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By Lowell B. Hazzard

AND A VOICE said, "For all children there is the right to a faith that will sustain them in today's world." And I said, "What children? And what faith?" Then I seemed to see all the children of all the world marching single file across my vision—

*White children and black children,
well-dressed children and ragged children,
children whose language I could understand,
and children whose language I could not understand,
happy children and frightened children,
children in homes and children without homes,
safe children and wandering children,
playing children and watching children,
children in the wide-open spaces
and children crowded like rats in a warren,*

All these children passed single file across my vision, and the children of my own community were among them—everyone.

And I said, "O Lord, all these?"

Think not in a mass, but one by one of all the children of your community and of all the world until your mind grows tired counting them and your heart grows sore thinking about them. Think!

And a Voice said, "For all children there is the right to a faith that will sustain them in today's world."

And I said, "What faith?" Then the heavens seemed to open and the Voice replied, "Faith in goodness, faith in beauty, faith in honor, faith in love, faith in the eternal rightness of the universe, faith in Me, their God."



*children in trailer parks and migrant camps,
children in mushroom communities,
children in dying communities,
refugee children, unwanted children,
children born and children spawned,
handicapped children and sick children,
the mentally retarded, the mentally precocious,
wide-eyed children and hard-eyed children,
the children I know
and the children I have passed by.*

I listened, but the words did not satisfy me; I stirred impatiently. I cried, "How can they believe in beauty? Many have never seen beauty. Or in love, when some have never known love? How can they believe in honor, when today's world provides them with so many lessons in dishonor? Or in the eternal rightness of the universe, whose universe has betrayed them before they were born? Or in You, when they do not know You?"

And the Voice answered, "That is *your* job. Go out to all the children of the world. Bring them the love that they must know, to know Me; the beauty they must see, to see Me. Introduce them into the world of honor; be the advance guard of a universe that does not betray!"

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Editorial

Children's Day

Guest editorial by Mrs. John E. Grygo
of Forest Park, Illinois

Why is Children's Day so vital on our Christian calendar? Why are children held in such affection in our family life? Why does our nation plan such elaborate programs of education and culture for our children?

For an answer we turn to Holy Writ and find there no less an authoritative statement than that of God when He inspired the psalmist to exclaim, "Children are a heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3). They are gifts to be nurtured in the garden of growth. Because growth is development, we in our church families and fellowships contribute to our children's gradual Christian unfolding into the flower of life.

The precious child's beginning is in the home with mother hovering near at all times to minister to his welfare and health. It was the mothers back in Jesus' day who sought to bring their little ones to the Savior to be blessed. The Word bears record that their diligence and persistence was rewarded when Jesus rebuked those who thought children too unimportant by saying, "Forbid them not."

The very term children speaks within our minds a world of possibilities. Within them lie all the seeds of an adult personality. What a joy to observe the wholesome curiosity of a child, the restlessness for something new to their eyes and ears. Everyone has experienced pleasure in the presence of children. They are jewels of opportunity set before us to engage our time, our energies, and our best in teaching them the love of God.

With environment carrying such weight in growth processes, we are reminded of the happy role the Sunday school plays in the lives of children. How they like to adorn themselves and meet their own little friends from week to week, also the Sunday school teacher who unconsciously becomes an integral person in their lives. How they love to drop their offering into the box as their gift to Jesus. How open-mindedly they sing the songs of praise and learn the respect of attitude in prayer. This is the atmosphere which forms the habit of church going later and association with the congregation to respect and adore the Lord Jesus Christ as Redeemer.

From home to Sunday school, to daily school, and later on to higher education the child is ever planning and being guided toward his station in life. Of this we can be sure that God has a plan for each one. If a child is directed to his Creator early in life and is taught his dependence upon the Lord, that dependence can result in a planning for life with God's help. He knows, he loves, he cares, and he gives his very best to those who leave their choice with him. Because God has need of Christians in every walk of life, a child's destiny is best left within the praying circle: the home altar, the Sunday school, the church and Christian fellowships, which are all concerned that God's plan shall be made manifest how and where to serve him best.

It has been said that the greatest danger confronting children today is the example being set by adults. How little have unthinking people realized the impact of a careless word or an unwholesome deed upon a younger mind. How quickly the young one imitates and associates himself in mind and spirit to those he sees as heroes. There-

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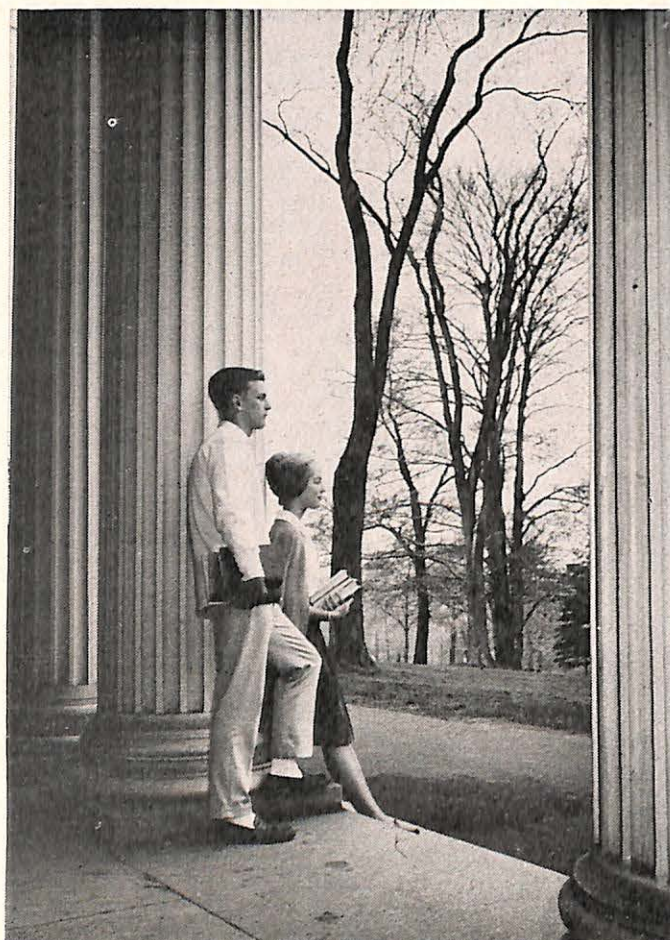


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PROGRESS OF OUR CAMPUS MINISTRY

"In your letter I appreciate your statement, 'We want to be your friend.' We need this assurance and sincerity from our denomination, and also the assurance that we will not be frowned upon if we seriously doubt at times. Thank you for your concern and prayers."

By Rev. John Binder
Director of Campus Ministry

OUR CAMPUS MINISTRY to and with about 2,000 students has now been in effect for approximately one and a half years. From January to May 1965, this ministry was begun with five part-time campus chaplains. Since September 1965, we have had ten chaplains directly involved in this vital ministry. These men are to be highly commended for their effective service, in addition to their pastoral duties. We praise the Lord for giving guidance and blessing to this vital ministry.

In September 1965, our first chaplains' conference was held on our Seminary campus in Sioux Falls. All ten chaplains were present for this two-day session of orientation and training. Rev. Dale Turner, a campus chaplain for the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Arthur P. Whitney, Director of Campus Ministry for the American Bible Society; Professor Roy Seibel, Professor Martha Leypoldt, and Professor Gerald Borchert were the resource persons who stimulated our thinking in various areas of concern in our ministry to and with students. Another chaplains' conference is being planned for July or August, 1966. We hope to have a staff member of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship as one resource person.

We have made official contacts with the administration of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Crusade to see how we could work to-

gether in certain areas. Both organizations are ready, even anxious to work with us. The General Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, John W. Alexander, called a meeting which we attended on May 31-June 1, 1966, of various denominational leaders in campus work, to see how we might work together in this ministry to and with students.

THE STUDENTS' RESPONSE

How are our students responding to this ministry with our chaplains? The following is a compilation of actual remarks different students have made to questionnaires that have been sent to them by the chaplains in several areas:

1. How do you feel about maintaining contact with your denomination?

"I feel it is very important. One needs a home base where he can turn no matter where he is or what different experiences he is having."

"I feel it's important to know what is going on and be as much a part of it as possible."

"I feel it is very important for the college student. It would give him some of the confidence he may need in spiritual areas if his denomination showed interest in him."

"In your letter I appreciated your statement, 'We want to be your friend.' We need this assurance and sincerity from our denomination, and also the assurance that we will not be frowned

upon if we seriously doubt at times. Thank you for your concern and prayers."

"Close contact with our denomination gives students a feeling there is someone at home that cares. It also gives us something strong to lean on."

"I appreciate the fact that N.A.B. is willing to send me all material from the Conference. Thank you very much for your concern for the college students in our area."

"I am very grateful to God for the interest everyone in the N.A.B. has taken in me as a student. All of this has meant more to me than you can know."

"I feel this contact to be more important than my education. I feel college students should stay close to their denomination."

"I feel this is important to maintain contact with my church, but I am not enthusiastic about taking an active interest in the Conference."

"I appreciate very much the interest you have shown in me and my studies and growth in Christ. I wish we could have met sooner."

"I would like to maintain contact. I have questions concerning the ministry."

"I think that staying very close to my church is one of the most important parts of college. Never before have I realized exactly how important."

"I think this type of personal con-

tact is great to give the student a sense of still belonging to the Conference even though he is away from home. This is the only way to keep all the N.A.B. students 'together in spirit.' Personal contact with an individual, such as this, helps much more in strengthening one's faith during college years than just the impersonal newsletter."

2. What ministry do you feel that our N.A.B. Conference could and should provide for students such as yourself?

"A listening ear, a person ready to assist the college student with any and all questions."

"Mail is often important to the college student away from home. A letter sent perhaps once a month would encourage him and give him some wise guidance that maybe he needs. One problem that might be dealt with, one which I have faced, is witnessing to someone about Christ who does not believe in the Bible."

"One thing our denomination should concentrate on is preparing students before entering college. They leave the non-Christian kids to keep living in their world of sin. I remember when I was in my first year. I really lost my Christian stand. I was confused about life. You may not understand what I am trying to say. Maybe if you come to my college to visit, I can make my point clear."

"A Conference newsletter or something of that nature would be a good ministry. I appreciate very much the interest in us students away from home expressed by the Conference and yourself."

"Encourage us and support us in prayer. Help us in our problems."

"Am interested in adequate transportation to and from the church around the college."

"I feel that the denomination could help by having someone available that we could talk to about anything."

"A ministry directed to giving the college student a good strong background on the concepts of the Baptist denomination—why we believe what we do and not to accept it just because of questions from other denominations."

"I'm glad for the support and it would be hard to do much more than this."

"Holding private meetings with students at their dorms."

"I plan to attend a seminary in preparation for full-time Christian service. A ministry of depth rather than breadth in such areas as evolution, courtship, faith and other such subjects."

"Send church news, bulletins, remind them of home church, letters."

"Individual churches should take the responsibility to help students."

"You do not need to do very much for me because I am attending a Christian college."

"Provide seminars for students to help in areas of Bible study, witnessing, etc."

"Provide a newsletter."

"I think the Sunday afternoon CBYF seminars have been a real help."

"I appreciate knowing that the denomination cares by sending us literature."

"Information on work of denomination; fellowship with other N.A.B. students."

"It should provide an intellectual environment with meaning and purpose and guide and direct the student in a practical application of Christianity."

CHAPLAINS' ACTIVITIES

What are the activities of the chaplains involved in this ministry?

1. They try to discover and correspond with every N.A.B. student in their area. For this they need the cooperation and help of every pastor and church.

2. Some chaplains have sent a ques-



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tionnaire to every student for information and for making appointments for personal visits. There has been a very good response to these.

3. Chaplains seek to visit every campus in their area and make contact with the administration and personal contacts with students. This is not possible in every area. It is hoped that other pastors will assist in this task.

4. Literature of special interest to students is sent out by some chaplains.

5. A special student edition of the Gospel of John, with contemporary pictures, has been imprinted by our Department of Christian Education and is being used by chaplains and students in reaching other students with the Gospel and for depth Bible study.

6. Student retreats, receptions, fellowships and rallies, have been held in several areas which were initiated by the chaplains or in which they participated.

7. Most chaplains have preached in the chapel services of various colleges and universities.

8. Most chaplains have had meetings

with all of the pastors in their area to discuss the campus ministry. Every chaplain needs the assistance and support of the pastors in his area. Many pastors have volunteered their services by contacting campuses and students.

9. All chaplains are doing special reading and study about campus life and working with students.

10. Several chaplains have student groups, Christian and non-Christian, meet in their homes for discussion of the real issues that students are facing.

11. Some chaplains have office provision on some campuses where they can meet students by regular appointment every week.

12. Several chaplains are working with student organizations on campus and are encouraging our students to participate.

13. Churches have gladly permitted

their pastors to take on this extra ministry and are providing transportation and a "home-away-from-home" for many students.

CHAPLAINS' OBSERVATIONS

What are the observations and findings of the chaplains in this work?

1. All of them are enjoying this ministry immensely but find great difficulty in finding sufficient time to make all the contacts. Some have said it is most refreshing to talk to students on campus about issues that are never considered much by the general public.

