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# Youth, God Loves You, Really!

LIE LOVES you so much that he would die for you—for you alone.

He would die for you if you were the only person left on this earth.

His love means so much that nothing in life can mean much at all without it.

His love means you can feel what it is to be alive. His love means you can know deep in yourself what it is to be completely forgiven. What it is to be altogether wanted.

What it is to be wanted by God himself just at that moment when you can't even want yourself. When you are most unlikable. Most unlovable. Most hateful even to you.

This is when God's love comes through sharpest and best. Just when you've given up on yourself. Just then.

Is it now?

How do you feel about yourself—right now? Or do you always feel yourself a failure?

Listen to me. You may even be a failure-so far as people are concerned: the people in your high school or your home or even your church.

But how do you think you look to the God who died for you? The God who watched his Son die for you?

To him you cannot look like a failure.

Not after that.

To him you look like some shimmering treasure lying at the bottom of the ocean. You may have your weaknesses, but they are all covered over and washed by an ocean of pure amazing love.

To him you look like the whole reason for his living. Now that he has died for you, now that he has risen for you, now that he has spent himself altogether for you-how else can he see you but as the full reason for his very being?

He is altogether set apart for you.

That's what "holy" means-wholly, wholly yours.

Think of how he sees you because of Jesus Christ. Try seeing yourself through this ocean of love called Jesus Christ.

And when you can't see yourself that way, no matter how hard you try, remember that he can't see you any other way.

For Jesus Christ is the way God is!

-Walter Riess, "Teen-ager, Christ's Love Will Make You Live.

#### A PRAYER POEM FOR YOUTH

O Master of the loving heart, The Friend of all in need, We pray that we may be like thee In thought and word and deed.

Thy days were full of kindly acts; Thy speech was true and plain; And no one ever sought thee, Lord, Or came to thee in vain.

Thy hand was warm with sympathy; Thy hand God's strength revealed; Who saw thy face and felt thy touch Were comforted and healed.

O grant us hearts like thine, dear Lord: So joyous, true, and free That all thy children everywhere Be drawn by us to thee.

-Calvin W. Laufer

## NEWS and NEEDS...

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS. "Contributions from our churches during November totalled \$105,341.49. This was \$15,242.19 more than we gave in November of 1964. Giving from April 1-November 30 amounted to \$570,947.-93. This is \$10,760,24 more than our gifts for the same period last year. Though our record shows this slight increase, nothing could be more damaging to our denominational mission than a spirit of complacency. The battle for this year's fiscal needs is not yet won." (Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship)

YOUTH WEEK. The observance of Youth Week-Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 1966is one of the important highlights of the year for North American Baptist churches. The theme of Youth Week, "Explore God's Word," will be graphically interpreted in this week's observance. Young people will want to make their plans to attend the great Youth Congress at Estes Park, Colorado, from August 22-28, 1966. This issue of the "Baptist Herald" can serve as an inspiring introduction to Youth Week for you.

OUR MISSIONARIES. Most of the NAB churches are announcing the "Missionary of the Week" in their Sunday bulletins, calling on their people to remember the missionary or missionaries in their prayers throughout that week. This "Prayer Reminder" is also announced weekly in "Moments With God," our devotional quarterly. There is great blessing in these united prayers of our people on behalf of our faithful missionaries. Remember these prayer requests as you use "Moments With God" in your personal devotions or family altar.

EXPLORE GOD'S WORD. The supply of 2000 Bible Packets was completely exhausted by Dec. 15. A new supply of 1000 packets, containing the same 25 pieces of Bible literature, was prepared as quickly as possible. These packets emphasizing the theme, "Explore God's Word," are important for every North American Baptist in sharing in the denominational program of "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." The Bible packets can be secured from your pastor or the Headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., for 25 cents postpaid.

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"BAPTISTS AND WORLD RELIEF"

Startling Facts and Pictures

# How Can We Understand the Bible?

Guest Editorial by Rev. John Binder. Assistant General Secretary Department of Christian Education

Christians say that the Bible has the answer to the real needs of people. However, people today, especially youth, are seemingly finding it more and more difficult to understand the Bible. Even new Christians, who sincerely want to know what the Bible says, frankly admit that they do not understand very much of it.

What is the problem? Why do people not easily understand the Bible and readily discover the answer to their needs? First, the general public is conditioned by our popular magazines with their colorful pictures and captions, and by television. It does not require much effort or thought to get the message being conveyed by this media. Much more is required if we want to understand the Bible. One does not discern it readily by casual "dipping," but by persistent and serious study. The Bible must be read and studied in the spirit of an explorer in an unexplored country, pushing onward in his search for priceless treasures. Only then will the Bible yield the fruits of under-

The Christian life becomes a rewarding venture when a person seeks with his whole heart the unsearchable riches of the Gospel. It is never very rewarding to the timid seeker, the lukewarm devotee. The Spaniards came to South America, risking death, in the search for gold. Peary braved extreme cold in his quest of the North Pole. Pharmacologists slog through underbrush of South American rain forests in pursuit of some rare plant of medicinal usefulness. Such exploits call for the last full measure of a person's determination.

The Ethiopian eunuch of Scripture (Acts 8) is an example of this kind of intensity and hope. Nothing else mattered! He was lost in a search that he might be found of God. He was seeking the truth about life. He was thumbing through the Bible in search of quotations to support his crusty beliefs. He was deeply concerned about his personal dealings with the Creator of the universe. We can imagine that he had thumbed through other pages, stumbling over words which neither matched his needs nor answered his questions. Then suddenly, before his anxious eyes, there appeared those majestic words of Isaiah. It held his mind enthralled with mystery and promise. Impulsively he felt it had a message for his soul. The passage did not yield its fullest meaning at a single reading. The eunuch watched

Soon this ardent seeker of divine truth was joined by someone who had experienced this truth, someone who demonstrated the compassion of Christ for the hungry and lost humanity of his time. The Holy Spirit had prompted one person to aid another person in search of the truth. The Holy Spirit is always necessary and another person is usually necessary, in addition to reading the Bible. The Bible's message found its mark. It became a living book. It guided a soul to the Savior. The Bible says of the eunuch: "He went on his way rejoicing."

Youth Week, January 30-February 6, 1966, will be a special opportunity for youth to "Explore God's Word." May the Holy Spirit prompt many to be involved as Philip and many others to experience what the eunuch did!

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# THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOUTH

The most effective test concerning the Bible's authority is to test its validity by personal experience with its truths.

By Prof. Arnold Rapske,

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Young people will give serious consideration to a book dealing with information if they are convinced that the writer is an authority on the subject. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

Young People will read with great interest those pieces of literature that contain information specifically related to their current needs. When the adolescent is going through the experience of bodily changes which prepare him for adulthood, he will have great interest in reading about those changes and what they mean to him. Or, when young people are looking forward to marriage, there is a moment of readiness to study the whole subject of marriage.

It is my conviction that young people will also study biblical truth with great interest when they wrestle with theological questions. The tremendously great challenge facing the church is to arouse young people to ask questions requiring sound, biblical answers.

#### AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

One of the first problems to be faced concerns the authority of the Scriptures. Young people will give serious consideration to a book dealing with information about marriage if they are convinced that the writer is an authority on the subject and is therefore to be trusted. But when the matter of the Bible study comes up for consideration, there appears to be an attitude that here is a writing that is not contemporary enough to be given serious consideration. This presents another challenge to the church to develop an attitude toward Scriptures in which the Bible is assigned divine au-

All too often, church members who profess to accept the Bible as their rule of life have so flagrantly violated God's laws and commands, that young people get the idea that the Bible is not to be taken very seriously, at least not in every area of life. Not only is

Y OUNG PEOPLE will read this true of individuals; it is sometimes true of an entire congregation. Young people have a right to ask whether the adolescent is going through him for adulthood, he will have this true of individuals; it is sometimes true of an entire congregation. Young people have a right to ask whether the Scriptures are in fact the standard for the church, or whether they are in actuality set aside at many crucial points in the life of a congregation.

I believe that the Bible will be taken seriously more often if children and young people will be able to observe it being firmly accepted in the life of parents and of other adult church members. An attitude of firm conviction about the validity and the authority of Scripture by those adults who are significant examples to youth is basic. It will not do to be harshly critical of youth until adult Christians have demonstrated a pattern for the young people to follow.

#### THE MOST EFFECTIVE TEST

Now young people should realize that the truth of Scripture does not depend upon a father's or mother's willingness or unwillingness to accept it as true. Some farmers make use of a unit that sends an electric current through the wires of a fence. In order to discover whether there actually is power in the wire, a person could ask someone else to touch it. Watching his reaction may or may not be sufficient evidence. The most direct proof that the current flows through the wire is to stand on wet ground and touch the wire. So too with Scripture. The most effective test concerning its authority is to test its validity by personal experience with its truths.

In our generation, young people are conditioned, in their academic training, to believe that information gained by means of "scientific" investigation is to be regarded as being highly reliable, whereas the Scriptures are

largely ignored. Seemingly there are not enough examples, for young people, of persons who give evidence that the Bible is reliable. From whom, then, shall the mass of today's youth gain respect for Scripture?

We can make it more difficult for young people by clinging to a form of language that is four hundred years old. I think we would do a service to our young people if we would encourage the use of a biblical translation that makes use of current language and is therefore more meaningful to them. It is argued that the style of the most widely used translation of the Bible is so dignified and beautiful that it should be preserved.

If I had my choice, I would rather choose a translation that makes the message of God unmistakably clear in words that are most meaningful to young people than to cling to a translation that is beautiful but fails to achieve maximum communication. If we must cling to the older and more beautiful translation, then we have a solemn obligation at least to explain the meaning of those words that could be misunderstood.

#### MOTIVATION FOR BIBLE STUDY

When young people are told to make the Bible their guide for life, they should have explained to them, very pointedly, the relationship of the Bible truth to their specific needs, interests and perplexing questions. They must be able to understand exactly how life can be lived according to the revealed truth of Scripture. They must see the relationship between Scripture and daily problems, questions and temptations.

The fundamental motivation for Bi-(Continued on page 14)

# THE BIBLE HAS HELPED US IN MAKING LIFE'S DECISIONS

Wherever the Bible speaks plainly on any question, Christians need seek no further. The Bible is the final authority.

Testimonies by N.A.B. Young People



The Bible may rightly be called the Christian's source of guidance.

#### THE BIBLE IS MY CONSTANT COMPANION AND GUIDE

By Arthur G. Helwig, Student at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE BIBLE may rightly be called the Christian's supreme source of guidance. God, to a large degree, has revealed his general mind and will for his children in the Bible. Thus, we can derive from the Scriptures that general knowledge of God's will which is essential to a divinely-guided life.

Through personal experiences I have discovered that the Bible can be utilized in three different ways as a source of divine guidance in making decisions. First, as one acquaints his soul with the Bible it becomes a lamp to his feet and a light to his pathway, as the Psalmist wrote. Again, the writer of Hebrews tells us that the Word of God is a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). How it does search and purge all our intents and motives! If we truly desire God's guidance in making decisions, his Word must be a constant companion.

A second way to employ the Bible in making an important decision is to ask the question, "Do the Scriptures shed any light on the thing that I am contemplating? Will this decision be in harmony with the Word?" It is vain to ask God for special guidance on problems to which the answers are clearly taught in the Scriptures. Wherever the Bible speaks plainly on any question, a Christian need seek no further. The Bible is the final authority.

A third way to use the Bible as a source of guidance in making decisions is to ask and allow the Holy Spirit to direct you to certain specific verses

and passages for direct leading. Many times as the road of life seemingly became too steep to climb, and I became tired and weak, in prayer the Holy Spirit directed me to portions of Scripture which have stimulated courage and revived enthusiasm once more.

I rejoice that the Bible is, and will continue to be, the illuminator of darkness, the foe of superstition and doubt, the regulator of all high and worthy standards, the pathway in perplexity and the hope of the future in my life. So as life's decisions confront me, the Bible becomes both a sheltering refuge and rallying point; a living, visable monument of God's love and concern for even me.

# THE BLESSINGS OF DAILY BIBLE READING

By Larry Turner of Anaheim, Calif., a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim

MADE the most imporant decision of my life at the age of 10, trusting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. However, I didn't come to this decision blindly. I had heard God's Word from the Bible and I had read it. Knowing a little of it, I wanted to make this decision.

A month later I knew in my mind

#### YOUTH WEEK

**DATE:** Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 1966

THEME: "Explore God's Word"

SUGGESTIONS: Program ideas are outlined in the "Youth Work Planbook" (50 cents postpaid).

PRAY for the Christian witness of your church's youth.

that I wanted to go into the ministry. I can't remember any particular reason that caused me to come to this conclusion. At that time I was shy, quiet and reserved, and I now find it hard to believe that I was so positive that this was God's will for my life at this early age. I am now past 17 years old, and I have never regretted my decision for Christ nor wavered in the knowledge that this is God's will for my life regarding a vocation.

It was some time after I was saved that I got into the habit of reading the Bible daily. While reading in the book of John, I came across this verse in the 15th chapter: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." You see at the age of 10, the ministry was just something put before me with little reason. But now through reading the Bible I understood the meaning and purpose God has for me in leading me in this direction in his will for my life.

