

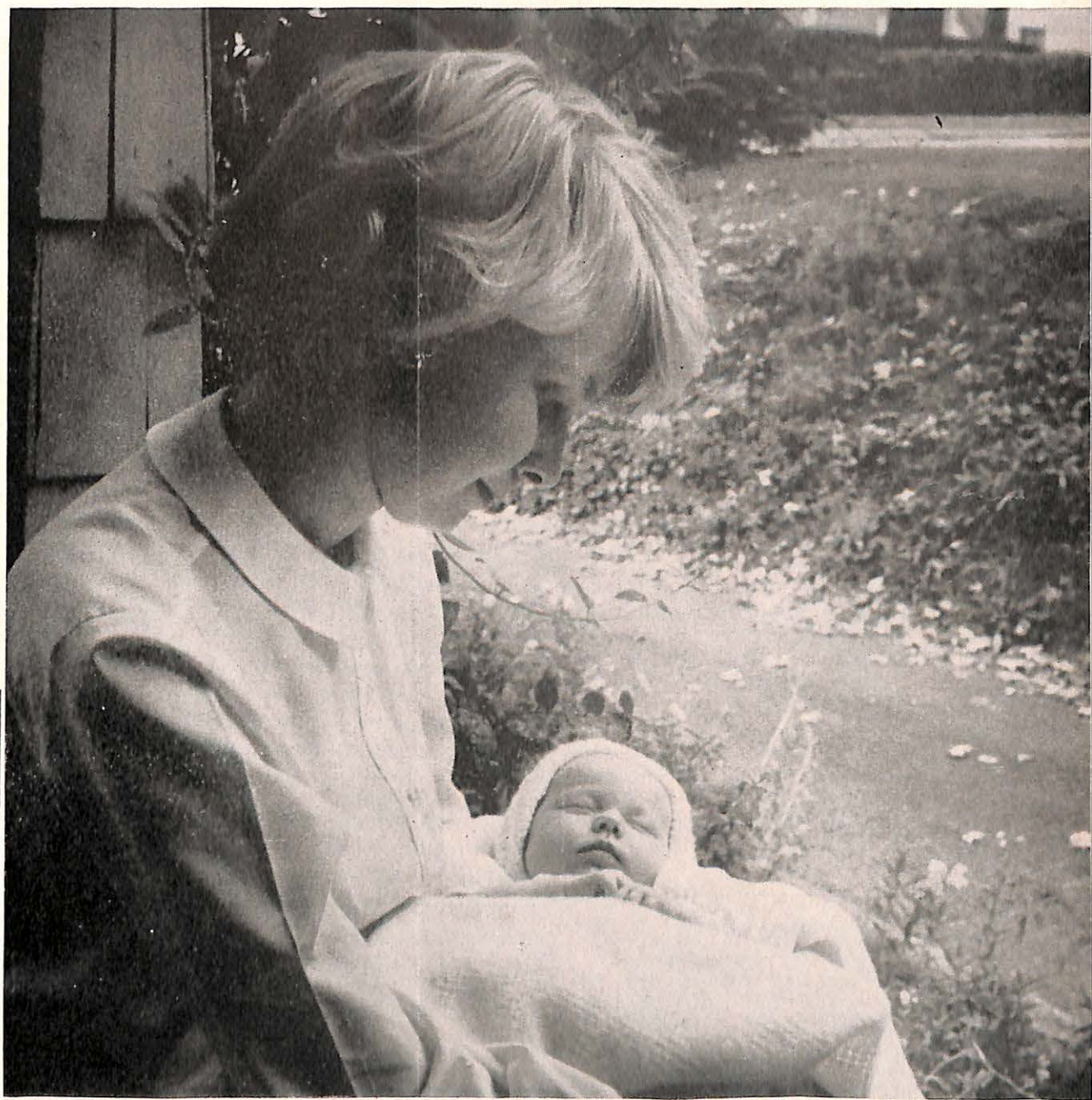
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# Mother's Day, May 8, 1966

By Katherine Bevis

OF EARTHLY things that the majority of people hold sacred and which play most tenderly on heart strings, HOME and MOTHER are at the head of the list. Since it takes a mother to make a real home, it is most fitting that a day be set aside when honor and respect is paid to our mothers.

MOTHERS shape the future of our world! Above all human artists, they are the most blessed, for their work is wrought in love and with the human soul. How carefully they must handle their tools, for more than clay is marred when the hand of love slips and the eye of concern wavers.

It is the privilege of a mother to cherish and care for a young human life, to guide it to adulthood, to channel its ideals and abilities to the enrichment of its life and the betterment of the world; for our young are the hope of our troubled times. We need their clear young vision, their strong young shoulders.

More than a half century ago, a young woman who had lost her dear mother just a year before, invited a friend to visit her. ANNA JARVIS was this young woman, and her home was in Philadelphia. It was on Sunday, May 9, 1907, as she sat with this friend that she told of her desire to dedicate a day to all mothers, a day in which our living mothers would be honored and our mothers who had passed on would be remembered by tribute paid to their memory.

Before another anniversary came, Anna had interested many individuals and organizations in the observance of the second Sunday in May as MOTHER'S DAY. As a result of her untiring efforts, Philadelphia observed Mother's Day on May 10, 1908, and the friends whom Miss Jarvis invited on the second anniversary of her beloved mother's death sparked the idea which later swept the country.

On May 10, 1913, a resolution was passed by the United States Senate and House of Representatives to make the second Sunday in May a national holiday, dedicated to the memory of the BEST MOTHER in the world—YOUR OWN MOTHER!

## MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8

Blessed are the mothers of the earth, for they have combined the practical and spiritual into one workable way of life. They have darned little stockings, mended little dresses, washed little faces, and pointed little eyes to the stars, and little souls to eternal things.

William L. Stidger

For the mother is and must be, whether she knows it or not, the greatest, strongest and most lasting teacher her children have.

Hannah Whitall Smith

## FAMILY MONTH, MAY

Today, as never before in history, the importance of the family as a spiritual unit must be emphasized. The strength of the family ties and bonds of love uniting father, mother, and children determines the strength of home, church and nation. The challenge to each Sunday school worker and pupil is: *In Worship, In Study, In Devotion, In Service, In Outreach.* National Family Month in May offers opportunity for Sunday school, church and community participation.

## NEWS and NEEDS...

**END OF FISCAL YEAR.** Contributions to the Missionary and Service program of the denomination in March amounted to \$125,556.19 making a grand total of \$1,047,410.48 toward the budget goal of \$1,100,000 for the fiscal year 1965-1966.

**FURLOUGHS OF MISSIONARIES.** Early in April Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman returned to the United States for their furlough. They will be living with their son and his wife in Centralia, Wash. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Stockdale and family will arrive in the United States in July for their furlough.

**HEPATITIS.** Most of the missionaries who were sick with hepatitis have made a good recovery. We praise God for his healing touch. But we at home must never relax in our intercessory prayers for the missionaries on the field that God will continue to give them health and strength for each day's tasks.

**MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.** We need to be reminded again and again of the dedicated ministry of our four medical missionaries and of their places of service. Dr. Peter Fehr is the doctor in charge of the Bansa Baptist Hospital near Bamenda with its several wards that are usually filled to overflowing with patients. Dr. Jerome C. Fluth is serving at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Bansa. He is widely known and beloved in the surrounding vicinity. Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld is serving with Nurse Minnie Kuhn in maintaining a clinic at Warwar, Nigeria. (Read Rev. George Black's exciting article about his experiences at this clinic that is featured in this issue). Dr. Eugene V. Stockdale and family will soon be returning to the United States for their furlough.

**ANNUAL SESSIONS.** Pray earnestly for God's blessings on the sessions of the General Council to be held in Forest Park, Ill., on May 20-21. Important decisions will be made by the Council concerning the opening of a new mission field in Brazil with the sending of two missionary couples, concerning a program of advance for the Seminary and Christian Training Institute, and concerning new and challenging Church Extension projects.

**OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY.** Watch for "the big news" about the start of construction on the new buildings of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan. There was a delay in the construction work, but these difficulties have now been overcome.

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"The Minister and His Hire"  
(A General Council Report to the General Conference)

By David J. Draewell

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Editorial

## Dedicated To God!

When a new church building is opened to a congregation for the first time, we say that it has been "dedicated to God." It has been set aside for a holy ministry of revealing the glory of God. It is the prayer of God's people that its use will be for high and noble purposes only.

The painting, "The Child Samuel," is familiar to most of us. I shall never forget the ecstatic moment when I suddenly came upon this original oil canvas in the Tate Art Gallery of London, England and the full spiritual beauty of the child's dedication to God and service in his temple made of forcible impact upon my mind.

This should be the watchword of every Christian home—DEDICATED TO GOD. Our homes like the churches in which we worship and like the child, Samuel, should be places that radiate spiritual beauty and inward love. Christ wants to be "the Unseen Guest" in our homes, listening in on every conversation, taking part through the truths of God's Word in every family discussion, and revealing his spirit of love. Then his Spirit will motivate our actions and lead us to understand one another and our peculiar problems. Such a home radiates beauty because love—love of God and for one another—is the guidepost to everything that happens.

A Christian home places Christ and the things he stands for at the center. Christ must have the preeminence in the Church that he has established (Colossians 1:18) and in that same spirit he must be at the center of every home. This means that he is entitled to the spiritual authority that he wants to exercise. His Spirit and his Word become "the supreme court" deciding the misunderstandings and difficulties that arise among members of the home. Whatever honors Christ and his Truth must be uppermost in the minds of all who live in that home.

Is all of this impossible of attainment? Is this merely a picture of perfection that has little reference to practical life? Every home is in the process of molding the family and leaving an indelible stamp on every member. It will be a Christian home if the children and parents seek to know God's will and purpose for them. This is a day-by-day striving to become more like Christ, to seek his will for ourselves and our homes, and to be dedicated to the highest purposes of God for ourselves. It is the eager response of a Samuel to every call of God: "Here am I, Lord."

America is desperately in need of such Christian homes today. Such families must be an example to others of what Christ can do in transforming home life. Every Christian home, "dedicated to God," can assume leadership in American life in future years far beyond our expectations today. Give this your prayerful consideration in the month of May to make your home and family life radiant with dedication to God.

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Thank God for MOTHERS in our Christian homes! (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

## Mothers Are Not Saints

The world could not turn without mother. Mothers are essential, loving, loyal and hard-working but saints—no! This “human tribute” to Mother is different and beautiful — just what our Christian mothers would like to see.

By Dr. Glenn H. Asquith, Editor of the BAPTIST LEADER, Director of the Green Lake, Wis., Christian Writers Workshop, and author of several books.

“*ALL THAT I AM, or hope to be, I owe to my sainted mother*” etcetera.

How many times have we heard this or similar quotes and have basked in a great sentimentality with the word MOTHER flashing in neon lights on the horizon of our emotions?

And, certainly, Mother's Day has done its part (along with some worthy and lovely things) to perpetuate the heresy that mothers are saints.

As a matter of cold fact, mothers are persons and must be allowed to be such.

### MOTHERS ARE HUMAN

One expression of being a person is to want things. We call this being human, and that is exactly what mothers are. Even though they may scrape and skimp to see that the children and the husband have good clothes, books, music lessons and other advantages, this does not mean that they are glad to go about in shabby attire or stay in the background and be willing to take their pay in fulsome quotations or be taken to dinner one Sunday in May.

And mothers feel things. Slightings that hurt others hurt mothers. Being neglected and left out of the center of “doings” can make a mother feel insecure just as much as any other person. She has the same sense of guilt as she strives to live up to what is expected of her simply because nature has given her the function of motherhood. Indeed, her nerve ends may be far more perceptive because of the ordeals through which she must go.

A mother even hates certain things. She tolerates much, and is a “good sport” perforce, but she has no joy in a house turned topsy-turvy and left for her housekeeping skills to bring back to near normal. She hates being left alone while the male of the house and his progeny go out to do great things in the world. She cannot help but feel that she has a contribution to

make to the world as well. She hates to be forgotten or left behind.

All of this is leading up to the statement that mothers are far from perfect and know it and want others to know it. They feel the unchosen hypocrisy of the exaggerated image that many bring to Mother's Day, and would like all to know that they cannot go forty days and forty nights on the strength of a corsage or carnation. They want love which realizes that God has not left them out of the humbling statement, “there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

### A CONSTANT COMPANION

Even so, there is something different and special found in the role of the mother which she accepts and which her family too often takes for granted. Even though a father or other family member were willing to try to take over some of the duties and obligations he could not do it, no one can usurp the God-given prerogatives that belong to the mother.

Take the task of constant companion, for instance. Home base is the most important part of the day's life of a husband or children. And it is important because *someone* is there. And that someone is *the mother*. When boys and girls come home from school, when father comes home from a “hard day” at the office or from a spectacular triumph off on the field of labor, someone is needed to be at home in order to establish a contact with the familiar and permanent. When there is illness, the mother is the companion until healing comes. And yet, when she is ill, so often school and work take the other members of the household out as usual and she must fight the depression and uncertainty too often alone.

And how about the post of “servant-in-ordinary”? Three meals a day, always the beds to make, the wash to do, the shipping to manage, the clean-

ing and laundry to be carted back and forth. All of this can get pretty monotonous even though faithfully and cheerfully done. If a family had to pay in cash for all services rendered by a mother, bankruptcy might ensue. Gratitude, offers of help, a little extra care in lightening the load might not change the work problem too much, but would certainly change the outlook of the “servant” in the house. Even a maid gets a day off, and being taken to dinner or for an outing is not too much to expect by the mother.

### “A LISTENING POST”

When all is said and done, however, one of the noblest privileges given to a mother is to be a “listening post.” What she hears from her family as they come in from contact with the outside world is not always good news. There are grouches to share, “unfairness” to relate, hopes, fears, plans. This is good therapy for the one getting it all “off his chest,” and some sympathy or understanding from the mother often makes the unpleasant thing forgotten or put into proper perspective.