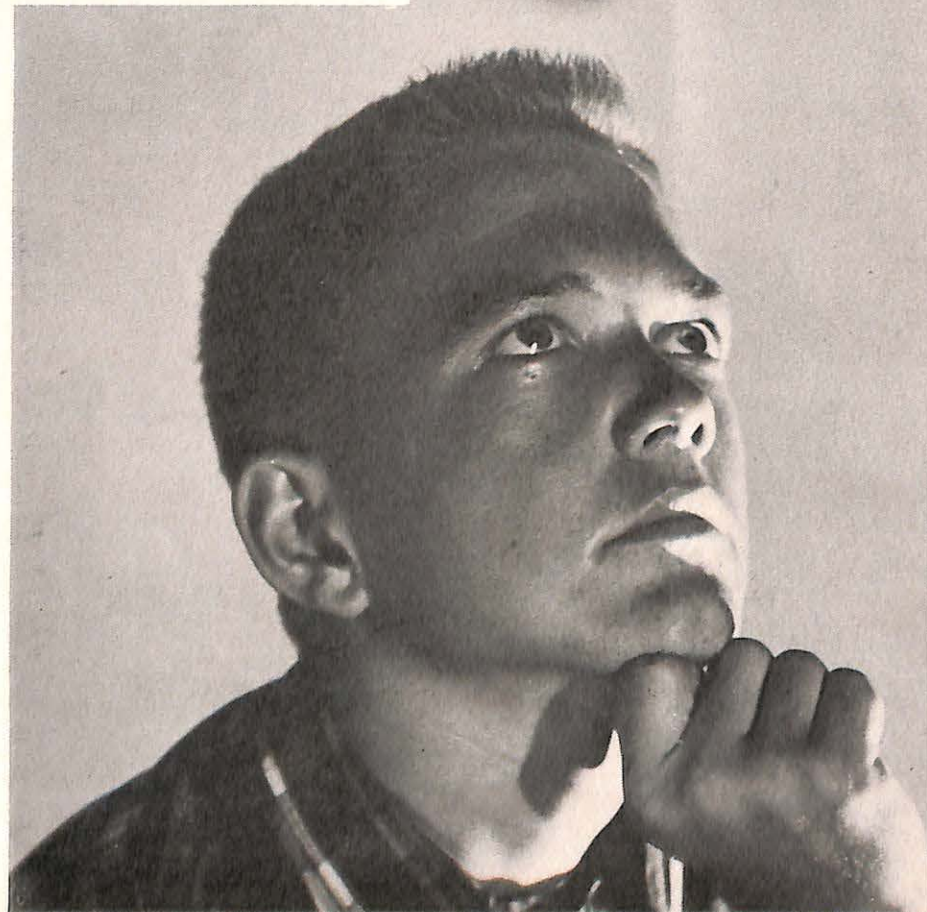
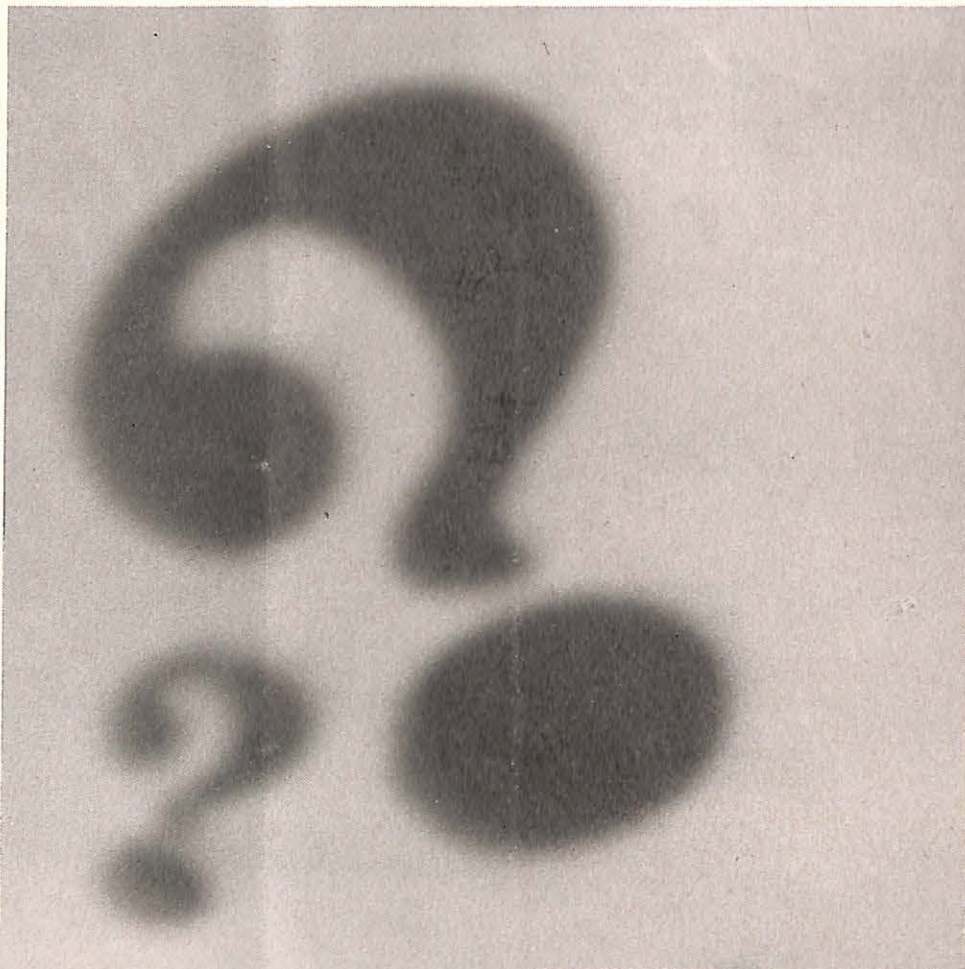
2. All chaplains agree that personal contacts with students are the most significant though they consume a great deal of time.

3. Chaplains have discovered that the majority of students are responding most favorably to this ministry. Senior students are more often negative, because we have not expressed any concern for them all these years.

4. Several students have made decisions to enter Christian service, and

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IS CHRISTIANITY RELEVANT?



By Paul Little
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■ NOT TOO LONG AGO a survey was taken among school children in a large city. One of the questions asked was, "Do you believe God understands nuclear energy?"

Sixty-four percent replied, "No."

Tragically, in their minds God had been left in the dust of scientific progress.

In terms of everyday life in this modern age, Christianity to many is totally outdated. And one of the frequent questions asked today by critics both inside and outside our churches is the question, "Is Christianity relevant?"

Now one of the best ways to answer this is to examine the symptoms that characterize modern man and his needs and then find what the Lord Jesus Christ says in terms of these needs.

LONELINESS

One of the prominent symptoms of our times, for instance, is loneliness. A great many things have contributed to this—for one, the root-

lessness of our society. Many no longer live and grow up and die in the place where they were born—having the support of all the family and relatives. We are a mobile population and there are many people involved in the "split level trap"—"trapped" within four walls of loneliness, even though they have a great many material things. We have also become a depersonalized society—with zip codes, IBM machines and all the rest.

Even the high-rise apartments in our big cities are monuments to loneliness. There is aching loneliness behind those doors for many people. I know of those, both in the city and in the suburb, who go to the large shopping centers simply for the opportunity to talk to somebody in the store.

What does our Lord say to the problem? In John 10:14 he says, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." He will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

When we were living in New York a few years ago, a girl from Barnard College came to talk to my wife. She had been deeply hurt, even by her own family, and she had come to the place where she couldn't trust anybody. As my wife told her of the Lord Jesus Christ and how he could meet this problem of loneliness in her life, she said with tears in her eyes, "Do you mean to say he'll never leave me; he'll never forsake me?"

We need to remind ourselves of this truth, and we need to communicate it to a world around us that is desperately lonely.

MEANINGLESSNESS

Another problem of modern man that even secularists are writing about these days is the problem of meaninglessness and lack of purpose in life. We're in this great rat race of working and striving, but what does it all lead to? What does it mean?

On the campuses of North America today the problem is especially evident. Students don't know why they are studying what they are studying apart from the fact that Mom and Dad have sent them. Meaninglessness, in fact, is the whole thesis of one of the major schools of philosophy today—existentialism—which is actually a philosophy of despair. Albert Camus, the great French novelist, speaks of the absurdity of life. Meaning for him is accepting this meaninglessness and "living on the edge of the abyss."

Our Lord Jesus Christ speaks to this problem. In John 8:12 he says, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Have you ever been in a dark room that was unfamiliar to you? Do you remember how you felt? You were completely insecure, groping around trying to find the switch. That's the way a lot of people are in life today. They are groping around the side of the wall, desperately trying to find a switch to turn on the light, because life for them has no meaning. But

you also know the feeling that comes to you when you find that switch and the light goes on. Immediately you are oriented. You know exactly where you are, you know where everything is in relationship to all else, and you know where you are going.

That's exactly what our Lord says he will do for us in life. When he comes into our lives as Savior and Lord, he ties our lives into God's purpose, not only for this life but for eternity. When we come to the Savior, even the routine takes on a new dimension—mowing the lawn, changing diapers, washing dishes, studying physics, playing ball. In addition, God gives us the exciting task of influencing others for him. This is purpose. And with great conviction we can speak of this new dimension to our friends who have lost meaning and purpose in life.

EMPTINESS

Another characteristic of our time is that of emptiness—that feeling that creeps over a person like a cold fog the morning after the night before, when all of the external stimulations are gone, when the TV or transistor radio goes dead and we're shut up to silence. There's only emptiness then—nothing from within.

There are many people today who are able to exist only because of external stimulation. They are frightened, discouraged, disturbed, when they are shut up to themselves and no longer have these external stimuli on which they have depended. Otto May, a psychiatrist, has coined the term, "hollow men," to describe our age. And that's a very apt phrase.

BOREDOM

One of the shocking things coming to our attention in our time is that juvenile delinquency is caused to a large extent by boredom. Delinquents are bored and empty. There is nothing within to sustain.

Our Lord can fill this emptiness. "I am the bread of life," he says. "He that eats of me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

CIRCUMSTANCES

Most people apart from Christ are tied to circumstances. When they're up, they're up. When they're down, they're down. But if we really know Christ and are in vital fellowship with him, we are able to transcend circumstances, whatever they may be. This reality is what enabled Paul to say, "I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11).

This is what sustained Dr. Paul Carlson. A Belgian news correspondent described his relationship with Carlson by saying, "I have never known a man in my life like him. When the rebels were there and we knew the end was up for some of us, he went around with the greatest calmness, almost jokingly helping people because he had an inner contentment and peace that nobody else seemed to have."

This correspondent said, "There was a man." It was because Carlson knew the One who was the bread and water of life.

We are not immune to circumstances. They have their impact on us—the tragedies, the sufferings of life. But we have One who enables us to transcend circumstances.

MORAL POWER FAILURE

Still another problem we face in our society today is what I choose to call a "moral power failure." We are finding a breakdown in ethical morality in every level of our society—in government, in industry, in business and on the campus. The latter is one of the clear indications to me, incidentally, that as valuable as education is, it doesn't solve the basic problem of human nature. If the basic problem of human nature were ignorance, then surely the university community, which presumably has more information than any other segment of society, would be the most moral segment of that society. But unfortunately this is not the case. Knowing what is right to do and doing it are two different things.

I talk to many people—students and others—who realize what is right but find themselves doing things they never would have dreamed possible, and they hate themselves for it afterward. People who are in this kind of situation do not need good advice. What the world needs today is a power strong enough to change human nature. Everybody knows war is wrong, but that doesn't change war or stop war. We need a power that is strong enough to make a liar tell the truth, a power to make someone who is profligate pure, a power that is able to make a thief honest, a power that can break the chain of drug addiction, a power that can break the prison of alcoholism.

This power is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. "I am the life," he says (John 14:6). The dynamic of Christianity is the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is a living person today who can invade the life of any person who invites him to come in. When we do not have the power to do what we know we should, we find our Lord able to release his power in our lives.

Our Lord speaks to the problem of moral power failure, and in all the confusion of the "new morality" he offers unchanging principles of moral conduct that can save both the destruction of ourselves and the collapse of the society around us.

GUILT

Guilt is another symptom of our times. There is a distinction, of course, between genuine guilt and simply a guilt complex from some vague fear that I might have, for instance, over having lost a button when I was three years old. There is no rational basis for my feeling of guilt. But as O. Hobart Mower of the University of Illinois points out in his book, *The Crisis in Psychotherapy and Religion*, guilt is

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FIRST CBYF CONGRESS HELD IN 1963

Approximately 200 young people from North American Baptist churches, representing 17 states and 4 provinces, attended the first CBYF CONGRESS held at College Camp on the beautiful shores of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

FROM Canada in the north, Pennsylvania in the east, Texas to the south, and California to the west, young people and youth leaders will converge on Estes Park, Colorado, on August 22 for the "Second CBYF Congress." These young people, age 15 and up, coming from rural, suburban, and urban communities, will include high school and college students and career youth. The cream of the crop, representing our North American Baptist churches, will gather in delightful fellowship, worship, and study. They will come with their hopes, dreams, and even doubts, fervently praying for a literal and spiritual mountaintop experience with Christ.

TOURS TO COLORADO

Three bus loads are scheduled to come from Canada. A Burlington Railroad train tour is being planned from Chicago to Denver. One bus will originate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A strong representation of the College and Career Fellowship will come by car caravan from Sioux Falls. Some will take advantage of the half fares being offered by the airlines to young people and will fly from the east and west coast to Colorado. The reports of exciting plans of "Estes Park or Bust" are piling up on Rev. Binder's desk.

