965—108 pages—\$1.95.

Mrs. Balding's devotional books have been well received. This, her third, shows evidence of a deep and sparkling spiritual life which is not blind to the practical aspects of Christianity. Much

of the poetry which she uses in these twenty-five devotional come from the pen of her husband who is the able assistant pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in the south. As the title indicates, there is an element of gladness in every chapter.

KNOWING GOD'S SECRETS by John Hunter. Zondervan—1965—151 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

The author, who is associated with the Torchbearers Association, looks upon the Christian life as a treasure hunt—a daily unfolding of the things freely given by God. Many Christians live in a hope for peace and joy in a world to come but have no hope for peace of mind and soul in the present. The author, very simply and reverently, unfolds the secret of the effective Christian life.

THE BIBLE FOR TODAY'S WORLD by W. A. Criswell. Zondervan—1965—128 pages—\$2.50.

When Dr. Criswell preaches, the platform and pulpit seem to come alive. He is the pastor of the famous First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The same can be said of his books. There is fast movement and inspiration on every page. Some attempt has been made to polish up his extemporaneous sermons, but the fast flowing sentences are still there. Although the author claims the Bible needs no defending, there is nevertheless an element of defence in this series of sermons. It is not a scholarly nor a philosophic defence, but one that will appeal to the heart of every layman. Ministers, too, will find material both inspirational and illustrative.

INASMUCH by David O. Moberg. Eerdmans—1965—216 pages—\$2.45 (paper).

In his preface the author states that his book is intended as a starting point for study, thought, discussion, prayer and work on the subject of Christian social responsibility. For many years evangelicals kept the terms, "social

action" and "social gospel," out of their vocabulary because of its extreme implication in liberal Christian circles. This did not mean that conservatives were not "full of good works." Dr. Moberg believes the time has come for all Christians to declare their positions on political, economic and social issues in order to make their impact felt in the community and nation. There is a definite Biblical call to social action, and who but the devout Christian can let his light shine in a more meaningful way in welfare programs, government and education?

SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION: ITS CAUSES AND CURE by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Eerdmans—1965—300 pages—\$3.95.

CONQUERING by Wesley H. Hager. Eerdmans—1965—110 pages—\$2.95.

Both volumes deal with the same subject. Mr. Lloyd-Jones treats the malady more thoroughly in the form of twenty-one sermons. Unfortunately unhappy Christians are found in every congregation, and they are often a far cry from the early Christians who were filled with joy as they worshipped together, "breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." A depressed Christian is a contradiction in terms and is a very poor recommendation for the gospel.

The author points out that Christians are often in trouble because they try to live on the experiences of others or covet other people's experiences. God must deal with each individual personally according to his needs. The sermons have a good logical sequence which should help the troubled in spirit to find the Christian life more exciting and joyful.

Dr. Hager in his book, **CONQUERING**, is not as lengthy in his approach, and yet very specific, direct and meaningful in his studies of boredom, regret, prejudices, futility, weariness and death. The growth process is both clear and concise.

SOUND HIS GLORIES FORTH by Elizabeth R. Edwards and Gladys Besancon. Baker—1965—172 pages—\$3.95.

Every church library ought to have this type of book available for young people's meetings and Sunday school departments. The twenty programs listed in this volume include Christmas, Easter and almost every kind of special event throughout the year. They can be presented easily with very little costume or stage setting.

NOTHING TO WIN BUT THE WORLD by Clay Cooper. Zondervan—1965—152 pages—\$2.95.

The founder and president of Vision, Inc. and producer of award winning mission films has also written a disturbing volume, emphasizing and reiterating some Biblical truths which should disturb the complacent church

and individual Christian. Taking his leading thought from each of the New Testament books, Mr. Cooper makes a justifiable attempt to disturb and provoke and then to activate the Christian in an all-out effort to follow the Great Commission. Simply touching foreign missions with only the tips of our fingers will do little good. We must reach our arms around the world.

YOUR CHILD, FROM BIRTH TO REBIRTH by Anna B. Mow. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—152 pages—\$2.95.

As a former missionary and later as Associate Professor of Christian Education Dr. Mow writes from deep conviction and experience. The book begins and ends on a solemn note of responsibility of parents in particular and teachers in general. It stresses the importance of a meaningful personal and interpersonal relationship which the child must have with some adult and which will equip him to respond to God and lead him to a rebirth. "The Christian Educator's Dilemma" is an important chapter which should be read by every Sunday school teacher and Christian education director.

CREATIVE BROODING by Robert Raines. Macmillan—1966—126 pages—\$2.95.

The reader's first reaction to this small but very significant volume may be that it is a thinking man's devotional guide. Mr. Raines, however, might object strongly to the word "devotional." Its purpose, as the sub-title indicates, is to sharpen thought and provoke reflection. And he might add, as he strongly suggests in his very excellent introduction, its purpose is also to stimulate action and involvement.

Reactions to these selected readings will depend upon the reader's personal emotional nature. He may burn with rage when he reads "Greater Love Has No Man," or he may shed tears of sympathy and compassion as he reflects on "Two Lonely People." He may be pervaded by a feeling of guilt when he shares the tragic experience of Myrlie Evers, or be filled with a desire for either revenge or justice.

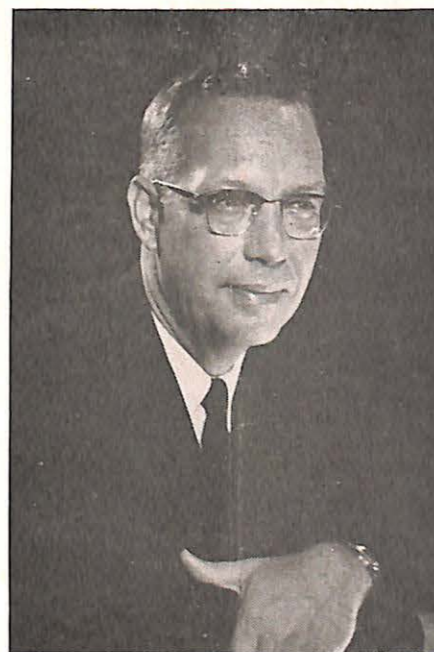
The wide selection of readings range from a letter by a juvenile delinquent to Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Scripture is generously and appropriately used followed by the author's prayer.

THE MAGNIFICENT DEFEAT by Frederick Buechner. Seabury—1966—144 pages—\$3.50.

Martin Luther has referred to John 3:16 as the Gospel in a nutshell. It is not always easy to find truth so extremely condensed in books. However, the message which the author is trying to convey in this volume is clearly stated in a single paragraph: "Power, success, happiness, as the world knows them, are his who will fight for them hard enough; but peace, love, joy are only from God. And God is the enemy whom Jacob fought there by the river

Bible Teacher at the Pastors' Conference

Introducing Dr. W. R. Estep, Jr., professor of Church History at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who will bring the Bible addresses at the Pastors' Conference, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 10-14, 1966.



PROF. W. R. ESTEP, JR.

professor of Church History at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas who will be the Bible teacher and guest lecturer at the N.A.B. Pastors' Conference, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 10-14, 1966.

Dr. W. R. Estep, Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas, a member of the faculty of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, will be the Bible teacher and guest lecturer at the Ministers' Fellowship Conference to be held on the Seminary campus, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from August 10-14, 1966. As professor of Church History, Dr. Estep is eminently qualified to speak on the theme, "Building the Church" (Matt. 16:18). His lecture topics will treat "The Nature and Mission of the Church," "The Image of the Church in the World of Today," "Movements That Challenge the Church," and "The Future of the Church."