All the major decisions of my life have been made in four steps: 1, will the decision I make hurt my Christian testimony in any way? 2, I ask the Lord to show me the right way, and his will in the decision; 3, I go to the Bible and search until I find the answer and have peace in my heart that it is right; and 4, I thank the Lord for answering my prayer and I then ask that through this decision Christ might get the honor and glory.

I'd just like to conclude with this verse of Matthew 4:4 that I have found to be true in my daily Bible study: "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

# Life on the High School Campus

Life on a high school campus is exciting, interesting and often frustrating. It is a scene of choice and challenge where the Christian student can give his testimony for Christ to his companions.

By Miss Betty Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HERE ARE three words which are used continuously in our generation. These words, "Our Changing Times," help to describe the life of high school students as well as the academic areas. When we compare the students of today with those of other generations, we shall find a definite change in various ways. Education at one time was important to a great extent only to provide for man's personal security and happiness. Today, however, we find the chief purpose of education is "to preserve, to perpetuate and to improve society.'

Therefore education, even in our high schools, has taken on a more serious meaning. High school today is not the end of education, but it has a much greater influence upon the years beyond high school. Today's students are very consciously aware of the fact that "what I do today has a real bearing on what I will be tomorrow." No longer can students leave the idea of "what am I going to be or do?" until they are seniors. The subjects taken in high school need to be thought of as a part of the area of concentration in college.

Students today are grossly concerned over good grades, because of the realization of the importance of being accepted by a college. I am amazed at the amount and the depth of study assumed by high school students. Competition is keener than ever before. Today's students have the opportunity are the good examples displayed. I'm

#### BETTY ZIMMERMAN

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of selecting courses never offered before. The vast variety of subjects better prepares the student for his college career. Truly, the picture of a high school today is one of change.

#### SCHOOL LIFE

This part of school life might be thought of by letting each letter of school stand for a vital part of the student: S-serious-mindedness: Ccompanions and convictions; H-happy times; O-openmindedness; O-opportunities; and L-leaders.

Often we hear high school students criticized because of their behavior and attitudes. However, many times we let the few bad examples discolor all others. Often the misdemeanors of a very few are widely publicized, but rarely



High School students enjoy some of the happiest times of their lives. Their exuberance and seemingly never ending enthusiasm are often misunderstood. When channeled in the right direction, the enthusiasm can be a marvelous asset. (Photo by Harold

grateful to one of our local newspapers, which one day each week has a full page spread about the excellent achievements of high school students. We need to supervise youth, accept them, believe in them, but not put them in a cage where we can watch them all the time. In an overall picture, I would dare to say the students are serious minded about school and

The C in school is for companions and convictions. High school provides a time to become acquainted with a large variety of people in different situations. Companions at this age take on a more personal meaning than ever before. Companions are more meaningful, not just because of acceptance by them, but also because of the sharing of feelings and experiences. Here is an opportune time for Christian students to display genuine friendship to those they meet. Too often we expect the Christian to associate only with other Christian students. But by associating with others as well, he is able to radiate Christian love and concern.

#### CHRISTIAN STUDENT'S INFLUENCE

In this area, we also find the need for a careful look at the principles of morality. The student will find himself questioned about many things, including the great concern over just one area, that of cheating. In the area of right and wrong, the students need to look at the areas of concern in the light of Biblical teachings. "Thy Word is a lamp and a light." Here is where the training received in a Christian home, Sunday school and church is

A Christian student will often be challenged by his companions regarding his personal convictions. Herein lies a tremendous responsibility for parents, Sunday school teachers and the church in building a strong foundation, so that when a student is confronted by non-Christian companions he can still be a testimony to that person without having his own convictions swayed. This is not an easy challenge, but it is one that needs to be faced often.

The H stands for happy times. We find high school students enjoying some of the happiest times of their lives. Their exuberance and seemingly never ending enthusiasm are often misunderstood. When channeled in the right direction, their enthusiasm can be a marvelous asset.

The O stands for open-mindedness. Students today want to know the (Continued on page 14)

This article depicts the confusion and turmoil that many college and university students face today. It illustrates the need for a Christian campus ministry which our ten N.A.B. area campus chaplains are seeking to carry on. All of us need to be involved in this ministry to and with such students.

By Robert McAfee Brown (Reprinted from HIS Magazine).

ARRIVED AT State U for freshman orientation. Eager to use these next four years to "clarify life goals" (cf. opening speech of Dean of Men).

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

Went to opening chapel service. Decided to shed chapel for next four years in order to develop own point of view, though will resume church attendance when have family.

Signed up for course in logic. Discovered logical positivism on first day. Shed belief in God but still retain belief in power of man's reasoning capa-

Read "Lord of the Flies" for freshman English. Shed belief in power of man's reasoning capacities, but still believe in psychoanalysis, which could have saved them all (as our English prof so well put it).

Finished introductory psych. Not sure whether am Freudian, neo-Freudion, Jungian, neo-Jungian, Adlerian, neo-Adlerian, or disciple of Harry Stack Sullivan.

Shed psychoanalysis. Embraced mysticism.

Spent entire weekend studying Zen Buddhism. Nothing happened, so shed mysticism.

Spent three days working out new world religion appropriating best from each existing religion. Surprised no one ever thought of this before. Explained new religion to roommate, who couldn't accept belief in All-Cohesive Source of Reality. Shed world religion idea.

Reread "Catcher in the Rye" for ninth time. Rediscovered phonies. Realize to my relief that everybody in dorm is a phony, that parents haven't got a clue what I've been through in last ten years, etc. Wrote freshman theme on ducks in Central Park.

Finished course in physics. Shed causation and determinism but recovered belief in power of man's reasoning capacities.

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

No recollection of sophomore year, save for discovery of moral relativism. Shed everything else. Got very tired.

#### JUNIOR YEAR

Fall semester: Took course in French literature. Discovered Camus. Now believe in the Absurd. Am on abyss of nothingness.

Shed abyss of nothingness temporarily to exchange tweed sport jacket for ticket to fall dance.

Fall dance a flop. Back on abyss of nothingness. Ready for the leap.

ence in term of paper. Got "A-minus" and comment, "Well-organized paper," Still getting ready for the leap.

Leaped into the arms of Faith. Faith Moriarity only girl in entire junior class who really understands me. Shed fraternity pin.

Spring semester: Have become socially conscious. Signed petition urging

Affirmed meaninglessness of exist- pounded James Baldwin, Listened to reactions of father's friends. Shed James Baldwin.

#### SENIOR YEAR

Fall: Engaged. Ready to lick the world. Adopted optimistic evolutionism. Nothing too hard to tackle. Can't wait to get out of here and start in.

Winter: Realized big job decision



Rev. Ronald Mayforth, one of ten Campus Chaplains, directs a Reception for North American Baptist students at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

U.N. employ economic sanctions against South Africa for its handling of race problem. Have publicly stated will not drink South African sherry until they repeal race laws. Also signed petition urging right of Negroes in Alabama to live in white sections of

Weekend spoiled by long fraternity meeting. Pinkos in sophomore class urged we go local because national office insists on retaining discriminatory clause in charter. Argued we should abide by wisdom of more mature minds in national office. Have nothing against Negroes, Jews, and Orientals, but feel person should be allowed to choose who he is going to live with.

As result of fraternity wrangle, have gotten new vision of American Way of Life. Busy writing term paper on best way to export American Way of Life to uncommitted nations. Glad to find something I believe in 100 per cent.

Read James Baldwin, Shed American Way of Life.

Spent weekend with family. Ex-

YOUTH WEEK January 30 - February 6 Theme: "Explore God's Word." lies ahead. What has education prepared me for? Amalgamated E representative says big field for refrigerator salesmen in tropics, chance to travel, see world, make contacts, get ahead, export American Way of Life. O.K., except don't like tropics. In fact, don't like Amalgamated E.

Spring: Engagement broken, Crushed. Shed optimistic evolutionism. Affirmed tragic sense of life (cf. Unamuno paperback). In defiant gesture of despair, knocked over cup of coffee in Student Union which spilled on freshman co-ed.

Spring: ten minutes later: Have date for spring dance with cute, if coffeestained, freshman co-ed. Shed tragic sense of life (cf. Unamuno paperback). Resumed optimistic evolutionism.

Spring: ten days later: Have finally made firm decision about future. Feel after one more year of thinking, things ought to fall into place, particularly through employment of power of man's reasoning capacities. Therefore have appointment with Dean to discuss possibility of graduate work.

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# Second CBYF Congress at Estes Park

Announcement of plans for the Youth Congress to be held at beautiful Estes Park, Colorado, August 22-28, 1966.

By Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary, Department of Christian Education,

Many youth and workers with youth are very excited about attending the 2nd CBYF Congress at the Covenant Heights Bible Camp at Estes Park, Colorado, August 22-28, 1966. Some are already making plans and saving money to attend. All youth ages, 15 on up, are invited to come. It will prove to be a very worthwhile experi-

The town of Estes Park, Colorado, is surrounded on three sides by the Rocky Mountain National Park and two million visitors annually enjoy its beauty and participate in its activities. There are 405 square miles of breathtaking spectacular scenery. As you

Plan now to attend the SECOND CBYF CONGRESS August 22-28, 1966 at Estes Park, Colorado "An exciting time for Christian

soaring cliffs, and jagged ridges. Grassy meadows and glades of aspens lie among heavy forests of spruce and

In the year 1915 this mountain wonderland was set aside as a national park, to be enjoyed and admired by millions of persons. It is to the credit



Breathtaking beauty and spectacular scenery greet the vacationer everywhere in the Rocky Mountain National Park of Colorado adjacent to Estes Park and the

750 species of wild flowers to delight you. You will be able to recognize favorites from 215 species of birds that inhabit the area. From the mighty elk to the saucy chipmunk, animals in their free and natural state will welcome you. A graceful deer will appear suddenly just ahead—a beaver will be discovered in his industry, everywhere a silvery trout jumps along streams. in ponds and lakes, like the world-acclaimed Bear Lake.

#### MOUNTAINS OF THE PARK

From the foothills of about 8,000 feet the mountains rise to culminate in 14.256-foot Longs Peak, the highest summit in northern Colorado. Many lakes lie in the valleys or on the flanks of the peaks, like jewels, and rushing mountain streams of clear, cold water tumble down from the highlands. Glaciation of an age now gone is recorded in the spectacular U-shaped valleys,

drive along, there will be as many as of such men as Enos A. Mills, who was instrumental in obtaining national park status for the area, that we now have such a place of unspoiled natural beauty in the midst of our hurried civilization. The park, although not one of the larger ones, is an extremely popular one. This popularity can be ascribed partly to its beauty, but partly also to its proximity to great numbers of population and to its easy accessibility.

Excellent paved highways lead to Rocky Mountain National Park. On the west side, U. S. Highway 34 enters it from the Grand Lake area, connecting with U.S. Highway 40 at Granby. On the east side, U. S. Highway 34 enters the Estes Park area by way of Big Thompson Canyon from Loveland. State Highways 66 and 7 climb up the North and South Saint Vrain Canyons, respectively, from Lyons. These highways are open year-around but Trail Ridge Road, which traverses the park, is closed during the winter. No railroads

reach the area, but bus service is available from Denver for persons not traveling by automobile.

Trail Ridge Road crosses the park between Grand Lake and Estes Park. This highway is a prime tourist attraction, being without question one of the great scenic drives in the United States. Bear Lake Road is the other main highway in the park. It climbs gently to Bear Lake, located in one of the more rugged and scenic areas of the park.

#### ADVENTURES TO ENJOY

But these two roads enable the visitor to see only a small fraction of the park. To explore the park fully, to get to know its true character, requires taking the trails and climbing the peaks. One can fish in the streams near the highways, camp in the campgrounds, or drive over Trail Ridge, but to do these is not to see the whole park. A well developed system of trails exists in the park for the hiker, climber, fisherman, and just casual visitor to go into the country away from the road, to see more of the scenic beauty, to receive a different perspective. The trails are of varying quality, some being wide, gentle paths and others narrow or muddy or rocky ones. And in some of the remote areas or on the high peaks there are no trails.

There are two thousand gentle, mountain trained sadd'e horses available for the 300 miles of trails. You can ride an hour or pack in for days. Or, if you prefer, enjoy hiking. There are trails you can leisurely travel in 15 minutes, while again others are planned for several days. For the mountain climber there are peaks to challenge the expert; as well as easy but thrilling climbs for the beginner.

Youth, come to Estes Park in Au-

#### APPOINTMENT WITH CHRIST

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News of salvation to the multitudes who do not know Christ the Redeemer. The CONGRESS at Estes Park, Colorado August 22 to 28, will challenge every young person to give their best to the Lord and to live for him.

"Increase our faith, and clear our vision, Lord;

Help us to take thee at thy simple Word: No more with cold distrust to bring

thee grief; Lord, we believe! Help thou our un-

W. F. Sherwin.

BAPTIST HERALD

# An Appointment With Christ — in the Rockies

An Announcement About the Second CBYF Youth Congress at Estes Park, Colorado, August 22-28, 1966, by Rev. Raymond Harsch of Greelev. Colorado.