The "Congress fever" is catching. In some areas it has reached epidemic proportions.

Several churches such as the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, are offering Congress scholarships to the authors of the best theme, "Why I want to Attend the Youth Congress."

The youth of the Xenia, Ohio, church have held paper drives, car washes, and slave days to earn money for the trip. There is only one sure cure for the fever—this medication will be dispensed from seven till eleven daily at the Congress. Be there for a full treatment.

FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUTH

Why should they come? The local youth programs may be sufficient to meet every need with the important exception of the need for fellowship on a broader denominational level. The General Conference, Laymen's and Pastors' retreats provide such a fellowship for adults—so also the Congress will serve to integrate our youth into the denominational fellowship and program. The potential for righteousness, influence to total commitment, and understanding of our world mission can be fully realized as our young people sense the magnitude of our Conference fellowship. In these days of secularism there is an urgent need that young people be confronted with the challenge to "live Christ" and throw themselves into the business of unitedly fulfilling our obligation to God through the avenue of service He has given us, namely our North American Baptist General Conference.

CONGRESS PROGRAM

The Congress will provide a most remarkable opportunity for our youth to take giant steps to the mountain peaks of an unshakable faith and unhesitating commitment to Christ and His service. The program has been carefully planned to lead youth to a confrontation in depth with Christ and His Word.

1. During the morning devotions in the "cathedral of pines," thoughts will be focused on a scripture passage and the mighty works of God as seen in majestic Twin Sisters Mountain in the distance.

2. Prof. Gerald Borchert will capture each one's thoughts in the theme presentation, "Lord I Believe—Help My Unbelief." What theme could be more relevant in these days when some say God is dead?

3. Immediately following the theme presentation, small, carefully graded groups will meet to discuss the presentation in relation to their beliefs and doubts.

4. This will be followed by a colloquy. Here the youths' questions will be directed back to Prof. Borchert for deeper and clearer answers and understanding. Many decisions will be made as questions become answers, and a Christ-centered life's course is undertaken.

GUEST SPEAKERS

5. Dedicated denominational leaders will be participating in the program. Guest speakers include Dr. J. C. Gunst, bringing the Sunday morning message; Rev. Connie Salios, bringing the dedication message; and Mr. Vic Erickson, a commercial artist, discussing "Pop Music." The following seminars will be offered: Miss Geraldine Glasenapp—"What Is Missions Today," Prof. Arnold Rapske—"Teaching in Sunday School and CBYF Programing," Prof. Rev. Seibel—"God's Call and Vocations," Mr. Stan Johnson, Christian industrialist—"Communicating the Gospel," and others. Youth leaders who will

direct the Congress activities are Rev. John Binder, general director; Rev. Ray Harsch and Rev. John Ziegler, associate directors; Miss Sara Lou Gunst, registrar; Mrs. Barbara Binder, program assistant; and Mr. Gordon Nelson, music director. The campus chaplains and youth representatives will serve as advisors.

6. Exciting inspirational programs have been planned. Monday—election of the Congress president, the first lady, and congressman; Tuesday—"Roll Call of the States and Provinces;" Friday—"Congress Musicale;" Saturday—"Fire of Faith;" Sunday—worship on the summit of Mt. Prospect. Scan the program once again. You can visualize young people climbing the heights with God.

7. The recreational activities can be enjoyed only in a mountain setting: a hike to Lost Cabin, a bus tour to Bear Lake, and climbing Twin Sisters mountain to the ranger tower. This and much more has been scheduled for a

top week. It sounds like a dream, but for 450 people it will become a reality.

What hinders your coming? The cost too high? A Dayton youth group annually visits the U.N. in New York City. The writer saw three bus loads of teen-agers from California at Cypress Gardens in Florida last summer. Thousands of dollars are spent annually for campers, cabins by the lake, boats, and ocean spanning vacations. Now, what is a life worth that has been dedicated to Christ during the week at the Congress? Should we not invest money in the lives of our future church and denominational leaders to influence them for Christ?

Do not forget that June 24 is the deadline for pre-registration, and that this date is fast approaching. Get your reservations in right away; they are coming in fast. Pray much for the Congress that it may launch a mighty awakening in the lives of our Youth which they will spread across the continent as they return to their churches.



Photo by A. Devaney, N. Y.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Bibles which are sold. But as the best seller it is often the least read. The Christian gospel is lost, not because it is opposed, but because it is ignored.

III. THE NEW COVENANT ESTABLISHED. II Kings 23:1-3.

The king was personally concerned about his people and took the leading role in the proclamation of God's word. Under Josiah they renewed their promises, assuring God, their king and each

other that they would honor God's laws with all their hearts and souls. A covenant relationship is a two-sided agreement. God can only promise to be their God and to bless them if they walked according to his commandments.

Questions for Discussion

1. How was God's word found during the period of the Reformation?
2. What areas of church life need to be repaired and cleansed?
3. How can we have more lasting results from our periods of reformation and revival?

BIBLE news around the world

"FAITH FOR EVERY FRONTIER," the special 150th anniversary film, was released in March by the American Bible Society. From 1816 when the Society was founded to relieve the Bible famine caused by the Revolutionary War, the 45 minute film continues through the Bible reading famine of today when the American Bible Society is calling for ten million new Bible readers during 1966. The film points to efforts by the ABS to bring the Word of God to humanity on every frontier. Requests for the film may be sent to the Audio Visual Dept. of the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

BIBLE PUBLICATION. The current emphasis on emerging nations and growing literacy is reflected in statistics showing that some part of the Bible has now been published in 1,250 languages and dialects, according to 1965 figures released recently by the American Bible Society. Representing languages spoken by 97 per cent of the world's population, the statistics show that the whole Bible has been published in 237 languages, the entire New Testament in 297 and at least a single Scripture book in an additional 716.

ASIA. In Asian countries where Scripture distribution is often impossible due to inaccessible mountains, jungles, political restrictions or for other reasons, people are laboriously writing down God's Word by hand as it is heard over the airwaves, reports the American Bible Society.

JAPAN. Today the Scriptures are Japan's non-fiction best seller and the Christian church there is approaching the million mark on membership.

SAIGON. Taoist, Buddhist, as well as Christian refugees in Saigon and other already overcrowded municipalities, are in urgent need of Christian Scriptures. To meet this need, printing presses are operating overtime and distribution for the past three months has far exceeded the total for the preceding nine months.

NEW YORK, N. Y. The American Bible Society dedicated a new 12 story Bible House at 1865 Broadway on Palm Sunday. The ABS is the largest non-profit organization in the U. S. A. devoted exclusively to translating, publishing and distributing Scriptures without note or comment here and abroad.

Climbing the Heights at the Youth Congress

By Rev. John Ziegler of Xenia, Ohio

SHOULD the public schools teach the Bible? The Bible is indeed a religious book, but it is also a part of our secular cultural heritage. To keep it out of the public schools because it is controversial is a questionable judgment. A knowledge of the Bible is essential to the pupil's understanding of allusions in literature, in music, and in the fine arts, in news media, and in cultured conversation. Is he to study folklore and Shakespeare, but not the Bible? Is it important for him to learn what it means when a man is called an Adonis or a Romeo, yet unimportant for him to be able to tell a Jonah from a Judas?

At Newton High School two of my English classes read the Bible. They had read Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, as usual. They had studied Greek and Norse mythology, as usual. What could be more appropriate—though more unusual—than to go on to the Book that

religious authorities. Also, we would use the *King James Version*, solely because that was the form in which pupils would meet Bible quotations in reading and everyday life, as a glance at Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations* immediately proved.

HOW WE WENT ABOUT IT

Our procedure was simple. *Three times a week the pupils had assignments in THE HOLY BIBLE.*

Also *three times a week the pupils had a five-minute quiz to test their knowledge of what they had been as-*



Photo by Luomo

pupils would need far more than either Shakespeare or folklore for an understanding and appreciation of their culture?

By reading a few short stories, of which the pupils could make no sense because they could not understand the allusions, they had been made aware of the need for a background in the Bible. They again felt the need when they were unable to interpret some political cartoons in newspapers. They had observed their own inadequacy, in a humorous but pathetic performance on a test. The evidence was convincing, and they wanted to learn.

At the outset, we came to an understanding that *we would not discuss meaning or interpretation.* Pupils were to take questions of interpretation to

signed: quotations to complete, names to identify, and incidents to remember. These quizzes were corrected, graded, returned, and used for brief instruction sessions. In these sessions I linked as many passages as I could with literature, music, and art. The pupils heard about Melville's *Moby Dick*, with its Ishmael, Ahab, and Elijah; Thomas Mann's *Joseph and His Brothers*; Rossini's *Moses in Egypt*; Moussorgsky's *Josua Navina*; Michelangelo's *Moses*; Milton's *Samson Agonistes*; Saint-Saens' *Samson and Delilah*; Honneger's *Le Roi David*; Faulkner's *Absalom! Absalom!*; Bathsheba in Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*; Gounod's *Queen of Sheba*; Marc Connolly's *Green Pastures*; the popular "Shadrach" and "Jezebel"; Verdi's *Nabucco*; MacLeish's

THEY WANTED TO LEARN

By Thayer S. Warshaw

J. B.; Massenet's *Herodiade*; and Da Vinci's *Last Supper*. And they learned the origin of such expressions as the patience of Job, a doubting Thomas, a Nimrod, a Judas, a Jonah, a Lazarus, an Ananias, and the Adam's apple.

THE BIBLE AND RECORDINGS

In a few special class periods, audio-visual materials were presented. One day we had a concert.

Two other periods were devoted to viewing slides, one set based on stories in the Old Testament and one on episodes in the New Testament. Again the emphasis was on variety of forms of expression and excellence of performance, as we covered a span from the 13th century to the present. There were canvases by Titian, Ruben's Rembrandt, El Greco, Murillo, and Bosen, murals by Michelangelo, Donatello, and Bernini; reliefs by Brunelleschi and Ghiberti; engravings by Durer, Dore, and Lucas van Leyden; and a three-in-one package—an Aubrey Beardsley print illustrating Oscar Wilde's *Salome*, a drama that was also the inspiration for Strauss' opera.

A LOOK INTO HISTORY

The city's Supervisor of Audio-Visual Instruction helped make some of the pictures into slides, and some of the recordings were brought in by pupils. In their enthusiasm, they also brought materials from their reading. One student found in his U. S. history textbook an 1884 political cartoon depicting James G. Blaine as Belshazzar at a feast with William Vanderbilt and Jay Gould, complete with the warning handwriting on the wall, but with no word from the author explaining the allusion.

Another boy discovered in his U. S. foreign policy textbook a 1932 cartoon opposing cancellation of European war debts, showing a man (Europe) with one pocket bulging with money (for armaments) and one pocket empty and turned out (for war debts). The caption, "Does one pants pocket know what the other is doing?" was an illustration of how a Biblical quotation may come to reverse its meaning. The original, from the sermon on the mount says, "When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." In context, it urges self-effacing charity. But today, as in the cartoon, the saying usually implies that it is prudent to distract attention from a bad deed by doing something sympathetic at the same time.

INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM

Not one complaint from a parent or the public came to the school prin-

cipal, the department head, or the teacher. It was surprising if only because ours is a large school that draws from widely differing backgrounds. In my classes were devout Catholics, Reformed, Conservative, and Orthodox Jews; Protestants of several denominations; and nonbelievers, from the listless to the atheistic.

Those parents and clergymen from whom I heard were enthusiastic about their children's new knowledge and ability to use it. A few parents good-naturedly protested that they themselves were being forced to study the Bible more intensely than ever before; they had either to defend themselves against the insufferable superiority of their more knowledgeable offspring or to help their children memorize what were becoming all too familiar quotations.

Within the school, considerable excitement was stimulated. The librarians reported that paperback excerpted Bibles were going fast and that the reference copies of Bibles, Bartlett's *Quotations*, and Biblical encyclopedias were in unusual and intelligent demand. Administrators and fellow faculty members told of Biblical quotations in student conversations. Other teachers expressed interest in using the same materials with their classes—just as, in my classes, I had used materials created by my colleagues.

PUPILS MAKE DISCOVERIES

The greatest source of satisfaction was the pupils themselves. Nearly every day some pupil made a discovery that he had to share with the teacher or the class. Book and song titles were especially popular.

The pupils were given a chance to express themselves on paper. They wrote, in class, on the general topic "Studying the Bible," though they were not limited to a discussion of the course. Some took a look at the question of religion in public schools, a subject we had never discussed. Said one student: "I believe there is a difference between teaching and studying the Bible. To me teaching the Bible means looking at it in a religious sense, while studying the Bible means looking at it as a part of literature. I feel that teaching the Bible should not be done in public schools but studying the Bible should." The terms he uses are significant: he feels that he is learning rather than being taught.

Another pupil wrote, "Studying the Bible could be most interesting if there weren't so much talk about reading it in schools today."

And a third: "Today especially, when the Bible—and whether or not to read it in schools—is seemingly forever in and out of the courts in our country, how can a person form an intelligent opinion if he doesn't even know what is inside the covers." Since the laws of our land are based in part on those in Scripture, doesn't it seem reasonable that it would profit a person to study the Book (the Bible)

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God's Fellow-Workers

An inspiring program has been planned for the 7th PASTOR'S CONFERENCE to be held in Sioux Falls, S. D., from August 10-14, 1966. Hundreds of our NAB pastors will be attending. Each of our churches is requested to see that its pastor is encouraged to include this conference in his summer plans.