In a great majority of situations, a mother is easier to talk to because she knows so well what her loved ones are from having been with them so constantly from the beginning. A father may say, “Come, son, tell me all about it,” but the father has been in a different atmosphere and may not know just what the boy's frame of reference is. In today's world the father (unless he is a rare and happy exception) is out on the firing line trying to keep his job and make the home financially secure.

But this composite picture of motherhood is not all. A mother serves, too, as a link to nostalgia. A recent TV program was entitled, “I Remember Mama.” Father was in the picture,

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## Moving Days Are Here Again!

In the midst of a rapidly shifting population in North America, the Church of Christ encounters difficulty in reaching the multitudes for Jesus Christ. Read this challenging article with “a sanctified imagination” concerning your role in moulding the American family into a more Christian pattern.

By Rev. Clarence H. Walth, Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

TODAY “the wanderlust” in people is stronger than ever. Evidently the longing for “greener pastures” exists among persons in every occupation and profession. Reporting to the churches about the effects of our shifting population upon family life comes as a tremendous challenge to the writer. The problems of ministering to a mobile society can be resolved if we approach them with understanding, courage and imagination. How are we helping people with social adjustments?

### SHIFTING POPULATION

The fact that people are greatly on the move has been vividly brought to our attention by a recent U. S. Census Bureau report. It presents a picture of what has taken place in the United States since the 1960 Census in a publication entitled, “Americans at Mid-Decade.”

State by state the average yearly gain in population is 1.5%. Nineteen of the fifty states have grown more than the national average. California was the leader having 314,000 a year, net gain. Florida gained an average of 100,000 residents a year, while New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Arizona, and Connecticut also experienced larger migration than the other states.

Illinois was one of 15 North Central states extending from North Dakota to Pennsylvania that gained less than the national average. The largest losers in net migration during 1960-65 were Pennsylvania with a 69,000 net loss; Michigan, 40,000; Iowa, 30,000; Minnesota, 26,000; Ohio, 23,000; and Wisconsin, 20,000.

It may come as a surprise that 38,000,000 Americans (one out of every five) changed residence last year. On the other hand, it seems normal enough that fewer than 10 per cent of those persons who are 75 years or over moved last year. In the age group of 22-24, almost half changed residence.

The Negro population shift out of the southern states is also noteworthy. Fifteen years ago, only one of every three American Negroes lived outside the South. Now nearly half do, according to the U. S. Census Bureau report.

The main reason for this immense shifting of population is economic. With increase of industrial opportunities in the West and South, many people move to “hit it rich.” The desire for racial equality among the Negroes accounts for much of the migration northward. One should not overlook

the vast movement of students to educational centers. Some 56,000,000 Americans were enrolled in school last year.

### REACHING THE MULTITUDES

What effect does this high mobility rate have upon the ministry of the church? To be sure, it complicates an effective penetration of the Gospel. The effect upon the nation as a whole is felt in the inability of the church to reach the multitudes for Jesus Christ. The census report indicates that there is a pattern of broad shifts in population, rising incomes, and changes in the age groupings of the population. These trends carry important meaning for industry, politics and the church. About 6 per cent of the families had more than \$15,000 income last year, 22 per cent had more than \$10,000, and 45 per cent had more than \$7,000. The other 18 per cent had less than \$3,000 income.

Changes in age groupings of population become more obvious since the total reached 195,000,000 in 1965. There are 3,600,000 more women than men. Census data shows that there are 8,815,000 widows, with about one-third between 35 and 64 years of age. With almost two-thirds of the 195 million living in, or near, big cities, spiritual needs are frequently overlooked.

States depending on farming are showing the slowest growth. Isn't this where most of our churches are located?

### PROMINENCE OF YOUTH

The biggest increase in population has come in the age group of 14 to 24. These people are the ones pushing up school enrollment, asking for the jobs, and adding to the number of marriages. In forming families, they make a larger demand for everything that goes toward a balanced life.

The proportion of families with three or more children rose from one out

of six in 1950, to one out of four in 1965. The children of families which move about are required to make many social and personality adjustments. Are our churches aware of and meeting the needs of these families? Where there are no churches to stabilize and evangelize the people, a pathetic condition is developing.

The effect of an increasing population has prompted various discussions, with the result that birth rates have fallen sharply. According to U. S. Public Health Service, the number of babies born in the nation dropped below 4,000,000 last year. This rate is nearly one-fourth less than in 1957. The population, as a result, is growing at a slower rate. But this offers only temporary and superficial relief.

### AN ENLARGED VISION

What solutions are there for meeting the challenge of our big shifting population? It would appear that many of us could begin by “thinking big.” Many people are reluctant to project themselves. If we begin to cultivate a sanctified imagination in this matter of ministering to our American families, the Lord may marvelously enlarge our vision.

If our churches earnestly apply themselves, we can rise to meet the challenge of a better educated, more urbanized and wealthier people. Also, the change in age groupings and the mobility of our nearly 2,000,000 citizens requires that every member of the North American Baptist Conference consider his role in the task of reaching individuals. Where does one begin?

1. Dedicating ourselves unreservedly to Jesus Christ will enable us to gain perspective for our mission.
2. Relying upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom is very basic for such a great responsibility.

3. Updating our methods of communicating the unchanging, powerful, Gospel may prove to be very helpful.
4. We must produce highly dedicated and trained leaders in specific areas, such as evangelism, Christian education, youth work and music.

5. We must mobilize Christian people for greater co-ordination and co-operation among denominations. Not union, but unity.

6. Create programs to reach minority groups with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

7. Reconsider the relevancy of Church Extension work.

8. Focus attention on a ministry to youth, and be willing to spend and be spent for Jesus Christ!

### MOTHER

For love that makes the world worthwhile  
Because it serves and gives,  
For faith that blesses with a smile,  
For loyalty that lives;

*For these that gladden all my days  
With strength and comfort too,  
I give my love, my thanks, my praise  
Dear Mother mine, to you.*

—Author Unknown



# The Minister's Workshop

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

By Dr. George A. Lang, Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*What relation is there between preaching to the needs of people and Biblical preaching?*

TODAY many books and articles on preaching place great emphasis on preaching to the needs of people. This is altogether good. Preaching is communication. Communication is not possible without relating the material preached to the hearers who are preached to. Thus the material communicated must be related to the past or future experiences of the hearers as it affects specific areas of life.

Often, however, when this type of preaching is referred to, it appears as if some people conclude that such preaching involves only psychology and sociology without reference to the eternal truths of God revealed in the Bible. It is at this point of apparent misunderstanding to which these paragraphs on preaching is directed.

## LIFE-SITUATION PREACHING

In his book *The Christian Pastor* Dr. Wayne E. Oates states that "Preaching as a personal encounter becomes the careful and devoted manage-

ment of a growing understanding between a pastor and his congregation rather than merely an oratorical demonstration." Out of his pastoral and counseling ministry, the pastor becomes especially aware of the needs of his people. This may cause him to concentrate more on "life-situation preaching." He will be concerned with the joys and sorrows, the cares and struggles, the defeats and victories of people and will seek to bring to them help, healing, guidance and nourishment from the Scriptures. There will therefore be no conflict between preaching to the needs of people and Biblical preaching.

Dr. Oates has presented it so clearly: "Contrary to some opinion, life-situation preaching may be thoroughly Biblical and even exegetical. However, the approach to the Bible itself is a life-situation approach. The studied effort of the exegesis is to reconstruct the 'situation-that-was' at the time of the writing. The interpretation, how-

ever, is not simply paralleled with a similar contemporary situation-in-life. Instead the timeless elements of both situations are identified and become the outline of the sermon. The end result is a meditative interpretation of Scripture in the present tense."

## PLANNING YOUR PREACHING

May we look at the use of the Bible as the pastor plans his preaching. He may first start with the personal need or problem to which his sermon is to address itself. He reads and studies the Scriptures with the purpose of locating a portion which deals with the basic human need or problem.

He analyzes thoroughly the need or problem, noting especially the area of human experience in which the problem is to be met. He exegetes the portion of Scripture which he has selected and which refers to the human need or problem. With much prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit, he formulates the explanation and illustrations of the truth or truths which are found in the selected Scripture portion and applies them to the present problem. Thus this sermon is truly Biblical as well as life-situational.

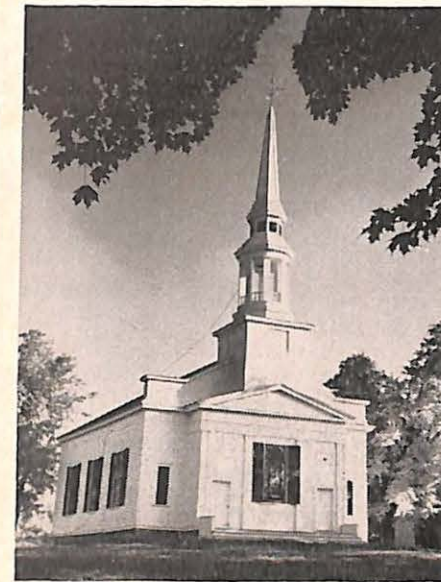
Let us reverse the process. The pastor seeks to preach one or a series of sermons on an entire book or only a portion of Scripture, using it expositively. He exegetes the passage which is to be the basis of his sermon in the light of the time and circumstances in which it was written. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he becomes aware of the basic spiritual truth involved. He relates this truth then to the specific needs of people today. Out of his pastoral and counseling ministry these life situations are ever before him. He will thus apply the basic truths in the Biblical material of his message to the specific detailed needs and problems of his people. Again, we see that this preaching is both Biblical and preaching to the needs of the people.

## SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS

It is quite evident that the Scriptures as a whole have been given to us, not as a worked-out, completed

# How to Kill a Church!

A message about YOUR CHURCH to be read and to be remembered.



"I love thy Church, O God!  
Her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye,  
And graven on thy hand."  
(Luoma Photo).

*First:* Take it for granted. Since it has survived fifty, one hundred, two hundred years, assume that it will continue another fifty, one hundred, two hundred years. After all, who would seek to do it harm? Who would want to kill it?

*Second:* Localize it. Identify it with a certain corner in a certain part of the community. Rope it off, wall it in, insulate it against the outside world. Let it serve its own constituency in its own way, without any suggestions from others. After all, is it not an independent church? What right has anyone to tell it what it ought to do?

*Third:* Limit its message to parts of the Gospel which the people want to hear. Let it go all out for brotherly love and pearly gates, but either soft-pedal or ignore such weighty matters as justice, mercy, and peace. Let it stay out of social concerns—such controversial matters as race relations, economic justice, and international good will. Leave these to the secular world to decide. Let the church stick to the simple Gospel.

*Fourth:* Silence the prophetic voice in its midst. If anyone in the church or out of it begins to talk like Isaiah or Jeremiah or Amos or John the Baptist or John Bunyan or Roger Williams, have nothing to do with him. Get him out of the church as soon as possible, or warn other people against him. You might even write your denominational officials about what he is saying, and perhaps give a gentle warning that you will cut off your financial support if his voice is not silenced.

*Fifth:* Make its membership selective. Keep out all undesirables—people who do not think as you do, do not dress as you do, do not have the same

color of skin that you have. Keep the membership homogeneous, congenial. Let the church become an exclusive club, composed of the right kind of people, your kind of people, people who live on the right side of the tracks.

*Sixth:* Cut off its source of supply. Neglect its young people. Teach them nothing about the church, or the denomination to which it belongs, or the church's world mission. After all, should they not be allowed to think for themselves, to form their own ideas, to make their own decisions? Why give them adult help? Why have a special organization for them? Why train them?

*Seventh:* De-emphasize its evangelistic outreach. Emphasize, instead, theological "dialogue" and correct ecclesiastical haberdashery. Let the church grow by natural means—as children of present church members come of age and as new church families move into the community.

*Eighth:* Stifle its missionary message and spirit. Does not the church have more to do here at home than it can possibly do? Is not its primary responsibility to its own community? Then why bother about people who live half-way around the world, or even with people in other areas of the United States? After all, a church cannot do everything.

*Be silent now! Tread softly! The church that is dead may be your own!*  
—Reprinted from MISSIONS Magazine



## THE "WANDERLUST" IS STRONGER THAN EVER

It may come as a surprise that 38,000,000 Americans (one out of every five) changed residence last year. In the age group of 22-24 years, almost half changed residence. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

system of philosophy or theology. The theology in the Bible are revealed spiritual truths which are always related to the needs, the problems, the fears, the hopes, the experiences and the anticipations of people. Note the problem of suffering in the book of Job. Or the theological meaning of worship as given by Jesus to the Samaritan woman at the well. As these spiritual truths affected, changed or directed the people referred to in the Bible, so they will also, when properly applied, influence the hearers of the preachers today, who faithfully expound the Word of God in the light of our present needs and problems.

There is, therefore, no conflict but rather a close correlation of spiritual dynamics in Biblical preaching which is directed to the needs and problems of people and society. Millions of young and older citizens are looking for such spiritual, life-situational preaching.

May 5, 1966

We express our deepest appreciation to you as churches and individuals for your prayers and healing and various expressions of concern and encouragement during John's recent illness and viral myocarditis (virus of the heart). We are grateful to God for his healing intervention when doctors and medicine had no treatment. We are also thankful for the supportive care of doctors and nurses and the kindness and helpfulness of friends during this critical time. Doctors have now given assurance for a complete recovery. We hope to be faithful stewards of your investment in prayers and concern and God's gift of health and continued opportunity to serve him.

Rev. and Mrs. John Binder  
and Laurette



## THE CHILD'S FIRST PRAYER

(Photo by A. Devaney, Inc.)