A TRIP to the mountains is always a thrilling experience. The beauty and majesty of God's creation captivates our imagination. It causes man to stand in awe and wonder before the Great and Living God. The might and abilities of God are more easily understood, for if he can put such order and beauty into these rugged rocks, how much more is he able to do for his children!

Jesus often withdrew to a mountain to be spiritually refreshed. North American Baptist young people are beckoned to withdraw to the Rockies at Estes Park, Colorado, August 22-28, 1966, to be spiritually refreshed and challenged, to open their Bibles together in quiet atmosphere and to drink in God's manifold blessings.

#### EXPECTATIONS OF YOUTH

Every young person attending the Second Youth Congress will come with great expectations, and rightly so. The spiritual expectations of Christian youth are the greatest. I am sure that the Lord will bless every heart yielded to him. Those who attended the first Congress will heartily attest to this. For this reason the program will include daily depth Bible Studies, meaningful devotional experiences, a youth to youth sharing of Christian experiences, discussions of issues close to your heart, and inspirational gatherings throughout the week. Spiritual blessings will be literal mountain top experiences.

Young people can also expect to enjoy the fellowship of other youth from the farthest areas of our denomination. Young people, you may never meet at any other occasion to talk, and think, and sing, and pray with others who are as concerned as you are as to how to live effective Christian lives for Christ. This Congress will also mean that there will be the thrills of travel adventure as youth converge upon Estes Park, Colorado for the days of August 22-28 by trains, chartered buses and

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONGRESS

The theme of this Congress will be "Lord I believe . . . . help thou my unbelief." This intriguing theme will be developed throughout the week in a number of interesting ways, and youth will begin to see themselves in the light of God's Word and discover ways in which they can conquer their "lack of faith." Professor Gerald Borchert of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will develop the Congress theme daily in his own unique and challenging way. Discussion groups, colloquies, and a

number of "Interest Groups" on vital advisable to pre-register as soon as topics, are highlights to which every young person will look forward with anticipation. Every part of the program is so arranged as to equip youth for a more effective witness of their faith in Christ Jesus.

It will be a highlight long to be remembered to experience so many spiritual blessings in such a relaxing atmosphere, high in the Rockies, some 9000 feet above sea level. The exciting hikes that offer so many breathtaking views will also be excellent opportunities for meditation, and the Morning Worship on the closing Sunday on top of Mt. Estes will be a never to be forgotten experience. Granted that there are many areas in this vast country of ours that are just as beautiful, but this Youth Congress at Estes Park has spiritual blessings in store for all who come that have been unsurpassed. Missionaries, speakers, guests, Bible study, and personal meditations with hundreds of other new friends will thrill you.

#### MAKE PREPARATIONS NOW!

A great many young people are already interested in this Second Youth Congress and are making definite plans to attend. In a number of areas arrangements have been made to charter buses and to enjoy the fellowship of travel together with many others.

1. Plan now to attend. It is most

2. See that your church will be well represented at the Congress, for not only will it greatly enrich the youth who go but, beyond a doubt, it will also enrich the church immensely.

3. Assist your youth to go. A number of churches find great joy and blessing in assisting young people of their church financially to attend the Congress, who otherwise would not have been able to go. The world makes its bid for the best of youth and makes many material promises to them. Many respond to this seemingly glamorous appeal. The Lord has greater things to offer with eternal dividends. Let's encourage our young people to respond heartily to God's high and holy challenge to give the Lord the best that they have.

#### CHRIST, THE REDEEMER

4. Pray earnestly for God's blessings upon the Congress, that all who attend may experience a vital spiritual relationship with the Lord of lords and King of kings, and respond with a complete commitment of their life.

There are so many places in God's great vineyard of service where youth are sorely needed, where the energies, vitality and sharing vision of youth will do so much to present the Good

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North American Baptist young people will attend the 2nd CBYF Congress at the Covenant Heights Bible Camp at Estes Park, Colorado, August 22-28, 1966, worshiping God in this chapel and lifting up their eyes to the majestic peaks above them.



PROF. J. WALTER GOLTZ a member of the Christian Training Institute faculty, Edmonton, Alberta.

# The task of reaching the world for Christ is a colossal one. We are faced by formidable foes; we are facing

HE SCENE is a lonely windswept mountain somewhere in Galilee where eleven men have gathered upon secret instructions from their Ruler for the most important summit meeting of all time. This meeting has been convened by the King of kings and Lord of lords, but it is attended, not by kings and princes and rulers, but by a humble band of peasants with no worldly possessions or authority. Before too long this small group will find itself pitted against the might and splendor of the entire heathen world.

#### THE CHURCH'S MARCHING ORDERS

These men are about to receive their instructions to proceed on their mission. Before these instructions are given, however, their Master makes one of the most stupendous claims of all history: "All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore. . . ." It is in these words that we find the instructions of Jesus to his disciples and to all succeeding generations of disciples. Here we find what has been referred to as "the marching orders of the church."

In obedience to this command, the disciples and many succeeding generations of disciples have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth bearing the glad tidings of salvation and eternal life. Many have heard and heeded their message, but there are still untold millions who have never heard. In light of the population explosion taking place and the disappointing statistics relating to the missionary advance of the church, we must conclude that as Christians and as a church today we are still confronted by "the unfinished task." Much work lies ahead of us. The challenge to missionary advance must be sounded today as never before. We must join hearts and hands to finish the task which still remains to be done.

Thus we would like to consider two er after speaker might be summed up areas relating to missionary advance: 1. the formidable foes of missionary advance; and 2. the beckoning frontiers of missionary advance.

#### FORMIDABLE FOES OF ADVANCE

We are confronted, on the one hand. with Christ's command to "go" in his power and under his authority, and, on the other hand, we realize that we are facing formidable foes which render progress next to impossible. We have all observed the fact that the lamps of missionary service and outreach are flickering and slowly dying out in many parts of the world today. In spite of improved means of communication, swifter transportation. more advanced psychological and sociological evaluation, more highly skilled and highly trained workers, it seems that we are not overcoming the foes that are facing us. There are many reasons which might be advanced to explain the decline in missionary and evangelistic outreach. We will mention only a few to challenge our thinking and response.

UNIVERSALISM. One of the foes of missionary activity and outreach in the 20th Century is the thrust of universalism, which teaches that everyone is reconciled to God through the death of Jesus Christ, and all we need to do is to tell people that they are already saved. That is not a rare teaching and theological position is demonstrated by an article in "Christianity Today" (Nov. 6, 1964, p. 16), written by Willard A. Scofield, a Baptist missionary to the Congo. Mr. Scofield writes concerning his experience in the summer of 1963 in a missionary orientation program held at Drew University, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, and attended by more than 200 missionary appointees from about a dozen denominations.

"What did come through from speak-

as follows: Christ is Lord of the world. The powers of evil have been defeated. Christ is at work in the world, and his work includes those who have never heard of him and who do not acknowledge him as Lord. We are not 'taking Christ' to anyone; he is already there. If we undertake a mission overseas, it is to tell people that Christ is the one who has been with them all along. He is the one with whom they have to do. The notion that we possess something that needs to be carried overseas to those who do not have it is 'Pharisaism'."

THE UNFINISHED TASK

beckoning frontiers.

Convocation Address at the Christian Training Institute,

Edmonton, Alberta by Prof. J. Walter Goltz

Needless to say, if this attitude to missions ever filters into our evangelical churches it will sever the very lifeline of missions.

## THE PULL OF MATERIALISM

MATERIALISM. Another factor which militates against missions today is the pull of materialism. While the teachings of universalism are primarily a theological matter, and hence far removed from the interest and concern of many devout Christians, the dangers of materialism are by far a more practical mater, and one from which very few Christians are totally exempt. It seems that we have long since passed that feeling concerning which the Apostle Paul writes to Timothy in I Tim. 6:8, "And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content."

Influenced by the affluent conditions our society of today, many Christians have entered the race to accumulate material possessions at the cost of their spiritual well-being, having forgotten that "they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through

with many sorrows" (I Tim. 6:9, 10).

How is this factor related to missionary advance? First, many young men and women whom God is calling to the proclamation of the Gospel are being lured away by the promise of more attractive positions and much higher salaries in other realms of endeavor. Secondly, there are many people who ought to be engaged in building the Kingdom of God with the wealth which God has permitted them to accumulate. but who are selfishly involved in the advancement of themselves and of their own business interests.

ECUMENICISM. It is important for us to remember and to realize that the ecumenical movement had its foundation and inception in the missionary work of the churches around the beginning of the 20th Century. In 1910 a missionary conference was convened at Edinburgh which was to be so complete in its representation of every stream in Protestantism that comprehensive plans might be made for the immediate occupation of all unoccupied missionary fields. The theme of this conference was "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation."

As Christians, we should all be concerned with the unity of the Church, the body of Christ. However our passion for organizational unity ought never to overshadow our passion for truth or for doctrinal purity. I fear that this has often been the case in the ecumenical movement. There has been such a concern for outward, visible unity that the original goal of the evangelization of the world has been largely lost or overshadowed, so that today "it is significant that while the World Council of Churches is often regarded as the voice of Protestant Christianity, over 60 per cent of all Protestant foreign missionaries in the world serve with misisons that are unaffiliated, even indirectly, with the World Council of Churches." (Fife & Glasser, "Missions in Crisis," p. 13).

One of the most disturbing things about the ecumenical movement today is its uncertain missionary outreach a feeling that there is no need to evangelize the world in the New Testament pattern—a feeling which no doubt is brought about by the inevitable movement toward universalism which we have already discussed. This feeling can never be reconciled with the evangelical call to rescue by the Gospel those who are doomed to eternal punishment.

It is surely no easy task to confront these formidable foes of missionary outreach, as well as other foes which we have not mentioned. Nevertheless, the call of missions still presses heavily upon us in the clear words of the Master: "Go ye therefore. . . ." This call encompasses every type of missionary activity today. It challenges us to use every means at our disposal as we approach the beckoning frontiers of missionary advance.

In their book, "Missions in Crisis," the authors, Fife and Glasser, suggest five areas in which the church must

take the offensive in rethinking mis- more of our people would catch the sionary strategy and approach. We would like to touch upon some of these areas in this address.

Facing the Cities or Church Extension. We have witnessed in the past 150 years a tremendous drift of population from the country to the town and city. In 1800, 2.4% of the world's population lived in cities of 20,000 population or more. By 1950 it was 20.9%. It is important to note that the bigger city is always the center of government, the center of education, the center of business and the professions, the center of commerce and trade, the center of crime and delin-

The Apostle Paul realized the significance of these facts at the beginning of Christian history. It is interesting that the New Testament Church was born and began its early life in Jerusalem. When Paul set out on his missionary journeys, Antioch became

vision of Church Extension-of planting new churches in strategic areas of our cities and thus reaching out with the Gospel! But so far we have been unable to enlist less than 10% of our entire NAB membership as Church Extension Builders. We have not yet crossed this beckoning frontier of missionary advance.

#### NEEDS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Reaching the students. One of the most important groups of the world today is the student population. Not too many years ago, education was the privilege of the few, but today it is the opportunity of the masses. That this group of people is extremely important can be seen from the fact that the Communists have been making concerted efforts to reach the minds of students on campuses around the world, particularly in Latin America and in Africa. It has been reported



Christian Training Institute student body, faculty and staff at the 1965 Fall Retreat held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

the center of his activities and became the strategic center of missionary outreach. Throughout his entire ministry Paul concentrated on the cities of the then-known world. It was from the cities that the Christian message radiated out to the surrounding countryside. The smallest towns in which he worked were those of Galatia on the first missionary journey, and even these were trade centers large enough to have a Jewish synagogue.

As North American Baptists it has taken us some time to catch the vision of the unsurpassed opportunities of missionary outreach which the cities offer. But, praise God, this vision is being seen today by many of our people. Under the leadership of our Church Extension department, new churches are being established in key centers across the length and breadth of North America—churches that are alive and active with great potential for the future.

Here is one of the beckoning frontiers of missionary advance. If only

that China is spending one-half million dollars a year in postage alone in shipping propaganda to Latin Americaand much of this is directed to students. When are we going to wake up to the fact that as Christians we must put forth a more determined effort in reaching and ministering to the spiritual needs of this strategic portion of our population?

How can we meet the challenge of this beckoning frontier? Again we are grateful for the vision of our denomination in founding and operating two schools which have been ministering to the intellectual and spiritual needs of students over the years. We are also grateful for the recent appointment of several university chaplains to serve the spiritual needs of our students on university and college campuses. But this does not exhaust our ministry to students, nor is it intended to be more than just a beginning.

In a recent article in "Christianity In a recent article in Christianity Today" (May 7, 1965), Wm. Viekman (Continued on page 17)

January 13, 1966

# God's Word for a New Age

Report of the Advisory Council session and plans for the 150th anniversary celebration of the American Bible Society by Rev. A. Lamprecht of Ridgewood, New York.

UR NAB Conference emphasis in 1966 is "Our Mission in Bible Study and Distribution." We are joining the American Bible Society as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its long practice of distributing the Bible "without note or comment."

Although the American Bible Society is an independent organization, it takes counsel from an Advisory Council formed from representatives of 78 Protestant and Orthodox communions. This Council, numbering 345 including staff, met at the Hotel Commodore, Manhattan, New York, Nov. 15-17. Representing the N.A.B. Conference were Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Rev. A. Lamprecht.