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman,
Oak Park, Ill.



The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where Pastor's Conference will be held in August.

THE TITLE FOR this promotional article on the forthcoming Pastors' Conference is suggested by I Corinthians 3:9. You and I are more familiar with the K. J. version of the text, "For we are labourers together with God. . . ." Here the Apostle Paul reminds the saints at Corinth that he and Apollos and Cephas are God's fellow-workers, not competitors or even "friendly enemies." The implication is clearly that all Christian pastors should likewise think of their labors.

Within the fellowship of our N.A.B. family all of us are often made aware of our united efforts for the Lord through our periodicals, our General Conference and its projects and institutions. For our pastors, however, no conference or project makes so real our topic, "God's Fellow-workers," as the triennial Pastors' Conference. The seventh, scheduled for August 10-14, has every promise of making our pastors feel the full force of I Cor. 3:9. No pastor will willingly absent himself from the inspiration and fellowship of this gathering with its timely theme, BUILDING THE CHURCH, based on Matthew 16:18.

The Pastors' Conference affords an excellent opportunity to enrich the summer months. The time for travel and attendance, however, ought not to be taken from the pastor's allotted time for his vacation. It should be in addition to his vacation weeks. Every church that provides the time and

its share of the suggested minimum for expenses will be rewarded with a "new man" in its pulpit when the pastor returns. Each pastor attending and remaining through the Sunday morning worship hour will receive eight dollars and five cents towards his board and room and, in addition, one and one-half cents per mile towards his travel costs. Equal amounts for board, room and travel should be graciously provided by each church whose pastor attends.

Our official host will be Dr. Frank

Veninga, N.A.B. Seminary President, who is making the facilities of our seminary buildings and appointments available for this conference. Meals and lodging will be ample and each pastor will arrange for his own choice of accommodation. Be sure that your registration form with one dollar is sent in immediately.

The Pastors' Conference is also a family conference. The afternoons of each day are free for recreation, drives and shopping in Sioux Falls. The pastors' wives will have a separate program during the mornings, but are welcome to attend the lectures, devotions and evening services. Additional information and the tentative program will be found in your copy of the BAPTIST HERALD for February 24, pages 8 and 9. Pastor, the only way you can help to make this conference everything that it ought to be is to be there yourself! Let's get together, God's fellow-workers, for this conference and then take the inspiration and blessing back with us to the work of the Lord.

NURSE WANTED

A Christian licensed practical nurse is wanted for night duties at the North American Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Live in.

North American Baptist Home
7023 Rising Sun Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.
Rudolph E. Jahn, Secretary

CAN WE AFFORD to TITHE?



"OUR CHURCH needs more Sunday school space for people who need to be reached. There are many other needs which we want to see met. Our church should also give more to world missions by increasing the percentage of our total budget through the denominational program. We want ours to be a great missionary church, for missions is the Christian's task."

"We believe that each church member should contribute to the budget."

"We believe that our church members should be tithers because that is taught in the Bible."

"All this we believe, but our question is: How can we tithe?"

THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFICULTIES

"How can our family afford to give more than we are giving? It now takes all we can earn to make ends meet. There is not enough left to give a tenth. How can we manage to do it?"

It cannot well be done if the tithe is left to the last. A re-evaluation of the family expenditures is needed, giving consideration to what things are most important and should come first.

The average family is able to live on less than customarily thought. During the depression a church member said, "I cannot afford to tithe. It takes all I earn for us to live. We could not possibly live on 10 per cent less." Later he received a 10 per cent cut in salary, and then two more similar cuts. With

a smile he said, "The Lord must have heard what I said. We have 30 per cent less and we are still living! I am tithing now, and getting along better than before I began doing so."

Tithing is not primarily a matter of figuring how one can possibly trust God with a tenth of one's income. It is a matter of having faith enough to trust God, obey him, and commit all of one's self to him, the nine-tenths as well as the one-tenth. Thousands of families are happy in their tithing experiences now where they once thought it impossible. Faith finds a way to obedience and blessing.

HOW CAN WE AGREE ON SUCH A MATTER?

"I see the importance of tithing, but my husband (or my wife) does not. Can I tithe the allowance, and other small funds which come through my hands and get counted as a tither?"

Yes, you may do that and get "counted" as a tither. But there is a more important question than "can I get counted?" It is: "What can I do to make my life count most as a faithful steward? Will it be by 'getting counted,' or by leading my companion to join me in tithing?"

Set before your companion the highest example, from the highest motives. Pray for the companion and his faithfulness as a Christian and a steward. In a fine spirit let him (or her) know how important this matter of faithfulness is to you, to the Lord, and to himself. Ask him (her) to join you in the practice of faithfulness. Then you will likely have done considerably more as a faithful steward than by "getting counted." Inspiring example and earnest prayer can change situations.

One of the greatest things a Christian can do is lead another to be a Christian. One of the greatest things a faithful steward can do is lead another to be faithful.

HOW DO THE CHILDREN FIT IN THIS?

"The children are so small, is there any need to lead them to tithe?" Yes. The best time to teach faithfulness in stewardship is when one is small. A child old enough to take an offering to church or Sunday school is old enough to take a tithe. And he is old enough to begin to understand about the tithe.

In a small church a five-year-old daughter of a deacon brought her tithe each Sunday. At the beginning of the new year the father said, "Dear, I am sorry. We thought we had ordered enough individual envelope sets for everyone, but our church has grown more than we expected. Some will have to do without for a while. We thought you small children might do so." Tears came into the eyes of the five-year-old. She was brokenhearted because she could not have her own set of envelopes for her tithe. The parents or the church will not have to worry in years to come whether this five-year-old will be a faithful steward, for she

Evangelizing the Earth

THE MAGAZINE Christianity Today devotes its April 29 issue largely to the theme of "evangelizing the earth." Here are excerpts:

"The greatest single factor inhibiting the evangelization of the world is the narrow concept of Christian witness that pervades practically all churches. The basic reason why Christianity is being outdistanced by the population is that most church members consider evangelism the business of professionals rather than the responsibility of every believer. . . . The Church must use new techniques, ranging from neighbors drinking coffee together, through special inner-city witness, electronic communication, and literacy programs, to penetration of the world of art and intellect on the one hand and of industry on the other." (from an editorial)

"Traditional evangelistic methods based on hit-or-miss, take-it-or-leave-it proclamation of the Gospel are seen to be giving way to more specialized, in-depth approaches. . . . The current revolution in evangelism . . . may make some important inroads on the problem of non-involvement and unconcern, and the world may yet see a quiet awakening with more long-range impact than the much-publicized revivals of bygone days." (from a news survey)

"By A.D. 2000 there will be between six and seven billion people on the earth. The size of the increase alone is one of evangelism's greatest challenges. Possibly the increase will be modified by such things as birth control, war, and extensive epidemics. In any event, the percentage of Christians to the total world population will probably decrease unless some new evangelistic impulse is felt." (from an article)

was trained while young, by her parents' teaching and example.

"How shall the children tithe?" They may tithe their allowance, and other money that comes into their hands. And they may participate in the family tithe. Simply bringing a part of the family tithe does not make a child a tither, of course, for the decision to be a tither is personal. Help the child to make the decision personally. A Beginner is not too young for such a decision. And let the child also share in giving the family tithe.

"How can we tithe?" You may have to say as others have, "Lord, we do not see how it is possible. But it is right. We will trust you to show us the way. We will do it."

That is the beginning of blessing.

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MRS. KARL GIESER

Mrs. Gieser is the widow of Rev. Karl Gieser. Before coming to Portland she served as Matron of the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., from 1940 to 1945. She has served for two years as a valuable member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland, and on the Nursing Home and House Committees.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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made renewed commitments to witness for Christ now on campus as a result of the ministry of the chaplains.

A RECOMMENDATION

The General Christian Education Committee is recommending to the General Council that we appoint two additional campus chaplains with September 1966, which will make a total of 12 campus chaplains. The General Christian Education Committee also reaffirmed the long range plans of appointing a Director of Campus Ministry by 1970. Pray for God's continued guidance upon this ministry to and with students.

THEY WANTED TO LEARN

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that has had such an effect on our country?"

CHANGED ATTITUDES

Some told of their religious attitudes and initial reservations: "At the start of the course I felt that it was not only purposeless to study the Bible as part of literature, but also somehow morally wrong. . . . I no longer feel this way. . . . I am now immediately aware of Biblical reference in books that I have re-read many times without noticing the references." A representative of a different tradition had similar qualms: "My first thoughts of studying the King James Version put doubt in my mind as to the place of the Bible in school. I received permission to read the Protestant Bible and really enjoyed my Bible course in school."

A member of a third group expressed his introduction to the New Testament thus: "True, in class the principles of 'separation of church and state' and 'keep religion out of the public school' have been strictly adhered to. . . . Yet, in any Biblical study, exposure of the pupil to theological doctrine is in my opinion both inevitable and valuable. . . . Even the most unwilling student, having been thus exposed, would find it extremely difficult not to emerge with some idea of what the word 'Christian' ideologically connotes, I do not condemn this added knowledge; in fact, I greatly value it!"

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Senior Citizens Use of Time

Let us give them a helping hand and let them feel that they are still needed by God and somebody in this world.

By Mrs. Karl Gieser of Portland, Oregon

WHAT DO OLD people do with their time? That depends upon their physical and mental condition. In Proverbs 22, verse 6 we read: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Habits are formed when we are very young, and they get stronger as we get older. When one observes an older person one can pretty well tell of his or her childhood days; unknown to them the activities of their youth come to the foreground, such as the responsibility of certain chores, or the care of younger brothers and sisters. The majority of the old people were hard workers in their younger days, and one of the hardest things for them now is the fact that they are not needed any more, and they like to curl up in a shell of self-pity, which is harmful to their minds, body and soul. Everybody wants to be somebody and be recognized as an individual.

What do they do with the time of which they have so much? That largely depends on their background. Some will read to themselves or to others. One 92-year-old blind man asked permission to have an old lady read to him one hour in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, one chapter from the Bible and the rest of the time from a very good book. Another person used her time in playing the piano in the dining room, which made the work easier for the workers, as they enjoyed her playing very much. Some spent their time in playing games, such as Chinese Checkers or working picture puzzles; some will sing or hum songs, even if they get from one melody into another—who cares. Others will use their hands in making things for their children and grandchildren. It gives them a good feeling that their handiwork will be remembered; then others will bring joy into the hearts of the lonely and forgotten children at Christmas time by dressing up dolls for the Fire Department to be given to the children at Christmas time.

Our churches today are what the Senior Citizen in the retirement homes have made. They laid the foundation on which we are building today. We should ever remember that their hearts and souls are still in their churches. They cannot be as active any more because of outward circumstances bodily and mentally; but their prayers are the prayers for spiritual upbuilding

of their churches. They feel that they are still part of it. Yes, they are interested in what is going on in their own church and community. Recently I saw a Director of Activities among the Senior Citizens find out the different hobbies they have by visiting them in their rooms and admiring the hand-made articles. With a little encouragement the Director was able to get them to make use of the hobby again.

ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDED

Wondrous things the Senior Citizens can do with just a little help from you. They need much encouragement. A little praise will give them joy in the things they do. Some have a talent to raise flowers; everything they plant seems to grow. Ailing hearts, trembling hands, poor eye sight are often forgotten. When a weak back seems to rebel against "bending over," the love-filled heart will bend the knees beside the flower plant and coax them into growing.

We should appreciate their talents and hobbies—even if they are different from the hobbies of our present time (sitting glued to T. V.). Give our dear senior men a chance, and they will rebuild, reupholster old furniture, build cupboards and paint. The ladies will monogram bed linens, knit slippers, and crochet pot holders. The majority of the Senior Citizens are longing to be recognized as individuals who have yet a purpose in this life. As one dear old lady said, "God does not need me in heaven for any work. He has created ministering angels for Himself, but he needs me here on earth to witness and to live for him."

Some are not so conscious of the purpose of life anymore. Their thoughts are centered on going to their Eternal Home, where they will not grow old any more. Some find it very hard to climb the last stretch in the winding road. Let us be God's helper in making their climb easier by giving them a helping hand and let them feel that they are still needed by God and somebody in this world. We need their prayers and example of faithfulness. Many of the dear old people spend their time waiting for the Lord's coming in meditation and prayer.

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Seminary Seniors Visit Forest Park

By Bruce A. Rich
Director of Children's Work, Forest Park, Ill.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Mrs. H. L. Waltereit
National White Cross Chairman
Of East Detroit, Michigan

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done" was the hymn that seemed to come to my mind constantly as the reports of the Board of Missions were presented to us. It was a real privilege and an education for me to serve as a representative of the Board of Missions this year. Again and again the thought came, "If only every North American Baptist could hear these inspiring reports of what God had accomplished through his dedicated servants at headquarters as well as the missionaries on the African, Japanese, Spanish American, and Indian fields."

Every phase of our mission work was presented. We were happy to hear that God's Volunteers had again rendered a most valuable service; that the Church Extension work is continuing to grow; that several mission churches have become self-supporting; that the work on all mission fields is prospering; and that the proposed work in South America seems to be on the verge of becoming a reality. Again we heard that qualified missionaries and workers were needed on our foreign fields, as well as at home. This should challenge us as women to pray that God may call our young people into his service.