# Struggles Within the Family Nest

Family adjustments are sometimes accompanied by tensions and misunderstandings. Families can emerge from these experiences more mature and spiritually fortified if these guidelines are followed.

By Mrs. Hollis Barber and Miss Mary Blackburn.

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman  
General Secretary, Department of  
Christian Education

AS FAMILIES, we must recognize and deal with the fact that children in their teens arrive at the need to strive for freedom and independence. On the other hand, we witness that parents at times strive to keep the child within family restrictions that are conducive to the pre-teen age period. On the other hand, the child in the teen-age years senses the need for freedom and independence.

We have requested a parent and a young person to deal with this period of family adjustment which sometimes is accompanied by tensions and misunderstandings. It is our hope that some helpful guide lines may be lifted out to help both parent and youth to come out of this experience more mature and spiritually fortified.

The viewpoint of the parents is presented by Mrs. Hollis Barber, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., and professor in the Language Department of the University of Illinois (Chicago) campus. Miss Mary Blackburn, senior student at the Oak Park-River Forest High School and member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, shares the viewpoint of the teen-ager.

## TEEN-AGERS—A PARENT'S VIEW

By Mrs. Hollis Barber  
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Forest Park Baptist Church, Illinois

"Hey, Dad! Can I have the car tonight?"

"Well, that depends. What are you going to do?"

"We're going to the game. None of the other kids can have theirs, so I thought maybe I could drive this time. I'll pay for the gas. How about it, Dad?"

"How many do you plan to take?"

"Well, I'm not sure, but . . ."

And in the end Father said "no" and Johnny was unhappy, accusing his father of treating him like a "little kid," of not trusting him, and of trying to spoil his good times. And that made Dad unhappy, too.

Adjusting to teen-age growing pains can be hard on the whole family. Perhaps on the surface it seemed that Dad was being unreasonably strict. After all, a school game is good entertain-

ment. Why didn't he allow Johnny to take the car?

Perhaps there were reasons Johnny didn't know about. How many young friends was he going to take? Dad discovered that Johnny didn't really know. There were four of his friends definitely going, but there was the real possibility that there might be several more, more than were safe in one car, especially with the excitement of the game, the "school's out—let's have fun" attitude.

There was the further factor that Dad did not know some of these other teen-agers. One, whom his son had mentioned, had a doubtful reputation. Dad knew that he couldn't say, "See here, Johnny, stay away from Lee. He's no good and I don't want you associating with him," but he could see to it that Johnny was not exposing himself to a situation which might get out of hand.

In addition, there was the matter of John's age: just seventeen. He had his driver's license only three months, and while he was a good driver, he lacked experience. A forty mile round trip on a crowded highway with an inexperienced driver in a car overloaded with excited "kids" did not make sense to Dad, and he said "no."

Any parent would agree with Dad, and it's likely most teen-agers would agree, too, if Dad took the trouble to explain his reasons and did not hand down his decision in the manner of a dictator. Here lies the crux of the issue. In his disappointment Johnny may be unhappy, but if Dad explains patiently the reasons for his refusal, Johnny will not remain resentful. If, on the contrary, Dad says "no," and to Johnny's query of "why not?", he replies, "because I said so, that's why!" Johnny will be resentful, and rightly so.

Teen-agers are fair and they are intelligent. They will give their parents a "break" if the parents make an effort to understand them and to explain their own attitudes. Do parents have to give their teen-age children an explanation of every decision they hand down? Probably not. The important thing is to explain often enough to gain the confidence of the child. Once this trust is established, the young person will accept his parents' judgment without asking for reasons every time. And the parents, too, will learn to trust their children.

What all this means, of course, is that parents have to try to establish this relationship of mutual trust and



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## A Seminar for NAB Pastors

Ministers of the Pacific Northwest recently met at a Bible camp for disciplined thinking, stimulating discussions and intensive study with NAB Seminary professors.

By Rev. Alvin Harsch of Startup, Washington

ON MONDAY, March 7, twenty pastors of the Pacific Northwest arrived at the Glendawn Baptist Bible Camp to begin a week-long Seminar on "The Nature and Mission of the Church" conducted under the supervision of the North American Baptist Seminary by Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Professor Gerald L. Borchert. On Saturday, March 12, as the "fellows" were packing to leave, we heard everyone say, "What a tremendous and glorious week!" One pastor was honest enough to say, "I'll never be the same again."

### STIMULATING SETTING

What made this such a beneficial week? Was it the camp facilities nestled in among the cedar and pine, with its heated rooms, and crackling fireplace? Was it the fine food which gave us nostalgic feelings about "Mom's cooking"? Was it the offering of an hour credit from the Seminary to the academically-minded pastors? Or was it the escape from the jingling study telephone and the routine of administrative duties? Certainly, all of these benefits did not distract from the timely subject chosen. Yet—stripped of all this—all agreed our time was well spent.

What then made this week so valuable? Of primary importance was the subject, presented in a scholarly, stimulating and provoking manner reflecting

contemporary thinking and trends, with a freshness and enthusiasm which "grabbed us" (to quote a professor). The lectures gave us a balance between the historical background and Biblical exegesis of the subject, on the one hand, and the theological implications, on the other hand.

Of equal value were the many formal and informal discussion sessions which created an atmosphere where we could honestly and openly talk about the ineffectiveness of our church "program," which all of us have long entertained, without censorship or criticism. These sessions always proved to be constructive, arriving at uniform procedures of church administration. It was here that we really grappled with the issues that face us.

The assigned reading of books of contemporary flavor and controversial nature, in advance of the Seminar, set the stage for lively discussions as we entered into dialogue with the authors, the professors and fellow pastors. Some of the books probably would have been neglected from the pastor's general reading, except for this discipline. In addition to the books assigned in advance, we had opportunity to read from a wide range of literature supplied from the Seminary library for our study periods.

### THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

A valuable study was the inquiry

we made into the implications of the decisions made at the Vatican II Council. "What about the new image of the Roman Church?" This naturally led to an evaluation of the entire ecumenical movement, its historical roots, theological implications and current trends as championed by various prominent leaders.

All of us were made aware of the fact that we are living in a changing society where the institutional church with its traditional methods of outreach needs to be re-evaluated. A book like "The Secular City" by Harvey Cox made it clear we will have to pioneer new methods to reach our communities for Christ. Such methods are already in use in the Oak Brook Shopping Center, a suburb of Chicago, in what is known as "The Agora" and in an industrial area south of the Midway Airport of Chicago with an Apartment Church. (See *Your Church* magazine, March/April 1966, p. 28).

One of the secondary benefits of such a week was the time spent with fellow pastors in discussion and prayer. It was an opportunity to learn to understand and love each other to a greater measure.

Pastors may never be able to arrange for a sabbatical leave from their churches for a year of study. While we are exploring that possibility, let us not neglect the pastor's desperate need for intensive, supervised study.

understanding with their children from the time they are small. With earnest prayer for patience and understanding, plus real effort, this relationship can be achieved. For these happy parents teen-agers are wonderful!

### VIEWPOINT OF THE TEEN-AGER

By Miss Mary Blackburn  
Senior at the River Forest  
Oak Park High School, Illinois

Do you have a teen-ager, or know a teen-ager? If so, you've probably wondered many, many times just what a teen-ager is. Perhaps you've often asked, as people have asked since the age of Socrates, "What's this younger generation coming to?"

Just what is a teen-ager? A teen-ager is an optimistic, enthusiastic person, one who has lived long enough to appreciate life and not long enough to tire of it or take it for granted. A teen-ager is a person who is filled with hopes and dreams for tomorrow and the future, one who is old enough

to plan, to dream, yet not old enough to act and make the dreams come true.

Questions are a larger part of the teen-ager. Questions about the meaning of life, God, his purpose in relation to these haunt the teen-ager until they are answered and he has a basic belief and goal in life. Finding the answers to these and similar questions is the hardest task of the teen-ager.

When the teen-ager seriously begins to think about his future and his place in it, he begins to question the lives of his parents and how they made their decisions. How they live, what they do, and their faith in relationship to everyday life help the teen in making his decisions.

With most of his questions answered, he feels competent to accept some responsibility on his own, much to the consternation and shock of his parents. This is when the "tug-of-war" of who decides what Junior is going to do begins. Home life can be very discouraging and unhappy for teen-ager

and parents alike. More often than not, open rebellion takes place unless the parents provide a means agreeable to both to solve this problem.

The most meaningful arrangement in handling the question of responsibility is a family discussion and prayer time. This gives the teen-ager the opportunity to express his feelings and hopes calmly. It gives the parents an opportunity to guide him in choosing and attaining his goals and a feeling of sharing responsibility.

A prayer time following the discussion, asking the Lord for help in obeying the parents on the teen-ager's behalf and guidance in making decisions, brings the family closer together and closer to the Lord with the realization of their working together for a common goal.

What is a teen-ager? An optimistic, enthusiastic young person who is anxious to become a responsible, dependable adult who will ask, "What's this YOUNGER generation coming to?"

May 5, 1966



# Spring Convocation at the NAB Seminary

Dr. Eugene Nida, executive secretary of the American Bible Society and author of 16 books, brought five stirring lectures on "Communicating God's Word" and stimulating the thinking of a host of pastors, Seminary friends, faculty members and students.

By Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, Minneapolis, Minnesota

OUR SEMINARY was fortunate, indeed, to have Dr. Eugene Nida as guest lecturer for the 1966 Spring Convocation this year. Dr. Nida, the Executive Secretary of the American Bible Society, author of 16 books, world traveler, and authority in the field of linguistics, having done research in 80 languages, has a unique way of captivating interest and holding the attention of his audience.

## STIMULATING SESSIONS

Our pastors received a wealth of knowledge on the subject so forcibly and ably presented by this servant of God. "Communicating God's Word" was the challenge for five stirring, provocative lectures on the following subjects: "Basic Human Drives," "From Gods to Ghosts," "Being Multi-Religious," "From Creator to the Christian," and "The Dynamics of the Christian Faith."

Even the Dakota blizzards, the Minnesota deep snows and the winds and rains of Iowa could not keep our ambitious pastors from the stimulating, delightfully contagious Seminary Spring Convocation. Thirty-five pastors, some of whom brought their wives,

were enriched through the convocation program. In addition to these we must add the Seminary faculty and families, the largest Seminary student body this year (many wives of the students), and the many friends of the Seminary in the city of Sioux Falls.

This year, again, the Convocation was such an outstanding experience for all who participated that indelible memories are bound to linger on. What did the participants say about the Convocation? "Each year we say this year has been the best." "Each year the Seminary is able to get a better guest speaker." "I would not have missed this year for anything." "This is what I needed at this time."

## CONGENIAL FELLOWSHIP

The Seminary building facilities are a very adequate setting for such stimulating and helpful lectures and related activities in a Spring Convocation. Always there is a wholesome, congenial, spiritual fellowship among the pastors who are able to share in this enriching experience. This year again pastors from the following states participated in the Convocation experiences: Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana,

Minnesota, North and South Dakota, as well as the pastors from the Sioux Falls area.

Our congenial Seminary president, Dr. Frank Veninga, the faculty staff, and the student body as well, are most competent in providing an excellent spiritual atmosphere for the guests. The housing for the guests was comfortable and delicious meals were graciously served by young ladies from the nearby Sioux Falls College. To say that the cost of the Convocation at the Seminary was reasonable is only an understatement.

The daily lecture sessions were held in the Seminary Chapel. The Thursday evening session was a public meeting held at the Trinity Baptist Church, of which Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor. Here Dr. Nida lectured to a capacity audience on the theme, "Being Multi-Religious."

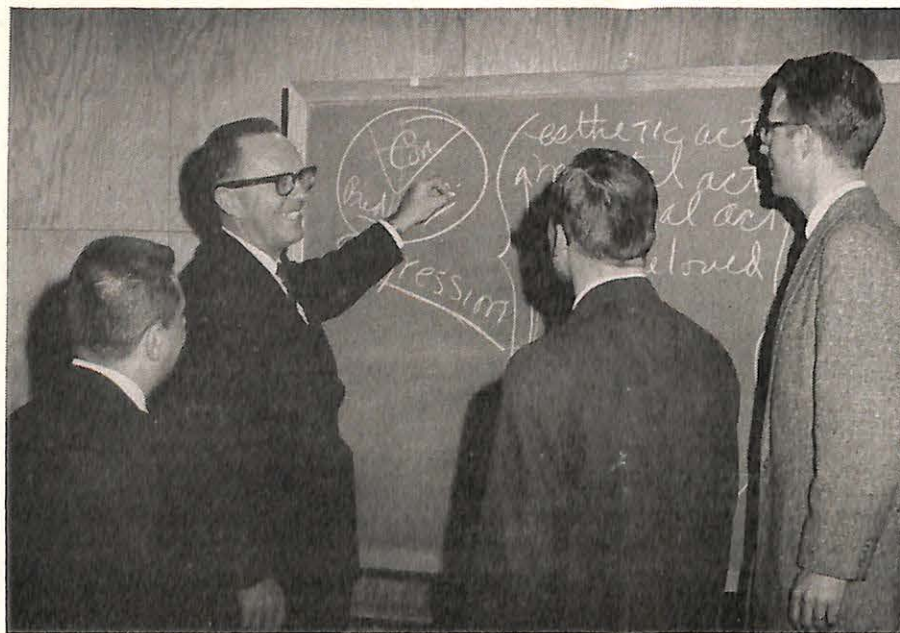
## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD

It was most fitting to have Dr. Nida bring these challenging lectures on the striking theme, "Communicating God's Word," in the light of our denominational emphasis this year, "Exploring God's Word." Dr. Nida emphatically stressed the need for getting the "Word of God" out within reach of the millions around the world who have not as yet been reached with the Gospel. One of the disturbing facts, as he pointed out, is that people in general find it most difficult to receive adequate guidance in God's Word and inspiration through the existing church organization to challenge them to Christian living. Hopefully, it was pointed out, a new movement, some call it a revolution, is sweeping the world.