Dr. Estep with his rich educational background will be able to challenge the thinking and lift the spirits of our pastors and their wives in attendance. He is a graduate of Berea College (BA degree), Southern Baptist Seminary (Th.M degree), and Southwestern Bap-

render, love and grace are written in the free and easy style of a novelist. The truths, which are brought to bear upon our lives with such concrete effectiveness, cannot easily be ignored. No one can read these earnest and challenging messages and remain unchanged by them.

These meditations, emphasizing sur-

tist Seminary (Th.D degree). He has taken additional studies at Union Theological Seminary of New York City in the summer of 1958, and at La Escuela de Idiomas, San Jose, Costa Rica. He has served on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary since June 1954.

Dr. Estep has traveled quite extensively, especially in Latin America, which will bring illustrative freshness to his addresses and will broaden the horizons of his listeners. He has gone on several Mission Tours to Cuba, Mexico and Central America. He has served as guest lecturer in 1956 at the Baptist Seminary in Cali, Colombia and at the Baptist Seminaries of Lima, Peru, at Santiago, Chile and at Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1960. He made a European tour in 1965.

Dr. Estep is a prolific contributor to Christian publications and an ambitious author. He served as contributing author to the Baptist Jubilee Advance volume called, "Baptist Advance." By the time of the Ministers' Conference in Sioux Falls, his provocative volume on "Baptists and the Ecumenical Movement" will probably be off the press. If so, copies will be available for sale at the book store in the Seminary building.

He has also divulged other writing plans of his. "I am also in the process of completing a manuscript for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention which will be studied in 1968 in all Southern Baptist churches around the nation. This book is to be entitled, 'Emerald Mountains.' It is a book on Colombia of South America. The manuscript is to be completed by July 1st but will not be published until 1968."

Dr. Estep was married to Edna Alice McDowell in 1942, and he and his wife are the happy parents of five children. The Program Committee is enthusiastic in having secured the services of this outstanding young church historian, this experienced teacher and dedicated student of God's Word, and this Christian gentleman of unusual stature for the Ministers' Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 10-14, 1966. The presence of Dr. Estep on the fine program should be another incentive for you to be sure to be there for these blessed Conference days!

Denominational Workshop Sessions

An earnest spirit of prayer, a heavy burden of spiritual concerns, and a confident note of faith in God's blessings on our North American Baptist General Conference were evident at these Workshop Sessions held by NAB leaders in Forest Park, Ill., on Feb. 22 and 23, 1966.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois

THE Denominational Workshop, held twice a year, brings together all general secretaries, the presidents of our educational institutions, the district secretaries and the president of the Woman's Missionary Union for consultation on our denominational enterprise. The most recent sessions, held Feb. 22 and 23, found 17 of these leaders gathered in the Upper Room (Conference) of our headquarters building, spending much time in prayer, reasoning together about God's will for our lives and denomination, and considering what steps of advance should be made in the months to come.

SPIRITUAL CONCERNS

If you could look in on these Workshop gatherings, you would find your denominational representatives and leaders wrestling with the spiritual problems of our day. We are dependent on God's grace and power. We must work while it is day. With earnest prayer, all things are possible with God. For almost an hour, these leaders around the conference table prayerfully stormed God's Throne in behalf of our churches, pastors, missionaries and youth.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke as executive secretary revealed a heavy burden of concern on his heart. He stated that many other people in our churches had shared this with him. It became a dominant concern of the Workshop sessions. We are in need of a REVIVAL—a revival of Spirit-filled lives, a revival of commitment to Christ, a revival of biblical preaching and living!

This spiritual concern was voiced dramatically in two well prepared papers that were used as the basis for spiritual discussion. Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District secretary, dealt provocatively on "The Minister and the Ministry," raising such questions as "What constitutes a call to the ministry?", "How can the pastor make his ministry relevant to the times in which he lives?", and "How can the minister live with praise and success and still be true to his Master?"

The second paper was read by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, on the topic, "The Local Congregation and the Pastor." Against a background of profound reading, Mr. Sonnenberg considered the spiritual needs of our churches and pastors in today's materialistic world. He raised such questions as these among others:

"With the multiplied roles that the pastor must assume as leader of a congregation, how and when will we get the kind of preaching that will renew the church?" "To what extent do pastors understand that a considerable amount of hostility directed at them by members of their congregation is guilt projection?"

Answers to such questions and solutions to these spiritual problems cannot be easily drawn out of a magic bag. We need to think on these things, to reason together in the light of God's Word, and to let the Spirit guide us into the truth. As a result, these discussions will be continued at the next Workshop scheduled for Sept. 1966 with further papers prepared and read by faculty members of our Seminary.

DENOMINATIONAL REPORTS

A good deal of the time was profitably spent in reviewing the ministry and work of our denomination through the various cooperating societies. It behooves every denominational representative to know what is going on in other departments of our work. In this way we can effectively promote the entire outreach and ministry of the denomination and to share with one another the difficulties and successes we have encountered in striving to build God's Kingdom.

A wide range of interests faced us in these reports that were given us—the statistics of our denominational giving and the need for greater emphasis on biblical stewardship and tithing; the goals of accreditation facing our Seminary and Christian Training Institute; the story of what God has wrought in our churches as related by the district secretaries; a bird's eye view of our far flung mission fields, the informative ministry of our promotional literature and publications, and an inspiring picture of 21 Church Extension projects that are now receiving denominational support through the Church Extension Committee.

Probably the greatest blessing of these Workshop sessions was the envisioning of new heights of service for our Lord. Here the seeds are sown and plans are made or announced for new denominational projects or for a greater outreach for Christ and his Gospel.

FUTURE ADVANCE

We are fervently hoping that this year the missionary door into Brazil, South America will be opened wide to North American Baptists. The mis-

sionary appointments are in view and tentative plans are in the making, but the necessary funds are still badly needed. The Stewardship Committee is working on an inspiring plan, "Operation Help!", whereby effective use will be made of Christian laymen in participating in our denominational program. An Evangelism Resource Committee is hard at work to make suggestions for the purpose of unifying the total evangelistic thrust of our denomination. At least several new Church Extension projects should be started annually.

Reports were given about the progress that has been made by the Denominational Advance Planning (DAP) Committee through its various subcommittees in studying our denomination at work and how important improvements might be made. The final projected plans to be approved by the General Council will be presented to the General Conference in 1967 in Detroit, Mich.

A spirit of spiritual concern pervaded these Workshop sessions. A love for God's work entrusted to us and for God's people with whom we share this ministry was felt in the fervent prayers. A strong desire for revival and for greater heights of service was dominant in every heart. This brief report is your open window into some of these intimate things going on behind the scenes with which you as a North American Baptist ought to be acquainted.

The Workshop Sessions were followed by a series of busy and important denominational committee meetings at which plans were made for future activities and a greater denominational ministry. These were the sessions of the Denominational Visitation Committee, God's Volunteers Sub-Committee, Student Placement Committee, God's Volunteers Committee, Church Extension Committee, and the Loan Fund Committee. Reports about the decisions of these committees will be published from time to time in the pages of the "Baptist Herald."

ROMAN CENTURION'S SOLILOQUY

By Esther Belle Heins
of Lynwood, California

This man was righteous; surely none
Has spoken quite as he;
Did man before forgive the ones
Who nailed him to the tree?