#### WORLDWIDE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

The 150th anniversary events will include the dedication of the new \$4,000,000 twelve story Bible House on Broadway near the new Lincoln Centre cultural complex in New York City. Another event will be the Annual Meeting on May 13 at Philharmonic Hall with Billy Graham as speaker and music by the Westminster Choir of Princeton, New Jersey.

Last year the Society distributed 45 million Bibles or portions thereof; next year's goal has been set for 75 million. Yet this high goal does not keep pace with the accelerating world population, which increases by 63 million every year. This, however, is not true of the Christian Church. Today 32% of the world's population is Christian; in 1980 only 15% will be Christian at the present rate of evangelization.

A highlight of the three-day conference was the presentation to a member of the United Nations Ghana delegation six of the 500,000 Bibles that that government has ordered to be placed in its schools and public build-

Affiliate churches contribute an average of 22.10% to the total budget. During the 1920's they contributed 40%. They are again urged to increase this to 50%. Our own Conference gave \$910 in 1964, which on a per capita basis compares favorably with other communions. The total budget of the Society is now over six million dollars.

The program included the keynote address, "God's Word Renews the Church" by Episcopal Bishop John

Hine. In his address, "A New Perspective on Translations," Dr. Eugene A. Nida explained the necessity for non word-for-word translation in order to convey the literal meaning of Scripture. For example, in one language the words, "My God," mean my idol, and in another language the meaning of "beating the breast" is to congratulate oneself. Dr. Nida stated that since life and language are changing with accelerating speed, no translation of the Bible should last more than fifty years. Dr. Oswald C. Hoffman of the Lutheran Hour spoke on "The Biblical Basis of Church Renewal." Mr. L. Le-Sourd, Executive Editor of Guideposts brought a dinner address, "My Greatest Experience With the Bible."

Dr. James Nettinga, director of the 150th Anniversary of the Society, directed two calls to the Christian Church. The first call is that 10,000,000 new Bible readers be won. To find them we need only look around us; new prospects range all the way from the migrant workers to the students from abroad to the suburbanite next door in his split level dwelling. Remember that the percentage of Christians is decreasing.

The second call is that all people interested in the great Judaeo-Christian heritage are to place the Books of these three faiths - Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—in public libraries and public school libraries all over America to become source books for teaching purposes and implements for cultural growth.

"Strange as it may seem, the Supreme Court decision may very well be the greatest boon to the cause of the Bible since the organization of the American Bible Society nearly 150 years ago. Why? For one thing, Bible talk today is 'in' . . . it is being discussed in the best—and in the worst —of circles."

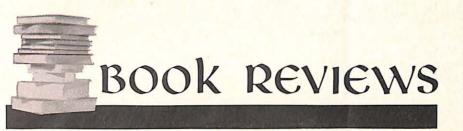
## READ THE BIBLE!

The Supreme Court ruling has made us think, and hopefully, to act. Before the question of religion in the schools had come up, the Bible was going the way of all easily accessible things. Except for a routine use in many schools there was little reference to it. Now it can take on new importance." Dr. Nettinga asked us to look at this Court decision, to reread it if we had read it at all, and to note especially these lines: "It certainly may be said that the Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that such study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education may

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1986-THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Receiving a page from the Book of Romans printed in Burmese at the recent Advisory Council of the American Bible Society are (left to right) Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, pastor, Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference. Making the presentation is George Amann of the society's production department. The page is printed on a press sent to Burma for Bible publishing in 1816, the year of the society's founding. (Photo by American Bible Society).



By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

FAITH by Ernest F. Kevan. Baker-1964-142 pages-\$1.95 (paper).

After the first few joyous moments or days following the New Birth, the Christian feels as if he has suddenly been left high and dry. Puzzling thoughts, questions and doubts begin to fill his mind. A feeling of insecurity gnaws at his newly found faith and he fears its loss.

The difficulty is that he has forgotten to keep on going and growing in the faith. Mr. Kevan answers such questions as How Can I Be Sure? Is It Possible Not to Sin? How Do I Keep Going? Why Should I Pray?

The book can be used for individual instruction and inspiration or as a textbook for a post-conversion class in Christian growth and guidance.

YOUR FUTURE IS YOUR FRIEND by Robert H. Schuller. Eerdmans--164-98 pages-\$2.50.

The sub-title reveals the fact that this small but meaningful volume is an inspirational pilgrimage through the 23rd Psalm. Even the Foreword is inspirational. However, the reader need not think that inspiration eliminates practical faith for everyday living. This, in essence, is at the heart of these messages which are based on a very practical psalm.

DAILY MEDITATIONS by Dwight L. Moody, selected by Emma Moody Fitt. Baker-1964-234 pages-\$2.50.

Originally printed in 1900, these meditations are still living messages from one who is dead yet speaketh. Earthy, simple, plain, and perhaps occasionally a little gruff, they are much more heart warming than some written and expressed in classical English. They come from the great heart and spirit of Mr. Moody and they edify the heart and the spirit.

DID JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD by Albert L. Roper. Zondervan—1965 -54 pages-\$1.95.

The author is a lawyer who looks at the evidence of the resurrection. Although a lawyer's brief is often voluminous and detailed, Mr. Roper gathered and sifted the evidence and put it into only 54 pages. However, the quality and nature of the evidence must be taken into account. What he says is not heard from the pulpit in homiletical, exegetical or expository form. It is highly inspirational and in-

GOING ON IN THE CHRISTIAN formational from a Christian lawver's viewpoint. Read it as if you were a member of a jury and there will be no doubt that you will be convinced.

> THE VITAL HEART OF CHRISTI-ANITY by Merrill C. Tenney. Zondervan-1964-96 pages-\$2.50.

After reading a lawyer's evidence of the resurrection, it should be followed by an excellent and scholarly statement as outlined by Dr. Tenney, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology of Wheaton, College, The author delineates the glory of the resurrection as an example and pledge of what God will do for all those who have believed in Christ.

THE WORD OF THE LORD by J. Ralph Grant. Baker Book House-1964—174 pages—\$2.95.

SO YOU WANT A MOUNTAIN by Ford Philpot. Baker Book House-1964—113 pages—\$2.50.

Mr. Grant has ten excellent sermons for special days and occasions. His thoughts, illustrations and quotes, are evidence of much reading, study and observing.

Ford Philpot is widely known as a Methodist evangelist, and the twelve messages compiled in this volume give the reader some insight into the spiritual power of this man of God. The inspirational and spiritual content of both are on a higher than average

BY FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT by Gordon Palmer. The Devin-Adair Company—1964—128 pages—\$3.00.

A hurried glance at the contents reveals the fact that Dr. Palmer believes that a major threat to American freedom is Communism. It is evident in such messages as Jesus Christ or Karl Marx, The Enemy Within, Atheism-The Opiate of the Communists. Some of the other chapters are also freely illustrated with the dangers of encroaching communism.

As an orator, Dr. Palmer would

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have been accepted as a first class Chautauqua speaker. However, his patriotic and religious messages are not oratory. Out of his broad experience as pastor, seminary president, Bible conference speaker and lecturer, he has emphasized some truths which are thought provoking and disturbing to the American who takes his Christianity and citizenship seriously.

THE CHALLENGE OF WORLD COM-MUNISM IN ASIA by J. R. Saunders, Eerdmans-1964-125 pages-\$1.95 (paper).

Written by a Southern Baptist missionary who arrived in China shortly after the Boxer rebellion in 1901, the author was able to follow the inroads of Communism from its very beginnings. Although critical of American, English and German refusal to help the early revolutionary movement under Sun Yat-sen and later under Chiang Kai-shek the reader may get the impression that the problem of containing or preventing Communism from taking over is a little oversimplified. Our foreign policy is looked upon as "too little, too late." But in a country so close to Russia and so distant from the western world, it would have been difficult to keep a watchful eye on all of the vast provinces of China.

Mr. Saunders also mentions the failure of the western world and Christianity to take advantage of its opportunities. Yet in spite of this, he believes that Communism cannot permanently Win Asia because the seeds of decay are in itself.

In his chapter on STEMMING the TIDE the foreign mission work also comes in for some justifiable criticism. The emphasis has all too often been upon the preaching of the Gospel and the creation of institutions without reference to the economic problems of the suffering masses. This is thoughtful and provoking reading for those who think it important enough to follow the present condition of mankind.

HE GAVE SOME PROPHETS by Sanford Calvin Yoder. Herald Press-1964—252 pages—\$4.50.

The remarkable thing about the book is the author, who is an octogenarian. While studying the messages one has a picture of Moses whose eyes were not dim nor his natural force abated. Perhaps it takes a man with 85 years of experience to interpret the prophets and their message more meaningfully.

The first three chapters are a treatment of prophetism, their mission, call and message and the world in which they lived. As such, these chapters are a necessary and revealing introduction to the rest of the volume. The ten guides for interpretation are of particular significance to the student and reader in order to prevent him from arriving at confused or false conclusions.

Beginning with a bare mention of Noah and Abraham, the author immediately turns to Moses and the

#### A PRAYER FOR YOUTH

Lord, there is a light to Your face that nothing in the world can equal. There is a peace to Your being that no human being can touch. There is a soft stillness in Your church that no man-made silence can meet. Now when I am ready to be filled again with this miracle of worship, I pray You to rekindle in me that first delight and amazement of my conversion experience, to light again the flame in me that You have lighted before in this place I love, with this people I love. I pray You to build a church in my heart. I pray You to live in it, to warm it, to make it sing like the church where I am going today. So may I be my church, and my church be a living force in me. Amen.

early prophets. Following a short discussion on the oral prophets Dr. Yoder enters the main stream of prophecy, or what is often referred to as the golden age of prophecy. The literary prophets, as the author indicates, enable us to secure a reliable and trustworthy knowledge of the religious, social and political conditions of their time. Even more important is the fact that they made available to people of all generations a knowledge of God, his nature, his character, his will and his dealings with nations and individuals. It was primarily through the literary prophets that the promised Messiah was made more clearly and fully known.

The volume reveals deep spiritual insight and scholarship. The beloved Mennonite saint continues to show keen intellectual ability and a healthy mental stability. Throughout the treatise he remains basically biblical and factual and refuses to go neither to the far right nor to the far left. His clear, yet simple, literary style makes the volume meaningful and easily readable for the layman.

GET IN THE GAME by Bill Glass. Word Books - 1965 - 150 pages -

Young people, especially those who are interested in football, will enjoy reading the story of Bill Glass who plays professional football with the Cleveland Browns and at the same time lets his Christian witness be felt and heard at every opportunity. He holds a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary which helps him in his many preaching engagements.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH, VOLUME I, CHAPTERS I-XVIII by Edward J. Young. Eerdmans — 534 pages —

Dr. Young is doing for the Old Testament what F. F. Bruce is doing for the New. They are serving as editors for the New International Commentary series. So far they have both been using their own English text, and we have reason to believe that this will continue. Under the guiding spirit of these two outstanding Christian scholars and teachers, we can expect an exhaustive treatment of the Bible from

the viewpoint of the best in evangelical theological scholarship. The author is Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, Phila-

Beginning with an introduction, Dr. THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS Young provides some general information on Isaiah and some short but meaningful historical background material in relation to his life and time. The arrangement of the commentary material is presented in simple form which can be followed easily by the minister, teacher and student of the Bible. Hebrew and other foreign words and phrases are kept at a minimum and incorporated into the footnotes. Copious attention is given to the difficult passages in Isaiah. They literally come alive with new meaning through the author's spiritual insight and scholarship. There is no first or second Isaiah because Dr. Young regards him as the author of the entire prophecy.

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ble study will arise out of each person's concern about his relationship to Jesus Christ. The not-yet-believer looking for right standing with God will read with avid interest when prompted by the Holy Spirit. The just-become believer, to whom Christianity is fresh and new, will read in order to discover what God requires of him. In both cases there will be a sensitivity to the work of the Holy Spirit.

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necessary facts and proper information and then decide the matters for themselves.

The other O stands for opportunities. No other generation has had such a tremendous range of opportunities in which they could participate. There are countless numbers of cultural and social opportunities. The areas of sports, drama and music are endless. What an experience for a student to participate in a musical and at the end get a standing ovation from the audience! All these opportunities are there, but the students must avail themselves of them. We sometimes find a scene described as young people wandering the streets with nothing to do, getting into trouble. Again we can relegate this to a few in number, in relationship to the large number of busy, useful students.

The L stands for Leaders. It is true that in every group there are leaders and leaners. Again the opportunities for leadership in churches and schools are unlimited. We need to capitalize the capabilities of these students, which too often go untapped and unused. The more the young people feel that their maturity is underrated, the more rebellious they will be and the more awkward will be their attempts to prove how grown up they are.

Life on a high school campus is exciting, interesting and often frustrating. It is a scene of choice and challenge. We need to show much love, understanding and prayer concern for this age group, because the future lies with youth. No wonder Carl Sandburg wrote these words, "What shall be the course of society and civilization across the next hundred years? For the answers read, if you can, the strange and baffling eyes of youth."