People at the grassroots are reading the Bible. Laymen everywhere are gathering in groups to read, to study the Bible, and to pray together. It was pointed out that such a movement is also extensively carried on among college and university students on hundreds of campuses across the land.

These Seminary Convocations are most stimulating, informative and meaningful for pastors. It would be profitable to our churches, and especially to the pastors, if more of our ministers could participate in these convocations. Our churches through the existing organizations might do well to make it possible for pastors to attend the annual Spring Convocation. Please note the dates for next year's Spring Convocation: April 11-12, 1967, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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DR. EUGENE NIDA, SEMINARY CONVOCATION SPEAKER

In his convocation lectures, in his blackboard diagramming, and in his fellowship with students and faculty, Dr. Eugene Nida (with chalk in his hand), executive secretary of the American Bible Society, stimulated his audience in thinking on the worldwide task of "Communicating God's Word." (Photo by Roy W. Seibel).

# Womanhood in the New Cameroon

New horizons have opened for the women of West Cameroon, Africa to make their lives count for Christ, to assume positions of responsibility, and to blossom out in maturity that is both delightful and amazing to behold.

By Miss Esther H. Schultz, Missionary of Victoria, West Cameroon, Africa.

MARCH OF 1947 seems very far away, and yet the impressions of those days may be more firmly fixed in my memory than events of later days.

As I traveled in the heat from Tiko, Africa in a Post and Telegraph Jeep to Soppo, (thank goodness, it became cooler!), I looked at the rows upon rows of bananas and wondered if any of my family would be eating fruits from these plants in the future.

Then we passed villages, which one soon identifies with the coast, carboard and shabby thatch. People looked short of stature and a mother carried a baby on her back. I felt there was dirt, poverty, sickness, and even death in this place. Later I learned to identify "our" churches along that road because it was there we often walked to them.

As the months and years passed by, I learned by studying family life and faces that these women did not have an easy life. They bedded and clothed the family often with little or no help from the father, and worked the farms as well as carried the food to market. They had to be shrewd shoppers and received little thanks for the economy they practiced.

## FIRST BABY CONTESTS

And yet they had a lovely sense of humor; they were interested in new horizons of other lands.

Hannah Martin conducted a Domestic Science or Home Economics Center in Buea. She was very practical in teaching cleanliness in the home and kitchen. She had a family of her own, and could easily testify to the value of care and feeding and the physical needs of a child.

Women began to visit pre-natal clinics and Women's Mission Union meetings. They wanted better homes and healthier children. Here they learned of a Christian home and how important it could be!

I can recall the first Baby Contests which were held in West Cameroon. Some real beauties!

Afterwards I walked into the home where there was a set of four cushioned chairs and a table with a cloth and flowers. The cloth showed the love of beauty in the embroidery work. Even the pillow cases were skillfully done.

I also remember working with single mission women teachers, and helping them plan basic home furnishings which a woman could make to create

a more livable home. Four sheets made from 54 inch sheeting and pillowcases make surprising changes. It is evident that to secure these things, she had to economize carefully from a meager salary.

The government was also interested in girls from the Elementary Schools learning how to sew and cook; so they sent them to the Domestic Science Centers, if possible, during the school week. The women and girls are quick and skillful with their hands, and thus they learned to create beautiful handwork with their native artistic flair.

In former years, women rarely did any machine sewing. The men were the tailors and dressmakers, but now women everywhere are sewing!

## NEW HORIZONS

The African woman assumed the vital role of homemaker and career woman very easily because there are always relatives and servants present to help keep the home running smoothly.

Therefore, new horizons have opened for the women of West Cameroon. She has attended the adult literacy program, and has stepped from the home into such positions as clerks, secretaries, nurses, newspaper reporters, teachers and radio workers. The women are developing a new sense of color

harmony and style. They are appearing in public, poised, charming and gracious. It has been a delightful experience to see them blossom out.

The mothers of our "good old school days" are watching the changes take place with wonder and amazement, and I suppose with a certain amount of disappointment, too.

The African mother often has the car at her disposal to take the children to school when the weather is bad. She shops for the needs of her family from the local shops and supermarkets.

## MISSIONARY HELP

I can also recall the hours of work put in by missionary wives in helping African women by:

1. Organizing Women's Mission Meetings.
2. Training African women to handle their own meetings.
3. Courses were written for the women on topics, such as:
  - a. Christian life and witness.
  - b. Soul-winning.
  - c. The Christian mother and her family.
  - d. The health of the family.
  - e. The Christian and her church.
  - f. Scripture memory course.
  - g. Advisors to new girl converts.
  - h. Missionary outreach.

A. Students in Bible School.



Church Teacher Joseph baptizes several converts at the first baptismal service conducted by Mbingo III Church near the New Hope Settlement. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).



# From Carpenter's Bench to Operating Table

*This is a candid and almost unbelievable account by one of the NAB missionary teachers witnessing a Caesarian operation for the first time conducted in the primitive and simple dispensary-maternity at Warwar, Nigeria.*

By Rev. George Black, Missionary at the Baptist Bible Training Center, West Cameroon

THE FIRST term at the Baptist Bible Training Center in West Cameroon, Africa is finished and the Christmas holiday has begun. Everyone is glad.

I am glad because now I am going to have the opportunity to visit our most remote mission station in Warwar, Nigeria. I made the trip into Warwar with Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger who were on a short visit to their old mission station. Once we are there, I enjoy myself so much that, when the Dungers had to leave and begin their journey to the United States, I decided to stay and spend my local leave there with the Fluths and Minnie Kuhn.

One afternoon, as I am sitting in the living room of Minnie Kuhn's house reading a book, there is a knock at the door. It is Deanna, the maternity helper, with a note from Minnie.

"We can use you here at the maternity to help with a 'C-section'. Please come."

I tell Deanna I am coming, and return to my chair and the book I am reading. I think to myself, "Minnie Kuhn surely can joke." I finish the chapter I am reading, and leisurely amble down to the maternity to see what is up. Minnie is expecting a delivery, and she told me that she would call if and when the woman is ready to deliver so that I can observe my first delivery.

## "HURRY! HURRY!"

When I get to the maternity, the place is in pandemonium. Immediately I realize that Minnie wasn't joking. Dr. Fluth has returned from his trip to Gembu and preparations are being made to do a Caesarian section. Dr. Fluth is scrubbing and Minnie Kuhn is frantically trying to get things ready for the operation.

"Rachel, go to the doctor's house and ask Monie (Mrs. Fluth) for the razor." "Ephesian, get the iodine." "George, open these sterile instrument

packs for me." Say, that's me she's talking to, and I am in the midst of the activity.

"Hold this gown for me." "No! don't touch it, it's sterile." "Help me with the sleeve. Reach on the inside and pull it on. That's right." "Put a mask on," etc., etc., etc. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Soon Jerry (Dr. Fluth) is telling me what my part will be in the operation. "You are going to be the circulating nurse. That means you get what we need with the forceps and give them to us in a sterile condition. We're having you do this because our African staff doesn't understand the necessity of keeping things sterile and, what's more, they've never seen an operation before."

What Dr. Fluth doesn't know is that I've never seen an operation before either. When I tell him he says, "If you feel sick, head for the door!"

Finally everything is in readiness. The pretty young woman had planned to have her baby at home. When trouble came, she and some of her people walked the six or more miles to Warwar to get help from the doctor or "Legita" as they call him. Dr. Fluth has done all that he can, but a Caesarian section is the only answer. So on what used to be the carpenter's bench, the first emergency operation in Warwar is about to begin. The spinal has been given and Joseph, the old dispenser, "makes prayer to Papa God" for that which is to come.

## THE BABY IS BORN

Dr. Fluth is ready to begin when Minnie says, "Don't you think possibly we ought to tell her what we're going

Educational Program has come into existence.

Girls are also changing their plans and ideas for the future. Of course they want a home and a family; however, they also want more training for a career in other fields. They are interested in the wonders and challenges of science, even though they know very few African women hold positions as doctors, dentists, teachers, clothes designers, writers or artists.

It has been interesting to see the missionary nurses, and the contributions they have made to the training of capable nurses in West Cameroon. The nurses can be efficient and are recognized for their capable contribution to their nation and society.

## UNSOLVED PROBLEMS

But don't assume the West Cameroonians have no problems! There are many to be solved. They still need better and more Primary Schools. The Secondary Schools need to be enlarged to educate more children. There must be special Trade Schools for the boys and girls not interested in a scholastic training. The young people interested in a Commercial Education need to be

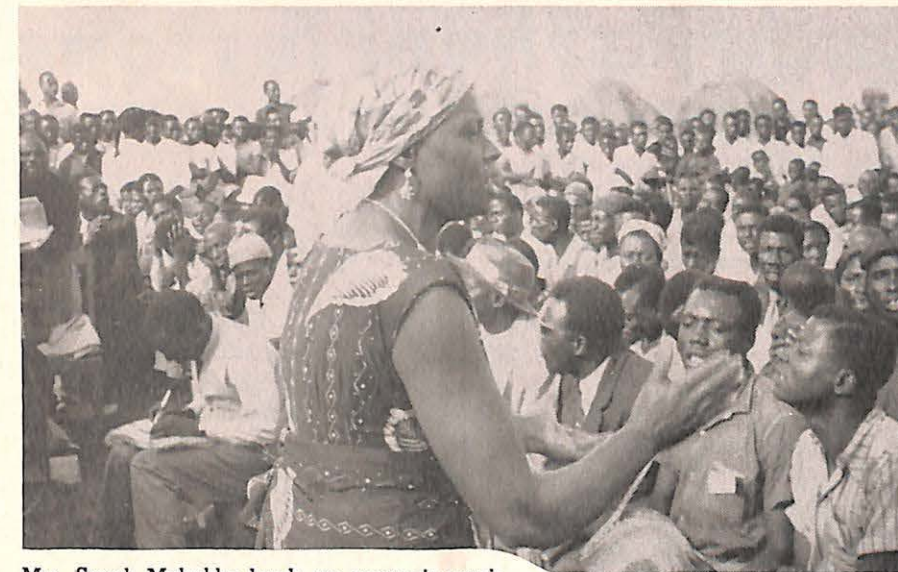
trained in even better Commercial Colleges. There must be a special program for the drop-out student so that he may find a way of earning a satisfactory living.

Areas in which little has been done for the Cameroonian youth have been in recreational centers and libraries for reading for the joy of learning about other people or fields of interest. Here we can do a great deal if you are willing to assist with your interest, prayers and money. What an opportunity for a young man or woman from our churches to continue to serve in Africa!

Pray for the workers who are helping to meet the needs of many of our Cameroonians. Give careful thought to your calling and contribution you might make.

"Jesus said to his disciples, If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must leave self behind; he must take up his cross and come with me. Whoever cares for his safety is lost, but if a man will let himself be lost for my sake, he will find his true self."

Have you found your true self in him?



Mrs. Sarah Mekakke leads an open-air session of the Cameroons Baptist Convention in spirited singing. Everyone sang joyfully, for she could urge a tune out of everybody. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

to do?" So Jerry tells Joseph in simple Pidgin English what is going to be done and Joseph translates it to the woman.

The operation begins. In only a few minutes the baby is born and gives his first cry. Deanna can take care of him now while the slow job of sewing up begins. I wipe the sweaty brows of the doctor and nurse. Since we began the operation in late afternoon, it

is getting dark, so I light and hold the little butane camping lamp to give some added light.

The operation is finished. Now what are we going to do with the woman? This isn't a hospital; it is only a simple dispensary-maternity which was built by the people of Warwar. We get a bamboo bed, and improvise a place for her in the corner of what is the delivery room, makeshift operating

room, drug storage room, etc. She needs an I.V.; it is hung by a bandage strip from the ceiling. Now all we can do is to wait, give her the necessary injections, and pray. Minnie Kuhn takes the baby to her house and puts him in an African incubator. This is a tub with a lamp under it for warmth and a blanket over the top. He has had a rough time and shows it.

## ANSWERED PRAYERS

In the morning the woman is doing as well as can be expected. The second day after the operation, she sits up and walks unaided, seemingly with little pain. She is smiling radiantly. She knows how fortunate she is to be alive and to have a live son. Her progress can only be described as fantastic for a woman who has been through what she has experienced.

The dispensary-maternity workers witness to her and tell her, "God has spared you for a purpose." I'm sure she believes it for she knows that in days gone by she would have died.

When I saw her last, she still had that radiant smile. It's a smile I think I'll never forget.

I give thanks to God for allowing me to have had a part in the saving of the life of this woman and the life of her son. I give him thanks as well for the witness of Jesus Christ that went forth to this woman, her people, and all of the people of Warwar!

# Indian Famine Relief Funds

*The Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee is appealing for funds for Indian Relief which can be channelled through the NAB headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois.*

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — Baptists of the world are being challenged to help relieve the acute food shortage in India.

Dr. R. Dean Goodwin, chairman of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, described a "desperate" situation in which an estimated 100 million people are suffering from famine. There has been no harvest in some areas of India for two years.

Baptist groups around the world are encouraged to contribute funds to deliver grains to the central part of India where the drought is taking its greatest toll in human life.

The announcement followed the return to Dr. Adolf Klaupiks, relief coordinator of the Alliance, from a trip to this and other trouble spots in South Asia.

Food shortage has long been a chronic problem in India because of that country's enormous population increase. Severe drought the past two

years in the country's wheat-producing areas has increased the shortage to an acute status reaching famine proportions.

Dr. Goodwin said that governments and relief organizations of the United States and other countries have responded to the need, but the famine is so vast that every available source of supply must be tapped.