It seemed as if it was his will—
As though it had to be;
How strange if this might be the day
That changes history!

Why did the sun refuse to shine—
As though God turned his face?
The temple's veil was rent in twain;
His death has marked this place!

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peace. . . .
Praise God, it comes to me!
For now I know the Son of God
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SPEAK UP!

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

WHAT ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERS WHO SMOKE AND DRINK?

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

I enjoy your open forum for communication. As I travel and visit many of our North American Baptist churches, I see that we have many church members who smoke and drink. Why are we yoked together with unbelievers? Please answer. Thank you.

A brother in Christ,
(Name illegible)

DR. IHRIE'S COMMENTS

My dear Brother:

Those of us who have come from a puritan or pietist background join you in the conviction that these things do not reflect the highest level of Christian testimony. The use of alcoholic beverage has been a destructive force in modern society and a negative element in our culture. Whereas wine may have had a proper and legitimate use in Bible times, it has become a channel of abuse in modern living. Therefore, Christians with a sensitive conscience generally do not condone it as part of our pattern of life.

Tobacco has been designated as a danger to health and a poison to the human body. No believer who wants to safeguard his body as a "temple of the Holy Spirit" will sanction its use. Also the unpleasant breath which results from smoking should be considered by those who feel that Christian living should include courtesy to others.

Having said this, I must point out that these customs are matters for private conscience and are in no way tests of personal salvation. Would that our consciences were equally sensitive about other (and more destructive) manners among us, such as gossip, down-grading, pride, greed, envy, jealousy, and gluttony! Add laziness and stinginess for good measure. These sins of the spirit have spoiled the fellowship in more churches and have hurt the testimony of Christ more than the carnalities you have mentioned.

Whenever I am tempted to feel that I am unequally yoked together with unbelievers because of some weakness on the part of professing Christians, I have become guilty of Phariseism. If we are truly Biblical Christians, we had better accept the Word of God as our authority in its silences as well as in its counsels. Concerning the whole range of the so-called "separated life," where the Bible speaks specifically and definitely, I will speak specifically and definitely; where the Bible lays

and a final choice between alternatives of further destructiveness. It is felt to be the lesser of other evils.

First, let me state that in my own opinion the matter of remarriage cannot be dealt with as an *absolute* or forbidden as a *blanket principle*. Each case seems to stand or to fall on its own merits and demerits. There are cases, I believe, where it would be grossly unfair to deprive a divorced person of a mate for all the remainder of life because of a marital failure. Where there are children who need a set of parents instead of only one, the matter is compounded.

It is easy to beg the question of innocence or guilt, but there are indeed situations where one person is clearly injured by the sin of the spouse, and I cannot justify a life-long affliction of loneliness because of someone else's guilt. Furthermore, I have known too many wonderful Christian families (where one or both parents have been previously married and divorced) to say that God cannot bless such a union. After all, he is in the business of putting broken lives back together and healing broken hearts—not in keeping them in a state of hurt and deprivation. I do not find the Scriptures laying down any absolute or unswerving law in this matter if they are taken as a whole.

This is *not* to justify divorce or to put any lower premium on Christian marriage. Along with you, I deplore the divorce rate in this country. I am simply attempting to be realistic about the ministry of the Christian church in an age like ours. This is not easy.

DIVORCED PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

As to receiving divorced people into the church, once again it depends. It depends on the state and testimony of those seeking admission. Some such homes are much sweeter and more wholesome than many so-called "good Christian church families." I do not think we are justified in making the decision on the basis of the question: "Did the divorce occur before or after the persons were saved?" This seems to turn the whole question on a technicality. After all, no one has control over the providential timing of his personal salvation experience. Is a man's marital difficulty any different because he was baptized at the age of ten than if he didn't begin to be a Christian until he was fifty? In other words, the state of the lives now involved must be the important consideration—not the technicalities of past professions of faith.

As to divorced people holding office in the church, again it must be a matter of individuality. Some churches accept such people for offices other than the diaconate.

One thing is certain: in a period where more than a quarter of our neighbors have been divorced, we will not avoid the issue. Are we to declare that we have no place for any of these in our fellowship? Are we to

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● **The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas** has extended a call to Rev. Harold E. Weiss of West St. Paul, Minn., the pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church since 1962. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Ellinwood Church on June 12, succeeding Rev. Merle S. Brenner, now of Elk Grove, Calif.

● **Many members and friends at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.**, witnessed the baptism of Mr. Johnny Geist on Feb. 20. Mr. Geist and his family previously came from Hasmer, S. Dak., and started attending Northside Church in June 1965. The hand of fellowship was extended at the following Communion Service, as reported by Kathy Walkes.

● **Rev. John D. Fissel, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Union, N. J.**, made an extensive tour to mission fields of the world in February 1966. He attended sessions of the International Council Meeting in Kedgaon, Poona District, India and visited Thailand, Singapore, Philippines and Taiwan. In this way he was able to "see and to study foreign missions at first hand."

● **The Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak.**, has extended a call to Rev. E. S. Fenske of Pound, Wisconsin to which he has given a favorable reply. He has announced that he will begin his pastorate at the Germantown Church on May 1st, succeeding Rev. William Effa, now of Sidney, Montana. Mr. Fenske has been the pastor of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., since 1964.

● **A Missionary Conference** was conducted by the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., from Feb. 27 to March 13. Conference guest speakers included Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt of the Cameroon Protestant College, Bali, West Cameroon; and Mr. Hisashi Murakami from the Japan mission field who is now studying at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. The theme of the Conference sessions was "Hearts Afire for a World Aflame." Rev. Herman H. Riffel is pastor of the church.

● **Rev. John Binder, assistant general secretary in the Department of Christian Education**, has announced that 62 NAB students applied for a summer ministry of the Student Service Plan Committee. Unfortunately only 18 of these could be assigned to serve in churches, camps and home mission fields this summer because of the limited requests from our churches. The blessings of this denominational ministry in the lives of these students are beyond calculation.

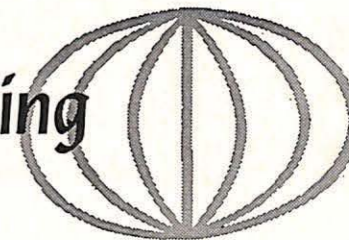
● **Rev. and Mrs. Allan Gerber and family, formerly of New Leipzig, N. Dak.**, arrived in Drumheller, Alberta to begin his pastorate in the Parkdale Baptist Church Extension project. On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, the church held a

welcome program and a pantry shower for the Gerber family. The four churches sponsoring the Church Extension project, namely, Zion Church of Drumheller, Carbon, Olds and Trochu, had a part in the program, as reported by Mrs. Harvey Emann.

● **Forty-two young people from the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Elsmere, Delaware and Bethlehem, Pa.**, attended the CBYF Winter Retreat for the Greater Philadelphia Area from

● **On Feb. 11 another shipment of White Cross materials** left the NAB headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. It consisted of 27 units with a total gross weight of 2,835 lbs. Mrs. Erika Borrmann's growing account follows: "Since our last complete report, two other shipments have been sent, one on Sept. 30, consisting of 34 units and weighing 4,427 lbs., and the other one on Nov. 24 with 31 units and a weight of 3,929 lbs. These two shipments have reached

what's happening



Feb. 18-20 at Camp Hope near Hope, N. J. Speakers were Rev. Gary Miller of the First Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa. "Joy in Serving Jesus" served as the challenging theme of the program. Miss Martha Hargreaves of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was the chief planner and director of the retreat.