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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BAPTIST HERALD

- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Radke of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 12 with Open House held at the Emil Valish home. Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, brought a brief message on behalf of the church.
- The former Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba has moved to a new location at 162 Rowan- mere. Delaware, has extended a call dale Avenue in Winnipeg and has offi- to Rev. Keith Fuller of Lawrenceville, cially changed its name to the Rowandale Baptist Church, as reported by Mr. Johannes Tiegs, church clerk, Rev. Manfred Taubensee is the pastor of the church.
- The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, has announced the resignation of Rev. Monroe D. Chalfant who has served the church faithfully since 1949. Mr. Chalfant will retire from the active ministry. In the meantime, he is supplying the pulpit of the Cincinnati church until a successor has been found.
- The newly organized Zion Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., which is also a Church Extension project of the denomination, has extended a call to Rev. W. C. Damrau of Cleveland, Ohio, which he has accepted. He will begin his ministry in this new church of Rochester, N. Y., in January 1966, having served the Snowview Baptist Church since 1963. Some of the services of the Zion Church are conducted in German.
- On Nov. 23 and 24 Dr. Bryan Archibald of Lombard, Illinois, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered a series of lectures at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He spoke to the Evangelism Class and delivered two public lectures on "Evangelism in a Secular Age." The provocative lectures were well attended and enthusiastically received by students and the public, as reported by Dr. Frank Veninga, president.
- Miss Gretchen Remmler of Forest Park, Ill., formerly the office secretary for the late Dr. William Kuhn and Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretaries, observed her 78th birthday with the entire denominational staff at the headquarters building on Monday, Dec. 6. She had prepared delicious German Stolle, a Christmas cake, for this occasion. She also reminisced about many interesting experiences in her life.
- "The Baptist World", the official publication of the Baptist World Alliance with a worldwide circulation among Baptists in 110 countries of the world, featured the Christmas sermon by Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., in its Dec. 1965 issue. This sermon first appeared in 1964 in the "Baptist Herald." Rev. Cyril Eric Bryant is the editor of "The Baptist World."
- On Dec. 14 Mr. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., was called to his heavenly Home after an illness of several weeks in a local hospital. He was

one of the leading laymen in the Mc-Dermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg. He was very active in the denominational ministry of relief and immigration, serving in this capacity in Germany for some time following World War II. The memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 18.

• The First Baptist Church of Els-

• Chaplain David Agnor of Mather's Air Force Base in California and formerly director of Christian education at the Grosse Pointe Baptists Church of Michigan, spoke to the Senior High young men of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., on Sunday Dec. 12. At the Watch Night service of Lodi's First church, the new Baldwin Chapel Organ purchased in a Memorial Fund by the Woman's Missionary Society and by friends was dedicated, with the Rev.

# what's happening

Penn., to which he has replied favorably. He began his ministry in the church on December 26, succeeding Rev. Richard Sparling. Mrs. Mary M. Keith, church clerk, has also reported that the the church has purchased a parsonage, the address of which is given elsewhere in this issue.

- Rev. Ralph Blatt of Merrill, Wisconsin died on Monday night, Dec. 13. following recent surgery. He was a spiritual son of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., and participated in the centennial celebration last year. He and Dr. M. L. Leuschner were seminary classmates in Rochester, N. Y. His wife is the former Mildred Doescher of the Andrew Street Baptist Church of Rochester. Rev. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Ill., took part in the memorial service on Dec. 17.
- Rev. Otto Roth of Portland, Oregon was called home to glory on Dec. 9th. Following a long and distinguished ministry in North American Baptist churches, including the Immanuel Church of Portland, he served for several years as the superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill. In recent years he was a guest in the Home for the Aged in Portland. The memorial tribute to him will appear in the next issue.

# YOUTH WEEK

DATE: Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 1966 THEME: "Explore God's Word" SUGGESTIONS: Program ideas are outlined in the "Youth Work Plan-book" (50 cents postpaid).

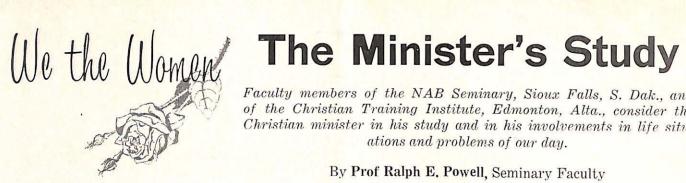
PRAY for the Christian witness of your church's youth.

Aaron Buhler, pastor, in charge.

- Rev. and Mrs. Paul Meister of Watertown, Wisconsin have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 26 who has been named Cathleen Kay. This is their first child. Mr. Meister is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown. Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr of the Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, West Africa have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 23 who has been named Doreen Ruth. Dr. Fehr is the medical missionary stationed at the Banso Bantist Hospital.
- On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, the young people of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., presented the film, "Tony Fontaine." Miss Lydia Luma, delegate to the United Nations from the Federal Republic of Cameroon, spoke briefly. On Sunday evening, Nov. 5, an Advent Concert was presented by the church choir, German choir and stringed orchestra. A trumpet solo was played by Mr. G. Schabel and a violin duet was rendered by F. Mohr and E. Wandracek. Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor, spoke on "The Trumpet of Advent."
- On Sunday, Nov. 7, the Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, Mich., met for the first time in its new church building. Since Sept. 1, 1963 when the very first service was held by this new Church Extension group, the congregation had been meeting in the Lakeshore High School, one half mile from the present church building. The attendance for the day was as follows: Bible School 157, morning worship 186, and evening service 103. The church was organized on March 1, 1964. Rev. B. A. Itterman is the pastor.

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#### WHAT KIND OF HANDS DO YOU HAVE?

By Mrs. H. J. Waltereit of East Detroit, Michigan White Cross Chairman

Surely, most of us in our youth have played the game of "Hands." All the girls were placed behind a sheet or drapery into which holes had been cut for their hands to go through. Each fellow was to identify the hands of some girl. This was usually an interesting study for the boys.

Have you ever studied your hands to consider what wonderful instruments they are, how marvelously made and how perfectly fitted for the tasks which they have to do? Hands are an interesting study because they come in such a variety of sizes and shapes, from that of a baby's soft one to the care-worn, wrinkled one of a grandmother.

Hands are not only interesting, but they are also powerful. It is almost impossible to get along without them. They are so powerful that we sometimes forget they are created by God as instruments to be used for him. Christ gave the command to his disciples as he ascended into heaven and said in effect: "All authority and power I place into your hands for I have no other way of sending out the Gos-

In Ecclesiastes 9:10 we read, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." The hands of Christians may well be proof of their discipleship, for dedicated hands will bear the mark of our Lord. Dedicated hands are busy and compassionate hands. Women, you have proved that your hands have been busy in the past year. Most White Cross Quotas were filled. Your hands also proved to be compassionate in that you gave liberally for "Meals for Missions," medical offerings, and our \$75,000 project.

Your dedicated hands have been folded in prayer, and many missionaries have felt the dynamic power of your prayers in their lives. Are we using our hands reverently in holding the open Bible? Are we growing strong by feeding our souls daily upon the Word? Before my husband and I were married he was attending the Rochester Seminary, and I was in Minneapolis, Minn. We did a lot of letter writing. I recall that I read and reread his letters many times, not because I could not understand them or decipher his writing, but because I loved the writer. If we truly love the

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Faculty members of the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., consider the Christian minister in his study and in his involvements in life situations and problems of our day.

By Prof Ralph E. Powell, Seminary Faculty

tentialism protests views and actions which tend to regard men as if he were a thing. What does this mean and how does it do this?

Modern civilization tends to treat men as though they are things; it is inclined to regard people as objects or impersonal statistics. Big industry and big government do not especially want to know your name or see your picture—that is not very helpful to them. They want your employee number, your social security, serial or license number-that is how they identify you. You are a number or a statistic. You have become to them a pattern of holes on a punched IBM card, a set of data for an electronic computer. Men have become robots of modern assembly line production, cogs in vast industrial and political machines, or pawns in a giant labor union.

Mankind is fast becoming a victim of automation. Existentialism protests all this insofar as it tends to regard man as if he were an impersonal thing. Man must always be understood as a "who" and not a "what." Existentialists raise a warning against any and every attitude or approach which dehumanizes persons and destroys their true freedom. They call men away from automatic conformity, stifling associations, depersonalizing affiliations, and the tyranny of mass mankind.

#### THE DIGNITY OF MAN

The best of existentialism represents a desperate attempt to assert the proper dignity of man in face of the sense of meaninglessness, futility and hopelessness that has gripped mankind between and after the two world wars. Notice carefully that it is a proper dignity of man which existentialism contends for, not the old theme of the goodness of man championed by an outmoded liberalism. If anything, existentialism is impressed with the weakness, finitude and depravity of human nature, not its essential goodness. Among the theists, human dignity is expressed in terms of the fundamental. biblical idea of the image of God in

Man stands out from all that exists; man is not only a part of nature, he stands out from nature and from the undifferentiated background as something uniquely different from all else. In this sense the existentialists say, "Man alone exists." A rock, a tool is; but they do not exist. They do not exist

T HAS BEEN said that exis- as man exists. Here is the distinction between simple being and existence in the thought of the existentialists, the differentia which distinguishes our kind of being from that of things.

Man's existence is never complete, whereas by way of comparison the being of things is relatively complete and fixed. Man does not have a fixed, immutable nature (or essence); he is not a character which is incapable of change or development; man shapes his essence in freedom (and in dependence upon God). In this sense he makes his

#### THE "I—THOU" RELATION

Things can be classified, regimented, used, exploited and mass produced, but not people. Men have the capacity for growth, change, development, conversion, and even revolution; they do not necessarily behave as you expect them or perhaps want them to. Strategic to this discussion is the crucial contribution of Martin Buber's famous "I-Thou" concept. Buber avers that we do not become ourselves or even know ourselves until we enter into truly personal relations with other

"All real living is meeting," says Buber (I and Thou, pp. 11, 18). The most foundational human word is "I-Thou," because individuals could not be authentic persons without this relation. The I of I-Thou is a genuinely respected human person, as also is the Thou, capable of love and of authentic selfhood. When we treat someone as an It, we deal with him and make him less than human. The trouble is that the pressures and tensions of modern living, especially in a mass society, push us to meet the other person as It rather than as Thou. In so doing, we both violate him and ourselves. Buber says we destroy him and our-

If experimentation or manipulation leads us to regard others only as objects to push around or to use, we not only violate their selfhood and thereby sin against them and God, but we ourselves will be fooled by our illicit actions and destroy our own genuine selfhood. Were it not for the I-Thou relation, not merely between ourselves and others as persons, but supremely between ourselves and God, we should have no knowledge of ourselves and others as persons, but supremely between ourselves and God, we should have no knowledge of ourselves and no content to our existence.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

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seeks to challenge Christians to a new area of missionary outreach which he calls "international missions." There are many thousands of students from many foreign countries who are studying in the U.S.A., in Canada, in Britain, and other Western countries, some of whom come from countries closed to Christian missionaries. Most of these students, though they appear awkward and financially poor, actually come from the upper levels of their society, and will return to their countries to become leaders and policy-makers. Is it not possible for us as Christians to open our hearts and our homes to these international students, so that as they return to their countries they will not return disillusioned and bitter toward Christianity, but with a warmth and openness, and possibly as disciples of Jesus Christ?

We pay tribute to our missionary leaders for their vision and foresight in this entire area of student work on our mission fields. But dare we at home remain complacent any longer on this important frontier of missionary

#### GOD'S MISSIONARY STRATEGY

Facing the Issues of Nationalism. There was a time when the white person was the representative of missionary activity throughout the world, and a white skin guaranteed a respectful hearing of the Gospel. This day has passed. The population explosion in non-white countries, the advances in education, the progress to self-government, etc., have brought about vast changes on the missionary fields of the world.

One of the great changes is the gradual handing over of the responsibilities and work of the mission to national Christians. The missionary is more and more becoming a resource person to give guidance and direction, with the actual responsibility of the work, as well as the financial obligations, resting with the nationals themselves. Our own Mission Board for some time has now been engaged in training the national Christians to take over every aspect of the work. If the day ever comes when the missionaries are forced out of the country, the work of God will be carried on by those who are competent and adequately prepared.

In a pamphlet published by the "World Wide Mission Society," the following is said concerning nationals and missions: "Mission strategy is changing very rapidly. Many nations are restricting foreign missionaries. But the national is free to work. . . . Many African nations are practically closed entirely to white workers entering at the present time. The national knows his own language. The national is at home, and never needs repatriation. The national knows the customs and languages of his own people, and not from above downward.



DR. MARTHA M. LEYPOLDT Professor-elect of Christian Education at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Philadelphia, Pa.

#### RESIGNATION OF DR. MARTHA M. LEYPOLDT, SEMINARY PROFESSOR

It is with genuine regret that we announce the resignation of Dr. Martha M. Levpoldt, Professor of Christian Education and Registrar at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., since 1955, Dr. Leypoldt has accepted the call extended by the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Philadelphia, Penn., to become Profes-

sor of Christian Education, August 1,

In her letter of resignation she stated, "The past 11 years working at the Seminary have been very happy and challenging ones. They have presented many opportunities for service which have been rewarding. The associations have been pleasant with the president and the faculty and I consider these years as very memorable in my life. This decision has been accompanied with much consideration and prayer. As this new door of service is opened to me, an opportunity for service is opened to another person to serve in our seminary.'

