

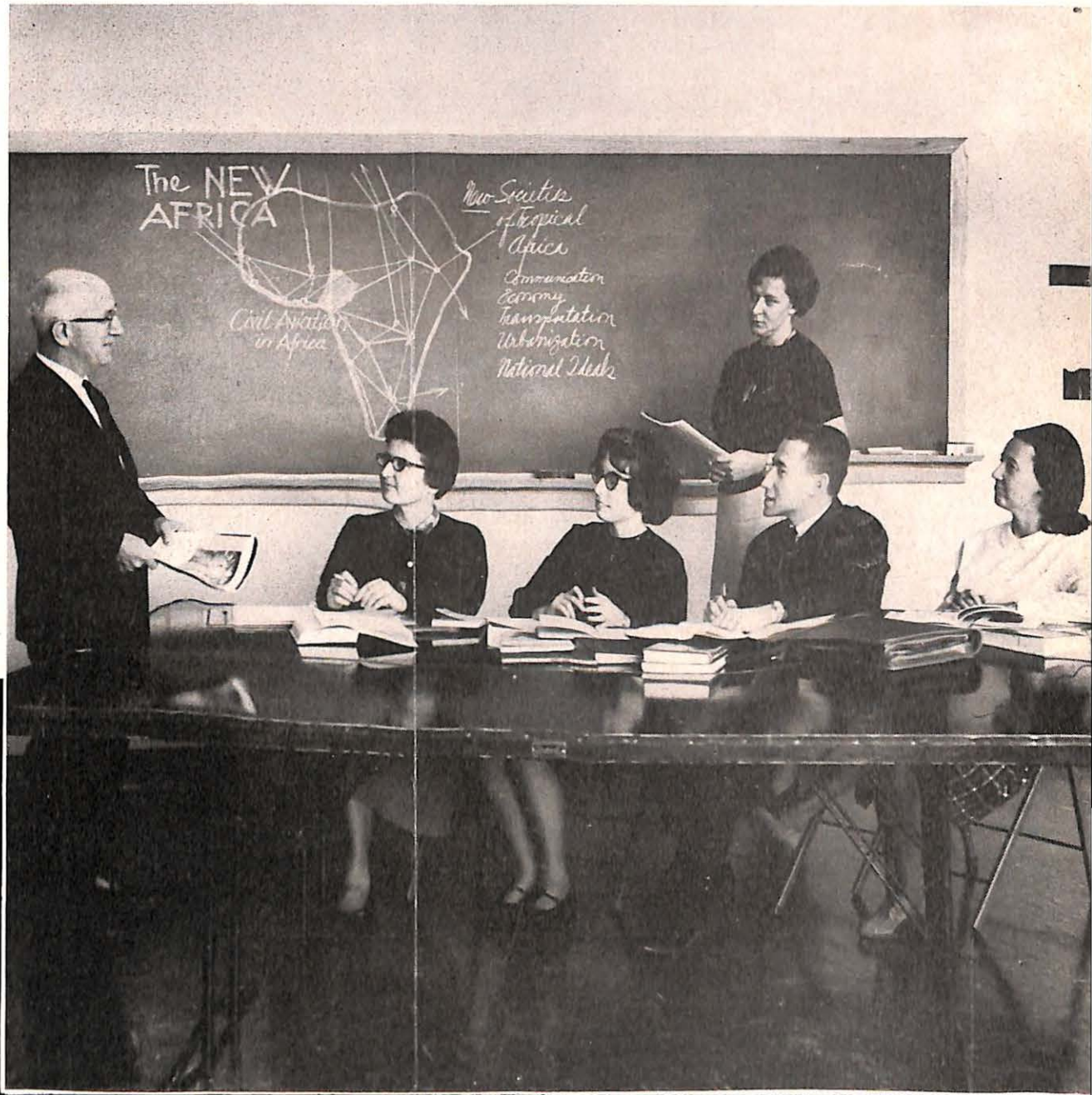
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THE MINISTER'S PRAYER

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing room be priced;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see Christ!

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh!

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
I only pray that as I voice the message,
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel
Or of this world's distinctions any part;
I only ask when I have voiced the message,
My Savior's heart!

—Ralph S. Cushman

A SPIRITUAL YARDSTICK

Dr. Theodore F. Adams passed on to the recent meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Convention eight measurements for Christian growth into "the stature and fulness of Christ." He said he had copied them from someone else years ago. They are paraphrases of the Beatitudes and may be compared verse by verse (Matthew 5:3-11).

1. How humbly do I stand before Almighty God? (v. 3)
2. How sensitive am I to the misery and need of mankind? (v. 4)
3. How well do I keep my God-given powers disciplined and under self-control? (v. 5)
4. How earnestly do I seek to know and do the right? (v. 6)
5. How frequently and how graciously do I extend a helping hand to those who need me? (v. 7)
6. How closely am I in tune with spiritual values? (v. 8)
7. How well am I learning the art of getting along with other people? (v. 9)
8. How ready am I to endure hardship and to suffer for Christian ideals? (v. 10, 11)

—The Baptist World

FRONT COVER — SEMINARY ISSUE

The picture on the front cover is a unique demonstration of our missionary outreach. Dr. George A. Dunger, professor of missions at the NAB Seminary who has recently returned from a sabbatical leave spent in Cameroon, Africa, presents "the new world" and its needs to the following: (left to right behind desk) Lucille Wipf, missionary in Japan; Mrs. Rabenhorst and Mr. Richard Rabenhorst, candidates for the mission field in South America; Geraldine Glasenapp and Betty Mantay (standing), missionaries in Cameroon, Africa.

This special SEMINARY issue features many informative and exciting articles about our "school of the prophets" in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by the president, faculty members, Cameroon missionary who taught at the Seminary for one semester, and an exchange student from Germany. Be sure to give your attention to page 24 about the "Corps of 100."

NEWS and NEEDS...

CONTRIBUTIONS, JANUARY. The gifts of our people in January for the missionary and service program of the denomination amounted to \$108,015.16. This has brought the total for the first ten months of the fiscal year to \$856,851.20, almost \$50,000 more than last year. But we are still about \$250,000 short of the year's goal of \$1,100,000. During the month of February and March, if our churches should lay about \$125,000 on God's altar in each of these two months, the objective will be reached successfully. It still can be done with God's help and blessing!

OUR SEMINARY. In the annual budget of the denomination, the sum of \$83,200 is allocated for the North American Baptist Seminary. The theological training of future ministers is expensive but it is exceedingly important especially if we want "to give God and the denomination our best through an accredited Seminary." In the article by President Frank Veninga (see pages 4 and 5) it is pointed out that what is still needed to achieve accreditation is an ENLARGED BUDGET for the Seminary. Read this article with prayerful concern and sensitive understanding.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION. Dr. George A. Dunger has returned from the Cameroon mission field in Africa with the urgent appeal to our churches at home: "One of the most urgent needs of the Cameroon mission field with sure and happy promise of much fruit is theological education. Theological education and training are an utter necessity in Cameroon." Equally emphatic is the call for greater involvement in theological education from the Japan mission field. The Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan is now engaged in a building and advance program which will require increasing financial assistance by North American Baptists at home.

BIBLE SUNDAY. The offerings of Bible Sunday, March 13, will be designated for the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Christian literature through our Roger Williams Press to be distributed on our several mission fields. The money will also go in part to the ministry of the American Bible Society that celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and to the work of the Canadian Bible Society. These Societies are aggressively engaged in placing the Bible or portions of the Bible into the hands of people in ALL countries of the world. The observance of Bible Sunday on March 13 should be a very blessed experience for all congregations!

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Cover in color, Easter sermons
and special features

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

We Salute Our Seminary

Guest Editorial by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

Our Seminary has always held a central place in the work of our denomination. Soon after our first churches were organized, Professor August Rauschenbusch, with the encouragement of pastors and people, launched a ministerial training program in Rochester, N. Y. When the first General Conference was held in Wilmot, Ontario in the fall of 1865, one of the important decisions was concerned with the undergirding and expansion of this program. Soon additional faculty members were added and a full-fledged theological seminary resulted.

How grateful we are that our early leaders recognized the importance of a trained ministry. Because of their foresight our Seminary has been able to provide capable spiritual leaders for our churches for 115 years—100 years in Rochester, N. Y. and 15 years in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Our fellowship has been enriched immeasurably by the able and fruitful service of hundreds of seminary graduates ministering in our churches and in our missionary program.

The Seminary is deserving of our full and unstinted support today. Under fine administrative leadership, an excellent faculty is continuing to provide evangelical, scholarly and thoroughly Bible-centered training for our young people. Never has our Seminary been blessed with a finer faculty than we have today. Some have the balance and understanding spirit that come with experience and mature years; others have the vision and daring of youth; but all are men of outstanding scholarship and complete dedication to the Word of God. Under their teaching the Seminary sends forth young people who are faithful to the Word of God but who also understand the economic, political and cultural background of the society in which they minister. There may be better seminaries, but there is no seminary that can more effectively train young men and women for service in our North American Baptist churches.

There is one thing about which we are deeply concerned: the need for more Christian workers. Nearly every denomination is experiencing a shortage of ministers and almost every seminary is pleading for more students. Of the students who do graduate from the seminaries, a disproportionate number prefer to go into teaching or social service rather than the pastorate. To make matters worse, some ministers are forsaking their calling out of a sense of frustration and a feeling that their work has no relevance to the great moral issues of the day. Ours is an age that places the emphasis on secularism and materialism; as a result, many of our most able young people seek their life's work in areas where the rewards in terms of social recognition and material gain will be greatest.

What can we do about this? We can pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers. We can, in our homes and in our churches, cooperate with our Lord by encouraging young people to respond favorably when God calls them. And when our young people are ready for special training, we can and should urge them to attend our own North American Baptist Seminary!

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The Value of an Accredited Seminary

Accreditation of the Seminary would greatly benefit our churches, students and faculty and would demonstrate to all that we desire to give God and the denomination our best through the continued development and expansion of our theological training program.

By Dr. Frank Veninga, President of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a graduate school of theology, is owned and controlled by the North American Baptist General Conference. Its distinctive purposes have been crystallized over the past 116 years. By God's grace and providence and with the sacrificial support of alumni and friends, churches and church organizations, the Seminary steadily grows in strength and stature. Theological education at the Seminary centers in the Person of Jesus Christ through whom God is revealing

the Seminary by passing the following motion, "that 1967 be adopted as a target date for accreditation of the NAB Seminary."

Necessary steps leading toward this goal have been taken over the years. The institution was granted associate membership in the American Association of Theological Schools, the national accrediting body, with which 127 seminaries are affiliated in the United States and Canada, in 1954. This was a most significant milestone in our history. Ever since this date the school

We have conscientiously sought to strengthen the faculty, to expand the library, to revise the curriculum, to review our policies to engage in self-study, to increase salaries, and to keep abreast with contemporary theological education.

WHAT IS THE AATS?

What is the American Association of Theological Schools? Briefly stated, it is an association of institutions devoted to education for the Christian ministry. Its interests in having a list of accredited institutions grows out of its concern for the best possible preparation of men and women for effective ministries in the church. This inclusion of an institution in this list is based upon academic criteria without reference to doctrinal position or ecclesiastical affiliation, and upon evidence that the institution has the necessary facilities and standards to prepare students for the ministry (AATS Bulletin 26, page 24).

Membership in the AATS is purely voluntary, and in no sense do we surrender our autonomy, distinctives, or theological position. Rather than being controlled by this agency, we find that it stimulates us to improve our program by providing well established standards of excellence.

Of the 127 seminaries affiliated with the Association, 92 are accredited and 35 hold associate membership. Total enrollment in these schools is 21,529. It is of interest to note that there are 22 Baptist seminaries affiliated with the AATS. Of these 15 hold accredited membership and 7 are listed as associate members. These Baptist institutions have an enrollment of 4,950. Nearly all institutions currently listed as associate member schools are working diligently to achieve full accreditation. All six Southern Baptist seminaries are fully accredited. Only one of the 8 American Baptist Convention seminaries is not accredited at this time.

As a Christian educational institution we feel a double responsibility—first of all to the Lord, and then to those whom we serve, to provide the best possible training for Christian service. To do this we must measure up to the recognized standards as established by the Accrediting Association. Accreditation means that the school is a stable institution, operating academically on a professional level and is entitled to professional recognition. It means furthermore that graduates of an accredited seminary have access to other schools for advanced

study. It is an indication that an institution has attained the respect and endorsement of the educational community.

BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

Accreditation would benefit our churches, Seminary, students and faculty. Other forward-moving denominations and churches have benefited from their accredited seminaries by providing the type of theological education needed in this age. Our capable young people demand and deserve the best in education.