The Baptist World Alliance has sent \$6000 from its contingency fund to leaders of the Baptist Union of India for administration in the most destitute areas. Baptists in Denmark, Sweden and other European countries plus some American groups have initiated fund-raising programs.

Money, not food, is being solicited by the Alliance. Rice and wheat are already available at India's ports of entry, Mr. Klaupiks said. Money is needed to provide transportation to the inland areas where the famine is acute.

Roland G. Metzger, a representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mis-

sion Societies, wrote from South India that some 20 pastors in the Madira area are "literally facing death in the next six months" unless help comes. Their lives and the lives of the people in their churches can be saved for a minimum of \$5 per man per month.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, cited the Indian famine as a case where Baptists of the world can participate in the relief of human suffering. "The Alliance," he said, "is a channel whereby all our people can contribute as much as they are able, knowing it will be administered through national Baptist leaders in the name of Christ."

There are 482,000 Baptists in India, organized into several unions which, Dr. Nordenhaug said, are ready to use all available relief funds in the wisest way. Money sent to the Alliance through the mission boards of the various conventions will be transmitted to these Indian leaders for such use.





# sunday school lessons

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 15, 1966

Theme: A PRIEST SAVES A KINGDOM

Scripture: II Kings 11:4, 9-12, 17-19; 12:2; II Chronicles 24:15-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne,—yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unow, keeping watch above his own."—James Russel Lowell.

INTRODUCTION: The bad seed which Jehoshaphat permitted to enter his house became evident after his death. Jezebel's infamous character married to Jehoram. He had six of his brothers slain because he questioned their loyalty. When he died eight years later, his people did not even mourn for him: "He departed without son, Ahaziah, succeeded him and in less than a year he was slain. Athalia then seized the throne and ruled Judah for six years. To secure her kingdom she set out to destroy all male members of the royal family. (II Chron. 22:10). These were dark and dismal days for Judah. Its deliverance from this tyranny centers on the life and work of a pious priest by the name of Jehoiada. God had his men ready to lead his people to victory, even though the circumstances seemed to be unsurmountable.

I. THE COVENANT AND CORONATION. II Kings 11:4, 9-12.

Whenever and wherever God's people become aware of sin and evil, they have a solemn responsibility to speak and act under the guidance of the Lord. They have a sacred obligation to stand up and be counted and to speak up and be heard. Jehoiada kept his secret well hidden and when the time was ripe he put the leaders of the army under oath before he revealed the existing heir.

The coronation must have been a dramatic moment! In accordance with the custom at that time, the anointing was followed by the clapping of hands and the shouting of the words, "God save the king." Notice the sequence of importance in the covenant: Lord, king, people. God is the party of the first part. We sometimes pride ourselves for being a democracy in which we have a "government of the people, by the people and for the people." In such an arrangement it is very easy to become "people centered" and not "God centered." If God is not taken

into consideration, then we are without an adequate source of wisdom and power for good government.

II. BAAL DESTROYED AND WORSHIP OF GOD RESTORED. II Kings 12:17-19.

There is always a certain amount of destruction which must take place before construction is begun. The false gods must be destroyed before the true God can take his proper place. In the new dispensation Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil, only then could he begin to build his church. We have experienced this in our personal lives—the old man must die before the new man is born. The new birth is not always as easy and pleasant as we sometimes make it out to be. There is often a great deal of strain and stress and labor before all things become new.

III. THE GODLY INFLUENCE OF ONE LIFE. II Kings 12:2; II Chronicles 24:15-16.

It is said that Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. This, of course, is only half the story. As long as Jehoiada lived and directed the king, he followed, but he became a weakling when he was on his own. In the end he was murdered and not even given a royal burial. Jehoiada, on the other hand, was the only priest who was accorded a royal funeral and buried in the city of David among the kings. He died a good man because he had done good toward God and toward Judah. No greater tribute can be paid to any man.

### Questions for Discussion

1. What factors made Judah return to paganism repeatedly? What causes Christians to backslide today?
2. What prevented Joash from becoming a strong leader after the death of Jehoiada?
3. How was Jehoiada able to pursue his priestly duties during the reign of Athalia?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 22, 1966

Theme: CORRUPTION AMIDST PROSPERITY

Scripture: II Kings 14:23-29; Amos 7:10-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Material prosperity is often a detriment to spiritual life and growth.

INTRODUCTION: In order to get an overall picture of the conditions of the northern kingdom under Jeroboam II, the book of Amos should al-

so be read.

Throughout their history the kingdoms of Judah and Israel had all too few periods of spiritual prosperity. When a nation loses its religion, it loses its true strength and its soul as well. Material prosperity may be evident but this is not always a sign of God's favor. Persons who attain a degree of material success tend to immerse themselves in the luxuries that come with prosperity. They feel that the commercial and the material are more important than the moral and the spiritual. In their pursuit of happiness they end up by going to extremes in eating, drinking, recreation and pleasure of all kinds. They drive by the house of God, they forsake fellowship with Christian brethren, and God is ultimately ignored altogether.

I. MATERIAL WEALTH AND NATIONAL STRENGTH. II Kings 14:23-29.

There may be a little confusion in references to the names of the kings, but a careful reading will show the differences between the two kings of the name of Joash. The most obvious difference between the two nations was the fact that Israel changed dynasties at least nine times. In Judah there was an unbroken reign which began with the family of David and continued to the last king at the time of the exile.

Israel did not take seriously the words of the wise man who said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Prov. 14:34). Jeroboam's reign of 41 years was spent in doing evil in the sight of the Lord. The Old Testament historian always put first things first. Of primary importance in every instance was the king's relationship to the Lord—whether he did good or evil in his sight. Everything else was secondary. In the case of Jeroboam we do not even read of a death bed repentance and conversion such as happened to Manasseh. He was bad to the end.

II. MORAL DECAY AND SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS. Amos 7:10-12.

In spite of God's grace and mercy in giving Israel material prosperity and national strength, they did not recognize their blessings as coming from God. Instead they allowed their new wealth and freedom to become their spiritual undoing. But God did not let Israel enjoy their material prosperity without disturbing their conscience. Amos came thundering down from the hills of Judah and warned Israel that their luxurious living and immoral behavior and oppression of the poor were an offence to God and would bring about their destruction. Evidently the

● Recently Rev. Lyman F. Erickson of Baileyville, Ill., presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Baileyville which he served as pastor since 1962. He has accepted a call to serve on the staff of a Christian Service Center in Dallas, Texas.

● The West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., has extended a call to Rev. John Scott, who is already on the field after having responded favorably to the call. Mr. Sanford J. Peck is serving both as the clerk and treasurer of the church. Mr. Scott has succeeded Rev. Ervin L. Bennett.

● Rev. Richard A. Mikolon of Erie, Pa., has announced that he had resigned as pastor of the Open Bible Tabernacle effective June 30, 1966. He has served as minister of this church since 1951. He has also announced to the congregation and to his friends that he plans to retire from the active pastorate at that time.

● The Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., has asked Dr. W. J. Appel of Salem, Ore., to serve as assistant pastor in the ministry of the church. He has accepted the call and Dr. and Mrs. Appel are already on the field. Rev. Ernie Rogalski is the pastor. Dr. Appel has succeeded Rev. John Schweitzer in this ministry as the assistant pastor.

● On Palm Sunday morning, April 3, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 13 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. These and Mr. William Knowles (by letter) were received into the church's fellowship at the Communion service. On Sunday, March 27, Mr. Woyke preached on "The Meaning and Mode of Baptism."

● The Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Chester Dundas, formerly the assistant pastor to Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry at the St. Clair Shores church on Easter Sunday, succeeding Rev. Leslie Howell.

message had some effect because Amaziah the pagan priest was afraid he would lose business.

The primary difference between Amaziah and Amos was the fact that the priest was afraid of the king and therefore had to please him. Amos, on the other hand, was interested only in pleasing and obeying God.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Can God use a pagan leader to work out his plans?
2. Is our affluent or great society a help or a hindrance to our spiritual life?
3. What warnings of Amos are applicable to our nation today?

● Dr. Lemuel Petersen of Seattle, Wash., the executive minister of the Seattle Council of Churches since 1959, was recently honored as the "1966 Man of the Year" from Seattle. Dr. Petersen is a son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz, former superintendent and matron of the NAB Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. Their daughter, Melba, is married to Dr. Petersen. He is an ordained American Baptist Convention pastor.

Mollenhauer have announced the birth of a son on March 26, 1966 who has been named Ralph Michael. Their address is 5009 North Rutherford Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60631.

● The First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., held special Spring Gospel meetings March 14-20 with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman and sons of Emery, S. Dak. It was a challenge to all of the church members to dedicate themselves as this talented fami-

## what's happening



● The Church Extension Committee of the denomination has appointed Rev. Ronald F. Derman of Harvey, N. Dak., as the new pastor of the newly begun Church Extension project in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in this Church Extension field on May 1st. Mr. Derman has served as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., since 1963.

● The Church Extension Committee of the denomination has extended a call to Rev. Walter Kerber of Yorkton, Sask., to become the pastor of a new Church Extension project in Burlington-Oakville, Ontario near Toronto. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in these two neighboring communities of Ontario on April 24. Mr. Kerber has been the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton since 1961.

● On Palm Sunday evening, April 3, Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., baptized ten persons on confession of their faith in Christ. God's Volunteers Team No. 2 conducted an evangelistic crusade at the Immanuel Church from March 27 to April 3rd with Rev. C. Salios as evangelist. On Saturday evening, March 26, a Youth Rally for all the young people of the NAB churches of New York City and vicinity was held at the church with God's Volunteers presenting the program.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, has announced that Miss Erna Redlich has become his office secretary at the headquarters building Forest Park, Ill. She began her ministry on March 1st, succeeding Mrs. Ilse Mollenhauer who served in this capacity for more than 11 years. Mr. and Mrs. Hans

ly played and sang praises to the Lord and gave their testimony of the power of God. "The attendance averaged about 50 per night more than our Sunday school enrollment," as reported by Mrs. Donald Miller. Rev. L. D. Potratz is pastor of the church.

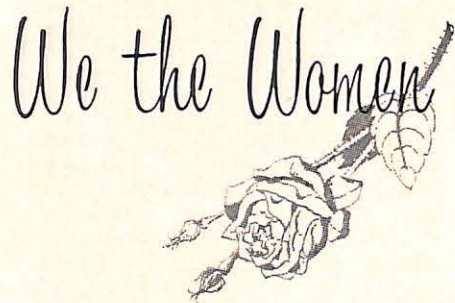
● The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., has announced the appointment of Mr. Edward C. McKeehan as Director of Christian Education. He is serving on a part time basis at present, and beginning with June 1966 he will render a full time ministry in this capacity. He graduated with a Bible major from Bob Jones University and attended a semester at Northwestern Seminary and Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. At present he is teaching in the Wayne School System. Dr. Jack Scott is pastor of the Ebenezer Church.

● A spaghetti supper was served to 60 "Pals, Gals, and Moms" at a Pilgrim Girl's Encampment held at the First Baptist church of St. Joseph, Mich., Feb. 24, 1966. After the supper, various awards were given to the girls who had earned them by working on badges and ranks during the year. Camp awards, based on Badge and Rank work, and attendance for the past year, were given to Suzanne Snyder and Madge Wolf. At the close of the meeting, Phyllis Sahlin showed slides of her recent trip to Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

● On Sunday evening, March 20, the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Guild of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, presented the program, "Margaret's Call," at the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. An attendance of 176 persons enjoyed this fine program. The Sun-

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

### THE WAGES OF A CHRISTIAN MOTHER

By Mrs. Herbert H. Stabbert  
of Anaheim, California  
Bethel Baptist Church

Usually when a census is taken, a mother who does not work outside of the home is listed as unemployed. If unemployed, it is also assumed that she does not receive wages. How untrue these assumptions are! A mother certainly is not unemployed and she does receive wages, but not in the usual interpretation of these words.

When Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses and engaged Jocabed, his mother, to care for him she offered to pay her for her services. But could she truly pay a mother to care for her own child? Certainly, the wages a mother receives are far different from monetary compensation.

What then are the wages due a mother and who can pay them? True compensation can be paid only by the child she has borne, nurtured and loved. It consists of a resulting life that reflects Christian character and purpose.

Such compensation must surely have been experienced by the mother of Moses when she learned that her son had become the leader of the people of Israel and an instrument in God's great plan. Likewise the mothers of other great characters in the Bible and in history must have felt compensated in this way. How rewarding it was for Mary, the mother of our Savior, to know of his sacrificial death for the sins of the world!

For a mother to be able to say, "My daughter or my son has become the kind of person I had hoped she or he would be," far outweighs any wages a mother could earn. She feels well repaid when she sees a life that possesses the many virtues one associates with Christian character and especially so when that life is dedicated to the cause of Christ.

As we observe Mother's Day this year, it may be well for us to evaluate our own lives and determine whether we have been ample compensation for the sacrificial love and care which our mothers have given us. Have I? Have you?