Women, your hearts will be thrilled to know, as mine was, that we did it again! Our White Cross shipments were much larger again this year. As I read the figures in pounds, I felt positive that we must have met our quota this year. However, we can have no definite assurance of this unless all societies cooperate and send their report sheets yearly to their Conference White Cross Chairman. Let's have 100% cooperation and see what we accomplished. God has given us an even greater challenge in the White Cross realm this year. A new Baptist Health Center has been established on our Spanish American field, and already two cases of White Cross materials from Forest Park have been sent. Through this work our missionaries will have greater opportunity to present the gospel to these people.

The Warwar area in Nigeria has also been added to our medical work, and White Cross materials are needed on this field. Missionary Minnie Kuhn gives a glowing report of opportunities on this field and says, "The Lord works in mysterious ways his wonders

WHAT DOES OUR denominational headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois, look like? What are the responsibilities of the various personnel? How does our denominational program function?

Coming from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the seniors, and several of their wives descended upon our general offices to gain as much first hand knowledge as possible. After arriving on Monday evening, April 11 they began a full day of activities on Tuesday. Beginning the day with a tour of the building they were introduced to office personnel, shown the offices and given a brief introduction to the function of the various departments, including subscriptions, shipping, printing, accounting and Sunday school literature. Great interest was shown in the White Cross room, as the seniors viewed piles of incoming materials, and crates and bales of supplies being readied for shipping.

During the day and the following morning they met in the conference room with the various general workers, to share in a presentation and discus-

sion of the many aspects of our denominational ministry.

Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon the seniors were conducted on scheduled visits to three of our Chicago area churches. The type of ministry performed in these areas, which are quite representative of the suburban, inter-racial and inner-city congregations, was discussed with the pastors.

The free time, which was allowed in the schedule, was spent browsing in the Roger Williams Bookstore or visiting points of interest in and about Chicago.

This annual visit by the senior class of the Seminary was much appreciated. The class president, Mr. Ken Gould, spoke on behalf of the seniors and their wives in expressing their thanks and deep appreciation for the opportunity to come and for the hospitality shown them in the homes and at the office.

Likewise the staff and office personnel found joy in serving as hosts to another fine group of graduates who will soon be taking their place among us as ministers of the Gospel.



North American Baptist Seminary seniors and their wives who visited North American Baptist Offices in April.

to perform." Women, the opportunities and challenges are greater than ever before! Let us meet them in supplying our missionaries with our prayers, our busy hands, and our generous hearts.

Are our efforts in vain? God forbid, for in the Cameroon field alone, according to their report, 3,368 persons were baptized and added to the churches during the past year. Dr.

Schilke reminded us of the words of our Lord when he said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Let us as women also make this our prayer, as well as redouble our efforts to his glory and the salvation of precious souls!

● Rev. Walter K. Schroedter presented his resignation as pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C. He plans to minister to a church in Germany.

● The Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario has received a favorable response to the call they extended to Rev. Arnold Hopf of Hanover, Germany. He succeeds Rev. Paul Goetze.

● The German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg, Man., has extended a call to Rev. Friedrich Gartmann of Germany to become their pastor. He has responded favorably and will be on the field this summer. He succeeds Waldemar Laser.

● The Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., has extended a call to Mr. Eugene Kern of Leduc, Alberta, to which he has given a favorable response. Mr. Kern is a 1966 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls. He succeeds Rev. Walter Kerber.

● Rev. Fred Sonnenberg resigned as the pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. This resignation was effective June 30. He plans to finish his work toward the ThM degree at Northern Baptist Seminary in Oakbrook, Ill. He has been pastor of the Pilgrim Church since 1964.

● The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebr., extended a call to Mr. Elwyn Zimmerman of Baileyville, Ill. Mr. Zimmerman, a 1966 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has responded favorably and will begin his ministry there this summer. He succeeds Rev. Paul Zoschke who is retiring June 30.

● The Youth Committee of The Baptist World Alliance has chosen July 22-28, 1968, for the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference. The place of meeting is planned for Berne, Switzerland, with the theme of the conference being "One World, One Lord, One Witness." Rev. John Binder, Director of Youth Work, is a member of This committee.

● Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, has been named as one of the 27 scholars and denominational leaders from nine countries to central panels of four study commissions of the Baptist World Alliance. He will serve as the secretary of the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training.

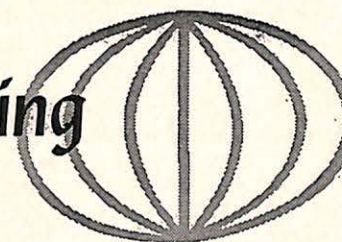
● Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., presented his resignation to the church on Sunday, May 1. His plans include retirement from the active ministry on October 1, at which time his resignation will be effective. During this, his 20th year of ministry to the church, Trinity Baptist celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

● Mrs. Hollis Barber, Superintendent of the Forest Park Baptist Sunday

School, will leave for Rheims, France, where she will engage in summer studies for four weeks. Mrs. Barber teaches French on the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois. Her husband, Dr. Hollis Barber, is head of the Political Science Department on the same campus. Mrs. Barber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grosser. He served our denomination for many years as its treasurer.

● Hoisington, Kansas, Calvary. The Calvary "Messenger" stated that Billy Graham's film, "The Restless Ones," was shown April 17-23 at the Crest Theatre in Great Bend. A concert by the Wheaton College Band was enjoyed on Thurs., April 14. The Lorraine, Kansas, church gave a party on April 24 for the Cradle Roll, Nursery, Beginner and Primary classes on Sunday school.

what's happening



● Mr. and Mrs. Robert Radcliffe have announced the birth of a son on April 8 who has been named Richard James. Mr. Radcliffe is the Director of Christian Education at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

● Dr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., has been appointed as Dean of Instructional Affairs by the Board of William Rainey Harper Junior College effective July 1. He will assume major responsibility for the development and supervision of the entire instructional program of the college, as well as staffing all professional teaching personnel. Dr. Pankratz was formerly the chairman of humanities and music at Wright Junior College in Chicago. He is the musical editor of the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL, has served as our General Conference organist and on the Committee on Higher Education. He is a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST HERALD DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER 38th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Dr. Leuschner was ordained in a Baptist Church in Pittsford, N. Y., in April 1928 while he was a student pastor. He served as the pastor of Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, until 1934. From 1935 he has been serving faithfully as a general secretary in our denomination, first with the National Y.P. and S.S. Workers' Union and then as promotional secretary and editor of English publications. We are sorry that Dr. Leuschner must be confined to the hospital and unable to celebrate such an important occasion with his friends and fellow workers. We wish him God's blessing and a speedy recovery.

● The Directors of the North American Baptist Nursing Home in Madison, S. D., regretfully announce that Rev. and Mrs. David S. Wipf have tendered their resignation to the Board as Administrators of the home. They have served the home with great dedication and faithfulness in this capacity since the opening of the home in 1958. The Board is now prayerfully looking for a replacement. The President of the Board is Rev. Peter J. Wiens, Avon, S. Dak., 57315.

● Woodside, N. Y., Immanuel. The Immanuel Church of Woodside held a Daily Vacation Bible School from April 11-15, 9 A.M.-12 A.M., for boys and girls age 5-14. The God's Volunteers served the church March 23 to April 3.

● West St. Paul, Minn., Riverview. The cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold" was presented, with its theme of missions correlated with slides of our missionary fields. The combination of song and picture made the service all the more meaningful. Mr. Kent Lundholm was the director. Rev. Harold Weiss is pastor of the church.

● Pittsburgh, Pa., Temple. The Temple Church bade farewell to their church organist, Mrs. Helen Smith, who served faithfully for 24 years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be making their home in Florida. A Deeper Life Conference with Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Barth was held for one week beginning April 17.

● Dallas, Oregon, Salt Creek. The Salt Creek Church received a beautiful stacking bread tray set for their communion ware from the Walter Schmitke family. The W.M.U. have acquired six beautiful silver serving trays, an appreciated addition to the dining room equipment. The film, "The Restless Ones," was shown May 1 and 2 at the Dallas High School.

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 12, 1966

Theme: MANASSEH LEADS
JUDAH INTO SIN

Scripture: II Kings 21:1-4, 9-15;
II Chronicles 33:12-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The worst kind of leader is one who leads his followers down the road to destruction.

INTRODUCTION: In this lesson we see clear evidence of how unstable the people of Judah were, and how important it is that a stable leader be on the throne. The great majority of people did not seem to have much difficulty in leading the nation back to the worship of Jehovah, and Manasseh seemed to have no trouble in "unreforming" the people and leading them back to pagan practices.

Part of Manasseh's difficulty lay in the human desire for self-preservation. Assyria was at the height of its power. Turning her attention to Egypt they had to pass through the coastal plains of Palestine. In order to keep these harsh taskmasters from overrunning the little kingdom of Judah, he submitted to their demands by paying heavy tribute. But one compromise led to another. One of the policies of Assyria was to expect her vassal states to renounce their own gods and her religious practices and to adopt the religion of Assyria. Apparently he felt that no price was too great to keep his nation alive. He did not realize that without Jehovah there was no other living God, and without a living God there was no life.

I. A DISOBEDIENT BEGINNING. II Kings 21:1-4.

The key to the success or failure of Israel and Judah depended upon their personal relationship to God. Perhaps some of the fault for Manasseh's evil reign can be attributed to his father, Hezekiah, who in his last years had some spiritual relapses as recorded in II Chronicles 32:25. Such parental behavior has a great influence on children. They are often more apt to see the worst in adults rather than the best. However, it would be foolish for he reached the age of accountability. The way in which the nation was changed from the worship of Jehovah to the worship of Baal seems to indicate that a fully organized program of idolatry was put into effect.

The following changes were made: he built up the high places; he reared

altars for Baal; he made a grove; he worshipped all the hosts of heaven; he built altars in the house of the Lord; he made his sons pass through the fire; he practiced fortune telling, communicated with the spirits of the dead and practiced wizardry.

II IGNORING GOD'S WARNINGS. II Kings 21:9-15.

The nation became more pagan than the pagans. No fear was felt for the terrible day of judgment which would overtake them. Not even the fear that Jerusalem, the pride of the nation would be destroyed, seemed to disturb them. We do not know who the prophets and priests were who gave the warnings but it seemed that everyone turned a deaf ear to their ominous messages. So thorough would be the destruction that Jerusalem would be wiped as clean as a dish.

III. BELATED REPENTANCE. II Chronicles 33:12-13.

Here is a case in which we would think a death-bed conversion is impossible. Yet it happened to Manasseh. Like a brand plucked from the burning he was saved by turning to God in humility and prayer. But the nation which he dragged down the path of destruction was lost. Sin is never an individual sin. It can affect a family, a community, a nation and even the world.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is it not as easy to turn people to God as it is to turn them away from God?
2. Why should God's affliction rather than his love lead people to repentance? Are many drawn to God by his love today?
3. Do we have reason to fear God's judgment on our nation in the future?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 19, 1966

Theme: A COVENANT RENEWED

Scripture: II Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God would like nothing better than an abiding relationship with man, nevertheless, he always welcomes a repentant individual or nation who have fallen into sin.

INTRODUCTION: Judah was like a pendulum swinging continually from left to right. There was no real stability among its people because there was a lack of stability in its leadership. Like a bright star in a dark sky Josiah appeared and brought Judah

over to the right, at least for a season. Manasseh had done so much damage to the spiritual life of the nation that it was difficult to direct the people from idols to the living God. Even though he repented and tried to correct the wrong it was too late in the short time he had to live and too late to prepare his son Amon to continue in the way of the Lord. After a short reign which lasted but two years he was assassinated by his own servants.

Providentially for the people of Judah, God had someone ready who would lead the people to the worship of Jehovah. Another period of grace was extended to them in which they would be given an opportunity to serve God and to remain faithful to him. He was always ready to renew the covenant, but it would have no lasting effect unless the people of Judah were ready to keep the covenant.

I. GOD'S BOOK DISCOVERED. II Kings 22:8-9.

Although Josiah was very young when he became king he must have had counselors who led him to a wholesome understanding of the Lord. He began almost immediately to seek God for himself, because he was aware of the importance of a personal relationship with God through personal experience (II Chron. 34:3). And so it was that one of his first acts was the repairing as well as the cleansing of the house of the Lord. It was during this time that this work was being carried on that the book of the law was found by Hilkiah the high priest who then gave it to Shephar the scribe.

II. GOD'S BOOK PRESENTED TO THE KING. II Kings 22:10-13.

Josiah became aware of a deep conviction of sin and the need for repentance, not only for himself but for all the people of Judah. It became apparent to the king that if the words written in the book of the law are true then he and his nation are under the immediate wrath of God.

The church and God's word are still important. Few churches are in need of repair today. Indeed, many stand out as the most beautiful buildings in the community. But the temples of the Holy Spirit are in need of repair. Hate, anger, pride and many other sins need to be cast out and a thorough spiritual cleansing needs to take place. Unless there is spiritual life in the church there will be no meaningful witness in the community.

The importance of God's word is sometimes judged by the number of

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THE DAY GOD DIED by Lehman Strauss. Zondervan—1965—112 pages—\$2.50.

The Lenten Season seems to bring out a continuous stream of sermons on the seven last words of Jesus. The day Christ died is the climax of our salvation and no doubt the last words he uttered are still the source of great inspiration and blessing.