Prior to coming to the Seminary she served as Editorial Staff Assistant and Worker with youth and church school leaders at NAB Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill., 1946-1953; and Director of Christian Education, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, 1953-1955. While a member of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty she added her Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, University of Chicago, and the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree, Indiana University. Her dissertation was entitled—An Analysis of Seminary Courses Specifically Designed to Prepare Seminary Students to Assist Adults toward Christian Maturity through the Adult Program of a Local Church.

Sincere appreciation has been expressed to Professor Leypoldt for the extensive contribution made to the North American Baptist Seminary, its alumni, and the larger denominational fellowship.

The Seminary Administration, Faculty, and Board of Trustees wish Dr. Leypoldt God's blessing and joyous satisfaction in the new teaching position she will assume this fall. It is our earnest prayer that we will be providentially led in finding adequate replacement.

God's missionary strategy has always been nationals winning their own peo-

Effective Use of Communications. "The pen is mightier than the sword" has become an axiom of missionary work. Wherever missions has advanced, we see the full-scale use of pen and paper. The production of Christian literature is one of the most important tasks of the Christian missionary today. But we must make this literature available while the field is open. It is very difficult to send Christian books and literature into countries whose doors are closed to missions. The possibilities for the effective use of literature in missionary evangelism today are unlimited. The only limiting factors are the finances required to carry on this work.

The use of radio, and even television, is becoming an extremely effective means of missionary outreach. Many people who are prevented from attending church by social, religious and family pressures, can and do listen to Christian radio programs in the

privacy of their own homes. Not only can radio be used in evangelism to reach the unsaved, but it can also be used to teach the Scriptures, nurture isolated Christians, challenge the careless, and bring strength to the burdened.

In the past 30 seconds about 90 babies will have been born into the world; only 60 persons will have died, leaving a net increase in population of 30, or one every second. Our world population presently stands at just over three billion. We have only 50,000 professional missionaries in the world today. The task of reaching the world for Christ is a colossal one.

But the task of reaching the world for Christ does not belong to the missionaries alone, nor does it belong to the pastors, or to the Mission Committee of your church. This task is the mission of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, But the task is not hopeless, for in the last words of the Great Commission our Master has said: "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'

sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 23, 1966 Theme: GOD IS FATHER

Scripture: Hosea 11:1-4; John 14:6-11; II Corinthians 1:3-4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A loving, comforting heavenly Father can make of a house a loving, comforting and heavenly home.

INTRODUCTION: Today's lesson brings a familiar picture to our minds which is most welcome to our concept of God. If we have had a meaningful relationship with a human father, then we will have a better understanding of what it means to think of God as a heavenly Father. Unfortunately there are many children who are born into homes where love, affection, sympathy and compassion are not evident. Therefore to think of God as the kind of father that was in the childhood home can be a fearful experience. We must realize that the father in the home is still an imperfect creature, even at his best. God, on the other hand, is all that a Father should be for he is perfect. What comfort and love the little ones must have felt when they came to Jesus and heard him say, "Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." There is, however, a great difference in thinking of God as the Father of mankind in general and in believing in the Lord Jesus Christ who gives us the power to become the sons of God (John

#### I. GOD AS FATHER OF ISRAEL. Hosea 11:1-4.

The prophet expresses the tender compassion and continuing concern which God has for his sinful and erring people. But it is often easier to love young, growing children than adults. Children are more easily led and guided by love. Once they become of age, they often think they know it all. Israel grew up to be stubborn and disobedient. They forsook the Father who loved them as children and now in their adulthood they chose to sacrifice to a god who had neither life nor

#### II. GOD AS FATHER OF JESUS. John 14:6-11.

Whereas in the Old Testament, the nation of Israel is often considered to be the son, in the New Testament we have a personal and individual Father and son relationship. An important part of Jesus' ministry was to reveal God as our Father. To find him as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is not

always easy. It often takes intensive seeking. Although Christ is the Way, he does not leave all the seeking to us-he takes us to the Father. In one way or another he shows us the Father when we become sincere in our seek-

III. GOD AS THE FATHER OF THE BELIEVER. II Corinthians 1:3-4.

Paul describes God as the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort. All of the sufferings and persecutions Paul had to endure must have been painfully uncomfortable. But through it all he always found comfort. If God can comfort Paul in all of his tribulations, then certainly he is able to take care of the little inconveniences and annoyances that trouble us in our daily lives.

#### Questions for Discussion:

- 1. Discuss the Lord's Prayer and how Jesus revealed God as Father?
- 2. Is it easy for children in our countless broken homes to understand the Fatherhood of God?
- 3. How does the acceptance of God as our Father affect our conduct and obedience?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 30, 1966

Theme: GOD IS REDEEMER

Scripture Romans 3:21-26; Hebrews 10:19-22; Ephesians 1:3-8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's redemption is instant and continuous. It saves, cleanses and makes perfect and will stop only on this side of

INTRODUCTION: To think of God as an ideal, kind and loving Father is a beautiful and comforting thought. But it goes beyond that. Our earthly fathers can do much for us and we depend upon them for many things. However, they cannot save our souls: they cannot give us a new birth; they cannot supply our deepest spiritual hunger and thirst; they cannot die for us on the cross-they cannot redeem

In this lesson God is unique. The redemption which he has provided for us cannot be provided in any other way by any other person. When this word was used, it had a peculiar and wonderful meaning. People lived in a slave society. There was a great difference in a free man and a slave. A slave could be released from bondage by the payment of a ransom. It is difficult for us to imagine how a person would feel after he was suddenly given his freedom after having been a slave for 20 years. Even the very air he breathed seemed to be different.

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS BY REDEMP-TION, Ephesians 3:21-26.

Paul knew what it meant to try to gain the righteousness of God through the law. There was always a gnawing feeling of guilt in his heart which prevented him from experiencing the peace and assurance he sought so intensely. A much better way was provided through Jesus Christ; a righteous God can now accept unrighteous men through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. When a sinner turns to God through Christ, God reckons him to be a just man. His sin and guilt are wiped out because literally "Jesus paid it all" on the cross

II. ACCESS TO GOD BY REDEMP-TION. Hebrews 10:19-22.

The freedom of access to God should not be taken lightly. It must be done in the spirit of humility, realizing that we need his continual and daily forgiveness and cleansing. On the other hand, our sins and failures should not keep us away. This is why we need a bold faith which is strong enough to believe that God will take care of us for our daily needs. Our spiritual needs will be satisfied as we come into his presence with clean hands and a pure

III. THE BLESSINGS OF RE-DEMPTION. Ephesians 1:3-8.

No one can put a value on the redemption which God has provided for us. But those who have been redeemed. are constantly endowed with all manner of spiritual blessings, so that it often seems as if we were already in heavenly places. All of the good things in life are interpreted as gifts coming from our heavenly Father. Each day ought to begin with a doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings

There is no more need to feel unsure or insecure for Christ has secured our relationship to God from the beginning of time. Through this redemption we are called to a dedicated life. This carries with it a sacred responsibility for Paul reminds us that "we should be holy and without blame before him in

#### Questions for Discussion:

- 1. Discuss the words "chosen," "predestined" and "adopted" and relate them to your life.
- 2. Compare the requirements for entrance into the presence of God compared to Old Testament customs.

# our denomination in action,

# special events

CENTRAL, EDMONTON, ALTA. The month of October was filled with blessings for our Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. On Oct. 3 we officially welcomed Rev. R. Hohensee as pastor with his family. He had previously served as associate pastor, and had been working in the Namao Park Baptist Church, From Oct. 11-24 Rev. G. G. Rauser of Stockton. Calif., served as our evangelist. These meetings were well attended, and we are thankful to God for sending a man who brought such uplifting and heart searching messages to Christians. as well as the message of salvation to the unsaved. (Mrs. B. Jeske, Report-

GERMANTOWN, N. DAK. On Sunday, Oct. 17, the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival with Rev. David J. Draewell as guest speaker at the morning and evening services. At 6 P.M. a fellowship supper was served. On Oct. 31 Dr. R. Schilke was our guest speaker for the morning service and again in the evening for the annual Women's Mission program. Slides of our mission plans in South America were shown in the evening. Rev. Leon Bill of West Fargo was with us from Nov. 3 to 12 for special meetings, which proved to be a blessing to all who attended. (Mrs. Calvin Edinger, Reporter).

SPOKANE, WASH. On Sunday afternoon, November 28, Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., held its Harvest Mission festivities. Following the fellowship dinner we held our evening program in which children and adults alike participated. Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies led the congregation in the singing of many favorites. The Children's Choir sang two numbers. The men's quartet sang, "Only a Touch of Thy Hand, O Lord." A number was played on the piano by Larry Moad, "God Is Love." Mr. Thiesies expounded on the "Purpose of Thanksgiving" as his message. The offering received was designated for missions. The choir closed the service with its own rendition of "Nothing But the Blood." (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Secretary).

PEORIA, ILLINOIS. In celebration of Pioneer Girls' Week, a presentation honoring Pioneer Girls at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., was given at the church at the morning worship service Nov. 21. Twelve girls were presented awards in ceremonies conducted by Mrs. Glenn Rucker, Chief Guide, and Mrs. Bill Blackard, Assistant Guide. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz, Sr., members of the North

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Sheridan Church, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29. The church honored them at a worship service by presenting them with the gift of a plant.

MeDERMOT AVE. CHURCH, WIN-NIPEG. A Minitonas-Swan River Homecoming was held in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., on Nov. 13 for all former residents of the Minitonas-Swan River area, now living in Winnipeg. A large group of over 260 persons gathered in the church basement for a supper prepared by members of the Homecoming Committee. A lively program consisting of musical numbers and a bit of reminiscing followed. A roll call of the churches represented was given, with people from 15 churches responding. Rev. W. Stein, pastor of the McDermot Baptist Church, at one time had been the pastor of the Minitonas Baptist Church, (Frieda Redlich, Reporter).

tion: WAXO. Our new radio program is entitled "Moments of Music and Meditation." Church members have been meeting with our pastor, Rev. Milton Zeeb, for the past three weeks for a special time of training for visitation in the church's outreach. (Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter).

#### YOUTH GATHERINGS

ATLANTIC CBYF FALL CONFER-ENCE. From Oct. 29-31 the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was host for the Atlantic CBYF Fall Conference. Seventyfive young people from the area churches registered and participated in the activities of the weekend. Speakers, both from participating churches and the Philadelphia area, were heard. A banquet was held on Saturday, Oct. 30, with Leon Sullivan as guest speaker. Mr. Sullivan is an outstanding Christian layman of Philadephia. On



Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Japan addresses the Atlantic Conference Youth Rally of 275 people from the historic pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church

KENOSHA, WISC. The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., has adopted the support of two of our missionaries, namely, Daphne Dunger and Ruth Rabenhorst, to give more interest and concern for mission work in our denomination. We have turned over to our youth every 4th Sunday evening service. On Nov. 28 with the Teen & Twenty in charge they presented a Thanksgiving and Candlelighting of Beatitude Pageant. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Winkelman are counselors for this group. A Thanksgiving offering was received by the church which amounted to over \$1000.

We have launched out on a new venture of faith. On Sunday, Nov. 14, from 8:05 to 8:30 A.M. we began broadcasting over our local F.M. staSunday, Oct. 31, a Mass Rally was held. Two hundred and seventy-eight people attended. Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Japan, a student from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, was the speaker. (Margaret A. Mack, President).

SHELL CREEK, NEBR. The Shell Creek Baptist Church of Columbus, Nebraska was host to a Youth Rally Nov. 26 and 27. Young people of senior high school and college age from our four Nebraska churches met with a team of four students from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. Professor Walter Kleinsasser addressed the group on matters of vital importance to young people. Discussions and panels covered the areas of dating and marriage, Rev.

dean of the assembly. Rev. Paul F. er).

James Schacher of Creston, Nebr., con- Zoschke is pastor at the Shell Creek the Lord, Mrs. A. Bibelheimer, first ducted the fun periods and acted as Church. (Mrs. Milton Menke, Report-

# anniversaries & receptions

LOE, ONT. On Oct. 11 the First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe. Ontario commemorated Rev. P. Hunsicker's 25th anniversary in the Christian ministry. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A plaque was carried to the platform by Joan Hartwig and Nancy Zummach and presented to him by Mr. M. I. Kuehl. The members of the two churches rejoice with their pastor in this milestone of his life. The two churches also surprised Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker with a dinner on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The churches presented them with a silver tea service. (Lynne Felhaber, Reporter).



A plaque is presented to Rev. P. Hunsicker of Killaloe, Ontario by Mr. M. I. Kuehl (right) and by Joan Hartwig and Nancy Zummach.

BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN. On Sunday evening, Nov. 14th, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Brookfield, Wisc., celebrated its 110th anniversary with a dinner and program. The latter consisted of various musical arrangements such as group singing, trumpet, vocal and organ solos, and a men's double quartet number. Also included were a brief history of the church and a talk, "Highlights I Remember," by Mr. Emil Quade, a member of 50 years; plus a devotional by our pastor. Rev. J. J. Renz. Recognition was given to the 22 persons who have been members 50 years or more and the 37 persons of 35 years and over. The Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the dinner and the program was planned by our pastor and the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. A. Freigang. (Maxine Grothe, Reporter).

