

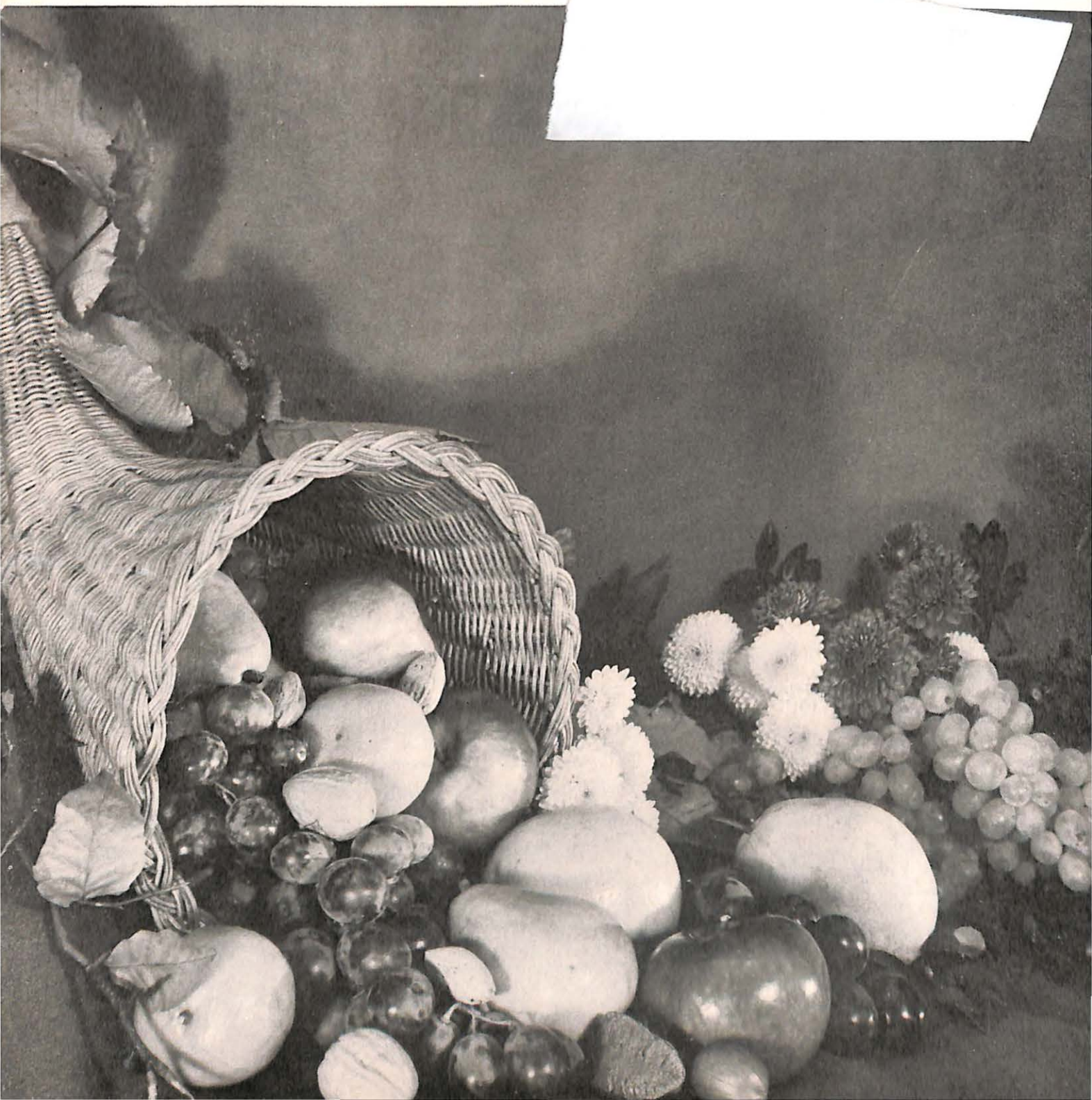
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The art of Thanksgiving

by Wilferd A. Peterson

The art of thanksgiving is **thanksgiving**. It is gratitude in action.

It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy:

"In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God

for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God

for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God

for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God

for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God

for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God

for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God

for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God

for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God

for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God

for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God

by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of **thanksgiving**.

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MAN TO MAN

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the years has afforded me many avenues of service.

God has indeed been good to me all through the years. I know that he had his hand in guiding me in the selection of my life partner, whose love, devotion, and loyalty, both in joys and in sorrows, in health and in sickness, has been my greatest earthly reward. Our road was not always smooth, especially during the depression years when it was "nip and tuck" to make

ends meet financially with two growing boys in the family. But we always trusted in God's providence, and he never let us down. Because of all this my favorite hymn has been "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and above all, we thank him for our salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

One of the needs of the Church in this day is a faithful stewardship on the part of its members. This is true in regard to individual responsibility on the local church level and in regard to organizational responsibility on a denominational level.

NEWS and NEEDS...

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. November 20-27 has been designated as thanksgiving and sacrifice week. Consider the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon you as you give for your denomination's Mission and Service Program.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY is to be observed December 11.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Pray for the Volunteers in their evangelistic ministry. *Team I* with Rev. Edgar Klatt as director will be at the McDermott Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 20-27, and at the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. D., Nov. 29-Dec. 9. *Team II* with Rev. Connie Salios as director will be at the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. D., Nov. 22-27, and at the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D., Nov. 29-Dec. 9.

WHITE CROSS. During the past year, September, 1965-66, the W.M.S. members topped the previous two years by making and purchasing White Cross supplies which were sent in seven shipments weighing 30,042 pounds in total for our medical mission work in Cameroon, West Africa. Green stamp books sent in by the members purchased blankets, step-on cans, thermos containers and pillows. Another White Cross shipment of 5658 pounds was sent to Cameroon on Oct. 10.

MISS LUCILLE WIPF. She, one of our missionaries in Japan, began six months of language study on September 12. Pray for her as she continues study of Japanese.

CONFERENCE LODGING AND REGISTRATION

Detailed literature concerning the procedure to be followed by delegates and visitors for lodging at the headquarters hotel or other hotels, motels, auto courts and trailer courts, will be made available to all pastors in January. Information will also be given about Conference registration fees, and additional details about the highlights of the Conference program.

G. K. Zimmerman

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

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

NOVEMBER
Psalms 120-150
DECEMBER
Matthew 1-28;
Revelation 1-3

Editorial

OUR GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

by Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary

True thanksgiving is prompted by a true attitude of the recipient's relation to the One who bestows the many gifts of life. God is the giver. Man is the receiver. Man's relation to his God will determine the degree of gratitude. When the relation to God is genuine, close, strong and wholehearted, gratitude will be freely given to God's glory. The man who is halfhearted in his relation to God may be satisfied with saying a hasty "Thank you." The man who is wholehearted will generously be grateful in terms of service and sacrifice. There is a vast difference between saying thank you and being thankful. Saying thank you is usually an expression of one's lips, whereas being thankful is an expression of one's life.

Not every life is equally blessed in terms of tangible things. We know that things in themselves are not enough to satisfy the longing of the entire man. Even a child, sitting in the midst of many toys given by his parents, will arise with outstretched arms saying, "I want my Mother;" "I want my Daddy." Likewise the Christian adult who has experienced the love of God will cry out from the midst of many things, "I want my Heavenly Father."

We need God, because he is the giver of every gift of life. We love God and express our gratitude to him, because he is our Father. The abiding relationship exceeds the receiving of temporal things.

We will want to approach and observe this Thanksgiving Season with the highest motives of our heart. God has abundantly blessed with material and spiritual gifts. Because we love him who has so freely given, we will generously give our love offerings for the urgent needs of his work. The offering of every individual and every church laid on the altar of God for his work during this Thanksgiving Season will be an expression of gratitude.

Every department of our denominational work requires our gifts of gratitude. The expanding work in the Cameroons and Japan, as well as the new work in Brazil, requires sacrificial gifts of love. The mission fields among the Indians of Alberta and the Spanish-Americans of Colorado and Texas urgently need our help. Church extension opportunities in many newly populated areas are ever an open door demanding our gifts. The Department of Christian Education and our schools of higher learning (The Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta) should challenge every Christian and church to give an offering of Thanksgiving.

May our Thanksgiving Offering be an investment of gratitude to God in the great work of his Kingdom. Because of his love to us while we were lost in sin, he gave the supreme sacrifice of his Son for our redemption. Can we, as his redeemed children, withhold our gifts of gratitude for him and from others who need him? Let us bring a joyous and generous Thanksgiving Offering!

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The First Thanksgiving

by Mr. John F. Woyke of New Haven, Connecticut



EARLY IN December, 1921, fifty-odd doughty, black-dressed puritans and ninety-odd Indians gathered at the bleak spot on windswept Cape Cod and started a feast that was to last three days.

Four hunters had been out shooting for an entire day, returning with a fine catch. The Indians brought four freshly killed deer.

The spot was Plymouth; the puritans were Pilgrims who had arrived on the Mayflower less than a year earlier; the Indians were warriors of the friendly Sachem Massasoit; and the occasion was the First Thanksgiving.

Well not exactly the first; there had been thanksgiving days in Europe before. Nor was it even the first in America, for two years earlier a group of arrivals at Jamestown, in Virginia, had celebrated a day of Thanksgiving. But we remember the Pilgrim one as the first.

A HOLIDAY OF THANKS

Nor would this thanksgiving feast start a custom. Another Thanksgiving would be held in Plymouth in 1623, and then the custom would die out, until in the nineteenth century Americans in every state of the Union, remembering the story of this First Thanksgiving, would lobby before legislature and governor for laws and decrees setting up a holiday of thanks.

These Pilgrims in 1621 were not following a tradition nor setting a trend. Most likely the idea of a thanksgiving feast did not even originate with them, for their stern religion meted out punishment for almost every kind of levity. Even the celebration of Christmas was severely discouraged.

Some of the Pilgrims might have witnessed a Dutch Thanksgiving in 1575, but forty-six years had passed since then. Most likely the idea for a three day feast had come from the "savage" Indians. In any case, a feast was held and dedicated by the Pilgrims to giving thanks to God.

A GOOD HARVEST

The harvest had been good. Governor Bradford, the leader of the colony, was later to describe that autumn in glowing terms:

"They begane now to gather in ye small harvest they had, and to fitte up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strenght, and had all things in good plenty; for as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were excersised in fishing, aboute codd and bass, and other fish, of which every tooke good store, of which every family had their portion. All ye somer ther was no wante. And now begane to come in store of foule, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterwards decreased by degrees). And besids water foule, ther was great store of wild Turkie, of which they tooke many; besids venison and &c. Beids they had aboute a peck of meal a

weeke to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corne to yt proportion."

THE INDIANS—HELPFUL AND THANKFUL

The rigors of the first winter, during which over half their number had died from starvation and scurvy had passed. And the Indians had been friendly, teaching the helpless city-bred Europeans to plant corn and build warm huts in the fashion of Indian wigwams.

The Indians, too, were thankful. Two years before the Pilgrims arrived they had been visited by a terrible plague, possibly European smallpox. So many had died that it had been impossible to bury the dead, and the Pilgrims had found piles of bones and deserted villages upon their arrival. In fact, were it not for their discovery of a store of corn in one of these lifeless villages they might not have lasted out their first winter.

It was for these gifts—enough to eat and freedom from disease—that 140 men from two ends of the earth gave thanks together, in feasting and fellowship.

PILGRIM'S BLESSINGS—MEAGER?

These blessings for which the Pilgrims thanked the Lord might have appeared very meager to the eyes of a seventeenth century observer. Europe, for example, was in a state of unparalleled boom—in the economy, the arts, and the sciences. It was the age of rebirth, the renaissance, and of reformation. Spanish treasure ships had yearly infused the economy with new gold and silver. The classics of Greece and Rome had been rediscovered, and the middle-age formalism in painting, sculpture, and literature had been abolished. In 1619 Hepler had published his third law of planetary motion, just a few years after Galileo had discovered the circling moons of Jupiter. The age of science was dawning.

THE REFORMATION AND THIRTY YEARS' WAR

And the middle-age structure of the Catholic Church had been shaken by reformation. Europe, as the Pilgrims, themselves refugees, well knew, was split into opposing camps. No where was the split so evident as in Germany. There Lutherans and Catholics were allowed, but Calvinists, like Pilgrims, excluded.