One of the thoughts expressed by the author is worth our attention: "What our Lord said is important, but what he accomplished in his death is indispensable to man's redemption." Mr. Strauss has this truth in mind as he takes us with him to the cross and we listen together as Christ speaks to us during the last hours of his life.

HELP YOUR MINISTER TO DO HIS BEST by Owen M. Weatherly. Judson Press—1965—156 pages—\$3.95.

Many books are read and put back on the shelf, leaving the reader with a feeling of futility because he knows the material is written from an idealistic point of view. Here is a practical book addressed to pastor and layman that ought to have a wide reading. After a thorough study, the pastor and church board should make a special effort to discuss its contents in order to understand and evaluate the work of the ministry in a more realistic way. Some of the material could even be incorporated into a sermon or two for the benefit of the congregation. Ministers and deacons clinics should find this helpful for their sessions.

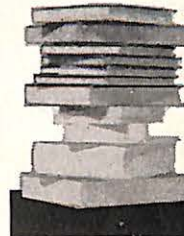
SERMON SUGGESTIONS IN OUTLINE by R. E. O. White. Eerdmans—1966—78 pages—\$1.45 (paper).

These 27 outlines are based on both the Old and the New Testament and are short enough for the pastor to put the imprint of originality and creativity into them, and long enough to give a foundation for some solid thought starters.

MIRACLES: YESTERDAY AND TODAY, REAL AND COUNTERFEIT by Benjamin B. Warfield. Eerdmans—1966—327 pages—\$2.25 (paper).

Originally this was published in 1918 under the title "Counterfeit Miracles," comprising the Thomas Smyth lectures delivered at the Columbia Theological Seminary. Beginning with the miracles of Christ and the apostles, the author follows the mainstream of the so-called ministry of healing through miracle-workers and movements, including the miracle reporting of St. Augustine, the apparition at Lourdes, Irvingism, faith-healing in all its various manifestations and, of course, the Christian Science mind-cure of Mary Baker Eddy.

The author does not discount all miracles and evidences of healing as such, but deplores the great exaggerations, particularly as to numbers. At Lourdes for example, of the 10,000,000 pilgrims who visited the shrine, only



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

3,962 partial or complete cures were registered. These are figures which go back to 1908 and the reader can draw his own conclusions as to present day statistics. This is an excellent source book with which to compare current faith-healing trends.

THE CROSS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES by F. J. Huegel, Zondervan—1966—192 pages—\$2.95.

A divine "fiat" was sufficient for the first creation. But since that was ruined by sin, no mere divine "fiat" could restore it. For God it would mean a cross. The author goes on and follows a chronological order, according to Biblical content, in which he finds 51 distinct and separate references to the cross. Some typical typology is evident in the Old Testament, which is expected. References to "The Flood" and "The Red Sea" as types may strain some readers' imagination, but on the whole the author is not too extreme in his comparisons.

The contents reveal the deep and dedicated spiritual life of Mr. Huegel who spent more than 25 years as a missionary in Mexico.

CALVIN'S NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES, THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES VOL. I, Translated by W. J. G. McDonald. Eerdmans—1966—410 pages—\$6.00.

Many of the religious leaders and theologians in the present generation are so concerned with the word "relevant" as applied to the Gospel that a translation of a four-hundred-year-old commentary seems like an anachronism. However, spiritual truth is timeless whether it is uttered in the sixteenth century or the twentieth. That John Calvin was a genius in the Reformation period cannot be denied.

The devotional and expositional material is still "relevant" for the student of the Bible today, although it follows the Latin text of that time. Even if it were based on later manuscripts and present day translations

Calvin's doctrinal position would not be altered. His rigid exposition naturally takes into consideration the struggle with as well as the opposition to the Roman Church and the Papists. (See for example pages 160 and 161). Instead of detracting from the value of the commentary it adds additional insight into the conditions of the fifteenth century religious world and reflects some interesting aspects of church history.

In his lengthy dedication (16 pages) one is impressed with the sensitive character of John Calvin. "... the insolence of certain men forced me to expunge their names in this second edition." His authoritarian attitude which is sometimes confused with the sovereignty of God, and his church-state concept, are revealed in his directive to the king: "And to meet greater evils, a proper and well-ordered method reader with a ray of hope: 'Flesh and blood cannot bring us to the Truth that is found in Christ, but only our Father in heaven.'"

Whether this volume will bring faith and assurance to the ordinary lay person is doubtful. He may still wonder what it is all about. The scholar, the student of the Bible and the theologian will find these cross currents in the theological world important enough to continue their exploration.

BE A REAL TEEN-AGER by Warren W. Wiersbe. Revell—1965—127 pages—89c (paper).

Taking his teen-age examples from the Bible the author suggests some steps whereby the teen-agers of today can find meaningful solutions to their problems.

MISSIONARIES' CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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SPEAK UP!

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

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT INTER-CITY MISSION WORK AND INTEGRATION?

I am deeply concerned about the apparent attitude of our conference regarding inter-city mission work and the integration of our churches. This letter is three-fold in purpose: (1) to state my views and observations gathered over many years of inter-city work, (2) to predict what will happen in the future if evangelical churches continue to ignore the facts and the problems, and (3) to find out what the official position of the N.A.B. Conference is, and what is being planned for the future. I am writing about inter-city Cleveland, but I am sure the situation is the same in all large cities.

First, let me point out some facts as I know them to be: Of the many Fundamental Baptist Churches that once existed in the inter-city area, only one or two are left, the others have been deserted as churches and the congregations have moved to the suburbs leaving a complete spiritual vacuum. The old buildings have been sold to modernists or converted to other uses. The same is true of other fundamental denominations. Cleveland has approximately 386,000 Negroes pressed into a four-mile square area without a single major evangelistic church. There are approximately 400 so-called churches in this area, over 90% of which are in store front buildings or private homes presided over by predominately uneducated, unprepared men and women who call themselves Reverends, Bishops, and so forth. The services in these churches are based on such things as rock and roll music, so-called healing services and emotional trances, but with little or no Bible teaching or salvation preaching. Also, as a result of our churches pulling out, there has sprung up many Anti-Christian works, such as Muslims.

The Roman Catholics have stayed in the inter-city area and are winning converts by the thousands. It seems that the priests are willing to mingle with the people and are not afraid to get their hands dirty. The same thing is true of Presbyterians and others. But, apparently, the more a church denomination considers itself fundamental, Bible believing, and Christ centered, the less interest they have in the people of the inter-city. We should be taking the lead instead of dragging our feet.

Also, the situation is not confined to Negroes. Southern whites and Mountain people, many with a good Baptist background, are pouring into

the city without churches to go to.

In addition, there is a third situation developing which we have not anticipated. Urban renewal is changing certain areas, old buildings are being torn down and replaced by new modern apartment buildings. Now many suburbanites are moving back to the inter-city, but with the evangelical churches gone, these people also have been deserted.

Now as to some predictions! First, the Negroes have been contained for many years by an invisible wall and kept in what is called a ghetto. However, they are about to break out, and no power on earth can stop them. It is happening even now. They will be moving into the suburbs by the thousands soon, and each suburban church must make a decision. No longer can they solve this issue by moving. There will be no place left to run. Many of the pastors I know are faced with the possibility of Negroes visiting their churches, accepting their invitation to salvation, baptism, and church membership, but not knowing if they will be accepted by the congregation as a whole. All of our churches should be praying and planning now on how to handle this situation. But most are content, however, to ignore the whole thing, hoping it will go away. It won't.

Secondly, one of the urgent needs is for a qualified, dedicated, educated clergy. We need to have seminaries that are available to all qualified Negroes. Most of the schools that are available do not come close to meeting seminary standards. How can great fundamental denominations ignore this primary need? I predict that if potential Negro seminary students are not made welcome in our fundamental schools, they will go to modernistic schools with the inevitable results. All good seminaries should be actively engaged in soliciting qualified Negro students.

Thirdly, there is this matter of the existing fundamental missions. There are a few store-front churches still holding the fort. They exist on private contributions from concerned Christians. I am connected with one now called the Faith Bible Center. We have a full-time, white missionary working through Baptist Mid-Missions. Her name is Miss Geneva Fox, who is very efficient and dedicated. Also, we have some very faithful Negro men. They are Brothers William Sydnor, L. B. Winters, and S. S. Davis, who have labored in this area for several years. However, small store-front churches are making very little progress. Ne-

groes are going through a social revolution. The adults prefer going to a place that looks like a church. These missions need to become affiliated with well-established conferences, not only for financial help, but for general direction and fellowship. The little Bible-believing missions need the help, comfort, and encouragement of large denominations but as far as I am aware, they have no place to go. I predict that unless the denominations are willing to embrace these little missions, they will fade and die for lack of concern.

And now as to the matter of our denomination's attitude toward inter-city and inter-racial work. I feel I am entitled to some answers as I have been a deacon for nine years in our conference with the Parma Heights and Snowview Churches. I was privileged to be a charter member of the Snowview Church and am now the Sunday School Superintendent. I have discussed this problem with many of our pastors and denominational officials. They showed some concern, but little results.

I respectfully request answers to the following questions: (1) Will qualified young Negro students be welcomed in our Sioux Falls Seminary without reservation? (2) Will fundamental Negro congregations be welcomed in our Conference without reservation? (3) Does our denomination plan to establish new mission works in the inter-city areas, and plan to give at least as much attention and effort to the work as to our now existing missionary programs? (4) Will the returning missionaries be asked to show the same love and concern for our American Negroes as for our Africans? (5) Will young people be challenged to enter this type of missionary work? (6) Does our denomination have a master plan to cope with the urgent situation and how soon will it be put into effect?

That which was done in the Watt's area of Los Angeles can be repeated in any large city. A ghetto without good churches becomes a jungle. Sin and crime go unchecked. Hate is preached instead of Christian love. The question we must ask ourselves is what can be done, and is it too late? I believe it will require immediate bold, imaginative action by our denominational leaders as well as our local pastors. The time is running out!

In conclusion, I am willing to make myself available at any time or place to further present the urgent need for our full participation in the inter-city, inter-racial work. This letter is written in a spirit of Christian love and concern for all men of all colors. Be assured of my prayers in this matter as I await your reply.

In Christ's Service,
HOMER G. SEEVERS

DR. IHRIE'S COMMENT

"Thank you for your fine comments."

All the greatest things in life are one-syllable things—love, joy, hope, child, wife, trust, faith—GOD.—Bruce Barton

our denomination in action

evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. John Hisel, Parkston Baptist Church, S. Dak. (left to right) with Loren Lippert, Marcia Sample, and Lila Lippert whom he baptized on Easter.

PARKSTON, S. DAK. A joint baptismal service was held with the Plum Creek Baptist Church at Parkston on Easter Sunday, April 10. Three candidates from Parkston and six candidates from Plum Creek followed their Lord in baptism. Rev. Walter Hoffman delivered the baptismal message, "Made Alive." His scriptural reference was taken from I Corinthians 15:22. This service was the climax to Deeper Life Meetings held in February with the Rev. Walter Hoffman family in charge as evangelists. Their inspirational music and messages from God's Word were much appreciated. A membership class was held for the candidates instructing them as to how to live as Christians. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).

BISON, KANSAS. During the week of March 6-11, The First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas held special meetings with Rev. Lyle Wacker of Corn, Oklahoma, bringing the messages. The messages were on the book of Jonah. Two evenings were spent in study on the Holy Spirit. These meetings were a real blessing and challenged us as individuals and as a church to be of greater service to our Lord.

The Adult Study Group, which meets on Sunday evenings during the Senior CBY and Junior CBY group meetings, has completed a six year study course, "Through the Bible Study." Although it has taken a little longer than six years to complete the course, the group feels this has been a real accomplishment and has gained a greater knowledge of God's Word. (Mrs. Kenneth Hanhardt, Reporter).

XENIA, OHIO, COMMUNITY. Special events at the Community Baptist Church recently began with a prophetic Bible conference April 24-May 1 with Rev. Nathan Meyer as speaker. A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held May 13 with Mrs. Sue Jacox presenting pictures concerning mission work in Hawaii and Australia. Rev. John Ziegler is the pastor.

HERREID, S. DAK. Several of the members of the Herreid Baptist Church participated in the counselor training sessions and counseled at the various showings of "The Restless Ones" in Mobridge in April. Over a hundred of our people attended the showing of this film.



Rev. H. J. Waltereit, pastor of Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., and 20 candidates who were baptized on Palm Sunday.

EAST DETROIT, MICH., RIDGEMONT. On Palm Sunday morning it was our joy to have a baptismal service at our church. Twenty candidates were baptized by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit. Most of the new members were reached for Christ during evangelistic meetings held by Rev. R. Kerstan in November last year. In the evening service we extended the hand of fellowship to the new members. We are grateful for the many blessings we received on that day. (Manfred G. Neumann, Reporter).

ABERDEEN, S. DAK. Sunday, April 3, was a great day at Calvary Baptist Church. Our pastor, Rev. John Thielenhaus, had the joy of baptizing six people and accepting five into the church membership by letter and on confession of their faith. This was our pastor's first baptismal service. Easter Sunday, April 10, the 40 voice choir of our church had the joy of rendering an Easter cantata, "Life Eternal," under the direction of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Thielenhaus. (Willard Tesky, Clerk).



Rev. John Thielenhaus (far left), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and eleven new members received by baptism and letter on April 3.