Our churches would benefit: by better qualified pastoral leadership; by meeting the needs of the expanding ministries of the church; by the provision of adequate leadership for an increasingly enlightened church membership.

Our Seminary would benefit: by keeping abreast of advancing standards of theological education; by securing and retaining qualified faculty members; by attracting lecturers of note, both academically and spiritually; by establishing and strengthening inter-institutional relationship; by being eligible to receive funds currently denied.

Our students would benefit: by an enlarged, academically alert, and spiritually responsive student group; by adequate preparation for advanced study; by facilitating entry of Canadian and other foreign students; by becoming eligible for additional funds and stipends.

Our faculty would benefit: by gaining recognition of scholarly competence as shown in lectureships, research and writing, by providing greater opportunities for participation and leadership in professional organizations; by becoming eligible for additional funds and stipends aiding professional growth and stature.

AN ENLARGED BUDGET NEEDED

"What is yet needed to achieve accreditation?" is a question frequently asked. The answer is found in two words, ENLARGED BUDGET. It is as simple as that. I shall mention two areas of particular concern. AATS standards require a library budget of \$19,000 annually. Not less than \$7,500 should be spent for books and periodicals apart from binding. We are considerably below the stated amount, although our Library Book Project has helped considerably to increase our budget from year to year.

According to the Accrediting Association's standards, "it is imperative that adequate salaries be paid." In order to bring Seminary salaries in line with AATS minimal standards we need to give serious thought to our salary scale and then seek to adjust this in keeping with practices and policies of comparable institutions.

The academic goals of the Accrediting Association and our goals are comparable. In view of these goals and our commitment, we desire to give God

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Teaching at Our Seminary

Colorful impressions and revealing observations of the Seminary by Rev. George W. Lang, Missionary to West Cameroon, Africa

DURING the first semester of this school year, 1965-1966, it was my privilege to teach at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. I taught in the area of Missions, this experience being made possible because of the fact that Dr. George A. Dunger spent the period of his sabbatical teaching for a few months in Germany and the remaining months at our Baptist Bible Training Centre in Ndu, West Cameroon.

DR. DUNGER'S CAMEROON VISIT

From the point of view of the mission field, we are most grateful that Dr. Dunger was able to make this period of teaching at our Bible School in Ndu, West Cameroon possible. First of all, it gave Dr. Dunger a chance to get the latest first-hand information on the work on the field in Cameroon as well as follow up the fine work being done by four missionaries on the field in Cameroon who only recently attended his courses: Rev. Oryn Meinerts, Rev. George Black, Miss Barbara Stroh, and Miss Eunice Kern.

Secondly, it gave our Bible School authorities a good insight into what is still needed to help upgrade our Bible School as it seeks in time to enter into the status of a full Seminary. I am sure that the suggestions to be forthcoming as a result of Dr. Dunger's visit there will give a substantial boost to this concern of our Cameroonian pastors as well as to our missionaries. (See Dr. Dunger's article in next issue of the "Baptist Herald.")

Thirdly, Dr. Dunger's presence on the Bible School staff made it possible to release Rev. Lloyd Kwast, a regular member of the staff, to serve in the capacity as Evangelism Secretary in a full time way, accompanying the Cameroon Baptist Convention's full time Executive Secretary, Pastor Nfor, and visiting churches, preparing essential literature materials, and setting up an overall evangelistic convention program.

MY TEACHING IMPRESSIONS

From my point of view as a visiting teacher at the Seminary, this experience proved to be a most interesting one. First of all, I was delighted to have the opportunity to get acquainted with the very fine students who are in attendance at our Seminary. I was greatly impressed with their spirit of serious concern with the important responsibility of preparing themselves for the work of the Gospel ministry. I was very much struck by the number of students in the Seminary—either as regular students or as pre-enrolled ones—who are children (mostly sons)—of our denominational ministers'

homes. These include: Harry Hiller, Curtis Wiens, Victor Gunst, Sara Lou Gunst in addition to Dwight Pfeiffer, Timothy Faszer and possibly other pre-enrolled students. I found this fact most encouraging.

The opportunity to teach *History of Missions* gave me the chance to see our own missionary effort in terms of its total historical as well as geographical perspective, which I found to be very revealing. The course on *Missionary Methods* that I taught gave me the occasion to share with the students some of the lessons learned while on the mission field for their own help, both for home as well as for foreign use. I was happy over the prospect of at least one of the students contemplating and seriously praying about foreign missionary service.

Working with the very genial president, Dr. Veninga, together with the other fine members of the faculty was also most rewarding. I had not met several of the most recent staff members, and therefore I was happy to have had this privilege of being able to meet with them and to work together with them.

NEW SEMINARY LIBRARY

The impressive addition to the seminary building plant itself is the beautiful library which was added since my last furlough in 1960. This new addition is certainly something of which all denominational members have every reason to be proud. I was certainly highly impressed by it and found it to be a significant step of advance and progress in the onward movement of the Seminary Advance Program. I am sure that the present drive to enlist people willing to contribute toward filling it with books will continue to meet with an enthusiastic response.

I also was gratified to see that the Bender Fellowship under the able leadership of Harry Hiller is continuing to keep the concern of missions—both home and foreign—dynamic and alive in the minds and hearts of all members of the Seminary family.

THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am most grateful for this opportunity given to make Dr. Dunger's visit and teaching in our field in the Cameroon possible as well as my chance to help at our Seminary at Sioux Falls. We pray and trust that the cause of Christ has been furthered and that the unity of our work together for the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the various phases of our Christian outreach has been greatly strengthened by this significant experience.



American Association of Theological Schools' Team visits our Seminary campus. Left to right: President Frank Veninga; Dr. Riley Montgomery, past president of Lexington Theological Seminary; Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. Warren Groff, dean of Bethany Theological Seminary.

himself in the world creatively and redemptively by the Holy Spirit. Witness to the saving acts of God is given in the inspired Scripture, our authority for faith and practice.

GOAL OF ACCREDITATION

The ultimate aim of our theological education is continuous spiritual and intellectual growth in the Christian ministry. It is not the purpose of this article to relate its history, achievements or contributions, but to discuss the need and value of accreditation.

The Committee on Higher Education has strongly endorsed the Seminary's efforts and desire for accredited status. The General Council in annual session, May 21-22, 1965 unanimously supported

has worked in close relationship with the AATS.

A Visiting Team, composed of an expert in administration and academic affairs, was on our campus during the 1959-1960 school year to explore the resources, facilities and program of the Seminary. Their report included observations and recommendations in the areas of administration, finances, faculty, curriculum, field education, library, recruitment, admissions, student life and ultimate conception of purpose and operation. Its recommendations and counsel have been carefully heeded. Dr. Charles Taylor, Director, and Dr. Jesse Ziegler, Associate Director, have visited our campus and have counselled with administration and faculty.

The Highest Price for the Bible

Even as the flames engulfed him at the stake, William Tyndale prayed: "Lord, open the king of England's eyes!" This is the amazing power of God's Word to open the eyes of people everywhere to behold God's glory and truth.

By Professor Hugo Lueck, Professor of Church History, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

TODAY every believer has his own Bible. We cannot imagine the Christian life without it. We received our first Bibles from our parents and from Sunday school, and we keep on getting new copies and new translations all the time. We read the Scriptures every day and do not feel right if we let a day pass without reading them.

But it was not always so. Christians of England for over a thousand years were without a Bible in their own tongue. Christianity had come to England in the second or third century, but it was not until the eighth century that some Psalms were translated into Old English for the first time. The stories of the Gospel and Acts appeared first in the 13th century, written in verse for making memorizing easier. But these were free translations for priests and monks only. There was no thought as yet of providing the common people with the Word of God.

WYCLIFFE AND TYNDALE

Such revolutionary ideas were first introduced in the 14th century by John Wycliffe, professor at Oxford University. He translated the whole Bible from Latin into English. It was a very literal translation, following the Latin so closely word for word that its English was often unintelligible unless one knew Latin. All of Wycliffe's Bibles were handwritten and not numerous. His attempt to bring the Bible to the English people was suppressed.

Then printing was discovered in Germany and developed so rapidly that a revival of learning followed. Soon after that, Martin Luther started the Reformation and the new ideas also reached England. A gifted young scholar at Oxford, William Tyndale, like Luther, became very deeply interested in the Bible and was filled with consuming zeal to make the Word of God known to his own people. He translated the New Testament into better English, and sought permission for its publication from the bishop of London.

Being refused Tyndale went into Germany, first to Wittenberg, then to Hamburg, then to Cologne and finally he finished printing his New Testament in Worms. This was the first printed Bible and was smuggled into England.

The translation was excellent, greatly superior over former English versions. Yet he was opposed for disobeying the pope by trying to give the Bible to the common people. He replied to one of his learned opponents: "I defy the pope and all his laws. If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause



PROF. HUGO LUECK
Teaching a class on "Church History" at the NAB Seminary.

a boy that drives the plough shall know more of the Scripture than thou dost."

This is an echo of the noble utterance of Erasmus, the greatest scholar at the time of Reformation: "I totally disagree with those who are unwilling that the Holy Scriptures, translated into the common tongue, should be read by the unlearned. Christ desires his mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I could wish that even all women should read the Gospel and St. Paul's Epistles, and would that they were translated into all the languages of all Christian people, that they might be read and known not merely by the Scots and Irish but even by the Turks and Saracens. I wish that the farm worker might sing parts of them at the plough, that the weaver might hum them at the shuttle, and that the traveller might beguile the weariness of the way by recruiting them."

THE BIBLE FOR ALL PEOPLE

But few thought like Tyndale and Erasmus. Even men of the New Learning, such as Sir Thomas Moore, a close friend of Erasmus, thought it dangerous to let the Word of God be known to the common people in their own mother tongue. Wycliffe's and Tyndale's English Bibles were condemned and reading the Bible without a special permission from a bishop was prohibited. All copies of the Tyndale New Testament, that had been smuggled into England, were bought up or confiscated by the bishop of London and

burned publicly.

Tyndale himself was hunted as a heretic and had to spend his days away from his native England and finally was burned to death at the stake. He had taken refuge in Antwerp, Belgium, a free city. But his enemies had him treacherously kidnapped and carried away to a prison near Brussels in Belgium.

A letter written by him from prison tells of his sufferings and heroism. Writing to some authority he says: "Wherefore I beg your lordship, and that by the Lord Jesus Christ, that if I am to remain here through the winter, you will request the commissary to have the kindness to send me from the goods of mine which he has, a warmer cap. I suffer greatly from a cold in the head and am afflicted by a perpetual catarrh, which is much increased in this cell. Bring a warmer coat also, for this which I have is very thin, and a piece of cloth to patch my leggings. My overcoat is worn out. He has a woolen shirt, if he will be good enough to send it. I have also with him leggings of thicker cloth to put on above; he has also warmer night caps. And I ask to be allowed to have a lamp in the evening; it is indeed wearisome sitting alone in the dark. But most of all I beg and beseech your clemency to be urgent with the commissary, that he will kindly permit me to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar and Hebrew dictionary, that I may pass the time in that study. . . ." (This reminds us of Paul's requests in prison).

TYNDALE'S BIBLE VERSION

Tyndale spent one and a half years in the dark and cold prison until on October 6, 1536 "he was brought forth to the place of execution, was there tied to the stake, and then strangled first by the hangman, and afterwards with fire consumed. . . crying thus at the stake with a fervent zeal and a loud voice: 'Lord, open the king of England's eyes.'"

Tyndale did not know that, a few months before his execution in Belgium, the Bible in English was being circulated in his own country with King Henry's permission. His fervent prayer at the stake had been answered before he even uttered it.

Tyndale's version was basic to all successive English Bibles. Nine-tenths of the Authorized Version (King James Version) is still that of Tyndale. Bibles were very expensive in those days, but Tyndale paid the highest price for his—he gave his life for it!

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The New Approach to Seminary Training

Three years of planning for the new seminary curriculum have resulted in a series of courses and experiences that will meet the needs of our students who will be the future pastors of our churches. This is an exciting story for our denomination!

By Professor Martha M. Leypoldt, Professor of Christian Education, NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

EXCITING THINGS are happening at the seminary with the new curriculum in effect for one semester. The faculty, in evaluating the program, has expressed its satisfaction and enthusiasm. The students' response, on the whole, has been very positive. One student wrote: "I really like this new curriculum." Another student commented: "The curriculum is very good."

After one semester in our new program, the faculty feels assured that the three years of study and planning for the new curriculum have resulted in a series of courses and experiences that will meet the needs of our students who will be the future pastors of our churches.

NEW COURSES

To introduce you to the first four courses of the new curriculum which have just been completed, we record a few quotations written by some of the students in answer to the question: "In what way do you think these courses will be helpful to you in your future ministry?"