50TH WEDDING ANIVERSARY. MR. AND MRS. W. ROST. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rost of Greenvine, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 7th, with an open house in the Greenvine Baptist educational building. During the morning

FIRST AND CALVARY, KILLA- service their son, Granvil, brought a short devotional based on Psalm 103. Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Rost also sang several duets. Friends and relatives came throughout the afternoon to congratulate the couple on this happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Rost have been living at their present location in the Greenvine community for the 50 wedded years. They have also been members of the Greenvine Baptist Church for these 50 years. The honored couple are parents of Evelyn Rost, Granvil Rost, Willie Daniel Rost, and Mrs. Leslie Kramer. They also have 7 grandchildren. Of special interest is the fact that all the children received their grade school education in the same country school their father attended. (Mrs. F. Effenberger, Reporter).

## woman's missionary societies



Women of the Lincoln Valley Baptist Mission Society of North Dakota at their 25th anniversary program.

LINCOLN VALLEY, N. DAK. The Lincoln Valley Baptist Mission Society of North Dakota, with thankful hearts for God's guidance, was privileged to celebrate its 25th anniversary, Sept. 15, 1965. Mrs. Otto Pfaff led the song service. Psalms 103 was read and prayer offered by Mrs. Philip Gehring. Our president, Mrs. Jerome Faul, welcomed many friends who come to share the blessings of this happy occasion with us. The history, written by Mrs. Edward Frank, was read by Mrs. Ben Rauser, Mrs. Alvin Auch and Mrs. Reinhold Pfaff. The ladies quartet consisting of Mrs. Melvin Hornbacker, Mrs. Adolph Hienle, Mrs. Otto Pfaff, and Mrs. Jonathon Gienger thrilled us as their voices blended in the singing of two favorite songs. A duet, "Precious Memories," by Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Auch brought to a close the candlelight Memorial Service for the five members who have gone on to be with

president of the society, expressed her happiness to attend this program. Our guest speaker, Rev. A. Bibelheimer. spoke on "Sarah, the Mother of Nations," taken from Genesis 11:29.

As a society our membership has been from 12 to 15 members. Our aim has been to be a true Mission Society to fulfill our moto, Galatians 6:9. Our "Mite Boxes" which are opened in December have yielded \$3,766.89 for the Glory of God. For our devotions we have Bible Study, each member giving the lesson according to the talent given us. Our study of Genesis began May 5, 1955. We will complete the book of Leviticus on March 3, 1966. Our White Cross work helped to supply the needs of the mission fields. The sick and lonely have been cheered with gifts, visits, and cards. The church and the community have experienced the helping hand of the Mission Society in many ways.

## sunday school programs & events

MEADOWLARK, EDMONTON. ALTA. A Sunday school of about 40 pupils recently joined the Meadowlark Baptist Sunday school, Edmonton, Alberta. The Evangelical Free Church has been working for over a year in a school building a few blocks from Meadowlark in a branch Sunday school. Due to the matter of finances and the difficulty of getting teachers, they decided to turn their Sunday school students over to Meadowlark. On Sunday, Nov. 15 the entire school with its superintendent began attending Meadowlark Baptist Church. These children have also enrolled in the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Missionary Guild programs of the church. The Sunday school attendance has now averaged 153 for the past three Sundays. (Wm. W. Sibley, Pas-

#### BAPTISM--EVANGELISM

APPLETON, MINN. On Sunday. Nov. 7, the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., held baptismal services for three candidates: Douglas Giese. Norman Giese, and Junior Johnson. On Nov. 14 dedication services were held for the new pulpit, communion table and pastor's bench given by the families of Charles Giese, Sr., as memorials. On Nov. 21 the annual Thanksgiving festivities were held at our church with Professor Hugo Lueck from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. (Mrs. Mary Lou Smith, Re-

FIRST, ST. JOSEPH, MICH. A belated welcome and reception was held by the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., for Mr. Robert Parks, Minister of Music and Youth, and his wife following the evening service on Sunday, Nov. 28. A pantry shower was given the Parks. Refreshments were served by the church's social commit-

tee. Thanksgiving Day was an especially blessed time at the St. Joseph church. Nine persons were baptized following their acceptance of Christ. Those are: Mrs. Larry Brunke, Dottie Ruggles, Pam Shubinski, Jeanine Stockman, Donna and Susan Chapman, Roger Ballard, Tom and Mike Buckleitner. Rev. Kenneth Fenner is pastor of the church. (Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).



Mrs. Ada Huisinga (right), Scripture memorization sponsor at the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa with two grand award winners: (left to right) Connie Pruisner and Sandra Dickau.

PARKERSBURG, IOWA. The Men's Brotherhood took charge of the Laymen's Sunday evening service at the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa. The men furnished the music, read Scripture, led the song service and offered prayer. They had invited a guest speaker who brought a challenging message, Rev. W. Fishbaugh of the American Baptist Youth Center at the State College of Iowa. The offering that was received was sent to the Dr. Peter Fehr Fund. On Nov. 14, we as a church rejoiced as nine persons followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. Three of these were adults which now completes the family circle as far as the parents are concerned, who are now members of the church. Some of these were recent converts; others have wrestled with the question of baptism for a long while. It was a time of victory and joy for these. The hand of fellowship was given to these on Dec. 5. (Raymond F. Dickau, Pastor).

EMMANUEL, MORRIS, MAN. A Spiritual Life Crusade was held Nov. 10 to 21 under the leadership of our pastor-evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer. The first three meetings were conducted in the German language, the remaining services being in English. The messages by Mr. Pfeifer were illustrated with "Felt-O-Scene" pictures. Youth Rallies were held on both Saturday evenings, and young people from our sister churches in Winnipeg joined us for these services. Two special meetings for children were held on the Saturday mornings and the future generation was well represented. Inspirational music was provided by the

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# The Building of God's Temple

Reports of Association Sessions, Church Dedication Program, and Missionary Conference.



The new building of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., valued at \$120,000, that was dedicated to the glory of God on Nov. 28.

#### CHURCH DEDICATION. LINTON, N. DAK. Sunday, Nov. 28th, was a day of

great rejoicing for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church. Linton, N. Dak., for it was Dedication Day. The time had finally arrived when our greatest undertaking in the history of our church was completed and we were ready to dedicate our new church unto the Lord. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, was our guest speaker for the day. At 2:30 P.M., over 500 visitors and friends from neighboring churches as well as our local town people attended the dedication service. The program included greetings from the pastors from our sister churches in our area. The local choir rendered the very fitting anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." The dedication solo, "Bless Thy House," was sung by the pastor, Rev. Herman Effa, with words written by Mrs. Effa. The dedication prayer and a stirring message were brought by Dr. Gunst.

Mr. Martin Walther, chairman of the building committee, reported on the progress of the building and some interesting events connected with it. Our building program began May 1, 1964, with the work primarily getting under way in August. The work was done almost entirely by volunteer labor with over 15,500 volunteer hours donated. The main sanctuary, built directly behind the old church, was completed by Feb. 21, 1965, and services were begun in the new sanctuary at that time. Then the old church was dismantled, giving way to the building of the educational wing and entrance, which was completed at the time of dedication. The 40 by 72 foot sanctuary seats 310, with an overflow area for an additional 60 or more. Below this are the lovely kitchen, 4 classrooms, and large fellowship hall. The 48 by 32 foot wing contains 6 more classrooms as well as the rest rooms and storage area in the basement, and a large foyer, pastor's study, church office, and nursery on the main floor. Total cost of the project was \$60,000, but the total valuation

including the volunteer labor is about \$120,000.

Many have learned to be good stewards by fulfilling their monthly pledges and sacrificially giving to the Lord's work. As the pastor expressed it in his letter to the people, "The House of God is completed, but the Church, his Body, still needs building. Let us band together with body, soul and mind in the Building Project of the Body of Christ to the glory of his Holy Name." (Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter).

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, KANKAKEE, ILL. A Missionary Conference sponsored by the Board of Deacons was held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, from Nov. 17 to 21. Dr. David Gotaas, a former missionary under the Evangelical Alliance Mission, and presently instructor of Bible and Missions at the Moody Bible Institute, ministered in the morning Bible hour and spoke each evening and on Sunday morning at the second service. Miss Lucille Wipf, our own missionary to Japan, brought us a challenge on Wednesday evening with the slides and narration.

Thursday evening brought the Missionary Presentation by Rev. Walter Frank, representing the Great Europe Mission, as its General Director. He also participated in Mission Seminars on Friday evening with Rev. Earl Ahrens. Mr. Donald Witt and our own Dr. Richard Schilke, Mission Secretary, and in a Panel Discussion on Saturday evening at the banquet. Rev. Robert Schreiber, host church pastor, moderated the panel.

Mr. Witt, our own missionary in Cameroon, Africa, gave us a very entertaining and instructive program of African church music demonstrated on the very instruments played by the Africans themselves in their church service. He also played beautifully a violin solo in the Sunday evening service. There was a wonderful exhibit by each of the missionaries and the boards represented in the Fellowship Hall. On Friday evening after the service the young people had a time of inspiration and information with the missionaries in charge of Rev. Oliver Strong, our Director of Christian Education. (Alice Luhrs, Reporter).

#### ALBERTA ASSOCIATION IN EDMONTON

HE ALBERTA ASSOCI-ATION meets twice a year. The English sessions take place in the spring months and the German sessions in the autumn months. This year the German sessions took place Nov. 11-14 in the new and practical church building of the Emmanuel Baptist Church

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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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• The Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., held its Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, with Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Japan as guest speaker. More than 170 people were present to hear Mr. Murakami, at present a student at Philadelphia's Eastern Baptist Seminary. The offering of \$2567.36 was equally divided between NAB Missions and the church's parsonage fund. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke. pastor, reported that it was thrilling to see the Christmas lights turned on in Bethlehem, the Christmas City of America, including the huge tree made up of 150 small evergreen trees.

On Nov. 25, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple of Calgary, Alta., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and 25 years of service in the Christian ministry. The couple was married in Ebenezer, Sask. They have been blessed with one daughter, Sharon. On Nov. 3, 1940 Mr. Remple was ordained as minister at Whitemouth, Manitoba with Rev. Phil Daum as the guest speaker. He was also the guest speaker at this anniversary occasion. A program was rendered in their honor. A luncheon was served in the lower auditorium.

On Sunday, Nov. 28, Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of the Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., baptized three converts. One of these, Miss Susan Houck, is the daughter of the church organist who accepted Christ as Savior during the ministry of God's Volunteers. Mr. Ted Galambos, a son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos, has

accepted an appointment as professor of civil engineering at Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science in St. Louis, Mo. He and his family have joined the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., of which the late Dr. C. Oscar Johnson was the minister for many years.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. John C. Schweitzer "Hillcrest," Apt. No. 7 Suite No. 105 4800 Washington Street Hollywood, Florida

#### WE, THE WOMEN (Continued from page 16)

Lord Jesus Christ we too will love to read what he his written to us.

May we as women of the W.M.U. strive to do even greater things in this year, and may our hands be consecrated to service, dedicated to soulwinning, joyously folded in prayer, and strong to hold God's Word.

#### EMMANUEL, MORRIS

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band, choirs and other groups from the church. At the close of the Crusade. three Bibles were presented to those boys and girls bringing the most guests to the meetings. These were awarded to Patty Braun (12 guests), Norman Stork (8 guests), and Cindy Edel (7 guests). These meetings were a great challenge and special blessing to all those attending. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser. Reporter).

## CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

November, 1965

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences Nov	v. 1965	Nov. 1964	Nov. 1963
Atlantic\$ 2	2,660.58	\$ 1,650.96	\$ 2,541.00
Central 10	0,665.41	8,664.27	23,901.40
Dakota 19	9,315.64	20,787.30	13,776.96
Eastern	2,223.77	2,578.14	3,289.06
Northern 2	2,747.53	27,055.07	25,665.74
Northwestern 1	1,104.20	6,136.94	9,183.74
Pacific 14	1,910.15	11,729.58	15,400.48
Southern	1,022.78	1,089.54	2,141.78
Southwestern 16	5,551.92	5,816.19	6,061.22
Inter-Conference	4,139.51	4,591.31	4,539.82
Total Contributions\$105	5,341.49	\$ 90,099.30	\$106,501.20
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED Cont	Budget ributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of November 1965\$ 95	5,691.48	9,650.01	\$105,341.49
	2,182.93	7,916.37	90,099.30
For the month of November 1963 94	4,631.27	11,869.93	106,501.20
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR	AR		
April 1, 1965 to November 30, 1965\$531	1,194.81	\$ 39,753.12	\$570,947.93
April 1, 1964 to November 30, 1964 518	3,932.19	41,255.50	560,187.69
April 1, 1963 to November 30, 1963 511	1,585.76	52,179,71	563,765,47

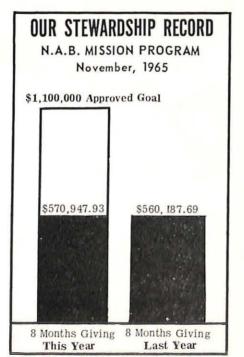
#### ALBERTA ASSOCIATION

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in Edmonton. Brass bands and large combined choirs contributed greatly to the expressions of thanksgiving to the Lord. Rev. John Grygo, editor of German publications, was the guest speaker for all the evening services. His messages were centered on "The Mission of the Church in Today's World." Dr. E. P. Wahl brought a paper on "The Objectives and Structure of the Sunday School." Dr. A. S. Felberg presented a paper on "The Objectives and Structure of the Sunday Evening Service." Rev. Alexander Hart presented a paper on "The Objectives and Structure of the Mid-Week Prayer

The youth rally on Saturday evening brought a large and responsive crowd of young people into the church auditorium. Mr. Grygo challenged these young people in his own unique and attractive way. Miss Betty Mantay was present, and this alone evoked response by the young people. Her reports of our Cameroon Mission ministry may have planted many a good seed into hearts and minds of these youths.