Then, 1618, several Bohemian nobles (protestant) threw some Imperial Commissioners (Catholic) out of a window. The revolt in Bohemia brought foreign intervention, and in the fall of 1621 Spanish forces crossed the Rhine. Protestant countermoves would soon be forthcoming, and Europe would find itself involved in the Thirty Years' War, the last "Holy War" of the Western World. Before the war would end the population of central Europe would decrease by a third, and the carnage would be unequaled until the twentieth century.

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Calvinism would gain recognition, but the force of the reformation would be stopped.

THE JESUITS IN SOUTH AMERICA

In South America, in that winter of 1621, Jesuit priests were scoring immense success in converting the Guarani Indians of Spanish Paraguay. Through the use of various ruses, such as identifying a local pagan deity with a particular saint, whole tribes would be baptized.

The Jesuits, of course, had no delusions about the sincerity of their new converts, but they reasoned that, once nominally converted, the Indians could slowly be educated and led in the paths of the Catholic faith.

The Jesuits would establish rigid discipline and organize the Indians into an almost perfectly communistic society, called a "reduction." The word of the Jesuits would be law.

Already, in 1621, the Jesuits were succeeding almost too well in their pacification of the Indians; their fledgling reduction was proving a fertile hunting ground for Brazilian slavers. A century later, when the Pope would abolish the Jesuit order, the docile Indians would quietly disappear into the hands of large plantation owners where the whip of the overseer would replace the Jesuit cross.

COLONY OF JAMESTOWN AND TOBACCO GROWING

Further north, the English colony of Jamestown was growing rapidly in the fall of 1621. The habit of taking snuff was growing at such an unheard of pace in Europe that the price of tobacco was skyrocketing. Tobacco threatened to become a more valuable American export than gold.

But tobacco growing had one difficulty; to be profitable it required a great deal of labor. And the Indians, close to their native forest with its cool spaces, plentiful game, and endless freedom, were not inclined to labor in the hot sun of the fields.

In 1619 the settlers found the solution they would ultimately accept. In that year twenty Negroes were purchased from a Dutch slaver, fresh from the coasts of Guinea. By the 1650's slaves would outnumber free men in Virginia, and the legislature would pass an act providing severe whipping for a slave who did so much as talk to a white man not his master.

The Pilgrims might have been unthankful that winter of 1621. They might have longed for prosperous Europe, and the chance to take arms for their faith in the new war. But from this would come only death and hunger.

They might have been jealous of the success of the Jesuits in winning converts. But from this would come only ignorance and exploitation.

They might have been lured by the glittering commercial prospects of Virginia. But from this would come slavery.

Instead they gave thanks for the simple things that they had. These things seemed little, at the time, but they thanked the Lord for them.

SIMPLE THINGS WERE GREAT BLESSINGS

Yet what they thanked the Lord for turned out, in the retrospective eye of history, far greater blessings than those of Europe, Paraguay, or Virginia. For the Pilgrims enjoyed some of the greatest blessings that God can bestow on man: health, abundance, peace, hope, and brotherhood.

This would be the last time the Indian would welcome the white man to his shores. It would be the last time he would freely give him aid, teaching him to plant and to build. And it would be the last time that Indians and whites would feast together as equals.

This is why we remember this Pilgrim Thanksgiving above all others: not because the Pilgrims had so few material blessings, but because they had such abundant spiritual ones.

BLESSINGS ARE LIKE ICEBERGS

And if we are to ponder anything during our celebrations this Thanksgiving perhaps it should be this truth that the Pilgrims in 1621 did not know, but must have felt: that blessings are like icebergs, nine tenths unseen.

How foolish then, not to give thanks for the tenth that is seen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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the prophet mentions these in a special way. The rich and influential had all the advantages. With the coming of the Messiah, and in the fullness of time, the ideal kingdom would be set up, and the poor and the meek would have equal opportunities. They would be treated like children of God.

III. THE VISION OF PEACE. Isaiah 11:6-9.

What strikes us here is that peace shall reign throughout all his creation and all evidence of fear shall vanish, for the prophet goes on to say that "a little child shall lead them." Some students of the Bible like Calvin and Luther regarded the references to the animal world as figures or symbols of peace among mankind. Others take it quite literally and claim that all of the animal kingdom will become herbivorous.

To many people peace on earth is merely wishful thinking, but to the Christian this is the heart of the Christian faith, because it is based on faith in Christ.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are the difficulties of being a prophet of doom?
2. Why is it so difficult to live in the present when you know that hope is so far in the future?
3. In what way was Jeremiah's prophetic ministry different from that of Isaiah?

Harold M. Lambert

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FOR GRANTED OR FOR GRATITUDE

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"PRAISE THE LORD, O my Soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being" (Psalm 146:1, 2).

Thanksgiving is the fruit, the very essence of our Christian faith. It has been well said that there is more praise in the Old and New Testaments, and in the true Christian life, than in all other religions put together. Mohammedanism, for instance, knew how to strike with the sword, but it knew little about striking the harp. The Stoic creeds insisted upon rugged and noble endurance, but they offered no song. Christianity alone presents One who has overcome the world. It alone gives the promise of complete victory. Christianity alone can awaken in the human breast the strains of the "Hal-

lelujah Chorus," so the words of our text, "Praise the Lord, O my soul."

The saints of the Old and New Testaments may have majored in praising and glorifying God, but this is not true of our age. Take the matter of prayer itself. Jesus taught that when we pray we should begin with the thought, "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." We usually begin with thanksgiving, yet is praise the true motive of our approach to the Father? Is thanksgiving our "soul's sincere desire"? Or do we come primarily to have our wants satisfied? There may even be a kind of grieved protest to a God who seems to manage things rather badly for us, a God who is not acting as quickly as we think he should, a God who seems to be letting us carry a burden that is unusually heavy, in fact a little too heavy.

BEING GRATEFUL— IT'S DIFFICULT

It is not easy to be grateful. Gratitude is a feeling, and feelings do not come and go at will. It is not easy to express our thanks to others even when we feel grateful. The words seem to stick in our throat. Therefore people who do the most for us seldom receive the appreciation due them. Or we take kindness for granted. This is true too often in the case of husbands and wives, children and neighbors. Or we may appreciate what others have done, but we question their motives. A deep distrust of human nature has found its way into our lives, and therefore any act of kindness on the part of others causes us to wonder what they may want in return.

To thank God has become increasingly difficult for some. God seems so

far away and seems to be so indifferent to our needs. We do not know how to properly phrase our expressions of thanksgiving. Because of a sense of incompetency in the realm of appreciation and praise, we excuse ourselves for remaining dumb before the Lord. For some God is naturally good, and therefore it is too to be expected that he will give good gifts to his children. Others find it difficult to believe in the providence of God. Is God really our Father as our parents would have us believe, or are some of our present day theologians right when they say that God is dead?

It is not easy to be grateful for blessings which are general and which come to millions upon millions of people throughout the world, to the just and the unjust, to the deserving and the undeserving. Therefore it is but seldom that the sunshine awakens a song in our hearts. About the only time we think of the sun is when it is too hot. The child may be grateful for one apple, but how difficult it is for a person to feel grateful for a bumper crop of apples which grows in someone else's orchard. The report of fruitful fields and flourishing industries, of booming commerce and high wages should move the heart to praise, but it seldom does. Instead it raises questions—questions of prices, of costs, of inflation, of profits.

It is not easy to be thankful when the cup is running over. The heart usually is more grateful when the cup is almost empty, and no one knows how it will be refilled again—grateful for the few remaining drops.

Dr. J. H. Jowett used to praise the Lord "for all things we take as a matter of course," for the air we breathe, the sun that warms our earth, the rain that God gives. When asked to write down the most wonderful things he could think of, things he was grateful for, the lad listed, among others, "Water hurrying over rocks; robins flying; a train rushing by; my dog's brown eyes."

PRAISE RESULT OF TONE OF LIFE

Praise is the result of the whole tone of life. Christians give themselves greatly and sacrificially when they are possessed of a great conviction concerning God and his love. Some persons seem to be constitutionally low-set. They are seldom elated by great visions, seldom moved by lofty and majestic ideals. They are more conscious of the clouds than of the blue of the sky, more conscious of the bitter than the sweet. Given a doughnut, they look at the size of the hole in the center, the part that is missing.

Most of us have our share of the bitter, and some seem to have more than their just share. But all of us are in danger of fixing our gaze upon our disadvantages and difficulties, thereby missing the good that comes to us. As a result we become discouraged, embittered, feeling God is not for us. Sometimes we start the day wrong. We have heard of the two men that came to the same office every morning,

the one smiling and joyful, the other grumbling and dissatisfied. Asked concerning their attitudes the one answered that he was glad, because so far nothing had happened to make him sad. The other said he was sad, because nothing had happened to make him glad.

IMPOVERISHED IN GRATITUDE BECAUSE OF HASTE

One of the reasons we are so impoverished in our thanksgiving is because of the haste in which we live. We rush through the days, and in this pell-mell form of existence we have scant opportunity for meditation. It is only when our minds are permitted to dwell upon some great mercy that a sense of gratitude is created within us. The Psalmist tells us that one day while he was musing, the fire began to burn. Gratitude is a kind of fire which can be kindled only by vivid memories and discoveries. Whenever we forget his benefits, we lose the power of singing praise to him.

For granted or for gratitude! A grateful mind is both a great and happy mind. A grateful heart is a loving and sacrificial heart. A will motivated by gratitude is one of the most dynamic forces in the world. "While I live will I praise the Lord."

Let us therefore make three suggestions: In a day when we are in danger of being jostled out of our spirituality, a day in which the sense of gratitude is faint and uncertain, let us take time to think a little more deeply. Let us try to think beyond the second causes of all things, to the first, to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. Let us be gripped anew by that truth which compelled Jesus when he said, "My Father worketh hitherto." God is working, now, in our time, on our behalf. By thinking through to this fact, a deep and firm faith is established. By the leverage which such a faith inspires, God works the more. And as we become increasingly aware that without his presence we are nothing, the mood of taking him for granted will be transformed to one of deep gratitude.

GRATEFULNESS FOR FELLOWMAN

In a day when many feel the world owes us a living, let us think a little more broadly. It is on the horizontal plane that we meet our fellow men. Perhaps some of them still live who nurtured us, and surely there are those upon whom we depend and who depend upon us. We will not forget those who trust us and whom we trust in return. And there is that larger circle which we cannot measure—persons who serve us: body, mind and spirit. Many of these served us from long ago, some from far away, others in our own community. As we think widely, we have much reason not to take things for granted but to be grateful.

In a day when we are conquering space and are thinking of traveling to the moon some day and possibly also to

some of the other stars, let us think a little higher. "God made the stars also," reads the Scripture. We look up, and "the stars also" bring us into touch with the extras of life—all those things that did not have to be that way, but are—such things as color, and fragrance, and music, those things which are altogether lovely, which speak of the wonder and the goodness of the Creator.

When Louis Agassiz one evening spoke of the stars, the Milky Way and the Northern Lights to those gathered about the camp fire, the guide sat somewhat in the background listening intently. When the speaker was through, the guide remarked, "Maybe it will not make so much difference after all whether Blaine is elected president or that other fellow." How things change in their relative importance when we get a glimpse of the higher perspective.

THANKSGIVING—A SOUL FORCE

True thanksgiving is a Soul Force. It admits the sunlight into one's solitude. It burns out bitterness and dross. It reveals the beautiful and valuable. It releases energies for creative living. It awakens kindness.

MINISTER'S WORKSHOP

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block to Jews and folly to Greeks, yet to those who have heard his call, Jews and Greeks alike, he is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (I Cor. 1:22-24 NEB). Yes, in spite of hypocrites in the church and in spite of the weaknesses of Christians, the Gospel of Jesus Christ does make a difference—it still changes men's lives today.

We must realize that our contemporary world is not an easy place in which to believe and to proclaim the faith once delivered to the saints. We face the opposition of Satan who is an exceedingly powerful enemy. We further face the pull of the world which would render our testimony inefficient and ineffective. But let us not sell ourselves short, for we possess the greatest power of all in the preaching of the cross, which is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

WE THE WOMEN

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want to see. This year as we, along with countless millions of people, experience this celebrated holiday, remember that our thanksgiving to God is best expressed with **THANKSGIVING IS GOOD, BUT THANKS-LIVING IS BETTER!**

Jesus taught that if we would express our gratitude to God, we should serve him by doing good to others. "We were not made to be baskets, in which God's blessings are stored; Instead we were made to be channels, through which God's blessings are poured."

May the spirit of Thanksgiving last throughout the year!