### A MOTHER'S LOVE

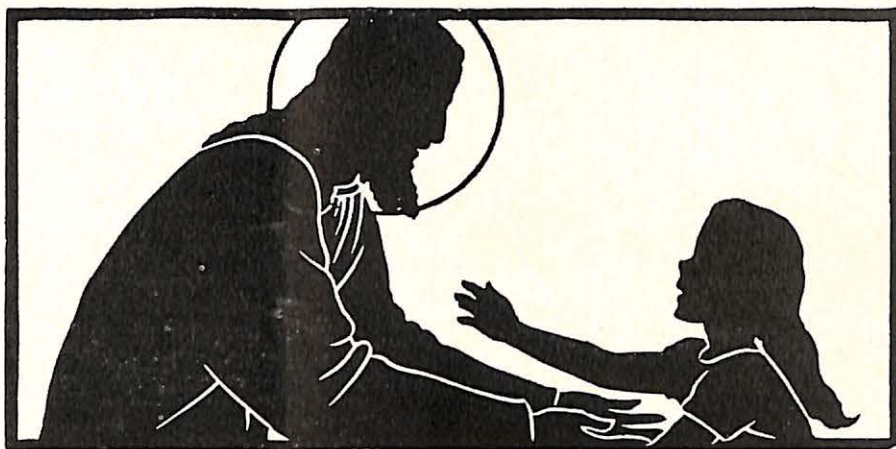
Ben Burroughs

A mother's love is warm and sweet . . . an everlasting spring . . . a mountain filled with tenderness . . . a song the bluebirds sing . . . a mother's love is tried and true . . . unselfish and divine . . . a world of hope and sympathy . . . a friendly welcome sign . . . a mother's love is golden faith . . . that never seems to fail . . . helping us at every turn . . . when there are walls to scale . . . a mother's love is sacrifice . . . beyond the scope of thought . . . God's priceless gift to mankind . . . that can't be sold or bought . . . a pure and steadfast fervent prayer . . . spanning eternity . . . a sentimental fragrant rose . . . is a mother's love to me.

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### THE WISDOM OF MY MOTHER

Take time to work—  
It is the price of success.  
Take time to think—  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to play—  
It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read—  
It is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly—  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream—  
It is hitching your wagon to a star.  
Take time to love and to be loved—  
It is the privilege of the gods.  
Take time to look around—  
It is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh—  
It is the music of the soul.  
Old English Prayer.



"Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee."

### THE SPIRIT OF THE PIONEERS

Renew their breed, Almighty God!  
Those pioneers of yesterday,  
Who through the wilderness and wastes  
Undaunted pushed their westward way.

Renew their breed; we need them back  
To scorn the softness of our ways;  
We need them back to teach us how  
To meet the problems of these days.

New frontiers lift their rocky heights,  
New deserts stretch before our years;  
Renew in us, Almighty God,  
The spirit of the pioneers.

Renew their breed, those giant men,  
Those women of the rugged path,  
Who smiled at fears and daily gave  
Impossibilities the laugh.

With fortitude they faced their flight,  
To tame the unknown and the wild;  
They climbed the mountains, plowed the plains  
To any hardship reconciled.

Renew their breed; we owe them more  
Than we can pay with whines or tears;  
Almighty God, renew in us  
The spirit of the pioneers!

## Missionary Conference in Chicago, Ill.

Report of a unique and colorful conference at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., by Mrs. Kurt Finzel.

THE Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., joined by the Baptist Mission Church of Chicago and the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., held a Missionary Conference from March 5 to 9. Preceding the conference, the film "Angel in Ebony," was shown which inspired everyone concerning the importance of missions.

The missionary speakers were Dr. George A. Dunger, Rev. George W. Lang, Miss Ruth Rabenhorst and Miss Esther Schultz. On Saturday evening, the conference officially opened with a Missionary and Youth Banquet. Young people from all three churches came together to become acquainted with the four missionaries. At the Sunday morning worship service, Dr. Dunger gave the message taken from John 20:19-23, saying that Christ identifies himself with us as he did to his disciples. He emphasized that Christ took plain men to be his ambassadors.

An "All-Church" Rally was held in the afternoon with all of our missionaries taking part. Rev. George W. Lang was the principal speaker bringing the sermon, "Christ and Him Crucified." Miss Esther Schultz, missionary-teacher in West Cameroon, was our evening speaker. Her subject was "Feed My Sheep."

Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, missionary nurse, touched our hearts deeply as she spoke of her call into missionary work. The Holy Spirit challenged her with a compelling force as she read John 20:21. As she answered his call, Deuteronomy 31:8 gave her the assurance she needed.

A feature of the conference was a typical African service conducted by Rev. George W. Lang, assisted by Miss Rabenhorst and Miss Schultz, who were all dressed in African costumes. We were taught the English versions of the songs sung by the Christian natives, accompanied by drums and musical instruments, keeping time by clapping our hands. We listened to the musical part of a real African service that had been taped, and as we visualized the mud floor, the thatched roof and crude seats, we could almost see the Christians of Africa as they praise and worship the Lord in their enthusiastic manner. We marched to the front to place our offerings in hand-woven baskets as we heard the Africans sing by tape. Miss Rabenhorst prayed, and then Miss Schultz gave the parable of the "Prodigal Son" in Pidgin English. The service gave us a

real insight into the manner in which the Africans worship.

The daytime sessions of the conference were held on Monday and Tuesday mornings in the form of class sessions conducted by Dr. Dunger. He spoke earnestly on becoming involved in missions for the sake of others and on attaining Christ-likeness in existing for others rather than merely for self.

On Wednesday the Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its 85th anniversary with Missionaries Esther Schultz, Ruth Rabenhorst and George Lang present. Each of them spoke, after which many questions were asked and answered. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience, and all present felt very closely drawn to our missionaries. We feel certain that our increased involvement in missions will be evidenced in the days ahead.

Words are inadequate to express our rich spiritual gains during these mountain-top experiences. May God be praised!

## explore God's word!



### THE LIVING WORD FOR THE SUDANESE!

Four thousand miles over the Kordofan and Nuba mountains; on foot, on donkeys, in trains and on lorries; sleeping in villages by the way—that was the itinerary last year of one of the Bible Society's six colporteurs in Sudan, Africa.

These are out-of-the-way places, where the people see few new faces. As the colporteur finds people that have no means of receiving religious teaching, he tells them about the Word of God. Old people particularly look out for him, for he takes time to read the Scriptures to them—in one of the 21 Sudanese languages in which Scriptures are translated. Often they buy the Book from him, although they cannot read themselves, and keep it so that younger people can read to them.

Says the Bible Society Secretary, the Rev. P. A. Hamilton: "Our roving colporteur has a contagious smile. If the would-be purchaser insults him—he smiles!"

Sometimes his task is difficult. For the Sudanese are mostly Muslim, and only 3% of the 11½ million Sudanese are Christian. On one occasion he was called to account by some Muslims, who told him he was being used by the missionaries for their propaganda. "Why don't you leave this useless work and do something more beneficial?" He smiled and replied: "There is nothing more useful in this world than giving the living Word of God to lost souls!"



# Working Diligently in the Lord's Vineyard

Reports of God's Volunteers Teams No. I and II with their directors, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios.

## "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Report of God's Volunteer's Team I  
By Wenzel Hanik

ANOTHER MONTH has passed since we last reported on our progress in the Lord's Vineyard. It has been a month of spiritual highlights but also a month of physical rest.

After leaving Texas, we of God's Volunteers Team No. I started our work at our new Church Extension field at Enid, Oklahoma. Rev. Wesley Gerber and his faithful flock are working diligently for the Lord in this growing community.

We stressed our visitation program of this church and many homes were contacted for the first time. During our first week we teamed up with church members and called on prospects during the evening. Both Sundays we appeared on radio for 15 minutes. Through this medium many people heard about us and this brought them to our services. Every evening, also, we had people from the sister churches attending.

## A FAMILY OF FOUR

To our joy one family of four came forward for church membership during the invitation. Also many of our people in attendance rededicated their lives for the Lord.

Our Spring Vacation was the week following our stay in Enid. We had the privilege of having Mrs. Edgar Klatt join us for the week of physical and mental relaxation. We spent the week at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, a resort town deep in the Ozark Mountains. While we were at Eureka Springs, we enjoyed warm weather and so we were able to do much sightseeing.

Some of you may be wondering how we fitted eight people in our station wagon "Sh'ought" (She ought to have more gas; she ought to have more oil). We left all excess baggage in Enid and what we did take along was put into our trailer "Schnitzel". Carolyn made a bed in the back and two of our girls slept there. In this way we were quite comfortable traveling.

Our vacation ended much too quickly and soon we were on our way to our next campaign—Cherokee, Oklahoma. In Tulsa Mrs. Klatt left us and flew home to Edmonton, Alberta from there.

## CHEROKEE, OKLA.

Our campaign in Cherokee lasted only one week. Rev. Jerry Vilhauer made our stay there most pleasant.

Here, once again, we had the pleasure of singing in the Home for Senior Citizens and the local high school. Many rededications were reported in this week of services.

We are always encouraged and happy when we see rededications. We feel that a Christian must rededicate himself every day in order to grow spiritually. As we have served we have been overjoyed by the rededications of young people from our churches. God has also worked in a special way among the team members. During one of the services Wenzel Hanik decided to follow the Lord's plan for his life and showed his willingness to go into the Christian ministry.

We covet your prayers at all times, even as we are just about finished with our year of service.

## "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

Report of God's Volunteers Team II  
by Marlene Bender

One of the secrets of the fruitful Christian life is found in Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed out of the hand of the enemy." We who have been saved by Christ's atonement have the responsibility of giving Christ to the unbeliever. Only this year as God's Volunteers, many of us have first realized the importance of giving our witness for him. In every church visited, we have found many ways in which we can witness.

## REDEEMER, WARREN, MICH.

On Feb. 23, 1966, Team II began a crusade at the Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren, Mich. We worked along with Rev. A. Braun, pastor,



BIG CACTUS IN TEXAS!

Sharon Schlafmann (left) of God's volunteers Team No. I examines a prickly cactus plant with Enica Loewer (right) looking on.

and Rev. Ray Niederer, Christian Education Director.

Our first week consisted only of canvassing and visitation with one evening designated as "youth calling." Several young people joined us in calling on other young people, and found this to be a challenge in their lives. The following week, during the afternoon, we also did visitation. It was a happy surprise to see the number of members participating.

Our public services, which began on March 6, were well attended each evening. The Lord worked in the hearts of the people and brought souls to himself. We are trusting in the Lord to continue working in the lives of these dedicated people.

On our busy schedule, the days of March 7-12, were given to us as a spring vacation. Two of our teammates, Nancy Green and Dan Ziemer, were able to spend this time in their homes. Marlene Bender, Shirley Bertram, Imgard Tiede and Wally Fus stayed at our headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., and were able to see many of the sights of Chicago with the highlight being a visit to the Planetarium. Here we saw the wondrous heavens, created by God, presented. We couldn't help but think of the song, "How Great Thou Art!"

## FIRST, AUBURN, MICH.

On March 12 we met as a team and traveled to Auburn, Mich., to serve at the First Baptist Church. We held our services there from March 13 to 20. We worked with Rev. M. Wolff, pastor, and his church members in an organized visitation program. Each afternoon we had 5-6 members going out to do calling. This was an enriching experience for team and church members.

A Bible Study class was held each morning with 10-12 ladies present to study the Bible in greater depth. Then our evening services were presented in a new way. Our regular musical part was given and then the children were dismissed to have their own service. Team members were able to present the Gospel in story and song, and we had the privilege of leading two children to the Lord.

The team was impressed with the fact that these people never seemed to get tired in the work of the Lord. They were with us, morning, afternoon and evening, and the Lord is blessing this church richly.

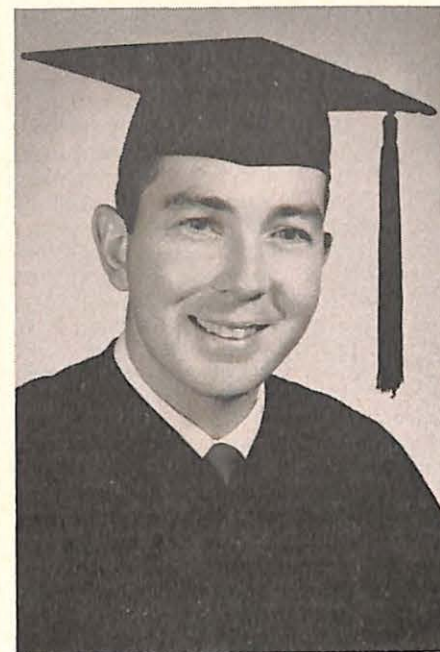
We thank the Lord for continued guidance in all our travels and campaigns, and we are trusting him for greater and more marvelous things.

BAPTIST HERALD

# Student Minister Training Program

This exemplary program to aid Seminary students has been instituted by the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

By Ellen M. Frosie, Church Clerk, Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.



Mr. Clifford Barker, a student at Talbot Theological Seminary, who is receiving practical experience in church work through "The Student Minister Plan" of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

*"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).*

A PROGRAM to aid Seminary students who plan to enter "full time" Christian service has been instituted by the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. It is anticipated that such an effort will teach through actual experience the rudiments of "shepherding the flock of God," which are not easily grasped during classroom hours.

The first young man to share in the program as newly organized is Mr. Clifford Barker. Cliff is a senior student at Talbot Theological Seminary and a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church. His position on our church staff is part time and salaried.

Mr. Fred Jantz, now a first year student at our Sioux Falls Seminary, gained similar experience during his college years before this program was devised. In a similar way ministerial internships were served by Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff, Rev. Duane Lindsay, Rev. Dempsey Harris, Rev. Gary Madison and Rev. Loren Fischer.

May 5, 1966

## PASTORAL EXPERIENCES

Under the guidance of the senior pastor at Magnolia Church, Rev. Kenneth Fischer, Mr. Barker will learn church administration by attending Board sessions, committee planning and survey meetings. He will receive experience by counseling and praying with the sick, the bereaved, the troubled and the spiritually needy. There are areas of pre-marital instruction and wedding practice that he can perform as well as gaining guidance towards preparing and administering both the baptism and communion ordinances.

A good comprehension of membership training, leadership enlistment and a balanced preaching calendar are the aim of this pastoral experience.

The minister can multiply himself through the wise enlistment of machines as well as people. Some very practical help will be gained through discussion with the church secretary, Mrs. Ellen Frosie, of successful ways of utilizing secretarial help and the machines at her disposal. The book-keeping system and visitation program will be outlined by the church bookkeeper, Mrs. Jo Mitchell.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The assistant pastor, Rev. Loren Fischer, will familiarize Mr. Barker with the adult, youth, and children's work of Sunday school, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, adult retreats and children's camps. Cliff will teach a regular adult Sunday school class and share in leadership training sessions. He will become acquainted with church library and audio visual procedure under the direction of Mr. Don Bohnet, church librarian.