Rev. Paul Siewert, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., and 18 new members received into the church by baptism.

VANCOUVER, B. C., EBENEZER. The members and friends of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, experienced a spiritual blessing during the Sunday evening service Jan. 30, when the pastor, Rev. Paul Siewert, had the joy of baptizing 18 young people. Some of these accepted Jesus Christ during the 1965 Leighton Ford-Billy Graham Crusade. As each candidate entered the waters of baptism, they were given a precious promise from God's Word to take with them throughout life. On Feb. 13 the hand of fellowship was extended to them at the Communion service. Two candidates were not able to be present but were received into the church fellowship at a later date. (Sylvia Schmuland, Reporter).

ERIE, PA., SOUTH HILLS. Rev. Fred Mashner was the instructor at a series of classes designed to lead to conversion, baptism and church membership on Friday evenings at our church. Those participants who followed through the experience of baptism were Terry Sexton, Valerie Gibbens, Claudia Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sexton, Peggy Hanson and Christine Zippi. These candidates were baptized on Palm Sunday evening following a message by Rev. Mashner, "Baptism and Following Christ." On Maundy Thursday they were given the right hand of fellowship, after which Holy Communion was served. Two others, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zippi, will receive the hand of fellowship on confession of their faith at a later time.

We praise the Lord for his increase in our Fellowship, which now numbers 45 new members since Rev. Mashner's ministry began in Erie three and a half years ago. While it is nice to have statistics to report, we also praise God for unseen work accomplished through the Holy Spirit in rendering "new creatures" of former church members and growth in Christian graces sorely needed in all churches. Our fellowship was privileged to have the ministry of Rev. Adolph Braun of Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., for a short series of Pre-Easter meetings which were well attended. (Mrs. William Siegrist, Jr., Reporter).

DALLAS, ORE., SALT CREEK. A series of Passion Week services with Pastor H. J. Wilcke bringing messages from the Gospel of John nightly April 3-10 was observed with a special Easter musical program closing the week of services. Two Christian life study courses were held in April with Rev. Frank Friesen teaching "The Gospel of John" and Rev. H. J. Wilcke teaching "Basic Christianity." About 11 members participated in the Billy Graham Counseling Course in preparation for the showing of "The Restless Ones," May 2-3. The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held May 5 with Sharon Smith as speaker.



Rev. Fred Mashner and seven candidates who were baptized on Palm Sunday at the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.



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BROOKFIELD, WISC. Easter services at Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wisc., were high-lighted by two beautiful musical programs presented by the church choir under the direction of Mr. William Penzek. The organist is Mrs. Aaron Klug.

At the Maundy Thursday service they presented "The Service of the Tenebrae," the latter being the Latin word for "shadows." The sanctuary was gradually darkened as the candles were extinguished one by one until only one was burning. Then all was dark for a short time symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb. The light was then returned in anticipation of Easter and spread its light through the disciples, symbolized by the choir. The musical story consisted of seven selections, an Evangelist, read by Mr. A. Wiles, and other speaking parts, taken by choir members. The Communion service, presided over by our pastor, Reverend J. J. Renz, concluded this program.

On Easter morning the choir presented to our members and guests Du Bois' "Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata. Soloists included Mrs. Herbert Kielisch, Mr. James Du Mez, Mrs. Kenneth Weisner, Mr. Gil Freigang, and Miss Sharon Renz. (Mrs. Maxine Grothe, Reporter).

ENID, OKLA. For us at West Broadway Baptist Church of Enid, Okla., having the God's Volunteer Team No. 1 here from February 27 to March 6 was a real privilege. Many spiritual blessings have been ours as a result of their efforts. A new family has joined our fellowship.

The W.M.S. presented its first annual program on March 27 using the program, "Meet the North American Baptists," written by Mrs. Lyle Wacker of Corn, Okla. An impressive communion service was held on Thursday evening of Passion week.

The youth group has grown enough, and plans are to organize in the very near future. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill serve as their sponsors. They plan to conduct the Sunday evening service on May 1, showing the film, "Centerville Awakening." (Mrs. Wesley Gerber, Reporter).

ORDINATION OF MR. FRITZ GOLIATH

On Friday, April 1, a council convened in Onoway, Alta., to consider the propriety of setting aside their pastor, Mr. Fritz Goliath, for the Gospel ministry. The council organized with Dr. A. S. Felberg as chairman and Rev. N. Laudon as clerk.

The candidate gave a very clear and satisfying account of his conversion, his call to the ministry and his preparation for Christian service. The council availed themselves of the opportunity to ask questions and satisfy

themselves of the areas in which they required more explanation.

The ordination service followed that same night under the chairmanship of the District Secretary, Rev. William Sturhahn. A challenging message was brought by Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute. Prof. W. R. Muller led in the ordination prayer. A challenge was presented to the church by Rev. N. Laudon and to the candidate by Rev. W. Waitkus. Rev. Sturhahn extended the hand of fellowship and welcomed the candidate into the ranks of North American Baptist pastors. Rev. Fritz Goliath closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction. (W. R. Muller, Reporter).

PARKSTON, S. DAK. During the month of March the Parkston-Tripp Baptist Church presented the North American Baptist Seminary with a check for \$161.00 which was designated toward the Seminary Library Book Fund. The gift was made possible through the co-operative efforts of a community project. During the Lenten season three area churches, United Church of Christ, Methodist, and Baptist held union services. At each service an offering was taken, and the host church could choose to use the offering wherever it wished. The Baptist Church voted to send the financial gift to the Seminary. (John Hisel, Pastor).

NORRIDGE, ILL. The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., is still active in the service of the Lord despite the fact that it has existed without a full time minister for the past year. Since May, 1965, Dr. Paul Loth from Wheaton, Ill., has been serving as interim pastor. The various organizations of the church have continued to present many fine special programs during the past year.

On Sunday morning, October 17, 1965, Mrs. Everett Smith and Mr. LeRoy Ohlson entered the waters of baptism, after which they were united into our church fellowship along with Mrs. LeRoy Ohlson. On April 17 of this year we had a second baptismal service. Mr. and Mrs. Erling Hungness identified their lives with Christ's death and resurrection as they followed Christ's command and were baptized. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on Sunday, May 1, 1966.

With the passing of the year 1965 we also lost one of our beloved former deacons, Mr. Otto Steinke, at the age of 77 years. We are happy to announce that on March 31, 1966, our senior deacon celebrated his 70th "Christian" birthday.

As we reflect over this past year we can truly say with Job (1:21) "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Ruth Hess, Reporter).

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO. The Good Friday service of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church was a unique and memorable service fea-

turing meditations by the pastor interspersed with musical selections by the choir, women's trio, duets and a solo. Once again we were reminded of the Cross and Christ's suffering for us, as we observed the Lord's Supper at the close of this service. After a rainy Saturday, the sun shone brightly on Easter Sunday and seemed to reflect the joy within our hearts at the Resurrection of our blessed Lord. A group of 40 young people attended a sunrise service and breakfast at the church annex. Mr. Ken Jones was M. C. and Mr. Floyd Overstreet spoke on "Resurrection in this Space Age." In the morning worship service, Pastor Johnson brought an inspiring message entitled "He Lives" to an overflow crowd. A generous and sacrificial offering was received and designated for debt liquidation. (Mrs. W. W. Reub, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday evening, Feb. 20, 1966, the Forest Park Baptist Church choir, under the direction of Mr. Hermann Holz with Mr. Wm. Krogman at the organ, presented a musical concert and dedicated its new paradise blue choir robes with white and gold reversible collars. On this occasion a number of choir selections were rendered together with a duet, trio, solos and violin solo.

The acquisition of these robes was due to a great extent to our Woman's Missionary Guild, who, under the leadership of Mrs. B. C. Schreiber as president, sponsored a two-year Choir Robe Project. A delightful salad supper was arranged on Dec. 29, 1965, at which time a special offering was taken for this purpose. The old robes which had served our choir for many, many years were donated to the Pleasant-Hill Community Church, Wheaton, Ill. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

LODI, CALIF., TEMPLE. Family Week was observed May 1-8 at Temple Baptist Church with the highlights being family participation in a program of music and devotion on May 4 and a picnic on May 6. Special emphasis was placed on the family throughout the services on May 8. A number of Mother's Day programs were given also. The church library committee presented the Sunday evening program on April 17, using the theme, "Books: God's Tools." Brief condensations of various books in the library and special musical numbers were presented. A visit to the church library in its new location followed the service. Forty-one new white choir robes were made by some of the ladies recently for the junior choir. Rev. Eldon Schroeder is the pastor of the church.

ERIE, PA., OPEN BIBLE. The Russian Ukrainian Baptist Church members were our guests at the Baptist Open Bible Tabernacle at a Union Communion Service on April 7. Rev. W. Gutsche spoke in Polish, and Rev. R. A. Mikolon spoke in English.

DAYTON, OHIO, SHROYER ROAD. A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held May 2 at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church with Fern Parrott as the featured speaker. She spoke on "New Testament Foods."

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Easter Sunday morning before a congregation of over 350 the following fourteen people were received into the fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Mrs. Ione Pucci and children, Charles, Diane and Duone; Rev. and Mrs. Connie Salios and children, Connie and Timothy; Miss Kay Hodgman and Miss Carol McGee. The glory of the Lord was present and reflected itself in the message, "The Glory of Easter." At the evening service hour the Senior and Junior Choirs, under the direction of Mr. Herman Holz and Mrs. Elden Janzen respectively, presented an Easter Musical which made a fitting close to a great day commemorating our Lord's resurrection.

sunday school programs & events



The Sunday School Staff of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. D.

LEHR, N. DAK. During the week of March 21 through March 25 classes for all Sunday school teachers, assistant teachers and other interested persons were held in the church parlors with the pastor, Rev. Daniel Heringer, presenting the course, "The Art of Administration for Sunday Schools." This helped each one see how to grow toward maturity in Christian character and competence for service and participation in church life and work. The entire period, each evening, was approximately of two and one half hours duration with a break for coffee and refreshments.

On Sunday evening, April 17, Rev. Heringer had the privilege and joy of baptizing two souls who had confessed their faith in Christ. The candidates were Miss Noreen Johnson and Mrs. Robert Stolz. The message the pastor brought preceding the baptism was based on Psalm 5:8, "Straight Paths for God's Children." May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of our pastor, his family and congregation. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. A spring Leadership Training course was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on the evenings of March 8, 9, 15 and 16 from 6:30 P.M. Under the direction of our general superintendent, Mrs. Hollis Barber, we studied and reduced to practice John Sisemore's book on "Ministry of Visitation." An average of 21 teachers and officers participated in the lively and constructive discussions. One evening was set aside for demonstrations of how to visit and how not to visit, after which we all went calling on various Sunday school scholars. Herbert J. Freeman is pastor of our church (E. Redlich, Reporter.)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO. April 1st marked the 10th Anniversary of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church. Members and friends gathered at the church for a delicious dinner, a time of reminiscing, and fellowship. Mr. Arnold Mauch, church moderator, was the Master of Ceremonies. Moving pictures taken during the construction of the present chapel and various gatherings held during the past 10 years were shown. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, District Secretary, was our guest speaker. He challenged us to greater things in the future. Our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, made appropriate remarks and the evening was closed in prayer. Decorations were beautifully done by a new organization in our church, Jr. W.M.S., whose members are high school girls. President of this group is Miss Marty Wright. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., EBENEZER. A Missionary Conference held from Feb. 4 to 6 was an inspiration to all who attended. Friday night Mrs. Ben Lawrence was the speaker. Saturday night a youth banquet was held at the Fireside Room in Richmond. Missionary Ben Lawrence brought a challenging message, "Christian Commitment." Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg were also present at this banquet. Sunday morning we had Missionary Lawrence speak to us. He made us aware of our stewardship obligations. This Missionary Conference was climaxed by having Dr. Richard Schilke as our guest for the evening service. Dr. Schilke gave us new insight into the foreign mission work of our denomination, with special emphasis on our new field in South America.

Other highlights at Ebenezer are the sacred concerts put on by the various choirs of the church. Palm Sunday, April 3, the wonderful news that our Savior lives and is King forevermore was presented in song and music by the mixed choir under the direction of Edward Unger with Winnifred Sauer as accompanist. The Intermediate Choir is directed by Joan Unger, with Darlene Harmel as accompanist. The Junior Choir is directed by Ruth Hemerling, with Allie Lepin as accompanist. The Male Chorus is directed by Wally Gertz and Doreen Iseli as accom-



NASHVILLE, TENN. The Southern Baptist Convention reports that membership in the 33,797 churches of the Convention increased to a record 10,772,712 during 1965, an increase of 1.6 per cent over 1964.

RUSCHLIKON. At a special service, Feb. 26, at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, a bronze head of Johann Gerhard Oncken, pioneer Baptist leader on the continent of Europe, was unveiled. "Every Baptist a missionary," was Oncken's motto.

WASHINGTON, D. C. In a bill passed by both houses of Congress, a national memorial honoring Roger Williams, 17th century pioneer of religious liberty and founder of the first Baptist church in America, was authorized. The memorial, to be in Providence, R. I., is to commemorate Williams' "outstanding contributions to the development of religious freedom in this country."

POLAND. Polish Baptists plan to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the coming of Christianity to Poland with evangelistic programs in nine metropolitan centers. The central celebration will be in Warsaw in August.