THANKSGIVING—Oh, yes, that's the time we give thanks unto God for all the wonderful THINGS he has given us. We won't forget our daily food, a comfortable home, a loving family, trusting friends, and even Junior will think appreciatively of his roaring hot rod.

In these examples, we see that the easiest things to thank God for are the material blessings of life. But in doing so, we neglect other areas which deserve our attention.

ALL HAVE CAUSE FOR THANKS

Having been brought up in a warm Christian home, my prayers have always been directed to these tangible items. But after spending twelve weeks in a Pastoral Clinical Training Program in an inner city Minneapolis hospital, I have come to new insights for which I need to give thanks. This is to say that we all have *CAUSE FOR THANKS*, regardless of our plane in life, for some of the most simple things are most easily ignored.

One of the most difficult tasks for some people to do is to accept themselves as they are. They have not learned to accept their place in life and in society and as a result reject themselves and the opportunities that do present themselves in their own life situation. This does not mean that we should despise the need for any individual aspirations, but it does mean that we have to accept ourselves and our place in life and then work from there. Probably the most difficult counseling task that was mine was to help those who no longer saw any reason for living to a basic acceptance of their place in life. This is particularly a problem in young adulthood, though many others experience it as well.

THANKS FOR OUR PLACE IN LIFE

Thus the foundational idea is that we give God thanks *FOR THE PLACE HE HAS GIVEN US IN LIFE*. Once we make this acknowledgement, bridges can be built for greater service not for ourselves but to others. Yes, some people have more material wealth, greater abilities, more numerous opportunities, but God holds us responsible for what we do with what we are and have. Let us rejoice with the dawn of each new day and praise him for giving us a place in it!

Cause for Thanks

by Mr. Harry H. Hiller, of Woodside, New York,
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THANKS FOR GOD'S COMFORT

If you are a Christian, you should be able to look back upon your life and give thanks for *THE COMFORT YOUR GOD HAS BEEN TO YOU IN TIMES OF ANXIETY AND FRUSTRATION*. I think of a 16 year old girl who was so anxious about her relationships with people that sleepless nights resulted in her hospitalization. I think of an older man who was a widower several times already and felt so much alone that he despaired greatly. After helping these people see that God is not found just in a spired-top building but that he can be the stay of their life, it was thrilling to see them put their hand in the Master's. Not that our religion is a medicine we use only in time of need, but God has promised that he will not leave us or forsake us when we are faithful to him. What a cause for thanks!

THANKS FOR GOD'S HELP

Thirdly, I would see that personally, I must give thanks to God for *HIS HELP THROUGH THE MONUMENTAL TASKS* that seemed nigh impossible. Maybe the Sunday school superintendant approached you about teaching that Sunday school class that you never thought you could teach. And somehow God enabled you to do it. Maybe you just didn't see how you would be able to adjust at home with

junior away at college, or to keep up with the other salesmen in your firm, or where you would ever get the finances to build that new church edifice. If there is ever a cause for thanksgiving, it is that we should rejoice that as the plane flies safely through the clouds, so God has helped us through that stormy task. We may not have removed ourselves from the event unscathed but have emerged as victors, because we have not been alone. We thank you, God, for being ever-present but especially for being with us when on our own strength we have yielded.

THANKS FOR GOD'S HELP IN UNDERSTANDING

In teaching a class of alert high school students in Sunday school recently, it was brought home to me how many mysteries there are in our Christian belief. Explanations cannot always be found for our empirical minds, for God chooses not to reveal everything to us. But he does require

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Augsburg Photo

Team I: (l. to r.) Gail Neuman, Larry Mitrovich, Wayne Herringer, Nancy Norman, Juanita Neubert, Rev. Edgar Klatt, Helene Mayer.



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SHARING CHRIST

by Rev. Daniel Fuchs
Director of Evangelism
and Church Extension

THE MOST WONDERFUL thing that can happen to anybody anywhere is to personally experience the saving power of Jesus Christ in his life. This is the most thrilling experience, because through the saving power of Jesus Christ a person has his sins forgiven and the attitudes and purposes of his whole life changed.

Because this is true, the most meaningful service anybody can render anywhere is to help people personally to experience this saving power of Jesus Christ. No other service in the whole world gives anybody more perfect overflowing happiness and pure satisfaction than to help someone personally to know the transforming power of God in Jesus Christ.

That is precisely the kind of service to which God's Volunteers are committed. Do you wonder why again and again you hear God's Volunteers say: "The service in God's Volunteers has been the greatest and most rewarding experience of my life"?

God's Volunteers are young people who are committed to personally share



Team II: (l. to r.) Arlene Paschke, Charles Klein, Norma Lemke, Rev. Connie Salios, Lynn Dudek, Howard Goltz, Judy Michelson.

with others what they themselves know about the saving power of Jesus Christ. They themselves know what it is, because they have experienced it. By personally sharing their Christian experience with others, God's Volunteers encourage and help men, women and young people to come to a personal encounter with Christ and through repentance and faith have

their lives amazingly changed by the transforming power of God in Christ. Once again two new teams of God's Volunteers have been appointed consisting of twelve young people coming from various of our churches in the United States and Canada. They met at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on September 5, 1966, for a concentrated

training period of five weeks. Besides the two directors, Rev. Edgar Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios, instructors for the training period were Rev. John Binder, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, and Professors Walter Goltz, Edward Mueller, and Arnold Rapske of the Christian Training Institute.

TEAM MEMBERS

The teams that will be serving for the 1966-67 God's Volunteers season are the following:

Team I

Helene Mayer, Rose of Sharon Baptist, Richmond, B. C.; Juanita Neubert, West Side Baptist, Beatrice, Neb.; Gail Neuman, McKernan Baptist, Edmonton, Alta.; Nancy Norman, First Baptist, Watertown, Wis.; Wayne Herlinger, Anamoose Baptist, Anamoose, N. D.; Larry Mitrovich, Bible Baptist, Detroit, Mich.; and Rev. Edgar Klatt, Director Evangelist, Edmonton, Alta.

Team II

Lynn Dudek, Bethany Baptist, Milwaukee, Wis.; Norman Lemke, Fellowship Baptist, Camrose, Alta.; Judy Michelson, First Baptist, LaSalle, Colo.; Arlene Paschke, Emmanuel Baptist, Morris, Man.; Howard Goltz, Springside Baptist, Springside, Sask.; Charles Klein, Turtle Lake Baptist, Turtle Lake, N. D.; and Rev. Connie Salios, Director Evangelist, Lombard, Ill.

SCHEDULE OF CAMPAIGNS

On Sunday, October 9, 1966, each team began its first campaign and will continue with a full schedule of campaigns for the 1966-67 season. The schedules for the season will include the following churches:

Team I

1966

- Sept. 6-Oct. 7 Training period at Christian Training Institute
- Oct. 9-16 Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.
- Oct. 17-23 Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.
- Oct. 25-Nov. 4 Hudson Bay Park Baptist, Saskatoon, Sask.
- Nov. 6-11 Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man.
- Nov. 13-18 Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Man.
- Nov. 20-27 McDermot Ave. Baptist, Winnipeg, Man.
- Nov. 29-Dec. 9 Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. D.
- Dec. 11-16 Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Rosenfeld, N. D.
- Dec. 17-31 Christmas Vacation

1967

- Jan. 1-8 Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. D.
- Jan. 10-22 Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. D.
- Jan. 24-Feb. 5 Tempel Baptist, Jamestown, N. D.
- Feb. 7-19 Calvary Baptist, Aberdeen, S. D.
- Feb. 21-March 5 Foster Avenue Baptist, Chicago, Ill.

- March 6-11 Spring Vacation
- March 12-19 First Baptist, Trenton, Ill.
- March 21-April 2 First Baptist, Bellwood, Ill.
- April 4-16 Immanuel Baptist, Kanakee, Ill.
- April 18-26 Zion Baptist, Rochester, N. Y.
- April 30-May 7 A. M. First Baptist Arnprior, Ont.
- May 7 P. M. -14 First Baptist, Killaloe, Ont.

Team II

1966

- Sept. 6-Oct. 7 Training period at Christian Training Institute
- Oct. 9-16 Central Baptist, Edmonton, Alta.
- Oct. 18-28 First Baptist, Sidney, Mont.
- Oct. 30-Nov. 6 First Baptist, Plevna, Mont.
- Nov. 8-20 Ebenezer Baptist, Lehr, N. D.
- Nov. 22-27 First Baptist, Leola, S. D.
- Nov. 29-Dec. 9 First Baptist, Goodrich, N. D.
- Dec. 11-16 Immanuel Baptist, Beulah, N. D.
- Dec. 17-31 Christmas Vacation

1967

- Jan. 1-8 First Baptist, Steamboat Rock, Iowa
- Jan. 10-19 Sherwood Park, Greeley, Colo.
- Jan. 22-29 First Baptist, Paul, Idaho
- Feb. 1-8 Swain Oaks Baptist, Stockton, Calif.
- Feb. 5-10 Temple Baptist, Lodi, Calif.
- Feb. 12-17 Willow Rancho Baptist, Sacramento, Calif.
- Feb. 19-24 First Baptist, Lodi, Calif.
- Feb. 26-March 3 Elk Grove Baptist, Elk Grove, Calif. Lincoln Village Baptist, Sacramento, Calif.
- March 6-11 Spring Vacation
- March 12-19 A. M. Salt Creek Baptist, Dallas, Ore.
- March 19 P. M.-26 A. M. Riviera Baptist, Salem, Ore.
- March 26 P. M.-April 2 Immanuel Baptist, Portland, Ore.
- April 5-16 West Side Baptist, Beatrice, Neb.
- April 18-30 Colonial Village Baptist, Lansing, Mich.
- May 2-14 Community Baptist, Xenia, Ohio

We thank God for dedicated Christian youth whose hearts are stirred with concern for the ministry of sharing Christ with others. God's Volunteers will give almost a year of their time without salary to do personal evangelism in our churches and to help inspire and train others for this great ministry. They deserve our fullest support in every way.

VOLUNTEERS PRAYER PARTNERS

Besides encouraging all of our members to pray for the work of God's Volunteers, we are hoping that there will be a goodly number in each church who will want to become God's Volunteers Prayer Partners. God's Volun-

CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS CORRECTION

The article, "The Crusade of the Americas," by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, which appeared in the Sept. 15 *Baptist Herald* on page 12, had a paragraph of material not written by Mr. Fuchs erroneously inserted in it. This paragraph is no. two beginning with line six through paragraph no. three under Declaration of Purpose on page 13.

The Declaration of Purpose of the Crusade of the Americas should read: The following declaration of purpose was adopted at Cali:

The Crusade of the Americas is a crusade involving Baptist Conventions in North America, Central America, South America, and the Islands. It has as its purpose: (1) the deepening of the spiritual life within the churches, homes, and individual Christians; (2) the evangelizing of the American continents; and (3) the establishing of true moral and spiritual bases for the betterment of mankind's economic, social, and physical welfare.

"New Testament evangelism is confronting individuals with the Good News of the redemptive will and work of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Its aim is the salvation of the total being of man in this age and in the age to come. This goal is effected through regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. In regeneration the believer receives a new nature whereby he becomes a child of God. Simultaneous he is sanctified or dedicated to the service of God. It is God's will that he should develop in this state of sanctification into a mature person in Christ who shall bear fruit unto God in the evangelizing of other men. Glorification is the full redemption of the body through the resurrection from the dead, and the fulness of Glory for the redeemed in heaven. The whole of evangelism is by grace through faith, meaning that God in Christ has done for man what neither he, anyone else, nor anything else can do for him."

"This declaration of purpose is an invitation to all Baptist Conventions in the Americas to join hearts and hands in the Crusade of the Americas. In the name of the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us go forth to confront lost souls with the good news of the Gospel of salvation."

teers Prayer Partners may fill out an enlistment form and send it to the Department of Evangelism, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, together with a contribution of \$5 toward the support of God's Volunteers program. In return, these Prayer Partners will receive a God's Volunteers Prayer Partner's card and a Prayer Itinerary so that they may pray more effectively for the various campaigns where God's Volunteers will minister. Please see your pastor about a Prayer Partner's enlistment form or write to our Department of Evangelism in Forest Park.



Mr. Roger A. Dermody

WATCHING THE 300 boys depart from the CPC compound in August, with their every earthly belonging in a trunk perched securely on their heads, we found it hard to believe that this day had brought the end to our first year here in Cameroon. Insistent questions entered our minds. What had we accomplished this year? What, if any, bit of knowledge had we been able to impart to these boys from which they could draw spiritual strength, as they left the sheltered environment of CPC to travel to their remote villages? At a time so critical in the molding of their spiritual characters, how could we have better reached them? With these thoughts we waved our last good-bye and wished them a safe journey to their villages.