The climax of the Association was in the closing service, conducted in a large school auditorium in the city of Edmonton. Mass male and mixed choirs formed the framework of a festive occasion. Mr. Grygo brought a challenging message on "Christ, Our Physician." Missionary offerings taken during the sessions came close to \$775.00. In its business sessions the Association reconfirmed its concern and interest in Church Extension projects within the Association area. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the host church and its congenial pastor, Rev. Erwin Babbel, who provided so bountifully for the needs of those in attendance. (William Sturhahn, Reporter).



BAPTIST HERALD

old, and was baptized June 4, 1895 by Rev. F. Gollin, He joined the Eureka Baptist Church, For 55 years he maintained his membership in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, and at various times served as deacon and trustee.

He was united in marriage with Anna Bachmann Dec. 16, 1902 and had the privilege to share joys and sorrows with her for 63 years. Having reached the age of 85 years and 22 days, he quietly slipped from time into eternity Nov. 19, 1965. Surviving are his wife Anna; two daughters: Mrs. Charles Heinle of Hebron, Mrs. Albert Kallis of New Leipzig; 3 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; one sister: Mrs. William Schurr of Congress, Sask., many other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church Hebron, North Dakota

ERVIN J. FAUL, Pastor

#### MRS. ARTHUR TOBERT of Edmonton, Alberta

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

MRS. ANNA GUDDAT

Rochester, New York

Rochester, New York

Mrs. Anna Guddat, nee Albat, of Rochester, N. Y., was born in Germany on Sept. 27, 1892. She accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 13. On Jan. 20, 1920 she was united in marriage with Otto Guddat. To this union, one child was born. The family emigrated to this country in 1928 and took up residence in Rochester, N. Y., where they united with the Andrews Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Guddat was an active member in the church, serving many years in the church, Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Society. Her life found fulfillment in the activities of the church. She passed away on Nov. 23, 1965. Funeral services were held in Rochester with the burial at White Haven Memorial Park, She is survived by her husband, Otto Guddat; one daughter, Mrs. Jothan (Elfriede) Benke; one son-inlaw, Rev. Jothan Benke; and two grandchildren, Joanne and Judith Ann.

Andrews Street Baptist Church Rochester, New York
WILMER QUIRING, Pastor

MR. SAMUEL REIFSCHNEIDER

of Dighton, Kansas

of Dighton, Kansas

Mr. Samuel Reifschneider of Dighton,
Kansas was born in Kutter, Russia, Feb. 14,
1877, and died Oct. 18, 1965, following a
heart attack. He was united in marriage to
Katherine Beahm on June 18, 1897. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 1963. He
was converted on June-4, 1902 and baptized
by Rev. G. Heide. He was a retired farmer
and had lived in Dighton, Kansas since 1905,
moving here from Bazine, Kansas.
Funeral services were held at the Dighton
Church on Oct. 20, Officiating ministers
were Rev. O. K. Ringering of Elmo, Kansas;
Pastor William Berger of Amy, Kansas; and
Rev. Joseph Hogan of Dighton, Kansas. He
is survived by five sons; William and Arthur Reifschneider of San Mateo, Calif.;
Seth Reifschneider of Leoti, Kansas; Edward and Henry Reifschneider of Dighton,
Kansas.

MRS. HENRY BENS

of Longmont, Colorado

of Longmont, Colorado

Mrs. Ida Bens, age 70, wife of Mr. Henry
O. Bens, 616 Emery, Longmont, Colo., died
in a traffic accident Oct. 6, 1965. She was
born in Sutley, S. Dak., to Mr. and Mrs.
Andrew Buckenberger Oct. 1, 1895. She accepted the Lord as her Savior in her youth
and was baptized by Rev. E. S. Fenske
Oct. 11, 1936 in the Herreid Baptist Church.
She was active in the Woman's Society and
sang in the choir. In 1944 she moved to
Igloo, S. Dak., and after her husband's retirement to Longmont, Colo., in 1959.
In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bens is
survived by three daughters: Mrs. Lawrence
(Henrietta) Oetken of Longmont, Mrs. William (Vivian) Speck of Edgemont, S. Dak.;
and Mrs. Richard (Sylvia) Krause of Spring
Valley, Calif.; two brothers: Emil Buckenberger of Washta, Iowa and William Buckenberger of Post Falls, Idaho; one sister,
Mrs. Adam (Martha) Deibert of Herreid, S.
Dak.; and 9 grandchildren. At the Billy
Graham campaign in Denver, about one
month before her death, it was her great
privilege and joy to see five of her grandchildren go forward.
Longmont, Colorado

MR. GOTTFRIED GRENZ

MR. GOTTFRIED GRENZ

of Hebron, North Dakota

Mr. Gottfried Grenz of Hebron, N. Dak., was born Oct. 27, 1880 at Gueldendorf, South Russia. He was brought to the United States at the age of 8 years, and lived near Eureka, S. Dak., until 1910. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior when 15 years

THE FAMILY

Kansas. Dighton, Kansas

Mrs. Agnes Tobert, nee Bartel, of Edmonton, Alta., was born in Poland, August 22, 1914. On August 6, 1965, at the age of 51 years and 16 days she was taken to her heavenly home. Mrs. Tobert accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at the age of 14 was heatiged and icined the Portice. Lord as her personal Savior at the age of 14, was baptized and joined the Baptist Church in Poland, She came to Canada in 1936 with her parents and resided in Onoway, Alta, On May 10, 1945, at the Central Baptist Church, she was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Tobert, Three children were born to this union. The first 4 and ½ years of their married life were spent on a farm in Spruce Grove. In May 1950 they moved to Edmonton. Mrs. Tobert was a faithful member of the McKernan Baptist Church until her passing.

her passing.

Surviving her and mourning her passing are her loving husband, Arthur; two daughters and one son: Shirley, Iris and Owen, all at home: six brothers: Adolf of South America, Richard of Fort Saskatchewan, Henry and Jerry of Onoway, Leonard and Sigman of Edmonton: three sisters: Mrs. Annie Leahman of Onoway, Mrs. Alice Rentz and Mrs. Willie Liske of Ponoka.

McKernan Baptist Church
Edmonton Alberta her passing

Edmonton, Alberta

#### THE FAMILY

MR. ALFRED VIETZ of Hebron, North Dakota

of Hebron, North Dakota

Mr. Alfred Vietz of Hebron, N. Dak., was born June 11, 1892 in Bremen, Germany, and died on Nov. 2, 1965 in the Veterans' Hospital, Fargo, N. Dak., at the age of 73 years, 4 months and 21 days. He was brought to the United States as an infant and lived near Glen Ullin, N. Dak., most of his life. He served in the United States Army as a private from 1918 to 1919, After his discharge from the Army, he was united in marriage with Martha Walth Dec. 28, 1920, He accepted Christ as his personal Savior Feb. 24, 1931 and was baptized Nov. 1, 1936 by Rev. C. Knapp. He joined the First Baptist Church of Hebron where he maintained his membership until death.

Baptist Church of Hebron where he maintained his membership until death.
Surviving are his wife Martha; five children: Rev. Milton Vietz of Hettinger, N. Dak.; Mrs. Albert Hartmann, of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Rev. Donald Vietz of Pound, Wisc.; Richard Vietz of Beloit, Wisc.; 13 grand-children; three brothers: Ed of Dickinson, N. Dak.; William of Mandan, N. Dak.; Jake of Dallas, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. J. C. Porter, of San Francisco, Calif.; and Mrs. Herbert Kelly of Lowell, Wyoming.

First Baptist Church
Hebron, North Dakota
ERVIN I. FAUL, Pastor

#### MRS. MINNIE JASTER of Santa Ana, California

of Santa Ana, California

Mrs. William Jaster of Santa Ana, Calif., was born on May 5, 1897 in Winnipeg, Man., and was called to her heavenly home on Oct. 30, 1965. She was converted in 1910, was baptized on July 17, 1910 and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak. This church had its beginning in the home of Gottfried Jaster on the farm. She was united in marriage to Rev. William Jaster on July 20, 1913 in Rosenfeld, Sask. From 1924 to 1929 both of them were in Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Jaster studied at the Seminary. Together they served the following churches: First and Calvary, Killaloe, Ont.; Lemmon, S. Dak.; White Butte, N. Dak.; Hettinger, N. Dak.; Havelock, N. Dak.; Bison and Shade Hill, S. Dak.; Fredonia and Berlin, N. Dak.; Isabel and Bison, S. Dak.; Beulah, Zap and Golden Valley, N. Dak, In 1947 the family moved to Santa Ana, Calif.

Rev. M. Peterson of the Adventist Church conducted the funeral service using her texts: Romans 8:28 and Job 19:25-27. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Wm. Jaster; 3 sons: Walter, W. Wesley, Jr., and Lesley; one daughter Mrs. Esther R. Garner; 7

grandchildren: 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Santa Ana, Calif. WILLIAM JASTER, for the Family

#### MRS. LAVERN HOOGESTRAAT of Chancellor, South Dakota

MRS. LAVERN HOOGESTRAAT

of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mrs. Lavern Hoogestraat, nee Bertha
Johnson, daughter of Mr, and Mrs. John E.
Johnson, was born in Hanson County near
Emery, S. Dak., on Feb. 11, 1917. She died
on Nov. 30, 1965 at Sioux Valley Hospital,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the age of 48 years.
At the age of 13, she accepted Christ as
her personal Savior, was baptized by Rev.
G. W. Pust on April 20, 1930 and united
with the First Baptist Church of Emery.
Following her marriage in 1940, to Lavern
Hoogestraat, she transferred her membership to her husband's church, the First
Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak.,
where her warm and genuine faith was evidenced until her death.

Mrs. Hoogestraat was preceded in death
by two infant daughters, by her parents and
by a sister. Those who survive her are: her
husband, Lavern; a daughter, Carol; two
sons: Lloyd and Alan, all of Chancellor; and
by six sisters: Mrs. Hans Veenker (Allie),
Lawton, Okla.; Mrs. Otto Fauth (Lenora),
Golden, Colo.; Mrs. Elmer Klock (Emma)
and Mrs. Myron Klock (Joyce), both of
Chancellor; Mrs. Stanley Hoogestraat
(Ruth), Lennox, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Don
Youngren (Bernice), Minneapolis, Minn.
Chancellor, South Dakota
NORMAN MILLER, Pastor

#### MRS. CAROLINE METZGER of Missoula, Montana

of Missoula, Montana

Mrs. Caroline Metzger of Missoula, Mont., was born April 29, 1889 in Medina, N. Dak. She married Jacob Metzger April 1, 1910 at Jamestown, N. Dak., She was saved at a meeting in Streeter, N. Dak., as a young woman. In 1914 the family moved to Hebron, N. Dak. She was baptized by Rev. John Schmidt and joined the Baptist Church in 1915. She and her family moved to Missoula, Montana in 1947.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 28, 1962. Mrs. Metzger went to be with the Lord Nov. 11, 1965. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jake (Helen) Vietz of Missoula; three sons: Edwin of Missoula, Ted and Paul of Ronan, Mont., and 8 grandchildren; also 2 brothers and 3 sisters: a half brother and several nieces and nephews.

nephews.

Mrs. Metzger was an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church participating in the Woman's Missionary Society and other areas of church life as long as her health permitted. Memorial services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Nov. 15, with Rev. Herbert Vetter officiating.

Bethel Baptist Church
Missoula, Montana
MRS, JACOB KIRSCHMANN.

Correspondent

#### GOD'S WORD FOR A NEW AGE

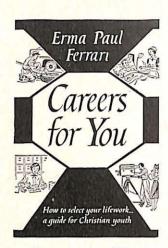
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not be effected consistent with the First Amendment."

If anyone truly wants people to read the Bible as the Word of God. he will be delighted to have them read it as the word of men. The Holy Spirit will see to it that his "Word will not return void."

So let's stop talking and find out what we can do. We can see to it that the educators in our community and state know of this vital paragraph in this Supreme Court decision and understand the scope of their freedom within this law. We can urge our libraries to display the Bible in new revisions and up-to-date format and design. Through the press, through personal contacts and spheres of influence we can see that the Bible is taught as literature and history and that teachers are prepared to teach the Bible. Above all, let us read and feed upon it ourselves so that its effect upon us may be its greatest advertising boon.

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