RELIEF. Baptists of the world contributed \$101,263 to relief projects of the Baptist World Alliance in 1965. The projects ranged from the resettle-

ment of Cuban refugees in North America to the relief of flood victims in Yugoslavia and the relief of drought victims in India.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● **Lorraine, Kansas.** It will be hard to relate in a few words all that the Easter program entailed. The story developed from a prelude of organ and piano music into choir numbers, narration, choral reading, harp solo, a reading, ladies' chorus, men's chorus, high school girls' ensemble, trumpet trio and the marimba. At the height of the message in song the adult and junior choirs quickly formed a cross that reached from the very tip of the baptistry, over the choir loft, onto the stage and down to the floor and out into the aisle. The lights went out and each participant lighted a candle.

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GHANA. An evangelistic campaign conducted by Baptists in three cities in Ghana, Feb. 6-23, resulted in 2,631 recorded decisions (professions of faith and rededication of life). The campaign climaxed eight months of special evangelistic activity by Ghanaian Baptists.

CUBA. Despite dropping statistics and imprisoned missionaries and pastors, Baptists of western Cuba held a week long annual convention in Havana with night attendances of 2,000. Membership stands at 8,781 in the 90 churches, with a loss of 1,009 resulting mostly from those leaving Cuba. Baptisms dropped to 136 during 1965.

MOSCOW. Two Russian Baptist women have reportedly been sentenced to five years imprisonment for operating a Sunday school in the homes of believers in which children and young people were "mentally corrupted." The women, and some other persons similarly accused, come evidently from a community of Evangelical Christian Baptists in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Kirghizia.

BURMA. Word has been received that the Burma Government has requested all foreign missionaries to leave Burma by May 31, 1966. This affects 58 American missionaries—American Baptist, Roman Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, and Methodist. More than 150 years ago Rev. and Mrs. Adoniram Judson arrived in Burma as the first American missionaries. It is reported that there is a strong Christian church in Burma with some 600,000 members and that the church has developed a strong indigenous leadership.

As it glowed to make an illumined cross they sang, "The Old Rugged Cross." Then a solo, "I Gave My Life For Thee," seemed to float down from the balcony. "Christ Arose" sounded the trumpets, and then the choirs joined in "Christ the Lord Is Risen." Those responsible for the program are: choir director, Mrs. Paul Schroeder; program, Mrs. Walter Kohrs; narrator, Rev. Everett Barker; organist, Cynthia Dobrinski; pianist, Sharon Hildebrand; reading, Susan Albright; harpist, Elaine Peters; marimba, Mrs. Jerome Janssen; soloists, Mrs. Howard Kempke and Arthur Kruse; trumpet trio, Leon Janzen, Dennis Myers and Jock Rolfs. (Mrs. Delmar Williamson, Reporter).

God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MRS. FRED RUDEL
of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mrs. Edna E. Rudel, nee Albus, was born on August 4th, 1904 in West Norway Township to Frank A. and Maria Albus and passed away on April 4th, 1966 at the age of 61 years and 8 months. She received Christ as her personal Savior as a young woman and upon confession of her faith was baptized by Rev. Kraemer on July 10, 1921 and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden. She was a member of the Ladies Missionary Society at the time of her death.

On June 4th, 1930 she was united in holy matrimony to Fred W. Rudel. After their marriage they resided on a farm Southwest of Fessenden where they lived until 1961 when they retired from active farming and moved into the city of Fessenden. The Lord blessed this union with two children.

She is survived by her husband Fred; one son, Allen of Wahpeton, N. Dakota and one daughter, Mary Jane (Mrs. Kenneth Johnson) of St. Paul Park, Minnesota; two stepchildren, Warren Rudel of St. Paul Park, Minnesota, and Mrs. Carolyn Venar-chick of St. Paul, Minnesota; 8 grandchildren, one brother, Walter Albus of Fessenden, and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church
Fessenden, North Dakota
RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor

MR. CHARLES STELTER
of Edmonton, Alberta

Mr. Charles Stelter of Edmonton, Alberta, born on December 4th, 1892 in South Edmonton, was taken to his heavenly home on March 26th, 1966, at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 22 days. Mr. Stelter was a patient at the University Hospital at the time of his passing. Most of his life he lived on the farm near the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church in South Edmonton. On January 2, 1922, he was married in the Moravian Church by Rev. C. Hoyler to Rosalia Wensel of Edmonton. Two children were born to this union. Charles Stelter was converted and baptized in 1908 by the Rev. F. W. Mueller. His dedication to the Lord was evident through the many responsibilities he accepted and carried out faithfully. He served as deacon, treasurer, sang in the choir and played his violin in the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church Orchestra.

In 1955 he moved to Edmonton and united with the McKernan Baptist Church. Here also he served faithfully as trustee, choir member and on the Building Committee of the new sanctuary.

Through his departure he leaves his beloved wife, Rosalia, son Clifford of South Edmonton and daughter Doris, Edmonton, one daughter-in-law, Velma, two granddaughters, Verlie and Debra, two sisters, Mrs. Fred Harmel of Vancouver, B.C., Mrs. Rose Goodridge of Edmonton, one brother Ben of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stelter, 3 sisters, Mrs. Mike Hiller, Mrs. Jack Carr and Mrs. Sam Shalin; two brothers, Ted and Fred. A host of other relatives and friends also mourn his passing. Our brother is also mourned by those who are left behind but missed by those who are left behind but we find comfort to know that though he is absent from the body he is present with the Lord.

McKernan Baptist Church
Edmonton, Alberta
CHARLES LITTMAN, Pastor

MRS. KATHERINE SCHMITKE
of Portland, Oregon

Katherine Schmitke was born in Europe on January 23, 1882 and died at Portland, Oregon on April 1, 1966 at the age of 84 years, 2 months, and 8 days. In 1930 she came to the United States. For over 15 years she was a resident of the Baptist Home for the Aged. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. Fred Mueller, Sr. and upon the confession of her faith in

Jesus Christ as her Savior baptized on July 28, 1909. She held membership in the Kneehill Creek Baptist church in Alberta, Canada, and in Trinity Baptist church of Portland, Oregon. She taught in Sunday school, was a leader in women's work, and sang in the choir. She was faithful until her death.

On August 25, 1951 she was united in marriage to Gottfried Schmitke who now mourns her departure. Others who sorrow over her passing are two daughters by a former marriage to Daniel Miller: Mrs. Margaret Goett and Mrs. Anna Schaw; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. From her marriage to Mr. Schmitke there are two step daughters, Mrs. Mabel Mueller and Mrs. Mary Weber; one stepson Ed Schmitke; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; besides many other relatives and friends. May all the bereaved seek God's grace for comfort in this visitation. Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon

DR. JOHN WOBIG, Pastor
MR. DAVID G. SAUER
of Portland, Oregon

Mr. David G. Sauer of Portland, Oregon, who died on March 5, was born in Rumania, October 23, 1884. He came to the United States in 1900, living in North Dakota and in Craigville, Alberta, before making his home in Portland in 1923. After the death of his first wife, by whom two children were born, he was joined in marriage to her sister, Rosa, with whom he was favored by almost 57 years of marriage's finest fulfillment.

Sorrowing their loss on earth are his widow, Rosa, eight daughters: Mrs. Emma Jonas, Mrs. Magdalene Lentz, Mrs. Lydia Welke, Mrs. Johannah Hansen, Mrs. Margaret Halter, Mrs. Olga Sanford, Mrs. June Lowrey, all of Portland, Mrs. Ruth Reck, of Springfield, Oregon, three sons: Edwin, Theodore and Alvin, all of Portland; three sisters: Mrs. Lena Borger of Portland, and Mrs. Pauline Hager and Mrs. Rebecca Suelze, both of Calgary, Alberta; one brother, Gottlieb, of Torrington, Alberta; 23 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Bro. Sauer was a faithful Christian; a "priest" (in the "priesthood of believers") mediating blessing especially to his large family. "Thy gentleness made me great"—and this devoted man's gentleness, out of reserves of spiritual strength, brought great moments to those close to him and left a "goodly heritage."

Immanuel Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
WILLIAM H. JESCHKE, Pastor

MR. ALBERT BORN
of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Albert Born of Cleveland, Ohio, was born February 16, 1910 in Vienna, Austria. After a prolonged and severe illness of almost two years, he peacefully went home to be with the Lord on February 14, 1966 at the age of 55 years, 11 months and 28 days.

On November 7, 1946 he married Lydia Kirsch in Germany, and this union was blessed with two sons, Werner and Wilfred. In 1952 they came to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where he also made the personal experience with Christ. Upon his confession of faith he was baptized by Rev. Henry Pfeifer on December 31, 1960, and also became a member of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. Since 1963 he was an active member of the Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, Lydia; two teen-age sons, Werner and Wilfred; two sisters and a brother in Europe, and a host of friends.

Missionary Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio
ERHARD KNULL, Pastor

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IS CHRISTIANITY

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a normative part of human personality. If one stabs his mother to death and feels no guilt about it, there is something tragically abnormal. There is a normative aspect to guilt in human personality.

In a discussion group once at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, I met a man whom I later found to be a professor of chemistry at that university. He told how one year before he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "My life was so racked up I didn't know which way to turn. I needed a bath from the inside out. When I came to Christ, I got that bath. I just can't describe to you the difference. I just sat for twenty-four hours after this happened to me, thinking about this experience and its implications." This man had come to know forgiveness from guilt.

Does our Lord speak to this? He says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). To those who know they have sinned and desperately want forgiveness and cleansing, Christianity has a wonderful message.

RESTLESSNESS

We also have with us today the widespread problem of restlessness. The phenomenal sale of books on peace of mind and soul and heart indicates that whatever these people are saying, they have touched a chord that is in the minds of many. There is little inner peace. But our Lord says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

ANXIETY

Or what about anxiety? Again secularists are mentioning this problem—fear of the future, fear of death. This does not grip us when we are sitting in a nice warm room with friends. But if we are in Viet Nam it is something else. If we are facing surgery, it is a horse of another color. Death ultimately becomes a very real thing to us.

Again our Lord speaks powerfully and with relevance to our times. In John 11:25 He says, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Undergoing heart surgery in 1954,

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NEWS AND NEEDS

A CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN IS NEEDED in Monte Vista, Colo. A unique missionary and medical service is available in private practice and in the Baptist Health Center of this city and area. For details write Rev. E. Ahrens of the Spanish-American Baptist Mission, 512 Adams St., Monte Vista, Colo.

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CHILDREN'S DAY

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fore, we as ambassadors for Christ are ever exhorted, "In word or deed to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God by Him" (Col. 3:17).

To carry out God's complete program to win the peoples of the world to Christ there are required many kinds of people and all sorts of talents. Let us endeavor to put our children on God's standard for them, and then encourage our youngsters in their Christian walk and in their enthusiastic witness for Christ.

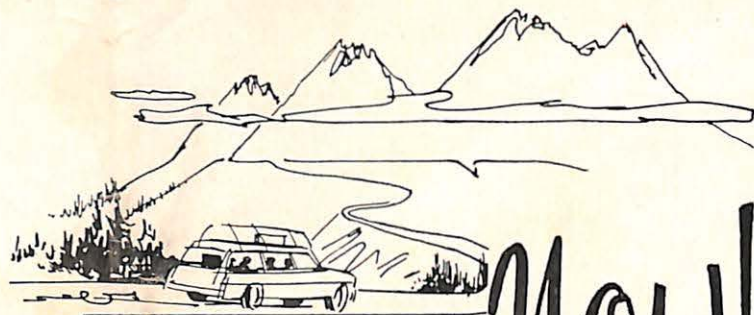
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1966	April, 1965
Atlantic	\$ 4,504.38	\$ 2,872.56
Central	13,081.41	6,723.58
Dakota	10,874.58	8,953.34
Eastern	6,468.40	3,953.83
Northern	17,313.12	12,377.13
Northwestern	12,545.21	10,920.81
Pacific	13,513.96	15,375.95
Southern	863.62	886.38
Southwestern	8,825.38	7,700.02
Inter-Conference	2,258.10	2,153.83
	\$ 90,248.16	\$ 71,917.43

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of April 1966	\$ 83,523.50	\$ 6,724.66	\$ 90,248.16
For the month of April 1965	67,383.64	4,533.79	71,917.43



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IS CHRISTIANITY

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I had the chance to prove this experimentally in my own life. I will never forget, as I was wheeled into the operating room, the tremendous peace that came into my heart and soul—a peace I knew did not come from within but from without. I knew the likelihood was that I'd come back, but I also knew there was a distinct possibility I never would. It was a tremendous thing to know the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ as the resurrection and the life.

INTELLECTUAL CONFUSION

There are other things to which we could speak. Our Lord says, for instance, "I am the truth" (John 14:6). It is phenomenal how intellectual confusion begins to evaporate when we come to the One who is the Truth. Even some modern intellectuals are finding that today, and certainly many students are. I see it happen on the college campuses all the time.

Is Christianity relevant? Simply review the problems of man—problems of people whom you know, problems you have had to face yourself, and then ask yourself what the Lord Jesus Christ has to say about these needs. Enter into the experiential reality of seeing them met in a daily walk by faith with Jesus Christ. Then communicate what you have discovered to others. You will find, as will non-believers who haven't yet realized it, that we have the most relevant and the most powerful message that the world could possibly hear, despite the attacks of our modern-day critics.

And we're living in an age when people are more open to hear this message than ever before.

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