INTELLECTUAL DEMANDS

Cameroon Protestant College, located in the lush green rolling grasslands of Bali, West Cameroon, is unique among our mission schools in that it is run co-operatively by both the Basel Mission of Switzerland and our Cameroon Baptist Mission. Boarding here for ten months each year are 300 Cameroonian boys, ages 14-19. CPC offers its students a five year-secondary school course preparing them for the University of London General Certificate of Education Examinations, (G.C.E.) to be taken at the end of their fifth year. The boys have a heavy academic load, taking as many as ten subjects at a time including English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Bible, Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry. It is a respectable assignment for any student, anywhere!

The successful completion of their five year course and subsequent passes in their G.C.E.'s. can open the door for further studies in various universities in Africa, Europe or the U.S.A. For this reason, the boys are very conscious of the exams that await them at the end of the fifth year and are thus insistent that any material covered in class pertain specifically to

FROM HEAD TO HEART

by Roger and Joan Dermody,
missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa



Mrs. Joan Dermody

this examination. Their intellectual demands are urgent and constant. But what of the spiritual demand?

SPIRITUAL DEMANDS

The boys come here with a good knowledge of the Bible, having had the Bible as one of their textbooks in Primary School. Most boys are nominal Christians. Thus, we have the opportunity as well as a responsibility to lead them to a deepening and broadening of the spiritual lives. Would that they demanded as much of us spiritually as they do of us in the classroom intellectually.

While in CPC, each boy takes five years of Bible, beginning with the Old Testament the first two years, the Letters of Paul and Church History in year three, the Synoptic Gospels in year four and the Acts of the Apostles and general examination preparation in the last year, class five. By class four, most boys feel quite learned about the scriptures and can quote many scripture passages to defend their personal points of view. In addition to the Bible classes, the boys are exposed daily to morning and evening prayers, Sunday services and Sunday Afternoon Bible Study. The result of all these opportunities to increase their spiritual growth is that many of the boys say they feel over-exposed. They feel quite confident that they are well versed in the content of the Scriptures wherein they can recognize the characteristics essential in Christian living. The boys have a "head knowledge" of Christianity, but it is our responsibility to assist in transforming this knowledge into a meaningful personal experience. The unyielding pressures of their traditional way of life make this transition from head to heart a true challenge.

FROM HEAD TO HEART

The students at Bali are keenly observant. They are quite critical in their comparisons of the various members of staff, whether Peace Corps, I.V.S., French Volunteers, Cameroonian

or Missionary, and candid in their questioning as they strive to find their own way. Although we are a mission school, a large percentage of our staffing needs are supplied by the various secular volunteer programs rather than by missionaries. For this reason God calls upon us to give of our best. It is our prayerful concern that the Lord leads and directs us in our every word and deed.

It has been our experience that approaching the boys on a one-to-one basis or in small groups is by far the best way to lead them in their convictions. We, therefore, try to welcome the boys into our home at any time or to engage them in casual conversation, as we feel so much can be gained and so many questions come out that might otherwise remain unasked if left to the academic environment. When speaking to the students about morals or the practice of polygamy that exists in their society, they know that some of their customs are in conflict with biblical teachings, but to adapt this knowledge to their own personal behaviour poses questions in even the most sincere minds. One of our class four boys sat in our living room not long ago discussing just these things with us and admitted that, humanly speaking, in regard to questions of polygamy and other social mores, he just did not know how he would act when these things faced him personally, although he was well aware of what the Bible taught.

This problem of knowing the right thing and failing to do it is certainly nothing new to any of us; instead it is a situation facing every person striving to lead a Christian life—a problem that confronted even the Apostle Paul where in Romans 7 he writes, "I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good that I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. . . . Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" And the answer to the Apostle Paul, as well

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The Conquering Faith in This Age of Crises

The Tentative Program of the 35th North American Baptist General Conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan, July 10-16, 1967

CONFERENCE THEME

THE CONQUERING FAITH IN THIS AGE OF CRISIS

Text: "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (I John 5:5).

THEME SONG

"Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,"
Hymn No. 321,
North American Hymnal

CONFERENCE MODERATOR

Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

CONFERENCE VICE-MODERATOR

Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCER

Mr. Vernon C. Heckman, Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

CONFERENCE ORGANISTS

Mrs. Andrew Gabor, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
Dr. Herbert H. Pankratz, Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

PLACE

DAYTIME SESSIONS:

Central Methodist Church, Woodward at Grand Circus Park, 23 East Adams. Phone: 965-5422

EVENING SESSIONS:

Ford Auditorium, 20 East Jefferson. Phone: 965-0430.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 1967

7:30 P. M. OPENING SESSION
Theme: "The Conquering Faith in This Age of Crisis."
Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link, Professor of History and Music, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Eugene Stroh, Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Michigan.

Anthem

Prayer

Rev. Adolph Braun, Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan.

Conference Announcements

Mr. Vernon C. Heckman, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Address of Welcome

Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements: Mr. Irvin Draewell, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Response

Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator.

General Conference Offering

Hymn By The Congregation

Keynote Message:

"The Church and the Changing World."

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Hymn By The Congregation

Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Albert H. Fadenrecht, Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan.

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1967

TUESDAY DAY SESSIONS

Song Leader: Mr. Alfred Schultz, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

9:00-9:30 A. M. MISSIONARY MOMENTS AND MEDITATION

Theme: "Faith to Teach and Heal."
Leader: Rev. John Benham, First Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota.
Missionary Participants: Mr. E. K. Martin, West Cameroon, West Africa; Dr. Lothar Lichtenfeld, West Cameroon, West Africa.

9:30-9:35 A. M. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator.

9:35-9:55 A. M. MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Dr. A. Dale Ihrie.

9:55-10:55 A. M. THE GENERAL COUNCIL REPORTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, in charge.

10:55-11:00 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

11:00-11:30 A. M. FRATERNAL GREETINGS

11:30-12:00 NOON THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Prof. Gerald L. Borchert, Professor of New Testament, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 11, 1967

2:00-2:15 P. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Leader: Rev. John Ziegler, Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio.

2:15-2:45 P. M. PROGRESS THROUGH THE PRINTED PAGE

Rev. Eldon L. Janzen, Business Manager of the Publication Society, in charge.

2:45-3:00 P. M. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dr. John H. McCombe, Executive Secretary of Church Relations, American Bible Society, New York, New York.

3:00-4:00 P. M. HIGHER EDUCATION

Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, in charge.

TUESDAY EVENING, July 11, 1967

7:30 P. M. EVENING SESSION

Theme: "Facing the Great Social Issues of Our Day."

Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator.

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Chester Dundas, Community Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Anthem

Prayer

Dr. Jack Scott, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Our Ministry of Stewardship

Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, in charge.

General Conference Offering

Conference Announcements

Hymn by the Congregation

Address:

"Facing the Great Social Issues of our Day."

The Honorable John Diefenbaker, former Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.

Hymn by the Congregation

Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Frank Walker, Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Michigan.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 12, 1967

7:00 A. M. NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY ALUMNI BREAKFAST.

Place to be announced.

WEDNESDAY DAY SESSIONS

Song Leader: Rev. Richard Grabke, Cypress Baptist Church, Alderwood Manor, Washington.

9:00-9:30 A. M. MISSIONARY MOMENTS AND MEDITATION

Theme: "Faith to Work Among Minority Groups."

Leader: Rev. Robert F. Penner, Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan.

Missionaries: Rev. David Keiry, Spanish-American Missions, Del Norte, Colorado; Rev. David Harrison, Indian Mission, Ponoka, Alberta.

9:30-10:30 A. M. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Topic: "Our World—Our Answers."
Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, in charge.

10:30-10:50 A. M. BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

10:50-10:55 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:55-11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30-12:00 NOON THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Prof. Gerald L. Borchert.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12, 1967

Wednesday afternoon will be free for all General Conference delegates and visitors to make their own plans or to go on various guided tours in Detroit and vicinity.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 1967

7:30 P. M. EVENING SESSION

Theme: "Affirmations of Our Faith."
Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator.

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Elmo Tahrán, Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Anthem

Prayer

Rev. Allan Strohschein, Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Our Ministry In Higher Education

Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, in charge.

General Conference Offering

Conference Announcements

Hymn By The Congregation

Address:

"Affirmations of Our Faith."

The Honorable William R. Tolbert, Jr., Vice President of Liberia and the President of the Baptist World Alliance.

Hymn by the Congregation

Prayer and Benediction

Mr. Leslie Howell, First Baptist Church, Utica, Michigan.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 13, 1967

7:00 A. M. CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Place to be announced.

THURSDAY DAY SESSIONS

Song Leader: Mrs. Walter Kohrs, First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas.

9:00-9:30 A. M. MISSIONARY MOMENTS AND MEDITATION

Theme: "Faith to Meet Cultural Crises."

Leader: Rev. Arthur Boymook, First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Missionaries: Rev. Edwin C. Kern, Japan; Rev. Fred G. Moore, Japan.

9:30-10:30 A. M. EXPANDED MISSION HORIZONS

Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, in charge.

10:30-10:35 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:35-11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30-12:00 NOON THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Prof. Gerald L. Borchert.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 13, 1967

12:45 P. M. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION LUNCHEON

Place to be announced.
Presiding: Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, President, Lorraine, Kansas.

Speaker
Mrs. W. Norman Haupt, West Cameroon, West Africa.

Program to be announced.

12:45 P. M. BAPTIST MEN LUNCHEON

Place to be announced.

Presiding: Mr. Stanley C. Johnson, President, Tacoma, Washington.

Program to be inserted.

12:45 P. M. MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Place to be announced.
Presiding: Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, President, Ridgewood, New York.

Program to be inserted.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 13, 1967

7:30 P. M. EVENING SESSION

Theme: "Christian Morals in an Uncertain Age."

Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Moderator.

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Scripture Reading
Rev. Donald Richter, Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Anthem
Prayer

Rev. Ruben Herrmann, Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

Our Campus Ministry
Rev. John Binder, Director of Youth Work, in charge.

General Conference Offering
Conference Announcements
Hymn By The Congregation

Address:
"Christian Morals in an Uncertain Age."

Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, Pasadena, California.

Hymn By The Congregation
Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Ronald Mayforth, West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 14, 1967

7:00 A. M. PASTORS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST.

Place to be announced.

7:00 A. M. DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BREAKFAST.

Place to be announced.

FRIDAY DAY SESSIONS

Song Leader: Rev. Ervin B. Strauss, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, British Columbia.

9:00-9:30 A. M. MISSIONARY MOMENTS AND MEDITATION

Theme: "Faith to Train and Preach" (Evangelistic Ministry).



Leader: Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Missionaries: Rev. Lloyd E. Kwast, West Cameroon, West Africa; Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, West Cameroon, West Africa.

9:30-9:50 A. M. MINISTRY OF OUR HOMES FOR THE AGING

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Director of Adult Work, in charge.

9:50-10:05 A. M. BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.

10:05-10:10 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:10-11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30-12:00 NOON THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Prof. Gerald L. Borchert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 14, 1967

2:00-3:30 P. M. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PROGRAM

Presiding: Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, President.

Speakers

Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, West Cameroon, West Africa; Mrs. Robert Sandoval, Spanish American Work, Texas.

Program to be announced.

3:30 P. M. MISSIONARY TEA

Place to be announced.

Sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Program to be announced.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 14, 1967

7:30 P. M. EVENING SESSION

Theme: "Bringing Christ to Modern Man."

Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Moderator.

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Loren Weber, First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

Anthem

Prayer

Rev. Kenneth C. Fenner, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Our Ministry Through Missions, Evangelism and Church Extension

Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, in charge.

General Conference Offering

Conference Announcements

Hymn By The Congregation

Address: "Bringing Christ to Modern Man."

Evangelist Mel Dibble, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hymn By The Congregation

Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann, Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1967

7:00 A. M. MISSIONARIES' BREAKFAST

Place to be announced.

SATURDAY DAY SESSIONS

Song Leader:

9:00-9:40 A. M. DEVOTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL SESSION

Theme: "An Experience Which Strengthened My Faith."

Leader: Rev. John Wollenberg, Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

Three Testimonies: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George W. Zinz, Jr., Fort Dix, New Jersey; Miss Irma Bergstresser, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rev. Kenneth Howe, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

9:40-10:00 A. M. MEMORIAL SERVICE

Leader: Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

10:00-12:00 NOON CONFERENCE BUSINESS

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and Miss Ida Forsch, West Cameroon, West Africa.