In response to the course in "Theology I—Old Testament I," which introduced the student to the historical revelation of God's redemptive plan and the early part of the history and religion of Israel, some students reported:

—"Theology has helped me to clarify my thinking on revelation and the Bible."

—"It made Old Testament come alive in the purpose and meaning God has for mankind."

—"I've never studied the Old Testament as done this semester and I am amazed at the content."

In response to the course on "The Church," some of the students commented:

—"An excellent course, which places the church in a social and contemporary perspective and which emphasized the importance of the church and her mission."

—"It gave us a broad perspective of what the church is, where it stands now, and where it is going. The understanding of the nature and purpose of the church that we gained is very basic and most helpful."

THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Regarding the course in "Greek Exegesis" some students reported:

—"I learned how to dig out for myself some of the truths and practical interpretations of the Scriptures. We were able to see how we could test

some of the basic doctrines ourselves by looking into and behind what the text says."

—"I have learned the importance of the original languages."

The fourth required course was entitled, "Introduction to Communication." To this course some students responded:

—"This course had practical value in helping us to get a good look at ourselves and how we would appear before a congregation."

—"The use of the tape recorder did more to make me realize my deficiencies than anything."

—"This course has made me realize the importance of Bible reading, the importance of purpose in speech and its delivery."

Several students mentioned that the study and participation in small group work was very beneficial.

Courses are arranged under three divisions of study: biblical foundations, heritage and faith, and work and witness. "The Biblical Foundations of the Christian Faith" includes the biblical language studies and the investigation into the meaning of the Old and New Testament teachings. "The Heritage



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Professor of Christian Education at the North American Baptist Seminary.

and Thought of the Christian Faith" includes the study of theology, philosophy, history, and the theoretical aspects of missions. "The Work and Witness of the Christian Faith" includes the studies of homiletics, the ministries of the church, Christian education, and practical aspects of missions.

A balance of required and elective courses is arranged. The first year of studies will provide one elective course for the students during the second semester. A limited number of courses will be provided for this. The study of Elementary Hebrew, which is an elective course, has been arranged to begin at this time so that students who desire will have an opportunity to complete ten hours in the study of Hebrew by the end of the middle year. Twenty-six hours of study are electives.

TEAM TEACHING

In three of the four courses during the first semester, more than one professor was involved in teaching the course. In the course on "The Church," four professors worked together, with Prof. Gerald L. Borchert coordinating the course. Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Prof. Donald H. Madvig shared responsibility for the course in "Theology I—Old Testament." The course in "Introduction to Communication" was taught by Prof. Roy Seibel with the Professor of Christian Education responsible for teaching four weeks about communicating in small groups. This venture in team teaching was an attempt to integrate our teaching program. Both professors and students benefited from this experience.

Some of the students' comments on team teaching were as follows:

—"I thought it helped because a person got a broader scope of the problem or aspect of the course than he could have gotten from one person."

—"The team method is good, I think, because the various aspects of the course are dealt with by a professor who is an expert in that field."

Five other courses during the three-year curriculum will involve more than one professor. During the senior year the course entitled, "The Evangelical Task of the Church," will involve five professors sharing some part of the teaching program.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The new curriculum is student centered in order to prepare him for a pastoral ministry. There is a balance between theory and practice. Following theory courses in speech, homiletics,

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SENIOR STUDENTS, NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

Left to right, front row: Richard C. Rabenhorst, Manfred T. Brauch, Eugene A. Kern, and Kenneth E. Unruh. Back row: Ted L. Keck, Kendrick A. Gould, Jr., Robert L. Veninga, Elwyn Zimmerman, and Henry J. Geigle.

Presenting the Class of 1966

Introductions to the Senior Students at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls.

By Professor Roy W. Seibel, Professor of Applied Theology, NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

THE NINE MEMBERS who compose the graduating class of 1966 at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota represent an unusual variety of background and experience in preparation for a ministry which shows great promise. The men come from nine different states and provinces ranging from New York to Washington, and from the southern prairies of Oklahoma to the northern reaches of Alberta, Canada. Eugene Kern is the single member from Canada.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The diversity of geographic origin is contrasted by the considerable experience in the practical aspects of the ministry which every member has enjoyed. Eight of the men served as student pastors while engaged in seminary studies. The other member found a greater dimension of reality in his training by serving as Minister to Youth in the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls.

Two men entered programs of clinical training to deepen their understanding of people caught in life's crises. Through these new insights they discovered ways of relating the Gospel to people in need.

The class follows the trend of the day for seminary students to marry and establish homes during their training program. Only one student remains a hold-

out against this modern movement.

We present a brief sketch of each senior in order to help our readers know them individually.

MANFRED BRAUCH

Manfred Brauch became aware of the claim of God upon his life while in his last year of Technical High School, preparing for a career in Electronics Engineering. Because of the deep conviction (which is the deepest conviction of his life!) that his Lord wanted him to share with a broken humanity the Good News of the Gospel of Christ, Manfred entered Houghton College in New York in 1959 to begin his preparation for this ministry, graduating in 1963 with a major in History and a B.A. degree.

During his Seminary training, Manfred concentrated in the area of biblical studies, specifically in the New Testament. Interest in extra-curricular activities, dating back to his high school and college days, evidenced itself in his leadership of the Bender Missions Fellowship. His preparation was further enriched through his student pastoral ministry in the Bismarck Baptist Church during the summer of 1964 as well as through extensive preaching opportunities.

Manfred was selected as the exchange student to the Baptist Seminary, Hamburg, Germany for the academic year 1966-1967. Upon his re-

turn to the States, he plans to continue in graduate studies in preparation for a pastoral ministry.

HENRY J. GEIGLE

Henry J. Geigle, a native of Bismarck, N. Dak., graduated from Sioux Falls College in 1960. He ministered as student pastor at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Spirit Lake Baptist Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa. While at Spirit Lake, Henry was ordained as a minister of the American Baptist Convention in 1963.

He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hamburg, Iowa before returning to the North American Baptist Seminary to complete requirements for graduation. During this last year at the Seminary, Henry has been serving the Methodist churches at Inwood and Lester, Iowa.

Henry's wife, Leota, is also a graduate of Sioux Falls College and had received valuable experience in youth work before becoming a pastor's wife. The Geigles have two girls, Mary Rose 6, and Leah Lynn 4, and a boy, John 14, now being adopted.

KENDRICK GOULD

Kendrick Gould comes from Tacoma, Wash. After serving four years in the United States Air Force, he completed his studies at Berkshire Christian College in Lenox, Mass.

During his seminary training he serv-

ed in a variety of preaching assignments and as student pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., in the summer of 1965. At the present time he is the student pastor of the Conservative Congregational Church in Worthing, S. Dak.

He has served as vice-president of the Junior Class, secretary of the Student Association, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Seminary Cooperative Bookstore, and as Senior Class president. His wife, Ingrid, worked as a registered medical secretary to help defray school expenses. Ken plans to enter the pastorate after graduation.

EUGENE KERN

Eugene Kern came to the Seminary from the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. He and his wife, Eleanor, have two children: Murray, aged two, and Janell, aged two months.

After receiving his B.A. degree from Sioux Falls College in 1960, he continued his preparation at the Seminary with a major emphasis in Practical Theology. For the past two and one half years, Eugene served as student pastor of the Sioux Valley Baptist Church of Dell Rapids, S. Dak. During the summer months of 1965 he took clinical pastoral training at Hennepin County General Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.

Eugene is the president of the Student Association, and Mrs. Kern is the current president of the Seminary Guild. After graduation from the Seminary he looks forward to the pastorate in one of our N.A.B. churches.

TED KECK

While attending Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Oregon, Ted Keck felt the call of the Lord into the Christian ministry. He worked with the American Sunday School Union in organizing a rural Sunday school in Kellogg, Idaho in order to gain experience and to help defray college expenses. Under the student service plan, Ted served one summer in Medina, N. Dak., and two summers at Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls.

He has also served as interim pastor for the First Baptist Church of Canton, S. Dak.; Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of Rushmore, Minn.; and Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church of Beresford, S. Dak. Ted has worked with many youth camps as well as serving as youth advisor.

Ted and his wife, Lorena, are looking forward to the pastorate in an established church or in a Church Extension ministry.

RICHARD RABENHORST

Richard Rabenhorst was born on a farm near Watertown, Wisc. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of eleven and joined the First Baptist Church of Watertown. He is the brother of Ruth Rabenhorst, our missionary to Cameroon, Africa. His wife is the former Beth Blackburn of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Richard graduated from the Moody

Bible Institute of Chicago in 1961, and Bethel College of St. Paul in 1963 with a B.A. degree, majoring in psychology. That summer he attended the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, and in the fall he began his seminary training, majoring in Theology.

During the summer of 1964, he traveled as speaker with "The Singing Men," representing the Seminary in our churches. As a middler, he was vice-president of Bender Fellowship, and Student Association secretary as a senior. He worked part-time as a salesman, and served as interim pas-

mony Presbyterian Church of Hurley, S. Dak. He accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa, and began his ministry there February 15.

ROBERT L. VENINGA

Robert Veninga was born in Milwaukee, Wisc., Dec. 10, 1941. His past experiences, which have been varied, will be of assistance to him as he enters the pastoral ministry.

In high school Bob faithfully gave himself to the disciplines of music and athletics. His musical training was put to use as he accompanied the "Musical



THE KAISER-RAMAKER LIBRARY AT THE SEMINARY

The Seminary Library now houses 24,000 selected volumes, of which approximately 1000 books are checked out each month. (Read the library announcement on page 24 of this issue).

tor at the Church of Christ (Disciples), Rock Rapids, Iowa.

KENNETH UNRUH

Kenneth Unruh became interested in the work of the North American Baptists while attending Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. He joined the Strassburg Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas where he was licensed for the ministry in 1956.

While attending Central Baptist Seminary for one year, Ken served a community church in Everett, Missouri. He then became pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas where he was ordained in 1958 and later served the Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee, Okla. Ken served in various capacities in the Kansas and Oklahoma Associations and the Southwestern Conference.

Realizing his need to complete seminary studies, he and his wife, Annora, and their four children moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1962. While attending our Seminary he served the Har-

Messengers" on a concert tour for the Seminary. As a student at Sioux Falls College and the University of Minnesota, Bob participated in forensics and student government. While attending the Seminary he has served as Minister with Youth at the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. Through his work new creative methods of reaching young people have been developed.

Bob is deeply committed to the pastoral ministry. His concern for young people is especially well known by the Seminary family. Bob plans to do graduate work in the area of pastoral counseling.

ELWYN ZIMMERMAN

Elwyn Zimmerman transferred to our Seminary last September. He is a product of the First Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill. While studying at Wheaton College, he was vocal soloist on a gospel team and also preached at various jails and missions. During his final two years at Wheaton, he served as director of the jail evangelism work of the college.

It was through his work in jail evangelism that he became acquainted with Mary Sutthoff, a classmate, whom he married the summer following their graduation. Following their marriage, Elwyn entered Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. During his second year there, he also served as di-

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SEMINARY LITERATURE

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JUST PLAIN TALK— Concerning the NAB Seminary

By Mr. Bert A. Braun of Auburn, Michigan, a member of the Seminary Board of Trustees

THE EASTERN DISTRICT Secretary, Rev. R. Kern, recently reported that there are nine pastorless churches in this district. The thought struck me that our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is graduating nine students this year. How about the pastorless churches in the other three districts? Why are there not more men going into the Christian ministry? Why is there such a shortage of pastors?

We are among thirteen Baptist seminaries experiencing a decrease in current enrollment. This decrease has presented a real challenge to the president, the faculty, and the Board of Trustees of our seminary.

The physical facilities of our seminary are more than adequate. We could double the present enrollment and still have room for more. The library is up to date, functional, adequate, and growing rapidly. The goal of 40,000 books may soon become a reality providing we, as laymen, become more involved. The "Corps of 100" offers opportunity for this—one hundred parties pledging one hundred dollars to upgrade our existing library of 23,000 volumes. In many cases the matching grant program offered by many companies will double the gift of a donor resulting in a two hundred dollar gain for the seminary instead of a one hundred dollar gain.

We have a spiritually dedicated faculty, academically qualified and denominationally oriented with each professor contributing in a particularly

unique way to the effective ministry of expanding spiritual horizons, broadening knowledge and deepening the sense of full commitment to Jesus Christ.

We have the physical facilities. We have an expansive and growing library.

We have a spiritually dedicated and academically qualified faculty, but we need more students to prepare themselves to take over our pastorless churches!

Generally speaking, it is not the larger churches that suffer when there is a shortage of pastors. I am, therefore, primarily concerned about the smaller churches in need of God-appointed men to preach, teach, evangelize, and administrate in the rapidly changing world of today. When Christ was seeking recruits he said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Why are the laborers few?