Mr. Barker has served nearly four years as head sponsor of the college youth group. Though somewhat of a specialist in this area, he will gain insight from the Youth Minister, Rev. Earl Broce, in administering a balanced youth department. Bible study, prayer groups, choir and music expression, athletic activities, social opportunities, camp, visitation, witnessing and a variety of other essential components of a solid youth ministry will be explored. Of course, a vital area will be learning how to work with young people and how to manage finances.

THIS STUDENT MINISTER PLAN is, of course, not unique. It is simply an expression of encouragement to the young people whom God is already "thrusting into the harvest field." Mr.

Clifford Barker is almost ready to go out from us to a field of service wherever the Lord is leading.

## ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUTH

The congregation and pastors of Magnolia Baptist Church are emphasizing the importance of an ongoing program of prayer and practical encouragement to youth. This is especially true since the forces of Satan seem to be concentrating with terrible vigor upon them.

Our young people must be undergirded with such spiritual strength that temptation cannot move them. They must be so busy with the work of the Lord that they have no desire nor time to follow the superficial dictates of the world. They must be so saturated with the fellowship of God and friendships of genuine Christians that they need not seek after the "pleasures of sin for even a little season." These are the aims of our church.

We prayerfully encourage Mr. Cliff Barker to multiply this kind of ministry to other young people in the future.

## WE HONOR MOTHERS

Today we honor mothers

With loving words so sweet,  
We lay our heart's best offering  
Down at Mother's feet!

Thanks to mothers, one and all,  
Who spread our lives with joy—  
Yes, here's a loving tribute  
From every girl and boy!

—Margaret N. Freeman

## A WONDERFUL DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

by Linda Love  
of Erie, Pennsylvania

"Moments With God" has meant so much to me! It is the best devotional guide that I have ever used and I have received many blessings from it. I especially like the "Thought Starter" and the prayer suggestion rather than a written prayer. I find that this tends to keep the morning devotion more in my mind all day. It is also interesting to see how many of the contributors I know. I like the idea of a denominationally centered devotional quarterly. It not only makes me more aware of denominational needs, but also gives me a closer feeling of fellowship with other North American Baptists.

One of the girls in my dorm saw my copy of "Moments With God" on my dresser and looked through it. She would like a copy as she too thinks it the best devotional guide she has ever seen. She asked me to get her two copies since she wants to give one to a friend.



# our denomination in action

## special events

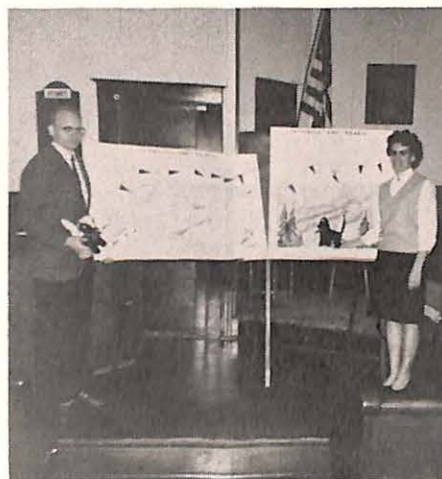
**REDEEMER, WARREN, MICH.** The month of February was an active one here at Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich. On Feb. 11 our Ladies' Missionary Society held its annual Husbands and Wives Banquet. Our speaker was Rev. Norman Geisler, professor at Detroit Bible College. He showed slides of a recent trip to Ecuador, and spoke of the need for Christ in the remote areas. The week of Feb. 21 brought Team Two of God's Volunteers to our church for two weeks. Rev. Connie Salios joined the team on Feb. 27 for a week of evangelistic meetings. The nightly invitation contest brought out a good crowd each night. Beginning March 6, Rev. Adolph Braun, our pastor, began a "Learning Christian Leadership" class, held on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., for anyone desiring to learn about Christian leadership. March was "March to Sunday School Month" at Redeemer. Everyone was urged to be in Sunday school every Sunday in March. Our goal this year was 750. Our previous record high was 691 last year. We are grateful for God's many blessings to us. (Doris Kintzer, Reporter).

**FIRST, ST. JOSEPH, MICH.** The church offices of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., have been moved from the church proper to the newly renovated and more spacious facilities at 910 Broad Street. This building served formerly as church parsonage, but now will be housing two Sunday school classes; the office of the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fenner; and an office for Mr. Robert Parks, Director of Youth and Music; and also a reception and mimeograph room. Mr. Fenner's office is done in walnut wood paneling with one entire wall designed with walnut bookshelves and cabinets. Most of the labor was done by various members of the church. Mrs. Joyce Kretzman is serving as part time secretary in the new facilities. Open House was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13. (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter).

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION** The English sessions of the Alberta Association were held in the First Baptist Church, Leduc (rural), Alberta from March 17-20, with Rev. Norman Dreger as host pastor. The heart stirring lectures were brought by Dr. Frank Veninga, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. Arthur Patzia of Carbon, Alberta and Rev. Allen Gerber of Drumheller, Alberta. We have committed ourselves to \$4,680 in the coming year for various projects in our Association. It was decided to send \$100 to the Sioux Falls Seminary library. Many young people participated in

the Youth Rally Saturday night. The message, "Youth Needs Conviction," brought by Rev. Jake Leverette, Wetaskiwin was soul searching. The closing Song Festival Sunday afternoon took place in the East Elementary School Auditorium of Leduc. Hearts were thrilled and uplifted as neighboring church choirs and various groups sang to the glory of God. The final message was brought to us by Dr. Bernard Schalm from the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. (Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter).

**STARTUP, WASH.** Something's a moving in Startup, Wash. Yes, at long last a clean refreshing air seems to invigorate our membership in the Startup Baptist Church. What, for instance? Our Sunday school has taken on a new breath of this air and has exhaled into being a "Climb the Peaks" steady attendance contest. Preliminaries have come alive with the teaching of new choruses, spontaneous interviews, and student led demonstrations colorfully showing us how "Christ's Way" should be our way in all areas of life.



Mr. Ron McCullough and Mrs. Mary Schalo, Sunday School Superintendents at Startup, Wash., with the S. S. contest charts, "Climbing the Peaks."

Our Sunday services are constantly worthy of the listener's time and meditation, and the size of the congregation point this out. We are thankful to our pastor, Rev. Alvin Harsch, for all his years of study and daily research that week after week serve as channels of revelation to a thirsty congregation. Plans are also being laid for a totally new "family to family" visitation program. Yes, our aim is to reach out with the Gospel. We've sat here talking to ourselves long enough! Everything must decrease so that Christ may increase. (Ron McCullough, Reporter).

**CORONA, S. DAK.** The First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., had one full month of missionary emphasis during November when Miss Esther Schultz was with us. Pastor L. D. Potratz had special messages touching all areas of missionary service for all ages. The climax came when our choir, under the direction of Maynard Hoekman, presented the cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold." The choir since then has accepted two invitations and presented the same cantata in Elim Covenant Church of Labolt, S. Dak., and First Baptist Church of Ortonville, Minn. The choir members in the accompanying picture are: front row: Mrs. Marvin Behlen, Mrs. Leonard DeBoer, Mrs. Harry Schulte, Mrs. Wilbur Boerger, Geraldine Siewert, Mrs. Dale Schulte, Mrs. David DeBoer, Mrs. Maynard Hoekman; second row: Mrs. Elvin Sprung (organist), Mrs. Kenneth Hoeke, Mrs. Herman Loof, Mrs. Dick DeBoer, Elaine DeBoer, Barbara Loof, Mrs. Elmer Schulte, Christine Siewert, Mrs. Harvey Harms, Jean Loof, and Mrs. L. D. Potratz (pianist); back row: Michael Hoekman, Clifford Boerger, Marvin Behlen, Allen DeBoer, Gordon Schulte, Larry Sprung, Donald DeBoer, Dick DeBoer, Elmer Bohn, Rev. L. D. Potratz, and Maynard Hoekman (director). After following the very profitable program of STEP for one year, 53 of our 106 active members turned in signed pledge cards to tithe their income in 1966. (Mrs. Donald Miller, Reporter).

## woman's missionary societies

**HILDA, ALBERTA.** On Friday, March 11, the Woman's Missionary Society of Hilda, Alberta sponsored its annual Fellowship Supper. The theme of the evening was "Home." We were privileged to have Rev. John Cunningham of Medicine Hat, Alberta as guest speaker. Mrs. Johanna Kirschenmann was chairman. The program featured poems, short readings, humorous items and two musicals by Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham. Rev. J. Cunningham presented a tape on "Discipline in the Home" followed by a discussion. The film, "David and Hazel," was then shown. We all had a wonderful time of fellowship together. (Mrs. A. Reiling, Reporter).

**POUND, WIS.** The Woman's Missionary Union and ladies of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., met for all day work sessions on two separate days to fill their White Cross quota. Election of officers were held and the following were elected: president, Mrs.

J. W. Mattrisch; vice president, Mrs. John Ellie; secretary, Mrs. Albert Borkowski; treasurer, Mrs. Ed. Cisler; and White Cross chairman, Mrs. Rueben Graetz. Our pastor, Rev. E. S. Fenske, has resigned to accept the call to the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., and we are now looking for a new shepherd. May we strive to be a living witness to the saving power of Christ. (Mrs. J. W. Mattrisch, Reporter).

**MOWATA, BRANCH, LA.** New officers elected for 1966-1967 for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., are: Mrs. Eleon Sandau, president; Mrs. John Lengefeld, vice-president; Mrs. Ludwig Casselmann, secretary; Mrs. Carl Loewer, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Bieber, pianist; and Mrs. Fritz Loewer, White Cross chairman. Our Society has a present membership of 16. We have been using the W.M.U. Program Packet at our monthly meetings. During the past year we have filled our White Cross quotas and have contributed \$139 toward the program of "Meals for Missions." (Mrs. Ludwig Casselmann, Secretary).

**ONOWAY, ALBERTA.** The 16 members of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Onoway, Alberta, presented their annual program on March 20. The president, Mrs. Violet Breikreuz, gave a report on activities at the monthly meetings. Scripture was read by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Fritz Goliath, who also led in prayer. The group sang "Stepping in the Light" and presented the play, "As Unto the Lord," written by Mrs. Edmond Hohn, Nokomis, Sask. The White Cross work was displayed and Mrs. A. Soldan, White Cross chairman, gave a report on the work that has been done. Mrs. T. Neufeld sang a solo continuing the theme of "service unto the Lord." The offering of \$26.00 will be used for White Cross expenses. (Mrs. Lilli Albert, Reporter).

**BEULAH, N. DAK.** A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Carl Zimbelman of Beulah, N. Dak., on her 80th birthday following the evening service at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak. Rev. George W. Neubert, pastor, asked the congregation to gather in the basement for refreshments and time of fellowship for this special event. A beautiful cake was presented to her by her Secret Pal or Sister of the Woman's Mission Society. Two numbers were sung during the evening. A ladies' quartet sang "God Will Take Care of You" (German) and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bettger, "I Never Will Cease to Love Him." Mrs. Zimbelman is very active and alert and we hope to have her with us for many more birthdays. (Mrs. Robert Giesler, Reporter).

**KYLE, TEXAS.** The 69th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas was celebrated Friday, March

25, with a program at the church. Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf, president for the past two years, presided. The effective achievements of the past year were reported by officers and chairmen. Mrs. Hugh Merideth was the speaker for the occasion. Mrs. Randall Crain sang "The Ninety and Nine" and the Ladies' Chorus of the church rendered "In Times Like These." Miss Ruby Wiegand installed the officers for the incoming year using the theme, "Gardens." The church and fellowship hall were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf is the new president. Rev. W. H. Barsh is pastor.

**WHITE CROSS SHIPMENT.** Now we are in the "High Season" for White Cross. This means that numerous parcels are pouring in on us and that therefore we have to do whatever we can to make room and to keep everything moving. Within 5 weeks we expedited another shipment to Cameroon, Africa. This shipment left headquarters on March 16, 1966, weighing 5,047 lbs. There were 2193 lbs. of medicine included which we held back in our last shipment for it had to be protected from freezing. Now with the milder weather being here, we sent this greatly needed and appreciated medicine on its way. We wish to thank all those who had a share in this shipment, especially the volunteer helpers from our Chicago area churches who enjoy this

work so much and who are always ready and happy to help. (E. Borrmann, Correspondent).

## sunday school programs & events

**BISMARCK, N. DAK.** The Happy Hour Boys and Girls, who meet every Wednesday evening at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., presented a Missionary Fair on March 16. The film, "Brazil, The Awakening Giant," was featured in the program. Our NAB mission fields along with Gint and Wycliffe Bible Translators were divided into individual exhibit booths. Each booth presented items which the children had made and showed things they had learned during the 6 weeks of study prior to the Fair. The booths were very colorful with maps, pictures and posters showing the general life and atmosphere of each mission field. An offering was taken and will be given toward the work in Brazil.

Mrs. Allan Strohschein was in charge assisted by Mrs. John D. Kirschmann. Teachers who helped were: Mrs. Darlene Bender, Mrs. Ruby Cooper, Mrs. Juliet Blatchford, Mrs. Darlene Walker and Mrs. Luella Kirschmann. Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Henry Just and Mrs. Alvin Newharth. (Mrs. Robert Cooper, Reporter).



The choir of the First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., that presented the cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," at Corona, and Ortonville, Minn.

## evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. Herman Effa (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota with 17 persons who were baptized on Feb. 27 and 3 others who were received by letter and testimony.