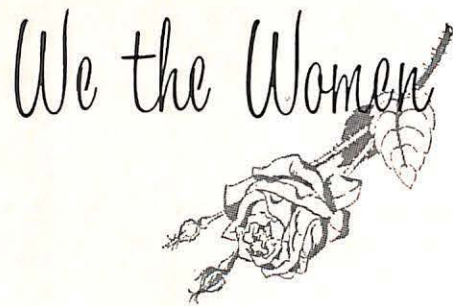
● **The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill.**, held Church Extension Sunday on Feb. 27 with Rev. John Ziegler, Church Extension pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio as guest speaker. A Christian Education Emphasis was featured by the Adult Training Union in February and March with Rev. and Mrs. John Binder and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman speaking on "Understanding Youth, Juniors and Adults." Miss Esther Schultz of Cameroon, will describe this mission field in Africa on Sunday, April 24, in "A Series of Missionary Sundays." Rev. R. I. Thompson is pastor of the church.

● **"Operation Wake-up" is being conducted** by the Sunday school teachers and officers of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., from March 6 to Easter Sunday, April 10. This is a united effort in evangelism to present the claims of the Gospel to all pupils and friends in the community. A Christian Workers' Conference was held on March 4 and 5, with specialists from Scripture Press, Gospel Light Press, Prof. Hugh Salisbury from Seattle's Pacific College, and Rev. Alber Walker of Portland, Oregon leading the workshops. Dr. Theodore Epp, well known radio preacher, was the guest speaker. Rev. S. Donald Gantstrom is pastor of the Calvary Church.

Cameroon safely and we ask for your prayers that this last shipment also may reach Africa's shore safely. With this, nearly 11,200 lbs. have been shipped, and we say "Thank You" to all who had a share in this ministry."

● **Beginning with March 20 and continuing** for ten consecutive Sunday evenings (6:00-6:50 P.M.), the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon is conducting a Teacher Training Course. Rev. Leonard Boyd Showalter, the church's minister of Christian education, is teaching the course, "Teaching Techniques," using as textbook material the literature of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. A "Teacher's Self-Evaluation Test" was distributed prior to the opening of the course to guide the teachers by the results of the test and to show them that they needed the course for more effective teaching. Dr. John Wobig is pastor of the Trinity Church.

● **On Saturday, Feb. 19, three North American Baptists** were invited guests at the Oregon Governor's Prayer Breakfast with the Hon. Mark O. Hatfield of the state of Oregon held at the Marion Hotel of Salem, Ore. They were Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, pastor; Mr. Alvin Hess, a layman of the Salt Creek Baptist Church; and Dr. Paul Gebauer of Linfield, Ore., a former Cameroon missionary. The address was given by Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army. Mr. Wilcke stated concerning the speaker and his message: "General Johnson is a Dakota-born man who seems to have picked up much of the solid Christian undergirding that our people there enjoy. From the background of his wartime experiences, it was certainly good to hear a simple, sound, personal testimony of Christian witness in his life."



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

"SUPPOSING HIM TO BE THE GARDENER"

During the anxious moments on the Resurrection morning, one rather sad experience is recorded. When Mary met our risen Lord, she "supposed" something about him—that he was the gardener. What she supposed was wrong.

To think that she was close to the Lord and lost this first opportunity to witness his resurrection! Fortunately, she very quickly discovered her mistake and ran to tell others that she had SEEN the risen Lord.

Many times we have not been so fortunate in our lives to be able to correct our errors in "supposing." Do you, even as I, have reason to wish that at some time or other we had not wrongly "supposed" about someone?

Perhaps we supposed someone to be lazy when he was physically ill, or "stuck up" when he was shy. We supposed her to be a "show off" when in reality she was insecure. We sometimes "suppose" about our closest friends and carry hurt feelings. We even "suppose" in our homes and thus hurt or even destroy the significance of a special deed. Another "supposing" is the taking for granted which is just as harmful—as some wrong action taken.

We realize that this "supposing" could take a very unhealthy turn. We could be constantly looking back and regretting. "Just suppose I had decided not to do that yesterday; I wouldn't have had all that trouble and expense," or "If I just would have been at home, this could have been avoided." The past cannot be brought back. It is today and tomorrow that should hold our concern.

We have other instances in our Bible where someone "supposed." The keeper of the imprisoned Paul "would have killed himself, supposing the prisoner had fled" (Acts 16:27). Early in Christ's life, his parents "supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey. . . ." (Luke 2:44). Also the scene at Pentecost when all were filled with the Holy Ghost, Peter lifted his voice and said: ". . . These are not drunken, as ye suppose. . . ." (Acts 2:15). Countless other "supposes" are recorded with some of the results altering history, even as some circumstances

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The Minister's Workshop

Faculty members of the NAB Seminary and of the Christian Training Institute consider the Christian minister in his study and in his involvements in life situations and problems of our day.

By Dr. George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What is a workshop?

Quite obviously, it is a place of work. There are materials and tools. Most likely, there are some objects in a finished, perhaps in an unfinished state. There may be signs of rejected materials and waste.

The workshop may be simple and purposive.

The workshop may be elaborate and pretentious.

The workshop may be neat and pleasant.

The workshop may be sloppy and repelling.

It doesn't matter whether it is the workshop of an earnest chairmaker in the "Hell for Sartin" hills of Kentucky or the hypersophisticated, computer-equipped brain center of a New York advertising firm, its electronically controlled tentacles reaching with calculated precision into the psycho-economic need potentials of millions of people.

THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN

This brings into focus the worker who, if he works in a workshop, should be more than a laborer. He should be a craftsman; better still, he should be a skilful artisan, a master craftsman in complete command of his tools, of the available materials and of the time allocated for the task.

This brings into focus the product, fashioned for the satisfaction of a need or the enjoyment of a pleasure, called into reality through manifold responses to intricately patterned environmental stimuli and in accordance with inward, basic, human drives.

The carved likeness of exquisite beauty: Nefertete.

The crystallized law of ancient ethics: The Code of Hammurabi.

The architectural splendor of the Acropolis.

The scientifically epochal achievements of Galileo, Copernicus and Kepler.

The tonal creations of Beethoven. The mathematical formulas of Einstein.

The self-giving of a Kagawa.

Now the workshop has lost much of its significance. It is overshadowed by the master who transcends its walls and fills the world with the power and beauty of that to which he gave himself, of that which has apprehended him, of that which seeks expression through him.

The Song of Moses.

The love message of Hosea.

The praise and prayer of the Psalmist.

The sermon of Peter.

The theology of Paul.

The vision of John the Seer.

The Spirit of God is Master here, and no other. And the yielded soul is the workshop. Biological, physiological, psychological walls become the capacitors for spiritual tension. Now the lightning flashes of revelation bridge space and time to permit man a glimpse of God and his eternity.

A CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP

Many, many years ago there was a workshop in the town of Nazareth. It was a carpenter's workshop. A youthful master carpenter worked there. He was the Son of God. Beyond the plow which he fashioned with his hands, he saw the good and the bad soil of the heart and the harvest field of the souls white unto harvest. Beyond the yoke he fashioned with his hands, he saw the yoke of love, humility and gentleness which some day he would offer to all them who were weary and heavy laden.