Perhaps the one goal most of the 197 million Americans have in common is the desire for material wealth which brings with it a certain sense of security and satisfaction. We must be careful that the world does not compress us into its "love of money" mold. In the field of sports some football players are paid a \$600,000 bonus for a single season in addition to a handsome salary of several thousand. Baseball players receive as high as \$115,000 a season. How about the minister, the missionary, or the seminary professor?

I quote from page 12 of the October 12, 1965 issue of the "Baptist Herald": "Churches with memberships from 1 through 49 paid an average annual salary of \$3,230 to their pastor. Churches with memberships exceeding 600 paid an average cash salary to their pastors and assistants of \$6,200. The average cash salary received by pastors of all N.A.B. churches reporting was \$4,200. A larger interdenominational survey reported a median cash wage of \$5,158. Pastors of North American Baptist General Conference churches receive, therefore, also \$1,000 less in cash salary than their counterparts in the 15 denominations covered by the survey."

THE CHURCH'S CARE OF THE PASTOR

I have met personally and talked with many dedicated and effective ministers who are hard pressed to make ends meet. Some have children attending high school and college and receive less salary than families on social relief. Some appear distressed, and this is bound to have some effect upon their ministry. Do we as lay Christians really believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive? We should very seriously and conscientiously examine the salary of our ministers in the light of current salaries paid in other professions, and seek to bring them more in line with the general economic situation of today. God cares for his own through his people, providing his people are faithful!

Some people believe that today's teacher and minister seem to be less dedicated than they were in years gone by. If this is true, perhaps these thoughts were first fostered and encouraged in the home. We know this has affected the teaching profession and may also currently influence young men considering the ministry. Noah Webster said, "My individual responsibility is to God," and ours ought to be no less. God in his good time will raise up young men and women, and by his Holy Spirit direct their lives into full time Christian service.

To influence young people toward the ministry is to expose them to the need and the work of the church in its total involvement. Acquaint them with Christian books and literature. Help them to experience a wholesome relationship with the pastor and find in him a real friend, one to be treated with all respect and honor. Explain all things as much as possible, and above all pray for and with them encouraging them to seek God's will for their lives.

The local minister is a dynamic force for right living and is the key figure in acquainting young men with the N.A.B. Seminary. Pastors can encourage young men of their churches to attend the seminary.

Parents can help their children select a Christian college where they will become more conscious of the indwelling

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Impressions of an Exchange Student from Germany

By Reinhold Schwarz, Seminary Exchange Student from Germany

WHAT MORE does an exchange student need than a nice, completely furnished, three-room apartment, occupying it with his recently married wife? What more could he wish for than a sincere welcome from the faculty and the students? All this I found at the Seminary in the friendly city of Sioux Falls. But this was just the beginning.

With appreciation and joy I noticed the support and help of the president, the professors and students in regard to my incidental needs. I sensed the warm friendship that was shared with me and my wife from the very first day. Looking back, I realize the encouraging assistance given me while attempting to overcome my speech problems, so that I soon felt at home in class.

We appreciated the fact that my wife was able to obtain work immediately at the nearby hospital and that I was entrusted with the job of caretaker for the library.

THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

Now, what are the first impressions of an exchange student coming to the United States? I found certain customs and distinctives in the American Way of Life which were peculiar to me. Among these are the fact that I must turn a key to the right instead of the left to open a door; that while walking long distances people driving cars look at me in astonishment; that almost nothing can be bought without paying a tax; that it is difficult to know when to or when not to shake hands when greeting people, and that the phrase, "it is very nice," can be used as a compliment in many instances.

In contrast, I sense that students are smiling at my habit of attending classes wearing my suit, white shirt and tie as only the professors are accustomed to do. I feel that I should buy a colored, checkered sport shirt so that I would be in style.

But it is true that someone coming to Germany, for instance, would also have his own impressions of our habits at the dining table and mannerisms in our way of life.

CHURCHES IN AMERICA

In regard to the religious life, I was amazed at the filled churches and their life as well. High school students, college students and young couples are supporting the pastor in arranging worship programs with emphasis on music, even on Sunday evenings. As a contrast in Germany, the congregation does not meet frequently Sunday evenings. Concerning the program of studies at the Seminary, I can only share my experiences in so far as I participated in it. This is only a small

part of what is exposed by the professors in a very understandable and interesting manner.

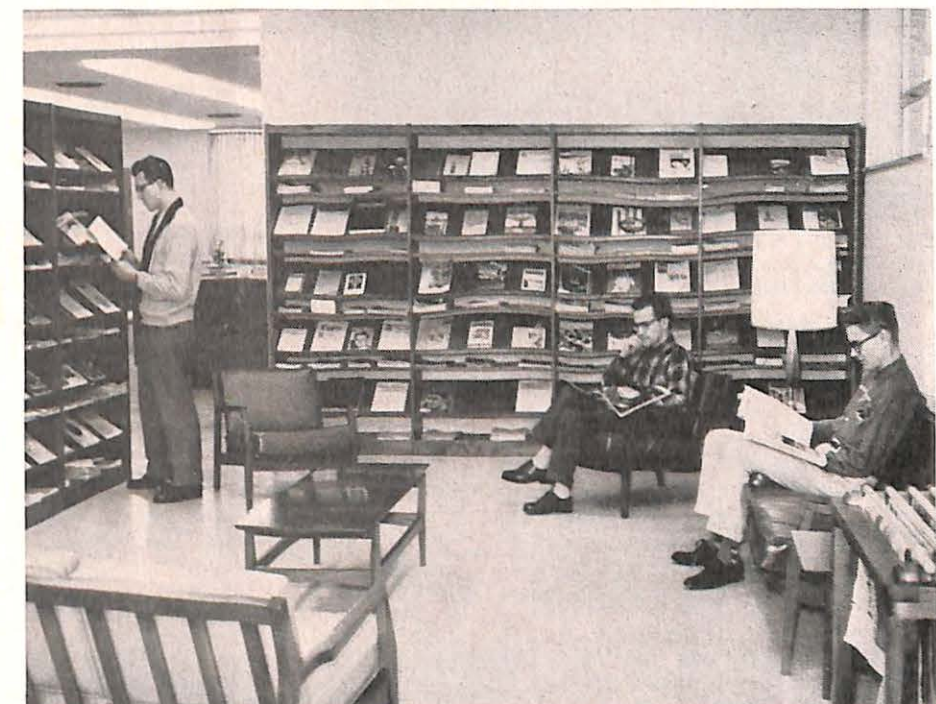
I attended Dr. George A. Lang's course, "The Church and Its Community," which he taught from a rich background of experience. Another course dealt with the various problems of the church, approached from theological, sociological and historical points of view.

MANY NEW FRIENDS

During this semester I was not able to read all that which would have been

of interest to me, but I learned how to "read" about a particular church situation and how to evaluate and implement it. I did not visit all the churches which I would have liked to have seen, but I was introduced to the various aspects and problems of the church in a way that the church again became more significant to me.

During this short time in America I could not analyze an authentic image of the American people, but I found many individuals with a fervent heart for Jesus—and I have won many friends!



The Periodical and Browsing area of the NAB Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where the ministers attending the Pastors' Conference can become acquainted with some of the 130 periodicals in the library.

JUST PLAIN TALK

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prompting of the Holy Spirit. God called Moses and Paul with fire, light and voice. He called Samuel and Timothy with the help of godly and right living parents. His spirit moves in mysterious ways—and we are co-laborers with him. We must do all we can to help recruit young men for the Christian ministry. The following eight points may be useful in this endeavor:

1. Live a consistent, faithful, joyful Christian life.
2. Possess a keen sense of dedication and commitment to Christ.
3. Pray for your children (their conversion and God's leading in their lives).
4. Dedicate your children to God and

pray that he might use them—no strings attached.

5. Help the minister to help you to help your children.

6. Expose your children to all facets of the work of the church.

7. Influence your children to choose a Christian school and seek God's direction for their lives.

8. Help bring about an adequate salary for those in God's service.

Remember, the North American Baptist Seminary needs students, but the churches of our denomination are in even greater need, for if the churches do not send their young men to the seminary, who will fill the pulpits in our churches of tomorrow? "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"



The Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in session in the Seminary Lounge. Mr. Bert Braun is seated on the other side of the table (4th from right).



The minister is called of God to share a deep religious faith in the service of his fellow man. He does not, therefore, choose to be a minister because of financial reward or social status.

How Well Do You Support Your Minister?

Adapted from *Tomorrow*, published by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention, Sept. 1964 Issue.

By Hugh D. Pickett, Director of Services
of the American Baptist Convention

THE CHOICE of the ministry for one's lifework involves considerations that do not influence one's selection of most other careers. The minister is called of God to share a deep religious faith in the service of his fellow man. He does not, therefore, choose to be a minister because of financial reward or social status.

A MINISTER'S COMPENSATION

For this reason, the minister is often reluctant to bring his financial needs to the attention of a church board. Compensation is often the last question discussed with a pulpit committee or a board of trustees. The congregation, therefore, must be careful not to exploit the religious commitment of its minister by providing inadequate compensation for his services.

To fail to give the minister adequate compensation is a false economy that the church can ill afford. Insufficient remuneration impairs a minister's ef-

fectiveness as a person and may force him to accept "promotion" to a larger church, simply to achieve an adequate standard of living.

Three aspects of a minister's compensation should be considered by a church board: 1. Cash Salary, 2. Fringe Benefits, 3. Professional Expenses.

It is of small advantage for a minister to receive, say \$7,000 cash salary, no fringe benefits, and be expected to subsidize the church budget through his contributions and out-of-pocket program expenses.

LEGITIMATE EXPENSES

No other responsible institution charges part of its business costs against the salary of staff members. The minister travels many miles each year on church business, and may receive only a small car allowance and no mileage reimbursement. A church may hold back merited salary increases until the church debt is paid, thus levying

against the minister's salary a contribution as large or larger than that of the wealthiest member and quite in addition to the minister's voluntary pledge, which is usually generous. A new building may also be subsidized through an inadequate minister's salary. He is expected to entertain church groups and to attend in-service training seminars. Such items are legitimate expenses and are reimbursed by many other institutions.

The minister may not complain about his financial situation, but he is aware of its injustice. The minister does not demand luxury, but he is entitled to be able to support his family in a reasonable manner—and unlike the schoolteacher or the policeman, he cannot "moonlight" to pay his bills.

The figures on this page show the effect of inflation on the value of the dollar. For example, if you were paying your minister \$3,000 a year in 1945, and are paying him \$5,000 in 1964, you have not increased his salary.

THE CASH SALARY

In many churches, a small committee from the official board meets annually with the minister to review his salary needs.

His cash salary:

1. Should take into consideration the standard of living he must maintain in order to do his best work in his community.

2. Should enable him to devote his full time and energies to the work of the church.

3. Should not anticipate his receiving or needing clerical discounts on goods and services.

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4. Should not anticipate his receiving fees for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.

5. Should bear in mind that if the minister is young, he will need to furnish his home and often must repay college debts.

6. Should consider that if he is not young, he must educate his children and save for emergencies and must be in a position to purchase a home when he retires.

7. Must take into consideration increased costs due to inflation.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits are in no sense special compensation for the clergy. Practically all hourly and salaried employees now receive fringe benefits in the form of hospital insurance, retirement provision, cash or stock bonuses, education allowances, expenses, etc.

An important fringe benefit for the minister is housing. The parsonage, or an allowance, is provided so that a minister may have an adequate home, which is essential for his work. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes the necessity for adequate ministerial housing and excludes a minister's housing allowance from his taxable income. Many churches also provide fuel, light, water, and sometimes, telephone for the parsonage. Housing benefits may be of more significance than an actual increase in cash salary.

A large number of North American Baptist churches provide full dues for membership in the denominational Pension Fund. Such provision for the retirement years is delayed income and is the proper responsibility of every church. Group hospital and medical insurance is another benefit provided by many employers; church and educational institutions are increasingly recognizing the need for such protection.

Provision for attending in-service training centers, sabbatical leaves, adequate program material, in addition to an annual vacation, may also be considered justifiable fringe benefits.

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

Professional expense should not be construed as part of ministerial compensation. It is part of the regular expenses of a church program. A church should pay the actual cost of travel and professional entertainment by the minister on behalf of the church. The Internal Revenue Service allows 10c per mile for up to 70 or 80% of the minister's total mileage. The church may also wish to provide an expense allowance for the minister. Reimbursement for actual professional expense is highly desirable. Adequate office equipment, postage, professional books and magazines are all justifiable expenses.

Each church board must consider the compensation of its ministerial staff in terms of its total budget. An annual review in light of the resources of the congregation is the least to be done.



BENDER FELLOWSHIP FORUM ON CHURCH EXTENSION
Mr. Delmar Wessler of Lorraine, Kansas addresses the Bender Fellowship group at the NAB Seminary about the new Church Extension projects in the Southwestern Conference and Church Extension opportunities in the denomination.