(2) High School and College.

Teacher: Mr. W. Norman Haupt, West Cameroon, West Africa.

Adult Department

Leader: Rev. William Christensen, Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst, New York.

Teacher: Prof. Arnold Rapske, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

10:45 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Place: Statler Hilton Hotel Auditorium.

Presiding: Rev. Everett Barker, First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas.

Hymn By The Congregation

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Donald Decker, Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas.

Special Musical Number

Prayer

Rev. Joseph Hoden, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey.

General Conference Offering

Announcements

Hymn By The Congregation

Sermon

Dr. Bernard Schalm, Professor of New Testament and Psychology, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

Hymn By The Congregation

Prayer and Benediction

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

*SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
JULY 16, 1967*

3:00 P. M. CLOSING SESSION

Place: Ford Auditorium.

Presiding: Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Moderator.

Congregational Singing

Song Leader: Prof. Edward B. Link.

Organist: Mrs. Andrew Gabor.

Scripture Reading

Rev. E. R. Oster, First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas

Prayer

Rev. Lorimer D. Potratz, First Baptist Church, Corina, South Dakota.

Installation of New Officers

Rev. H. J. Waltereit Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Michigan. Chairman of the General Conference Program Committee.

Presentation of New Missionaries

Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, in charge.

Commissioning Prayer

General Conference Offering

Conference Announcements

Dramatic Presentation

To be prepared by the Christian Training Institute.

Prayer and Benediction

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

German Services

SATURDAY EVENING,
JULY 15, 1967

7:30 P. M.

Place: Statler Hilton Hotel Audi-

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torium.

Presiding: Rev. John E. Grygo, Editor of German Publications.

Song Leader: Rev. Manfred Taubensee, Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Scripture

Rev. Fred Merke, Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Prayer

Rev. Robert L. Kluttig, Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Testimony

Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld, Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa.

Offering

Speaker

Rev. Erwin Babel, Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Special Music

Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Alfred Luck, Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, Ontario.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 16, 1967

11:00 A. M.

Place: Ridgmont Baptist Church, 16435 Eight Mile Road, East Detroit,

Special Youth Activities

at the 35th General Conference

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 11, 1967

4:00-4:45 P. M. YOUTH WORKSHOP

Leaders: Rev. Raymond Harsch, Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo.; Rev. Ray Niederer, Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. John Ziegler, Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio.

Topic: "Sharing Youth Programs and Activities."

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 11, 1967

YOUTH GET-ACQUAINTED FELLOWSHIP.

Time: After Evening Session.

Planned by: Local Committee on Youth Activities.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12, 1967

TOUR TO FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 12, 1967

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

Time: After Evening Session.

Theme: "Estes Park Youth Congress Echoes."

Leaders: Rev. John Binder, Rev. Ray Harsch, Rev. John Ziegler.

Congress Youth participating.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 13, 1967

4:00-4:45 P. M. YOUTH WORKSHOP

Topic "Understanding Ourselves."

Speaker: Dr. Clyde M. Narramore,

Michigan.

Speaker

Rev. Richard Hohensee, Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

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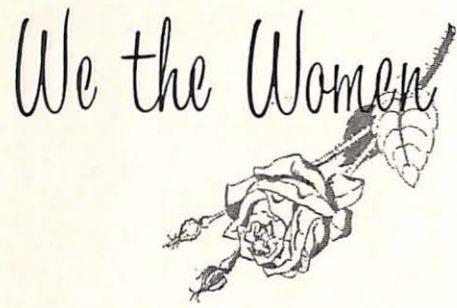
by Rev. Fred L. Paul
of St. Paul, Minnesota

MANY ADULT Christians today, as they look back upon their lives, thank God for the Christian home in which they were privileged to be born. I, too, had that good fortune and thank God for the Christian training that was ours in the home, as well as in the church at Fessenden, N. D., where my father officiated at the organ (the kind you pedal with your feet for wind) for forty years, with mother as a "pinch hitter" on occasion.

On July 4, 1914, at the tender age of nine years, I left off shooting fire crackers, and other holiday activities with my playmates, and went into the house with severe abdominal pains, thinking that a little rest would dispel the pain, and I would be back outdoors to continue the celebration. But this was not the case, for my illness turned out to be acute appendicitis resulting in peritonitis, before I could be taken to the hospital at Harvey, N. D. For several days after the operation I hung in the balance between life and death. But God answered the prayers of my parents and of many friends, I am sure, and my life was spared. The following year I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Of-ten times since, when I have reflected on those many weeks I spent in the hospital, I have felt that God spared my life at that time that I might be used in his service. This I have tried to do, although I confess that I have not always been his most profitable servant.

After graduating from high school I found my way to St. Paul, Minn. Since all the services in the Fessenden church were in the German language, which, however, was rarely spoken in our home, I had determined to seek out an English speaking church in the big city. Because the people I first lived with in St. Paul had previously been members of the Fessenden church, I naturally went with them the first Sunday to the First German Baptist Church, now the Dayton's Bluff Baptist. Due to the warm reception I received from the pastor's two sons, I went back the next Sunday, and for a few years the pastor's home was sort of a second home for me on Sundays. I am sure that it was because of this turn of events that I remained in Dayton's Bluff Church which down through

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

THANKS-LIVING

The observance of a special day of Thanksgiving is a beautiful and blessed tradition. I think its origin reflects the mighty faith of the Pilgrim Fathers. Without this faith, they might have perished in the untold hardships of that first year in the new world. In their poverty and discouragements, they remembered their blessings. They had not forgotten the persecutions of the old world out of which they had come, and they now gratefully leaned upon God to provide. In the reverent observance of Thanksgiving, they found values which strengthened and inspired them.

The Pilgrim's story reminds us of Paul. In the midst of the hurricane, when the storm-battered vessel was wrestling with the sea, Paul was able to give thanks, because he had faith in the promise that God had given him. Despite hardships, persecution, lonely hours, imprisonment, beatings, and not having the 'thorn in the flesh' removed, there is a spirit of thanksgiving going through all of Paul's epistles which shows his attitude toward life. "But thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory" . . . "Giving thanks always for all things" . . . "In everything give thanks." When one asks how he could do it, we know that it was not the circumstances with which he was surrounded, but instead it was the In-dwelling Presence which was the source of his life.

Since Paul's constant mood of thanksgiving was based on his inward attitude toward life, perhaps we, too, should discipline ourselves so that we might constantly have that inner attitude of thanksgiving unto our Heavenly Father in all that life brings to us.

There are many people on our continent and in our world today who have an attitude opposite this attitude of gratitude. These people who are the least grateful are also the unhappy people. Americans are accused of over-criticizing themselves, for it seems that many people read the morning paper just to see how bad things are and to get fresh ideas for criticism. A father who had this attitude was asked a question by his small son. "What is the shape of the earth, Daddy?" The father replied, "Son, it's in the worst shape it's ever been in." It seems we train ourselves to see in life what we

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The Minister's Workshop

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

by Prof. J. Walter Goltz of the Christian Training Institute Faculty,
Edmonton, Alberta

THE NEW EVANGELISM

WE ARE HEARING a great deal today about the so-called "new morality." It has been pointed out by many that this "new morality" is nothing but the old immorality which has existed from the beginning of time, but which has now been revived and apparently made much more appealing.

Underlying and often accompanying the "new morality" is what is sometimes called the "new evangelism." This basically consists in the approach that if we are going to win individuals to Christ one by one, then the Church is hopelessly lost. We are told that we need to scrap the old individualistic approach to salvation and, in its place, substitute a more generalized social concern. In this article we would like to consider three of the major weak points of the new evangelism which would lead to its rejection by evangelical Christians. These are the failure to take into account (1) the power of Satan, (2) the power of the world, and (3) the power of the Gospel.

THE POWER OF SATAN

The proponents of the "new evangelism," if they believe in the existence of Satan at all, would say that even if there is such a creature as a personal devil, we really do not need to worry about him, because, after all, Christ is Lord of the world, and the only real power is God's power.

But Paul did not believe that. In writing to the Ephesians he says, "in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). And in Ephesians 6 he reminds us of the great power of Satan when he says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

This thought of the power of Satan is further reinforced by some of the other epistles. James 4:7 instructs us: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." I Peter 5:8 warns us to "Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith."

In order to be effective in our Christian lives today, we can never pretend

that the demonic is non-existent, for this does not do justice to the picture which we have in the New Testament. There the powers of evil are regarded as being real. We are instructed to pray, day by day, for grace to defeat and overcome them.

THE POWER OF THE WORLD

Secondly, the "new evangelism" blurs the distinction between the Christian and the non-Christian, between the saved and the unsaved. We are instructed not to tell people that they need to be saved but rather to tell them that they are already saved, that they are already in God's Kingdom, and the only difference between them and us is that they do not know it, while we do.

Unfortunately, this blurring of distinctions is finding its way into our evangelical churches. The things of the world are being increasingly accepted and condoned by Christians. One of the most disturbing statements which is heard again and again is that if something does not bother you then it is all right to go ahead and do it. The proper test, though, is not whether it offends my conscience, because my conscience may be uneducated, or it may be hardened from long neglect or abuse. The proper test is not whether other Christians are doing it or condoning it, for the majority is not always right. The proper test is not even whether it violates my understanding of Scripture, for my understanding may be far too meager. In our day of such woeful lack of knowledge of the Scripture, we need to come back to a consistent and persistent study of the Bible in order that we may be equipped to apply it to life.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

The "new evangelism" finally says that the old message of personal redemption through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ upon the cross is outworn and outmoded. This is regarded as a relic of our immature past.

It is in this day and in this situation that the words of Scripture come to us with increasing force and meaning and remind us that God has decreed that men should be saved through the simple preaching of the Gospel. Paul says, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18). He then continues: "Jews call for miracles, Greeks look for wisdom; but we proclaim Christ—yes, Christ nailed to the cross; and though this is a stumbling

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THERE IS A definite relationship between committed Christian living and interest in missionary outreach. A church that is mission-minded is a church which has taken the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ seriously. It is a fellowship of people whose hearts have been filled with the divine love and compassion which motivated the greatest missionary we know to come into the world in order to seek and save that which was lost.

In order to encourage more Christians to become a part of the supply line that extends to the borders of missionary operation, church leaders and workers must give serious consideration to the question as to how missions might more effectively be promoted in the local church. Let us consider some suggestions which have proved to be fruitful in a program of missionary education in many churches.

THROUGH SPOKEN WORD

Missionary interest and concern can, first of all, be engendered through the preaching and teaching ministry of the church. The pastor must frequently



RESOURCE IDEAS
FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Now We Are 88. Good missionary books can be publicized, reviewed or purchased for the church library. Letters obtainable from headquarters can be passed around, posted, read, or even printed and inserted in the church bulletin. A church with a growing mission concern will have periodic training courses in missions. *Opening Doors to Japan, At God's Command* (Dunger), *Studies in Acts* (Fallis), or *Man to Man* (Archibald) make appropriate text books.

Many good missionary films are available to challenge and inform. We have a Visual Aids Department at Forest Park from which slides and moving

can be set up in conspicuous places within the church building. A colorful map of the world surrounded with pictures of our missionaries makes an attractive display. Mission stations where our missionaries are laboring could very strikingly be indicated with small lights.

THROUGH STEP AND VOLUNTEERS

Missionary interest is greatly increased through the implementation of our STEP program. It is only as our people learn and practice the principles of biblical stewardship that we will have the means with which to extend our missionary outreach. Christians who heartily respond to the challenge of missions will immediately see the close relationship existing between missions and stewardship. Missions is the great purpose for promoting and practicing stewardship.

Plan a series of services with "God's Volunteers." These dedicated teams composed of our very own young people will do much to inspire your church concerning evangelism and missions. The attitudes of many people toward evangelism and missions will change, as they respond to the example and encouragement of these dedicated young lives in action. Many of our pastors and missionaries have come from the ranks of our "God's Volunteers" teams.

THROUGH EMPHASES AT HOME

Missionary education is not, however, to be restricted to the church program. An emphasis on missions must be placed before the children in their homes. Parents must continue to promote missions through discussions, prayers, pictures, letters, books, magazines and displays. It is at this point where the church program is really implemented and bears fruit.

As a pastor, it has been thrilling to see how generously people have responded when they were made aware of the needs and opportunities of missions. A continued planned, informative, interesting and enthusiastic missionary educational program will very definitely result in increased missionary concern and giving among our people. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35), and again, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37)."