Then he left his workshop. He had no workshop. He said: "The birds have nests and the foxes have holes, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

He called those who would follow him. They loved him and gave him lodging in their hearts. Their hearts became his workshop, and their lives he fashioned into vessels that would carry the wine of his new teaching of which his believers would drink and never thirst again. His believers and his disciples:

- Pastor.
- Missionary.
- Minister.
- Director of Christian Education.
- Reverend.
- Kingdom Worker.
- Believer.

CHRIST'S WORKSHOP

Are we the workshop of the Lord Jesus Christ which he can and will fill with his radiance and glory? Are we that vessel filled with the wine of the New Testament of which our brothers and sisters will drink and never thirst again?

Man's workshops are often noisy. Human workshop sessions are often filled with much speaking which is no speech, and man and his image stand in the center of attention and

affection. Thought and word are fast and loud. Often God the Holy Spirit waits in patience and in pain to make known the Father's will. . . .

Undershepherd of Christ and priestly soul: Where is thy workshop? Is it the "study" filled with books and papers and the odor of duplicator ink? Or is it in the hearts and souls of men and women, boys and girls, whom God has given thee to fill with his radiance and glory?

Now the noise of the workshop has abated. Here are the lives God has given us. He desires to shape and mold them through us. Beyond the books we hold in our hands, we see the pages of the lives to be inscribed with loving deed and care. Beyond our pulpit lies the mission field which the Lord of the Harvest is eager to harvest.

The clamor of the workshop has ceased. Instead there is the voice of prayer. There is thanksgiving and rejoicing. And there is the stirring of hearts in the song of praise and adoration!

WE, THE WOMEN

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do today. We presume that none of our "supposing" will be that stupendous, but in our own capacities let's try, with God's help, to be more aware of facts and not take so much for granted.

Just as Mary with lowered head and weeping eyes was searching for her Lord and thus failing to recognize him, let us not be guilty of supposing, hence not recognizing his Kingdom work. Instead, let us lift our heads and prayerfully seek out opportunities to serve this same RISEN LORD! "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40b).

CHRIST'S CHURCH FOR THE CAMEROONIANS

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and interpret for them. Other great numbers live in backward areas of the bush which evangelists seldom reach and where no churches are established. Pioneering days are still at hand.

The Convention churches have caught the vision of those in need around them. They have pioneered the evangelization of such areas as Mamfe and Meta. But their hands have been bound by limited resources and overwhelming needs. Remember the plight of the backward in Cameroon. Perhaps if we don't raise our hands, their plight will be eternal.

These are some of the outstanding features of Christ's Church of the Cameroonians. Its a growing church made alive by the Head—even Christ. Paul's observation to the Ephesians is fitting of the Cameroon churches. By Christ the whole body is fitly joined together and every part, properly functioning, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

April 7, 1966

CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES OF DICKINSON COUNTY BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANSAS

The Dickinson County Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas will hold the following Centennial Events in connection with its 100th anniversary in 1966. All former members and friends are invited.

The Centennial Observance on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, with Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, as guest speaker.

Centennial observance with an Old Timers' Picnic sometime in July or August.

Centennial Observance and Homecoming with banquet on Oct. 15 and 16th with Dr. Martin L. Lueschner and Dr. Frank Woyke as guest speakers.

Edwin Walter, Pastor

DICKINSON COUNTY, ELMO, KANSAS. Fifteen men and women who attended the youth meetings of the Dickinson County Baptist Church, Elmo, Kansas fifty or more years ago were present for the initial centennial observance of our church on Sunday evening, Jan. 30. The young people presented this special program as a part of their Youth Week activities. (See article about this church's centennial and history in the 1966 ANNUAL, pages 48-50).



Members and former members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas who belonged to the young people's society (Jugendverein) over 50 years ago.

WELCOME TO THE CAVE

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THING FOR JESUS. As pastor I can only say as David must have said, "WELCOME TO THE CAVE!"

Out of the 400 at the Cave Adullam came a mighty army. Many of them became heroes. They came from everywhere and their captain made them a mighty force. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever your background — WELCOME TO THE CAVE. Come! Give yourself to Jesus Christ. And then with us let him forge us into a mighty weapon in the hand



Young people of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas help observe the church's Centennial Jubilee on Jan. 30. The girls are dressed in their Centennial costumes, and the mission offering on the table went to help support Rev. & Mrs. George Henderson in Cameroon, Africa.

Janis Piper, CBY president, gave a review of the 1916 youth programs and activities. Sharon Sandow, secretary, called the roll and those present answered with Bible verses, many in the German language. Decade reports for the 1920's through the 1960's were given by Janis Piper, Greg Jacobson, David Ihde, Charles Piper and Pamela Wolf. Sharon Sandow gave a review of the missionary emphasis during the past 50 years, and Sandra Abeldt told about the fellowship activities.

Written testimonies were read from three former members who are now wives of pastors; Lola Ruth (Wuthnow) Clark, Mary Ann (Koman) Bergen, and Joyce (Rhodes) Matson. The Junior CBY sang a song and quoted Scripture verses. Special music was provided by CBY members, including "The Little Baptist Church on the Hill" to the tune of "The Church in the Wildwood." Special decorations included a felt banner with the centennial theme, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope in Years to Come."

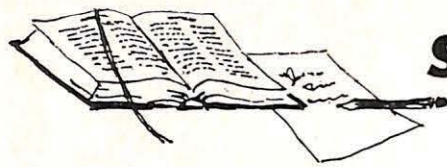
On Sunday, Feb. 6, the CBY members were again in charge of the evening service with Miss Esther Schultz, missionary from West Cameroon, Africa as guest speaker. (Mrs. Edwin Walter, Reporter).

of God. Someone has said, "It's not where you come from, but where you're going that counts!" WELCOME TO THE CAVE!

NEWS AND NEEDS

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effective Gospel ministry to its people. It is now being served by Miss Minnie Kuhn, nurse, and by Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld, medical missionary. Pray for these missionaries and watch for forthcoming articles and news reports about this field. Dr. George A. Dunger has promised to give "Baptist Herald" readers such an article.



sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 17, 1966

Theme: **THE KINGDOM IS DIVIDED**

Scripture: **I Kings 12:1-5, 16-20**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: There are persons and circumstances which tend to pull us together, while others cause divisions which break relationships in the home, the nation and the world.

INTRODUCTION: There is a sharp contrast between the contents of the last lesson and the one under consideration today. After the climax of the vision of the triumphant church, divided kingdom in the Old Testament. Our minds and our spirits need to adjust to an entirely different study. However, a measure of similarity can be introduced by comparing the disunity in the church at Corinth with the history of the nation of Israel. The history of God's chosen people should be reviewed in broad outline form, beginning with Abraham and the patriarchs, Egypt and the enslavement, deliverance, entrance into the Promised Land, the period of the judges and finally to the beginning of a monarchy which began with Saul, David, Solomon and to the present division of the kingdom because of Rehoboam's policy.

I. CRISIS IN THE KINGDOM. I Kings 12:1-5.

In one sense Rehoboam showed good strategy as well as diplomacy in seeking the good will of the people by gathering them together at a place which held such sacred memories. If he had had a true spirit of humility and a conviction of the importance of the nation and its God instead of his own importance, he could have developed a strong and united kingdom. The seeds of disunity were already sown by Solomon and he should have been aware of it.