I SEE GOD

By Mrs. Milly Skinner
of San Bernardino, California

I see God in the brilliant sunset,
And in the radiance of the dawn;
I see him in the stars that shine,
When the lovely day has gone.

God's majesty is in the moonlight,
Such ethereal beauty inspires.
Soft music far in the distance,
It must be the heavenly choirs.

I hear God's gentle whisper,
In every soft breeze that blows;
I see his power in the scurrying clouds,
As the strength of a mighty storm grows.

There's perfection in the morning sun,
As in his power it shines;
I see him in all these miracles,
Created by his wonderful hand divine.

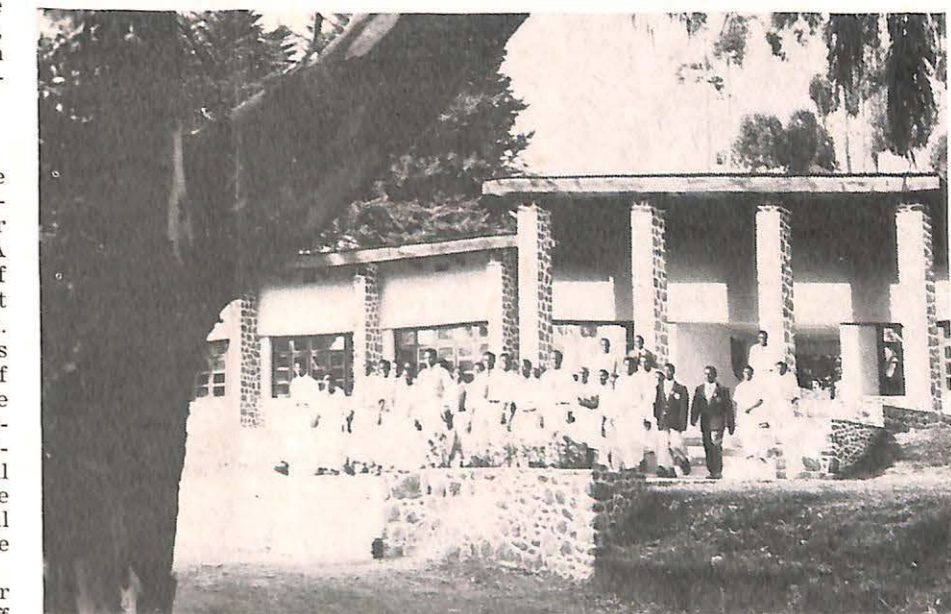
THANK GOD FOR MEN!

By Betty Warren MacPike
of Portland, Oregon

Thank God for men
Who stand tall in him;
Whose faith reaches
To the realms of impossibility;
Who know that what he says
He will always do.

Thank God for men
Whose strength is thousandfold
Because it comes from him;
They shall slay dragons
And never be afraid.

Thank God for men
With quiet, gentle hearts,
Whose love for all the world
Flows out compassionately.
There are so few such men—
Thank God for them!



BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE AT NDU, AFRICA
This beautiful building with its fine educational facilities at Ndu houses the Baptist Bible Training Centre where future pastors and church leaders are being trained.

EFFECT OF INFLATION ON THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR

What this amount would have brought in 1945	—would have required this amount in 1955	—and would require this amount in 1964
\$3,000	\$4,422	\$ 5,091
4,000	5,896	6,788
5,000	7,370	8,485
6,000	8,844	10,182

(Figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Convocation and Pastors' Retreat at Edmonton

The authority of the Bible, the relevancy of Christian education and the joys of Christian fellowship highlighted the convocation of the Christian Training Institute and the Northern Conference Pastors' Retreat held at Edmonton, Alberta, January 24-27, 1966

By Professor J. Walter Goltz of Edmonton, Alberta

WITH THE thermometer hovering between 20 and 30 degrees below zero in Edmonton, Alberta, the faculty and students of the Christian Training Institute and the pastors of the Northern Conference assembled in Edmonton for the annual Mid-Winter Convocation and Pastors' Retreat. Despite the intense cold on the outside, the hearts of all who attended were uplifted, inspired, and encouraged to launch out more aggressively in the work to which they have been called. Guest lecturers for these days were Dr. Thomas B. McDormand, president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Eastern Baptist College in Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. Gideon K. Zimmerman, general secretary of Christian Education at our headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. The response to the lectures on the part of faculty, students and pastors alike was gratifying and amply demonstrated that both speakers had succeeded in stimulating and challenging the thinking of their audience.

The sessions began on Monday with an emphasis on prayer and the need for a deepening of the spiritual life in these challenging days in which we are living, for it is only in this way that we can have a relevant message.

PILLARS OF OUR FAITH

The daytime lectures of Dr. McDormand centered around some of the pressing theological problems and dangers which are presently facing the Christian Church. In his lecture, "An Authoritative Scripture," he emphasized the necessity of accepting the whole Bible as the Word of God, yet not only accepting it as our final authority, but also obeying it or doing the will of God as it is contained in his Word. "The Biblical View of Sin" developed the idea that many of the current denials of the reality and presence of sin are implicit denials of a holy God and a moral order and forget that man is a product of what he is, inside and not outside. But not only is it necessary to understand the reality of sin, for the Christian faith gives us the answer to sin in the grace of God.

In another lecture entitled, "Prophet, Priest, and Pastor," Dr. McDormand pointed out that the true spiritual ministry of the pastor is often hindered by the secular nature of many of the tasks which he is called upon to perform. He challenged the pastors in their prophetic ministry fearlessly to proclaim the will and the ways of God, not preaching what people want



DR. THOMAS B. McDORMAND
president of the Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., one of the guest lecturers at the C.T.I. Convocation and Northern Conference Pastors' Retreat.

to hear, but what God speaks. In their priestly ministry the pastors must mediate the mercy and grace of God to people, not becoming too closely bound up with the standards, ambitions and practices of this world. It is only as the pastor is other-worldly that he can be truly this-worldly.

In his final lecture on "Reproducing the Body of Christ," Dr. McDormand very ably brought out the fact that the primary responsibility of the church is not social reform but evangelism. Social reform and every other type of reform always follows, never precedes, evangelism or bringing people to Christ. Truly, these were great days as we were reminded of the immovable pillars of our faith which remain strong and trustworthy in the midst of a rapidly changing world.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman presented two daytime lectures on "Making Adult Education Relevant," in which he described the function, organization and use of the "Indiana Plan." This plan is geared toward training and action through which an effective adult program can be developed in a local church which will produce more involvement and interest on the part of all church members in the total work of the Lord in the local church. So challenging was the presentation that it was decided that such a training

program would be held in the Northern Conference this coming summer. We trust that many of our laymen of the Northern Conference will avail themselves of the opportunity of participating in this program.

Other highlights of the Convocation and Retreat were the evening meetings open to the members of our surrounding churches and held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the McKernan Baptist Church. Musical contributions by the choirs of the Christian Training Institute and Central and McKernan Baptist Churches were deeply appreciated.

In his message on Monday evening Dr. McDormand indicated that a study of many of the circumstances existing in Baptist circles today call for a "Baptist Reformation." Such a reformation would result in an authoritative proclamation of the Word of God, conversion experiences which would be demonstrated by following the Lord in baptism, and a genuine Christian fellowship as symbolized by the Communion Table.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Zimmerman set before us the need for "Communicating to Modern Man through Christian Education." He strongly emphasized that it was not through mechanical techniques that we effectively communicate the Gospel but rather by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

On Wednesday evening Dr. McDormand brought the public meetings to a close with a message on "Our Baptist Reason for Being Today." In an age of ecumenism and denominational merger, he brought out the fact that Baptists have some distinctives which must not be relinquished. The three distinctives which he developed are the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the priesthood of all believers, and regenerate church membership.

Other interesting aspects of the convocation were Dr. Schalm's presentation and explanation of the reorganization of the training program at the Christian Training Institute, and the lecture by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn concerning the role of the District Secretary in pastoral recruitment and placement.

The fellowship of the brethren, the intangible bond of prayer, the mental and spiritual stimulation, all united to have made this a sacred experience for those who attended. These days cannot but result in more effective service and dedication to Jesus Christ, "the author and finisher of our faith."

Miss Margaret Lang, missionary in Nigeria, will soon be returning to Africa for her 9th term of service and 40th year of missionary ministry. She is a sister of Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Albert Lang.

The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas has extended a call to Rev. Oliver K. Ringering of Elmo, Kansas, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church since 1962. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Crawford Church about April 15, following Easter Sunday.

The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa has called Dr. M. Vanderbeck of LaCrosse, Wis., as interim pastor beginning with February 1966. He is supplying the pulpit with great blessing to the Baptist church congregation since the departure of the former pastor, Rev. George Breitkreuz, for Racine, Wis. Dr. M. Vanderbeck's interim address is Box 126, Elgin, Iowa.

The former Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., is planning to sell its old building on Manhattan Island in order to build a new sanctuary on the newly acquired site in Little Neck, N. Y. The church has officially changed its name to Zion Baptist Church of Little Neck, N. Y. The cost of the land and house, now used as a parsonage for Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Kolke, cost \$51,350 as reported by Mrs. Hilde Borrmann, church secretary.

The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., conducted leadership training classes in the field of "Youth and Today" from Sunday evening, Feb. 6, to Wednesday, Feb. 9. These classes were taught by Rev. Bruce Rich of Forest Park, Ill., director of Children's Work in the Department of Christian Education. The classes were especially profitable to the teachers in the church although all who attended received a blessing from each session, as reported by Mrs. Sylvia Eldridge.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 13, the guest speaker at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., was Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. On Monday, Feb. 14, he addressed the session of the Kenosha Ministerial Association. On Baptist World Alliance Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6, the congregation and pastor, Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, participated in an all Kenosha Baptist Rally held at the First Methodist Church followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The Rose of Sharon Baptist Church of Richmond, B. C., held a missionary Conference from Jan. 30 to Feb. 6 with a team from Teen Challenge on Jan. 30 bringing information about the work among drug addicts in Vancouver, B. C. The pastor, Rev. E. Strauss, described the work of NAB missions and the various mission fields. Plans are going forward for Crusade for Christ meet-

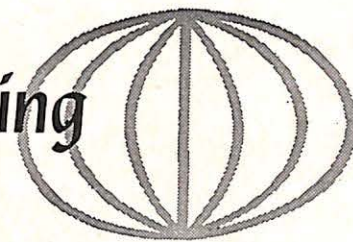
ings to be held from April 11 to 17, 1966 with Rev. Edwin H. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, as evangelist.

Mr. Harold B. Johns of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa on Sunday evening, Feb. 13. He also showed pictures of his trips to Cameroon, Africa; to Athens, Greece; and to Egypt. Young people of the church participated in the Youth Week wor-

Mrs. Schade spends several hours each day at her piano, and both of them give illustrated lectures about their world travels at occasional evening programs in the home. Dr. and Mrs. Schade are planning to travel to Germany and other European countries this coming summer.

Recently the First Baptist Church of Telfordville, Alberta was recognized by a duly called North American Baptist Council of neighboring sister

what's happening



ship services on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 with testimonies, prayer and music. On Jan. 30 the film, "The Foundations of a Happy Christian Home" by Dr. Henry R. Brandt, prominent Christian psychologist and a former interim teacher at the NAB Seminary, was shown. Rev. Howard Johnson is pastor of the church.

The annual All Church Banquet of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., was held on Friday evening, Feb. 4. Mr. Bill Boyd, Youth Director at the Lake City Community Church, brought the message. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, Captain Fuchida of the Japanese Air Force, who has become a Christian convert since he helped to lead the attack against the United States at Pearl Harbor in 1941, was the guest speaker. The church has adopted a budget for 1966 of \$48,705. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Schade are exceedingly busy in their "retirement" at "Newrach," a retirement home at Gillette, Wyoming. This is the 6th home for senior citizens for which Dr. Schade provided the administrative leadership. At present he is working on a book about these Retirement Homes which he has been encouraged to write.

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Additional Bible Readings for each day announced in "Moments With God."

MARCH—PSALMS 1-31

APRIL—ROMANS 1-16;
HOSEA 1-14.

churches. The church membership has increased considerably with the transfer of a number of members from the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Joseph A. Harrison. On Sunday, Jan. 9, after several weeks of study the church presented its new official constitution and adopted it at the annual business meeting on Jan. 19. The pastor wrote: "There is an eagerness to work on the part of our congregation and a strong spirit of unity and co-operation prevails."