**LINTON, N. DAK.** Members of the First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., had much cause for rejoicing on Feb. 27 when their pastor, Rev. Herman Effa, baptized 17 converts — 7 adults and 10 children — on profession of their faith in Christ. This was the first baptism in our new church. These along with 3 others, who came by letter and testimony, were welcomed into the church at the Communion Service the following Sunday. Those who joined the church are (see accompanying picture) back row, left to right: Mrs. Arnold Baumiller, Martha Graf, Mrs. Darrel Njos, Mrs. Ronald LaPierre, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bollinger, Mr. Leslie Beck, Alan Renschler, Louanna Renschler, June Wagner; front row, left to right: Carmen Huber Karen Renschler, Claudia Kiemele, Cynthia Kremer, Timothy Kremer, Glen Wagner, Ricky Kiemele, Norman Renschler, Ralph Kremer and Allan Effa. (Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter).



Rev. and Mrs. George W. Neubert at the welcome reception accorded them by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak.

**BEULAH, N. DAK.** A reception was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., on Dec. 10 for our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. George W. Neubert. Mr. Gilbert Ost, moderator, was in charge of the meeting. The Neuberts were welcomed by Victor Bettger, in behalf of the church; Ray Fischer for the Sunday school; Mrs. Fred Helm in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society; and Vickie Ost for the C.B.Y. Rev. Ervin J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak., brought a very challenging message. A kitchen shower was held for the parsonage before the



Rev. F. E. Klein (back row, center), pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., with 9 baptismal candidates.

**ST. BONIFACIUS, MINN.** With praise to our Lord we of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., are happy to report that on Sept. 5, 1965 six young people and three adults were baptized by Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor. On Sept. 12, they were welcomed into the church. Last fall we had a series of revival meetings in our church. The pastor, Rev. F. E. Klein, was our evangelist. Neighboring churches were invited to participate. The Lord blessed the preaching of the Gospel and three persons came to know the Lord Jesus as Savior. From Feb. 11-13, our church was host to the Mid-Winter Young People's Institute of our Minnesota churches. Over one hundred young people came. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, professor at Bethel College, St. Paul, was the guest speaker at the high school sessions and at the Saturday evening banquet. Mr. Sehnert was the teacher in the junior class. We thank the Lord for his blessings upon our work here in this community. (Mrs. LeRoy Bruhn, Reporter).

**GREELEY, COLORADO.** On New Year's Eve we of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado, held an inspirational service with the baptism of 5 candidates. Two families came into our membership at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Glen James and Mrs. R. Cowan together with 2 girls, Sharylynn Robb and Sharon Schramm, were baptized. Mr. Cowan joined the church by letter. On Jan. 13 the city-wide Youth Singspiration was held at the Sherwood Park Church with 115 youth and 15 adults attending. A Sweetheart Supper was prepared and served by the men of the church for their wives and children on Feb. 13. Gene Robb, Sunday school superintendent, was master of ceremonies for the lovely program featuring the film, "Bible on the Table."

In our Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. Raymond Harsch, we have a wonderful Children's Choir. They sing at one of the services each Sunday and their singing is always a great blessing. We at Sherwood Park are grateful for the challenging messages and untiring work of Mr. and Mrs. Harsch. There are so many to be reached here, and it is a challenge to each church member to bring someone in. (Mrs. Walter Wacker, Publication Secretary).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

new pastor arrived and the cupboards were filled with various kinds of foods. (Mrs. Robert Giesler, Reporter).

**GOLDEN WEDDING, MR. AND MRS. LOUIS NADEN.** On Jan. 30, 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Louie Naden of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held Open House for their friends of the community and the members of the First Baptist Church in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Mrs. Elsie Smith, sponsored the Open House. She was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Schanzbach. Mrs. Naden has been a shut-in for a number of years, and has not been able to attend the church services. The members of the First Baptist Church rejoiced with the couple in their happy occasion and join in the prayers and well-wishes with all their friends. (Jakob Klingenberg, Pastor).

**OAK BANK, MANITOBA.** We of the Oak Bank Church at Oak Bank, Man., held the installation service for our new pastor, Rev. Arthur Kliever, and his wife and family on March 13. A fine reception and program had been arranged with the four sister churches from Winnipeg, including the mother church, McDermot Avenue, and the Morris, River Hills and Anola Churches invited to extend Christian greetings. Mr. Dave Albrecht was master of ceremonies. Church representatives extended their greetings and welcome. Our new brass band played several fine numbers. The choir selections and a solo by M. Wilde were worthwhile contributions to the program. Rev. Arthur Kliever has served this church on Sundays since January and we have been aware of his sincerity and cordial manner. A lunch was served afterwards for a full house of visitors and friends. (Mrs. A. J. Gander, Reporter).

**CAPILANO, EDMONTON, ALTA.** Mixed feelings of sadness in leaving their long-time home, church and children in Stockton, Calif., and quickened with the joy of their new undertaking of service was the response of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser to the many notes of welcome during the reception for them at the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., on Sunday afternoon, March 27. Upwards of 300 members, visitors and friends thronged Capilano's spacious auditorium for this festive occasion highlighted by musical selections and topped with words of welcome by church representatives and those of sister churches. Capilano Church feels honored with the acceptance of the Rausers of its ministry and there appears an air of anticipation amongst its members who are challenged anew for an uplifting of the Christian witness in this church and its community. (Mrs. K. Jeske, Reporter).

Due to lack of space other reports will appear in next issue.

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## Obituary

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

**MR. HENRY AUCH**  
of New Leipzig, North Dakota  
Mr. Henry Auch of New Leipzig, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on June 20, 1886. As a young man he came to the United States with his parents. On Dec. 16, 1909 he was married to Anna Weikum. They homesteaded northwest of New Leipzig. After the passing of his wife in 1936, Mr. Auch continued on the farm until 1944 when he moved to New Leipzig. Since 1964 he had made his home at the Good Samaritan Home in Elgin, N. Dak. Mr. Auch passed away on March 9, 1966, having reached the age of 79 years. As a young man, he received Christ as his personal Savior. He followed the Lord in baptism and became a faithful church member, testifying for his Lord and serving him in any way possible. He is survived by 3 sons: Edward, Tracy, Calif.; Otto, Seaside, Calif.; and Edmund, Lolo, Montana; 4 daughters: Helen (Mrs. Herbert Edinger) Missoula, Mont.; Ella (Mrs. Charles Shields) Missoula, Mont.; Velma (Mrs. Leroy Wentz) Elgin, N. Dak.; and Lucille (Mrs. Elden Grosz) Burt, N. Dak. 24 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.  
New Leipzig, North Dakota  
ALLAN STROHSCHNEIN,  
Officiating Pastor

**MRS. ARTHUR VOIGT**  
of Springfield, South Dakota  
Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt, nee Minnie Brandt, of Springfield, S. Dak., was born on March 2, 1882 at Baileyville, Ill., and passed away in Springfield on March 26, 1966, at the age of 84 years and 24 days. She trusted Christ as her Savior as a young woman, was baptized in the Baileyville Baptist Church on Feb. 2, 1902 by Rev. J. G. Draewell, and received into the membership of that church. In Sept. 1904, she was received into the membership of the Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak. After they moved to Tyndall, they united with the church there on Feb. 5, 1961. On Aug. 3, 1904, she was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur A. Voigt. They farmed in the Avon area until 1947. At this time they responded to the need for pastors and served for 10 years at Mt. Sterling, Mo., and Rosenfeld, N. Dak., until June 1957. They retired to their farm home until 1962, when they established their residence in Tyndall. This was home until just two weeks ago, when they moved to the Retirement Home in Springfield. It was here that death came quietly and peacefully early in the morning of March 26, after a long time of illness. Left to mourn her passing are: her husband, Rev. Arthur A. Voigt of Springfield, many nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.  
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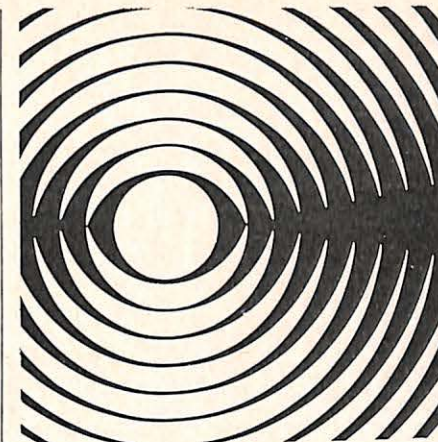
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## MOTHERS ARE NOT SAINTS

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but the woman who wrote the book on which the series was based could recall her childhood chiefly by remembering her mother and what she had said and done. Most of our later "do-you-remember's" must be centered around mother. This is her reward as well as part of her ongoing function.

Going on from here we find to our shame and sorrow that mother often is made the scape-goat of the family. If anything is lost, father or a child will bellow, "Mother, where did you put it, why don't you leave my things alone?" Or, "Why didn't you remind me, mother, you knew I had to be there early today!" It is often satisfying to be able to charge up to poor mother's account the errors and lapses of memory. And, happily, mother understands and comes to the rescue knowing that eventually, because she is so constantly depended upon, her brood or spouse will quietly make amends for the quick word spoken.

### A MOTHER'S FAITH

As a last peculiar function of motherhood we may give thought to the teaching of religion and ethics. Father sets a good example and speaks profoundly on good and evil and what the preacher said today, but mother inculcates her own faith and high ideals in thousands of small ways open only to her.

The world could not turn without mother. They are essential, loving, loyal, and hard-working, but saints-no!

I would conclude that mothers prefer to be on a basis with others who have somehow fulfilled their function in life and in the world, fully aware that they could have done better, but knowing too that they have showed considerable courage in the doing of the job.

Surely, they need the love that any other person needs. They want someone to reach out with understanding of the frequent desperation that must come to a woman who knows how much depends on her to rear the boys and girls in her keeping. She needs to be assured that, even though she does her best, the children are not going to be perfect and that some will come to grief—and that this cannot be blamed on a person who has sincerely tried each day to do her best. Children have two parents; they inherit from the long

line of ancestors behind them; and they are moulded by many forces outside the home.

### BE FAIR TO MOTHERS!

And, finally, as the family grows, a mother needs to be helped by those who love her to accept age as something that does not change her in the eyes of her husband and children. The work she has done as a mother, the illnesses through which she has passed, the many worries that life brings will take their toll—but still to her family she is mother and that is all that matters.

I started out with a title which I discarded—"Be Fair to Mothers." This is a worthy motto for any month in the year, and might well be the watchword of Mothers' Day 1966.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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day school at the Cedarloo Church on March 20 totaled 140 and the attendance at the morning worship service was 126. Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, pastor, spoke on one of the seven last words of Christ upon the cross at the Good Friday service on April 8 held at the Walnut Street Baptist Church and sponsored by "the Fellowship of the Faith" pastors of the cities of Cedar Falls and Waterloo, Iowa.

● **Rev. B. C. Schreiber and Mr. Harold B. Johns** attended the Missions Photography Seminar at Winona Lake, Ind., from March 22 to 25 at the request of the NAB secretarial staff of Forest Park, Ill. This seminar conducted by Ken Anderson Films, a Christian film concern, presented the latest methods and procedures in still and motion picture photography, suggested the most effective preparation of scripts and scenarios for mission and promotional purposes, and held briefing sessions for the 22 delegates in attendance. The results of the Seminar will be evident in months to come in the ministry of the NAB Audio and Visual Department.

● **Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak.,** had a prominent part in the Holy Week Community Services held for the people of the Goodrich and Denhoff communities from April 4 to 8. The well attended services were held in the Goodrich school auditorium with a climax reached on Good Friday evening, April 8, with the showing of the film, "The Power of the Resurrection." All offerings not needed to defray expenses were designed for the American Bible Society. The Baptist Church also held a Good Friday service from 10:00-11:00 A.M. on April 8.

● **On Sunday evening, March 6,** the Lehigh Christian Fellowship, the InterVarsity group of Lehigh University,

presented a program of music and testimony at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa. The Father and Son Night, sponsored by the Christian Service Brigade, held on Saturday evening, March 26, featured Wally Jones, Gospel ventriloquist. The Calvary Church shared in the Missionary Conference of the First Baptist Church, Allentown, Pa., in March and on Wednesday evening, March 30, the Calvary congregation heard Mrs. Arch McKinlay, Wycliffe Translator from Mexico. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

● **The Evergreen Baptist Church of Lynbrook, N. Y.,** with the consent of the denominational Church Extension Committee, has extended a call to Rev. Richard Kimball to become its minister. He had been supplying the pulpit in an interim ministry since April 1965. Mr. Kimball has responded favorably to the call and is now serving the Evergreen Church in this capacity.

● **Rev. Lewis B. Berndt of Lodi, Calif.,** is serving as the pastor of the Stone Corral Church, 12 miles beyond Linden, Calif. He serves the church on Sunday mornings in addition to superintending a Rest Home near Lodi with his wife. Mr. Berndt is a former pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berndt are members of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.

● **Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Potratz of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak.,** have announced the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Hazel, on March 15. They had three boys and a girl in their family, all in grade school, before her arrival. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Loux of Oak Park, Ill., have announced the birth of a son on March 23 who has been named Jonathan Dale. Mr. Loux was formerly the assistant pastor at the First Park Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Milton H. Vietz of Canistota, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on March 12 who has been named Melody Kaye. She is the fourth child in the family. Mr. Vietz is pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak.

● **A great step of faith was taken by the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn.,** at a special business meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, to undergird its sister church, Brook Park Church of Minneapolis, Minn., in its building plans. By an overwhelming vote it was agreed to support Brook Park with \$10,000 to be paid through Conference offices. A loan has been taken on the parsonage of the Riverview Church. This generous gesture of Christian love and concern will mean a great deal to this new Church Extension project and will help to make its new superstructure possible. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the Riverview Church and Rev. Henry G. Ramus of the Brook Park Church.