Missionary Education in the Church

by Rev. Edgar B. Wesner,
Calvary Baptist Church,
Stafford, Kansas

present a missionary message or even a series of missionary messages that would be informative and inspiring. Sunday school teachers and youth leaders have excellent opportunities to acquaint young people with the missionary ministry of the church. Illustrations, statistics, brochures, stories, pictures, maps, letters, tapes and news items can very profitably be utilized in preaching and teaching about missions.

Youth groups need to be encouraged to consider mission subjects and projects. From time to time an evening service with a missionary theme can be sponsored by the youth of the church. Skits and plays are very effective in communicating missionary needs and opportunities. Young people need to be encouraged to carry out missionary projects which would aid our missionaries and church extension pastors. Missions ought always to be emphasized at youth camps and retreats. Here the urgency of the need and the challenge of the call can simply and clearly be presented with opportunity for response.

THROUGH LITERATURE

Our people need to be encouraged to read and study missionary literature beginning with the *Baptist Herald* and

pictures of our own mission fields can be obtained. The new film strip, "The Wilson's Discovery," will be very helpful in indoctrinating new members and informing our churches concerning our missionary outreach.

A large place ought to be given to missionaries on furlough. They need adequate opportunity to present particulars of their fields in message and picture to the church and its organizations. Missionary conferences among several area churches have often proved to be very inspiring.

THROUGH GIVING

Missionary giving can frequently be published in church bulletins. Increases or decreases in giving can be pointed out. Every church needs to set mission goals, and these goals must be held up before the people to encourage them in their giving. These goals ought to be increased substantially every year until they reflect real missionary concern and compassion.

THROUGH PRAYER

Missionaries must frequently be remembered in prayer. The "missionaries of the week" as indicated in *Moments With God* can be referred to in the church bulletin. These missionaries can be remembered during the pastoral prayer, mid-week service, and daily devotions. Entire prayer meetings need to be given over to missionary themes and needs.

Missionary displays of various types



Sunday School Lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 27, 1966

Theme: A DARING FAITH

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:2, 6-7, 9-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Faith is not trust when everything goes right, but when everything seems to go wrong.

INTRODUCTION: Last week's study was centered on Jeremiah's message to the exiles in Babylon. This week his message and prophecy is directed primarily to those Jews who lived in and around Jerusalem.

Since Jeremiah's writings are not arranged in chronological order, it is sometimes a little difficult to follow the sequence of events which led to the siege of Jerusalem, the destruction and capture of the city and the deportation of the best and most talented and influential of its citizens.

Today's background material is related to the final siege of Jerusalem which lasted for almost two years and brought unspeakable suffering and privation upon the people. According to II Kings 25 a breach was finally made into the city, and the king Zedekiah, tried to escape. He was captured, cruelly tortured and finally died in prison. Under Zedekiah, Jeremiah was put into prison, because he prophesied the fall of Jerusalem. After his prophecy proved true and the Babylonians burned the city, Jeremiah was set free and worked with Gadhala, a remarkable man, whom the invaders made governor in order to encourage the people in their time of tragedy. Under their leadership they rallied, planted a crop and gathered a fairly good harvest.

Jeremiah's subsequent chapters 30-34, became known as hope chapters, even though generally he is often referred to as the weeping prophet.

I. DOWN BUT NOT OUT. Jeremiah 32:2.

Zedekiah expected that Jeremiah would have a message of hope for the preservation of Jerusalem. But when such a message was not forthcoming, the prophet was imprisoned. Yet in prison he remained hopeful, not because of his circumstances but in spite of them. Like Paul in the Roman prison and John Bunyan in Bedford jail the prophet discovered that "Stone walls do not a prison make."

II. DARK BUT NOT BLACK. Jeremiah 32:6-7.

While Jeremiah was still in prison and the siege had again begun by the Chaldeans, the word of the Lord came to him. He was made aware of the fact

that one of his relatives would visit him and seek his help in retaining possession of the family estate. What a dark time to think about buying land, whether it was for the purpose of Mosaic redemption or not (Lev. 25:25). Jeremiah, however, was in business with God, and he was sure that the transaction would not fail.

III. BANKRUPT BUT NOT POOR. Jeremiah 32:9-14.

Perhaps the spectators thought the deal a little queer. Here was the well-known prophet who was given permission to buy the land, under guard, while Judah was being attacked. Because of the insecurity of the times, real estate investors thought this was surely a poor investment in times like these and perhaps even thought of Jeremiah as a fool. But his real investment was not in land but in faith in God, and this would never make him poor.

IV. SIGHTLESS BUT NOT BLIND. Jeremiah 32:15-17.

The fact that he gave this transaction as much publicity as possible is an indication that he looked upon his calling as a prophet seriously. He was a minister of encouragement, giving quietness and confidence to people who were filled with fear and insecurity. They needed hope when there seemed to be no hope. In the midst of the clouds of doom all around them there were still rays of hope and love visible from above.

There is nothing risky about faith and obedience. It will always turn out for our good. Only to the one who is weak in faith does the act of faith seem to involve risk.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it easy to follow a person who has a strong faith?
2. Think and discuss some foolish "deals" in history which have turned out to be of great profit or blessing.
3. How many people's faith was strengthened, do you think, through Jeremiah's transaction?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 4, 1966

Theme: PROPHECIES OF PEACE

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: In time of trouble and conflict a revelation of peace can come from God only to a man who is divinely prepared to receive and believe such a revelation.

INTRODUCTION: We return to the prophecies of Isaiah in order to prepare us for the coming of Christ at Christ-

mas. These lessons are a fitting introduction to the story of the birth of Jesus and should give us a better understanding of the deep desires and hopes in the hearts of many of the Jews, for a promised Savior and Redeemer.

There may be some discussion as to how far Isaiah envisioned the future and to what extent all of this would take place. Some of those who listened to him may have had only a restoration of a political kingdom in their minds. The rest of the world mattered little to them as long as Jerusalem and Judah would again reach the glory and the heights established by David.

However, if we take a more intelligent and enlightened look at Isaiah's vision we can say with a measure of assurance that God had much more in mind. No doubt God had and continues to have an interest in his chosen people. But his highest purpose must include the world, for it is his and he made it. Therefore, Isaiah may also be describing the nature of the kingdom of God upon the earth as well as his rule in the hearts and minds of those who dare to believe in him. Isaiah's prophecy also goes beyond redemption to his return to the earth at his second coming. In the shadow of all of this impending doom this is indeed a prophecy of peace which no ordinary man can proclaim. It can come only by the revelation of God to a man who was divinely prepared to receive and believe such a revelation.

I. THE OBJECT OF OUR PEACE. Isaiah 11:1-2.

By the time Jesus was born, the Davidic family tree was so humbled and had so little distinction among the elite of the Jews that no one took particular notice of it. Joseph in his carpenter shop was far removed from any vestige of royalty. Perhaps most of his friends and neighbors never even were aware of the fact that there was any royal blood in him. His family tree was nothing but a "stump" which was cut off many years ago, and no one expected it to grow and thrive again. Joseph, the carpenter, was looked on with contempt by the scribes and Pharisees.

The Spirit of God made the great difference. He would rest upon Christ continually. He would be the perfect "David." The best was not in the past but in the future.

II. THE FOUNDATION OF PEACE. Isaiah 11:3-5.

It was difficult in Isaiah's time to imagine a world of righteousness and peace. The poor and the helpless had very little opportunity for justice, and

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Dr. Woyke New Public Affairs Chairman



The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in its semi-annual meeting, elected Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as its new chairman. Dr. Woyke, the Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, succeeds Walter Pope Binns who has served as chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee for the past three years. Dr. Woyke has been a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for 23 years since 1948.

• **Pastor Arthur Gerdawischke** of Germany became the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, during this past summer.

• **Rev. E. R. Oster** has presented his resignation to the Baptist Church, Leola, S. D., effective Nov. 27, 1966. He has accepted the call to the First Baptist church, Bison, Kan.

• **Rev. Paul Deal**, assistant to the pastor at the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., has resigned from this position and has taken a pastorate outside of the NAB Conference.

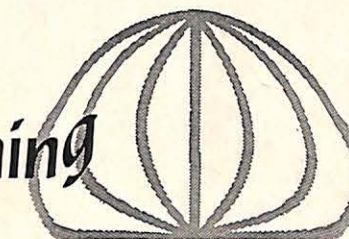
• **Rev. Fritz R. Goliath**, pastor of the Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alta., since 1965, has resigned and accepted the call to become the pastor

Church, Portland, Ore., effective November 1. He has assumed the pastorate of a church in the American Baptist Convention.

• **Rev. Mark Fey** has resigned from the pastorate of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash. He plans to study at the University of Puget Sound.

• **Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grabke** of Cypress, Wash., announce the birth of a son, Sheldon Vaughn Richard, on Sept. 30, 1966. Rev. Grabke is the pastor of the Alderwood Manor Baptist Church.

what's happening



of the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta., as of Nov. 6, 1966.

• **Rev. William E. Christensen** has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst (Buffalo), New York. He has served the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., since 1959.

• **Dr. John Wobig** of Portland, Ore., accepted the position of interim pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash. He began his ministry there Oct. 2.

• **Mr. Mervin Noah** has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. D., and the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. D. He had been serving these churches on a temporary basis since the past summer.

• **Rev. Arthur K. Schulz** has resigned as the pastor of the Bethany Baptist

• **Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Auch** announce the birth of a boy, David Maurice, on Sept. 18, 1966. Mr. Auch is the pastor of the Anamoose Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. D.

• **Rev. Milton Zeb**, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., since 1960, has submitted his resignation to the church effective Nov. 27. He begins as pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 11.

• **Rev. Wilbert D. Dachtler**, pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D., since 1963, has resigned from this pastorate and accepted the call to become the pastor of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. D. He began his ministry on Nov. 1 in Minot.

SEPTEMBER 1966 CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONF.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Sept. 1966	Sept. 1965	Sept. 1964
Atlantic	\$ 4,367.87	\$ 3,905.87	\$ 4,311.93
Central	15,929.56	17,270.82	18,613.86
Dakota	9,460.86	15,494.70	14,585.73
Eastern	3,268.00	2,094.86	419.76
Northern	3,496.82	6,371.16	7,181.58
Northwestern	12,905.71	12,090.68	10,282.49
Pacific	19,318.75	6,595.27	14,146.83
Southern	514.37	896.19	722.15
Southwestern	5,331.74	2,299.16	6,144.40
Inter-Conference	4,926.81	1,758.00	2,120.45
Total Contributions	\$ 79,520.49	\$ 68,776.71	\$ 78,529.18

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of Sept. 1966	\$ 73,789.06	\$ 5,731.43	\$ 79,520.49
For the month of Sept., 1965	65,224.41	3,552.30	68,776.71
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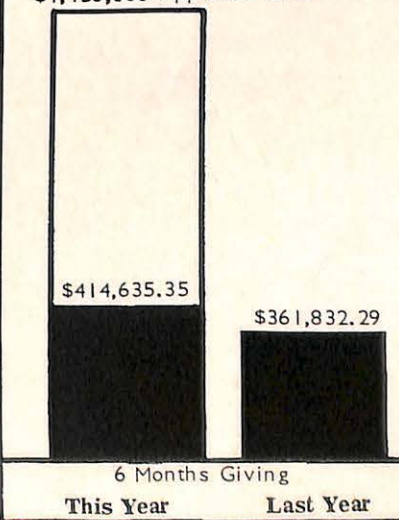
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1966, to Sept. 30, 1966	\$381,351.22	\$ 33,284.13	\$414,635.35
April 1, 1965, to Sept. 30, 1965	341,743.65	20,088.64	361,832.29
April 1, 1964, to Sept. 30, 1964	330,213.96	23,933.12	354,147.08

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. MISSION PROGRAM
April-September 1966

\$1,150,000 Approved Goal



OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS



Eighteen of the 19 new members recently received into the membership of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., by Rev. Arthur Boymook, (second row, first from right).

PHILADELPHIA, PA., FLEISCHMANN.

On June 26, following the evening worship service, a baptismal was held at the Fleischmann Memorial Church. Four candidates were baptized at that time by Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann. They were Mrs. Hazel Beck, Johanna Burnham, Deborah Brennan, and Diane Jackson. Due to illness in their families three other candidates had to postpone their baptism until July 10. These young people were Beverly Middleton, Shirley Middleton, and Ronald Grant.