However, the entire procedure seems a little strange during this time of crisis. Not once is the name of God mentioned. Not even the old men made any reference to prayer for the seeking of God's guidance and will. At no time was there a voice raised calling for repentance and a return to obedience to God. It seemed to be purely a political crisis and God was not asked to intervene.

II. COUNSEL FOR THE KING. I Kings 12:6-15.

Rehoboam at least took time to make a decision based upon the counsel of others. Sad to say, he took counsel

from the wrong people. He neither respected age nor experience. It sounded as if he already had his mind made up and was merely waiting for someone to support his preconceived ideas. The young men's ideas seemed to suit his pride and arrogance admirably. No thought was given to a more meaningful religious life and the blessings which might make them richer toward God.

III. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM. I Kings 12:16-20.

Rehoboam's answer was that of a tyrant. He had no feeling for the burdens of the people and no respect for their wishes. They had no choice but to get out from under the tyranny and oppression of the new king. They severed all connections with Judah and disclaimed their relationship with the line of David. An attempt was made to force the taxation in the north by sending the treasurer, Adoram, to try to collect the tribute. But this drove the rebels to a state of uncontrollable fury, and they promptly stoned him to death. Rehoboam lacked the courage to face the Israelites again and therefore had to flee for his life to Jerusalem. The most tragic thing was that neither kingdom had strong spiritual leadership.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some factors which cause nations to divide today?
2. Would it have changed the history of Israel if Rehoboam had sought counsel of God?
3. Discuss Moses' instructions concerning a king in Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 24, 1966

Theme: **JEROBOAM MISUSES RELIGION**

Scripture: **I Kings 12:25-33; 13:33-34**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Some people use religion to see what they can get for themselves; others use it to see how best they can serve God and man.

INTRODUCTION: A good, solid foundation is important for the structure of a building, but even more important for the family and nation. Jesus emphasized this truth in a dramatic way when he related the parable of the houses built on rock and sand. We can be grateful to the leadership of the founding fathers in our nation. Their high principles, their spirit of sacrifice and Christian faith gave this

nation a good beginning.

Jeroboam had all the opportunity and encouragement to build a good foundation for the nation of Israel. When he was approached by the prophet Ahijah (I Kings 11:29), he was given the promise of God saying, "I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee." The condition, however, was that he hearken unto God and keep the commandments. Jeroboam proved to be completely unworthy of his high office. He did not realize that "unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1).

I. JEROBOAM'S MILITARY LEADERSHIP. I Kings 12:25.

The first king of Israel thought first of his, and that of his nation's, physical security. It was an evidence of his fear and lack of trust in God. There was no call for divine guidance and protection. They made provision to fortify their cities but made no provision to fortify their souls. Their power and their might was more important than the Spirit of God. This is not to say that physical protection is not necessary, but physical security without spiritual security has little value. One is temporary; the other is eternal.

II. JEROBOAM'S WEAK SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP. I Kings 12:26-33.

The only reason for setting up any religious practices in the northern kingdom was for the purpose of keeping the Israelites from visiting the temple in Jerusalem where they might be persuaded to return and come under the influence of Rehoboam. In order to protect himself, Jeroboam had to alienate the people, not only from Judah, but from Jehovah himself.

Not since the time of Aaron had the calf worship been introduced. The altars at Bethel and Dan, with their golden calves, were destined to lead the Israelites further and further away from the worship of the living God.

III. JEROBOAM'S COMPLETE APOSTASY. I Kings 13:33-34.

All of the Levitical priests were stripped of their priestly duties for they had no desire to take part in the new pagan worship. Most of them returned to Jerusalem, leaving all their possessions behind them. Only those with a low moral character were appointed by Jeroboam to function as priests in the worship of the golden calves. The king was given opportunity to repent but his heart remained stubborn. The nation of Israel was given

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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

CBY (youth) fellowship

GREENVINE CHURCH, TEXAS.

Youth Week was observed at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas, Feb. 6 to 13. "Why Christians Suffer" was the theme for the Wednesday night service. A Valentine Banquet was enjoyed on Saturday evening by all young people. Peggy Luedemann was the master of ceremonies and Mr. Chuck Westgate, who will enroll as a seminary student in Dallas, Texas, brought a short devotional. On Sunday morning all young people were active in the worship service. Again on Sunday morning Mr. Chuck Westgate from Dallas brought a heart searching message. On Sunday night Miss Fay Kramer introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Jennings of Houston, Texas, who described the work that is done with Teen Liberators. Sponsors for the young people are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rippenhagen and Mr. and Mrs. William Steen who have rendered a great task in helping them attain spiritual heights. (Mrs. F. Effenberger, Reporter).

MORRIS, MANITOBA. The New Year 1966 started out for the members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., by observing Universal Week of Prayer, through which many spiritual blessings were received. The young people held two Youth Rallies by which they were made mindful of how vital prayer is in everyday activities. The children also had the privilege of attending two children's rallies. Youth Week was observed from Jan. 31—Feb. 6 on the theme, "Explore God's Word." Due to the cold weather, the activities were limited. There were several workshops during the week in preparation for the Youth Banquet held on Feb. 5. The young people were served a delicious meal by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the church. The young people were also very fortunate to have Rev. Eldon L. Janzen as their guest speaker who spoke on "Three C's for Youth of Today." The Youth Week came to a close on Sunday, at which they took an active part in both the morning and evening services in the song service, Scripture reading, and special music. (Heinz Neumann, Reporter).

COLLEGE AND CAREER FELLOWSHIP, SIOUX FALLS. Trinity College and Career Fellowship, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been alive and active again this semester. A beginning highlight was Youth Week. The youth of the Trinity Baptist Church assisted in the Sunday morning and evening services as well as the mid-week serv-

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ice. On Friday evening we had a banquet with 60 young people in attendance. Expanding the theme of the week, "Exploring God's Word," and enlarging it somewhat, Rev. David Mallgren, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, spoke on "Hide and Go Seek." To wind up the week, two of our own CCF'ers spoke in church the final Sunday evening.

We are thrilled at the increased number coming to our C.C.F. meetings and actively participating in our entire program. We have grown since last semester and now have 61 active young people. As we look forward to the coming weeks and months, we are already planning and talking about ESTES PARK. February 20th was designated as Promotion Sunday and after the evening service we learned more about the week and what it will offer. Many are looking forward to attending, and are saving their pennies for this great week. SEE YOU THERE, TOO!! (Arthur Helwig, Reporter).

sunday school programs & events

EMMANUEL, MARION, KANSAS. On Feb. 7, 1966 the Scripture Memory group of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas presented its second program of the year. The theme of the program was "The Heart." A large sign bearing the words, "Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart" hung above the platform. Each song, scripture verse and exercise centered on "The Heart." Highlights of the evening were the exercises of the two main groups of memorizers. Next followed a piano solo, girls trio and an object lesson, all very well done. The

climax of the program came when the older youngsters presented their exercise on "The Heart."

We at the Emmanuel Church have 21 youngsters enrolled in Scripture Memory this year and are experiencing great blessings from the work as we enjoy the splendid cooperation with children, parents and teachers. We have added new interest this year through the use of a craft program in the grades 4 through 9. We meet on Wednesday evenings and have 45 minutes for the entire program. We spend the first 20 minutes listening to the recitation of assignments and the remaining 25 on art and craft. In the accompanying picture you can see another of our recent projects. At the close of our program we presented each of the children's mothers with a Valentine corsage made by this group. We have compared our parents-children and teachers to a wheel. Each part of that wheel is especially important for proper functioning and no one part can make the wheel turn alone. It was for this reason that we have honored the mothers with a special Valentine emphasis, to thank them for "the extra push" to help in the learning of the verses at home. (Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter).

IOWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. Approximately 50 people attended the Iowa Association Christian Education Workshops held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa, on Feb. 21. The Workshop leaders were Mrs. Bernard Fritzke, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Children's Work; Dorothy Pritzkau, Burlington, Iowa, Youth Work; and Rev. Eldon Janzen, Forest Park, Ill., Adult Work. Mrs. Fritzke's topics for discussion were "Getting the Most From Teaching Aids," "The Absentee Problem," and "Missionary Education of Children." Miss Pritzkau's group discussed "Teamwork with Youth" in the areas of one's message, life, understanding of youth, knowledge of youth work



Scripture memorizers, their mothers and teachers of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas with the Valentines made by the children for their mothers at the right. Rev. Melvin Warrentin is the pastor.

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principles and methods. Mr. Janzen centered on Christian Education Administration and the role of the Sunday school superintendent and the Board of Christian Education. Three workshop sessions were held for each group. A book display was set up by Roger Williams Press. A delicious evening meal was served by the ladies of the Parkersburg church. The sessions were concluded with a workshop dramatization entitled, "Shine As The Stars."

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MINITONAS, MANITOBA. A Sunday School Teacher Training Course was held at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., Feb. 13-19, with Rev. Wm. Muller, professor of Pastoral Theology at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta. Studying the book of Herschel H. Hobbes, "What Baptists Believe," doors to the great Christian doctrines were opened. In spite of 30 and 40 sub-zero weather, the attendance was excellent with an average of 70 every night. Lively discussions after every lecture showed the keen interest in the Sunday school work and that Prof. Muller's way of presenting the Biblical truths was appreciatively and gratefully received. Teachers of the neighboring Czech Baptist Church of Minitonas and of the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River attended the course likewise. Mr. Herb Grieger is the Sunday school superintendent and Rev. H. A. Pohl the pastor of the Minitonas Church.

special events

SPOKANE, WASH. On Jan. 30, the C.B.Y.F. of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., sponsored a representative from Vision Incorporated, Mr. Don Clary, and a missionary film, "New Horizons," for the evening service. On Feb. 5, the young people were taken to a Youth for Christ meeting where one of our boys accepted Christ. Afterward, they were treated to pizzas at one of the nearby restaurants. On Feb. 6, the church sponsored a speaker from the Alcohol Problems Association for the evening service. He spoke especially to the youth about the effect of alcohol on the brain. To finish the evening and Youth Week, an inspiring singspiration was held at the home of Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, spiced with devotions, testimonies and refreshments. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Secretary).

ABERDEEN, S. DAK. The Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., recently held its Father and Son Banquet with over 100 people present. The ladies of the church served the dinner. Mr. Frank Farrow, the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota, was the distinguished guest speaker. Rev. John Thielenhaus, pastor, served as the master of ceremonies. Special music featured a solo by Mr. Edwin Walker and two numbers by a men's quartet composed of Pastor Thielen-

haus, Enoch Bertsch, Wayne Fischer and Milton Schrenk. The neighboring churches which were represented were Ashley, N. Dak., with their pastor, Rev. Isador Faszer; Temple Church of Jamestown, N. Dak. with Rev. Irvin Schmuland, pastor; Venturia, N. Dak.; Leola, S. Dak.; and Ellendale, N. Dak., as well as churches within the city. (Milton Schrenk, Reporter).

STAFFORD, KANSAS. The Calvary Baptist Church Men's Fellowship, Stafford, Kansas held a Sweetheart's Banquet at the Ranch House in Hutchinson, Kansas, Feb. 10th, enjoyed by 78 men and sweethearts. The banquet was opened by devotions led by Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor. The Scripture was taken from I John 4:7-21. A very interesting program was presented. Gordon Hildebrand was toastmaster. The welcome was given by Robert Wendelburg and response by Mrs. Robert Hildebrand. Hugo Kohrs entertained with two vocal numbers. The message for the evening was very ably given by Mr. Wilbur Leffingwell, a Christian layman, of Ashland, Kansas. Rev. Charles Thole pronounced the benediction. (Mrs. Clarence Hildebrand, Reporter).

MILO TERRACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Upon the invitation of the Milo Terrace Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., pastors and delegates from most of the California churches met to sit in council on Feb. 10 to determine the qualifications and fitness of Mr. Donald Wyatt to be ordained into the Gospel ministry. Rev. Robert Hess, pastor of Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, was elected to serve as moderator. Rev. Earl Broce, Minister of Youth of Magnolia Baptist Church, was elected to serve as clerk. Mrs. Florence Ritzman, clerk of Milo Terrace Church, read the letter of invitation and resolution.

Mr. Donald Wyatt has been serving as pastor of the Milo Terrace Baptist for the past several months. He is a graduate of the Illinois State University with a B.S. degree in Education and the Talbot Theological Seminary with

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the B.D. degree. Mr. Wyatt related his call to the ministry and his doctrinal convictions. He was thoroughly questioned by the council. The council went into executive session from which their recommendation was that Mr. Wyatt be ordained as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The ordination service was held at 7:30 P.M. on Feb. 10 at the Milo Terrace Baptist Church. (Earl Broce, Council Clerk).

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS. The Sunday school and morning worship services of the Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas are usually well attended so that the hall of the parsonage basement is often filled to capacity with 50 or more people. This includes four new families who have been coming regularly for some time. The crowded service hall and the suggestions by interested friends that more people would attend in a church building have given us concern. Our church has long since realized that we need a church building but lack of financial means has delayed this prospect. Pray for us in this respect!

Recently we helped our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. David Priestley, to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary. Although there is no organized youth group, still a full schedule of activities during Youth Week was held. Our young people participated in the co-operative activities sponsored by the County Association of Churches under the theme, "Where in This World Are You Headed?" Six young people went to the Kansas Retreat at Durham on Saturday of Youth Week for an enjoyable day of discussions, recreation and a sumptuous banquet. Our pastor, Mr. Priestley, led one of the workshops on "Witnessing on the College Campus." Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroon missionary, spoke in our church on the Tuesday after Youth Week. The young people were invited to the parsonage for breakfast with Miss Schultz on the following morning. This gave them an opportunity to learn more about missionary life and African culture. Miss Schultz also spoke at the Dorcas Society. (Charlie A. Zoschke, Reporter).

Woman's missionary societies

SPOKANE, WASH. On Friday morning, Feb. 25, the women of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., hosted women from five neighboring churches for World Day of Prayer. To get better acquainted, a coffee hour was held before the service. The theme of our program was "Ye Are My Witnesses." We were blessed with several vocal numbers and one violin number from the different churches. The women participated together in song, testimonies, Scripture reading and prayer. The offering received went to the education of missionary children of Africa and Japan. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Secretary).