On Sunday morning, Jan. 16, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., a congregation of 200 witnessed the burning of the parsonage mortgage by former and present church moderators, Mr. David Stangl and Mr. John Dorozowski, respectively. Mr. Wallace Rich, Building Fund treasurer, gave an encouraging report. The parsonage was purchased for about \$21,000 fifteen months ago. The sermon subject by Rev. Harold W. Gieske, pastor, was "Why Christians Sing." That same evening, Brother Gieske baptized five adults on confession of their faith which united three of these couples in their loyalty to Christ and the church.

This "winter report" from Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Rochester, N. Y., will be of interest to all "Baptist Herald" readers: "Things slowed down considerably in Rochester since the snowstorm when over 27 inches fell in the city and much more in other places. Two carloads of our young people (my wife included) were stranded on a farm near Batavia, N. Y., from Sunday night until Tuesday afternoon. They were returning from the Winter Retreat at Erie Pa., on Sunday after-

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

SO YOU WISH A CHANCE?

Recently I heard of a husband and wife who were very tired of their house. They called a real estate man to come to appraise their house and to list it for sale. Together they went from room to room, the salesman making suggestions for a bit of paint here, a repair there, etc. He suggested that they trim the hedges, and plant several blooming plants outside.

The couple eagerly complied and made everything look as attractive as possible. They were now so confident that their house would sell for a good price that they began searching the ads in the newspaper for a replacement. One item seemed particularly good—the quiet neighborhood, size of house, description of rooms, yard, etc. Upon finishing reading the advertisement, they were astonished to discover it was their very own house! These improvements, along with working together in their own dear home, had been what they had desired during all of this time.

Their situation is very similar to many of our women's groups. The meetings, the activities, etc., seem dull routine, lifeless and oftentimes meaningless. Would it be wise to call upon the Master Planner to ask help in seeing our own situation more clearly? Then after receiving directives, are we willing to become involved? One has to believe really in the purpose of her Women's Missionary Society to put forth the effort of becoming "involved"!

Shall we react as did this dissatisfied couple? We too can examine each area to see where our Missionary Committee can become more vital, and discover how our service committees can minister more effectively to those of varied needs. Also, among the many other phases, we should seek completely to revitalize our program so as to meet today's women's needs! Let's welcome the enriching opportunity to become involved! Our new program packet, "The Christian Woman, Today," is a tremendous asset in helping us with this intriguing task.

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The Minister's Workshop

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

By Professor Hugo Lueck, Seminary Faculty
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For over 350 years the King James Version was a power unto salvation which revealed God's perfect will to our fathers. Is this Bible no longer good enough? Why do we need "better" translations today? Is it the present craving for "improved" things, inculcated by modern advertisements?

THERE ARE some very important reasons for new translations of the Bible.

1. The English language has changed so much since the King James Bible was published in 1611, that the man in the street, with little Christian background, no longer understands it. All living languages grow and change with the times. Therefore, modern English is necessary for making God's Word intelligible today.

"CODEX SINAITICUS"

2. Rationalism of the 18th and 19th century led to Biblical Criticism which questioned the historicity of the biblical records. Christians were forced to defend the Word of God more than before. This led to the greatest research and study of the Bible which the world has ever seen. Biblical scholars began searching for ancient manuscripts of the Bible.

Outstanding among such was a young German scholar, Tischendorf. He translated the ancient Codex Ephraemi, a palimpsest which the best linguistic scholars had considered impossible. (A palimpsest, Greek for "rubbed out again," is a document which has been written on twice. Parchments were scarce; so the earlier writing was rubbed out as much as was possible and something else was written over it. Such palimpsests are very hard to decipher).

Tischendorf went all over Europe and over the biblical lands in search of ancient manuscripts until he surprised the world one day with the discovery of one of the oldest and best manuscripts of the whole Bible. He found it in 1844 in a Greek monastery on Mount Sinai, after which it was named "Codex Sinaiticus." Encouraged by such success, others followed until today an amazing amount of ancient manuscripts have been brought to light.

3. The knowledge of biblical languages has also greatly increased. This, together with older and better texts of the Bible, made better translations possible.

With all this newly gained knowledge

in hand, a number of the best Bible scholars were appointed in the last century, to revise the English Bible. As a result the "Revised Version" was published in 1881, after the King James Version had been in use for 270 years. In 1901 the "American Standard Version" followed, and more recently the "Revised Standard Version" appeared, the New Testament in 1926 and the Old Testament in 1952. These Revised Versions were not generally accepted.

NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

At the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1946 the suggestion was made for a completely new translation of the Bible. This was enthusiastically supported by all the different larger churches of England. The best English scholars of the present day from the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational churches and from the Oxford and Cambridge Universities were appointed to produce, not another revision, but an entirely new translation from the original.

In 1961, on the 350th anniversary of the King James Bible, the New Testament of the "New English Bible" appeared. Much sacrificial labor and prayer went into this work. Only the translators, who know the original languages thoroughly, know how great a task this is. If some words or verses are missing or are different from our familiar King James Bible, this is so because they are missing or are different in the oldest and best texts that have been discovered.

In the last century, indeed, many different translations of the Bible have been published. But this is a testimony of the life and power of God's Word. The same Spirit of God, who made alive the Word to men of yesterday through the King James Version, also urges men to work untiringly at improving the text so that men may have the Word in ever clearer form, bringing the prophets and apostles so close to us as if they were Americans of the present generation.

No translation of the Bible is perfect, but we are grateful that we have so many of them today. Study the Word prayerfully in the different translations, and in different languages if you can, comparing the one with the other, but remembering that in the final analysis it is the Spirit of God, who makes his Word alive, who speaks to our hearts through old and new translations.

PROJECTED NEW N.A.B. CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

The N.A.B. Southern Conference is surveying Houston, Texas with the expectancy of establishing a new NAB church there. The Southern Conference Church Extension Committee is giving time, thought and prayer to this matter. We feel that all NAB churches of the General Conference can have a part in this project for the Lord. The Lord said, "Ye are my witnesses." Here not only can we share in prayer but in the practical measure of sending names of people to the committee who have moved into this area.

Houston has become a world metropolis in science, medicine, education, petroleum, outer space exploration, airways, waterways and all phases of industry. These vast areas of social and economic progress attract people from everywhere who need the Bible teaching and worship program of NAB's. We request that the names and addresses of such people who have moved into this area be sent to us by pastors, members, friends and churches.

In April or May the Southern Conference Brotherhood will hold a banquet in Houston. It is their purpose to invite personally all whose names have been received. Please give this your immediate attention and send information to Rev. W. H. Barsh, P.O. Box 5, Lockhart, Texas 78644.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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noon when the New York Thruway was closed at Buffalo. They got stuck on a side road but a farmer invited them in. There were 25 people in the same farm house, but they had plenty to eat and were kept safe from the storm. They called from there to let me know of their whereabouts."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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for "Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25).

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is it so important for Christians to be members of a church?
2. What good is there in denominations? What are some of the objections?
3. What other meaningful comparisons with the church does Paul use?

"We should give God the same place in our hearts that he holds in the universe."

March 10, 1966

Church Dedication, Venturia, North Dakota

Report by Mrs. Howard Breitling of Venturia, N. Dak.

A YEAR AGO on Feb. 10th, fire completely destroyed the Venturia Church building in Venturia, N. Dak. It was a day that will be long remembered by the congregation. Some of the families were on their way to the regularly scheduled prayer meeting when they first were made aware of the fire. It was a shock that seemed like an unrealistic dream. However, the people did not despair, nor did they give heed to the evil outside forces tempting them to close the work of the Lord.

The Sunday of the same week saw all the members out to the worship service in the City Hall of Venturia, which was so graciously given to us to use for as long as needed. The

and planning, the ground-breaking ceremony was held on April 25. All the work, except some cement work for the basement and some of the brick-laying, was done by the pastor and the members of the church. The building of the main super-structure began on June 21. It was a very busy summer, but the Lord was with all the united efforts.

It was with real joy that we as a congregation were able to move into our new church on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. We began the evening with a fellowship supper, followed by a time of remarks and showing of pictures of the progress of the building program. We then moved upstairs to the



The new sanctuary of the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota built largely with volunteer labor under the supervision of Rev. M. W. Falkenberg, pastor, as architect and contractor.

following Monday night, at a specially called business meeting, it was unanimously voted to rebuild a church for God's honor and glory to be a light-house in this area where the church had stood for 54 years.

It was decided that our pastor, Rev. M. Falkenberg, be the contractor and builder and he immediately began to draw the blueprints for a new church. After several months of preparation

main sanctuary. After the cutting of the ribbon and the presentation of the keys, the people moved throughout the church, viewing and inspecting their new House of Prayer.

We then held our dedication service. It was indeed a time of rejoicing and praising the Lord. Many of the testimonies spoke of God's great faithfulness and loving care and provision. We entered the New Year upon our knees praising and glorifying him for what he had done for us. Our pastor, Rev. M. Falkenberg, who so faithfully labored and worked among us, had charge of the dedication service.

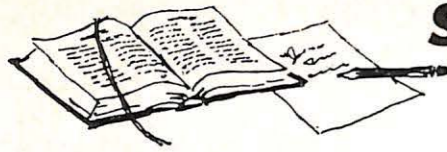
The cost of the church is approximately \$48,000. A public service and open house will follow at a later date.

Surely, the words of Jeremiah 33:3 have become a reality in the life of the Venturia Baptist Church: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 20, 1966

Theme: CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

Scripture: Luke 9:57-62;
Colossians 2:30-3:4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The person who has an excuse for not following Christ does not have a poor excuse; he has a fatal excuse.

INTRODUCTION: How often do we sing, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all," and close the hymn book and forget all about the deep spirit of commitment expressed in these words! If you have made your decision for Christ, it will never amount to anything unless it involves everything about your life. Although salvation is free because we cannot earn it or purchase it, the cost of fully dedicated discipleship is still very high. Neither is it an easy or simple experience. Jesus was always careful in seeking the kind of disciples who were willing to go with him all the way. He was not interested in those who were willing to give up a little. Obedience and sacrifice had to be final and complete.

In order to understand Christian commitment, you must have a clear interpretation of the term "surrender." In the secular world this is considered a sign of weakness. And in battle the side that surrenders must suffer the humiliation of failure and defeat. Not so when we surrender to Christ! Here at his feet it is a sure sign of power and victory. We kneel in order to rise; we lose in order to gain; we are humiliated in order to be exalted.

I. FOLLOWING CHRIST. Luke 9: 57-62.

Jesus does not seek blind and ignorant followers. This man made a rash hasty and inconsiderate decision without counting the cost. He did not really know what he was letting himself in for and Christ had to let him know that he has nothing to offer but hardship and suffering; nothing but "blood, sweat, toil and tears."

The next one was given the invitation, but he did not think that Jesus should come "first." This young man was called to an important work—to minister to the living and not to the dead.

In the next one we are again confronted with the word "first." Jesus saw the danger of temptation when once the young man got home and shocked his family by announcing his decision to follow Christ.

II. DYING WITH CHRIST. Colossians 2:20-23.

The Christians in Colosse were being confused by false teachers who tried to make them go back to their old dead religious ways. After living in the freedom of the Spirit, they were to go back to the keeping of laws and ordinances. Rules and regulations were to take the place of faith, hope and love. These man-made laws are no longer the conduct of the Christian, for they will eventually perish. Only their loving and living in Christ will bring them the satisfaction of full commitment.

III. RISING WITH CHRIST. Colossians 3:1-4.

When we were converted, it involved both death to the old as well as a resurrection to a new life with Christ. It involves a looking away from the world and a looking to Christ who is our Life. In order to do this our affections and desires will no longer be centered on the things of earth, but on the things above. Even so, it is only a beginning. Its fulfillment will come when we shall appear with him in glory.

Questions for Discussion

1. In our affluent society do we feel that we are making any sacrifices as followers of Christ?
2. Why should Jesus demand so much of those who follow him?
3. What kind of excuses do we make today when we are called to follow Christ?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 27, 1966

Theme: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

LIEVERS. I Corinthians 12:12, 13, 27.
Colossians 1:18-20; I Peter 2:4-10

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The church is the Body of Christ where the suffering of one member involves the suffering of all, and when one member is cut off from the fellowship then all members feel the pain and the loss.

INTRODUCTION: We come now to an area about which there is some misunderstanding and confusion. What is the church? Some never see beyond the local congregation. To them it is their "little church around the corner" or "the little church in the wildwood," and they have little or no contact with other Christians or organizations. Their little church took care of their spiritual needs all through life and they see no need of getting involved any further.

To others the church may have a denominational connotation. In its

broader sense, it may be simply the Catholic Church or the Protestant Church. The latter is then divided into over 200 denominations and sects, some of them quite confident that they are the only true church of Jesus Christ.

Still others see the church as an organization. This is necessary because, when Jesus chose twelve to be with him, he indicated the need for organized training and teaching. Paul also saw its importance when he said, "Let everything be done decently and in order." In its more Biblical sense the church is the "ecclesia" which means a "specially called assembly of people."

I. THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS. I Corinthians 12:12, 13, 27.

The tragedy in the Corinthian church was the fact of the broken fellowship. They became woefully disunited and the apostle made a strong plea for the restoration of Christian unity. Spiritual unity was necessary if the church was to remain healthy and strong. He did not recommend uniformity but co-operation and mutual helpfulness by the use of each member's peculiar gift. The great catalyst, of course, is the Holy Spirit. Through him each member was brought together out of a life of sin. Because they had a common experience in Christ, it was sufficient reason for continuing the Christian fellowship.

II. THE BODY OF CHRIST. Colossians 1:18-20.

We now get a glimpse of the church in greater perspective. If Christ is accepted as the head then he controls and directs the church. It is his church and we are to do his work and to seek his will in the performing of it. Not their peculiar gifts, but the proclamation of the truth through their gifts must be forever the central message of the church.

III. THE SPIRITUAL BUILDING. I Peter 2:4-10.

Peter uses the vocabulary of a builder to illustrate the relationship between Christ and the church. He referred particularly to the temple which meant so much to the Jewish nation. But now a new spiritual temple is being built. In this temple Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone and we are all living stones.

Both apostles have a high and holy conception of the church. Membership should therefore not only be a privilege, but a grave responsibility. It should not be entered into hastily or lightly,

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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

CBY (youth) fellowship

CENTRAL DAKOTA CBYF RALLY.

There were 75 young people from the Central Dakota Association who attended the CBYF Christmas Rally on Dec. 26 and 27 at the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak. Rev. Roy Harfst, Association Rally Mission Promoter, was the guest speaker in the afternoon service. A Bible Quiz on the first five chapters of the book of Acts was held in the afternoon service with six churches participating: Herreid, S. Dak. vs Beulah, N. Dak.; Aberdeen, S. Dak. vs Linton, N. Dak.; and Berlin, N. Dak. vs Lehr, N. Dak. The three winners: Beulah, Aberdeen and Lehr, advanced to the evening playoff to determine who would take home the traveling trophy. Beulah placed third, Lehr second, and Aberdeen placed first. The Aberdeen Quiz Team of Tony Arlt, Marjorie Tesky and Lois Zepik were the winners. Rev. Daniel Heringer was the Quiz Master. After the quiz the film, "The Misfit," was shown which was followed by a time of Christian fellowship. The host CBYF provided lodging for the young people for Sunday night. On Monday morning there were workshops for the youth. Then in the afternoon the host CBYF provided recreation. (Daniel Heringer, Reporter).



WINNING BIBLE QUIZ TEAM

Left to right: Rev. Daniel Heringer of Lehr, N. Dak., Quiz Master; Miss Marjorie Tesky, Miss Lois Zepik, and Mr Tony Arlt, all of Aberdeen, S. Dak.

special events

FESSENDEN, N. DAK. Evangelistic services were held in the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., from Nov. 14 to 19 with our pastor, Rev. Raymond Hoffman, conducting the meetings. Special music by the choir and a continued story for the children were presented each evening. On Dec. 19, the new choir robes of the church choir were dedicated. These robes were made possible through memorials and special gifts to the church. Following the dedication the choir presented the cantata, "Carol of Christmas," by John Peterson with John Benham, director; Mrs. John Benham, pianist; Gust Fuhrman, narrator; Phyllis Fuhrman and Jane Martin, soloists; Alvin

Huber, John Benham and Ralph Edinger, trio. The Youth Group of the Fessenden church presented the play, "Why Christmas," on Christmas Eve. The Primary Department added to the program with recitations and songs. (Mrs. James McBain, Clerk).

FIRST, ST. JOSEPH, MICH. The annual business meeting of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., was held Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Fellowship Hall. The business session was in charge of the moderator, Clarence Peterson, following the reading of the minutes by the church clerk, Sam Weidner. Lester Kimball as chairman of the Board of Deacons gave the Deacons' report. David Culver, church treasurer, submitted a financial statement for 1965 followed by Morris Jones, chairman of the Board of Trustees who submitted a budget for 1966 amounting to \$50,650.

The officers for 1966 include Margaret Nicholas as church clerk; David Culver as treasurer; Clarence Peterson as moderator; Emily Wetter as church reporter; Lucille Teichert as church historian; Lester Dogger as General Sunday School Superintendent; Harry Geible and Donald Glaske were added to the Deacon Board; Gary Boehm, Loren Snyder, Calvin Rode, and Eric Buckleitner were added to the Board of Trustees. Robert Parks, Minister of Music and Youth, reported on the activities of the Youth Fellowships as well as music in the church. Mr. Parks stated that the church orchestra would soon participate in a worship service. Rev. Kenneth Fenner, pastor, gave his report and also cited goals for 1966. (Carol Gunnerman, Reporter).

woman's missionary societies

EMERY, S. DAK. Members and friends of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., enjoyed a banquet and program to observe its 60th anniversary on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. Mrs. Leland H. Friesen was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. J. Mienerts gave the welcome and devotions. The historical sketch was written and read by Mrs. W. Plank. A humorous skit, "Then (1906) and Now (1966)," was presented by Mrs. H. Bleeker and Mrs. A. Terveen as readers and Mrs. T. Doorn and Mrs. W. Heitzman rendered the pantomime. A musical selection, "Jesus Never Fails," by a group of ladies included Mrs. E. Litz, a charter member. The guest speaker was Mrs. Frank Veninga who spoke on "It's Great to Be Alive." The offering of \$61.64 was for the denominational W.M.U. project. The lovely decorations carried out the theme, "Hands." (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).



BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, FESSENDEN, NORTH DAKOTA

1st row left to right: Mrs. John Benham, Mrs. Carl Thygeson, Susan Rusch, Mrs. Emma Edinger, Mary Albus, Mrs. James McBain, Phyllis Fuhrman and Jane Martin. 2nd row: Mrs. Raymond Hoffman, Mrs. Wm. Krueger; Barbara Fuhrman, Mrs. Ralph Edinger, Mrs. Clarence Martin, Mrs. Luella Ebbert, Mrs. Gilbert Pross, John Benham. 3rd row: Rev. Raymond Hoffman, Ralph Edinger, Leonard Martin, Robert Martin, Dennis Hoffman, Duane Martin, Lester Seibold, Clarence Martin, Alvin Huber. Others not pictured are: Connie Fike, Mrs. Herb Rudel, Gust Fuhrman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rodacker.

March 10, 1966

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa had several special services during December. "The Christmas Story in Song and Word" was given at the evening service on Dec. 19 by various groups of the church including our newly organized Male Chorus. On Christmas Eve, the Sunday school gave its annual program, "Unto Us—A King." Sunday evening, Dec. 26, was another blessed event when 18 young people and adults followed the Lord in baptism. To close out the old year our annual Watch Night Service was held on Dec. 31. A Communion Service was held and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the new members. As we begin the new year, our prayer is that we might be faithful in proclaiming God's Word in our church and community. (Mrs. Henry Trittlen, Reporter).

EMMANUEL, MORRIS, MAN. The members and friends of the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man., were privileged to experience many blessings during the Christmas and New Year's activities. On Dec. 19, the Chorus Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bob Paschke, presented its annual Choral Concert. Christmas Eve found the church filled to capacity, including many former members and many friends from the community. The Sunday school had prepared an inspirational program under the leadership of Mrs. Agnes Walters. The Junior Choir also sang under the direction of Mrs. Lilli Koehler. Our CBYF presented the dialogue, "Christmas in the Cobbler's Shop," on the evening of Dec. 26. Our Watch Night Service was observed on Dec. 31, and blessings of 1965 and expectations for 1966 were voiced by the congregation in testimonies. An appropriate message was brought by Rev. H. Pfeiffer, pastor. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, Reporter).

TYNDALL AND DANZIG, S. DAK. The annual business meetings of the Baptist Church at Tyndall, S. Dak., was held on Jan. 12, and at Danzig on Jan. 13. The two Woman's Missionary Unions met for an all day session with pot-luck dinner at noon to fill their White Cross quotas assigned to them. A dedication service was held in each church on Sunday, Jan. 23. In the Tyndall Church a new Acasonic Piano was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Finck in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Finck. In the Danzig Church a new U. S. Flag, a Christian Flag, fifty folding chairs and new draw drapes in front of the baptistry were procured and installed by the congregation. The election of officers of the combined Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Men's organizations resulted as follows: Harlan Voigt, president; Ivan Radack, vice president; Richard Voigt, secretary; and William Radack, treasurer. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter).

EMERY, S. DAK. On Sunday, Nov. 28, the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., honored its 13 octogenarians

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at the evening service. They and their families sat near the front and enjoyed the various musical numbers and a message by the pastor, Rev. Leland H. Friesen. The church appropriately observed the Christmas season with various programs. On Sunday evening, Dec. 12, the forty voice robed choir presented the cantata, "Carol of Christmas" by John W. Peterson. Rev. Leland H. Friesen is the director; Mrs. Art Edzard organist; Mrs. Larry Bender pianist; and Rev. Kenneth Ontjes was the narrator. On Dec. 19 the Adult Department of the Sunday school presented a variety program. On Christmas Eve the program was developed according to the "Moody Monthly" theme, "Unto Us a King." On New Year's Eve the church gathered together to usher in the new year. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ontjes, members of the church, who are serving as teachers in a mission school in Jamaica, presented their work. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

UNION, ARNOLD, PA. On Oct. 6, at a congregational dinner an "Opera-



Eunice Zimmerman of Tyndall, S. Dak., a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman, received the grand award, Sallman's picture of "The Head of Christ," for completing the Scripture Memory Course.

tion Lift" program was launched by the pastor of Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., Allen B. Herman. He asked members to give \$3,200 through offerings, over and above their regular giving, and help with a work program to improve the facilities of the church. On Jan. 19, members took inventory of our progress at another congregational dinner of venison. Dining room decorations were in keeping with the work program. Instead of flowers on the tables, paint cans and brushes, hammers, wood planes, chisels, drills and tools were used as centerpieces.

To date \$2,600 of the goal has been met. A total of 33 men and 19 women has contributed 825 hours of work time. Among other things, the men installed a 15-car parking lot at the rear of the church property. In April another drive to raise \$3,000 is planned to provide patch plastering and painting of the church interior. We also are contemplating an exhaust system for summer months. (Mrs. Fred Pressick, Clerk).

CATHAY, N. DAK. Last summer the young adult class of the Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., discussed "Christian Stewardship." The interest in this lesson and how it could be applied to each member of the class soon took shape in the form of a meeting. At this meeting it was decided to begin Sunday evening services in Cathay. Our pastor, Rev. Howard Westlund, drives from Carrington and cannot come for both services. So the members planned to hold meetings without a pastor. Some of the Methodist friends became interested also since their pastoral arrangement is similar to ours. With much prayer, planning and cooperation the meetings began. Since August they have been very well attended. The meetings begin with song service, devotions and special musical numbers. Children's stories are of special interest to the youngsters and flannel boards, puppet shows, objects to interest them make the Bible more meaningful. We have had inspirational talks, readings, round-table discussions, guest speakers, films, reports of famous men of God, missionary stories, and news of religion around the world. Special chapters of the Bible are assigned for the Bible Quiz and a relaxed, sometimes humorous story along with the quiz gives the young people a feeling that being a Christian can also mean having a good time.

The New Rockford Methodist Church invited us to see the "Tony Fontaine" film. We were invited to the dedication of the organ and communion table at our Cathay Methodist Church one Sunday evening. Both churches took part in the Wells County Hymn Sing, an annual county interchurch function. (Mrs. Louis Bibelheimer, Reporter).

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BAPTIST HERALD

evangelistic services & baptisms

BILLINGS, MONTANA. Members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana are praising God for a young couple, a mother and her two daughters who followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, Dec. 12. It was a joint service with the sister church at Laurel, Montana participating. Rev. V. B. Nelson brought the message. The fol-



Rev. Richard Grenz (left), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana with five baptismal candidates.

lowing Sunday these same people united with our church at a communion service. May the Lord bless our church as we strive to be a living witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).

HERREID, S. DAK. On New Year's Eve it was our privilege at the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., to add new members to our church: five through baptism and one by letter. Rev. Iver Walker baptized the following: (back row, 2nd left to right, accompanying picture) Ronnie Mittleider, Tommy Pfeifle, Rev. Iver Walker, pastor; (front row, left to right) Sharon Ackerman, Wilma Ackerman and Lori Fischer. Penny Pfeifle (back row, left) was received by letter. Our New Year's services were spiritually uplifting. During the early session the choir sang and the baptismal service was held. The last hour until midnight was spent in testimonies and prayers of thanks to God for his many blessings during the past year. (Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter).