On July 31 the hand of fellowship was extended to these new members and to Miss Florence L. Ashley, who joined by letter. A personal inspirational verse from the Bible was given to each new member as he or she was received into the Fellowship.

It is with great rejoicing and fervent prayer that we welcome these new members. May they continue to grow in their love for Jesus Christ and in their service for him. (C. M. McMeekin, Reporter.)



New members recently received into the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann.

GERMANTOWN, N. D. On Sunday, July 31, Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Church by the Highway, Germantown, N. D., was privileged to welcome 10 new members—eight by baptism and two by letter. Among them

was a former Catholic—a 16 year old young man of Spanish background.



Four persons recently baptized by Rev. Jacob Ehman and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D.

GOODRICH, N. D. Sunday morning, August 14, the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. D., had the joy of witnessing an out of door baptismal service at Coal Mine Lake. Rev. Jacob Ehman gave a fitting message based on Acts 8:26-39.

One adult and three young people entered the waters of baptism. During the evening service they were extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor. A solo was sung by Paul Sandau, son of Rev. and Mrs. Eleon Sandau of Branch, La., and a trio consisting of Mrs. Jacob Ehman and daughters, Dorothy and Debbie, also provided music. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter.)

HILDA, ALBERTA. On June 26 members and friends of the Hilda Baptist Church were blessed as our pastor, Rev. Rudy Rapske, baptized four young people and one adult. The same evening these people were given the hand of fellowship and received into the church at our communion service. May the Lord bless these members and grant them much joy as they grow spiritually.

On July 7 the Collegiate Choralaires from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, presented us with a very inspirational evening in song

and word. (Mrs. Alvin Reiling, Reporter.)

CHANCELLOR, S. D. A very fitting climax to the conclusion of the ministry of Rev. Norman Miller at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. D., was a baptismal service held on the Sunday night prior to his farewell message on July 31. A farewell program and fellowship hour was held July 28, at which time the congregation presented the pastor and his family with a love gift.

Those following the Lord in baptism were Mr. Richard Williams, Fran Hoogestraat, Lee Wiebersiek, Mark Miller and Dean Buseman. (Mrs. Herman Bartels, Reporter.)



In July five persons were baptized by Rev. Norman Miller in the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. D.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JAMESBURG, N. J. It is with gratitude and rejoicing that we look back upon the summer months. If we could point to one experience that is of lasting value, it would be a baptismal service and communion service held on a Sunday evening in July. At this service, thirteen people gave witness to their faith in Christ before the congregation which filled the sanctuary. Six others were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service which followed, making nineteen in all that were added to the church in Jamesburg.

During this time, we also faced the challenge of a growing Sunday school by purchasing a new parsonage, and thus releasing our former parsonage for much needed Sunday school classrooms. Members and friends visited the new parsonage at an "Open House" and were pleased with the spacious split-level home, which they were able to purchase in an area where we hope the church will be located in the future. Added to this experience was the fact of an unprecedented Vacation Bible School in which 150 were registered. Our more adequate facilities were greatly appreciated by all who taught and worked in our Bible School. We are grateful to be living in an area of challenge and opportunity and trust that we will be faithful in meeting this challenge. (Grace Epp, Reporter.)



Some of the equipment used by Mr. and Mrs. Doppler, Fleischmann Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa., in their Saturday Film Fellowships for children.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., FLEISCHMANN MEMORIAL. Mr. and Mrs. George Doppler of the Fleischmann Memorial Church present a Saturday Film Fellowship to the children of our church and the community about once a month. This is quite a unique program. Mr. Doppler, who is gifted in the electronics field, has animated dolls, lighting effects, and tape recordings to help present the program to the children.

The emphasis is on wholesome secular films and religious films. Recordings of music by God's Volunteers have been synchronized with films, too. Refreshments are served to the children by the family. It is a most enjoyable time for the children. Requests have come from other churches for Mr. and Mrs. Doppler to present their programs.

JAMESTOWN, N. D., TEMPLE. The cornerstone of Temple Baptist Church was dedicated and set in place at special services held Sunday afternoon at the site of the church, which is located at 4th Ave. N. W. About 125 members of the congregation and friends gathered together, sat in the main auditorium of the church on the new chairs which have been purchased, enjoyed organ selections by Mrs. Wolff and listened to the message which was delivered by Rev. N. E. McCoy, Jamestown's Radio Pastor. The organ was provided by Martins. The stone was set in place by members of the Board of trustees, Chairman Ruben Wolff and Archie Remboldt. Formal dedication of the new church will be held later this fall when the building is completed and ready for occupancy, at which time the congregation will begin to hold regular services in it. At present time, the congregation is worshipping in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Rev. I. H. Schmuland is the pastor. (Mrs. W. A. Taft, Reporter.)

BAILEYVILLE, ILL., FIRST. During the evening service on June 26 the First Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill. held a Commissioning Service for one of its sons, Elwyn Zimmerman, who is entering the Christian ministry. Dr. Richard Schilke from Forest Park, General Missionary Secretary, delivered a very fitting address.

Dr. Felts, a retired pastor from Freeport, Ill., also took part in the service. Prayer was offered by one of the

deacons and another deacon, the father of the candidate related how he and the mother had dedicated their son for special service at the time of his birth. The program also included two solos sung by two young people of the church, a testimony by the candidate, and the closing prayer ended a very impressive service. Refreshments were served after the service. Elwyn received a B. A. degree from Wheaton College. He attended Fuller Theological Seminary and the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., from which he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He is now the pastor of Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb. The prayers of his home church go with him. (Louisa Zimmerman, Reporter.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

HUTCHINSON, MINN. Vacation Bible School was held at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn.; August 22-26. The theme of the school was "God's Word for My Life." There were classes for all boys and girls from the age of three up to those going into the tenth grade. The program consisted of many varied activities among which were Bible and missionary stories, singing, games, handcraft, and other things.

The directors of the school were Mrs. Walter Froemming and Mrs. Robert Peters. The teachers and helpers were Mrs. Earl Davidson, Mrs. Robert Schwarze, Mrs. Ken Fratzke, Mrs. Vernon Jenson, Mrs. Bob Plowman, Mrs. Harlow Stillings, Pastor Pelzer, Mrs. Willard Block, Mrs. Leland Turner, Polly Jacobson, Kathy Fast, Shirley Peterson, Carol Miller, Mrs. Bruce Norton, Mrs. Melvin Ziemer, Mrs. Etan Pelzer, Mrs. Myron Ziemer, Kathy Turner, Gordon Goodmund, Mrs. Darrel Gander, and Mrs. Marlow Fratzke.

Many others helped by providing refreshments and by assisting in many other ways. (Etan Pelzer, Reporter.)

DICKINSON COUNTY, KAN. An old-fashioned Sunday school picnic on July 20 was the occasion for another observance of the centennial year of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Hope, Kan. The picnic was held in a grove on the Milton Jacobson farm.

After the basket dinner at noon, Mrs. Earl Rhodes, Sunday school superintendent, gave devotions. Rev. Edwin Walter extended greetings to the visitors and read a history of the picnics which Miss Lydia Kohrs had written. Harvey Ihde and Don Jacobson directed recreation. Throughout the day the young people sold refreshments.

Joining the congregation for the special occasion were several members of the Highland Park (Junction City) and Ebenezer churches and former members and friends from nine other

towns in Kansas and some from Alabama.

The planning committee was Walter Sandow, Mrs. Ernest Kohman, Mrs. Glee Anderson, and Howard Jacobson. The men of the congregation had cleaned the grove and set up tables, benches and a concession stand, and hung swings.



Three youth recently completed the Scripture Memory Course at the Parkston-Tripp Baptist Churches, S. D. Pictured from left to right are Jerry Friederich; Viola Mehlhaff, director; Beverly Koth; Sylvia Mehlhaff, director; and Diane Koth.

PARKSTON AND TRIPP, S. D. On June 26 the annual Scripture Memory program was held at the Tripp Baptist Church with the children from Parkston and Tripp participating. Several choruses were sung by the children, and the memory verses were recited. Scripture Memory Grand Awards were presented by directors, Misses Viola and Sylvia Mehlhaff, to Jerry Friederich, Beverly and Diane Koth.

We hope as these young people grow, the words that have been hid in their hearts might help them to grow spiritually as well. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter.)



Youth who recently completed the nine year Scripture Memory Course at the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. D., are (back row) Robert Olsen, Danny Van Gerpen, Kenneth Eben, (front row) Karen Bitterman, Caroline Quartier, La Ronda Lukkes, and Rosalie Eben. This work has been directed in our church by the late Mrs. Irvin Finck and Mrs. Mabel Meyer. The church has voted to adopt the new material that has been worked out to correspond with the Sunday School lessons. (Peter Wiens, Pastor.)

RICHMOND, B. C. The Rose of Sharon Sunday School of Richmond, B. C., sponsored its annual Vacation Bible School July 14-July 20. We had an enrollment of 101 children, with an average attendance of 97. The pre-school class was our top class with an enrollment of 35, primary—30, junior—28, and our junior high—8. Our pastor, Rev. E. Strauss was the director and had the faithful help of 15 teachers and helpers. For our Mis-

sionary Project we gave \$20.82 to buy Bibles for the children on the Bull Indian Reserve, near Edmonton, Alberta. We had our closing program on Wednesday evening with an attendance of 145. Each class made a presentation of songs learned and lessons studied. Our VBS chorus under the capable direction of Mrs. E. Strauss also presented several musical numbers. The time of refreshments and fellowship afterward gave us all a time to meet the parents of our students and view the handwork. We thank the Lord for such a good school, for the five decisions, and for the increase he will give as we have sown the Word of God in the hearts of the children. (Miss Gabriele Rutlich, Reporter.)

FROM HEAD TO HEART

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as to you and me, and to these young Cameroonian boys is the same. God will! "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus Christ is the one who can lead us out of this dilemma and not anyone of us on our own resources. Our task then is clear and with God's guidance we endeavor to lead these boys to the truth.

AN IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL STEP

Acceptance of this truth is evident. Last Sunday we had the final service of the year which was the baptism of those boys who had made it their desire to take a personal step for Christ. Being both a Presbyterian and Baptist mission school, the baptisms were held in two services. Beginning at 8 A.M. the entire school attended the worship service in the chapel with the baptism of the Presbyterian boys. Following this service the students marched down to a nearby stream where six Baptist students entered the waters of baptism. Singing hymns and marching to the beat of their drums, the boys returned to the chapel where we all took part in a final Communion service. It was a day of rich spiritual blessing for all who witnessed the baptisms and especially for those who took this important spiritual step.

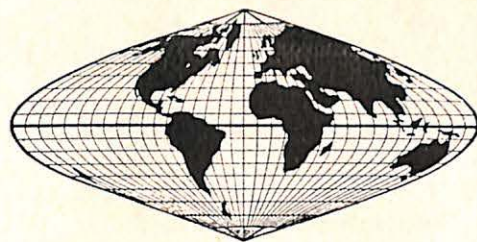
The following day all the students left for their villages. There they will have every opportunity to test their Christian faith. The boys here have an enviable position in Cameroon and the eyes of all those in their villages will be upon them. Pray with us that during this holiday each boy will have the courage and the strength to apply that which is within his head and to transform it into a living witness for Jesus Christ.

(Cameroon Protestant College began its new school year on Sept. 12.)

NURSE WANTED

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

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



NEWS AND VIEWS

SABBATICAL LEAVES FOR PASTORS. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, Mich., adjacent to the campus of Michigan State University and having in its membership many faculty and administrative personnel, recently adopted a sabbatical leave program for all ministers on its staff. It was done with the conviction that a quarter or semester of study at a top-flight theological seminary or a leading university would help the ministers of the church to keep informed and bring them in touch with current theological studies. (Wallace Robertson, PULPIT DIGEST, Oct., 1966.)

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS. (BPA) The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs took action at its semi-annual meeting to work toward an educational approach to religion in public schools. This Baptist agency takes the position that the Supreme Court was correct in its rulings banning state-sponsored and directed prayers and devotions in public schools. However, it was pointed out that the Court's decisions have been so widely misunderstood and misinterpreted that there continue to be demands for a constitutional prayer amendment.

James M. Sapp, correlation director for the Baptist Joint Committee, denied that the Supreme Court "has stripped public schools of all vestiges of the Christian faith" as is so often charged. "The Court proceeded to carefully delineate ways appropriate for the Bible to be taught and other religious values to be examined in public schools." He quoted a part of

the Supreme Court's decision which said: "The Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that such study of the Bible . . . may not be effected consonant with the First Amendment. . . . One's education is not complete without a study of the Bible." In order to help correct the misunderstanding of the Court's decisions the Baptist Joint Committee took steps toward publication of a pamphlet on "Religion in the Public Schools" and began work toward a set of guidelines on religion in public schools.