STREETER, N. DAK. On Jan. 10 the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Streeter, N. Dak., held its annual program with Mrs. T. Harfst of Napoleon, N. Dak., as guest speaker. She spoke on the theme, "Watch"—your temper, thoughts, tongue, testimony and time." Four women presented the playlet, "True Greatness," and there were several special musical numbers. Guests at the program were the wom-

en from the churches at Napoleon, Gackle and Medina, N. Dak. The program chairman was Mrs. Ervin Becker. The evening was a spiritual highlight for all who attended. New officers for 1966-1967 are: president, Mrs. Ervin Becker; vice president, Mrs. Dennis Dockter; secretary, Mrs. Howard Schultes; treasurer, Mrs. Theodore Meisch, and White Cross chairman, Mrs. Carl Moser. (Mrs. T. Meisch, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huether of Parkston, S. Dak., with four of their five children at their 55th wedding anniversary celebration.

Sunday evening, Feb. 20. Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of Children's Work for the NAB Conference, spoke on "A Living Church" in welcoming their new pastor. Another brief address of welcome was given by the neighboring pastor of Kenosha, Wis., Rev. Milton Zeeb. Brief remarks were brought by Mr. Dave Ludeker, youth director. Representatives of the church extended a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Breikreuz as follows: Mr. Harold Brygger for the Board of Trustees; Mr. William Cook for the Board of Christian Education; Mr. Ray Bushey for the Board of Deacons; and Mr. William Kresal for the Sunday school. Special music was presented by the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Harold Voelzke with Richard Warner as soloist. Mr. Breikreuz brought a very hearty reply to the welcome extended to him, speaking on Acts 10:29. (Mrs. Hugo W. Schacht, Reporter).

55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. FRED HUETHER. The 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huether of Parkston, S. Dak., was recently observed at the Family Night program held by the Woman's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church of Parkston. Most of the children of the honored couple were able to be present. Rev. John Hisel, pastor, brought a brief appropriate message. Mrs. Gust Radel read a poem. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Radel sang a duet. On the following Sunday a dinner was served in their honor. The Huethers have lived at Parkston, S. Dak., since 1939. They were married at the Plum Creek Baptist Church with Rev. J. C. Pfeiffer performing the wedding ceremony. They have five children: Florence Lind of Washburn, N. Dak.; Lucille Goldammer of Mitchell, S. Dak.; Wilmer of Menno, S. Dak.; Wilfred of Rapid City, S. Dak.; and Frederick of North Platte, Nebr.; besides 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Mrs. Huether has been an active member of the Mission Circle at Parkston for many years. (The Family).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. J. WOLFE. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wolff of Aplington, Iowa marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 24. Dena Frey and Jacob Wolff were married in Aplington on Feb. 24, 1916. They farmed until their retirement in 1946. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters: Garrelt, Henry, Swannetta (Mrs. William Hemmen), and Luella. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff have shown a quiet but genuine faithfulness to their Lord and the Aplington Baptist Church where they hold membership. A formal observance of the anniversary was not held, due to the fact that Mr. Wolff has not been well. The Aplington Baptist Church extended its congratulations to the honored couple on the anniversary date. (Donald P. Patet, Pastor).



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sents of Aplington, Iowa, members of the Aplington Baptist Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Open House on Feb. 9.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. FRED SENTS. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sents of Aplington, Iowa observed their golden wedding anniversary with Open House in the Aplington Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 9. Their children served as hosts at the event, Reka Junker and Fred Sents were married Feb. 9, 1916 in Grundy County, Iowa. They farmed until 1953 when they retired in Aplington. They are the parents of six children: Aielt, Rudolf, Edwin, Loretta (Mrs. Bennie Heikens), Lester, and Lillian (Mrs. Harold Haan); and are proud of their 17 grandchildren and one great grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Sents have been most faithful and devoted to Christ and the church over the years, and have led their children in the same spirit. Approximately 200 friends and relatives attended the anniversary observance, extending warm congratulations and expressing best wishes for future years. Mr. and Mrs. Sents responded graciously to the many kind expressions. (Donald P. Patet, Pastor).

GRACE, RACINE, WIS. The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., held the installation service for its new pastor, Rev. George W. Breikreuz, on



Mr. and Mrs. John Wolff of Aplington, Iowa, members of the Aplington Baptist Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24, 1966.

FIRST, GEORGE, IOWA. On Friday evening, Feb. 18, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa met to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Unruh and family. Words of welcome were extended by the church moderator, Mr. LeMoyné Bleeker; the Board of Deacons, Mr. Matt Harthoorn; the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Harley Blau; the Adult Senior Sunday school class, Mr. John DeBoer; the Ladies Mission Society, Mrs. Peter Krull; the Senior CBY, Mr. Henry Johnson; Young Married Couples Fellowship, Mr. LeMoyné Bleeker; the Intermediate CBY, Mrs. Kriene Schneiderman and the Jr. CBY, Miss Anna Mae Heeren. Special music was presented by Mr. Paul Reemtsma and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Arends. Mrs. LeRoy Kooiker presented the pastor's

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up because of the sins of Jeroboam (I Kings 14:16). The final judgment was that Israel would be destroyed from the face of the earth.

Questions for Discussion

1. Were there any good kings which followed Jeroboam in the northern kingdom?
2. What kind of paganism must we as Christians guard against today?
3. Why did Jeroboam disregard such a clear warning as stated in I Kings 13:1-6?

SPEAK UP!

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tell them they are forever disenfranchised of any place in the Body of Christ?

I know these remarks will not suit those who deal with this question on the basis of absolutes. To such I say: may God bless you in your convictions! Your account must be given to him only—as must mine.

ADDENDA

To all readers: please feel free to write your opinions and to express your disagreements on all these columns. Sometimes my purpose is to be provocative rather than expletive. My purpose is certainly not to be a mere "answer man" but to mediate wholesome discussion. What do *you* think? Write and tell us.

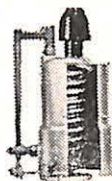


Rev. Ervin J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak., with 12 baptismal candidates who were recently baptized. (See report in the March 24 issue, page 25).

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1,250 LANGUAGES. Some part of the Bible has now been translated and published in 1,250 languages and dialects, the United Bible Societies report. Although there are estimated to be over 1,000 mutually unintelligible languages in which no part of the Bible as yet exists, the above total represents languages spoken by some 97% of the world's population. Complete Bibles have been published in 237 major languages, spoken by over 90% of the world's population.

BURMA. Over 200,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures were circulated in Burma in 1965. This represents a 33% increase on last year's demand. Portions and Selections of the Bible are published in Burma itself by the Bible Society of Burma.

INDONESIA. The Bible printing plant of the Indonesian Bible Society was officially opened on February 9th. It will produce up to 100,000 Bibles a year when running at full capacity in 1970. The ban on the import of books in Indonesian languages, and the consequent pressure on existing presses in the country, made the building of a Bible Society plant necessary.

SIERRA LEONE. In 1816 Africa's first Bible Society Auxiliary was set up in the country with the oldest Protestant mission work: Sierra Leone. The Bible Societies have now appointed the first full-time Secretary for Sierra Leone, the Rev. S. E. Warratie. Mr. Warratie trained in Sierra Leone and in the USA, and was for three years Secretary of the Christian Council of Sierra Leone.

EGYPT. One characteristic of the revolution taking place in Egypt is the rapid emancipation of women. The Bible Society in the UAR took advantage of the new climate by appointing Miss Hayet Hnna, who has been Secretary for women's work for a year.

A further aspect of the development of Bible Society work is the growing relationship with the churches. At a Church Leaders Conference organized by the Bible Society last year, Protestants and Orthodox discussed Bible Society work; Scripture distribution by volunteers from the churches is increasing; the Bible Society cooperates in special church distribution efforts.

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