PARKSTON, S. DAK. On Sunday, Dec. 5, at Parkston, S. Dak., following a study course on baptism, five young candidates on confession of their faith in Christ stepped into the baptismal waters with their pastor, Rev. John Hisel. These candidates were Kent Walz, Brenda Lippert, Brian Lippert, Randy Friederich and Michael Deffenbaugh. Most of them had accepted Christ during the Vacation Bible School. Mr. Hisel's message for the evening was entitled "Obedience of a Christian." A quarterly musical program was held on Jan. 2 at which our

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newly purchased choir robes were dedicated. We believe the robes will add much to the worship services. Also in January, dedication of the new babies in our church families born this past year was held during the morning worship hour. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).

CAMROSE, ALBERTA. On Jan. 2nd Rev. Philip Grabke, pastor, members and friends of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., felt the divine power of God and prayers being answered as they witnessed 21 new members joining the church in 1965. Ten of these candidates were received July 4, as seen in an earlier issue of the



Rev. Iver Walker (right), pastor of the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., with six new members received into the church on New Year's Eve.

"Baptist Herald." On Dec. 19 thirteen others joined, some of whom followed Christ through waters of baptism, some came by transfer and others by statement of testimony. On Jan. 2, the hand of welcome and fellowship was extended to the new members. A memorial service was also held for the late Mrs. Clara Gerber, and at this time a table and chairs were dedicated as a memorial by the Gerber family. Though sister Gerber has left our midst, her witnessing lives on. The communion service followed. (Mrs. Theresa Manchur, Reporter).

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New members received into the fellowship of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska on Dec. 5, 1965.

BEATRICE, NEB. The accompanying picture shows 11 of 13 members received into the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., on Dec. 5, 1965. Nine of the 13 were received following their baptism by the pastor, Rev. Chester Strobel. Four came through statement of Christian experience. All 13 had completed a membership training class of 7 sessions. Several of these joined with us following our outreach through the Comprehensive Evangelism Program of our denomination. Early in October we held two weeks of meetings to conclude this program. Rev. Oliver K. Ringering was the guest speaker. Our Sunday school gave a very fine program on Dec. 19 with a pageant and play about the Christmas story. Mrs. Delbert McKiddy was program director. On New Year's Eve we held a Watch Night service. The Adult Choir under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Paul rendered a concert the first hour. This was followed by a Fellowship Hour and Sharing and Prayer Time. (Chester Strobel, Pastor).



BAPTISMAL GROUP, CAMROSE, ALTA. Back row, left to right: Mr. Gerber, deacon; Mrs. Grabke; Pastor Grabke; Mr. Soderstrom, deacon; Mr. Lamprecht, deacon.

2nd row: Mr. Murray, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Markwart, and Carol Murray.

Front row: Phil Murray, Margaret Cardiff, Betty Lou Wier, and Grant Manchur. Missing are Mrs. Hinkleman; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brickman. Table and chairs were dedicated in memory of the late Mrs. C. Gerber by the Gerber family.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

IMMANUEL, WOODSIDE, N. Y. We of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., held the installation services for our new pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, and his wife last June. A fine reception and program had been arranged, with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. We rejoiced in the Lord who sent us this devoted and efficient shepherd in answer to our prayers. With the nearby World's Fair still on and with visitors coming and going, the pastor's responsibilities at the beginning were many but still rewarding. His frank and cordial attitude soon won the hearts of the congregation! Immanuel Church has again a worthy team with Brother Hiller and his talented wife at his side ready to answer the Lord's call to expand and spread the good news among our new neighbors. Thus, Pastor Hiller arranged a series of well attended "Deeper Life Meetings" with several persons accepting the Lord for the first time, and many dedicating their lives anew for more faithful service. (Robert F. Herzog, Clerk).

STARTUP, WASH. Our new pastor, Rev. Alvin Harsch of the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., was given the traditional treatment extended to all pastors as they come to or go from our "sleepy hollow village." This included the "will the audience please be seated" rendered by Mr. Keck at the close of the evening service, and was followed by songs from the battery of vocalists that accompany such programs. Eric Grandstrom rocked the steeple with his Scandinavian squeezebox and a certain comedian's Irish wit.

The church has thoroughly appreciated the refreshing ministry of Mr. Harsch. His sermons have been well delivered, and have been rich in content. His message on New Year's Eve, "The Importance of New Beginnings," helped initiate an enthusiastic response to his challenge of new goals for Christian service. Part of our new goals include a valley survey, an adequate follow up program for visitors in our services, a monthly newsletter beginning in February, and a careful scheduling of midweek activities to avoid overtaxing the good nature of the working nucleus. The C.B.Y. held a bowling party with the Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton and a Valentine's Party with youth groups from all

Sky Valley churches participating. On Feb. 6th they held a musical presentation of "How do you pray?" (Ron McCullough, Reporter).

OAK BANK, MANITOBA. We at the Baptist Church of Oak Bank, Man., have had a busy December. Our evangelistic meetings were held from Dec. 5-12. We were fortunate in having the God's Volunteers Team I for these services. They are a wonderfully dedicated group. We also had a Congregational Fellowship Supper on Dec. 29 to observe our 70th anniversary as a church and the Christmas and New Year season. Rev. Walter Stein of Winnipeg was our guest speaker. Mr. Patzia spoke on behalf of the Deacons' Board and Mr. Rogalski was called on to reminisce about his 15 years of serving this church as a layman. All were from the mother church, McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, spoke on behalf of the Northern Conference. Mr. Fred Krombein, the oldest member, compiled a very fine history of this church.

Recently we lost our pastor, Mr. Lawrence Wilkes, who went to Sioux Falls College on Dec. 31. We certainly wish him God's very best. The farewell service was held on Dec. 26 after which a lunch was served. Rev. Arthur Kliewer has served this church these past Sundays and we expect he will continue to do so until we can come to a definite decision about a new pastor. (Mrs. A. J. Gander, Reporter).

THE CLASS OF 1966

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rector of youth and music at an inner city church in West Hollywood. The Zimmermans have one child, born last summer at Forest Park, Ill., where Elwyn was assistant to the pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

We recommend these servants of God to our churches and mission board as men who have been tested in the rigid discipline of academic training as well as the critical demands of practical outreach. We have felt in them a deep sense of commission to a task and a demonstrated loyalty to Christ.

God grant them an ever enlarging circle of Christian outreach!

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We look forward to the continuation of the new curriculum during this semester and the following two years when the new program will be complete.

COMFORT

By Rose Mary Query
Pastor's Class, Magnolia Baptist
Church, Anaheim, California

Comfort is in knowing
The Lord is always near,
Knowing he'll acknowledge
Our every need and prayer;
It's the courage that sustains us
As we face each new tomorrow,
Though we know some days will bring
us
Deep distress and grievous sorrow.

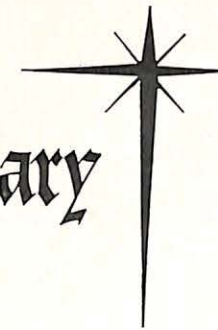
Comfort is the secret place
Of which the psalmist sings,
Where we may dwell in safety
'Neath a softly feathered wing;
And though Satan's aim is deadly
And his darts may come our way,
We've a shield he cannot penetrate
Of a substance he cannot fray.

Comfort is the loving hand
That wipes away our tears,
Calms the troubled heart and soul,
Removes all doubts and fears.
It's the faith of lasting vict'ry
In a world that's filled with loss;
It's the grace we're freely given
As we kneel before the cross.

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Obituary



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MRS. KATIE GILLIG of Bison, Kansas

Mrs. Katie Betz Gillig of Bison, Kansas was born on Feb. 4, 1877 in Rush County, Kansas, where she spent all of her life. In April 17, 1957, she suffered a stroke and was an invalid until the time of her death January 5, 1966. She and Peter Gillig, Jr., were united in marriage on Feb. 3, 1898. This union was blessed with four children. Mrs. Gillig was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. Claus Neve and joined the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas in 1891, being a member until her death. She served as secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of which she was a charter member.

Mourning her departure are her children: Mrs. Harry Hanhardt, Bison, Kansas; Mrs. Clarence Hanhardt, LaCrosse, Kansas; Mrs. Archie Geil, Great Bend, Kansas; and Mr. Roy Gillig, Great Bend, Kansas; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 1957. Rev. Clemence Auch, pastor, and Rev. Oliver Ringering, former pastor, officiated.

Bison, Kansas
CLEMENCE AUCH, Pastor

MRS. SOPHIE MAKEEFF of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mrs. Sophie Makeeff, nee Pfeifer, of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born March 22, 1883, in Russia. She was called home to be with her Lord on Jan. 14, 1966 at the age of 82 years. She married Michael Makeeff in Russia in 1901 and came to Anamoose, N. Dak., in 1902 and the same year homesteaded south of Butte until 1920 when they farmed northwest of Turtle Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Makeeff both accepted the Lord as Saviour and were baptized in 1907 and became members of the Tabor Baptist Church which was located northwest of Mercer, N. Dak. In 1942 they became members of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. Mr. Makeeff passed away in 1954.

She is survived by 4 sons: Emanuel of Mercer, N. Dak.; Mike of Turtle Lake; Emil of Hot Springs, S. Dak.; John of Thorp,

Wis.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Christ Heim of Mercer; Mrs. Otto Kolschewski of Minot, N. Dak.; 3 sisters: Mrs. Lucy Charwood of Maripose, Calif.; Mrs. Katie Merslack of Vernon, B. C.; Mrs. Mary Burkman of Stanley, N. Dak.; 27 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.
Turtle Lake, North Dakota
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

MR. DICK H. JOHNSON of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Dick H. Johnson of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born on Oct. 26, 1896, near Chancellor. He died on Jan. 19, 1966 at the age of 69. In his youth he received Christ as his Savior, was baptized by Rev. Carl Swyter on Feb. 18, 1912 and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor. He served as a trustee of the church for a number of years and continued faithfully in attendance and interest in the activities of his church. In 1920 he was married to Anna Hickman of Ashton, Iowa. God blessed their marriage with a daughter, Delores. Retiring from the farm in 1954, Dick and Anna moved to Chancellor.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, of Chancellor; and his daughter Delores, Mrs. Alvin Hammerstrom; and by 4 grandchildren all of Lennox, S. Dak.; three brothers: John, Wesley and Enno of Chancellor; and by six sisters: Mrs. Henry Ubben (Anna), Mrs. John Folkerts, (Minnie), Mrs. Ethel Tjaden and Mrs. Raymond DeNeui (Frances), all of Chancellor; and Mrs. Arthur Anderson (Grace), of Sioux City, Iowa; and Mrs. Milburn Pfaff (Martha), of Marion, S. Dak.
Chancellor, South Dakota
NORMAN MILLER, Pastor

MR. JOHN SCHMIDT of Goodrich, North Dakota

Mr. John Schmidt of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born Feb. 27, 1874 near Odessa, South Russia. He passed away in the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., Jan. 24, 1966, having reached the age of 91 years, 10 months, 27 days. When he was ten years old he came to America with his parents, settling first in the vicinity of Plum Creek near Bridgewater, S. Dak. On Jan. 17, 1899 he entered into marriage with Otilie Pfaff. In 1900 they came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead two miles south of Goodrich, N. D. In the fall of 1960 they went to Bismarck to make their home in the Baptist Home for the Aged.

In the winter of 1905, under the ministry of Evangelist Schwendener, he gave his life to the Lord and the following spring he was baptized by Rev. Emil Mueller and united with the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. D. He served the Lord and the church as a deacon for 37 years and also as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Those who mourn his passing are: 3 sons: Albert and Walter of Goodrich, N. D.; John of Minneapolis, Minn.; 3 daughters: Otilie Augustad, McClusky, N. D.; Alice Wright, Bandon, Ore.; and Mrs. J. R. (Betty) Doering, Rochester, Minn.; 20 grandchildren, and 40 great grandchildren.

Goodrich, North Dakota
JACOB EHMAN, Pastor

HE HAS BRIDGED THE ROAD THAT'S RENT

By Rev. Fred Folkerts
Missionary in Federal Republic
of Cameroon, Africa

If you find, when called to serve,
The road all gouged and deep,
You look with searching eye a place
To span the treach'rous steep.

You spend yourself in effort,
Charting ways that seem good for
you;
But then you come to realize that
The road is down and through.

Thus in descent with empty hand
You round the steepening curve,
You know that you have naught to help
And there is no reserve.

And when you're down, it's deep and
dark,
There's trouble, turmoil, tears;
It's then you know he's there at call
To deliver from your fears.

You rest, you wait, you follow
To a stream that's flowing there;
From this you're filled with peace and
strength
That he alone can share.

So praise and joy engulf you
As you're lifted in ascent,
And you're grateful to the Savior
Who has bridged the road that's rent.

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