BAPTISTS JAILED IN RUSSIA. Six Russian Evangelical Baptists were jailed at the end of August because they held a mass baptism of 40 young people in public. A Russian newspaper, "Teacher's Gazette," revealed that the six were further accused of illegally printing religious magazines, producing children's books containing nonsensical notions of reality," circulating tracts illegally and organizing religious processions and illegal Sunday schools where "fanatical" teachers taught children aged eight to 11. The article declared, "The Baptists are too active and we atheists are too passive, taking action only when it is too late to re-educate 17-and 18-year-old believers."

SMOKING. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers launched a nationwide drive this fall to help seventh and eighth graders reject the smoking habit. The U. S. Public Health Service has given them an \$87,000 grant.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TOURS FOR 1967

It is always more enjoyable to travel with "church" people!

HOLY LAND AND AROUND THE WORLD (42 days); HOLY LAND AND EUROPEAN EXTENSION (30 days); HOLY LAND (22 days); EUROPEAN BUS TOUR of nine countries (22 days); CARIBBEAN HOLIDAY (15 days); BEAUTIFUL HAWAII (15 days). Departures in June and July, 1967, all tours by air, personally conducted, excellent land arrangements, reasonably priced.

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CAUSE FOR THANKS

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us to have faith, and when our eyes are opened to God in belief, many new insights can be gained. It's like the man who had stumbled over the Scriptures for many years, but when he really took the time to meditate and read God's Word his life was changed. "Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me," was his prayer. Each Christian should make it his humble prayer of thanks

to God for *THE HELP GOD HAS GIVEN HIM IN UNDERSTANDING HIS WORD.* As we come to understand the truth of God for our lives, we find meaning and purpose for our existence. Then the Word of God becomes more than our authority but that internal speaking of God himself. Surely this is a cause for thanks!

So this thanksgiving, let's not only give thanks for the usual food, family and friends, but let us with keen hindsight see how God has moved in our lives and brought us to this day.

Tributes to Rudolf Milbrandt

by Dr. Richard Schilke
of Forest Park, Illinois

My acquaintance with Rudolf Milbrandt goes back to about the year 1930, when I first visited the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Ebenezer, Sask., Canada. Approximately two years after my conversion I made contact with this church, was baptized in July, 1930, and became a member in the church where Rudolf Milbrandt had been a member for several years and was then very active in young people's work. I lived twenty miles away from Ebenezer. We had no automobile. Thus on the occasional visit I would stay with him on his farm, sometimes for several days.

We attended local Bible schools together, and I would stay with him. A friendship was formed which lasted a lifetime. We each heard the call of God to the ministry of the gospel and responded. We went to school together, first in 1933 for one year to the Winkler Bible School at Winkler, Man., and then in 1934 for five years to the Rochester Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. We graduated together in 1939, were ordained into the ministry together on June 10, 1939, and each took a church in the Northern Conference. For eleven years we worked together in the Northern Conference until the Lord called me to other areas of ministry. Rudolf Milbrandt remained in the Northern Conference until the Lord called him to his heavenly reward on September 14, 1966, after suffering a heart condition for the past two years. I count it an honor and privilege to have been able to meet the request of his loved ones to bring the memorial message and speak words of comfort on September 17 at the Temple Baptist Church in Calgary, Alta.

In many respects my friend, Rudolf, and I were as different as day and night, yet many people, including our professors at the seminary, often mistook one for the other, calling us by the other name. God used my friend, Rudolf, with his evangelistic talents and his optimistic outlook to bring the good news of salvation to many hearts. The churches he helped to organize will remember him. Many aged people who found a home and rest in the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat will thank him for being instrumental in founding the Home. Eternity will reveal the good he has done on earth, the zeal and love he has manifested for his Lord.

Of the class of 1939 he is the first to go. Of "Das Kanadische Kleeblatt" (Milbrandt, Schilke, Waltereit) he is the first petal to be plucked. We shall miss him at future conference sessions, but he has gone on before to wait for us in the eternal home. Rest in peace, rest from your labors, enjoy the eternal reward for which the rest of us still hope and live and labor.

November 15, 1966

by Rev. Daniel Fuchs
of Forest Park, Illinois

Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt is the first member of our Seminary class of 1939 whom God has seen fit to translate from this life into the life that lies ahead.

I first learned to know our departed brother Milbrandt during our student days at the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., from 1934 to 1939. We became intimate friends at the Seminary and have cherished this friendship throughout the years. Many lovely associations have been ours together for which I am thankful. His passing is a personal loss to me, which I feel very deeply.

Brother Milbrandt was a dedicated activist who all through his life did not spare himself in helping others. He made it his business to know everybody, visit everybody, and have an encouraging word for everybody. He gave himself sacrificially and devotedly without reservation as a servant of Christ and of the churches. His Christian interests were spread over a wide area, and his energies were heroically spent in a wide field of Christian service.

I have always admired his aggressive, adventurous spirit. A few days before he died, he called me on the telephone from Calgary, Alberta. I asked him how he was. He said: "Fine. I have a new project started. I want to talk to you about it, when I see you."

God in his wisdom saw fit to suddenly remove him from our midst and translate him into his eternal reward. We will always cherish his memory with endearing affection.

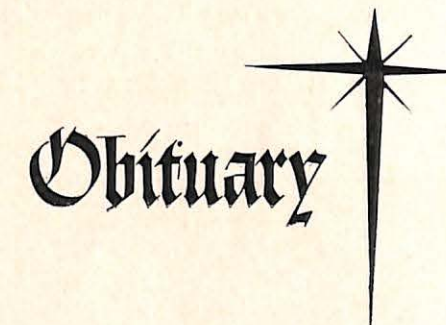
by Rev. H. J. Waltereit
of East Detroit, Michigan

It was a tremendous shock when I received notice of the sudden passing of my friend and classmate, Rudolf Milbrandt. Even though it is true that "in the midst of life we are in death," thoughts of death are not too common at our age. One still expects and hopes to serve God for some time to come.

It was exactly 32 years ago when I first came to know Rudolf as we met at Winnipeg, Man., Canada, to travel together with Richard Schilke in Rudolf's Model T. Ford to Rochester, N. Y., where we studied together for the next five years. This trip was an unforgettable experience as well as the beginning of a lifelong friendship. We traveled day and night, and still it took us almost a week to get there. Living within the narrow confines of the Model T for so many days and nights, we came to know one another fairly well, and this knowledge served us well through the years ahead. Rudolf was a greatly gifted man with a most attractive personality. It was a delight to be in his company. He had a sparkling sense of humor coupled

with a fervent evangelistic zeal. His persuasive manner of preaching swayed many an audience Godward through the years. Many were the joys and sorrows we shared particularly during the early days of our ministry when we were located in the same general area of our work.

Through his untimely death our denomination lost a loyal and enthusiastic worker. Saddened as we are, we are grateful nevertheless for the privilege of having known Rudolf through these years, having been classmates, friends, and co-workers in a common cause.



Obituary

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

REV. RUDOLF MILBRANDT
of Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt was born on April 26, 1906, in Poland and passed away very suddenly on September 14, 1966. In 1920 he immigrated with his mother to Canada. As a young man he was saved and upon his confession of faith was baptized by Rev. W. Rutsch in Ebenezer, Sask.

In 1934 he enrolled at the N.A.B. Seminary from which he graduated in 1939. He served as pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church in Calgary, Alta., and Bethel and Craigville Churches, 1939-1942; Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., 1943-45; conference missionary and pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., 1945-46; conference missionary, 1946-1953; immigration representative in Bremen, Germany, 1953-54.

He also founded the Haven of Rest Home for the Aged in Medicine Hat which he supervised from 1955-59. Two years ago after having served the Temple Baptist Church of Calgary for six years, he moved to Creston, B. C. where he started a new church from which he resigned last April. Since April the Milbrandts have lived in Calgary.

Brother Milbrandt had a very rich and full ministry. He was known throughout our Northern Conference. He will be greatly missed by many people and churches. He leaves to mourn his wife, two children, many relatives and friends.

May the good Lord continue to comfort his loved ones.

C. T. REMPLE, Pastor

MRS. ALMA SCHLEEN
of Killaloe, Ontario

Mrs. Alma Schleen was born January 9, 1909, and died after a lengthy illness at the age of 57 years and nine months. She was married to Alex Schleen in 1927 which union the Lord blessed with four daughters.

Mrs. Schleen accepted the Lord in her childhood, was baptized by the Rev. J. C. Huber and added to the congregation of believers of the First Baptist Church, Hagerly township.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Alex; the four daughters: Aldean (Mrs. Earl Kuehl), Margaret (Mrs. Edwin Kuehl), both of Killaloe, Crystal (Mrs. Mel Rice) of Coldwater, Ont., and Judy (Mrs. Joseph Holley) of Brudenell, Ont.; eight brothers: Fred, John, Percy, Aaron, Arthur, Delbert, Howard, and Wilbert; five sisters: Helen (Mrs. Andrew Hartwig), Maureen (Mrs. Paul Weber), Delores (Mrs. John Brandt), Marguerite (Mrs. Rhinold Hartwig) and Hazle (Mrs. Clayton Martz); nine grandchildren, her church, and many friends.

First Baptist Church
Hagerly Township
Killaloe, Ontario

P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor

Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Church Extension Builders Project for November

by Rev. Donald Richter, Pastor

IT SEEMS AS if it were only a few years ago when Rev. Richard Grabke walked down the narrow hall on the third floor of the downtown YMCA to the first official worship service of what would eventually become the Grant Park Baptist Church. About a half dozen folk were there including the pastor and his wife. The beginning, humanly speaking, did not look promising.

THE BEGINNING

Mr. Grabke worked very hard to find 'lost' North American Baptist church members living in the city as well as lead to Christ those seeking freedom from the devil and the power of sin. A core of dedicated lay people found the challenge exciting. Others have come and gone. This core grew to a bit more than two dozen by the time of organization into a church. It was on March 15, 1961, that this covenanted group became a church. From that and from the frustrating beginning in the downtown YMCA of Winnipeg the church has both grown and moved.

The church moved to the Winnipeg Bible College, where it met in its auditorium on Sundays and in homes during the week. A parsonage was secured by the Grabkes as their own investment. During the week the parsonage became a real 'church in the

home' following the pattern of the New Testament believers. Soon a site was located for the future church building. It was purchased by the mother church, the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, as a gift to the young congregation. This settled the location and, for that matter, the name, since the church was located on Grant Avenue immediately across from the future Grant Park Shopping Centre. From the college the congregation moved to the Grant Park Collegiate while the building was under construction.

A SURGE IN ATTENDANCE

With the new building came a surge in attendance and membership which has continued unabated to the time of this writing. The church has grown by a net increase of 25 per year on the average with an anticipated year end membership of nearly 150.

A BUILDING ADDITION

Rapid growth, a young congregation, and the more recent 'tight money situation' has mixed need and difficulty of expansion. However, the congregation decided to plan ahead and go ahead early this year in order to meet the existing opportunities. An addition, which cost about \$50,000 and which increases the present area by seventy-five per cent, was added, and

it was dedicated on November 6. This addition is to be used for educational purposes and perhaps will be used for a Day Nursery Centre program as plans now made materialize. This new and adventurous mission of the Grant Park Baptist Church, in the event it becomes a reality, will be written about in a future *Baptist Herald*.

A TWOFOLD DIVIDEND

November is the month for our second and final "Church Extension Builders' Appeal." The money received by us for this appeal will be used to pay the costs of the new unit that is now finished. This investment on the part of thousands throughout our denomination will pay a twofold dividend: (1) another thriving NAB church in an area needing the Good News and (2) another divinely ordained church pointing seeking souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The harvest will be great only as we sow greatly and build well. The Lord of the harvest will not let our faithfulness go unanswered and unsung.

The Grant Park Baptist Church wishes to thank the countless numbers of folk across our denomination for assisting in our beginning which has not gone unblest. It is a testimony to his power. We also thank those giving for the second appeal.

(L. to r. back row) W. Frers, Dr. R. Brust, L. Zilkie, E. Nikel, R. Lach, M. Sauer, (l. to r. front row) W. Rentz, M. Bergstresser, Miss Janet Bergstresser, Miss Irma Bergstresser, Mrs. D. Richter, Pastor D. Richter, D. Walters.

Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



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